

Part 1. 1700–1710, 1727, 1742–1769.

1700

The Court Officers from October 1699:

Dean of Guild

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Council

Patrick Haliburton, merchant

George Mitchell, merchant

John Duncan, merchant

Thomas Cleghorn, goldsmith

George Kirk, surgeon

Thomas Kyle, wright

Dean of Guild Officer, David Calderwood

Clerks in the Dean of Guild Court appear to have used both old and new style dating and readers need to be aware of this for entries before 25 March.

BOX: 1700/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 January 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 23 August 1699.

PETITIONER: Robert Hunter junior, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the division of a cargo.

NOTES: The complaint is against Henry Baird and refers to John Turnbull bringing in a cargo of tanned leather from Mr. McKairtney in Belfast. Many other traders are mentioned and ports in Ireland and Norway. This matter appears to have caused further argument in the Court until April 1700.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 January 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 20 December 1699.

PETITIONER: Alexander Johnston, merchant and Thomas Herron, wright.

SITE: Skinners Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement in stone.

NOTES: The tenement had been acquired from Robert Murdoch, writer (lawyer). James Sinclair for the children of Baillie Learmonth asked to have sight of the petition. The warrant was granted on condition that they build on the old foundations and leave a waste area or wynd on the north, eight feet 'as at present'. There were also conditions on building close to Baillie Learmonth's tenement. See unextracted petition dated 28 June 1700 (Learmonth) where the property is described as being in Murdoch's Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 January 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 5 January 1700.

PETITIONER: George Warrender and others: Thomas Kinkaid, indweller, William Jamieson, glazier, William Blackwood, merchant, John Adam, macer in the Court of Session and George Warrender, merchant and late Baillie.

SITE: Parliament Close, south side, above the entry to the Meal Market.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement destroyed by fire.

NOTES: This tenement (and others catalogued below) had been destroyed in a great fire that began on Saturday 3 February 1700 and destroyed most of the buildings to the east and south of Parliament House, the same area destroyed by fire again in 1824. It is clear in this case, but not in all others here, that this petition was processed in what would now be regarded as 1701. The petitioners specify that the front is to be of ashlar stone with a pend above the entry and a skail stair in place of a timber stair. There were some laigh houses lying below and above belonging to Thomas Robertson which had not been roused or sold and they asked for these to be appraised and valued so

that they could be rebuilt at the same time. The warrant explains in detail that the laigh houses and shop belonging to Thomas Robertson should be rebuilt by Robert Mylne, mason and the expence given to the Court, so that the great fabric belonging to the petitioners could be rebuilt. See unextracted petition dated 24 July 1700 (Kincaid) and warrant granted 2 July 1701 (Robertson). The work carried out under this warrant became the subject of a protracted argument over a payment of £953 8s 4d Scots for rebuilding a mutual gable. Robert Mylne petitioned the Court on 3 April 1702 with the accounts for the work (they do not survive there) and it appears that the matter was not resolved because he petitioned again in 1703 when the defenders, with the exception of Robert Blackwood (not mentioned as a party above) were found liable on the 16 January. The matter was still unresolved in 1704 when a further undated petition was lodged and all of these petitions and answers have been placed with the unextracted petitions section there.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 January 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 5 January 1700.

PETITIONER: The heritors of Paterson's land: John Cameron, William Sheills, Agnes Campbell, Gavin Thomson for the heirs of Thomas Yorstoun, Robert Anderson and James Marshall for Jean Campbell.

SITE: Parliament Square, on the east side of Parliament house, the under stories of the tenement commonly called Paterson's land.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement destroyed by fire.

NOTES: This petition was clearly processed in what would now be regarded as 1701. There is a second petition here with additional names, presumably for the upper floors 'of that great tenement in the Parliament Close built by Mr. Alexr Paterson': Sir Patrick Home, His Majesties Solicitor, heirs of Mr. John Frank, heirs of Hugh Stevenson, William Scott, late Deacon of the Wrights, Robert Anderson, (Agnes) Campbell, relict of (Andrew) Anderson, printer, William Sheill College treasurer, John Cameron, minister and (blank) Campbell, relict of William Law, goldsmith. The warrant specifies the finish of the mason work. See warrants granted 19 February 1701 (Lothian) and the unextracted petition dated 1 April 1702 (Mrs. Anderson).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 January 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 5 January 1700.

PETITIONER: Alexander Kennedy of Glenoure.

SITE: High Street, John Mitchell's (later Don's) Close.

PROPOSAL: To strike out a window and repair a mutual west gable.

NOTES: The neighbouring property belonged to John Mitchell and was occupied by Thomas Dunlop, late Deacon of the Surgeons.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 January 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 5 January 1700.

PETITIONER: The Countess dowager of Linlithgow.

SITE: Castlehill.

PROPOSAL: To raise the roof by two feet.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a previous petition to repair the tenement and this was granted but permission to raise the walls 'by a foot or two' was refused. The warrant was granted here to raise the walls by two feet and plaster the same.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 January 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 5 January 1700.

PETITIONER: Jeane Donaldson, relict of Robert Dickson, glass grinder.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Isobell Miller, relict of (blank) Scott, flesher. Refers to an account from James Crichtoun, slater dated in December 1699 for £121 18s Scots, that should have been paid to the petitioner. There is a further note dated 14 May 1700 when Laurence Scott, husband of Jean Donaldson signed for the precept.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 January 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 13 September 1699.

PETITIONER: John Clerk, merchant and George Livingston, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Livingston with whom the petitioner entered into a partnership and a debt due by John Crocker, wool comber to them in company. There is a later note on the petition by the defender consigning part of the debt to James Dunlop and Andrew Cockburn on behalf of the stocking manufactory and this matter went on beyond 5 January with a counter claim by the defender.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 January 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 3 January 1700.

PETITIONER: Alexander Hamilton of Broxburne

SITE: Nidderie Wind, head, on the west side.

PROPOSAL: To take down a ruinous stair and rebuild in timber, advancing the shop front towards the street.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 January 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 3 January 1700.

PETITIONER: John Anderson, coppersmith.

SITE: West Bow, a stone tenement.

PROPOSAL: To replace the roof and fore wall.

NOTES: The tenement had a battlement and a platform roof. He wished to raise the fore wall and replace the roof with one of slate.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 January 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1700.

PETITIONER: Robert Watson of Muirhous, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Brown, merchant. Others mentioned include George Boyd, merchant in Bordeaux and Louis Fernuier, merchant in Amsterdam.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 January 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 8 March 1699.

PETITIONER: James Wilson, merchant and late master of the Baver of Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Henry Baird, merchant who paid the petitioner £250 Scots on an account of bottomry on a voyage from Camvier (Campvere, now Veere) in Zeeland (Holland) to Bordeaux and then to Leith. There are numerous bills here for substantial amounts and the matter continued until at least July 1700.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 January 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 6 December 1699.

PETITIONER: James Prince son in law of Sir Magnus Prince, late Lord Provost of Edinburgh and Magnus Prince, merchant his tutor.

SITE: Leith, in the Citadel.

PROPOSAL: To repair a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The property previously belonged to John Martine, weaver and was adjudged to the petitioner (possibly by the Court of Session). The petitioner was acting on the advice of his tutor.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 January 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 27 December 1699.

PETITIONER: Robert Mylne, mason.

SITE: Landmarket (Lawnmarket).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against John May(ner?) WS, John Learmont, merchant and James Marshall, who complained about the cost of repairs to their vents. The Court found the charges no more than that paid by Sir James Dick and John Montgomery.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 January 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 31 January 1700.

PETITIONER: William Scott, late Deacon of the Wrights.

SITE: Cowgate, foot of Burnet's Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and make alterations.

NOTES: The petitioner, for the convenience of his trade asked to take down the front and rebuild with a cornice and tympany (pediment).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 January 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 31 January 1700.

PETITIONER: Andrew Lawson, smith in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Dubraw.

PROPOSAL: To build a stair on the street front.

NOTES: The petitioner took an area of waste ground from the Good Town with permission to build a two story land. He now wished to add a stair on the street front which would not encroach on the street. The warrant was granted to build close to his gable and to extend four feet.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 February 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 23 February 1700.

PETITIONER: William Logan, merchant.

SITE: Back of the Fishmarket.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement demolished to prevent the spread of fire.

NOTES: This petition was probably processed in what would now be regarded as 1701. The petitioner owned one floor of a property on the east side of the close commonly called the back of the fish market. He wished to rebuild in lath and plaster. The warrant granted permission for rebuilding in lath and plaster boxing, the same always as the former dimensions.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 February 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 28 February 1700.

PETITIONER: Adolphus Durham, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Sheriff Brae

PROPOSAL: To build a toofall on the north and east, to the cellar door.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 March 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 14 February 1700.

PETITIONER: Sir Robert Chieslie (of Dalry) late Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Rome, wright, Jean Lyall his spouse, John Lithgow, merchant and John Murray, merchant, in relation to a bond by the latter dated 17 February 1698.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 March 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 14 February 1700.

PETITIONER: James Prince, son in law of the late Sir Magnus Prince, late Lord Provost of Edinburgh and Magnus Prince, merchant, his tutor dative.

SITE: Leith Shore.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Mylne of Balfarg, master mason who owned a tenement contiguous to the petitioner on the north and who has begun work on changing his roof from a lead platform to a slate 'stay' roof, without a warrant. In order to support his new roof he had fixed the timber supports in the petitioner's gable. The petitioner's stone tenement formerly belonged to the deceased Robert Traill. In his answers, by way of a counter petition dated 28 February 1700, Robert Mylne explained that he intended plastering the gable after inserting his timbers but he went on to ask permission to build a cellar, a toofall and timber shops on the fore side of his tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 March 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 6 March 1700.

PETITIONER: Alexander Black, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Shaw, merchant for payment of an account for £187 Scots as part of a larger sum of £348 as the price of a butt of sack.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 March 1700 (1701 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 13 March 1700.

PETITIONER: William Paton, merchant and late Baillie.

SITE: High Street, north side, a chamber in 'a timber land at the head of the entry to the Tavern or dwelling house of William Ross, vintner' and Alexander Gibson of Durie and James Hamilton of Pitcaitland, Clerks of Session.

PROPOSAL: To replace the timber front on the north in stone.

NOTES: The property was a chamber in 'a timber land at the head of the entry to the Tavern or dwelling house of William Ross, vintner', Alexander Gibson of Durie and James Hamilton of Pitcaitland, Clerks of Session. The timber supports were decayed and in danger of falling and they wish to replace the front in stone to prevent fire which would endanger the documents in their custody. The petition refers to other clerks offices in the neighbouring tenements. The warrant explains that the house occupied by William Ross belongs to the creditors of Sir William Dick and that they consent to the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 March 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 22 March 1700.

PETITIONER: Collin McKenzie, goldsmith

SITE: Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild his shop.

NOTES: The petition is addressed to the Baillie Court as the petitioner held his shop by warrant from the Council and he wished to rebuild it. For his convenience he wished to have an entry to his high shop from the top of the stair entering the Old Church. He had a visit from the Baillies, the Moderator and the elders who found that the entry would not prejudice the entry to the church. There is a letter here from the Session Clerk, William Livingston. The matter was referred to the Dean of Guild who granted a warrant on condition that he built on his old foundations and built an inward opening door. He was also allowed to build a vent in his gable with a special prohibition that he should 'only use charcoal or such smidde as have no smoak in ye sd vent'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 March 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 13 March 1700.

PETITIONER: Thomas Caddell, brewer.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, near the Cowgate Port.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The property is a brewery, previously occupied by George Wood; a dwelling house, previously occupied by William Jack, slater and a laigh dwelling house sometime possessed by (blank) commonly called Cobler Jean. The petitioner had a tack for six years dated 6 June 1699 from John Hamilton elder and younger merchants. The complaint is against his landlords who had a tack dated June 1676 on a neighbouring brew house from the Town. They were building beside his brewery and obstructing his light without a warrant. See warrants granted 26 April 1700 (Hamilton) and 25 April 1705 (Caddell).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 April 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 17 April 1700.

PETITIONER: William Cockburn, Deacon of the Weavers.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Agreement regarding a mutual gable.

NOTES: The agreement is with Robert Bull, timber merchant who had borrowed a vent but it was agreed that he could use the same.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 April 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 19 April 1700.

PETITIONER: Thomas Anderson, son of the deceased Alexander Anderson, merchant and late Baillie.

SITE: High Street, head of Fishmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a tack or lease.

NOTES: The petitioner's curators let a house and cellar to Walter Murray from Whitsunday 1699 for £245 6s Scots. The property was sublet and there was a disagreement about the loss of occupancy and a refund of £61 6s 8d.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 28 February 1700.

PETITIONER: Robert Forrester, Baillie.

SITE: Potterrow, east side, near the middle, a laigh dwelling.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a steep stone (DSL: a hollowed stone trough for soaking

flax or in this case, malt) overflowing into his property.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Hastie brewer, his neighbour.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 21 February 1700.

PETITIONER: James Marshall, writer as factor for William Gladstone, son of Albert Gladstone, merchant.

SITE: High Street, north side, Gladstone's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a blocked vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Forrest, Doctor of Medicine who leased the two uppermost floors of Gladstone's land and who had blocked up a vent or chimney.

During previous repairs it had been agreed to exchange a vent in one story for that in another. Dr. Forrest had the two upper stories and the petitioner the undermost,

pertaining to William Gladstone. One of the houses was occupied by the dowager Countess of Linlithgow and three vents were made into one for her use. It is not clear from the description which floor she occupied. A group of tradesmen who carried out the work were called as witnesses and this included Robert Mylne of Balfarg, master mason (aged 44 or thereby), Ian (James?) Mubry, mason and Thomas Kilgour, mason with John Wardrop, wright (aged 36). The Court found the libel proved.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1700.

PETITIONER: James Cockburn, servant of the bank, on behalf of the Bank.

SITE: Landmarket, south side, foot of the Close.

PROPOSAL: Alterations, to enlarge windows.

NOTES: The petitioners acquired a lodging from the heirs of Sir Alexander Home of Craighall. It had several windows in the gable towards the west on the uppermost and second stories but on the undermost story they were very small. They wished to enlarge these windows to use the lowest story of the lodging as a telling room.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 April 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 3 April 1700.

PETITIONER: James Ffergus, merchant, John Macbie, stationer and William Law, goldsmith.

SITE: High Street, south side, north east corner of the Meal Market.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement destroyed by fire.

NOTES: The petitioners acquired the tenement called the back land of the Meal Market at the roup (sale) of Robertson's land. The previous tenement consisted of four stories and garrets, the undermost two stories belonging to James Ffergus, the middle to John Macbie and the upper and garrets to William Law. There were also two cellars below belonging to James Ffergus. 'The greatest part of the tenement being yet standing we are resolved to rebuild the same...' The warrant granted them permission to rebuild and to build the little stone shop on the west side of it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 April 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1700.

PETITIONER: James, Earl of Panmure.

SITE: Canongate, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Jeane Marshall, relict of the late Humphry Miln, watchmaker in Canongate. The petitioner acquired a new built lodging from the deceased Lt. Col. George Murray together with a piece of a yard lying to the east, and a

coal yard shared with the Duchess of Gordon. The defender had struck out a square opening window in her gable, allowing easy access to the yard. The Court ordered that it be stenchilled (with iron bars or an iron grate).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 April 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 12 April 1700.

PETITIONER: Alexander Deanes, son of Robert Deanes, merchant, Thomas Smith, brewer and Thomas McKenzie.

SITE: Canongate foot.

PROPOSAL: To build a stable.

NOTES: The petitioner owned several lodgings occupied by Major General Ramsay and his friends. The warrant allowed them to build close to the gable of Archibald Campbell, brewer and use the dyke on the west as a side wall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 April 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 12 April 1700.

PETITIONER: John Greenhorn, merchant in Linlithgow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Walter Thomson, merchant for £18 Stg. for four hogsheads of Lintseed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 13 December 1699.

PETITIONER: Sir James Dick of Prestonfield.

SITE: High Street, north side, Monteith's Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair or rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The property was appraised by the Court on 17 April and valued at 400 merks Scots. The warrant mentions a disposition dated September 1699 by Alexander Gordon, son and heir of the late George Gordon, merchant in favour of the petitioner and James Henderson of Pittadro.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 24 April 1700.

PETITIONER: James Anderson, WS.

SITE: High Street, north side, head of William Dick's Close (now Dick's Close, Cowgate).

PROPOSAL: To rebuild the north wall of the wester back room in stone.

NOTES: The property was occupied by James Lithgow, merchant and was close to the kitchen chimney belonging to William Ross and to a timber projection from a neighbouring tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 April 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 24 April 1700.

PETITIONER: John Hamilton elder and younger, brewers.

SITE: Not given (Cowgate, south side, near the Cowgate Port).

PROPOSAL: To build a house and dig a well.

NOTES: See warrant granted 29 March 1700 (Caddell).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 May 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 24 April 1700.

PETITIONER: Thomas Boyd, son of the deceased John Boyd, portioner of Dalberth.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an indenture.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Peacock, barber and refers to his indenture with the petitioner dated 28 April 1692.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 May 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 1 May 1700.

PETITIONER: Thomas Whyt, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith, at the Bridge.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a timber toofall on the south wall of his tenement in stone.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 May 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 8 May 1700.

PETITIONER: George Cassie, and his tutor, Daniel Simson, WS.

SITE: Cowgate head.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and stables.

NOTES: The property belongs to George Cassie and Daniel Simson acts for his tutors. One of the houses was let to Patrick Henderson, baxter (baker) and the stable to James Home, stabler. George Cassie also owned a laigh house and cellar in the new tenement built by James Smith on the north side of the High Street, opposite Blackfriar's Wynd. The same had been let to William Achenlock, baxter and it needed iron stenchills and trellises as defence against theft and the filth and excrement of the upper stories.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 May 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 8 May 1700.

PETITIONER: Robert Cairns, Thomas Kyle, Andrew Torrance, William Elphinston and William Turnbull, wrights.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Nicolson of Trabroun, James Stephen, Usher to the Exchequer and George Livingston, wright for payment for a considerable quality of timber supplied. There is an account here for £531 Scots. There are answers for George Livingston claiming that he did not purchase the timber from Robert Cairns but the counter claim is that he purchased it from the company. The court found in the petitioner's favour.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 May 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 22 May 1700.

PETITIONER: Isobell Winrame relict of John Smith, advocate and now spouse to John Menzies of Cammo, advocate.

SITE: High Street, west side of the Tron Kirk.

PROPOSAL: To erect a vent in the south gable from the floor above the shops.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 May 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 15 May 1700.

PETITIONER: Agnes Yorbeston, relict of James Inglis, brewer.

SITE: West Port, south side of the street leading to.

PROPOSAL: To build a lum.

NOTES: There is a complaint from Robert Veitch here against the petitioner who claimed she did not know that a warrant was required.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 May 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 8 May 1700.

PETITIONER: Andrew Thomson, merchant.

SITE: Grassmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a brewery.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Robertson, brewer and tenant of Daniel Simson who had begun brewing in the property above that occupied by the petitioner's tenant, James Paterson, brewer. It is claimed that the defender's tenant was not a Burgess. The Court found that he could continue brewing in his house as long as he became a Burgess. There is a long defence of the right to brew in answers by Daniel Simson.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 May 1700.

PETITION LODGED: No date.

PETITIONER: Hugh Blair, late Dean of Guild.

SITE: Warriston's land, upper floor.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Menzies of Cammo, advocate who had heightened his tenement or built higher vents. The petitioner had right to the upper floor from Robert Craige of Riccarton and claims it was previously owned by George Baillie of Jerviswood who obtained an Act of Parliament on 1 July 1695 in his favour giving him (a special servitude over his light?). There is a very detailed warrant here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 May 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 31 May 1700.

PETITIONER: Robert Gibson, merchant.

SITE: High Street, south side, immediately above Warriston's land

PROPOSAL: To remove a stone pillar.

NOTES: The petitioner owned a shop in the timber tenement and he wished to make alterations including removing a stone pillar in the shop as it had already been removed in the house above. The Court agreed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 May 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 31 May 1700.

PETITIONER: Thomas Inglis, pewterer.

SITE: High Street, south side, in the head of the Canongate, near the Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a ruinous tenement in stone.

NOTES: The petitioner also wanted to open a door in the first floor to the stair entering from the street. The warrant stipulated that the tenement be built on the old foundations in a straight line with the stone tenement on the east belonging to William Thomson and on the west, belonging to David Forrest. William Stewart, writer is referred to as the owner of a gable. See warrants granted 24 July 1700 (Quesnoy) and 25 September 1700 (Inglis). There is a complaint here from Alexander Murray, merchant about encroachment and he referred to a promise made in the presence of Robert Mylne, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 June 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 12 April 1700.

PETITIONER: Heritors of a tenement in Parliament Close.

SITE: High Street, Parliament Close, east side of the entry, Blair's land.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild their tenement destroyed by fire.

NOTES: The heritors had signed the petition and they include David Dalrymple, James

Simpson, Charles Lumisden, (?) Campbell, Alexander Forbes, Charles Dallas and James Nicolson. Others signed for the heirs of Mountgrennan and Hew Blair. The warrant stated that they were to add a foot to the back of the pillars and enlarge the arches accordingly. There were other detailed instructions including to make the fore walls three feet thick. They were ordered to take down standing remains and a gable with Alexander Paterson's land mentioned in this regard, the rebuilt gable to be 3ft. 3in. at least in thickness. See unextracted petition dated 28 June 1700 (Stephen).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 June 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 22 May 1700.

PETITIONER: William Clerk, advocate.

SITE: Head of Fishmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: To have a burnt tenement appraised and valued.

NOTES: The petition does not survive here and all of the information is taken from the appraisal and valuation for the top three stories of the burnt timber tenement. The three stories to the front, built with a timber frontage were taken down to prevent the spread of fire (on 3 February 1700). The first of the three stories had been disposed by John Jolly to John Chancellor, late Baillie and was possessed by Andrew Thomson at £200 Scots pa. It was valued at 8 years purchase, £1600 Scots. The two uppermost stories were last possessed by James Stewart of Ascock, advocate at a rental of 500 Scots merks pa. and were let to Matthew McKell, advocate. They were valued at 4000 Scots merks.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 June 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 5 June 1700.

PETITIONER: Relict of (blank) Stewart.

SITE: Canongate, south side, Thomson's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: There are numerous blanks and additions in the text but it appears the complaint is against (blank) Pollock, relict of (blank) Murray and Alexander Gowdilocks, Deacon of the masons. The court ordered the door to be closed up.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 June 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 5 June 1700.

PETITIONER: William Brodie, son of William Brodie, tailor in Canongate and Janet Gibson his mother, now spouse to Robert Kirk, indweller in the Abbey.

SITE: Canongate, south side, west side of Horse Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner owns some houses and a yard and he claimed that James Ross, brewer has recently acquired some neighbouring land and built a kiln on the petitioner's property without a warrant. In answers for James Ross he stated that he purchased the property from Bartholomew Gibsone, ferrier. There are depositions here from James Elder, late Baillie of the Canongate, John Auchenneck, wright and others. The warrant is a detailed arbitration.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 June 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 8 May 1700.

PETITIONER: Annabell McCorqudale, daughter of Alexander McCorqudale of Pontilands.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Henderson for £104 Scots on an account dated 23 March 1700 lodged here. The account is for haberdashery including '3¼ Ells Scots tartan muslin'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 June 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 22 May 1700.

PETITIONER: Marie Thomson, relict of the deceased James Steill.

SITE: Libberton's Wynd, within a little Close on the east side.

PROPOSAL: To build a little coal house.

NOTES: The petitioner asked to build in timber but the warrant is to build in stone and lime, 'preserving James Clelland's window in the gable of the house'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 June 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 26 June 1700.

PETITIONER: ~~Thomas~~ Alexander (?) servant to the laird of Dirleton.

SITE: Cowgate Port.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about loss of light.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Hamilton who by his late building had stopped the petitioner's light. He had begun to enlarge his window when stopped (presumably by the Court) but he was granted a warrant on condition that he made his window with chess glass and stanchell (bars) so that John Hamilton's yard might be safe.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 June 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 19 June 1700.

PETITIONER: John Swanston, Baillie in Thurso.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Whyt, candlemaker and Margaret (?) Dyles, spouse to John Mitchell, vintner for the cost of two barrels of tallow purchased in June 1699.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 June 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 26 June 1700.

PETITIONER: Barbara and Anna Kae, heirs to the deceased Alexander Kae, late Baillie in Canongate and Walter Stewart, advocate, husband to the said Barbara for his interest.

SITE: Leith Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Bruce, hatter who had slapped a new door and windows without a warrant. The property had been the subject of a dispute between the parties and arbitration by the Baillies of Canongate who divided it between them. The Court ordered the door to be built up, to put iron bars on the window looking into the petitioner's yard and forbidding him to open any other windows. See below.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/56

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 28 June 1700.

PETITIONER: John Bruce, feltmaker

SITE: Leith Wynd, foot.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a house.

NOTES: The petitioner held a Charter for his property from the Town Council and was repairing it when stopped by Walter Stewart, advocate. See above. He was granted a warrant to rebuild in stone and lime.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/57

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 July 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 26 June 1700.

PETITIONER: Thomas Veitch, surgeon apothecary.

SITE: Canongate, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Malloch, merchant who had opened windows looking out on the petitioner's roof. The petitioner referred to a servitude granted to the petitioner's grandfather, John Veitch, merchant by the Baillies of Canongate on 17 May 1632 against William Hamilton, wright and Burgess of the Canongate. This matter continued in a petition here by Robert Malloch on 14 August 1700 with a complaint about encroachment against the petitioner and his father, Thomas Veitch, advocate where the father was found against on 4 September 1700.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/58

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 July 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 3 July 1700.

PETITIONER: Christian Thomson relict of the deceased David Forrest, merchant.

SITE: Canongate head, south side.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The tenement lies near a stone tenement on the High Street recently built by her husband.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/59

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 July 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 26 June 1700.

PETITIONER: James Baird, Deacon and Andrew Baird, Boxmaster of the Incorporation of Cordiners.

SITE: Potterrow, east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building up of a door.

NOTES: The petitioners owned several properties and they had a door that opened out on the road leading to the Pleasance. This had been built up by David Howison, late Baillie of the Potterrow and James Mack, mason. The warrant was granted to reopen the door.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/60

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 July 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 8 May 1700.

PETITIONER: George Lawson, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Clerk junior, merchant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/61

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 July 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 3 July 1700.

PETITIONER: Walter Montgomery, wheelwright in Portsburgh.

SITE: West Port.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Fletcher with whom the petitioner rebuilt a mutual gable.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/62

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 July 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1700.

PETITIONER: William Baillie, wright.

SITE: High Street, Parliament Square, Paterson's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Scott, late Deacon of the Wrights, proprietor of the lowest story of tenement recently burnt down. In rebuilding the easter side wall the defender had encroached by two feet on the petitioner's property, a tenement lying on the south east of Paterson's land. The warrant does not mention this but refers to building up windows looking into the petitioner's property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/63

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 July 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1700.

PETITIONER: Robert Paterson, writer.

SITE: Landmarket, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of his property.

NOTES: The petitioner is a tenant in the upmost story of the tenement where Sir James Dick, late Lord Provost lives. The property belonged to the deceased James Caithness and now to his creditors. The fore stair and windows towards the street are ruinous and defective but the creditors are reluctant to repair them. The Court ordered the work to be carried out and the cost deducted from the petitioner's rent.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/64

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 July 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 19 July 1700.

PETITIONER: James Arbuckle, merchant.

SITE: Forrester's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To strike out a door.

NOTES: The property is partly possessed by Alexander Higgins. The Court granted a warrant for the new door and a stair to the house, the petitioner obtaining the consent of Alexander Chancellor and Alexander Gowdilocks, adjacent heritors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/65

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 3 July 1700.

PETITIONER: George Warrender, merchant.

SITE: Bruntsfield.

PROPOSAL: To enclose an area to the south of his house.

NOTES: The petitioner noted that some part of his proposed dyke may interfere with the highway leading to the bark moor. The Court granted a warrant for the dyke 'from the south entrie of the Bruntsfield gate to the north entrie of Rigland dyke, keeping the highway of fourtie foot wydness'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/66

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1700.

PETITIONER: Abraham Quesnoy, stamper in Canongate and his brother, Louis Quesnoy, stamper.

SITE: Canongate head, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a rented property.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Stewart, writer who let three stories of a tenement to the petitioners from Whitsunday 1699 at a rental of £11 Stg. pa. The defender had sold the property to Thomas Inglis, pewterer who had begun demolishing it. See warrant granted 31 May 1700 (Inglis). There is an instrument of protest here on behalf of the petitioners dated 13 July 1700 in which they refer to the likely damage to the looms they have erected to carry on their trade. On 17 July the Court recommended the petitioners to speedily find themselves another house and stated that they would take the damage into account. They also ordered Thomas Inglis

not to taken down any more of the gable or endanger the complainers. They ordered £29 Scots to be taken off the half years rent preceding Whitsunday last and the petitioners to pay no rent for the possession since Whitsunday. See David Dobson *Huguenot and Scots Links 1575-1775* (Baltimore 2008).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/67

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 July 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 26 June 1700.

PETITIONER: (blank) Tailziefor, relict of (blank) Stewart.

SITE: Canongate, south side, on the west side of an unnamed Close.

PROPOSAL: To raise the height of a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/68

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 August 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 7 August 1700.

PETITIONER: William Welwood of Touch.

SITE: High Street, north side, a little above Libberton's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To take down and rebuild an external stair.

NOTES: The warrant allowed him to rebuild the stair so long as it did not project any further into the street than that upon the west.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/69

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 August 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 31 January 1700.

PETITIONER: Thomas Brown, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Black, tobacco cutter in Cowgate and Patrick Steill, vintner, his cautioner for an outstanding account dated 6 December 1698 for £230 12s 10 Scots for 496 lbs. of tobacco.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/70

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 August 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 8 August 1700.

PETITIONER: Charles Gray and John Tait, merchants for themselves and the remnant proprietors of the shops in the Exchange.

SITE: The Exchange.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild the Exchange.

NOTES: This is the old exchange, designed by Sir William Bruce and destroyed by fire on 3 February 1700. The petitioners state that they have resolved for their several interests to build and carry up the Exchange so far as concerns their several interests therein 'and being resolved to make the door thereof in the place & in the former dimensions thereof there has arisen some differences amongst us anent the same which we humbly expect your Lordships will determine...' The Court granted a warrant with very exact measurements for the shops in the vicinity of the door and the door itself, to be four feet wide. John Tait complained about the decision and depositions were taken from William Ramsay, merchant aged 50 and James Fergus, also 50 about the area around Tait's shop and the check of the door.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/71

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 19 July 1700.

PETITIONER: The Earl of Cassills.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of Bills of Exchange.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Fairholme, merchant. There are a number of bills here and the problem seems to have arisen because the bill for £340 Stg. in 1698 was traded among various individuals.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/72

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 August 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 14 August 1700.

PETITIONER: James Potterfield, schoolmaster.

SITE: Not given (Stevenlaws Close, east side).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a rented property including a school house.

NOTES: The complaint is against Reuben McRabbie, barber and periwig maker, his landlord. See warrant granted 4 September 1700 (McRabbie).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/73

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 August 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 14 August 1700.

PETITIONER: The heritors of a burnt land: Robert Blackwood, Charles Row, WS, James Stevenson, advocate, David Crawford, clerk to the admission of Notars, James Marshall, writer, Thomas Robertson and others.

SITE: Parliament Close, east side of the Kirkheugh.

PROPOSAL: To have an appreciation of values and to rebuild two burnt tenements.

NOTES: The property is described as 'two great tenements back and fore lying on the east side of the Kirkheugh, ye foreland fronting to ye Parliament Close...' There is an appraisal of the property here by a jury including Robert Mylne, mason, Andrew Paterson of Kirkcounie, wright, Alexander Gavinlock, Deacon of the masons, John Wardrop, wright, Patrick Carfrae, mason, John Henderson, wright, Patrick Anderson, wright and others. It states that the tenements were burnt and consumed by the late dreadful fire that fell out upon the third of December last bypast (sic. 3 February 1700 NS). It gives the ownership of the tenement and rental values. Of particular interest: '...the back land commonly called Babylon' of which Thomas Robertson owned the ground floor, the south half of the second story, the north half of the eighth story in a tenement of ten stories. In the fore tenement Thomas Robertson owned all or parts of the fourth, fifth and sixth stories along with individual houses let to Lord Rankeillor, James Smith and 'ye Advocates Bibliothek', the last paying £20 Stg yearly rental.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/74

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 August 1700.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Unknown.

SITE: The Meal Market, Exchange and Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: To appraise the value of various properties.

NOTES: The only document to survive here is the appraisal itself. It refers to the property under the Exchange belonging to the children of the deceased John Eddington, writer and the children of the deceased Peter Broadie. See warrant granted 5 April 1704 (Blackwood and Henderson) which refers to the demolition and rebuilding of a tenement, citing this warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/75

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 September 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 28 August 1700.

PETITIONER: Reuben McRabbie, periwig maker.

SITE: Stevenlaws Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a ruinous tenement in stone.

NOTES: The property had been occupied by James Potterfield, schoolmaster. See warrant granted 23 August 1700 (Potterfield).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/76

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 September 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 4 September 1700.
PETITIONER: William Park, merchant.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against John and Thomas Sivewright, merchants.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/77
WARRANT GRANTED: 14 September 1700.
PETITION LODGED: 14 September 1700.
PETITIONER: George Alison, merchant.
SITE: High Street, between Cons Close and Duries Close.
PROPOSAL: To enclose a waste area with a dyke and build a little house at the north.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/78
WARRANT GRANTED: 25 September 1700.
PETITION LODGED: 21 August 1700.
PETITIONER: Alexander Forrester, merchant.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against Jean Abernethy, relict of George Mitchell, smith for non payment of an account for brandy etc. lodged here.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/79
WARRANT GRANTED: 25 September 1700.
PETITION LODGED: 25 September 1700.
PETITIONER: John Simpson, gunsmith.
SITE: Netherbow.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a rented property.
NOTES: The complaint is against Dunbar of Thurston and his creditors, the petitioner's landlord who had allowed the roof to become insufficient. The Court allowed the petitioner to carry out the repairs and take the cost from his rent.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/80
WARRANT GRANTED: 25 September 1700.
PETITION LODGED: 3 January 1700.
PETITIONER: Alexander Gavinlock, Deacon of the masons.
SITE: Blackfriars Wynd.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against George Jolly, merchant and George Dalglish, late Deacon of the Hammermen for non payment of an account lodged here for work carried out between 25 April 1693 and 23 November 1699 amounting to £440 8s 8d Scots. There was a dispute about the amounts charged and there are depositions here from Robert Mylne of Balfarg, mason and Patrick Carfrae, mason. The account was settled after adjustments.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/81
WARRANT GRANTED: 25 September 1700.
PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1700.
PETITIONER: Thomas Inglis, pewterer.
SITE: High Street, south side, Canongate head.
PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.
NOTES: The petitioner had purchased a ruinous tenement belonging to William Stewart, contiguous to the one recently rebuilt. See warrant granted 31 May 1700 (Inglis). The Court visited on 24 and 31 July 1700 and ordered him to demolish part of what he had built without a warrant. There was a further disagreement about a mutual gable and after a report here by Robert Mylne and Patrick Carfrae, masons, this was ordered to be demolished and rebuilt.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/82

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 September 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 25 September 1700.

PETITIONER: Charles Hodge, brewer.

SITE: College Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a brew house.

NOTES: The petitioner stated that the brew house had collapsed as a result of the late great rain. He cited Barbara Robertson, daughter of the late Charles Robertson, brewer along with William Dimoan, merchant and James Dalrymple, baker her tutors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/83

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 September 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 31 July 1700.

PETITIONER: John Tweedie and John Morison, merchants in Peebles.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Forbes, merchant for non payment of an account for wool supplied. The defender claimed the wool was not of sufficient quality and the parties agreed a reduction.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/84

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 October 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 30 October 1700.

PETITIONER: George Alison, merchant.

SITE: Warriston's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the paving in the Close.

NOTES: The petitioner asked the Court to summon the other heritors to contribute to the cost of the work; Sir James Baird, Thomas Hamilton of Olivstob and others. The Court ordered the work to be carried out.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/85

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 October 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 23 October 1700.

PETITIONER: George Suttie, son of the deceased James Suttie, merchant, George Suttie, WS his factor and George Drummond, keeper of the Tolbooth.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite the Cross.

PROPOSAL: To build a vent for a cellar shop.

NOTES: There were numerous objections but the Court granted a warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/86

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 November 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 30 October 1700.

PETITIONER: John Liberton, merchant.

SITE: High Street, Heriot Close (later Stewart's Close).

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner was the factor, appointed by the Court of Session for uplifting the mails and duties of William Romeau. The Court granted a warrant to repair the roof.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/87

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 November 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 20 November 1700.

PETITIONER: William Livingston of Greenyards.

SITE: High Street, Byres Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Hendry, late Deacon of the Cordiners who erected a timber sconce on the wall above a cellar belonging to the petitioner. He was ordered to remove it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/88

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 December 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 27 November 1700.

PETITIONER: Robert Walwood, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Steven Cuthell, vintner for payment of an account.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/89

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 December 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 27 November 1700.

PETITIONER: William Brown, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Dishington, merchant for an unpaid account for claret.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/90

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 December 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 4 December 1700.

PETITIONER: Margaret Jamieson, shop keeper.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about quality of goods.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) Fraser, merchant for a quantity of calico.

There is a further note here dated 15 July 1701 where the Dean of Guild having heard Fraser recommended he deal with the pursuer kindly.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/91

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 December 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 10 December 1700.

PETITIONER: Baillie George Clark.

SITE: West Bow, a little above the Port.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a vent in a shop.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/92

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 December 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 4 December 1700.

PETITIONER: Robert Bull, merchant.

SITE: High School Yard, north side.

PROPOSAL: To raise his house by one story.

NOTES: The petitioner complains that the boys at the High School break and spoil his laigh roof.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/93

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 December 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 27 November 1700.

PETITIONER: Heritors of Gray's Close; Viscount Rosebery, Lord Belhaven, Sir Robert Stewart, Sir John Ramsay and Lt. Col. Wishart. With added names including Sir James Justice of Easter Cricklstorm, one of the Clerks of Session.

SITE: High Street, south side, Gray's Close, opposite the Fountain Well.

PROPOSAL: To repair the pavement and prevent throwing out of waste water.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to a pipe having been laid down the Close for the benefit of the Mint and this has been the subject of much digging to help the pipe. The paving was broken and uneven and they asked that it be re-laid by the Town Treasurer or

Chamberlain. There is a further complaint about waste being thrown out from windows on the east side of the Close and they ask for a constable to be appointed to keep it clean. The Court warned Lord Alexander Hay, Lady Bavelaw and others about casting out filth.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/94

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 December 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 27 November 1700.

PETITIONER: Thomas Brown, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Edward Burd, merchant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/95

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 December 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 18 December 1700.

PETITIONER: Robert Swinton, surgeon apothecary.

SITE: Forrester's Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To strike out a window and other alterations.

NOTES: The petitioner owned three floors and two cellars in a tenement and he wished to strike out a window in the sidewall.

DRAWINGS: None.

There are a number of documents in the 1700 box that appear to relate to members of the Town Council acting as Magistrates with affidavits, passports, Acts in favour of individuals and matters relating to ship's captains etc. They date from 1700 to 1715 and it may be that the officials involved were also members of the Dean of Guild Court and their documents were simply deposited here as there was no obvious place to store them.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1700/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 February 1700 (1701 NS) (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 21 February 1700.

PETITIONER: Lord Lindores, John Menzies of Cambo, advocate, David Dalrymple, advocate, James Elphinstone, one of the Commissars of Edinburgh, John Cunningham of Woodhall, John Wood, Minister of the Gospel, all heritors.

SITE: High Street, south side of the Cross.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about fore stairs.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Anderson, son of the deceased Alexander Anderson, Baillie who had several fore stairs projecting from his tenement in Fishmarket Close. The petitioners argued that they had to remove their forestairs in order to prevent the spread of the late fire (3 February 1700) and that the ones in the Close not only obstruct their light but they form a hazard for the spread of fire in the future. They asked for them to be taken down and never replaced.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 March 1700 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 6 March 1700.

PETITIONER: John Hamilton, Baillie, Abbey of Holyroodhouse.

SITE: High Street, north side, head of Kinloch's Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a timber tenement in stone.

NOTES: There are answers here from Patrick Johnston, heritor of the second story of the adjoining tenement on the west. Also answers for John Dickson and his daughter, adjoining heritors. The argument was about replacing fore stairs and encroachment.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 March 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 28 February 1700.

PETITIONER: Patrick Steill, vintner.

SITE: Blackfriars Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about payment for a property.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Auchinleck, baxter (baker) to whom the petitioner and his partner, Patrick Carfrae sold a dwelling house in the great stone tenement lately built at the head of Blackfriar's Wynd for the sum of 2800 Merks Scots according to a contract since 'retired'. There is a deposition here from the defender dated 20 March 1700 in which he states that he paid Deacon Carfrae 1800 Merks of the price at several times and 600 Merks to Robert Glasgow with a bond for 400 Merks making complete the price of the house. There is also a deposition from Margaret Johnston, spouse to James Auchinleck.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 March 1700 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 20 March 1700.

PETITIONER: John Alexander, son of the deceased John Alexander WS and Alexander Brown, merchant his tenant.

SITE: Luckenbooths, east end.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about neighbours who refused to contribute to repairs.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Nicolson of Trabroun, James Sommervail of Drum. There is a letter of supplement here calling James Sommervail who resides outside the jurisdiction of the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1700 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 3 April 1700.

PETITIONER: Alexander Gowdilocks, late Deacon of the masons.

SITE: Forrester's Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To replace the roof on a timber shed with slate and carry up two vents.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1700 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 3 April 1700.

PETITIONER: Archibald Pitcairn and Sir Archibald Stevenson, Doctors of Medicine.

SITE: Niddery Wynd, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a nuisance.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank), relict of [Andrew?] Coose, cooper. The petitioner explained that within these five years he had a nineteen year tack from Patrick Ingles of Eastbarnes of a dwelling house on the east side of Niddery Wynd, immediately underneath that lodging pertaining to Sir Archibald Stevenson. He had been at considerable expence in repairing and fitting up the same but widow Coose, the occupier of the laigh house below his 'and which hous of hers is unplastered' carried on the trade of coopering casks and barrels and fired them under his windows. She also stored large quantities of timber there and used a large steel pot. The defender declared that she had made no use of the steel pot for the past two years.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1700 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1700.

PETITIONER: John Baillie, surgeon apothecary.

SITE: High Street, north side, a little below the Cross.

PROPOSAL: To create an entry through his own transe.

NOTES: The petitioner, for the convenience of his family, took two rooms from another

house belonging to him and let to James Allan, vintner and he had opened an entry to them from his transe.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1700 (no warrant, defender to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1700.

PETITIONER: John Lesley, merchant.

SITE: Jackson's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Hervie, pewterer to whom the petitioner had let a back house with an entry from Jackson's Close. The defender owned a fore shop and he had knocked through an entry into the back house without a warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1700.

PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1700.

PETITIONER: John McKie, bookbinder.

SITE: Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a shop.

NOTES: This petition is addressed to the Baillies and Council of the Town. The petitioner had taken a tack on a shop that lay between shops belonging to Captain Colin McKerns on the west and Charles Jack, merchant on the east. Under his tack he had permission to demolish the shop and rebuild in ashlar work. He mentioned digging beneath the shop to create a work house and to raise the shop to the sole of the windows on the Kirk. The Court was to call Mr. Mylne, Mr Smith, Deacon Gowdilocks and other workmen to visit the gable to be pinned and the church wall was to be in no way annoyed or wronged.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 April 1700 (no warrant, defender to see).

PETITION LODGED: 26 April 1700.

PETITIONER: Anna Murray, relict of Robert Cuthbert, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Somervell, glover for £148 Scots for 100 shambo (Chamois) leather bought by the deceased from Holland.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 May 1700 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 1 May 1700.

PETITIONER: Agnes Hutton, relict of Thomas Patoun, stabler and James Patoun, her son.

PROPOSAL: Burgess ticket.

NOTES: The petitioner complained about the fee paid when her husband became a Burgess in April 1695 and asked for a refund. She also asked that her son be made a Burgess.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 June 1700 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 5 June 1700.

PETITIONER: James Dickson, merchant.

SITE: Castle Hill, south side, a little above the Weigh House.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof.

NOTES: The complaint is against Peter Blair, merchant who owns the two upper floors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 June 1700 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 22 May 1700.

PETITIONER: James Nicolson of Trabroun.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Fisher, merchant for an account of £209 5s Scots for 345 wrought deals. The Court modified the amount charged.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1700 (no warrant, removed the stop on work).

PETITION LODGED: 13 March 1700.

PETITIONER: Walter Learmonth, Shore Master at Leith as factor for Charles Learmonth, merchant, his brother and Lt. Waddell (sic. Captain Alexander Waddell) and (blank) Learmonth, his spouse

SITE: Toddricks Wynd or Murdoch's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about additional work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Johnston, merchant and Thomas Herron, pewterer, who are rebuilding a tenement and had permission to place joists in a wall belonging to the petitioners. See warrant granted 3 January 1700 (Johnston). Not only did they place more joists into the wall, they built a story higher than allowed by their warrant. There are other petitions here from neighbouring heritors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/15*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1700 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 28 June 1700.

PETITIONER: James Stephen, Usher to H M Exchequer.

SITE: High Street, Blair's land

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Mylne, mason, James Buchanan, wright and Charles Lumisden, merchant who are rebuilding the burnt land. See warrant granted 5 June 1700 (Heritors of Blair's land). The petitioner owned a high shop in the eastmost side of the tenement but it had been diminished in its boundary by the rebuilding work. The Court asked James Smith (mason) to give his opinion.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/16*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1700 (no warrant or action recorded).

PETITION LODGED: 24 July 1700.

PETITIONER: Thomas Kincaid, indweller.

SITE: Exchange.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Warrender, late Baillie, John Adam, master Thomas Robertson and Robert Mylne, mason who are engaged in rebuilding a tenement. See warrant granted 5 January 1700 (Warrender and others). They have built a pend which leans on the petitioner's side wall, without his knowledge or permission.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/17*

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 August 1700 (no warrant, defender summoned).

PETITION LODGED: 7 August 1700.

PETITIONER: George Ramsay, merchant and John Richardson, writer (lawyer) his factor.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about theft of wine.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Bandiesyde, merchant with whom the petitioner bought French wine from Robert Hill, shipper in Queensferry. It was placed in the defender's cellar in Leith and he sold part of the petitioner's share for which he claimed £22 Stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/18*

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 September 1700 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 25 September 1700.

PETITIONER: William Carfrae, merchant.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: To build two vents.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/19*

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 November 1700 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 25 January 1699.

PETITIONER: Adam Hall, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about apprenticeship.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Lindsay, merchant, to whom the petitioner became bound on 8 August 1690. The defender is said to have neglected to register the apprenticeship and he asks for £10 in damages. The indenture itself is lodged here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/20*

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 November 1700 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 15 November 1700.

PETITIONER: The tacksman of the Meal Market.

SITE: Mealmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a nuisance.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Cleghorn, brewer, John Savage, brewer, Thomas Chiesly, wright and Patrick Carfrae, mason who have laid down a great deal of wood in the Mealmarket.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/21*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 December 1700 (no warrant, defenders to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 4 December 1700.

PETITIONER: Thomas Kincaid, indweller.

SITE: Parliament Close, east side of the entry.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a nuisance.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Carfrae, mason and Robert Mill (Mylne), mason who are engaged in rebuilding houses on the west side of the entry from Parliament Close. They have thrown all of their building rubbish into the petitioner's tenement. The petitioner is a joint owner with Thomas Robertson and he points out that Robert Mylne had removed all of the stone, without any right and if he had a right then he also had a right to the rubbish and should be responsible for the cost of removing it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/22*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 December 1700 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 4 December 1700.

PETITIONER: Marion Potter, daughter of William Potter, wright.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an indenture.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Dunbar, periwig maker and his spouse, for neglecting, beating and starving the petitioner. The apprenticeship began, 24 June 1697.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/23*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: William Cowan, tailor.

SITE: High Street, north side, to the north of Carrubber's back land.

PROPOSAL: To demolish a timber cellar and rebuild as a dwelling and stable in stone.

NOTES: The property had been acquired from Thomas Kincaid, indweller.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/24*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: William Livingston, late Deacon of the Glovers.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite Marlin's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sign.

NOTES: The petitioner had a shop pertaining to Robert Newlands, glover. The complaint is against John Tait, pewterer who is tenant of the neighbouring shop and who has erected a sign that obstructs the petitioner's sign.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/25*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: James Monteith.

SITE: High Street, north side, Carrubber's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Kincaid, indweller. The petitioner refers to a contract of division made by Robert Monteith of Carrubber, father of the petitioner and (blank) Monteith of Chapelhill which refers to a property adjoining Carrubber's land on the north and it is this property where the defender has slapped through a wall without a warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/26*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: George Seaton of Barnes and Andrew Fisher, his tenant.

SITE: Libberton's or Forrester's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Arbuckles, merchant who had slapped out windows in a side wall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1700/27*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Alexander Forsyth, servant to the Laird of Dirleton.

SITE: Cowgate.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner has a small tenement with a little yard behind it. The complaint is against John Hamilton, a tenant nearby who had built an oven close to the back of the tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

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The Court Officers from October 1700:

Dean of Guild

William Maklurg

Council

William Hutchison, merchant

William Neilson, merchant

Francis Brodie, merchant

Thomas Cleghorn, goldsmith

Patrick Anderson, wright

William Wardrop, litster

Dean of Guild Officer, Alexander Park

BOX: 1701/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 January 1701 (1702 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 15 January 1701.

PETITIONER: Alexander Fforbes, goldsmith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Clerk, merchant for payment of an account of £17 Scots for silver work. There is an account here and a statement of a previous account where a beaver hat was exchanged for part of the account. The account was discharged on 27 December 1700, suggesting this was New Style.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 February 1701 (1700 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 12 February 1701.

PETITIONER: Margaret Lothian, relict of the deceased Alexander Paterson, merchant.

SITE: Parliament Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: To have a property appraised.

NOTES: The petitioner had a financial interest of 600 merks pa. rental in the tenement belonging to her late husband and disposed by him to Robert Anderson along with the lands of Earnshaw and Caverhill. This tenement burnt down in the great fire (3 February 1700) and Robert Anderson was liable under the disposition to pay all Alexander Paterson's debts and liabilities. She also had a life rent interest in a dwelling house possessed by her husband at his death. The petition refers to an appreciation by Captain Scott, wright and Deacon Carfrae, the rebuilders of the tenement and it is signed by George Lothian the petitioner's brother. The matter was disputed by Robert Anderson in answers here. See warrants granted 5 January 1700 (heritors of Paterson's land), 7 March 1701 (Lord President) and 13 March 1701 (Blackwood).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 March 1701 (1700 NS)

PETITION LODGED: 26 February 1701.

PETITIONER: Lord President of the Court of Session and Sir Patrick Home.

SITE: Parliament Square, Paterson's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment and nuisance.

NOTES: The complaint is against Deacon Scott, wright who had dug out the ground below the tenement called Paterson's land in order to make a room that was not there previously. There was also an argument about the number of chimneys in each floor and the heritors were asked to make a declaration. Sir Patrick Home's declaration is here. The Court ordered Deacon Scott to build a substantial wall where he had dug out the foundations, the work to be done at all convenient speed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 March 1701 (1700 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 26 February 1701.

PETITIONER: James Liddell, late servant to John Steill, brewer.

PROPOSAL: Claim to be made a Burgess.

NOTES: The claim is against John Steill, brewer and his mother, Janet Cleghorn. The petitioner stated that he served the defenders for three years and a quarter on the express condition that they would procure him a Burgess certificate. He claimed that he should have enough money from them, to pay for this. There are depositions by the defenders to effect that they made no such promise.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 March 1701 (1700 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 12 March 1701.

PETITIONER: Robert Blackwood, merchant, Charles Row of Inverallan, WS, and other partners.

SITE: Parliament Square, Paterson's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the rebuilding and fallen walls.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Milne, Alexander Gowdilocks and Patrick Carfrae, masons who had made use of the fallen stone and left none for the complainers. They had also refused to allow anyone to take the stone. The Court ordered them not to remove any stone and appointed a committee to arbitrate. Their decision is here in two copies.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 March 1701 (1700 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 12 March 1701.

PETITIONER: Sir James Baird of Sauchtonhall.

SITE: High Street, Warriston's Close.

PROPOSAL: To strike out a window.

NOTES: The petitioner wished to strike out a window in the wester side wall into John Mitchell's Close

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 March 1701 (1700 NS).

PETITION LODGED: 19 March 1701.

PETITIONER: Sir George Nicolson of Kenny, late Senator of the College of Justice.

SITE: High Street, Morrison's Close.

PROPOSAL: To relay the causeway of the Close.

NOTES: The other heritors included James Graham, late Baillie, Hugh Wallace of Ingleston, Francis Wauchop of Caismure and (blank) Boswall of Glassie.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 March 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 26 March 1701.

PETITIONER: Thomas Brown and Andrew Skene, merchants.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a bill of exchange.

NOTES: The complaint is against Walter McGill, merchant and Charles Jack, vintner in Parliament Square. The petition also refers to Patrick Milne and Robert Blean, merchants in London, Henry Baird and Robert Hunter, merchants, George Sutherland, keeper of the Royal Coffee house with many others. There are accounts here and a deposition from James Cuming, merchant aged 32, married.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 May 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 6 December 1699.

PETITIONER: Collen, Earl of Balcarres and James Preston of Drumbrae.

PROPOSAL: Claim for payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Henry Henderson, merchant. The Earl of Balcarres stated that he went abroad for a considerable time in 1693 (Amsterdam and Hamburg

are mentioned) and in order to provide himself with the money, sold his lands of Drumeldrie to James Lundie of Straerlie for 30,238 Merks and had a bond from Henry Henderson and James Lundie for the amount. He had a letter of credit from Henry Henderson to Alexander Henderson, his brother, a merchant in Amsterdam allowing him a credit not exceeding £20,000 Scots. There is a full statement of account here between the petitioner and the defender and a full copy of the warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 July 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 9 April 1701.

PETITIONER: Alexander Nisbet, mason.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about payment for work.

NOTES: This petition is damaged and parts are missing. The complaint is against James Hay (of Carrubber?), Robert Innes, writer and (blank) Dundas. It refers to the rebuilding of a stone tenement belonging to James Hay and James Henderson, the lower stories of which were being rebuilt by Robert Mylne of Balfarg, mason. There was a disagreement about building any further and the petitioner was employed by James Hay to complete the work. In doing so he completed the vents begun by Robert Mylne and he sought compensation for his work. James Smith of Whitehill acted as arbiter.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 July 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 25 June 1701.

PETITIONER: Robert Carnie, wright.

SITE: Blackfriar's Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment for work.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Bold, saddler who employed the petitioner to build a fore stair with windows. On completion there was a disagreement about the amount and the petitioner sought full payment including for an additional window.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 July 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 2 July 1701.

PETITIONER: Thomas Robertson of Lochend.

SITE: (High Street, Parliament Close, east side of the entry, Blair's land.).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a vent.

NOTES: This petition is damaged and parts are missing. The complaint is against Thomas Kincaid, indweller and others and mentions Robert Mylne, mason employed in rebuilding. This may refer to the same tenement covered by the warrant granted 5 June 1700 (Heritors).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 July 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 2 July 1701.

PETITIONER: Thomas Robertson, indweller and Robert Mylne of Balfarg, mason.

SITE: (High Street, Parliament Close, east side of the entry, Blair's land).

PROPOSAL: To put up a timber front.

NOTES: The petitioners complained about the delay in completing the work on rebuilding the tenement and Robert Mylne stated that he would not complete the work until he had been paid by Thomas Robertson (for other work?). He also asked to erect a timber front to a window belonging to the petitioner. The Court ordered Thomas Robertson to begin building the house before the 1 August and complete it with all convenient speed. If he did not, the petitioners were allowed to rebuild the same.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 July 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 18 December 1701.

PETITIONER: Thomas Hamilton, late Deacon of the Masons.

SITE: Various.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Lawson, late Town Treasurer for £1100 Scots for work carried out before 18 October last; John Mitchell, £12 Scots for work on a chimney and William Sheill, College Treasurer for £104 Scots for work in the College. (The latter entry crossed through). There are depositions here from Alexander Robertson, mason aged 29, unmarried and Robert Cunningham, mason aged 20 or thereby, unmarried regarding the work for John Mitchell.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 July 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 11 July 1701.

PETITIONER: Lady Margaret Naper (Napier?).

SITE: High Street, Duries Close.

PROPOSAL: To enclose an area of waste ground.

NOTES: The area is used as a jakes (toilet) and the petitioner wished to enclose it with a stone wall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 July 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 9 July 1701.

PETITIONER: Walter Cheisly, merchant.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about stopping of workmen.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Gowdilocks, present Deacon of the Masons who stopped the work being carried out by John Ramsay and Andrew Williamson, two of his journeymen masons. The regulations of the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel were cited but the Court decided the matter turned on whether the men were employed by a foreman. James Smith, mason appeared and signed a declaration that he had employed the men to work with him. There is an account here for £42 9s 6d from the petitioner, citing the damage to his property and furniture, loss of use of his chamber etc. when the workmen were stopped

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 July 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 16 July 1701.

PETITIONER: Archibald Galt, merchant in Bordeaux.

PROPOSAL: Claim for payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Walwood and John Watson, merchants. The petition refers to a ship, the Crown of Leith and there are letters here between the petitioner and the defenders.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 1 August 1701.

PETITIONER: William Wightman, Deacon of the Glovers.

SITE: High Street, Cranstone's Close, foot (Mylne's Close).

PROPOSAL: To raise a storm window and slate the roof of a stable.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 6 August 1701.
PETITIONER: James Russell, merchant.
SITE: High Street, north side opposite the Bow head well.
PROPOSAL: To strike out a window in his east side wall.
NOTES: The warrant was granted, he having a large opening window there already.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/20
WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1701.
PETITION LODGED: 11 July 1701.
PETITIONER: William Blackwood, merchant.
SITE: High Street, North side of the Meal Market.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about lack of progress in rebuilding.
NOTES: The complaint is against John Clark, stocking weaver who had not begun rebuilding his cellars and this prevented any building above. There is another petition here from John Clark presented on 23 July 1701 in which he complained that William Blackwood had taken the roof off his property and removed some of the timber and plaster. There are depositions with this petition from Patrick Skirber (?), plumber aged 50 or thereby, married and Thomas Wilson, wright, aged 40 or thereby who explain that the parts were taken down to prevent the spread of the fire. See warrant granted 5 January 1700 (Warrender and others).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/21
WARRANT GRANTED: 13 August 1701.
PETITION LODGED: 30 July 1701.
PETITIONER: William Stirling, WS.
SITE: West Port, Lady Lawson's Wynd.
PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.
NOTES: The petitioner had right to several tenements by disposition from the deceased Francis Lettrie (?) and he referred to a public sale by the Court of Session. He wished for a visit before pulling any of them down and he referred specifically to a great tenement on the West Port called the Old Tolbooth, at Lady Lawson's Wynd. The warrant was granted noting that it would be necessary to build a turnpike on the west part of the land, outside the sidewall towards the street, in place of the present stair.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/22
WARRANT GRANTED: 13 August 1701.
PETITION LODGED: 23 July 1701.
PETITIONER: William Elphinstone, wright.
SITE: Blackfriar's Wynd, east side.
PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.
NOTES: The petitioner purchased a tenement and a yard at the public roup in April or May, the property of the deceased William Robertson. He wished to build a tenement on a waste area, fronting the Wynd. The warrant specified that work should be in line with the tenement to the south belonging to him, keeping the upper or north end 11½ ft. from the turnpike of Deacon Reid's land opposite, on the west side of the Close.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/23
WARRANT GRANTED: 13 August 1701.
PETITION LODGED: 4 August 1701.
PETITIONER: Thomas Brown, merchant.
PROPOSAL: Claim of payment.
NOTES: The complaint is against William Straton, cooper in Leith for £354 Scots.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/24
WARRANT GRANTED: 13 August 1701.
PETITION LODGED: 13 August 1701.

PETITIONER: James Kincaid of Auchinreoch and James Newlands, merchants.

SITE: Halkerston's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a nuisance.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Stewart, distiller who has two steel pots in a laigh house he leased from the petitioner some five years ago. These cause smoke to come out the door and windows of the laigh house and they are also a fire risk. The Court ordered the pots to be removed. On 20 August the defender petitioned the Court, claiming to have been out of town at the time of the complaint.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 August 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 13 August 1701.

PETITIONER: Adam Brown, late Baillie.

SITE: High Street, north side, Writer's Court.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a cellar.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Mylne of Balfarg, mason and Patrick Steill, merchant who built the great tenement there (in 1695). They sold a house and cellar to John Watson, merchant who sold the same to the petitioner, who has paid the defenders the outstanding 1000 merks of the price. He also paid a further 200 merks for another cellar, below the one belonging to the house. He now complains that a load of coal has fallen through from one into the other because of the poor condition of the timber flooring between them. The Court found the joists to be altogether insufficient, they being quite rotten so that 'they may be muldred with ane hand'. The petitioner was allowed to employ some honest tradesman to joist the floor and charge the expence to the defenders.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 August 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 27 August 1701.

PETITIONER: Robert Innes, writer, factor for the creditors of Caerlaverock.

SITE: Street, Barringers Close.High

PROPOSAL: Complaint about outstanding payments.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Smith of Whitehill and James Smith, mason who owed the petitioner £ 90 Scots as three years maill and duty for a workhouse and yard occupied by them, pertaining to the said creditors and £33 yearly from 1695-1698. James Smith, mason also owed a further £90 Scots from Whitsunday 1690 till Whitsunday last. They were accused of having ruined the yard gate and the side wall of the workhouse and having left a great quantity of rubbish in the yard, rendering it useless to the next tenant. There is also a sworn statement here dated 16 August 1701.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 September 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 3 September 1701.

PETITIONER: Robert Innes, writer (lawyer), factor for creditors of George Campbell.

SITE: Canongate, Queensberry house, paving.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Smith of Whitehill who had begun relaying and levelling the pavement in front of Queensberry house without a warrant from the Court. This work injured the property belonging to the creditors of George Campbell. There is a copy here of an Act of the Town Council dated 15 August 1701 giving James Smith permission to carry out the work at the sight of the Dean of Guild and the Court ordered a visit at which they were to continue or stop the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 September 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 3 September 1701.

PETITIONER: Thomas Fisher, Town Chamberlain.

SITE: Below the Exchange.

PROPOSAL: To build chimneys.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to William Blackwood, Peter Brodie, Robert Crawford, George Alison and (blank) Campbell, relict of Andrew Anderson, printer to rebuild their tenement. The work had been held up by the need for the Town to rebuild its chimneys (in the old Exchange?) The petition refers to the warrant being granted the previous Court day, but this is not lodged here. See warrant granted 5 January 1701 (Heritors of Paterson's land).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 September 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 24 September 1701.

PETITIONER: Robert Bruce, goldsmith.

SITE: High Street, opposite the Tron.

PROPOSAL: Alteration to a stair.

NOTES: The petitioner acquired a dwelling house from the deceased James Cockburn, goldsmith, that had been built by John Hamilton, wright and acquired from him. The back stair had not been carried upwards to the stories above because there was a turnpike contiguous to it belonging to Alexander Borthwick. The petitioner had also acquired the first story of a back land and he wished to extend the stair upwards.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 September 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 30 July 1701.

PETITIONER: William Baillie, wright.

SITE: Libberton's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) Seton of Barnes whose roof is insufficient and slates had fallen from it, damaging the petitioner's window. There is an account her for the repair by Andrew Wardrop, glazier.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 October 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 8 October 1701.

PETITIONER: Archibald Black, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Libberton's Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a property.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Young, merchant, the petitioner's landlord who was ordered to make some repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 November 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 17 October 1701.

PETITIONER: George Clerk, Baillie and merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Handyside, merchant for the sum of £918 9s 10d Scots as the balance of an account. A debit and credit statement here between the parties from October 1697 to July 1700 totalling £3926 3s 10d Scots refers to wine.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 December 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 27 August 1701.

PETITIONER: William Sommervell, wright.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against the deceased James Ker, brewer and his spouse, Elizabeth Sinclair for sums outstanding on an account for £39 18s Scots and other sums.
DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted petitions.

BOX: 1701/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 March 1701 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 19 March 1701.

PETITIONER: John Galbraith, indweller in Nidderie and William Logan, writer as factor for the heirs of the deceased Allan Logan.

SITE: High Street, at the back of the Fish Market.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) Blair who was building close to an area in front of the petitioner's property and had gone beyond his boundary.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 March 1701 (defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 26 March 1701.

PETITIONER: George Lawson junior, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Steill, vintner for the sum of £831 10s 6d Scots as the outstanding balance of an account totalling £4212 19s 6d from 17 May and 26 December 1699. The larger portion of the account was for wine and there is a full statement here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 April 1701 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 16 April 1701.

PETITIONER: John Clerk, stocking knitter.

SITE: Parliament Square, a tenement north east of the yard adjacent to Parliament house.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner had a lodging in the tenement belonging to Thomas Robertson and a right to the foreland yard. The tenement had been destroyed in the late fire (3 February 1700). The complaint is against (blank) Henderson, merchant who had built a wall in the yard which took away the petitioner's light. He had also created a public passage to a house he had lately built on the Leather Market.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 April 1701 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 16 April 1701.

PETITIONER: Andrew Cassie, son of the late Alexander Cassie in St. Andrews and William Archibald, his factor.

SITE: Not given (Bells Wynd?).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Reuben McRabbie periwig maker and William Mylne, mason who had slapped an opening in the gable of a property occupied by John Watt. This may be related to the unextracted petition dated 27 August 1701 (Milne).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 April 1701 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 18 April 1701.

PETITIONER: William Cleghorn, brewer.

SITE: Society and other property in Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a property.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Wood, Archibald Kerr and Andrew Gardiner, brewers from whom the petitioner held a tack for 11 years from 3 September 1690, registered in the Court book of Edinburgh on 16 September 1691. According to this the defenders were responsible for the upkeep of the property and he asked for a visit from the Court to determine the work required. The defenders refute the claim and mention a possible action in the Court of Session.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 May 1701 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 7 May 1701.

PETITIONER: Thomas Kincaid, indweller.

SITE: Parliament Close, east side of the entry to the Meal Market.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Charles Jack, vintner who had acquired a house under the petitioner's house and shop '... and he [Jack] being obliged as is customary in ye like cases to lay the joisting immediately above the house, he has laid the same two feet & a half or thereby higher than before...' to the detriment of the petitioner's property. The petitioner's property was previously possessed by Samuel McClellan, merchant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 July 1701 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 4 July 1701.

PETITIONER: Thomas Whyt, brewer in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Lees Quarter.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Riddell, soap boiler in Leith who had laid down a great pile of stones against the petitioner's property, obscuring his windows. There is an instrument of protest here dated 4 July 1701 and witnessed by John Brokat, mason in Leith and Dionisius Thomson, brewer there.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 July 1701.

PETITION LODGED: 23 July 1701.

PETITIONER: Joseph Young.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Johnstone, merchant for the sum of £317 0s 3d, the balance of an account for £581 6s 3d Scots for cloth etc. There is a full statement of account here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 July 1701 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 23 July 1701.

PETITIONER: Alexander Finlay, pewterer.

SITE: High Street, opposite the head of Marlines Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner has a shop possessed by John Tait, pewterer. The complaint is against William Livingston, glover who occupies the adjoining shop. He had painted his shop and put up gloves and other signs of his trade to the detriment of the petitioner.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 July 1701 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 30 July 1701.
PETITIONER: Patrick Conte, merchant.
SITE: Not given but probably Greyfriars Churchyard.
PROPOSAL: To use the burial plot where his deceased wife lay for a family plot.
NOTES: This petition was sent to the Town Council and remitted the Dean of Guild.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/11*
WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1701 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 23 July 1701.
PETITIONER: Sir Patrick Johnston, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, George Warrender, John Adam, Macer in the Court of Session and others, heritors.
SITE: Parliament Close, south side, above the entry to the Exchange.
PROPOSAL: To complete the rebuilding of a burnt tenement.
NOTES: The petitioners state that they have almost completed the building of the tenement and in a few days the chimney heads will be coped. Thomas Robertson who was heritor of the two uppermost floors refused to put on the roof. The defender stated that he had denuded responsibility for the garrets and roof to Robert Blackwood. Blackwood produced his rights which being read, did not mention the garrets. Thomas Kincaid took instruments against Thomas Robertson.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/12*
WARRANT GRANTED: 20 August 1701.
PETITION LODGED: 20 August 1701.
PETITIONER: Patrick Steill, vintner.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against James Borthwick, residenter for the balance of £172 10s Scots on an account for hock wine.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/13*
WARRANT GRANTED: 27 August 1701 (no warrant, appointed a visit).
PETITION LODGED: 27 August 1701.
PETITIONER: George Mylne, merchant.
SITE: Bell's Wynd, at the back.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about a blocked sewer.
NOTES: The petitioner complains that Reuben McRabbie, periwig maker had placed rubbish in the sewer which had blocked it and allowed the water to lie against the side wall of his property, occupied by George Dennet. The defender denied the claim but accepted that he struck out a window. This may be related to the unextracted petition dated 16 April 1701 (Cassie).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/14*
WARRANT GRANTED: 10 September 1701.
PETITION LODGED: 20 August 1701.
PETITIONER: John Campbell, merchant.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Gavenlocks, Deacon of the Masons for payment of sums for work carried out by William Brown, smith £744 3s 4d.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/15*
WARRANT GRANTED: 8 October 1701 (no warrant, appointed a visit).
PETITION LODGED: 8 October 1701.
PETITIONER: Alexander Gavenlocks, Patrick Carfrae, James Cathcart and William Carfrae.
SITE: Leith?
PROPOSAL: Complaint about a conduit or sewer.
NOTES: Parts of this petition are damaged and missing but it appears to relate to

property possessed by William Cleghorn who had broken the conduit that brought water to the windmill and in repairing it had raised the level.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/16*

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 October 1701 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 15 October 1701.

PETITIONER: James Arbuckle, merchant.

SITE: High Street, Forresters Wynd, west side, first and second stories.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) Tweedie, relict of the late George Brown, merchant who had slapped out a window and damaged the petitioner's vent. The property is near that new tenement lately built by Alexander Gavenlock, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/17*

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 December 1701 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 31 December 1701.

PETITIONER: James Nimmo, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Gordon, merchant in Campneer (Campvere, now Veere in Holland). There are letters here between the parties and a statement of account.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/18*

WARRANT GRANTED: Undated.

PETITION LODGED: Undated.

PETITIONER: John Stewart, merchant.

SITE: Libberton's Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a nuisance.

NOTES: The petitioner had leased a shop from William Abercrombie, minister of the Gospel and the house above it was possessed by Mr. Hume who allowed his servants to throw out their waste water. This had damaged the petitioner's stock including two pieces of plaiding.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1701/19*

WARRANT GRANTED: Undated.

PETITION LODGED: 1701.

PETITIONER: George Campbell, brewer.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mary Clark, relict of Niccoll Hardie, WS for the outstanding balance of £54 6s on an account of £68 4s Scots for ale. The defender admitted the debt and promised to pay on 7 October 1700 but presumably failed to do so. The full account is here.

DRAWINGS: None.

1702

The Court Officers from October 1701:

Dean of Guild

Adam Brown

Council

John Diram, merchant

James Nairn, merchant

Robert Hunter, merchant

Adam Ker, baxter

William Wardrop, litster

Dean of Guild Officer: David Calderwood

BOX: 1702/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 January 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 4 December 1700.

PETITIONER: James Nicolson of Trabroun and James Stephen, Usher to His Majesties Exchequer.

SITE: High Street, at the east end of St. Giles Church, Blairs land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint regarding non payment of the expence of repairs to the roof.

NOTES: The complaint is against Agnes Campbell, Alexander Forbes, goldsmith, Hugh Blair, David Cathcart, (blank) relict of Andrew Law, goldsmith, James Stevenson, advocate, David Dalrymple, advocate and others, heritors of the lower floors, who refuse to pay. The petitioners had dispositions from the builders stating their responsibility for such repairs and others pointed out that they had paid greater sums in order not to share such responsibility. The petitioners, James Nicolson and James Stephen purchased the south half of the uppermost story by disposition dated 7 May 1687 (registered 16 May 1687) from Robert Mylne, mason and Andrew Paterson, wright for the sum of £320 Stg. with an obligation to maintain the roof. They also owned the north half of the tenement by disposition dated 7 May 1687 (registered in the Burgh Court books, 28 March 1688) by the same to William Montgomerie, merchant, it being the sixth story from the 'superface' of Parliament Close for £327 Stg. In answers here for James Nicolson and James Stephen it is stated that the tenement was completely finished in 1684. Alexander Forbes was shown to have purchased his shop from Alexander Reid who had purchased it from Mylne and Paterson for £150 Stg with an obligation to maintain the roof. The warrant is written on a statement of the expence totalling £1474 10s 4d with a scheme of division. The irony is that this tenement was burnt to the ground on 3 February 1700.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 January 1702 (New Style).

PETITION LODGED: 17 December 1701.

PETITIONER: Marion Rutherford, relict of James Mertoun, coachman in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate head, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about undermining.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Inglis, pewterer who had dug under her house, causing it to fall and damage her furniture and goods. There is an instrument of protest here dated 10 December 1701. The defender was ordered to pay £20 Scots in damages on 24 December 1701 but this was modified to £10 on 21 January (New Style).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 January 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 14 January 1702.

PETITIONER: Robert Hunter, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Johnston, merchant and George Anderson, merchant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 January 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 21 January 1702.

PETITIONER: Patrick Carfrae, Deacon of the masons.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Hamilton, mason for an outstanding account lodged here for £100 19s 6d Scots for stone supplied between 9 June 1694 and 1

November 1697. The defender identified some disputed items on the account.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 January 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 27 August 1701.

PETITIONER: William Brown, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Mitchell, vintner for the sum of £50 Stg for five hogsheads of claret supplied in December and January last (1700). The defender tried to claim that part of the wine 'is yet to run' and asked the Court to decide if he should pay now; it did so.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 January 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 21 January 1702.

PETITIONER: John Kerr, stabler.

SITE: Canongate head, south side, Haliburton's Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Inglis, pewterer who has acquired a gable overlooking the petitioner's piece of waste ground from William Stewart, writer. He has altered it with windows to make it a side wall and thus force the petitioner to build eighteen inches from it to leave an eaves drop. The Court gave the petitioner and his successors the right to lay to the wall when they build on the waste ground and in the meantime the defender had to put bars in all the windows.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 January 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 21 January 1702.

PETITIONER: John Jolly, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Henderson of Whitburgh for a debt of £494 Scots

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 January 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 17 December 1701.

PETITIONER: John Mitchell, vintner.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an account for building a dyke.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Lamb, son of the deceased William Lamb, merchant, his curator, George Clerk, late Baillie and John Henderson, brewer. The petition refers to a warrant granted to the deceased William Lamb (on 19 August 1696?) to raise the walls of a dyke on a property formerly belonging to John Gardiner, brewer. There was an argument about the share of payment for the building costs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 February 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 4 February 1702.

PETITIONER: James Smith of Whythill, mason.

SITE: High Street, between Paisleys Close on the west and Barringers Close on the east.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a contiguous laigh house on the north which he purchased from the creditors of Caerlaverock and which he intends taking down and rebuilding. The warrant grants permission to 'build upon his waist adjoining to the house already built be him and to cary the same northward & to lay to Carelaverock's gavell and to take down and rebuild that house pertaining to him lying on ye west syd of Barengers Close...'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 February 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 4 February 1702.

PETITIONER: Alexander Dunbar, late brewer in Edinburgh and now indweller in Portsburgh.

SITE: Portsburgh, High Street, south side at the eastmost end, on the corner at the turn.

PROPOSAL: To carry out repairs.

NOTES: The property was acquired by judgement by Thomas Gibson, surgeon from the late deceased Hendry Mein, cordiner, son and heir to the deceased (blank) Mein, cordiner in Portsburgh. The property was then disponed to the petitioner by Thomas Gibson. Hendry Mein died in January 1702 and the petitioner wishes to repair the uninhabited property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 February 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 11 February 1702.

PETITIONER: Thomas Edgar, surgeon.

SITE: High Street, north side, Landmarket, head of mid Baxter's Close.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild two tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner owned two tenements, one of timber and the other of stone, which were partly demolished in order to prevent the spread of the late dreadful fire. The warrant gave permission for such new fashioned windows, vents as he desired.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 February 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 4 February 1702.

PETITIONER: James Pirnie, son of the late Sir Magnus Pirnie, late Lord Provost and Mr. Magnus Pirnie writer.

SITE: Kings Stables, west part.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tan loft, a well and other property.

NOTES: The property had been adjudged to the petitioner and the Court ordered the repairs to be carried out by Agnes Simpson and if not, by the petitioner. The property previously pertained to (blank) Forrester.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 February 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 30 January 1702.

PETITIONER: Margaret Johnston, relict of William Hanna, baxter, Burgess of the Canongate and William Chrystie, stabler, her tenant.

SITE: Canongate head, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Inglis, pewterer who had erected a great stone tenement to the south of her property. In doing so he had undermined her gable and brought it near to falling. The Court initially ordered the defender to take down the entire gable and rebuild it at his sole expence but after a further visit decided the gable

could be repaired by him at the sight of Robert Mylne, mason. See unextracted petition dated 20 March 1702 (Chrystie).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 February 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 10 December 1701.

PETITIONER: Robert Miln of Balfarg, mason.

SITE: Parliament Close, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment for work carried out.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Inglis, goldsmith, Thomas Mercer, Commissary Clerk, George Dewar, wright, Charles Jack, vintner and (blank) Cleghorn, Treasurer of the Town for mason work carried out on a tenement that shared a gable with the old Exchange. The account, lodged here refers to work on rebuilding chimneys in the Commissary Chamber, for heightening the wall next to the Exchange Stairs and on the treasury room chimney.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 February 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 8 October 1701.

PETITIONER: Sir George Nicolson of Kenmay.

SITE: High Street, north side, Morrison's Close and Grays Close, foot, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Kincaid of Auchinreoch who had built a dyke that obstructed the entry to the petitioner's property. The petitioner had purchased his lodging, sometime belonging to the late Sir John Morrison of Dairsie, from the late Alexander Halliburton of Inverleith. The defender stated that he had a warrant for the work dated 16 August 1699 and he was allowed to continue building his dyke with specific instructions. See the unextracted petition dated 18 March 1702 (Nicolson).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 February 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 18 February 1702.

PETITIONER: George Lawson, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Elizabeth Ker, relict of James Ker of Chester.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 February 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 18 February 1702.

PETITIONER: William Scoular, jun. merchant

SITE: Canongate head, south side.

PROPOSAL: To build a transe and loft above a tan house.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 March 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 25 February 1702.

PETITIONER: John Hay, Baillie.

SITE: High Street, north side, entering by the stair on west side of the Post office.

PROPOSAL: To repair the stair.

NOTES: The petition included a list of the proprietors above who were ordered to contribute to the cost.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 March 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 4 March 1702.

PETITIONER: George Lawson jun. merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Mitchell, vintner for the sum of £313 10s Stg. for wine supplied. The account is lodged here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/ 20

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 March 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 4 March 1702.

PETITIONER: David Lindsay, merchant.

SITE: Blackfriar's Wynd, east side, near the head.

PROPOSAL: To build a timber shop under the forestair.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 March 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 4 March 1702.

PETITIONER: Alexander Russell, wright.

SITE: Forrester's Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Campbell, minister at Inveraray for payment of an account for repairs to a house occupied by Robert Bowman. There is an account here for the work carried out in 1701 totalling £471 6s Scots and a measure of the same by Robert Watson, ordained measurer. There is a further statement of the plaster work signed by Robert Watson and John Scott.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 March 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 11 March 1702.

PETITIONER: Andrew Paterson of Dirkem or Kirkem, wright.

SITE: Hearts Close, a laigh house.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of waste water.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Paterson, late Baillie of the Potterrow, James Marshall, factor for the children of Sir Patrick Aikenhead, Sir James Dalrymple of Kelloch, James Brown, surgeon, Walter Scott, glazier and Magdalen Scott, relict of the late George Clerk. The Court ordered the several heritors to 'make ye windoes looking into with close glase stenchell or Trelis' before 15 July.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 March 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 19 March 1702.

PETITIONER: John Montgomery, WS.

SITE: High Street, north side, head of Mary King's Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a timber fore stair and a stone skail stair.

NOTES: The Court granted the warrant with instructions; 'to carry out the fore stair lyne right with the fore stair immediately above the same & plum thr with and to support the same with two good timber pillars, the one to be fixed on the west syde of the scale stair at Marie Kings close head and the other at the west gavell of Thos. Edgar's hous & to put ane good dormont betwixt them ... & to make such windows in the sd fore stair as he thinks fit...'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 March 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 20 March 1702.

PETITIONER: James Martine, (blank) Urrie, Minister of the Gospel, Alexander Paterson, Alexander Hay and George Rome, all writers (lawyers), heritors.

SITE: High Street, at the Cross, Pitcarlie's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner's have rebuilt their tenement destroyed by fire (3 February 1700) and they have almost completed the work. They complain that the builders of the west gable have raised the vents higher than they were previously and intend raising others higher still. The Court ordered Robert Miln, the builder of the neighbouring Blair's land to carry up the vents on Pitcarlie's land to the same height.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 March 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 4 March 1702.

PETITIONER: Reuben McRabbie, wigmaker and factor for Joan Pringle, relict of William Kilpatrick, late minister at Antrim in Ireland.

SITE: High Street, Borthwick's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Steill, vintner for payment of £20 13s 4d Scots as the half yearly rental on a dwelling house from Whitsunday 1701, which pertains to the complainer, George Marshall and (Mr.?) Maitland.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 March 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 20 March 1702.

PETITIONER: Joan Durhame, indweller.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) Cathcart, litster in Leith who has placed joists in the gable of the petitioner's property and has raised his property by two stories. The Court found the gable to be a mutual one and dismissed the claim.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 March 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 13 February 1702.

PETITIONER: Alexander Brown, merchant.

SITE: Luckenbooths, downmost or easter part, looking towards the Cross.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild the fore stair in stone.

NOTES: The previous forestair was taken down to prevent the spread of the late fire. The warrant refers to the rebuilding of the house and gave specific instructions that his east gable should be rebuilt with a plain ashlar front, no higher than the battlement of St. Giles Church and with a platform roof. The petitioners refer to an action in the Court of Session regarding the rebuilding of neighbouring properties. There is a further note here from the Court dated 28 October 1702, specifying the way the petitioner is to complete the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 March 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 11 March 1702.

PETITIONER: William Hutchison.

SITE: Grassmarket, south side, near the West Port.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner's property is bounded by the property of John Somervell on the east and there is reference to a little timber shop belonging to him.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 April 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 1 April 1702.

PETITIONER: John Montgomery, WS, Robert Murray, merchant and Thomas Inglis, pewterer.

SITE: High Street, Kennedy's Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a forestair in stone.

NOTES: See the warrant granted 18 November 1702 (Watson).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 April 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 1 April 1702.

PETITIONER: Alexander Ainsley, merchant.

SITE: North Leith, near the Glass works

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a ruinous tenement in stone.

NOTES: The warrant gave specific instructions and measurement related to Lord Kennedy's turnpike and house.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 April 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 7 January 1702.

PETITIONER: John, Earl of Roxburgh and John Buchanan, writer his factor.

SITE: Canongate, south side (opposite Lochend Close).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to his property.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Miller, indweller who owns a gable contiguous to the petitioner's coach house. The gable had been allowed to become ruinous and it fell on the coach house, damaging the roof and a dyke which protected his yard. There are accounts here from William Somervell, wright (£9 7s) and John Watson, slater (£10 7s) for work carried out on 27 November 1701. The warrant ordering the defender to repair the dyke was granted on 4 February 1702 with the provision that the earl or his factor could have the work done if not complete by April. Nothing was done and the Court called the defender again who was found liable for the expence of the repairs. In answers for the defender he claimed that, as the earl was '... most remot from the Kingdom...' his factor should produce his factory. He also claimed that his wife was the proprietor of the fallen tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 April 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 1 April 1702.

PETITIONER: Robert Hewlands, skinner.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to a pocket watch.

NOTES: The complaint was against John Wightman, skinner who was in company with the petitioner on Bruntsfield Links 'about six months ago' when the defender hit a golf ball so violently that it struck the petitioner's silver watch in his pocket and destroyed it. He claimed that the watch had cost him £7 sterling at London and that he claimed this amount. The defender claimed that it was a mere accident and the Court agreed, suggesting he would have to provide witnesses if he wanted to suggest otherwise. See warrant granted 6 May 1702 (Wightman) for further comment.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 April 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 25 February 1702.

PETITIONER: John Letham, late Deacon of the Hammermen.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Meikle, hammerman for the sum of £120 6s 6d Scots in an account lodged here. Some items in the account were challenged as being

too high and there are depositions here by Thomas Garner aged 43, married; James Wilson aged 22 or thereby, unmarried, both journeymen to the petitioner and James Anderson, his apprentice, aged 24 or thereby, unmarried. The Court found he owed £117 7s 6d.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 April 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 1 April 1702.

PETITIONER: John Galbraith, barber.

PROPOSAL: Dispute about an indenture.

NOTES: The petitioner complains that the indenture for his apprentice, Joseph Middlemas had been boxed up and held by the Clerk of the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 26 July 1699.

PETITIONER: John Hyndshaw, wright.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Hamilton, mason for the sum of £362 9s 2d Scots resting due on a larger account of £422 1s 2d for wright work since 28 April 1694. The account, lodged here, names of other tradesmen sub contracted by the petitioner including Thomas Anderson, Robert Miller, wright, John Drumond, Andrew Vallance, John Purves and work in a house possessed by John Cockburn. The petitioner must have died during the proceedings and the petition was taken up by his relict and children. In answers for Thomas Hamilton he refers to the work in his property in Harts Close which he had sold to Deacon Shearer six years previously. The matter went to the Court of Session in a Bill of Advocation, who remitted back to the Dean of Guild on 8 February 1700. The Court found in favour of the petitioner's family for the full amount with expences of £29 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 April 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 24 April 1702.

PETITIONER: John Henry, late Deacon of the Cordiners.

SITE: High Street, head of Monteith's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a room under a forestair.

NOTES: The Court agreed to him building a little shop as long as it only came out in a straight line with the west side of the Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 May 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 22 April 1702.

PETITIONER: Alexander Hope, tailor in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate head, south side.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof of a stair.

NOTES: The existing roof was flat and insufficient and the Court agreed to it being heightened and repaired as long as the petitioner did not raise or meddle with the main roof.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 May 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 29 April 1702.

PETITIONER: Gideon Elliot, surgeon.

SITE: High Street, Patrick Steill's (now Old Assembly) Close, west side and Covenant Close.

PROPOSAL: Alterations.

NOTES: To strike out a window in a house acquired from John Hamilton, wright, on the west side towards Patrick Steills Close and to enlarge another window towards Covenant Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 May 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 6 May 1702.

PETITIONER: John Wightman, skinner.

PROPOSAL: Further comment on a previous petition.

NOTES: See warrant granted 15 April 1702 (Newlands).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 May 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 22 April 1702.

PETITIONER: Patrick Chalmers, wright.

SITE: Cowgate, north side, foot of Cant's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) Aitken, cowfeeder who is a tenant of a laigh house belonging to the children of the late John Curie. The petitioner acquired houses from William Smith, merchant who had a servitude dated 4 February 1665, preventing the building of any structure to the prejudice of the petitioner's property. The complaint is that the defender's tenants throw out their muck from the byres into the Close. The Court ordered the defender to desist on penalty of a fine of £10 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 May 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 29 April 1702.

PETITIONER: Laurence Johnston, preacher of the Gospel.

SITE: Pleasance.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof (and add a storm window?)

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 May 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 29 April 1702.

PETITIONER: Alexander Monteith.

SITE: Dickson's Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Ramsay and Andrew Williamson, masons and William Crawford, wright. The defenders while working for Robert Young, writer have damaged the petitioner's property. William Crawford is also accused of employing two unfree tradesmen.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 May 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 6 May 1702.

PETITIONER: John Blaikie, late Deacon of the Wakers (night watchmen).

SITE: North Loch, east end.

PROPOSAL: To repair a workhouse.

NOTES: The petitioner has a workhouse and the gable wall is being eroded by the action of the Loch. He asks for three ells of area to the west of his workhouse to protect it. The petition was addressed to the Town Council who remitted it to the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 May 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 20 May 1702.
PETITIONER: David Clelland, merchant.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Lowrie for payment of an account totalling £384 4s Scots for quantities of Holland cloth. The cloth had been sent with John Howson, merchant to Bordeaux for sale.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/45
WARRANT GRANTED: 26 May 1702.
PETITION LODGED: 13 May 1702.
PETITIONER: James Nimmo, late Deacon of the Tailors.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Skirving, plumber for the balance of £134 8s Scots outstanding on an account lodged for work between 29 August 1695 and 8 April 1701. The defender is called Captain Scirvin on the account.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/46
WARRANT GRANTED: 29 May 1702.
PETITION LODGED: 20 May 1702.
PETITIONER: James Lesley, advocate, James Grahame, late baillie, Alexander Monteith, late Deacon of the Surgeons and John Drummond, merchant, heritors.
SITE: High Street, head of Dickson's Close
PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.
NOTES: The petitioners are heritors of a great stone tenement built by Robert Milne and James Bane that has become crazy and dangerous. They ask to take down the 'cunzie' or corner and rebuild with a new pillar on the west to be thickened by two inches southward and three inches westward, the expence of the work to be shared by all the heritors. This petition was also a complaint against others including Robert Malloch, merchant and Robert Rothead, merchant, the contiguous heritors on the west, not to stand in the way of the work.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/47
WARRANT GRANTED: 29 May 1702.
PETITION LODGED: 27 March 1702.
PETITIONER: William Scott, second son of the deceased Charles Scott of Bavelaw and Sir William Binning of Wallyford, WS, William Calderwood, advocate, Charles Binning, advocate and Adam Fullerton of Bartonholme, WS, his tutors; with James Marshall, writer (lawyer) their factor.
SITE: Cowgate, south side, Scotts Close, forgainst the Meal Market.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about a well.
NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Robertson of Lochbank and John Young, brewer his tenant, who has allowed a well to become blocked and corrupted over the previous fourteen years. The Court did not support a claim for damage but ordered the defenders to fill up their well with earth if they were not going to use it.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/48
WARRANT GRANTED: 29 May 1702.
PETITION LODGED: 6 May 1702.
PETITIONER: Helen Livingston, relict of William Crawford, writer.
SITE: Wrights Close.
PROPOSAL: Sharing the expence of work.
NOTES: The petition refers to work carried out by the deceased Robert Brown, causeway layer in relaying the stone at the entry to the Close. His relict, Joan Eliot has made a claim of £19 8s 10 plus expences for the work.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 June 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 6 May 1702.

PETITIONER: Robert Watson of Muirhouse, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Rogers, merchant (Patrick Steill, vintner crossed through) and Mrs. Purdie, relict of (blank) Purdie, tailor for payment for wine. No sum is given for Robert Watson but Patrick Steill owed £360 Scots, all of which is crossed through suggesting he settled, and Mrs. Purdie owed £240 Scots. A note of the account is here, outstanding from November and December 1700.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 June 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 15 April 1702.

PETITIONER: George Livingston, wright.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The petitioner explained that as well as his trade as a wright he had also traded in timber and he presented an account between him and Alexander Cameron totalling 7204 18s Scots. He also claimed £1000 Scots damages. In answers for the defender he explained that he had worked for the petitioner from about May 1696 and continued in his service for three years when he became indentured to him on 16 August 1699. He was supposed to learn his trade as a wright but instead he was put to selling timber at Leith until February last when he was thrown out of the petitioner's house, accusing him of embezzling his timber. The Court arbitrated and found the defender owed the petitioner £46 11s2d Scots. This is a complicated case which also involved a claim in the Baillie Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 June 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 25 March 1702

PETITIONER: Thomas Lowrey, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a bond.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Baird, late Baillie. The petition refers to money owed to Daniel de Neusville, merchant in Amsterdam. In answers for the defender he refers to his father in law, Robert Turnbull and Abraham and Daniel Donevuile, merchants in Amsterdam. The Court found for the defender.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 June 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 3 June 1702.

PETITIONER: John Henderson, wright for himself and on behalf of the other proprietors.

SITE: Forrester's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a stack of dry timber.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Wast (West), baxter who is storing timber 'such as whynn and ryi' between Libberton's and Forrester's Wynds. The Court ordered the removal of the stack before 10 July.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 June 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 10 June 1702.

PETITIONER: Patrick Hurdman, vintner.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the removal of his name from a sign.

NOTES: The petitioner had taken a lease on a tavern from Thomas Fairholme, writer (lawyer) that had previously been occupied by George Fenwick. He asked John Baillie,

surgeon who owned the fore room if he could place his name on the sign at the head of the Close and had his consent to do so. His name was later removed by David Wood, vintner and the Court ordered him to get his painter to reinstate the name.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 June 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 3 June 1702.

PETITIONER: John Davie, brewer.

SITE: Pleasance.

PROPOSAL: To build a brewhouse and other office houses.

NOTES: The petitioner's property was contiguous on the north (or west?) to a yard belonging to the Quakers.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 June 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 3 June 1702.

PETITIONER: John Young, brewer.

SITE: High School Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Isobell Milne, relict of James Scott, flesher. James Watson, surveyor was the tenant in a property held in liferent by the defender and he spent the sum of £239 4s 6d Scots as set out in an account here, on repairs and other business. By an assignation dated 1 June 1702 James Watson made the petitioner his assignee in relation to the debt. The account includes an item: For consulting Sir David Tholes, Sir David Dalrymple and James Hamilton of Bangour and given to their servants during the time of seven sessions £100 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/56

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 June 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 17 June 1702.

PETITIONER: Captain Patrick Murray, Thomas Paterson, minister, and John Wallace, apothecary, for themselves and the other creditors of James Murray of Caerlaverock.

SITE: Barringers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the demolition of a cellar.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Smith, mason although James Smith of Whythill, mason is mentioned in other documents here. It was claimed that when James Smith of Whythill rebuilt a tenement he destroyed a cellar belonging to the petitioners. There is an agreement here between James Smith and the heirs of Caerlaverock to do this and a letter from James Smith to the Clerk of the Dean of Guild Court, Gilbert Kirkhome dated 31 July 1702 in which he points out that he is frequently out of town and could not wait upon the Dean of Guild. He then specified exactly what he will build. The Court ordered him to build a new cellar on waste ground on the opposite side of the Close but this raised a complaint from Elizabeth Duff, relict of John Dalgarno who claimed a right to the waste ground on 11 November 1702. There was an argument over the right claimed by Elizabeth Duff and she presented a disposition by Elizabeth Muir, daughter of Andrew Muir to Thomas Duff, tailor which set out her claim and it referred to Dansayers Close, east of Barringers Close now called Chalmers Close. The petitioners disputed her claim and the matter went on into 1703 but the Court appears not to have taken any further action. There is a further petition here from the creditors dated simply 1703, in which they explain that James Smith had ordered his workmen to begin work and that Mrs. Dalgarno had no right to the ground. They asked the Court to allow the workmen to continue.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/57

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 June 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 10 June 1702.

PETITIONER: Thomas Kincaid, indweller.

SITE: Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the rebuilding of his tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Mylne of Balfarg, mason and John Tait, merchant. Robert Mylne had a warrant to rebuild the tenement belonging to Thomas Robertson and now to John Tait and it was agreed that the walls should be three feet thick in accordance with the Act of Parliament. The complaint is that he is only building them 2ft 6" in thickness and is also building chimneys that did not exist previously. He also claimed that the wester side wall of his house had been demolished without his consent or a warrant and that should not have been done because it was untouched by the late fire (3 February 1700). The Court granted a detailed warrant for the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/58

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 June 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 20 May 1702.

PETITIONER: Thomas Kyle, wright.

SITE: Old Post House Close, commonly called Cants Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To remove the roof and increase the height of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner also asked to move his north gable as far as the contiguous tenement belonging to David Sutherland son of (James?) Sutherland. The Court called James Sutherland, late Baillie of Edinburgh. There is a complaint here from James Sutherland, Janet Sutherland, relict of David Robertson, vintner and Charles Menzies, WS against the petitioner which has a notation dated 27 January 1703 stopping him working on the east side wall of his house till the next Court day. The drawing here is currently the earliest in the collection.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.

[Image wanting]

Description: a. Elevation and section of a four story tenement.

Size: 36.6 x 30.0 cms.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan of the tenement.

BOX: 1702/59

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 June 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 13 May 1702.

PETITIONER: Thomas Sheill, tenant in Bronyhirom.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Scott, wright for the sum of £46 7s 6d Scots for carrying 265 carts of red (rubbish) from Parliament Close to the Canongate brick yard.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/60

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 June 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 24 June 1702.

PETITIONER: John Tait, merchant.

SITE: Parliament Square.

PROPOSAL: To make alterations to vents.

NOTES: The petitioner rebuilt a cellar but was prevented for giving it a new vent because Frances Brown relict of James Verte would not allow it to be built through her property. Now Mrs. Verte has built two vents for herself the petitioner thinks it only right that he should be allowed his, The Court agreed, stating that it had to be 10 inches from the joists or flooring and that he should lath and plaster the cellar under Mrs. Verte's south room.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/61

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 June 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 20 May 1702.

PETITIONER: Robert Blackwood, merchant, Charles Row, WS, James Smith of Whythill, David Crawford, Clerk to the admission of Notters (Notaries), (blank) Williamson, relict of David Cairnes and others, heritors.

SITE: Parliament Close, Kirkheugh tenement.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the incomplete roof.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Robertson of Lochbank who is the proprietor of the upper floor and garrets in the tenement and who had not yet begun to rebuild his property even though the tenement is now complete up to David Crawford's story, immediately below that belonging to Thomas Robertson. The warrant noted that the defender had been requested many times to complete the work. Given the advanced season they ordered him to complete the work by 1 August next or failing, the Court granted ownership of the upper floor to the petitioners and granted them a warrant to complete the work, the cost not to exceed £800 Scots. This cost would be paid by the defender on cognition of the accounts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/62

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 June 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 10 June 1702.

PETITIONER: Alexander Black, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a bill.

NOTES: The complaint is against Richard Howison and Thomas Chatto, merchants for the sum of £200 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/63

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 June 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 26 June 1702.

PETITIONER: Sir John Inglis of Crammond.

SITE: West Bow, head.

PROPOSAL: Agreement regarding a gable.

NOTES: The petitioner wished to register an obligation dated 28 May 1702, that he reached with his neighbour, George Clerk, late Baillie regarding the placing of chimneys against his gable. The agreement makes it clear that this action does not affect the ownership or responsibility for the gable which belongs to Sir John. In the obligation it states that George Clerk owned the fore stone tenement at the head of the West Bow, 'forgainst ye west end of the weyhous of Edinr', previously been owned by the deceased (blank) Carnegy. Sir John's fore stone tenement stood on the south side of George Clerk's tenement. There is an undated petition here from George Clerk to make alterations to his vents.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/64

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 July 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 1 July 1702.

PETITIONER: Robert Gibson, merchant.

SITE: Landmarket, south side, a laigh house adjacent to Warriston's land.

PROPOSAL: To carry out repairs.

NOTES: The work is required on the steps and on a shop window. The warrant allowed the step to be brought forward as far as the wester cheek of the shop and also to dig the ground under the shop to make a little room for convenience.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/65

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 July 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 1 July 1702.

PETITIONER: Agnes Brown relict of Henry Capell, maltman in Leith.

SITE: South Leith, Yardheads, Capell's Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair malt barns and brew houses.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/66

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 22 July 1702.

PETITIONER: John Fairholme, advocate, George Warrender, John and Robert Hunter, merchants, John Eidington son of the late John Eidington, writer and John Hamilton, wright.

SITE: Covenant Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Jollie, merchant who claims ownership of a laigh house south of the petitioner's property. The defender had carried out alterations to the tenement, raising it and opening new windows very close to the new vents. There is a wrights shop hard by this laigh house and the petitioner's fear the windows may be a danger. The Court found that the defenders warrant allowed him to repair the chimney heads and hearth stones but did not allow him to raise the vents and so ordered their demolition.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/67

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 24 July 1702.

PETITIONER: James Kerr, tailor, John Chrichton, sivewright and David Chrystie, periwig maker.

SITE: High Street, Provosts Close, head.

PROPOSAL: To make alterations to a tenement.

NOTES: The work was to include the insertion of 'new fashioned chess windows' in James Kerr's house.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/68

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 July 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 29 May 1702.

PETITIONER: George Warrender, late Baillie.

SITE: Parliament Square, the Kirkheugh tenement.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a cellar.

NOTES: The petitioner showed 'that Thomas Robertson of Lochbank having disponed heritably to me a seller in the ground of that land called the Kirk heugh entering at the foot of the scale stair within that house pertaining to Mrs. Law and which seller was possessed be Sir George Home [and] is contiguous upon the east to the great mutual gavel betwixt the said tenement called the Kirk heugh & the oyr tenement pertaining to me & oysr [others] & lyes contiguous upon ye west to a seller wh was immediately posest before ye burning [on 3 February 1700] be James Robertson pertaining to the sayd Thomas Robertson. And the west part of the forsd tenement called the Kirk heugh being now built and there being yet a part of my said seller to finish'. Robert Blackwood complained that the petitioner had not shown his title to the cellar and in his defence the petitioner instantly produced his disposition by the trustees of Thomas Robertson. Not content with this he arranged depositions to prove that Sir George Home had been his tenant in the cellar from; James Anderson, WS aged 38, married; James Fairbairn, brewer, late servant to Thomas Robertson, aged 26 and James Robertson, workman aged 50, married.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/69

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 August 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 3 July 1702.

PETITIONER: The Earl of Leven, Governor of the Bank of Scotland for himself and in name of the company.

SITE: Cowgate, foot of Mauchan's Close (later Old Bank Close).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Legatt, writer who owns a lodging on the east side of the Close. The petitioners, who occupy the property previously owned by Thomas Hope, claim to have a servitude that prevented any owner on the east side from placing any windows on their property overlooking the Close. The defender is said to be striking out and enlarging windows there. In their answers the Bank referred to William Legatt's property as that great tenement of old belonging to the deceased James Murray lying in Aikman's Close. It was bounded on the west by the tenement and yard or Close belonging to them. They refer to a document of reduction dated 15 March 1617 at the instance of Thomas Hope against James Murray and a decret of neighbourhood dated 20 December 1616 with a further explanation of the area. The defender claimed that the 1617 document was not a servitude, but related to a back stair Thomas Hope was building in that year. The Court allowed the defender to enlarge his windows, making the same with chess glass as they were formerly.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/70

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 August 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 12 July 1702.

PETITIONER: William Stewart, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Leith, the parish market, east side.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner owns a fore and back house, close and yard that were damaged in an unhappy accident. He asks to rebuild the same and to take down an old fore stair and bring forward his building to the line of it. He also complained about his neighbour, Alexander Mathewson, wright, who had been throwing rubbish on his property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/71

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 August 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 29 July 1702.

PETITIONER: Thomas Kennedy of Kirkhill, late Provost of Edinburgh.

SITE: Fishmarket.

PROPOSAL: To repair a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The property formerly belonged to the deceased William Glover and the upper floor where he lived had lain waste and empty since his death in 1694 or 95. There is a short report here by Patrick Anderson and Alexander Gowenlock.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/72

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 August 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 5 August 1702.

PETITIONER: Samuel Livingston and George Mitchell, writers.

SITE: Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of rent.

NOTES: The complaint is against Andrew Smith, blacksmith in Canongate who owed the petitioner's £26 Scots from 7 November 1701 for the rent of a shop in the Netherbow, then in the possession of James Hill.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/73

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 August 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 5 August 1702.

PETITIONER: Alexander Drummond, son of the deceased Alexander Drummond, WS, and James Cockburn and Gorge Kendall, merchants in Leith, his curators.

SITE: Canongate head, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the rebuilding of a tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against Peter Simpson, slater in the Canongate, James Sime, slater in Edinburgh, James McFarlane, wright in Canongate and Thomas Kinloch. The tenement had been burnt with some other tenements nearby, 'some years ago'. James

Smith, mason applied to the Court to rebuild the same when it was valued at £1470 Scots on 25 March 1698. The petitioner now claims for payment of the valuation as the defenders are still in possession and also the rent from Whitsunday 1698.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/74

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 August 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 29 July 1702.

PETITIONER: Joseph Young, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Kendall, skipper in Leith who had been commissioned to sell goods for the petitioner on 28 September 1698 extending in value to £1443 8s Scots. The defender sold the goods at Cadiz and on his return he produced an account that was in no way according to the custom of merchants or factors. The petitioner claimed £312 2s 6d Scots he believed he was still owed on 2049 yards of lining cloth. There is a note here of differences in the amounts items were sold for compared to the prices in Scotland. The defender confessed to the amount.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/75

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 August 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 12 August 1702.

PETITIONER: Edward Gillespie, merchant.

SITE: High Street, Burnets Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about payments for a tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Jollie, merchant and there is reference to an earlier petition by him that does not survive here. The property was adjacent to the great tenement built by John Hamilton (in Old Assembly Close). This matter had been taken to the Court of Session and there is reference to an adjudication against John Jollie for £5580 in December 1682.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/76

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 August 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 19 August 1702.

PETITIONER: William Park, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Colquhoun, merchant for the sum of £2 3s 3d for 'Manchester' and other binding.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/77

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 August 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 6 November 1701.

PETITIONER: Katherine McCoull and Thomas Brown, indweller.

SITE: Canongate, Coull's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to a gable and roof.

NOTES: The petitioners own a tenement at the back of the new lands built by Hector Ayton and they complain against him and his servants, Patrick Simpson and James Sime, slaters, Thomas Killock and Deacon McFarlane, wrights for building an oven against their gable without asking. This matter appears to have been under complaint for some time previous and the defenders were very slow to attend the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/78

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 August 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 19 August 1702.

PETITIONER: William Gordon, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Cleghorn, John Ross, Alexander Stewart

(blank Wood, relict of (blank) Smith, brewer and Alexander Black, merchant who owed the petitioner various sums for the supply of beer. There is a receipt here signed by John Yetts, 'brewer in Canongate'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/79

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 September 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 26 August 1702.

PETITIONER: Patrick Anderson, wright.

SITE: Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Mylne of Balfarg, mason for the sum of £49 13s Scots owed by him to the petitioner for work carried out before 13 August 1702. The account here refers to work in Ballie Warrender's house, Mr. Forbes' shop (Alexander Forbes, goldsmith) and Dean of Guild Brown's cellar

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/80

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 September 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 26 August 1702.

PETITIONER: George Cassie of Kirkhouse and his curators.

SITE: Cowgate head, north side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a workhouse.

NOTES: The property is occupied by John Pringle, litster and it has become ruinous.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/81

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 September 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 26 August 1702.

PETITIONER: Jean Hepburne, relict of Robert Ffyfe, liferenter and John Riddoch, resider.

SITE: Couls Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Jollie, merchant who owned the adjoining tenement in Burnets Close. He is said to have allowed a stone spout to deteriorate which causes water to lie in the area.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/82

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 September 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 2 September 1702.

PETITIONER: George Campbell, wright.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Middleton, merchant (and Robert Jack, slater crossed through) for an unpaid account for £286 2s Scots for wright work. The account here includes plasterwork and an amount paid to a mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/83

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 September 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 26 August 1702.

PETITIONER: Patrick Carfrae, mason.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Sir James Elphinston of Logie (£253 5s8d), James Baillie, WS and James Nicholson, writer (both together, £326 Scots for demolishing and rebuilding a gable), Thomas Hamilton of Olivstob (£60 Scots), William Law, goldsmith and Thomas Kyle, wright (£7 Scots) for sums outstanding for work carried out within the previous three years. There is no note of the amount for William Law.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/84

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 September 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 2 September 1702.

PETITIONER: The children of the late Colin Lauder, merchant, (blank) Lauder, Doctor of medicine the tutor and Peter Williamson with their factor.

SITE: Nidderie Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a forestair with lath and plaster.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/85

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 September 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 18 September 1702.

PETITIONER: Andrew Johnston, wright.

SITE: South Leith in the Burgh gate near to the turn which leads to the Tolbooth.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: There is a report here which refers to the tenement 'having suffered by the late accident' and a stipulation that he could build a side wall eastward from his fore house in a direct line to William Aitkin's house.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/86

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 October 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 23 September 1702.

PETITIONER: James Nairne, merchant, late Baillie.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of accounts.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Smith of Whythill, mason, John Dobie, vintner (margin addition) Henry Lohead, vintner and John Heart, wright in Canongate (the latter crossed through). James Smith and John Dobie owed £78 Scots resting from a larger sum of £144 Scots 'the pryce of ane hogshead of wyne furnished be (Robt?) Watson of Muirhouse & ye compl[ainer] in company vintage 1692 ...' There is a further reference to an order by Smith and Dobie dated 29 December 1697. James Smith was summoned on 23 September when he failed to appear. He appeared on the 25th and challenged the amount being charged. Depositions were taken from merchants as to the value and he was summoned again on 30 September. He and Dobie were fined £5. The Court found all the defenders liable.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/87

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 October 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 26 August 1702.

PETITIONER: Anna Colt, relict of the late Archibald Ainsley, son of Cornelious, Ainsley, advocate and Harry Graham of Blaikness, her second husband.

SITE: South Leith.

PROPOSAL: To repair two tenements.

NOTES: The petition refers to two tenements damaged by an explosion of gunpowder. One of the tenements is described as having been sometime occupied by John Stewart, son of Francis, Earl of Bothwell and the other tenement by Lady Samuelston, the late James Cant and the late John Edmond, gardener. The Court appointed a jury and they found the property to be worth £100 Stg and to require repairs costing £3000 Scots. There is a letter of supplement here summoning William Colt in Gartnub. There is a full account her of the money spent between May 1703 and November 1706 totalling £2572 15s 6d Scots. It refers to numerous tradesmen including James Walker, mason in Leith, Deacon Matheson, wright in Leith, James Sime and Patrick Simpson, slaters, Alexander Ramsay, glazier, James Carmichael, plasterer, George Paterson, merchant for single trees, Alexander Cameron for slates, Captain Brown for 1800 tyles for the lodging and coach house, Walter Morrison, slater, Robert Newall, slater, John Gray, smith at Pathead, Robert Robertson, smith in Leith, Andrew Lawson, smith in Leith, James Lawson, his son, Archibald Gibson in Gilmerton for lime and Patrick Traill.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/88

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 November 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 11 November 1702.

PETITIONER: John Montgomerie, WS, John Symmers, merchant, James Marshall, writer, Patrick Carfrae and Alexander Gavanlocks, masons and others, proprietors.

SITE: High Exchange.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild part of the old Exchange.

