

# Gatehouse Postal History

1796 – 15<sup>th</sup> November

William Hannay, Kirkdale to Charles Stuart, Edinburgh

Postal charge was 11d.

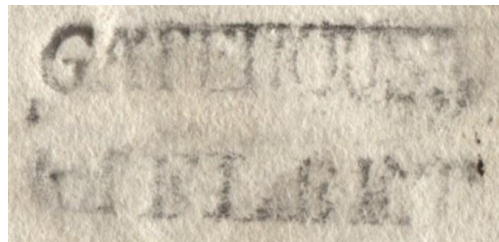
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"Gatehouse of Fleet"  
receipt of letter for  
posting.



Whitby 15<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1796

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 5<sup>th</sup> came duly to hand, and have now returned the affidavit made before Mr. Justice. I have delayed writing you till I could see Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray or Hathorn, the son of the latter I met with last Friday, who then promised most positively to give Mr. Adair immediate instructions to deliver the fishing tent discharge to you upon receipt, this I hope has been done by this time, at any rate you may call on Mr. Adair to inform him of what is promised respecting your getting the necessary papers from him. With respect to the process raised at mine and William Ramsays instance against Mr. Adam, I have no right to prevent his insisting in the prosecution nor have I the most distant concern or connection with it. Only I don't wish to prevent his awakening the business, when supported by his friends to give the cause a fair trial. I have again been wrote to by Mr. Richmond, stating the necessity of the papers being instantly put into the hands of Mr. Petrick, to prevent prescription, who will pay your charges. I therefore beg they may not be longer withheld. You mention my having got £50 to drop that action, but the fact is not so, that £50 was for giving up the lease of Water side &c and you may remember I was very sanguine as to the recovery of damages, however I am now compleatly out of the scrape, further than a desire, that nothing on my part should prove a hinderance to Ramsays making the most of Mr. Adam, as I am convinced



he treated Ramsay with the height of cruelty & Oppression

As I find that Toris is not to be in Edin. before the middle of next week, I must beg the favor that you will advance £15 for me to Mr. Mead. Kelly, who writes with Mr. M'Lean, W.S. and when my Brother goes in he will repay you. I believe the money is wanted to pay for his Brother, in the claps he means to attend. They will call on you. I will write you again this week, replying fully to your former letters.

John Thomson has been very nervous about Mead; he told me he had wrote you but no answer.

I beg my best Compl<sup>ts</sup> to Mr. Stewart and her darling Boy and believe me with regard & Esteem

Dear Sir

Your most Obed<sup>t</sup>. hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

William Ramsay