

Gatehouse Postal History

1798 – 7th April

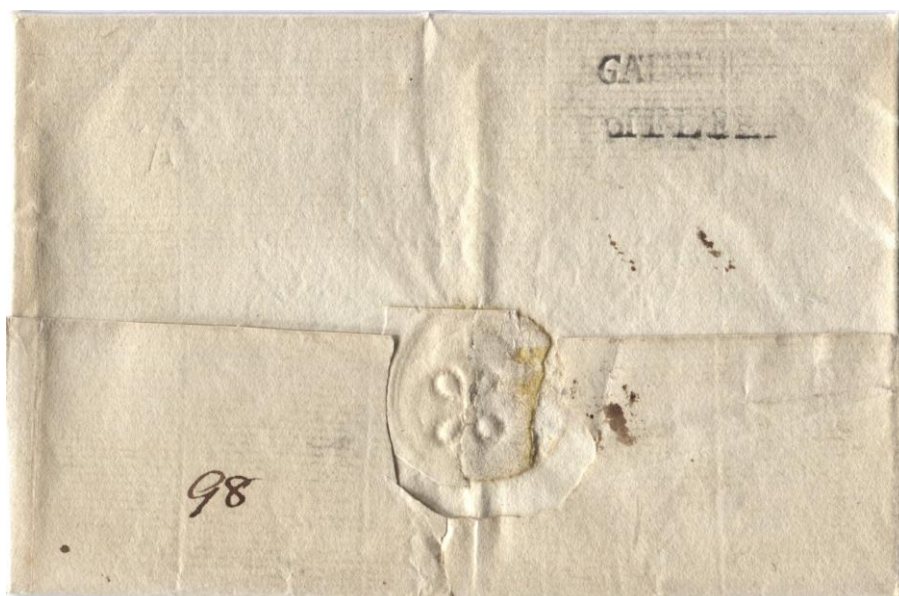
William Hannay, Kirkdale to Johnston Hannay, Dumfries

Postal charge was 4d.

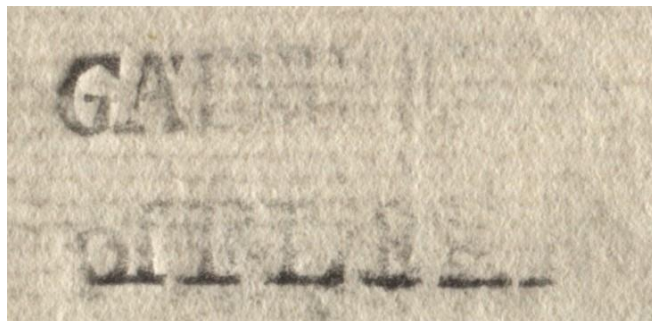
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Gatehouse collecting stamp

Parke Dale 7th April 1790

My dear Torrs

Your kind letter of the 5th I received in
course, yesterday, I observe you had waited some time in
the prospect of getting my answer before despatching your
I wrote you same day and sent it to the Post office
with my own bag, long before the arrival of the R. Douglas
Post bag, so that if you did not receive it, that day, the fault
is not mine. The complaint in my Stomach has been
a little easier for these two days, at least the violent
attacks, have not been so long nor so frequent, but as they
have constantly been for the last twonty four days; I would
fair hope the disorder has taken a turn and most sincerely
wish I may not be disappointed, a little ease gives hope
tho the duration is very uncertain. I think you have
Judged right in not going so soon to Balaury as you
were intended, indeed I should imagine that Monday
will be too early a day, if the house is any way damp
or not clear of the workmen, and will at some time be
disagreeable. There are very few Lyme shells come in
this season, but what are will be gathered up neatly
however no peats will be got to burn them till they
are made this year as last years crop were rendered useless
for that purpose. Milligan has finished the under fence
and near half way in the upper one, he will have them
finished, as far as he can go in ten days. The windows
in the new house were all repaired 6 weeks ago, but as

as I wrote you on Thursday, the New House is much injured
in the roof by the storm the day before, which was very furious.
I also wrote you as to Laing & Carsluth, still no money from
the former; I am determined to prevent him from plowing
any of the ground in front of the house but what is danger
at least, if he plows, he shall not sow, — I have set the
Farm of Carsluth, High & Low if it meets with your
approbation. The upper part to Thomas Main at £100 or
an. The lower to Samuel McKear, brother to Andrew McKear,
writing master, at £110 exclusive of the Miln & two Crofts and
Samuel Nielson's possession. Peter McKear is to pay £30^m
for the Miln & Nielson's pendicle will be about £6 or
Guineas, so that, in whole, Carsluth is let for £246^m
annum which with Stroans at £90 after a few years brings
£336^m yearly rent. Twenty Guineas more than it was offered
to Samuel Brown, and very little more outlay, if any.

I had Mr Thomson the factor here on Thursday who advised
me very strongly to what I have done, which was settled
last night, verbally, and to be put in writing Tuesday or
Thursday next which ever is most convenient for Mr Thomson
to come here to make out the articles of the leases.

I have got Mr Richardson's Mare on trial. She is yesterday
the length of Kirkelaugh and like her exceedingly, her paces
are good and her motion easy, perfectly steady, full of spirit
and does not require either whip or spur, very handsome and
well marked. Her colour a bright bay — walks & trots very fast
and sure — in short she is a capital Mare, free of every
vice or blemish — Twenty four pounds is her lowest price
and upon trial, I really must acknowledge that she is

is deserving of what he asks, in fact if she was mine
I would not take thirty Guineas for her. She is just
the size you wish for, about an inch higher than mine
I have wrote him that I keep the man Parker rides
her every day as the hands in much need of exercise,
that and I take as well and desire a kind remembrance
Please offer mine to Mr. Hannay and all friends at
Carnsallach. Believe me with sincerity

My dear Toms

ever yours most affably
William Hannay
W. H.