NOTES: The petitioners are proprietors of the shops on the west part of the old Exchange. They point out that the south back scale stair on the south side of the Exchange was a common entry, both to the high and laigh Exchange belonging to the Good Town and to the two laigh stories belonging to Robert Blackwood, merchant. It is 'now lying in a most ruinous and nastie condition and the platts of the stair and boards all confused wt the excrements lying upon the same, being turned to a common jakes'. They refer to the need for an entry to their Council chamber and Clerks chamber and to Robert Blackwood's undermost stories. This will also serve as a common passage down to the laigh Parliament house where the Registers lies and the Advocates library and from the laigh Exchange to the Cowgate'. The Court ordered the stair to be rebuilt, the lower part at the expence of Robert Blackwood, the middle by the Town and the upper section at the expence of the petitioners.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/89

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 November 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 4 November 1702.

PETITIONER: Robert Watson of Muirhouse, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Forrest, vintner who owes the petitioner £920 Scots (the account states £900) as part of a larger amount of £1620 Scots for wine. It was agreed to reduce the amount to £670 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/90

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 November 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 4 November 1702.

PETITIONER: John Watson, slater.

SITE: Kennedy's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Inglis, pewterer for the sum of £110 6s 6d for work carried out in an account here. See the warrant granted 1 April 1702 (Montgomery).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/91

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 November 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 18 November 1702.

PETITIONER: John Johnston and James Henryson, merchants.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a bargain.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Robertson, merchant and the petition explains a transaction involving George Prott, a chapman from the north country.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/92

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 November 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 18 November 1702.

PETITIONER: George Alexander, advocate and James Ker, tailor, proprietors.

SITE: High Street, north side, above Old Provost's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of filth.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Lesly, merchant, heritor and George Dickson, tailor his tenant. The Court ordered their windows to be glazed and trellised.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/93

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 November 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 7 November 1702.

PETITIONER: John Adam, one of the Macers in the Court of Session.

SITE: Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Kincaid who is rebuilding his adjoining tenement on the south higher than previously.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/94

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 December 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 2 December 1702.

PETITIONER: Martha Mew, relict of the late John Glendining, merchant and James Glendining her son.

PROPOSAL: Dispute about an apprenticeship.

NOTES: The complaint is against John McGinnis, wig maker.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/95

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 December 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 25 November 1702.

PETITIONER: William Moodie, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Stevenson and James Hendrie, merchants for £240 and £70 16s Scots respectively for wine supplied.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/96

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 December 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 25 November 1702.

PETITIONER: John Marjoribanks, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Andrew Brown, merchant for £72 Scots. There are other names crossed through, the amounts presumably having been paid; (blank) Douglas, vintner £72 Scots, Thomas Arnot, £385 Scots and Alexander Boswall, vintner in Leith, £72 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/97

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 December 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 25 November 1702.

PETITIONER: James Marjoribanks, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Boswall, vintner in Leith, Thomas Graham, cooper in Portsburgh and William Rogers, merchant in Canongate.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/98

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 December 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 15 April 1702.

PETITIONER: John Watson, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Gray and John Scott, brewers.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/99

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 December 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 2 December 1702.

PETITIONER: William Little of Liberton, William Archibald, writer, his factor, Andrew Wardrop, glazier his tenant and Robert Thomson, merchant.

SITE: Castlehill Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sign board.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Arnot, vintner.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/100

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 December 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 9 December 1702.

PETITIONER: Gawen Plummer, merchant.

SITE: Dickson's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Sommervell of Spittell and Patrick Forsyth, mason who have struck out a window without a warrant. They were ordered to rebuild the wall as it was.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted petitions.

BOX: 1702/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 January 1702.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: James Ranken, coppersmith.

PROPOSAL: Regarding an account.

NOTES: This is a receipt and discharge for £100 Scots received from Gilbert Kirkton, merchant which was consigned in his hands by Archibald Ker, brewer and promised to the petitioner on the account of Andrew Ker, surgeon, his son.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 January 1702 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 7 January 1702.

PETITIONER: John Tait, merchant.

SITE: Parliament Close, east side of the entry to the Meal Market.

PROPOSAL: Rebuilding a tenement.

NOTES: The petition refers to the argument between Thomas Kincaid and Thomas Robertson and Robert Mylne's work on rebuilding the tenement. Work has still not begun and the petitioner asks the Court to order Thomas Kincaid to take down an insufficient side wall or gable in order that the work can begin safely.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 January 1702 (no warrant, an obligation).

PETITION LODGED: 22 January 1702.

PETITIONER: Edward Hyndshaw, tanner.

SITE: North Loch side.

PROPOSAL: Obligation not to sell ale under a penalty.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 February 1702 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 18 February 1702.

PETITIONER: Helen Dowie, relict of the deceased Walter Stewart, WS.

SITE: High Street, Stewart's Close, west side.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a neighbouring tenement.
NOTES: The complaint is against (blank), relict of George Porteous of Craiglockhart who is the life renter of a neighbouring tenement on the east side of Marie Kings Close. This tenement has become ruinous and it is in danger of falling on the petitioner's property.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/5*
WARRANT GRANTED: 4 March 1702 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 4 March 1702.
PETITIONER: Alexander Gowdilocks (Gawenlocks), late Deacon of the masons.
SITE: Parliament Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against Charles Jackson, vintner for £45 3s Scots for work carried out by the petitioner and Robert Cumming, mason, John Stewart, mason, Andrew Thomson, mason and John Ramsay, mason on properties in Parliament Close. The defender made a payment to account of a Louis dor of gold in lieu of £10 Scots.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/6*
WARRANT GRANTED: 18 March 1702 (no warrant, appointed a visit).
PETITION LODGED: 18 March 1702.
PETITIONER: Sir George Nicolson of Kenmay.
SITE: High Street, Grays Close.
PROPOSAL: To have his property measured.
NOTES: This petition follows from the warrant granted 25 February 1702 (Nicolson).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/7*
WARRANT GRANTED: 20 March 1702 (no warrant, defender to see).
PETITION LODGED: 18 March 1702.
PETITIONER: William Chrystie, stabler in Canongate.
SITE: Canongate head, south side.
PROPOSAL: Claim for damages.
NOTES: See warrant granted 18 February 1702 (Johnston).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/8*
WARRANT GRANTED: 20 March 1702 (no warrant, defender to see).
PETITION LODGED: 18 March 1702.
PETITIONER: William Park, merchant.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.
NOTES: The complaint is against David Hamilton, merchant for £4 16s 6d Stg.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/9*
WARRANT GRANTED: 27 March 1702 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 27 March 1702.
PETITIONER: John Trotter of Mortonhall.
SITE: High Street, Trotter's Close.
PROPOSAL: To strike out a new vent and complaint about loss of light.
NOTES: The complaint is against James Smith who is building on the east of the petitioner's lodging and is encroaching on his lights.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/10*
WARRANT GRANTED: 1 April 1702 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 20 March 1702.
PETITIONER: Mrs. Anderson; Agnes Campbell, relict of Andrew Anderson, His Majesty's printer.

SITE: Parliament Square, on the east side of Parliament house, the under stories of the tenement commonly called Paterson's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner owns several shops in the tenement recently rebuilt by Robert Mylne. The complaint is against William Scott, late Deacon of the wrights who has acquired a house and shop on the east side of the entry, lately possessed by William Carfrae. The defender is said to have fixed a partition between his shop and that of the petitioner so that it encroaches a foot and a half on her property. She asks the Court to visit and order the partition to be moved northwards. There are depositions here by Robert Mylne, mason aged 60 and Andrew Paterson, wright aged 50 or thereby regarding the dimensions of the shops. See warrant granted 5 January 1700 (Heritors) for the rebuilding.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 May 1702 (no warrant, adjourned to next Court day).

PETITION LODGED: 6 May 1702.

PETITIONER: John Duncan, merchant and his son, John his factor.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Steill, vintner for £317 3s 3d outstanding from an account for £3050 12 s 3d for Reinish and French wines. There is a statement here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 May 1702 (no warrant, defender to see).

PETITION LODGED: 6 May 1702.

PETITIONER: Jean Hamilton, spouse to John Learmonth, merchant and her husband for his interest.

SITE: High Street, a little above the Cross.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment on the light.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Montgomerie, WS who owns the chamber above the petitioner's shop and who had advanced his fore front by two or three feet. In order to do this he had erected a post in front of the petitioner's entrance, to support the outshot above.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 May 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 13 March 1702.

PETITIONER: Patrick Carfrae, Deacon of the masons and John Henderson, boxmaster of the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an irregular indenture.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Burton, glazier who took Andrew Crombie as his apprentice in an irregular way, without the presence of other freemen during the subscribing of the indenture. The Court ordered the indenture to be recorded in the customary way.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 June 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 29 May 1702.

PETITIONER: William Gordon, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Stewart, brewer for £116 13s 4d Scots. This appears to be a reclaiming petition by the defender.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/15*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 August 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 19 August 1702.
PETITIONER: John Watson, merchant.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.
NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Robertson, writer (lawyer) for £8 16s Scots.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/16*
WARRANT GRANTED: 4 November 1702 (no warrant, appointed a visit).
PETITION LODGED: 3 November 1702.
PETITIONER: Alexander Heriot.
SITE: Cowgate, Mealmarket, entering by the eastern turnpike adjoining.
PROPOSAL: To rebuild houses.
NOTES: The petitioner's houses had been burnt in the fire in February 1700 and all that remained were three walls; the fore wall to the Cowgate, a mid wall and a north wall founded on the new pillars within the Market.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/17*
WARRANT GRANTED: 4 November 1702 (no warrant, appointed a visit and report).
PETITION LODGED: 4 November 1702.
PETITIONER: Elizabeth Gray, spouse to Alexander Ainsley, merchant for his interest and James Haig, watchmaker in Leith, James Steven, metster in Leith and Robert Stark, writer (lawyer).
SITE: Leith, Sheriff Brae, south side.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.
NOTES: The complaint is against James Guthrie, tacksman of Bonnington Mill who had erected a toofall that encroached on the street and on the Close, making it very narrow.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/18*
WARRANT GRANTED: 16 December 1702.
PETITION LODGED: 9 December 1702.
PETITIONER: William Blackwood, merchant.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against Captain George Livingston, merchant tailor for £1714 4s 6d Scots resting from a larger amount of £4467 4s 6d unpaid between 1 November 1694 and 6 April 1702 in relation to Col. Colie's Regiment.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/19*
WARRANT GRANTED: 23 December 1702.
PETITION LODGED: 23 December 1702.
PETITIONER: William Gordon, merchant.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Burton, brewer and James Haig, meal maker in Leith.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/20*
WARRANT GRANTED: 1702.
PETITION LODGED: Unknown.
PETITIONER: Margaret Menzies, relict of James Hamilton, wright.
SITE: Leith, in the way leading to the Tolbooth.
PROPOSAL: To remove a stop on work.
NOTES: The petitioner owned a small timber tenement, the front of which had become insufficient. She was repairing the same with timber when he was stopped, presumably by a complaint to the Court.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/21*

WARRANT GRANTED: 1702.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Thomas Hamilton, mason.

SITE: Cowgate, near the Magdalen Chapel.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against the deceased John Hyndshaw, wright, (blank) relict of John Hislop, wright and (blank) Hislop, his eldest son. There is an instrument of protest here between the parties dated 1700.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1702/22*

WARRANT GRANTED: 1702.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Alexander Gavenlocks, mason.

SITE: College Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Chrystie, vintner for £296 12s Scots for work carried out. The account was removed on 6 June 1702.

DRAWINGS: None.

1703

The Court Officers from October 1702:

Dean of Guild

Adam Brown

Council

Samuel McLellan, merchant

George Warrender, merchant

James Clelland, merchant

Thomas Kyle, wright, wright

Adam Keir, baxter

John Wightman, skinner

Dean of Guild Officer, Henry Rank

BOX: 1703/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 January 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 2 January 1703.

PETITIONER: Charles Ross, writer, factor for the creditors of John Oliphant, indweller in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, north side.

PROPOSAL: To strike out a door.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to several dwelling houses and he wishes to open a door on the west side of a tenement on the east side of an unnamed Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 January 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 6 January 1703.

PETITIONER: Grisell Learmonth, relict of Captain Alexander Waddell and William Waddell, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Skinner's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work carried out by a lease holder.

NOTES: The petitioners let a lodging to William Roger and he assigned the tack, which still had a year to run, to Peter Blair, writer and James Cumming, merchant. They in turn sublet the lodging to two ministers of the Episcopal clergy who intended transforming the lodging into a meeting house and altering partitions to do so. William Roger had become bankrupt.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 January 1702.

PETITION LODGED: 13 January 1703.

PETITIONER: James Fraser, Treasurer of George Heriot's Hospital.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Corstine.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 January 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 6 January 1703.

PETITIONER: Robert Hunter junior, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Forrest, vintner (£10 Stg), George Young, merchant (131 6s Dutch gilders) and David Clelland, merchant (200 gilders) who owe the petitioner sums of money indicated. There are accounts here for wine raised in Rotterdam and a letter to George Young 'at his shop over against the Court of Guard, Edinburgh'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 January 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 29 January 1703.

PETITIONER: Alexander Brown, merchant.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about unfinished work.

NOTES: The petitioner, being the heritor on the east and west, had completed the stone work on Charles Telfer's shop and put in the joists. The complaint is that Charles Telfer had still not joisted his shop and this prevented the petitioner and Mrs. Alison from carrying on their employment. The Court ordered the joisting to be complete 'by Wednesday next'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 February 1703.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: John Tait, merchant.

SITE: Parliament Close, entry to the Meal Market, a back land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner owned four stories of a back tenement which he had rebuilt after the fire of 3 February 1700. The complaint is against Thomas Kincaid of Auchinrury who has right to the fifth or top story occupied as a shop (the tenement is on steeply sloping ground with shops at the higher levels). In rebuilding his floor, the defender had tried to protect his property from any future fire by constructing a floor of joists laid across other joists, the spaces between filled with stone and lime. His answers explain this in detail with measurements. The petitioner claimed the weight of this endangered his property and the Court agreed, ordering the defender to remove the stone. See warrant granted 23 April 1703 (Kincaid).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 March 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 3 March 1703.

PETITIONER: Henry Bothwell of Glencorse.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Campbell, merchant for £815 Scots for the supply of brandy. The Court found for a lesser amount. There is an advocacy here against the defender dated 10 April 1703 so the matter may have continued after the warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 March 1703.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: John Ritchie, Baillie, John Greenlees, late Deacon of the Baxters, Andrew Paterson of Kirkcounie, late Deacon of the Wrights and John Henderson, wright.

SITE: Landmarket, immediately east of Gladstones land.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild tenements in stone.

NOTES: Only the warrant a measure and two accounts survive and all of the information here is taken from them. It describes the property as being 'in the Landmarket and backward several tenements burnt and demolished by the late fyre'. John Ritchie and John Greenlees had applied to take off the roof of the foreland and rebuild in wood but this had been refused by the Court (no record here). After a further visit they asked to rebuild the fore tenement 'with fine dinted bark-fillet rybets', the fore wall in a straight line between Mr. Reid's on the east and Gledstains land on the west. The warrant granted them permission to rebuild the fore tenement they had purchased from James Nicolson, writer 'in dinted stonework' conform to the Act of Parliament and to 'come furth with the front towards the street equall with the knee-boords of the first storie of the contiguous tenement pertaining to Mr. Reid on the east with the knee boords of the first story of Arthur Temples land on the west.' etc. etc. There is a measure here by John Scott on work carried out by John Mein, slater and an account from John Henderson, wright for work carried out in September 1703. There is

also an account from Patrick Chalmers, wright for work carried out for Arthur Temple, son of Arthur Temple, surgeon between 23 February 1702 and 17 March 1703 totalling £1589 14s 4d. It has additional work carried out on 29 March 1703 which may indicate that it belongs with another lost petition. See warrant granted 26 May 1703 (Reid).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 March 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 24 March 1703.

PETITIONER: Lady Mortonhall elder; Marion Dalmahoy, Lady Mortonhall younger; Elizabeth Trotter as factor in the name of John Trotter of Mortonhall her husband.

SITE: High Street (Baillie) Fyfe's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a lease holder

NOTES: The complaint is against William Badham, dancing master to whom the petitioners had leased a lodging. He had sublet to some Episcopal ministers who intended removing partitions to use it as a meeting house. See the warrant granted 6 January 1703 (Learmonth).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 April 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 21 April 1703.

PETITIONER: Alexander Brown, merchant.

SITE: Luckenbooths, east end.

PROPOSAL: To pave the area in front of his shop.

NOTES: The petitioner had rebuilt his facade in stone and cleared the street of stones and rubbish. He asked to 'pedment before the shop door at the east end of the said building upon my own charges' before the downsitting of the Parliament. He was granted a warrant but warned that this would not give him any title to the ground.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 April 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 3 February 1703.

PETITIONER: Thomas Kincaid, indweller.

SITE: Parliament Square, east side of the entry to the Meal Market.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the rebuilding.

NOTES: The complaint is against Captain John Tait who had purchased the three lower floors from Thomas Robertson but in rebuilding them had excavated further and rebuilt four floors. This meant the floor of the petitioner's shop in Parliament Square was sixteen inches higher than previously. The Court found that the lowest floor of the defenders rebuilt cellar was five feet in height and that this did not prejudice the petitioner. See warrant granted 17 February 1703 (Tait) and unextracted petition dated 31 May 1704.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 April 1703.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: William, Patrick and John Chambers, children of the deceased Patrick Chambers, beltmaker.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sign.

NOTES: Only the warrant survives and all of the information here is taken from it. The complaint is against Henry Antonious, wright who has a shop above that owned by the petitioners and occupied by their tenant Edward Bunkell, saddler. The defender had erected a wrights board(?) in front of the shop where he and his servants often stood sawing timber and other work, greatly obstructing their light. The Court found the defender had no right to work in front of the shop.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 May 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 30 April 1703.

PETITIONER: James Richardson, Archibald Hamilton and George Brown junior, merchants.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the purchase of deals (timber).

NOTES: The complaint is against Henry Baird, merchant and John Baird, skipper in Leith. The 234 deals were sold to the petitioners at £48 Scots per hundred.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 May 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 21 April 1703.

PETITIONER: Robert Mitchells, smith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Chalmers, wright for £386 1s 4d Scots still due on a larger account for £542 18s Scots for iron work. Depositions were taken from John Marshall, wright and John Deans, wright, servants to the defender. Also from William Crawford, wright, Shore (of Leith), Thomas Garner (?) and John Mitchell, smith, both Shore.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 May 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 26 May 1703.

PETITIONER: Margaret Blair, relict of the late John Hewat (Heriot?), merchant.

SITE: Old Provost's Close.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to a timber stair and windows.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 May 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 26 May 1703.

PETITIONER: William Reid, merchant.

SITE: Landmarket, immediately east of Gladstones land.

PROPOSAL: To support a stair with a stone pillar.

NOTES: See warrant granted 17 March 1703 (Ritchie and others).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 May 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 26 May 1703.

PETITIONER: Elizabeth Thomson, relict of the late Robert Watson, WS and now spouse to James Murray of Deucher and the said James Murray for his interest.

SITE: High Street, opposite the Tron Kirk, immediately below the east gable of Mylne's Square.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Newlands, glover who had struck out a door into the turnpike from Alexander Alison's floor. The ground floor belongs to (blank) Finlay, pewterer in Leith, the three floors above that to Robert Newlands and the upper floor, occupied by Captain Walter Melvill, herald, to the petitioner. Deacon Livingston occupies the first floor, the second floor is under repair and the third is occupied by Alexander Alison, (writer?).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 May 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 26 May 1703.

PETITIONER: Alexander Brown, David Spence, John Kippen, George Brown and Mrs. Alyson, merchants.

SITE: Luckenbooths, east end.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about shop partitions.

NOTES: The complaint is against Charles Telfar who has not completed his laigh shop in the new building and this leaves thin partitions between the shops 'which in the nighttime may be broke throw & our shops robed unless relief be provided'. The Court ordered the defender to put up a sufficient strong double door to his shop.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 May 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 26 May 1703.

PETITIONER: Thomas Kinkaid, indweller.

SITE: High Street, north side, head of Anchor Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the property.

NOTES: The complaint refers to lintels above the close head, leading to the Swan Tavern and others in his shop and laigh cellar. Also the gable wall to Anchor Close bulges and is insufficient. The Court ordered the gable to be repaired at joint expence of the proprietors; Andrew (Duran, Dinan) glazier, William Stirling WS, James Hamilton of Olivstob. There is an account here for £11 from Robert Milne, mason for timber supports for the walls and for repairs to the lintels. See also warrant granted 2 January 1706 (Kincaid).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 June 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 26 May 1703.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Mein, relict of (blank) Mein in Yetham (Yetholm) and James Young, merchant, his factor.

SITE: High Street, south side, opposite to the old Poultrymarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Provance, Mace bearer to the Town who has purchased two stories of the neighbouring tenement on the west. He had begun to strike out a new vent and intended making others in a gable belonging to the petitioner and in which she has her turnpike stair. The work involved had broken through into the petitioner's property. The Court found that the defender guilty and ordered him to make good by 9 June and pay the petitioner £100 Scots on penalty of imprisonment.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 June 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 22 April 1703.

PETITIONER: Laurence Dunwoodie, merchant in Glasgow and William Selkrig, writer, his factor.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Caldwell, merchant (son of Thomas Caldwell, mason in Glasgow) for the sum of £26 9s10d Stg. in a ticket issued 'in the English form' dated at Gloucester, 4 January 1683/4. The Court commissioned the Magistrates of Glasgow to pursue the defender on their behalf.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 June 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 11 June 1703.

PETITIONER: John Hamilton, merchant ('wright' crossed through).

SITE: High Street, head of Dickson's Close, the Sun Tavern.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a cellar.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Malloch, merchant who owns a cellar beneath the pavement and next to one owned by the petitioner, leased to Alexander Douglas, surgeon. The sidewall and timber vault of the neighbouring cellar is insufficient and allows water to run from the gutter above into the petitioner's property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 July 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 25 June 1703.

PETITIONER: James Reid, indweller.

SITE: Landmarket, meeting house Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner's property was demolished by the falling of some houses burnt in the late fire in the Landmarket. He wishes to rebuild in stone and the Court granted a warrant on condition that he rebuilt on his old foundations and no higher than the north gable.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 July 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 16 June 1703.

PETITIONER: Charles Gray, merchant.

SITE: High Street, north side, a yard at the foot of Swan Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a summer house.

NOTES: This may be near the foot of Anchor Close. See warrant granted 26 May 1703 (Kinkaid). The petitioner had acquired a yard or area to the north of his house from George Porteous, herald painter by disposition dated 15 June 1688, registered in the burgh court books, 7 June 1690 (who had acquired it from Thomas Kinkaid) and he intended building a stone summer house against a boundary wall. Gilbert Kirkton, writer complained that this was contrary to a servitude granted by the deceased George Porteous to Henry Ker (from whom Kirkton had purchased his property, west of the petitioner) which expressly prohibited the building of anything in the area that projected above the boundary wall and which might interfere with 'the prospect of his tenements and lands'. The petitioner argued that his building would not project above the wall but the Court dismissed his petition. See warrants granted 25 August 1703 and 2 January 1706 (Kinkaid).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 July 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 9 July 1703.

PETITIONER: William Johnston, skinner.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against Nicoll Sommervell, merchant and the debt relates to the rent owed for a property occupied by the relict of Dr. Chambers.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 July 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 28 July 1703.

PETITIONER: James Graham, vintner and Stephen Cuthell, vintner his tenant.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the throwing out of waste water and filth.

NOTES: The complaint is against Lord Lindores, (blank) Cunningham of Woodhall, the relict of Andrew Purdie, tailor his tenant, Sir David Dalrymple, advocate and Alexander Lesley, servitor to the Earl of Hyndford his tenant and Sir James Elphinstone of Logie, all proprietors. The petitioner stated that the foul water and excrement fell on the back stair and came in his windows. The Court ordered the windows facing west to be glazed with chess glass and to be stenchilled or trellised and for Alexander Mcleod to do the same to the windows on the west side of his house, all by 1 September on penalty of £10 Scots to be paid by each defender.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 4 August 1703.
PETITIONER: John Moffat, stabler.
SITE: Horse Wynd, head.
PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and raise the roof by one or two floors.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/28
WARRANT GRANTED: 25 August 1703.
PETITION LODGED: 4 June 1703.
PETITIONER: Thomas Kinkaid, indweller.
SITE: High Street, foot of Swan Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.
NOTES: This petition is related to the warrant granted 21 July 1703 (Gray) and the building of a summer house. It appears that Charles Gray had begun to raise the walls of the yard and lay the foundations for a summer house. The Court ordered the removal of the foundations.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/29
WARRANT GRANTED: 1 September 1703.
PETITION LODGED: 18 August 1703.
PETITIONER: John Blair, apprentice to John Ramsay, barber.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about an indenture.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/30
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 September 1703.
PETITION LODGED: 25 August 1703.
PETITIONER: Alexander Inglis, merchant.
SITE: Not given.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.
NOTES: The complaint is against James Henderson of Pittadro who had employed a mason, Robert Winraham to strike out a vent at 2am on a Sunday morning. The petition refers to a previous decision by the Court regarding oval windows placed in a side wall without any right. These were to have been removed but were still in place.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/31
WARRANT GRANTED: 10 September 1703.
PETITION LODGED: 30 June 1703.
PETITIONER: Thomas Kinkaid, indweller.
SITE: Parliament Close, east side of the entry to the Meal Market.
PROPOSAL: To make an alteration to his roof.
NOTES: The petitioner is rebuilding his property following the great fire. He was granted a warrant on 14 July 1703 but there were further objections from William Jamieson, glazier which were overruled on 10 September 1703.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/32
WARRANT GRANTED: 17 September 1703.
PETITION LODGED: 1 September 1703.
PETITIONER: Robert Blackwood, baillie.
SITE: Luckenbooths, Foulis's land.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about rebuilding of a tenement.
NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Brown who is rebuilding the east end of the Luckenbooths. This is an argument about reinstating of a transe and the petitioner's right to pass freely from east to west as formerly.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/33
WARRANT GRANTED: 22 September 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 20 September 1703.
PETITIONER: Gawen Plummer, merchant.
SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Norie, a widow and Alexander Nisbet, mason who have struck out a window in a south gable without a warrant and against a servitude preventing windows in this wall. They refer to a decret of the Court dated 27 June 1683 obtained by Jeane Murray relict of John Govan, merchant, the petitioners predecessor in the property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 September 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 10 September 1703 (?).

PETITIONER: Lady Lithgow, Mr. Campbell, Deacon Dalgleish, William Gibson and William Hastie, heritors.

SITE: Grays Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petition does not survive and the information here is taken from the warrant granted on 10 September 1703 but enforced on 22 September. The complaint is against Robert Gordon, writer and Robert Milne, mason who have heightened a tenement, contrary to a warrant granted by the Court. This is having an effect on the petitioner's vents. See the unextracted petition dated 2 May 1705 (Lady Lithgow and others) which states that a warrant was granted on 10 September 1703 to carry out this work and where the matter is discussed further.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 October 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 20 October 1703.

PETITIONER: Marion Conquergood, relict of James McIllelan, wright.

SITE: Forrester's Wynd, foot.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The tenement was adjudged to her husband from David and Daniel Findlay, sons and heirs of the deceased Andrew Findlay.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 October 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 20 October 1703.

PETITIONER: Andrew Paterson of Kirkcounie, wright.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against Walter Thomson and Thomas Johnston, merchants for the sum of £67 10s Scots as a half years maill and duty of a house and shop occupied by them.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 October 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 27 October 1703.

PETITIONER: John Strachan, WS, (blank) Miller, relict of (blank) McPherson, merchant.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite the tenement rebuilt by Alexander Brown (east end of the Luckenbooths).

PROPOSAL: Alterations to a timber tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners intend replacing the back stair and creating a closet on each of their floors. The warrant refers to the windows of the house to the High Street to be replaced in 'new fashioned chess windows'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 October 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 22 October 1703.

PETITIONER: William Thomson, WS.

SITE: Canongate head, south side.

PROPOSAL: To improve the shops in the lower floor.

NOTES: The petitioner wished to divide the space in a new stone tenement into two shops and two laigh houses, as described in detail.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 November 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 27 October 1703.

PETITIONER: Christian Morrison, relict of the deceased Hugh Pollock, wright.

SITE: South Leith, east side of the Ponch Market.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof.

NOTES: The petitioner is life renter of several houses in a tenement, the upper floor of which is owned by (blank) Ashburne of Peppermilne. The roof was damaged during the explosion of gunpowder in Leith and had not been repaired.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 November 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 17 November 1703.

PETITIONER: Samuel Gray, Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about illegal work.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Milne of Balfarg, mason who had recently erected a tenement for David Dalrymple, advocate. The petitioner refers to the Act of Parliament which 'for preventing accidents of fyre that in all tyme yrafter that no joists should be laid under hearths or at the back of vents and what joists were to be laid at the syd of chimnies to be six inches free of any vent and to be built about with close mason work'. The petition refers to the safety of Sir David's lodging and the whole tenement. The Court fined the defender £100 (Scots) and ordered him to find caution that he would not contravene the Act hereafter.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 December 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 8 December 1703.

PETITIONER: William Brown, merchant.

SITE: Brown's Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a fore stair.

NOTES: The fore stair was on the opposite side of the Close and had become ruinous. The petitioner asked to rebuild it according to the Act and the Court ordered that it should be repaired in lath and plaster and for that purpose should be taken down and rebuilt extending only five feet or thereby into the Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 December 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 1 December 1703.

PETITIONER: Patrick Moubray, clerk to the surgeons, John Marshall, baillie and Ja(net) Weemys, relict of (blank) Cunningham, for themselves and the other creditors of John Keir's land.

SITE: Canongate, south side, Keir's land, opposite the Cross.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a gable.

NOTES: The petitioners complain that Lady Skirling, widow of James Murray of Skirling refuses to rebuild a mutual stone gable between their tenement and the defender's. It was partly taken down and was to have been rebuilt by her husband. In

order to do so the petitioner's tenement had to be closed up 'with stake and clay' which they felt was not decent in the High Street. They agreed to rebuild the gable to the same height as their own at their expence.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 December 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 15 December 1703.

PETITIONER: William Mclean, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about delivery of goods.

NOTES: The complaint is against Captain Archibald Cockburn, ale merchant who sold the petitioner a cask of brandy containing 24 gallons for £40 Stg. On measuring it, the cask was found to contain only 20 gallons 7 pints and the petitioner claimed £80 Scots in refund 'the 'odde seven pints to make up the difference betwixt jug and plouk measure'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 December 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 10 November 1703.

PETITIONER: Paul Romeau, watchmaker.

SITE: High Street, north side, a little above the Cross.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about obstruction of light.

NOTES: The petitioner had recently acquired a dwelling house from Thomas Fisher, Chamberlain to the Good Town with a cellar entering from (blank) Close. He complained that a large window in the cellar had been blocked by the building of a shop in front of it. The cellar belonged to Marie Wood, daughter of the late David Wood, Commisar of Caithness (Sutherland in another document) and Walter Riddell of Newhouse and John Wilkie, writer, her curators. She had let a cellar contiguous to the petitioner's to Alexander Lindsay, merchant and she claimed with reference to her titles, that the shop had been there for at least 30 years. The Court decided that it had been built within seven years and ordered it to be removed.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted petitions.

BOX: 1703/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 January 1703 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 1702.

PETITIONER: Robert Milne of Balfarg, mason.

SITE: West Bow head, Milne's Court.

PROPOSAL: To declare a gable mutual.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a mutual gable on the west side of his Court at the Bow head and Dr. James Forrest's tenement lying to the south of the great back tenement on the north side of the Court. He points out that when he heightened his gable he was obliged to carry up Dr. Forrest's chimneys with his own and change his easing drop. Dr. Forrest had complained (no record here) that this would prevent him raising his house. There is further detail in his answers. The Court appointed interrogators to answer three questions given here; including James Smith of Whythill, John Ramsay, mason, Thomas Kilgour, mason, William Young, mason, Alexander Gavenlocks, mason and Alexander Gray, merchant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 January 1703 (no warrant, appointed a visit and report).

PETITION LODGED: 20 January 1703.

PETITIONER: Walter Montgomery, wheel wright in Portsburgh.

SITE: Portsburgh, north side of the Street.

PROPOSAL: To build a chimney.

NOTES: There is a further petition within this which refers to the petitioner having taken instruments on 14 March 1691 and again on 16 November 1695 against Robert Swinton, surgeon apothecary, who since the time of his deceased father had allowed his property (above the petitioner's?) to become waste. This prevented the petitioner letting his property at £21 Scots pa. and he claimed £319 Scots in damages.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 February 1703 (visited but no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: Before 4 February 1703

PETITIONER: William Baillie, wright.

SITE: Glassmarket, north side, Stenter Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of tenements opposite.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Home, minister who owns tenements on the east side of the Close that have become ruinous. The Court visited and found that the leaning tenement opposite was supported by five props on the petitioner's side wall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 February 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 17 February 1703.

PETITIONER: John Paton, merchant.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Henry, cordiner for £40 Scots for chamber rent from Whitsunday 1699 to the same 1700.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 March 1703 (no warrant, defender summoned).

PETITION LODGED: 17 March 1703.

PETITIONER: Alexander Tait, skipper in Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Clelland, merchant who owed the petitioner £52 16s Scots for 15 and 9 barrels of 'coninmbers' (cucumbers?) supplied on 16 October 1702.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 March 1703 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 17 March 1703.

PETITIONER: Margaret Brown, relict of William Wood, writer.

SITE: Kirkheugh, in the transe leading down to the Meal Market.

PROPOSAL: Complaint over a rented property.

NOTES: The complaint was against Robert Blackwood, merchant as the owner of a tenement previously owned by Thomas Robertson. The petitioner had a tack on a house from Thomas Robertson dated 23 November 1694 for nine years from Whitsunday 1695 at £58 Scots pa. This tenement had been rebuilt after the fire of 3 February 1700 and the petitioner claimed to be entitled to the remaining period of the tack. The defender claimed that he had let the property to someone else and he was under no obligation as the tack had been agreed with Thomas Robertson. The tack is here and it records the property as 'lyeing in that transe that leadeth doune to the meall mercat betwixt the dwelling house presentlie possessed be John Adam one of the servants about parl house on the north parts... The dwelling house of the aires and representatives of the deceased John Colquhoun, merchant... on the south parts and the lodging of the aires and representatives of the deceased George Sessford merchant... immediatlie above the same'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 March 1703 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 24 March 1703.
PETITIONER: Thomas Mcmillan, flesher in Leith.
SITE: Cowgate, south side.
PROPOSAL: To build a toofall on waste ground beside his house.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/8*
WARRANT GRANTED: 31 March 1703.
PETITION LODGED: Unknown.
PETITIONER: Unknown.
SITE: High Street?
PROPOSAL: Complaint about undermining.
NOTES: Nothing survives here but a decision by the Dean of Guild against Walter Scott and Robert Milne who had '... digged under the street in order to make a convenience for holding barrles or trees of ale without any warrant or order (fined?) each of them in ten (rep?) dollers & that they continued to work after the work was stopped'.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/9*
WARRANT GRANTED: 21 April 1703 (no warrant, defender to answer).
PETITION LODGED: 21 April 1703.
PETITIONER: Mistress Grier; Christian Beg, relict of Robert Grier, merchant.
SITE: Luckenbooths, east end.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the steps to a shop.
NOTES: The petitioner has the north most of two laigh shops that project towards the High Street in the ground of that tenement rebuilt by Alexander Brown, merchant. She complained about the reinstatement of her steps and other matters including a sign.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/10*
WARRANT GRANTED: 23 April 1703 (no warrant, defender to see and answer).
PETITION LODGED: 23 April 1703.
PETITIONER: Patrick Kincaid, Boxmaster of the Incorporation of Fleshers.
SITE: Middle Flesh market.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the market.
NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Hepburne of Whitburgh, heritor of the Middle Flesh market who, it is claimed, had allowed the market 'to become inhabitable and insufficient in so far as rain comes down through the roof upon the stands...' There is an instrument of protest here making the same complaint dated 3 March 1703
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/11*
WARRANT GRANTED: 30 April 1703 (no warrant, appointed a visit).
PETITION LODGED: 23 April 1703.
PETITIONER: Sir William Bruce of Kinross, the children of the late Sir Patrick (Alinshored) Commissary Clerk, Robert Paterson, late baillie of the Potterrow, James Brown surgeon, Andrew Paterson of Kirkcoun, (wright), Walter Scott, glazier and others.
SITE: Mylne Square, the fore tenement opposite the Tron Kirk.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the heightening of a chimney.
NOTES: The complaint is against Sir James Dalrymple of Kelloch, one of the Clerks of Session and James Hamilton his mason who, without a warrant, raised a chimney higher than those owned by the petitioners and obstructed another chimney. Robert Paterson's tenant, the Earl of Haddington had moved out of his lodging on account of the smoking of the vents.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/12*
WARRANT GRANTED: 30 April 1703 (no warrant, the defender to see and answer).
PETITION LODGED: 30 April 1703.
PETITIONER: Thomas Arnot, vintner.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: To have a board whitened under a window.

NOTES: The small window was on the east side of the house and the board was to 'cast in the light'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 June 1703 (no warrant, complainer to produce his rights).

PETITION LODGED: 26 May 1703.

PETITIONER: William Wardrop, litster.

SITE: High Street, south side, Cant's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the removal of partitions.

NOTES: The petitioner was in possession of a shop which he purchased from James Auchenleck, baker. On making the purchase, the defender took out all of the partitions, the floor, a fixed cornice and the chimney board.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 June 1703 (no warrant, defender cited).

PETITION LODGED: 9 June 1703.

PETITIONER: The Masters of the Trinity Hospital.

SITE: St. Ninian's Row, Trinity Hospital.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Gibson, writer (lawyer) who owned an old house adjacent to the Hospital yard. He had opened windows into the yard and was ordered to put bars on them to prevent entry to the yard. He did so but they were so widely spaced that people could still get through. The occupiers were also in the habit of throwing filth out of the high windows. The defender's petition to the Town Council is here and it refers to an entry from his old tenement into the College Church yard.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/15*

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 June 1703 (no warrant, defenders warned).

PETITION LODGED: 4 June 1703.

PETITIONER: David Thomson, merchant for himself and the creditors of William Clark, advocate.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint against Edward Bunkell, merchant (saddler) who had been ordered to take down a partition but had not done so.

NOTES: See warrant granted 30 April 1703 (Chambers).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/16*

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 June 1703 (no warrant, defender summoned).

PETITION LODGED: 30 June 1703.

PETITIONER: James Cumming, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about loss of income.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Duncan and Sir William Menzies of Gladstones. The petitioner refers to a commission in 1698 by the greatest part of the merchants of Edinburgh trading in wine to three persons; Robert Watson of Muirhouse, John Duncan and James Byres, then merchant in Edinburgh. He claims that the defenders have lost their proportions and upwards of £300 Scots more. The petitioner has a right by assignation to the proportion of James Byres.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/17*

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 June 1703 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: After 10 June 1703.

PETITIONER: John Watson, Governor of Heriot's Hospital.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against Walter Learmonth, Shoremaster of Leith for £538 12s

6d (Scots?). There is a letter here from the defender dated 10 June 1703 entreating him not to take the matter to court and agreeing to meet with the petitioner in Edinburgh.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/18*

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 July 1703 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 7 July 1703.

PETITIONER: John Henderson, wright.

SITE: The Council Burgh room, between Parliament Close and the Cowgate.

PROPOSAL: To open a new entry.

NOTES: This is a petition to the Town Council, referred to the Dean of Guild on 7 July 1703. The petitioner owns a 'cross house' below the south window of the Council's 'new Comitty Chamber' and he wishes to make a straight entry to the walk on the west for the more easy passage of all the inhabitants between Parliament Close and the Cowgate. The western side wall belonged to the petitioner and William Blackwood, merchant and they wished to take it down and rebuild it seven feet westward. This would give a new entrance to the committee chamber or the back stair of the Exchange which would look a good deal better and provide a couple of good sized rooms above it without hurting the light.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/19*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 July 1703 (no warrant, ordered the adjustment of the price).

PETITION LODGED: 16 June 1703.

PETITIONER: John Watson, slater.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, opposite Libbertons Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Robertson, indweller and Captain Alexander Wood the tenant of a lodging, brewery, kiln, malt barns and other buildings to which the petitioner carried out repairs. There is an account her for £242 9s 10d for work carried out in May 1703 and a measure of the work by John Scott.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/20*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 July 1703 (no warrant, defender to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 21 July 1703.

PETITIONER: John Montgomerie, WS and John Thomson, gardener.

SITE: Cowgate, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the lack of a dyke.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Pollock, baxter (baker) who owned the yard next to the petitioner's two yards. There had previously been a thorn hedge between their properties but this had become ruinous and the defender refused to make a new dyke.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/21*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 July 1703 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 21 July 1703.

PETITIONER: William Turnbull, apprentice to John Reid, printer.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an indenture.

NOTES: The petitioner had served five years of his apprenticeship and he was allowed 3s 6d per week for his food. Two months into the indenture, Reid encouraged his apprentice to accept 2s 6d per week and reduce his term to five years. He then passed the apprenticeship on to his son, John junior. The petitioner claimed an outstanding balance of £93 3s 6d less sums advanced. There are answers here from John Reid senior and an obligation by the petitioner to John Reid junior.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/22*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 July 1703 (no warrant, defender to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 28 July 1703.
PETITIONER: Robert Young, merchant.
SITE: High Street, south side, Dickson's Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about loss of goods.
NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Malloch, merchant for the lost of quantity of liquors caused by the deficiency of a cellar. There is a claim here for £86 19s (Scots?) with answers and counterclaims.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/23*
WARRANT GRANTED: 18 August 1703 (no warrant, defender to see and answer).
PETITION LODGED: 18 August 1703.
PETITIONER: John Grant, merchant and John Learmonth, merchant.
SITE: Not given.
PROPOSAL: To repair a chimney and strike out a new one.
NOTES: The house or tavern is possessed by Thomas Arnot, vintner. There are answers here from Sir James Dick of Prestonfield and Robert Thomson, merchant, remnant heritors of the land in which they agree to the repairs but not to the new chimney, for reasons given.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/24*
WARRANT GRANTED: 20 August 1703.
PETITION LODGED: 21 July 1703.
PETITIONER: Laurence Power, merchant.
SITE: Monteith's Close, formerly called Manse Close, foot between it and Dunsyre's Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.
NOTES: The complaint is against James Syme, slater who is building in an area or square claimed by the petitioner. There is claim and counter claim here with an inventory of titles extending back to 1590 but no clear agreement on the boundaries.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/25*
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 September 1703 (no warrant, defender to see).
PETITION LODGED: 3 September 1703.
SITE: Wrightshouses.
PETITIONER: Alexander Gray, William Lindsay and Archibald Wallace, merchants.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about an unfree trader.
NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Willison, Burgess of Edinburgh for trading in wool in an area south of Wrighthouses and employing unfree traders.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/26*
WARRANT GRANTED: 6 September 1703 (no warrant, matter before the Court of Session).
PETITION LODGED: 4 August 1703.
PETITIONER: Charles Tailisor, merchant.
SITE: Luckenbooths, east side.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about loss of light.
NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Brown who in rebuilding the tenement and 'boxing his window' had made the entry to the petitioner's shop so low that visitors are in danger of hurting their heads.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/27*
WARRANT GRANTED: 14 September 1703 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 14 September 1703.
PETITIONER: Christian Dick, spouse to William Maitland, indweller.
SITE: High Street, south side.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a roof.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Kirkpatrick, indweller in Ireland and George Marshall, merchant in Edinburgh. The water is coming in through the roof and the defender George Marshall refuses to repair the same.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/28*

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 October 1703 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 27 October 1703.

PETITIONER: John Hamilton, Baillie of the Abbey.

SITE: Baxter's Close.

PROPOSAL: Repairs to chimney heads.

NOTES: This petition may relate to the warrant granted 17 March 1703 (Ritchie and others). The petitioner refers to his spouse, Katherine Aberuckle and to (blank, Arthur) Temple.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/29*

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 November 1703 (no warrant, defender to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 3 November 1703.

PETITIONER: Lady Minto; Isobell Riddell, relict of Walter Riddell of Minto.

SITE: High Street, Old Post house Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Charles Batchelor, periwig maker who had purchased the lodging below the petitioner who had knocked out a new door into the turnpike, next to the petitioner's door. In his answers the defender refers to a warrant granted to St. Martins and John Gray, his authors, allowing them to make whatever alterations to the property they felt necessary. There is a contract here dated 4 November 1703 between James Dallas, eldest son of St. Martins and John Hamilton, mason who bound himself to build the lumm of the little dining room at the back of the land pertaining to himself and occupied by William Cockburn, merchant. The petitioner is said to have had no interest in the tenement at the time of granting the warrant and would not have been notified.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/30*

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 November 1703 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 10 November 1703.

PETITIONER: William Stirling, WS, Adam Mure of Blackhall, Andrew Cant, minister of the Gospel and others, heritors.

SITE: Hamilton's Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out foul water.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Graham, advocate, John Montgomerie, WS and Thomas Fisher, Chamberlain to the Town, heritors of the new tenement erected on the west side of the Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/31*

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 December 1703.

PETITION LODGED: 15 December 1703.

SITE: Cowgate Port.

PETITIONER: Thomas Younger, wright.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of accounts.

NOTES: The complaint is against Andrew Ker, brewer for the sum of £103 10s Scots for wright work. There are two accounts here for work dated 1702 and September to November 1703, the latter being a final statement with a measure of the work by John Scott dated, 21 April 1703. This account included work by Duncan Galbraith, George Matheson and Laurence Andrew, wrights. There is also an account from Andrew Ker to the petitioner for 66 gallons of 2s ale provided between 24 February 1702 and 8 January 1703, a wainscott close bed and the cost of the measure. In defences Andrew Ker points out that the petitioner owed him £55 8s for ale and others 'which will verry

near ballance any accompt that is justly due...' The matter may have continued with the summoning of witnesses, Duncan Galbraith and George Mathison, wrights in January 1704 although no further action is noted here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/32*

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 December 1703 (no warrant, defender summoned).

PETITION LODGED: 1 December 1703.

PETITIONER: Robert Stedman, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against Janet Ranking, souse to John Lesley, spirit seller for various sums; £20 16s 3d due by James Nisbet for fine damask stuff, £66 for barrels of red herrings. There are two instruments of protest here but no petition by the pursuer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/33*

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 December 1703 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 15 December 1703.

PETITIONER: James Cathcart of Carbiston.

SITE: High Street, Bell's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about obstruction.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Dickson, merchant and David Chrystie, periwig maker who had built a back stair that overhung the petitioner's entrance. The petitioner refers to an agreement between the late Francis Cathcart, his father and William Bruce, merchant dated 20 September 1669 allowing him to strike out a door in the passage leading to Bruce's house.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/34*

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 December 1703 (no warrant, defender summoned).

PETITION LODGED: 29 December 1703.

PETITIONER: Katherine Burnet, relict of James Justice of East Crichtoun and John Smart, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Libberton's Wynd, above the head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Hamilton, writer who it is claimed struck out a vent in a back shop, under the lodging and chamber possessed by the petitioner.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/35*

WARRANT GRANTED: Unknown.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: William Provane.

SITE: Cant's Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against the Court who ordered the petitioner to build up a vent he had opened in what he believed was a mutual gable. He asked for a warrant to build a vent in his own property otherwise he will ask to demolish and rebuild his roof. No further action is noted here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1703/36*

WARRANT GRANTED: Unknown.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Widow Went; Francis Brown, relict of James Went, one of the Keepers of the Exchequer house.

SITE: Meal Market Stair, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Blackwood. The petitioner purchased a house for herself and her children before the great fire (3 February 1700) when it was burnt to ashes. She had rebuilt her house but William Blackwood in rebuilding his

timber forestair had laid dormants and joists further south than previously as had been attested by witnesses called by the Court (no record here). This had the effect of darkening her house rendering it unprofitable. She was also concerned about the possibility of fire.

DRAWINGS: None.

There are a few miscellaneous papers in this box including arguments over indentures and attestations in front of the magistrates of the Town Council. One of these, dated 2 October 1703, appears to be a scroll copy of an attestation by James Anderson, WS who appeared on behalf of John now Duke of Argyle and it refers to the testament of the deceased Duke of Argyle, designated Earl of Argyle dated 26 September 1690.

1704

The Court Officers from October 1704:

Dean of Guild

Robert Blackwood

Council

Adam Brown, merchant

George Warrender, merchant

John Hunter, merchant

James Thomson, mason

William Clark, wright

Henry Hamilton, surgeon

Dean of Guild Officer, Henry Rank

Procurator Fiscal, Samuel Gray,

BOX: 1704/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 January 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 14 July 1703.

PETITIONER: Francis Brown, relict of James Vert.

SITE: Meal Market, west side of the entrance.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Blackwood, merchant who is rebuilding his tenement which 'went from the easter sydewall of the Exchange to that house now acquired be Thos. Kincaid before the burning which now the sd William Blackwood is rebuilding'. It is claimed that he has rebuilt the back stair further southward than it was previously and altered the number of stories which interferes with the petitioner's light. The defender contested the assertion and provided witnesses to prove his case. Their depositions are here: 4 November 1702, James Tennant, merchant aged 23, married; William Ewing, wright aged 40, married; George Stirling, wright aged 39, married; 8 September 1703, Charles Gray, merchant aged 40, married; 10 September 1703, John Deucher, mason to the Lords of Session aged 29, married; 15 December 1703, George Nicoll, merchant aged 40, married; 8 September 1703, John Borthwick, goldsmith aged 48; 10 September 1703, William Silvitor, mason aged 47 and James Cessford, tailor aged 32, married; 14 July 1703, John Herriot, cordiner aged 48, unmarried, James Livingston, wright aged 54, married; 3 September 1703, Robert Stewart, wright aged 34; Robert Neilson, writer aged 36, married; 28 July 1703, John Ramsay, mason aged near 60, married. There are a number of petitions here by William Blackwood and given the dates of some of these depositions, this petition may relate to the warrant granted 11 November 1702 (Montgomerie) for rebuilding a stair.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 January 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 5 January 1704.

PETITIONER: John Haliburton and James Dewar, merchants.

SITE: Bowfoot, east side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild two part timber tenements in stone.

NOTES: The petitioners ask to advance their tenement towards the street as far as the neighbouring tenements and the warrant specified the distance exactly.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 January 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 12 January 1704.

PETITIONER: Mungo Campbell of Burnbank and John Ffleymin (Flemming), advocate.

SITE: High Street, Foster's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The petitioners own the third and fourth stories in the north side of a new

stone tenement. The complaint is against Robert Bowman, merchant who had erected a vent in a clandestine manner. He was ordered to remove it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 January 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 5 January 1704.

PETITIONER: Edward Laing, skipper in Leith.

SITE: North Leith, foot of the Broad Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The Court granted a warrant to rebuild the south gable towards the Wynd keeping the east part towards the Shore 7ft 2in wide and the west part the same. Also that he build in a direct line with Captain Lawde's(?) house on the north. The summons refers to James Law, at his mother's house.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 January 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 9 January 1703.

PETITIONER: Thomas King, silkman in London and Andrew Ross, writer, his factor.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Chatto, merchant for payment of £74 11s Stg. resting on an account for £124 11s Stg. The defender claimed that as he lived in Kelso and being the Earl of Roxburgh's baillie he would not be subject to the Dean of Guild. There is a letter of supplement here dated 19 November 1703 ordering the defender to appear.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 January 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 21 July 1703.

PETITIONER: Henry Simpson junior, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of accounts.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Gordon, merchant and John Reid junior, printer regarding a commission to purchase goods in France. The petitioner claims £729 Stg. but amusingly, the defender corrects this to £749 17s. There are numerous accounts here and the commission, dating to 1701 that list items such as 12 cases of the finest surgeon's instruments in fine shagreen cases, 6 doz spectacles set in steel frames etc. One account refers to the Benjamin of Aberdeen, master Will. Gregour and Messrs. Sandilands and Moir. John Reid had ordered quantities of paper.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 February 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 12 January 1704.

PETITIONER: James Reid, resider.

SITE: Landmarket, Reid's Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The petitioner owned several houses and the complaint is against Andrew Paterson of Kirkton, wright and John Henderson, wright who have been carrying on a great building without a warrant. They have encroached on a sewer and dyke between their respective properties. The defenders claim the sewer belongs to them and the argument then moved on to the question of a doorway. The Court ordered them to build up the door and sewer with stone and lime.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 February 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 2 February 1704.

PETITIONER: John Hunter, indweller in Abbeyhill.

SITE: Leith Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner owns an old ruinous house used as a byre and an area of waste ground on which he wished to build a tenement. The warrant allowed him to build on his old foundations and on the south cheek of the gate.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 February 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 26 January 1704.

PETITIONER: Rorie McKenzie of Prestonhall.

SITE: High Street, Bishop's land.

PROPOSAL: To replace the platform roof with 'an ordinary stay slait roof'.

NOTES: Robert Sibbald of Kipps, doctor of medicine, the contiguous heritor appeared and could give no reason why the work should not be allowed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 February 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 19 January 1704.

PETITIONER: David Grant, merchant.

SITE: Netherbow Port, at the cheek (and Leith Wynd).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sewer and a hole in the Town wall.

NOTES: The complaint is against Daniel Simpson, WS. The matter between the gentlemen had been the subject of an action in the Court of Session, whose decision is transcribed here. The Court ordered the defender to place a grate on the sewer. The defender, addressing the matter of the hole in the wall, referred to a previous decision by the Court in 1699 when a section of the wall fell down because of a heap of rubbish and great rains. The defender was allowed to rebuild it with doors and windows and with holes and passages to allow water that gathered within the wall to run out.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 February 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 29 December 1703.

PETITIONER: William Turnbull, wright.

SITE: East end of St. Giles Church.

PROPOSAL: Claim for payment for rebuilding a tenement.

NOTES: The claim relates to 'that great tenement of land lying at the east end of St. Gilles Church' which was rebuilt after the fire of 3 February 1700 by Robert Mylne, mason and Andrew Paterson, wright. This petition relates to a contract between the petitioner and George Rome, writer (lawyer) dated 2 August 1701 to rebuild one story and a proportion of a conventional slate roof. On completion of the masonry, work began on a pavilion roof covered in lead but this work was stopped by the Dean of Guild because the tenement was already five stories high and to build a pavilion roof with garrets would contravene the Act of 1698 allowing only five floors. The matter went to the Privy Council and it was agreed to let the work go on. The petitioner claimed a sum representing the difference between the slate and the pavilion roof amounting to £2600 Scots for the lead plus £60 Scots for the wright work. There are two copies of a statement here for the lead and a division between the heritors. George Rome owned two houses; one valued at £626 Stg. or £7520 Scots and his share of the work was £382 3s Scots; the other £340 Stg. or £4080 Scots and his share, £207 12 s 2d Scots. Alexander Forbes, goldsmith owned a shop and a cellar valued at £150 Stg. See also the unextracted petition dated 18 April 1705 (Gavenlocks).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 February 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 16 December 1702.

PETITIONER: Robert Mylne of Balfarg, mason.

SITE: Parliament Close, south side.

PROPOSAL: Seeking payment of accounts for rebuilding.

NOTES: The petition refers to a warrant granted by the Court on 12 September 1701 (not surviving here) and a request on 16 December 1702 to tradesmen to evaluate the work carried out. By that date the work on the uppermost floor and garrets was complete. There are two accounts here, one for lining, flooring, plastering and stone work in the fifth story of tenement above the entry to the Meal Market pertaining to Thomas Robertson (and Henry Robertson), baillie Warrender and others amounting to £2685 10s 6d Scots and another for work on the roof and garrets in the same tenement amounting to £2502 15s 6d Scots. The work was inspected and passed by tradesmen of the Court on 20 January 1703

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 February 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 6 February 1704.

PETITIONER: Andrew Paterson, wright.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about collection of rents.

NOTES: The complaint is against Richard Howison who employed the petitioner as factor for uplifting the rents of the same, belonging to the creditors of Sir Patrick Hobson, amounting to £400 9s Scots, in August 1701. (It is not clear exactly what is being claimed here).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 February 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 9 February 1704.

PETITIONER: Alexander Young, merchant.

SITE: Leith, a tenement at the head of the hill and of that Wynd going down to the Tolbooth and Shore.

PROPOSAL: To repair a ruinous gable.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a visit by the Court to the tenement belonging to Masterton of Grange, on 25 January 1704 when they ordered the east gable to be taken down. The summons refers to John Masterton, brother of Adam Masterton of Grange and John was ordered in the warrant to complete the work by 15 March 1704.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 March 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 15 March 1704.

PETITIONER: William Oliphant, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about trading on the Sabbath.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Lundie, merchant in Leith whom the petitioner saw purchasing a parcel of 'proones' from a Danish skipper. The defender was fined £24 Scots

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 March 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 22 March 1704.

PETITIONER: (blank) Hodge, relict of William Wilson, merchant, (blank) Wilson his daughter and Alexander Wilkinson, writer, her husband.

SITE: High Street, Forresters Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Dennistoun, writer (lawyer) who is building a summer house or toofall in a yard beside the petitioners' tenement. He had struck several holes in the side wall of their tenement. The Court ordered the defender to remove the poles but allowed him to build the summerhouse.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 March 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 22 March 1704.

PETITIONER: David Adam, flesher.

SITE: Sclater's Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement in stone.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from Roderick McKenzie of Prestonhall, Lord Justice Clerk.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 March 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 22 March 1704.

PETITIONER: James Syme, slater and John Hendrie, cordiner.

SITE: High Street, Monteith's Close (Bryson's Close crossed through).

PROPOSAL: To pave a Close.

NOTES: James Syme stated that he had lately built a convenient house at the foot of the Close and John Hendrie owned another house in the same Close. They complain that the paving is in poor condition and then go on to complain about the pend at the head of the Close, pertaining to Laurence Power, merchant, being too low for most people to walk beneath. 'There being no free and convenient passage to the College but from Haliburton's Wynd to the Netherbow except Chambers Close, which in rainnie weather being so narrow that hardly a person can pass by other and the fore stair hanging in ye middle of the close all persons passing thrbly are extremely wett & abused. Other heritors are listed and Bryson's Close is mentioned again but not crossed through.

There are answers for James Syme, slater who refers to Gilbert Elliot of Stobbs. There is an account here dated November 1704 for the causeway laying in Monteith's Close by George Glass and William Murray amounting to £119 10s (Scots). The account refers to 2000 cassie stones and 'loading them up of the park' and bringing them to town.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 March 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 22 March 1704.

PETITIONER: George Mckenzie of Rosehaugh, George Mckenzie of Inchcutter his curator and Alexander Mcleod, merchant, factor and doer for his interest.

SITE: Blackfriar's Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of filth and excrements.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Canto, indweller, tenant of a house pertaining to (blank) Cassele, skinner in Borrowstoness, Byres of Coates, Mrs. Marie Byres, his sister German, tenant of a house pertaining to John Knox, surgeon & the said John Knox with George Jolly, merchant, factor for the said (blank) Cassels. This property is not specified but presumably it overlooked the petitioner's property in Blackfriar'Wynd. The Court ordered the windows overlooking the petitioner's entry and close to be stenchilled (barred). There is a further detailed note of the remedy.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 April 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 29 March 1704.

PETITIONER: Elizabeth Ker, relict of James Fulton, mason.

SITE: High Street, head of Blackfriar's Wynd, the new stone tenement.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of water.

NOTES: The complaint is against Charles Hay, baxter, Patrick Steill, vintner, Sir William Menzies, late baillie, Capt. James Marjoribanks younger, James Affleck, baxter, (blank) Houston of Calderhall, indweller, Henry Nisbet of Dean, indweller, all heritors of the new stone tenement. The petitioner owns a little laigh house in the ground of the said tenement. The Court ordered the windows overlooking the petitioner's property to be stenchilled (barred) and to be glazed in close glass.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 April 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 5 April 1704.

PETITIONER: William Blackwood, merchant and John Henderson, wright.

SITE: Between the Meal market and the Exchange.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to a warrant granted on 28 August 1700 (which does not survive there but other papers do) and they ask the Court to ratify the original warrant. The Court granted a warrant specifying '...to make his entrie close to the south wall of the meal market and that he make the same fyve foote wydness'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 April 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 29 March 1704.

PETITIONER: The undertakers of the Manufactory of Paul's Work.

SITE: Paul's Work.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a midden.

NOTES: The complaint is about a midden obstructing the rebuilding of a dyke and the Court summoned William Coldstream, coachman who was ordered to move his midden six feet from the wall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 April 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 5 April 1704.

PETITIONER: Thomas Ker, goldsmith and Mary Ker, second lawful daughter to John Ker, stabler and relict of Charles Sherriff, son of John Sherriff, Chamberlain to the Earl of Haddington, for her and her children, their interest.

SITE: High Street, Foullers (Foulis) Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The roof had been flat. See warrant granted 14 June 1704 (Mair) and 27 November 1704 (Ker).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 April 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 29 March 1704.

PETITIONER: Helen Smith, relict of James Balfour, merchant and James Balfour their eldest son.

SITE: Milne Square, at the Bow head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of foul water.

NOTES: The petitioner's own two houses with a yard on the north. They complaint against Hugh Cunningham, WS, William Johnston, advocate, James Webster servant to Sir James Hall of Dunglass, (blank) Gladstone, relict of (blank) Monro, advocate, David Blair, minister, (blank), relict of Alexander Anderson, coppersmith and others. The Court ordered the upper windows to the kitchens in the scale stair to be trellised or sealed with timber bars.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 April 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 5 April 1704.

PETITIONER: Alexander Mckie, baxter.

SITE: Horse Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To build an oven on the yard to the west of his property.

NOTES: The warrant was granted with the warning that the petitioner was not to store any broom or whin within forty feet of the property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 April 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 4 August 1703.

PETITIONER: James, Earl of Panmure.

SITE: Canongate, north side, a little below the Cross.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner had purchased a lodging and he complains against Robert Straiton who is the neighbour on the south. Water running of the defender's roof was damaging his property. He also complained about a dyke belonging to Jean Mathie, relict of Humphrey Miln, watchmaker in Canongate and another neighbour. See warrant granted 3 May 1704 (Mathie) where the neighbour is described as Robert Strong.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 April 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 29 March 1704.

PETITIONER: John Menzies, advocate.

SITE: High Street, south side, back of the Cross.

PROPOSAL: To repair a shop and cellar and move the entrance.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 May 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 25 April 1704.

PETITIONER: Nicoll, Somerville, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Cowgate, north side, adjacent to the east side of the foot of Bell's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair a ruinous house.

NOTES: The petitioner had acquired the property as creditor of the deceased Edward Cunningham, barber and periwig maker.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 May 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 11 August 1703.

PETITIONER: Jeane Mathie, relict of the late Humphrey Miles, watchmaker, Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Strong, precenter at Linlithgow and Patrick Jackson, cooper in Canongate his factor.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 May 1704.

PETITION LODGED: Before 3 May 1704.

PETITIONER: Lady Riddell, relict of Walter Riddell of Minto.

SITE: High Street, north side, Old Posthouse Close.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to vents and chimney heads.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 May 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 3 May 1704.

PETITIONER: Andrew Thomson of Queenshanch.

SITE: High Street, south side, directly opposite the Castle Wynd foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mary Frank, relict of John Moubray, merchant a contiguous heritor on the west who has allowed the dyke in her yard to fall into disrepair. The petitioner points out that in this part of the Town '... the proprietor of the

yards there always build & repair the easter dyke as is evident by an Act of the Dean of Guild...for ye tyme being of ye date ye 12 June 1667 whereby my author [the person who sold him the property] is appointed to build ye easter dyke of my said yard. The Court found against the petitioner. See further warrant granted 26 July 1704 (Thomson).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 May 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 3 May 1704.

PETITIONER: Allison Young, daughter of the deceased Robert Young, merchant.

SITE: Heriot Bridge, the brewery.

PROPOSAL: To inspect the brewery before leasing.

NOTES: Thomas Smith is to remove from the brewery and it is to be let to John Paterson, brewer. Thomas Smith was granted permission to remove the looms that belonged to him.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 May 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 31 March 1703.

PETITIONER: James Nimmo, merchant.

SITE: Parliament yard.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about piles of building rubble.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Blackwood, merchant, Charles Row, WS and William Scott, late Deacon of the Wrights, proprietors. The petitioner refers to the great fire in Parliament Close and the burning of the tenement in the back part. The defenders had made no effort to remove the great piles of rubble lying against the western wall of the Town's Fish Market. He also complained that the Town Council had rebuild the lower Exchange and laid 'fyne Marble pavement qch stood the Good Town a considerable dale of money, and albeit that all or the most part of these were saved from & not destroyed by the fire...' This matter continued for some time with Robert Blackwood ignoring the Court. The Dean of Guild, Robert Blackwood who signs the entries here is presumably a different person.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 May 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 3 May 1704.

PETITIONER: Alexander Haig, wright.

SITE: High Street, Pasley's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner had purchased a little house as a workhouse but his servants could not work there because of the danger from a neighbouring, ruinous tenement. This belonged to Elizabeth Gray, (blank) Thomson, spouse to John Gibson and Alexander Ainslie, merchant and clerk to the glass work in Leith. The defenders were ordered to demolish the old tenement before 1 June.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 May 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 10 May 1704.

PETITIONER: Alexander Nisbet, surgeon apothecary.

PROPOSAL: Dispute over an indenture.

NOTES: The indenture was with Charles Fergusson dated 11 June 1701 for five years.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 May 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 17 May 1704.
PETITIONER: John Finnie, wright in Portsburgh.
SITE: Portsburgh High Street, north side.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.
NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Inglis, pewterer who has carried out work on his roof without a warrant and there is a problem with the easing drop. The defender was ordered to make a water spout.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/37
WARRANT GRANTED: 26 May 1704.
PETITION LODGED: 26 May 1704.
PETITIONER: Alexander Brown, merchant.
SITE: Luckenbooths, east end.
PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.
NOTES: The intention was to rebuild the tenement immediately to the west of the petitioner's new tenement on the east end of the Luckenbooths. A warrant for this work was granted on 24 May 1704. This warrant was contested by Mistress Haire, founder of the Maiden Hospital, Thomas Lawrie, baillie, George Warrender and John Porteous, merchants. They stated that the new work would obstruct the entry from the east to the warehouse occupied by Thomas Lawrie and John Paton. They referred to a warrant granted by the Court on 12 July 1599 to the deceased James Cunningham. The petitioner's were asked to produce their rights and reference is made to a printed inventory of writs, which is not here. There is a full copy of the warrant making this request is here but the matter seems to have continued, unresolved, until 3 June 1704. See also warrant dated 13 April 1705 (Procurator Fiscal) where some of the work here was found to be against the Act of 1698. The procurator's petition refers to an action in the Court of Session which may explain why the numbering on the existing papers suggests some have been lost. See also various warrants granted in 1701 by this petitioner.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/38
WARRANT GRANTED: 26 May 1704.
PETITION LODGED: 17 May 1704.
PETITIONER: Sir William Binning of Waliford.
SITE: Canongate, north side, Mazie Smith's Close.
PROPOSAL: To repair several tenements.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/39
WARRANT GRANTED: 7 June 1704.
PETITION LODGED: 7 June 1704.
PETITIONER: Procurator Fiscal.
SITE: College Kirk, near.
PROPOSAL: Complaint against Alexander Sheill who had broken out windows looking into the College Kirk yard without a warrant. Nothing survives here but the warrant.
NOTES: This may be related to the unextracted petition dated 11 June 1703 (Masters of Trinity Hospital).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/40
WARRANT GRANTED: 7 June 1704.
PETITION LODGED: 31 May 1704.
PETITIONER: Samuel Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.
SITE: Leith, north of the Bridge, next to the Lyons Dock, contiguous to the harbour of Leith.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.
NOTES: The complaint is against William Cathcart, litster who is said to have built a

boundary dike that encroached on the property of the Good Town. The Court ordered the demolition of part of the dyke. (This action is probably the result of the Common Riding or Riding of the Marches which took place in April each year).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 June 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 17 May 1704.

PETITIONER: William Main and Grizzel Muir his mother.

SITE: High Street, north side, a little below the Guard. Foulis Close?

PROPOSAL: Complaint about potential loss of light.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Ker, goldsmith who is building in such a way that it will interfere with the petitioner's light. See warrant granted 7 April 1704 (Ker).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 June 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 14 June 1704.

PETITIONER: John Shaw, late of Sornbeg, factor for John Shaw, his son, proprietor.

SITE: Canongate, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sign.

NOTES: The property is contiguous on the east to the Earl of Winton's lodging and the petitioner complained against James Fowler, stabler in Canongate who had erected a sign on his property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 June 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 7 June 1704.

PETITIONER: Andrew Paterson of Kirkcounie, wright and factor for the Earl of Leven, Robert Blackwood, merchant, Charles Row, WS, David Crawford, clerk to the admission of notaries and Mr. James Smith of Whythill, heritors.

SITE: Parliament Close, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about refusal to take up a lease.

NOTES: The complaint is against Sophia Pringle, relict of (blank) Pringle of Greenknow who agreed to take a lease on a lodging in the uppermost floor with a cellar and garret of the recently built tenement belonging to the petitioners. The agreed rent of maill and duty was £450 merks Scots pa. As part of the agreement the petitioner was '...to line the dining room and make a pantry in the inter coume & a door off the south east bed chamber to the transe. Also to make a table & shelves & close ambrie below the same in the kitchen under the table and a bunker for coal'. The defender claimed that she would not take possession because the property was not in a habitable condition and the Court found in her favour.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 June 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 31 May 1704.

PETITIONER: Robert Mylne of Balfarg, mason.

SITE: Parliament Close, at the entry.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Hay, vintner and his wife who asked the petitioner to repair the pavement outside their door. The property was owned by Henry Blair, merchant and the defenders refused to pay the £3 10s Stg. until they have an allowance from their landlord.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 June 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 14 June 1704.

PETITIONER: Alexander Aitkinhead, WS, David Plenderleith of Blyth and Rachael Kinnear, proprietors.

SITE: Milne Square, opposite the Weigh house.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of foul water.

NOTES: The complaint is against the relict and children of the late James balfour, merchant, David Callander, writer, the heirs of Dr. Blackadder and John Hunter, collector of the Cess. The Court ordered the windows to be glazed and stenchilled or barred.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1704.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Sir Walter Seton, Commisar Clerk, Sir John Ferguson, advocate, Robert Rutherford of Fairnyhill, John Fleeming, advocate, James Gordon senior, merchant, Mungo Campbell of Burnbank, Alexander Henderson, stationer, John Law, writer, James Gollie, advocate, James Gemmel, beddell, Alexander Gavinlock, mason, George Liddell, merchant, Agnes Pringle, relict of the late John Hislop and Patrick McDowall, wright, heritors.

SITE: Forrester's Wynd, west side, Gavinlock's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of foul water.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Chancellor, merchant. The petitioners are objecting because they had been ordered to timber trellis their windows and they were reluctant to do so that had taken all the measures they could to stop their servants throwing out foul water. They asked for all of the windows on each side of the scale stair to be trellised. The Court ordered the petitioner's and the defenders to trellis their windows.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1704.

PETITIONER: John Camper, indweller and Margaret Strachan, relict of James Miller, surgeon.

SITE: Forrester's Wynd, west side, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the tenement and to make repairs.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Pitfarene younger of Dreghorne, facto appointed by the Court of Session to uplift the rents on the property belonging to the representatives of the late David Heriot. The Court granted a warrant for the repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 25 June 1704.

PETITIONER: Henry Hamilton, surgeon apothecary.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite the head of Blackfriar's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of foul water.

NOTES: The complaint is against Captain (blank) Gordon, David Burton, glazier, Sir William Scot of Harden, (blank) Irving, relict of Alexander Strachan, Alexander Nisbet, surgeon, the Earl of Findlator and George Seton. The petitioner is the proprietor of a laigh house which he acquired from Malcolm Mcgibon in the ground of that great tenement built by James Smith of Whythill and the defenders own the floors above. In answers for Mrs. Strachan she points out that her husband made a spout which took all of their foul water down without any offence to her neighbours.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 July 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 9 July 1704.

PETITIONER: Isobell Lauder, widow of the late John Wilkie, tailor.

SITE: Stevenlaws Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The petitioner occupies a dwelling house and has the liferent on three floors above in a tenement owned by Thomas Elis, WS. The complaint is against Kenneth McKenzie, vintner who had struck out a window in the north end of the dwelling house without a warrant. The petitioner was fined £100 Scots and to be imprisoned until he paid the same or produced the workman that had carried out the work, in which case they will reduce the fine to £50 Scots. See unextracted petition dated 13 December 1704 (McKenzie).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 July 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1704.

PETITIONER: James Laing, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Hunter, merchant, servant to the Manufactory of Paul's Work for payment for numerous supplies of wool in 1703-4. He refers to tickets for £339 10s, £370 10s, £429 10s and £446 all Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 July 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 12 July 1704.

PETITIONER: John Knox, surgeon apothecary, burgher.

SITE: Foot of the mid Baxter's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about staring whins.

NOTES: The complaint is against Jon(athon) Greenlees, late Deacon of the Baxters who had been stacking whins close to the petitioner's property. The defender acknowledged that he had built a new whin stack at the place where there had previously been one. he was ordered to remove it by 20 July under a penalty of £100 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 July 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 12 July 1704.

PETITIONER: The Incorporation of Cordiners.

SITE: Potterrow Port.

PROPOSAL: To make alterations to their Hall.

NOTES: The petitioners wished to build beside the Town Wall '... at every end of their hall or convening house a stone partition (wt. a door in every partition for passing around ye wall when occasione requires)' to prevent the College boys (walking along the wall?) and damaging their roof.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 July 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 14 July 1704.

PETITIONER: John Callender of Craigforth.

SITE: Gray's Close, east and west sides.

PROPOSAL: To raise the height of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner complained that his neighbour Rory Mackenzie of Prestonhall, Lord Justice Clerk was allowed to raise the height of his tenement on the west side of the Close and this had an adverse effect on his vents. He asked to heighten his tenement to the same level and this was granted. There is a note here from William Menzies of Gladstaines, the 'next heritor on the north part' with an interest in the northern gable and a further undated petition from Craigforth asking to carry out this work. He originally referred to this as being liferented to the relict of Phillip Kincaid.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 July 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 5 April 1704.

PETITIONER: Sir Archibald Stevenson, Doctor of Medicine.

SITE: Nidderly Wynd, foot, west side.

PROPOSAL: To cognose expences for repairs and decoration.

NOTES: The petitioner held a 19 year lease from Patrick Inglis of Eastbarnes dated 22 May 1697 for a lodging and Archibald Pitcairn had the lodging beneath it on a similar lease dated 29 July 1697. Pitcairn paid £84 Scots pa. mail and duty, with an agreement that he could have a visitation from the Dean of Guild to determine an amount that could be charged to make the property a more convenient dwelling and that these reparations should not exceed £400 Scots. He was granted such a warrant on 9 June 1697 and alterations were carried out to the flooring, windows and partitions. The accounts for this work for Dr. Pitcairn are lodged here. The petitioner gave the amounts he expended with John Hamilton, wright (£649 8s) Thomas Warrender, painter (£91 2s), Walter Scott, glazier (£45 6s) and Robert Steil, smith (£14 16s6d) totalling £873 10s Scots. The accounts are here. Patrick Inglis now being deceased the tacks had specified that they would withhold the amounts spent from their rent during the period of the tack or the lifetime of the granter, Patrick Inglis. The Court agreed on the amounts charged and granted the petitioners the right to hold their rents until the sums had been reached.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 July 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 26 July 1704.

PETITIONER: Andrew Thomson of Queenshanch.

SITE: High Street, south side, directly opposite the Castle Wynd foot.

PROPOSAL: Appeal against a previous decision.

NOTES: The petitioner had uncovered the foundations of the original dyke while digging. See previous petition of 10 May 1704.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/56

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 June 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 18 August 1703.

PETITIONER: Arthur Temple, merchant, son of the deceased Arthur Temple, surgeon and Helen Hislop his (Temple junior's) spouse.

SITE: Landmarket, Temple's land.

PROPOSAL: Seeking payment of accounts for rebuilding.

NOTES: The petitioners were liferenters in the property held in fee by Adam Gairdner of Greenhill. It had been destroyed by the fire but the defender refused to rebuild it, claiming that liferenters had no right in law to force the rebuilding of a tenement destroyed by accident or public calamity. The petitioners applied for a warrant to do so and reclaim the expence from the defender. There are accounts here from tradesman for work carried out between 15 May 1702 and 5 June 1703: Andrew Wardrop, glazier (£123 3s 10d with a measure of the work by John Scott), John Mein, slater (£93 6s and £96 7s), Alexander Gawenlocks, mason (£340 5s), Robert Mitchell, smith (£68 9s 8d) and a receipt for payment by David Napier, plasterer, paid by George Young for work carried out in 1698. There is a further statement of the account totalling £2703 3s 10d Scots which also lists work carried out by Patrick Craig, painter (£122 14s), Wm(?) McGill for painting £10 2s), Alex Sim(?), plasterer (£85 13s) and Patrick Chalmers, wright (£1589 14s 4d). To which is added painting by John Clerk (£13 16s) and additional work by Paterson and Henderson (£80). There are depositions here from other tradesmen involved in the work: Henry Reid, workman aged 60, married who certified some of the slater work, James Crawford, glazier aged 24, married, worked with Andrew Wardrop, James Heriot, aged 22, unmarried, worked with Andrew Wardrop, James Bull, painter aged 24, married, worked with Patrick Craig, Andrew Williamson, mason aged 34, married, worked with (John) Henderson & (Andrew)

Paterson, wrights on the vents, John Stewart, mason aged 22, unmarried, worked with Andrew Williamson, Robert Young, wright aged 38, married, worked with William Crawford and John Bell, wright aged 18, unmarried who also worked with William Crawford. This matter went to the Court of Session in a Bill of Advocation by the defender but they supported the decision of the Dean of Guild. See warrant granted 17 March 1703 (Ritchie and others).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/57

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 August 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 19 July 1704.

PETITIONER: Agnes Deans, relict of John Powers, writer (lawyer) and now spouse to Thomas Mckenzie, merchant.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, Deacon Powers Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/58

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 August 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 26 July 1704.

PETITIONER: John McFarling, WS.

SITE: High Street, Pitcarlie's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Reid, merchant who has a shop immediately under the chamber or merchant booth owned by the petitioner. The defender had put up a sign on the petitioner's property, creating four large holes in the ashlar work and fixing it with four iron bats. He was ordered to remove them with no mention of the holes.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/59

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 August 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 19 July 1704.

PETITIONER: John Morison, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Niddery Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To repair and alter a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner wanted to enlarge the windows on the east wall and build storm windows above the same. Also to 'take in some of the Chimleys of the said house & to put Concave Chimleys in the place of them... and to place two Study windows in my own sydewall... and to lower the garret floor 18 inches...' The warrant was granted with conditions.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/60

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 August 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 9 August 1704.

PETITIONER: William Scott, wright.

SITE: Cowgate, north side, foot of Burnets Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.

NOTES: Refers to making a 'scowling roof' and the warrant refers to taking away the storming and making a 'scoull roof' (a projecting structure).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/61

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 August 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1704.

PETITIONER: Incorporation of Wrights and Masons: William Clark, Deacon of the wrights and James Thomson, Deacon of the masons in name of the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel.

SITE: Niddery Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Gaven Plummer, merchant who is rebuilding in the neighbouring (Dickson's) Close and has laid all his building rubbish against a rampart wall built within the past eight years. The wall encloses a yard and wrights shop on the east but it had begun to lean inwards by about 6 inches. There are depositions here from John Smart, mason aged 40, married and William Short, wright aged 40, married having witnessed the laying of the redd.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/62

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 August 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 2 August 1704.

PETITIONER: Daniell Simson, WS, Alexander Wedderburn of Blackness, Clerk to the Bills, William Done, writer, John Mortimer and John Esten, periwig makers, Mistress Maxwell and Mrs. Leudell, all inhabitants.

SITE: High Street, head of Old Provost's Close, opposite the Court of Guard.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the turnpike stair and the darkness of it.

NOTES: They complaint against their landlords, George Alexander, advocate, James Ker, tailor, James Nicholson of Straeburne, James Prince, John Lesley, tailor and Mrs. Howat, all heritors. The Court ordered the repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/63

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 August 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1704.

PETITIONER: The Baxters of the Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, south side, opposite to Campbell's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint was initially against Robert Straiton, writer in Canongate, son and heir of the deceased John Straiton, merchant, who had built a wall that prevented access to a brewery and other buildings occupied by the petitioner's tenants. Alexander Thomson, tailor acquired a ruinous tenement and some waste ground from Robert Straiton and petitioned the Court before 12 July 1704 to rebuild the tenement and on the waste ground. He was granted a warrant on that day but this had been crossed through and the final warrant was granted on 9 August after further argument and with specified boundaries.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/64

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 August 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1704.

PETITIONER: James Martin, tutor and manager to the Earl of Southesk.

SITE: High Street, Pitcarlie's land, fifth story.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a platform roof.

NOTES: The petitioner complained that his roof had been damaged by falling stones and rubbish during the rebuilding of the tenement on the west (Blair's land). He also noted that it was damaged '... by the great crowds of people that repair to the plate forme upon solemn days...' and that 'the base plate and ballusters of the plate forme with the great courses under the same is of so great proportion and weight that it oppresses the wall below And when crowds of people draw to that place the haill wall ballastere cournice & altogether is in hazard of falling to the street (which) might not only rowin the tenement bot prove fatal to the people leaning on the ballastere & courses Slso the great multitudes standing upon the street below upon occasion of such solemnities...' The petitioners asked to take down the ballusters etc. and build a pavilion roof and the Court agreed on condition that the front wall should continue upwards but that it should have no additional windows or stormont windows on the roof. There were objections that this would be against the Act of Parliament of 1698 by allowing a sixth story.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/65

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 August 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 23 August 1704.

PETITIONER: Patrick Chalmers, wright.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of rent.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Habkin, beltmaker for payment of rent of £3 Stg. on a property from Whitsunday 1703.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/66

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 August 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 23 August 1704.

PETITIONER: John Riddock, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Cowgate head, between it and foot of the West Bow (sic. Netherbow).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of debts and to repair a tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against the deceased Samuel Guthrie, merchant, proprietor of the Temple tenement and others.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/67

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 August 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 18 August 1704.

PETITIONER: Alexander Baird, late baillie.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Henry, late Deacon of the Cordiners for a debt of 236 lbs. paper lint at £12 Scots per lb. or £141 12s Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/68

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 August 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 25 August 1703.

PETITIONER: Sir John Foulis of Ravelston.

SITE: High Street, east side of Forrester's Wynd head, fronting the High Street.

PROPOSAL: To build little shops.

NOTES: There is a complaint against William Abercrombie, minister of the Gospel who had built a stand for a flesher to hang meat on market days. The petitioner claimed to have the right to other stands in the area, for which his father and grandfather claimed rent. He refers to a warrant granted on 25 May 1698 against Patrick Skirving who had removed one of the stands and its reinstatement. He also refers to an Act of the Town Council regarding the building of small shops where the stands were, dated 22 March 1695.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/69

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 September 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 30 August 1704.

PETITIONER: Archibald Hamilton of Rosehall.

SITE: High Street, head of Niddery Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To lower the floor of a back house.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/70

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 September 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 25 August 1704.

PETITIONER: James Osborne, Professor of Divinity, University of Aberdeen and his second son, Alexander (changed from James) Osborne.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an indenture.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Mossman, bookseller and an indenture for his son with the defender dated 18 and 26 August 1702. The defender answered that

Alexander Osborne only served with him for seven or eight months before signing himself in as a soldier, without any notice, and being sent to Holland.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/71

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 September 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 2 August 1704.

PETITIONER: James Nicholson of Trabroun.

SITE: High Street, south side, Blair's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment for repairs.

NOTES: The complaint is against Rebecca Adamson, relict of George Graham, merchant who held a tack or lease from the petitioner dated 21 August 1684 under which she was responsible for repair and maintenance. The roof of the tenement became insufficient and the petitioner paid £9 14s 5d Stg for repairs which he now claims. This tenement is one of those destroyed by the fire of February 1700.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/72

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 September 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 18 August 1704.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jackson, burgess of the Canongate for himself and in name of the Kirk Session of the Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, north side, west side of the common Close (Canongate manse).

PROPOSAL: To build a public school.

NOTES: The petitioners have purchased a yard and several ruinous houses from the representatives of the deceased James Kirk, merchant. They intend building 'a public school with seall outbuildings as a home(?) to the Mr. (minister?).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/73

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 October 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 27 September 1704.

PETITIONER: Charles Rose, writer, factor for the creditors of John Oliphant in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, north side, a little below Morocco's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about obstruction.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Mackie, baxter (baker) in Canongate who had put up standards to support a pend at the head of the Close and reduced the height of the entry by lowering the floor above it, all without a warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/74

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 October 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 20 September 1704.

PETITIONER: George Drummond, Keeper of the Tolbooth of Edinburgh, Charles Batchelor, periwig maker and David Chrystie, periwig maker.

SITE: High Street, north side, a little below the Cross.

PROPOSAL: To repair the turnpike stair.

NOTES: The petitioner complains against James Murray, merchant and factor for (blank) Irving of Irving Castle in Ireland who refused to contribute to the cost.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/75

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 October 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 18 October 1704.

PETITIONER: George Nicoll, Burgess.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Dunbar, tailor in Canongate (& James Miller, tailor in Potterrow, crossed out) who owes the petitioner £39 15s Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/76

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 October 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 25 October 1704.

PETITIONER: Sir David Dalrymple, advocate, George Rome, merchant, Agnes Campbell, relict of Andrew Anderson, printer, (blank) Campbell, merchant and William Turnbull, wright, proprietors.

SITE: High Street, Blair's land.

PROPOSAL: To plaster joists to prevent fire.

NOTES: The petitioners complain against (blank) Blair, spouse to Stephen Cuthell, vintner, Alexander Hay, vintner, Alexander Glass, WS, tutor or doer for Stevenson of Montgrennan's children and others, proprietors of two shops and cellars in the tenement. The state that the joisting under the 'paitches' (arches?) of the tenement is not plastered and there is a danger of fire from the frequent 'beating of the lumbs'. This has been done in the contiguous Pitcarlie's land. The Court ordered the work to be done.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/77

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 November 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 18 October 1704.

PETITIONER: Thomas Weir, apothecary.

SITE: Milne's Square, at the Bow head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the pediment over the entry.

NOTES: The petitioner explained that the top of the tympanum (pediment) over the entrance to the square came above the sole of his window and this caused the rain to soak the lining and floor of his house. He asked to take off the top of the tympanum and the Court agreed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/78

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 November 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 6 September 1704.

PETITIONER: George Nicoll, merchant.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite the Cross.

PROPOSAL: To create a darting light.

NOTES: The petitioner had a cellar or vault under the pavement and he asked to make knock out a 'darting light' in the plainstones and place an iron grate over it. The Court granted a warrant stipulating that the grate should be level with the paving and only a foot square and 1½ inches between the grating.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/79

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 November 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 25 October 1704.

PETITIONER: Robert Chersly of Bonnington.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The petitioner complained against Henry Ferguson, Baron Baillie of the Canongate who owed him £155 Scots on a bond from 1703.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/80

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 November 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 8 November 1704.

PETITIONER: Robert Chatto, merchant in Tweedmouth.

PROPOSAL: Complaint

NOTES: The complaint is against James Stewart, merchant in Edinburgh. The petitioner sold a quantity of goods (haberdashery) to the defender totalling £32 15s 3d stg. In place of a balance due it was agreed that the defender would supply a quantity of whale bone out of the weigh house of Leith. This part of the bargain was not fully kept, for reasons explained. The Court found against the defender and ordered him to

deliver two hundredweight of whalebone to the petitioner. There are detailed accounts here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/81

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 November 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 18 August 1704.

PETITIONER: Thomas Ker, goldsmith, Marie Ker, second daughter to the deceased John Ker, stabler and relict of Charles Sherriff, son of John Sherriff, Chamberlain to the Earl of Haddington.

SITE: High Street, Foulis Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to a warrant granted 7 April 1704. The accounts do not survive here but the tradesmen are named: William Brown, wright (£241 15s), Robert Mylne, mason (£5 10s 2d), Thomas Forrest, glazier (£18 9s), George Syme, slater (£13) and Robert Brown, smith (£10 15s) all Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/82

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 November 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 22 November 1704.

PETITIONER: Patrick Hepburne, apothecary.

SITE: High Street, head of the Ship Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about payment for work carried out.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Mylne, mason who by a contract dated 4 August 1703 agreed to carry out work specified by 1 November (1703). There was a disagreement over the payment.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/83

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 December 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 24 November 1704.

PETITIONER: Walter Stewart, advocate, Mrs. FFowbester, Robert Hunter, merchant for himself and the remnant managers of Paul's Work manufactory and William Bell, litster.

SITE: Leith Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a dung midden.

NOTES: The complaint is against Joseph Steill, farmer in Groathill.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/84

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 December 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 20 December 1704.

PETITIONER: Thomas Ellis, WS.

SITE: Stevenlaws Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work carried out.

NOTES: The complaint relates to work ordered to be carried out by Kenneth Mckenzie that is not safe and a complaint by Mrs Wilkie. The Court found the work had been completed properly.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/85

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 December 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 29 November 1704.

PETITIONER: James Erdington, eldest son of the late John Erdington, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Miln's Square, fore part, a cellar.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about water damage.

NOTES: The complaint is about water damage, sometimes to the depth of four ft. occasioned by the Town's broken water pipes. The Court gave him permission to put in a sewer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/86

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 December 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 13 December 1704.

PETITIONER: John Libberton, merchant.

SITE: Hearts Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about water entering the houses.

NOTES: The complaint relates to 'under water' and he asked to make a sewer.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted petitions.

BOX: 1704/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 January 1704 (no warrant, complaint not upheld).

PETITION LODGED: 15 October 1703.

PETITIONER: John Henderson, wright.

SITE: High Street, Old Post House Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against Charles Batchelor, periwig maker who had erected a masonry vent against the ruinous wall of the petitioner's vault.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 January 1704 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 2 December 1703.

PETITIONER: John Campbell, tailor.

SITE: High Street, south side, near the Castlehill, Edgars Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair and rebuild a tenement two floors higher.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from Daniel Robertson, embroiderer and Jean Cunningham his spouse. In answers from Thomas Murray, skinner and contiguous heritor, he stated that the property had previously belonged to David Hutchison, skinner. Lewis Johnstone of Carrieson and William Baird, merchant complained about the height but did not provide evidence of a servitude. In replies for the petitioner he refers to a paper submitted by Thomas Murray; a contract between David Hutchison and Thomas Edgar dated 8 May 1634 in which they had an agreement not to increase the height of an adjacent tenement. No decision is recorded here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 January 1704 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 12 January 1704.

PETITIONER: David Lindsay, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Richardson, merchant in Leith for payment of £88 9s Scots for timber delivered in 1703.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 February 1704 (defender to see).

PETITION LODGED: 9 February 1704.

PETITIONER: Isaac Jacobson, silkman in London for himself and as attorney for George Hutton, his late servant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Smith, merchant and William Wilson, merchant for the sum of £8 11s 6d outstanding from 11 October 1695. The petitioner refers to a letter of attorney dated 26 July 1697 and that Andrew Rose, merchant in Edinburgh was his substitute factor.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 February 1704 (defender to depone).

PETITION LODGED: 16 February 1704.

PETITIONER: John Mure, late Provost of Ayr.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Frederick Cunningham, keeper of the Tolbooth in Canongate for the sum of £100 Scots for an unspecified service. The complainer asked for £200 merks, judging the service to have been greater.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 March 1704 (defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 23 February 1704.

PETITIONER: Robert de Vos, merchant in Rotterdam and John Forrest his factor.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Dunlop and John Russell, merchants in Edinburgh, executors of the deceased Andrew Russell, merchant in Rotterdam. The complaint relates to a bill of exchange, lodged here, dated 1 July 1688 made out to Hugo or Hugh Craig, minister at Galashiels and merchant for 266 13s, Gilders. There are other papers here from the Court of Session and a letter of horning.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 March 1704 (no warrant, defender to see).

PETITION LODGED: 15 March 1705.

PETITIONER: Gaven Plummer, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Pringle, merchant for the sum of £106 16s resting from a larger sum of £406 2s Scots for the supply of quantities of brandy.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 March 1704 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 9 February 1704.

PETITIONER: The proprietors of the Royal Exchange.

SITE: Royal Exchange.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Blackwood, merchant who is rebuilding a house belonging to him that had been burnt, formerly called the Essay house. He is said to be building a great deal higher than the previous house which obstructs their light and the light to the Exchange. They also refer to the south light on the staircase being blocked up. There are depositions here from William Marshall, wright aged 70 who stated that the roof of the essay house did a little prejudice the window in the stair; John Miller, wright aged 48; William Cleghorn, wright aged 50 who stated that before the burning it had 'a square roof' (in other documents a 'stay roof') and now a platform but could not say if it was higher than before. John Duncan, merchant aged 36 deponed that it was not higher than before and Adam Keir, baxter aged 50, married, agreed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 April 1704 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 26 April 1704.

PETITIONER: Thomas Forrest, glazier.

SITE: Milne's Square, opposite the Tron.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about removal of a sign.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Mylne of Balfarg, mason who is said to have removed a sign placed over the entrance to the Square in November last. The petitioner had his dwelling at the back part of the court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 May 1704 (no warrant, defender to see).

PETITION LODGED: 10 May 1704.

PETITIONER: Patrick Chalmers, wright.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Alexander of Peffermill and James Ker, tailor for non payment of an account for wright work totalling £114 2s Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 May 1705 (no warrant, continued till next Court day).

PETITION LODGED: 3 May 1704.

PETITIONER: Robert Blackwood, merchant.

SITE: Parliament Close, south side.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for building the garret floor.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to accounts from James Smith, mason (£725 2s), James Mclellan, wright for wright work and furniture (£1922 12s Scots), James Syme, slater Scots (£375) and (blank) Forrest, plumber (941 12s Scots). There are accounts for all or part of these amounts lodged here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 May 1704 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 2 February 1704.

PETITIONER: Thomas Kincaid, indweller.

SITE: Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Tait, merchant who had rebuilt his story sixteen inches higher than before and the petitioner's doors could not be opened onto the stair. He refers to previous action in the Court on 15 April 1702 (not there) and 23 April 1703 (Kincaid).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 May 1704 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 26 May 1704.

PETITIONER: Sir William Binning of Wallieford.

SITE: Canongate, north side, west side of Mazy Smith's Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair some ruinous houses.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 June 1704 (defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1704.

PETITIONER: John Wedderburn elder of Blackness and Alexander Wedderburn younger as tutors to Margaret Balfour, only lawful child of the deceased Andrew Balfour, WS.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sign.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Coventry, indweller who had placed a sign for his coffee shop on the petitioner's property. Also against James Dallas of St. Martins who had damaged the property while making repairs to his own house above.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/15*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 June 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1704.

PETITIONER: John Wallace, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against Christian Johnston alias widow Finnie and Katherine Nisbet, widow of James Walker.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/16*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 June 1704 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1704.

PETITIONER: Captain James Loch and Hugh Law, goldsmith his tenant.

SITE: High Street, north side, Hercules Close. Also referred to as Allan's Close.

PROPOSAL: To strike out a window in a cellar being used as a workroom.

NOTES: In a further petition, Peter Blair, writer challenged the right of the petitioner to let the laigh house or cellar immediately under his high house and for which he claimed to be the leaseholder for the past two years. He had let the cellar to (blank) Corsbie, tailor who had run off and given the key to Hugh Law, goldsmith who had set up a forge and furniture to the great prejudice to his tenant Daniel Stewart, writer, his tenant immediately above.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/17*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1704 (warrant refused).

PETITION LODGED: 28 June 1704.

PETITIONER: James Cathcart of Carbieston.

SITE: High Street, south side at the head of Coles Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To raise the tenement by one story and build a fore stair.

NOTES: The Court refused warrant to build the fore stair but did not comment on the upper floor.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/18*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 July 1704 (no warrant, defender to see).

PETITION LODGED: 19 July 1704.

PETITIONER: Henry Gibson, tailor.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Ramsay, indweller in the Meal Market. The petition refers to Robert Scot having taken from Thomas Fisher, Town Chamberlain, the customs of the Meal Market. The petitioner stood cautioner for the defender.

Mentions a sum of 3050 merks in a tack to be paid in quarterly sums and the disagreement relates to £447 Scots paid to the Chamberlain for one quarter.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/19*

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 August 1704.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Unknown.

PROPOSAL: Complaint against Robert Milne, mason about work carried out, presumably without a warrant.

NOTES: Nothing survives here except the warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/20*

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 October 1704.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: James Fairholme, merchant.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint against James Murray, merchant.

NOTES: There is no further information here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/21*

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 November 1704.

PETITION LODGED: 29 November 1705.

PETITIONER: William Tod, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Stewart, merchant for the sum of £457 16s 4d Scots for goods supplied, with an account here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/22*

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 December 1704 (o warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 13 December 1704.

PETITIONER: Kenneth McKenzie, vintner.

SITE: Stevenlaws Close.

PROPOSAL: Further argument about building up a window. The petitioner had employed (blank) Gavenlocks, mason but he had been abused and hindered by Mrs. Wilkie in his work.

NOTES: See previous warrant granted 12 July 1704 (Lauder).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/23*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Henry Hamilton, surgeon.

SITE: High Street, opposite Blackfriar's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To strike out a window.

NOTES: The petitioner had acquired a shop and dwelling from Malcolm McGibbon music master in the tenement lately built by James Smith. The petition is incomplete and no action is recorded.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1704/24*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date.

PETITION LODGED: 3 April 1702.

PETITIONER: Robert Milne of Balfarg, mason.

SITE: Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: Seeking payment for work carried out.

NOTES: The petitioner rebuilt a tenement and a mutual gable on a warrant granted on 5 January 1700 (George Warrender and others) The work on the mutual gable became the subject of a protracted argument over the payment of £953 8s 4d Scots for the work. Robert Mylne petitioned the Court on 3 April 1702 with the accounts for the work (they do not survive there) and it appears that the matter was not resolved because he petitioned again in 1703 when the defenders, with the exception of Robert Blackwood (not mentioned as a party in 1701) were found liable on the 16 January 1703. The matter was still unresolved in 1704 when this undated petition was submitted. See further petition dated 23 February 1705 (Milne) against Charles Row, WS which suggests that the others being pursued may have paid by that date.

DRAWINGS: None.

1705

The Court Officers from October 1704:

Dean of Guild

Robert Blackwood

Council

Thomas Weir, merchant

Andrew Rule, merchant

George Lawsons, merchant

George Main, goldsmith

William Wardrop, litster

William Clark, wright

John Wardrop, wright

Dean of Guild Officer, Henry Rank

BOX: 1705/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 January 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 17 January 1705.

PETITIONER: Dr. James Lightfoot, MD.

SITE: Hart's Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about dumping of rubbish.

NOTES: The petitioner owns a piece of waste ground and a dyke but people are leaving rubbish an adjoining piece of waste ground beside Halkerston's Wynd and this is blocking the common highway to Leith.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 January 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 24 January 1705.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Wilkie.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Kenneth Mckenzie but the petition is not here and the information is taken from the list of legal expences incurred in the process.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 January 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 15 November 1704.

PETITIONER: James Graham, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Gawen Plummer, merchant for £480 Scots for a butt of sack delivered in 1697. The defender appeared and by way of explanation stated that the butt of sack had been taken out of his personal cellar at Leith and disposed of to the Earl of Annandale, Lord Secretary Ogilvie, Jerviswood. He suggested he would pay when he had been paid, in a long explanation.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 February 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 2 August 1704.

PETITIONER: John Montgomery of Wrae, WS, Samuel Gray and James Marshall, writers, Charles Gray, John Tait, George Nicoll and John Symmers, merchants, all proprietors of the High Exchange.

SITE: Parliament Square, the Exchange.

PROPOSAL: Complaint against proprietors who refuse to pay for rebuilding.

NOTES: The petitioners provide an inventory of all the documentation regarding the rebuilding of the High Exchange after the fire in 1700. They refer to a contract with Patrick Carfrae, mason and Alexander Gavinlocks, mason dated 18 February 1701 and there is a further detailed list of tradesmen involved. There are no accounts here but they are mentioned in the process.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 February 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 14 February 1705.

PETITIONER: David Ramsay, WS.

SITE: High Street, north side, over against the back of the Tolbooth.

PROPOSAL: To erect a chimney and slap two windows.

NOTES: The petitioner is heritor of a lodging or great tenement sometime belonging to the deceased Lord Coupar.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 February 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 15 November 1704.

PETITIONER: Sir Robert Cheisley of Bonnington.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of debts.

NOTES: The complaints are against Robert Lightbody, merchant (£70 10s Scots), Margaret Sim, relict of William Nicoll, writer (£205 4s Scots), Alexander Lockhart, writer (£263 10s Scots) Agnes Wright, relict of John Kello, merchant (£347 18s Scots) and Robert Yarm(?), merchant (£74 2s). The names have been crossed through on payment.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 February 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 14 February 1705.

PETITIONER: Alexander Callender, merchant

SITE: High Street, the 'stone shop'.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to partitions and windows.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 February 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 23 February 1705.

PETITIONER: Robert Milne of Balfarg, mason.

SITE: Parliament Close, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Charles Row, WS for payment for rebuilding a gable. There is a copy of the account totalling £953 8s Scots. See previous petition and notes associated with an undated petition lodged by Milne with the unextracted processes in 1704. The defender found *pro confesso*.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 March 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 21 March 1705.

PETITIONER: Alexander Hay, vintner, tacksman of the Town's imposition upon wine.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about removal of brandy without payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. (blank) Ross, stabler, Andrew Ffulton, merchant, James Gibb, coachmaker and John Leishman his servant who removed a 20 pint barrel of brandy without payment to the petitioner. The Court fined Andrew Ffulton for trading without his freedom and ordered him to pay 3s per pint to the petitioner.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 April 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 2 April 1705.

PETITIONER: Samuel Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Not given here (Luckenbooths, east end).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work contrary to a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Brown, merchant, William Brown, wright

and Robert Milne of Balfarg, mason who have gone beyond the terms of their warrant in building a gable and tenement. The Court ordered the defenders to take down the stair and a window. There is a response here from Alexander Brown, asking to be heard by the Court. See warrant granted 26 May 1704 (Brown).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 April 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 4 April 1705.

PETITIONER: Daniel Robison, embroiderer.

SITE: High Street, Forrester's Wynd and foot of Beth's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing down of dirt and filth.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Sandilands, Minister of Dolphington. The petitioner recounts that when in 1676 the late Thomas Sandilands was building his land at the foot of Beth's Wynd, the late George Cunningham, merchant (in whose place the petitioner now stands by progress) protested against Thomas Sandilands for all the damage he could sustain on his tenement in Forrester's Wynd. He now complains about the filth and waste that falls from the tenement. The Court ordered the windows overlooking the petitioner's tenement to be made with close glass or trellised.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 April 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 25 April 1705.

PETITIONER: George Lawson, merchant.

SITE: High Street, north side, a little above the Old Post Office Close.

PROPOSAL: To enlarge the shop towards the street.

NOTES: The petitioner acquired a little timber shop at a roup (sale). The Court granted a warrant to bring forward the shop front by fourteen (feet, crossed through) inches under the condition that the petitioner should never claim any interest in the area in case of rebuilding.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 April 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 25 April 1705.

PETITIONER: Thomas Caddell, brewer.

SITE: Cowgate Port, a brewery.

PROPOSAL: Dispute over the rent.

NOTES: This is a continuation of a long argument that appears to have gone to the Court of Session. See warrant granted 29 March 1700 (Caddell). There is a further note here dated 2 May 1705 to effect that the petitioner had found caution for the sums of money found due to John Hamilton and John Grant. Also a counter claim by John Hamilton senior and junior with a long list of damage caused to the brew house and the removal of scaffolding.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 April 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 18 April 1705.

PETITIONER: John Wallace, apothecary.

SITE: High Street, north side, head of Moss crops(?) Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a dwelling house of five fire rooms.

NOTES: The petitioner acquired the property from Gavin Hamilton and the under clerks of Session, being part of that land acquired by him from the heirs of the late Sir David Hay and the late William Ffullarton. He wishes to repair the front floors of the two stories above those belonging to Gavin Hamilton and lately repaired by him (no warrant recorded). There is a description of substantial repairs including taking down all of the stone pillars except the easter pillar. The Court agreed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 May 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 2 May 1705.

PETITIONER: Robert Milne, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Mary Kings Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair several lands.

NOTES: The petitioner has right by adjudication (in the Court of Session) to some lands belonging to the deceased William Carmichael, merchant that he wishes to let. The Court found the tenements to be waste and un-possessed and detailed specific repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 May 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 2 May 1705.

PETITIONER: William Wardrop, Deacon Convener.

SITE: High Street, south side, at the head of Cants Close.

PROPOSAL: To remove a stone partition and repair.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased a dwelling house and back house from the heirs of James Penicook, merchant and he wishes to repair it and remove a stone partition that extended only as high as his own roof. There are objections here from Thomas Wilkie, one of the Ministers of Edinburgh, John Weir, wigmaker, Mrs. Alexander, indweller, proprietors of the upper floors of the tenement along with a declaration by Alexander Nisbit, mason and Thomas Younger, wright on the status of the partition wall dated 8 May 1705. The Court appointed a visit on 16 May but no further action is noted.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 May 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 25 April 1705.

PETITIONER: William Reid, vintner(?)

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: To erect a vent.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 May 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 18 April 1705.

PETITIONER: William Sommervell, wright.

SITE: Morrison's Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To have a tenement appraised.

NOTES: The petitioner had acquired right by disposition from John Spotiswood of that ilk, advocate to a tenement across the Close called the cross house. The Court appointed a jury listed here and they valued the tenement at £860 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 May 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 4 April 1705.

PETITIONER: Robert Bell, merchant.

SITE: High School Yard, north side.

PROPOSAL: To convert a brewery into dwelling houses.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 May 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 9 May 1705.

PETITIONER: William Blackwood, merchant.

SITE: Meal Market, north west side.

PROPOSAL: To repair the fourth story of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner acquired the property from John Henderson, wright. He refers

to the tenement being part of his cross house and he will need to make the south gable the side wall of his cross house. There is also a completely burnt out tenement belonging to Thomas Robertson immediately above the said house which has a kitchen chimney that he will have to rebuild. He also asked to take in a piece of waste ground to the west of his house. The warrant gives very specific instructions on the rebuilding.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 May 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 18 April 1705.

PETITIONER: David Ramsay, WS.

SITE: High Street, fronting.

PROPOSAL: To make alterations and repairs and repair the forestair.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 May 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 23 May 1705.

PETITIONER: Andrew Thomson of Queenhall.

SITE: South side of the Street leading to the West Port.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a dyke wall.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) Yorkston, relict of James Inglis, brewer who has not repaired her part of the dyke.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 May 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 23 May 1705.

PETITIONER: William Thomson, merchant.

SITE: Cowgate head, south side at the corner opposite to the beur(?) well.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to a shop window and remove a stone wall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 May 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 23 May 1705.

PETITIONER: John Grant, merchant.

SITE: High Street, Mary Kings Close, east side, three shops.

PROPOSAL: To repair window and door lintols.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to the lintols being damaged by 'the extraordinary weight that was formerly above us' and that this weight is now removed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 June 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 30 May 1705.

PETITIONER: Marie Stevenson, spouse to Thomas Wylly, merchant.

SITE: High Street (?) east side of the brick style.

PROPOSAL: To put in new fashioned windows above the shops and other repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 13 May 1705.

PETITIONER: John Riddoch, merchant.

SITE: Between the head of the Cowgate head and the foot of the West Bow.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner had right to a 'temple' tenement by adjudication against the deceased Samuel Guthrie, merchant. The tenants refused to pay their rent unless repairs were carried out. James Guthrie at his house at Bonniton and Helen Mitchell, relict of the deceased Samuel Guthrie and now spouse to John Gray, writer were

summoned. There is a long and detailed description by the Dean of Guild, of the work required.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 30 May 1705.

PETITIONER: Sir William Nicolson of Kemnay.

SITE: Morrison's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachments.

NOTES: The petitioner complains against William Sommervell, wright who had erected a forestair or gallerie that obstructed the Close. He went on to list further complaints about water being diverted. The defender was ordered to remove the forestair as contrary to his warrant. This may relate to the warrant granted 9 May 1705 (Sommervell).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 June 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 30 May 1705.

PETITIONER: William Wardrop, litster, the Deacon Convener and John Hamilton, wright.

SITE: Dickson's Close, between it and Cants Close, east and west sides.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about filth and rubbish being thrown into an open sewer.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Monteith, late Deacon of the Surgeons, John Drummond, merchant, James Grahame, advocate, (blank) relict of George Sinclair, merchant, James Lesley, advocate, Hugh Wallace of Ingleston, John Letham, Deacon Robert Tait of the Incorporation of Hammermen, Thomas Pringle, WS, John Weir, barber (blank) Maxwell, proprietors of several houses. There is a note here from Gawen Plummer, merchant annoyed at the insinuation that he had blocked the sewer and insisting that it could not simply be enlarged as it would engulf his laigh lodging. He referred to an action by the previous owner of his property against Robert Milne, mason when he was building the land now belonging to the complainers, at which time the present sewer was made up in 1682 or before. The Court ordered the windows facing onto the Close to be made up with close glass and trellis.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 13 June 1705.

PETITIONER: Thomas Anderson, son of the late Ninian Anderson, merchant and Marie Kellington, his relict and John Anderson, coppersmith, factor.

SITE: South side of the street leading to the West Port.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of waste water into a yard.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Baillie, writer, Thomas Heriot, schoolmaster in Heriot's Hospital, Alison Young, daughter of the deceased Robert Young, merchant (blank) Elliot, relict of the said Robert Young, proprietors of the brewhouse and John Paterson, brewer their tenant. The petition refers to a previous warrant granted 12 May 1703 (does not survive here) ordering James Baillie to stenchill his windows.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 July 1705

PETITION LODGED: 11 July 1705.

PETITIONER: John Grierson, wright.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Dame (blank) Primrose, Lady Sempill who had broken through a gable wall and destroyed two lumbs (chimneys) belonging to the

petitioner. The Court fined the defender £100 Scots and ordered her to rebuild the gable as it had been.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 July 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 11 July 1705.

PETITIONER: William Wilkie, skinner.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, Mckain's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about alterations to a vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against Margaret Letham, relict of (blank) who had set up two steel pots within a cat & clay chimney and as the petitioner had timber flooring this caused a danger of fire. The defender leased a laigh property under his, belonging to William Henderson in Leith. The Court ordered the removal of the pots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 July 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 18 July 1705.

PETITIONER: Robert Bull, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about delivery of goods.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Murray Aird Hamilton, merchant in Leith and John Stewart, wright in Leith. Refers to timber consigned to James Murray from (blank) consisting of 2100 hundred four dozen and 2 single trees also 2100 hundred 4 dozen and 11 deals. The petitioner entered into an agreement with James Murray who agreed to offer the same to the Good Town. But instead of offering the timber to the Town he offered them only half of the loading and the following day the defenders confirmed a bargain for the whole loading. The Court fined the defenders and ordered them to pay the petitioner £50 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 July 1705.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Duncan Galbraith, wright in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, north side.

PROPOSAL: To place a board at the head of the Close.

