

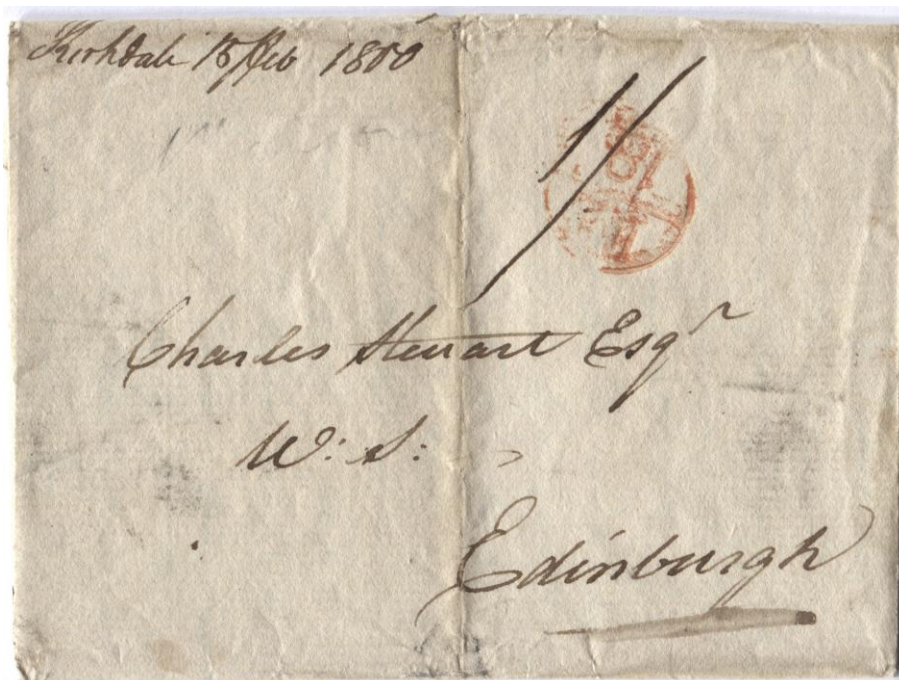
# Gatehouse Postal History

**1800 – 15<sup>th</sup> February**

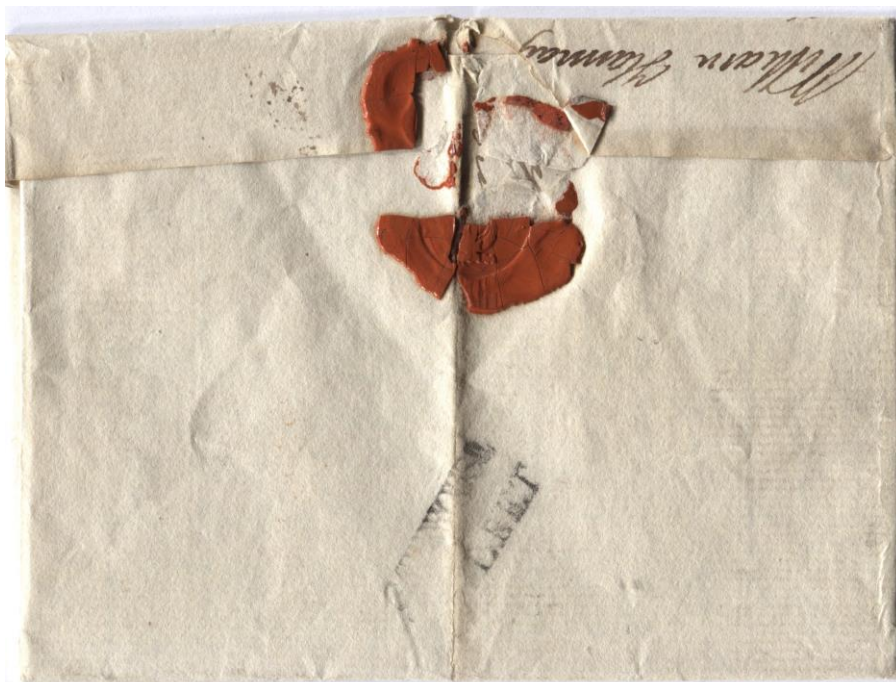
William Hannay, Kirkdale to Charles Steuart, Edinburgh

Postal charge was 1s.

