

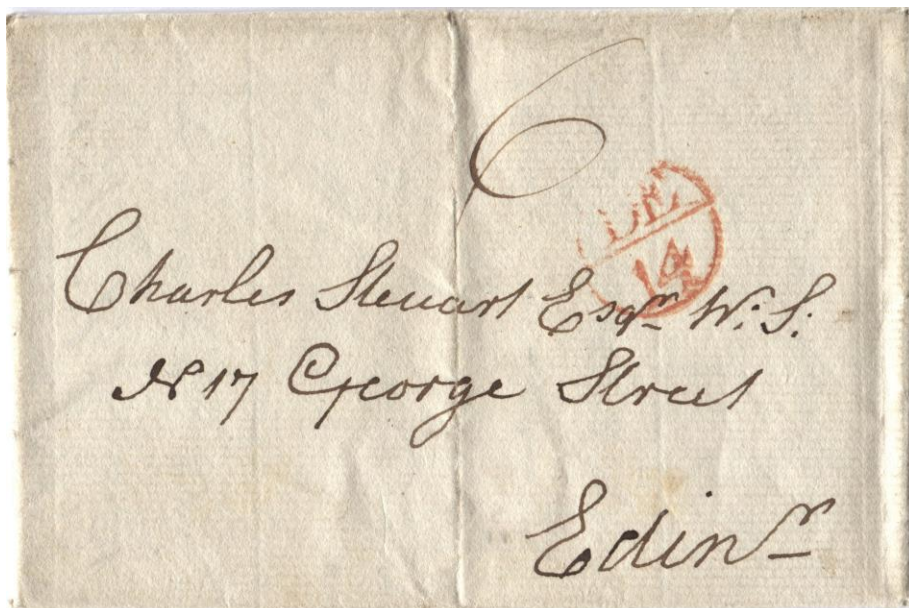
Gatehouse Postal History

1800 – 12th December

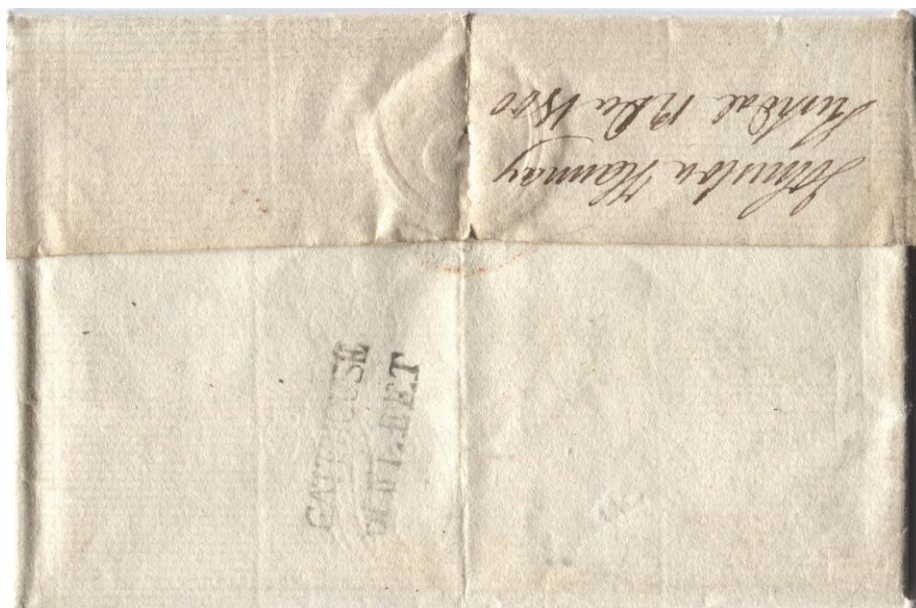
Johnston Hannay, Kirkdale to Charles Stuart, Edinburgh

Postal charge was 6d.