NOTES: Only the warrant survives here and part of it is missing. The petitioner is tenant in a shop (?) belonging to John Oliphant for whom (Charles?) Ross is factor. The factor refused him permission to put up the sign but the Court allowed this and specified the size. This petition is related to those below by Charles Ross and Duncan Galbraith.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 July 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 18 July 1705.

PETITIONER: Charles Ross, merchant.

SITE: Canongate, north side.

PROPOSAL: To open a shop on the east side of the Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 July 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 11 July 1705.

PETITIONER: Duncan Galbraith, wright in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sign board.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Johnstone, proprietor of the house a the Close

head and who refused him permission to erect the sign board referred to in the warrant above. The Court confirmed their original decision.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 July 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 8 July 1705

PETITIONER: David Allan, skinner

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Hewlands, skinner who owed the petitioner £30 18s Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 July 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 25 July 1705.

PETITIONER: (blank) Davidson, indweller.

SITE: Canongate, High Street, north side a little below the common Close.

PROPOSAL: To replace stone steps.

NOTES: There is a warrant here dated 18 July 1705 to carry out the work but another, dated 25 July where the Court 'having heard Alex. Henderson & that he confessed to have employed George Steill, mason to work the work without warrant' they fined him £20 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 July 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 18 July 1705.

PETITIONER: Alexander Dunbar, tailor.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sign.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Couper, pewterer who had placed a trade sign on the petitioner's property which he had held on a lease from (blank) Murray, tailor for 3 or 4 years. The Court ordered the removal of the sign and fined the defender £10 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 August 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 27 July 1705.

PETITIONER: Henry Fraser, herald painter.

SITE: Monteith's Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about public nuisance.

NOTES: The petitioner stated that he had built a convenient house at the foot of the Close and there being a turning on the east side of the Close, to the north of which is an area used as a jakes or 'midding shed'. He proposed building a timber (crossed through and replaced with stone) gable with joists to make a forestair 'equalt with the said turning' and to carry his north dyke of his yard twelve feet northwards. The Court agreed and provided specific instructions for the forestair.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 August 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 25 July 1705.

PETITIONER: Alexander Brown, merchant.

SITE: Luckenbooths.

PROPOSAL: To erect timber 'sconces' to cast off the rain over two shops.

NOTES: The petitioner also asked to but a rail about his bartizan to hinder his children or others walking thereon. The Court granted the warrant 'to put up ane timber ravell about the platform roof of his house he keeping the same within three foot height with ballasters and that he keep his roof in ye terms of his first judge and warrant'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 August 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 13 June 1705.

PETITIONER: Henry Dow, merchant.

SITE: Canongate, north side, near the head, Davidson's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner acquired right to the tenement from Agnes Davidson, relict of Alexander Leitch, merchant, she being a preferable creditor on the property. The Court ordered Thomas Rendall, merchant to repair the roof

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 August 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 24 August 1705.

PETITIONER: Lady Deuchar: Dame Eupham Baird, relict of Sir Patrick Murray of Deuchar.

SITE: Blackfriar's Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a neighbouring chimney.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Reid, printer, factor for the creditors of Alexander Reid, goldsmith and David French, merchant. The petitioner is life renter in and occupier of, the upper floor of a tenement. The high chimney of the tenement on the south belonging to the defenders is in danger of falling on her roof. The Court agreed and ordered repairs. See warrant granted 14 November 1705 (Deuchar).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 August 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 22 August 1705.

PETITIONER: James Colvill, advocate.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a property.

NOTES: The petitioner is factor for the creditors of Patrick Mein, advocate by factory dated 5 June 1705. He complains against Alexander Dunbar, tailor in Canongate, Robert Jack, slater there, George Dennistoun as factor for John Oliphant, merchant in Jedburgh and Robert Stalker, burgher, who have allowed parts of the tenement to become insufficient and who have not responded to requests to carry out repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 August 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 31 August 1705.

PETITIONER: Samuel Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Complaint against Charles Jack (vintner?) for keeping shops, cellars or booths in the Town.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 September 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 13 December 1704.

PETITIONER: William Jaffray, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Stephen Cuthill, vintner for £421 12s Scots, outstanding as part of a larger sum of £1213 12s Scots for wine. The account is here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 September 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 15 June 1705.

PETITIONER: David Lindsay, merchant and Margaret Clelland his spouse.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a lease.

NOTES: The complaint is against Martha Weir, relict of John Glendinning, merchant and a tack by Janet Henderson, relict of the late James Clelland, merchant dated 13 July 1704.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 September 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 24 August 1705.

PETITIONER: Joan Baillie, relict of William Veitch, indweller in Leith.

SITE: Not given but it was a brewery in Leith.

PROPOSAL: Claim for expence of repairs.

NOTES: The brewery and other buildings belonged to Henry Caple and the petitioner and her husband, had carried out repairs she was now claiming as a debt on the property. There is a statement here totalling £512 19s 6d which lists work by Gilbert Mathison, wright in 1702-3, Alexander Thomson for timber, William Hogen, smith, John Wearth, smith, Robert Henwell, slater, James Harper, slater, Walter Morrison, slater, Alexander Seaman, slater, Steven Wadie, mason, Alexander Crawford for thatch, James Guthrie for thatch, James Wright, thatcher, Robert Robertson for a pump,

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 September 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 14 February 1705.

PETITIONER: Samuel Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, opposite the court of guard.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a chimney built without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Young, merchant, tenant of George Watson, tailor who had built a chimney and was knocking a hole through a gable in a shop, without a warrant. The matter went to the Court of Session and was remitted to the Dean of Guild who ordered the removal of the chimney.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 September 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 21 September 1705.

PETITIONER: Marion Ker, relict of the deceased Charles Heap(?), chamberlain to the Earl of Haddington.

SITE: Canongate, south side, Ker's Close

PROPOSAL: To take down a vat and clay chimney and rebuild in stone.

NOTES: The property is contiguous to tenements belonging to William Chrystie, stabler and they also want him to remove a midden.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 October 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 17 October 1705.

PETITIONER: (blank) Graham, vintner (?).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint was against William Rutherford but the petition does not survive here, only the outcome. The defender had appeared and admitted he had bought a hogshead of brandy but after tasting it, decided it was not good. No further information here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 October 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 12 October 1705.

PETITIONER: William Spence, son of the late William Spence and Joan Alexander (?) his relict.

SITE: Robertson's Close.
PROPOSAL: To raise a barn by one story.
NOTES: The warrant gives a longer description of the intended work.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/52
WARRANT GRANTED: 17 October 1705.
PETITION LODGED: 19 November 1701
PETITIONER: Richard Scairsburrgh of Halifax, County York and Alexander Brown, merchant in Edinburgh, his factor.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander McGill, merchant for sums outstanding in bills of exchange totalling £893 4s 8d Stg., dating from 1699 and after. There are many documents, statements and accounts here and a letter from the petitioner dated Canongate, 5 January 1702 to Robert Bruce, goldsmith asking him to examine his books regarding the last five bills drawn on David Brown, merchant in London (brother in law to the factor) 'for they will not believe what I got for the bills'.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/53
WARRANT GRANTED: 31 October 1705.
PETITION LODGED: 8 December 1703.
PETITIONER: John Watstone, merchant.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against John Holmes for the supply of large quantities of boxwood and a sum resting of £181 13s 4d Scots. This is also a reference to a quantity of tobacco received from the Leith Tobacco Company. There is a further explanation of the transaction and the haggling over the amount owed.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/54
WARRANT GRANTED: 31 October 1705.
PETITION LODGED: 24 October 1705.
PETITIONER: Alexander Watson, keeper of the Correction House and Samuel Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.
SITE: Correction house sewer.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about a blocked sewer.
NOTES: The complaint is against Isobel Haliburton, relict of James Lithgow, merchant and now married to Samuel Nimmo, minister of the Gospel who is claimed to have allowed the sewer to become blocked with a great pile of 'red'.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/55
WARRANT GRANTED: 31 October 1705.
PETITION LODGED: 12 October 1705.
PETITIONER: John Riddoch, writer (lawyer).
SITE: Cowgate head, Gray's land.
PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.
NOTES: The petitioner is the creditor on a tenement pertaining to the heirs of the late Samuel Guthrie, merchant, liferented to Hellen Mitchell his relict. There are accounts here from James Wilson, smith, John Watson, slater, John Sandilland, wright, Alexander Ramsay, glazier and John Stewart, mason totalling £218 15s 6d
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/56
WARRANT GRANTED: 7 November 1705.
PETITION LODGED: 24 October 1705.
PETITIONER: Patrick Mcdougall, merchant.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about delivery of goods.
NOTES: The complaint is against Hugh Hathorne, merchant regarding a parcel of pepper.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/57

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 November 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 14 November 1705.

PETITIONER: Lady, Deuchar; Dame Eupham Baird, relict of Sir Patrick Murray of Deucher.

SITE: Blackfriar's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To share cost of repairs.

NOTES: See warrant granted 29 August 1705 (Deuchar).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/58

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 November 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 21 November 1705.

PETITIONER: Isobel Fairholme, relict of the deceased Alexander Anderson, John Baillie, surgeon and Thomas Fairholme, son of the deceased Thomas Fairholme, merchant, heritors of the great stone tenement.

SITE: High Street, north side, Craig's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about storage of straw.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Nasmith of Dauk who is keeping horses and great quantities of straw in a cellar let to him by Isobel Fairholme. Also mentions a cellar belonging to Thomas Fairholme which he had taken from Francis Grant of Cullen.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/59

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 November 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 26 November 1705.

PETITIONER: Samuel Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about unfree trading.

NOTES: The complaint is against Arthur Brown, merchant who had lately brought in to Leith on the ship Bonaccord from Dundee (skipper James Burt), eleven tuns of French wine pertaining to unfreemen. He was fined £100 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/60

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 December 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 5 December 1705.

PETITIONER: Peter Murray, son of Captain Patrick Murray of Monulowthcay(?) and James Murray of Donecher his tutor in law.

SITE: Barringers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Murray, indweller and the spouse of Robert Murray, merchant tailor who have employed (blank) Nasmyth, mason to strike out a vent in a cellar.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/61

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 December 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 12 December 1705.

PETITIONER: John Callender of Craigforth and (blank) relict of John Chrystie, baxter in Canongate.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about refusal to provide access.

NOTES: The petitioners complain against John Fraser, merchant who refuses to let the petitioner's to pass by his storm windows in order to repair an old lum.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/62

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 December 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 19 December 1705.

PETITIONER: (blank) Haigie, relict of the late George Braithwait, stabler and (blank) Hamilton eldest son of John Hamilton, merchant.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, a Close or court opposite the foot of Fishmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to a sewer.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) now the spouse of (blank) Bell, weaver who had lifted the hewn pavement over the sewer. It is added that the defender slaughters swine in the court.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted petitions.

BOX: 1705/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 January 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 13 December 1704.

PETITIONER: Andrew Paterson of Kirkcoun, wright.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Campbell of Abarniehill served and retoured to the deceased Colin Campbell of Abarniehill, his father and John Law, merchant, factor appointed by the Lords of Session for uplifting the rents on the lands belonging to the creditors of Sir Patrick Hepburne. The petitioner and others carried out repairs for which they have not been paid. There is a deposition here from John Fairbourne, wright aged 30 who was employed by the petitioner about three years previously on the repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 March 1705 (no warrant, neighbours summoned).

PETITION LODGED: 28 March 1705.

PETITIONER: Margaret Robertson, relict of William Rogers, shoemaker and Agnes Oswald, spouse to Mr. Randall one of the gentleman ushers.

SITE: Canongate, north side, opposite Weir's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair a ruinous tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 April 1705 (no warrant, defender to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 18 April 1705.

PETITIONER: Alexander Gavenlock, mason.

SITE: Not given (East end of St. Giles Church).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Home, advocate for work carried out since Martinmas 1702. There is an account here for the work. The defender answered that as an advocate and a member of the College of Justice he was not obliged to answer before an inferior Court. This petition is related to a warrant granted on 16 February 1704 (William Turnbull, wright) and an argument over the rebuilding of a great tenement destroyed by fire. There had been a dispute about the form the roof would take and the defender here claims that he does not owe the petitioner anything. The defender also mentions Deacon Carfrae in relation to the work carried out.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 April 1705 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 25 April 1705.

PETITIONER: David Mitchell, baxter (baker).

SITE: High Street, north side, a little under(?) Halkerston's Wynd head.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to a house and shop.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 May 1705 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 2 May 1705.

PETITIONER: Patrick Anderson, wright.

SITE: Leith, Timber Bush.

PROPOSAL: Argument over the ownership of timber deals.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Renton, tacksman of the Good Town in the Timber Bush, Adam Thomson, Deacon and James Scott, Boxmaster of the Incorporation of baxters in North Leith. The petitioner employed the deceased Andrew Johnston, wright to sell 774 timber deals in his absence but it was seized by the defenders on account of a pretended debt by the petitioner. He was asked to prove his ownership. There is an instrument here against the defenders by George Paterson, wright as proxy for the petitioner dated 26 April 1705, witnessed by James Livingstone, son of George Livingstone, wright.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 May 1705 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 25 April 1705.

PETITIONER: Lady Lithgow, Allan Campbell, one of the gentlemen of Her majesty's Lifeguard, George Dalgleish, hammerman and William Gibson, son of (blank) Gibson, litster.

SITE: Grays Close, head

PROPOSAL: Complaint about alterations to vents and foul water coming through the floor during repairs.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Gordon, writer (lawyer) and there are detailed answers here from him. See warrant granted 22 September 1703 (Lady Lithgow and others). There are depositions here from Hector McLauchlan aged 20, unmarried and John Henry, saddler aged 26, married, both of whom saw water damage while visiting the house of Mrs. Waterstone (a tenant?).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 May 1705 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 16 May 1705.

PETITIONER: John Hamilton, brewer.

SITE: Cowgate Port.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner's father had been granted a tenement and piece of ground beside the Town Wall by the Magistrates for payment of £20 feu duty. The complaint appears to be about a small dyke and possible damage to their property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 May 1705 (no warrant, defender to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 23 May 1705.

PETITIONER: William Boog, merchant.

SITE: West Bow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about noise.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Jaffray, wheel wright who had held a lease for the previous three or four years on a shop above the petitioner from James Livingstone, wright, factor for the owner, William Adam in Culross. The petitioner owned several shops, cellars and dwelling houses in the tenement and he complained about the disturbance caused by the defender in his employment as a turner.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 June 1705 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 20 June 1705.

PETITIONER: Robert Bull, merchant.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, to the east of the High School Wynd

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to his property.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Burton, merchant who is the tenant in a brewery and who a few months previously had asked to raise the height of the entry to the Close in order to remove his brewing looms. This was to have been reinstated within 24 hours but the work was never done.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1705 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 27 June 1705.

PETITIONER: Hay's tenant: Katherine, Ann and Joan Hay, children of the deceased Alexander Hay, wright and Thomas Finité, jeweller, husband of the eldest of the children with the Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Trade dispute.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Fairbairne, herald and residenter. The petitioners state that by an Act of Council the petitioner's father was granted sole liberty to make chairs or sedans and let, hire and use them. At his death his relict was granted the same privilege and she and her second husband, George Dinnett having recently died, the chairs were left in the shop they possessed. The defender is said to have seized four chairs and refused to deliver them to the petitioners and in addition, he had hired them out for his own profit. It is noted that Fairbairn produced a cist (sist) and no further action is noted here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 August 1705. (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 29 August 1705.

PETITIONER: Alexander Laing, schoolmaster of Canongate.

SITE: Leith, north side of the Fleshmarket, contiguous to Duffs Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner had purchased the tenement from Sir James Foulis of Collington (Colinton).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 August 1705 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 29 August 1705.

PETITIONER: James Walker, periwig maker.

PROPOSAL: Claiming a right to be a Burgess.

NOTES: The petitioner claimed by right of William Walker, periwig maker, Burgess.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 September 1705 (no warrant, claim denied).

PETITION LODGED: 5 September 1705.

PETITIONER: Samuel Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about trading.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Hardie, clerk to the Butter market. He had a butter stand in the weigh house but it is claimed that he had a cellar where he kept 'a great quantetie of hydres' for sale in the market.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 November 1705 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 23 November 1705.

PETITIONER: Adam Ker, baxter (baker) and Francis Johnstone.

SITE: Fishmarket Close head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the tenant above.

NOTES: The petitioner had a shop and oven at the head of the Close and he complained about Abraham Seyvir a Dutchman, the owner of an Eliphant, which he was keeping in the property above his vault. He complained of the dung and water that came down from above and feared that this would ruin his vault. See: Helen Armet, ed, *Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Edinburgh 1701-1718* (Edinburgh 1967) p. 113. Entry for 31 October 1705 where Abraham Sever applied to the Council to show his elephant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/15*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 November 1705 (no warrant, defender to see and respond).

PETITION LODGED: 28 November 1705.

PETITIONER: Thomas Graham, cooper.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Edward Smith, brewer for payment of an account for £185 19s for work carried out from 1 March 1700. The full account is here with an instrument of protest.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/16*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 December 1705 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 12 December 1705.

PETITIONER: The Deacons of several Incorporations of Edinburgh.

SITE: Scots Close, head.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and build a new house for the gardener.

NOTES: The petitioners had purchased a tenement yard and bowling green for the use of the Maiden Hospital. They wished to repair the tenement for the use of the girls and also to build a gardener's house between their tenement and a great stone land belonging to William Cleghorn. They had agreed with him to lay their house to the side wall of his property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/17*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 December 1705 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 5 December 1705.

PETITIONER: William Brown, tanner.

SITE: Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Lawrie, tanner for the sum of £5 Scots as mail and duty for a house sublet to him from Lambas 1704.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/18*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Patrick Carfrae, mason.

SITE: Bells Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of rent.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Cameron, minister who was left destitute by the falling of his chimney seven or eight years previously. The petitioner let his house in Bells Wynd to the defender for which he was to pay 52 merks and a half quarterly. This had not been paid.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/19*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.
PETITIONER: Andrew Riddell, merchant in Leith.
SITE: Leith, mid Lee quarter.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.
NOTES: The complaint is against John Hodge, brewer and tenant of a maltbarn, kiln, brewhouse and dwelling house pertaining to Thomas Dickson, farmer in Restalrig. John Hodge had made alterations to his property without a warrant.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/20*
WARRANT GRANTED: No date.
PETITION LODGED: Unknown.
PETITIONER: James Lewes of Merchiston.
SITE: Niddery Wynd, east side.
PROPOSAL: To build a shop.
NOTES: The petitioner asked to build the shop between two stairs to his tenement in order to prevent the area being used as a jakes or midden
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/21*
WARRANT GRANTED: No date.
PETITION LODGED: Unknown.
PETITIONER: John Cunningham of Woodhall.
SITE: High Street, north side, on the west side of Warriston's land.
PROPOSAL: To grant a retrospective warrant.
NOTES: The petitioner owns four chambers, formerly possessed by John Cunningham of (blank) his father and lately by Hugh Cunningham, WS. He had let the same to a periwig maker and not being acquainted with the local custom, he had employed a wright to carry out repairs and the work had been stopped by the Court.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/22*
WARRANT GRANTED: No date.
PETITION LODGED: Unknown.
PETITIONER: Mrs. Inglis; (blank) Yorbestom, relict of James Inglis, brewer.
SITE: South side of the street leading to the West Port.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about fences.
NOTES: The petitioner has the liferent of a brewery and dwelling houses and her complaint is against Thomas Smith, brewer and tenant of an adjoining who is obstructing her light with a fence.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1705/23*
WARRANT GRANTED: No date.
PETITION LODGED: Unknown.
PETITIONER: William Sinclair, merchant.
SITE: Canongate, south side.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about obstruction.
NOTES: The complaint is against William Ferrier who had placed a clay chimney close to the petitioner's property without a warrant.
DRAWINGS: None.

There are a few miscellaneous papers lodged here with the unextracted processes. They include a letter of attorney dated 24 March 1705 from Sir William Ker of Greenheid to Robert Purves which refers to the last will of the deceased Major William Ker, late of the Earl of Orkney's regiment.

Also two copies of a letter to the Lord Provost dated 28 September 1705, recommending a number of members of the Duke of Argyll's household to be burgesses.

1706

The Court Officers from October 1705:

Dean of Guild

Sir Samuel McClellan

Council

Sir Robert Blackwood, merchant

John Cleghorn, merchant

Captain William Baird, merchant

Gilbert Somervell, tailor

William Cochrane, weaver

James Hamilton, mason

Dean of Guild Officer, Henry Ranken

BOX: 1706/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 January 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 7 November 1705.

PETITIONER: Thomas Kincaid, indweller.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

SITE: High Street, 'at the foot of the Close at the sign of the Swan', (Anchor Close?)

NOTES: The complaint is against Charles Gray, merchant who is said to have built a house of office (often a toilet) in a yard over which the petitioner holds a servitude. The defender claimed that he did not build it but merely rebuilt it. The petitioner refers to the area having been purchased by his father, Thomas Kincaid, surgeon apothecary some 15 or 20 years previously and there was no office on it at that time. There are a number of depositions here from; William Dewar, merchant aged 28, married; William Rutherford, merchant aged 45, married; Gilbert Fyfe, merchant aged 56, married; Thomas Preston, tailor aged 50; John Ker, skinner aged 50; Robert Crichton, slater aged 24, married; Cornelius Milne, wright aged 30, John Pringle, journeyman wright aged 40 some of whom remembered an office house there. In duplies for Charles Gray he points out that the Court of Session had already decided he could build a summer house in the area. See warrants granted 26 May 1703 (Kincaid) and 21 July 1703 (Gray). The defender was found to have built the office house without a warrant and he was fined £100 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 January 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 9 January 1706.

PETITIONER: Rorie McKenzie of Prestonhall, Senator of the College of Justice and James Hamilton of Pencatland, clerk of Session.

SITE: Bishop's land.

PROPOSAL: To raise their tenement to the height of their neighbour.

NOTES: The property lies beside their great tenement and as it is only two stories high it is 'sorely damified' by the smoke from their tenement which had been heightened. They wish to bring it up to the same height. Sir Robert Sibbald attended the visitation and agreed with the decision of the Court to grant the warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 January 1705.

PETITION LODGED: 9 January 1706.

PETITIONER: Alexander Hay, vintner.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Arnott, apothecary, George Young, merchant (with Arthur Reid, vintner, George Kendall, vintner in Leith and James Inglis, skipper there, crossed through). The petitioner is the tacksman of the good Town's imposition on wine and other foreign liquors and the defenders owe him various sums stated; William Arnott, for example, for 41 gallons of brandy.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 January 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 26 December 1705.

PETITIONER: James Hamilton of Pencatland, clerk of Session.

SITE: Bishop's land?

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing down of filth for the windows.

NOTES: This is an incomplete petition with the text simply stopping before making the full complaint. The defenders named are John Montgomerie WS, Robert Watson of Murehous, merchant, Alexander Alison, WS, David Paton, limner, David Burton, glazier and (blank) relict of James Drummond. The warrant referred to a blocked sewer and ordered that the part of it in Abotshall court should be covered.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 February 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 24 January 1705.

PETITIONER: Janet Ker, relict of James Hodge, brewer and now spouse to George Fleeming, tailor.

SITE: Blackfriars Wynd, foot.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted 15 May? 1699 to make the repairs and there is an account here detailing work carried out between 1698 and 1706 totalling £1117 9s 4d, (Scots) by a succession of tradesmen; John Harroway, James Dickson for John Haddoway, Alexander Gavenlocks, Andrew Bryson and James Gibson, masons; James Purdie, John Hamilton, George Jamieson, James Din, William Reoch, David Thomson, all wrights, James Mitchell, painter, Alexander Stark, George Mein and James Crighton, slaters, John Scott, smith and William Craigie, plasterer. The extensive property including a tenement, barns lofts and other houses belonged to James Hodge, brewer. The full warrant lists James Baillie, WS, Richard Howison, merchant, James Allan, merchant, Andrew Shearer, merchant as creditors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 February 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 20 February 1706.

PETITIONER: John Little of Riggs, merchant.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about unfree traders.

NOTES: The petitioner recalled Thomas Weir, apothecary going through the neighbourhood in July, demanding sight of Burgess certificates. He cited William Dunbar, Sheriff officer and his spouse, Margaret Douglas trading from a cellar below his shop. They were ordered not to continue but they now have a sign above their door for Alex Dunbar, tailor in Canongate. Alex Dunbar was fined £100 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 February 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 6 February 1706.

PETITIONER: James Simpson, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Moncrieff of Reidie, advocate for £36 6s 6d outstanding on an account lodged here, for cloth supplied in 1704.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 February 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 23 January 1706.

PETITIONER: Margaret Blair, relict of John Hewat, merchant.

SITE: Old Provost's Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Alterations.

NOTES: The petitioner owns a fore and back tenement, the fore tenement having been lately used for the bill chamber. He wishes to build new vents and alter windows.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 February 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 20 February 1706.

PETITIONER: William Baillie, wright.

SITE: Liberton's Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and replace clay chimneys.

NOTES: The petitioner has right to the tenement by a judgement against the deceased Thomas Perteson (Peterson?).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 February 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 27 February 1706.

PETITIONER: Samuel Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an unfreeman.

NOTES: The complaint is against Anthony Reid, vintner who had purchased several hogsheads of French wine from James Sinclair, skipper in Glasgow, an unfreeman, against the regulations. He was fined £100 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 February 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 20 February 1706.

PETITIONER: Thomas Ingles, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, south side a little below the head of Blackfriar's Wynd, Todrigs land.

PROPOSAL: To repair shops.

NOTES: The petitioner owns two cellars with shops above and he wished to repair the flooring. He was ordered to take down the side wall to the street and rebuild it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 February 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 13 February 1706.

PETITIONER: James Smith, cowfeeder.

SITE: St. Mary's Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To build several stables and byres.

NOTES: The petitioner's property is bounded on the south by the wall that leads from St. Mary's Port eastward, down the back of the Canongate.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 February 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 20 February 1706.

PETITIONER: Janet Henderson, relict of the deceased James Clelland, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a bond.

NOTES: The complaint is against Sir James Fleeming of Rathobyres who agreed on 13 July 1697 to have received from Robert Watson of Murehouse the sum of 500 Merks Scots that was to have been repaid.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 February 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 16 February 1706.

PETITIONER: Col. John Erskine of Carnock.

SITE: Marlins Wynd, near the foot.

PROPOSAL: To lower his windows.

NOTES: The windows are on the south gable and they look over the Corn market. He

asks that the roof of a too fall in the market be modified so that his windows could be lowered to let in more light. The Court agreed with the condition that he reinstate the lead roof of the shed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 March 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 27 February 1706.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jackson, merchant for himself and as factor for the proprietors for the great stone land now burnt.

SITE: Canongate head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Dinlap (Dunlop, journeyman) goldsmith who had purchased a back house in the ground of the great tenement and proceeded to dig down to create a lower room. This had undermined the gable wall. The Court ordered that he should dig down a further foot but also build a substantial wall to prop and make good the foundations. He was also fined £100 and ordered to be imprisoned until it was paid.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 March 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 6 March 1806.

PETITIONER: Dr. James Halket, for himself and in name of the Colledge of Phisitiones (College of Physicians), Dr. John Smallhome, John Jamieson of Balmenie, merchant and John Henderson, wright.

SITE: Founton (Fountain) Close.

PROPOSAL: To relay the Close.

NOTES: They petitioners intended relaying the Close and level it 'for ye more easie access of the High bourse'. Some hertors, (blank) Johnston, relict of James Murray of Polton and John Anderson, merchant, refused to contribute.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 March 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 6 March 1706.

PETITIONER: John Allan, stabler in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, north side, the common Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild an old tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner asked to rebuild the tenement on the old foundations and carry it over the entry to the common Close. The Court granted the warrant with the proviso that he could build his north gable on the baxter's (baker's) ground and the entry should be 9ft. wide and 12ft. high.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 March 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 6 March 1706.

PETITIONER: William Hutton, tailor.

SITE: Canongate head, south side, Thomson's Close.

PROPOSAL: To replace a timber turnpike stair with a 'running stair' in stone.

NOTES: The Court stipulated that the space left in the Close should be 4ft. 11in. wide.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 March 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 20 March 1706.

PETITIONER: William Wardrop, apothecary.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Arnot, druggist and a large mortar that was part of an agreement to purchase.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 3 April 1706.

PETITIONER: William Blackwood, James Nicolson of Trabroun and Joseph Young, merchants.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about balancing the books.

NOTES: The complaint is against Sir George Home of Kello, late Lord Provost of Edinburgh and John Dickson, merchant but the petition ends before explaining the complaint. There is a letter here from William Blackwood to Gilbert Kirkcaldy dated 3 April 1706 in which he refers to the Manufactorie of Newmilln and furnishing clothing for officers and soldiers. He also refers to entries in Sir George Home's books where he assigns to them considerable debts. The Court ordered them to balance their books against the second Wednesday of May next and to be given in to the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 29 March 1706.

PETITIONER: Kenneth McKenzie, elder and younger.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an indentured apprentice goldsmith.

NOTES: The petitioner apprenticed his son to Mungo Yorkston, goldsmith. The disagreement arose after the Leith race day when the petitioner's son did not return home until seven or eight whereupon the master discharged him and physically threw him out of the house. There are answers here from Mungo Yorkston and a lengthy instrument of protest dated 5 April 1706.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 April 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 17 April 1706.

PETITIONER: Alexander Stevenson of Montgrinon.

SITE: Tavern called the Graping Office.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ingress of water.

NOTES: The petitioner is heritor of the house or tavern known as the Graping Office, leased to David Thomson, vintner and his complaint is against Jeane Lyell, relict of George Rome, merchant who occupies the floor above. The flooring was found to be insufficient and repairs were ordered.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 April 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 6 March 1706.

PETITIONER: James Leslie, advocate.

SITE: Borthwick's Close head, east side.

PROPOSAL: To excavate an area beneath his lodging and vault.

NOTES: The property is possessed by Arthur Reid, vintner and the intention was to dig 6 or 7 feet below the existing vault. In answers from various interested parties, the Court ordered a small hole to be dug to find the extent of the foundations but then on 10 April, on finding that they had gone two feet below them, ordered that it be filled in.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1706.

PETITIONER: James Loch, merchant.

SITE: South Leith, at the head of Broad Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Alterations.

NOTES: The property had been leased to John Lind, cooper for nine years and the petitioner wished to build an external stair on the south gable and to turn a window

into a door. The Court also allowed Sir Samuel McClellan and Alexander Baird to ask for the removal of the stair if it should later interfere with their entrance.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 May 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 1 May 1706.

PETITIONER: William Baird, merchant.

SITE: West Bow head, east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Mitchell, smith in the floor above who had built up a vent belonging to the petitioner's shop. He was fined £20 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 May 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 24 April 1706.

PETITIONER: William Johnston, skinner.

SITE: High Street, south side, opposite the well at the Bow head.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to a shop and a vent.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 May 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 31 October 1705.

PETITIONER: John Gibson, writer (lawyer).

SITE: St, Ninian's Row.

PROPOSAL: To take down and rebuild a timber forestair in stone

NOTES: There is no explanation as to why the Court took so long to respond.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 May 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 1 May 1706.

PETITIONER: Sir William Morrison of Prestongrange.

SITE: Peebles Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To alter a stable in a court.

NOTES: The intention was to raise the roof of a toofall or stable. There were objections from Sir James Rothead of Innerleith, feuar of the lodging underneath the petitioner and Dame Magdalen Kinloch his mother, liferenter of the property who claimed the new height would interfere with their light. Dame Magdalen is described as relict of Sir James in the warrant. They came to an agreement about the height.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 May 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 17 April 1706.

PETITIONER: John Rannalds, surgeon apothecary and John Balfour, merchant.

SITE: High Street, north side, under the head of Old Provost's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Margaret Blair who owns a neighbouring shop. Six or seven years previously, the defender had taken a fore shop from John Rannalds and had taken down a partition between two shops. The shop then passed to her daughter and the partition was re-erected but not in the correct place. There are depositions here from James Stevenson, surgeon aged 55, married; John Crichtoun, sivewright aged 72, married; William Hamilton, wright aged 60, married who stated that he had put in the original partition for Lady Stow, 27 years previously and Robert Denholme, wright aged 46, married who had been apprenticed to William Hamilton. After answers and replies it was agreed to move the partition and there is a sketch plan of the area drawn on the petition.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/30
WARRANT GRANTED: 22 May 1706.
PETITION LODGED: 15 May 1706.
PETITIONER: John Hamilton, brewer.
SITE: near the High School Yard.
PROPOSAL: To enclose an area.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/31
WARRANT GRANTED: 29 May 1706.
PETITION LODGED: 22 May 1706.
PETITIONER: John Balfour, merchant.
SITE: High Street, north side, a little below the head of Old Provost's Close.
PROPOSAL: Alterations to a fore chamber and repairs to a back chamber.
DRAWINGS: None.

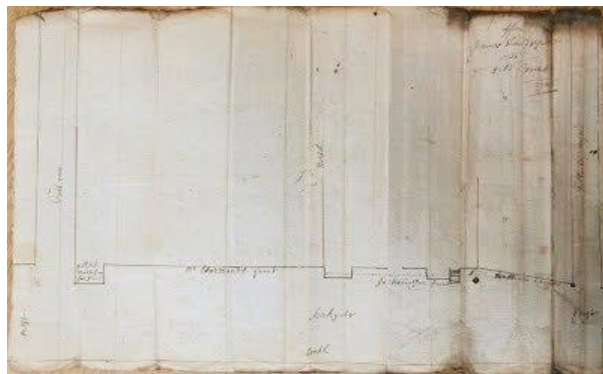
BOX: 1706/32
WARRANT GRANTED: 12 June 1706.
PETITION LODGED: 5 June 1706.
PETITIONER: Martha Foster, relict of Thomas Barroman, baxter.
SITE: Canongate, north side, a little above St. John's Cross.
PROPOSAL: Alterations to vents.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/33
WARRANT GRANTED: 19 June 1706.
PETITION LODGED: 12 June 1706.
PETITIONER: Thomas Mckenzie, writer (lawyer), Agnes Deans his spouse and Laurence Dewar, merchant.
SITE: Peebles Wynd, east side
PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.
NOTES: The complaint is against Captain John Henderson, wright, who is carrying out work for Sir William Morrison of Prestongrange on the warrant granted on 8 May 1706. He had exceeded the warrant and has knocked out windows overlooking the petitioner's court.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/34
WARRANT GRANTED: 19 June 1706.
PETITION LODGED: 3 April 1706.
PETITIONER: James Henderson, brewer in Leith.
SITE: South Leith, Tolbooth quarter.
PROPOSAL: To appraise property.
NOTES: The petitioner had right to three tenements by adjudication in the Court of Session against David Graham, merchant in Leith. He asked the Court to value three tenements and a jury was appointed. Their report is lodged here with receipts for rent dating to 1682-4.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/35
WARRANT GRANTED: 19 June 1706.
PETITION LODGED: 19 June 1706.
PETITIONER: James Henderson, merchant in Edinburgh.
SITE: Leith, Kirkgate, north side, between Dubb Row and Tolbooth Wynd.
PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.
NOTES: This petition was part of the petition above for the appraisal of three tenements. It appears to be from a different petitioner and has been separated. The petitioner refers to a previous warrant to demolish and rebuild a tenement but this cannot be traced. He was granted a warrant to build his south wall further forward than previously allowed. The plan is drawn on the reverse of the petition.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the front line of four houses.

Size: 20.7 x 33.7 cms.

BOX: 1706/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 22 may 1706.

PETITIONER: George Forbes, merchant.

SITE: Libbertons Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To heighten the roof of the southmost part.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 July 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 2 June 1706.

PETITIONER: William Cockburn, merchant and William Eccles, Doctor of Medicine.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an indenture fee.

NOTES: The complaint relates to William Cockburn junior who was apprenticed to John Monro, surgeon in April 1703 but who died on 6 August 1705. Fees of upwards of 900 merks Scots had been paid

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 July 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 28 June 1706.

PETITIONER: Alexander Brown, merchant.

SITE: Leith.

PROPOSAL: To enclose Yards and repair ruinous tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner held the property by right of disposition from the Kirk Session and a heritable bond granted to them.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 July 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 22 July 1706.

PETITIONER: Robert Thomson, merchant.

SITE: Potterrow.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof and heighten the side walls.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 19 July 1706.

PETITIONER: Janet Gilbert, relict of William Brodie, tailor in Canongate and William Brodie, barber in Canongate..

SITE: Canongate, foot of the Horse Wynd (crossed through?) near to the Horse Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To build a toofall in a yard.

NOTES: Mentions the neighbouring kiln and barn belonging to James Ross.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 21 November 1705.

PETITIONER: Robert Cheisley of Bennington.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of accounts.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Kello, merchant, Agnes Wright, relict of John Kello, merchant for the supply of small ale etc.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 August 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 7 August 1706.

PETITIONER: William Alvis, WS and Thomas Boyes, WS.

SITE: Luckenbooths, two writing chambers.

PROPOSAL: To repair the windows on the north and south.

NOTES: The warrant was granted 'to repair their windows providing that any windows they inlarge or repair looking towards the kirk be made with iron stanchole [bars] at convenient distances so as that filth be not castin forth thereat'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 21 August 1706.

PETITIONER: Sir Archibald Stevenson, Doctor of Medicine.

SITE: High Street, south side, Kinloch's Close, immediately east of Niddery Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Cathcart of Carbiston, owner of the contiguous tenement who had put up a new door that prevented entry to the petitioner's property. The petitioner had purchased his property from the deceased Sir Francis Kinloch of Gilmerton in 1692 and he had complained about access to his property on 10 September 1703 when the Court ordered rubbish to be removed. He now complained that the defender had erected a stone wall that came 15 inches within the cheek of the petitioner's door. The Court ordered the wall to be demolished.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 21 August 1706.

PETITIONER: Robert Hunter, merchant, David Burton, glazier, and Robert Bannatyne, Macer to the Privy Council.

SITE: High Street, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about repairs to the pavement.

NOTES: The tenement was 'lately built by Mr. James Smith of Whitehill' but they complain that the pavement and the stair need repair and they are prepared to pay for this but the other heritors refuse. These are; the said James Smith, Gilbert Smith, mason, John Turnbull, merchant, Henry Hamilton, surgeon, George Seaton of Garden Rose, Sir William Scott of Hardin, James Elphinstoun, merchant, George Robertson, merchant, Marjorie Irvine, relict of Alexander Strachan, merchant, (blank) Nisbet, surgeon, Dr. John Hay, Lady Cardon and Peter Keith, her factor. The Court agreed and noted that 'the ston batlement of the stair' was broken down and demolished.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 September 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 4 September 1706.

PETITIONER: Daniel Simpson, WS.

SITE: Grassmarket.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and the pavement.

NOTES: The petitioner holds the property as a creditor of James Thrift. There is a report here on the necessary work by John Cleghorn, a member of the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 September 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 11 September 1706.

PETITIONER: Alexander Haige, wright.

SITE: Paisley Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a tenement opposite.

NOTES: The ruinous tenement belongs to John Gibson, merchant, (blank) Blair, relict of the late John Hewat, merchant and Alexander Ainslie, merchant in Leith. There is a report here of the required work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 September 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 11 September 1706.

PETITIONER: Jeane Gray, relict of Adam Watson, merchant.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a rented property.

NOTES: The owner of the tenement is William Lamb but he is out of the Kingdom and the petitioner wished to carry out repairs and withhold her rent to cover the expence. The Court agreed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 September 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 11 September 1706.

PETITIONER: Bessie Cumming, spouse to James Johnston, merchant in Canongate, now in the Abbey.

SITE: Canongate.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Martha Fforrester, relict of Thomas Barrowman, baxter in Canongate who, it is claimed, built a shop on the street that encroaches on the petitioner's property. The defender had a warrant for the work and the Court rejected the complaint.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 September 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 25 September 1706.

PETITIONER: Barbara Boyd, relict of the deceased Alexander Kae, Baillie of the Canongate and others.

SITE: High Street, north side, a little above the Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof.

NOTES: The first story belongs to James Thomason, tobacconist, the second to Alex Hay, wigmaker and the two uppermost to James Fairbairn, herald. There is a second complaint here about filth being thrown from the upper windows. The Court ordered them to be stenchilled with iron bars.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 October 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 11 October 1706.

PETITIONER: James Strong, skipper in North Leith.

SITE: Leith, the Coal Hole.

PROPOSAL: To build up a hole in a wall and sink two or three half butts for tan holes.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to work in a toofall that leans on the property of William Cathcart, litster.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 October 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 30 October 1706.

PETITIONER: Alexander Aitton, son of John Aitton of Kinaldy.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an indenture.

NOTES: The petitioner was apprenticed to the late George Moubray, merchant for five years from 9 March 1705. He asks for relief as his master's relict had not continued the trade and seeks it from Captain Robert Moubray, wright his brother.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 November 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 6 November 1706.

PETITIONER: James Finlayson, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) Barclay, late governor(?) to the Duke of Douglas for payment of a bond.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 November 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 6 November 1706.

PETITIONER: Thomas Fisher, treasurer to Heriot's Hospital.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of debts.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Marwood and Agnes Wilson his spouse.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 November 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 1 February 1706.

PETITIONER: Alexander Gray of Balgonie, merchant and James Condie, writer (lawyer) and Patrick Steill, vintner (in another petition here).

SITE: Duries Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Agnes Laurie, relict of George Alison, merchant, Andrew Dennet, merchant and others who have built doors in the common Close between Duries and Cons Closes, preventing the petitioners' access. This appears to be a long running disagreement with a decret of neighbourhood issued in 1705 and another in 1702.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 November 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 13 November 1706.

PETITIONER: George Alexander of Peppermiln, advocate and James Ker, tailor.

SITE: High Street, the Style (?).

PROPOSAL: To repair a shop and the steps of the stair leading down to it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/56

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 December 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 27 November 1706.

PETITIONER: Alexander Baird, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Young, merchant for £145 7s Scots for 102 pints of brandy outstanding from 30 October 1705.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/57

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 December 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 20 November 1706.

PETITIONER: Anna Colt, relict of the late Archibald Ainslie, son of Cornelius Ainslie, advocate, the petitioner's first husband and Henry Graham of Brabnes, her husband.

SITE: Leith, south side of the water.

PROPOSAL: To repair tenements.

NOTES: Two of the tenements were sometime occupied the late John Stewart, son to the late Francis, Earl of Bothwell. There is a list here of the amounts paid to tradesmen totalling £2063 11s 4d, viz. James Walker (£451 11s) Deacon Matheson, wright (£444 18s 4d), Syme and Simpson, slaters (£430) and then smaller amounts for Alex Ramsay, glazier, James Carmichael, plasterer, numerous smiths and unspecified accounts.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted petitions.

BOX: 1706/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 January 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 17 January 1706.

PETITIONER: Samuel Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an unfree trader.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Kid, vintner who had bought hogsheads of French wine from unfree traders without being offered to the Good Town. He appeared and verified that he had bought the wine from the Laird of Kilmarnock and was fined £100 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 January 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 24 January 1706.

PETITIONER: Samuel Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about unfree traders.

NOTES: The complaint is against Henry Lothead and David Thomson, vintners. The latter confessed that he had bought wine from (the Laird) of Kilmarnock but did not know he was an unfreeman. He also noted that he had ordered half a tun of white wine from a friend in Glasgow.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 March 1706 (no warrant, warned the contiguous heritors).

PETITION LODGED: 6 March 1706.

PETITIONER: John Menzies, advocate.

SITE: High Street, south side of the Cross and east side of the Fishmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: To excavate cellars below the street.

NOTES: There is a report here from members of the Court who agreed that the work could be carried out but there is no warrant. The contiguous heritors were warned on 3 and 17 April.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 March 1706 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 29 March 1706.

PETITIONER: Captain Robert Rutherford and Robert Rutherford, under receiver, his tenant.

SITE: High Street, north side a little above the Cross.

PROPOSAL: To build an oven in the back vault.

NOTES: To prevent fire he also intended plastering the vault of the fore shop.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 January 1706 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 3 February 1703.

PETITIONER: Patrick Carfrae, mason and Alexander Gavenlocks, mason.

SITE: Parliament Square, Paterson's land, the south east half of the first (?) floor.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account for rebuilding.

NOTES: This tenement had been destroyed by fire in February 1701. In 1701 and 1702 the petitioners rebuilt part of one story belonging to Archibald Cameron, nephew of John Cameron, minister of the Gospel, his curator. He complained that the account for £1693 11s Scots, submitted in 1702 and lodged here, was excessive and the item of £800 for 'raising up six lums eight story...' is of interest, as it does not refer to any sharing of the cost of the lums (chimney vents) between the other owners. There is also a measure of the work here by John Scott, sworn measurer dated 3 August 1703 which agrees with the account but does not refer to the lums. There is another account here dated 3 August 1703 and entitled 'Mr John Cameron Minister his accompt to Alexr Goldilocks & Patrick Carfrae masons in his nephews house in Parl Close'. It notes £600 for the lums and the total here is £1363 2s 6d. (It is explained in a further petition by John Cameron on 7 September 1705 that this last was one in a series of altered accounts presented and he went on to point out that after the fire a large portion of his nephew's house was still standing) On 3 March 1703 the Court asked Deacon Carfrae to appear and state on oath that he promised to carry out the work at the same charge as the other proprietors above and below the petitioner's story. He confessed the same on 19 November and on the 24 November 1703 the Court ordered John Cameron to prove what had been paid by the other proprietors. On 31 October 1705 John Cameron petitioned the Court again pointing out that there was no house below his nephew's but a cellar and Patrick Carfrae appeared once again and agreed to take the price decided by the Court on a measure being made. A group of tradesmen visited the other properties, one of whom was 'James Smith, mason' (in fact, of Whitehill). They submitted a joint report on 4 January 1706 but there is no warrant here. John Cameron petitioned the Court again in March 1706, reiterating his case and referring to another report by James Smith of Whitehill, lodged here, dated 15 September 1705, prepared at the request of Sir Robert Blackwood, previous Dean of Guild and re-endorsed on 19 November 1705 to the current Dean of Guild, Sir Samuel McClellan. In this James Smith addressed the issue of the amount of rubble available for the rebuilding. He gave a figure for the rough masonry as £619 1s 4d as opposed to the sum of £650 in the 1702 account.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 April 1706 (no warrant, defender to see).

PETITION LODGED: 17 April 1706.

PETITIONER: Robert Moubray, wright.

SITE: High Street, north side, Baxindens Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a workhouse.

NOTES: The petitioner had purchased an area or yard and some houses from the heirs of John Bain of Pitcarley. He had already built a small house in the yard and some workshops but wishing to prevent the danger of fire, he asked to taken down the workshops and rebuild it on an area of waste ground on the north. He refers to enclosing the area with a stone dyke but leaving access to the port which enters to Leith Wynd and for those who pass by in the Salutation Close. In answers from John Hamilton, merchant he points out that in common with other proprietors along the north side of the High Street, near the foot from Halkerstons Wynd to Leith Wynd, the areas behind did not always align with the tenements. He also noted that all of these properties were bounded on the north by the Town Wall but that this did not always represent the full extent of their interests.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 May 1706.

PETITION LODGED: 21 February 1705.
PETITIONER: Sir Robert Cheisly of Bonington.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of debts.
NOTES: The complaint was against John and Robert Kello but they appear to have settled accounts, mainly for wine. There is a discharge to Robert Kello for £83 4s for half years service. 'It. for spending amongst your customers for the forsaid time is what you please to allow'.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/8*
WARRANT GRANTED: 30 June 1706 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 1 February 1706.
PETITIONER: Matthew and Daniel Campbell.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Purdie and her son, James for non payment of a debt for wine.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/9*
WARRANT GRANTED: 6 November 1706 (no warrant, appointed a visit).
PETITION LODGED: 6 November 1706.
PETITIONER: Isobell Livingstoun, spouse to John Nairn, merchant.
SITE: High Street, a little above the Netherbow, Wrights Close.
PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.
NOTES: The petitioner has right to the property from her mother, Isobell Simpson but it is subject to a claim by other pretended heirs in the Court of Session. In the meantime the tenement is becoming ruinous and she asks to repair it.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/10*
WARRANT GRANTED: 4 December 1706 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 20 November 1706.
PETITIONER: John Lind, cooper in Leith.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) Murray for 'Glasgow carts' between February and May 1706. David Thomson, vintner had paid for 14 carts and Arthur Reid for 2 leaving 23½ carts remaining to be paid.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/11*
WARRANT GRANTED: 27 December 1706 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 30 October 1706.
PETITIONER: James Fairholm, merchant.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against James Miller, coppersmith in Canongate who owed the petitioner £1419 6s 6d for goods sold by the deceased James Kendal, late master of the Golden Lyon of Leith dating from 1704. There are three full statements of account here dating from 1695 and some for larger sums than stated above.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/12*
WARRANT GRANTED: Undated (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: Unknown.
PETITIONER: John Home, slater.
SITE: Fountain Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.
NOTES: The complaint is against Dr. John Smailholm and the Society of Physicians who had obtained a warrant to relay the Close. They have undermined his tenement and dug up the sewer.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1706/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: Undated (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: The grocers of Edinburgh.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about unfree traders. This is accompanied by several long lists of such traders, 'from the West Port all along the north side of the street to the Netherbow and St. Mary Wynd and down to St. John's Cross'.

DRAWINGS: None.

There are a few miscellaneous papers here; some judicial declarations by the Magistrates and an argument over an indenture by Alex and David Wright, merchants. Also a declaration by the Magistrates dated 19 February 1706 to the Archbishop of Canterbury following a commission by him dated at London, 8 February 1705 for receiving an oath from Frances, Countess of Buchan, spouse to David, Earl of Buchan stating that her late father, Henry Fairfax made no will.

1707

The Court Officers from October 1706:

Dean of Guild

William Neilson

Council

William Hutchison, merchant

John Vallance, merchant

Alexander Lawson, merchant

George Main, goldsmith

James Hamilton, wright

John Letham, smith

Dean of Guild Officer, Henry Ranken

BOX: 1707/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 January 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 7 May 1707.

PETITIONER: John Hamilton, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Canongate head.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to windows.

NOTES: To make fashionable windows on the north and south parts of a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 January 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 28 May 1707.

PETITIONER: Alexander Campbell, minister at Inveraray.

SITE: Forrester's Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: To repair the long chimney stack and strike out a door in the turnpike.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 February 1707.

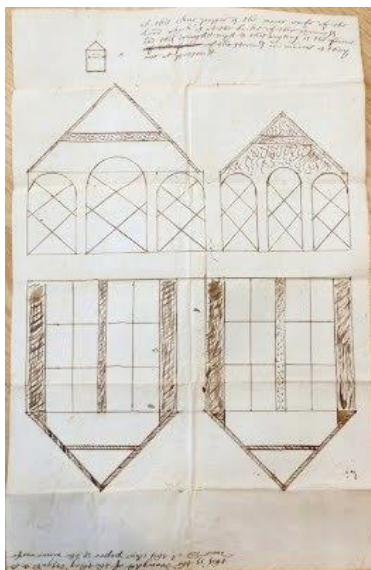
PETITION LODGED: 29 January 1707.

PETITIONER: Thomas Fisher (?), merchant.

SITE: High Street, north side, Foulis (?) Close entry.

PROPOSAL: To alter the storm windows.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevations of two storm windows, before and after alteration.

Size: 31.2 x 19.8 cms.

Watermark: countermark, DI

BOX: 1707/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 February 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 29 January 1707.

PETITIONER: William Wardrop, late Deacon of the Litsters.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Duncan Williamson, Robert and Charles Smith, merchants. The last two have been crossed through leaving an amount of £63 1s outstanding by Duncan Williamson for quantities of serge and other cloth supplied between 16 May 1701 and 3 April 1704.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 February 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 19 February 1707.

PETITIONER: Sir James Baird of Sauchtonhall.

SITE: Warriston Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of foul water.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) relict of (blank) Miller, merchant who occupy a house to the west of the petitioner's lodging.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 February 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 19 February 1707.

PETITIONER: Robert Thomson, merchant.

SITE: Potterrow.

PROPOSAL: To raise the roof of a kiln and malt barn.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 March 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 26 February 1707.

PETITIONER: Robert Sandilands, indweller.

SITE: Chambers Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To build a toofall in a yard.

NOTES: The petitioner owns several dwelling houses and a yard.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 April 1707.

PETITION LODGED: Before 12 March 1707.

PETITIONER: James Naismith, merchant in Hamilton

SITE: Warriston's Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof of a tenement.

NOTES: Only the full warrant survives here. The complaint is against John Cheisley, WS, who owned the upper floor of a tenement in which the petitioner owned the three lower floors. The defender is said to have applied to the Court to complain that the lower walls of the tenement were insufficient and could not support the weight of the roof. The petitioner repaired the side walls on the understanding that the defender would repair the roof but instead he had sold the slates and replaced them with a tarred roof. The defender later claimed to be the tenant of John Vaus, goodman of the Tolbooth and he having died, his son and heir was in the West Indies. The defender was ordered to take down the roof and part of the upper gable and rebuild it at his own expence, failing which, the petitioner was to do the work and present the accounts to the Court. See unextracted petition by the pursuer dated 19 November 1707 with an account for the work undertaken between 28 May and 30 July 1707.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 April 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 26 March 1707.

PETITIONER: Michael Allan and William Duncan, merchants.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about delivery of goods.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Douglas, soap boiler over the quality of several barrels of potash. The matter continued with inspections and until June 1707.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 May 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 7 May 1707.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Crawford: Lilius Fenwick, relict of the deceased Patrick Crawford, merchant.

SITE: High Street, north side, head of Chalmers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a new vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against Rachael Howison, daughter of the deceased David Howison, late Baillie in Potterrow who had erected a vent against the side wall of the petitioner's property. The Court ordered the wall to be put back to its original condition.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 May 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 27 May 1707.

PETITIONER: William Hamilton, son of the late John Hamilton, late Baillie in the Abbey of Holyroodhouse and William Cunningham, his factor.

SITE: High Street, north side, head of Kinloch's Close.

PROPOSAL: To replace the windows with new fashioned casements.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 June 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 4 June 1707.

PETITIONER: Walter Scott, glazier, James Nimmo, tailor, Rankin of Orchard-head, Robert Rothead, son the deceased Robert Rothead of Mastertoun and his mother and John Drummond of Newton.

SITE: High Street, between Kinloch's Close and Dickson's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing down foul water.

NOTES: The complaint is against the occupiers of the upper floors of the great stone tenement at the head of Dickson's Close. Their windows were ordered to be made up with close glass and stenchilled (barred).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 June 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 28 May 1707.

PETITIONER: Sir James Stewart, Her Majesties Advocate.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a dangerous wall.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Spotswood, advocate who owns a wall that is insufficient and in danger of falling. The Court found that it was riven from top to bottom and ordered its demolition.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 July 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 4 June 1707.

PETITIONER: Sir James Dick of Prestonfield.

SITE: High Street, Grays Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about repaving of the Close.

NOTES: The complaint is said to be in response to a claim by John Callender of Craigforth for the petitioner to contribute to the cost of relaying the pavement in the

Close. He objects to this as his property is ruinous and uninhabited. The Court found this to be the case and that it had been damaged by a fire in a neighbouring property. They found it valued in the stent books at £80 and reduced this to £40 Scots with his contribution to be proportional on that valuation.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 July 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 16 July 1707.

PETITIONER: Alexander Brown, Doctor of Medicine.

SITE: High Street, north side, immediately above Gladstone's land.

PROPOSAL: To make new fashioned windows towards the street.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 July 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 23 July 1707.

PETITIONER: George Samuel, baxter (baker).

SITE: College Wynd foot, west side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 August 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 13 August 1707.

PETITIONER: Alexander Johnston, brewer.

SITE: Leith, Coal hill and Shore.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild the fore part in stone.

NOTES: The petitioner stated that the fore part towards the Shore was of timber and stone and he asked to rebuild this in stone. But the warrant refers to the fore part as facing the Coal Hill.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 September 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 16 September 1707.

PETITIONER: Andrew Ingles, eldest son of Andrew Ingles, merchant and Charles Ingles, merchant, his curator.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: To repair several houses.

NOTES: The petitioner had been adjudged the property of Richard Pollock, baxter (baker) as his creditor.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 October 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 11 October 1707.

PETITIONER: John Montgomerie of Wrae, WS.

SITE: Cowgate, at the foot of the Kirk heugh.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to windows.

NOTES: The property previously belonged to the heirs of Henry Adamson and he found the rooms fronting the High Street to be dark. He proposed enlarging windows and striking out a new one.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 October 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 15 October 1707.

PETITIONER: Thomas Warrender, painter.

SITE: Nidderie Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a stop on his work.

NOTES: The petitioner explained that he was carrying on a building 'for the good and decorment' of the place and conform to a warrant granted by the Court (does not survive here). His work had been stopped on an application by Lady Longtoun for herself and her children but felt that he had not encroached on her property. The Court removed the stop but obliged the petitioner to put up a stone cunzie (keystone but probably a lintol here) on the north cheek of Lady Longstoun's little shop at his own expence and hang a door there for his convenience. The shop was to be kept three feet wide at the front and two feet wide and two foot nine inches at the back part. Also he was not to obstruct the light to her kitchen above the shop.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 November 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 8 October 1707.

PETITIONER: James Marshall, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, Gladtone's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an alteration to vents.

NOTES: The petitioner has right to the three lower dwelling houses which all vent 'extremely well'. He complained that his neighbour, Dr. James Forrest, heritor of the two upper stories of the land had heightened his vents while the petitioner was away. The Court ordered the defender to either demolish his additional vent or build up the petitioner's to the same height. They fined his mason, William Smellie five dollars for carrying out the work without a warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 November 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 14 November 1707.

PETITIONER: Thomas Kincaid, indweller.

SITE: Parliament Square?

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing down of foul water.

NOTES: This petition is incomplete but it appears that the petitioner was complaining about foul water and waste being thrown down into his yard. The complaint is against (blank), relict of William Forbes merchant (goldsmith?) liferenter of a tenement underneath and James Purdie, merchant, factor for (blank) Melvill in Langholm, feuar of the same. The Court ordered windows to be glazed with close glass and to be barred or trellised.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 December 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 19 November 1707.

PETITIONER: John Stewart, mason.

SITE: Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of accounts.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Dunbar, tailor and George Denniston, writer (lawyer) for £29 0s 6d and £27 1s Scots respectively, for repairs to vents. This work related to a decreet of neighbourhood obtained by James Colvill, advocate and factor for the heirs of Patrick Mein.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 December 1707.

PETITION LODGED: 10 December 1707.

PETITIONER: Widow Mitchell, relict of John Mitchell, vintner and now spouse to William Don, vintner.

SITE: Roxburgh Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing down of foul water.

NOTES: The complaint is against of (John) Menzies Cammo, advocate, Alexander

Clerk, merchant and William Dallas, WS. The Court ordered their windows to be close stanchilled (barred) or trellised.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted petitions.

BOX: 1707/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 January 1707 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 29 January 1707.

PETITIONER: William Thomson, merchant.

SITE: Cowgate head, corner, opposite the bearwell on the south side of the street.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild parts of a tenement in stone.

NOTES:

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 February 1707 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 12 February 1707.

PETITIONER: Andrew Paterson of Kirkcoun, wright, factor for James Smith of Whitehill, mason, David Crawford, clerk to the admission of Notaries, Captain (blank) Colt and James Blackwood, merchant.

SITE: Parliament Close, south side

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Janet Williamson, relict of David Cairns, merchant. The argument related to the rebuilding of a tenement destroyed by fire in 1701 and the rebuilding of the same. The defender advanced sums for the rebuilding to the late Robert Blackwood, merchant. She is alledged to still owe £70 4s. The defender asked to see the factory and legal titles to the property. There is an abbreviated account here for the work carried out.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 April 1707 (no warrant, defender to produce his titles).

PETITION LODGED: 9 April 1707.

PETITIONER: Barbara and Anna Kaes and their husbands, Walter and Matthew Stewart as heirs portioners to the deceased Alexander Kaes, sometime Baillie of Canongate.

SITE: Leith Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Hunter in Abbeyhill and others, unnamed who had applied to the Court for permission to build on a waste area (no record here) and had begun doing so without the petitioners' knowledge. The petitioners hold a Charter for the area which lies to the north of a chapel (described as a hospital in another copy of the petition here) and runs from the street front eastwards to the dyke of the yard belonging to Paul's manufactory.

DRAWINGS: None

BOX: 1707/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 April 1707(no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 9 April 1707.

PETITIONER: Marion Borthwick, relict of the deceased James Cunningham, cooper in Leith.

SITE: Leith.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The property had been badly damaged by 'the powder blast' and was ruinous. During the visit it was found that a neighbour, Peter Wilkies had encroached on her property and the Court insisted on seeing his warrant for the work but it was not produced. No further action noted here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 May 1707 (petitioner to produce his rights).

PETITION LODGED: 16 April 1707.

PETITIONER: James Brownhill, wright.

SITE: Dickson's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a wrights workhouse on waste ground.

NOTES: The petitioner claimed to be the tenant of Agnes Gardner, relict of Walter Scott, barber on a tack dated 10 April 1707. After a visit the Court granted a warrant to build a toofall. There are answers here from Robert Newlands, glover, against whose gable the Court allowed the petitioner to build, in which he claimed to be the owner of the waste ground, having purchased it from (blank) Hamilton of Boghill and the deceased Walter Scott. The petitioner was asked to produce his rights on 7 May and there is no further action recorded here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 May 1707 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 28 May 1707.

PETITIONER: William Cleghorn, brewer.

SITE: Society, beside the Merchant Maiden Hospital.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to entries to a yard and horse mill.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 June 1707 (no warrant, defenders to see).

PETITION LODGED: 9 April 1707.

PETITIONER: John Hutchison and John Hislop, merchants.

PROPOSAL: Disagreement with James Murray, merchant in Leith and Colonel Forbes over a load of timber.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 July 1707 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 21 May 1707.

PETITIONER: Margaret Lentrone, relict of William Mylne, merchant.

SITE: High Street, Forresters Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of rent.

NOTES: The petitioner had a quarter share in a lodging and Robert Swinton, surgeon owned the other three quarters. He entered into a tack, lodged here, with the petitioner on 16 March 1704 for her quarter but he had not paid any rent and owed £21 Stg. In answers for the defender he pointed out that the matter was not as clear as the petitioner had stated and her share included other houses. The matter became a dispute about money paid for repair work and there is a statement of account between the parties totalling £486 10s 10d Scots but the Court asked to see the tradesmen's accounts and these could not be produced. The matter was not resolved here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1707 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 6 August 1707.

PETITIONER: Anna Brown, relict of John Gordon, brewer in Pleasance, George Hodge and (blank) Johnston, gardeners, her tenants.

SITE: Canongate, south side, a yard.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the firing of shot at a target in another yard.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1707 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 6 August 1707.

PETITIONER: George Lawson.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Not given.

NOTES: The Court summoned John Ogilvie, George Drummond, John Dickson and Alexander Forbes.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1707 (no warrant, defenders to see).

PETITION LODGED: 6 July 1707.

PETITIONER: George Oliphant, preacher of the Gospel, (blank) Heriot, schoolmaster at Heriot's Hospital, James Baillie, writer (lawyer), Thomas Smith, brewer and Adam Keir, late Deacon of the Baxters.

SITE: High Street, head of Fishmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about water damage in a laigh shop and cellar.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Cathcart of Carbiston and John Jolly, merchant who own the upper floors of the tenement. The petitioner claims that they have failed to maintain the roof and this has allowed water to damage his property. He had erected 'sconces' to keep away the water but the defenders had taken them down. Part of a gable had also fallen and a chimney was in danger of doing so. He asked for the defenders to be ordered to rebuild the tenement. This petition had been sent to the magistrates he had re-directed it. See the undated petition in 1707 by James Cathcart of Carbiston to rebuild this tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 September 1707 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 27 August 1707.

PETITIONER: Dr. James Robertson.

SITE: Near the Town Council house, on the west cheek of the entry.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to a step and a sewer.

NOTES: The petitioner intended striking out a door from his turnpike and to make one step with a hewn gutter step at the foot. He also intended to red up and clear a sewer which had been obstructed and stopped by the great canal or privie from the Tolbooth.

DRAWINGS: None

BOX: 1707/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 November 1707 (no warrant, defender summoned).

PETITION LODGED: 7 November 1707.

PETITIONER: James Marshall, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, north side, Gladstones land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about heightening a vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Smellie, mason who had heightened a vent at the desire of Dr. James Forest, without a warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 November 1707 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 14 November 1707.

PETITIONER: Heritors of Roxburgh's Close; William Don, vintner and his spouse.

SITE: Roxburgh's Close.

PROPOSAL: Not stated but possibly a claim for repairs to a tenement.

NOTES: This is an incomplete document and it refers to John Cunningham of Ballendalloch, WS, factor for Sir George Smellie of Balgown. In the summons it lists John Cunningham, WS, William Dallas, WS, John Penman elder, goldsmith, David Henryson, wigmaker, Marion Shaw, relict of James Clark, merchant and James Young, bedal.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/15*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 November 1707 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 19 November 1707.

PETITIONER: James Nasmyth, merchant in Hamilton.

SITE: Warristons Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: Claim for expence of rebuilding.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to him on 23 April 1707 to take down and rebuild the roof and part of a tenement. There is an account here for the materials and work (£42 1s 10d), carried out by Alexander Sinclair, wright and John Meine, slater. The roof was taken down by William Sinclair, wright.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/16*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 November 1707(no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 9 November 1707.

PETITIONER: Adam Thomson, indweller in Collington.

SITE: Canongate, south side, foot of Pirie's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a house of two stories.

NOTES: The petitioner had purchased an area of waste ground from William Chrystie, stabler. One of those summoned to appear was Thomas Ker, goldsmith.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/17*

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 November 1707 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 26 November 1707.

PETITIONER: Andrew Ker, merchant.

SITE: High Street, north side, beside the new stone tenement built by John Hamilton on the west.

PROPOSAL: To build a chimney vent.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he had a warrant from the Court in September last (not here) to build his vent from the third storie and he has done so, up to the 8th. However, (blank) relict of James Gilchrist, merchant, refuses to allow him access to her storie to complete the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/18*

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 December 1707 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 3 December 1707.

PETITIONER: David Geddes, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against William and Robert Blackwood, merchants for payment of an account for £18 7s for cloth and clothing, lodged here. The account refers to 'a black and white mascarade' costing £4 16s.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/19*

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 December 1707 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 17 December 1707.

PETITIONER: David Dunlop, goldsmith.

SITE: Canongte head.

PROPOSAL: To build a toofall over his furnace.

NOTES: The petitioner explained that he had lost his house and workshop in 'the late dreadful fire in the head of the Canongate'. He 'had since been at considerable charges in redding the ground in order to recover some plate & bullion which I had lost...' and having discovered his old furnace he intended rebuilding the walls of his workshop in brick and putting up a timber toofall until such time as the other heritors agreed to rebuild the tenement in stone. He would join with them when they did so.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/20*

WARRANT GRANTED: Undated, 1707.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: John Turnbull, merchant.

SITE: High Street, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about being included in the cost of paving.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to James Smith of Whitehill and Alexander McGill, mason. They were employed by the heritors of the back land, lately built by said master James Smith, to pave the court at the back of the foreland and repair the scale stair of the said backland. See warrant granted 21 August 1706 (Hunter and others).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/21*

WARRANT GRANTED: Undated 1707.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Daniel Clerk, apprentice to Joseph Beech, painter.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about his indentures and being beaten by his master.

NOTES: There are detailed answers here from Joseph Beech.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/22*

WARRANT GRANTED: Undated 1707.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Colin Mackenzie, advocate.

SITE: Baillie Clerk's Close, Cramond's land.

PROPOSAL: To put a vent in a closet.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1707/23*

WARRANT GRANTED: Undated 1707.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Sir David Forbes, advocate.

SITE: Not stated but refers to a great stone tenement.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing down of foul water and the building of walls.

NOTES: The petition does not survive here. The information is taken from answers by Alexander Gavenlocks, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

There are miscellaneous documents here including a deposition made by Robert Craig of Castle Craig, County Cavan, Ireland, Esq (but noted on the front of the petition, Robt. Craig of Ricarton). 'That sometime in the year 1703 Thomas Blunt, glassmaker was engaged to come over from London to Ireland to serve at the said Robert Craig, his glass house in that kingdome and accordingly came over at his, the said Roberts charges and when he arrived at Dublin he was there arrested at the suit of ane Christopher Ffeild for a certain sum of money adebted by the said Thomas to Ffeild...' He was thrown into prison and Robert Craig paid the money for his release and said that he would take the sum and others amounts oweing out of his wages at a later time. After some time the glass house was ready but Thomas Blunt refused to work with him and instead went to work with (blank) Hurt at his glass house. Robert Craig was obliged to put out his fire and suffered further loss. No action is noted here.

1708

The Court Officers from October 1707:

Dean of Guild

William Neilson

Council

Charles Hope, merchant

John Haliburton, merchant

Robert Selkraig, merchant

John Letham, hammerman

James Syme, slater

Robert Moubray, wright

Thomas Warrender, painter

Dean of Guild Officer, Henry Ramsay

BOX: 1708/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 January 1708

PETITION LODGED: 24 December 1707

PETITIONER: Charles, Earl of Murray (Moray).

SITE: Canongate, south side, west of Moray house.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint was against John Adair, cartographer. The earl explained that he had been at considerable expence in raising the wester wall of his property to a great height 'for the convenience of my privacie & securitie' of his lodging, stables, coach house and close or court. He complained that while he and his family had been in the country, the defender had built the wall of a house higher than the boundary wall and built his easing drop on the wall. Not only this, but he had placed a window in the top of the wall, looking into his court. In the report after a visit this window is described a laigh window having been struck through the earl's wall. In answers for the defender, John Adair pointed out that the wall and window were built by Richard Baillie, brewer in the Abbey, long before he bought the property from him. He went on to suggest that the west wall of the earl's stable court did not altogether belong to him and referred to a sasine granted by William Ballantyne to one William Monroe dated 7 November 1606, well before the earl had any interest there '...wherein the back waste ground upon which John Adair's house is built, is declared to contain ten elns, three quarters and ane half; which can no ways be made good unless the said wall claimed by the Earl be included...' The Dean of Guild ordered the window to be built up under a penalty of £20 Scots. This matter appears to have been the subject of an action of Reduction and Declarator by John Adair and Edward Baillie, nephew and apparent heir to the deceased Richard Baillie, brewer in the Abbey of Holyroodhouse, in the Court of Session (copy here with summons for Edward Baillie) dated 18 September 1707.

DRAWINGS: None. None.

BOX: 1708/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 January 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 31 December 1707.

PETITIONER: James Sime and Peter Simpson, slater.

SITE: Canongate head, north side.

PROPOSAL: To take depositions regarding the rent.

NOTES: The petitioners collected rents totalling £77 1s 8d Stg, for a number of houses in that great stone fabric which was suddenly burnt down and demolished on the 2nd November 1707. They ask for the Court to take depositions and there are three here from; Captain James Ogilvie who paid 100 merks pa.; Sir William Binning who paid £12 Stg. pa. and Mr. James Gregorie who paid £15 Stg., pa.

DRAWINGS: None. None.

BOX: 1708/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 January 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 7 January 1708.

PETITIONER: James Nairne, late baillie.

SITE: Leith Wynd, head, laid to the wall of the Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a shop.

NOTES: The petitioner had a tack from the Town for a shop which was pulled down during the late fire (2 November 1707).

DRAWINGS: None. None.

BOX: 1708/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 January 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 16 January 1708.

PETITIONER: William Carnegie, merchant.

PROPOSAL: To measure a hogshead of canarie.

NOTES: The petitioner complained against John Henderson who had bought the cask from the petitioner's wife, she having filled it up without measuring it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 February 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 31 December 1707.

PETITIONER: Agnes Burt, relict of William Millar, brewer.

SITE: Canongate, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about lack of repairs on a lease.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Seton of Northbank who let a brewery to the petitioner from Martinmas 1704. There are accounts here from Peter Simpson, slater for work carried out in September and October 1707 (£46 9s 8d); Alexander Gavenlock, mason for November 1707 (£7 4s 8d); James Burn, wright for work in 1704 and 1707 (£12 4s) and Thomas Halliday, (smith or plumber) in December 1707 (£5 15s 6d). The Court found in the petitioner's favour and ordered repairs to be carried out with accounts submitted to the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 March 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 3 March 1708.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Mossman; relict of George Mossman, stationer.

SITE: Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: To convert a shop window into a door.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 March 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 28 January 1708.

PETITIONER: John Hamilton, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Canongate, High Street, south side.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a burnt tenement in stone.

NOTES: The tenement had been damaged during the fire of 2 November 1707. The Court gave detailed instructions for the rebuilding; '...the front of fore sidewall towards the high street that it be built & founded fortie six foot distant from the foundations of the burnt land oposite thrt on the north measuring from the north west entrie of the petitioner's tenement. And that he carie his said sidewall in a straight & direct line eastward to the wester cunzie of the deceased David Ffourrest his tenement. And that he build & found the front of his said tenement on the west towards St. Mary Wynd seaventeen foot seaven inches & half distant from the tenement pertaining to (blank) on the west side of St. Mary Wynd, measuring from the northwest cunzie and that the southmost of the foresaid front towards St. Mary Wynd be fifteen foot distant from the forsaid tenement pertaining to the said (blank) on ye west...' There is a full copy of the warrant here. This warrant may be related to the unextracted petition dated 21 January 1708 (Sherrif and Chrystie).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 April 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 28 April 1708.

PETITIONER: George Home, Town Clerk.

SITE: High Street, south side, a little above Libberton's Wynd head.

PROPOSAL: To remove a pillar on the second story.

NOTES: The petitioner pointed out that the same pillar on the floor above had already been removed. He also intended new fashioned windows and alterations to his fore stair.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 May 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 5 May 1708.

PETITIONER: William Hutchison, merchant.

SITE: Street leading to the West Port, south side, to the westward of Heriot's Work bridge.

PROPOSAL: To raise the walls to the same height as the petitioner's contiguous property on the east.

NOTES: There is a petition here from Agnes Yorkston, relict of the late James Ingles, brewer for the same work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 May 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 5 May 1708.

PETITIONER: Thomas Kincaid, indweller, George Warrender, Thomas Ker, goldsmith, John Adam, macer, Robert Blackwood, merchant and Robert Mylne, mason.

SITE: Parliament Close, south side, above the entry to the meal Market.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing down of foul water and excrement.

NOTES: The complaint is that the tenants and occupiers of the windows looking south have been throwing out waste onto the roof of the laigh Exchange belonging to Thomas Kincaid. Their windows were ordered to be trellised and glazed with close glass.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 May 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 19 May 1708.

PETITIONER: Hugh Paterson, eldest son of the late Robert Paterson, baillie in Potterrow.

SITE: Leith, Burgess Close.

PROPOSAL: To advance his boundary by three feet over waste ground used as a jakes.

NOTES: There are answers here from Captain John Jamieson, cooper in Leith, Robert Robertson, blockmaker Leith, (blank) Hodge, baillie in Portsburgh, Mr. Henman, minister of the Gospel stating that the boundary change would reduce the width of the Close. The warrant gave instructions on keeping the close at least six foot wide.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 May 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 19 May 1708.

PETITIONER: Anna Brown, relict of John Gordon, merchant.

SITE: Pleasance, east side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish a timber tenement and rebuild in stone.

NOTES: The petitioner has a timber tenement with a yard opposite to the Town Wall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 June 1708.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: William Crawford, wright.

SITE: Landmarket, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Greenlies, David Baptie and John Shaw, baxters (bakers) who had a tack on the petitioner's oven and back house for seventeen years from 1705 but they had also taken over a back yard and refuse to pay rent for it. Only the warrant survives here and this information is taken from it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 June 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 16 June 1708.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Lin; Sara Handyside, relict of Hugh Lin, late baillie.

SITE: West Bow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Veitch, merchant who had built a dyke in front of the petitioner's window. The Court ordered the wall to be reduced in height by a foot and for the defender to clear up rubbish left by him at the Bow foot.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 July 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 10 March 1708.

PETITIONER: Thomas Kincaid, indweller.

SITE: Dickson's Close, the Swan tavern.

PROPOSAL: To convert a lodging or tavern into two dwellings.

NOTES: The property has for some time been waste. The warrant refers to building an arch over a pend. See also the warrants granted 26 May 1703 and 2 January 1706 (Kincaid)

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 August 1708.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Alexander Black, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Lithgow, brewer and John Smith, vintner. Only the warrant survives here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 August 1708

PETITION LODGED: 18 August 1708.

PETITIONER: John Armour, brewer, factor for the creditors of George Campbell.

SITE: Leith, Rotten Row.

PROPOSAL: To demolish a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against Hellen Callender, relict of Captain James Seaton, shipmaster in Leith and Peter Wilkie, indweller in Leith his factor. The property belongs to Helen Callender but there are several houses within it belonging to George Campbell. The Court ordered Patrick Wilkie to take the tenement down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 September 1708.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Isobell Penman, relict of Allan Paterson, skinner; served heir to the late William Penman, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Harts Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: Only the warrant survives here. It refers to a previous warrant dated 5 May 1708 (not here) granting Isobell Penman to repair a tenement in Harts Close that pertained to her deceased brother, William Penman. The work was undertaken by; William Ranken, wright (£100 15s 8d), William Smaillie, mason (£121), George mein, glazier (£ 18 7s 6d), Robert jack, slater (£127 12s) and John Letham, smith (£ 23 4s).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 November 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 10 November 1708.

PETITIONER: John Young, brewer.

SITE: Robertson's Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner and Thomas Caddell, brewer are tenants of Thomas Robertson of several lofts. The complaint is that Thomas Caddell had locked a door or entrance by putting a chain on it. The Court ordered the way to be kept open with liberty to the complainer to fix a hanging door above the first door at his own charges.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 November 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 24 November 1708.

PETITIONER: Thomas Beech, painter.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Buchanan, wright for payment of outstanding accounts and money lent totalling £74 12s Scots. The amounts date from 12 May 1705 to 15 October 1708 and detail the painting of coffins for named individuals; between 6 July and 24 August 1705 'ane coffin cedar and vernished for James Smith £2.' There are at least 18 entries for children and others named are Mr. Stewart, apothecary, his man; Baillie Hamilton; James Watson, mason, his child; Lord Crossrig; '£2 Scots qch ye got from your father to give to me for the painting of James Galbraith of Balgair's coffin, not dilverd'; Robert Murray, glover; Mr. Brown, Pursuivant's good boy £2 18s 6d. Almost all of the coffins were decorated to imitate cedar wood and silvered.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 November 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 27 October 1708.

PETITIONER: James Livingston, wright and George Livingston, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of bonds.

NOTES: The complaint is against Janet Henderson but it refers to a bond of £1000 Scots dated 20 June 1705 by the petitioners to Robert Cleland, writer (lawyer) and registered in the books of Council and Session. This sum was to have been paid to Margaret Aldern (?) relict (?) of Thomas Aldern, merchant in Kelso. The Court took a deposition from Janet Henderson but decided that it did not prove the libel. The writing is somewhat careless and difficult to read.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 November 1708.

PETITION LODGED: 17 November 1708.

PETITIONER: Lady Greenhill; Janet Durie, relict of Adam Gardins of Greenhill and Thomas Schoolls, merchant.

SITE: West Bow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Gavenlocks, mason who had struck through the wall between a house belonging to William Adam in Culross and the petitioners while creating a vent. The Court ordered the defender to build up the wall with a penalty of ten dollars, he to be imprisoned until he paid.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted petitions.

BOX: 1708/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 January 1708 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 19 January 1708.

PETITIONER: Sir George Broun of Coulston.

SITE: High School Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the quality of mason work.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Gavenlocks, mason who was paid £40 Scots to rebuild a garden dyke on 2 May 1707. The work was carried out in such an insufficient way that the wall is rent in several places and out of plumb. The payment was received from William Broun, elder, wright on behalf of the petitioner.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 January 1708 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 21 January 1708.

PETITIONER: John Sherrif, son of the late Charles Sherif, John Sherrif factor to the Earl of Haddington his tutor, Thomas Ker, goldsmith, factor for the said John Sherrif and William Chrystie, stabler in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, south side, Halyburton's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Hope, tailor and his mason, Alexander Gavenlocks who were rebuilding a tenement at the head of the Close, demolished to stop the spread of the late fire. The defenders had a warrant to rebuild but the argument is about the boundary. There is an account here for work carried out by Alexander Gavenlocks in June and August 1708 totalling £55 12s Scots. This petition may relate to the warrant granted 3 March 1708 (Hamilton) although the defender is not mentioned there.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 February 1708 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 25 February 1708.

PETITIONER: John Fergus, eldest son of the late Robert Fergus, merchant.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: To arrange a visit.

NOTES: This petition is incomplete. William Law, jeweller and John Mackie, stationer were summoned to appear in the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 March 1708 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 10 March 1708.

PETITIONER: Jervais Henley, merchant in London and Hugh Hathorn, merchant his factor.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Finlayson and a bill for in which he ordered Lewes Aitoun to pay £18 10s Stg. to the complainer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 April 1708 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 18 April 1708.

PETITIONER: John Hamilton, stabler.

SITE: St. Mary's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing down of waste.

NOTES: The petitioner is the tacksman of a piece of waste ground behind Provost Kinloch's stables. He complains against John Alexander, watchmaker and other heritors in Marie Arnot's Close who had taken down a timber gate erected on the

orders of the Court at the foot of the Close to prevent the filth, sharn, blood and other vile (?) that was daily thrown down there.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 May 1708.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: John Hunter, indweller in Abbeyhill.

SITE: Leith Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To build a house.

NOTES: The petitioner intended building on the north side of the entry to the yard, fronting towards the Wynd. There is no further action recorded here but there is a receipt dated 21 May 1709 for the warrant produced.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 November 1708 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 17 November 1708.

PETITIONER: George Campbell, wright.

SITE: Forrester's Wynd and possibly other sites.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment for work.

NOTES: The complaint is against Peter Blair, writer (lawyer) for work carried out between 6 January and 23 April 1707 totalling £260 13s 2d as per an account lodged here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 November 1708.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: George Lawsone, baillie.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Andrew Wardrop, glazier and Archibald Pringle, merchant for a bill £168 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: Undated, 1708.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: John Marquess of Tweeddale.

SITE: St. Mary's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about windows overlooking his garden.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Loch of Drylaw, owner of a tenement on the east side of the petitioner's garden. Also against William Gilchrist, shop keeper in St. Mary's Wynd and James Urquhart (Orchard) tailor, his tenants. The defender in answers maintained his right to strike out windows but agreed to place bars on them to prevent access.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date, 1708.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Andrew Campbell, periwig maker.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a tack.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Wilson, merchant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1708/11

WARRANT GRANTED: No date, 1708.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Charles Holburne, only son of the deceased James Holburne, periwig maker, Penelope Ramsay his mother and Robert Wood her present husband.

SITE: High Street, north side, head of Barrenger's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment on a vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Riddell, merchant and occupier of the floor above the petitioners, who had blocked their vent.

DRAWINGS: None.

There are a few miscellaneous papers here, instruments of protest and an indenture dated 16 January 1708 between William Orr, periwig maker and William Bell, son of James Bell, farmer in Coltness.

1709

The Court Officers from October 1708:

Dean of Guild

George Warrender

Council

William Jaffray, merchant

Robert Hunter, merchant

William Dundas, merchant

David Thomson, mason

Patrick Anderson, wright

James Sim, slater

Procurator Fiscal, Samuel Gray

Dean of Guild Officer, Henry Ranken

BOX: 1709/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 February 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 12 January 1709.

PETITIONER: Sir William Menzies of Gladstone, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Archibald for a debt of 1000 merks. The debt had been assigned and reassigned to others mentioned here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 February 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 16 February 1709.

PETITIONER: Andrew Cockburne, merchant factor for James Blackwood, merchant at London.

SITE: Parliament Close, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about excrement and ashes lying at the back entry to the stair leading from the great tenement to the Kirk of heugh.

NOTES: The Court granted the petitioners permission to put timber trellis on the windows overlooking the entry.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 February 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 9 February 1709.

PETITIONER: Elizabeth Thomson, relict of Robert Watson, WS and now spouse to John Callender of Craigforth.

SITE: High Street, north side (Grays Close).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a blocked sewer or drain.

NOTES: The petitioner's lodging is occupied by Robert Clerk, surgeon. The warrant refers to Richard Colville, a cook in the adjoining tenement who is blamed for some of the filth and red pushed into the Close. He was ordered him to put a padlock on his window overlooking the sewer. See warrants granted 19 July 1704 (Craigforth) and 16 July 1707 (Prestonfield).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 15 September 1708.

PETITIONER: Ebenezer Erskine, minister of the Gospel and Walter Stewart, indweller.

SITE: Jackson's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the pavement.

NOTES: The warrant appears on the reverse of an account from John Stewart, mason dated 3 October 1708 for the work totalling £102 15s 4d Scots. It refers to '... raising the old pavement turning and hewing them again and hewing the gutter stones masons and workmen 6 days & further as follows...' There is a full warrant here dated 15

September 1708 for the same work. There is an undated note here unrelated to the case which refers to the balance of £49 18s Stg. for building a gable at the head of Fishmarket Close. It includes Sir David Dalrymple, Carbiston, Menzies of Cambo et al.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 27 (April, sic) March 1709

PETITIONER: James Agnew, merchant.

SITE: Luckenbooths.

PROPOSAL: A new door and window in a forestair.

NOTES: The petitioner had purchased a high and a laigh shop, to which there was an open forestair that was being used as a jakes. He intended making a window and putting on a door, giving a pass key to the neighbouring shop owner, John Paton, merchant to allow his tenants access.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 20 April 1709.

PETITIONER: Collin Alison, merchant.

SITE: Cowgate, north side, foot of Dickson's Close.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild the fore part of timber tenement in stone, on the old foundations.

NOTES: The warrant noted that he was to remove the fore stair on the high street and make a new one within the Close on the north side of his tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 May 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 27 April 1709.

PETITIONER: John Baillie, surgeon apothecary, Thomas Fairholme, son of Thomas Fairholm, late baillie and (blank) Fairholm, relict of the late Alexander Anderson, late baillie, heritors.

SITE: Craigs Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a defective sewer.

NOTES: The sewer ran to the west of the petitioners' tenement and belonged to (blank), relict of the late Thomas Ingles. The Court appointed a jury who suggested that the sewer should be opened in the cellar belonging to Mr. Ingles to discover where it was defective. If this was not effective, the cellar of Mr. Baillie was to be opened.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 May 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 4 May 1709.

PETITIONER: Charles Batchelor, barber and periwig maker.

SITE: High Street, north side, above the old post office.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to a shop.

NOTES: The petitioner asked to erect a little outshot or balcony on his fore shop 'such as is used in barbers chops throw the town'. Also to make other alterations and to repair the roof of the tenement, which he owns. The warrant was granted on condition that the petitioner gave a bond to James Dallas of St. Martins or any contiguous heritor that they should not suffer prejudice by the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 June 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 15 June 1709.

PETITIONER: John Blair, writer.

SITE: Castlehill.

PROPOSAL: To carry out repairs to a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner is a preferable creditor to a large extent on the property of Hugh Neilson.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 July 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 20 July 1709.

PETITIONER: James Murray, merchant and tacksman of the shore dues at Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of shore dues.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Brown, skipper for payment of shore dues of £70 2s 6d Scots from 6 August 1706 to June 1707. There is an account here addressed to Captain John Brown, commander of the Cathrian of Leith from Holland. The cargos were mainly building materials; 8000 brick, sheet copper, wainscot plank etc.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 3 August 1709.

PETITIONER: James Hutcheson, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Leith, opposite to the Tolbooth.

PROPOSAL: To repair and rebuild the timber fore part of a tenement in stone.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 August 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 20 July 1709.

PETITIONER: Alexander Brown, merchant.

SITE: Luckenbooths.

PROPOSAL: To alter the lums on his tenement.

NOTES: This petition was addressed to the Magistrates and remitted to the Dean of Guild. The petitioner refers to his rebuilding of a new stone tenement (east end of the Luckenbooths) 'in place of a heape of old ruins'. He explained that the lums at the east end of his property where he was confined by his warrant to build a platform roof, do not work well. He asked to raise them to the same level as the lums on the western part of his tenement and the Court agreed, on condition that none of the raised lums should be within fourteen feet of the end of the tenement. There is a sense in his description of the intended work that the petitioner wanted to raise the roof, perhaps to increase the height and by petitioning the Magistrates he may have sought to circumvent the Court, with whom he had dealt previously.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 August 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 17 August 1709.

PETITIONER: George Oliphant, preacher of the Gospel.

SITE: Fishmarket Close, head.

PROPOSAL: To dig a vault below the causeway.

NOTES: This petition was addressed to the Magistrates and remitted to the Dean of Guild. The petitioner owns a shop and cellar possessed by Mrs. Smyth and he wished to dig out a vault while the tenement was being rebuilt. See warrant granted 12 April 1710.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 August 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 24 August 1709.

PETITIONER: William Stewart, merchant and James Aitchison, merchant.

SITE: High Street, north side, head of Bryson's Close.

PROPOSAL: To remove a 'stodie' and rebuild two lums.

NOTES: The petitioner asked 'to remove a stodie in a roumme yrof & turn ye same

into a light to the romme'. The warrant allowed them 'to remove the two stodies in order to inlarge their north windowe'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 September 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 16 September 1709.

PETITIONER: David French, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, head of Borthwick's Close.

PROPOSAL: To remove a stone pillar.

NOTES: The petitioner complained that the stone pillar reduced his prospect of the street and he intended filling up 'the vacuum that is betwixt Borthwick's Close and the pillar...' and put a window within his own pillar. (This is basically trying to bring forward his shop front to include the area behind the pillars). The Court visited and informed him that he had already 'don wrong in fixing the litle gests (joists) within the pillar belonging to the contiguous heritors on the west' without a warrant. They ordered him to remove them and they would then consider his petition.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 September 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 28 September 1709.

PETITIONER: Alexander Montgomerie of Assloss.

SITE: Bow head, south side of the Weigh house, Cramond's (?) land.

PROPOSAL: To lower the soles of four windows towards the High Street.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 October 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 28 September 1709.

PETITIONER: John Eastoun, periwig maker.

SITE: Little Fleshmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: To take down a timber too fall and rebuild larger in stone.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 November 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 2 November 1709.

PETITIONER: Patrick Baptie, skipper in Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Kellie, merchant and George Edgar, merchant for £72 and £30 Scots respectively, the former for a hogshead of cider delivered to his spouse in May 1708 and the latter, a large quantity of cheese delivered to his spouse in April or May 1708.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 November 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 30 September 1709.

PETITIONER: Thomas Fairholme of Kinglass.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite the Cross, Craigs Close.

PROPOSAL: To alter the windows and other repairs in a timber tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner asked to alter the windows on the fourth story with new fashioned chess windows. Also to level the Close 'being for steepness ye worst in ye City', by putting in ten steps near the foot. The warrant allowed him to level the Close the length of the turnpike of his northmost tenement and to place steps immediately north of the turnpike. Those living above the steps should contribute to the cost by valuation of their properties. Gaven Stenhouse, writer (lawyer) had refused to contribute. There is a petition here from James Watson, printer, complaining that the steps will interfere with his business and ruin his employment. He refers to having

lived in Halyburton's Close for twelve years and more people visit him on business now than did there.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 November 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 26 October 1709.

PETITIONER: James Scougall, son of the late John Scougall, apothecary along with John Morison, merchant his tutor.

SITE: Leith, Dufs Close near the fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: to demolish and rebuild a waste tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 November 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 23 November 1709.

PETITIONER: Gawen Plummer, merchant.

SITE: Dickson's Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about access to his property.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased a lodging from the deceased baillie Clerk. This lodging had a little close or court to the north adjoining the great tenement built at the head of the Close by Robert Mylne, mason. He complained that John Murray, proprietor of a laigh house in the gable to the north had been ordered by a decret of neighbourhood dated 27 June 1683 to place iron bars in his windows to prevent access to the court and the goods stored there. He had since taken these out and replaced them with timber shutters that could be removed at his pleasure. The defender was ordered to replace the bars.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 November 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 30 November 1709.

PETITIONER: Samuel Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: West Bow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about shopkeepers.

NOTES: The complaint is against shopkeepers in the West Bow who had been keeping candles and lighting fires in their properties against the Act by the Town Council dated 8 June 1705 prohibiting the same in premises where flax, tar, oil, rosin and powder were stored. The names recorded are; Thomas Moffat, merchant, Mrs. Wright, Mrs, McNair, Mr Murray, William Tod, Mrs. Hunter, Marjorie Spence and (blank) Gray, relict of William Lamb. They were fined £100 Scots and ordered to plaster their timber partitions and roofs (ceilings) and not to light fires or candles in their shops.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 December 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 1 December 1709.

PETITIONER: Helen Affleck, relict of John Monteith, surgeon in Lithgow.

SITE: Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a leased property.

NOTES: The complaint was against Alexander Dunbar, tailor who stated that he would carry out repairs to the petitioner's property but had not yet done so.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 December 1709.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: James Watson, printer.

SITE: High Street, Craig's Close (foot).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a leased property.

NOTES: Only the warrant survives here. The property belonged to the creditors of (blank) Halliburton against whom an action had been underway in the Sheriff Court for two years. The Court granted a warrant for repairs and for the construction of a closet, the expense to be retained from his rent. See warrant granted 8 September 1710 (Watson) for the accounts.
DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted petitions.

BOX: 1709/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 January 1709 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 26 January 1709.

PETITIONER: Robert Mylne, mason.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mistress Anderson, printer and Mrs. Hill, baker for payment of £42 Scots for work carried out in April 1705. It refers to Craigmillar.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 March 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 23 March 1709.

PETITIONER: Robert Johnstone.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of a debt.

NOTES: The sum of £37 15s 4d was owed to Christian Robertson, the petitioner's spouse

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 March 1709 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 23 March 1709.

PETITIONER: John Brymer, periwig maker.

SITE: High Street, north side, below the Bishop's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of lums in an adjoining tenement.

NOTES: The defender is John Frazer, merchant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1709 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 20 April 1709.

PETITIONER: George Robertson, merchant.

SITE: High Street, the Ship Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: To replace a platform roof.

NOTES: The roof is made of timber and pitch and the petitioner wished to raise the walls and make a slated roof.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 20 April 1709.

PETITIONER: John Watson, slater.

SITE: Liberton's Wynd, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Foster of Carsboney, indweller for work carried out for £44 10s 6d Scots. The account is lodged here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1709 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 19 April 1709.

PETITIONER: John Hamilton, merchant.

SITE: Canongate head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Sir John Hallyburton and James Strachan, his tenant who had built a shed which interfered with the petitioner's light.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 May 1709.

PETITION LODGED: 4 May 1709.

PETITIONER: James Fairholme and John Russell junior, merchants.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Smith, merchant for £652 5s6d Scots as the price of two hogsheads of tobacco containing 1449½ lbs. The account dated 14 December 1709.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 May 1709 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 18 May 1709.

PETITIONER: James Brown.

SITE: Mount St. Leonards.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about refusal to pay.

NOTES: The writing is very difficult to read.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 May 1709 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 18 May 1709.

PETITIONER: William Ewing, wright.

SITE: Meal Market.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Janet Clyd, relict of William Ramsay, merchant for the sums of £20 19s 8d for redding a house in the meal market after the burning in 1700 and Margaret Sandilands, relict of James Spence, merchant for £20 19s 8d as her proportion of redding the ground before rebuilding. In defences for Mrs. Ramsay she points out that only the roof was burnt leaving the walls standing and that most of the redding was in the petitioner's own property on the ground floor. In answers the petitioner pointed out that a turnpike stair had also fallen.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 June 1709 (no warrant, date of an instrument of protest).

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: John Hamilton, wright.

SITE: Canongate, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint

NOTES: The complaint is against William Chrystie, stabler in Canongate and his tenant, Alexander Paxtoun regarding lying water and muck near his property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 June 1709 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 22 June 1709.

PETITIONER: Alexander Pennicuik, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Niddery Wynd, Grierson's land, second story.

PROPOSAL: To slap out a new window in the south room of the first house towards the street.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 June 1709 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 22 June 1709.
PETITIONER: John Syme, flesher.
SITE: High Street, north side, foot of Roxburgs Close.
PROPOSAL: To enclose an area with a stone wall.
NOTES: The petitioner purchased a waste area from David Henderson, merchant. It lay on each side of the way to the north Loch.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/13*
WARRANT GRANTED: 22 June 1709 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 25 May 1709.
PETITIONER: John Wardrop, wright.
SITE: Not given.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Caddell, brewer for repairs to a brewery. There is an account here dated January 1709 for £58 10s 6d Scots.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/14*
WARRANT GRANTED: 13 July 1709 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 13 July 1709.
PETITIONER: Sir James Hall of Dunglass.
SITE: St. Mary's Wynd.
PROPOSAL: To repair the roof of a coach house.
NOTES: The visitors found that the roof had fallen in and that it was flat. They suggested he turn the roof into a 'sett on roof' as long as the easing drop was always on his own property.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/15*
WARRANT GRANTED: 24 August 1709 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 17 August 1709.
PETITIONER: Elizabeth Mcdouall, relict of Robert Murdoch, writer (lawyer), now spouse to Charles Ross of Cloack with John Hislop, merchant.
SITE: High Street.
PROPOSAL: To build a stair over a shop.
NOTES: The petitioners refer to a Decreet of Suspension in the Court of Session which allowed Thomas Inglis, writer to build a little shop below Murdoch's land now belonging to the petitioners. It was a condition that if necessary a stair could be built over the shop, that stair being the roof of the shop and they now ask to build the stair. The Court asked to see the Advocation.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/16*
WARRANT GRANTED: 2 September 1709 (no warrant, defender to see and answer)
PETITION LODGED: 1 August 1709.
PETITIONER: Creditors of John Davie, brewer in Pleasants; David, Earl of Leven, James, Earl of Seafield, Archibald, Earl of Roseberrie, Sir John Ramsay of Whytehill.
SITE: Pleasance.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the illegal use of a well.
NOTES: The petitioners refer to John Davie and his father selling the brewery to them for payment of debts on a disposition dated 4 December 1706. They found that William Murray of Keillor had demolished part of a boundary wall and had been drawing water from the well that previously served the brewery. There are two copies of the petition here, to which the Court responded in the second instance by insisting on evidence that John Davie and his authors had indeed held the property for forty years as they claimed. There is a deposition here from John Gordon, tailor aged 63, married who stated that John Davie and his tenants had been in possession for 50 years. He had lived there for 36 years and had often seen them draw water from the well. There are answers from Murray of Keillor.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/17*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 August 1709 (no warrant, defender to see and answer)

PETITION LODGED: 24 August 1709.

PETITIONER: Richard Howeson, step son to the deceased John Howeson, late baillie in Potterrow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an indenture.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to an indenture dated 1 June 1704 between James Watson, painter and Michael Howeson, brother german to Richard Howeson who stood as cautioner. It appears that the defender refused to discharge the indentures after the five year term.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/18*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 October 1709 (no warrant, defender to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 12 October 1709.

PETITIONER: John Johnstone, meal maker on Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Henderson, baxter and James Hodge, baxter for payment for wheat supplied.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/19*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 October 1709 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 19 October 1709.

PETITIONER: Patrick Baptie, skipper in Leith.

SITE: Leith, sands quarter.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild two old houses in stone.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/20*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 October 1709 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 19 October 1709.

PETITIONER: Bethia Brand, relict of William Cleghorn, brewer.

SITE: Meal market, west side.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a coal outshot destroyed in the fire in Parliament Close (1701).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/21*

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 November 1709 (no warrant, defender to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 9 November 1709.

PETITIONER: Walter Stewart, advocate and Adam Coult, advocate.

SITE: Mills (Milne's) Square, fore part opposite the Tron Kirk.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Mylne of Balfarg, mason who had kept the upper story of the fore tenement for himself. For the benefit of his tenants he had nailed and boarded up the upper windows in the common stair. This encroached on the light for the occupiers of the upper garrets. The heritors claimed that the windows in the stair were for the common good and could not be taken by any one of them.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/22*

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 November 1709 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 30 November 1709.

PETITIONER: John Weir, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint against Alexander Brown and James McCall his servant.

NOTES: This petition is incomplete but may have been for a debt.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/23*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date 1709.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: James Nicholson of Trabroun.

SITE: Jackson's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about division of expences for repairs.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Stuart, mason who is claiming £20 Scots as a proportion but he only owns half a story, his eldest son representing Provost Prince the other half.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/24*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date 1709.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: James Scougall, son of the late John Scougall, apothecary.

SITE: Leith, the back of the Tolbooth.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/25*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date 1709.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: John Seaton, goldsmith.

SITE: Libberton's Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner had purchased a tenement from George Seaton of Barnes, immediately south of a tenement he previously purchased from the same.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/26*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date 1709.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: James Cathcart of Carbistoun.

SITE: High Street, south side, Fishmarket Close, head.

PROPOSAL: To clear the ground and rebuild the tenement destroyed in 1701.

NOTES: The petitioner recites the history of prevarication by Adam Keir, baxter and owner of the ground floor of the tenement which had prevented the rebuilding. The sticking point appears to have been the rebuilding of the substantial arcade of pillars in the original tenement built by Robert Mylne. He refers to many alterations to a warrant granted for the rebuilding (not recorded here), especially in relation to the pillars and arches. This petition was written by David Dalrymple (adjoining heritor on the west).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/27*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date 1709.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Mistress Vere.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Repairs to a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/28*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date 1709.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Alexander Campbell, merchant.

SITE: Herriot's Work, north side

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a dangerous wall.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) Park, now spouse to Thomas Herron, pewterer. There is a detailed description of the various walls.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1709/29*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date 1709.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Adam Keir, baxter.

SITE: High Street, head of Fleshmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild part of a tenement.

NOTES: See undated warrant above (Carbistoun).

DRAWINGS: None.

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The Court Officers from October 1709:

Dean of Guild

George Warrender

Council

William Jaffray, merchant

Robert Hunter, merchant

William Dundas, merchant

David Thomson, mason

Patrick Anderson, wright

James Sim, slater

Dean of Guild Officer, Henry Ranken

BOX: 1710/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 January 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 16 April 1707.

PETITIONER: John Callender of Craigforth, advocate.

SITE: Grays (Mint) Close, Bishop's land.

PROPOSAL: To relay the pavement in the Close.

NOTES: The petition is incomplete, giving only the name of one heritor but others are named in the summons. On 2 February the Court visited to consider the quality of the work and they were of the opinion that Craigforth and Thomas Dick should pay the account according to the several valuations. For some reason they had to ask them to pay again on 18 January 1710. The work was carried out by John Hamilton, mason and his account, addressed to the petitioner, for £122 12s dated May 1707 is here with a measure of the work by John Harraway, sworn measurer. Given the list of those summoned this must have been Mint Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 January 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 7 December 1709.

PETITIONER: David Thomson, Deacon of the masons.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of accounts.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Alexander of Peffermilne, George Drummond, merchant and David Hutchison, writer (lawyer) for amounts totalling £66 4s 4d for mason work carried out.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 January 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 5 January 1710.

PETITIONER: Thomas Forrest, glazier.

SITE: Blackfriars Wynd, head and Colnhaven house.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The work was carried out from 3 August 1706 to 29 January 1709 for (Sir) Thomas Kennedy of Kirkhill. The earlier work at Colnhaven included work by Patrick Anderson, wright and the account refers to Birne (?) glass and Tivenach (?) glass with three stone of putty, two stone of white lead and two pints of linseed. The property in Blackfriars Wynd belonged to the Laird of Inilstone (?).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 January 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 19 January 1709.

PETITIONER: Patrick Anderson, wright.

SITE: Not given (Blackfriars Wynd).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Sir Thomas Kennedy for the sum of £90 8s Scots resting from an account for £210 8s for wright work. The defender complained that the price charged was unfair and he based this on having had a conversation with another wright he met who was putting in similar windows in Marlins Wynd for (blank) Innerleile. He quoted him £40 Scots for the work 'but since the Union the timber being roused [terable?] dearer he would doe the same for sixtie pounds Scots...' The Court decided that £77 Scots was a fair price. See warrant granted 25 January 1710 (Forrest).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 February 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 11 January 1710.

PETITIONER: Anna Smith, spouse and factrix to James Smith of Whythill.

SITE: High Street, head of Fishmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Adam Keir, baxter (baker) for the sum of £27 4s 9d Stg. for 544¾ ft of hewn mason work carried out 'be his speciall imployment & direction in these pillars & arches in the ground of that tenement at the head of the fish mercat pertaining to Mr. James Cathcart of Carbiston...' The petitioner refers to a factory dated 15 December last (1709) and there is a note on the verso of the petition '16 Feby 1710. Then received up the factory produced in this process by me Gilb[ert] Smith'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 February 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 8 February 1710.

PETITIONER: Adam Keir, baxter.

SITE: High Street, Fishmarket Close head, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about payment for a pillar removed.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Mylne, mason who entered into an agreement with the petitioner dated 17 September 1709 to take down a pillar and to build another pillar at the head of the Close. The pillar consisted of 121¾ ft of hewn stone for which the petitioner was to pay James Smith a shilling sterling per foot. He is now claiming this sum from Robert Mylne. In answers the defender stated that in 1678 he built the great stone tenement for Sir Hugh McCulloch and Walter Pringle and others on a warrant from the Court. He did so with a burden, that he should build the pillar on the west side of the head of the Close in such a way that other proprietors to the west could continue the arches in that direction. The agreement was he would be reimbursed £5 Stg. when that work began. The Court refused Adam Keir's petition on 22 February.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 March 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 15 March 1710.

PETITIONER: John Henderson, chapman traveller.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about loss of goods.

NOTES: The petitioner was asked to carry goods to Fyfe and they were to be placed in a cart with other goods belonging to William Mitchell, chapman in Leith. The goods were delivered to the defender's house on 2 September 1709 but all his goods were seized there for a reason not stated. The petitioner provided a list to the value of £25 0s 5d Stg which included a great variety of items; fine London knives, fine London hard metal plates, bridles, bridle bits, candle snuffers, 4 doz. Proverbs, a doz. Common Bibles, 4 looking glasses and half a pound of Moy hair (mohair). There is further information here regarding the Baillies of Leith.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 March 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 24 May 1710.
PETITIONER: George Lawson, merchant.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.
NOTES: The complaint is against Samuel Chambers, merchant who owed the petitioner £13 15s 3d Stg for 12 pounds of old iron which came in the 'die Galley'; master Captain Middleton in February last. The defender confessed.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/9
WARRANT GRANTED: 5 April 1710.
PETITION LODGED: 5 April 1710.
PETITIONER: Dr. James Robertson.
SITE: Beside the Town Council house.
PROPOSAL: To rebuild a timber vent in stone.
NOTES: The petitioner's vent was attached to the side wall of the Council house and he wished to rebuild it in stone. The Court granted a warrant but during the work some slates had to be removed from the Council house and this caused some 'umbridge of offence to the town council' before a further undertaking was made regarding the maintenance etc.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/10
WARRANT GRANTED: 12 April 1710.
PETITION LODGED: 22 March 1710.
PETITIONER: Adam Keir, baxter.
SITE: High Street, head of Fishmarket Close.
PROPOSAL: To share the cost of rebuilding pillars and arches.
NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to carry out the work on the 17 August 1709, which does not survive there although another related petition by George Oliphant does. He claimed that Thomas Smith, brewer, George Dennistoun, writer, Elizabeth Young, spouse to James Baillie, writer, Mrs, Alison Young proprietor of the wester shop that formerly belonged to the late Robert Young, brewer and George Oliphant, heritor of the easter shop, all in the ground of the tenement belonging to James Cathcart of Carbiston. There was much argument over responsibility and there is a lot of detail here regarding this and various modifications to the design so that the shops had an arch in front and not a pillar. James Smith of Whythill carried out the work on rebuilding the pillars and arches. There is an account here dated 20 August 1709 for £36 Scots from Patrick Anderson, wright, for the comb scaffolding to support the arches during building. The warrant contains the division of expence according to the valuations also here.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/11
WARRANT GRANTED: 26 April 1710.
PETITION LODGED: 19 April 1710.
PETITIONER: Elizabeth Murray, daughter of Alexander Murray and now spouse to Alexander Pirrie, indweller in Canongate.
SITE: Canongate head, south side.
PROPOSAL: To erect a shop under a forestair.
NOTES: The property is immediately east of the new stone tenement built by Thomas Ingles, pewterer and the forestair is being used as a jakes.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/12
WARRANT GRANTED: 26 April 1710.
PETITION LODGED: 26 April 1710.
PETITIONER: Marie Hunter, relict of James Wallace, baxter (baker).
SITE: Cowgate, south end, east of Hasties Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.
NOTES: The complaint is against John Wright, merchant who had purchased an

adjoining yard from the Incorporation of Wrights and Masons. He is said to have laid a great quantity of stones against a boundary wall or fence, which had caused it to collapse.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 April 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 26 April 1710.

PETITIONER: James Nairne, late baillie, Henry Mould, writer (lawyer), James McGie, merchant, Peter Wyber, merchant, Daniel Hamilton, writer and William Fea, baillie in Dunbar, tutors to the late (blank) Kellie, baillie in Dunbar.

SITE: Bowhead, Crammond's land.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a timber tenement in stone.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 May 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 15 March 1710.

PETITIONER: Helen Marshall, relict of James Cowan, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of accounts.

NOTES: The complaint is against Peter Petit, sailmaker in Leith (£660 Scots), Peter Wilkie, merchant in Leith (£26 3s 6d – both for sail duck canvas) and Katheren Thomson relict of (blank) Haigs, indweller in Leith (8 10s 8d and James Murray (£3 Stg. for maills & duties on a cellar). The baillies of Leith were involved in summoning the defaulters.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 May 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 2 April 1710.

PETITIONER: William Mitchell, son of the deceased David Mitchell, baxter (baker).

SITE: Halkerston's Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: To strike out a new entry.

NOTES: The new entry was to be into Kinloch's Close below.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 May 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 2 February 1710.

PETITIONER: James Leslie, advocate and George Lawson, baillie.

SITE: High Street, Borthwick's Close head.

PROPOSAL: To have a valuation of a burnt tenement.

NOTES: The tenement was burnt down in September 1708 including the roof and walls except some part of the side wall of the first and second stories. James Leslie owned the ground and first story and had purchased the story above from John Blair and John Easton. Alexander Dalmahoy was owner of the third and fourth stories and George Lawson, the joint petitioner, the fifth. The matter was complicated by Dalmahoy owning a cellar but refusing to begin rebuilding. The Court granted a warrant to start rebuilding, the petitioner to have possession of this cellar until they were paid for its rebuilding. Patrick Steill, Mr. Leslie and Alexander Dalmahoy owned the vault and first and second stories in the south gable of the tenement. A valuation of Dalmahoy's property came to £40 Stg. and George Lawson's floor to £15 Stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 May 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 17 May 1710.

PETITIONER: Thomas Kincaid, indweller.

SITE: High Street, north side, Kinloch's Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild an old tenement.

NOTES: The Court granted a warrant with stipulations about building on the old foundations and with the height restricted to 21½ ft.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 May 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 25 January 1710.