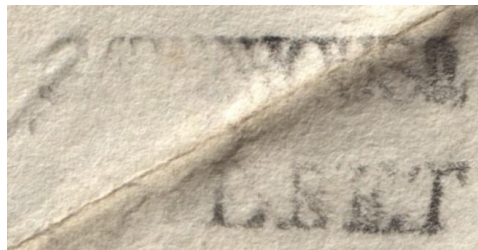
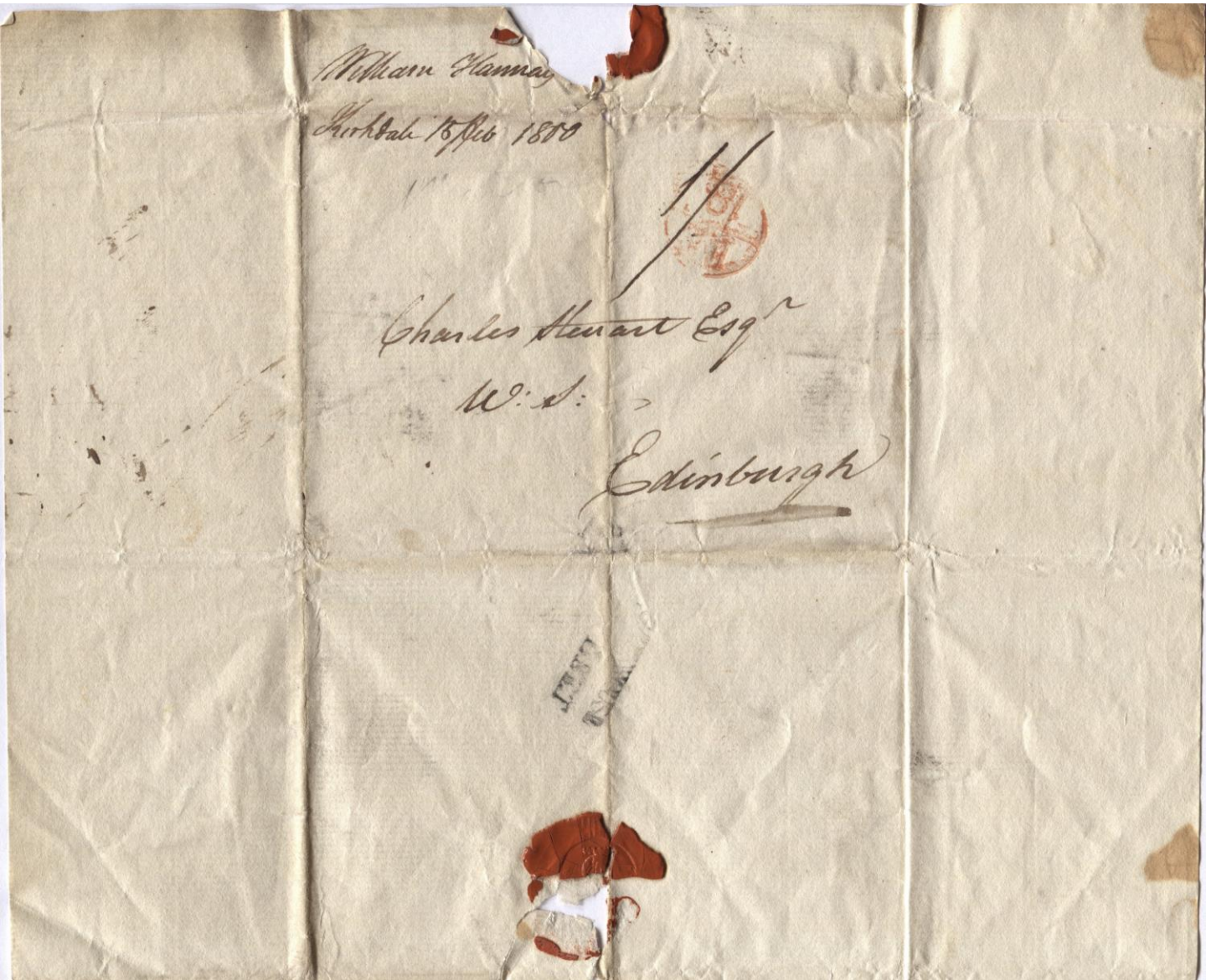
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Whitdale 15<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1800

Dear Sir

Yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> Curr. I received on the  
11<sup>th</sup> and am sorry to find that you have been so much  
in distress that you were not able to write, indeed  
I am much in the same situation, being almost dead  
with a violent cold, severe cough & flat rheumatism  
in so much that I can scarce get out of bed.

I observe what you mention respecting the question  
with Hathorn, and am of your opinion that Mr  
McKean will be a very fit person to say what he  
thinks of it, and if he thinks it is an insult, the  
matter may be decided in Edin. by getting another  
to concur with him, which will seem captrous, and  
I am sure that my not being at Grebank, where the  
Bill is drawn, for ten days after the date of it, ought  
to have great weight with the Court, as that point can  
be easily proven, I was much surpris'd at being serv'd  
with the enclosed summons of removal from Thirkbride  
which really has hurt me exceedingly, after Mr McKean  
professions of friendship both by word and writing, but  
I now see he is determin'd to have the farm, however  
if possible I will prevent him. I know it is merely  
from advice and not his own doing as I can produce  
his correspondence allowing the redemption at what?  
I have wrote him my sentiments of his premature  
summons when there was no occasion for it as I  
had

had wrote him that I never should ask another day  
and that I should remain without any expense of  
receipt. Indeed I have his letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> Curr. to the  
following purpose - "I wrote you to meet me at  
"Newton Douglas on the 22<sup>d</sup> of last month but you neither  
"came nor wrote, I also expected to have met you last  
"Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> but you did not come, all this appearing  
"you have frustrated. You know they were for the intent of  
"paying me up the interest - I now must inform you that  
"I must remain you from the farm of Northside at what  
"as you give me your solemn promise you never would  
"ask it longer than what? - I need not enumerate the reason  
"for my taking up the farm at Northside as they are perfectly  
"obvious to your self as well as me, I therefore hope & expect  
"you will not put me to the <sup>inconvenience</sup> experience of taking out a  
"removing before the court. Your letter to me agreeing to  
"remain without expense will oblige me and not hurt  
"your interest, so on receipt, I will expect your answer  
"agreeing with this proposal. I will not on any account  
"give any more time. You may easily see the impropriety  
"in this, as I have only got one year's payment. I hope you  
"will send me the Ball of meal as you agreed to, I have  
"wrote Thomas Grierson to this purpose this week. I  
"will wait your answer on receipt without loss of time  
"So doing will oblige. Sir yours &c. signed J. W. Hill

I wrote him an answer the day I received it, which was not  
till the 8<sup>th</sup> and therefore am of opinion it must have been  
either antedated or kept up. If you require the original  
I will transmit it - God bless you do your best of I can  
raise the money at the term I think he cannot get the farm  
I am ever  
Dr Sir yours most truly

William Hill