

Gatehouse Postal History

1801 – 29th January

William Hannay, Kirkdale to
Charles Steuart, Edinburgh

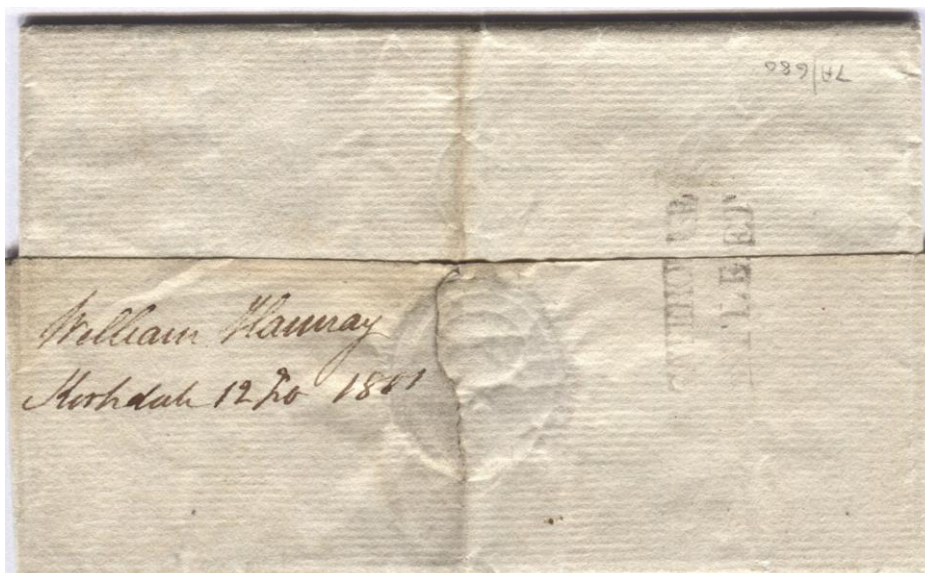
Postal charge was 6d.

1st para. suggests there was an enclosure

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“Bishop” mark
for 14th February

Whitdale 12th February 1801

Dear Sir

I have now to acknowledge receipt of both your letters of the 9th & 10th Curr. The latter acknowledging the return of the Affidavit, which I am glad arrived in time, after rectifying the £10,000 blunder, that you could ^{scarcely} credit or admit of being real.

I am sorry to find that Mr Swinton has lodged the appeal tho at same time he gives a satisfactory reason for taking that step, and it is the more to be wondered at as his Council did not appear of presenting a Reclaiming Petition, however I have still great hopes that the Majority of the Creditors will be against the appeal, and not listen to the opinion of those very Lawyers who disapproved of trying a Reclaiming Petition.

I therefore request you will advise Mr Whinnie of my positive determination to have no concern with an appeal in this case, as the expence will be great and our chance of success very small, of course would reduce whatever dividend I may be entitled to, to a mere trifle; consequently I have no wish to try the question or throw away any more money for the purpose of litigation, and I trust that if an appeal should be insisted in, they can have no claim on me for any part of the expences, unless they are successful. I observe you have found a neglect on my part, in not signing the first page of the Affidavit, but I never recollect it to be done, but at the end, after the words "And this is truth as I shall answer to God" however the Justice signed both pages and I hope it will answer the purpose, you will hear from me again as to other matters in a few days and am Dear Sir Yours very sincerely
W. D. as the affidavit is holograph and on one sheet, it will certainly do
WILLIAM STANNARD