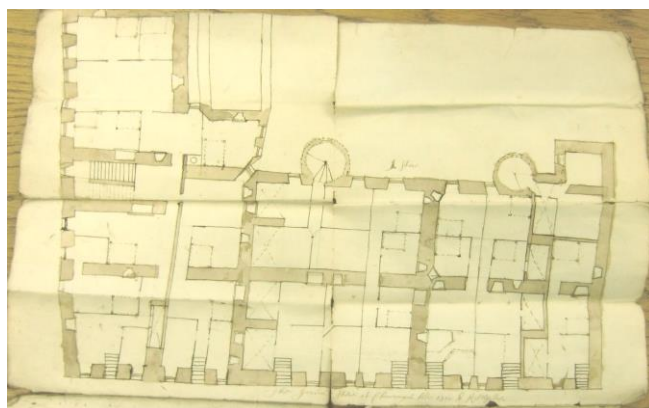
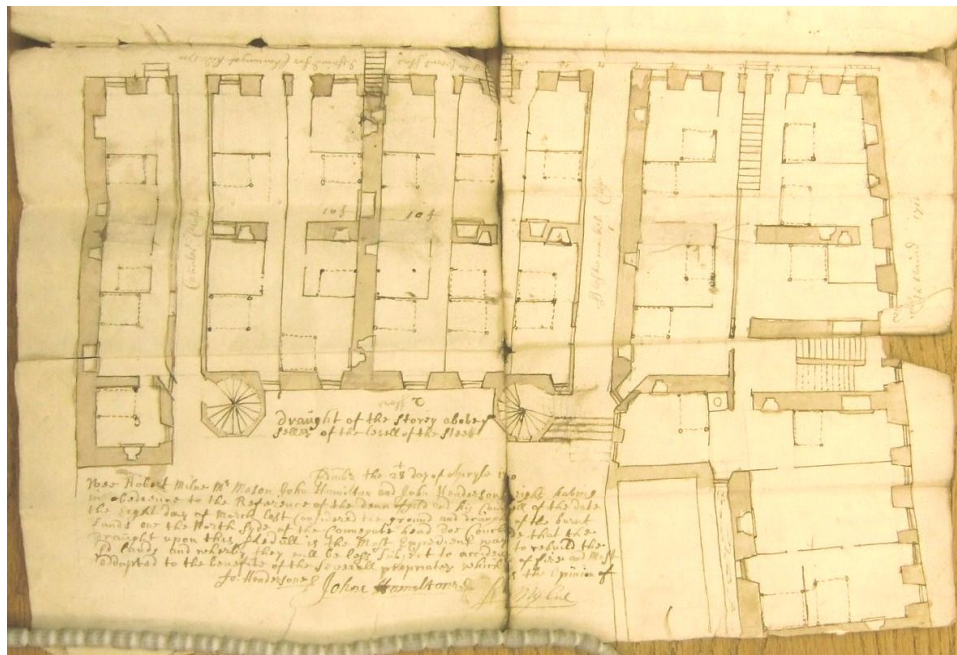
PETITIONER: James Cuthbertson, baxter (baker).

SITE: Canongate head, north side, between Leith Wynd and Could Close including Fleshmarket Close between.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild his part of a burnt tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner had tried to get the other proprietors to agree to rebuild but they would not. He asked the Court to let him build his ground floor and provide it with a temporary roof on condition that he should refunded the cost of the roof if the other heritors should rebuild in the future. As it had been found that the absence of a mid gable on the west had been a large cause of the fire, he intended building a gable there on the same condition with any proprietors on the west paying half when they rebuilt. He referred to rebuilding to 'a former draught'. The other heritors joined in on 8 March 1710 and there is a note on the back of their petition dated 13 March 1710 stating 'Baillie Duncan has received up 5 seall [several] draughts of the designed building'. Dr. Riddell entered objections that stopped the work for a time. There are a number of processes here including full valuation of each floor and a full warrant, with a great deal of detail regarding the rebuilding.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 49.5 x 38.8 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Draught of the storie above ye sellers of the levell of the streett.

Edinbr. the 28th day of April 1710. We Robert Mylne, Mr. mason, John Hamilton and John Henderson wrights having in obedience to the reference of the Dean of Guild and his Council of the date the eight day of march last considered the ground and draught of the burnt lands on the north Syde of the Canongate head do conclude that the Draught upon this shedull is the most Expedient way to rebuild the Sd lands and wherby they will be less subject to accidents of fire and Most adapted to the benefite of the severall proprietors which is the opinion of Jo.

Henderson. John Hamilton. R Mylne.

Inscriptions verso: Plan of the ground floor (before work began?) The ground floor of Canongate head 1710 R. Mylne.

Architect: Robert Mylne.

BOX: 1710/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 May 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 19 April 1710.

PETITIONER: Robert Anderson, maltman in Leith.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and have an appraisal.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the tenement with yard and pertinents from John Arnot, late professor of Philosophy in the University of St. Andrews. The jury valued the property at £138 10s Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 May 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 24 May 1710.

PETITIONER: David Thomson, mason.

SITE: That tenement immediately below the Tron Kirk.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Hamilton of Pumpherston for payment of £16 Scots as his portion for repairing vents, conform to a contract between the petitioner and Sir William Baird.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 June 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 7 June 1710.

PETITIONER: Alexander Paterson, merchant for himself and as factor for Anna Megget, relict of the late John Johnston of Polton.

SITE: High Street, north side, near the Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Monro, His Majesty's brewer who intends taking down timber projections on a tenement. The Court ordered that he could not proceed without the permission of the petitioners but that he could do so.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 June 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 31 May 1710.

PETITIONER: Eupham Dougall, relict of James Richardson, merchant.

SITE: Leith, Broad Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a shop in stone work.

NOTES: 'The petitioner owed a small shop 'built with timber which is frequently broken & spoylt be carts, sleds & oysr passing by...'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 June 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 14 June 1710.

PETITIONER: Jannet Corston, relict of Robert Pargilles, portioner of Cramond and James Pargilles his eldest son and apparent heir.

SITE: Near the West Port, south side of the street.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners are creditors and possessors of the tenement previously belonging to James Gillespie, tanner. The warrant was granted with a request to present the accounts for the repairs to the Court to be cognosed, on completion.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 June 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 14 June 1710.

PETITIONER: Robert Stark, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, Stewart's Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 June 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 27 May 1710.

PETITIONER: Alexander Callender, merchant in Falkirk.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about delivery of goods.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Thomsone, merchant. The petitioner notes that the day previously (26 May) he had sold seven pieces of dyed serge to the defender who measured it with his 'ellwand' on delivery. But he discovered afterwards that the measure used was more than the ordinary measure leaving him 9 elnes short. The defender refused to compensate him. There are depositions here from interested parties including Jannet Gray, spouse to John Hutton, merchant aged 24 and William Ingles, servitor (apprentice) to the defender aged 16. Marmaduke Dallas, who had dyed the cloth was asked to measure the cloth again which he did at 173½ elms. In answers the defender noted '...that Jannet Gray being a woman can never in Law be admitted a Witness in any Civil case...' he went on to dispute the ellwands used but came to the conclusion that there was indeed an overstatement of 5 half elns '...which by the custom of merchant buying a considerable quality use not to be paid for...' The Court found the case not proven on 21 June but fined the petitioner £100 Scots and ordered him to be imprisoned until he paid it. After the answers mentioned above the petitioner was ordered to appear in the Court on 23 June with the defender and there he confessed that '...he had don wrong in calumnating the [defender] & craved his pardon...'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1710.

PETITIONER: George Lawson, late baillie.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Smith, merchant for the sum of £100 Scots as the draw back on ten barrels of salmond sold by the defender to the complainer on 3 February 1708. There is a full copy of the warrant here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 July 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 5 July 1710.

PETITIONER: Patrick Wilkie, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) Marshall, relict of James Cowan, merchant for the sum of £47 Scots for provisions itemised on an account here dated 1708.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 July 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 28 June 1710.

PETITIONER: James Haig, maltman in Leith.

SITE: Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a dangerous lum.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Fairholme of Kinglassie who owns the adjoining tenement to the petitioner. An instrument of protest here dated 16 June.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 July 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 30 June 1710.

PETITIONER: Sir John Inglis of Cramond.

SITE: West Bow, head.

PROPOSAL: To build a shop on the side of a pend and forestair lying at the lowest end of the petitioner's lodging.

NOTES: The petition was challenged by William Stewart, writer (lawyer) who claimed to have been in possession of the shop for the past forty years and could not therefore be evicted. The Court agreed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 July 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 24 May 1710.

PETITIONER: Elizabeth Kellington, relict of James Peacock, barber.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite the main Guard.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Brown, surgeon and William Cumming, periwig maker. The matter involved a new entrance agreed between Sir Patrick Hepburn of Blackcastle and Alexander Hamilton, son of John Hamilton, apothecary in 1672, for which he paid 3s 4d pa. and which was to be closed up by Sir Patrick when required. James Brown had succeeded Sir Patrick but refused to close the entry. The Court ordered the door to be closed up on 5 July but the argument appears to have continued.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 July 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 28 June 1710.

PETITIONER: George Dennistoun, writer.

SITE: Forrester's Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To strike out a window in the entry.

NOTES: The entry is very dark and the intended window will look into the trough gang between Forrester's and Libberton's Wynds.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 July 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 28 June 1710.

PETITIONER: Patrick Wilkie, merchant.

SITE: Leith, east side of Rottenrow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a right of entry.

NOTES: The complaint is against Marion Borthwick, relict of James Cunningham, cooper in Leith. The petitioner owned a number of houses and cellars and he had use of an entry that was now being prevented. Depositions were taken from James Walker, mason aged 60 or thereby, married, who had been employed by the petitioner's father 33 or 36 years previously to enlarge a gate or entry. Also from Patrick Smith, cooper in Leith aged 70, married. The Court found for the petitioner.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 July 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 12 July 1710.

PETITIONER: Sir James Stewart senior, advocate and John Scougall, limner.

SITE: Stewart's Close, formerly Home's Close.

PROPOSAL: To remove steps in the Close and create an incline.

NOTES: The petitioners note that James Penman, goldsmith was proprietor of a lodging immediately above the steps and having only cellars below, consented to them being taken away at the expence of the petitioners and asked the Court to allow him to advance his forestair six inches wider than Mr. Scougall's stair. John Scougall also asked to make a stone stair to his house within his own boundary.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 July 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 12 July 1710.

PETITIONER: James Henderson, brewer in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Kirkgate.

PROPOSAL: To alter a stair to make 'a running stair'.

NOTES: From the warrant it is clear that the petitioner wanted to allow water to run in a gutter under the step and this was agreed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 July 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 12 July 1710.

PETITIONER: John Shaw, baxter (baker).

SITE: South side of the street leading to the West Port. West of Heriot's Bridge.

PROPOSAL: To repair a dwelling house.

NOTES: The ruinous property belonged to the heirs of Robert Young, brewer and they refused to repair it. He was allowed to repair the property and withhold some of the rent payable to Alison Young and James Baillie and his sons.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 August 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 26 July 1710.

PETITIONER: Patrick Hepburne, apothecary.

SITE: High Street, north side, head of Ship Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment on a vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Brown surgeon and Arthur Cumming, wigmaker who had knocked through a vent, blocking it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 August 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 2 August 1710.

PETITIONER: The Earl of Hyndford, Lord Belhaven and Sir William Baird of Newbyth.

SITE: St, Marie's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair several coach houses and stables.

NOTES: The property had been dispoened to the petitioners by the Town and it adjoined the wall of the Marquess of Tweeddale's garden. The toofall roofs were to be replaced with square roofs. There is a letter here to the Dean of Guild from Lord Tweeddale dated at Edinburgh, 2 April 1710 agreeing to the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 August 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 26 July 1710.
PETITIONER: John Hamilton, brewer.
SITE: Cowgate Port.
PROPOSAL: To repair a dwelling house, brewhouse and pertinents.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/39
WARRANT GRANTED: 16 August 1710.
PETITION LODGED: 9 August 1710.
PETITIONER: Thomas Cairns, brewer in Leith.
SITE: Leith, Lees Quarter.
PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.
NOTES: The property had been purchased from William Brown of Dalgarno. The warrant allowed the petitioner to rebuild the foreland fronting the high street to the back of Adolphus Durham's, land and to be on old foundations. Allowed to build a dyke from his own gable, on old foundations, to the gable of Deacon Matheson's house and another dyke between his property and that of William Riddoch at the (k?)ilne.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/40
WARRANT GRANTED: 16 August 1710.
PETITION LODGED: 2 August 1710.
PETITIONER: Thomas Inglis, pewterer.
SITE: Kennedy's Close, west side.
PROPOSAL: To slap out two windows to the south in the fourth and fifth stories.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/41
WARRANT GRANTED: 16 August 1710.
PETITION LODGED: 16 August 1710.
PETITIONER: Walter Stewart, advocate and Lt. Matthew Stewart in Col. William Keir's Regiment of Dragoons.
SITE: Leith Wynd.
PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and rebuild the front in stone.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/42
WARRANT GRANTED: 23 August 1710.
PETITION LODGED: 16 August 1710.
PETITIONER: Henry Frazer, herald painter.
SITE: Monteith Close, at the foot.
PROPOSAL: To build a toofall.
NOTES: The toofall will be beside a tenement lately built by the petitioner and from a sidewall towards Bryson's Close, equal with the side wall of Andrew Handisyde's house on the south.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/43
WARRANT GRANTED: 30 August 1710.
PETITION LODGED: 9 August 1710.
PETITIONER: Alexander Paterson, merchant for himself and as factor for Anna Megget, relict of John Johnston of Polton.
SITE: Half Moon Tavern, a yard to the north.
PROPOSAL: To build a dwelling house or houses.
NOTES: The warrant ordered that the entry to the houses should be from the Close on the west.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/44
WARRANT GRANTED: 30 August 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 23 August 1710.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Lamb; (blank) Gray relict of the late William Lamb, merchant.

SITE: West Bow.

PROPOSAL: To repair a house.

NOTES: The property belongs to the heir of her deceased husband, but they are out of the country and the property is in need of repair. The inspection found that the fore stair was much decayed and that new windows were needed. The petitioner was to withhold the expence from her rent. There is another petition here from (blank)

Fullarton, factor for William Lamb's heirs asking for the same work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 September 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 30 August 1710.

PETITIONER: James Chrystie, merchant.

SITE: Libberton's Wynd, foot, east (possibly west?) side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and build a stone wall under the forestair.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from James Paterson, merchant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 September 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 6 September 1710.

PETITIONER: James Scougall, son of John Scougall, apothecary with John Morrison, merchant his curator.

SITE: Leith, Duf's (?) Close, near the Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Watson, coppersmith who owns the adjoining tenement and specifically a spoiler janer hole (?) which has damaged the petitioner's wall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 September 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 6 September 1710.

PETITIONER: James Watson, printer.

SITE: High Street, Craig's Close, foot, Haliburton's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs and decoration.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to an earlier warrant granted 14 December 1709 to carry out repairs. The property had been the subject of an action of mails and duties in the Sheriff Court against the heirs of (blank) Haliburton that had not been resolved for two years. In the meantime, the property had become deficient and repairs were essential. There are accounts here for the work which the petitioner divided into 'necessary reparations' and 'meliorations' by Patrick Anderson, Deacon of the wrights (15 December 1709, £108 0s 6d and £51 15s including mending the floor in the printing house and creating a closet there and making two north closets in the bed chamber; David Thomson, Deacon of the masons (12 December 1709, £24 and £34 1s 4d including a large concave chimney); Adam Burton, glazier (29 December 1709, £30 6s 3d) and James Norie, painter (January 1710, £20 4s including painting the dining room in walnuttree colour, the bedroom green marble and cedarwood colour). The warrant allowed him to claim both classes of work against his rent, totalling £268 7s 6d Scots, but he had to pay an additional 10% rent annually for the 'meliorations'. The petitioner had previously lived in Haliburton's Close for 12 years before 1709; see warrant granted 16 November 1709 (Fairholme of Kinglass).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 September 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 11 August 1710.

PETITIONER: George Drummond, keeper of the Tolbooth.

SITE: High Street, north side, a little under (and opposite) the Cross.

PROPOSAL: To reopen an entry from the west.

NOTES: The property had been occupied by (blank) Davidson, wigmaker and for the previous forty years there had been an entrance from the east and west. The western entrance had been built up but he wished to reopen it. There was an objection from (blank) Fairholm, relict of Alexander Anderson, late baillie who asked the petitioner to prove his claim to the entry by witnesses. John Morison, writer aged 48, married, deponed that he knew the door had been in use from 1675 to 1686 when he wrote in Hayston's chamber, opposite. Alexander Deuchar of Comrie aged 50, married deponed that the door was open and commonly used in 1667 when Mr. Edgar possessed the property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 September 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 13 September 1710.

PETITIONER: John Hendrie, cordiner.

SITE: High Street, north side, head of Monteith's Close.

PROPOSAL: To strike out a door into Monteith's Close.

NOTES: The petitioner owned a shop, back house and cellar and had purchased the liberty to strike out the door from Lawrence Power, merchant and close up his door by a contract of agreement dated 8 September 1710. The warrant refers to converting a large window into a door.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 September 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 22 September 1710.

PETITIONER: Sir David Dalrymple of Hailes, (blank) Cunningham of Woodhall and Sir James Elphinstone of Logie.

SITE: High Street, head of Fishmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment on a gable.

NOTES: The complaint was against James Cathcart of Carbiston and Robert Mylne, mason who were rebuilding Carbiston's tenement, burnt down in 1700. The petitioners believed that the mason has encroached on their gable but he refuted this saying that the new vents had been laid against the gable and not within it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 September 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 22 September 1710.

PETITIONER: William Baillie, wright.

SITE: North side of the street leading to the West Port, opposite Heriot's Work.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Donaldson, poultryman and William Smallie, his mason. The claim is that they have built up an entry into the vennel or Tenter (?) Close. The defenders were each fined 50 merks Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 September 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 2 August 1710.

PETITIONER: George Gordon, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Not legible.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing down of foul water and waste.

NOTES: The petitioner is factor for collecting rents on a cellar due to the deceased Thomas Ellis, WS. He complained against the inhabitants above the cellar in Wilkie's land and referred to a property having been so undermined that it had to be supported

with timbers. The Court found that the sewer was insufficient and also identified a number of other repairs needed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 October 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 29 June 1709.

PETITIONER: James Baillie, advocate.

SITE: High Street, Marlins Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Sir James Rothead of Inverleith. The petitioner owned the two uppermost stories and a cellar in the tenement, the undermost story belonging to the defender. While the petitioner was out of town the defender caused his mason, Alexander Gavenlocks to strike out a new entry into the petitioner's turnpike and also alter windows. The Court ordered the door to be built up again on 13 July 1710, the work having been carried out without a warrant. In answers for Sir James he pointed out that with regard to the lack of a warrant, he was a stranger to these matters, having never done the like before and having lately come from abroad. He claimed that he was simply reopening a doorway that had been there before and cited visible evidence for this. The Court ordered the production of rights on 20 July 1709. The next action is dated 6 September 1710 when the defender was warned. There is an inventory of writs here pertaining to James Baillie, beginning in 1631 and the Court ordered him to prove that the door had not been there for the previous forty years. In the meantime, the defender had gone to the Court of Session for a Bill of Advocation and there is an Act here ordering the production in that Court of the depositions made, which are no longer here. The Court upheld its original decision on 20 September 1710.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 October 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 11 October 1710.

PETITIONER: Elizabeth Irving, daughter of the late Andrew Irving, merchant, for herself and as factor for her brother, John Irving and Patrick Wybar, merchant, her husband.

SITE: Bowhead (?), in the ground of the tenement next contiguous to Cramond's land.

PROPOSAL: A claim for lost rent.

NOTES: The petitioners have a shop on a tack dated 28 February 1710 for which they pay £58 Scots. pa. The shop was occupied by William Mitchell, merchant (white iron smith) until the late fire when he deserted the place even though they had taken great pains to cover the place with a timber sponce during rebuilding works. The asked that he be ordered to return to his profession. He was ordered to pay £10 Scots for his bygone possession without any further action. In his answers the defender referred to the stone having been taken down about a quarter of a year ago and joists laid over the shop. He had left a small sample of his wares in the shop but they had been destroyed by rain. There are four instruments of protest here, the earliest dated 6 June 1710, complaining about the condition of the shop. All of them refer to the shop at the foot of the West Bow.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 November 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 25 October 1710.

PETITIONER: Grizel Weir, relict of John Cockburn, merchant.

SITE: Skinner's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of accounts.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Sinclair, writer (lawyer) who employed tradesmen to carry out repairs (replacing entire windows) in a house possessed by Robert Murray. The petitioner has a claim against the defender for the amount spent but he refuses to pay unless compelled to do so. The tradesmen were; Alexander Sinclair, wright (£30), George Mein, glazier (£23 14s) and Peter Craigie, painter (£9 10s)

all £'s Scots. The accounts were here but were removed by the petitioner on 29 November 1710.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/56
WARRANT GRANTED: 1 November 1710.
PETITION LODGED: 1 November 1710.
PETITIONER: John Corsar, merchant.
SITE: Blackfriar's Wynd.
PROPOSAL: To build a coal house.
NOTES: The petitioner owns an area at the entry to the Close that is used as a jakes. He asked to enclose it to make a little shop or coal house but the warrant refers only to the latter.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/57
WARRANT GRANTED: 8 November 1710.
PETITION LODGED: 8 November 1710.
PETITIONER: John Wright, merchant.
SITE: Cowgate, south side.
PROPOSAL: To build a stable and loft.
NOTES: The petitioner had purchased a yard and several lodgings from the Incorporation of Wrights and Masons and he wished to build a stable in the south west corner of the yard. Being a stranger to the customs of the place and as the work was within his own bounds, he had set tradesmen to work, causing a complaint from (blank) Hunter, relict of (blank) Wallace, baxter (baker) who believed he was opening a window overlooking her property. The warrant ordered the petitioner to remove the chimneys he had built and the hewn cheeks, sole and lintol of the window, fining him £5 Scots for proceeding without a warrant.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/58
WARRANT GRANTED: 22 November 1710.
PETITION LODGED: 25 October 1710.
PETITIONER: Robert Caddell, minister of the Gospel, Thomas Murray, baxter, the relict of (blank) Calderwood and Archibald Spence, spurrier (spur maker).
SITE: High Street, south side, Todriggs Wynd.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of rented property.
NOTES: The petitioners occupy several houses that belong to William Hay, sometime Baillie. They were granted a warrant to repair the roof and chimney heads and retain the expence from their rents.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/59
WARRANT GRANTED: 29 November 1710.
PETITION LODGED: 22 November 1710.
PETITIONER: James Chrystie, merchant.
SITE: Libberton's Wynd, foot, west side.
PROPOSAL: To reopen an unused door.
NOTES: The Court refused the petition stating that the door had been long built up and appeared to have been formerly a yard belonging to (blank) Dickson who was both proprietor of the fore land towards the Cowgate and the yard. They did allow him to make a window 18 or 20 inches high and 12 or 14 inches wide with close glass and iron stenchells.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/60
WARRANT GRANTED: 21 December 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 15 December 1710.

PETITIONER: James Nicolson of Trabroun and Jean Scot, relict of James Park, Clerk of the Canongate.

SITE: Fishmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish parts of a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner's property is contiguous to a tenement belonging to James Henderson of Petadry (Pittodrie, Aberdeenshire?) that burnt down in the great fire (of February 1700). Parts of it had fallen on their property and they asked for other parts to be demolished. The Court visited and heard from Captain Dumbreck, tutor to the representatives of Pitadro who was ordered to demolish the remaining parts of the old tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/61

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 December 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 22 November 1710.

PETITIONER: John Wright, merchant.

SITE: Cowgate, south side opposite the foot of Marlin's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To build houses.

NOTES: The petitioners had purchased houses and a yard from the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel. The property is bounded on the east by a yard belonging to the heirs of Benkie (?) Hamilton, the Queens highway leading to the High School on the south, to which he has an entry built of hewn work, Raperlaw's Close on the west and land belonging to John Wright, slater on the north. He wished to build several houses with doors and windows to the highway 'for those who resorts to and about the Colledge' (University). He also wished to build houses from the highway to his father's house (on the north). He had begun work before the 8th November without a warrant and a 'troublesome woman', Mrs. Wallace had complained.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted petitions.

BOX: 1710/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 January 1710 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 11 January 1710.

PETITIONER: John Russell, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Hewlands, merchant for payment of £36 outstanding on a larger sum of £196 10s for the supply of tobacco. The account is here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 January 1710 (no warrant, defender to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 18 January 1710.

PETITIONER: William Brown son of William Brown, smith and John Campbell his cautioner.

PROPOSAL: Argument over an indenture.

NOTES: The indenture dated 2 April 1708 was between the petitioner and John Norvell, barber

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 March 1710 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 26 February 1710.

PETITIONER: Alexander Heriot, John Savage and others, proprietors.

SITE: Cowgate, fronting. Also back lands in the Meal Market, Robertson's land.

PROPOSAL: To have an appraisal of their property.

NOTES: There are probably papers missing from this petition but there is a note of the rental values.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 March 1710 (no warrant, defenders to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 22 March 1710.

PETITIONER: John Smyth, merchant and Eupham Brown his spouse.

SITE: High Street, head of the Cunzie house Close, near the Fountain well.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of excrement.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Bald, saddler, William Caruthers, surgeon apothecary and others, occupiers of the great stone tenement at the head of the Close, who have allowed waste water to be thrown out on the roof of the petitioner's tenement. The petitioners refer to previous complaints in 1708 and for some reason there is a double or copy here of a decret of neighbourhood dated 27 September 1682 with a similar complaint about property in Grays Close belonging to Susanna Gibson, that suffered from waste being thrown from the tenement on the north belonging to James Adamson, merchant, the relict and heirs of Hugh Kelloe

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 April 1710 (no warrant, defender to produce his titles).

PETITION LODGED: 9 April 1710.

PETITIONER: Barbara and Anna Kaes and their husbands, Walter and Matthew Stewart as heirs portioners to the deceased Alexander Kaes, sometime Baillie of Canongate.

SITE: Leith Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Hunter in Abbeyhill and others, unnamed who had applied to the Court for permission to build on a waste area (no record here) and had begun doing so without the petitioners' knowledge. The petitioners hold a Charter for the area which lies to the north of a chapel (described as a hospital in another copy of the petition here) and runs from the street front eastwards to the dyke of the yard belonging to Paul's manufactory.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 May 1710 (petitioner to produce his rights).

PETITION LODGED: 16 April 1710.

PETITIONER: James Brownhill, wright.

SITE: Dickson's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a wrights workhouse on waste ground.

NOTES: The petitioner claimed to be the tenant of Agnes Gardner, relict of Walter Scott, barber on a tack dated 10 April 1710. After a visit the Court granted a warrant to build a toofall. There are answers here from Robert Newlands, glover, against whose gable the Court allowed the petitioner to build, in which he claimed to be the owner of the waste ground, having purchased it from (blank) Hamilton of Boghill and the deceased Walter Scott. The petitioner was asked to produce his rights on 7 May and there is no further action recorded here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 June 1710 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 7 June 1710.

PETITIONER: Alexander Dundas, Doctor of Medicine and William Cowan, tailor.

SITE: High Street, north side, Carubber's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the pillars on the ground floor.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) Monteith of Randiford and (blank) his mother, life renters and James Monteith of Chappel Hill and (blank) Gemmill, relict of the late Alexander Anderson, coppersmith, heritors of the shops and other stories of the tenement. The petitioners own the two upper floors and they are concerned at the weathering on the stone pillars that support the front of their tenement. As they are

responsible for the maintenance of the roof for the benefit of those below, then they think the pillars should be the responsibility of those on the ground floor.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 June 1710 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1710.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about refusal to depone.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Anderson who refused to depone on oath what loadings he had (de)livered at Leith and were consigned to him and belonged to strangers. He was fined £100 Scots and ordered to be imprisoned until he paid.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1710 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 28 June 1710.

PETITIONER: James Lesley, advocate and George Lassar, late baillie.

SITE: High Street, within the head of Borthwick's Close.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a turnpike.

NOTES: The petitioners are rebuilding their tenement and they have reached the fifth floor. They need the turnpike belonging to Neil Campbell, advocate to be repaired and rebuilt to allow them access to their chambers.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 July 1710

PETITION LODGED: 5 July 1710.

PETITIONER: Richard Armstrong, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Auchenleck, merchant who owes the petitioner £3 Stg. resting from an account for £14 4s 4d Stg. The account is here and it lists damask: 4 pieces at 26s, 2 pieces at 30s and 2 pieces at 32s per piece with 'a fin Russell' at £2 16s 4d.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 July 1710 (no warrant, defender to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 12 July 1710.

PETITIONER: William Hodge, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Mitchell, white iron smith for £266 6s Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 July 1710 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 18 July 1710.

PETITIONER: John Gibson, writer (lawyer).

SITE: St. Ninian's Row, next to the College Church yard.

PROPOSAL: To repair a side wall of an old tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 July 1710 (no warrant, petitioner to produce titles).

PETITION LODGED: 19 July 1710.

PETITIONER: Robert Hepburne of Berfoord.

SITE: High Street, Kennedy's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Inglis, pewterer who had made a window in a gable without a warrant. The new window would have allowed the occupiers of the

property to come out and enter the window of a lodging possessed by Colin Campbell of Carquhin opposite and to throw out their rubbish and waste.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 July 1710.

PETITION LODGED: 19 July 1710.

PETITIONER: George Lawson, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Chrystie, vintner for £204 3s Stg. for quantities of red and white wine supplied between December 1708 and 10 June 1710. The account is here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/15*

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 August 1710 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 9 August 1710.

PETITIONER: William Williamson, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of accounts.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Blair, merchant for £7 9s Stg. and the account for this amount is here. There is however another account for brandy etc. and for sums of money borrowed between 1704 and 15 March 1710 totalling £444 8s (Scots?).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/16*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 August 1710

PETITION LODGED: 16 August 1710.

PETITIONER: Lord Alexander Hay of Lawfield.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite the head of Forrester's Wynd, Gavenlock's land.

PROPOSAL: To strike out a new window in the north wall of a shop.

NOTES: The petitioner owns a back and fore shop in the tenement lately built by Alexander Gavenlocks, mason. The shop is possessed by John Falconer, barber. There were objections from John Scott, William Rutherford, Alexander Glas, James Baird for himself and Captain Brodie, all writers (lawyers) along with William Jamieson, glazier, all heritors, asking the Court to delay the work 'lest advantage may be taken by tradesmen in the absence of some' during the vacation.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/17*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 August 1710 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 28 August 1710.

PETITIONER: Robert Caske, flesher.

SITE: High Street, Landmarket.

PROPOSAL: Dispute about a 'stork' or stand(?).

NOTES: The complaint is against James Hutchison, flesher.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/18*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 September 1710 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 6 September 1710.

PETITIONER: George Fleeming, tailor.

SITE: Blackfriar's Wynd, east side near the foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a blocked sewer.

NOTES: The complaint is against Deacon Robert Crinzean, shoemaker. The sewer passed the petitioner's tenement on the east side and came down from Bane's land but it had been blocked by the defender.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/19*

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 December 1710 (no warrant, continued to next Court day).

PETITION LODGED: 20 December 1710.

PETITIONER: James Govan, late portioner of Bonartoun, indweller in Canongate.

SITE: Stewart's Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Claim for work carried out in a leased property.

NOTES: The claim is against John Forbes of Knapplony, merchant. The petitioner refers to a tack granted by James Milne of Haltone signed and dated at Montrose and Edinburgh, 15 August and 27 December 1703 for seven years for £200 Scots p.a. It appears that James Milne later sold the property to the petitioner but it is not clear why the claim is being made. There is an account here for work carried out by various tradesmen including William Elphingston (wright), Andrew Duncan, glazier, peter Anderson, wright and an unnamed painter. The tack is lodged here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/20*

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 November 1710 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 1 November 1710.

PETITIONER: Marion Hunter, relict of James Wallace, baxter.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, opposite the College.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Wright, merchant who had knocked out a new window from his yard into an area where the petitioners stored timber.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/21*

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 December 1710 (no warrant, defenders to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 29 December 1710.

PETITIONER: Neill Campbell, advocate.

SITE: High Street, Borthwick's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner's lodging was immediately above 'that great ludging or taverne which belonged to Pat. Steill, vintner, which ludgings were both burnt down in August 1708'. The complaint is against Thomas Mercer, clerk and Arthur Reid, vintner who had struck out two windows to be knocked through a south gable. The petitioner had the work stopped by the Court but the defenders have continued and finished the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/22*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date 1710 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: David Dalrymple, Sir James Elphinstone of Logie and Jane, Lady Lindores.

SITE: High Street, south side, at the back of the Cross.

PROPOSAL: To repair chimney heads.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/23*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date 1710 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Thomas Robertson, merchant and John Young, brewer, his tenant.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, Craig's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a well.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Baillie, writer and his son, Thomas Smith, brewer, Alison Young, daughter of Robert Young, brewer, owners of a well that had been used for several years 'for burrieing dogs [and] cats'. He asked that it be filled up.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/24*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date 1710 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: James Gibb, baxter (baker) in Canongate and Jean Gibb, his spouse.

SITE: Canongate head.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement burnt down.

NOTES: The tenement belonged to the deceased John Rolland, baxter in Canongate but before his death he had disposed it in liferent to Jean Gibb and in fee to his eldest son, Alexander Rolland with the burden of his debts and the provision for his children, all minors. He asked to rebuild the tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1710/25*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date 1710.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Adam Keir (Kerr), baxter (baker).

SITE: High Street, south side, head of Fishmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Cathcart of Carbiston while clearing the remains of his back tenement he had taken away the pavement above the petitioner's vault, allowing the rain to come in. The defender stated that he had a warrant for the work (not here) and that the petitioner 'makes such a noise for a near trifle' and yet he had hindered the rebuilding work for ten years. The heritors of Pitcarly's land had gone to the Court of Session to stop his rebuilding work.

DRAWINGS: None.

There are a few miscellaneous papers here including an agreement between William Logan of that Ilk and James Hutchison dated 16 March 1710 allowing the latter to repair the writing chambers belonging to the former, and last possessed by Richard Houson, WS, with the advice of John Scougall, limner, father in law to the said James Hutchison. Also a deposition by John Mathie, skipper in Prestonpans before the Magistrates of Edinburgh, dated 23 May 1710. He was skipper of the Elizabeth of Prestonpans. Also a deposition by Cornelious Vassi, servitor to Lord Torphican. Also refers to a sum of money advanced to him by John Crollenbirrie, servitor to the Earl of Hyndford.

1727

The Court Officers from October 1726:

Dean of Guild

Patrick Lindsay

Council

Archibald Mcaulay, merchant

James Watson, merchant

William Ewing, merchant

James Buchan, wright

James Syme, slater

Thomas Mitchell, goldsmith

Dean of Guild Officer, John Learmond

BOX: 1727/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 January 1727.

PETITION LODGED: 21 December 1726.

PETITIONER: James Balfour of Pilrig.

SITE: An estate in America.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sale agreement.

NOTES: The petitioner stated that in 1698 or 1699 his deceased father, James Balfour purchased an estate in America with James and William Gordon, merchants from the heir of (blank) Reids. On 8 December 1703 he paid £216 13s 4d to James Gordon as his father's one third share with the condition that, if James Gordon received £20 stg of profit by the bargain, then he would be entitled to half of this sum. The defender had sold the whole estate, before he had bought the third share, without informing the petitioner. He claims £20 stg including interest on the amount. The Court found in his favour.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1727/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 January 1727.

PETITION LODGED: 14 December 1726.

PETITIONER: Charles Bruce, glazier.

SITE: Forrester's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The petition does not survive here and all of the information is taken from a letter of supplement dated 29 December 1726 calling Elizabeth Thomson, Lady Craigforth to appear as the life renter of the property. A jury was appointed to appraise the property and among the tradesmen William Eizat, wright is noted as 'out of town'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1727/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 September 1727.

PETITION LODGED: 11 September 1727.

PETITIONER: Thomas Nimmo, baxter.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Archibald Ure, goldsmith. The petitioner stated that he had given the defender a silver dish and an old whistle weighting 7oz. 4 drops in order to make them anew but which he now refuses to redeliver. The defender also owes the petitioner £6 Scots for 26 loaves also delivered to him.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1727/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 December 1727.

PETITION LODGED: 29 November 1727.

PETITIONER: James Buchanan and Patrick Crokat, wrights.

SITE: Lawnmarket, head of bank Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: Parts of the property belonged to William Cunningham of Ballandalloch (2nd floor) and Charles Inglis, Clerk to the Bills (3rd floor) and they had made an agreement dated 14 November 1727 accompanied by a plan (not here). Other proprietors included Robert Sandilands, minister (4th & 5th floors) and the owners of the shops and cellars refused to contribute. There is a report here by tradesman and a valuation by a jury who chose James Smith of Whitehill as their chancellor. They valued the wester cellar and shop at £1680, the easter cellar and shop at £1440, the first floor at £1944, the second floor at £1866 13s 4d, the third floor at £2100, the fourth floor at £1326 and the fifth and garrets at £900, all Scots money. The warrant ordered that the tenement be taken down by 1 February and to be rebuilt by 1 November under a penalty of 500 merks Scots each if not carried out.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1727/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 December 1727.

PETITION LODGED: 8 November 1727.

PETITIONER: James Hunter, wright and Mrs. Haddoway.

SITE: Nidderly Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a wrights shop and raise the height.

NOTES: The petitioner was in possession of the wrights shop owned by Mrs. Betty Haddoway who also gave in a petition before 22 November 1727. They asked to enlarge it in height and 2ft further east. There were objections from Jean Thomson, daughter of the deceased John Thomson, mason who pointed out that Mrs. Haddoway had not provided legal title other than an extract of a Sasine being a cognition by the Magistrates in favour of David Haddoway, her father dated in 1666. She also had a Sasine as heir to her father dated 1711 but neither of these referred to the wright's shop. This matter eventually went to the Court of Session where, after a protracted case, it determined that an error had been made in the title to the burgage plot but that as the possessor of the wright's shop the petitioner's successor in the property, Mrs. Dallas, had the right to claim it.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted petitions.

BOX: 1727/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 August 1727 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 2 August 1727.

PETITIONER: James Buchanan, Deacon of the Wrights.

SITE: Dickson's Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account for repairs.

NOTES: The compliant is against Robert Brown for £134 8s 6d as his proportion for the repairs carried out. The matter had previously been before the Court who ordered the defender and Kenneth Gordon, advocate to pay £243 7s Scots with £25 Scots of expences but the defender's share had not yet been paid. There are depositions here from others who now hold tacks on parts of the property.

DRAWINGS: None.

1741

The Court Officers from 1 October 1740:

Dean of Guild

Thomas Crokot

Council

John Coutts, Old Dean of Guild

George Arbuthnot, merchant

Robert Forrester, merchant

Andrew Sim, mason

Charles Bruce, glazier

James Heriot, wright

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

Only two petitions for 1741 survive. All of the other material here is taken from the minute book SL/144 /1/13 which begins on 1 October 1740 and ends 25 February 1741. The next volume, SL144/1/14 begins on 13 October 1742, on which day the members of the Court qualified. It ends on 25 September 1743.

BOX: 1741/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 January 1741.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Robert Menzies of Coulteraws and others, heritors.

SITE: High Street, head of Advocate's Close, the Red Lyon tenement.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The front line to be in line with the west corner of the tenement belonging to the heirs of Clerk of Glendorch and the east corner of the tenement belonging to Mr. Farquhar and others.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1741/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 January 1741.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Lord Dun and others, heritors.

SITE: Miln's Square.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The accounts to be cognosed on completion.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1741/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 January 1741.

PETITION LODGED: 27 August 1740.

PETITIONER: Jean Hamilton, relict of Hugh Cleghorn, brewer.

SITE: Society.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against the managers of the Trades Maiden Hospital who refuse to allow the petitioner to repair a boundary fence that has fallen down. There is a long discussion here about the creation of the boundary and an area set aside for an eves drop in a disposition granted by the Town Council to John Thomson, gardener dated 4 March 1673.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1741/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 January 1741.

PETITION LODGED: 7 January 1741.

PETITIONER: James Farquhar, merchant, proprietor.

SITE: High Street, head of Advocate's Close, to the west of the Red Lyon tenement.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The tenement was founded on oak branders lying across the Close, several of which had broken. The property was to be measured and the petitioners were to give in a scheme for

rebuilding. Charles Bruce produced a scheme on 28 January 1740. Further conditions were imposed on 11 February 1740.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1741/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 January 1741.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Dr. Andrew Sinclair, MD.

SITE: Leith Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To raise the walls of a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1741/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 February 1741.

PETITION LODGED: 11 February 1741.

PETITIONER: Robert Forrester, merchant.

SITE: West Bow, foot.

PROPOSAL: To raise the walls of his tenement.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1741/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 February 1741.

PETITION LODGED: 11 February 1741.

PETITIONER: Robert Hope, surgeon.

SITE: Trunk Close.

PROPOSAL: To build on a piece of garden.

NOTES: There were objections from Mr. Pringle, wright on behalf of Mrs. Handyside. The court asked to have a scheme and elevation of his proposal and this was produced on 18 February.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1741/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 February 1741.

PETITION LODGED:

PETITIONER: Walter Davidson, stabler.

SITE: Cowgate head.

PROPOSAL: To build stables.

NOTES: He had begun work and was stopped by the Court on 11 February 1740.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1741/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 June 1741.

PETITION LODGED: 5 September 1740.

PETITIONER: James Heriot, wright.

SITE: West Bow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The claim related to work carried out between May and August 1738 in an account here amounting to £10 4s 7d Stg. Other tradesmen were called to make depositions; John Nicol, journeyman wright aged 30, married and Archibald McCallum, journeyman wright and servant etc. aged 21, unmarried, both servants to the petitioner. There is also a measure of the work by John Yeatts.

DRAWINGS: None.

1742

The Court Officers from 7 October 1741:

Dean of Guild

Hugh Hathorn

Council

George Miller, Old Dean of Guild

Gavin Hamilton, merchant

William McVey, wright

James Watson

Thomas Miln, mason

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

Very few petitions survive for 1742 and the information in italics here is taken from the Court Minute book which begins on 13 October 1742. Only granted warrants there have been recorded although other petitions were processed. As there are no surviving minutes for October 1741 the details of Court officers are taken from the Minutes of the Town Council, 7 and 13 October 1741.

BOX: 1742/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 January 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 1 January 1742.

PETITIONER: Robert Henderson, Keeper of the Library in the College and William Haig, baxter, his tenant.

SITE: Nidderly Wynd, foot.

PROPOSAL: To repair a vent for a baker's oven.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a recent fire in a bakehouse where the end of a dormont in a vent came too close to the fire. He wishes to rebuild the vent.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 February 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 24 February 1742.

PETITIONER: The joint Procurators Fiscal.

SITE: Fishmarket Close, south east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about setting up a stall.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) Mickieson, a cobbler who has set up a stall without permission. He was ordered to remove it and not to set up again under penalty of £10 Stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 April 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 1 March 1742.

PETITIONER: James Ker, jeweller.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Scott, plumber who refuses to pay the balance of an account. There is an account here for a silver jug and six table spoons provided in 1740 and 1741. The defender paid half of the account with old silver. The Court found for the petitioner.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 April 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 7 March 1742.

PETITIONER: John Sprott, Deacon of the Incorporation of Candlemakers and John Heriot, boxmaster.

SITE: Candlemaker Row.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about storage of straw.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Moffat, writer, eldest son of the deceased Patrick Moffat, candlemaker, who has right to an old ruinous tenement lying south of the back entry to Greyfriar's Churchyard. He has let the whole tenement to 'an old paralytic woman' widow Gilmair to keep her milk cows. She is storing large amounts of straw beside timber partitions that adjoin the property of the Incorporation, on the south and Deacon Gifford on the north. The Court ordered William Moffat to take down the partitions and build stone walls in their place and also to repair the timber floor in the house above, possessed by James Hamilton, beddale (beadle).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 May 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 28 April 1742.

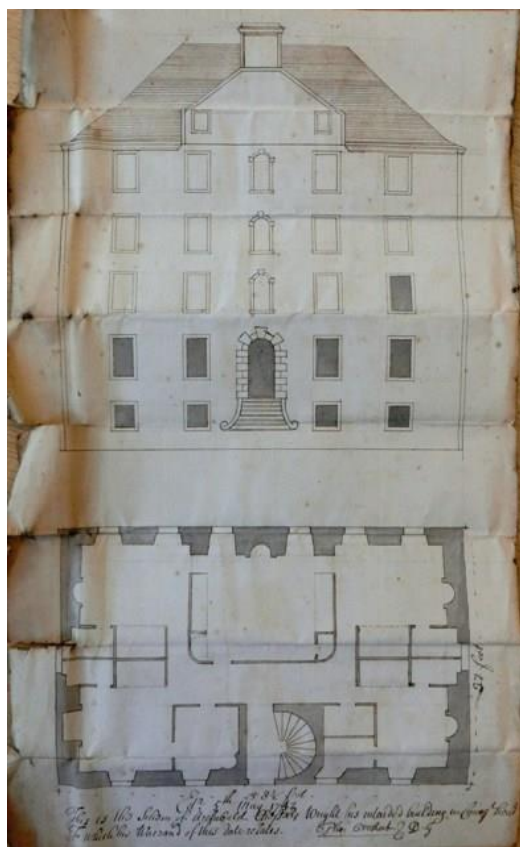
PETITIONER: Archibald Chessells, wright.

SITE: Canongate head, south side.

PROPOSAL: To build a house in a garden.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased some years ago from Walter Scott of Bonnywater, a house and garden and to enclose the house and a large garden below it with a stone dyke. He also notes that the dykes are out of repair and he had approached the contiguous heritors, Alexander Scouller, tanner on the west and the creditors of (blank) Watson on the east, to repair them without success.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of a five story tenement with attics and a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 41.0 x 24.7 cms.

Architect: Archibald Chessells?

BOX: 1742/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 May 1742.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: John Watson, writer and William Hamilton, bookseller.

SITE: Cowgate, north side, on the east of a tenement on the east of the entry to the Meal Market.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair of a tenement.

NOTES: There is a warrant here for the repairs dated 5 September 1739. It states that the uppermost floor of the tenement belonged to Adam Burnet, wright who refused to carry out repairs. The petitioners own the lower three floors, valued then at £12 Stg. There are accounts here from Adam Burnet for the rebuilding of vents dated 10 May 1740 and a measure of his work by William Eizatt. There also accounts here from Alexander Fairbairn, smith, Robert Dewar, glazier, Samuel Neilson, mason, James Heriot, wright and John Young, carter. Also measures of the mason and wright work by John Yeatts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 May 1742.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

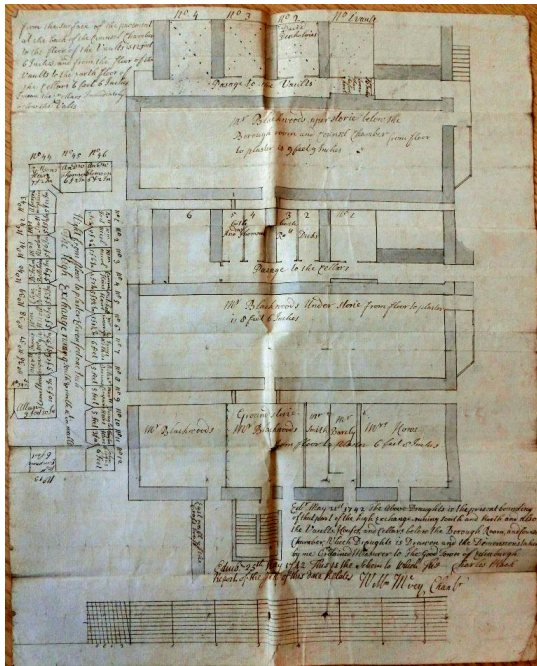
PETITIONER: Master and treasurer of the Merchant Company and others.

SITE: High Exchange.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild the Exchange.

NOTES: The petition does not survive here. There is a report of a jury on the condition of the Council Chamber, Borough room and Baillie Court with the Exchange above the same. It notes that the south wall of the building leans by 8-9 inches. 'This is still more evident when it is considered that the northwest corner of this building at the Council chamber, joining to the south east corner of the Parliament House, had given way and separated from the Parliament House tho' in carrying up of this building the executors of the work had so much suspected the foundation that they have tyed in the foresaid corner... by cramps of iron...' They went on to explain further damage ending '...all which make it evident that the foresaid fabric is going southward.' In testing the foundations it was found that they were no more than '... a heap of loose stones and rubbish being the ruins of the old burnt lands...' Some in the jury felt that the south wall could be preserved but the general opinion was that the entire buildings should be demolished. They also considered the house commonly called Baillie Blackwood's, joining to the south west and agreed that this too should be demolished. The Court ordered that the buildings should be taken down, the work to begin before 1 May next. It is not clear if this demolition was carried out at this date. See warrants granted 26 June 1751 (Fleeming), 26 March 1766 (Good Town) and 24 October 1799 (Procurator Fiscal). The Master and treasurer of the Merchant Company, David Denham, Mrs. How and Alexander Alison agreed to take their properties down but the other heritors declined, which gave rise to the jury being appointed. See also the unextracted petition dated 4 May 1742 (Blackwood et. al.)

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the High Exchange.

Size: 39.3 x 31.5 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edr. May 21st 1742. The above draughts is the present bounding of that part of the high exchange running south and north and also the vaults, houses and cellars below the Borough Room and Council Chamber. Which draught is drawn and the dimensions taken by me, ordained measurer to the Good Town of Edinburgh. Charles Mack.

Edinb. 25th May 1742. This is the scheme to which the Report of the jury of this date relates.

Willm. Mcvey, Chan[cellor].

BOX: 1742/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 May 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 12 May 1742.

PETITIONER: James Farquhar, merchant.

SITE: Advocate's Close, head, two top stories.

PROPOSAL: To raise the walls and repair the roof.

NOTES: The property lies to the north of the foreland owned by the petitioner.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 May 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 18 May 1742.

PETITIONER: James Nicoll, merchant.

SITE: High Street, betwixt the cross well and the guard.

PROPOSAL: To correct his Burgess certificate.

NOTES: The petitioner was made Burgess and Guild brother on 14 April last but was mistakenly names as a wright. He explains that he was never more than a journeyman wright and he now sells sugar, liquour, tea and other wares at a shop. He asks for the designation to be altered to merchant and this was agreed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 May 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 12 May 1742.

PETITIONER: Matthew Brown, under Clerk of Session and James Mitchelson, jeweller and others, heritors.

SITE: Milns Court at the Bow head.

PROPOSAL: To repair the lumb heads on the foreland.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 May 1742.
PETITION LODGED: 12 May 1742.
PETITIONER: George Cunningham, Francis Grant, Thomas Buchan, Robert Pringle,
James Stewart, James Livingstone and Andrew Dowell, heritors.
SITE: Brounhills Court, Thomson's land at the head of the wester entry.
PROPOSAL: To repair the vents.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/12
WARRANT GRANTED: 26 May 1742.
PETITION LODGED: 12 may 1742.
PETITIONER: Alexander Marshall, tailor
SITE: Bells Wynd, near the foot.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the insufficiency of a tenement.
NOTES: The petitioner has a tack from James Witherspoon, weaver at £30 Scots pa
from 3 February 1742 and he has paid half of this (signed receipt here). He complains
about the condition of the property. See warrant granted below.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/13
WARRANT GRANTED: 26 May 1742.
PETITION LODGED: 26 May 1742.
PETITIONER: James Witherspoon, weaver.
SITE: bells Wynd, near the foot.
PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/14
WARRANT GRANTED: 14 June 1742.
PETITION LODGED: 10 June 1742.
PETITIONER: Archibald Carmichael, WS as factor for Mr. Scott of Bavelaw.
SITE: Scott's Close.
PROPOSAL: Alterations.
NOTES: This petition arose from a complaint on 10 June 1742 by Robert Inglis and
Robert Gray, joint Procurators Fiscal against Thomas Dunlop, wright and John
Ronaldson, mason who had begun work removing a forestair without a warrant.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/15
WARRANT GRANTED: 14 June 1742.
PETITION LODGED: 14 June 1742.
PETITIONER: Robert Inglis and Robert Gray, joint Procurators Fiscal.
SITE: High Street, Mary Kings Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the insufficiency of the lumbs.
NOTES: There is an account here from James Mack, mason dated 15 June for the repair
of the lumbs.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/16
WARRANT GRANTED: 21 July 1742.
PETITION LODGED: 2 June 1742.
PETITIONER: John More, merchant.
PROPOSAL: Claim for payment.
NOTES: The complaint is against Francis Gibson, one of the Macers in the Court of
Session for payment of an account for £2 14s 4d Stg for 64 yards of linen and other
cloth.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/17
WARRANT GRANTED: 8 September 1742.
PETITION LODGED: 18 August 1742.

PETITIONER: John Grant, WS.
SITE: Lawnmarket.
PROPOSAL: To rebuild an oven.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/18
WARRANT GRANTED: 19 October 1742.
PETITION LODGED: 19 October 1742.
PETITIONER: James McGlashan, chairmaster.
PROPOSAL: Application for a Burgess certificate.
NOTES: The petitioner has purchased two sedan chairs and wished to set up in business. See complaint below at 3 November 1742.

BOX: 1742/19
WARRANT GRANTED: 20 October 1742.
PETITION LODGED: 13 October 1742
PETITIONER: Lady Sands.
SITE: (Niddery Wynd?) Smyths land.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the erection of a shade without a warrant.
NOTES: The complaint is against Archibald Eagle, merchant who was ordered to take it down. He petitioned the Court again on 3 November 1742 to build the shade and on 20 November they allowed him to proceed with conditions regarding its height.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1742/20
WARRANT GRANTED: 20 October 1742.
PETITION LODGED: Before 13 October 1742.
PETITIONER: John Maul, advocate and the Procurator Fiscal.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about undermining a gable.
NOTES: The complaint is against David Finlay, wright who has dug a saw pit beside the petitioner's gable and placed douks of timber in his wall and in a garden wall. The Court ordered it to be taken down and the saw pit to be filled with earth.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1742/21
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 November 1742.
PETITION LODGED: 15 September 1742.
PETITIONER: James Marjoribanks, merchant.
SITE: High Street, immediately above Don's Close.
PROPOSAL: To enclose the area in front of the Close.
NOTES: The petitioner had purchased part of a house from William Veitch, WS and had begun to enclose this area and make it part of his shop. The other heritors in the tenement, John Don, merchant, John Dunbar, skinner, Alexander Hepburn and others, complained that the area gave entry to one of the most public taverns in the Town and to lodgings of a considerable value and they objected to the proposal. They provided a detailed description of the entry. The Court agreed and refused the petition. There is a measure and a report here by Deacon Heriot, wright and Charles Bruce, glazier dated 28 July 1741.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/22
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 November 1742.
PETITION LODGED: 3 November 1742.
PETITIONER: Robert Mein, Dean of Guild officer.
PROPOSAL: Complaint against unfree traders.
NOTES: The complaint is against James Stewart, James McGlashan and Thomas Marshall, all chairmen.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/23
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 November 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 27 October 1742.

PETITIONER: William Dallas, silk dyer and Andrew Sim, cooper.

SITE: Blackfriars Wynd, near the foot.

PROPOSAL: To repair the stair of a tenement and to break out a new window.

NOTES: The Court refused the request to open a new window and to alter the stair unless the petitioner has the consent of all the other proprietors of the tenement. They found that the floor of Mr. McKenzie's house, which was letting water through, needed repair and ordered him to do so within fourteen days or be fined 40s. Stg.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1742/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 November 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 3 November 1742.

PETITIONER: Sir Gilbert Eliot of Minto.

SITE: Scots Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Campbell, wright who is building a house in the adjoining garden. In doing so he has undermined the boundary wall by digging nine feet below its foundations. The Court ordered the defender to rebuild the wall if it should fall down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 November 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 17 November 1742.

PETITIONER: Robert Inglis and Robert Gray, joint Procurator Fiscals.

SITE: Castle Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an insufficient dyke.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Black who were ordered to take down the wall, which leaned over the High road, and rebuild it. The petition does not survive here but the warrant is written on the summons.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 November 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 7 October 1742.

PETITIONER: John Yeatts, vintner in Leith.

SITE: Leith.

PROPOSAL: To repair a house formerly belonging to Richard Murray and now to his creditors.

NOTES: There is a long note of the repairs and mention of a window blown out by a recent storm. The petitioner had replaced this and the work was allowed. The accounts for expence were to be cogosed on completion.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1742/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 November 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 18 November 1742.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Cants Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish a dangerous tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Kennedy, surgeon who appeared and agreed to take the tenement down. The petitioner came to the Court again on 24 November, stating that the tenement had not been demolished as agreed. Further visits were made the last on 1 December. This petition does survive but other information here is from the minutes.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1742/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 December 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 24 November 1742.

PETITIONER: *The City Treasurer.*

SITE: *Behind the Council house.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about neighbours throwing out foul water into the area behind the Council chamber.*

NOTES: *The complaint was against the tenants of John Shaw, Thomas Simpson being one of them, and the Court ordered their easter windows to be trellised within two weeks or be fined 40s. Stg.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1742/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 December 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 17 November 1742.

PETITIONER: *William Dempster, goldsmith and Margaret Dempster, widow of Edward Blackstocks, Commander of His Majesty's ship, the Prince William.*

SITE: *Not given.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about ingress of water from the house above.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against John Spence, writer and his tenant, Jean Home, relict of William Lockie, butler to Lord Poltoun who allow water to come through their floor which has damaged the petitioners' furniture.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1742/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 December 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 1 December 1742.

PETITIONER: *Robert Inglis and Robert Gray, joint Procurator Fiscals.*

SITE: *College Wynd.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about trading without a Burgess certificate.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against Samuel Stevenson who had been trading for twenty five years without being a Burgess. In a declaration before a Magistrate, dated 29 November 1742 he stated that he resided in the Town for about four months in the winter and sold English goods. The other eight months he spent in England where he sold Scottish goods. He said that he had gone to the house of Mrs. Finlay at the foot of Dickson's Close and having drunk something there 'but cannot tell what it was' he became very drunk. He was fined £3 Stg.*

DRAWINGS: *None.*

BOX: 1742/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 December 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 1 December 1742.

PETITIONER: *Robert Inglis and Robert Gray, joint Procurator Fiscals.*

SITE: *Bess's Wynd, at the back, and also opposite the Infirmary.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about a hazardous wall.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against (blank) Shaw, merchant and Sir John Rothead for their respective walls. Sir John's wall opposite the Infirmary is the only one mentioned in the warrant and he was ordered to take it down at the sight of Deacon Miln.*

DRAWINGS: *None.*

BOX: 1742/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 December 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 1 December 1742.

PETITIONER: *Paul Husband, merchant.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about non payment of an account.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against James Paton, merchant*

DRAWINGS: *None.*

BOX: 1742/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 December 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 27 October 1742.

PETITIONER: *James Flint.*

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: To make repairs to his brewery and malting house.

NOTES: The property belongs to William Hunter and he was ordered to make the necessary repairs.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1742/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 December 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 1 December 1742.

PETITIONER: Archibald Punton, baxter and Archibald Stratton, watchmaker.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a stolen vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Kincaid, now Mrs. Allan who broke through a vent in the petitioner's gable without a warrant.

DRAWINGS:

BOX: 1742/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 December 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 8 December 1742.

PETITIONER: Directors of the Bank of Scotland, Patrick Cockburn and Mrs. Dowel.

SITE: Bank Close

PROPOSAL: Complaint about neighbours on each side of the Close throwing out foul water.

NOTES: Their windows were ordered to be padlocked.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1742/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 December 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 1 December 1742.

PETITIONER: Marquis of Tweeddale.

SITE: Hogg's land, near the Cowgate Port.

PROPOSAL: Throwing foul water into the Close.

NOTES: Complaint against William Sutherland, brewer. The Court ordered his windows to be trellised.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1742/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 December 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 22 December 1742.

PETITIONER: Malcolm Ogilvie, merchant.

SITE: Lawnmarket, Miln's Close, (opposite) the Bowhead.

PROPOSAL: To break open a communication between two shops.

NOTES: The shops belong to Mr. Paterson of Kirktown and Patrick Sibbald, heritors.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

Unextracted petitions.

*BOX: 1742/1**

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 April 1742 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 26 April 1742.

PETITIONER: Francis Russell, surgeon.

SITE: Not given. Possibly Dickson's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a fine imposed previously.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a previous fine of £5 Stg which he was ordered to pay although the offence had been caused jointly with James Graham, writer.

DRAWINGS: None.

*BOX: 1742/2**

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 May 1742 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 4 May 1742.

PETITIONER: Robert Blackwood of Pitrevie, advocate, Alexander Blackwood,

merchant, (blank) Dawson, professor of Hebrew in the College of Edinburgh, George Gibson, Minister of the Gospel at Collingtoun, Margaret Dunlop, relict of William Blackwood, merchant and others, all creditors to the deceased Robert Blackwood, late Baillie.

SITE: Royal Exchange, south west corner, Blackwood's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a previous warrant to demolish.

NOTES: See warrant granted 12 May 1742.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 May 1742 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 5 May 1742.

PETITIONER: John McFarlane, WS and other heritors.

SITE: High Street, Pitcarlie's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a previous warrant.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant to rebuild a gable on their tenement and insert an arch. They are concerned about the safety of such a measure and they ask for a review.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 May 1742 (defender ordered to appear).

PETITION LODGED: 13 April 1742.

PETITIONER: Margaret Garrioch, indweller in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Kirkgate, back.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Adam, architect who has erected a large shade, part of it on the petitioner's garden dyke and encroaching on the High Street. The work was stopped on 4 April and the petitioners sought expences.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 June 1742 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 5 May 1742.

PETITIONER: Alexander Walker, meal maker in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Crawford, coppersmith in Leith and Thomas Miln, mason who constructed vaulted cellars contiguous to the petitioner's tenement without a warrant. A report of 10 May is here. The parties agreed to arbitration but the defender began building again. Work was stopped on 7 June with a visit on the 9th. No further action noted.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 July 1742 (no warrant, defenders called).

PETITION LODGED: 30 June 1742.

PETITIONER: Thomas Miln, Deacon of the Masons, for the Incorporation of Wrights and Masons of Edinburgh with the consent of the joint Procurators Fiscal.

SITE: Cowgate, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the employment of unfreemen.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Laurie, late Deacon of the shoemakers who is said to have employed an unfree tradesman, John Ogill, wright in Canongate to carry out repairs to a tenement on 30 June. The defender responded that he had employed John Ogill, to remove bugs from a house in which he had an interest and if Mr. Ogill had used any wright or mason skills then it was not on the orders of the defender. The Court ordered Charles Brown, wright, Archibald Gibson, wright, Peter Walker, officer and John Ogill, wright to appear on 21 July but no further action noted.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 September 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 11 August 1742.

PETITIONER: (blank) Sommerville, chair master and Praeses of the Company of Chairmasters.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about unfree chairmen.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Stewart, Claude Hamilton and Thomas Marshall, all indwellers in Edinburgh. There are depositions here from each of the defenders; James Stewart stated that he kept tow chairs, the property of Baillie James Stewart and he paid him a third of what he made. Baillie Stewart disputed this in his deposition. Claude Hamilton stated that he had been a servant of the Good Town for twenty four years and had been one of the drummers for proclamations. He had a small family 'of no less than seven children' and Captain Robert Hamilton, merchant had purchased a chair for him. He acknowledged that he was an unfree trader and asked the Town to support him. No further action noted.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 November 1742 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 22 September 1742.

PETITIONER: David Brown merchant.

SITE: Lawnmarket, Morocco's Close.

PROPOSAL: To slap out a new door.

NOTES: The petitioner's entry is inconvenient and he asks to slap out a new door in his western side wall into the eastmost Baxter's Close by altering an existing window.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1742/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 November 1742 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 17 November 1742.

PETITIONER: hew Crawford, Clerk to the Signet.

SITE: High Street, opposite the Luckenbooths, head of Advocate's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about rebuilding of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner is proprietor of a high shop in a tenement that is being rebuilt. However, Andrew Syme, cooper, who owns the shop below, has rebuilt his shop higher than before, meaning the petitioner's floor will be eighteen inches higher. No further action noted.

DRAWINGS: None.

1743

The Court Officers from 13 October 1742:

Dean of Guild

Hugh Hathorn

Council

George Miller, Old Dean of Guild

Gavin Hamilton, merchant

Walter Hogg, merchant

William McVey, wright

John Watson, slater

Thomas Miln, mason

No petitions for 1743 survive. All of the information below is taken from the Court Minute book. Only warrants or decisions have been recorded here but other business did take place.

BOX: 1743/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 January 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 1 January 1743.

PETITIONER: Robert Henderson, keeper of the library in the College (University).

SITE: Niddery Wynd, foot.

PROPOSAL: To repair a vent of an oven.

NOTES: The petitioner owns a bakehouse possessed by William Haig, baxter in which there had been a fire. The oven is to be repaired at the sight of Gavin Hamilton, merchant, Deacon (Thomas) Miln, mason, William McVey, wright and John Watson, slater.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 January 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 5 January 1743.

PETITIONER: Walter Hog, praeses and James Allan, treasurer of the Merchant Company.

SITE: High Exchange.

PROPOSAL: To appoint a sworn measurer.

NOTES: To measure all the property belonging to the Company in the High Exchange, before it is taken down. Charles Mack, sworn measurer provided a report and a measured draught on 30 March 1743. See warrant granted 12 May 1742 (Merchant Company).

DRAWINGS: Mentioned.

BOX: 1743/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 January 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 5 January 1743.

PETITIONER: James Robertson, merchant and William Clerk, tailor.

SITE: Toddericks Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about borrowed vents.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Veitch and Mrs. Lawrie for carrying up chimneys in their shops into two cellar vents. The shops are possessed by William Black and (blank) Dick. They were ordered to build up the borrowed vents.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 January 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 12 January 1743.

PETITIONER: William Gusthard, minister.

SITE: Miln's Court, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the throwing down of foul water.

NOTES: The complaint was against Margaret Simpson and others, who have been throwing waste water from their west windows into a narrow sewer and damaging the petitioner's property. The Court ordered the windows to be trellised within fourteen days under a penalty of 20s Stg. each if the defenders did not carry out the work.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 January 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 12 January 1743.

PETITIONER: James Hamilton of Olivestob and John Loch his tenant.

SITE: The Laigh Coffee house.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a borrowed vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Robertson, writer (lawyer), proprietor of the laigh shop below the Coffee house. He was ordered to build up the vent. The petitioner was also ordered to build up the vent from his own floor to the place where it was carried into his kitchen vent.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 January 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 19 January 1743.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Pleasance.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a tenement that does not comply with the Act of Parliament.

NOTES: The complaint is against Charles Colhoun, wright who has built a tenement. After a visit the Court found the stonework to be insufficient and the north east corner in danger of falling. It should be taken down and rebuilt. They found two trees (beams) running through the front wall to carry a balcony that projects into the High Street of the Pleasants. This is an encroachment on the street and he was ordered to cut them off close to the wall. They also stopped any further building work until after another visit. On 26 January they appointed (William?) Adam and (William) Douglas, architects to visit and report. They reported, 2 February 1743 that parts of the tenement should be further taken down to the first joists and rebuilt with the manner of the roof to be decided by the committee.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 January 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 26 January 1743.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Meal Market.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about breaking through a door.

NOTES: The complaint is against Bethia Ramsay and others who have broken a door through into the Meal Market. They were ordered to build up the door with stone and lime. John Broun, mason struck out the door.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 February 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 26 January 1743.

PETITIONER: Baillie William Hamilton.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to his roof.

NOTES: The damage had been caused by stones falling from the neighbouring tenement belonging to Andrew Burnet, WS. He was ordered to take down the building above the coping stones and rebuild.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 February 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 2 February 1743.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an unfree trader.

NOTES: The complaint s against Hugh Dallas, merchant who has been trading in foreign and inland goods without being a Guild Brother. The defender admitted that he and his wife had resided in Edinburgh since (his marriage in?) November 1738 and had traded in goods indicted in the printed advertisements produced. He had also claimed falsely to be a Burgess. He was fined £5 Stg, the goods were confiscated and he was prohibited from trading.

BOX: 1743/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 February 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 9 February 1743.

PETITIONER: Archibald Hunter, vintner.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about broken window trellis.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Sloas (Anna Borthwick), vintner and (Isobel) Hastie, daughter of Steven Hastie (dancing master), her landlady for not repairing the trellises on their wester windows. The Court found that the windows have been trellised previously and the under part of the frames were broken. They ordered that new square frames with wire trellis should be placed in the windows. The petitioner entered a reclaiming petition on 30 March 1743, which provides further details.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 February 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 9 February 1743.

PETITIONER: Sir James Dalrymple of Newhailes.

SITE: Lawnmarket.

PROPOSAL: To repair a back lodging.

NOTES: The property belonged to the deceased Hugh Murray Kinninmount, the petitioner's brother. After a visit the Court decided that the door of communication through the press room could be carried out with safety. The chimney in the south room could also be enlarged providing it did not encroach on other vents. The work was to be carried out at the sight of Deacon Miln and William McVey, members of the Court.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 February 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 16 February 1743.

PETITIONER: Nicol Brown, flesher.

SITE: Laigh Flesh Market.

PROPOSAL: To continue in possession of a stand.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 February 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 16 February 1743.

PETITIONER: Anna McGhie, relict of Daniel Lassaget (merchant, japanner).

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the floor above.

NOTES: The complaint was against Alexander Deuchar, writer and his tenant for not keeping the kitchen floor in repair. He was ordered to repair the plaster ceiling of the kitchen, be cautious in laying down coals in the floor and not to throw out foul water into the coal hold.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 March 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 9 February 1743.

PETITIONER: Gilbert Robertson, merchant.

SITE: Fishmarket Close, houses near the foot.

PROPOSAL: To cognoze accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner pursued the relict and children of Alexander Paterson, writer (lawyer) for repairs carried out under a previous warrant and to have the amount declared a debt on the property. There were accounts from unnamed tradesmen totalling £12 19s 11d.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 March 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 16 March 1743.

PETITIONER: Andrew Johnstone, druggist.

SITE: Castlehill.

PROPOSAL: To build a stable and a laboratory above the land on the north end of his garden.

NOTES: A committee of the Court visited the garden and heard William Tod, contiguous heritor on the west and James Mcfadzeon, writer and doer for Sir James Johnstone, heritor on the east, neither of whom had objections.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 March 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 16 March 1743.

PETITIONER: Captain Alexander Menzies, wright

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a rented warehouse.

NOTES: The complaint is against Gilbert Stewart of Ballochitoul, his landlord about the condition of his property and for repairs to be carried out. On a visit the Court found that the roof had been covered with old second hand tiles which allowed water to come through in most parts. The tyles to be removed and the good ones kept, others replaced.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 March 1743.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Thomas Boyes, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Carrubbers land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the turnpike.

NOTES: The complaint is against the heirs of Baillie Robertson. The turnpike to Durie's chamber is insufficient and it was suggested that it be standarted with oak timbers and then the shell taken down and rebuilt. It is suggested the work if done carefully might not encroach on the door and window. The report was carried out by Deacon Miln and Samuel Neilson, masons.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 March 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 23 March 1743.

PETITIONER: John Loch.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a smoking choffer.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Hutton, running stationer who has a choffer in a laigh cellar. The Court ordered its removal.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 March 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 16 February 1743.

PETITIONER: John Yeatts, vintner in Leith.

SITE: Leith.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs to his property.

NOTES: The petitioner had a warrant to carry out the work which came to £12 16s 8d.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 March 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 23 March 1743.

PETITIONER: Robert Lindsay, wright.

SITE: Blackfriars Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To alter a door and window.

NOTES: The petitioner wanted to convert a window and a door beside it on the ground floor into an arched opening about 6ft. wide for a 'chese' (chaise). The Court found that this could be done safely. The work was to be carried out at the sight of Thomas Miln, mason and William Mcvey, wright.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 April 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 30 March 1743.

PETITIONER: James Davidson, treasurer to the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge.

SITE: Their hall.

PROPOSAL: To slap out a window.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 April 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 23 March 1743.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Grassmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Beugo, merchant and Archibald Gibson, wright whom he employed to repair and put up a timber stoup to a chimney in a laigh house. This was contrary to the Act of Parliament which ordered that all vents should be built in stone. They were fined £3 Stg each and the stoup was ordered to be taken down.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 April 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 6 April 1743.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Forresters Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a borrowed vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Watson, merchant and James Campbell, goldsmith for using a blind vent. They were ordered to build it up in stone and lime.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 April 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 6 April 1743.

PETITIONER: George Kennedy of Romano.

SITE: High Street, Covenant Close.

PROPOSAL: To slap out a new window on the east side wall.

NOTES: All of the other heritors agreed and the Court found that it could be done safely.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 6 April 1743.

PETITIONER: James Armour and other heritors.

SITE: High Street, a timber land to the west of Forglen's land.

PROPOSAL: To take down and part of the gable with Forglen's land.

NOTES: Lord Balmerino took the matter to the Court of Session for a Bill of Suspension, dated 26 August 1742. The other heritors had to be called and they are named here and the former jury was asked to comment on the points raised in the Bill. The suspenders, including John Mcfarlane WS, were allowed to appoint two skilled persons to be present with the jury. On 6 April they named John Jack, slater and William Richardson, smith, Alexander Turnbull, wright, George Cowan, wright and Martin Carfraw, wright. They reported on 20 April that parts of the tenement were not repairable but they could not say if it was in imminent danger of falling down. The Court ordered the insufficient parts to be taken down and rebuilt. See 30 June 1743. On 31 August 1743 John Mcfarlane and the other proprietors lodged a complaint against William Cumming jun., merchant and proprietor of the westmost cellars for not proceeding to take down his western gable. The Court ordered measurements to be made and allowed the work to go ahead.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 13 April 1743.

PETITIONER: *The Procurator Fiscal.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about unfree tradesmen.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against John Blyth and John Ferguson who have been trading without being Guild Brothers or Burgesses. They were found guilty of selling a parcel of linen and were fined £3 each and their goods were seized until they paid the fine.*

BOX: 1743/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 20 April 1743.

PETITIONER: *The Procurator Fiscal.*

SITE: *Near the Infirmary.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about an insufficient wall.*

NOTES: *The complaint was against James Rothead for the deceased Sir John Rothead. They appeared in Court and agreed to take down the south dyke of his garden, fronting the Infirmary.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1743/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 April 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 27 April 1743.

PETITIONER: *George Buchan of Cumlodge.*

SITE: *High Street, head of Dicksons Close.*

PROPOSAL: *To repair and reharl a tenement and replace an old water spout.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1743/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 May 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 27 April 1743.

PETITIONER: *Thomas Wilkie, minister.*

SITE: *Cowgate, Lady Yester's Church.*

PROPOSAL: *To rebuild a fallen dyke.*

NOTES: *The petitioner asked the Court to have their workmen rebuild the north dyke of lady Yester's churchyard, which has fallen. On the 4 May the minutes record that the dyke had fallen near his property in the Cowgate. The petition was refused because he had not called the proper 'contradictor'.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1743/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 May 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 27 April 1743.

PETITIONER: *James Davidson, merchant.*

SITE: *Carrubbers Close.*

PROPOSAL: *To repair the lumb in a workshop.*

NOTES: *The workshop is shared with John Jack, slater who objected to the work. The Court granted a warrant to heighten the lumb 10 or 12 ft.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1743/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 May 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 27 April 1743.

PETITIONER: *Robert Dick, writer (lawyer).*

SITE: *Bishop's land.*

PROPOSAL: *To bring forward the shop front to the pillars.*

NOTES: *The Court ordered him to lay his petition before the Town Council.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1743/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 May 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 27 April 1743.

PETITIONER: *John Wallace, wright.*

SITE: *Not given.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about the condition of his workhouse.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against Collin Haig, indweller, his landlord. The Court upheld the complaint and ordered repairs to be carried out. The defender entered a reclaiming petition on 18 May 1743 and the matter was finally resolved on 29 June 1743 when the defender was assoilzied (pronounced assailed).*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1743/33

WARRANT GRANTED: *4 May 1743.*

PETITION LODGED: *27 April 1743.*

PETITIONER: *Alexander Campbell, brewer.*

SITE: *Robertson's Close, head.*

PROPOSAL: *To alter a stair.*

NOTES: *The petitioner wished to move the stair about a yard further west but the Court refused as the stair was on the public avenue.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1743/34

WARRANT GRANTED: *11 May 1743.*

PETITION LODGED: *27 April 1743.*

PETITIONER: *George Sim, slater.*

SITE: *Not given.*

PROPOSAL: *Seeking payment for work.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against Gilbert Stewart of Ballochtown for payment of an account of £10 17s 10d for slater work on a workhouse.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1743/35

WARRANT GRANTED: *11 May 1743.*

PETITION LODGED: *4 May 1743.*

PETITIONER: *Thomas Spalding of Leith Milns.*

SITE: *Skinner's Close.*

PROPOSAL: *To slap out a window in the third story of a tenement.*

NOTES: *The Court visited and agreed the work could be done safely.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1743/36

WARRANT GRANTED: *11 May 1743.*

PETITION LODGED: *27 April 1743.*

PETITIONER: *James Duncan, wright.*

SITE: *Robertson's Close, head, near Society.*

PROPOSAL: *Alterations to doors, windows and a chimney in his workhouse.*

NOTES: *The petitioner was allowed to remove a stair in the public passage as it was now useless and to strike out a door in the sidewall where the stair was and alter windows. He was also allowed to build a vent in the west gable of the workhouse where he had to leave 18 inches between it and Mr. Campbell's loft.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1743/37

WARRANT GRANTED: *11 May 1743.*

PETITION LODGED: *11 May 1743.*

PETITIONER: *Alexander Alison, Deputy Cashier of Excise.*

SITE: *Mealmarket, at the entry.*

PROPOSAL: *To repair his chimney tops and to cover with an interim roof.*

NOTES: *The petitioner refers to an Act of the Town Council which had agreed the rebuilding of a tenement, but the proprietors of the upper floors had not yet begun work. He was allowed to build a toofall roof.*

DRAWINGS: *A general plan is mentioned.*

BOX: 1743/38

WARRANT GRANTED: *18 May 1743.*

PETITION LODGED: *11 May 1743.*

PETITIONER: *James Craw, brewer.*

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account.

NOTES: The complaint is against Jean Holms, spouse to Laurence Oliphant, goldsmith for payment of an account for ale and other items. 'The petitioner referred to the defender's wife's oath that she promised payment in her widowity of the first article of the accompt'.

BOX: 1743/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 May 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 18 May 1743.

PETITIONER: James Baird, baxter (baker).

SITE: Scot s Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a bakehouse.

NOTES: The petitioner produced a tack with consent from Laurence Scott, merchant in Glasgow to the repairs. The Court found that the pend itself needed rebuilding and agreed to the work, the accounts to be cognosed on completion.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 May 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 18 May 1743.

PETITIONER: David Anderson, hatter.

SITE: St. Mary Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a workhouse.

NOTES: The Court asked to inspect his rights and when they did so, the granted the warrant on condition that the City of Edinburgh or any other, could claim right to the ground.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 June 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 25 May 1743.

PETITIONER: James Baillie, advocate and David Kinloch, writer.

SITE: High Street, Marlins Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To slap out windows in a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 June 1743.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: John Thomson, merchant.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an obligation.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Heriot, wright for payment of £10 Scots for allowing him to carry up a vent through the pursuer's property. On 15 June the defender appeared in Court and handed 9s to the Clerk as the amount the petitioner had originally demanded. This was accepted.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/43

WARRANT GRANTED:

PETITION LODGED: 1 June 1743.

PETITIONER: David Main, mason.

SITE: West Bow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the insufficiency of a house.

NOTES: The complaint was against James Dewar of Vogrie, the petitioner's landlord. The Court visited and found the building was not a hazard and refused the petition.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 June 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 25 May 1743.

PETITIONER: Andrew Syme, cooper and factor for William Hunter's lands.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: To repair various lands.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 June 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 25 May 1743.

PETITIONER: James Craw, brewer in Canongate.

SITE: Magdalen Chapel, in a yard near.

PROPOSAL: To repair a toofall.

NOTES: The property had been leased from the Incorporation of Hammermen but the wall on which it leaned belonged to the Merchant Company. The work was allowed.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 June 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 25 May 1743.

PETITIONER: Alexander Robertson, minister.

SITE: Not given (Carrubbers Close?).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about obstructing the light.

NOTES: The complaint was against Charles Butter, mason who had obstructed the windows of his meeting house. The Court ordered the defender to take down part of his sidewall next to the meeting house and leave eighteen inches of easing between them. The Court initially sent out four members to visit and then the entire Court on 1 June 1743.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 June 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 25 May 1743.

PETITIONER: George Campbell, wright.

SITE: High Street, Foulis Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The house had been purchased from the creditors of the Earl of Rosebery. The work was found to be necessary and accounts were to be cognosed on completion.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 June 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 15 June 1743.

PETITIONER: Edward Inglis, apothecary.

SITE: Lawnmarket.

PROPOSAL: To repair a house.

NOTES: The property had been purchased from the creditors of John Edgar, advocate. The accounts were to be cognosed on completion.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 June 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 15 June 1743.

PETITIONER: James Baillie, advocate.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a midden.

NOTES: The complaint was against Walter Davidson, stabler for placing his midden in such a position that it undermined the petitioner's tenement. The Court ordered the defender not to block the sewer with his midden and ordered the petitioner to take down the wall of the tenement and rebuild it, both on a penalty of 20s Stg. if they failed to do so before the next Court day.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 June 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 15 June 1743.

PETITIONER: James Taylor, WS.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a stolen vent.

NOTES: Complaint against Thomas Ruddiman, Keeper of the Advocate's Library who has

stolen a vent in the petitioner's lumb. The Court agreed and ordered that it should be taken down and demolished.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 June 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 8 June 1743.

PETITIONER: Eupham Baird or widow Scott.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachments.

NOTES: The complaint was against William Whyte, distiller for erecting a brewery in the grounds of the tenement life rented by the petitioner. (There may be two different complaints here) On 22 June the Court visited and ordered the defender to reopen a passage to a water well for the use of all the tenants but refused to address other complaints. On 29 June the Court saw the tack between the parties and found that the property had been let as a house but that the defender had erected a malt miln in the back room, which was very disturbing to the tenants. He was ordered to remove it. On 24 August after a reclaiming petition had been entered, the Court ordered the defender to take down the brewery buildings and not to use the site as a brewery on a penalty of 40s. The petitioner was granted warrant to do the same if he did not do so.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 June 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 22 June 1743.

PETITIONER: James Armour, WS and William Dallas, wright.

SITE: Forglens Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: To measure and appraise a tenement.

NOTES: The Court ordered Charles Mack and John Yeatts, sworn measurers to measure the tenement and a jury to appraise its value on 22 June 1743. The petitioners returned to the Court on 29 June asking a jury to decide on which parts of the timber land should be taken down and what part of Forglen's land should be taken down. There is a detailed explanation of what was to be taken down on 30 June, 1 and 13 July 1743. The work was to be carried out by Thomas Miln, mason. A warrant was granted to take down a back land on the same site on 27 July 1743 and a further warrant on 1 December to rebuild the ground floor to a scheme produced. See also warrant granted 28 December 1743. See warrant granted 28 March 1744 (Armour and others).

DRAWINGS: Mentioned.

BOX: 1743/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 June 1743

PETITION LODGED: 15 June 1743.

PETITIONER: James Brown son of the deceased Hugh Brown, surgeon.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sign board.

NOTES: The complaint was against John Bell, baxter. The Court ordered it to be taken down.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 July 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 30 June 1743.

PETITIONER: Archibald Stewart, merchant.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: To repair a house.

NOTES: The petitioner has purchased a house from the now deceased Lord Provost, George Haliburton. The Court granted a warrant to make a stair to the upper part of the house and to obtain James Lithgow's consent before doing so.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 July 1743

PETITION LODGED: 7 July 1743.

PETITIONER: James Armour and William Dallas.

SITE: High Street, Craigs Close and Anchor Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish their back land.

NOTES: This began as a request to demolish a timber tenement fronting the High Street but expanded into a larger development. See later warrants granted to Thomas Miln and others, 29 July 1743, and 28 December 1743 to begin rebuilding the petitioner's western wall.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned here.

BOX: 1743/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 July 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 15 June 1743.

PETITIONER: William Granger, writing master and Gavin Waugh, writing master.

SITE: High Street, head of Niddries Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To lay new pavement on the High Street opposite the stone tenement.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 July 1743.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Alexander Brebner, merchant in Portsoy.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: To repair a barn.

NOTES: The property had been adjudged to him (by the Court of Session?) from the deceased Alexander Simpson, brewer. The tradesmen's accounts for the work were to be cognosed on completion.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1743/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 July 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 13 July 1743.

PETITIONER: Archibald Stewart, merchant and Company.

SITE: Leith, Lees Quarter, near the Green Tree.

PROPOSAL: To build cellars and value a property.

NOTES: The petitioner had purchased a garden with an old barn, loft and kiln from William Carse, flesher in Leith, which he asked the Court to appraise. A jury was appointed who found the value to be £605 Scots. He was granted a warrant to build the cellars, the expence of which would become a debt on the garden ground.

BOX: 1743/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 July 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 27 July 1743.

PETITIONER: James Wight (wright) and William Russell.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: To raise some vents or chimneys.

NOTES: The petitioners had a agreement from the treasurer of the Society of Barbers to carry out the work. To be done at the sight of Thomas Miln, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1743/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 July 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 27 July 1743.

PETITIONER: Thomas Miln, mason, John Dickie, accountant in the Excise office and others.

SITE: High Street, Craig's Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: To measure and demolish a timber fore land and rebuild.

NOTES: William Forbes for the children of John Forbes, advocate, his brother concurred with the petition except in the demolition. He asked if a jury could consider if a gable could be taken down without demolishing the whole tenement. James Mitchell, goldsmith also agreed to have his property measured. Charles Mack and John Yeatts were ordered to carry out the measurement. On 14 August 1743 John Forbes, WS as factor for the curators of John Forbes of Newhall petitioned the Court to have a plan of the intended building and the Court ordered this to be provided. See a further minute on 3 August 1743 when a warrant to demolish was granted and also a warrant granted on 3 April 1745 (Miln) for this property. On 24 August Mack and Yeatts handed in a measured drawing. See warrant granted 28 December 1743 to begin

rebuilding. Miln applied for a warrant to build the third, fourth and fifth floors and was granted one for the fourth floor alone on 14 November 1744. This is unusually cautious.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned.

BOX: 1743/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 8 June 1743.

PETITIONER: James Davidson, late City Treasurer.

SITE: High Street, Scots Close, head.

PROPOSAL: To make repairs to the tenement.

NOTES: A dispute arose with George Campbell, wright over the boundaries.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1743/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 27 July 1743.

PETITIONER: Samuel Neilson, mason, Henry Antonius, wright, Charles Bruce, glazier.

SITE: Libberton's Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioners seek payment of their accounts for £21 19s 7d Stg. from John Patrick and Mary Craigie for the children of the deceased Patrick Craigie and John Craigie of Dumbarrie, their tutor.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1743/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 13 July 1743.

PETITIONER: Robert Moubray, wright, Alexander Boswall, painter and Charles Bruce, glazier.

SITE: High Street, Bess's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioners seek payment of their accounts for £4 17s 2d Stg. from John Dougal, Clerk to the Exchequer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1743/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 27 July 1743.

PETITIONER: John Maul against David Finlay, wright, Mrs. Hope and Mrs. Betty Montgomery.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing down of waste water.

NOTES: This complaint may have been reawakened on this date by Mr. Robertson, doer for John Maul who insisted that the windows of the defenders be trellised. On 3 August the Court ordered the windows on the eastern gable to be padlocked and the complainer's roof, which has been damaged by the waste water, should be repaired. It was mentioned that the tenement had been built by David Finlay for Mr. Hope.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 August 1743,

PETITION LODGED: 27 July 1743.

PETITIONER: Charles Inglis, Deputy Clerk of the Bills.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of his property.

NOTES: The complaint is against his landlord, William Morrison of Prestongrange for not keeping the property in repair according to their tack.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1743/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 August 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 10 August 1743.
PETITIONER: James Warrock, mason.
SITE: Entry to the Kirkheugh.
PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for rebuilding and repair of a tenement.
NOTES: The tenement was repaired by Adam Burnet, wright. The court cognosed the accounts following a visit and found the petitioner to be a creditor on the fourth story until the sum of £72 16s 5d plus 40s for the expence of the Act should be paid.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/54
WARRANT GRANTED: 7 September 1743.
PETITION LODGED: 31 August 1743.
PETITIONER: John Hope, merchant.
SITE: Not given.
PROPOSAL: To repair the lintol of a window.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/54
WARRANT GRANTED: 7 September 1743.
PETITION LODGED: 1 September 1743.
PETITIONER: William Scoular, tanner in (~~Portsburgh~~) Pleasance
SITE: Back of Canongate.
PROPOSAL: To build some office houses in his garden.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/54
WARRANT GRANTED: 14 September 1743.
PETITION LODGED: Unknown.
PETITIONER: William Bryden, baxter (baker).
SITE: Leith, Robert Ross's houses.
PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs to the property.
NOTES: The repairs amounted to £34 1s 9d Stg.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/54
WARRANT GRANTED: 14 December 1743.
PETITION LODGED: 14 December 1743.
PETITIONER: John Brodie, merchant.
SITE: Carrubber's Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint against David Berry, merchant and David beat, writing master about the insufficiency of a stair.
NOTES: No further action noted.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/54
WARRANT GRANTED: 21 December 1743.
PETITION LODGED: Before 26 August 1743.
PETITIONER: Patrick Jameson, mason.
SITE: Not given.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account for mason and slater work.
NOTES: The complaint is against William Beugo, merchant and Mrs. Hamilton for £15 12s 8½d was upheld and the Court ordered payment. See 26 August 1743.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/54
WARRANT GRANTED: 28 December 1743.
PETITION LODGED: 21 December 1743.
PETITIONER: David Home, litster.
SITE: Not given.
PROPOSAL: To erect a shade above his shop.
NOTES: This petition began as a complaint by the petitioner against Robert Kinneir for protesting against his plan to erect the shade. He was granted a warrant.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1743/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 December 1743.

PETITION LODGED: 22 June and 29 July 1743.

PETITIONER: Thomas Milne, mason and others.

SITE: High Street, at the Cross, Craig's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a fore and back tenement.

NOTES: The warrant granted permission to found the wester side wall of James Armour's Tavern in Craig's Close according to a scheme produced. This is part of a site that included Forglen's land in Anchor Close.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned.

Unextracted petitions.

BOX: 1743/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 July 1743 (no warrant – no further action noted).

PETITION LODGED: 20 July 1743.

PETITIONER: James Hutcheson, merchant.

SITE: Luckenbooths, east end.

PROPOSAL: To erect a shade over shop door.

NOTES: '...Allan Ramsay, heritor of the house above being warned and compearing the Court appoint a visit'.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

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The Court Officers from 12 October 1743:

Dean of Guild

Hugh Hathorn

Council

Gavin Hamilton, old Dean of Guild

Walter Hog, merchant

James Grant, merchant

William Mcvey, wright

John Watson, slater

Charles Mack, mason

Only one petition for 1744 survives. The other information here in italics is taken from the Minute Book of the Court but it only records warrants and other significant activity.

BOX: 1744/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 January 1744.

PETITION LODGED: 30 November 1743.

PETITIONER: *John Falconer of Phesdo, advocate and James Falconer of Monkton his nephew..*

SITE: *Greyfriars' Churchyard.*

PROPOSAL: *To enclose a burial place.*

NOTES: *The burial place was measured according to an Act of Council dated 30 June 1742 being 15ft. from east to west along the south dyke of the churchyard and 18ft. towards the church, the enclosure being 12ft eastward from Libberton's tomb. The walls are to be within the measured enclosure.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 January 1744.

PETITION LODGED: 13 July 1743.

PETITIONER: *Thomas Dundas & Co, merchants.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about non payment of an account.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against John Mosman & Company. On 24 August 1743 the Minutes mention Archibald Angus as later partner to the petitioner. On 4 January 1744 Thomas Dundas admitted that the defender had boarded himself while in his service. It was found that John Mosman served Thomas Dundas and Archibald Angus for seven months in their shop as a merchant for which he was entitled to wages. But the wages were modified to 10 Guineas in full of all board and wages, which sum should be deducted from the account due to the petitioner. The argument continued regarding overcharging.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 January 1744.

PETITION LODGED: 18 January 1744.

PETITIONER: *Henry Antonius, wright.*

SITE: *Not given.*

PROPOSAL: *Claim for payment for work carried out.*

NOTES: *The claim is against Robert Kinnier, merchant for £9 Scots for his proportion of putting up a shade over his laigh shop.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 February 1744.

PETITION LODGED: 25 January 1744.

PETITIONER: *The Deacon and Incorporation of Tailors of Edinburgh.*

SITE: *Tailor's Hall.*

PROPOSAL: *To strike out a door in their wester garden wall.*

NOTES: *The door is to provide access to a piece of ground they have taken on a tack from Mr. Scott of Bavelaw.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 February 1744.

PETITION LODGED: 8 February 1744.

PETITIONER: Thomas Simpson, pewterer.

SITE: Luckenbooths?

PROPOSAL: Complaint about erecting a pole opposite to a shop.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Pearson, silk dyer who had erected a pole for hanging silks opposite the petitioner's shop. The Court ordered the defender '...not to let out the pole again...' in all time coming under a penalty of 20s Stg. but they allowed him to put up a sign '...as is usual in other shops in the Luckenbooths or Landmarket'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1744/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 February 1744.

PETITION LODGED: 18 January 1744.

PETITIONER: William Moffat junior, merchant.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing down of foul water.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Fairholm of Piltoun and his tenants and it was upheld by the Court who ordered the defenders' kitchen windows to be padlocked.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 March 1744.

PETITION LODGED: 25 January 1744.

PETITIONER: The Lord Sinclair.

SITE: Horse Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To build a dining room on vacant land beside his lodging.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 March 1744.

PETITION LODGED: 8 February 1744.

PETITIONER: George Aitken, smith.

SITE: Opposite the foot of Niddery Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement on the ground of his shops.

NOTES: The Court asked for a plan to be given in.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned.

BOX: 1744/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 March 1744.

PETITION LODGED: 8 February 1744.

PETITIONER: John Dundas, Presenter of Signatures.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the insufficiency of the floor.

NOTES: The complaint is against the Incorporation of Baxters (bakers) and Mr. Lamott their tenant in the flat above the petitioner. It refers to the insufficiency of the floor in the Dancing School and whether it can bear the weight of '...the frequent meetings of the scholars and others at Balls and Country Dances..' (This is probably Pierre la Motte, dancing master. See NRS, GD86/96. He was succeeded by George Duncan as Comptroller of Stamp Duties for Scotland in July 1770).

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 March 1744.

PETITION LODGED: 25 January 1744.

PETITIONER: Hector Sheills.

SITE: Leith.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement belonging to David Banks.

NOTES: The Court visited and there is a long list here of the work required.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/11
WARRANT GRANTED: 14 March 1744.
PETITION LODGED:
PETITIONER: John Mein, slater.
SITE: Netherbow.
PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/12
WARRANT GRANTED: 16 March 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 14 March 1744.
PETITIONER: William Forbes, one of the City Clerks and Robert Simpson, writer, as doer for William Crawford jun., merchant in Glasgow.
SITE: Lawnmarket, Milne's Court.
PROPOSAL: To repair a lodging.
NOTES: The petitioner has taken the lodging on a tack from William Crawford. There is a detailed and comprehensive list of repairs needed including varnishing the two front rooms.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/13
WARRANT GRANTED: 16 March 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 14 March 1744.
PETITIONER: Sir Gilbert Elliot of Mnto and the Procurator Fiscal.
SITE: Not given.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about demolition of a dyke.
NOTES: The complaint is against George Campbell, wright who was ordered to rebuild the dyke, over which he admitted, he had no claim.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/14
WARRANT GRANTED: 28 March 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 28 March 1744.
PETITIONER: Thomas Miln, mason, James Armour and William Dallas.
SITE: High Street, north side, Craigs Close.
PROPOSAL: To rebuild two tenements.
NOTES: The Court was presented with a '...scheme and elevation draught of the two tenements immediately below the head of Craig's Close...' There being no objections from the heritors the Court granted a warrant to rebuild '...the two tenements, back and fore now united into one...' See warrants granted 20 April, 30 June and 29 July 1743(Armour, Miln and others).
DRAWINGS: Mentioned.

BOX: 1744/15
WARRANT GRANTED: 4 April 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 16 March 1744.
PETITIONER: Alexander Peter, wright.
SITE: Possibly Horse Wynd.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about bricks, stone and rubbish piled beside his timber.
NOTES: The complaint is against the children of the deceased John Keir, baxter (baker). John Nisbet appeared for the children and agreed that the Court could appoint someone to remove the rubbish to prevent any damage and leave discussion about the expence until later. On 4 April the Court took note of a disposition by Patrick Crawford to the deceased John Keir in which it was found that the dyke (which had presumably fallen into disrepair) did belong to the children and that they should repair it and remove the rubbish at their expence. They also found that the falling of the dyke was 'casual' and that no damages should be paid although the work was to be completed before the next meeting of the Court as the petitioner's area was open.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/16
WARRANT GRANTED: 18 April 1744.
PETITION LODGED:
PETITIONER: John Watson of Murehouse.

SITE: *The Gunstone.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about repairs not carried out.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against John Jack, slater and James Somervell, gunsmith. See petition of the latter, 25 July 1744.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/17

WARRANT GRANTED: *18 April 1744.*

PETITION LODGED: *18 April 1744.*

PETITIONER: *The Procurator Fiscal.*

SITE: *Not given.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about stolen vents.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against David Scott, servant to Samuel Neilson, mason and George Scott, writer who have broken into a neighbour's vent.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/18

WARRANT GRANTED: *18 April 1744.*

PETITION LODGED: *18 April 1744.*

PETITIONER: *The Procurator Fiscal.*

SITE: *Portsburgh and Pleasance.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about building houses without a warrant.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against James Birkmyer, stabler and John Carnegie, vintner for building houses in Portsburgh and the Pleasance respectively. See warrant granted 25 April 1744 (Carnegie).*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/19

WARRANT GRANTED: *18 April 1744.*

PETITION LODGED: *18 April 1744.*

PETITIONER: *James Miller, baxter (baker) in Canongate.*

SITE: *Canongate, beside the shoemaker's land.*

PROPOSAL: *To build an oven.*

NOTES: *The petitioner produced the agreement of James Fleeming and John Sim (Syme), contiguous heritors.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/20

WARRANT GRANTED: *18 April 1744.*

PETITION LODGED: *18 April 1744.*

PETITIONER: *William Adam, architect.*

SITE: *High Street, near the Cross.*

PROPOSAL: *To demolish and rebuild the shattered walls of Carbistoun's land.*

NOTES: *This tenement was destroyed in the great fire of February 1701. He agreed to keep the stones within his own property.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/21

WARRANT GRANTED: *18 April 1744.*

PETITION LODGED: *28 March 1744.*

PETITIONER: *Francis Brodie, wright.*

SITE: *Dickson's Close, head.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about non payment for work carried out.*

NOTES: *The work was carried out for David Aitkenhead, surgeon, Archibald Wightman, Collector of Cess and James Reoch, writer for Lady Humby. Of these David Aitkinhead claimed that he had not ordered the work. The petitioner asked permission to take down the work and the Court agreed.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/22

WARRANT GRANTED: *25 April 1744.*

PETITION LODGED: *18 April 1744.*

PETITIONER: *John Carnegie, vintner.*

SITE: Pleasance, at the end (Cowgate?).
PROPOSAL: To build a coach house, stables and other offices.
NOTES: See petition by the Procurator Fiscal, 18 April 1744.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/23
WARRANT GRANTED: 16 May 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 25 April 1744.
PETITIONER: Alexander Purves, merchant and Mr. Stewart, his landlord.
SITE: Not given.
PROPOSAL: To remove a useless pillar in his high shop and to make an entrance between his under and upper shops.
NOTES: The Court granted a warrant after a visit and with the consent of James Cockburn.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/24
WARRANT GRANTED: 16 May 1744.
PETITION LODGED:
PETITIONER: Jean Maxwell.
SITE: Entry into Carrubbers Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about an alteration to the entry.
NOTES: The Court ordered the entry to be reinstated and for the defenders to build a parapet wall opposite the complainer's windows for the safety of those walking in the Close.
DRAWINGS:

BOX: 1744/25
WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 25 January 1744.
PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason, James Hunter, wright and James Gibson, slater.
SITE: Cowgate, Hunter's lands.
PROPOSAL: Seeking payment for repairs.
NOTES: The petitioners sought payment from Andrew Syme, cooper and factor, James Dundas of Philpstoun, and Alexander Young, writer for repairs carried out on William Hunter's tenement in the Cowgate.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/26
WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 6 June 1744.
PETITIONER: James Watson, dyer.
SITE: Borthwicks Close, foot.
PROPOSAL: To repair the roof of a tenement.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/27
WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 16 May 1744.
PETITIONER: James Davidson, merchant and late City Treasurer.
SITE: Scots Close, head.
PROPOSAL: To raise the walls of his house, build a stable and enclose an area on the west side of the Close.
NOTES: The area was let to him on a tack. He also asked to cope the dykes enclosing his property. George Campbell, wright asked to see and answer. Both parties ordered to produce their tacks on 23 May but the defender did not so a warrant was granted to carry out the work and build the stable as long as he sought the permission of the Incorporation of Tailors to build against their dyke.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/28
WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 6 May 1744.
PETITIONER: Alexander Rannie, merchant and his curators with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Pleasance.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a wall built on the petitioner's garden wall allowing access into his garden from the ground floor.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Birkmyers, horse hirer who was ordered to stenchall (bar) the windows overlooking the petitioner's garden

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 June 1744.

PETITION LODGED: 6 June 1744.

PETITIONER: Charles Maitland, merchant.

SITE: The Steeple, east side of the entry.

PROPOSAL: To repair a shop front.

NOTES: The petitioner was ordered not to extend the front further north than the pillar on the east side of the entry and for his vent not to encroach on the stone walls of the Church.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 June 1744.

PETITION LODGED: 22 February 1744.

PETITIONER: Alexander Innes of Cadlaw.

SITE: Borthwicks Close foot, east side.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement within the foot of the Close.

NOTES: This petition was the result of a complaint by the Procurator Fiscal against Provost Irving of Logan and his factor on 22 February 1744, from whom this petitioner had purchased the tenement. He asked that James Watson, litster should agree to rebuild a mutual gable.

Charles Mack produced a measure of the Close and the old tenement. The warrant specified that the Close should be nine foot eleven inches wide at the north end of his tenement and nine foot seven at the south or lower end. He was ordered to build on the old foundations.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1744.

PETITION LODGED: 30 May 1744.

PETITIONER: Archibald How, glover.

SITE: West entry of Haddo's Hold Church (St Giles).

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof and front of a shop.

NOTES: The shop is held from the city. He was ordered to provide a 'scheme of the front' of his shop and not to encroach on the passage nor impair the light of the wester window of the church.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned.

BOX: 1744/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 July 1744.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Thomas Miln, mason.

SITE: Meal Market, west side.

PROPOSAL: Claim for payment in rebuilding a mutual gable.

NOTES: The complaint is against William and Eupham Dewar, children of David Dewar, proprietors of half the first story and Robert Lauder, their tenant. It is also against Andrew Houston of Calderhall and (blank) Hay of Hayston, his tenant in the top floor. The petitioner referred to a warrant granted for the work in 1740 and a contract dated 19 December 1740 and 3 January 1741. The total amount was £29 8s 6d Stg. and he referred to a measure taken by Charles Mack dated 25 April 1741. There are many papers missing from this process. The warrant appears to have been used to take notes and there are lists of waulkers, bonnetmakers, surgeons, goldsmiths, skimmers, farriers, hammermen, wrights, masons, baxters and gardeners. In the latter group; Jo: Hamilton, Walter Orrock, Wal: Sivr[ight?].

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1744/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 July 1744.

PETITION LODGED: 11 July 1744.
PETITIONER: William Lamb, wright.
SITE: Potterrow.
PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.
NOTES: The warrant was granted to build in a line with his other tenement on the north, keeping the south corner nineteen and a half feet distant from the building on the opposite side of the street.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/34
WARRANT GRANTED: 18 July 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 6 June 1744.
PETITIONER: Charles Colhoun, wright.
SITE: Pleasance.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment on the street.
NOTES: The complaint is against James Syme, William Barclay and the heirs of William Samuel Smyth and curators for encroachment on the street by building parapet walls and other projections outside the easter side wall of their houses. They were ordered to take them down by 1 August.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/35
WARRANT GRANTED: 25 July 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 18 July 1744.
PETITIONER: Andrew Pitcairn, writer, factor for James Watson of Saughton and Robert Smyth, excise officer.
SITE: Potterrow.
PROPOSAL: To carry out repairs on houses belonging to the deceased Edward Cunningham on which they are the preferable creditors and claim the expence from rents.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/36
WARRANT GRANTED: 25 July 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 18 April 1744.
PETITIONER: William Sommervel, gunsmith in Canongate as factor for John Scot's lands in Edinburgh and the Canongate.
SITE: Scot's lands.
PROPOSAL: The petitioner was appointed by the Court of Session and he wishes to repair the property. The Court agreed. To cognose accounts for repairs amounting to £10 10s 8d.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/37
WARRANT GRANTED: 1 August 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 23 May 1744.
PETITIONER: James Primrose, minister at Crichton and Margaret and Isobel Moffat, sisters of the deceased John Moffat, stabler in Edinburgh and their tenants.
SITE: Horseywynd.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about undermining the gable and sidewall of a tenement causing it to collapse.
NOTES: The complaint is against Lord Sinclair and his mason, Thomas Miln. On the same day Lord Sinclair lodged a petition asking the petitioners above to remove the rubble or that he may be allowed to do it at their expence. On 1 August the Court granted a stop on the work by the defenders.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/38
WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 22 August 1744.
PETITIONER: Rt. Hon. Henrietta, Lady Dowager of Ross and Jean Nisbet, lady Dirleton.
SITE: Not given.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the ingress of rainwater.

NOTES: *The complaint is against their landlord, William Shaw (upholster? who had lodgings in Castle Hill).*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/39

WARRANT GRANTED: *21 September 1744.*

PETITION LODGED: *25 January 1744.*

PETITIONER: *John Clark, glazier.*

SITE: *Pearson's Close, foot, Pearson's houses.*

PROPOSAL: *To repair the property. See also entry for 12 September 1744 where it refers to Charles Lamb and the other creditors of David Pearson. There are also petitions on 25 January and 14 March 1744 from John Clerk to cognose accounts for work in Pearson's land and they refer to James Lamb as trustee for Pearson's creditors.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/40

WARRANT GRANTED: *21 September 1744.*

PETITION LODGED: *5 September 1744.*

PETITIONER: *Albert Monro and others.*

SITE: *High Street, Gladstone's land.*

PROPOSAL: *To heighten vents. This petition is linked to the warrant granted 26 September 1744 (Elphinstone).*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/41

WARRANT GRANTED: *26 September 1744.*

PETITION LODGED: *26 September 1744.*

PETITIONER: *Walter Moncur and others.*

SITE: *Bulls Close.*

PROPOSAL: *To heighten the vents.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/42

WARRANT GRANTED: *26 September 1744.*

PETITION LODGED: *5 September 1744.*

PETITIONER: *Michael Elphinstone, storekeeper at the Castle and George Buchan, advocate, his tenant.*

SITE: *James's Court.*

PROPOSAL: *To heighten a range of vents.*

NOTES: *The work to be carried out by Patrick Jameson, mason.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/43

WARRANT GRANTED: *31 October 1744.*

PETITION LODGED: *31 October 1744.*

PETITIONER: *James Veitch, glazier and William Robertson, beltmaker.*

SITE: *Grassmarket.*

PROPOSAL: *To take down an insufficient gable and vents.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/44

WARRANT GRANTED: *7 October[sic] November 1744.*

PETITION LODGED: *31 October 1744.*

PETITIONER: *James Hunter, shoemaker.*

SITE: *Laigh Fleshmarket.*

PROPOSAL: *To convert a cellar into a flesh booth.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1744/45

WARRANT GRANTED: *7 October[sic] November 1744.*

PETITION LODGED:

PETITIONER: *Thomas Milne, mason.*

SITE: Opposite the Cross.
PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for laying foundations and plain stones.
NOTES: William Forbes WS, William Dallas, wright, James Mitchell, goldsmith and Colin Robertson were present and asked to see the accounts.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/46
WARRANT GRANTED: 7 October[sic] November 1744
PETITION LODGED: 26 September 1744.
PETITIONER: John Wallace, wright.
SITE: Blackfriars' Wynd, Jolly's land.
PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.
NOTES: The account totalled £35 5s 6d and was to be collected from the rents. There was a previous petition for repairs to the same property from Robert McIntosh, writer, 21 September 1744.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/47
WARRANT GRANTED: 14 November 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 21 September 1744.
PETITIONER: William McVey, Charles Mack, John Clark, George Watson and Thomas Lothian.
SITE: The lodging possessed by William Forbes.
PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.
NOTES: The repairs amounting to £22 9s 1d to be paid from the rents collected by Robert Simpson, factor and the cost to be a debt on the property.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/48
WARRANT GRANTED: 28 November 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 14 November 1744.
PETITIONER: Robert Arbuthnot & Company, James Grant, news writer and others.
SITE: Not given.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the throwing down of waste water.
NOTES: The waste is falling on the roof of their shop. On a vist the Court could not gain access to two closets in the house of John Cresan but they observed the flankers of the roof full of rubbish that would be washed down into the sewer when it rained. Mr. Arbuthnot ordered to prove his case.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1744/49
WARRANT GRANTED: 28 November 1744.
PETITION LODGED: 14 November 1744.
PETITIONER: Heritors of Miln's land, Meal Market.
SITE: Meal Market.
PROPOSAL: To raise their lums.
NOTES: A warrant was granted to Samuel Neilson, mason to carry out the work.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

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*BOX: 1744/1**
WARRANT GRANTED: 16 March 1744 (no warrant, appointed a visit).
PETITION LODGED: 16 March 1744.
PETITIONER: Alexander Purves, merchant and (blank) Stewart his landlord.
SITE: Luckenbooths.
PROPOSAL: To erect a stair from a high shop to one above and to remove a stone pillar.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

*BOX: 1744/2**
WARRANT GRANTED: 20 June 1744 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 20 June 1744.

PETITIONER: Peter Richardson, William Borthwick, James Gray and John Forbes, fruitsellers.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about fruitsellers selling 'peas in the pod, potatoes, onions, goosberrys and other fruits in the streets, using a much smaller measure than that by which they are bought'.

NOTES: They asked the Court to fix a measure for buying and selling. There is a much longer petition here from the Procurator Fiscal and Timothy Hutcheson, merchant in Leeds against Thomas Lamb, gardener, which lists gardeners and other vegetable sellers, making a complaint about measures. The Court found that potatoes sold by Alexander Brown for the pursuer were sold to the defenders William Foulis, Thomas Davidson, Mrs. Temple, widow of Arthur Temple, gardener, Mrs. Bain, widow of Duncan Bain, gardener and Thomas Lamb, all fruitsellers in Edinburgh. David Walker, measurer was arrested and fined 20s Stg, he being imprisoned until he paid the fine.

