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Copy Petitione for Mr Murray of Broughton With Report from the Barrons of Excheqr

5 Dec 1729.

(extracts deal with new bridge in Gatehouse)

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty The Petitione of Alexander Murray Esquire Most Humbly Sheweth.... That the River of ffleet within the said parioch of Girthon and Stewartry foresaid is not passable by man or Horse for most part of the Winter Season and which is a great disadvantage to strangers as weell as to Your Majesties Subjects travelling from England to Ireland and the building a stone bridge over the same would be very great charge in regard the Stone which is proper for building it must be carved from England and. the Lyme stone from Ireland both by Sea....

Whitehall March 17th 1721 His Majesty is graciously pleased to refer this Petition to the Right Honourable The Lords Commisioners of the Treasury to consider thereof and report their opinion....

Roxburghe

Whitehall Treasury chamber 15 Apryle 1721 The Right Honourable The Lords Commisioners.... are pleased to refer the petition to the Lord Cheife Barron and the Rest of the Barrons of His Majesties Court of Excheqr in Scotland who are desired to consider the Same and Report

Walpole

To the Right Honourable The Lords Commisioners of His Majesties Treasury. May it please Your Lordship..... That it apears by the Certificate of Two Justices of the peace of the County of Galloway and from the Informotione of other credible persons That the wont of a bridge over the River of ffleet mentioned in the petitione (which was Lately destroyed and caryed off by a Violent flood) Is not only a great Loss to that port of The Countrey but prevents for the most pairte in the Winter Seasone all Communication and travelling between Portpatrick and the Western pairts of Scotland, and Carlyle and pairts of England.

That it apears by the Certificate and affidavits of Two Masons who viewed the said River and place for building a bridge that it may cost 300 £ Str to build a Stone bridge over the same in respect proper stone must be cutt and brought from England With coal for burning the Lyme stone and the Lyme stone from Ireland. That Tho the building of Bridges is a publick Work and by Law ought to be done by the County Yet from the circumstance of that Countrey wee are of opinion Its not practicable to have the said Bridge built....

Edinburgh Excheqr Chamber 8 Feby 1723/4.

J Smith John Clark George Dalrymple Tho Kennedy

(Murray granted in response to petition new lease of tithes and tack duties of Broughton Estates to be retained by him, value c. £260, and to guarantee to build a good and sufficient bridge in stone over the said River of Fleet and to expend thereon att least the sold sum of £260 Str.)