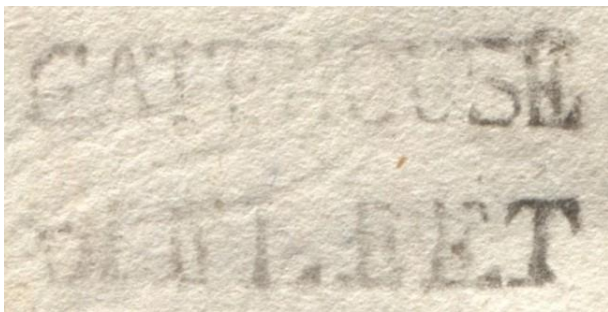
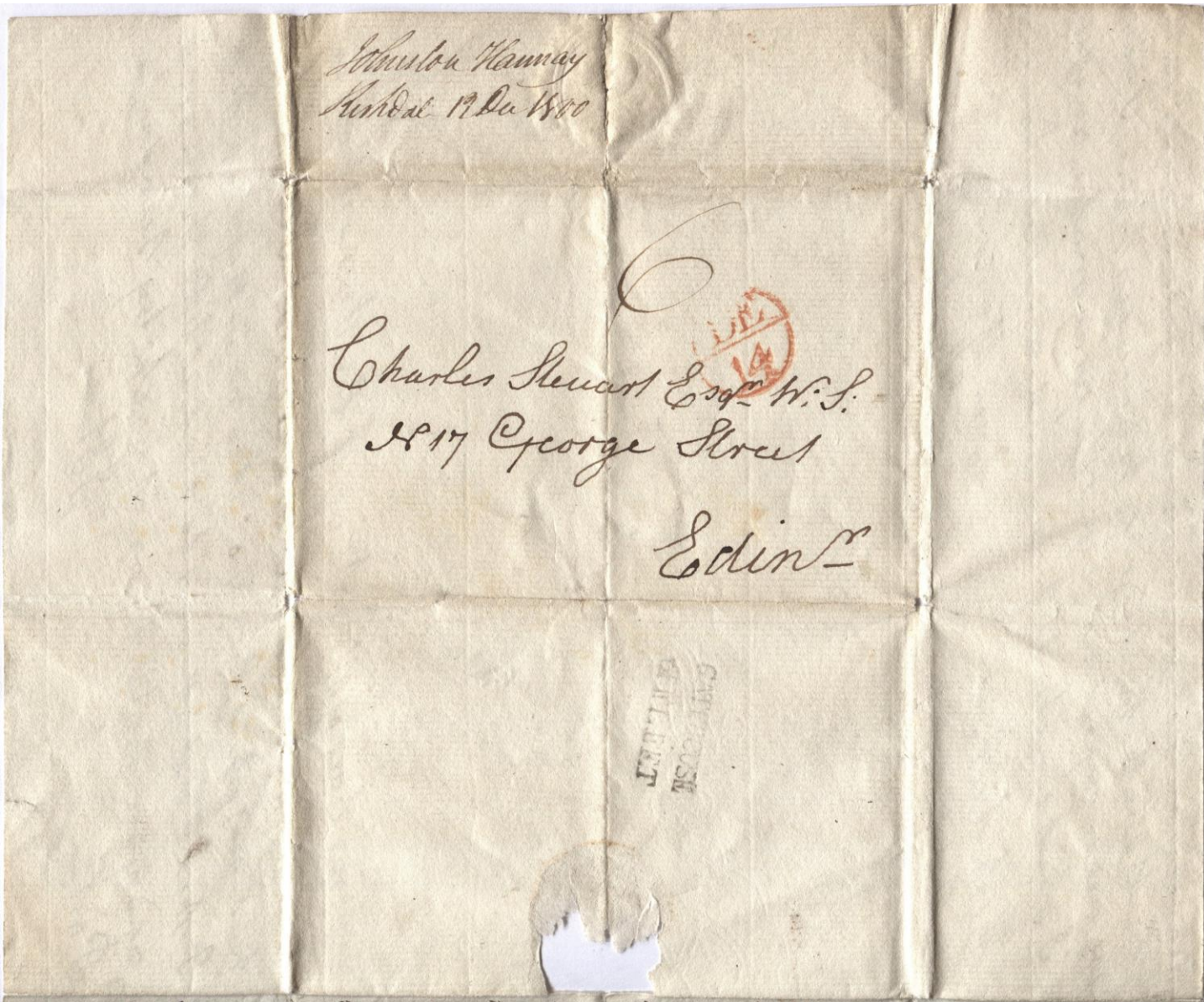
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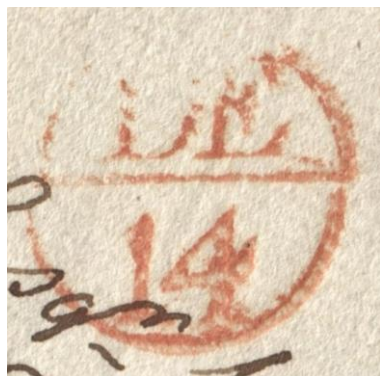
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Collection stamp of Gatehouse



Receiving stamp of
Edinburgh 14th Dec.

Dear Sir

I wrote to you from Balcaray on the 8th and next morning left home for this place where I shall be till Monday morning and then return to Balcaray. I hope the weather did not prevent my letters getting to Maithinnic and yourself in time. I have nothing further to urge on the subject and if Mr. Keith prevails in the question I shall reckon it an extremely hard case being doubtful, after what has passed in the action against Bargaly whether I should now be allowed to charge it against Jas. McCulloch should the suit ~~between us~~ between us be decided in my favour. I am satisfied you have done right in submitting the questions with Mr. Hattorn to a neutral person. You may take my word for it I shall be cautious in concluding the next affair of the kind I engage in. Neither Mr. Hannak or I meant to avail ourselves of any omission or inaccuracy of expression in the short Missive that passed between us, and I am sorry I have not had an opportunity meeting him here this

this week as he is at present confined at Stranraer
with a severe cold - I conclude the valuation of
Kingslaggan will be reserved entire as the
rest must go - I have not yet been able to see Mr
Thomson but shall tomorrow or Sunday for cer-
-tain and get from him what you want - I sus-
-pect the £120 acct is a long one - At Edward
McCulloch's death half a year's rent of the estate
was due to him and to that fund Mr ~~Hathorn~~
Hathorn ought to have looks for pay^t of his
acct - Jas McCulloch & him know best how the
money has been disposed of - I know not who
authorized Mr Hathorn's counsel to state I was
present with the Comm^{ty} when the minute order
-ing pay^t of the £120 - was drawn, but I autho-
-rize you to say it is not true - It was altogether
unknown to me till last Oct^r or Nov^r - twelve
months, when John Thomson informed me of
the second demand and at the same time
what he had paid to Mr Hathorn formerly -

I have spoken to Baryaly about the bills &
he says he has written to you on the subject
for he can do nothing with the holders
himself - In truth they do not seem to hang
heavily

heavily on his mind - and if you cannot pre-
-vail with the Agents to give us time I fear
we need expect no respite - pray make an effort.

I must conclude today and am Dear Sir -

Thurkdale

Ever Yours

12th Dec^r 1800

Johnston Hanmer

Your letter of the 11th with the disposition is
this moment come and executed - I luckily
had not shut this tho' it is near 11 of lock P.M.
I shall not attempt to read it till tomorrow
and you shall have it back by Sunday's
Post -

JH -