BOX: 1744/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 July 1744 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 27 June 1744.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about sellers of herbs and roots.

NOTES: The defenders were fined for buying with one measure and selling with a lesser one.

BOX: 1744/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 July 1744 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 18 July 1744.

PETITIONER: John Polson, Preases to the Society of Chairmasters.

PROPOSAL: Complaint against unfree trader.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Sutherland, chair bearer and William Sutherland, brewer. The latter was questioned and stated that the chair belonged to him and he employed the former to carry it for him. The complaint was dismissed.

BOX: 1744/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 September 1744 (no warrant).

PETITIONER: John Antonius, wright.

PROPOSAL: Admitted as a sworn measurer and gave his oath.

1745

The Court Officers from 12 October 1744:

Dean of Guild

Thomas Allan

Council

Hugh Hathorn, old Dean of Guild

David Renny, merchant

George Gray, merchant

James Heriot, wright

Samuel Neilson, mason

Charles Mack, mason

Dean of Guild Officer, Robert Mein

Only a few petitions for 1745 survive and the information below in italics was taken from the Court minute books. As a result of the capture of Edinburgh by Prince Charles Edward on 17 September 1745, the minutes end on 11 September 1745 and jump to 6 August 1746.

BOX: 1745/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 January 1745.

PETITION LODGED: 16 January 1745.

PETITIONER: *Mrs. Katherin Skene.*

SITE: *High Street, opposite the Fountain well.*

PROPOSAL: *To lower the window sills.*

NOTES: *The petitioner wished to lower the soles of her windows by six inches and make a new light (window) for her dining room. The work to be carried out at the sight of Charles Mack, mason.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1745/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 February 1742.

PETITION LODGED: 6 February 1742.

PETITIONER: *Gilbert Grierson, chamberlain to the Duke of Buccleugh.*

PROPOSAL: *To have a yard measure certified.*

NOTES: *A standard English yard of iron had been stamped in September last by the Court for the use of the Town of Dalkeith. It was now necessary for this to be certified by the Court and this was done.*

BOX: 1745/3

WARRANT GRANTED:

PETITION LODGED: 28 November 1744.

PETITIONER: *James Cumming, Deacon of the Fleshers.*

SITE: *Milns Square, piece of ground to the north..*

PROPOSAL: *To build a stable and hayloft.*

NOTES: *John Newbigging, hatter objected and the Court found that the petitioner had built his stable without a warrant of the Court and on ground belonging to John Newbigging.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1745/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 March 1745.

PETITION LODGED: 20 February 1745.

PETITIONER: *John Sinclair, writer (lawyer) and James Grant, merchant.*

SITE: *West Bow.*

PROPOSAL: *To heighten and repair a tenement.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1745/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 March 1745.

PETITION LODGED: 13 March 1745.
PETITIONER: *David Walker, metster in Leith.*
PROPOSAL: *To be reponed to his office.*
NOTES: *The petitioner had been the metster for the Shore of Leith and he applied to be reinstated. This was agreed on condition that he found a cautioner for his 'dutiful and honest behaviour'.*
DRAWINGS:

BOX: 1745/6
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1745.
PETITION LODGED: 31 October 1744.
PETITIONER: *Thomas Miln, mason.*
SITE: *Craigs Close, head.*
PROPOSAL: *To cognose expences.*
NOTES: *The expences were for paving, carrying off the rubbish and casting the foundations. James Mitchell, goldsmith, Mrs. Mann and others were cited on 20 February 1745. James Armour, WS was cited on 3 April 1745 when 'new buildings at the head of Craigs Close' are mentioned and a measurers report was considered. The total amount was £76 18s 11d Stg.*
DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1745/7
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1745.
PETITION LODGED: 20 February 1745. .
PETITIONER: *John Miln, founder.*
SITE: *Barrengers Close, foot.*
PROPOSAL: *To build a shade for a workhouse within a garden and repair a wright's shop.*
NOTES: *On 13 March the petitioner only insisted on the repair the wright's shop purchased by him from William Mitchell. He was granted the warrant for this work on 3 April but the shade is not mentioned.*
DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1745/8
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1745.
PETITION LODGED: 13 March 1745 or before.
PETITIONER: *William Hall and Thomas Gibson, clerks to the Court of Session.*
SITE: *Not given.*
PROPOSAL: *To repair an insufficient gable on their office.*
NOTES: *A reclaiming petition was entered on 10 April 1745 against this warrant by Thomas Young, merchant who wanted a pend in his shop to be supported during the work. See warrant granted 24 April 1745.*
DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1745/9
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1745.
PETITION LODGED: 3 April 1745 or before.
PETITIONER: *Archibald Sheills, merchant.*
SITE: *Old Post House Close.*
PROPOSAL: *Complaint about an intersole.*
NOTES: *The complaint is against James Armour, WS who has built an intersole. He was allowed to complete the intersole by building up the window of the complainers back shop with stone and lime, the joists of his intersole to be free of any vents. To be completed at the sight of Patrick Jamieson, mason.*
DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1745/10
WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1745.
PETITION LODGED: *Unknown.*
PETITIONER: *William Mitchell and others, heritors.*
SITE: *Halkerston's Wynd, head.*
PROPOSAL: *To repair the pavement and pall (fence) the same.*
DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1745/11
WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1745.
PETITION LODGED: 3 April 1745.
PETITIONER: William Adam, architect.
SITE: High Street, south of the burnt land at the Cross
PROPOSAL: To build a house.
NOTES: The warrant refers to rebuilding a tenement.
DRAWINGS: A plan and elevation are mentioned.

BOX: 1745/12
WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1745.
PETITION LODGED: 3 April 1745.
PETITIONER: James Heriot, wright and his spouse, Elizabeth Russell.
SITE: Grassmarket.
PROPOSAL: To repair tenements.
NOTES: The petitioners have right by adjudication to the property of James Black, son of the deceased Andrew Black, merchant. The expence to be a debt on the property.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1745/13
WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1745.
PETITION LODGED: 3 April 1745.
PETITIONER: Hugh Forbes, one of the principal clerks of Session.
SITE: James's Court, east part.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to his property.
NOTES: The complaint is against the heritors and occupiers of the east side of James's Court for throwing out foul water and damaging his foundations. The Court cited John Thomson and James Armour. The Court ordered their windows to be padlocked.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1745/14
WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1745.
PETITION LODGED: 13 March 1745.
PETITIONER: Alexander Dallas, silk dyer.
SITE: Not given.
PROPOSAL: The complaint is against James McKenzie, Episcopal minister for the insufficiency of his floor above the petitioner. The Court found that the defender had repaired his floor as sufficiently as he could and dismissed the petition.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1745/15
WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1745.
PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1745.
PETITIONER: Thomas Murray, baxter.
SITE: Not given.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the roof and floors.
NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Dennistoun, relict of George Dennistoun and her daughter and Robert Russell, merchant for not repairing the roof and floors. The Court ordered the work to be undertaken before 15 May next and the expences cognosed.
DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1745/16
WARRANT GRANTED: 1 May 1745.
PETITION LODGED: 24 April 1745.
PETITIONER: John Pratt, baker.
SITE: Leith, Kirkgate.
PROPOSAL: To rebuild an insufficient gable.
NOTES: The Court found that part of the gable had fallen down and that an oven had been built about 3 ft. high on a piece of waste ground at the back of the ruinous house. Henry Brocke, his

mason was called on 1 May 1745. On 8 May the Court was considering his petition to repair and to build an oven but no further action is recorded.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1745/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 June 1745.

PETITION LODGED: 15 May 1745.

PETITIONER: Alexander Peter, wright.

SITE: Horse Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To take down two tenements and rebuild.

NOTES: The Court appointed a jury to give a valuation, which they did on 5 June at £84 Stg for one tenement and £112 for the other.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned.

BOX: 1745/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 July 1745.

PETITION LODGED: 13 February 1745.

PETITIONER: Edward Cutler, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Blyths Close, north side of the Weigh House.

PROPOSAL: To complete the building of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner is factor for Lucy Johnstone his granddaughter. He wishes to complete a tenement begun by her grandfather, William Johnstone, druggist whose relict died on 8 June 1744. The accounts for the work were cognosed by the Court on completion, 7 August 1751 (Butter). See also the warrant granted 3 May 1749 (Mrs. Campbell).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1745/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 July 1745.

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1745?

PETITIONER: William Johnstoun, barber.

SITE: Borthwicks Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner explains that he had recently returned to Scotland and had begun to repair his house by removing the roof, all without a warrant. His wife is expecting and he asks to be allowed to complete the roof in a very rainy season. There is a further petition here from James Simpson, servitor to the Countess of Haddington, James Cristie, slater and William Morison, all tenants of a tenement at the foot of the same Close, west side, belonging to William Johnstoun, barber and wigmaker. A jury had been appointed and they found parts of this tenement should be taken down and rebuilt. The warrant was granted on condition that the projecting back stair in his own tenement would be removed. This petition shows signs of having been wet and this may explain the loss of other material for this year.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1745/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 August 1745.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Patrick Cumming, minister and William Forbes, City Clerk.

SITE: Unknown.

PROPOSAL: To repair their lumbs.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1745/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1745

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1745.

PETITIONER: John Douglas, architect.

SITE: Society, on the site of a barn and kiln.

PROPOSAL: To build a house.

NOTES: The petitioner had purchased an area from Mrs. Cleghorn. George Campbell, the contiguous heritor was in Court when the petition was presented. He failed to give answers on a

request and the Court asked for a report. On reading the report on 17 August, George Campbell gave in a petition which was refused on 21 August. The warrant was granted to take down the barn and kiln and build the house in stone according to the plan submitted.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned.

BOX: 1745/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1745.

PETITION LODGED: Not recorded.

PETITIONER: Lady Mary Hamilton.

SITE: Grays Close, head.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof and lumbs.

NOTES: The Court inspected the tenement and found that the roof needed repair and ordered that Thomas Sheills, glover and owner of the garret floor should undertake the work at his expence. The lumb heads were to be repaired at joint expence of the several heritors.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1745/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1745.

PETITION LODGED: 24 July 1745.

PETITIONER: Walter Fogo, clerk in the Post Office.

SITE: Carrubbers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about dangerous workmanship.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Boddy, relict of John Boddy and her mason, who are rebuilding their north gable. In doing this work they have built the pillars in solid masonry in the walls above the voids. The Court appointed William Adam and John Douglas, architects and Patrick Jamieson, mason to report. They found the walls insufficient for the intended superstructure and the Court ordered the upper windows to be placed over the lower ones. She was allowed to make the pillars solid or with a press in them. The matter went to the Court of Session for an Act of Suspension but the Court ordered the work to begin on 30th August.

DRAWINGS: Not mentioned.

BOX: 1745/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1745.

PETITION LODGED: 21 August 1745.

PETITIONER: Robert Carnegie, His Majesty's Advocate and David Flint, Treasurer of Heriot's Hospital.

SITE: Fishers land.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.

NOTES: There is a description of the work required and the accounts to be cognosed on completion.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1745/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 September 1745.

PETITION LODGED: 4 September 1745.

PETITIONER: James Donaldson, merchant, late City Treasurer for Edinburgh.

SITE: College Wynd, foot.

PROPOSAL: To take down the south west corner of a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1745/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 September 1745.

PETITION LODGED: 11 September 1745.

PETITIONER: John Stephen, City Treasurer in the name of the Magistrates.

SITE: Various.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild ruinous tenements.

NOTES: Named tenements are identified as having been waste for more than three years and heritors are obliged to rebuild within a year and a day according to the Act of Parliament.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1745/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 September 1745.

PETITION LODGED: 11 September 1745.

PETITIONER: John Stephen, City Treasurer.

SITE: Harts Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Nisbet of Dirleton whose tenement is in danger of falling.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

Unextracted petitions.

BOX: 1745/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 May 1745 (from the Minutes).

PETITION LODGED: 20 February 1745 (from the Minutes).

PETITIONER: John Ronaldson, mason.

SITE: Scots Close.

PROPOSAL: Claiming payment for repairs to a bakehouse.

NOTES: The complaint was against William Scott of Bavelaw and Laurance Scott, merchant in Glasgow against whom the petitioner claimed £35 11s 9d. A warrant had been granted to James Baird, tenant of the bakehouse. The only document to survive here is an undated reclaiming petition in which the defenders point out that, as noted in the report ordered by the Court, the oven is in disrepair and that the petitioner had grossly overcharged for the work in claiming the time of four masons for 150 summer and winter days, when on many occasions no work was carried out or there were only two masons present. He ends by noting that the rent is only £2 Stg. pa. There is no further action noted here.

DRAWINGS: None.

1746

The Court Officers from 13 August 1746:

Dean of Guild

Thomas Allan

Council

Hugh Hathorn, old Dean of Guild

David Renny, merchant

George Gray, merchant

James Heriot, wright

Samuel Neilson, mason

Charles Mack, mason

Dean of Guild Officer, Robert Mein

There are no surviving petitions for 1746 and the information here is taken from the Minute book which ends without explanation in October 1746. Only warrants have been recorded here but other business was undertaken.

BOX: 1746/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 August 1746.

PETITION LODGED: 13 August 1746.

PETITIONER: *The Procurator Fiscal.*

SITE: *Canongate, Watergate.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about encroachment.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against John Idington farmer at Quarryholes who has built a dyke that encroaches on the highway leading to the Watergate.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1746/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 August 1746.

PETITION LODGED: 19 August 1746.

PETITIONER: *The Procurator Fiscal.*

SITE: *High Street, opposite the City Guard.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about encroachment on the High Street.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against James Gow and Thomas Dunlop, his wright who have erected a timber shop on the High Street. This was found to be 'an audacious and unparalleled encroachment'. The defender was fined £100 Scots and his wright, £50 Scots and the shop was to be knocked down, the materials being taken to the Town yard for disposal.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1746/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1746.

PETITION LODGED: 13 August 1746.

PETITIONER: *Baillie John Wilson.*

SITE: *High School Yards.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about sufficiency of the flooring.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against Thomas Fairholm and John Haliburton, merchants and John Jamieson, merchant in Leith, trustees for the creditors of Robert Bull, merchant. Baillie Wilson is presumably a tenant and he complains that they have not put in sufficient joists to support the floor of his house. James Wright, wright appeared as factor for the trustees.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1746/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1746.

PETITION LODGED: *Not recorded.*

PETITIONER: *Henry Bethune of Balfour.*

SITE: *Not given.*

PROPOSAL: *To repair a roof.*

DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1746/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1746.

PETITION LODGED: 13 August 1746.
PETITIONER: *Managers of the Charity Workhouse.*
SITE: *The Charity Workhouse.*
PROPOSAL: *To build cells.*
NOTES: *The cells are to be built at the back of the Bedlam house for the reception of mad people. The warrant was granted on condition they kept free of the Town wall.*
DRAWINGS: *Mentioned.*

BOX: 1746/6
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 September 1746.
PETITION LODGED: 27 August 1746.
PETITIONER: *Robert Montgomery and others, heritors.*
SITE: *Parliament Close, east side.*
PROPOSAL: *To cap and mend lumb heads.*
NOTES: *Charles Mack, mason to carry out the work.*
DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1746/7
WARRANT GRANTED: 5 September 1746.
PETITION LODGED: 20 August 1746.
PETITIONER: *The Procurator Fiscal.*
SITE: *Not given.*
PROPOSAL: *Complaint about a borrowed vent.*
NOTES: *The complaint is against Agnes Dobie who has struck out a vent into a neighbouring lumb. She states that she cannot remember the name of the tradesman who did the work and the Court took this as wilful and fined her £4 Scots with an order to build up the vent.*
DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1746/8
WARRANT GRANTED: 10 September 1746.
PETITION LODGED: 3 September 1746.
PETITIONER: *Francis Stewart, wright in Bristo.*
SITE: *High School Wynd, foot.*
PROPOSAL: *To repair a tenement.*
NOTES: *The Court found that John Brown, boxmaster for the Incorporation of Hammermen should repair their adjoining vents at the same time.*
DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1746/9
WARRANT GRANTED: 17 September 1746.
PETITION LODGED: 13 August 1746.
PETITIONER: *John Yeatts, wright and the Procurator Fiscal.*
SITE: *Not given.*
PROPOSAL: *Complaint about building without a warrant.*
NOTES: *The complaint is against Francis Russell, surgeon and John Small, journeyman mason for building without a warrant. This is part of an argument between John Yeatts and Russell which began before the minutes resumed on 13 August 1746. John Small was accused of having beaten down a mutual gable and encroached on the petitioner's property in order to put vents in the gable. John Small was called but failed to appear. He was fined £5 Stg. in his absence.*
DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1746/10
WARRANT GRANTED: 24 September 1746.
PETITION LODGED: 3 September 1746.
PETITIONER: *Thomas Wilkieson, merchant in London.*
SITE: *Forresters Wynd.*
PROPOSAL: *To make a conduit into the Wynd from his fore cellar.*
NOTES: *The Court was informed by Charles Bruce, glazier that at the time of building the new tenement a 'rumbling sewer' was laid down the Wynd from the old seat of the former well. He suggested a holes should be slapped ii the east gable of the cellar into this sewer.*
DRAWINGS: *None mentioned.*

BOX: 1746/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 October 1746.

PETITION LODGED: 24 September 1746.

PETITIONER: James Cockburn, brewer and tutor to Andrew Hog, son of George Hog, brewer.

SITE: Pleasance.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The warrant was granted on condition that the terms of the Act were followed and the tenement would keep as far back as Sharp's house on the north and in line with the southmost of the petitioner's houses on the south.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned.

BOX: 1746/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 October 1746.

PETITION LODGED: 1 October 1746.

PETITIONER: David Bowie, cowfeeder.

SITE: Canongate.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof of a byre.

NOTES: This is a complaint against Mrs. Stratoun (his landlady?) relict of Arthur Stratoun.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

BOX: 1746/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 October 1746.

PETITION LODGED: 8 October 1746.

PETITIONER: William Smyth, clerk in the Chancery.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: To strike out a small window in his house.

NOTES: Samuel Neilson, mason and James Heriot, wright, members of the Court were ordered to visit and if the window was not an encroachment then they could grant him a warrant.

DRAWINGS: None mentioned.

1747

The Court Officers from 14 January 1747:

Dean of Guild

Thomas Allan

Council

Alexander Lindsay, Old Dean of Guild

George Gray, merchant

Andrew Simpson, merchant

William McVey, wright

Samuel Neilson, mason

James Heriot, wright

Dean of Guild Officer, John Robertson

Only a few petitions from 1747 survive. The Court did not meet from 8 October 1746 until 14 January 1747 when officers took the oath. The information in italics is taken from the Court minute book.

BOX: 1747/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 January 1747.

PETITION LODGED: *Unknown.*

PETITIONER: *Helen Bell, relict of Andrew Thomson, brewer.*

SITE: *Grassmarket.*

PROPOSAL: *To repair a brewery.*

NOTES: *The petitioner holds the property in liferent and it is let to James McNeill, distiller.*

The Court had a report and granted the warrant.

DRAWINGS: *None.*

BOX: 1747/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 January 1747

PETITION LODGED: 24 September 1746.

PETITIONER: *Jean Heriot, relict of John Reid,*

SITE: *Forrester's Wynd, near the foot.*

PROPOSAL: *To repair a tenement.*

DRAWINGS: *None.*

BOX: 1747/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 January 1747.

PETITION LODGED: 21 January 1747.

PETITIONER: *Mrs. Cleghorn relict of Hugh Cleghorn, distiller.*

SITE: *Not given.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about a sewer.*

NOTES: *This complaint is against George Campbell, wright and Allan Whitefoord for stopping a sewer and damaging the property of Archibald Campbell, brewer, who had made a claim against her. The Court ordered the sewer to be cleared.*

DRAWINGS: *None.*

BOX: 1747/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 January 1747.

PETITION LODGED: *Unknown.*

PETITIONER: *Mrs. Brown and others.*

SITE: *Not given.*

PROPOSAL: *To repair the roof of a tenement.*

DRAWINGS: *None.*

BOX: 1747/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 January 1747.

PETITION LODGED: 28 January 1747.

PETITIONER: *Adam Walker (flesher?).*

SITE: *Fleshmarket.*

PROPOSAL: *To be granted a stand in the south side of the entry.*

NOTES: *The stand is currently possessed by Gilbert Clerk & Company who had given over the stand to him from Candlemas next on his agreeing to the expence of repairs.*

DRAWINGS: *None.*

BOX: 1747/6

WARRANT GRANTED: *28 January 1747.*

PETITION LODGED: *Unknown.*

PETITIONER: *David Dryburgh, shipmaster in Leith.*

SITE: *Not given.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about slapping out a window.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against the relict of John Crichton and her masons who had slapped out a gable window without a warrant. The Court found that the window was no danger and ordered the defenders to pay expence of the action.*

DRAWINGS: *None.*

BOX: 1747/7

WARRANT GRANTED: *4 February 1747.*

PETITION LODGED: *Unknown.*

PETITIONER: *Samuel Neilson, mason.*

SITE: *Not given.*

PROPOSAL: *Seeking payment for work.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against John Jack, slater for mason work in laying a sewer in a cellar belonging to the creditors of Colin McIntosh (McCulloch later in the entry).*

DRAWINGS: *None.*

BOX: 1747/8

WARRANT GRANTED: *18 February 1747.*

PETITION LODGED: *Unknown.*

PETITIONER: *Samuel Neilson, mason.*

SITE: *Shops near the Red Lyon.*

PROPOSAL: *Claim for payment for work.*

NOTES: *The claim is against James Graham, WS.*

DRAWINGS: *None.*

BOX: 1747/9

WARRANT GRANTED: *18 February 1747.*

PETITION LODGED: *13 August 1746.*

PETITIONER: *John Yeatts, wright and the Procurator Fiscal.*

SITE: *Not given.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about encroachment.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against Francis Russell, surgeon and John Small, journeyman mason who encroached on the petitioner's property in order to place a vent on a gable. The Court ordered the wall to be returned to its pervious state.*

DRAWINGS: *None.*

BOX: 1747/10

WARRANT GRANTED: *25 February 1747.*

PETITION LODGED: *Unknown.*

PETITIONER: *David Wilson, brewer.*

SITE: *Unknown.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint against Madam Hyres.*

DRAWINGS: *None.*

BOX: 1747/11

WARRANT GRANTED: *18 March 1747.*

PETITION LODGED: *11 March 1747.*

PETITIONER: *Robert Inglis and Robert Gray, joint Procurators Fiscal.*

SITE: *Leith Wynd, foot, near the College Kirk.*

PROPOSAL: *Complaint about building without a warrant.*

NOTES: *The complaint is against James Courtis and John Smith, both smiths who have built shops or shades against the east end of the College Kirk.*

DRAWINGS: *None.*

BOX: 1747/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 June 1747.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: William Mein, merchant.

SITE: Canongate, north side, a little west of the Tolbooth.

PROPOSAL: To raise the walls of a tenement by eight feet.

NOTES: The property previously belonged to the Incorporation of Shoemakers and is only three floors high from the pavement. They intend raising the walls and erecting a square roof.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1747/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 July 1747.

PETITION LODGED: 29 August 1746.

PETITIONER: Ann, Hettie and Margaret Hepburn, daughters of the deceased Henry Hepburn, surgeon.

SITE: Blackfriars Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.

NOTES: The petitioner refer to a warrant granted to carry out the work on 1 October 1746, jointly on a petition from Dr. John Learmont, but nothing has been done.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1747/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 September 1747.

PETITION LODGED: 2 December 1747.

PETITIONER: Janet Hodge, relict of Robert Hodge, indweller.

SITE: Portsburgh, the Two Penny custom.

PROPOSAL: To increase the rents.

NOTES: The petitioners had a warrant to make repairs to their tenement and these have been carried out. They complain that Thomas Yulley, who collects the rents for the laigh house is charging £30 Scots per annum. He should be obliged to put in vents so that he could charge more and pay off the repairs sooner. The defender agreed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1747/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 November 1747.

PETITION LODGED: 23 September 1747.

PETITIONER: John Yetts, vintner in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Shore, Traills land.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The property belonged to Richard Murray, merchant and 'now' to the trustees for his creditors. The petitioner asks that they make essential repairs. The defenders did not appear in Court and a warrant was granted to the petitioner to carry out the work. A report here refers to windows in a balcony room, billiard table room etc. needing replacement.

DRAWINGS: None.

1748

The Court Officers from 14 October 1747:

Dean of Guild

Thomas Allan

Council

Robert Montgomery, Old Dean of Guild

George Gray, merchant

Andrew Simpson, merchant

Colin Alison, wright

James Syme, slatier

Charles Mack, mason

Clerk of the Court, William Forbes

Dean of Guild Officers, John Robertson and Robert Mein

BOX: 1748/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 February 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 23 December 1747.

PETITIONER: Charles Mack, mason.

SITE: West Bow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Watson, WS. There is an account here for work carried out between December 1743 and July 1745 which includes slapping out the burnt joists and supplying and laying a new hearth stone for the garret above the petitioner's lodging. Also refers to repairs to the garden wall and to '...putting in two balls at the back of the gate with lead, 8d.' There is a measure of the work by John Yeatts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 February 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 9 December 1747.

PETITIONER: Archibald Gibson, wright, John Ronaldson, mason, Alexander Burton, glazier, George Syme, slater and Alexander Wilson, painter.

SITE: High School Wynd, Scott's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: Refers to a warrant granted 6 May 1747 (Scott) a copy of which is here, to carry out the work. There are accounts here from each of the petitioners with a measure of the wright work by John Antonius, wright and of the mason work by John Yeatts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 February 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 13 January 1748.

PETITIONER: John Laing, barber.

SITE: High Street, Lawnmarket, north side, Whitslead's land and beside the eastmost entry to James's Court.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner with James Shearer, wig maker purchased properties on each side of the entry to Whitslead's land from John Dickson of Whitslead and William Dickson of Kilbucko except a part of a tenement sold to John Allan, baxter on 17 April 1736 by disposition. The complaint is against Rebecca Carmichael, relict of John Allan, baxter and Andrew Allan, her son who have encroached on the property. There is further complicated reference here to dispositions and Sasines.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 March 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 10 February 1748.

PETITIONER: Alexander Monro, surgeon and James Haliburton and William Mackewan, Writers to the Signet.

SITE: Lawnmarket, south side, between Libertons Wynd and Gosfords Close, Hume's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about chimney heads in the back tenement smoking.

NOTES: The Court ordered that the lumbs and several machines on them were a danger and should be taken down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 March 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 9 March 1748.

PETITIONER: Managers of the Royal Infirmary.

SITE: Royal Infirmary, boundary with the Physic Garden.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a boundary wall.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to an Act of Council granted to them, allowing them to rebuild the wall three feet west of its present line.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 March 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 28 January 1748.

PETITIONER: Andrew Angus, wright, Adam Brown, slater in Portsburgh and William Pillans, thatcher.

SITE: Portsburgh, at the end of the West Port.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to a warrant granted to Janet Hodge, relict of Robert Hodge, indweller in Portsburgh, on 2 September 1747. There are accounts here from the petitioners and James Baird for lime, Archibald Gibson, wright, James Mack junior, mason, Thomas Tully, (mason?) Archibald Gibson, wright, Robert Cormack for timber, John Brown for nails, Charles Bruce, glazier, William Pillans, thatcher and James Bain for thatch '16½ threaves of straw'. Some of this work was carried out for Thomas Hodge, farmer in Ravellston in 1747.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 March 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 24 June 1747.

PETITIONER: Andrew Wilson, smith.

SITE: (Chalmers Close).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.¹

NOTES: The complaint is against John Miln, founder who has erected an office house close to the back wall of the petitioner's stable, without a warrant. This matter continued after the warrant and there are depositions here from John Miln, George Turner, mason aged 36, married, John Young, barrowman labourer aged 41, married who was employed by John Miln and William Smellie, mason aged 40, married, who was employed two or three years ago by Patrick Jamieson, mason to build a stair or turnpike on the petitioner's house. See warrant granted 1 June 1748 (Miln) which refers to Andrew Wilson's property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 April 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 5 April 1748.

PETITIONER: Sir James McDonald.

SITE: Canongate, entering from the High Street.

PROPOSAL: To remove an external stair.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased a lodging from Dr. Alexander Seton and he intends removing an external stair and to repair an internal court. The Court granted a warrant

to take away the stair as long as he did not hurt the pend under the entry and did not extend his shop front beyond the line of the strand of the High Street.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 30 March 1748.

PETITIONER: James Cheap, cooper in Leith and Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Livingstone, candlemaker and Henry Brockett, mason, both in Leith who have broken into a vent without a warrant.

DRWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 April 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 16 March 1748.

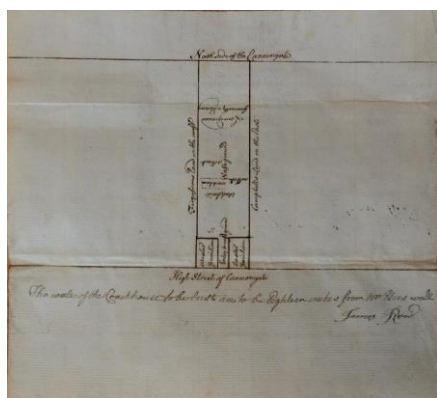
PETITIONER: James Reid, coachmaker in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, north side, adjacent to Campbell's land.

PROPOSAL: To build coach houses.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased a piece of waste ground with the eastmost pavilion built thereon, adjacent to Campbell's land, from Charles Allan, surgeon. He had begun to lay out foundations. There were objections from Jean Ferguson and her husband Archibald Ure, goldsmith, proprietor's of contiguous houses in Lochends Close. They explain that they converted part of them into a factory for weaving Holland and linen cloth and worked by Messrs. Cheap and Neilson to whom they let the property. It contains upwards of 60 looms 'which gives bread to some hundreds of hands'. They complain about the potential loss of light from the east. The warrant of 27 April quotes a disposition by Charles Allan to the petitioner where the property is described as a 'piece of waste ground with the eastmost pavilion built by the deceased James Smith of Whitehill thereupon adjacent to Campbell's land, lying on the north side of High Street of the Canongate bounded by the houses belonging to (blank) Ferguson and William Smith on the west, the highway at the back of the Canongate on the north, Campbell's land on the east and the High Street on the south'. A plan of the intended stables is mentioned here. There are full copies here of two warrants, one with the additional date of 4 May 1748. In the latter it refers to legal titles for the objectors; disposition by Mungo Ross, merchant with advice and consent of James Aiton, goldsmith in favour of James Ferguson in the Castle of Restalrig dated 17 August 1642 (registered in the Baillie Court books of the Canongate, 25 August); disposition by Hew Fenton, residenter in Leith in favour of Betsie Livingstone, relict of David Strongall, mason in Canongate dated and registered as above, 25 May 1643; disposition by John Ferguson, cordiner in favour of his son dated 26 July 1703. See warrant granted 3 May 1769 (Reid).

DRWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Sketch plan of the area.

Size: 16.3 x 18.0 cms.

BOX: 1748/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 May 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 16 March 1748.

PETITIONER: William Crawford junior, merchant, Glasgow.

SITE: Lawnmarket, Miln's Court.

PROPOSAL: To carry out repairs.

NOTES: There is a note of the repairs needed here signed by Charles Mack, mason and Colin Alison, wright. The repairs are minor and mainly internal but the petitioner applied to the Court because he only has right to the lodging by an adjudication, probably from the Court of Session.

DRWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 May 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 27 April 1748.

PETITIONER: The Incorporation of Candlemakers.

SITE: Candlemaker Row.

PROPOSAL: To carry out repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner's have acquired right to the Maills and Dutys of a tenement, by assignation from the deceased William Moffat, writer. There is a note of the work required.

DRWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 May 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 18 February 1748.

PETITIONER: John Dunnet, cooper in Leith.

SITE: Leith, next to Ezra Thomson's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a rented property.

NOTES: The petitioner has a tack or lease on three floors of a tenement for 19 years from April 1746, at £10 pa. from Janet Balfour, spouse to Captain Gilbert Blair, shipmaster in Leith. There is a note here of the work required. In answers for the defender she refers to a case in the Baillie Court in Leith over the same complaint.

DRWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 May 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 2 May 1748.

PETITIONER: Robert Tosh, baxter (baker) and others.

SITE: Leith, stone land below the Tolbooth.

PROPOSAL: To carry out repairs to the stair.

NOTES: The petitioners are tenants of the deceased George Murray

DRWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 June 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 6 April 1748.

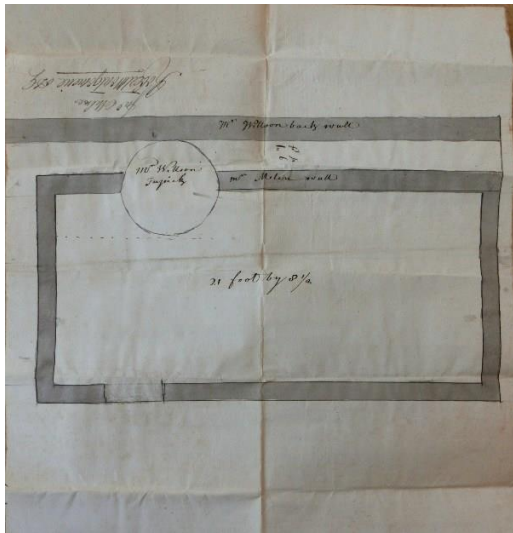
PETITIONER: John Miln, founder.

SITE: Chalmers Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To build vents.

NOTES: The petitioner intends building vents in his house and in the houses of James Shearer, Thomas Gordon and Andrew Syme, mason. There is a full copy of the warrant here.

DRWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Outline plan of the tenement.

Size: 31.8 x 30.4 (irregular).

BOX: 1748/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 June 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 4 September 1745.

PETITIONER: John Stephen, City Treasurer for the Lord Provost and Magistrates.

SITE: The Town.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ruinous properties.

NOTES: The petition refers to an Act of the Town Council of 1 August 1745. It lists several properties: High Street, Grays Close, east of Mr. Harper's meeting house belonging to the deceased Thomas Kinkaid and now his creditors; In the same Close, to the north of Mr. Downie's dancing school, belonging to (blank) Wilson, son of the deceased Laurence Wilson, hammerman in Canongate; Harts Close, foot belonging to the lair of Dirleton; West Port belonging to the heirs of James Hastie, shoemaker; backstairs of Parliament Close belonging to the heirs of the deceased Robert Blackwood. There are depositions here relating to the properties. The Court ordered the properties to be rebuilt.

DRWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 June 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 1 June 1748.

PETITIONER: Mary Goulston, residenter.

SITE: Old Provost Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about loss of use and throwing over of water.

NOTES: The complaint is against Hugh Penman, goldsmith and Nicol Somervell, painter. The petitioner alleges that the defender, Hugh Penman borrowed the key to her cellar three years previous and has not returned it. The petitioner has a lease on the cellar and a lodging from Mr. Hepburn of Beanston.

DRWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 June 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 13 April 1748.

PETITIONER: Robert Sanders, writer and merchant.

SITE: Barrengers Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To repair a roof.

NOTES: The petitioner has title to the property from his mother Jean Innes and his father, the deceased Robert Sanders, writer. James Weemys, late Clerk in the Post Office made a claim on the property for repayment of a debt, full details of which are here. The Court appointed a jury who agreed on the repairs needed and a warrant was granted.

DRWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 June 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 1 June 1748.

PETITIONER: John Watson, slater and John Yeatts, wright.

SITE: High Street, head of Blackfriars Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to a warrant granted on 22 July 1747 by Ann, Hettie and Margaret Hepburn, daughters of the deceased Henry Hepburn, surgeon. There are accounts here from the petitioners.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 June 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 1 June 1748.

PETITIONER: John Yeatts, wright, James Norie, painter, Peter Croket, slater, Mungo Scott, glazier and John Millar, mason.

SITE: Leith, Shore, Traills land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to a warrant granted on 11 November 1747 to John Yetts, vintner in Leith. There are accounts here from each of the peitioners and measures of the work by John Yeatts, wright.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 June 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 22 June 1748.

PETITIONER: James Cumming, flesher and Charles Watson, factor for uplifting the rents.

SITE: Portsburth, High Street, south side, opposite the head of Lady Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To have a valuation.

NOTES: The Court ordered the demolition of a ruinous tenement on 27 April 1748 (no record here) and there was a delay until all of the tenants could be removed. The petitioner is the greatest creditor on the property and he asks for a valuation. A jury was appointed who agreed on 450 merks Scots. The warrant granted permission to demolish.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 June 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 22 June 1748.

PETITIONER: Cornelius Key, brewer in Leith and Patrick McNab, cooper there.

SITE: Leith, foot of Liddells Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair a rented property.

NOTES: The property, a brew house and stable with a cellar is owned by John Bull.

There is a note here of the work required and accounts from John Millar, mason, Patrick Crokat, slater, John Walker, wright with a measure of the wright work by John Antonius, wright and of the mason work by John Yeatts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 July 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 29 June 1748.

PETITIONER: William Tod, senior, merchant.

SITE: Castlehill, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ruinous tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner owns a house and garden with a tail of ground down to the North Loch with workhouses and tan holes thereon. His complaint is about the leaning upper floor of a neighbouring tenement owned by (blank) Forbes, goldsmith. He also complains about two old gables of a ruinous house at the North Loch side which he

asks to demolish. John Matthew was called as doer for Mr. Forbes and Peter Arthur, merchant and coffee house keeper, owner of the ruins.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 August 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 10 February 1748.

PETITIONER: John Jack, slater, Henry Antonius, wright ad George Bainsfather, plumber.

SITE: High Street, north side, a little above the Guard, Richardson's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: There is a petition here dated 26 August 1747 from William Richardson, merchant, Janet Menzies, relict of William Dalrymple, WS, Baillie John Jack, slater and Deacon Antonius, wright. This refers to an earlier warrant to carry out repairs. Archibald Govern for Lord Drummore agreed to pay his share for the fore tenement but not the rear. The matter was confused by a claim on the property by Robert Barclay, merchant. There are accounts here from the petitioners for work carried out in September 1747 and a measure of the wright work by John Antonius, wright.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 August 1748.

PETITION LODGED: January 1748.

PETITIONER: Col. James Cathcart of Carbiston, Mrs. Elizabeth Rothead, younger daughter of Sir James Rothead of Innerleith, Alexander Brown, merchant, Francis Farquharson, accountant, David Nevay, merchant, James Armour, WS, David berry, merchant and Hugh Campbell, merchant.

SITE: High Street, between Craigs Close and the Old Post office Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about noise.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Mitchell, goldsmith who occupies the second floor of the tenement and he is beating sliver and other metals creating a hideous noise. They also complain that he has erected a furnace in the north wall of his shop which emits a noxious steam and his bellows make a troublesome squeak. The defender made well argued answers and the Court found there were no grounds for complaint. The warrant here is signed by the Dean of Guild but the judgement was made by Patrick Halden, assessor.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 November 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 30 August 1748.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Christian Brown, residenter.

SITE: High Street, Writer's Court.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about windows in very bad condition.

NOTES: The petitioner occupies the lodging which belonged to Adam Brown late Provost of Edinburgh and now to his creditors. John Dickie, WS acts for the creditors and there is a letter here from him to William McVey, wright to appear in the Court for him. The four windows are on the north side and the Court ordered them to be replaced with four new windows.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 November 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1748.

PETITIONER: Charles Butter, wright.

SITE: Carrubbers Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner is a creditor of the property by an Act of the Court dated 12 August 1741. The tenement previously belonged to Laurence Wilson, tailor in Canongate, and thereafter to his relict and children. The family have delayed entering

heir and the tenement is in ruins. The Court found that as it had not been rebuilt they granted the petitioner a warrant to do so. There was a problem with an attached closet owned by William Crawford, merchant in Stockwellgate, Glasgow, to which he could not provide good title and it too was demolished.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 November 1747.

PETITION LODGED: 9 November 1748.

PETITIONER: James Watson, stabler.

SITE: Candlemaker Row, east side, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a rented property.

NOTES: The petitioner has a tack on the property from Mrs. Herriot but the complaint is against Mrs. Hunter, the petitioner's landlady who has recently died. He has applied to her heir, (blank) Alexander, watchmaker in Leith but he puts off the necessary repairs, listed here. The Court ordered the work to be carried out.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 November 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 9 November 1748.

PETITIONER: Lucie Johnston, daughter of the deceased Andrew Johnston, druggist.

SITE: Castlehill.

PROPOSAL: To complete work on a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to her grandfather, Edward Cutler to carry out repairs to one tenement and to build another one. He died before he could complete the new tenement and it has been open to the weather since then.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 November 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 19 October 1748.

PETITIONER: Patrick Brown and others: Susanna Paterson, relict of Archibald Ogilvie, brewer, Thomas Graham one of the Macers in the Court of Session, now her husband, Patrick Brown, wigmaker, John Trotter, brewer with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: College Wynd, between it and Horse Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioners own a tenement, brewhouse and barns on the east side of a tenement in Horse Wynd purchased by Alexander Peter, wright from Peter Crawford of Kaims. By disposition to the petitioners by Archibald Ogilvy and an agreement between him and Alexander Peter dated 2 April 1734, they agreed not to encroach on one another's property. They complain that on 27 September Alexander Peter began to build a shade close to the side wall of a barn. In answers for Alexander Peter dated 5 November he refers to a warrant granted to him by the Court in 1734 to build, as long as he left 18 inches as an easing drop. He then goes on to argue about the height. The Court found against him and ordered the removal of the shades.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 November 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 31 August 1748.

PETITIONER: John McKenzie, WS.

SITE: Cowgate, Borthwicks Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To alter a tenement.

NOTES: The property lies over the foot of the Close and the petitioner offers to raise the floor above the pend to allow a better use by the public. The matter became more complicated with the demolition and rebuilding of a sidewall, after part of the property had been sold on to Thomas Purdie, mason

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 November 1748.

PETITION LODGED: Before 5 November 1748.

PETITIONER: James McDonald, wright, John Miller, mason and John Hamilton, slater, all in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Tolbooth Wynd, George Murray's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: Refers to the warrant granted 25 May 1748 (Tosh). There are accounts here from each of the petitioners with a measure of the mason work by John Antonius, sworn measurer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 December 1748.

PETITION LODGED: Not recorded here.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Katherine Oliphant, relict of (blank) Oliphant, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Milns Square at the Tron Kirk.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of foul water.

NOTES: The petitioner's property is occupied by Mrs, Cumming, a room setter and great part of it towards the north is covered with a scale roof. The complaint is against the neighbours above this roof who have been throwing out their waste water and ashes on top of it. She also complains about the insufficiency of the floor in the house immediately above, possessed of late by Mr. Ross of Old Mans Coffee house. The neighbours summoned were Alexander Orem, writer, Alexander Nairn, advocate, Lady Munton, Mrs. Murray, Janet Scott, Thomas Gibson, clerk of Session, Robert Miln, writer, William Monro, indweller, Mrs Angus, indweller, David Monro, WS, (blank) Murray of Cherrytrees and Mr. Ross. The defenders were ordered to padlock their windows. It appears from a list given here that the Court officer had difficulty with some of the occupiers and he impounded several items from the properties, an occurrence not seen otherwise in the Court records. It lists 'Mr. Orim's a silver spoon marked A over HO; Lady Minton, ditto marked Mountain; Mrs. Amigus a tea spoon IW (encircled) sugar tongs BG, 2 brass Candlesticks (with a drawing of one); Mr. Monro a peuther pint flagon (marked) S; Mr. Alexr nairn a silver spoon N; mr. Ross, Coffee house keeper, son of Bishop Ross, desported the officers throwing the door in their face and hindering them ... Mr. Miln, writer, having died between the time of obtaining the Decreet and Charge, one Mr. Scoular now possessor'. Only the warrant survives here and all of the information is taken from it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 December 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 12 October 1748.

PETITIONER: John Belchies of Innermay, Sherriff Clerk Principal.

SITE: Niddry Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about windows overlooking a garden.

NOTES: The petitioner has a garden through which he enters his house. Low windows in a neighbouring tenement had been secured with iron stenchils till a few years ago when one of the proprietors put in sash windows and took away the bars. He notes that last summer a boy came through one of these windows and stole something which was restored on complaint. On the morning of 5 November he found a bank in the garden covered in linen cloth laid out for bleaching. The Court ordered the windows in the property of Alexander Hamilton of Pencaitland, Lady Mary Crighton, Alexander Stewart and Andrew Gardner, to be repaired and the iron bars replaced.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1748/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 December 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 21 December 1748.

PETITIONER: William McVeigh, wright, Alexander Boswall, painter and Charles Bruce, glazier.

SITE: High Street, Writer's Court.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to the warrant granted on 2 November 1748 (Brown) to repair four windows. There are accounts here from each of the petitioners and a full copy of the warrant. Alexander Boswall's account was for the painting the windows white.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted petitions.

BOX: 1748/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 March 1748.

PETITION LODGED: 2 March 1748.

PETITIONER: Isobell Patullo, widow of George Gordon of Sands, advocate.

SITE: Smiths land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a timber shade.

NOTES: The complaint is against Archibald Eagle, merchant who has erected a shade or 'trough' over the door of this shop that is larger than is normal and encroaches on the petitioner's property above. The defender answers that the structure is on his property and is according to a warrant granted on 12 November 1742. The petition was dismissed.

DRAWINGS: None.

1749

The Court Officers from October 1748:

Dean of Guild

Robert Montgomerie

Council

Thomas Allan, Old Dean of Guild

James Napier, merchant

William Sands, merchant

Colin Alison, wright

James Syme, slater

Charles Mack, mason

Clerk of the Court, Archibald Blair

Dean of Guild Officers, Robert Mein or John Robertson

BOX: 1749/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 February 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 13 February 1749.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate foot, the Watergate.

PROPOSAL: To take down the Watergate.

NOTES: The Court arranged a visit and found that the stone arch at the Watergate was dangerous and should be taken down before Saturday night next. They ordered James Brown, treasurer of the Canongate to carry this out and if he failed, ordered Charles Mack mason to carry out the work and dispose of as much of the materials as would pay for the downtaking.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 February 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 11 January 1749.

PETITIONER: The Incorporation of Candlemakers.

SITE: Candlemaker Row, Alexander's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioners have right by assignation dated 6 March 1746 from the deceased William Moffat, writer, to the maills and duties of the tenement; registered in the Town Court books, 14 April 1748. There are accounts here from Charles Bruce, glazier, James Herriot, wright, John Watson, slater, Patrick Jamieson, mason, Alexander Fairbairn, smith and George Norie, painter, for work carried out in 1748 totalling £18 8s 3d Stg. Alexander Fairbairn's account was submitted late and cognosed on 22 March 1749. George Norie painted the stair & raills and 2 doors oil gray. There is a measure of the wright work by John Yeatts. There is also a note her from John Crawford, candlemaker dated 12 September 1747, (used to take notes) in which he asks for subsistence from the Incorporation for himself and his wife '... all that I can do in the Summer is to spin Tow and what is got by that is but a small subsistence for an old man and his wife and cannot afford anything to buy clothes, the winter now being coming on...'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 March 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 16 November 1748.

PETITIONER: The heritors of Pitcarlie's land.

SITE: High Street, Pitcarlie's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair a lintel.

NOTES: The lintel on the east side of the entry to the tenement and some lintels in a laigh shop in the entry to the Close show signs of cracking. There is a full copy of the warrant here. See warrant granted 11 April 1750 for the accounts for this work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 March 1749.

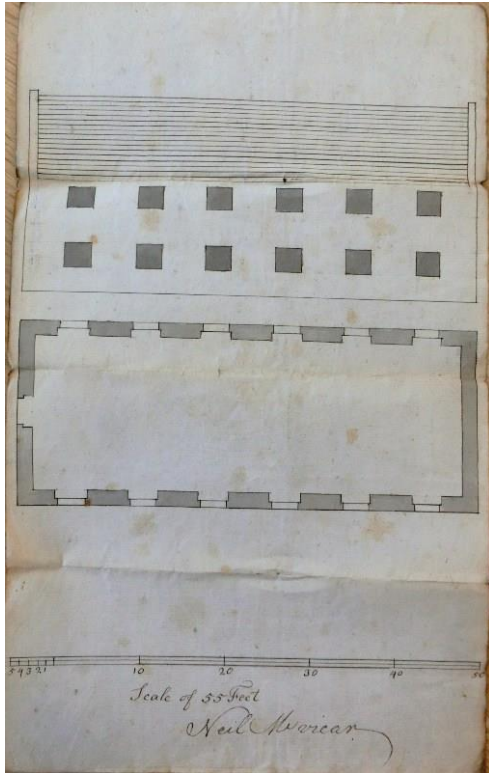
PETITION LODGED: 15 February 1749.

PETITIONER: Neil McVicar, merchant.

SITE: Bristo, in the garden south of Lord Newhall's house.

PROPOSAL: To build a manufactory.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 32.0 x 19.5 cms.

BOX: 1749/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 April 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 6 February 1749.

PETITIONER: Thomas Mylne, mason.

SITE: High Street, north side, at the Cross, William Richardson's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose an account for repairs to chimney heads.

NOTES: The account is for work carried out in September 1748 and lists the work carried out in properties occupied by William Richardson, Lord Drummore, Mrs. Dalrymple, James Armour, Mr. Munro, surgeon, Mrs. Scott, Archibald Blair, Yaxly Davidson, Mr. Espline and Patrick Crichton. There is a copy of the full warrant here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 April 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 12 April 1749.

PETITIONER: Patrick Blair, wig maker.

SITE: High Street, back of Johns Coffee house.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof.

NOTES: The property belongs to the heirs of John Learmont, merchant and they cannot agree among themselves who is responsible for repairs. See warrant granted 30 August 1749.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 April 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 15 February 1749.

PETITIONER: David Anderson, Deacon of the Hatters.

SITE: St. Mary's Wynd, west side, waste ground.

PROPOSAL: To build a house.

NOTES: John Davidson, Clerk of the Court of Justiciary petitioned the Court (in a very high handed manner) on behalf of the Marquis of Tweeddale, claiming that David Anderson's proposal would encroach on his garden wall and the windows would look into his garden. The warrant gave the petitioner permission to take down the old wall and rebuild it, but without any windows. A note on the front of the petition records the borrowing of the plan.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1749/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 April 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 11 April 1749.

PETITIONER: James Mansfield, merchant.

SITE: High Street, opposite the Luckenbooths.

PROPOSAL: To build a stair.

NOTES: The property had been purchased from the deceased James Graham of Airth, advocate and the petitioner wished to take away the stair in the outer court and replace it with a stair leading to the different apartments in the lodging, in a more convenient place.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1749/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 April 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 26 March 1747.

PETITIONER: George Bairnsfather, plumber.

SITE: Parliament Close, south side, above the Post Office.

PROPOSAL: Claim for payment for work carried out.

NOTES: The Court took a year to make its first response and finally found in favour of the petitioner. He claimed against Thomas Tulloch, writer, Ronald Campbell of Kames, Lachlan Hunter, bookseller, The Earl of Aberdeen and the relict of (blank) Bogle, WS, occupiers of garrets in the tenement. There are accounts here and various answers and arguments from some of the defenders.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 April 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 17 January 1749.

PETITIONER: William Galloway, cork cutter.

SITE: Cowgate, foot of Peebles Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner is a creditor to the deceased William Moffat, writer (lawyer) and is possessor of the tenement in terms of a decret of Maills and Duties. He also cites Peter Moffat, son of the deceased James Moffat, candlemaker and uncle to the said William Moffat and elder brother of the deceased Patrick Moffat, candlemaker. There is a letter of supplement here calling Peter Moffat who resides outside the jurisdiction of the Court. A warrant was granted to carry out the repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 April 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 21 March 1749.

PETITIONER: James Thomson, merchant in Leith and Alexander Innes, merchant with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, Shore.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner explained that he owned a large stone tenement with a garden behind and that he had let to Alexander Innes. The north wall was planted with

Jessamine (jasmine) and he had cut it down to increase its girth. John Dunnet, cooper in Leith had taken advantage of this to reopen an old window in his property looking into the garden. The Court found in favour of the petitioner and ordered the window to be built up.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 April 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 22 March 1749.

PETITIONER: James McNeill, distiller.

SITE: Cowgate head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner holds a tack or lease from Adam Kennedy of Romano for seven years after Whitsunday next. The tenement is in poor condition and the owner refuses to carry out repairs. The Court ordered the repairs, listed in a report here, to be carried out and declared a debt.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 April 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 7 March 1749.

PETITIONER: David Strachan, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Shore, foot of the Burgess Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement in stone and brick.

NOTES: The Court granted the warrant to build on the old foundations but they had the area measured and specified the distance from the quay at 24 ft from the north corner and 32ft from the south corner.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of a three story house.

Size: 44.0 x 32.0 cms.

BOX: 1749/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 May 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 22 March 1749.

PETITIONER: James Wemyss, late clerk to the Post Office.

SITE: High Street, Barrengers Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The property has a platform roof covered in lead but the rafters are now rotten. Other repairs are listed here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 May 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 28 April 1749.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Campbell: Cicilia Cutler, spouse to James Campbell, goldsmith.

SITE: Castlehill.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the pavement in the Close.

NOTES: The petitioner is curatrix for Lucy Johnston, her daughter. She has a warrant from the Court (immediately below) to finish a house belonging to her daughter and which has been let to Lord Rae's daughter but the lady complains about the condition of the pavement. She wishes to relay it at her daughter's expence.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 May 1749.

PETITION LODGED: Not given.

PETITIONER: Lucy Johnston, daughter of the deceased Andrew Johnston, druggist with consent of her mother, Cicilia Cutler.

SITE: Castlehill.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof of a tenement and to finish a new building.

NOTES: The petitioner's grandfather, Edward Cutler died before completing his warrant for the new house. The Court granted a warrant for both. See warrant granted 7 August 1751 (Butter) for the accounts for the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 May 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 3 May 1749.

PETITIONER: David and James Young, merchants in Glasgow and James Brown, bookseller there and William Wilson, writer, their factor.

SITE: High Street, Burnett's Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The property is occupied by Thomas Inglis, wright, John Malloch, tailor, William Mclean, mason and (blank) Fraser, cowfeeder. There is a note of the repairs needed here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 May 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 28 April 1749.

PETITIONER: Robert MacKlellan, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith, foot of the Paunch Market.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and have it valued.

NOTES: A jury of local men was appointed (listed here) and they agreed that the repairs were necessary and valued the property at £65 Stg. There is a copy of the full warrant here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 June 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 14 June 1749.

PETITIONER: Alexander Hutton, merchant and Thomas Purdie, journeyman mason.

SITE: Borthwick's Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To take down a side wall, remove an outside stair and build an internal stair.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 June 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 10 May 1749.

PETITIONER: Rt. Hon. Lord Hayning, William Carmichael and others.

SITE: High Street, Riddles land.

PROPOSAL: To repair the street pavement between Riddles land and Forresters Wynd.

NOTES: There are lists of the proprietors here and the signatures of some.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 June 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 17 August 1748.

PETITIONER: George Campbell, 'His Majesty's wright'.

SITE: High Street, Foulis Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner had a warrant to repair the house purchased by the Earl of Roseberry and his trustees and he has carried out the work and submitted the accounts. He is now being pressed by the current occupier, Martin Eccles, surgeon apothecary who states that he had the warrant twelve months ago and the repairs have not been carried out.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 June 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 30 May 1749.

PETITIONER: The Countess of Balcarres, widow of the Earl of Balcarres.

SITE: High Street, Dicksons Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of nasty water.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to the windows in tenements in Kinlochs and cants Closes being trellised to prevent the throwing out of water, they have '...of late failzied' and the water and accumulated rubbish is in danger of undermining her property. All of the defenders are listed here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 June 1749.

PETITION LODGED:

PETITIONER: John Watson, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Cowgate, near the Meal Market.

PROPOSAL: To repair a laigh house.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 June 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 19 April 1749.

PETITIONER: James Archibald, tanner in Portsburgh.

SITE: Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: To build a bark mill.

NOTES: The petitioner has right to the tannery by disposition from Janet Lawrie, his spouse. It previously belonged to the deceased Thomas Lawrie, tanner, his wife's brother. He wishes to erect a bark mill and as the work was entirely within his property, he had begun to dig foundations. In the course of this he found that a watercourse had been changed by Thomas Hill, tanner, his neighbour on the west who is a tenant of the Incorporation of Tailors. The Court ordered the defender to alter the watercourse.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 June 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 1 May 1749.

PETITIONER: Robert Selkraig, merchant.

SITE: West Bow, west side, at the downmost turn.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sewer or drain.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1749.

PETITIONER: Heritors of Pitcarlie's land.

SITE: High Street, Pitcarlies land.

PROPOSAL: To build a supporting wall.

NOTES: The petitioners have repaired some pillars on the north side of their tenement on a warrant granted 8 March 1749 but they have found that the south gable is founded on a wall about nine inches thick and upon a dormant of timber, which makes it insufficient. They propose building a supporting wall of rough broached work, bonded with the present thin wall up to the timber dormont.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 July 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 6 June 1749.

PETITIONER: James Thomson, merchant.

SITE: Grassmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Hall and his daughter, Agnes Hall who have begun making repairs to an outshot. It projects six feet into the street and obstructs the view of the petitioner's shop. He points out that all such projections are contrary to the Act of Building which orders their removal whenever they need to be repaired. The Court ordered its removal as '... no length of time can give right to...'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 July 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 28 April 1749.

PETITIONER: Robert Simpson, writer and doer for William Crawford junior, merchant in Glasgow.

SITE: Milns Court, at (opposite) the Bowhead.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The property was occupied by Dean of Guild Thomas Allan. There are accounts here from Charles Mack, mason, Charles Bruce, glazier, Thomas Dunlop, wright (two accounts) and William Spence, painter with a measure of the painter work by William Eizatt, ordained measurer. Total

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 July 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1749.

PETITIONER: John Mein, slater.

SITE: High Street, Allan's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an obstruction.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Fairholm, merchant who is erecting a timber division for coal beside the petitioner's entrance.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 August 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 12 July 1749.

PETITIONER: Thomas Paton, merchant and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, Brown's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Brown bookseller, Alexander Smiton, book binder and George Stevenson, wright who have erected a timber toofall without a warrant. This is being used in the early hours of the morning (4 am) with loud banging which shakes the petitioner's windows. George Stevenson admitted that he had built the shade without a warrant and Alexander Smiton admitted that he was using the toofall to beating his books. In answers for Mrs. Brown she states that the shade is no more than a yard square on her own property and against her wall where her tenant beats his books on a stone erected within the shade. She refers to her title being a disposition dated 1686 by John Lessels to Thomas Brown her husband's father. The

petition was refused on 19 July 1749 but the petitioner entered a reclaiming petition on 25 July and the Court decided on 2 August to allow proofs to be taken regarding the potential danger to the gable from the beating. No further action noted here.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 August 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 26 July 1749.

PETITIONER: Patrick Hutcheson, copper smith.

SITE: The Bell house Close (Castle Hill).

PROPOSAL: To repair and rebuild a ruinous house at the foot of the Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 August 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 18 July 1749.

PETITIONER: Thomas Miln, mason.

SITE: Signet office door.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Arbuthnot so of the deceased Thomas Arbuthnot, merchant and writer (lawyer) who refuses to pay an account dated 17 February 1743 to lay a platt of a stair before the Signet office door measuring 20 ft at 1s per foot, £1 8s tg. The defender was summoned twice but did not attend and was found against for the sum stated.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 August 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 26 July 1749.

PETITIONER: John Moubray, wigmaker in Bristo.

SITE: Potterrow.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild ruinous houses.

NOTES: The petitioner had recently purchased the property from Henry Guthrie, writer and it belonged previously to James Middleton, wright.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 August 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 2 August 1749.

PETITIONER: William Reoch, wright.

SITE: Carrubbers Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To build a workshop in a wright's yard.

NOTES: The Court granted a warrant requesting that he put on a square roof and not a shade roof as in the plan.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1749/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 August 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 26 July 1749.

PETITIONER: Thomas Jamieson, skinner.

SITE: Cons Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To replace a roof.

NOTES: The petitioner has a hay loft which he altered 10 years ago. It no longer holds enough hay and he wishes to raise the walls and put on a square roof.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 August 1749.

PETITION LODGED: Before 20 June 1749.

PETITIONER: Patrick Blair, wig maker.

SITE: High Street, back of Johns Coffee house.
PROPOSAL: Cognosing accounts for repairs to the roof.
NOTES: See warrant granted 19 April 1759 (Blair). There are accounts here from George Syme, slater, Henry Antonius, wright with measures of the work by John Antonius, wright. There are depositions here by John Willson aged 49 and John Smyth aged 36, both journeyman wrights who stated that they were employed by Henry Antonius on the work and they describes what they did. Also from John Thomson, slater aged 59, servant to George Syme and George Millar, journeyman slater aged 42 who was employed on the work. There were arguments over who was responsible for payment.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/37
WARRANT GRANTED: 6 September 1749.
PETITION LODGED: 6 September 1749.
PETITIONER: Janet Drummond, relict of George Main, jeweller, Dougal Ged, goldsmith, Patrick Jamieson, mason, having a mandate from Thomas Wright of (blank) and Alexander Guthrie, limner.
SITE: High Street, Byres Close.
PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement demolished by order of the Court.
NOTES: There must have been a previous action in the Court, recorded here with a measure of the ground dated 11 August 1749. The plan is noted as having been borrowed on 13 September.
DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1749/38
WARRANT GRANTED: 6 September 1749.
PETITION LODGED: 6 September 1749.
PETITIONER: Thomas Trotter, merchant.
SITE: West Bow, near the head, Cramond's land.
PROPOSAL: To repair vents and reduce the height of a wall.
NOTES: Andrew Bell, merchant was cited as the proprietor of another tenement at the head of the Bow, south of the petitioner's property.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/39
WARRANT GRANTED: 29 September 1749.
PETITION LODGED: 27 September 1749.
PETITIONER: James Gordon, tenant in Keil.
SITE: Portsburgh, north side of the High Street.
PROPOSAL: To rebuild the front of a tenement.
NOTES: The petitioner's property had a projecting forestair and he is currently rebuilding the fore wall and wished to rebuild the stair. The Court allowed him to continue building the wall bot forbade him from building the forestair.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/40
WARRANT GRANTED: 8 November 1749.
PETITION LODGED: 17 October 1749.
PETITIONER: Colin Alison, wright.
SITE: Potterrow, east side.
PROPOSAL: To build houses.
NOTES: The petitioner has purchased some houses and an area of ground from (blank, John?) Adam, architect. He has also purchased a piece of ground on the east of this from Lady Nicolson, on both of which he intends building houses and a shade to hold timber to the north of them. There are answers here by Robert Gray (the Procurator Fiscal) on behalf of Lady Nicolson dated 25 October 1749, stating that she had sold the petitioner half an acre of ground and he having made sundry encroachments on her including an attempt to throw an easing drop on her property, she raised two processes before the Sherriffs of Edinburgh against him. He claims that no procedure in the Dean

of Guild Court should prejudge these. The Court allowed the petitioner to build several houses and lodgings according to a plan lodged. There is a full copy of the warrant here.

DRAWINGS: mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1749/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 November 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 30 August 1749.

PETITIONER: Alexander Campbell, brewer, James Stewart, writer and John Campbell, tailor.

SITE: Bells Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of nastiness.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a ruinous tenement to the north of his which was purchased many years ago by James Cathcart of Carbiston. It was a special condition of the articles of roup (sale) that the tenement was to have been rebuilt within three years. This was not done by James Cathcart or his son, Colonel James Cathcart but they did rebuild the front of it with a stone wall six or seven feet high. Neighbours in the tenement to the north, also belonging to Col. James, have thrown out their kitchen nastiness and this almost fills the space behind the wall. See a previous warrant granted 20 April 1737 (Campbell) for remedy of the same complaint. The Court ordered the removal of the rubbish and allowed the petitioner to undertake the work and have the cost applied as a debt to Col. Cathcart's property. There is a letter of supplement here calling Col. Cathcart.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 November 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 1 November 1749.

PETITIONER: Andrew Deuchar, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, Marlins Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner is trustee for Thomas Heriot, late Dean of Guild and his whole estate conform to a disposition dated 2 September 1747. He refers to a Decree of Adjudication obtained by Thomas Heriot against Simon Bennet, eldest son of the deceased James Bennet, merchant to enter heir in general and special to his said father dated 7 February 1744. This included the tenement in question which belonged of old to Francis Glenfan of Auchtyre. The property is occupied by Deacon Waugh, baxter (baker) and there is a note of the work required.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted petitions.

BOX: 1749/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 February 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 1 February 1749.

PETITIONER: Charles Burnet, gilder.

PROPOSAL: Unfree trader. NOTES: The petitioner states that he has abroad for thirty years and having returned, was summoned to appear as an unfree trader. He is the son of George Burnet, school master in Canongate and he served an apprenticeship with Henry Hue, gilder and therefore presumes that he has a right to enter but not having access yet to his father's papers he asks for a delay in the process. (In fact Charles Burnet worked at Newhailes house over a long period in 1744, so there must be some doubt regarding his statement about being abroad).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 February 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 10 February 1749 (no warrant).

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, writer (the Procurator Fiscal).

SITE: Luckenbooths.

PROPOSAL: To build a vent to his shop.

NOTES: The petitioner is proprietor of a shop occupied by (blank) Napier, merchant. He wishes to open a vent for his convenience. The property above is occupied by Catherine Brown, relict of Mr. Johns, dancing master and her sisters, who objected to the proposal.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 July 1749 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 12 July 1749.

PETITIONER: James Nicol, freeman trunkmaker and the Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an unfree tradesman.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Russell, late servant to Robert Wood, trunkmaker who for the past five or six years, since his master went abroad, has carried on the trade of making and selling trunks. There is a letter here from Robert Wood to William Russell, 'journeyman trunkmaker' dated 19 April 1748 in which he empowers him as his foreman, to make trunks and other work and to employ journeymen to carry on his work in his absence.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 August 1749 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 25 July 1749.

PETITIONER: James McNeill, distiller and peter Fyfe, stabler.

SITE: Grassmarket, south side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a stair and take down the top two stories of a pair of contiguous tenements.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1749/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 August 1749.

PETITION LODGED: 4 February 1747.

PETITIONER: James Mack, mason.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite the Main Guard in the westmost new building.

PROPOSAL: Claim for payment for work carried out in November 1732.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Armour, WS who defends himself by stating that all the accounts for the work have been paid. In another response he argues that the accounts should have been presented within three years of the last article in the account and that the petitioner only applied two days before the three years expired. There are further arguments of a similar nature. There are a number of accounts here, in some of which the petitioner employed William Miller, Michael Nasmith and Matthew Kidd, all masons to carry out some of the work. The original petition is missing and all information here is taken from the surviving papers.

DRAWINGS: None.

1750

The Court Officers from 25 October 1749:

Dean of Guild

Robert Montgomery

Council

James Stuart Old Dean of Guild

James Napier, merchant

John Dunsmuir, merchant

Charles Butter, wright

James Veitch, glazier

James Syme, slater

Procurator Fiscal, Robert Gray

Clerk of the Court, Thomas Alves or his clerk, John Patison

Dean of Guild Officer, Robert Mein and John Robertson

BOX: 1750/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 January 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 22 November 1749.

PETITIONER: Hugh Forbes, advocate.

SITE: High Street, Gladstone's land and James's Court.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of foul water.

NOTES: The petitioner lives in the Close which divides his house from Gladstones land and the east side of James's Square. The occupiers of these properties throw out their water and nastiness onto the roof of the petitioner's property. The Court ordered the windows to be trellised.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 January 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 28 November 1749.

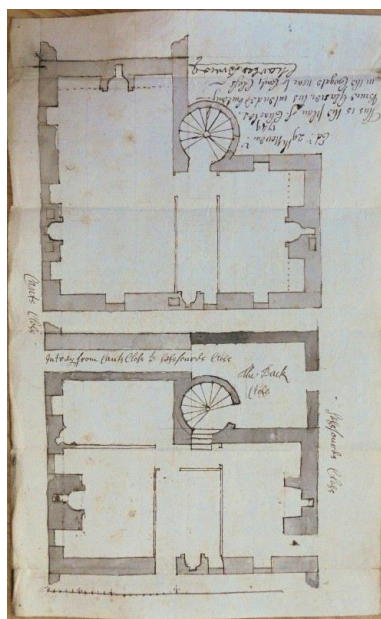
PETITIONER: Charles Bruce, glazier.

SITE: Cowgate, north side, between Cants Close and Gosfords Close..

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from Andrew Ker, tenant in Whitmuirhall by disposition dated 4 July 1738. There was a dispute with John Kennedy, surgeon, neighbour on the south.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of two floors.

Size: 30.0 x 18.7 cms.

BOX: 1750/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 February 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 11 January 1749.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about broken pavement.

NOTES: The complaint was raised in January 1749 by a group of heritors and was taken up by the Procurator Fiscal. He identified the pavement between Harts Close to Thomas More's Close, from Baillie Inglis's shop to Johns Coffee house, from Mary Kings Close to Warriston's Close, from Baillie Mansfield's stair to Young and Trotter's stair to the entry to Gavinloch's land and from Thomas Gardiner's stair to (blank) Cuddier's shop and opposite to Mr. Hedderwick, baxter his shop. There are detailed lists here of all the proprietors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 February 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 24 January 1750.

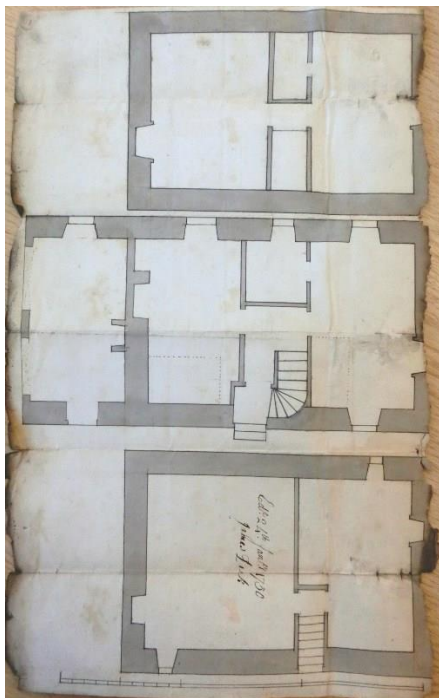
PETITIONER: James Dick, journeyman mason.

SITE: Jackson's Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: Alterations and repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from John Home, writer (lawyer).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of three floors.

Size: 37.0 x 22.3 cms.

BOX: 1750/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 February 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 14 February 1750.

PETITIONER: James Lithgow, merchant.

SITE: Grassmarket, north side, west of the castle Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased a group of tenements at the public roup or sale of the property of the deceased William Robertson, belt maker on 23 January 1749, registered in the Court books of Edinburgh, 29 January 1750. The property was sold by Thomas Robertson, trustee for his creditors and after a visit, was valued by the Court at £180stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 February 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 31 January 1750.

PETITIONER: James Shanks, servant to James McNeil, distiller.

SITE: Cowgate head, foot of Candlemaker Row.

PROPOSAL: To cognoze accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The property stood opposite the Greyfriar's Churchyard and belonged to Thomas Kennedy of Romana. The petitioner has a lease for seven years and he refers to a warrant granted 19 April 1749 to carry out the work. There are accounts here from James Mack junior, mason (£6 8s 8d), George Watson, painter (£1 1s. He painted the outside of six sash windows white in oil, twice over), Thomas Lethim, smith (19s 8d), Thomas Reikie, glazier (£2 15s 9d), James Heriot, wright (20 1s 6d) with a measure of the wright work by John Yeatts, wright and of the mason work by John Antonius, wright.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 February 1750.

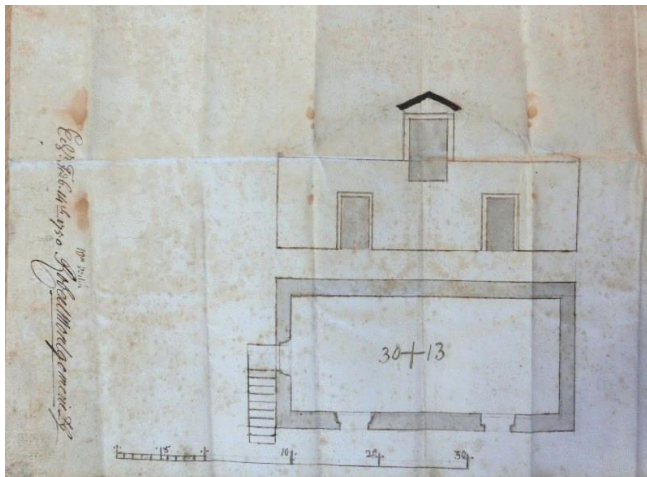
PETITION LODGED: 12 February 1750.

PETITIONER: William Veitch, stabler.

SITE: Cowgate head.

PROPOSAL: To build on waste ground.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation and plan of a single story building with attic.

Size: 31.3 x 40.2 cms.

BOX: 1750/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 March 1750.

PETITION LODGED:

PETITIONER: James Shearer barber and wigmaker.

SITE: Halkerstons Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To repair and heighten his tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner has a mutual gable with Alexander Newlands, skinner on the north and he wishes to build as high as the Act will allow (five stories).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 March 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 14 March 1750.

PETITIONER: John Watson, slater.

SITE: Stevenlaws Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: To make minor repairs. He petitioned the Court again on 25 April, asking to make repairs to the roof. He was granted a warrant (here) on 2 May 1750.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 March 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 28 February 1750.

PETITIONER: Robert Forrester, merchant.

SITE: High Street, Haliburton's land and Caithness land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about stones and pricks falling from the neighbouring vents.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Tod, merchant, John Hamilton, shoemaker and Mrs. Ancrum, proprietors of Caithness land.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 March 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 7 February 1750.

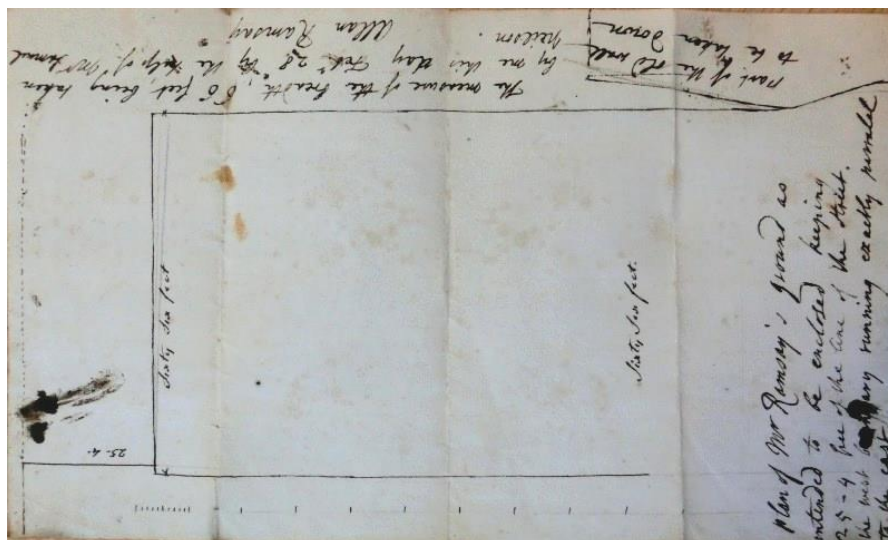
PETITIONER: Alan Ramsay of Kinkell (painter).

SITE: Castlehill, north side.

PROPOSAL: To build a boundary wall and entrance.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a property fronting the Castlehill, adjacent to a tenement belonging to Francis Charteris of Amisfield, that had fallen down and only parts remained. He wished to make a boundary and new entrance to his property which '...will be made more agreeable to the view and prospect of every person resorting to the Castlehill and particularly to the gentlemen and ladies of the first rank who from the nature of your petitioner's business, resort daily to his house'. The petitioner tried to enclose slightly more than his titles allowed and this provoked a response from Lord Mark Ker, Governor of Edinburgh Castle. He wrote to William Grant, His Majesty's Advocate for Scotland on 29 April 1749 asking him to decide on Mr. Ramsay's rights '... it is neither my intention to suffer any of his Majesty's property committed to my care to be invaded, nor to out any private man to the trouble and expence of a law proceeding...' There is a note here from Ramsay to Archibald Blair his lawyer, following a letter from the Lord Advocate to him of 18 May 1749 from London, which is full of compromise and advice '... in case we had been disposed to litigate for a few ells of ground which can be of much more use to you than to the Castle, But such litigation I never encourage any private client to pursue, and think it far less becoming the Crown or its officers to be vexatiously straining a point of law for a trifle... your entry surrounded by a low wall will rather be an ornament to it and the shrubs or statues or whatever you put there will be more agreeable objects to the people walking than the dunghills that stood there formerly...' There is an opinion here which gives a brief history of the ruined tenement.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area to be enclosed.

Size: 18.6 x 30.8 cms.

Draughtsman: Alan Ramsay.

BOX: 1750/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 March 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 13 March 1750.

PETITIONER: James Norie, painter.

SITE: Highway leading from the foot of Halkerstons Wynd to Leith Wynd and the College Kirk, south side.

PROPOSAL: To enclose an area.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased some houses, a yard and a 'tail of property' from Elizabeth Telfer, daughter of the deceased Captain Robert Telfer of the City Guard. The area is bounded on the east by the property and tail of ground belonging to John McIntosh, brushmaker and on the west by Grays Close at the Bishop land and the houses and enclosure belonging to Charles Butter, wright. There is a full copy of the warrant here with a description of the property purchased.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 March 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 7 February 1750.

PETITIONER: James Drummond, merchant.

SITE: High Street, near the Netherbow, back of the Fountainwell.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: See warrant granted 29 August 1750 (Herriot) for the accounts for this work.

There is a note of the required work here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 April 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 27 March 1750.

PETITIONER: Lady Ker, relict of Lord Charles Ker, Director of His Majesty's Chancery.

SITE: Cowgate.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to her property.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Forrest of Commistoun who has allowed his adjoining property to fall into decay and for rubbish to accumulate in the Close, which collects water.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 April 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 28 March 1750.

PETITIONER: John Wardrop, writer, factor for James Watson of Saughton.

SITE: Various: Lawnmarket, Bells Wynd, Potterrow.

PROPOSAL: To repair properties.

NOTES: The petitioner acquired right to the property of Helen Cunningham, daughter of the deceased George Cunningham, barber by a Decreet of Maills and Duties dated 7 July and 9 November 1742 and 12 January 1744. There is a long list here of the occupiers of the various properties and repairs needed, most of them in Bells Wynd.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 April 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 14 March 1750.

PETITIONER: The heritors of Pitcarlie's land.

SITE: High Street, Pitcarlie's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: See warrant granted 8 March 1749 (Heritors). There are accounts here from Samuel Neilson, mason, William McVey, wright with measures of the work by John Yeatts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 May 1750.

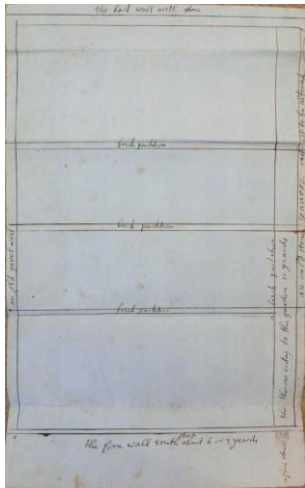
PETITION LODGED: 25 April 1750.
PETITIONER: Baron Maul, Alexander Ramsay, slater and David Ireland, merchant.
SITE: Canongate, Panmure's Close.
PROPOSAL: To lay pavement and gutter stones.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/18
WARRANT GRANTED: 2 May 1750.
PETITION LODGED: 2 April 1750.
PETITIONER: Archibald Campbell, brewer.
SITE: Grassmarket, south side.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about lack of repairs.
NOTES: The complaint is against William Bruce, later brewer, now merchant, who granted the petitioner a lease on a substantial brewery on 21 October 1735, registered in the Edinburgh Court books, 6 April 1741. The petitioner states that agreed repairs have not been carried out. In answers the defender refers to the tack '... which I was very unluckily and unwarily led... to grant to the petitioner...' After considerable argument, the Court found the repairs should have been carried out. See further warrant granted 18 September 1751 (Campbell).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/19
WARRANT GRANTED: 23 May 1750.
PETITION LODGED: 2 May 1750.
PETITIONER: James Taylor, WS, William Miller, bookseller and John Dingwall, writer.
SITE: High Street, Merlin's Wynd, head.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about a nuisance.
NOTES: The complaint is against John Watson, poultryman who keeps a fire constantly in a celler beneath the petitioner's property, with a window as a vent.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/20
WARRANT GRANTED: 30 May 1750.
PETITION LODGED: 23 May 1750.
PETITIONER: Mrs. Sheills; (blank) Wightman, relict of Thomas Sheills, writer (lawyer).
SITE: West Bow.
PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/21
WARRANT GRANTED: 8 June 1750.
PETITION LODGED: 16 May 1750.
PETITIONER: Roger Parkinson, clockmaker in the Abbey.
SITE: North Leith.
PROPOSAL: To rebuild a ruinous tenement.
NOTES: The petitioner wishes to rebuild his tenement but he cannot undertake it himself. He has employed tradesmen to undertaken the work and claim the rents to pay for this. See further warrants for this undertaking, 14 June (Parkinson), 10 July and 4 October 1751 (Johnstone).
DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.
Size: 30.0 x 18.7 cms.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.
Size: 37.2 x 22.0 cms.
Architect: (John Yeatts).

BOX: 1750/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 June 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 30 May 1750.

PETITIONER: John, Marquess of Tweeddale.

SITE: St. Mary's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Anderson, hatter who applied to the Court to build on the line of the petitioner's garden in 1749. He was granted a warrant allowing him to take down part of the garden wall as long as he rebuilt it in stone and without any windows. The defender has broken this condition by inserting two windows. The Court ordered the windows to be built up.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1750.

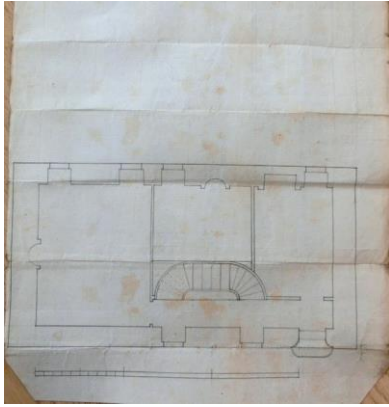
PETITION LODGED: 8 June 1750.

PETITIONER: James Armour, WS.

SITE: High Street, Close opposite the Guard, immediately below the new Bank Close.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a ruinous tenement on the old foundations.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.
Size: 21.0 x 19.0 cms.

BOX: 1750/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 June 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 21 February 1750.

PETITIONER: Thomas Mirtle, brewer.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, head of Adamson's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a malt bark and kiln.

NOTES: The Incorporation of Tailors of Edinburgh objected to the proposal and complained that no plans had been submitted. A plan was produced in 2 May. They complained again on 4 May that the petitioner was now quarrying beside their garden wall which threatened to bring it down. On 8 June the Court received an objection to the proposal by the Earl of Galloway, Dr. John Clerk, Lady Charles Kerr, Robert McKlintoch, writer as trustee for the Ministers widows, William Thomson, writer, Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto, the Incorporation and William Reock, wright. They pointed out that they '...have of late years been at vast charge and expences in Beautifying the Citie by the several Considerable buildings they have made in Horse Wynd and contiguous thereto'. They argue in relation to the proposed barn and kiln that '...there can be nothing more nauseous to your petitioner's buildings, of far greater value than any small spot of ground Mr. Mirtle pretends right to, and surely nothing more dangerous and hazardful by fyre that may too often happen by such kilns'. The Court refused this petition and granted the warrant. See warrants granted 10 July 1751 (Reoch), 26 February (Ker) and 5 August 1752 (Myrtle).

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1750/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 June 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 14 February 1750.

PETITIONER: James Lithgow, merchant.

SITE: Grassmarket, north side.

PROPOSAL: Request for a visit and inspection.

NOTES: The petitioner has demolished some old houses and asks for guidance on the correct line of the front to be rebuilt. He also complains that the gables of tenements on both sides are in a dangerous condition and his workmen cannot begin rebuilding. The Court appointed a jury. The gable of the tenement belonging to James Veitch, glazier on the east was ordered to be standarted and rebuilt.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 2 May 1750.

PETITIONER: Edward Lothian, goldsmith and others, proprietors.

SITE: High Street, north side, Gavinloch's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the tenement.

NOTES: The Court ordered repairs on 8 June 1750 and granted a warrant but on a further petition they granted a warrant on 27 June to Charles Mack, mason to carry out

the work. There is a report here on the necessary work including the removal of timber stoups from the chimney heads.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 13 June 1750.

PETITIONER: William Morison, of Craigleith and William Elliot jun., writer, his factor.

SITE: High Street, between marlins Wynd and Peebles Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof and to raise the walls.

NOTES: The petitioner was allowed to raise the walls by about 7 feet, according to a scheme produced. He believed that David Kinloch in the story below his should also be responsible for the repairs. There is a letter here from William Dallas (wright) to William Elliot at Lauriston which refers to his conversations with Lady Strathnaver and Patrick Boyle, Lord Shewalton about getting a warrant from the Dean of Guild. There is a copy here of a registered factory between William Morrison and William Elliot, from which it appears that Morrison paid lady Strathnaver and Lord Shewalton £100 stg. pa. for six years from 1750.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 8 June 1750.

PETITIONER: Robert McClellan, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith, foot of the Paunch Market.

PROPOSAL: To cognoze accounts for the repair of a tenement.

NOTES: Refers to a warrant granted 10 May 1749 to carry out repairs. The petitioner had right to the property by adjudication at the instance of Adam Thomson, merchant in Edinburgh against Robert White, proprietor of the houses. The petition was challenged by James Walker, previously writer, now merchant in Leith who was another creditor. There are accounts here from Thomas Miln, mason (£65 15s 7d), William Lyon, wright (£122), Patrick Crockat, slater (£29.9s 3d), Thomas Crawford, smith (£2 1s 8d disallowed, because it was said to be covered by the wright's account) William Petrie, smith (£2 3s 11d), Thomas Donald, smith (16s 9d) Robert Neilson, painter (£9 10s 6d) and Mungo Scott, glazier (£3 6s 7d), Total £233 2s 7d.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1749.

PETITIONER: Directors of the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance Society.

SITE: The City.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the number of stolen vents still in use.

NOTES: The petitioners carried out a survey of stolen vents (where one occupier of a property, most often a cellar, knocks through into the vent or chimney of another). They list of 19 that should be condemned. In a further letter dated 5 April 1750 the petitioners noted that the Court had ordered inspections and found 60 such vents between the corner of Parliament Close and the Tron Kirk. They asked for further inspections. There long lists here of people summoned to appear. The warrant of 27 June was granted on a petition by the Procurator Fiscal dated 20 June 1750.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 July 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 25 October 1749.

PETITIONER: James Marjoribanks, merchant.

SITE: Leith, Willie Waters Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Robertson, ship carpenter in Leith and Alexander Constable, mason who broke through the wall of the petitioner's workhouse

and erected a stone dividing wall on or about 19 October 1749. The defender had a right to the south half of a back Close, lying at the back of a land in Burgess Close. He has a Charter for this property from the Magistrates and he built a dyke to enclose his property. The Court ruled against the petitioner who made a further claim in October 1750, which was also dismissed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 July 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 27 June 1750.

PETITIONER: George Spence, flesher.

SITE: Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the use of stalls in the Fleshmarket.

NOTES: The petitioner has become a Burgess and asks for a stall previously used by an unfreeman, Adam Walker and before him by Gilbert Clerk. He then goes on to make observations on the way that different meats are sold in inappropriate parts of the market. Mutton and lamb were sold in the laigh marker and beef and veal in the upper market. The Court granted him use of the stall as long as he paid Adam Walker for repairs he carried out to it. James Williamson, Deacon of the Fleshers also applied for the use of Walker's stand on 20 June but he was refused. There is a copy here of Adam Walker's warrant for the use of his stand dated 28 January 1747 and a note from him dated 20 June to James Williamson, promising him use of the stand.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 July 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 12 June 1751.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason.

SITE: West Bow.

PROPOSAL: Seeking payment for work carried out.

NOTES: The petitioner seeks payment from Robert Russell, merchant who is a joint proprietor in the tenement with (blank) Wightman, relict of Thomas Sheills, writer (lawyer). The latter had a warrant for the repairs to the vents but Robert Russell has yet to pay his share. There is an account here from the petitioner and a measure of the work by John Yeatts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 16 May 1750.

PETITIONER: John Spratt (Pratt?), baxter (baker) in Leith.

SITE: Leith, head of Tolbooth Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To cognoze accounts for repairs.

NOTES: There are two copies of an account here for work carried out by Mr. Brockat, mason in Leith, but written in the hand of John Yeatts. There is also a measure of the work by Yeatts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 27 June 1750.

PETITIONER: William Forbes, WS and Andrew God, wright and other heritors.

SITE: High Street, entry to Parliament Close, east side, Blair's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about theft of lead.

NOTES: The petitioners wish to repair the roof, damaged by people climbing on it to steal the lead from the platforms. They also asked for all entries to the roof and all garret windows to be padlocked and the keys lodged with some faithful person. Sir James Dalrymple was one of the heritors and his factor agreed to the work but did not accept any liability for the cost.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 18 March 1745.

PETITIONER: John Montgomerie, wright.

SITE: Abbeyhill.

PROPOSAL: Seeking payment for work carried out.

NOTES: The petitioner sought payment from George Scott, writer (lawyer) for work carried out between April 1740 and March 1742, the account for £70 7s 6d, which is here. He sough £20 8s 1d as still outstanding. There were a number of properties involved. The action was challenged as being outside the jurisdiction of the Court and the defender sought arbitration but he died before August 1748 and the action continued against his children. There are a number of depositions here from tradesmen and others, some occupiers of the various properties. Of interest: James Gowans, late servant to the petitioner aged 33, married; John Somervell, journeyman wright and servant to the petitioner aged 60, married; James Gair, journeyman wright late servant etc. aged 40; David Lillie, journeyman wright aged 70, single; George Scott, journeyman wright aged 46, married

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 August 1750.

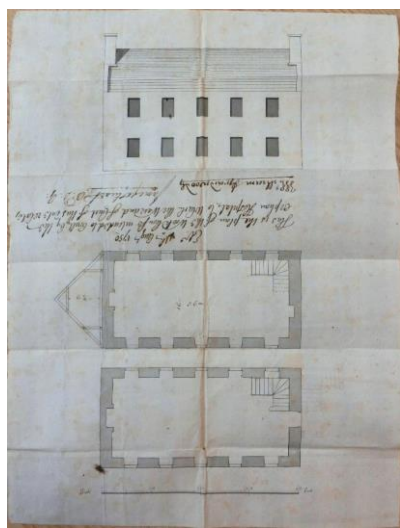
PETITION LODGED: 1 August 1750.

PETITIONER: The Managers of the Orphan Hospital.

SITE: Orphan Hospital park

PROPOSAL: To build a workhouse for the manufactures of the Hospital.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation, plans of two floors and section of the roof.

Size: 34.3 x 25.7 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Pencil additions – an external stair.

Watermark: Fleur de Lys

BOX: 1750/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 8 August 1750.

PETITIONER: William Johnston, smith and ferrier in Potterrow, Andrew Skeen, weaver, Simon Laurance, merchant, George Martin, merchant, Susanna Honeyman, widow of (blank) Phin, Ralph Viziern journeyman jeweller and goldsmith and others.

SITE: College Wynd, foot.

PROPOSAL: Repairs to a tenement of houses.

NOTES: The property belongs to the deceased Isobel Bickerton and the Court called William Wilson, writer (lawyer). The Court appointed a visit and the report of the tradesmen is here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 11 July 1750.

PETITIONER: John Moubray, wright, George Syme, slater, Alexander Boswall, painter and Charles Bruce, glazier.

SITE: High Street, Bess's Wynd, Scott's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The work was carried out on a warrant granted by the Court. The property belonged to Scott of Scotthall and there are accounts here from each of the petitioners for work carried out between May 1747 and July 1750 totalling £18 3s 2d Stg. plus expences of the action. With measures from John Antonius and John Yeatts dated 1749.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 15 August 1750.

PETITIONER: John Allan, baker and others, tenants of William Veitch of Frenchland.

SITE: Cowgate head.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild an oven.

NOTES: Charles Mack and Samuel Neilson, masons were asked to inspect the oven and report. The Court called William Veitch and the warrant ordered him to provide the materials for the repair. There is a note here dated 3 September 1750 from James Mack younger, mason stating that he saw no danger if the oven were to be rebuilt.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 8 August 1750.

PETITIONER: John Watson, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Cowgate, laigh house near the Mealmarket.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: Refers to a warrant granted 21 June 1749 which also included the house above his belonging to John Monro, musician. There are accounts from Thomas Mylne, mason, Thomas Sibbald, smith, James Herriot, wright and Robert Dewar, glazier totalling £14 0s 5d Stg. for work carried out in 1749.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 29 May 1750.

PETITIONER: William Thomson, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street (?) back of the Fountainwell.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about tenants.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Gibb, tailor and others.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 22 August 1750.

PETITIONER: William Galloway, cork cutter.

SITE: Cowgate, Peebles Wynd, foot. Also described as Sawers Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted on 19 April 1749 to carry out the repairs. He is a creditor to the deceased William Moffat, writer. There are accounts here from James Mack, junior, mason, Laurance Andrew, wright, John Watson, slater, William Richardson, smith, Robert Dewar, glazier and Alexander Miller, painter totalling £24 1s 9d Stg. with measures of the mason work by John Antonius, wright and of the wright work by John Yeatts, wright.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 22 August 1750.

PETITIONER: James Herriot, wright.

SITE: High Street, near the Netherbow, back of the Fountainwell.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: Refers to a warrant granted to James Drummond on 28 March 1750 to carry out the repairs. There are accounts here from the petitioner, James Syme, slater and Patrick Jamieson, mason totalling £22 8s Stg. with measures of the wright work by John Yeatts and of the slater work by Charles Mack, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 22 August 1750.

PETITIONER: James Syme, slater, Thomas Inglis, wright, Alexander Wilson, painter and Charles Bruce, glazier, William Richardson, smith, Robert Dewar, glazier and William Spence, painter.

SITE: High Street, Burnets Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: Refers to a warrant granted 10 May 1749. The property belonged to David and James Young, merchants in Glasgow, James Brown, bookseller there and William Wilson, writer their factor, as creditors to the heirs of (blank) Dick. There are accounts from the petitioners totalling £9 1s 9d Stg. with measures of the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 November 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 30 May 1750.

PETITIONER: James Lithgow, merchant.

SITE: Grassmarket.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild stables.

NOTES: The petitioner is taking down some ruinous houses and rebuilding them as an Inn. He had acquired right to the tenement belonging to James Veitch, glazier on the west of his property and he intended expanding into this. He wishes to demolish the stables associated with his purchase and rebuild them and at the same time enclose an area of garden behind it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 November 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 7 November 1750.

PETITIONER: John Medina, limner.

SITE: High Street, north side, near the Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the disrepair of his rented property.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he has been in possession of the property for many years and that it has now become the property of William Dewar, merchant. He has regularly paid his rent and notified Mr. Dewar on numerous occasions about the condition of the property but he has delayed making the repairs. '... to your petitioner's great hurt and detriment For his house qch [which] used to be the resort of the Nobility The Gentry & persons of distinction of both Sexes is now in a great measure abandoned and forsaken allenary by it being in the Condition as represented...' The Court ordered the repairs to begin within fourteen days and to be complete by 14 January. There is a report here on the property. See warrant granted 22 May 1751 (Medina) to cognose the accounts for the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 November 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 7 August 1750.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason.

SITE: None given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint over non payment for work.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Campbell, wright. There is an account here and a measure of the work by John Yeatts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 November 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 7 November 1750.

PETITIONER: Charles Inglis, Depute Clerk of the Bills and James Hunter, merchant in Queensferry.

SITE: High Street, Pearsons Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of foul water.

NOTES: The petitioners are proprietors of the Exchange Coffee House and their complaint is against Robert Fleeming, printer, John Oswald, coffee house keeper, Ludovick Grant, writer, James Balfour, coffee house keeper, William Johnston, wigmaker, Mrs Chalmers, relict of Roderick Chalmers, painter, Daniel Forbes, writer and John Shore, whipmaker. The foul water and ashes is falling on top of their cellars and a toofall belonging to James Hunter. The Court ordered the windows to be trellised up to the mid band and the warrant gives the number of windows and their position.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 November 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 21 February 1750.

PETITIONER: James Forrest of Comiestoun.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, Power's Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair and rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The property previously belonged to Laurence Power, then to Richard Alcorn, then to James Alcorn, his son. The Court granted a warrant for the repairs on 24 August but there were claims from a number of individuals on the property. After further petitions from Janet Steill and Thomas Myrtle and others, the Court had the property valued and granted a further warrant on 28 November, allowing the cost of repairs to be a debt on the property and registering the claims of the other petitioners.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/50

WARRANT GRANTED: (?) December 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 17 October 1750.

PETITIONER: Ann Nairne, relict of Captain Alexander Livingston, with George Millar, merchant.

SITE: High Street, Craigs Close, east side, Livingston's land, immediately below the new built tenement at the head of the Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing over of foul water and ashes.

NOTES: The complaint is against the occupiers of the new tenement and the Court ordered their windows to be trellised.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1750/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 February 1750 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Dougall Ged.

PROPOSAL: To repair a property and have it valued.

NOTES: Only the interlocutor survives and all of the information here is derived from it. It appears that the petitioner applied to repair a property belonging to James

Graham and purchase it from him at a valuation of £35 Stg. made by the Court.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 August 1750 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1750.

PETITIONER: William Russell, trunk maker in Pleasance.

PROPOSAL: To enter as Burgess.

NOTES: The petitioner asked for time to establish himself, having been employed by Robert Wood, trunk maker for two or three years. He offers to consign a guinea. This was followed by a petition from Francis Brodie as Boxmaster for the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel and the Procurator Fiscal complaining that William Russell was making and selling trunks. The Court noted that he had applied to become a Burgess.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 September 1750 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 7 September 1750.

PETITIONER: William Tod, merchant.

SITE: Castlehill.

PROPOSAL: To open a new entry.

NOTES: The petitioner has purchased an adjoining tenement and he wishes to open an entry between them.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 October 1750 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 7 August 1750.

PETITIONER: John Mellis, tacksman in the Flesh and lawn markets.

SITE: Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the administration of stalls in the Market.

NOTES: The petitioner has a tack from the Town for five years from Martinmas 1747. He has rights to all of the stalls except 18 which are used by freemen Fleshers and unfree Burgesses. He complains that there are arguments over which stalls are his and he asks the Court to have them clearly marked. There are three applications here for stalls from John Walker, Adam Walker and William Plumber, all fleshers.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the stalls in the laigh Fleshmarket annotated with the holders.

Size: 19.4 x 30.5 (irregular)

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The Court Officers from 25 October 1749:

Dean of Guild

Robert Montgomery

Council

James Stuart Old Dean of Guild

James Napier, merchant

John Dunsmuir, merchant

Charles Butter, wright

James Veitch, glazier

James Syme, slater

Dean of Guild Officer, Robert Mein and John Robertson

BOX: 1750/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 January 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 22 November 1749.

PETITIONER: Hugh Forbes, advocate.

SITE: High Street, Gladstone's land and James's Court.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of foul water.

NOTES: The petitioner lives in the Close which divides his house from Gladstones land and the east side of James's Square. The occupiers of these properties throw out their water and nastiness onto the roof of the petitioner's property. The Court ordered the windows to be trellised.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 January 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 28 November 1749.

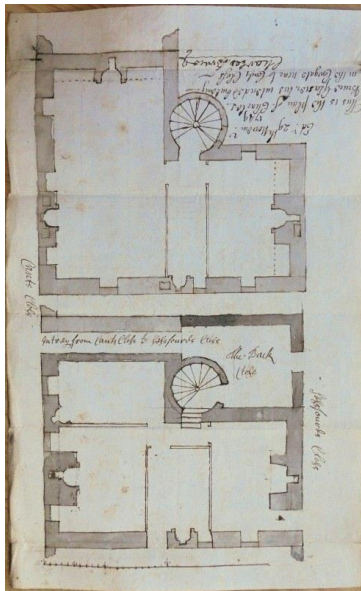
PETITIONER: Charles Bruce, glazier.

SITE: Cowgate, north side, between Cants Close and Gosfords Close..

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from Andrew Ker, tenant in Whitmuirhall by disposition dated 4 July 1738. There was a dispute with John Kennedy, surgeon, neighbour on the south.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of two floors.
Size: 30.0 x 18.7 cms.

BOX: 1750/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 February 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 11 January 1749.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about broken pavement.

NOTES: The complaint was raised in January 1749 by a group of heritors and was taken up by the Procurator Fiscal. He identified the pavement between Harts Close to Thomas More's Close, from Baillie Inglis's shop to Johns Coffee house, from Mary Kings Close to Warriston's Close, from Baillie Mansfield's stair to Young and Trotter's stair to the entry to Gavinloch's land and from Thomas Gardiner's stair to (blank) Cuddier's shop and opposite to Mr. Hedderwick, baxter his shop. There are detailed lists here of all the proprietors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 February 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 24 January 1750.

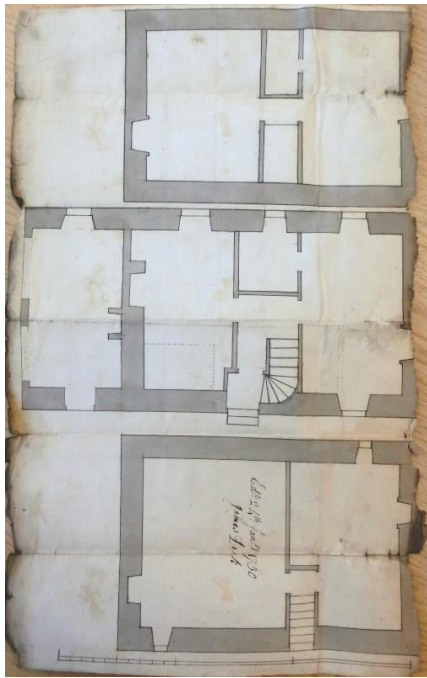
PETITIONER: James Dick, journeyman mason.

SITE: Jackson's Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: Alterations and repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from John Home, writer (lawyer).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of three floors.
Size: 37.0 x 22.3 cms.

BOX: 1750/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 February 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 14 February 1750.

PETITIONER: James Lithgow, merchant.

SITE: Grassmarket, north side, west of the castle Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased a group of tenements at the public roup or sale of the property of the deceased William Robertson, belt maker on 23 January 1749, registered in the Court books of Edinburgh, 29 January 1750. The property was sold by Thomas Robertson, trustee for his creditors and after a visit, was valued by the Court at £180stg.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 February 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 31 January 1750.

PETITIONER: James Shanks, servant to James McNeil, distiller.

SITE: Cowgate head, foot of Candlemaker Row.

PROPOSAL: To cognoze accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The property stood opposite the Greyfriar's Churchyard and belonged to Thomas Kennedy of Romana. The petitioner has a lease for seven years and he refers to a warrant granted 19 April 1749 to carry out the work. There are accounts here from James Mack junior, mason (£6 8s 8d), George Watson, painter (£1 1s. He painted the outside of six sash windows white in oil, twice over), Thomas Lethim, smith (19s 8d), Thomas Reikie, glazier (£2 15s 9d), James Heriot, wright (20 1s 6d) with a measure of the wright work by John Yeatts and of the mason work by John Antonius, wright.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 February 1750.

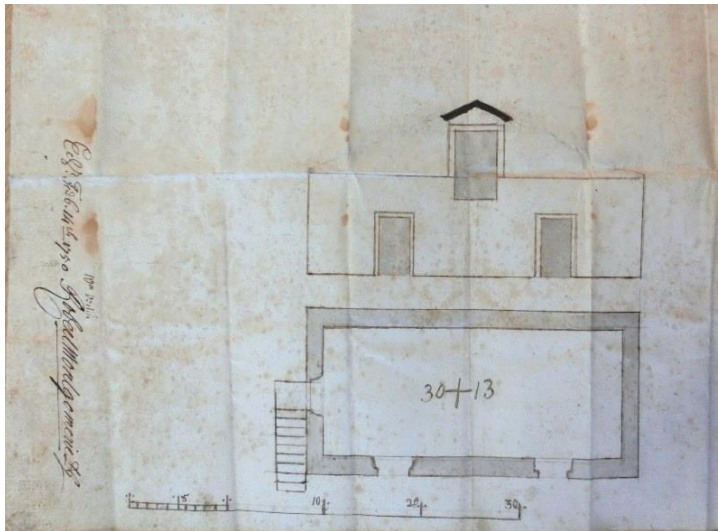
PETITION LODGED: 12 February 1750.

PETITIONER: William Veitch, stabler.

SITE: Cowgate head.

PROPOSAL: To build on waste ground.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation and plan of a single story building with attic.
Size: 31.3 x 40.2 cms.

BOX: 1750/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 March 1750.

PETITION LODGED:

PETITIONER: James Shearer barber and wigmaker.

SITE: Halkerstons Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To repair and heighten his tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner has a mutual gable with Alexander Newlands, skinner on the north and he wishes to build as high as the Act will allow (five stories).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 March 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 14 March 1750.

PETITIONER: John Watson, slater.

SITE: Stevenlaws Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: To make minor repairs. He petitioned the Court again on 25 April, asking to make repairs to the roof. He was granted a warrant (here) on 2 May 1750.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 March 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 28 February 1750.

PETITIONER: Robert Forrester, merchant.

SITE: High Street, Haliburton's land and Caithness land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about stones and pricks falling from the neighbouring vents.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Tod, merchant, John Hamilton, shoemaker and Mrs. Ancrum, proprietors of Caithness land.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 March 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 7 February 1750.

PETITIONER: Alan Ramsay of Kinkell (painter).

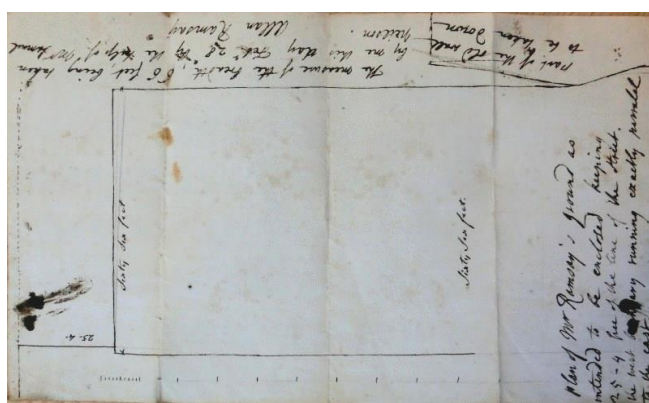
SITE: Castlehill, north side.

PROPOSAL: To build a boundary wall and entrance.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a property fronting the Castlehill, adjacent to a tenement belonging to Francis Charteris of Amisfield, that had fallen down and only parts remained. He wished to make a boundary and new entrance to his property which '...will be made more agreeable to the view and prospect of every person resorting to the Castlehill and particularly to the gentlemen and ladies of the first rank who from the nature of your petitioner's business, resort daily to his house'. The

petitioner tried to enclose slightly more than his titles allowed and this provoked a response from Lord Mark Ker, Governor of Edinburgh Castle. He wrote to William Grant, His Majesty's Advocate for Scotland on 29 April 1749 asking him to decide on Mr. Ramsay's rights '... it is neither my intention to suffer any of his Majesty's property committed to my care to be invaded, nor to out any private man to the trouble and expence of a law proceeding...' There is a note here from Ramsay to Archibald Blair his lawyer, following a letter from the Lord Advocate to him of 18 May 1749 from London, which is full of compromise and advice '... in case we had been disposed to litigate for a few ells of ground which can be of much more use to you than to the Castle, But such litigation I never encourage any private client to pursue, and think it far less becoming the Crown or its officers to be vexatiously straining a point of law for a trifle... your entry surrounded by a low wall will rather be an ornament to it and the shrubs or statues or whatever you put there will be more agreeable objects to the people walking than the dunghills that stood there formerly...' There is an opinion here which gives a brief history of the ruined tenement.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area to be enclosed.

Size: 18.6 x 30.8 cms.

Draughtsman: Alan Ramsay.

BOX: 1750/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 March 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 13 March 1750.

PETITIONER: James Norie, painter.

SITE: Highway leading from the foot of Halkerstons Wynd to Leith Wynd and the College Kirk, south side.

PROPOSAL: To enclose an area.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased some houses, a yard and a 'tail of property' from Elizabeth Telfer, daughter of the deceased Captain Robert Telfer of the City Guard. The area is bounded on the east by the property and tail of ground belonging to John McIntosh, brushmaker and on the west by Grays Close at the Bishop land and the houses and enclosure belonging to Charles Butter, wright. There is a full copy of the warrant here with a description of the property purchased.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 March 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 7 February 1750.

PETITIONER: James Drummond, merchant.

SITE: High Street, near the Netherbow, back of the Fountainwell.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: See warrant granted 29 August 1750 (Herriot) for the accounts for this work. There is a note of the required work here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 April 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 27 March 1750.

PETITIONER: Lady Ker, relict of Lord Charles Ker, Director of His Majesty's Chancery.

SITE: Cowgate.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to her property.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Forrest of Commistoun who has allowed his adjoining property to fall into decay and for rubbish to accumulate in the Close, which collects water.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 April 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 28 March 1750.

PETITIONER: John Wardrop, writer, factor for James Watson of Saughton.

SITE: Various: Lawnmarket, Bells Wynd, Potterrow.

PROPOSAL: To repair properties.

NOTES: The petitioner acquired right to the property of Helen Cunningham, daughter of the deceased George Cunningham, barber by a Decreet of Maills and Duties dated 7 July and 9 November 1742 and 12 January 1744. There is a long list here of the occupiers of the various properties and repairs needed, most of them in Bells Wynd.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 April 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 14 March 1750.

PETITIONER: The heritors of Pitcarlie's land.

SITE: High Street, Pitcarlie's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: See warrant granted 8 March 1749 (Heritors). There are accounts here from Samuel Neilson, mason, William McVey, wright with measures by John Yeatts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 May 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 25 April 1750.

PETITIONER: Baron Maul, Alexander Ramsay, slater and David Ireland, merchant.

SITE: Canongate, Panmure's Close.

PROPOSAL: To lay pavement and gutter stones.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 May 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 2 April 1750.

PETITIONER: Archibald Campbell, brewer.

SITE: Grassmarket, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about lack of repairs.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Bruce, later brewer, now merchant, who granted the petitioner a lease on a substantial brewery on 21 October 1735, registered in the Edinburgh Court books, 6 April 1741. The petitioner states that agreed repairs have not been carried out. In answers the defender refers to the tack '... which I was very unluckily and unwarily led... to grant to the petitioner...' After considerable argument, the Court found the repairs should have been carried out. See further warrant granted 18 September 1751 (Campbell).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 May 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 2 May 1750.

PETITIONER: James Taylor, WS, William Miller, bookseller and John Dingwall, writer.

SITE: High Street, Merlin's Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a nuisance.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Watson, poultryman who keeps a fire constantly

in a celler beneath the petitioner's property, with a window as a vent.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 May 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 23 May 1750.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Sheills; (blank) Wightman, relict of Thomas Sheills, writer (lawyer).

SITE: West Bow.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 June 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 16 May 1750.

