

# Gatehouse Postal History

**1807 – 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

D. Maxwell, Cardoness to  
Alex<sup>r</sup> Blair of Auchenroch at Edinburgh

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1807  
Sir David Maxwell

approving of copy  
condescend. in locality

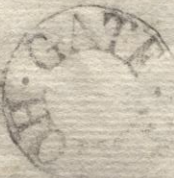
of Amwell  
has a right to free  
his own lands of  
until whole free  
fein. is exhausted

The Vestors right must  
be prior to his  
1644

But still the permission  
of 17th century  
as to proposed new Act  
Advantages of his but still  
to be done as before

Single Sheet

Wm. Blair Esq  
of Auchincroch  
Writen to the Digest



Edinburgh

Dear Sir

Cardross 2<sup>d</sup> March 1807

I Received your Letter of 25<sup>th</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup>,  
Inclosing a condescendance for me, respecting  
the Augmentations of Stipend of Arneath, which  
I approve of so far, But as the Law gives the  
Titular a right to the overplus Tynds after  
Payment of the Ministers Stipend tho I never  
Received any benefit from that fund, indeed  
it was occasoned a hardship and the Barons  
of Exchequer have been in use to give Tacks  
to the Proprietors of their overplus Tynds <sup>where the King was Titular</sup> and  
Universally King and Subject the Proprietors  
were allowed to Value their Tynds intended as  
a Check upon the Titular and Clergy;

No matter stand I certainly have a Right  
to Lay the whole in the Decree of Locality of the  
unexhausted Stipend of the Ministers of Arneath  
and free my own Lands now and in future  
untill the whole Tynds are Exhausted  
afterwards Augmentations of Stipends will  
fall upon my Lands,

Donnacattan in the Parish Kirkcubright  
Belonged in property to my Mother and Disposed  
by her to my Father, after his Death the Lands  
were sold to M<sup>r</sup>. John Hume who's Nephew  
Valued the Tynds of Donnacattan, Tarbroach and

and Yarmartine, the rest of his Hides purchases  
 the Tynds of Drumcathran were L<sup>rs</sup>. Sterling  
 Old John Sym who was Agent for the Rathdale  
 Family Titulars of that Parish laid the whole  
 of the L<sup>rs</sup>. upon the Lands of Drumcathran  
 when the Minister Mr. Clark pursued for an  
 Augmentations at Mr. Symm investigation,

Mr. Gordon and Minister had four Lithgaw  
 Chalders Victuall Value L 54 .. 0 .. 0  
 Silver 78 .. 3 .. 4  
 Mance & Glibe 30 .. 0 .. 0  
L 154 .. 11 .. 4

By Decree of Localitie 1799.

By Decree 18<sup>th</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup> 1807. Eight Chalders Victuall  
 Half Barley Half Meal L 65 .. 3 .. 4 Sterling with  
 L<sup>rs</sup>. 6 .. 0 .. 0 Sterling for furnishing Carnarvonians  
 Elements, Parish of Anwath is only L 2, 87s.  
 Scots Valuation, Bargaue L 5,369 .. 6 .. 0 Scots Value  
 and the three Parishes, Bargaue, Senwick,  
 and Kirkandras I am told is only Six Chalders  
 Victuall & Kirkcudbright L 1,000 .. 0 .. 0 Scots Value  
 has only 8 Chalders of Victuall & L 85 Sterling  
 N. B. 8 St. Meal a Lithgaw Ball Six Winchester  
 Bushels a Lithgaw Ball Sixteen Bolls Lithgaw  
 Measure Per Chalders I am

Yours Sincerely  
 D. Maxwell

when the Ministers Present  
 a Right to their Tynds it must  
 be prior to My authors right  
 In the ~~other~~ other ways this Production is of no  
 Avale. Mr. Murray of Broughton has a Right to his Tynds by a  
 Corporation from me  
 To Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Blair Esq<sup>s</sup>. W. D. Edinburgh,

Dear Sir

Cardonoff 2. March 1807.

I received your Letter of 25<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> last  
Respecting the making of Proprietors of Entailed  
Estates the great Object you understand is to  
procure an Act to Enable them to provide  
their Widows and younger Children and also to  
Purchase their Estates, I do not much approve  
of the Common Terms of Entails, but if they  
should procure this Act it will occasion much  
confusion the Widows that think they have too  
Little will Apply the younger Children universal  
The Heirs of Estate in the present Day  
keep at the Old Rent and take Conty  
maney or Expenss so Ruins themselves  
and their Familys, for Entails has been  
the preservation of many Familys, since I came  
to the Country, By the Valuation Roll of the  
Newartry of Kirkcudbright 1800. there was  
150 Proprietors and only in 1800. — 57  
and those that were not Entailed have mostly  
Said since

By my Contaide Proportant and Charter  
1/2 goes to the Heir 1/2 to the younger Children  
and 1/2 to the Widow, in Case of the Death of my  
Heir Mate my Daughters have an equal Share  
of the Rents and by my Contail the Heir in  
Papierian is Bound to Lett the Lands at a full or Rack  
Rent no Contoy Money other ways he Cheats his younger  
Children and Widaw. I am, Yours Sincerely D. Maxwell