

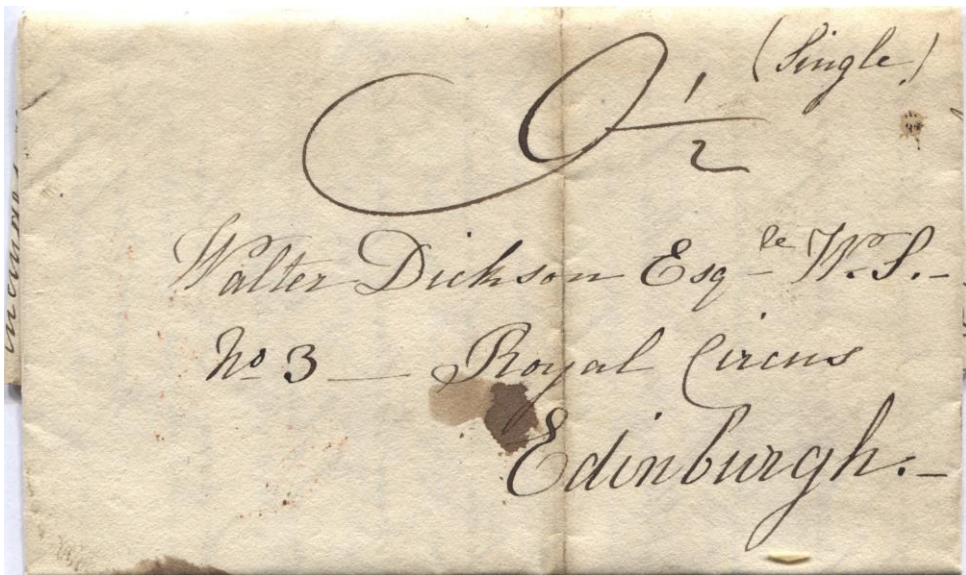
# Gatehouse Postal History

1823 – 21<sup>st</sup> August

Ramsay Hannay, Kirkdale  
to Walter Dickson W.S., Edinburgh

Postal charge was 9½d

Front



Back





Bond is about £350 - and for the latter it will only be receiv-  
ed, as before to give your bill, as arranged by Mr Gordon - This I  
will do soon on making out the Account. - The remaining ad-  
-vance for interest paid Mrs Scott and other little matters about  
£40. - will await your entire convenience. - The £350 -

Mrs W.  
is that  
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Roxburgh  
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(Single)  
£ 1 2  
Walter Dickson Esq - W.S.  
No 3 - Royal Circus  
Edinburgh.

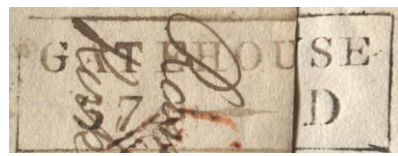
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Inkdale - 21<sup>st</sup> August - 1823. -

Dear Sir. -

I have received your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> with the two accounts, on which I will beg leave to observe that I think the account with John Hannays Trustees should be distinct & unconnected with the other account, the latter being personal between Mr. Stewart & myself, & the other, namely, with John Hannays Trustees, being for a balance appearing due to that Estate by me, but without taking any notice of what John Hannays estate is indebted to me on another account, or what it is indebted to the estate of Alexander, in which I am interested two thirds, namely, my own share, & my brother Williams, & I am also entitled to one half of John Hannays estate by an assignment from Mrs. Hay in the event of John Hannays estate being productive. - Under such circumstances I cannot but consider it hard that I should be subject to such charges as are in the account you send, which as far as I can discover can have no end, but by paying the principal sum of £2750. - which would be in fact paying away what I am myself entitled to. - The account with John Hannays Trustees was settled by them, and



tho' never fully acquiesced in by me, was not objected to from  
 a desire of not throwing any difficulties in the way of a final  
 settlement with John and Johnston Hannays Trustees, &  
 from an expectation that I should not be called upon for  
 payment of Interest till it was finally ascertained that any  
 thing was due by me to John Hannays estate; the fact & the  
 truth is, that John Hannays estate is insolvent, & largely  
 indebted to me, independent of my claim as a legatee through  
 Mrs. Day. - Pray to whom is paid the Interest of this £2750, or  
 is there any paid? - I understood that the money was not to be  
 required, but charging it, in the way it is charged, & without  
 knowing when & how it is to end is a situation most unplea-  
 -sant. - Mr. Alex<sup>r</sup>. Gordon, Old Broad Street London, was the  
 person principally concerned in making the arrangement, &  
 can give you any information you may wish on the sub-  
 -ject. - My wish was, and is, not to be burthened with such  
 a claim which has in fact no just foundation, but what  
 is best to be done to extricate myself I am much at a loss.  
 Mr. Alex<sup>r</sup>. Gordon has all the papers, and is acquainted with  
 every circumstance. - Pray have my brother Johnstons  
 Ours



given heritable security, as I have done for the sum appearing due to Johns estate by them? - and if so, how much is the sum? - In respect to Mrs Scotts debt, all I can say is that I wish to pay it off, and if you think it right, to write to W<sup>m</sup> Lean and her on the subject I have no objection, if the thing can be settled by my paying the money the sooner it is done the better, my wish is to be freed from all responsibility by paying the money. - On referring to my correspondence with the late W<sup>m</sup> Philp, I find there is something in a letter to me dated the 21<sup>st</sup> August 1821 - an extract of which I beg leave to Annex for your attention, it was an answer to one written by me requesting him to send me a copy of my account, which I never received. - I shall be glad to hear from you on receipt of this. And am Dear Sir

Yours very Obediently

A. Hannay

Extract.

21<sup>st</sup> August 1821. - "I am glad to say your account here is not formidable. - There is not time to send you a copy to night but the balance, including the Interest to Mrs Scott, & on the Anns's