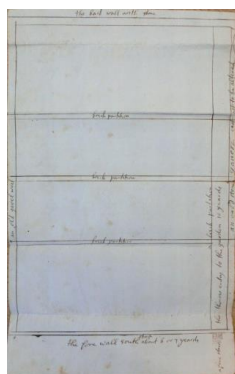
PETITIONER: Roger Parkinson, clockmaker in the Abbey.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner wishes to rebuild his tenement but he cannot undertake it himself. He has employed tradesmen to undertaken the work and claim the rents to pay for this. See further warrants for this undertaking, 14 June (Parkinson), 10 July and 4 October 1751 (Johnstone).

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 30.0 x 18.7 cms.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 37.2 x 22.0 cms.

Architect: (John Yeatts).

BOX: 1750/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 June 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 30 May 1750.

PETITIONER: John, Marquess of Tweeddale.

SITE: St. Mary's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Anderson, hatter who applied to the Court to build on the line of the petitioner's garden in 1749. He was granted a warrant allowing him to take down part of the garden wall as long as he rebuilt it in stone and without any windows. The defender has broken this condition by inserting two windows. The Court ordered the windows to be built up.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1750.

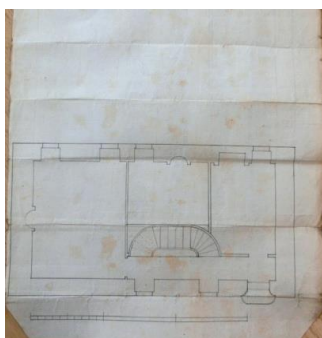
PETITION LODGED: 8 June 1750.

PETITIONER: James Armour, WS.

SITE: High Street, Close opposite the Guard, immediately below the new Bank Close.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a ruinous tenement on the old foundations.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 21.0 x 19.0 cms.

BOX: 1750/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 June 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 21 February 1750.

PETITIONER: Thomas Mirtle, brewer.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, head of Adamson's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a malt bark and kiln.

NOTES: The Incorporation of Tailors of Edinburgh objected to the proposal and complained that no plans had been submitted. A plan was produced in 2 May. They complained again on 4 May that the petitioner was now quarrying beside their garden wall which threatened to bring it down. On 8 June the Court received an objection to the proposal by the Earl of Galloway, Dr. John Clerk, Lady Charles Kerr, Robert McKlintoch, writer as trustee for the Ministers widows, William Thomson, writer, Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto, the Incorporation and William Reock, wright. They pointed out that they '...have of late years been at vast charge and expences in Beautifying the Citie by the several Considerable buildings they have made in Horse Wynd and contiguous thereto'. They argue in relation to the proposed barn and kiln that '...there can be nothing more nauseous to your petitioner's buildings, of far greater value than any small spot of ground Mr. Mirtle pretends right to, and surely nothing more dangerous and hazardous by fyre that may too often happen by such kilns'. The Court refused this petition and granted the warrant. See warrants granted 10 July 1751 (Reoch), 26 February (Ker) and 5 August 1752 (Myrtle).

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1750/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 June 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 14 February 1750.

PETITIONER: James Lithgow, merchant.

SITE: Grassmarket, north side.

PROPOSAL: Request for a visit and inspection.

NOTES: The petitioner has demolished some old houses and asks for guidance on the correct line of the front to be rebuilt. He also complains that the gables of tenements on

both sides are in a dangerous condition and his workmen cannot begin rebuilding. The Court appointed a jury. The gable of the tenement belonging to James Veitch, glazier on the east was ordered to be standard and rebuilt.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 2 May 1750.

PETITIONER: Edward Lothian, goldsmith and others, proprietors.

SITE: High Street, north side, Gavinloch's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the tenement.

NOTES: The Court ordered repairs on 8 June 1750 and granted a warrant but on a further petition they granted a warrant on 27 June to Charles Mack, mason to carry out the work. There is a report here on the necessary work including the removal of timber stoups from the chimney heads.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 13 June 1750.

PETITIONER: William Morison, of Craigleith and William Elliot jun., writer, his factor.

SITE: High Street, between marlins Wynd and Peebles Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof and to raise the walls.

NOTES: The petitioner was allowed to raise the walls by about 7 feet, according to a scheme produced. He believed that David Kinloch in the story below his should also be responsible for the repairs. There is a letter here from William Dallas (wright) to William Elliot at Lauriston which refers to his conversations with Lady Strathnaver and Patrick Boyle, Lord Shewalton about getting a warrant from the Dean of Guild. There is a copy here of a registered factory between William Morrison and William Elliot, from which it appears that Morrison paid lady Strathnaver and Lord Shewalton £100 stg. pa. for six years from 1750.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 8 June 1750.

PETITIONER: Robert McClellan, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith, foot of the Paunch Market.

PROPOSAL: To cognoze accounts for the repair of a tenement.

NOTES: Refers to a warrant granted 10 May 1749 to carry out repairs. The petitioner had right to the property by adjudication at the instance of Adam Thomson, merchant in Edinburgh against Robert White, proprietor of the houses. The petition was challenged by James Walker, previously writer, now merchant in Leith who was another creditor. There are accounts here from Thomas Miln, mason (£65 15s 7d), William Lyon, wright (£122), Patrick Crockat, slater (£29.9s 3d), Thomas Crawford, smith (£2 1s 8d disallowed, because it was said to be covered by the wright's account) William Petrie, smith (£2 3s 11d), Thomas Donald, smith (16s 9d) Robert Neilson, painter (£9 10s 6d) and Mungo Scott, glazier (£3 6s 7d), Total £233 2s 7d.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1749.

PETITIONER: Directors of the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance Society.

SITE: The City.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the number of stolen vents still in use.

NOTES: The petitioners carried out a survey of stolen vents (where one occupier of a property, most often a cellar, knocks through into the vent or chimney of another). They list of 19 that should be condemned. In a further letter dated 5 April 1750 the petitioners noted that the Court had ordered inspections and found 60 such vents

between the corner of Parliament Close and the Tron Kirk. They asked for further inspections. There long lists here of people summoned to appear. The warrant of 27 June was granted on a petition by the Procurator Fiscal dated 20 June 1750.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 July 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 25 October 1749.

PETITIONER: James Marjoribanks, merchant.

SITE: Leith, Willie Waters Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Robertson, ship carpenter in Leith and Alexander Constable, mason who broke through the wall of the petitioner's workhouse and erected a stone dividing wall on or about 19 October 1749. The defender had a right to the south half of a back close, lying at the back of a land in Burgess Close. He has a Charter for this property from the Magistrates and he built a dyke to enclose his property. The Court ruled against the petitioner who made a further claim in October 1750, which was also dismissed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 July 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 27 June 1750.

PETITIONER: George Spence, flesher.

SITE: Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the use of stalls in the Fleshmarket.

NOTES: The petitioner has become a Burgess and asks for a stall previously used by an unfreeman, Adam Walker and before him by Gilbert Clerk. He then goes on to make observations on the way that different meats are sold in inappropriate parts of the market. Mutton and lamb were sold in the laigh marker and beef and veal in the upper market. The Court granted him use of the stall as long as he paid Adam Walker for repairs he carried out to it. James Williamson, Deacon of the Fleshers also applied for the use of Walker's stand on 20 June but he was refused. There is a copy here of Adam Walker's warrant for the use of his stand dated 28 January 1747 and a note from him dated 20 June to James Williamson, promising him use of the stand.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 July 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 12 June 1751.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason.

SITE: West Bow.

PROPOSAL: Seeking payment for work carried out.

NOTES: The petitioner seeks payment from Robert Russell, merchant who is a joint proprietor in the tenement with (blank) Wightman, relict of Thomas Sheills, writer (lawyer). The latter had a warrant for the repairs to the vents but Robert Russell has yet to pay his share. There is an account here from the petitioner and a measure of the work by John Yeatts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 16 May 1750.

PETITIONER: John Spratt (Pratt?), baxter (baker) in Leith.

SITE: Leith, head of Tolbooth Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To cognoze accounts for repairs.

NOTES: There are two copies of an account here for work carried out by Mr. Brockat, mason in Leith, but written in the hand of John Yeatts. There is also a measure of the work by Yeatts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 27 June 1750.

PETITIONER: William Forbes, WS and Andrew God, wright and other heritors.

SITE: High Street, entry to Parliament Close, east side, Blair's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about theft of lead.

NOTES: The petitioners wish to repair the roof, damaged by people climbing on it to steal the lead from the platforms. They also asked for all entries to the roof and all garret windows to be padlocked and the keys lodged with some faithful person. Sir James Dalrymple was one of the heritors and his factor agreed to the work but did not accept any liability for the cost.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 18 March 1745.

PETITIONER: John Montgomerie, wright.

SITE: Abbeyhill.

PROPOSAL: Seeking payment for work carried out.

NOTES: The petitioner sought payment from George Scott, writer (lawyer) for work carried out between April 1740 and March 1742, the account for £70 7s 6d, which is here. He sought £20 8s 1d as still outstanding. There were a number of properties involved. The action was challenged as being outside the jurisdiction of the Court and the defender sought arbitration. He died before August 1748 and the action continued against his children. There are a number of depositions here from tradesmen and others, some occupiers. Of interest: James Gowans, late servant to the petitioner aged 33, married; John Somervell, journeyman wright and servant to the petitioner aged 60, married; James Gair, journeyman wright late servant etc. aged 40; David Lillie, journeyman wright aged 70, single; George Scott, journeyman wright aged 46, married

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 August 1750.

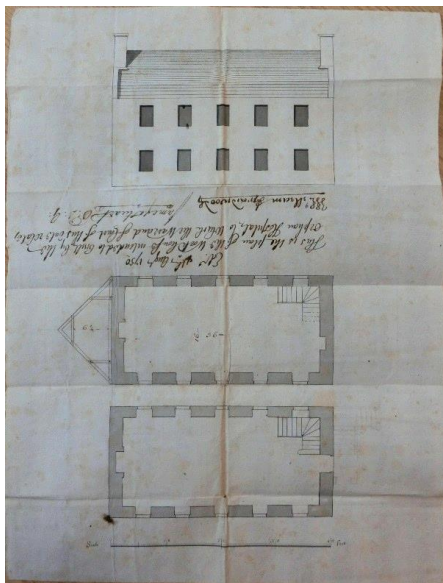
PETITION LODGED: 1 August 1750.

PETITIONER: The Managers of the Orphan Hospital.

SITE: Orphan Hospital park

PROPOSAL: To build a workhouse for the manufactures of the Hospital.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation, plans of two floors and section of the roof.

Size: 34.3 x 25.7 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Pencil additions – an external stair.
Watermark: Fleur de Lys

BOX: 1750/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 8 August 1750.

PETITIONER: William Johnston, smith and ferrier in Potterrow, Andrew Skeen, weaver, Simon Laurance, merchant, George Martin, merchant, Susanna Honeyman, widow of (blank) Phin, Ralph Vizierm journeyman jeweller and goldsmith and others.

SITE: College Wynd, foot.

PROPOSAL: Repairs to a tenement of houses.

NOTES: The property belongs to the deceased Isobel Bickerton and the Court called William Wilson, writer (lawyer). The Court appointed a visit and the report of the tradesmen is here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 11 July 1750.

PETITIONER: John Moubray, wright, George Syme, slater, Alexander Boswall, painter and Charles Bruce, glazier.

SITE: High Street, Bess's Wynd, Scott's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The work was carried out on a warrant granted by the Court. The property belonged to Scott of Scotthall and there are accounts here from each of the petitioners for work carried out between May 1747 and July 1750 totalling £18 3s 2d Stg. plus expences of the action. With measures from John Antonius and John Yeatts dated 1749.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 15 August 1750.

PETITIONER: John Allan, baker and others, tenants of William Veitch of Frenchland.

SITE: Cowgate head.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild an oven.

NOTES: Charles Mack and Samuel Neilson, masons were asked to inspect the oven and report. The Court called William Veitch and the warrant ordered him to provide the materials for the repair. There is a note here dated 3 September 1750 from James Mack younger, mason stating that he saw no danger if the oven were to be rebuilt.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 8 August 1750.

PETITIONER: John Watson, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Cowgate, laigh house near the Mealmarket.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: Refers to a warrant granted 21 June 1749 which also included the house above his belonging to John Monro, musician. There are accounts from Thomas Mylne, mason, Thomas Sibbald, smith, James Herriot, wright and Robert Dewar, glazier totalling £14 0s 5d Stg. for work carried out in 1749.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 29 May 1750.

PETITIONER: William Thomson, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street (?) back of the Fountainwell.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about tenants.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Gibb, tailor and others.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 22 August 1750.

PETITIONER: William Galloway, cork cutter.

SITE: Cowgate, Peebles Wynd, foot, also described as Sawers Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted on 19 April 1749 to carry out the repairs. He is a creditor to the deceased William Moffat, writer. There are accounts here from James Mack, junior, mason, Laurance Andrew, wright, John Watson, slater, William Richardson, smith, Robert Dewar, glazier and Alexander Miller, painter totalling £24 1s 9d Stg. with measures of the mason work by John Antonius, wright and of the wright work by John Yeatts, wright.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 22 August 1750.

PETITIONER: James Herriot, wright.

SITE: High Street, near the Netherbow, back of the Fountainwell.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: Refers to a warrant granted to James Drummond on 28 March 1750 to carry out the repairs. There are accounts here from the petitioner, James Syme, slater and Patrick Jamieson, mason totalling £22 8s Stg. with measures of the wright work by John Yeatts and of the slater work by Charles Mack, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 August 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 22 August 1750.

PETITIONER: James Syme, slater, Thomas Inglis, wright, Alexander Wilson, painter and Charles Bruce, glazier, William Richardson, smith, Robert Dewar, glazier and William Spence, painter.

SITE: High Street, Burnets Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: Refers to a warrant granted 10 May 1749. The property belonged to David and James Young, merchants in Glasgow, James Brown, bookseller there and William Wilson, writer their factor, as creditors to the heirs of (blank) Dick. There are accounts from the petitioners totalling £9 1s 9d Stg. with measures of the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 November 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 30 May 1750.

PETITIONER: James Lithgow, merchant.

SITE: Grassmarket.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild stables.

NOTES: The petitioner is taking down some ruinous houses and rebuilding them as an Inn. He had acquired right to the tenement belonging to James Veitch, glazier on the west of his property and he intended expanding into this. He wishes to demolish the stables associated with his purchase and rebuild them and at the same time enclose an area of garden behind it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 November 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 7 November 1750.

PETITIONER: John Medina, limner.

SITE: High Street, north side, near the Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the disrepair of his rented property.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he has been in possession of the property for many

years and that it has now become the property of William Dewar, merchant. He has regularly paid his rent and notified Mr. Dewar on numerous occasions about the condition of the property but he has delayed making the repairs. '... to your petitioner's great hurt and detriment For his house qch [which] used to be the resort of the Nobility The Gentry & persons of distinction of both Sexes is now in a great measure abandoned and forsaken allenary by it being in the Condition as represented...' The Court ordered the repairs to begin within fourteen days and to be complete by 14 January. There is a report here on the property. See warrant granted 22 May 1751 (Medina) to cognose the accounts for the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 November 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 7 August 1750.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason.

SITE: None given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint over non payment for work.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Campbell, wright. There is an account here and a measure of the work by John Yeatts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 November 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 7 November 1750.

PETITIONER: Charles Inglis, Depute Clerk of the Bills and James Hunter, merchant in Queensferry.

SITE: High Street, Pearsons Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of foul water.

NOTES: The petitioners are proprietors of the Exchange Coffee House and their complaint is against Robert Fleeming, printer, John Oswald, coffee house keeper, Ludovick Grant, writer, James Balfour, coffee house keeper, William Johnston, wigmaker, Mrs Chalmers, relict of Roderick Chalmers, painter, Daniel Forbes, writer and John Shore, whipmaker. The foul water and ashes is falling on top of their cellars and a toofall belonging to James Hunter. The Court ordered the windows to be trellised up to the mid band and the warrant gives the number of windows and their position.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 November 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 21 February 1750.

PETITIONER: James Forrest of Comiestoun.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, Power's Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair and rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The property previously belonged to Laurence Power, then to Richard Alcorn, then to James Alcorn, his son. The Court granted a warrant for the repairs on 24 August but there were claims from a number of individuals on the property. After further petitions from Janet Steill and Thomas Myrtle and others, the Court had the property valued and granted a further warrant on 28 November, allowing the cost of repairs to be a debt on the property and registering the claims of the other petitioners.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/50

WARRANT GRANTED: (?) December 1750.

PETITION LODGED: 17 October 1750.

PETITIONER: Ann Nairne, relict of Captain Alexander Livingston, with George Millar, merchant.

SITE: High Street, Craigs Close, east side, Livingston's land, immediately below the

new built tenement at the head of the Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing over of foul water and ashes.

NOTES: The complaint is against the occupiers of the new tenement and the Court ordered their windows to be trellised.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1750/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 February 1750 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Dougall Ged.

PROPOSAL: To repair a property and have it valued.

NOTES: Only the interlocutor survives and all of the information here is derived from it. It appears that the petitioner applied to repair a property belonging to James Graham and purchase it from him at a valuation of £35 Stg. made by the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 August 1750 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1750.

PETITIONER: William Russell, trunk maker in Pleasance.

PROPOSAL: To enter as Burgess.

NOTES: The petitioner asked for time to establish himself, having been employed by Robert Wood, trunk maker for two or three years. He offers to consign a guinea. This was followed by a petition from Francis Brodie as Boxmaster for the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel and the Procurator Fiscal complaining that William Russell was making and selling trunks. The Court noted that he had applied to become a Burgess.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 September 1750 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 7 September 1750.

PETITIONER: William Tod, merchant.

SITE: Castlehill.

PROPOSAL: To open a new entry.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased an adjoining tenement and he wishes to join them.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1750/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 October 1750 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 7 August 1750.

PETITIONER: John Mellis, tacksman in the Flesh and lawn markets.

SITE: Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the administration of stalls in the Market.

NOTES: The petitioner has a tack from the Town for five years from Martinmas 1747. He has rights to all of the stalls except 18 which are used by freemen Fleshers and unfree Burgesses. He complains that there are arguments over which stalls are his and he asks the Court to have them clearly marked. There are three applications here for stalls from John Walker, Adam Walker and William Plumber, all fleshers.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the stalls in the laigh Fleshmarket annotated with the holders.
 Size: 19.4 x 30.5 (irregular).

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The Court Officers from 10 October 1750:

Dean of Guild

James Stuart

Council

Robert Montgomerie, Old Dean of Guild

John Dinsmuir, merchant

John Walker, merchant

Samuel Neilson, mason

Charles Butter, wright

James Syme, slater

Dean of Guild Officers, Robert Mein and John Robertson

BOX: 1751/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 January 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 9 January 1751.

PETITIONER: Anne Nairn, relict of Captain Alexander Livingston and George Miller, merchant.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sewer.

NOTES: The original petition is note here. The complaint is against Thomas Moor and Francis Pringle, vintners, John Sinclair, writer and Andrew Lowrie, schoolmaster.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 January 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 10 December 1750.

PETITIONER: John Mein, slater.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a blocked vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against Elspet Shaw, relict of John Maver, shipmaster in Leith who has opened a window in the mutual gable and blocked a vent in the process, all without a warrant. Alexander Allan, mason is cited in the summons.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 January 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 9 January 1751.

PETITIONER: James Lithgow, merchant.

SITE: Grassmarket, south side.

PROPOSAL: To take down a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner is engaged in considerable building for a public Inn. He had purchased the tenement immediately to the west of his property from James Veitch, glazier and had petitioned the Court to take this down and rebuild it as part of his property. For some reason, he now set out the reasons why the tenement needs to be demolished and after a visit the Court agreed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 February 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 22 August 1750.

PETITIONER: William Grant Esq. His Majesties Advocate.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite the old Church Stile or entry.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a blocked sewer or drain.

NOTES: The petitioner notes that when the pavement was recently re-laid it was decided to remove all the underground sewers and have them on top of the pavement as a way of preventing blockages. The complaint is against Robert Barclay, tailor and his landlady who have created a sewer below the pavement at the door at his stair foot

and this has become blocked. The Court ordered it to be cleaned out and blocked.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 February 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 20 February 1751.

PETITIONER: Francis Brodie, wright.

SITE: Lawnmarket, south side, the Spread Eagle Tavern.

PROPOSAL: Alterations.

NOTES: The tavern or 'house' is on the first floor above the shops in Dick's land. He intends having new windows at the back.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 February 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 21 November 1750.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Oliphant, relict of Alexander Oliphant, writer (lawyer) with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Milns (Mylnes) Court, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of rubbish and foul water.

NOTES: There is a second complaint here from Lady Monkton (or Mountain), Thomas Gibson of Cliftonhall, Alexander Murray, advocate and others about the same offence. There are depositions here from the servants of some of the petitioners. This was a longstanding complaint; see warrant granted 2 December 1747 (Oliphant). There is a report here by the officer of the Court, noted 1749 about Mrs. Oliphant's decret for locking the windows above her roof in the Bull Close. 'That Robert Milns house being the top story of the Land complained upon and does the greatest damage, he dyed in the time between the extracting and charge and the present tenants name not being in the Decreet'. He notes further difficulties in carrying out the order of the Court; Francis Forbes, teacher of French and others, refused to obey the decret and have their windows locked unless compelled by a new summons. Others have had locks fitted. The Court ordered the windows to be trellised as high as the mid bands, 'making the under part of the frame of the said [trellis] five inches high to prevent water going out thereat...' There is a further Decreet of neighbourhood here in the petitioner's favour dated 13 March 1751.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 February 1751.

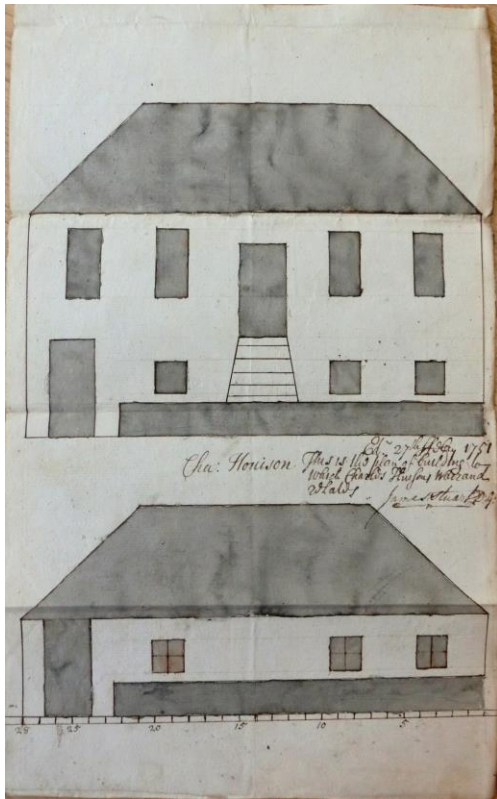
PETITION LODGED: 20 February 1751.

PETITIONER: Charles Howison, wright.

SITE: Lawnmarket, foot of the Close that is the entry to Fishers land.

PROPOSAL: To build an additional floor on his wrights shop.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevations of the wright's shop, before and after.
Size: 30.1 x 18.3 cms.

BOX: 1751/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 February 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 13 February 1751.

PETITIONER: Elizabeth and Janet Penman, daughters to the deceased James Penman, Essay Master to His Majesty's Mint.

SITE: High Street, foot of Carrubbers Close east side.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to the roof.

NOTES: The petitioners purchased the top floor of a tenement from James Barclay, late one of the masters of the High School. The roof is covered with tiles and is out of repair and they intend squaring the roof off and replacing the tiles with a scally or scalie roof. There is a letter here dated 23 February from Christian Houston, proprietor of the middle garret, to William Reoch, wright & cabinet maker, stipulating conditions about the preservation of her light.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 March 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 26 February 1751.

PETITIONER: John Lawrie, carter in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Lees Quarter.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild an old tenement and to have it valued.

NOTES: The old tenement has a thatched roof. It was purchased at a Court of Session adjudication at the instance of John Thomson, son of the deceased Adam Thomson, merchant against Robert White, merchant in Leith, son of James White, Town Clerk of Leith for payment of a sum in excess of its value. The old tenement, ground and stones was valued at £6 Stg. he was granted a warrant to rebuild on the old foundations.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 March 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 27 February 1751.

PETITIONER: Archibald Govane, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, Trunk Close.
PROPOSAL: Alterations to the roof and windows.
NOTES: The property was purchased from James Stewart, Sherriff Clerk of Kinross.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/11
WARRANT GRANTED: 6 March 1751.
PETITION LODGED: 6 March 1751.
PETITIONER: James Shearer, pie maker or stay maker.
SITE: Grassmarket, north side, opposite the Muse well.
PROPOSAL: To take off a thatched roof and replace with tiles.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/12
WARRANT GRANTED: 20 March 1751.
PETITION LODGED: 26 February 1751.
PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.
SITE: High Street, head of Old Assembly or Pat. Sheills Close.
PROPOSAL: To take down and rebuild the stone turnpike stair from top to bottom.
NOTES: The property belongs to Hugh Inglis, wright, George Buchan, Clerk to the Commission of Tythes, William Dallas, chair master, Mrs. Mary Brown, sister of George Brown of Colston, Edward Inglis, druggist, Mrs. Flint, spouse to James Flint, brewer, Williams Wilson, senior and junior, writers, Mrs. Moubray, relict of John Moubray, late of His Majesty's Life Guards
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/13
WARRANT GRANTED: 27 March 1751.
PETITION LODGED: 27 March 1751.
PETITIONER: Lady Cunningham and others: Dame Janet Dick, widow of Sir William Cunningham of Caprington, Mrs. Charles Binning of Pilmuir, advocate and Thomas Hay of Mordingtoun.
SITE: Lawnmarket, south side.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about intended work.
NOTES: The complaint is against Francis Brodie, wright who has a warrant to strike out new windows and enlarge the window in the turnpike. The petitioners believe the latter will weaken the structure and the Court ordered that the work could not go ahead without their agreement. See warrant granted 20 February 1751 (Brodie).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/14
WARRANT GRANTED: 27 March 1751.
PETITION LODGED: 20 March 1751.
PETITIONER: George Langlands, surgeon.
SITE: Bristo, Street to the Potterrow.
PROPOSAL: To build a stable.
NOTES: The petitioner states that he has recently built a house and he now wished to build a stable. The Court granted him a warrant to build close to John Kitchen's gable.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/15
WARRANT GRANTED: 5 April 1751.
PETITION LODGED: 13 March 1751.
PETITIONER: Dr. Archibald Campbell, Professor of Church History in the College of St. Andrews and (blank) Watson, his spouse.
SITE: West Bow, east side, top story.
PROPOSAL: Alterations and repairs.
NOTES: The property formerly belonged to Thomas Watson, WS.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 April 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 2 April 1751.

PETITIONER: David Warrender, writer.

SITE: High Street, Covenant Close and Bells Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To strike out a new window.

NOTES: The petitioner's property is occupied by Lord Woodhall and the petitioner wants to open a new window looking into Bells Wynd from his eastmost room.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 20 March 1751.

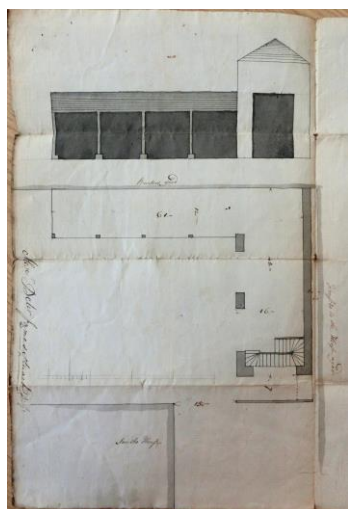
PETITIONER: Alexander Peter, wright.

SITE: College Wynd head, between it and Horse Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To build shades to store timber.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased a piece of ground from John Keir.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the area.

Size: 30.7 x 37.4 cms.

BOX: 1751/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 13 March 1751.

PETITIONER: Andrew Deuchar, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, Marlins Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to the deceased Thomas Heriot, late Dean of Guild to repair a tenement. The property was held by him on adjudication against Simon Bennet, eldest son of James Bennet, merchant entered heir to his father, 7 February 1744. The petitioner is a trustee appointed by the late Thomas Heriot in his deed of settlement dated 2 September 1747. There are accounts here for work carried out in 1750 from James Heriot, wright, John Watson, slater, Samuel Neilson, mason, David Boswell, glazier, Nicol Somervell, painter and Thomas Sibbald, smith. There are also measures of the wright and mason work by John Yeatts. Total £44 3s 4d Stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 2 April 1751.

PETITIONER: John Thomson, tailor.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the defacing of a door.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Scott, Sherriff officer for 'obliterating & defacing the painting upon the complainer's door'. The Court appointed a visit and report and found that the damage had been done without any warrant and ordered the defender to repaint the door plus expences of 4s Stg. for the process.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 5 April 1751.

PETITIONER: George Drummond of Blair Drummond.

SITE: Society.

PROPOSAL: To modify a previous warrant.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to him to build a house. He has now resolved not to build on the site as planned, he now applies to build on the ground of the old cistern and stable, an area purchased from Mrs. Cleghorn. He also wants to open the ground and lift all of the old pipes (for the cistern?).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 April 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 2 April 1751.

PETITIONER: Adam Fairholm of Greenhill and James Watson, writer, his factor.

SITE: High Street, immediately above Paterson's Court.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a stopped vent.

NOTES: The petitioner owns a laigh shop and the vent for it had been stopped, he claims, by John Cochran, mason, who is in possession of the shop above.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 May 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 24 April 1751.

PETITIONER: Alexander Peter, wright.

SITE: Leith, behind the gardens in Quality Street.

PROPOSAL: To lay out four parks with streets and to build houses.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased four parks enclosed with stone dykes from James Walker, merchant in Leith. They lie between the back of Quality Street gardens and the Saw Miln of Leith, bounded by the road leading from the south end of Quality Street to the Links of Leith and by Commissioner Le Grand's parks and the lands belonging to (blank) Pew on the south and by the Glass work and sands belonging to John Adams on the north. He bought the area with the intention of laying out the ground with cross streets for buildings to be erected thereon with little gardens or enclosures to the said houses, conform to a plan produced. He also asked to lay a new sewer to take away stagnant water lying along the sides of the new road from Leith to the Glassworks.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1751/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 May 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 1 May 1751.

PETITIONER: Francis Brodie, wright.

SITE: Lawnmarket, The Spread Eagle Tavern.

PROPOSAL: To remove a sign board.

NOTES: The petitioner has a warrant to repair the property (20 February 1751) and he wishes to lath and plaster his fore wall, as far down as the joists in the shop possessed by Duncan Findlayson, below his property. The defender answered, in an elegantly dismissive tone, that the sign had been there for forty years but the Court ordered the iron (?), the sign board, pediment and shade to be taken down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 May 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 24 April 1751.

PETITIONER: George Lindsay, in name of the Kirk Session of North Leith.

SITE: Leith, north end of the Bridge

PROPOSAL: To take down the front wall and rebuild.

NOTES: The intention was to extend the front a little further forward. The Court granted the warrant noting that the entry to the Bridge was to be maintained at 13ft, as laid out on the plan. There is a note on the front of the petition to effect that the plan was borrowed by George Wilson.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1751/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 May 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 15 April 1751.

PETITIONER: John Medina, painter.

SITE: High Street, north side near the Netherbow, Grant's Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs

NOTES: The house belongs to William Dewar, merchant and the petitioner refers to a previous warrant to repair the property (14 November 1750, Medina). He asks to uplift the rents on the house until the cost of the repairs is paid, with interest. Mr. Dewar answers that the property and several others, belonged to David Grant, merchant and had been sold by him to Anne and Penelope Erskine, his grandchildren, who are now married to himself and James Stewart Sheriff Clerk of Kinross, so they are joint proprietors. He further notes that '... the house at the Netherbow (where Mr. Medina lives)...' has now been sold to Thomas Mylne, acting for James Stewart. There is a letter here from James Stewart at Kinross dated 5 April 1751 in which he says that '... whatever Mr. Dewar's opinion is, it is my opinion that he & I are both obliged to you...' There are accounts here from James Syme, slater, Thomas Alison, glazier, Charles Butter, wright and James Norie, painter. There is also an account from 'Mr. Niderie, penter' who appears to have been sub contracted to James Mathie, for repairs to internal plaster. All for work carried out in early 1751.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 June 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 22 May 1751.

PETITIONER: James Shaw, weaver.

SITE: In the vennel leading from the West Port to Lauriston.

PROPOSAL: To build a house.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased an area from the Shoemakers of Portsburgh. The Court appointed a visit and the report makes detailed provisions for the site of the house.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 June 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 7 May 1751.

PETITIONER: James Archibald, tanner.

SITE: Portsburgh, south side, opposite Lady Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a ruinous tenement in stone.

NOTES: The property had been purchased from Robert Cumming, son of the deceased Robert Cumming, flesher. The petitioner also has a Charter for the property from the Magistrates of Edinburgh.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 June 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 20 March 1751.

PETITIONER: Betty, Christian and Ann Scougall, daughters of the deceased John Scougall, limner and William Home, tailor in Potterrow, husband to Ann Scougall.

SITE: Advocates Close, foot east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sewer.

NOTES: The petitioner's property lies opposite that of Sir James Stewart and possessed by William Grant of Prestongrange, His Majesties Advocate. See warrant granted 13 February 1751 (Grant).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 June 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 14 June 1751.

PETITIONER: Roger Parkinson, (clockmaker in Canongate).

SITE: Not given but probably in Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an insufficient gable.

NOTES: This may relate to the warrants granted 8 June 1750 (Parkinson) and 12 December 1753 (Wilson).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 June 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 8 June 1751.

PETITIONER: John Wilson, wright in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Broad Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Brown and others, merchants in the trade of Virginia tobacco and Thomas Mylne, their mason who have damaged the petitioner's property while building a warehouse. The defenders have a lease from the Town Council of Edinburgh and permission to build a warehouse. The Court sought a further opinion, which is here and they refer to a disposition by the Town to Maurice Trent dated 2 May 1694 for the property occupied by the defenders.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 June 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 5 June 1751.

PETITIONER: James Ogilvy of Inchmartin.

SITE: Canongate, Lord Panmure's Close.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a ruinous cellar.

NOTES: The petitioner had purchased a house previously belonging to Sir William Hope. The cellar was ruinous but had windows struck through it and he wished to block these. John Lachlan, wright in Canongate was summoned as an interested party.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 June 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 4 June 1751.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: None.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an unfree trader.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Mitchell merchant who has been trading in home and foreign goods for the past twelve months without being a Burgess.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 June 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 5 June 1751.

PETITIONER: William Tod senior, merchant.

SITE: Leith, south side of the Timber Bush.

PROPOSAL: To build cellars and a loft.

NOTES: The petitioner owns an area of waste ground by a disposition from Thomas and John Lethim dated 2 September 1746 and a Charter from the Town dated 19 September last (1750). It is bounded on the south by houses belonging to David Ferguson, barber, on the west by houses previously belonging to the heirs of Provost

Halliburton and now to the petitioner and on the east by the yard belonging to James Syme, slater. A note on the front of the petition states that the plans were taken away.
DRAWINGS: Mentioned in the warrant but not here.

BOX: 1751/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 June 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 19 June 1751.

PETITIONER: David Rutherford, advocate, John Matheson, minister of the Gospel, John Grant WS, Leonard Urquhart WS, Peter Jolly, writer and John Grant, writer, proprietors.

SITE: High Street, Forresters Wynd, Gavinloch's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair the walls and chimney heads.

NOTES: The Court ordered a report. The petition is signed by all of the above and Katherin Knox and Patrick Bell.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 June 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 24 June 1751.

PETITIONER: James Gordon, tenant in Killoch.

SITE: Portsburgh, High Street, north side.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild an old house.

NOTES: The property lies between two houses lately built by the petitioner

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 June 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 19 February 1750.

PETITIONER: Robert Fleming, City Treasurer, in name of the Lord Provost and Baillies, Town Council and Community.

SITE: Greys Close, west side, Harts Close, near the foot and West Port High Street.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild or repair tenements ruinous for more than three years.

NOTES: The petition refers to the Act anent ruinous houses in the Royal Burgh which allowed the Council to measure, value and sell the properties described if they were not repaired. A jury was appointed and their valuation is here with further descriptions of the bounding properties. The properties in Greys Close belonged to the deceased Thomas Kinkaid and further down the Close, to Laurence Wilson, hammerman in Canongate and now to (blank) Wilson, son of the deceased George Wilson, journeyman shoemaker and James Wilson, journeyman flesher. The tenement near the foot of Harts Close belonged to William Nisbet of Dirleton. The petition also mentions houses under the Burgh room and the Cross house on the south of the Council Chamber, both belonging to the heirs of Robert Blackwood, merchant. See warrants granted 12 May 1742, (Master and treasurer of the Merchant Company), 26 March 1766 (Good Town) and 24 October 1799 (Procurator Fiscal). The property in the West Port belongs to Robert Finnie, wright there. From the amount of paperwork here the Council was clearly making certain of its right to proceed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 July 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 19 June 1751.

PETITIONER: Andrew Fletcher of Milton, Senator of the College of Justice.

SITE: Canongate, south side, near the foot, commonly called Roxburgh's Gardens.

PROPOSAL: To build a house and other conveniences.

NOTES: The petitioner further states that the north wall of the area is ruinous and he will take it down and rebuild it on the line of the street. The warrant stated that the wall should be rebuilt '... in a straight line betwixt the house on the west and Coach house in the High Street on the east & no furdur.'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 July 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 5 June 1751.

PETITIONER: Mrs Reoch: Marion Penman, relict of William Reoch, wright.

SITE: Cowgate, Powers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Mirtle (Myrtle) brewer who owns the property above the petitioner's cellar. He has also encroached on the petitioner's property by putting a door at the foot of the entry to Powers Close and locking it. This argument was still ongoing in March 1752 when the Court adhered to its first decision and by which time the matter had been referred to the Court of Session.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 July 1751.

PETITION LODGED:

PETITIONER: John Johnstone, factor for John Smith, portioner of North Leith with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: North Leith, north side of the High Street.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage and encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Roger Perkins (Parkinson) of the Abbey, who applied to the Court for a warrant to demolish and rebuild an old tenement. He is said to have done so, knowing that the tenement was not his property and concealing the fact that the owner, John Smith was abroad. The Court ordered a report and this stated that the defender was within his right to demolish his gable but they found that his rebuilding of a pillar was insufficient and the work should be taken down and rebuilt.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 July 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 21 January 1751.

PETITIONER: John Clerk, glazier.

SITE: High Street, Pearsons Close (now below the City Chambers), Pearson's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant for repairs to two tenements, granted to him on 21 September 1744. The tenements belonged to the deceased David Pearson, writer (lawyer) and afterwards to his creditors. There are accounts here from tradesmen, for work carried out between 1744 and 1750; Alexander Peter, wright, James Clerk, mason, John Clark, glazier, George Aitken, smith, John Reoch, painter, John Clerk, glazier, George Norie, painter, Alexander Beech, painter (3 accounts), Andrew Clark, wright, Andrew Cockburn, smith with a measure of the mason work by Charles Mack, mason. Total cost £33 2s 9d.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 July 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 11 June 1751.

PETITIONER: John Greig, litster.

SITE: Libbertons Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To cognose an account for repairs to a roof.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to an application for repairs, made by Thomas Baird in relation to a property owned by the petitioner's spouse, Jean Taylor. The work was carried out by William Kendell, slater and his account for £2 3s 5d is here. James Meggat, bookbinder and John Ainslie, journeyman wright have the rents from the property and the account should be paid by them.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1751.

PETITIONER: Heritors of Byres Close; Janet Drummond, Dougall Ged, goldsmith, Alex Guthrie, limner and (blank) Watson, merchant and Patrick Jamieson (mason) for Thomas Wright of Easter Glins.

SITE: Byres Close.

PROPOSAL: To repave the Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 13 February 1751.

PETITIONER: Hew Crawford WS.

SITE: High Street, north side, head of Chalmers Close, Bards land.

PROPOSAL: To repair the chimney vents.

NOTES: The vents are described as being blocked by '...several timber machines and other buildings erected upon the top...'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1751.

PETITIONER: Alexander Keith, under Clerk of Session.

SITE: High Street, Pitcarlie's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ingress of water from above.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Douglas, surgeon, who has allowed his floor boards to fall into disrepair so that when the floor is washed, water comes through and damages the plaster. The Court ordered the flooring and the coal place to be renewed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 5 June 1751.

PETITIONER: The Incorporation of Goldsmiths.

SITE: Stair leading down to the Cowgate.

PROPOSAL: To take down the roof of their sweep house and rebuild with a new vent.

NOTES: The petitioners have a laigh house on the west side of the broad stairs leading down to the Cowgate. They intend taking off the roof and raising the walls to provide a loft for the storage of sweeping utensils. There are letters here from Walter Scott and John Henderson of Leestoun agreeing to the work. Also a note dated 3 May 1732 granting a piece of waste ground on the south of the Insurance office to the Goldsmiths for building a sweep house for payment of 1s 2d pa. from Whitsunday 1732.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 July 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 12 June 1751.

PETITIONER: James Mitchelson, goldsmith, treasurer to the Tradesmaiden Hospital.

SITE: Horse Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Tod, merchant who has slapped out a window that overlooks the Hospital garden. This could be used to gain access to the garden and carry off clothes that may be lying there. The defender produced his title from the Incorporation of Cordiners of Edinburgh. The Court found that the defender could not make his window so as to allow access to the garden and they ordered him to place bars in his window from sole to lintel five inches apart to prevent access.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 July 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1751.

PETITIONER: David Wilson, brewer, Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, back, Lauder's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the property.

NOTES: The complaint is against Elizabeth Park, spouse to William Boutcher, gardener at Comely garden, both now deceased. The petitioner has a 21 year lease on the brewery and other buildings from Elizabeth Park, from Martinmas 1736 and he claims that they allowed their part of the responsibility for repairs to fail. He is now claiming against William and his children, Euphan and Elizabeth who claim to have sold the property to Alexander Walker, brewer and decline to make any repairs. There is a note here of the necessary repairs by John Aitken, wright and Alexander Ramsay, slater. In answers for Alexander Walker he states that his is now the proprietor and agrees to undertake repairs. However, he draws attention to an agreement made between the petitioner and Mrs. Boutcher dated 2 August 1744 whereby he agreed to undertake repairs and reclaim the expence from the rents. He also points out that the petitioner has occupied the property for 15 years and had never previously complaint about overflowing of water from the north loch. The Court pointed out the repairs that should be undertaken by Mr. Walker but there is a further interlocutor here dated 27 November 1751 in which the Court find other repairs that need to be carried out in addition to those still to be undertaken.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 July 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 11 June 1751.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason.

SITE: West Bow.

PROPOSAL: Seeking payment for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to (blank) Wightman, relict of Thomas Sheils, writer for repairs to a tenement belonging to her and Robert Russell, merchant. He carried out the work and submitted an account for £3 13s 9d with a measure of the work by John Yeatts. The Court ordered that the amount should be a debt on the property until paid.

BOX: 1751/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 August 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 30 July 1751.

PETITIONER: Robert Taylor and William Smith, founders in St. Ninian's Row.

SITE: St. Ninian's Row.

PROPOSAL: To complete the alteration of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to their purchase at a roup on 16 July 1750 of subjects belonging to Pauls Work, specifically a tenement with a frontage of 65ft and 22 falls of garden ground in St. Ninian's Row. They entered into an agreement to divide the tenement vertically into two properties, one for each of the purchasers and employed John Yeatts, wright and Charles Bruce, glazier to undertake the work. They were to divide the tenement with a stone gavel and a pillar thick enough to support vents and remove the fore stair and insert a new winding stair. In order to carry out this work 'it became absolutely necessary to cut out some of the joists, & part of the floor; which of course behoved to create some inconveniency for a few days to the present possessors, to which they have all cheerfully submitted, knowing that when the work is done, their houses will be much better than before, except one, Thomas Stone, a shoemaker...' The Court granted a warrant to continue the work but ordered that the petitioners should provide Thomas Stone with a dwelling house and pay for his removal. The group of drawings found in the box for 1757 and placed at the end of that year, *might* be related to this petition.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1751/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 August 1751.

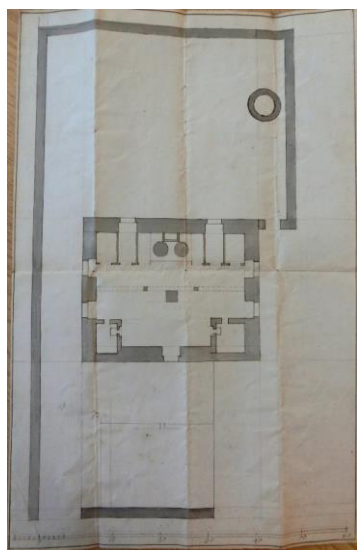
PETITION LODGED: 31 July 1751.

PETITIONER: Robert Baillie, merchant for himself and the partners in the Sugar House Company at Edinburgh.

SITE: Canongate, south side, opposite the Tolbooth.

PROPOSAL: To build a sugar boiling house.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the boiling house.

Size: 36.1 x 23.4 cms.

Watermark: Fleur de Lys

BOX: 1751/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 August 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 5 April 1751.

PETITIONER: Charles Butter, wright and other tradesmen.

SITE: Castlehill, foot of Blyths Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the completion of a new house and repairs to an old one.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a previous warrant granted 10 July 1745 to Edward Cutlar, writer (lawyer) as factor appointed by the Court of Session to his grand daughter, Lucy Johnston, daughter of the deceased Andrew Johnston, druggist and his spouse, Cecilia Cutlar, to repair the roof of an old house. This was prevented by the events in Edinburgh that year and the subsequent death of that petitioner. A further warrant was sought by Lucie Johnstone and Cecilia Cutlar for the repairs and to complete a new house and warrants were granted to them on 16 November 1748 and 3 May 1749 (Cutlar). There are accounts here from Peter (Patrick) Jamieson, mason, David Alston, glazier, George Begbie, smith, James Norie, painter, Peter Henderson, merchant, George Syme, slater, Walter Scott, merchant (brass sash knobs), William Colburn, marble cutter, John Miln, founder, Malcolm Brown, merchant (locks), William Reoch, 'cabinet maker', James Farquhar, merchant (locks) and William Chisholm, gardener (gravel and laying a path) for work on the new house totalling £295 5s 5d and from Charles Butter, wright, Peter Jamieson, mason, David Alston, glazier, James Norie, painter, Alex Home for lime and Philip Robertson, plasterer for repairs to the old house, £29 10s 6d. Charles Butter's account for the new house included '29 yds of steps, breasts and string boards of a circular staire to the two principal stories at 6s per yarde £8 14s'. William Cockburn supplied a black and dove (grey) marble chimney piece along with another 'large Italian black marble moulded chimney piece £1 1s (total £6 12s)'. There is also a scroll copy of his account with various charges for setting the dove marble into the black. Patrick Jamieson's account refers to work carried out in the new house for James Campbell, jeweller and goldsmith. See two warrants granted 3 May 1749 (Cutlar and Johnston) where it is stated that the house has been 'let to Lord Rae's daughter'. This is Donald Mackay, 4th Lord Reay (c.1705-1761), his daughter Margaret Mackay, (d. 1762).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 August 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 28 August 1751.

PETITIONER: Christian Weemys, relict of Alexander Weemys, writer and James Weemys, her son.

SITE: Barringers Close.

PROPOSAL: To complete repairs to a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner's husband had a warrant from the Court dated 3 May 1749 to repair the upper floor and roof of a tenement. He died before the work could be completed and this petition is for the completion.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 9 August 1751.

PETITIONER: Thomas Purdie, merchant and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, north side near the Cross.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about signs and work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Moir, merchant and John Moubray, wright his tradesman and James Mitchell, goldsmith and his tradesman, Charles Butter. The petitioner has a laigh shop in the tenement lately built by Thomas Miln (Mylne), mason. The tradesman have altered the shade for carrying off water above his shop and erected a triangular signboard, without a warrant. The Court ordered a report which found that the 'sign complained of and all signs of that nature ought to be discouraged having a bad effect as to the public street and the private property of those who ly near them'. The warrant left a decision about the sign till later.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 21 August 1751.

PETITIONER: Elizabeth Rothead, residenter and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Not given (High Street, north side near the Cross).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sign.

NOTES: This is a further complaint against James Mitchell, goldsmith and Charles Butter regarding an obstruction below the petitioner's window and the triangular sign. Once again, the sign is not mentioned in the warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 7 September 1751.

PETITIONER: The heritors of Elphingston's land.

SITE: High Street.

PROPOSAL: To support a fallen tenement.

NOTES: There is a further petition here from the Procurator Fiscal in which he refers to the falling of the eastern gable of the tenement called Elphingston's land between 3 and 4 pm, which killed a young man. The heritors applied to support the rest of the tenement as it was in danger of falling and specifically that the tradesmen might be permitted to work on the Sabbath, the 8th, until the work is complete. A jury was appointed and they recommended taking down further parts of the tenement on the 9 September.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/56

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 9 September 1751.

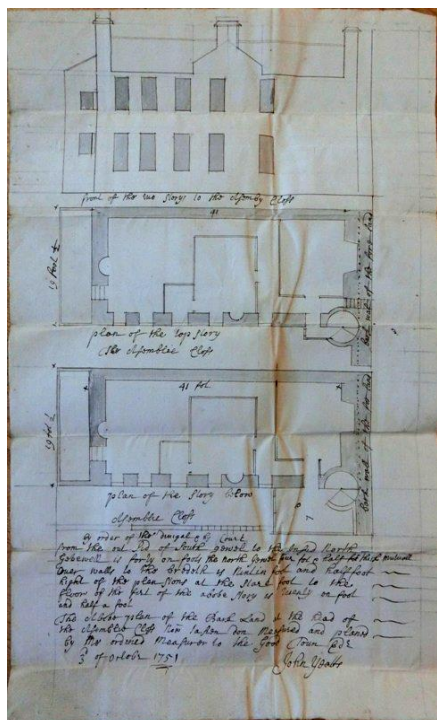
PETITIONER: John Din, writer, factor for Elizabeth Denham, only child of the deceased David Denham, writer and now spouse to Dr. George Gordon in Jamaica and others.

SITE: High Street, head of Old Assembly Close, west side, two upper floors.

PROPOSAL: To have the property measured and drawn.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to an order from the Court to take down the fore part of the tenement.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation and plans of the two upper floors.

Size: 47.4 x 29.0 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Signed, 3 October 1751 John Yeatts, ordained measurer.

BOX: 1751/57

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 10 September 1751.

PETITIONER: Alexander Brown, merchant and Elizabeth Rothead.

SITE: High Street, north side near the Cross.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the erection of a trough.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Mitchell, goldsmith and Charles Butter regarding a water trough erected below the petitioner's window. This was taken down but a new one has been placed a few inches lower. The sign is mentioned and once again it is not mentioned in the warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/58

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 4 September 1751.

PETITIONER: Patrick Lanson, weaver and Alexander Wilson, painter, trustees of the deceased Archibald Howie, weaver.

SITE: Harts Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.

NOTES: The tenement belonged to Archibald Howie, weaver.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/59

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1751.

PETITIONER: Alexander Scott, merchant.

SITE: Potterrow, wester croft of Bristo.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner has acquired right to the property by disposition from Arthur Stratoun, plasterer dated 28 February 1751. There is a note in the petition stating that

the plan was removed on 29 December 1751.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1751/60

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 5 September 1750.

PETITIONER: William Veitch of Frenchland.

SITE: Cowgate head.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a complaint lodged by John Allan, baker and tenant and others on 15 August 1750 regarding the insufficiency of a tenement belonging to the petitioner. The oven cannot be inspected because it is in use and after numerous attempts at inspection the Court ordered the repairs to be made between specific days. See warrant granted 22 August 1750 (Allan).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/61

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 9 September 1751.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Cants Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a lumb or chimney.

NOTES: The Court ordered it to be taken down and rebuilt. There was a further intervention on 20 September, stopping the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/62

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 4 September 1751.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Gillons; Rosina Deans, widow of James Gillon, advocate and Bethea Gillon, head of is daughter.

SITE: High Street, head of Turks Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/63

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 28 August 1751.

PETITIONER: Archibald Campbell, brewer.

SITE: Grassmarket, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the property.

NOTES: The petitioner holds the brewery property on a renewable tack from William Bruce, brewer dated 21 October 1735 for 700 marks Scots per annum. The petitioner was then 'brewer at Hamilton's folly'. There is a copy of the tack here and a report by the Court officers on the property, with the warrant there.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/64

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 11 September 1751.

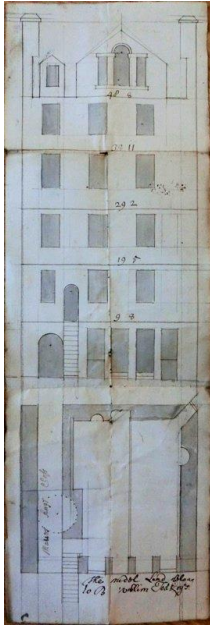
PETITIONER: William Tod junior and others, heritors.

SITE: High Street, head of Mary Kings Close, both sides.

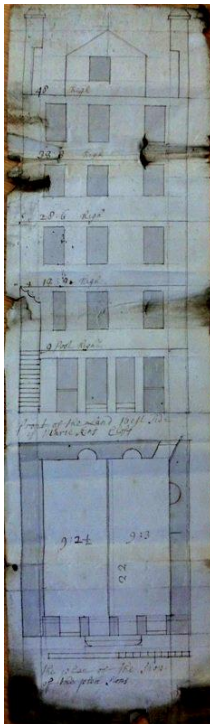
PROPOSAL: To demolish both tenements.

NOTES: The Court appointed a jury who visited these tenements and two others; Hunter's land in the Canongate, and Henderson's land, all of which were condemned, the expence of the demolitions to be a heritable debt on the properties.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor of the tenement on the east.
Size: 44.5 x 14.6 cms.
Draughtsman: (John Yeatts).



Description: b. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor of the tenement on the west.
Size: 46.0 x 12.9 cms.
Draughtsman: (John Yeatts).

BOX: 1751/65

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 11 September 1751.

PETITIONER: James Dick, mason.

SITE: Jacksons Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.

NOTES: The petitioner had a warrant dated '7 February last'(no record in 1751), to make alterations to windows and doors in a tenement purchased from John Home, writer (lawyer).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/66

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 18 September 1751.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, at the Cross.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of excrement and foul water.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Cresau, periwig maker and his servants who have been throwing filth into a back turnpike for the past twelve months. The waste is causing damage to the property of O'Bryan Maitland, shoemaker and Patrick Blair in Johns Coffee house, by seeping through the walls. The defender was ordered to clear out the turnpike but did not do so until after a further warning on 11 September. Seven large carts of material were removed and this had made the stair unstable. He was fined 20s Stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/67

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 28 August 1751.

PETITIONER: John Kello, wright in Bristo.

SITE: Bristo.

PROPOSAL: To build a shade in a yard.

NOTES: The petitioner has a wrights shop and yard in Bristo on a lease from William Hamilton, merchant and late Baillie.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/68

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 17 April 1751.

PETITIONER: Andrew Chalmers, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Canongate head, south side, Scots land, first story.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement that has settled.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to the deceased John Murray, merchant to carry out the repairs. This was prevented by Mr. Murray's death and he asks that Samuel Neilson, mason be allowed to carry out the work 'as he did at Pitcarlie's land at the Cross'. There is no explanation as to why it took so long to grant the warrant, a report having been ordered on 17 April 1751. The petition is signed by all of the heritors agreeing to the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/69

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 October 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 7 September 1751.

PETITIONER: Heritors of the tenement.

SITE: High Street, head of Dickson's Close, entering by the scale stair on the east.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a blocked sewer or drain.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/70

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 October 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 4 October 1751.

PETITIONER: William Ruthven junior, writer and factor for the tutors of David Parkhill of Craiglockhart.

SITE: High Street, north side, (Mary Kings Close) Johns Coffee house tenement.

PROPOSAL: To have the property measured.

NOTES: The Court has ordered the demolition of the western gable of the tenement and the petitioner asks for a measure to be made of Johns Coffee house as it belongs to his constituents.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/71

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 October 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 4 October 1751.

PETITIONER: Andrew Pitcairn, writer, factor for Thomas Orr, son of the deceased Robert Orr, messenger.

SITE: High Street, north side, Mary Kings Close.

PROPOSAL: To have a measure of the property.

NOTES: The top story and garrets belong to Thomas Orr, who is in America and the petitioner asks to have the property measured by John Yeatts, ordained measurer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/72

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 October 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 27 September 1751.

PETITIONER: Thomas Johnston, merchant.

SITE: High Street, head of Byres Close.

PROPOSAL: To strike out a window to the Close.

NOTES: The Court noted that the broken stone lintel could be safely taken out and replaced with one of strong oak.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/73

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 October 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 27 September 1751.

PETITIONER: John Murray, one of the principal Clerks of Session.

SITE: Blackfriar's Wynd, head, between it and Strichen's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a dangerous tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner claims that the stone land on the east side of Blackfriar's Wynd, known as Bayne's land is out of plumb and dangerous. The Court found the tenement to be sufficient but specified repairs to the roof and walls of the attic floor.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/74

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 October 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 28 May 1750.

PETITIONER: John Johnston and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: This is a confused process, begun apparently by the Procurator Fiscal in May 1750. It relates to other warrants here dated 8 June 1750 (Parkinson), 14 June 1751 (Parkinson) and 12 December 1753 (Wilson).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/75

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 October 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 25 September 1751.

PETITIONER: Robert Alexander, watchmaker in Leith.

SITE: Candlemaker Row, near the foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a fallen wall.

NOTES: The complaint is against the Incorporation of Hammermen of Edinburgh who refused to rebuild a dyke wall that supports the petitioner's property. He refers to a decret of the Dean of Guild Court on 10 September 1593 giving his authors (predecessors) power to 'bigg to & upon the West Dyke of the Chappell yard' belonging to the Incorporation, in consideration of a payment of 50 merks Scots to the Hammermen on 20 February 1594, 'a very valuable consideration in those days'. The Court ordered the defenders to rebuild the wall or if they chose, relinquish it to the petitioner who could do so at his own expence. The defenders had not complied by 18 December 1751 and the petitioner sought expences of £5 5s. The Court gave him

permission to rebuild the wall himself at the defender's expence.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/76

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 October 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 4 October 1751.

PETITIONER: George Gordon, younger of Gordonbank and Henry Guthrie, WS.

SITE: Kinloch's Close, head, east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about lying water.

NOTES: The complaint is against Francis Russell, surgeon who owns a laigh cellar below the adjoining tenement on the west. It is full of water to a dept of 15ft. and the owners fear that this will undermine the building.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/77

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 November 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 16 October 1751.

PETITIONER: Alexander Scott, merchant.

SITE: Potterrow, west side.

PROPOSAL: To build a stocking manufactory and houses.

NOTES: The property lies south of that belonging to William Sellers. A plan was produced but according to a note, was removed later.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1751/78

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 November 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 16 October 1751.

PETITIONER: Alexander Martin, Doctor of medicine, Mrs. Mary Brown (widow Brown), his sister in law and Hugh Inglis, wright.

SITE: High Street, south side, over and west of Old Assembly Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: This process began with a petition from the Procurator Fiscal, lodged here, on 16 September 1751 regarding the sufficiency of the first turnpike within the west side of the Close. A jury was appointed and the Court ordered the demolition of parts of the tenement on 27 September 1751. The petitioner's property was laid open by this work. The Court appointed a jury who agreed and the tenement was to be demolished before 1 January next.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/79

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 November 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 16 October 1751.

PETITIONER: James Armour, WS.

SITE: Fleshmarket Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the thickness of a wall.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Mein, slater who owns a shop next to the petitioner. The dividing wall is so thin that 'every word spoke in the one, is heard distinctly in the other'. He asked the defender to lath and plaster the wall but he refused. The Court ordered the work to be carried out at their joint expence. There is a full copy of the Decreet of Neighbourhood here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/80

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 November 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 23 October 1751.

PETITIONER: Alexander Campbell, brewer

SITE: Cowgate, Robertson's Close, first floor.

PROPOSAL: To demolish a coal house.

NOTES: The petitioner has a small garden on the east on which he proposes building an additional room for his family. He is prevented from doing so by a small timber projection into the yard, used as a coal house by his neighbour in the house above, Sir

John Hope of Rankeillor. The Court found the coal house to be a danger and ordered its demolition. See the unextracted petition dated 27 September 1751.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/81

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 November 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 6 November 1751.

PETITIONER: James Lithgow, merchant.

SITE: Grassmarket.

PROPOSAL: To build mutual garden walls.

NOTES: The petitioner has built two tenements according to a warrant granted 16 January 1751. He now wishes to build garden walls behind these but as they are mutual he asked the Court to determine the boundaries. There is a report here dated 20 November 1751.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/82

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 November 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 6 November 1751.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal, and others; Hugh Wood, merchant in Leith as factor for Robert Ross of Parsonknowes; and John Taylour, couper, Robert Wright, shoemaker and James Bishop, carter, tenants of David Nairne.

SITE: Leith, Rottenrow, head of Bowie's Close; also a stone tenement in the Coalhill and a further property on the south side of the Tolbooth Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about dangerous buildings.

NOTES: This is a composite warrant covering various properties. In one case the complaint was first made by letter to the Procurator Fiscal by John Graham on 31 October 1751 regarding a dangerous projection in Rottenrow. A jury was appointed and they found the projection to be ruinous and the Court ordered it to be demolished. The tenants in a stone tenement in the Coalhill belonging to George Tod, factor appointed by the Court of Session for David Nairne, son of the deceased John Nairne, merchant in Leith complained that it was ruinous. Hugh Wood, also complained about the tenement in the Tolbooth Wynd, Leith

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/83

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 November 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 23 October 1751.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Robertson, relict of William Robertson, merchant.

SITE: High Street, Paterson's fore Court.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing down of foul water.

NOTES: The complaint is against Walter Hog and John More, merchants, Thomas Hedderwick, baxter (baker), William Douglas, writer (lawyer) and Mrs. Gillis. Walter Hog pointed out that he had purchased his property from Dr. Young in 1748 and in 1749 he let a small back house to Philip Page, journeyman wright for 40s pa. He did not know if his tenant was responsible for throwing out water but he had nailed up the windows on the east side. The others here pointed out that they had ordered their servants to carry waste water down the street and that their back windows are their bedrooms, far from the kitchens. The Court ordered windows to be trellised as high as the mid band with the frame to be five inches high.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/84

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 December 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 23 October 1751.

PETITIONER: William Monroe and others, heritors.

SITE: High Street, head of Tweedale's Close, Polton's and Chalmers lands.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a pillar.

NOTES: The Court appointed a jury, listed here (John Adam, architect as their chancellor and they also consulted John Douglas, architect), who agreed that the pillar

and a mutual gable should be taken down and rebuilt. There are various small notes here regarding the jury and one of them, possibly in John Adam's hand, states that the western gable in Rosses land and the low stair at the foot of the Close is also ruinous and should be taken down. Also a fore shott in Rottenrow and the fore wall below it is a hazard and should be taken down. There was a further petition from William Forbes, WS, regarding standarts (timber supports) for Chalmers land.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/85

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 December 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1751.

PETITIONER: John Jack, slater and James Goodall, wright.

SITE: Barringers Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to Robert Sanders, writer (lawyer) to make repairs on the top floor of the tenement. The petitioners carried out the work in April 1748. James Weemys, later clerk in the Post Office also applied to the Court as a creditor on the property. See warrant granted 3 May 1749 (Wemyss). There is some confusion here and the late Alexander Weemys, writer, son of James, and his relict Christian were also cited. The petitioners were declared creditors on the property and allowed to collect rents for payment of 20 s monthly to settle their account. There are accounts here from both petitioners and a measure of the work by (William) Izatt dated 28 April 1748.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1751/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 January 1751 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 13 October 1750.

PETITIONER: Charles Mack and Thomas Miln, masons and Colin Alison, wright.

SITE: Leith, Shore.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petition is missing and this information is derived from the surviving accounts and the Court summons. The work was carried out in October 1748 and June 1749 on a house possessed by John Dennet, wine cooper in Leith.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 February 1751 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 13 February 1751.

PETITIONER: Adam Murray, baxter (baker).

SITE: High Street, James's Court, east side of the western entry.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to windows.

NOTES: The petitioner recently purchased the tenement except for one story pertaining to Baillie William Tod or his sister, Mrs. Elliot.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 February 1751 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 12 February 1751.

PETITIONER: George Buchan of Kelloe.

SITE: High Street, Old Assembly Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the upper floors.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Denhalm, writer (lawyer).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 February 1751 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 15 February 1751.
PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.
SITE: High Street, head of Todricks Wynd.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about rubbish in the street.
NOTES: The complaint is against John Moubray, wright who has left about twenty carts of rubbish in the street at the head of the Close for ten days.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/5*
WARRANT GRANTED: 6 March 1751.
PETITION LODGED: 5 February 1751.
PETITIONER: Walter Neilson, merchant in Canongate.
SITE: Canongate, north side, near the head, east side of the Middle Common Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.
NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Ramsay, slater who has built a toofall along the entire north gable of the petitioner's tenement, which prevents him building a stable. He refers to a disposition by Robert Nicol, mason in Canongate to Alexander Duff, tailor in Canongate and Alexander Ramsay, slater there, dated 12 June 1739 for an area of land. This disposition gave them right to build next to the petitioner's tenement on the north. Alexander Duff by disposition dated 15 October 1750 sold his part of the area to the petitioner, with the same right. The petitioner asks for a measure.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/6*
WARRANT GRANTED: 13 March 1751 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 11 March 1751.
PETITIONER: Alexander Nairn, advocate and Lady Montaigne
SITE: Not given.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing down of ashes.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/7*
WARRANT GRANTED: 18 March 1751 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 18 March 1751.
PETITIONER: James Tait, wright.
SITE: West Bow, Anderson's land.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment.
NOTES: The petitioner complains against Lachlan Campbell, writing master and William Dundas, journeyman book binder and their tenant William Brown of Harope, writer (lawyer) who took a lease on the petitioner's property about two years ago, on the understanding that the petitioner would carry out any work necessary to repair it. He has carried out repairs but the defenders refuse to pay.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/8*
WARRANT GRANTED: 20 March 1751 (refused).
PETITION LODGED: 20 March 1751.
PETITIONER: Mr. Forbes, teacher of French, James Clarkson, pursuivant, George Hamilton, tailor and Alexander Duke, glazier, proprietors and possessors.
SITE: High Street, Bulls land.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about a previous warrant.
NOTES: The petitioners were ordered to trellis their windows under a warrant granted to Mrs. Oliphant (13 February 1751) and pay a fine. They ask not to trellis their windows because the lack of air will encourage 'nauseas vermin called bogs which many houses in Edinr. are much troubled with.' The Court refused the petition.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/9*
WARRANT GRANTED: 27 March 1751 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 20 March 1751.
PETITIONER: Walter Hog, merchant.

SITE: Landmarket (Lawnmarket), first stair below the entry to Paterson's Court.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the stair.

NOTES: The petitioner is proprietor of a shop and warehouse entering by the stair which he claims is defective and ruinous. In answers for John More senior, merchant, William Douglas, writer and Thomas Hedderwick, baxter they point out that the stair is in good condition but that the rail and some balusters are broken and defective and that this was the result of goods being taken up and down to the petitioner's property. The petitioner refers to some accounts he has had from Dr. Young relating to the erection of the stair in Sprint 1737, 11 years before he came into possession in 1748. The 'small turned balusters said to be of oak', were in a wasted condition before he came.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1751 (petition dismissed).

PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1751.

PETITIONER: Alexander Newlands, skinner.

SITE: Halkerstons Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a vent.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to James Shearer on 6 March 1751 to carry out repairs. He has erected a vent that is a danger to their properties.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1751 (no warrant, parties agreed).

PETITION LODGED: 2 April 1751.

PETITIONER: Archibald Govan, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, Trunk Close.

PROPOSAL:

NOTES: The petitioner purchased a tenement from the representatives of the deceased David Grant, merchant and he had begun to make alterations. He was stopped by John Carnegy, merchant who owns the mutual gable to the south. The petitioner agreed to modify his intended roof to preserve the light to John Carnegy's property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1751 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 16 April 1751.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: St. Mary's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an unfree trader.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Hay, merchant in St. Mary's Wynd. In a response the defender states that he has had a room for about twelve months, from which he has dealt in foreign and home made linen, by commission.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 May 1751 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 8 May 1751.

PETITIONER: Collin Haigs, Burgess.

SITE: Paisley's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a midden.

NOTES: The midden, opposite the entrance to the petitioner's property is used by boys and others. The ruinous steps there should be removed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 May 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 20 May 1751 (no warrant).

PETITIONER: George Dunbar and others, heritors.

SITE: High Street, north side, between the stair that leads to the Sheriff Clerk's chamber and the stair to Baillie Mansfield's.

PROPOSAL: To lift and relay the pavement.

NOTES: The petitioners complain that they have a warrant to carry out the work but they understand that it is to be undertaken by James Wylie, mason. They object to this, having asked Patrick Jamieson, mason to carry out the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/15*

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 June 1751 (no warrant, defender to see).

PETITION LODGED: 28 May 1751.

PETITIONER: James Scott, chemist and druggist.

SITE: None.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the delivery of goods.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Mitchell, merchant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/16*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 June 1751 (appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 19 June 1751.

PETITIONER: John Walker, flesher.

SITE: Laigh Flesh Market.

PROPOSAL: Request for a stand.

NOTES: The petitioner made a previous request the year before, for a stand possessed by widow Greig and she died in the Spring, so he is repeating his request.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/17*

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 July 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 9 July 1751.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: None given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint against an unfree trader.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Ferguson, merchant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/18*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 July 1751 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 12 July 1751.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Cowgate, Dean Powers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about obstruction.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Mirtle (Myrtle), brewer who has erected a door at the foot of the entry to the Close that leads from the Cowgate to the merchant Maiden Hospital, Potterrow and Lord Minto's lodging. The defender replied that he had been fined £10 Scots by an officer of the Court for non attendance and that he did make efforts to respond (said to be here). The Court ordered a refund of the fine.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/19*

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 July 1751 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 10 July 1751.

PETITIONER: Albert Munro, treasurer to George Heriot's Hospital.

SITE: Lawnmarket, south side, Fishers land.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/20*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1751 (no warrant, petition dismissed).

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1751.

PETITIONER: Barbara Wilson, spouse to John Wilson, wright and Isobel Bell, spouse to Alexander Philp, late merchant in Leith and daughter to said Barbara Wilson.

SITE: Leith, Broad Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage and encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Brown & Company, merchants who, while fixing the roof of their new building in the Town Yard, have damaged the petitioner's property. The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to her to build a toofall on the site dated 19 August 1747. In their warrant the Court notes that the City Treasurer was to have been called in relation to the earlier warrant, for the City's interest but this was not done. The wall in dispute belongs in fact to the Town and the petitioner had no right to lean her toofall against it. The petition was dismissed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/21*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1751, (no warrant appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 23 July 1751.

PETITIONER: John Clerihue, indweller.

SITE: High Street, middle Close leading to the Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ingress of water from above.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Webster, schoolmaster and his daughter or others, who allow foul water to seep through the floor, damaging the petitioner's blankets and furniture. He refers to arguments between them and his landlord and the servant's practice of throwing foul water over his children as they entered or left the house.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/22*

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 July 1751 (no warrant, others to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 30 July 1751.

PETITIONER: Alexander Hunter, merchant.

SITE: Leith, south side of the Tolbooth Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To build a soap manufactory.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1751/23*

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 July 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 22 May 1751.

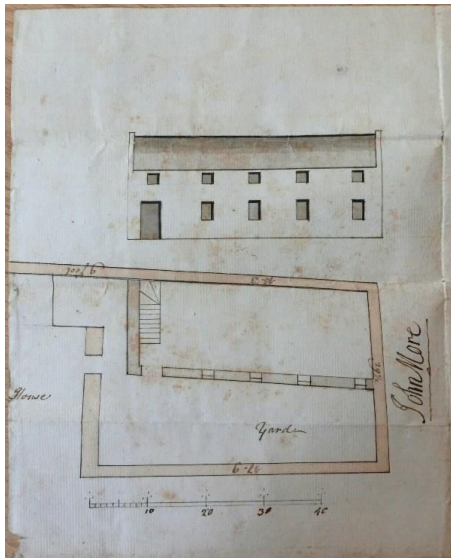
PETITIONER: John More, merchant.

SITE: Lawnmarket, south side.

PROPOSAL: To build 'a small shade for dressing lint'.

NOTES: The petitioner lately took a tack or lease from Mr. Little of Libberton on a yard or enclosure. In replies for the Directors of the Bank of Scotland they asked for the request to be refused because of the danger of fire. They pointed out that the property was bounded on the north by Mr. Little's tenement, a great part of which is timber, on the south by a workhouse and warehouse belonging to Francis Brodie, wright, on the west by a workhouse belonging to Charles Howison, wright and on the east by the tenement belonging to the Bank. In his answers dated 31 July, the petitioner points out that he is to build a house of two stories in stone, not a shade and that there is no law to prevent him doing whatever he wishes in his own property.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation and plan of the ground floor and area.

Size: 20.3 x 31.5 cms.

BOX: 1751/24*

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 August 1751. (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 22 July 1751.

PETITIONER: Marian and Martha Ker, daughters of the deceased Andrew Ker, brewer.

SITE: Cowgate foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Hog, brewer who occupies the brewery beside their property. It is owned by William Straton and while he was the occupier, he built a shade against their property, driving trees into their wall. George Hog is now undermining their property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/25*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 21 August 1751.

PETITIONER: Rosina Deans, widow of the deceased James Gillon, advocate.

SITE: High Street, head of Turks Close, near Forresters Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof. She refers to her daughter Bethia Gillon.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/26*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 August 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 28 August 1751.

PETITIONER: James Baird, flesher in Dalkeith.

SITE: Laigh Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about obstruction.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he built a stall about twenty five years ago in the Laigh market but that when the fleshers were removed to the Middle market about two years ago, he was dispossessed of his stall. He complains that James Wilson, the officer to the Incorporation of Fleshers allows others to make use of his stall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/27*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 September 1751 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 4 September 1751.

PETITIONER: Priscilla Handisyde, relict of James Edgar, pewterer.

SITE: High Street, Lions Close, opposite the Guard.

PROPOSAL: To slap out a window in the northmost room.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/28*

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 September 1751 (no action).

PETITION LODGED: 7 September 1751.

PETITIONER: David Alves, tenant at Baberton and Charles Inglis, depute Clerk to the Bills, his assignee and others, heritors.

SITE: High Street, Borthwick's Close, back land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building rubbish.

NOTES: The rubbish is lying on top of his land from a collapsed gable and he is concerned for its safety.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/29*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 September 1751 (no warrant, remitted to a jury).

PETITION LODGED: 11 September 1751.

PETITIONER: George Ramsay, stabler in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, Hunters land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the roof.

NOTES: The petitioner replaced the roof some time ago, costing him about £40 stg. It now needs repair. He complains about Alexander Shaw, writer and a dangerous gable. No further action is noted here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/30*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 September 1751 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 16 September 1751.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Harts Close.

PROPOSAL: To take down a forestair.

NOTES: The Close is intended as the public entry to a new Fruitmarket but there is a projecting forestair that obstructs the passage. There is an instrument of protest here regarding the entrance dated 27 April 1751 and raised by Robert Mitchell, running stationer and his spouse, Ann Stewart who met with Robert Penman, Town officer and (blank) McIntosh, confectioner regarding the repair of the outshot and stair.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/31*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 September 1751 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 16 September 1751.

PETITIONER: John Foulis, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Morrison's Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an outshot.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Norrie, painter for himself and as tutor to (blank) Norrie, his grandson who own the tenement on the opposite side of the Close. They have added to the tenement by an outshot or closet that projects almost the full width of the Close and this prevents the petitioner from repairing his property. He points out the risk of fire jumping from one tenement to another. The Court ordered the relict of George Norrie and his son to appear.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/32*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 September 1751 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 9 September 1751.

PETITIONER: Hugh Robertson and Christian Sandilands, proprietors.

SITE: Henderson's Stairs, opposite to Forresters Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the dangerous condition of a tenement.

NOTES: The tenement has a rent in the gable and is in danger of falling. A jury was appointed but no further action is noted here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/33*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 September 1751.

PETITION LODGED: 4 September 1751.

PETITIONER: William Sands, Treasurer to the City of Edinburgh and Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Hearts Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To demolish an old wall.

NOTES: The Council have acquired right to an old tenement, the property of Nisbet of Dirleton along with waste areas belonging to Captain Hugh Clerk and others, which they intend turning into a market for herbs and fruit. They wish to demolish some of the standing walls of Dirleton's property. They also wish to remove joists erected by James Shearer in the Dirleton turnpike.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/34*

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 September 1751 (no warrant, petition refused).

PETITION LODGED: 25 July 1751.

PETITIONER: Alexander Campbell, brewer

SITE: Cowgate, Robertson's Close, first floor.

PROPOSAL: To build an extension.

NOTES: The petitioner has a small garden on the east on which he proposes building an additional room for his family. He is prevented from doing so by a small timber projection into the yard, used as a coal house by his neighbour in the house above, Sir John Hope of Rankeillor. The flat above is owned by (Alison and Ann) Borthwick, daughters of Lord Holyroodhouse. The petition was refused. See warrant granted 13 November 1751.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1751/35*

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 September 1751 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 20 September 1751.

PETITIONER: Patrick Murray, junior.

SITE: Parliament Close, a fore part on the north side of the President's Stair.

PROPOSAL: To remove a pillar for a shop.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/36*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 October 1751 (no warrant, ordered a report).

PETITION LODGED: 22 May 1751.

PETITIONER: William Simson, slater.

SITE: Leith, Lees Quarter.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from Robert Stark, shoemaker in Canongate, only son and heir of the deceased Robert Stark, writer (lawyer) by minute of sale dated 29 May 1744, registered in the Sheriff Court books of Edinburgh, 27 April 1750. There is a report here on the necessary work from Charles Butter, wright. The petitioner's right to the property was challenged by Robert Blackwood of Pitreavie, advocate, who stated that he had a claim for debt prior to the sale. The amounts were £11 and £4. The Court ordered a report and probably ordered the work to be undertaken but there is no further action noted here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/37*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 October 1751 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 25 September 1751.

PETITIONER: Thomas Stewart, indweller and Margaret Alexander his spouse.

SITE: Peebles Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a laigh house.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/38*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 October 1751 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 16 October 1751.

PETITIONER: Alexander Bartlet, schoolmaster.

SITE: Stewarts Close.

PROPOSAL: To have an inspection of a tenement considered to be dangerous.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/39*

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 October 1751, (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 27 September 1751.

PETITIONER: William Tod, junior, merchant and William McGhie, writer and others.

SITE: Luckenbooths head, Penstouns Close, Penstouns land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a wall in the Close that is insufficient.

NOTES: The complaint also refers to coal folds in the Close that hold all the waste water thrown into them from the owners in Gavinloch's land. This is undermining the walls. In answers for Robert Walker, surgeon he states that he needs to have the coal fold as he has no cellar or anywhere to store coal. If his coal fold is removed he will have to leave his property, which he only purchased at Whitsunday last. The Court arranged a visit on 23 October and suggested a remit to a jury but there is no further action noted here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/40*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date, 1751 (no warrant, no action noted here).

PETITION LODGED: No date.

PETITIONER: Anna Edgar, relict of Robert Swinton, surgeon and others.

SITE: Forresters Wynd east side, near the middle.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a crazie tenement.

NOTES: The rents for the dangerous tenement are collected by John Shaw, merchant and upholsterer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1751/41*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date, 1751 (no warrant, no action noted here).

PETITION LODGED: No date.

PETITIONER: James Sterling and others.

SITE: Nidderly Wynd, west side, near the foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a crazie tenement.

NOTES: The tenement, called Scots land, lies to the south of the petitioner's great stone tenement and belongs to John Jack, slater.

DRAWINGS: None.

1752

The Court Officers from 16 October 1751:

Dean of Guild

James Stuart

Council,

David Flint, Old Dean of Guild

John Walker, merchant

Robert Selkrig, merchant

John Moubray, wright

Patrick Jamieson, mason

Samuel Neilson, wright

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

BOX: 1752/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 January 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 18 December 1751.

PETITIONER: John Maul, baron of Exchequer.

SITE: Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: To build an addition to a lodging.

NOTES: The petition is noted on the front '7th Feby 1752 Received up the Plan of Building marked by the Dean of Guild produced with this petition by Patrick Jamieson'.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1752/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 January 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 3 January 1752.

PETITIONER: William Bell, cooper in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Quality Street.

PROPOSAL: To build a cellar.

NOTES: A note on the petition states that the plan was taken away by the petitioner.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1752/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 January 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 15 January 1752.

PETITIONER: James Armour, WS.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite the entry to Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: To place measured drawings in the Court.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to an order previously given by the Court for measured drawings to be made of three condemned tenements in the site by Charles Mack, mason and John Yetts, wright, ordained measurers. These drawings were made but it seems that they should now be placed in the Court so that they may be examined by all the heritors to see that they are accurate. This was done and the Court appointed a committee of their members to consider what should be a reasonable reward for the work of the measurers. The front of the petition records various borrowings of the plans. '24th January 1752 Then received up five several plans of my property's in the three tenements Wt. an elevation of the front, all signed by the two sworn measurers to be reproduced on demand by me, James Armour'. '25th January 1752 Borrowed up by me, appr[entice] to Wm. Wilson WS, the plan of Mr. Pitcairn's garret story to be returned on demand by Robert Robb. Borrowed up also the plan of the front of the three condemned tenements at the Cross, 28 Jany. 1752 Robert Robb. Borrowed also the dimensions of Johns Coffee house by me James Armour'. See warrant granted 3 April 1752 (Armour).

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1752/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 January 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 15 January 1752.

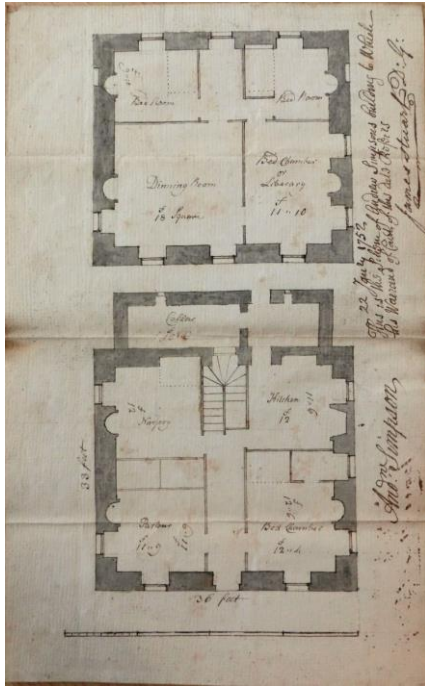
PETITIONER: Andrew Simpson, merchant.

SITE: Bristo, Wind Miln acres.

PROPOSAL: To build a house.

NOTES: The petitioner has acquired right, by assignation from William Russell, Commissary Clerk Depute of Edinburgh to a piece of ground held in tack or lease from George, Lord Ross to him dated 14 February 1745. He intends building a house on the area which is bounded on the east by 'the common road amongst Bristo Casway'. Other bounding property holders are noted. There is a note here from Lord Ross to the petitioner agreeing to his proposal dates 9 January. A note on the front of the petition refers to the petitioner taking away the assignation and the 'plan of building', suggesting there may have been an elevation along with the drawing here.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of the ground floor and an upper floor.

Size: 28.8 x 17.9 cms.

BOX: 1752/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 February 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 6 November 1751.

PETITIONER: Archibald Blair, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, south side, uppermost next to the Castlehill.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof and convert the loft into dwelling houses.

NOTES: The petitioner owns the top floor of the tenement, used as a wool loft. He seeks permission to convert this into dwelling houses with a new stone front with stormont windows on the front, if the proprietors of the two floors below agree. There appears to have been a delay caused by an argument over the removal of a projecting fore stair, with further petitions to the Court.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of a five story tenement.
Size: 28.8 x 19.5 cms (irregular).

BOX: 1752/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 February 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 7 January 1752.

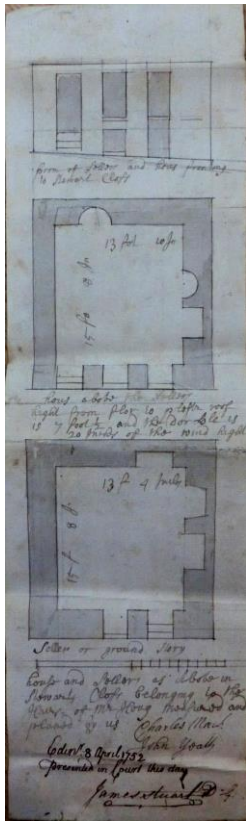
PETITIONER: Robert Tod, merchant, John Dalgleish, watchmaker and others.

SITE: High Street, north side, tenements on the east and west of Mary Kings Close.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild tenements.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to an earlier warrant (18 September 1751) to demolish their tenement on the west of the Close but they cannot proceed until the owners of the upper floors begin to demolish their property. This petition has been bundled here with a number of petitions from individuals (James Armour, WS), including one from the heritors of the tenement on the east of the Close. The Court ordered that the proprietors of the upper floors should begin work within the week or gave permission for the petitioners to employ tradesmen to begin the work. The delay may be associated with arguments over the accuracy of the drawings made and the Court ordered an account for the drawings to be made up, on 5 February 1752. There is an account here for £19 10s 6d for all the drawings listed which the Court allowed the heritors to see and comment on 12 February 1752. See warrant granted 22 January 1752 (Armour). James Armour was still arguing over the accuracy of the drawings in April 1752 when he submitted the drawings below. He claimed that they had left off '... a large closet belonging to me, in the house lately possessed by Baillie Alexander Kincaid, being the third story from the turnpike entering from the Writer's Court...' In a small note enclosed, Charles Mack, mason refers to the closet as 'formerly the auction room'.

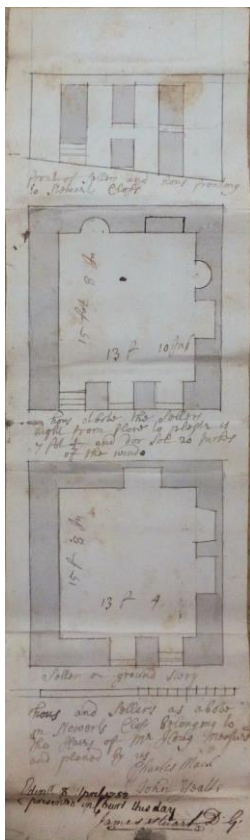
DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation of a shop front to Stewart's Close with plans of two floors.

Size: 39.0 x 11.3 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Signed by Charles Mack and John Yeatts.



Description: b. Elevation of a shop front to Stewart's Close with plans of two floors (copy of the drawing above)

Size: 38.5 x 11.0 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Signed by Charles Mack and John Yeatts.

BOX: 1752/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 February 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 12 February 1752.

PETITIONER: David Wright, officer to the 'Ensuarance Office'.

SITE: Henderson's Stairs.

PROPOSAL: To remove rubbish and slap out a light.

NOTES: There is a note agreeing to the work here from John Henderson of Leaston.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 February 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 25 January 1752.

PETITIONER: William Dallas, wright.

SITE: Peebles Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Claim for payment for work.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted (before 10 October 1750) to repair the roof and other parts of a lodging belonging to William Morison of Craigleith. There is an account here for the work, between October 1750 and July 1751 amounting to £300 2s Stg. of which £100 had been paid. There are three reports here on the work as it progressed, by Archibald Turnbull. The most elaborate work occurred in the dining room. The Court found the petitioner to be a creditor and allowed him to collect the rents until the account was paid.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 February 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 12 February 1752.

PETITIONER: The heritors of Polton's and Chalmer's land; William Forbes, WS, Mrs. Monro, James Mckenzie, minister, Mr. Plenderleith, Mrs. Thomson, relict of (blank) Thomson, brewer and James Clark, mason.

SITE: Gable between Polton's and Chalmer's lands.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a gable condemned by the Court.

NOTES: There is a note on the petition from Mr. Hay stating that Mr. Plenderleith is out of the Kingdom and he only has right to managed his affairs in the country and not in town, so matters will have to wait until he can be called. The Court stated that the work was urgent and allowed it to proceed, to be declared a debt and for the expences to be cognozed on completion.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 February 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 22 January 1752.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason, John Yeatts, wright and George Syme, slater.

SITE: Old Assembly Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Claim for the expence of taking down the upper floors of a tenement.

NOTES: The property belonged to the creditors of the deceased David Denholm, writer (lawyer). There was a disagreement about who exactly ordered the work, carried out in September and October 1751. There are accounts here from each of the petitioners.

There is also a copy of a roup or sale of the timber and lead, valued by Charles Butter and George Heriot, wrights, the proceeds of which, £5 Stg. was given to the petitioners. The materials were purchased by Hugh Inglis, wright.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 February 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 18 February 1752.

PETITIONER: Lady Charles Ker, relict of Lord Charles Ker, Director of His Majesties Chancery.

SITE: Cowgate.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about old walls.

NOTES: The petitioner complains that some old ruinous walls beside her lodging could allow easy access to her windows by 'evil designing persons' and she asked permission to demolish them. The walls belong to Thomas Myrtle, brewer and William Reoch, wright. The Court decided that the petitioner had a right to an eaves drop of eighteen inches and that she could take down the old wall and sell the stone to cover the cost of the dountaking, in case the owners did not do so by 26 March next.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 February 1752.

WARRANT LODGED: 12 February 1752.

PETITIONER: James Scott, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, Falconers Close, commonly called back of Baths Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof.

NOTES: John Inglis, advocate deceased and John Inglis, WS, his son. The flat immediately above is owned by James Tait, goldsmith and is possessed by Robert Jamieson, merchant. The Court ordered James Tait to make the necessary repairs.

BOX: 1752/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 March 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 19 February 1752.

PETITIONER: George Cuming, later brewer in Canongate.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: To have a shop valued.

NOTES: The valuation is necessary to resolve a dispute among the creditors and children of the petitioner, arising from a Decree of separation and aliment at the instance of Thomas Murray, baxter and his sister in law, Janet Turnbull, wife of George Cuming. The other creditors are Lachlan Grant and Hugh Mossman, writers. The petition is presented by Walter Scott as factor. A jury was appointed who valued the shop at £105 Stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 March 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 5 February 1752.

PETITIONER: James Drummond, merchant.

SITE: Society.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to a wall and trees.

NOTES: The petitioner claims that soil from the foundations of a new house was laid against his wall, causing it to collapse and destroy trees at the same time. The complaint is against Patrick Jamieson, mason who was employed as master builder of the neighbouring house for George Drummond of Blair. Deacon Jamieson stated that he did not employ barrowmen to dump the soil and on 25 February the Court summoned William Robertson, wright in Leven to appear. On the 26th February 'William Robertson, architect' acknowledged in the Court that he was the undertaker for the new house and that he had ordered the barrowmen to lay down the earth 'at Mrs. Cleghorn's allowance'. The Court ordered Robertson to rebuild the wall by 4 April next, reserving action to the complainer for the other damages.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 March 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 26 February 1752.

PETITIONER: Charles Bruce, glazier.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite the Old City Guard.

PROPOSAL: To repair a dangerous chimney stack.

NOTES: The petitioner wished to take down more of the gable wall to ensure a good foundation for the new chimney stack but this is the property of Eleanor Ker, schoolmistress. There is a letter here from Eleanor here dated at Sterling, 19 February 1752 in which she offers to sell her property to the petitioner or his tenant, James

Symonds, comb maker, for £20 as she is 'not fond of repairing if it were possible to shun it'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 March 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 11 December 1751.

PETITIONER: Thomas Crokot, merchant, late Dean of Guild of Edinburgh.

SITE: West Bow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a horse midden.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Nicholson, stabler and Janet McMath, relict of James Johnston, merchant, his landlady. The stable much is laid against the petitioner's wall and is seeping into his property. The defenders claimed to have laid their stable muck in the same place for the past fifty years. Thomas Nicolson was ordered not to place his much any closer than eighteen inches to the petitioner's wall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 March 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 26 December 1751.

PETITIONER: James Lithgow, merchant.

SITE: Castlehill, south side, castle Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Rebuilding fallen wall with a doorway into a garden.

NOTES: The Petitioner refers to a warrant granted on 20 November 1751 to carry out the work and a complaint by William Armstrong, coppersmith on behalf of Mrs. Hamilton regarding the doorway into a garden. The Court had ordered the work to stop on 2 December 1751 and an argument ensued about whether there had ever been a doorway in the dyke. The matter went to the Court of Session in a Bill of Advocation (lodged here) by the petitioner and the matter was found in his favour on 4 March 1752 with the Dean of Guild being ordered to allow him to proceed. The masons engaged in the work were William Kid, Robert Hunter, Robert Johnston, Jo(hn) Taylor, David Main and Hugh Mitchell. There are depositions here from Matthew Kid, journeyman mason aged 45, married; Alex Burton, overseer of the work aged 30, married; William Robertson, beltmaker above 40, married and Thomas Reid, carter aged 30 and married. There is a very sketchy plan of the doorway on the verso of the execution or summons.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 March 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 4 March 1752.

PETITIONER: George Stevenson, Physician.

SITE: High Street, north side, a little above the Cross.

PROPOSAL: To value a shop.

NOTES: The petitioner holds his property as heir of taillie and provision to the deceased Sir Archibald Stevenson, Doctor of Medicine. It is a shop, lately possessed by Patrick Manderstone but which has been declared ruinous and ordered to be demolished. A jury was appointed and the value put at £70 Stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 23 March 1752.

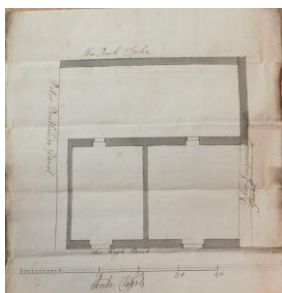
PETITIONER: Archibald Chessels, wright.

SITE: Leith, Dubraw.

PROPOSAL: To build a house and value an area.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased an old house and area of waste ground, from Patrick Simpson, coal grieve in Leith for £20 (disposition lodged here). A jury was appointed and they agreed a value of £14.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of a house fronting the 'High Street'.

Size: 22.2 x 21.7 cms.

Watermark: Fleur dye lys.

Architect: Archibald Chessels.

BOX: 1752/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 18 March 1752.

PETITIONER: John Stenhouse, merchant.

SITE: Cowgate, north side, a little west of the foot of Fishmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild an old tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 3 March 1752.

PETITIONER: James Armour, WS.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite the entry to Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: To have properties valued and measured.

NOTES: The properties are on the third floor above the shops and have been purchased by the petitioner from Alexander Kinkaid, stationer and John Cressau, merchant, They have been valued at £100 and £66 Stg. respectively. The petitioner complained that plans had been made but that the measurements had just been jotted on them and could easily be changed. The Court ordered the measurers to express in words the various measurements on their plans. See warrant granted 22 January 1752 (Armour).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 3 April 1752.

PETITIONER: Alexander Hunter, merchant and other heritors.

SITE: High Street, Mary Kings Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about demolition rubbish blocking a sewer.

NOTES: The petitioners complained of a sewer blocked by the rubbish and asked for the passage to be opened on the east side of Warriston's Close on the north of the Writer's Court, leading into Mary Kings Close. The Writers to the Signet asked for the petition to be dismissed as the matter was only temporary but the Court found in favour of the petitioners, whose property and furniture was being damaged.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 18 March 1752.

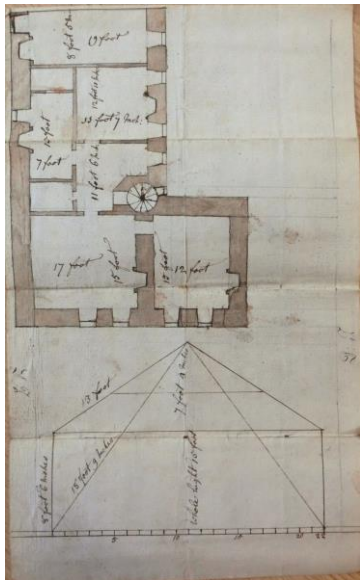
PETITIONER: William Mein, merchant and Charles Howison, wright.

SITE: Lawnmarket, at the foot of the Close that is an entry to Fisher's land.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The property is divided between the petitioners and George Home, late Deacon of the Baxters (bakers). The present south front or fore wall is in a crazy condition and they intend taking it down along with a very steep stay roof, and rebuild the whole a story higher.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor and a section of the new floor and roof.
Size: 30.0 x 17.9 cms.

BOX: 1752/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 April 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 16 December 1751.

PETITIONER: Sir Robert Myreton of Gogar, Martin Eccles and John Rattray, surgeons, all proprietors. SITE: High Street, foot of Foulis's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a timber spout or drain.

NOTES: The complaint is against the owners of a tenement about the middle of the Close who '... to save themselves the expence of scavengers, did, some years ago, put up a timber spout from the top to the bottom of said tenement for carrying off their dirty water and other filth...' It is stated that this spout is a cause of an offensive smell and is such a nuisance that it endangers the inhabitants of slipping and breaking their bones. The Court agreed and ordered the spout to be taken down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 24 April 1752.

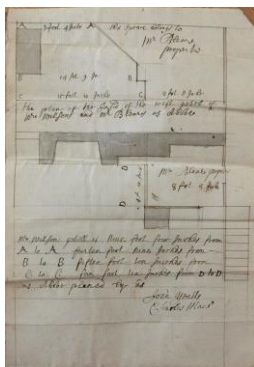
PETITIONER: Archibald Blair, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Castlehill, the upmost tenement.

PROPOSAL: To measure a property.

NOTES: The Court has granted a warrant to take down the front of the tenement and rebuild but the petitioner now wished to have a measured drawing made of the gable between his property and that of Mr. Wilson.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the inside of the west gable.

Size: 31.4 x 18.7 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: signed by John Yeatts and Charles Mack.

BOX: 1752/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 12 February 1752.

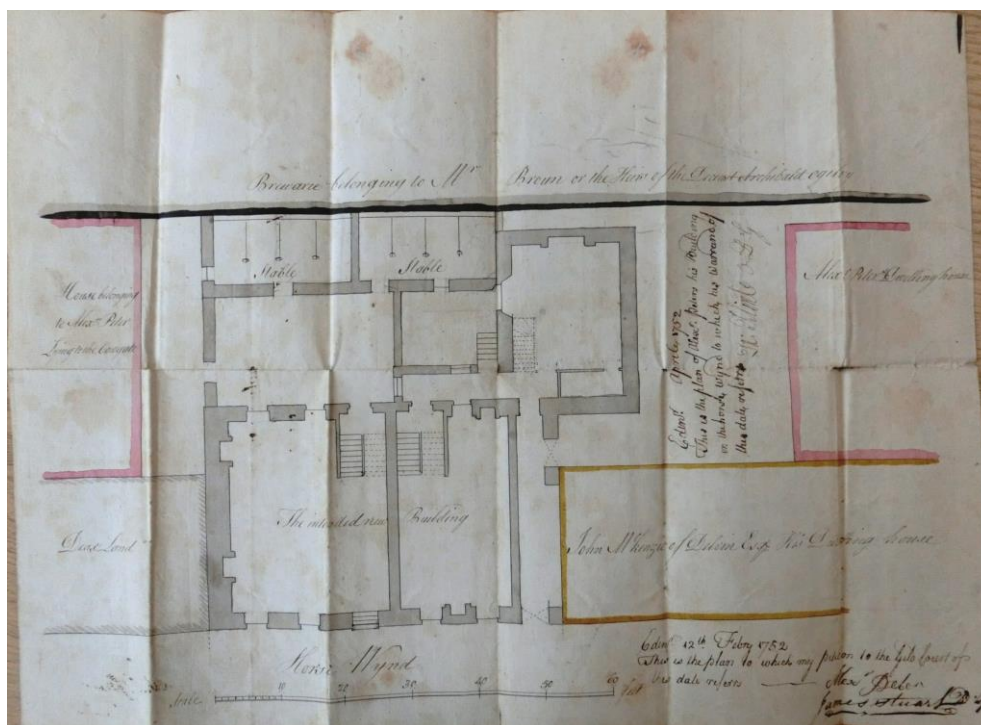
PETITIONER: Alexander Peter, wright.

SITE: Horse Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement and stables.

NOTES: The petitioner first applied to the Court on 12 February 1752 to rebuild his stone and timber property, it having been burnt to the ground. In a petition from John Mackenzie of Delvin, WS, the petitioner's neighbour on the south of the intended tenement (outlined in yellow on the plan), he states that he purchased his property from the petitioner in 1747. This new stone tenement of four stories with cellars and garrets was built by Alexander Peter and sold to Mackenzie for £660 Stg. (copy of the disposition here) He refers to the fire having occurred at the end of October last (1751) and this being the second or third accident of the same kind since he had been in possession. He attributes this to the carelessness of the petitioner's servants or the combustible nature of the commodity he deals in. A warrant was granted on 3 April 1752 and after which a long argument also ensued with James Deas (and later his creditors) proprietor of the adjoining property to the north of the intended new tenement, who insisted that his gable did not need rebuilding. The Court granted a further warrant on 24 June, allowing the demolition and rebuilding of this mutual gable at the petitioner's sole charges. The argument continued until 6 August 1752 when the Court gave instructions on the demolition of the gable, to be carried out before 20 October next.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area and ground floor of the intended tenement.

Size: 27.3 x 37.3 cms.

Architect: (Alexander Peter?)

BOX: 1752/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 15 April 1752.

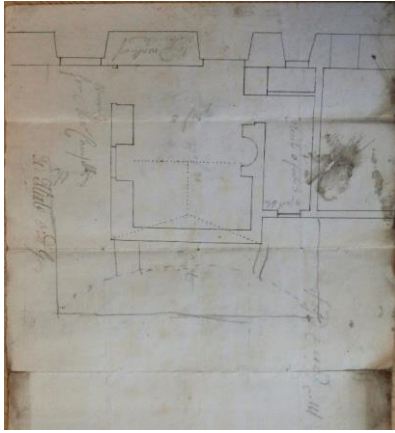
PETITIONER: Alexander Campbell, brewer.

SITE: Robertson's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build an addition to a house.

NOTES: The plan had additions in pencil suggesting a vaulted cellar.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor of the addition.

Size: 18.8 x 23.5 cms.

BOX: 1752/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 15 April 1752.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason.

SITE: Leith Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild an old tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from Charles Bruce, glazier who had a warrant to rebuild it. This warrant orders that the new front should be 26ft from the Town Wall on the opposite side of the street and not in line with an outshot.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 11 March 1752.

PETITIONER: William Glover, wright in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Kirkgate, south side. Also a tenement in the Dubrow, Leith.

PROPOSAL: To have a valuation.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property in the Kirkgate from Henry Anderson, farmer in Broughton and the more extensive property in the Dubrow from Mr. Ramsay, slater in Canongate. He asks the Court to allow him to demolish both but there are lists here of the required work required. The Court granted a warrant to Captain William Dallas, shipmaster in Leith 'the creditor in possession' (of the Dubrow property?) to make the repairs and to the petitioner (?) to repair the Kirkgate property. This petition appears to be related to be muddled in the Court with the one following (Ramsay).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 April 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 11 March 1752.

PETITIONER: Alexander Ramsay, slater in Canongate.

SITE: Leith, Lees Quarter, near the head of the Sheephead Wynd. With a further property on the Southside of Leith.

PROPOSAL: To value the properties and then demolish and rebuild.

NOTES: The property in Lees Quarter had been purchased from Andrew Johnston, surgeon apothecary and was occupied by Janet Robertson, relict of Charles Haliburton, master in Leith, on 27 February 1752. The other property had been purchased from Henry Anderson, farmer in Broughton. The Court granted a warrant for repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 May 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 29 April 1752.

PETITIONER: James Armour, WS and other heritors.

SITE: High Street, Mary Kings Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish a neighbouring gable.

NOTES: The petitioners are demolishing their tenement according to a warrant from the Court but they cannot continue because of the danger of the mutual gable on the west collapsing. A jury was appointed and agreed that it should be demolished.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 May 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 24 April 1752.

PETITIONER: John McDougal, writer in Exchequer.

SITE: High Street, Bess Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To make repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner had right to the property by a decret of Maills and Duties. The work was to be declared a debt and accounts to be cognozed on completion.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 May 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 17 April 1752.

PETITIONER: Jean Knox, widow of the deceased George Norie, painter.

SITE: Various.

PROPOSAL: To cognoze accounts for the repair of several properties.

NOTES: The properties belong to James Watson of Saughton. The petitioner refers to a previous warrant granted to his factor, John Wardrop, writer on 4 April 1750 to carry out the repairs and states that the painter work was carried out by her deceased husband's servant, Mark Straton. There are accounts here from; William McVey, wright, Patrick Jamieson, mason, Thomas Sibbald, smith, John Watson, slater, David Boswell, glazier, John Scott, plumber and George Norie, painter. There is also a measure of the weight work by John Yeatts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 May 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 28 April 1752.

PETITIONER: Charles, Duke of Queensberry and Dover.

SITE: Canongate.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a neighbouring malthouse.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Cumming, brewer in Canongate, the west wall of whose malthouse is leaning to such an extent that the petitioner fears it will fall on the kitchen of his lodging. The Court ordered the wall to be repaired and also cited the tenants of the brewery, Robert Reid and (blank) Paterson, brewers. George Cumming was a lodger with James Lauder, coachman.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 May 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 6 May 1752.

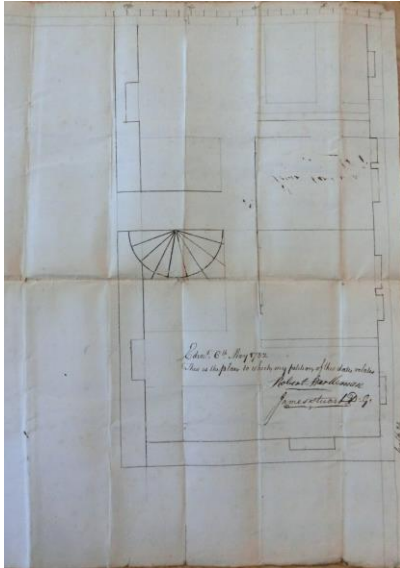
PETITIONER: Robert Bartleman, mason.

SITE: Leith Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner has a tenement and a garden on the east of it, lying to the north of a tenement belonging to Patrick Jamieson, mason and another belonging to Elizabeth Fubester(?). The petitioner was ordered to produce a plan.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 39.6 x 31.2 cms (irregular).

Watermark: countermark LVG

BOX: 1752/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 May 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 12 May 1752.

PETITIONER: Mr. Hamilton Gordon, advocate.

SITE: Castlehill.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a water spout.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Brand, late of Bramsfield who occupies a tenement on the north of the petitioner and who has erected a water spout to carry off the rainwater. This spout jets the water across the Close towards the petitioner's entrance. The Court ordered the spout to be shortened by 8 inches and modified.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 May 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 13 May 1752.

PETITIONER: Alexander Crawford, mason.

SITE: Portsburgh, south side of the High Street.

PROPOSAL: To value and rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from John Allan. A jury was appointed and they gave a value of 5 guineas, because the boundary on the south was blocked with earth. He was granted a warrant to rebuild on the old foundations but had to rebuild the projecting stair within the new tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 May 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 12 May 1752.

PETITIONER: John Johnston, smith as factor for John Smith, sailor in North Leith.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Roger Parkinson, clockmaker at the foot of the Canongate who owns an adjoining tenement. While rebuilding it, the defender has placed standards on the petitioner's property and the Court ordered them to be taken down and moved. The petitioner states that he has already made several complaints about encroachment by Mr. Parkinson, on behalf of his constituent, who is abroad.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 June 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 27 May 1752.

PETITIONER: William Wilson, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, head of Niddrys Wynd, Hamilton's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment and work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Andrew Syme, cooper and Andrew Douglas, merchant. This petition was followed in 1 June by another from the Procurator Fiscal against the two defenders named and in addition, Samuel Neilson, mason and his servant, John Kay. In answers, Andrew Douglas states that he has a tack on a house in the Old Posthouse stair from Mrs. Cathcart, and another tack from Andrew Syme, cooper for a house in Niddrys Wynd. Under this tack he had permission to make a connection between the two. He sought the opinion of Samuel Neilson who stated that the work could be done without harm and he was supposed to get the necessary warrant. He agreed to build up the wall. This matter appears to have continued until 17 July 1752 in another, unanswered petition.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 June 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 10 June 1752.

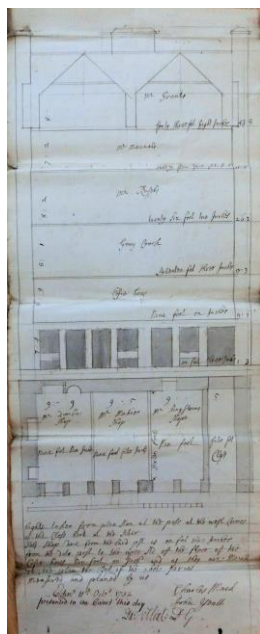
PETITIONER: John Dunbar, skinner and others, proprietors.

SITE: High Street, tenement immediately west of the entry to Writer's Court.

PROPOSAL: To demolish the eastern gable of the tenement and rebuild.

NOTES: The petitioners have been advised by skilful tradesmen that the rest of their tenement can be supported by standarting our floors and roof, while the work is carried out. They ask for time to undertake this work and also to have their properties measured. The Court agreed to give the petitioners eight days to complete the standarting but from the dates on the plans it appears the process took a great deal longer and some of these may have been made as work progressed on the gable. For the plan of the second floor see warrant granted 15 July 1752 (Stevenson).

DRAWINGS: 7 sheets.

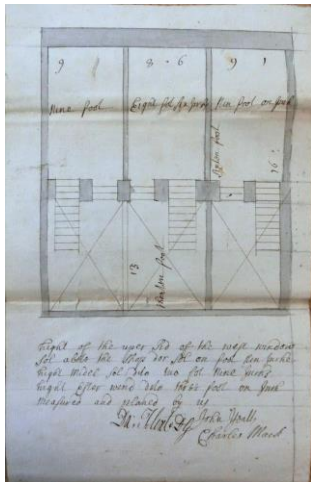


Description: a. Elevation of the entire tenement with plan of the ground floor.

Size: 45.3 x 18.8 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edinr. 11th Octo. 1752 presented to the Court this day. Da. Flint DG. Signed Charles Mack and John Yeatts.

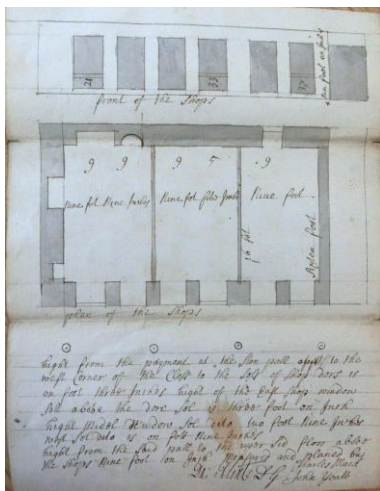
Inscriptions, verso: Plan of the British Coffee house land. With pencil sketch plan.



Description: b. Plan of the lower shop floor (partly below the pavement).

Size: 25.2 x 16.2 cms (irregular).

Inscriptions, recto: Signed Charles Mack and John Yeatts.

