

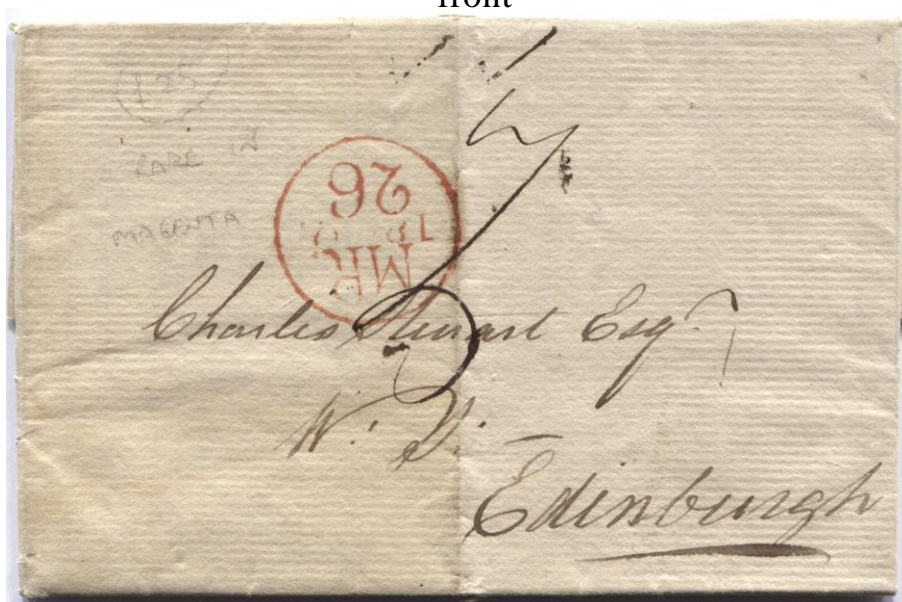
Gatehouse Postal History

1802 – 25th March

William Hannay, Kirkdale to
Charles Steuart, Edinburgh

Postal charge was 6d. (?)

front



back



Open entire



"Bishop" mark
for 26th March



Gatehouse receiving mark

Wickdale 25th March 1802

Dear Sir

Yours of the 23^d I received this morning and am glad to find you have got Mr Kellys business arranged with her son and a Bond for £937^{..}2^{..}2 to be instantly made out and sent to London for subscription, which will leave no further room for mistake. I immediately on receiving your last letter, I wrote Mr John Thomson for a State of the Ariswall funds consigned by the late John Thomson, in the Bank of Scotland, to which I have had no reply, tho he has had my letter eight days ago, I shall write him again to morrow if no answer arrives by the morning bag, as I am informed that a very considerable sum is due by the late Factor, which is rather singular and shows the necessity of the investigation and the propriety of all concerned in time past, The moment I get a copy of the State, will transmit it to you

I shall be glad to learn what Mr Ferries thinks of young Bartholms information respecting the Rent of Craighorock it certainly is a vague one and not much to the credit of his cause, I wish how soon matters were put to an end with him and of all things to get the Tenants regulated and valued, which you have not mentioned of late. I observe what you mention respecting the lease with Lady Hay, and with regard to the Rent of Balnawrail, it is £63^{..}7^{..}0^m upon a lease of Nineteen Years from Whitsunday 1800 and I believe that only One Years Rent is allowed for building Houses but do not know whether any or what allowance the tenant has for dykes ^{or} he has got an expense March Dyke built which, his master £48^{..}2^{..}6 for his share and I believe that the

The proprietor pays all public burdens excepting land money
and income tax however I shall make the necessary enquiry
at the tenant and will advise if I get any thing new

I have wrote my Brother a very long letter, tho' sitting
to write is very heavy upon me - I forgot to answer your
question respecting the price agreed on for Chalmers a/c
£1900 was certainly looked on at the time as a great price
for the farm at that period under a lease for 134 years at £120
Ann^{ly} - I should have forwarded to you Mr Clement &
Weirs letter giving their opinion of what Mr Smith should
be allowed for travelling & charges while factor for my
Brothers - which is £50 P^{er} An^{no} but it must certainly be too
much unless the Kirkdale estate was included, for in my
opinion fifty pounds ought to be the whole charge for tra-
velling expenses in place of fixing that sum on Thomas and
Johnstones estates, but this to yourself, till I hear from
Thomas on that subject - Mr Clement and Weir write as follows
- Castle Douglas & 1st Dec^r 1801 - Sir - We have taken ^{your} ~~your~~ Mr Smith
letter to us into our serious consideration and being very well acquainted
with the nature of Mr Smiths employ, the trouble he was at during the
" years of his management of the Estates of Torr, Broogy hill & Kinno
" and was our opinion that he could not have done the business
" at less expence than fifty pounds - including yearly exclusive of factor
" salary and we are Sir yours most obed^t Serv^t And^t Clement
Ed^{ward} William Murray & John Weir

John M. Farlane was here yesterday morning requesting of me
to solicit you for ten days longer time to pay the Arrear awarded by
the Court and also power to sublet the Corra, part of his Farm
I promised I would write you on the business but as I was quite
ignorant of the effect, must leave it entirely to you, then you must beg
that you will say what he is to expect that I may write him and
exhoner myself I was aware of his wanting a catch and gave him
little hope - I am Dear Sir Yours most truly
William Murray