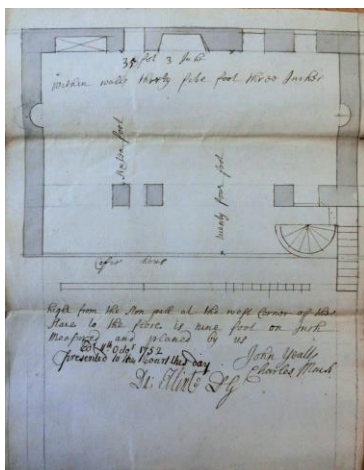


Description: c. Elevation and plan of the shop floor (revised).

Size: 24.6 x 18.6 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Signed Charles Mack and John Yeatts.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan of the shops. 11th Octor. 1752 presented to the Court this day.

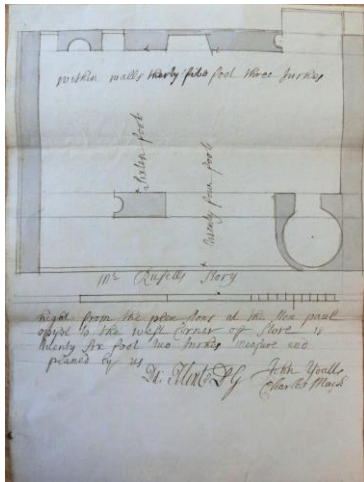


Description: d. Plan of the 1st floor.

Size: 24.3 x 19.0 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edinr. 11th Octor. 1752 presented to the Court this day. Da. Flint DG. Signed Charles Mack and John Yeatts.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan of the British Coffee house.

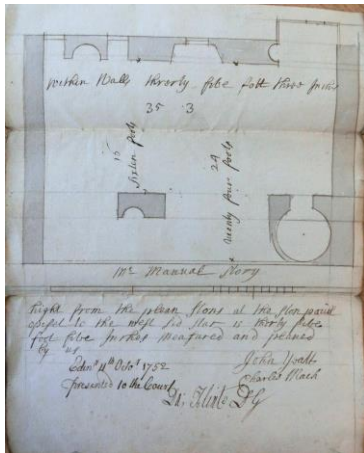


Description: e. Plan of the 3rd floor.

Size: 25.0 x 18.4 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Signed Charles Mack and John Yeatts.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan of Mr. Russell's story (John Russell junior).

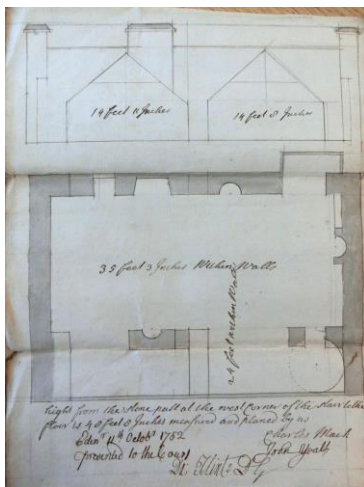


Description: f. Plan of the 4th floor.

Size: 24.2 x 19.4 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edinr. 11th Octor. 1752 presented to the Court this day. Da. Flint DG. Signed Charles Mack and John Yeatts.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan of Mr. Manuel story.



Description: g. Plan of the 5th floor and elevation of the attic.

Size: 25.5 x 19.2 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edinr. 11th Octor. 1752 presented to the Court this day. Da. Flint DG. Signed Charles Mack and John Yeatts.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan of Mr. Grants storie.

BOX: 1752/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 June 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 3 June 1752.

PETITIONER: James Hill, goldsmith.

SITE: Canongate, south side, Murray's land, ground floor of the east half.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a property.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from James Drummond, merchant by a contract of dated 19 February 1752. By this he has right to the 'Mealls and Dutys' of the forfeited dwelling house from Whitsunday last. But the property is out of repair and infested with vermin and there is a note here of the work required to make it good. The Court ordered a report and it was agreed that the repairs should be carried out and the accounts cognozed. There is no record in the Court that he did so.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 June 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 13 May 1752.

PETITIONER: Robert Ferrier, stabler.

SITE: Bristo Port, near.

PROPOSAL: To take down and rebuild a stable and the east wall of his dwelling house.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased his property from John Lillie. A note on the petitions states that the plan was taken away by the petitioner.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but here.

BOX: 1752/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 June 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 3 June 1752.

PETITIONER: James Fisher, tailor at the Water of Leith.

SITE: Portsburgh, Kings Stables

PROPOSAL: To complete work on building two houses.

NOTES: The petitioner began building the west part of the tenement before being told that he needed a warrant. The Court allowed him to continue with minor stipulations. There is a note in the petition referring to the removal of the plan by James Mack (mason) on 22 August 1752. There is a full copy of the warrant here.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1752/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 June 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 9 June 1752.

PETITIONER: Baillie Gavin Hamilton, treasurer to the Royal Infirmary and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Royal Infirmary garden.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Scott, druggist who has opened an entry from his laboratory into the Physic garden beside the Royal Infirmary. The Court ordered the door to be built up.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 June 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 13 June 1752.

PETITIONER: John Home, coachmaker.

SITE: St. Mary's Wynd, east side, immediately north of the entry to the petitioner's house and James Norie's painting room.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild the timber front and stair of a tenement for a workhouse.

NOTES: The petitioner was granted a warrant with certain conditions regarding the stair and the line of the frontage.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 June 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 5 February 1752.

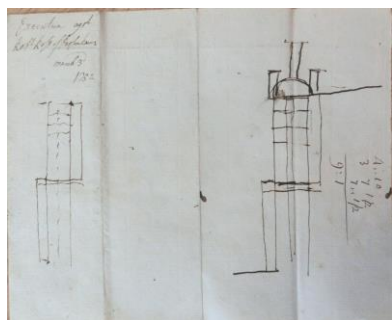
PETITIONER: John Falconar of Phesdo, Esq.

SITE: Leith, foot of the Tolbooth Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a mutual gable.

NOTES: The mutual gable between the petitioner's property and that of Robert Ross of Parsonknows and his creditors. The Court found the wall to be ruinous and ordered it be taken down, which has been done. But the defenders do not intend rebuilding their tenement immediately and the petitioner asks to have the gable valued and divided between the parties. From the warrant it appears that the mutual gable is part of a pend, the upper walls of which were supported on timbers across the opening. The Court ordered the rebuilding of the pend, presumably in stone with the division running down the middle.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Sketch plans on the verso of the summons.

Size: 15.2 x 18.6 cms.

BOX: 1752/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 July 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 6 July 1752.

PETITIONER: Henry Scrymgeor, WS as factor for the children of the deceased John Hog, younger of Cammo and James Hunter, merchant in Queensferry.

SITE: High Street, head of Stewarts Close.

PROPOSAL: To stop work on demolition of the neighbouring tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners are proprietors of the tenement next to the tenement that previously housed John's Coffee House. That tenement has been demolished down as far as the shop floor. The petitioners have been advised by tradesmen that further demolition will endanger their property viz. the Exchange and Balfour's Coffee house with lodgings above the Close. The Court ordered the heritors on the west of the Close to go ahead with their demolition.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 July 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 1 July 1752.

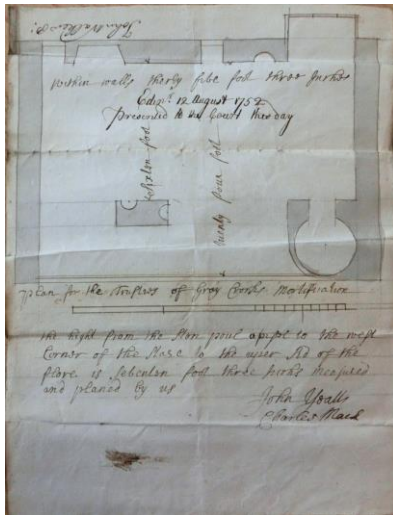
PETITIONER: Andrew Stevenson, factor for the trustees of Graycrooks Mortification.

SITE: High Street, immediately west of Writer's Court, third story.

PROPOSAL: To have their property valued and measured.

NOTES: A jury was appointed who decided on a value of £90 Stg.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the third story.

Size: 24.8 x 18.8 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edinr. 12 August 1752 presented to the Court this day. Signed John Yeatts and Charles Mack.

BOX: 1752/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 July 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 24 June 1752.

PETITIONER: Andrew Douglas, merchant.

SITE: High Street, head of Marlins Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To make alterations to a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner, tenant of Mrs. Cathcart, had begun work in slapping an interconnection door to the neighbouring tenement and now wished to slap a new window. The Court found that he had already carried out work on the window and in slapping out the door, had removed a pillar supporting the entire tenement. They ordered the work to start the following day.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 July 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 24 June 1752.

PETITIONER: George Brunton, stabler.

SITE: Not given here.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a leased property.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Veitch of Frenchland, residenter in Edinburgh. The petitioner took a lease on the understanding that the property would be prepared for habitation but he found that an oven had been built in the middle of the floor below and that the leased property was in a poor and incomplete state. In answers, the defender states that a wright tried to gain entry to the property to erect partitions but was prevented from doing so by the petitioner. It appears that the oven was rebuilt for John Allan, baxter, by order of the Court on his petition. The Court found that the petitioner was not entitled to damages as he had asked the Court, with others, to rebuild the oven to prevent the hazard of fire.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 August 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 15 July 1752.

PETITIONER: David Dalrymple, advocate.

SITE: High Street, opposite the Tron, Kennedy's Close, second story, head of the Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased his lodging from William Elliot, senior, writer but the tenement is in such poor condition that he thinks it should be taken down and rebuilt. The Court appointed a jury who found no defects in any part of the tenement

except in the under story of the north wall, from the wester side of the stair leading to the tavern possessed by Mr. Auchenleck, to Mr. Dickie's east side wall. The Court ordered James Syme, proprietor of the under floor to take down and rebuild this section of wall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 August 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 26 February 1752.

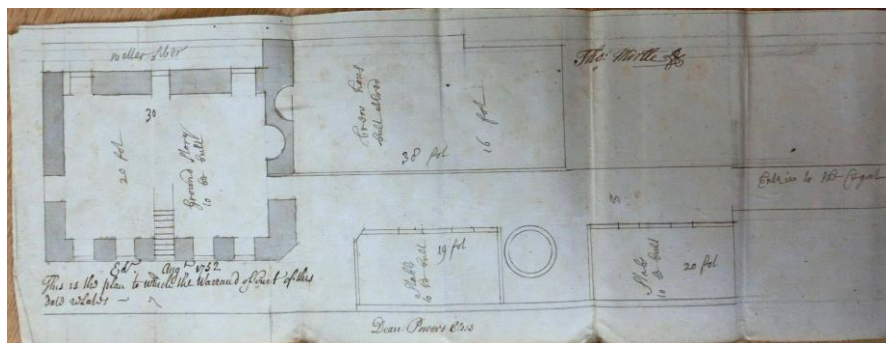
PETITIONER: Thomas Myrtle, brewer.

SITE: Cowgate, Adamson's Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a house.

NOTES: This is a complicated process with arguments over the rights to an area of land and ruinous houses in the Adamson's and Powers Closes. A number of claims had been made on the property in the Court of Session and the petitioner believed he had the right to apply to rebuild the house. This was challenged by James Spence, writer and William Reoch, wright who complaint about encroachment on a shared well. The petitioner refers to titles; Laurence Pever (Power) granting property in Powers Close to Henry Aldcorn in 1684; from Henry to his son, Richard Alcorn and from Richard to his son, John, all without making up proper title. Titles were later made up and the property was disponed to James Forrest of Commieston on 12 December 1732, registered 8 May 1740. James Forrest was granted a warrant to rebuild the property on 28 March 1750. Thomas Myrtle acquired right to the property from James Forrest by disposition dated 12 February 1751 and began work before being stopped.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.

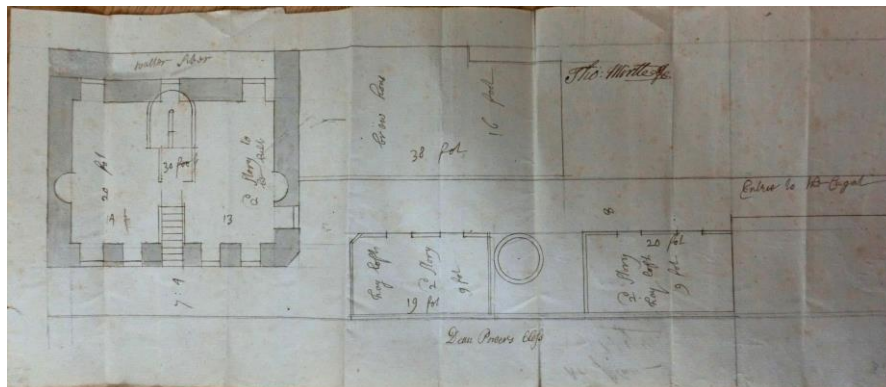


Description: a. Plan of the ground floor and of the area.

Size: 14.7 x 39.5 (irregular).

Inscriptions, recto: Ground story to be built. Edr. (blank) August 1752. This is the plan to which the warrant of Court of this date relates.

Architect: (John Yeatts)



Description: b. Plan of the 2nd floor and the area.

Size: 17.2 x 39.5 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: 2nd story to be built.

Architect: (John Yeatts)

BOX: 1752/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 August 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 29 July 1752.

PETITIONER: John Campbell, Cashier of the Royal Bank.

SITE: High Street, Fishmarket Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners purchased the tenement from William Keir and others, except for one story below William Keir's house belonging to James Innes, son of Alexander Innes, merchant. It stands beside the new tenement erected by the petitioners. They ask that the Court appoint a jury to value the single story. This was valued at £81 Stg including all the materials. The Court granted the warrant and ordered John Brown collector of the rents for James Innes, to agree to this.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 August 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 15 July 1752.

PETITIONER: The heritors.

SITE: High Street, Kinloch's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaints about foul water, a chimney in danger of falling and hammering at a forge.

NOTES: The Forge is owned by David Robertson, smith in Niddery Wynd, the gable of whose shop adjoins the petitioner's property. The properties throwing out water had their windows trellised to half their height, the chimney was repaired but no action noted on the hammering.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 August 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 12 August 1752.

PETITIONER: Alexander Hunter, merchant and others, proprietors of the Soap Work at Leith.

SITE: The Soap Work.

PROPOSAL: To build vaults and a warehouse.

NOTES: The petitioners intend building on an area or yard which adjoins a piece of ground belonging to Hugh Inglis, Wright and on which there were previously cellars and lofts, now ruinous. The warrant was granted.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/56

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 August 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 21 July 1752.

PETITIONER: The Countess of Stair.

SITE: Blackfriars Wynd, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaints about an office house (toilet) and public nuisance.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Smith, tenant to Mr. Drummond of Hawthornden, who keeps a 'bowl and ring' at the foot of the Wynd, opposite to the petitioner's lodging in the Mint. '... the same is frequented by most of the vagrants in Town whereby the whole neighbourhood has been often disturbed by their profane cursing, swearing and fighting, as well in the night as day & the same is a perfect nursery of all debauchery for the youth that frequent it...' The Court ordered the hole in the passage to the Close from the office house, to be built up. They also stated that the ring and bowl was a nuisance '... and tends to debauch the youth especially those of the Lower rank...' and that it should be shut down under a penalty of £5 Stg in case of transgression.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/57

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 August 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 15 July 1752.

PETITIONER: James Archibald, tanner in Portsburgh.

SITE: Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: To cognoze accounts for rebuilding a mutual gable.

NOTES: There are accounts here from Adam Brown, slater, Charles Mack, mason and James Argbould (Archibald?), wright with a measure of the mason work by John Yeatts. Total £19 3s 11d.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/58

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 August 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 25 March 1724.

PETITIONER: Robert Clelland and Robert Selkrig, merchants.

SITE: West ort and Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The property belongs to the petitioners by adjudication in the Court of Session. It previously belonged to Peter and James Hodges who had a warrant to repair. There are accounts here from 1720's up to 1736 for amounts totalling £241 7s 7d Stg. Janet Clelland and David Hodges, coppersmith are also mentioned here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/59

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 September 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 1 July 1752.

PETITIONER: James Lithgow, merchant.

SITE: Grassmarket.

PROPOSAL: To cognoze accounts for rebuilding ruinous tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased on 3 January 1749, old tenements from William Robertson, beltmaker and his creditors for whom Thomas Robertson, writer was trustee. He applied for a warrant to demolish and for an appraisal of the value, which a jury decided was £180 Stg. There is a general account here from all the tradesmen; Robert Bennet, mason, Charles Bruce, glazier, George Cowan, wright, William Spence, painter, Hugh Inglis, wright, George Begbie, smith, John Innes, bricklayer, James Brown, smith, Alexander Nicholson, plumber, George Syme, slater, Patrick Jamieson, mason. Jo. Dunnet and Chas. Kirk are noted as plasterers and Alex. Burton as overseer. Joisting timber was supplied by Richard Tod and James Stevenson supplied 2 plaintree planks far a kitchen table. The total for two tenements and stables, £217 3s 1d.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/60

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 September 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 2 September 1752.

PETITIONER: George Brown flesher.

SITE: Laigh Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: To have a stall.

NOTES: The petitioner is a freeman but he trades for himself. He is not yet entitled to a stall in the Mid-market but he sells in the laigh market. There is a stall, used by various people and which belonged to John Chalmers, flesher in Canongate, but he has given up trading. He asks for use of this stall and the Court agreed, during their pleasure.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/61

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 September 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 26 May 1752.

PETITIONER: John Mein, slater and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite the Cross.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the use of a stair.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased his dwelling house from the now deceased Thomas Fairholm, merchant on 12 May 1749, with free ish and entry to the story above in case of fire or rebuilding of the tenement. The complaint is against Samuel Stevenson and his son, Alexander who have acquired right to the story above (by a disposition from Thomas Fairholm to James Hunter dated 18 May 1750) but they have taken away the bolts and bars from a door in the stair and they have been throwing nastiness into it. The Court decided on 24 June 1752 that the Stevenson's had a right to use the stair and not to be blocked by a bolted door. They ordered a pass lock to be put on the door with a pass key. The matter went to the Court of Session in a Bill of Advocation by Samuel Stevenson. Referred back to the Dean of Guild, who adhered to their former decision.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/62

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 October 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 28 July 1752.

PETITIONER: James Fforrester, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Potterrow.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild the south gable.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a neighbouring tenement being demolished by Colin Alison, wright and he thought that he could take down his gable at the same time, Mr. Alison doing the work. It is now almost complete but he did not think he required a warrant as Mr. Alison was the only other person involved. He applied to the Court and finding that the forewall and some other parts were built with stone and clay they appointed a jury and on 26 August ordered the taking down of the other parts. William McVey, wright acting for Thomas Rig of Mortoun, owner of the tenement on the north became involved and the Court ordered the tenement to be rebuilt according to a plan submitted, always keeping the street 18ft broad. The existing widths of the street are noted on the verso of the drawing 'At Deacon Alison's 18 foot 5 inches; at the Wright's [McVey] land 21 foot 2 inches and at the north end of Mr. Forrester's 18 foot 8 inches'.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 32.5 x 23.4 cms.

BOX: 1752/63

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 October 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 1 July 1752.

PETITIONER: Archibald Chessells, wright.

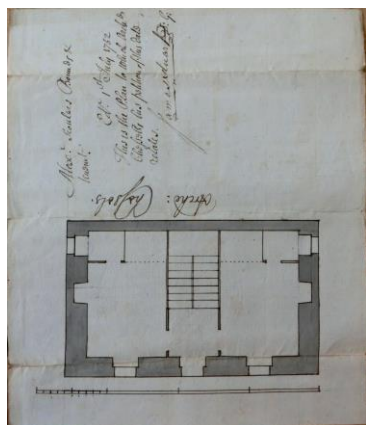
SITE: Canongate head, south side

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement on garden ground.

NOTES: The petitioner's garden is bounded on the west by a tenement belonging to Alexander Scoular, tanner in Pleasance and occupied by James Birkmyer. The Court granted a warrant on 22 July to build but Alexander Scoular asked for it to be reclaimed and the new tenement would block the windows on that side. He pointed out that his grandfather had built the tenement, leaving a mutual stone dyke a foot and a half deep, between the two properties. The Court decided on 12 August that the petitioner did

have the right to build on his half of the dyke. Mr. Scoular went to the Court of Session but lost his case on 26 September and the Court repeated its decision on 18 October.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 21.2 x 18.4 cms.

BOX: 1752/64

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 October 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 11 October 1752.

PETITIONER: William Yetts and others; Andrew Hog, John Lizars, William Finlay and James Gray.

SITE: West Port Street, Finnies land at the new well.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners state that they were alarmed at about 9 o'clock at night by a sudden crack and rent in some of the lintels in their houses. They immediately sought the opinion of Robert Bruce and John Rob, freemen masons and James Pringle, freeman wright in Portsburgh who were then employed to support the damaged lintels with wooden props. The Court ordered the north east corner to be taken down to the ground and rebuilt, with long stones to tie the gable and side wall together, the work to be complete by 1 December.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/65

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 October 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 11 October 1752.

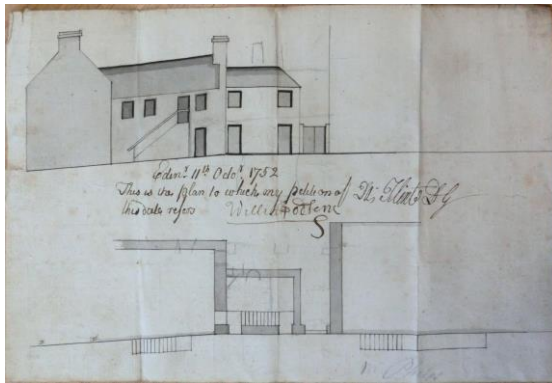
PETITIONER: William Tod, senior, merchant.

SITE: Leith, south side of the Timber Bush.

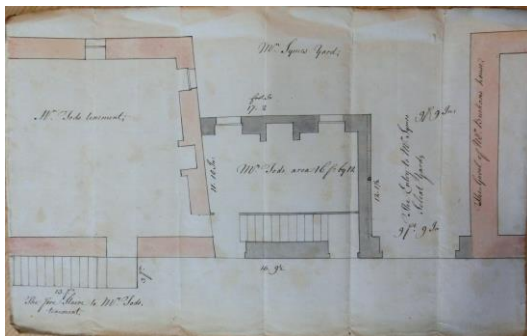
PROPOSAL: To build a cellar (in fact two stories).

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to carry out the work on 19 June 1751, a copy of which is here. His property adjoins the yard used by James Syme, slater who complained to the Court that the petitioner was encroaching on his property and intended a window overlooking his yard. He refers to his mason, Mr. Mill having read the warrant. The Court ordered Charles Mack, sworn measurer and George Cowan, wright to measure the building and report. They refer to the plan by George Cowan. The Court granted a warrant on an agreement by the two men in Court to take away the outside stair on Mr. Tod's property.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation and plan
Size: 17.0 x 25.1 cms.



Description: b. Plan of the area.
Size: 21.0 x 33.5 cms.
Draughtsman: George Cowan.

BOX: 1752/66

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 October 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 12 August 1752.

PETITIONER: Archibald Campbell, brewer.

SITE: Grassmarket, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of his property.

NOTES: The petitioner has a house, brewery, malt barn, lofts etc. on a tack or lease from William Bruce, merchant, by which the defender is obliged to keep the property in good repair. The petitioner has a warrant granted on 18 September 1751, ordering the repairs to be carried out but this has not occurred. The Court inspected the property and granted a warrant for extensive repairs, to be carried out by 18 November 1752 or allowed the petitioner to have the work done, the accounts cognosed and the expence to be taken from his rent.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/67

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 October 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 26 August 1752.

PETITIONER: Robert Campbell of Castlebarns.

SITE: Portsburgh, Lady Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against the Incorporation of Tailors in Portsburgh who lately built on land to the west of the petitioner house and brewery, possessed by Robert Esplin. They have now staked out a further area for building but this comes so close to the petitioner's property that it will obstruct the only light for the house. The petitioner was asked to produce any servitude, preventing building on the area and as he did not, they allowed the Incorporation to continue according to their warrant. The Incorporation had let the area to James Fisher and he produced his plan in Court and according to a note on the answers, took it back on 2 November 1752.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/68

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 November 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 31 October 1752.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, head of the hill.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Caldclugh, carter in Leith who has built a stable on land belonging to the City of Edinburgh, without a warrant. He was fined £100 Scots and ordered to remove the stables and material and return the area to its previous state, on penalty of imprisonment.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/69

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 November 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 2 September 1752.

PETITIONER: Patrick Gibb, late Deacon of the Cordiners in Edinburgh.

SITE: Not stated.

PROPOSAL: Payment for work ordered by the Court.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted by the Court to enclose two rooms and to build up an entry from Mr. Thomson's shop into the back turnpike. The work was carried out by Patrick Jamieson, mason and David Finlay, wright in April 1752. The claim is against William Thomson, writer who is to pay the accounts, enclosed, or give up the rents until they are paid.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/70

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 November 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 31 October 1752.

PETITIONER: Aeneas Shaw, tailor in Canongate head.

SITE: Libbertons Wynd, Bruce's land, also entering by Forresters Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of waste and water.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Semple, Mrs. Stuart and Lady Cherrytrees, Mr. Turnbull, writer, Charles Guthrie and Alex Gordon for allowing rubbish and waste to be thrown out of their houses, breaking the windows in the petitioner's property. The matter had been taken to the Baillie Court but the problem continued. The Court ordered the upper windows to be trellised. There is an account here from Alexander Dickeson, glazier for repairs to the window.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/71

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 November 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 15 November 1752.

PETITIONER: Ann and Jean Munro, milliners, Mrs. Emelia Fleeming and others.

SITE: High Street, timber tenement between Blackfriars Wynd and Cants Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a falling chimney stack.

NOTES: The complaint is against Gilbert Laurie, surgeon, occupier of the first floor, who erected a chimney stack of brick and stone, against the wall of the tenement on the east and extending upwards by 30 or 40 feet. This was not properly fixed to the wall and on 8 November it fell through their roof. The Court inspected a similar stack on the same wall, complained of and found it to be safe and plumb but not properly fixed to the wall. They ordered the defender to tie this to the gable with iron girths.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/72

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 November 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 8 November 1752.

PETITIONER: Thomas Hill, tanner in Portsburgh.

SITE: Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against the West Kirk Session who own the tenement and have not repaired it. This matter appears to have continued into 1753 with petitions presented by the Kirk Session, extracts from their minutes and answers from Thomas Hill but without any written conclusions.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/73

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 December 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 31 October 1752.

PETITIONER: Patrick Murray of Deuchar.

SITE: Horse Wynd, foot, Deas's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair a timber tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/74

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 December 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 27 December 1752.

PETITIONER: Robert Hamilton, merchant and Gavin Hamilton, merchant.

SITE: Forglen's land, eastmost shop.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement in danger of falling.

NOTES: The timber tenement began to give way and had been propped up with standards but in order to repair it they need to raise the floor of Gavin Hamilton's property.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1752/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 February 1752 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 19 February 1752.

PETITIONER: Charles Butter, wright.

SITE: High Street, foot of Carrubbers Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased a ruinous tenement or piece of waste ground from the Town Council at a public roup or sale. Bounded by a tenement formerly belonging to the deceased Thomas Kinkaid and thereafter to his heirs and creditors and occupied by John Downie, dancing master on the south. By a tenement lately rebuilt by the petitioner on the north; Grays Close on the east and the transe on the west. No further action is noted.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 February 1752 (petition refused).

PETITION LODGED: 12 February 1752.

PETITIONER: Charles Inglis, Clerk to the Bills and Charles Stephen, accountant in the Bank of Scotland.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: To knock through a passage.

NOTES: The petitioner is proprietor of two rooms at the back of a fore shop pertaining to Charles Stephen and possessed by David Paterson, merchant. They wish to strike through a passage between their properties, through a gable. In answers for Charles Stevenson, merchant he objected on grounds of safety.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 March 1752 (no warrant, petitioners to produce their rights).

PETITION LODGED: 25 February 1752.

PETITIONER: Archibald Inglis of Auchendinny, George Lauder, surgeon and others.

SITE: High Street, Elphingstons land.

PROPOSAL: To give a judgement on a gable.

NOTES: The petitioners are heritors of the tenement which was visited by a jury who ordered the southern gable to be taken down. They now wish to have a visit to determine the stability of another gable

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 March 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 18 February 1752.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: The road leading from Crosscauseway along the east side of the park.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about middens.

NOTES: The park belongs to Thomas Gifford, smith and the road is lined with muck middens belonging to (blank) Hastie, relict of James Spittle of Spittlefield, tanner, (blank) Dalgleish and James Irving, surgeon in Canongate. James Irving answered that the middens had been purchased by Alexander Chalmers, accountant in the Excise Office, at a roup or sale by the Court of Session, as a creditor to James Spittal on 7 December 1748. He had purchased them from Chalmers. He also argued that the Court had no jurisdiction but the Procurator Fiscal claimed that the roads leading into the City were part of the Royalty. The Court asked to see the Town Charter in favour of James Spittal on 11 March and no further action is noted.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1752 (no warrant, parties to see a Bill of Adjudication).

PETITION LODGED: 24 February 1752.

PETITIONER: Andrew Pitcairn, writer as factor for Thomas Orr, only child of the deceased Robert Orr, messenger.

SITE: High Street, head of Mary Kings Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: To have a proper measurement and description of a property.

NOTES: The petitioner complains about the arrangements to measure the various properties and the failure to have a proper description. He owns the upper floor and has begun to take it down in accordance with the order of the Court but now requires proper measurements of what is intended. On 26 February the Court allowed him to employ whichever sworn measurer he thinks proper to describe his property in what manner he thinks intelligible. On 25 March the measurers gave in a new plan of the petitioner's property and the heritors were allowed time to see it while work continued. The petitioner went to the Court of Session in a Bill of Advocation asking for the demolition to be suspended. This was successful on 2 April and on 3 April the Court allowed time for the plans to be seen by all the heritors. The intimations noted on the Bill refer to James Younger and James Tait, servants to Deacon Jamieson, mason employed on the demolition. On 27 March 1752 the decisions of the Court of Session were read to Deacon Jamieson's wife, he not being available, 'that he might not pretend ignorance of the same and proceed in demolishing the within mentioned tenement'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1752 (no warrant, the defender to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 23 March 1752.

PETITIONER: Jean Hamilton, relict of Hugh Cleghorn, brewer and Gavin Hamilton, merchant with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Society.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about piles of earth and rubbish.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Campbell, wright who is quarrying on the west boundary of the petitioner's property. She had sold this part to Gavin Hamilton and he was in the process of taking down a barn and kiln. The defender did answer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 April 1752 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 8 April 1752.

PETITIONER: Robert Lithgow, merchant.

SITE: High Street, Patterson's Court, back part, first story down the stairs.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sewer.

NOTES: The petitioner complains that the rain water from the roofs of the fore and back court is blocked in its passage through the common passage. Instead, it is making its way through the west side wall into his house.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 April 1752 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 1 April 1752.

PETITIONER: James Drummond, merchant.

SITE: High Street, back of the Fountain Well.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about insufficient work.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Jamieson, mason who was employed on a warrant about two years ago to repair a tenement and the pavement in front. The work was badly done and damaged the roof of vaults below the pavement. The defender refuted the claims and no further action is noted.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 April 1752 (no warrant, petitioner to note damages).

PETITION LODGED: 7 April 1752.

PETITIONER: James Drummond, merchant.

SITE: Society.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted on 4 March 1752 for the repair of damage to the avenue leading to his house. It seems that nothing has been done and there is a note of six trees on the avenue being lost (£1) several valuable shrubs and flowers being stolen by people able to enter through the broken wall (£3) and the lost of rental on his house, which cannot be reached (£9 10s). No further action noted.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1752 (petition refused).

PETITION LODGED: 5 February 1752.

PETITIONER: Heritors of Elphingstons land.

SITE: High Street, Elphingstons land.

PROPOSAL: To appoint a jury on a tenement being rebuilt.

NOTES: The petitioners have taken down a tenement but before rebuilding they need an opinion on the gable of a tenement to the east. A jury was appointed who decided that the gable was sufficient and the petition was refused. There was a problem with people not attending when called for the jury and John Adam, architect, James Herriot, wright, Archibald Chessels and William Baillie, wrights did not appear and were fined £10 Scots and their goods were to be impounded until they paid.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1752 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 24 April 1752.

PETITIONER: James Cheap, wine couper in Leith.

SITE: Leith, William Water's Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to James Marjoribanks, merchant on 16 September 1741 to carry out this work. The property was sold to the petitioner by James Marjoribanks by disposition and assignation dated 21 June 1751. He had begun pulling down the timber fore parts of the old tenement and was rebuilding when

stopped by the officer of the Court and he asks to be allowed to continue. The argument ensued over whether the frontage and fore stair were an encroachment on the Close. In a memorial for the petitioner here it states that the tenement was built about 1633 and consisted of a ground story or cellars and a story above it. The only entry to the upper floor was by a fore stair in the middle, of 7 or 8 steps, which led to a transe going right and left, from which there were entries to the rooms on each hand. It seems likely he was allowed to go ahead with the rebuilding in stone.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 May 1752 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 5 May 1752.

PETITIONER: Thomas Hill, tanner in Portsburgh.

SITE: Portsburgh, west side of a small Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a stone dyke and take down an insufficient gable.

NOTES: The petitioner has acquired an area from the Incorporation of Tailors of Portsburgh, beside the property of James Archibald, tanner. The dangerous gable is on a property belonging to the Kirk Session of St. Cuthberts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 May 1752 (no warrant, the defenders to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 11 May 1752.

PETITIONER: John Mein, slater.

SITE: Cowgate, Powers Close.

PROPOSAL: Seeking payment for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a complaint made to the Court by Mr. Reoch and others, about the condition of the roof in a property owned by the creditors of Power's subject and a petition for repairs, in 1748. One of those applying was James Forrest of Comiston and his unpaid account dated 20 March 1748 is lodged here for payment.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 June 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 2 June 1752.

PETITIONER: James Cochran, advocate and William Keir, baker (baker).

SITE: Fishmarket, head, Carbiston's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the standard of work.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Dallas, wright and Samuel Neilson, mason who are engaged in taking down the wall of Carbiston's land. The petitioner's who own a bakehouse and a shop above it fear that the removal of key stones in the pillars will bring the entire tenement down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/15*

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 June 1752 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 11 May 1752.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, Lennox land, corner of the Dubrow where four streets meet.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a timber projection on a house.

NOTES: The property is possessed by John Morison, porter in Leith, Adam Thomson, indweller, one of the servants in the Roperie on Leith Links, Alexander Robertson, indweller and brewer's servant, Janet Lawson, relict of Andrew Lawson and Thomas Webster, journeyman show maker there. The property belongs to Alexander Hamilton of Pencaitland, John Mitchell, farmer at Windstrawlee, Hugh Wood, carpenter in Sheriff Brae, Leith, Alexander Bruce, upholsterer in Edinburgh and John Smith, son of Adam Smith, flesher in North Leith. In defences Alexander Bruce claimed that he was not the owner of the property in question and Robert Hamilton claimed that the Court had no jurisdiction as the property lay outside the Royalty. He also claimed that there was no right in law to demand the removal of a fore stair. In response, the procurator

Fiscal granted that the property was within the jurisdiction of the Regality Court of Canongate but insisted that the Dean of Guild issued warrants etc, and had jurisdiction over buildings there. He goes on to claim that the projection is in a dangerous condition. Robert Hamilton persisted in his objections to the entire action and had a report, lodged here and dated 3 June, from James Hunter, wright and Charles Mack, mason who found that the outshot was not ruinous and could be repaired.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/16*

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 June 1752 (unextracted, the defender summoned).

PETITION LODGED: 16 June 1752.

PETITIONER: Robert Hamilton, merchant.

SITE: High Street, Carrubbers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about water .from the story above.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Murdoch and his servants

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/17*

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 June 1752 (unextracted, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 16 June 1752.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Harts Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about tenements in a crazy condition.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Straton, brewer in Portsburgh, George Waddell, chairmaster, Ann Peutherer, daughter of the deceased John Peutherer, residenter and James Mansfield, merchant, the proprietors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/18*

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 June 1752 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 16 June 1752.

PETITIONER: William Sands, City Treasurer.

SITE: Harts Close.

PROPOSAL: To value tenements.

NOTES: The City purchased a number of ruinous tenements and they intend demolishing them but require a valuation. No further action other than a visit.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/19*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 June 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 17 June 1752.

PETITIONER: Elizabeth Fubester, Lady Duntarvie, relict of (blank) Jamison of Duntarvie.

SITE: Leith Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To take down and rebuild the north gable of a tenement.

NOTES: There is a letter here, in the very determined hand of the petitioner, to Patrick Jameson, mason dated 11 June 1752, asking him to undertake the work and to apply to the Court for a warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/20*

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 July 1752 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 10 July 1752.

PETITIONER: James Archibald, tanner in Portsburgh.

SITE: Portsburgh, Lady Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To take down and rebuild a mutual gable.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to rebuild a house but he is unable to proceed because of the condition of the mutual gable on the east.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/21*

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 August 1752 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 21 July 1752.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason.

SITE: Leith Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To build a house.

NOTES: The petitioner has lately purchased a piece of waste ground on which he intends building a house (for dressing lint, crossed through) for the accommodation of his other tenants, who possess a Lint factory at the place. There is an old wall belonging to George Ochiltree, weaver which is very defective and he cannot build until it is taken down. In answers for George Ochiltree, as factor for Patrick and David Kinninmond in Fifeshire, he points out that they had an agreement with the petitioner to rebuild a mutual gable and that all of the stone on the site was to be used to defray some of the expence. This work has not been done and both parts of the rebuilding need to be done together. The petitioner did not respond to the answers as requested.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/22*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 August 1752 (no warrant, proprietors to be cited).

PETITION LODGED: 11 August 1752.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, opposite the Cross.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Hunter at the Queen's ferry and the heirs of the deceased John Hog, merchant and others, proprietors of the tenement where the Exchange Coffee house is. The tenement is crazy and in danger of collapse.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/23*

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 August 1752 (unextracted, petitioner to produce titles).

PETITION LODGED: 17 April 1752.

PETITIONER: Peter Tod, merchant.

SITE: Cowgate, Baillie's land, opposite the foot of the Fishmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner and a number of other creditors (not named) acquired the property by disposition from Walter Schaw, carver in Canongate. In answers for George Rhonaldson, treasurer of the parish of Gladsmuir, he made a claim on the property by Adjudication from the Court of Session on 11 November 1725 at the instance of John Harley, then Kirk treasurer of Gladsmuir, to pertain to the said John Harley for use and behoof of the said parish for payment of £527 14s Scots and rents thereof, from the date of the decret.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/24*

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 November 1752.

PETITION LODGED: 1 July 1752.

PETITIONER: William Robertson, son of Collin Robertson and Colin Robertson himself as cautioner for his son's indentures.

SITE: None.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about mistreatment of an apprentice.

NOTES: The complaint is against Archibald Straton, watchmaker to whom the petitioner's son was indentured for six years on 29 September 1749. The Court ordered him to complete his training with Andrew Dickie, but he refused saying that he did not have a place for an apprentice. The matter went to the Court of Session.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/25*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 November 1752 (no action noted here).

PETITION LODGED: 25 October 1752.

PETITIONER: James Archibald, tanner in Portsburgh.

SITE: Portsburgh.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the building of a dyke.
NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Hill, tanner.
DRAWINGS: None.

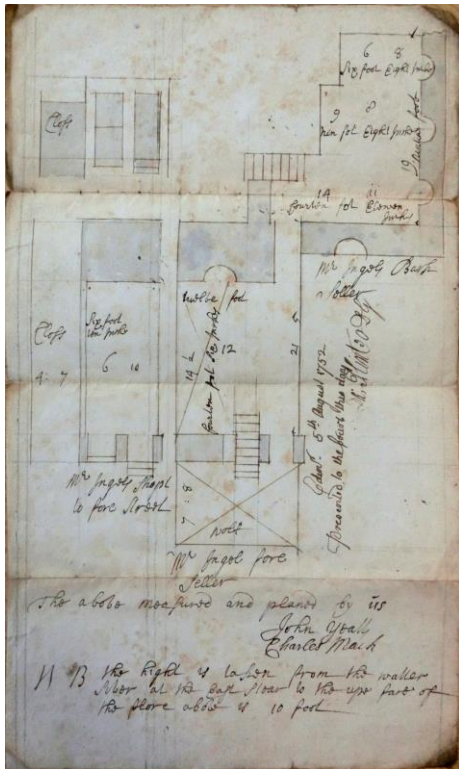
BOX: 1752/26*
WARRANT GRANTED: 29 November 1752.
PETITION LODGED: 29 November 1752.
PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.
SITE: High Street, Exchange Coffee house.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about a blind vent.
NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Watt, ale seller who has built a blind vent in a shop underneath the Exchange Coffee house. The defender claimed that he could not remember the name of the tradesman who built the vent.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/27*
WARRANT GRANTED: 6 December 1752.
PETITION LODGED: 6 December 1752.
PETITIONER: The Deacon and Boxmaster of Maries Chapel.
SITE: Luckenbooths, head.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about work by an unfreeman.
NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Johnstone, merchant who employed Robert Hunter, an unfree wright to carry out repairs to his property, lately occupied by William Ramsay. There is an instrument here dated 1 December 1752 against Robert Hunter in Bristo and his servant who were found with a bench, planing and preparing wood in the property. No action noted here except an interview with the accused.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/28*
WARRANT GRANTED: 29 December 1752.
PETITION LODGED: 29 December 1752.
PETITIONER: James Stewart, Minister of the Gospel at Bute and James Drummond, merchant.
SITE: High Street, the Cross, Forglen's land, the easter high shop.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to their shop.
NOTES: The complaint is against Gavin Hamilton, who has stored such a quantity of books and other materials that it has broken the joists in their shop and bent others. They ask for the damage to be repaired and the Court summoned Baillie Hamilton to explain why this should not be done.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1752/29*
WARRANT GRANTED: 1752.
PETITION LODGED: 1752.
PETITIONER: Helen Marshall.
SITE: Fishmarket Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about a nuisance.
NOTES: The complaint is about a ruinous tenement which boys and other vagrants use and a common jacks or toilet.
DRAWINGS: None.

There is an undated receipt here for £75 4s 10d by John Morgan, chairmaster for payment of his fee for a Burgess certificate. There are also two drawings here for which there is no documentation in this box:



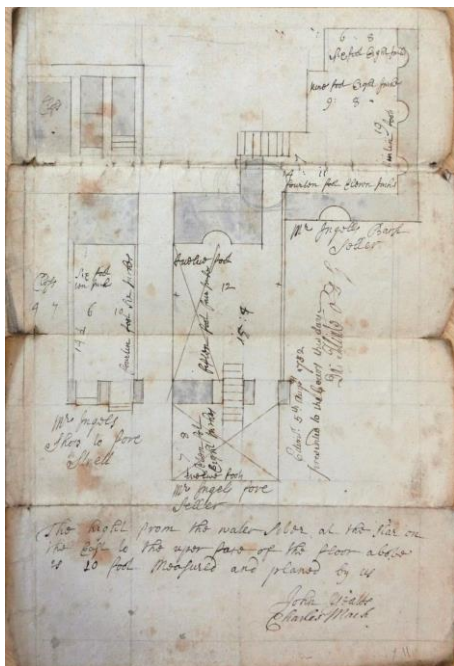
Description: a. Plan of Mr. Ingles shop and fore cellar.

Size: 32.1 x 19.2 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edinr. 5th August 1752 presented to the Court this day, Da[vid] Flint DG.

Signed by John Yeatts and Charles Mack.

Inscriptions, verso: Mr. Ingles shope and sellers.



Description: b. Plan of Mr. Ingles shop and fore cellar (copy of the plan above with minor alterations).

Size: 31.5 x 21.1 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edinr. 5th August 1752 presented to the Court this day, Da[vid] Flint DG.

Signed by John Yeatts and Charles Mack.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan of Hugh Ingles his fore shop & cellar at the head of the Assembly Close.

1753

The Court Officers from 11 October 1752:

Dean of Guild

David Flint

Council

James Stuart, Old Dean of Guild

Robert Selkrig, merchant

James Seton, merchant

John Moubray, wright

Patrick Jamieson, mason

James Syme, slater

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

BOX: 1753/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 January 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 14 December 1752.

PETITIONER: Heritors, east side of Parliament Close.

SITE: Parliament Close, east side, President's stairs.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ruinous coal folds in the Close.

NOTES: The coal folds were never used as intended because of the rubbish and foul water thrown into them from the flats above and which were never cleaned, resulting in foul smells and damage to the foundations of the tenement. The Court ordered them to be removed. The petition is signed by all of the heritors or proprietors

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 January 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 9 December 1752.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason, John Watson, slater and James Tate, wright and James Alston, glazier.

SITE: Hearts or Harts Close, foot also described as back or east side of the Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: To cognoze accounts for the repair of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to a warrant granted on 11 September 1751 to Patrick Lawson, weaver and Alexander Wilson, painter, trustees of the deceased Archibald Howie, weaver. There are accounts here from each of the petitioners and a measure of the slater and wright work by Archibald Turnbull. Total £92 6s

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 January 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 17 January 1752.

PETITIONER: Charles Butter, wright.

SITE: Grays Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and cognoze accounts for the work.

NOTES: There are three petitions here from Charles Butter, the first for the repairs, for which the warrant was granted on 24 January 1753. This was followed by another around 15 July 1752 complaining about a superstructure built on his gable wall, for which his neighbours had no warrant. A jury was appointed and they agreed that the gable should be taken down and a warrant for this was granted, allowing the petitioner to take it down if the owners, Elizabeth and Janet Penman (aunts of Hugh Penman, goldsmith and daughters of the deceased James Penman, Essay master to H.M. Mint) had not done so by 18 August 1752. A final petition on or before 12 August 1752 noted that the petitioner had purchased a piece of waste ground on the west side of Grays Close from the Town. This lay between the meeting house and Mrs. Pyper's house in Carrubbers Close on the west and Grays Close on the east. He intended building a house and cellar.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 February 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 27 December 1752.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, north side, Browns Close, head of the Luckenbooths.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a dangerous gable wall.

NOTES: The property belongs to George Nicol, merchant, James Tait, goldsmith, Alexander Henderson, vintner and others. The Court appointed a jury who found that two stories of the tenement were built of clay and recommended the taking down of the north gable, southward to the top of the steps in Penstones Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 February 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 31 January 1753.

PETITIONER: James Baillie, James Seton and Alexander Houston, merchants.

SITE: Canongate, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Reid, weaver in Canongate and George Reid, workman. The petitioner has an entry or avenue to the north of his property, leading down to the back of the Canongate at the foot of which there is a great gate and at the top, a door. The defenders have taken down the gate and built up the wall with stone. In answers, Robert Reid states that he has been a tenant of a yard on the north of Dunbar land, which is bounded on the east by a wall of Lord Panmure's garden. On the south there is a lodging formerly belonging to Sir William Hope of Balcomie and now used as a weaving manufactory by Messrs. Seton & Baillie. He then explains that the petitioner erected a toilet at the bottom of his yard with a drain that caused the ordure to flow into his property... The Court decided the defender had no right to block the access but the matter rumbled on and went to the Court of Session, without any change to the warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 February 1753

PETITION LODGED: 23 January 1753.

PETITIONER: Tenants of Robert Whytt, smith.

SITE: Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of their tenement.

NOTES: The Court ordered repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 February 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 5 February 1753.

PETITIONER: Thomas Cleghorn, brewer in Portsburgh.

SITE: Kings Stables.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about slapping of a window.

NOTES: The complaint is against Hugh Inglis, barber and wigmaker and Robert Bruce, mason who knocked out a new window looking into the petitioner's Close, and are adding an external vent, without a warrant. The Court found the defender had sole right to the tenement and could open the window but he could not build the vent. See warrant granted 7 March 1753 (Inglis).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 February 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 21 February 1753.

PETITIONER: William Mathison, merchant and Jane Gray, his spouse.

SITE: Netherbow, south side, head of Foulis Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Gilbert Robertson, merchant. The petitioner's house and shop has one window facing the High Street and Robertson has placed boards across the window to display cheese and other goods. There are further complaints about a partition, wasted floorboards above and a sign. The Court ordered the encroachments to be removed but this was only done after a further petition in March 1753.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 March 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 1 March 1753.

PETITIONER: Doctor George Stevenson, Physician.

SITE: Nidderly Wynd, foot, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the property.

NOTES: The original petition appears to be missing and the petitioner refers to a warrant granted on 1 March 1753 against Mrs. Pitcairn, relict of Archibald Pitcairn, physician. This found that she was responsible for repairs on the tenement as part of her lease.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 March 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 28 February 1753.

PETITIONER: John Tod, shipbuilder in Leith and Boxmaster, for a society of carpenters and shipbuilders there.

SITE: North Leith Kirk, back.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners also requested a valuation of the property and this was done by a jury at £10 Stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 March 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 21 February 1753.

PETITIONER: Robert MacKlellan, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Paunch Market.

PROPOSAL: To convert a cellar and fore loft into a shop and house.

NOTES: The petitioner had a warrant 'some time ago' to repair several warehouses but he now asks for a warrant to carry out the conversion.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 March 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 28 February 1753.

PETITIONER: Hugh Inglis, barber and wigmaker.

SITE: West Port, south side of the High Street of Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: To build a vent in the thickness of his side wall.

NOTES: See warrant granted 21 February 1753 (Cleghorn).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 March 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 5 March 1753.

PETITIONER: David Baillie, Secretary to the Royal Bank.

SITE: Fishmarket Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish a tenement.

NOTES: There is a letter here from Charles Butter (wright) to the cashier at the Royal Bank stating that he is engaged in demolishing the tenement but that some of the

neighbours have complained and asked the Dean of Guild to stop the work. The Court visited and found that a projection complained of was an obstruction and should be removed before 28 March next.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 March 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 7 March 1753.

PETITIONER: Archibald Govan, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, Trunks Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognoze accounts for repair of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant for the repairs granted 6 March 1751 on a tenement he had purchased from James Stewart, Sheriff Clerk of Kinross. There are accounts here from Samuel Neilson, mason, Charles Butter, wright, John Watson, slater, Alexander Nicolson, plumber, Robert Dewar, glazier, Thomas Donald, smith and James Norrie, painter. Total amount: £272 0s 2d Stg. There are measures of mason, slater and wright work by John Yeatts, ordained measurer to the Good Town.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 March 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 28 March 1753.

PETITIONER: John Anderson, writer as doer for the Earl of Morton.

SITE: Canongate, north side, beside the Earl of Morton's house.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Reid, coachmaker who has begun building a stable close to the west side of the Earl's house, obstructing his light. Reid, by way of answering the complaint, submitted a petition on 2 April 1753 with a plan of his intended stables, asking for a warrant. He was accused of having carried on with the work after the Court ordered him to stop on 28 March. There is no indication that a warrant was granted.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Sketch plan of the stables showing the west wall of the Earl's house.

Size: 15.0 x 18.0 cms (irregular).

BOX: 1753/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 March 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 28 February 1753.

PETITIONER: John Moubray, wright, John Kay, factor for the trustees of the deceased Samuel Neilson, mason, George Syme, slater, James Veitch, glazier, John Clerk, smith, John Clephan, painter, Nicol Sommervell, painter and George Aitken, smith as executor to the deceased Alexander Boswell, painter.

SITE: Polton's land, mutual gable with Chalmer's land, 'near the Netherbow' (possibly Chalmers Close, High Street).

PROPOSAL: To cognoze accounts for rebuilding a mutual gable.

NOTES: There are accounts here from all of the named tradesmen for work carried out between May 1750 and May 1752. Total; £513 11s 3d Stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 April 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 4 April 1753.

PETITIONER: Thomas Gibson and James Pringle, two of the principal clerks of Session, George Dunbar, merchant, John Dunbar, glover and others.

SITE: Dunbar Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about stored combustible material.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Fettes, merchant who is storing large quantities of lint, tow (flax) etc. in a cellar where he uses candle light to dress the materials. The defender was ordered to remove the materials.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 April 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 21 February 1753.

PETITIONER: John Graham, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Paunch Market.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of leased property.

NOTES: The petitioner has a tack or lease on a house, warehouse and other buildings from Robert Forbes, minister of the Gospel in Leith, dating from 1749. He complains about the condition of the property and the storage of whins in a shade erected by Mrs. Gilchrist, baker. As a consequence of this he has had to insure £700 Stg. worth of stock at a high premium. The defender was ordered to make repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 April 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 21 February 1753.

PETITIONER: William Petrie, smith in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Kirkgate.

PROPOSAL: To take down a forewall and rebuild.

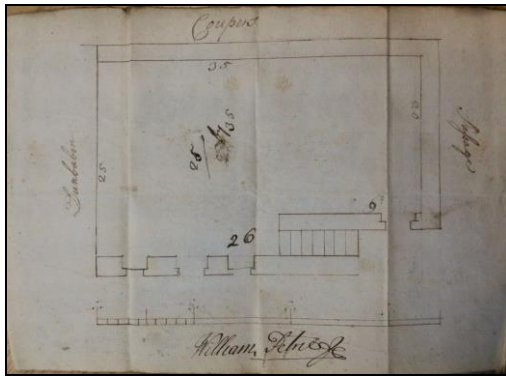
NOTES: There was a detailed report on the width of the street and a forestair, which seems to have resulted in a change of the plan.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Plan of the land.

Size: 20.5 x 26.5 cms.



Description: b. Plan including an enclosed stair.
Size: 18.8 x 26.0 cms.

BOX: 1753/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 April 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 27 March 1753.

PETITIONER: John Dunsmuir, merchant, James Stirling, merchant, William Ruthven, writer and James Gray at the Tron Mill of Dalkeith.

SITE: Potterrow, east side of the High Street.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a mutual gable.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Rigg of Morton, advocate who is making a claim on a gable that is mutual with the petitioners. The petitioner has work underway on a tenement purchased from James Forrester, merchant in Edinburgh, by Colin Alison, wright.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 April 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 18 April 1753.

PETITIONER: Thomas Hedderwick, baxter (baker) and Archibald Nisbet of Carphin.

SITE: Lawnmarket, north side, a high shop.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Steill, merchant. The petitioner's shop is occupied by John Stenhouse, merchant and is contiguous to another high shop belonging to George Arbuthnot, merchant and occupied by James Steill. The defender has replaced a post and timber ravel (railing) with another one that projects further into the street and on which he has placed a board to display his goods. This is cutting out the light to the petitioner's laigh (lower) shop. The Court ordered it to be taken down and replaced with the original rail.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 April 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 25 April 1753.

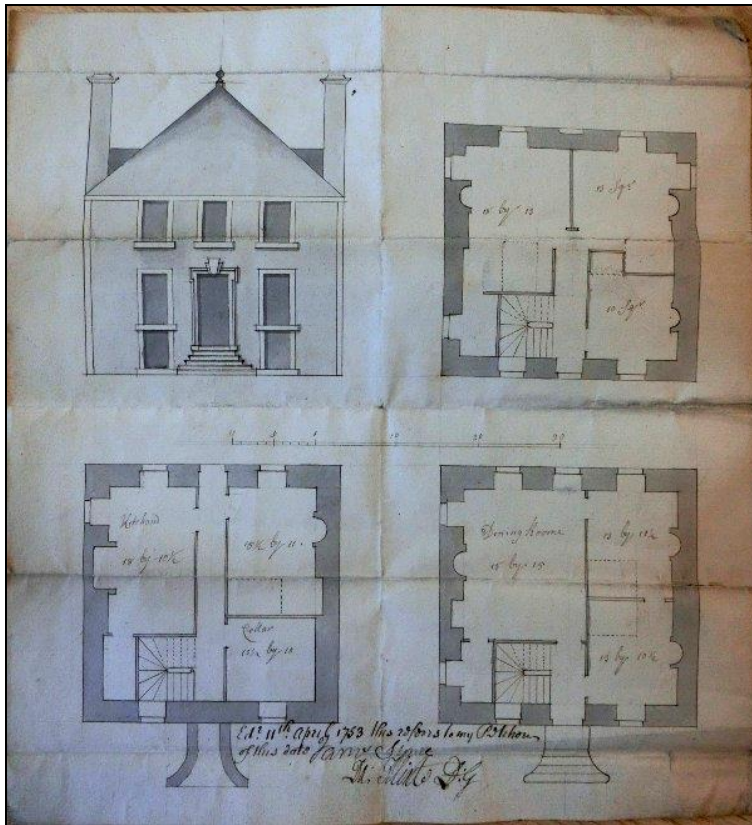
PETITIONER: James Syme, slater (and member of the Court).

SITE: Sandilands Close, north end and east of Chalmers Close.

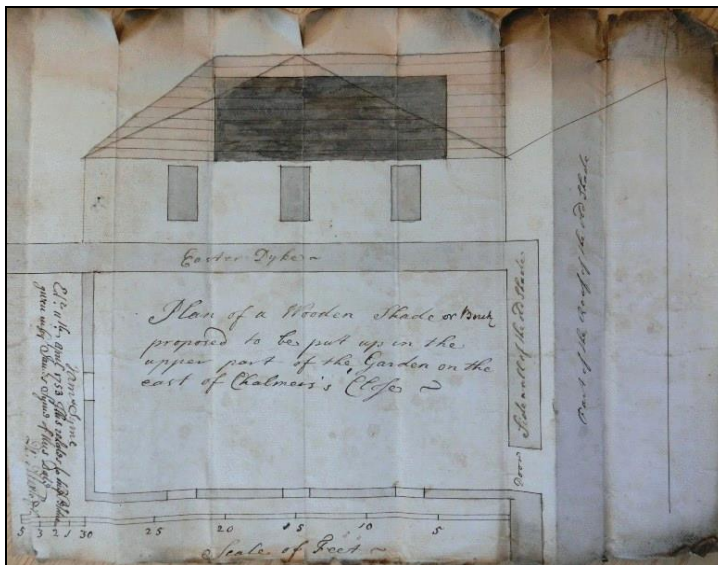
PROPOSAL: To build a house and workshop.

NOTES: The petitioner owns a garden at the foot of the Close, on the north end of which there are some ruinous buildings. He proposes taking them down and rebuilding a house with a workshop on the south end of the garden. John Antonius, wright was a contiguous heritor, who consented to the proposal.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation of the house with plans of three floors.
Size: 25.3 x 23.4 cms.



Description: b. Elevation and plan of a workshop.
Size: 25.3 x 33.0 cms.

BOX: 1753/23

WARRANT GRANTED: (8) April 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 21 February 1753.

PETITIONER: Thomas Reikie, glazier.

SITE: Cowgate, north side, foot of Cant's Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner is factor for the creditors of John Chrystie, baker and he wishes to repair a tenement belonging to him and have the expence as a debt on the property.

The warrant itself has been mostly torn away, leaving just a partial date.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 May 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 11 April 1753.

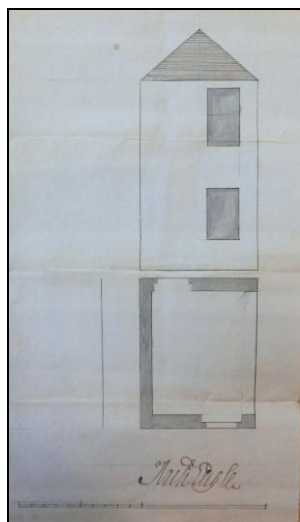
PETITIONER: Archibald Eagle, merchant.

SITE: Barringers Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a wareroom.

NOTES: The petitioner intends building on a piece of waste ground on the east side of his house with an entry from Barringers Close. The wareroom is to be of two stories 'little higher than the plaister roof of my own kitchen and to cover the same with a platform lead roof'. The warrant was granted with restrictions on the height.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 26.4 x 15.2 cms.

BOX: 1753/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 May 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 2 May 1753.

PETITIONER: William Reoch, wright.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, opposite the Kirkheugh.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner owns five stories of the tenement and his warrant allowed him to take down his south wall and rebuild, along with part of the contiguous wall belonging to Thomas Myrtle, brewer. See unextracted petition dated 29 June 1753 (Reoch).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 May 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 11 August 1752.

PETITIONER: William McVey, wright and the trustees of the deceased Samuel Neilson, mason.

SITE: Canongate head, Scott's and Thomson's lands.

PROPOSAL: Claim for the expence of repairs.

NOTES: The petition is against William Robertson tailor in Canongate, Mrs. Isobel Dalrymple, relict of Captain John Dalrymple and Mrs. Barbara Murray, relict of John Murray, merchant. This is a complicated process that relates to a petition by William McVey, wright on behalf of Andrew Chalmer, writer (lawyer) in September 1751 to take down and rebuild a mutual gable between the tenements. On completion they submitted accounts, lodged here, but the defenders complained that these included large sums for extraordinary pains, risk and attendance and that the division of expence between the heritors was not fair. Measurements of the work were taken by John Yeatts, lodged here and the Court. There was also a dispute about payment for

plans by William McVey, wright that were not executed. Arbiters, George Campbell, wright and John Fergus, wright were appointed on 5 September 1753 and the Court decided on 24 October that McVey was due 6 guineas and Patrick Jamieson, mason, 3 guineas for their trouble plus their days wages and materials; £1 8s 4d stg. for McVey and £3 19s 1d stg for Jamieson.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 May 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 9 May 1753.

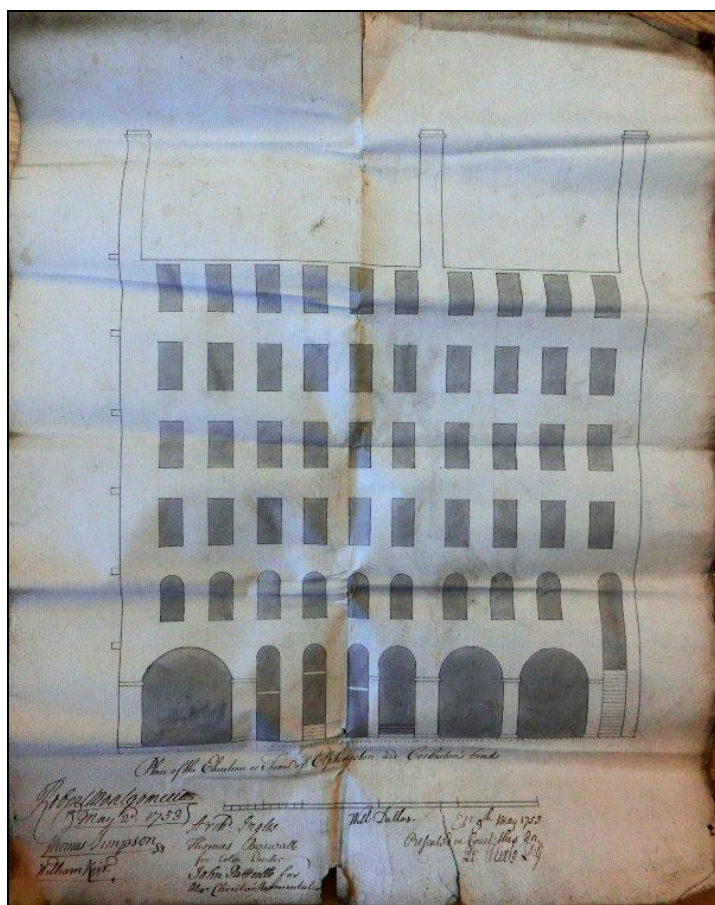
PETITIONER: Proprietors of Elphingston and Corbiston's lands.

SITE: High Street, opposite the Cross.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild tenements.

NOTES: The proprietors are: Archibald Inglis, William Keir (baxter or baker), John Patullo for the representatives of Alexander Christie, writer, Colin Lauder, Robert Montgomerie and Thomas Simpson. The tenements are being rebuilt in order to widen the passage on the east to make it a more open thoroughfare down to the Cowgate and the new premises of the Royal Bank of Scotland behind. There is an estimate here from Charles Mack to take down the mutual gable between Arthur Reid's and Elphinstone's lands. The petitioners have chosen Charles Mack, mason and William Dallas, wright to be their tradesmen. Five plans are mentioned in the petition but a note on the front states that the plan of the story above the Town and Mr. Keir's shop was borrowed on 26 June 1753 by William Dallas, to be returned on demand. See warrant granted 16 May 1753 (Proprietors of Reid's land)

DRAWINGS: 4 sheets.

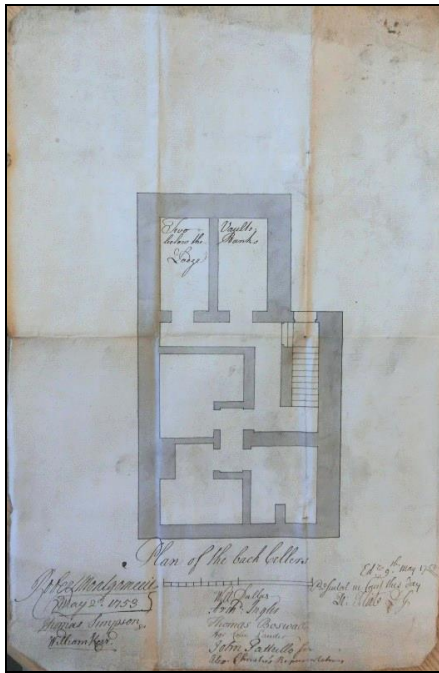


Description: a. Elevation to the High Street of two tenements, of six stories.

Size: 50.0 x 38.6 cms.

Watermark: Strasbourg Lilly with LVG beneath

Inscriptions, recto: Signed by the proprietors and William Dallas. Dated by Robert Montgomerie, 2 May 1753.

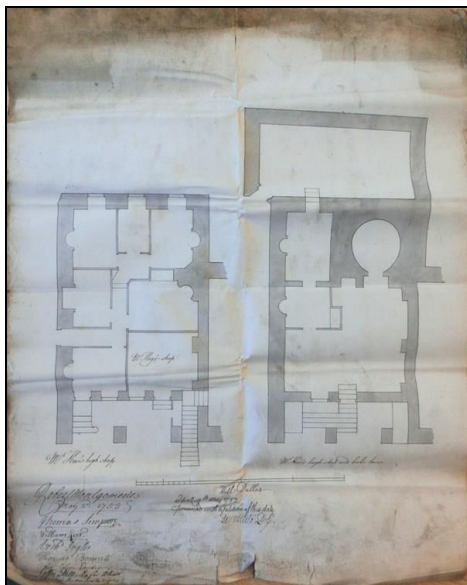


Description: b. Plans of the Town's high shop.

Size: 50.0 x 38.6 cms.

Watermark: Strasbourg Lilly with LVG beneath

Inscriptions, recto: Signed by the proprietors and William Dallas. Dated by Robert Montgomerie, 2 May 1753. Noted 'passage to the New Street' on the left (east) and 'The Bank's lodge' at the rear.



Description: c. Plans of Mr. Keir's high shop and his laigh shop and bakehouse.

Size: 50.0 x 38.6 cms.

Watermark: Strasbourg Lilly with LVG beneath

Inscriptions, recto: Signed by the proprietors and William Dallas. Dated by Robert Montgomerie, 2 May 1753. Also noted with 'Mr. Hogg's shop'.



Description: d. Plan of the back cellars.

Size: 38.7 x 25.3 cms.

Watermark: Strasbourg Lilly with LVG beneath

Inscriptions, recto: Signed by the proprietors and William Dallas. Dated by Robert Montgomerie, 2 May 1753.

BOX: 1753/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 May 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 18 February 1753.

PETITIONER: Andrew Burn, mason.

SITE: Canongate head, Smellie's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair the vents.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a missive, not here, from some of the heritors to carry out the work, dated 27 July 1752.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 May 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 26 March 1753.

PETITIONER: Heritors of Elphingston and Reid's land.

SITE: High Street, south side, opposite the Cross.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a gable.

NOTES: The tenement must be narrowed to allow for the widening of the Close on the east of Elphingston's and Reid's lands. There is a full copy of the warrant here with further details. See warrant granted 9 May 1753. There is a note on the front of the petition stating that the elevation of the gable was borrowed on 13 December 1753 by Charles Mack.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1753/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 May 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 9 May 1753.

PETITIONER: John Mack, mason.

SITE: Miln's Square, west side, entering by Bulls Close.

PROPOSAL: To pin and harl the west wall facing the Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 6 June 1753.

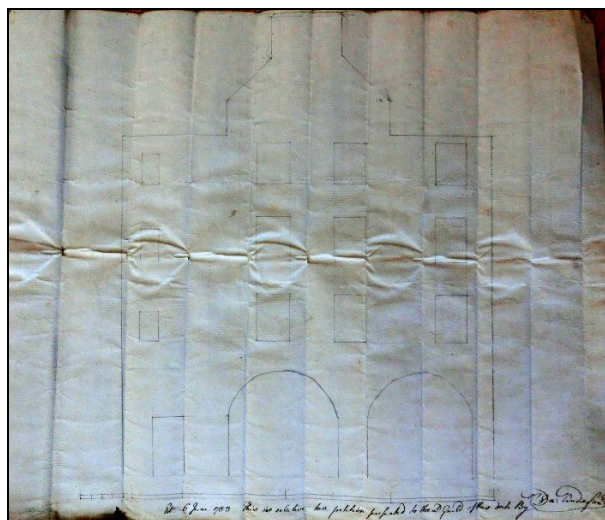
PETITIONER: David Anderson, only son of the deceased David Anderson, cooper in Leith and grandson of the deceased David Anderson, also cooper there.

SITE: Leith, Paunch Market.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: There is a petition here from James Ross, barber and wig maker in Leith as tutor to Hugh, John and Agnes Pollock, children of the deceased Thomas Pollock, cooper in Leith, complaining about the intended work. He was asked to produce his nomination as tutor but no further action is recorded.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of a tenement of four floors.

Size: 33.0 x 38.3 cms.

BOX: 1753/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 6 June 1753.

PETITIONER: Patrick Sibbald, wright.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sign board.

NOTES: The complaint is against Simon Laurence, engraver who has erected a sign that stops the light into the petitioner's shop.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 6 June 1753.

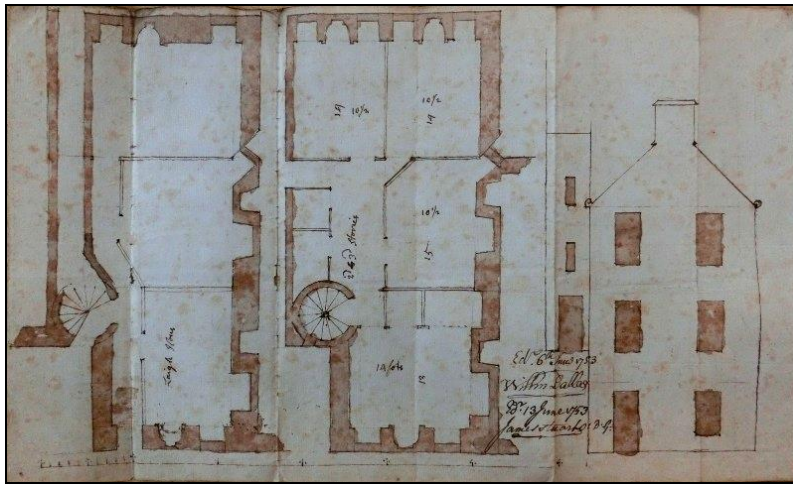
PETITIONER: William Dallas, shipmaster in Leith.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased a ruinous tenement and area from John Murray, shipmaster in Queensferry, eldest son of James Murray, shipmaster and one of the Baillies of the Burgh of Queensferry.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of two floors.

Size: 19.2 x 31.8 cms.

Architect: (John Yeatts?)

BOX: 1753/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 6 June 1753.

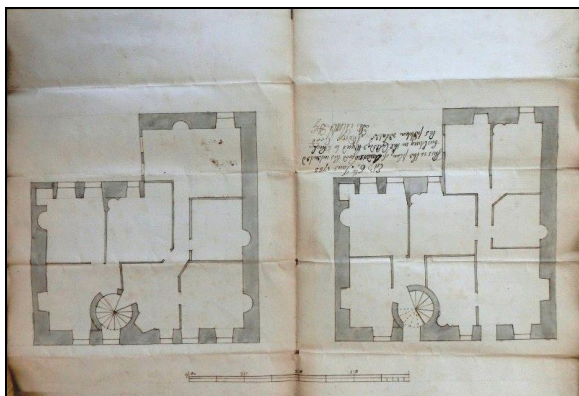
PETITIONER: Andrew Good, late Deacon of the wrights.

SITE: College Wynd, east side, Glasgow's land.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a partial timber tenement in stone.

NOTES: In answers to the contiguous heritor, Mrs. Ann Hope the petitioner notes that the dyke between them was very old when he took a tack on the property from Mrs. Glasgow in 1722. On top of this dyke there was a paling erected by Archibald McComb, surgeon, in about 1737, '... his father then being a tenant in one of Mr. Crawford's houses when he enclosed the said ground and planted medicinal herbs therein...'

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of two floors.

Size: 29.0 x 42.0 cms.

Watermark: Strasbourg Lilly, LVG beneath and JW countermark

BOX: 1753/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 June 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 13 June 1753.

PETITIONER: John Brand, merchant and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Lawnmarket, next to the stair that leads up to Duries office.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Francis Bucklie, merchant who has erected a timber shade on the west side of the stair, which projects into the street and shades the petitioner's shop. The Court ordered it to be taken down and for the defender to keep his show board wholly within the bounds of the timber front of the tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 June 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 29 May 1753.

PETITIONER: Laurence Oliphant, goldsmith and Jean Holmes, his spouse.

SITE: Leith, a tenement called Peatneuck.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Livingston, candlemaker in Leith who has possession of a garden on the east of the tenement. The defender is said to have driven stakes through the walls of the tenement to hang his candles on. A further complaint is made against John Gray, pewterer in Leith who has erected shades against the tenement which block the light. The Court ordered the shades to be removed but decided that the stakes in the wall did no harm. They noted that the wall looked 'very hungry & much wasted' and that it should be repaired by the petitioners.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 June 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 3 May 1753.

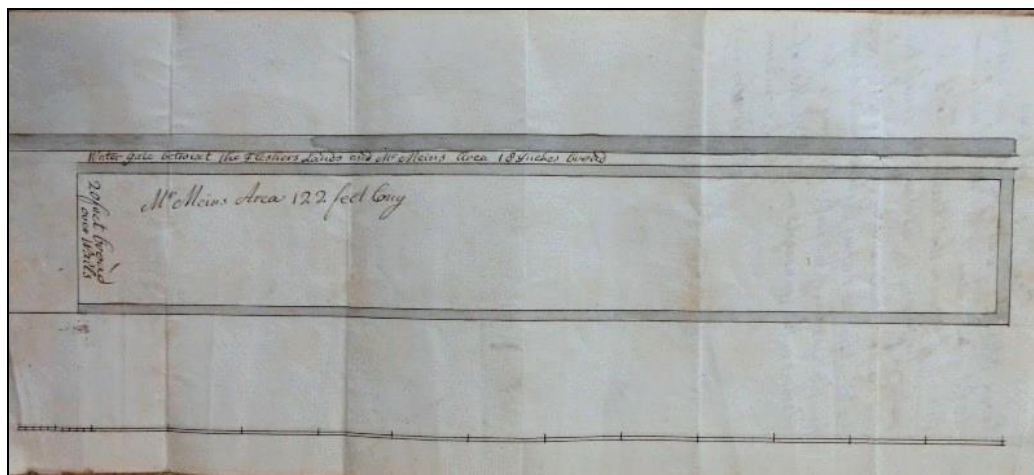
PETITIONER: William Mein, merchant and his spouse, Marion Mackie, daughter of the deceased David Mackie, shipmaster in Prestonpans, thereafter, merchant in Edinburgh.

SITE: Canongate head, north side, bounded by the Fishmarket n the east.

PROPOSAL: To value and measure a piece of land.

NOTES: The petitioner acquired right to her property by disposition from her father dated 2 September 1736. This included an area of ground to the north which had been let to W. Trotter & Co. and on which they had built shades. The petitioners now wish to build houses on the area and they seek assurances as to its boundaries and value. A jury was appointed whose valuation was £15 Stg. In a second copy of the petition here the petitioner is referred to as John Mein although the signature is William.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.

Size: 13.2 x 30.0 cms.

BOX: 1753/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 June 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 25 April 1753.

PETITIONER: Thomas Nicholson, stabler.

SITE: West Bow, foot.

PROPOSAL: To repair a stable.

NOTES: The petitioner is in possession of a house and stables, the rents of which are collected by Laurance Inglis as factor for Mrs. Johnstone, poultry woman. The factor refuses to undertake essential repairs. There is an estimate here for the work and the Court ordered that it should be carried out.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 20 June 1753.

PETITIONER: James Beveridge and others, heritors.

SITE: Lawnmarket, north side, Moroccos Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the Close.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to the poor condition of the causeway and the stairs that project into the Close. The Court ordered the repairs to be carried out.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 July 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 29 June 1753.

PETITIONER: Charles, Duke of Queensberry and Dover.

SITE: Canongate, Queensberry house.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a dangerous boundary wall.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Cumming, brewer in Canongate who was ordered by a warrant granted on 6 May 1752, to take down the wester side wall of a malt house that had become hazardous. Part of the wall was taken down by the two ends remain and they are still a hazard. In a further note '...That your petitioner's family is coming soon into Edinburgh and he has good reason to think his servants will be afraid to make use of his kitchen, as the said part of the west wall threatens so much.' The Court ordered the parts on the north and south not yet rebuilt, to be taken down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 July 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 13 June 1753.

PETITIONER: George Bell, cooper in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Quality Street.

PROPOSAL: To take down the roof and rebuild seven feet higher.

NOTES: The tenement is three stories high and petitioner owns the upper floor and his tenant, Alexander Mackenzie of Fraserdale, the middle floor. His tenant objects to the proposed work because of the inconvenience and damage it would cause. An argument ensued over whether the tenant had given over his lease and depositions were taken from some of the neighbours. The Court asked the assessor to decide the issue and e found that the tenant had not given over his lease and refused the petition.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 July 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 11 July 1753.

PETITIONER: Archibald Inglis, pewterer.

SITE: Cowgate.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild stables.

NOTES: The petitioner has right to the property from his deceased brother, John Inglis, secretary to the Post master General. The stables are possessed by Charles Banks and before him, by Charles Begbie, stabler. Prior to his brother's death the stable at the head of the Close had been covered in thatch and was partly ruinous. He believed it was his intention to rebuild it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 July 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 11 July 1753.

PETITIONER: William Forbes, WS and other heritors.

SITE: Leith, Shore, immediately south of the old Stage Coach office, near the foot of Broad Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair the chimney stacks and to prevent throwing over of foul water.

NOTES: The Court, unlike in similar situations in Edinburgh where heritors would be fined or have their windows trellised, ordered that gutter stones should be laid along the sides of the Close to carry off water.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 July 1753 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1753.

PETITIONER: William Fleeming, late brewer, Craigend of Caltoun.

SITE: Canongate, back street between Craigend and the Canongate.

PROPOSAL: To repair a brewery well.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a stop placed on the work and he asks to continue.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 July 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 18 July 1753.

PETITIONER: Robert Bonnar, servant to Major Robert Horn of Horn and David Jobson, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Niddry Wynd, foot, west side, the tenement built by Mr. James Smith of Whitehill.

PROPOSAL: To repair a laigh dwelling house with a cellar behind.

NOTES: The property was acquired by the now deceased Robert McKinlay, merchant by adjudication in the Court of Session dated 4 December 1723, from Robert Kello, sometime writer and presenter in the Tron Church but described as vintner in the adjudication. He paid £732 Scots in principal. This was recorded on 17 January 1724. Then refers to a minute of sale dated 7 March 1753 from David Jobson and Walter Ferguson, writers as factor for Robert McKinlay, surgeon to Col. Lee's Regiment of foot and eldest son of the deceased Robert McKinlay above. David Jobson purchased the property for Robert Bonnar for £60 Stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 24 July 1753.

PETITIONER: Robert Wightman of Maulslie.

SITE: Forresters Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about falling chimney stacks.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to take down a tenement (no date given). This has been done but a chimney stack has fallen and broken windows in the petitioner's property and could have killed one of his family. The Court ordered the work to be complete or allowed the petitioner to undertake it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 July 1853.

PETITION LODGED: 13 June 1753.

PETITIONER: John Alison, shipmaster in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Citadel.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild an old tenement.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of two tenements with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 43.2 x 28.0 cms.

Watermark: Strasburg Lilly, LVG beneath

BOX: 1753/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 July 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 5 July 1753.

PETITIONER: William Fraser, WS and Andrew Duke, watchmaker.

SITE: Forrester's Wynd, head entering from the turnpike in Carfrae's Close, now commonly known as Turks Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof and chimneys.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 July 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 25 July 1753.

PETITIONER: John Crawford, coppersmith in Leith.

SITE: Leith (beside a tenement called Peatneuck).

PROPOSAL: To build a stone wall eighteen inches from the neighbouring tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner had been ordered to take down shades he had erected against the wall of the neighbouring tenement belonging to Laurence Oliphant, goldsmith. See warrant granted 20 June 1753 (Oliphant). He claims that the shades were in place when he purchased his property but if he is required to take them down, he wishes to build a stone wall to allow an eavesdrop and rebuild them within it. The Court granted a warrant as requested.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 August 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 11 July 1753.

PETITIONER: Daniel McFarlane, brewer in Craighend of Caltoun.

SITE: Canongate, back.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a brewery property.

NOTES: The petitioner has a tack or lease from Alexander Gray, brewer for the property. It belongs to William Lithgow, brewer and is in the possession of William Haig, baker (baxter) as William Lithgow's creditor. Under the terms of the tack the property is to be kept in good order but it has become ruinous. He has requested William Haig to make the repairs, as he collects the rents, but he has refused. The Court

granted a warrant for the repairs and allowed the petitioner to undertake them. The report on the condition is in the hand of John Yeatts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 August 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 7 March 1753.

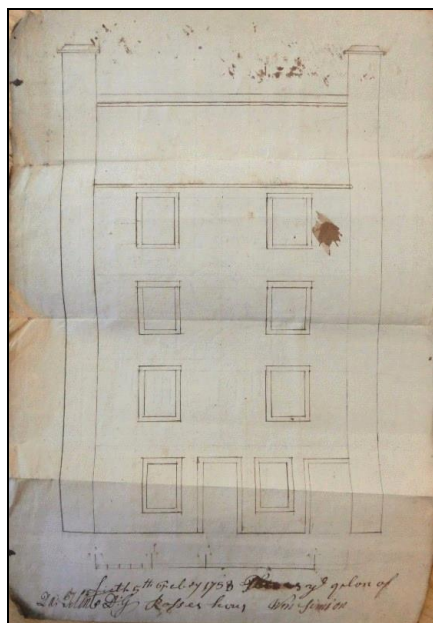
PETITIONER: William Simson, slater in Leith.

SITE: Leith (near the tenement called Peatneuck).

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner has a tack or lease on a property that lies between the land possessed by John Crawford, Coppersmith on the east, the land formerly belonging to (blank) Falconer of Phesdo and now to John Crawford, on the west, lands sometime pertaining to the laird of Duff on the south and the Kings high street on the north. The tack is from Robert Ross of Parsonknowes, residenter in Edinburgh and is dated 29 September 1752, for 57 years, with full power to rebuild. There is a copy of the tack here and it states that when the tenement was condemned it was occupied by Margaret Home, relict of James Halyburton, painter in Leith, Euphan Hewat, spouse to William Geill, sailor and (blank) Chalmers, widow, residenter. The tack also asks that William Simson have the tack ratified and confirmed by Patrick Ross, his only son and heir and Margaret Home, spouse of Robert Ross, as soon as Patrick Ross arrives in the Kingdom, he being abroad. If Patrick Ross does not have the money to rebuild the tenement then William Simson can do so and have the expence declared a debt on the property.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of a four story tenement.

Size: 29.1 x 20.5 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Dated Leith, 5th February 1753 This is ye plan of Rosses hous, Wm, Simson.

BOX: 1753/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 August 1753.

PETITION LODGED: January 1752.

PETITIONER: Robert Reid, brewer.

SITE: Blackfriars Wynd, Lindsay's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner is a creditor by two adjudications and possessor by a Decree of mails and Duties of the property. No explanation is given here for the delay. A visit was arranged in January (petition partly torn away) and David Lindsay, servant to Nicol Somervell, painter was summoned to attend the Court on 18 February 1752.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 August 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 25 July 1753.

PETITIONER: Gilbert Robertson, merchant.

SITE: Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about smoke from a property beneath.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Ritchie, glass grinder who occupies a laigh cellar below the petitioner, who rents his property from Elizabeth Neilson, relict of John Halliburton, merchant. It appears that the Court ordered the defender to remove himself and his family from the cellar but he did not do so and this occasioned a second petition here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 August 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 1 August 1753.

PETITIONER: Margaret Cleghorn, widow of Thomas Watson, poulterer.

SITE: Marlins Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a property.

NOTES: The petitioner has a lease from Janet McMath, widow of James Johnston, poulterer and liferenter on the property. Robert Hallyburton and William Hamilton, bookseller, collect the rents on the property as creditors to Janet McMath. They were ordered to make the necessary repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 25 July 1753.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Ramsay (nee Seton) relict of Alexander Ramsay, writer.

SITE: Toddericks Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair the chimney stacks.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/56

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 31 July 1753.

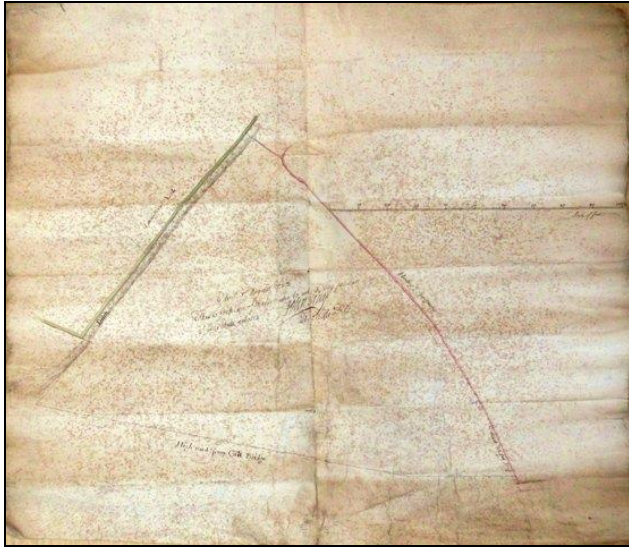
PETITIONER: John Hay, brewer in Portsburgh.

SITE: Portsburgh Street, west end, on the north side of the road to Coltbridge.

PROPOSAL: To demolish old walls and build several houses.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the area from William Ruthven junior, writer, formerly belonging to the deceased David Denham junior. He refers to a plan produced and asks the Court to value the property. They do so at £150 Scots. The warrant refers to avoiding the property belonging to Mrs. Hodge.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.
Size: 49.0 x 55.3 cms.

BOX: 1753/57

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 8 August 1753.

PETITIONER: Thomas Watson, maltster in Leith.

SITE: Leith.

PROPOSAL: To make repairs to a house, malt barn and kiln.

NOTES: The petitioner leases a property that belonged to Adam Rutherford, brewer and now to his creditors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/58

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 8 August 1753.

PETITIONER: John Osburn, late Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh

SITE: High Street, Covenant Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the flooring above.

NOTES: The petitioner has a lodging in the Close and Colhoun Grant, writer (lawyer) collects the rents for the flat above which belongs to the heirs and creditors of Mrs. Warden, school mistress. He has allowed the flooring to deteriorate, causing water to fall into the petitioner's property and he refuses to carry out the necessary repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/59

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 8 August 1753.

PETITIONER: William Neilson, Esq. and John Neilson, Doctor of Medicine, sons of the deceased William Neilson, Esq. late Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh.

SITE: New Greyfriar's Churchyard.

PROPOSAL: To build a tomb.

NOTES: The petitioner's father purchased an area in the churchyard, between the burial places of Lord Charles Ker on the north and the heirs of Baillie Jeffrey on the south. They wish to build a tomb with a stone roof and to do so they need to modify the eastern dyke wall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/60

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 August 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 29 August 1753.

PETITIONER: Robert Wright, baxter (baker).

SITE: High Street, Pitcarlie's land, the laigh bread shop, a little to the south west of the Cross.

PROPOSAL: To alter the ceiling above his shop.

NOTES: The petitioner found the joists of the shop above to be insufficient so he had them propped up. In attempting repairs, the joists fell.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/61

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 September 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 13 February 1751.

PETITIONER: William Reid, only child of David Reid, merchant and Margaret Dennet, his spouse.

SITE: Cowgate, north side, a little below the foot of Niddery Wynd, Foullers land.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and cognoze the accounts.

NOTES: The petitioner is heir to his father by a Retour dated 4 June 1745. His father held the property by a Decreet of adjudication against James Mirrie, merchant and Elizabeth Miller, his spouse dated 7 July 1731 and by a Decreet of Maills and Duties dated 21 December 1732. There is a statement of expenditure here relating to work carried out for David Reid between 17 March 1733 and August 1751 with additional work under a warrant granted 24 June 1752. A note states that the vouchers for this statement were removed on 26 November 1753. There are vouchers here from James Norie, painter, George Syme, slater, James Hunter, wright, George Aitken, smith, Thomas Alison, glazier, trustees of the deceased Samuel Neilson, George Bernsfair, for lead, with a measure of the mason work by John Yeatts, ordained measurer to the Good Town. Total cognozed: £161 19s 3d Stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/62

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 September 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 8 August 1753.

PETITIONER: John Henderson of Leiston and John Key, factor for the trustees of the deceased Samuel Neilson, mason and architect, Hugh Mossman, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, Bess Wynd, Henderson's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair the vents and roof.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/63

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 September 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 1 September 1753.

PETITIONER: John McGowan and Hugh Crawford, writers to the Signet.

SITE: Browns land.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/64

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 October 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 13 August 1753.

PETITIONER: Lord Kilkerran (James Ferguson).

SITE: High Street, Forrester's Wynd, west side, Wilson's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about repairs demanded for his roof.

NOTES: The petitioner was not informed when the Court ordered repairs to the roof. He claims that his own roof is in good repair and does not need any further work. The Court agreed. See warrant granted 25 July 1753 (Fraser and Duke).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/65

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 October 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 5 September 1753.

PETITIONER: Archibald Campbell, brewer.

SITE: Grassmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the property.

NOTES: The petitioner holds a tack or lease on the brewery from William Bruce, late merchant now 'Paton maker' (patern or panton?) in the Abbey of Holyroodhouse, dated 21 October 1735. The property is now in poor condition and he asks to have it repaired or repair it himself and claim the expence from the rent. In a memorial for William Bruce 'manufacturer of Pattons' he claims that the petitioner has never paid him any rent for fourteen years. The Court ordered that the petitioner could replace the copper, but at his won expence.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/66

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 October 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 1 August 1753.

PETITIONER: John Key as factor for trustees of the deceased Samuel Neilson, mason.

SITE: Forresters Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To cognoze an account for repairs.

NOTES: The claim is against William Tait, minister of the Gospel at Kilbucko and his factor and brother German, James Tait, wright. The defenders property was occupied by Mr. Marishall when the haunch of the kitchen vent fell down. It was repaired by Samuel Neilson, mason in July and August 1751, on a warrant from the Court, the expence to be cognozed. The account for the work is here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/67

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 October 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 1 August 1753.

PETITIONER: John Key as factor for trustees of the deceased Samuel Neilson, mason.

SITE: Netherbow, a mutual gable between Porton's land and Chalmer's land.

PROPOSAL: Claim for payment.

NOTES: The claim is against Helen Bell, relict of Andrew Thomson, brewer for payment of an account for work carried out by Samuel Neilson, mason in April 1752, lodged here. The defender explained that she had already paid Patrick Jamieson for the rebuilding of the gable. The petitioner explained that the tenements on either side of the gable were not the same height and that on rebuilding his half of the work, Samuel Neilson had to rebuild the chimney stacks up the side of the other tenement, to the correct height. In a deposition on the account, John Key states that the work was carried out while he was 'then overseer of Deacon Neilson's works'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/68

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 October 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 27 September 1753.

PETITIONER: James Watson, writer (lawyer) for Margaret Gibson, relict of William Gibson, writer.

SITE: Canongate head.

PROPOSAL: To repair tenements.

NOTES: The tenements belonged to the deceased William Ferrier, merchant, father of Margaret Gibson but they are under a sequestration order in the Court of Session. No factor has yet been appointed but work is required to prevent further damage. There is a report here on the property by Patrick Jamieson, John Moubray and James Syme. One of the tenements lies above Lapslie's stone on the south side of the Canongate. The other is on the north side of the Canongate on the west of Jack's land.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/69

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 October 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 1 August 1753.

PETITIONER: John Key as factor for trustees of the deceased Samuel Neilson, mason.

SITE: Gavinloch's land.

PROPOSAL: Claim for repairs.

NOTES: The claim is against Walter Wordie, writer who is said to collect the rents on the property as doer for Alexander Campbell, son of the deceased Alexander Campbell, writer. He denied this, stating that he had no rents in his hands and indeed was a considerable debtor to Alexander Campbell. The Court ordered the expence of the work, carried out in August 1751, to be a debt on the property. The account for the work is here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/70

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 October 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 2 October 1753.

PETITIONER: George Nimmo, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a shade built without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Spratt, baxter (baker) in Leith who has erected a shade that encroaches on his property and in which he stores whins. The defender explains that he does not keep whins there but did keep a swine which he fed on the sweepings from his bakery. The Court found that the area was mutual to both and ordered the removal of the shade.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/71

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 October 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 17 October 1753.

PETITIONER: Robert McClelland, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Paunch Market, foot.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for building work.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to convert a fore loft and cellar into a dwelling house. The property was occupied by John Chalmers, pewterer and there are accounts here from William Lyon, wright; Alexander Constable, mason; Mungo Scott, glazier; Thomas Crawford, smith and John Innes, bricklayer, for work carried out in May 1753. There is a measure of the wright work by Alexander Turnbull

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/72

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 October 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 25 September 1753.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, Writer's Court, the Stone room in Muirheads or the British Coffee House.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a dangerous vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against the proprietors of the land supported by the arch in the passage to the Writer's Court. The arch is considered in danger of falling when the tenement on the east is taken down, by order of the Court, to build the west wing of the new Exchange. Among those summoned is Mrs. Margaret Simpson relict of Alexander Guthrie, limner and their daughter, Miss Margaret Guthrie. A jury was appointed and they found that when the lumb and a side wall was taken down, the arch would be sufficient.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/73

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 November 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 7 November 1753.

PETITIONER: Lady Christian Dalrymple.

SITE: Grays Close, the Mint In.

PROPOSAL: To place a wooden spout at a window.

NOTES: The spout is necessary to prevent servants from throwing over fowls water and convey it away. The Court allowed the spout but with the condition that it could be taken away if found inconvenient.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/74

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 November 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 14 November 1753.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Lyons Close, opposite the City Guard.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about slapping of a hole in a stone wall or pillar.

NOTES: The complaint is against Priscilla Handyside, relict of James Edgar, pewterer who has caused the work to be done. The defender did not appear in Court and was fined £10 Scots. With her goods to be poined and person imprisoned if she did not pay.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/75

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 November 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 22 November 1753.

PETITIONER: Robert Watson, merchant, Alexander McConnechy, writer (lawyer) and Andrew Deuchar, writer.

SITE: Forresters Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair the chimney stacks.

NOTES: The property lies on the west side of a little Close on the west of Gavinloch's land, in Forresters Wynd. The property belongs to the heirs of the deceased James Sommergeill, of Castle Sommergeill, now under sequestration at the instance of the creditors of James Sommergeill for whom Hugh Graham, writer is the factor. Further tenants are given.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/76

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 December 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 21 November 1753.

PETITIONER: Archibald Campbell, brewer.

SITE: Grassmarket, south side.

PROPOSAL: To carry out repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to previous warrants granted by the Court on 18 September 1751 and 18 October 1752 (copy here) to carry out repairs to a brewery he holds on a tack from William Bruce, merchant. Bruce is obliged to carry out repairs but he has failed to do so or has done so, so badly, that the work is required to be done again. The Court ordered the defender to complete the repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/77

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 December 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 15 April 1752.

PETITIONER: David Wilson, brewer in Canongate.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of expences for rebuilding a tenement.

NOTES: This is a long and complex process of complaint against Roger Parkinson, clockmaker in Canongate (in the Abbey for debt at some points), the owner of a tenement in Leith, for which he had a warrant for rebuilding dated 8 June 1750. Roger Parkinson and his spouse, Isobell Elliot not having the necessary funds, they sought money and credit from George Scott, collector of the customs at the Watergate to

complete the work. He raised the tenement by two stories and was about to put on the roof when he ran out of money and insisted that another partner be found. David Wilson agreed and is said to have employed tradesmen but then he too stopped the work, removed the materials and refused to continue unless the defender denuded himself of the warrant to rebuild and handed it over to him. There is a disposition here for the property to George Scott, baxter (baker) in Canongate dated 4 August 1753. The accounts for the work and various notes of sums advanced by the petitioner and George Scott are lodged here. This matter was still not fully resolved by June 1756 when David Wilson was granted a claim on the property for further expences. There are accounts here (mostly for small amounts) from Thomas Mylne, mason, John Innes, bricklayer, John Ogile, wright, William Petrie, smith, Alex Constable, mason, Thomas Heart, wright (Robert Donaldson, David Deaker and Robert Gilbert carrying out the work), John Low and John Rae, plasterers, David Miller, wright in Abbey, John Young for wood,
DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1753/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 February 1753 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 12 February 1753.

PETITIONER: Jean Hamilton, relict of Hugh Cleghorn, brewer.

SITE: Society.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Campbell, wright who has been undermining a boundary wall by digging.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 March 1753 (no warrant, appointed a visit)..

PETITION LODGED: 21 March 1753.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate, Tolbooth Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Schaw, son of John Schaw, upholsterer, James Cullen, upholsterer, David Smith, cabinet maker John Mack, mason and the said John Schaw. On 21 March James Cullen and David Smith appeared in the Court and acknowledged that they had lately built a workhouse in the Canongate, of stone and timber. AS they were strangers, they were ignorant that they should have applied for a warrant. The building is now almost finished and is done in the same way and manner that most of the wright's shops in town are built. John Mack, mason also acknowledged that he had completed the mason work without a warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 May 1753 (the defender did not appear).

PETITION LODGED: 16 May 1753.

PETITIONER: James Wight, younger, Deacon of the Litsters (dyers).

SITE: None.

PROPOSAL: Claim for payment.

NOTES: The claim is against James Waugh, merchant for dyeing carried out on large quantities of serge cloth between February and December 1752. The account is here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 May 1753 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 16 May 1753.

PETITIONER: John Moubray, merchant.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner has a tack from Janet Ballantyne, daughter of the deceased James Ballantyne, wheelwright and Margaret Rae, daughter of the deceased James Rae, schoolmaster, dated 1 March 1753 on a shop and house, possessed by John Brown cork cutter. The petitioner has acquired from Margaret Rae by disposition dated 23 March 1753, half of the property and he now wishes to repair it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 May 1753 (no warrant or response).

PETITION LODGED: 23 May 1753.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, opposite the head of Carrubbers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the erection of a pole.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Reoch, wright who has erected a pole on which he has affixed a large sign board. In his answers the defender refers to his wish to enlarge his business by the placing of a 'very genteel ornament on the street'. He went on to point out that such signs were common in the City of London and that the Dean of Guild was well known for being the promoter of every kind of manufacture.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 June 1753 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 6 June 1753.

PETITIONER: Alexander Mackenzie of Frazerdale.

SITE: Leith, Yardheads, near the Green Tree.

PROPOSAL: To repair an old tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner lately purchased the property from (blank) Walker, writer or merchant in Leith. There are replies here from George Bell.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 June 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 13 March 1753.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, south side of the water, near the end of the Bridge of Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Strang merchant in Leith and George Wilson, mason in Edinburgh who, according to the petitioner, owns a house at the north end of the Bridge with a fore shot projecting towards the River, with a large open area below it. At some time between 1746 and 1748 he built stone foundations and enclosed this area, without a warrant. The Court dismissed this petition on 21 March 1753 on the grounds that the property was on the south side of the water, not the north. The Procurator Fiscal petitioned again, on 22 March when the defenders stated that they had a warrant for the work. The Court decided the warrant did not cover this work and ordered it to be removed on 25 April 1753. The Court on 13 June 1753 and on 27 June, ordered the petitioners to prove the extent of their property and allowed a deposition from William Simson, slater in Leith who stated that he built the wall in 1747 and did so, on old foundations. Also a deposition from George Wilson, mason aged 30 and upwards who was less certain about the status of the old foundations.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 June 1753 (no warrant, defenders to attend).

PETITION LODGED: 19 June 1753.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Cowgate, new stairs to Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Duncan Buchan, residenter, Robert Dick, writer

(lawyer) John Muir, wright and Charles King, wright who have erected a shade on a shop beside the entry to the stairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1753 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 29 May 1753.

PETITIONER: Christian Ferrier, spouse and factor to Thomas Lancashire, coach maker.

SITE: Canongate, north side, Tolbooth Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The petitioner is Christian Ferrier who holds stabling and a hay loft in liferent and by her daughter, Catherine Walker in fee (a child of her first marriage to the deceased John Walker). Part of it is let to Alexander Schaw and James Cullen, upholsterers and David Smith, cabinet maker in Bristo. The complaint is that her tenants have built a stair '... over the roof of a house...' belonging to Christian. In answers for the defenders they refer to a tack (a copy of which is lodged here) entered into on 27 September 1752 for thirty eight years, which gave them power to repair and meliorate the subjects as they should judge proper. The stair complained of is a timber trap which is quite free of the roof.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 June 1753 (No warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 27 June 1753.

PETITIONER: William Reoch, wright.

SITE: Cowgate, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a neighbour and to have a measure of his property.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a previous warrant granted on 9 May 1753 to take down the south wall of a tenement. He has now done so but is obstructed by his neighbour, Thomas Myrtle, brewer who refuses to take down his part of the wall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 July 1753 (no warrant) .

PETITION LODGED: 10 July 1753.

PETITIONER: James Wood, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Kinloch's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment for work.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a previous warrant ordering the repair of vents. This was to be carried out by the proprietors who failed to do so and the petitioner had the repairs carried out at his expence, employing Charles Mack, mason, as his warrant allowed. The complaint for payment is against Mrs. Thomson, relict of Andrew Thomson, brewer, John Adam, architect, (blank) Taylor and Mrs. Thomson, relict of Thomas Thomson for payment for the repair of the vents.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 July 1753 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 2 June 1753.

PETITIONER: John Home, coach maker in St. Mary's Wynd.

SITE: Canongate, foot of Cout's Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild an old tenement.

NOTES: In answers for Phineas Hall, tailor and James Boid, stabler they complaint that the petitioner tried to have a mutual wall taken down about a year ago but it was found to be sufficient by tradesmen. Since then he has partly demolished the said wall, he now claims to be ruinous. The Court officer was requested to cite a jury but no further action is recorded here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1753 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 22 August 1753.

PETITIONER: Grizell Hamilton, relict of Captain John Reid, sail maker in North Leith with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Robertson, tailor who is said to have built a house close to the petitioner's side wall. This is also made of clay which is against the regulations.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 October 1753.

PETITION LODGED: 18 July 1753.

PETITIONER: John Mack, mason.

SITE: Forresters Wynd, about the middle.

PROPOSAL: Seeking payment for the demolition of an old tenement.

NOTES: The warrant is missing from this process. It appears that John Mack, mason was seeking payment for the demolition of an old tenement belonging to Mr. McGhie, for which a warrant had been granted. The demolished materials were to be offered for sale but this was not done until 17 October 1753 and there is a copy of the advertisement here. There is also a cognosed account for the work carried out on 22 May 1753.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/15*

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 November 1753 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 23 October 1753.

PETITIONER: Adam Fairholm, City Treasurer and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, Shore and harbour.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas and John Wilson, ship carpenters in Leith, Frederick Symon, shipmaster there and (blank) relict of Arthur Elphinstone, late Lord Balmerino, residenter in Leith, who are said to have appropriated part of the harbour shore for their own use.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/16*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 November 1753 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 13 November 1753.

PETITIONER: Adam Fairholm, City Treasurer and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, Shore and harbour.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) Chalmers, widow of Captain George Chalmers residenter in Leith who is said to have appropriated part of the harbour shore for her own use. There are answers her for Margaret Laing, widow of Lt. John Chalmers, who was called to defend the claim but she points out that Captain George Chalmers is still alive.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/17*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 November 1753 (no further action).

PETITION LODGED: 20 November 1753.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Lyons Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Mack, mason and James Brown his servant who took down a pillar to create a vent, in a tenement belonging to Priscilla Handiside, relict of James Edgar, pewterer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/18*

WARRANT GRANTED: November 1753.

PETITION LODGED: November 1753.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Forresters Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Blair, writer (lawyer) who collects the rents for the tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/19*

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 November 1753 (no further action noted).

PETITION LODGED: 27 November 1753.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about unfree tradesmen.

NOTES: The tradesmen are: John Fyfe, tylor in Canongate (crossed through), George Wright, tylor, William Lauder, tylor, Thomas Morton, merchant, John Weir, shoemaker, all in Canongate, Thomas Finlay in St. Mary's Wynd and Robert Semple, meal seller in the Mealmarket.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/20*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 December 1753 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 19 December 1753.

PETITIONER: Walter Thomson, vintner.

SITE: High Street, north side, a little below the Cross, entering by the scale stair within the head of Anchor Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about broken and missing windows in the stair.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he has frequently applied to the landlord, James Home of Gemmelsheills to repair them, without effect.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1753/21*

WARRANT GRANTED: Undated (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: Undated.

PETITIONER: Alexander McKenzie of Fraserdale.

SITE: Leith, Yardheads, near the Greentree.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from James Walker, writer or merchant in Leith.

DRAWINGS: None.

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The Court Officers from 17 October 1753:

Dean of Guild

David Flint

Council

James Grant, Old Dean of Guild

Robert Selkrig, merchant

James Seton, merchant

George Stevenson, wright

Patrick Jamieson, mason

Robert Dewar, glazier

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

BOX: 1754/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 January 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 19 December 1753.

PETITIONER: John Hay, brewer in Portsburgh.

SITE: Portsburgh, west end.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a ruinous gable.

NOTES: The petitioner is engaged in rebuilding a tenement on a warrant from the Court but he is prevented for continuing because of a ruinous mutual gable belonging to Mrs. Hodge. The warrant was granted with further stipulations about a sewer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 January 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 11 October 1753.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Cathcart, Captain Hugh Clerk and William Wilson, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Nidderly Wynd, head, the great tenement on the east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a timber outshot.

NOTES: The lodgings are possessed by Mr. Lawrie, surgeon, Mrs. Wilson and James Montgomery, advocate. There is a description of the property and the Court appointed a jury who ordered the outshot to be supported although it was in no danger of falling.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 January 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 19 December 1754.

PETITIONER: Mary Dickson, relict of Adam Durham of Luffness and John Lauder.

SITE: Canongate, south side, immediately below the Playhouse Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a vent.

NOTES: The petitioner complains that the vent cannot be cleaned but by '...opening the lining of her dining room and slapping the wall...' In answers for Mrs. Adamson and her tenant, James Baillie baxter she states that John Adamson, baxter in Canongate purchased the whole tenement at a public roup (sale) in 1735. He then sold the 2nd and 3rd stories to Mr. Lauder, then of Winepark. The Court noted that the vent was very winding and unsafe.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 January 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 19 December 1753.

PETITIONER: George Hamilton, tailor.

SITE: Canongate head, Smellie's land, top story.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof of the garrets above.

NOTES: One of the garrets belongs to Andrew Burn, mason and Thomas Wood, farmer in Broughton and the other to Walter Morison, writer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 January 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 6 May 1752.

PETITIONER: Samuel Stevenson, merchant.

SITE: High Street, north side, immediately east of the Exchange Coffee House.

PROPOSAL: To repair vents on the north gable and to take down heavy sign boards.

NOTES: There is no explanation here for the delay in taking action. The Court summoned William Chine and James Murray and Company, printers, James Herriot, wright, John Robertson, mason and vintner and David Paterson, merchant on 6 May 1752 but only remitted the petition to Deacon Jamieson and Deacon Dewar to visit on 2 January 1754. On 3 January they summoned George Inglis 'Attorney' in the Exchequer and John Mein, slater to appear.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 January 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 31 December 1753.

PETITIONER: John Moubray, late Deacon of the wrights and Patrick Jamieson, late Deacon of the masons.

SITE: High Street, Chalmer's land, cellars.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of rent.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Miller, hatter. The petitioners state that they had a decret from the Dean of Guild Court against Helen Bell, relict of Andrew Thomson, brewer and George Turnbull, writer (lawyer), factor for the heirs and creditors of the said Andrew Thomson dated 21 March 1753. As creditors for work carried out they were granted the right to sell and collect the rents on the cellars and the floor above. John Miller occupies the property and he owed £2 2s 6d in rent and the same for the current half year.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 January 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 29 December 1753.

PETITIONER: William Reoch, wright

SITE: Cowgate, south side, opposite the Kirkheugh.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to his property.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to him on 9 May 1753 (lodged here) to take down the south gable of a tenement belonging to him and it was found necessary to take down part of the adjoining tenement belonging to Thomas Mirtle, brewer. The petitioner owns the ground floor of this contiguous tenement, which now has no roof and his property is being damaged. In replies for Thomas Mirtle, he explains a more complicated story.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/8

WARRANT GRANTED: (23 January 1754)

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

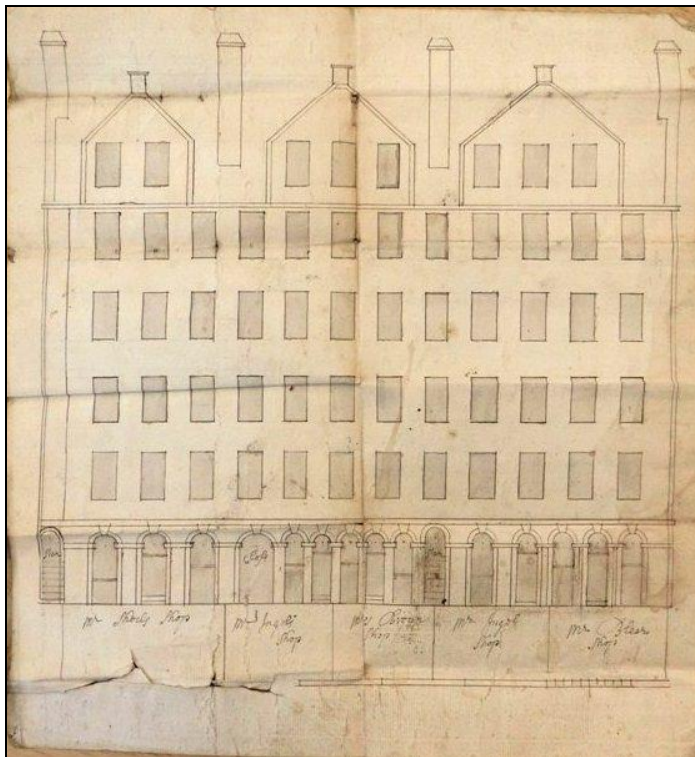
PETITIONER: John Moubray, wright.

SITE: High Street, head of Old Assembly Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild tenements.

NOTES: The petition is now missing and the information here has been gathered from the Court minute book where there are many entries after 23 January 1754 for a building operation that grew to include further old properties. The only process to survive here is a petition from the heritors of two tenements on the east and west sides of Old Assembly Close lodged on or before 13 November 1754. They state that they have demolished their tenements and have agreed among themselves and with some of the proprietors of the next tenement on the west, to rebuild '...on a plan and elevation drawn by John Yeats, wright (who having formerly measured the whole bounding,

must know every ones property) to be Archt [arched] from ye one end of the three forenamed tenements to the other; with hewen stone over the shops, through the thickness of the fore wall: which plan now lyes in Court'. This is the drawing at a. They go on to request that the Court will order Baillie (David) Flint (Dean of Guild) and Mrs. Stenhouse and others, to pull down and rebuild their back tenements. On 20 November the Court ordered a general plan of the whole building to be given in and a section of the gable, pipes and vents. On the same day they examined two measurements submitted by Archibald Blair and William Wilson, signed by Charles Mack (mason) and John Yeats which recorded that the height of their two stories to be 31ft from the sewer on the street to the floor of Deacon Moubray's story. On 27 November the Court noted that the plans requested on 20 November had not been given in and they ordered that the plans of the old measurements were to be put in the hands of John Rob, mason and he was to draw a general plan for the whole buildings. They added John Yeats to this request. Further action can be traced in the Court minutes, to which the dated drawings here may refer and a warrant was also granted on 14 August 1754 which no longer survives. The drawings below are listed chronologically by the date when they were submitted to the Court followed by drawings with no obvious context. See also the warrants granted on 4 October 1754 (Heritors), 23 October 1754 (Blair), 26 March 1755 (Cooper, Moubray et. al.) etc. for further activity on this site.
DRAWINGS: 30 sheets.



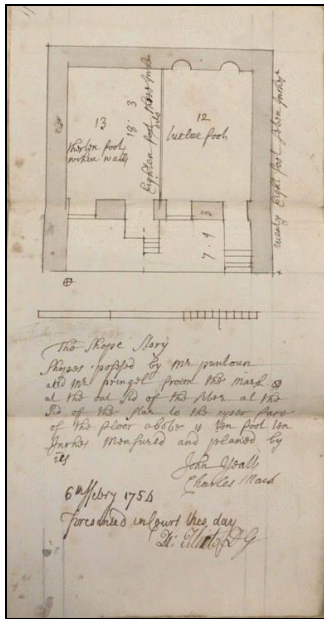
Description: a. Elevation of three tenements.

Size: 37.7 x 34.8 cms.

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Inscriptions, verso: John Yetts Elevation of the front of the shops & houses above.

Architect: John Yeats.

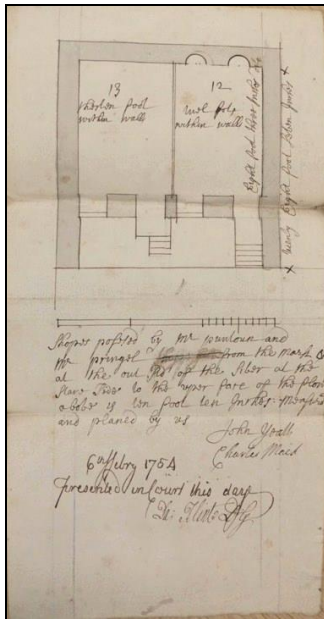


Description: b. Plan of a shop possessed by Mr. Punton and Mr. Pringle.

Size: 27.5 x 14.3 cms.

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Inscriptions, verso: (numbered) 2.

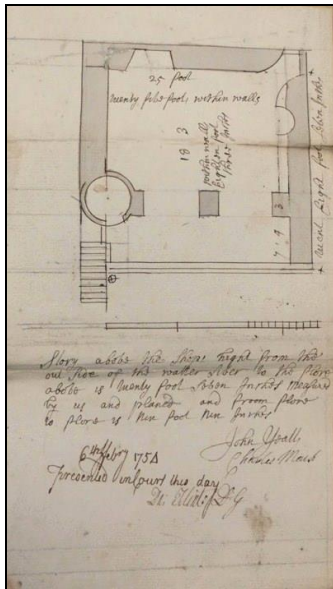


Description: c. Plan of a shop possessed by Mr. Punton and Mr. Pringle (copy of the plan above).

Size: 27.5 x 14.2 cms.

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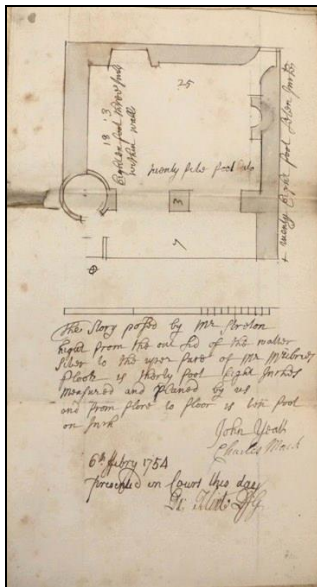
Description: d. Plan of the story above the shop at e.

Size: 27.5 x 15.0 cms.

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Inscriptions, verso: Story above shops. (numbered) 3.

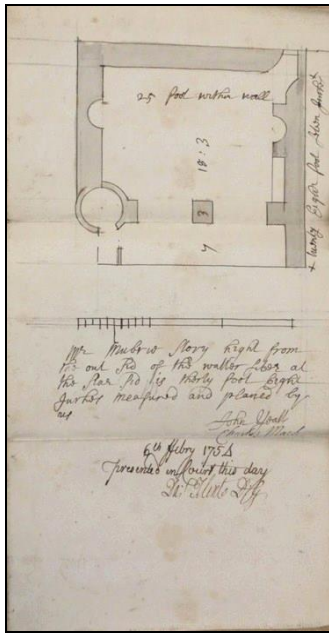


Description: e. Plan of a shop possessed by Mr. Stratton.

Size: 27.5 x 14.8 cms.

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Inscriptions, verso: possessed by Mr. Stratton. (numbered) 4.

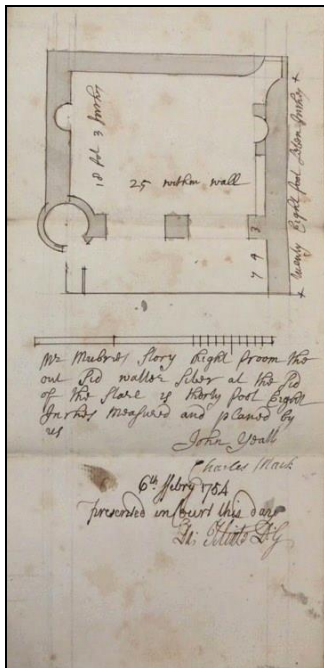


Description: f. Plan of Mr. Moubray's story.

Size: 28.3 x 14.6 cms.

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Inscriptions, verso: (numbered) 5.



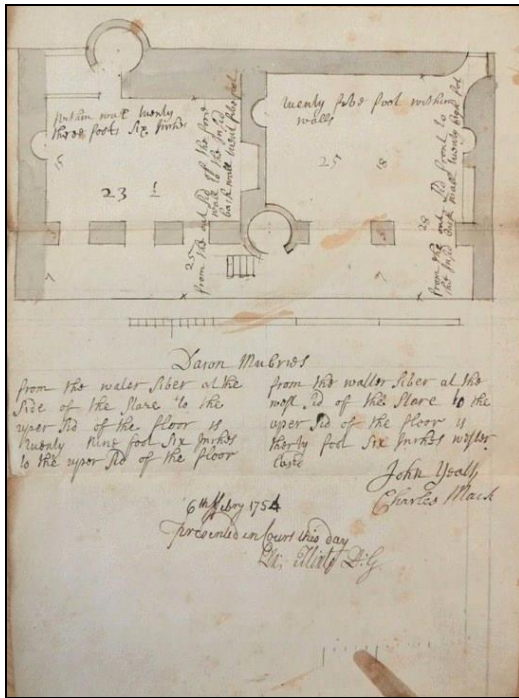
Description: g. Plan of Mr. Moubray's story (copy of the plan above).

Size: 27.5 x 13.0 cms.

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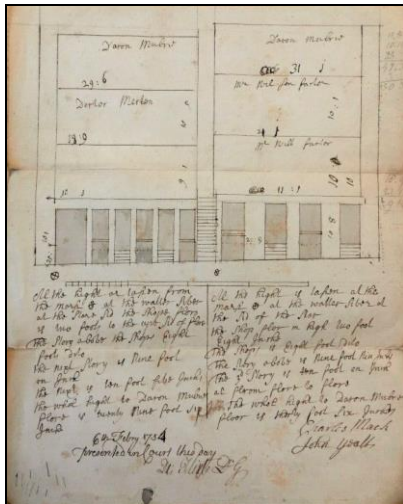


Description: h. Plan of Deacon Moubroy's top story.

Size: 27.0 x 19.8 cms.

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Inscriptions, verso: Plan of Deacon Mubros top storie. (numbered) 6.

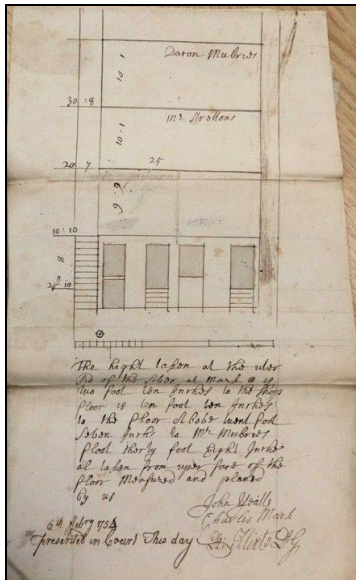


Description: i. Elevation of four stories of two lands.

Size: 26.5 x 21.2 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edr. 6th February 1754 presented in Court this day. (signed) Charles Mack and John Yeats.

Inscriptions, verso: Fronts of the two lands. No. 7.

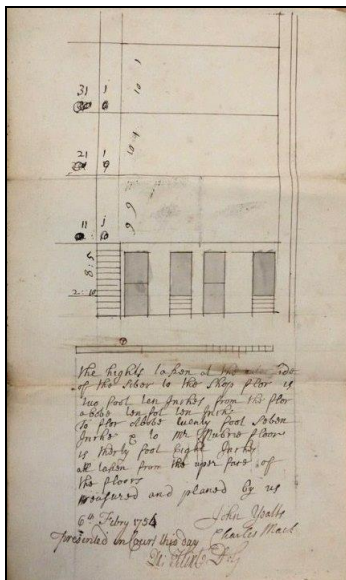


Description: j. Elevation of four stories of one land.

Size: 27.8 x 17.4 cms (irregular).

Inscriptions, recto: Edr. 6th February 1754 presented in Court this day. (signed) John Yeatts and Charles Mack.

Inscriptions, verso: plans of the front of ... No. 8.

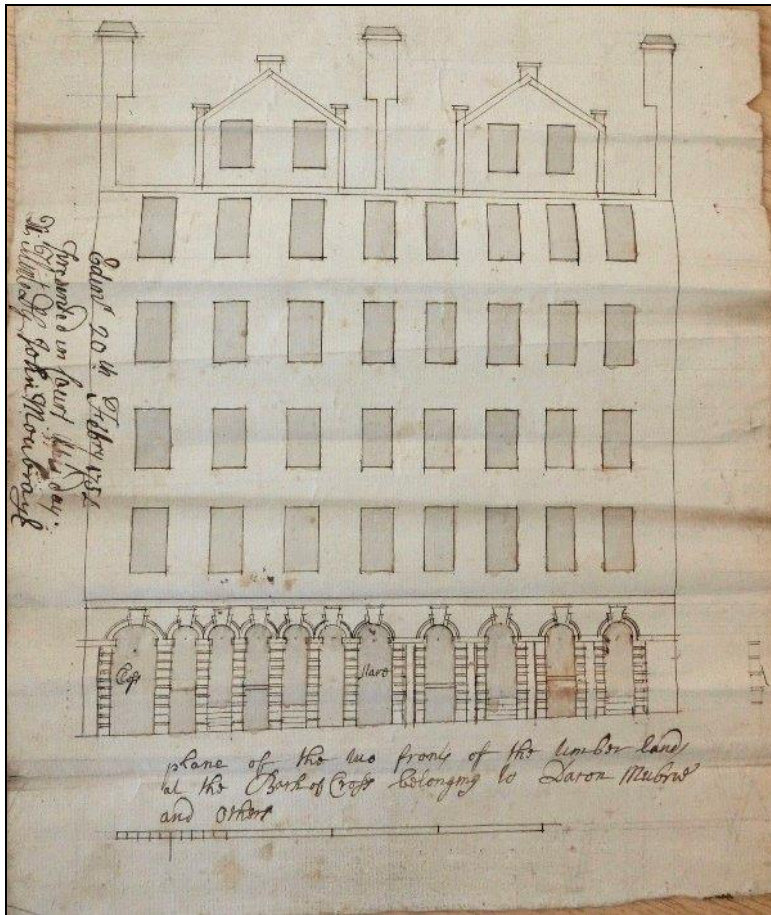


Description: k. Elevation of four stories of one land.

Size: 28.2 x 16.4 cms.

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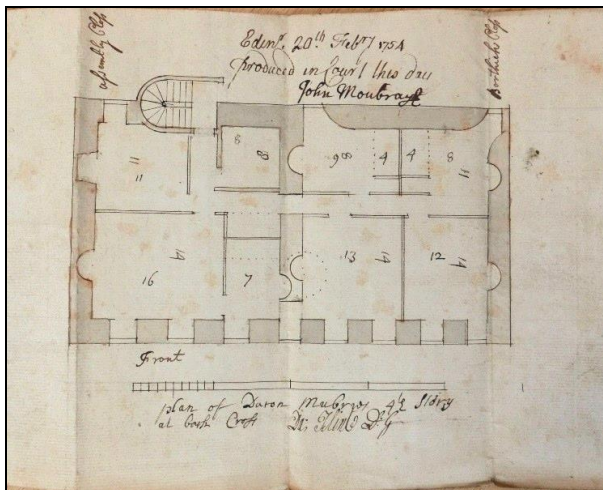


Description: l. Elevation of two tenements at the head of Old Assembly Close.

Size: 27.7 x 23.2 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edr. 20th February 1754 presented in Court this day, David Flint DG, John Moubray.

Inscriptions, verso: Elevation of the front of the two lands as drawn out by John Yeats, presented 20th February 1754.

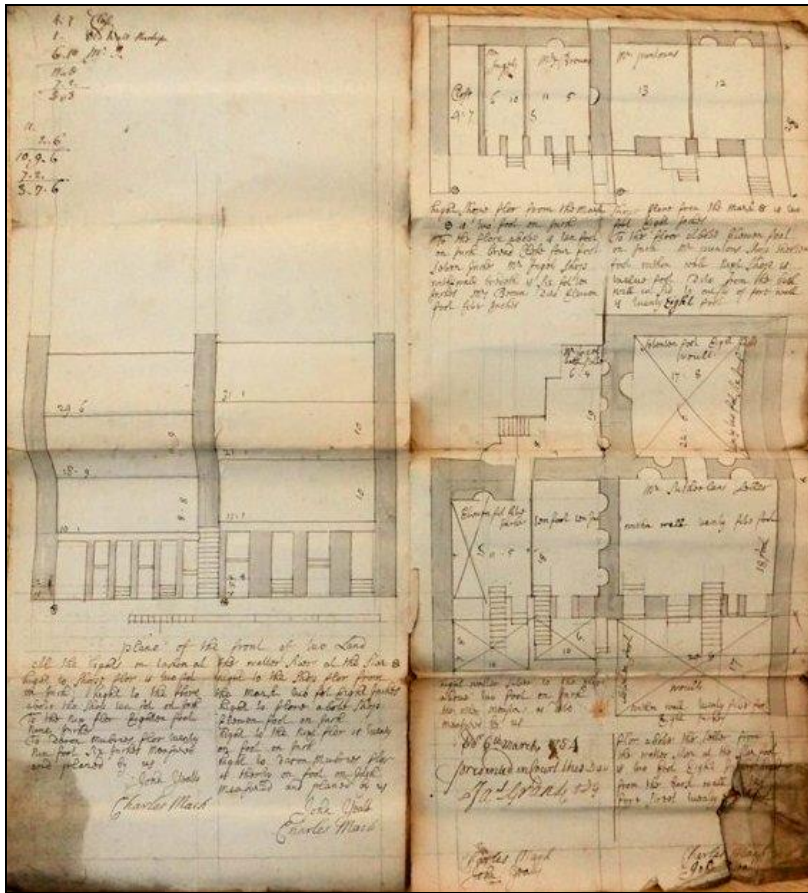


Description: m. Plan of the fourth story.

19.8 x 27.7 cms (irregular)

Inscriptions, recto: Edr. 20th February 1754 produced in Court this day, David Flint, John Moubray. Also noted Borthwick's Close top right and Old Assembly Close, top left.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan of Deacon Mubray's 4th story, presented ye 20th February 1754.



Description: n. Plans and elevations of two shops.

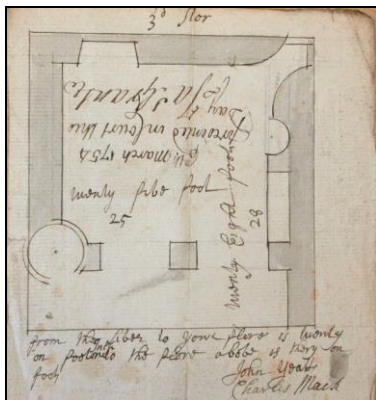
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Inscriptions, verso: Old measures of Thos Inglis's shops.

Architect: Charles Mack and John Yeats.

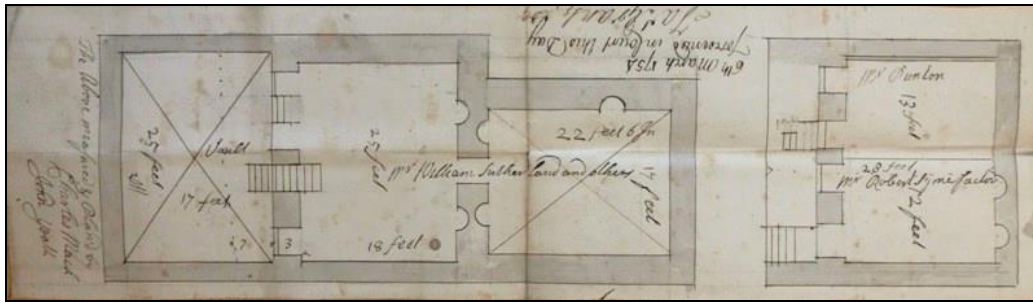


Description: o. Plan of the 3rd story.

Size: 13.0 x 12.2 cms.

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Inscriptions, verso: Plan of the 3rd floor above the shops (4).

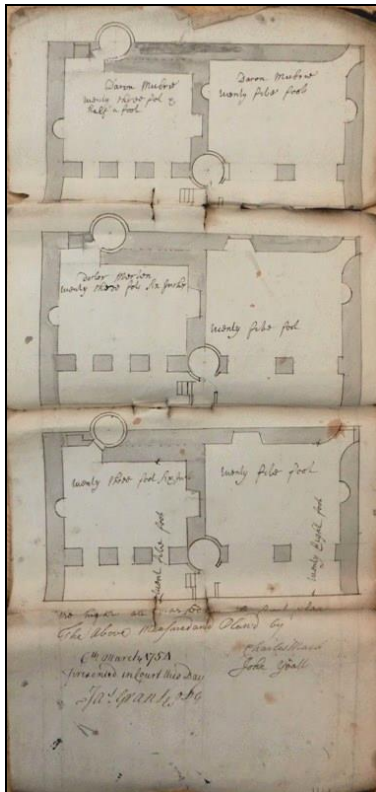


Description: p. Plan of vaults and plan of a shop.

Size: 11.3 x 39.4 cms.

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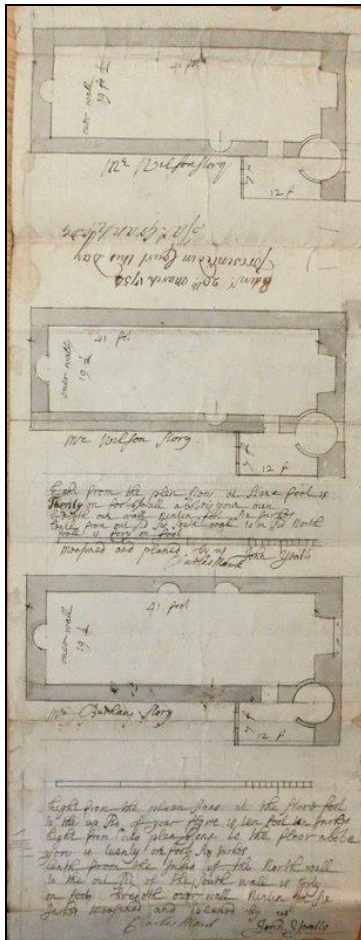


Description: q. Plans of three floors.

Size: 47.0 x 21.0 cms.

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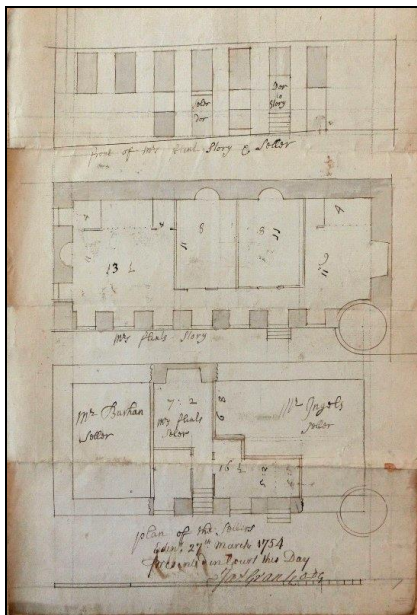
Description: r. Plans of three floors.

Size: 47.0 x 17.7 cms.

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Inscriptions, recto: Edr. 20th March 1754 presented in Court this day Jas. Grant ODG. (signed) John Yeats and Charles Mack.

Inscriptions, verso: Plans of the lands of the heirs of Mr. Denhon in the Assemble Closs now belonging to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Buchan & othr now to D[eacon] Moubray & Geo Wilson, presented 20th March 1754 (15). To lay in the denigal Court.



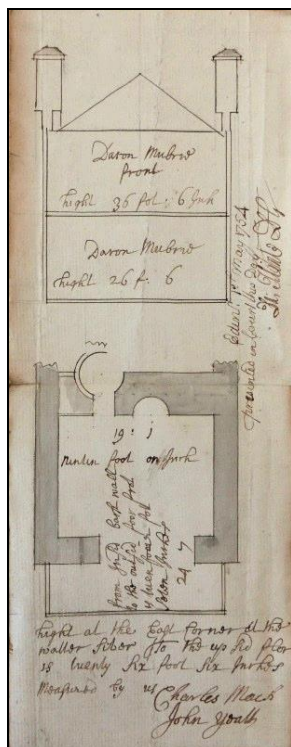
Description: s. Elevation with a plan of cellars and the floor above.

Size: 33.7 x 23.4 cms.

Watermark: C & I Honig

Inscriptions, recto: Edr. 27th March 1754 presented in Court this day Jas. Grant ODG.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan of Baillie Flint's house & Mr. Inglis and Buchans cellars in the Assembly Close presented 27th March 1754. (13th)

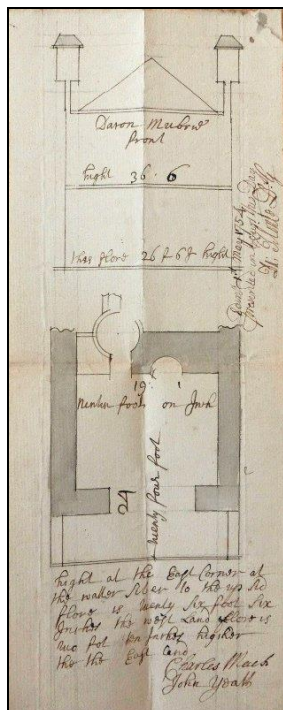


Description: t. Section of two floors and plan of the ground floor.

Size: 28.5 x 10.9 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edr. 1st May 1754 presented in Court this day Jas. Grant ODG. (signed) Charles Mack and John Yeats.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan of Mr. Moubra East land (7).

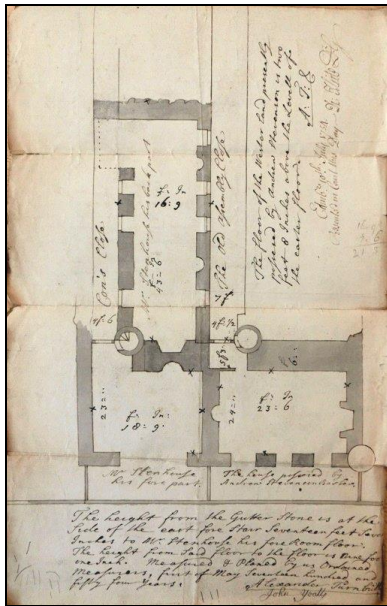


Description: u. Section of two floors and plan of the ground floor (copy of the plan above).

Size: 29.2 x 11.7 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edr. 1st May 1754 presented in Court this day Jas. Grant ODG. (signed) Charles Mack and John Yeats.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan of Mr. Moubra East land (6).



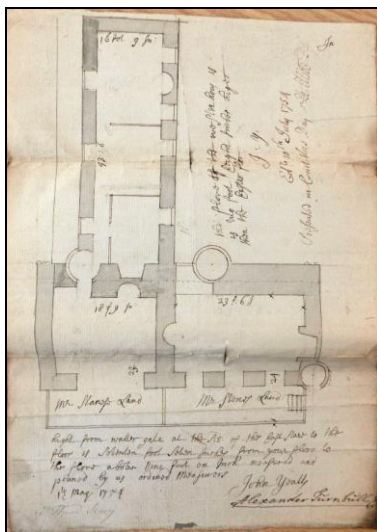
Description: v. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 36.7 x 23.3 cms.

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Inscriptions, recto: Edinbr. 10th July 1754 presented in Court this day Da. Flint DG. (signed) ... measured and planed by us ordained measurers, 1 May 1754 Alexander Turnbull and John Yeats.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan of Mr. John Stenhouse, his land & the land on the west of it at the head of Con's and the Old Assembly Close (8).



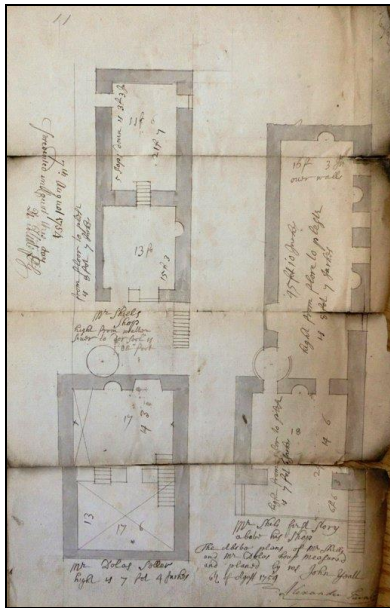
Description: w. Plan of the ground floor (copy of the plan above).

Size: 29.4 x 21.0 cms.

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Inscriptions, recto: Edinbr. 10th July 1754 presented in Court this day Da. Flint DG. (signed) ... measured and planed by us ordained measurers, 1 May 1754 Alexander Turnbull and John Yeats.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan of Mr. John Stenhouse, his land & the land at the head of Con's Close (9th).



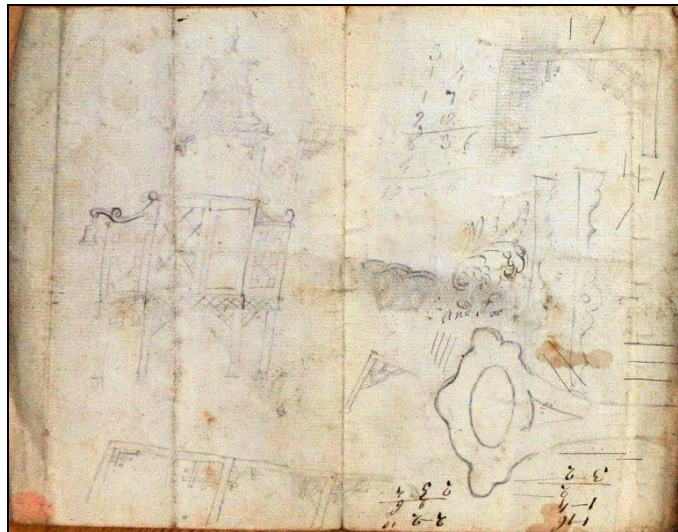
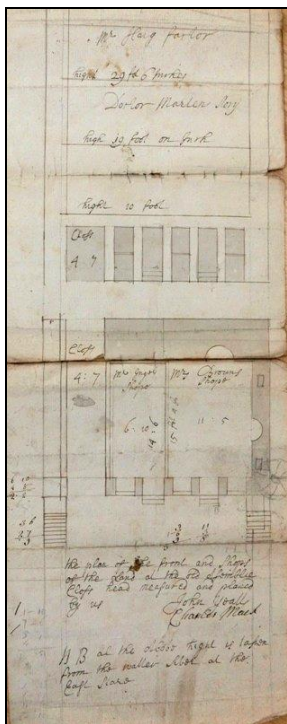
Description: x. Plan of a cellar and the ground floor of two houses.

Size: 38.4 x 24.8 cms (in two pieces).

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Inscriptions, recto: Edinbr. 7th August 1754 presented in Court this day Da. Flint DG. (signed) 6 August 1754 Alexander Turnbull and John Yeatts.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan of Archd Sheills shop & first story above it & of Mr. Dallas cellar (12) with pencil sketches.



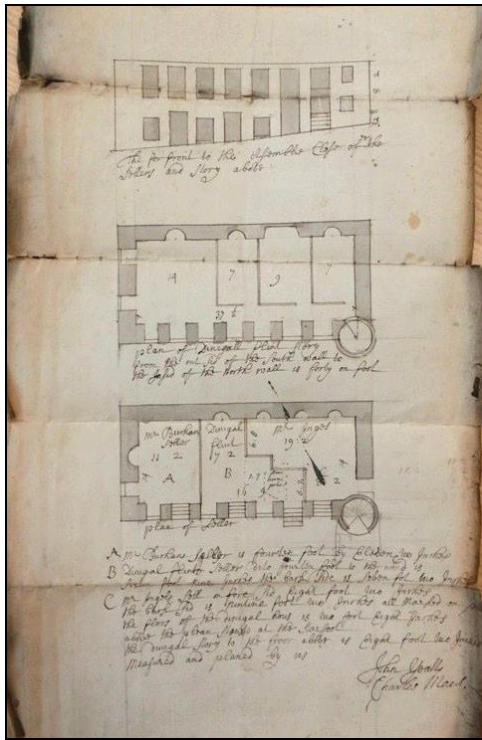
Description: y. Elevation with a plan of two shops (this drawing is stored in a melinex sleeve).

Size: 39.5 x 15.6 cms (in two pieces).

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Inscriptions, recto: The plan of the front and shops of the land at the Old Assemblie Close head, measured and planed by us, John Yeatts Charles Mack.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan of the front of the land at Old Assemble Close head (17). Also sketches for furniture including an elaborate display case in the Chinese style.

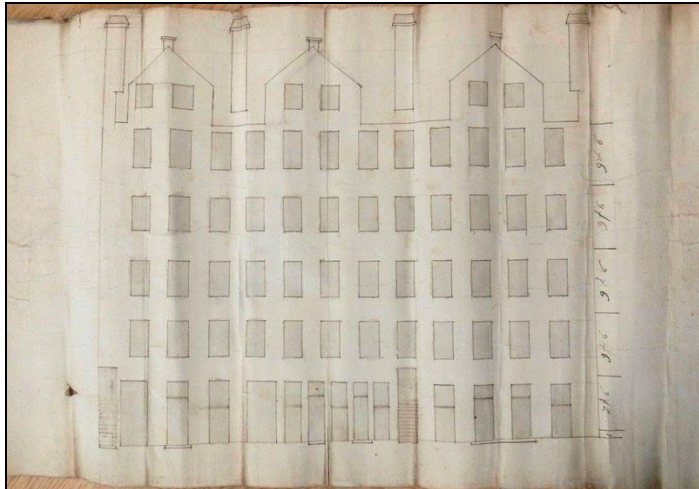


Description: z. Elevation with plans of two floors of Baillie Flint's house.

Size: 39.8 x 26.5 cms.

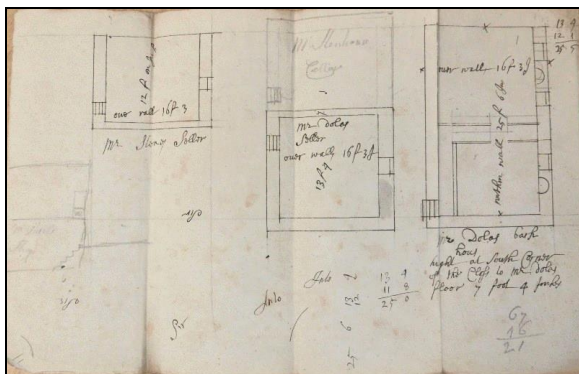
Inscriptions, recto: (signed) John Yeats and Charles Mack.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan of Baillie Flint's house and cellar in the Assembly Close, presented 26th November 1754. With notes and a rough sketch plan.



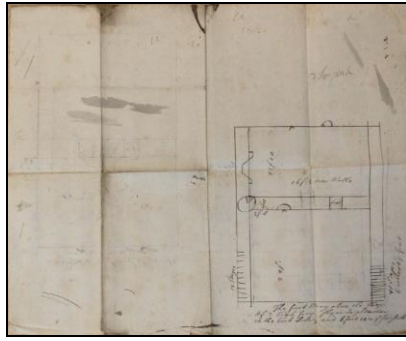
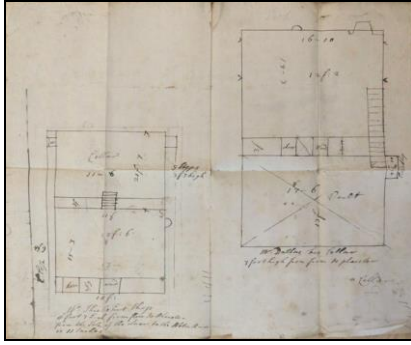
Description: aa. Elevation of three tenements.

Size: 23.7 x 36.3 cms.



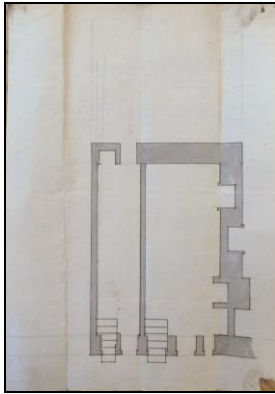
Description: bb. Draft plans of cellars belonging to Mr. Dallas and Mr. Stenhouse.

Size: 20.5 x 32.4 (irregular).



Description: cc. Draft plans of cellars belonging to Mr. Dallas and Mr. Shields.
Size: 30.3 x 37.0 cms.

Inscriptions, verso: Draft plan of the first story above the shops.



Description: dd. Plan of a shop.
Size: 18.2 x 12.7 cms.



Description: ee. Sketch plan of the front wall including Mr. Punton's door.
Size: 8.3 x 22.4 cms (in two pieces).

BOX: 1754/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 February 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 24 December 1753.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal and James Wyllie, mason.

SITE: High Street, north side, between Harts Close and Thomas Moore's Close. Also from Baillie Inglis's shop to John's Coffee House and from Mary Kings Close to Warriston's Close and from Baillie Mansfield's stair to Young & Trotter's stair to Gavinloch's land and from Thomas Gardiner's stair to (blank) Cuddiers shop and Mr. Hedderwick's, baxter, his shop.

PROPOSAL: Claiming payment for repairs to the pavement.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to a warrant granted 7 February 1750 (Procurator Fiscal) to carry out the work. There are full accounts here for the paving and gutter stones with a list of the proprietors which includes: Alexander Miller, painter, Thomas Mylne, mason and William Coleburn, marble mason. Most have paid but this is in pursuit of those who have not and there are papers here regarding disagreements. The total cost of the work carried out by James Wyllie was £94 7s 6d.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 February 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 2 January 1754.

PETITIONER: John Campbell, cashier in name of the Royal Bank of Scotland.

SITE: High Street, Fishmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about rubbish and stones in the Close.

NOTES: The petitioners state that they have now completed their house on the west side of the Close and they intend enter into it on or before Whitsunday next, but the entry is blocked with stones. As the City of Edinburgh have purchased the ground floor of Elphinston's land in order to widen the Fishmarket Close and make a 'devall' (slope) of 1 foot in 10, this should be extended down to the Bank's entry without delay. Charles Mack, mason was ordered to remove the rubbish but it was shown that the Town Council were under no obligation to carry out the further demand regarding the paving.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 February 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 12 December 1753.

PETITIONER: Daniel McFarlane, brewer in Craighend of Calton.

SITE: Canongate, opposite the Tolbooth Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair of a brewery.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted on 1 August 1753 to carry out repairs and have the expence declared a debt on the property. The petitioner holds a sub lease on the property from Alexander Gray, late brewer, which is owned by William Lithgow, brewer but is in the possession of William Haig, baxter (baker) as his creditor. There are accounts here from John Yeatts, wright, George Bansfair, (smith), George Syme, slater, James Ramsay, mason, James Crawford (smith), William Balfour, smith Andrew Syme, couper for a new tun, 'the bodome being finished by John Eatts, wright'. Another copy of this states that John Yeatts, wright provided the timber for the bottom of the tun and the work was inspected and approved by Robert Kennedy, cooper in Edinburgh and Robert Merston, cooper in Canongate. There is a measure of the wright work by Charles Mack, ordained measurer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 February 1754

PETITION LODGED: 21 January 1754.

PETITIONER: William Tod, senior, merchant and others.

SITE: West Bow.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners are heritable creditors on the property of Robert Veitch, pewterer by adjudication and other heritable securities to a considerable extent. The other petitioners are: William Goodsen, James Smith, writer (lawyer), Andrew Bonar, merchant and Thomas Tod, writer. Joseph Veitch appeared for the proprietor. There is a description of the work required.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 February 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 6 February 1754.

PETITIONER: Robert Bonnar, servant to Major Horn of Horn and David Tobson(?), writer (lawyer) his doer.

SITE: Niddry Wynd, west side, foot.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs to the laigh dwelling house and cellar.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to a warrant granted 18 July 1753 to carry out the work in the lower house and cellar, in the north end of the tenement built by James Smith of Whitehill, measuring 30ft. by 15ft. with a cellar at the back of the north end. There are accounts here from James Hunter, wright, Patrick Jameson, mason, William Balfour,

smith, John peacock, glazier and Alexander Miller, painter all for work carried out between August and October 1753. Alexander Miller's account includes 'To Whyt lead in oil 4 sash windows on the owtsyde 4s.; To colouring in oil 4 window shutters on the owt syde of the sashes...'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 February 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 20 February 1754.

PETITIONER: Margaret Fferrier, relict of William Gibson, writer (lawyer) and apparent heir of the deceased William Fferrier, merchant.

SITE: Canongate head, south side, above Laplies Stone, a little above Weir's land (Watson's Close in one account). Also another land on the north side of the Canongate, next on the west to Jack's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted 17 October 1753 to James Watson, writer to carry out the repairs. There are accounts here from John Moubray, wright who notes work carried out by Anthony Sheills, (blank) Carstairs and (blank) Shashles; Gilbert Duncan, mason who was employed by James Clerk, mason; William Simpson, slater and Alexander Miller, glazier. There is a measure of the wright work by John Yeatts, ordained measurer to the Good Town of Edinburgh and measures of all the other work by Archibald Turnbull. Total, £37 16s 8d Stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 March 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 20 February 1754.

PETITIONER: John Wodrop, writer (lawyer), factor for James Watson of Saughton.

SITE: Potterrow, Bells Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a letter of factory dated 12 March 1750, registered in the Edinburgh Court books on the same day. He also refers to a Decreet of preference and Maills and duties dated 7 July and 9 November 1742 and 12 January 1744 obtained in the Court of Session by James Watson of Saughton and Robert Smith, sometime officer of excise, he being the eldest son of Helen Cunningham, daughter of the deceased Edward Cunningham, barber and Burgess of Edinburgh and (her husband) Charles Smith, merchant. The properties had belonged to Edward Cunningham. There is a note here of the necessary repairs in the houses in Bells Wynd occupied by James Raeburn, Joseph Kid, Elizabeth Forrester, James Seatts, widow Farquhar, Deacon Fairlie, Alexander Stevenson, Mr. Nisbet, John Nicol, Mr. Syme and Mr. Broun of Coulston's stables. Also lands in Potterrow occupied by Mr. Gordon, George Thomson and Mr. Mercer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 March 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 27 February 1754.

PETITIONER: Alexander Miller, painter.

SITE: High Street, between Merlins Wynd and Peebles Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To carry out repairs to a lodging and laigh house.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 March 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 13 February 1754.

PETITIONER: David Wright, merchant.

SITE: Cowgate, south side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a brewery.

NOTES: The petitioner holds the property on Adjudication from the Court of Session. It previously belonged to John Simpson, blecher (bleacher) in Ormiston (son of the

deceased Alexander Simpson, brewer) and part of it was built on waste ground previously belonging to the deceased Alexander Robertson. There is a note here of the work required.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 March 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 20 March 1754.

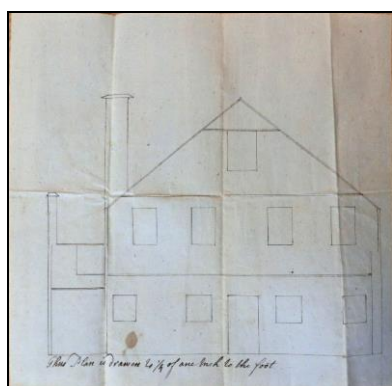
PETITIONER: John Antonius, wright and Daniel Laurie, wright.

SITE: Cowgate, next to Bulls lands.

PROPOSAL: To extend a wrights shop.

NOTES: Daniel Laurie probably has a lease on the property from John Antonius. Robert Bull consented to the work.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation.

Size: 24.0 x 24.7 cms.

BOX: 1754/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 March 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 20 March 1754.

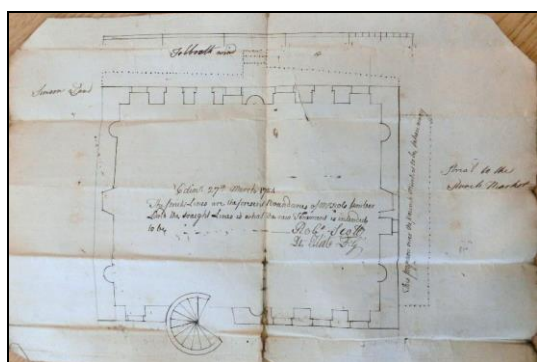
PETITIONER: Robert Scott, merchant.

SITE: Leith, north side of the Tolbooth Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild the front of a wooden tenement in stone.

NOTES: The petitioner also intends removing an outshot to enlarge the entry to the Paunch Market.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 26.2 x 39.8 cms.

BOX: 1754/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 3 April 1754.

PETITIONER: James Bald, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Milne Square, north side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a lodging.

NOTES: The petitioner holds the property from William Orr by disposition dated 30 July 1753, registered in the Books of Council and Session, 1 March 1754. It is occupied by Euphan Allan, relict of John Mackewan, merchant. William Orr, merchant at Kirk of Kilbirnie had obtained right to the property by a Decree of Adjudication against Mary Donaldson, daughter and only child of the deceased Ludovick Donaldson, writer and Mary Fraser his spouse. Mary Donaldson was married to John Massie, sailor in Leith. There is a note of the repairs here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 May 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 27 March 1754.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, lane between Rotten Row and Quality Street.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Burton, shipmaster in Leith who has erected a very small brick cellar or shed beside his turnpike and which encroaches on the public passage. There is a note here from Maureen Burton dated 26 March 1754 to Mungo Scott, glazier asking him to represent her as her husband is in Holland. 1754. In answers signed by Robert Burton dated 27 May he defends the erection of the cellar as the area had become a common jakes where the scrappings from whale bones was left. The Court ordered its removal.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 May 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 17 April 1754.

PETITIONER: John Benny, distiller in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, head, foot of Weir's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of his property.

NOTES: The petitioner holds his property, a house and brewery, on a lease of 57 years from James Scott, WS but it is now in poor condition. There is a note of the work required here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 May 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 19 November 1753.

PETITIONER: Andrew Deucher and James Reoch, writers with the consent of the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Cowgate, opposite the foot of Niddery Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about contempt of process.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Aitken, smith who refused to allow John Yeatts and Charles Mack to measure his building.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 May 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 24 April 1754.

PETITIONER: The Heritors of Parliament Close.

SITE: Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the paving.

NOTES: Patrick Jamieson was ordered to lift the whole pavement between the Posthouse stair to William Gellatly's shop and relay the same and Daniel Lawrie, wright was ordered to erect timber palls (posts) around the whole pavement, without loss of time. All the heritors are listed in the summons and some have signed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 June 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 27 May 1754.

PETITIONER: Robert Reid, WS as trustee for Dr. Cunningham of London, Mr. Muir of Brentwood and James Marshall, Sheriff Clerk of Renfrew.

SITE: High Street, tenement immediately east of Borthwick's Close and the tenement immediately east of that.

PROPOSAL: To have a valuation of their property.

NOTES: The petitioner's timber lands have been ordered to be taken down and he wishes to have them valued. The Court appointed a jury and they valued in sterling, the story above the shops at Borthwicks Close at £80, the story above that at £70.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 June 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 2 May 1754.

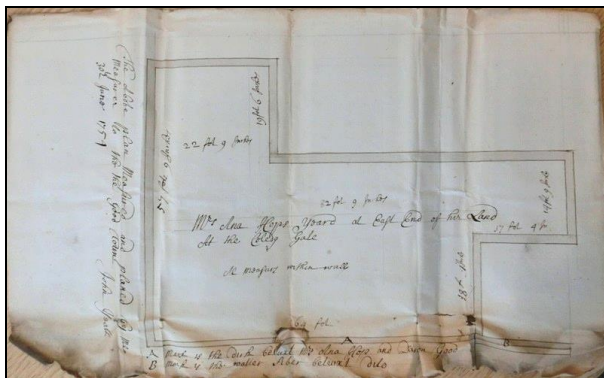
PETITIONER: Mrs. Ann Hope, daughter of the deceased Sir Alexander Hope of Kerse with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, head of College Wynd on the east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Andrew Good, wright who had erected a large timber shade on the boundary of the petitioner's property. On complaint he agreed to remove the part resting on the boundary wall but has since begun building on the boundary in stone. There is a letter of protest here from the petitioner dated 29 April 1754. In answers for Andrew Good he recites the history of the dyke, beginning in 1722 and states that palings were erected on top of the dyke by Archibald McColm, surgeon in about 1737 when he was a tenant in one of Mr. Crawford's houses. He enclosed a piece of ground and planted medicinal herbs there. Good purchased the paled area from McColm in 1739 or 40 and repaired the dyke at his own expence. The Court first acted on 22 May (date partially erased) ordering the removal of the encroachments before the 24 June. However, there is a further entry on 10 July 1754 when they ordered the area to be drawn and measured. No further action is noted. There is a copy here of an account from James Mack, mason to Andrew Good dated 15 June 1754 for rubble work on building the dyke. See further warrant granted 10 July 1754 (Good).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of Ann Hope's yard at the east end of her land at the College Gate.

Size: 23.8 x 38.5 cms.

Watermark: Countermark VI

Draughtsman: Signed John Yeatts, measurer to the Good Town, 30th June 1754.

BOX: 1754/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 June 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 7 May 1754.

PETITIONER: William Dallas, wright.

SITE: High Street, south side, Reid's land, opposite the Cross.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment for rebuilding work.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alex Thomson, Bute pursuivant, James Fullarton, Mrs. Mercer and James Mercer, her son, David Alves and Jean Mercer, his spouse and Mrs. Mary Menzies, (Lady Coulteralloes) widow of Alexander Menzies of Culterallers for payment in rebuilding a gable and other work associated with the removal of an outshot. There was apparently a contract between the Town and the petitioner to carry out the work but the responsibilities for payment were not clear and this led to misunderstandings. It is not clear if the matter was fully resolved by this process. There are accounts here for the work. The arguments continued after the date of the warrant, with further action up to 24 July 1754.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 June 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 12 June 1754.

PETITIONER: James Norie, painter.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite the head of Blackfriar's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair a roof.

NOTES: '...the Said Roof being at present too flatt, Your petitioner intends to raise the pitch of the roof to Squair for preventing the rain from coming thro it. And seeing that there is no Contiguous heritor has any concern in it, the back land being also my own...'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 June 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 1 May 1754.

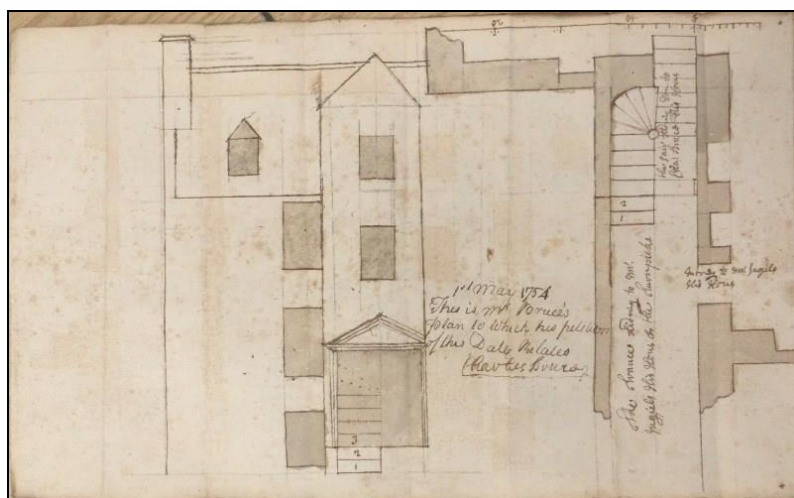
PETITIONER: Charles Bruce, glazier.

SITE: High Street, north side, Dunbars Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To take down and rebuild a damaged tenement.

NOTES: The foundations of the north side wall of the property have failed and there are cracks in the gable. He intends alterations to the turnpike leading up to the house presently possessed by Baillie Dunbar and to raise part of the walls by seven feet. There were objections from neighbours about the potential loss of light and view. They asked for the tenement to be measured and pointed out that the petitioner's author (?) was paid a valuable consideration not to increase the height of his property. John Yeatts was appointed to measure the property. The petitioner altered his proposal to avoid breaching the servitude.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the entrance turnpike.

Size: 19.3 x 31.8 cms.

Architect: (John Yeatts?)

BOX: 1754/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 June 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 12 June 1754.

PETITIONER: Thomas Nicholson, stabler.

SITE: West Bow, near the foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the property.

NOTES: The petitioner holds the property on a lease from (blank, Jannet) McMath, relict of (blank) Johnston, poultryman. The rents are collected by Laurence Inglis, writer (lawyer). There is a note of the necessary repairs dated 28 May 1754. The Court ordered the repairs to be undertaken by Laurence Inglis.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 June 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 29 March 1754.

PETITIONER: Allan Ramsay of Kinkell (painter).

SITE: Castlehill, the uppermost Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about rubbish piled against a boundary wall.

NOTES: The complaint is against Baillie David Baird, tack holder to the Town, who has driven in and laid down a considerable pile of rubbish against the wall, which has cracked it. The petitioner states that he built a dyke to enclose his ground on the north side and contributed £6 3s 6d stg. towards the cost of enclosing the Town of Edinburgh's property, at the back of the Reservoir. In answers for David Baird he argues that the petitioner built the boundary wall with the Reservoir without any warrant from the Court and encroached considerably on the Town's property, impeding access to the stable and coach house used by Sir David Baird of Newbyth. In answers for the petitioner he states that the wall was 6ft 6in high and built more than ten years since. He points out that his garden is an area disposed to his author nearly a century ago and that the Close, at the top of which the defender had placed a great big gate, also leads to M. Charters's houses. He does not insist on the removal of the gate as Mr. Baird has given him a pass key to it, but he does have title to open a door in his own dyke, leading down to his house and garden. The Court ordered the ground to be measured and lodged with the process and the petitioner to be allowed to open his gate 'as he had out there formerly'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 June 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 27 March 1754.

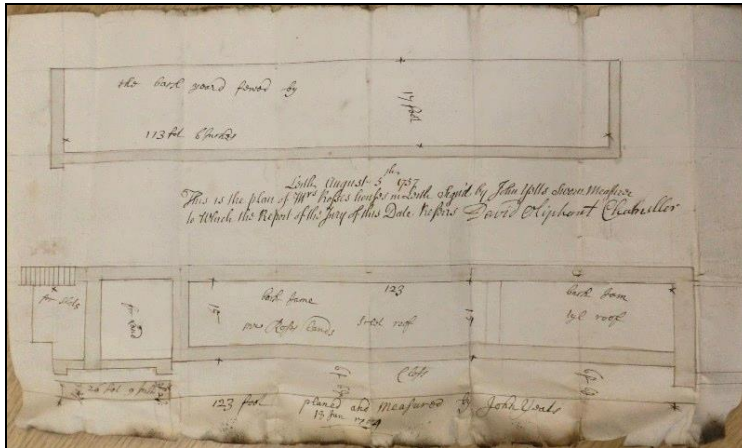
PETITIONER: Margaret Home, relict of Robert Ross or Parsonknowes.

SITE: Leith, Tolbooth Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild some tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner is life renter on the property to be inherited by her son, Patrick Ross and there was an order of the Court some years ago to take down a ruinous gable. He 'is in no condition' to make the necessary repairs so the petitioner will do so. The tenement lies between two tenements belonging to John Crawford, coppersmith. The petitioner points out that of late, while your petitioner and his son were abroad, several persons have made encroachments on our property', particularly John Crawford who has built his gable over the Close which provides access to her back houses. There is an estimate here for rebuilding the petitioner's property for £69 Stg, to be paid in instalments and a contract between her and Alexander Constable, mason in Leith in which he agrees to be at the direction of Patrick Jamieson and John Mason, both masons. The Court ordered the area of the Close to be measured and this is the drawing at a. It also found that Patrick Crawford had encroached on the Close when rebuilding his gable and ordered him to take it down and rebuild in terms of his former warrant. The report, referred to below was requested by the Court on 19 June 1754. See unextracted petition dated 14 August 1754 (Crawford).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.

Size: 22.5 x 38.2 (irregular).

Inscriptions, recto: Planed and measured by John Yeatts 18 June 1754. Also: Leith, August 5th 1757. This is the plan of Mrs. Rosses houses in Leith, Signed by John Yetts, sworn measurer to which the Report of the jury of this date refers, David Oliphant, Chancellor.

BOX: 1754/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 June 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 19 June 1754.

PETITIONER: The heritors of a timber land.

SITE: High Street, north side, between Warriston's Close and Writer's Court.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The tenement in question stood on the west side of Writer's Court. There is a further petition here from James Armour, WS and other heritors of the tenement on the west, at the head of Warriston's Close. They ask the Court to have William Dallas, wright oversee the removal of any joists that project into the gable of their tenement and to stop the work until the heritors of the tenement should find bail for any damage. The petition also records, 28 June, a claim from two of the Clerks of Session, who state that the sill of the stair window and the newel of one of the steps had been damaged by falling stones.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 July 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 12 June 1754.

PETITIONER: Andrew Good, wright.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, head of College Wynd on the east side.

PROPOSAL: Claim for payment to repair a dyke.

NOTES: See previous warrant granted 5 June 1754. The Court found no payment due.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 July 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 19 June 1754.

PETITIONER: George Wilson, vintner as tutor for William, Robert and Helen Wilson, children of the deceased William Wilson, mason in Canongate, his brother and Agnes Stewart, relict of said William Wilson, now spouse to Gilbert Duncan, mason in Canongate.

SITE: Valleyfield, west of Hope Park.

PROPOSAL: To repair some tenements.

NOTES: The property is bounded by Bruntsfield Links on the south. There is a report of the necessary work with a note of some of the proprietors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 July 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 25 April 1753.

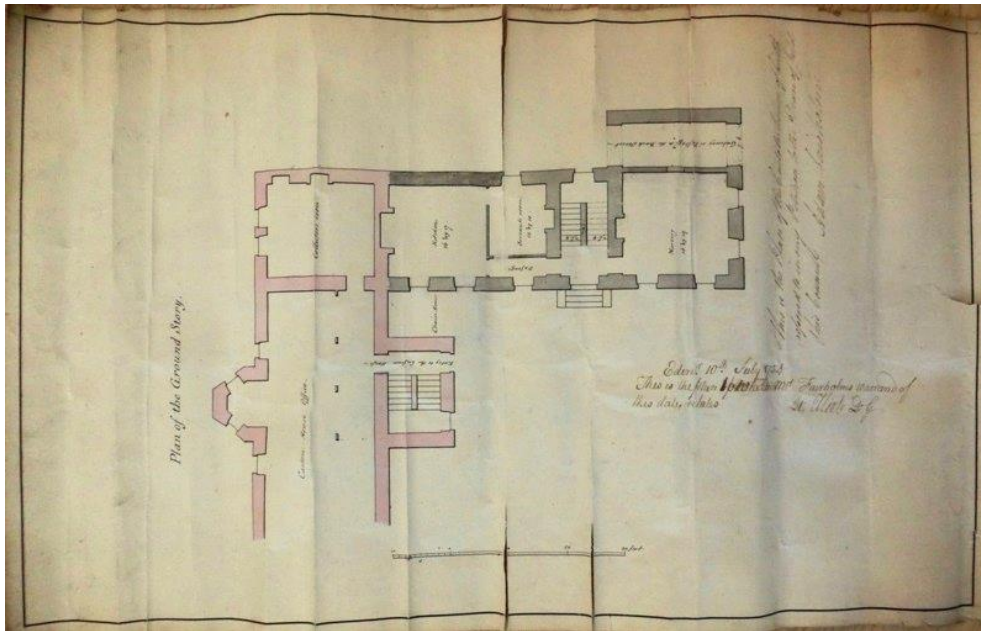
PETITIONER: Adam Fairholme, merchant.

SITE: Leith, old Customs House.

PROPOSAL: To make an addition.

NOTES: The petitioner is proprietor of the Customs House by adjudication (in the Court of Session). The Collector of customs has informed him that he requires better accommodation for his family. The Court granted a warrant for this work in May 1753 with the comment that the petitioner was to submit a plan of the intended work before the next Court day and that accounts for the work should be cognosed when the work was complete. From a note with the petition it seems that some work may have been undertaken at that time but the Court then granted a further warrant on 10 July 1754.

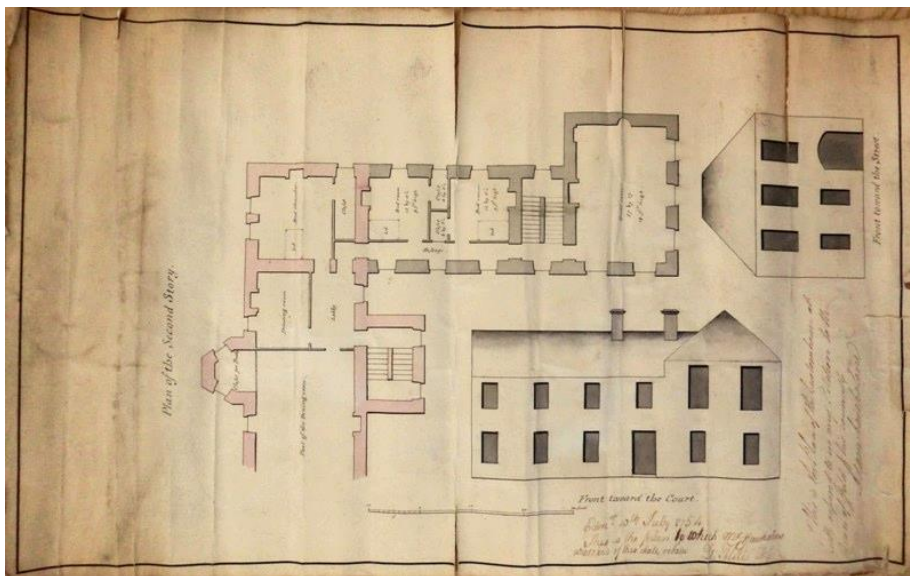
DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 43.8 x 27.4 cms.

Watermark: Strasburg Lilly, LVG beneath.



Description: b. Elevations to the court and the street with a plan of the upper 'second' floor.

Size: 44.0 x 27.5 cms.

Watermark: Countermark VI

BOX: 1754/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 15 May 1754.

PETITIONER: Charles Mack, mason.

SITE: High Street, back of Mylne's Court, opposite the Tron Kirk.

PROPOSAL: Claim for payment for repairs to a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a previous warrant to carry out the work. He is seeking payment from Alexander Nairn, advocate, Thomas Gibson of Cliftonhall, James Clarkson, Pursuivant, (blank) Stewart of Stewarthall, some of whom objected. There are accounts here for the work with measures of the same.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 10 July 1754.

PETITIONER: William McVey, wright and John Shaw, merchant.

SITE: Bess Wynd, south side, near the Parliament house.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a gable.

NOTES: Refers to a warrant granted 27 September 1738 to carry out the work, a copy of which is here. The City Treasurer was called and the previous warrant was confirmed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 22 May 1754.

PETITIONER: Alexander Hunter, merchant on behalf of the other proprietors of the Soap Wok in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Hill Quarter.

PROPOSAL: To cognose the accounts for the building of a warehouse and vaults.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to a warrant granted 28 August 1752. There is an account of disbursements here from David Neilson, Clerk of the Leith Soaperie Company 'for building the house and cistern at the back of the Soaperie, Leith'. There are individual accounts from John Innes, bricklayer, George Syme, slater, David Loch, merchant for clinkers and tar for the oil cistern, Thomas Crawford, smith, Thomas Mylne, mason and James Herriot, wright.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1754.

PETITIONER: George Nimmo, mealmaker and merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith, south side.

PROPOSAL: To repair stairs.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a disposition for the property by David Sprats, baxter (baker) in the Gorbels of Glasgow in his favour, dated 19 April 1754. To repair a timber back stair and a stone forestair, the latter at joint charge with the other heritors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1754.

PETITIONER: Thomas Willison, ship carpenter in Leith.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the tenement from Hugh Clark, merchant in Edinburgh by disposition dated 31 December 1751.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1754.

PETITIONER: James Beveridge, merchant, factor for John and Mary Greenlees, children of the deceased John Greenlees, merchant.

SITE: Lawnmarket, north side, Moroccos Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof.

NOTES: The garrets belong to Ann Crokot, daughter of the deceased David Crokot, wright and is liferented by (blank) Crokot, relict of the said David. They were ordered to carry out repairs to the roof.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 July 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 10 July 1754.

PETITIONER: George Wilson, vintner.

SITE: Canongate, Leith Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: To complete the building of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the area of the three uppermost stories of a tenement from Patrick Simpson, tenant in Edmonstoun, the two lower stories having already been built. There is a letter here from the other heritors to George Wilson, mason, dated 17 July 1754 agreeing to the work going ahead with all possible speed before winter.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground (?) floor.

Size: 37.6 x 26.0 cms.

BOX: 1754/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 August 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1754.

PETITIONER: William Sutherland, brewer and George Tod, writer.

SITE: High Street, below the head of Borthwick's Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a cellar.

NOTES: The petitioner states that the tenement above his cellar is ruinous and has been ordered to be taken down and rebuilt. George Tod does not have sufficient funds to undertake the work and William Sutherland has asked Charles Butter, wright to undertake the necessary repairs, the cellar having been measured. There is a note on 7 August 1754 to effect that William Wilson has now purchased the cellar and he asked that it be valued. A jury was appointed who valued it at £40 Stg. On 14 August the Court granted a warrant to William Wilson to take down the cellar and rebuild it and a further warrant on 23 October to rebuild the gable.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 August 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 6 August 1754.

PETITIONER: Hew Crawford, Clerk to the Signet.

SITE: Pleasance, west side

PROPOSAL: To take down a mutual gable and build a coach house and stable at the north end of the area.

NOTES: The petitioner has purchased houses, tenements and waste ground from Alexander Small, mason. The gable to be taken down is mutual with Alexander Scot, merchant. The Court granted a warrant to build the stables according to the plan produced and to demolish the mutual gable or build another thin wall as they thought needful.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1754/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 August 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 19 August 1754.

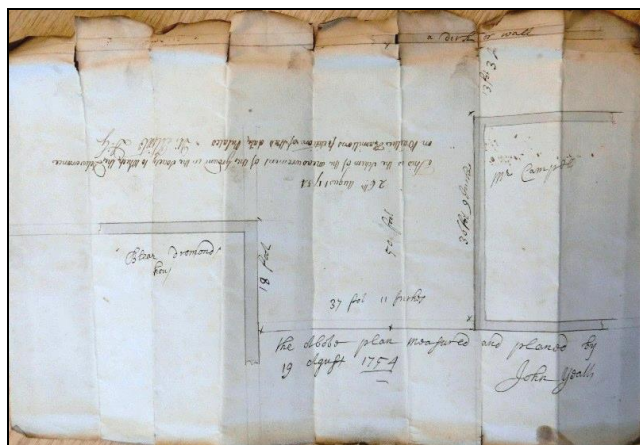
PETITIONER: Jean Cleghorn, widow of Hugh Cleghorn, brewer.

SITE: Society, south end.

PROPOSAL: To measure the property.

NOTES: George Campbell, wright recently purchased some barns and a kiln from the heirs of Samuel Neilson, mason and he is pulling down walls. The petitioner want to have a measure taken in case of any future disputes. The petitioner's area lies to the south of the new house built by Mr. Drummond of Blair.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.

Size: 24.0 x 36.4 (irregular).

Inscriptions, recto: The above plan measured and planed by John Yeatts, 19 August 1754.

BOX: 1754/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 September 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 21 August 1754.

PETITIONER: William Pangillies, fletcher in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Shore, Coalhill, northmost of the two flesh booths in the High Street there.

PROPOSAL: To replace the timber front with stone.

NOTES: There is a further note dated 10 September from the petitioner's doer to say he borrowed the plan to which the warrant refers. The petitioner signs with his initials.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1754/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 September 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 28 August 1754.

PETITIONER: John Wilson, merchant.

SITE: Leith, the Bush.

PROPOSAL: To build a dry kitchen and closet.

NOTES: The petitioner has a drying room with a shade against it that has become ruinous. He wishes to rebuild it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 September 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1754.

PETITIONER: John Kay, factor for the trustees of the deceased Samuel Wilson, mason.

SITE: Fishmarket, foot and other places including the Royal Bank.

PROPOSAL: Claim for payment for mason work.

NOTES: There are a number of accounts here for work carried out by Samuel Wilson in 1749-51, with objections from the debtors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 October 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 4 October 1754.

PETITIONER: The Heritors of Reid's land.

SITE: High Street, Head of Borthwick's Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a mutual gable.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 October 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 2 October 1754.

PETITIONER: Alexander Reid, tenant farmer in Hatton Mains.

SITE: Leith.

PROPOSAL: To repair a brewery and declare the expence a debt.

NOTES: The property had been possessed by William Comb, brewer in Leith. An accompanying plan was borrowed on 14 November 1754. See warrant granted 27 February 1760.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1754/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 October 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 16 October 1754.

PETITIONER: Archibald Blair, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, head of Borthwick's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build the first story above the shops.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the first story above the shops from Dr. Cunningham and intends rebuilding according to a plan by John Yeats. The drawing is probably associated with the warrant granted 23 January 1754 (Moubray).

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1754/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 October 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 9 October 1754.

PETITIONER: George Nimmo, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Spratt, baxter (baker) who has built a timber shade and is storing whins in it, which is against the law. He was ordered to take it down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 October 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 16 October 1754.

PETITIONER: Archibald Blair, writer.

SITE: High Street, head of Borthwick's Close.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a shop.

NOTES: The petitioner has purchased the right to the shop from (blank) Dunlop of Garron Kirk and he intends rebuilding it according to a plan produced. His shop is contiguous to one on the east belonging to Deacon Punton, baxter and Thomas Inglis,

wright. The drawing is probably associated with the warrant granted 23 January 1754 (Moubray).

DRAWINGS: mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1754/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 November 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 11 September 1754.

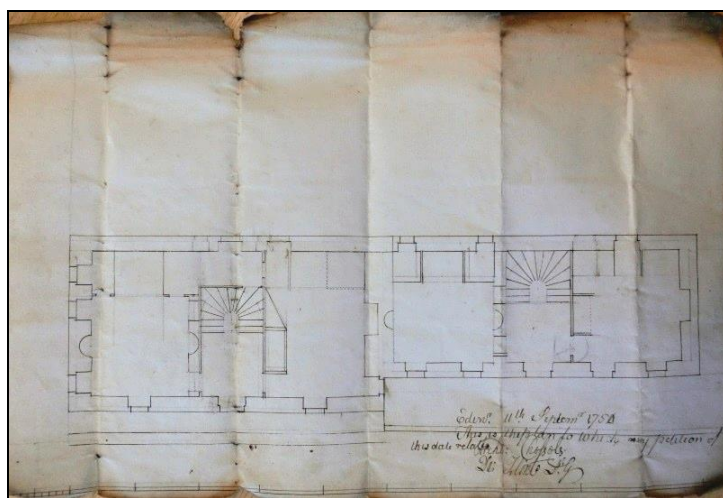
PETITIONER: Archibald Chessels, wright.

SITE: Canongate, foot of Pirie's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build two houses.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased some ruinous houses from David Miln, tailor and some waste house on the north of them, from David Pirie. There is a letter of supplement calling Shaw Pirie, daughter of the deceased Alexander Perie, son to the also deceased Alexander Perie, sometime master of the Pine Manufactory at Leith (and sister of David Pirie). Objections from Shaw Perie were rejected. There is an account here to David Perie for the purchase of his property.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 24.2 x 36.0 cms.

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BOX: 1754/56

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 November 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 6 November 1754.

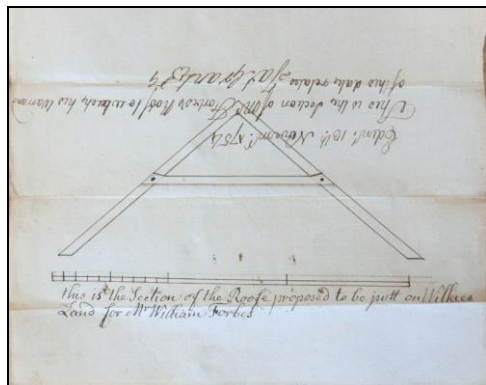
PETITIONER: William Forbes, WS.

SITE: High Street, Wilkie's land, back of the City Guard.

PROPOSAL: To replace a lead platform roof with a square skailly roof.

NOTES: The petitioner produced a section of the roof.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Section of the roof.

Size: 15.2 x 18.9 cms.

BOX: 1754/57

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 November 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 611 September 1754.

PETITIONER: Mrs Janet Wilson, relict of John Wilson, resider.

SITE: High Street, Marlin's Wynd, top story.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.

NOTES: The property previously belonged to Richard Alcorn, watchmaker and his creditors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/58

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 November 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 28 October 1754.

PETITIONER: William Wilson, writer (lawyer).

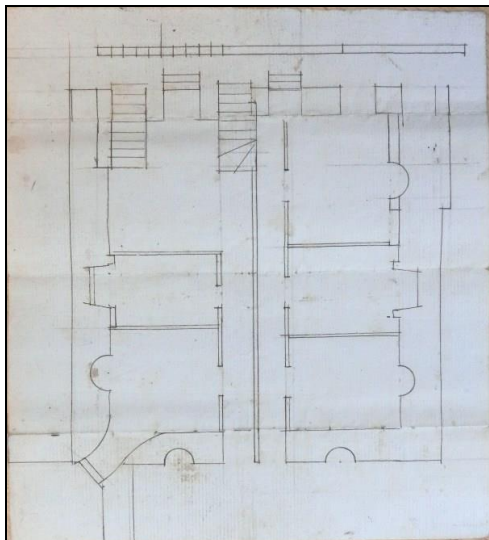
SITE: High Street, head of Borthwick's Close.

PROPOSAL: Argument about rebuilding a cellar.

NOTES: The petitioner is rebuilding a cellar in Keir's land, head of Borthwick's Close previously owned by William Sutherland, brewer. He cannot proceed because there is a disagreement about the dimensions of the shop above. He asked for a measured drawing to be made (a.). The shop above (set back from the Street?) is owned by George Begbie, baxter, Elizabeth Anderson, daughter of the deceased William Anderson, baxter and Thomas Inglis, wright. There are extracts here of minutes of meetings held to resolve the issue. In one of these for a meeting on 24 July 1754 '...it was proposed that John Yeatts should draw out fully the scheme of ye building containing the whole three lands lying to the east of Reid's land and then the seald proprietors will be more able to judge thereof than they now can from ye scrolls he has made.' This may be the drawing at b. but this petition is clearly part of the process at 23 January 1754.

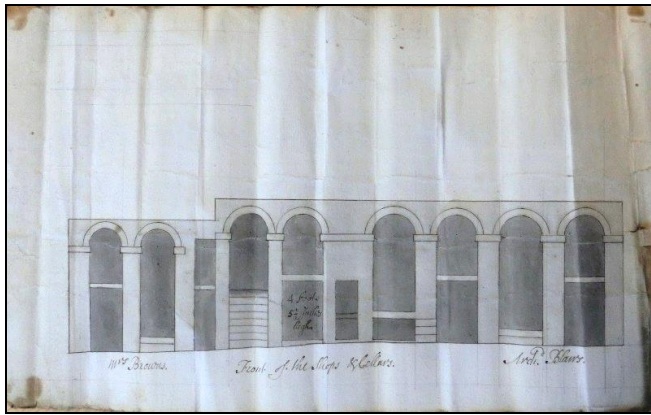
There is a report here dated 6 January 1755 by Robert Scott and R[obert] Dewar who were appointed by the Court to revise the plans of the old ruins immediately below Borthwick's Close head who considered 18 sundry plans and found that there should be one general plan with the breadths of Borthwick's, Old Assembly and Cons Closes.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Plan of William Wilson's cellar and the shop above (i.e. further up the street)

Size: 18.3 x 16.5 cms.



Description: b. Elevation of the front of the shops and cellars.
Size: 18.5 x 30.0 cms.

BOX: 1754/59

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 November 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 5 August 1754.

PETITIONER: Gilbert Smith, wright.

SITE: Cowgate, Hardie's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about condition of a tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against Gideon Shaw, Register General of the tobaccos in Scotland. The petitioner refers to a tack or lease for five years dated 9 March 1753 on some tenements, a brewhouse and well, between himself and Janet Hardie, relict of William Shaw, merchant. The property required work, for which the petitioner submitted an account here but this was disallowed because the work was carried out without a warrant

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/60

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 December 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 28 August 1754.

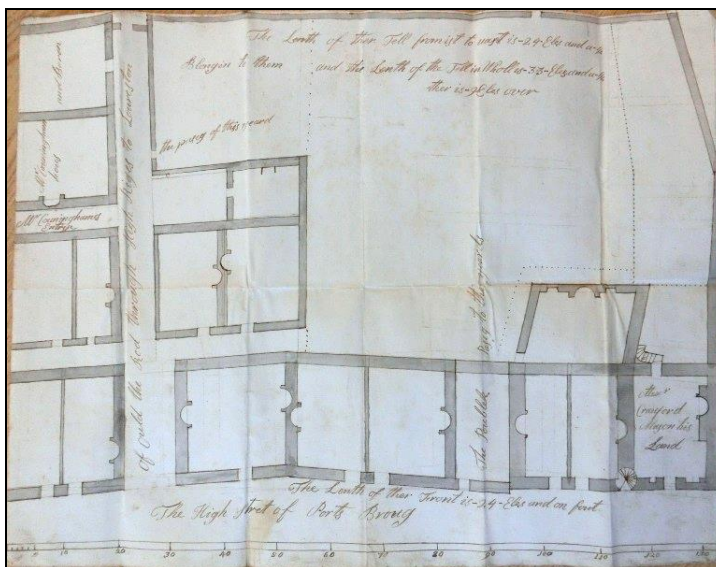
PETITIONER: Walter Scott, merchant.

SITE: Portsburgh, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Crawford, mason who is building without a warrant. The petitioner is factor for the creditors of Robert Whyte, smith.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.
Size: 32.8 x 42.0 cms.

BOX: 1754/61

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 December 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 6 December 1754.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Goulston.

SITE: Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a wall.

NOTES: The petitioner is the possessor of furnished lodgings in the tenement belonging to the children of Mr. Hepburn of Beanston. The Court found the wall to be sufficient but that the sewer at its foot should be kept clear.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/62

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 December 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 9 October 1754.

PETITIONER: The heritors of Penstone's Close.

SITE: Penstones Close.

PROPOSAL: To pave the Close.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to the removal of old coal folds by warrant of the Court (7 August 1754, Walker) as these had become full of waste water, thrown from windows above. They now wish to pave the area. There were complaints from heritors who claimed not to have any title to the coal folds but the Court ordered the work to be carried out at their joint expence.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1754/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 February 1754 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 8 January 1754.

PETITIONER: Charles Bruce, glazier.

SITE: Blackfriars Wynd, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the standard of work.

NOTES: The petitioner entered into an agreement with Commissioner Dodiwell and the gentlemen concerned in the English Meeting house to grant them space of a room at the end of his tenement. It was agreed that they would take down his gable and rebuild it 3ft in thickness with a specified number of vents. The work was begun during the time of occupation by the rebels in 1745. James Wyllie, mason was employed by the meeting house but he did not build as agreed and as required by the Act of Parliament. He was obliged to employ Patrick Jamieson, mason, to rectify some of the problems and he sought expences.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 February 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 21 November 1754.

PETITIONER: Adam Fairholm, City Treasurer and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: North Leith, harbour Shore.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Margaret Laing, relict of Lt. John Chalmers who is accused of annexing part of the shore owned by the Town, by laying down earth and stones and enclosing an area with palings, where 'ships have been built and are at present building'. In answers for the defender it is pointed out that she has legal title as one of the three children of the deceased Edward Laing, shipmaster in Leith 'In all and hail the tenement with the Yeard and Quay thereto belonging lying at the foot of the Broadwynd', which belonged to her deceased father. He derived his right from James Bowden, merchant and Baillie who had a Charter of Confirmation of this from the Town. There is a warrant here in which the Town claims right to the property and

orders the defender to remove the obstructions, but this is not signed or dated.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 June 1754 (no warrant, requested a report).

PETITION LODGED: 3 June 1754.

PETITIONER: Captain Hugh Clark, merchant.

SITE: Leith, Paunch Market in the Close known as Queen Mary's Council room.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing over of foul water and encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner is proprietor and creditor over a range of cellars from the top to bottom of the Close and he complains against Margaret Riddock, relict of Thomas Pollock, cooper in Leith for throwing out foul water at the entrance to the Close. He also complains against John Graham, cooper in Leith who occupies a property belonging to the Coopers of Leith. He has taken upon himself to open an entrance into a garden at the foot of the Close, now his work yard, and erected 'a house of office' (a toilet) there, without a warrant. There are defences from both defenders.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 August 1754 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 14 August 1754.

PETITIONER: John Crawford, coppersmith in Leith.

SITE: Babylon.

PROPOSAL: To build cellars.

NOTES: The petitioner has acquired right to old houses and ground lying in the Close near to Babylon, from Mr. Falconer of Phesdo. See warrant granted 26 June 1754 (Home).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation and plan.

Size: 31.8 x 29.2 cms.

BOX: 1754/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 August 1754 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 18 April 1753.

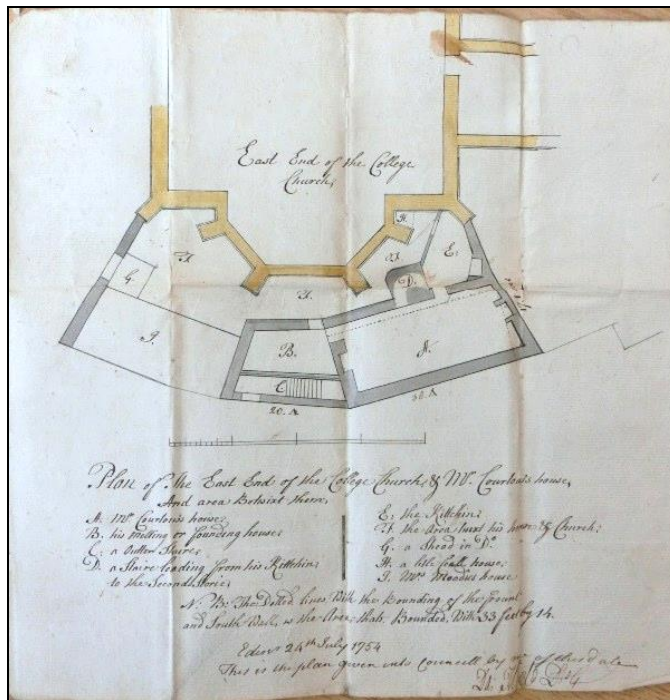
PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: The College Church.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Courtis, smith at the foot of Leith Wynd who had begun making alterations to his shop and a stair and encroached on the grounds of the College Church in doing so. In answers the defender refers to a Charter granted by the Town Council in his favour dated 9 September 1741 with a warrant granted on the same date to build a shop (or house) of dimensions stipulated in the Charter. There is no warrant here but a note to effect that the defender submits the dispute to Robert Pringle, advocate '... to implement whatever he shall determine in the said matters'.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of Mr. Curtis's feu.

Size: 27.0 x 26.9 cms.

BOX: 1754/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 September 1754 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 9 August 1754.

PETITIONER: Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto, senator of the College of Justice.

SITE: Cowgate, Dame Power's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Mirtle, brewer who is in the habit of trying to block the entrance to the Close. He has begun to do so again.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 October 1754 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 23 October 1754.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Straiton; Margaret Garrioch, relict of Charles Straiton, shipmaster in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Kirkgate.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and brewery.

NOTES: The property had been '... adjudged by her from the heir of George Garrioch of the island of Jamaica'. There is a note here of the repairs needed and what appears to be an unsigned and undated warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 November 1754 (no warrant, parties to be cited).

PETITION LODGED: 26 November 1754.

PETITIONER: John Warden, teacher of English.

SITE: Niddry's Wynd, west side, middle.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about smoke from a vent.

NOTES: The smoke is coming from a hole in a vent in the flat below the petitioner's property and enters his classroom, at the back of the tenement. he cannot light a fire in the classroom and the smoke is a nuisance.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 December 1754 (no warrant, ordered a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 4 December 1754.

PETITIONER: John Grant, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Curries Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about smoking vents.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Clark of Grays Close, the petitioner's landlady who refuses to address the problem with the smoke or let a mason inspect the vents.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 December 1754 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 18 December 1754.

PETITIONER: Robert Walker, surgeon and Thomas Gardiner, merchant.

SITE: Carrubbers land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a vent.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 December 1754.

PETITION LODGED: 3 September 1754.

PETITIONER: William Scott, writer.

SITE: Canongate head, Scott's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about waste water thrown into cellars.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Weir, shoemaker, Mrs. Ker, Robert McGlashon, Mrs. Wright, spouse to James Wright, writer (lawyer) and Patrick Ritchie, mathematical instrument maker, occupiers of Smellie's land. The Court found that the occupiers of both Smellie's and Scott's lands threw out their rubbish and water and ordered that their windows should be tirlaced (trellised) or padlocked. There are fulsome answers from some of those accused but there is no warrant here to carry out the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1754/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: James Fullarton, merchant, Elizabeth Forrest, relict of Alexander Syme, bookseller and (blank) relict of Thomas Mercer, Commissar Clerk Depute.

SITE: High Mercat Close, east side, Reid's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Charles Mack, mason and (blank) Alves, writer who have slapped an entry in the side wall of the tenement, without a warrant. This petition is noted 1754 on the front and no further action here.

DRAWINGS: None.

There is an extract of the minutes of a meeting here dated at Portsburgh, 16 August 1754. Those present: For the Fountain bridge road: Sir Alexander Gibson and Mr. Lind of Gorgy. For the Coltbridge road; Sir Robert Myrton and Commissary Murray. For the Town of Edinburgh; Baillie Carmichael, Dean of Guild Flint and Baillie Alexander Grant. Those listed along with George Cowan, overseer and the two Young's(?) causeway layers visited the entry from the West Port causeway to the two roads mentioned, to take levels and see how much the West Port causeway is to be cut and what will be necessary to heighten the others.

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The Court Officers from 9 October 1754:

Dean of Guild

James Grant

Council,

David Flint Old Dean of Guild

Robert Forrester, Old Dean of Guild

William Miller, merchant

Robert Scott, merchant

George Stevenson, wright

Patrick Jamieson, mason

Charles Mack, mason

Robert Dewar, glazier

Charles Bruce, glazie

Procurator Fiscal, Robert Gray

Clerk of the Court, Archibald Blair

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

BOX: 1755/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 January 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 20 November 1754.

PETITIONER: John Moubray, wright.

SITE: High Street, head of Borthwick's Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the workmanship.

NOTES: The complaint is against Archibald Blair, '...one of your Lordships under Clerks of Court' who has built the front wall of a shop... in such an insufficient way that there is few or no band stones in there where as it ought to be all built of square flatt bedded broached stones like the shops now building on the west side of Writer's Court...' Moubray withdrew his complaint on 18 December 1754 with certain provisos and he submitted a plan, which may be among the material associated with the warrant granted 23 January 1755 (Moubray).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 January 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 4 December 1754.

PETITIONER: James Beveridge, merchant and factor for John and Mary Greenlees, children of the deceased John Greenlees, merchant.

SITE: Lawnmarket, north side, Moroccos Close foot.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair of a tenement.

NOTES: The petition refers to a warrant granted on 24 July 1754 to carry out the work. There are accounts here from Andrew Raeburn, wright with a measure of the work by Alexander Turnbull and from John Watson, slater. The latter account gives the site as '... the land lying in the lowermost Baxters Close, belonging to the heirs of Deacon Corkatt, wright and possess by Mrs. Corkat, his relict...' The measure of this account is by John Yeatts, 'ordained measurer to the Good Town' and it refers to Moroccos Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 January 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 18 January 1755.

PETITIONER: John Kay, clerk to Deacon Peter [sic, Patrick] Jamieson, mason.

SITE: High Street, Writer's Court.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for supporting a gable.

NOTES: There is some confusion with the dates for action by the Court. The petitioners are making a claim against the heritors of part of Writer's Court for the expence of supporting the south east gable which was in danger of falling after the demolition of old tenements south of the Court. It was discovered that there were no foundations to support the 'great superstructure thereon'. The heritors objected to the amounts being

charged, pointing out that they had not seen a warrant for the work and that they could have employed their own wrights at half the expence. They paid the account from Patrick Jamieson but objected to those from the wrights for large quantities of timber used to support the wall and for a charge of £3 3s for a plan by John Yeatts which they never saw. There are accounts here from Patrick Jamieson, mason (£25 12 s 5d), George Cowan, wright (two accounts and receipts from Alexander Peter, wright and John Wilson & Sons for the supply of timber) and John Yeatts, wright (£10 9s 4d). Patrick Jamieson's account refers to hewing large ashlar (stones) for the work, for digging out the foundations and 'building up a considerable part of the east side wall and corner of the south gavel...' It is not clear how this matter was resolved in relation to the wright's accounts as John Yeatts was unable to say exactly how much timber had been used, after it had been cut up.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 January 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 11 May 1751.

PETITIONER: Thomas Williamson (or Willison), ships carpenter in Leith.

SITE: North Leith, in the Narrow Close

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted in September 1745 to carry out repairs to a tenement. There are accounts here for work carried out in 1750 by Thomas Willison but other tradesmen whose accounts are not here, are mentioned: John Miller, mason 'now deceased' and his journeyman, James Burdie; John Chalmers, smith (William Adam, weaver swore for him); John Sherriff, slater and Alexander Ramsay, slater in Canongate. There are measures of the work by John Yeatts, wright.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 February 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 29 January 1755.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Margaret Swinton.

SITE: Forresters Wynd, near the foot.

PROPOSAL: To repair the lumbs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 February 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 25 October 1752.

PETITIONER: Helen Bell, relict of the deceased Andrew Thomson, brewer.

SITE: Chalmers Close(?), gable between Chalmer's and Polton's lands.

PROPOSAL: To value a small shop.

NOTES: The shop, belonging to the petitioner and occupied by John Miller, hatter, had to be built up in order to safely rebuild the gable, ordered in a warrant granted on 26 February 1752. The petitioner asks to be compensated for the loss of her property by the other heritors of the tenement and for it to be valued. The Court asked John Douglas, architect and Patrick Jamieson, mason to report and they did so, valuing it at £15 Stg. The other heritors in both tenements are listed in the division of contributions, not agreed until 5 February 1755. In Polton's land: Lady Straiton, Sir James Nasmith, Stewart Threipland, and shops possessed by Lord Kirkcudbright and William Fettes. It is noted that the whole land is now the property of Mr. William Forbes, WS. In Chalmer's land: Mr. Plenderleigh of Kaillie for Lady Kaillie, Lady Innereall, Mr. Monro, bookseller and two shops for John Clark, mason, among others.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 February 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 31 December 1754.

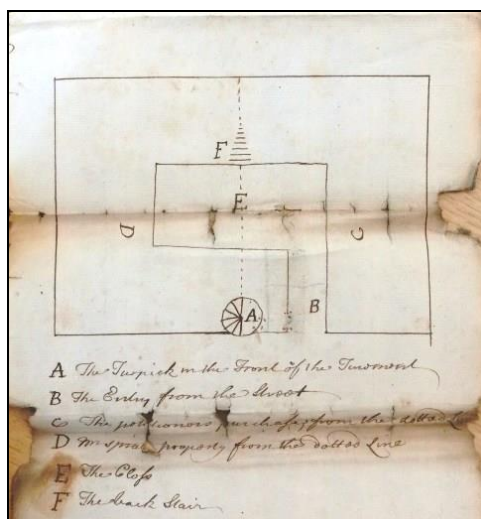
PETITIONER: John Benny, distiller in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, Scott's land, near the foot of Weir's Close.
PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair of tenements.
NOTES: The petitioner holds the property on a tack from James Scott junior, WS. There are accounts from Patrick Jamieson, mason (18s 3d), George Stevenson, wright (£10 17s 1d) and Robert Dewar, glazier (9s). There is a measure of the wright work by Alexander Turnbull.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/8
WARRANT GRANTED: 12 February 1755.
PETITION LODGED: 5 February 1755.
PETITIONER: Andrew Burn, mason.
SITE: Not specified.
PROPOSAL: Claim for payment for repairs.
NOTES: The claim is against William Bruce, merchant and his tenant. Archibald Campbell, brewer for payment of £6 16s
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/9
WARRANT GRANTED: 19 February 1755.
PETITION LODGED: 18 February 1755.
PETITIONER: James Shiells, brewer, late Baillie of Portsburgh and the Procurator Fiscal.
SITE: Canongate head, Inglis's land.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about breaking out a vent without a warrant.
NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) relict of Robert Arbuthnot, shoemaker in Canongate, James Brodie, journeyman slater in Canongate and William Miller, journeyman mason in Edinburgh who broke through a wall to steal a vent.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/10
WARRANT GRANTED: 26 February 1755.
PETITION LODGED: 7 February 1755.
PETITIONER: James Sievwright, comb maker, factor for David Spratt, baxter (baker) in Glasgow.
SITE: Leith head of the Tolbooth Wynd.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.
NOTES: The complaint is against George Nimmo, meal maker to whom David Spratt sold the property in question. The defender has employed James mason, mason in Leith to build up an entry to the back area and the oven there. The Court ordered the property to be put back to its original condition. In answers, asking the Court to review its previous decision, the defender referred to the purchase of the property in April 1754 and there is a plan of the property on the final page of his submission. There was a further dispute about expences which continued until August 1755.
DRAWINGS: As part of the answers for George Nimmo.



Description: a. Plan of the area.

BOX: 1755/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 March 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 26 February 1755.

PETITIONER: James Paterson, merchant in Leith, factor for James Paterson, baxter (baker) in Glasgow.

SITE: Leith, Lothian's land, near the South Leith Kirk.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: There is a report here on the work required by Alexander Constable, mason, Stephen Jolly, wright and David Anderson, slater, all in Leith. There is also a note from James Paterson, baxter in Glasgow and James Allan, tailor in Hamilton dated 5 March 1755, granting James Paterson, merchant in Leith the right to the rents on the property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 March 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 29 January 1756.

PETITIONER: Archibald Campbell, brewer.

SITE: Grassmarket.

PROPOSAL: To repair brewery buildings.

NOTES: The petitioner holds the property, a brewery, on a tack from William Bruce, merchant who is obliged to keep it in tenable condition. The property is currently in a poor state and the landlord refuses to carry out the work. The Court appointed a visit and report which found the work essential. The Court granted warrants on 7, 12 and 19 February to carry out the work and this was done but there followed arguments about who did what. There is a copy here of a missive letter from William Bruce dated 21 October 1735 in which he refers to the tack or lease 'of this date' and the use of an easter well if the wester well should not produce the required liquor. Reference is made in replies for Archibald Campbell dated 17 February 1755 to the lease and non payment of rent since 1740, which became the subject of an action in the Court of Session.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 March 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 15 January 1755.

PETITIONER: James Herriot, wright, Patrick Jamieson, mason, George Syme, slater and James Ronaldson, glazier.

SITE: West Bow, Veitches land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair of a tenement.

NOTES: The property belonged to the deceased Robert Veitch, pewtherer and a warrant had been granted to Thomas Tod, writer (lawyer) as factor for Robert's creditors in March 1754 to carry out the work. There are accounts here from each of the

petitioners, the one for James Heriot, wright for work beginning on 20 August 1752 and continuing to 24 July 1754. Some of these give the names of the tenants.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 March 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 19 February 1755.

PETITIONER: William Seller, writer (lawyer).

SITE: On the east side of the street from the Potterrow Port to the windmill, immediately south of the well.

PROPOSAL: To repair old timber tenements.

NOTES: Some of the vents which are made of timber and clay. There is a central stone gable but there are baker's ovens at the bottom of this belonging to John McGrin and William Pollock. The chimney had been set alight by one of Mr. McGrin's servants melting butter in a pan setting fire to the soot. The Court ordered one of the vents in lath and plaster to be rebuilt in brick, like the others.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 March 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 19 March 1755.

PETITIONER: Richard Cooper, engraver, John Moubray, wright, George Wilson, mason, George Wilson, Archibald Sheills and John Stenhouse, proprietors.

SITE: High Street, south side, between Arthur Reid's lands and Cons Close.

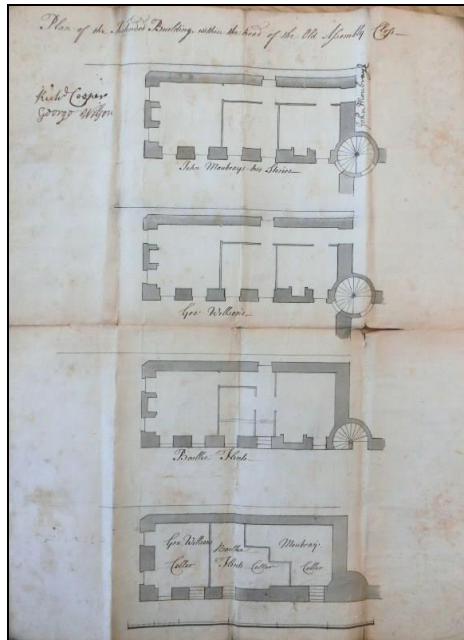
PROPOSAL: To rebuild two tenements.

NOTES: These papers are in some confusion and there are items missing. There is reference in a scroll copy of the warrant granted on 26 March 1755 to a petition given in by the heritors of the five tenements on the east and west of Old Assembly Close, on 13 November 1754. This recites in great detail the various plans requested by the Court from John Yeats, John Fergus and other plans in the hands of John Rob, mason. (See petition dated 23 January 1754, Moubray) The petitioners above asked to rebuild tenement(s?) according to a plan and elevation drawn by Messers Ferguson and Cowan, which they were asked to sign on 19 March 1755 and circulate to the other heritors to allow objections. These are presumed to be the drawings at a, b and c below. David Flint, old Dean of Guild signed this request. There are agreements for the proposed work here, signed by all of the petitioners dated 11 and 21 March 1755. There were answers from William Wilson and Archibald Blair, writers in which they describe the intended work '... to build up a ruinous back land within the head of Old Assembly Close which wholly belonged to the petitioners except one story which belongs to Baillie James Flint' (brother of the old Dean of Guild). They were proprietors of the four lower stories of the contiguous tenement on the west. They objected to the increased height of the new tenement obstructing their light. They went on to state that '...this tenement was designed to be reduced into an open court or area which would be an ornament to the public & an advantage to all the contiguous tenements especially to the heritors of the fore land who will get large south rooms well lighted...' The warrant of 26 March 1755 refers to plans now subscribed by the petitioners and William Wilson, Archibald Blair, Thomas Inglis, Andrew Good and James Brown '... all heritors of the of the three ruinous tenements lying to the east of Borthwicks Close'. These plans are not here. This warrant lifted a stop on work (no notice of this here) on the rebuilding of mutual gables and allowed work to continue but not on the eastmost of the three tenements until the consent of the Town Council and the heritors of Cons Close had been obtained.

A further warrant was granted on 4 June 1755 for the remaining tenement with a stipulation about a sewer or drain between it and the tenement on the west. They ordered that the new windows facing this sewer should be trellised '...as high as the midbands thereof to prevent the throwing over [of waste water] into the same'. This warrant has a note by Patrick Jamieson borrowing the plans and warrant, to be returned on Monday next. This warrant is accompanied by the plan at d.

There is a further petition here from William Wilson and Archibald Blair dated 13 February 1755 in which they refer to a drawing made by John Rob, mason and a warrant granted to them on 23 October 1754. The drawings at e. below may relate to this petition.

DRAWINGS: 5 sheets.



Description: a. Plan of an intended building within the head of Old Assembly Close.

Size: 39.0 x 29.0 cms.

Watermark: countermark IVG

Architect: (Ferguson and Cowan, George Cowan, Superintendent of Public Works?).

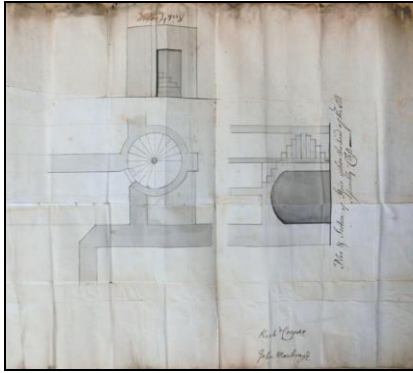


Description: b. Plans of the head of Old Assembly Close

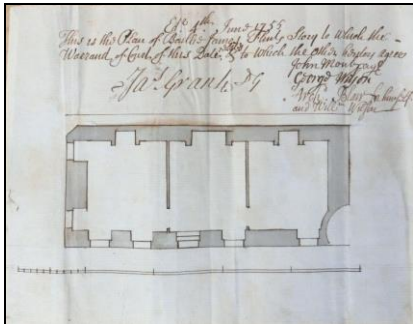
Size: 31.5 x 37.7 cms (in two pieces).

Watermark: countermark LVG

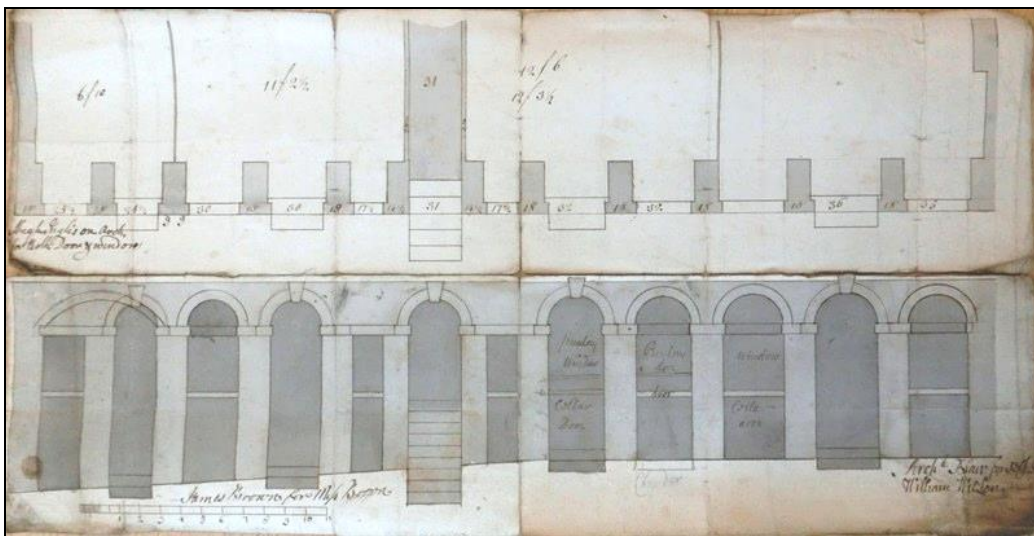
Architect: (Ferguson and Cowan).



Description: c. Plan and section of the stair, head of Old Assembly Close.
 Size: 37.2 x 32.0 cms.
 Watermark: countermark, IVG
 Architect: (Ferguson and Cowan).



Description: d. Plan of Baillie Fint's story.
 Size: 14.0 x 18.3 cms.



Description: e. Elevation and plan of the shop floor fronting the High Street.
 Size: 19.8 x 39.0 cms (in two pieces).
 Inscribed verso: Mrs Brown's plan
 Architect: (John Rob?)

BOX: 1755/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 April 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 26 March 1755.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, nearly opposite the City Guard.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about stolen vents.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Kid, merchant and Archibald Ker, merchant, his tenant and also Alexander Dallas, silk merchant and his tenant, Ann McLeish. They are accused of having broken through the vent belonging to George Fforrester, white iron

smith whose detailed letter to the Dean of Guild dated 26 March 1755 is here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 April 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 5 March 1755.

PETITIONER: John Wilson, merchant and late Baillie.

SITE: Leith, in the Wynd on the south of the Customs house, opposite Provost Stewart's cellars, with a house on the Shore.

PROPOSAL: To repair various properties.

NOTES: The petitioner is factor for John Bull, merchant in Leith by a letter of factory dated 18 March 1748 and registered in the Sherriff Court books, 15 September 1749.

There is a note of the repairs needed here. The property includes a brewery and cellars possessed by Edward Innes, brewer, George Home, Town Clerk of Leith and others.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 April 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 20 March 1755.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason, Patrick Cunningham, wright and John Watson, slater.

SITE: Potterrow and Bells Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The property belongs to James Watson of Saughton Esq. and the heirs of Mr. Smith. There are accounts here from the petitioners and a statement of the work required. This lists tenants in Bells Wynd including, James Raeburn, Deacon Fairlie, Mr. Nisbet, Joseph Kid and Mr. Broun of Coulston's stable. Tenants in Potterrow included, George Thomson, Mr. McCreer and Janet Morrison. Patrick Cunningham's account refers to work in the house possessed by John Nicoll, mason, Alexander Stevenson, candlemaker. See further warrant granted 11 June 1755 (Wardrop).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 April 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 26 March 1755.

PETITIONER: Hew Crawford, Clerk to the Signet.

SITE: Pleasance, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Scot, merchant and late Baillie who owns the tenement on the north. The defender built a lean-to that projected into the street by 8 or 10 feet. In answers for the defender he laughs off the complaint stating that the petitioner wanted to buy his property for many years and was turned down. He tried to have a mutual gable taken down and this complaint refers to a lean to that has been in place for 40 years. The Court found the lean to, to be ruinous and an obstruction and ordered it to be taken down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 April 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 8 January 1755.

PETITIONER: James Burton, tanner

SITE: Portsburgh, High Street, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building work underway.

NOTES: The petitioner owns a tenement on the west side of the Close and the complaint is against Peter Cowan, tanner who owns a tan works on the east of the Close. In answers for the defender he states that their properties are not either side of a common Close but that the petitioner only has a right of access to his property in what is his entry. He notes that he is near ninety years of age and that the petitioner seeks to take advantage of him. He cites as evidence, a Dean of Guild Court decision (warrant?)

dated 7 April 1714 in his favour regarding the access granted to the previous occupant of the property, James Wast, baxter. Peter Cowan has undertaken work which lowers the floor of his house and obstructs the entry. On 22 January 1755 the Court ordered the defender to raise the bunker over the Close to allow more headroom. The Court tried to solve the continuing argument on 19 February 1755 by insisting that the Close should be lowered to achieve the aim. The matter went to the Court of Session where James Burton stated that the lowering of the floor took place in 1745 '...when the Rebel Army were in possession of this City and when there was a surcease of justice...'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 April 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 14 April 1755.

PETITIONER: John Nisbet, City Treasurer and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: St. Mary's Wynd, near the foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Sutherland, brewer, Thomas Mylne, mason and Charles Butter, wright who have made alterations to a stable and house to create a store and a new entrance. The original entrance to the property was by way of the Cowgate Port. By the time of the inspection the doorway had been built up and the defender was ordered never to reopen it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 April 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 30 April 1755.

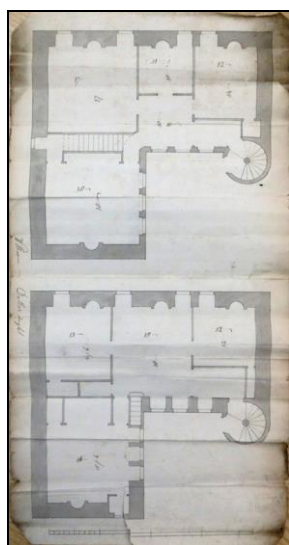
PETITIONER: William Dallas, chairmaster.

SITE: High Street, Old Assembly Close, east side, a vaulted cellar.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild his vault or cellar.

NOTES: The petitioner explains that his cellar, which lies below the high shop belonging to Archibald Shiells, has been demolished as part of the works being undertaken by order of the Court. See warrant granted 26 March 1755 (Cooper et al). He had asked Patrick Jamieson, mason to rebuild the cellar and to furnish all of the materials but he refused until the petitioner had a warrant. The Court granted the warrant and allowed the expence to be a debt on the property and accounts to be cognosed later. William Dallas signed the petition in Court with his initials, in an unsteady or ill educated hand. On the drawing he is described as a wright. See warrant granted 28 May 1755 (Dallas).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of two floors.

Size: 43.3 x 22.5 cms.

Watermark: Fleur de Lys with LVG beneath and countermark, IV

BOX: 1755/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 May 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 22 January 1755.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: West Bow, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a timber outshot.

NOTES: The complaint is against William McGhie, writer (lawyer). The projection is on the top floor and is said to be in a dangerous condition. The defender did not respond and the Court ordered a visit by tradesman and a report. No further action noted here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 May 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 6 May 1755.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, (head of Old Assembly Close).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the work being carried out.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Wilson and Archibald Blair, writers (lawyers) who were building a tenement on the west side of Old Assembly Close. They made fulsome answers. See warrant granted 26 March 1755 (Cooper et al) although there appears to be no surviving warrant for the tenement they were rebuilding.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 May 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 5 May 1755.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason and John Moubray, wright.

SITE: High Street, a gable between Polton's and Chalmers lands.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment for work.

NOTES: The only part of this process to survive is the warrant which refers to a warrant granted in 1754, to carry out work for Helen Bell, relict of Andrew Thomson, brewer. She has not paid her proportion. See also warrant granted 5 January 1757 (Procurator Fiscal).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 May 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 16 April 1755.

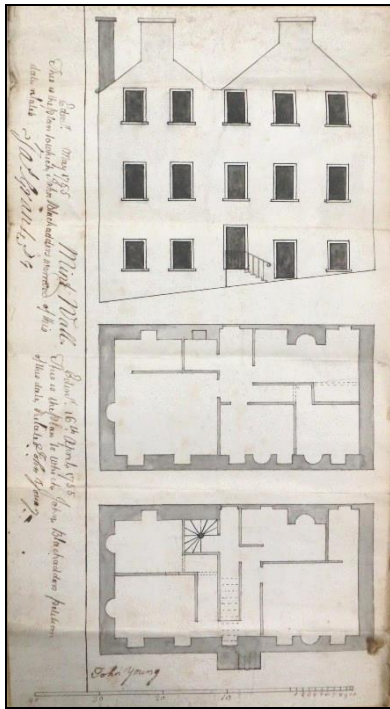
PETITIONER: John Blackadder of St. Leonards.

SITE: His Majesty's Minthouse Close or Grays Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner had acquired right by progress from James, Earl of Hyndford, an area or yard bounded on the south by His Majesty's Mint. The warrant is signed by John Young for the petitioner.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of two floors.
Size: 37.4 x 20.4 cms.

BOX: 1755/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 May 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 14 May 1755.

PETITIONER: Archibald Punton, baxter (baker), Elizabeth Scott his spouse, Elizabeth Anderson, daughter of the deceased William Anderson, baxter, George Begbie, baxter as tutor and administrator to his children and Thomas Ingles, wright.

SITE: High Street, immediately east of Borthwicks Close, Kerr's land.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a shop demolished by order of the Court.

NOTES: The petitioners have employed Charles Mack, mason and Thomas Ingles, wright to carry out the work, the accounts to be cognosed on completion. This petition is signed by Thomas Ingles and Andrew Good, also a wright. See the warrant granted 23 January 1754 (Moubray) which may include drawings for this petition.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1755/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 May 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 14 May 1755.

PETITIONER: George Syme, slater.

SITE: Dicksons Close, Henderson's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The full petition is not here. The property is leased by the petitioner from Jean Lindsay, relict of Alexander Lindsay and the life renter. He Pays £5 stg. pa. for the house and £2 for a wright's yard. She submits that by their lease or tack the petitioner is bound to carry out repairs at his expence. The petitioner explained that the extensive repairs to the roof and five chimney stacks were beyond the terms of his lease and the Court agreed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 May 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 8 January 1755.

PETITIONER: Thomas Nicholson, stabler.

SITE: West Bow, foot.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted in 1754 to carry out repairs in a

house and stables belonging to Jannet McMeath, spouse to the deceased (blank) Johnston, poulterer (names from summons). There are accounts here from James Heriot, wright (£12 13s 5d) James Mack, mason (£2 16s 3d) Robert Dewar, glazier (17s 4d), George Syme, slater (£8 3s 2d) and William Ross, painter (2s 6d) for painting windows in oil, the work undertaken between August 1754 and January 1755. The account from James Heriot refers to 'a pound of lead for running in one of ye iron bath'. (is this a bath or does it relate to roof work?)
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/30
WARRANT GRANTED: 21 May 1755.
PETITION LODGED: 14 May 1755.
PETITIONER: George Bell, wine couper in Leith.
SITE: Leith, Quality Street.
PROPOSAL: To repair a vault.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/31
WARRANT GRANTED: 28 May 1755.
PETITION LODGED: 7 May 1755.
PETITIONER: William Dallas, wright.
SITE: High Street, south side opposite to the Cross, 3rd floor, roof and garrets of Elphingston's land and Corbiston's land.
PROPOSAL: Seeking payment for rebuilding.
NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted previously (before 26 October 1753) to the now deceased Archibald Inglis of Auchendinny, advocate and other heritors of the property to rebuild their property. They appointed the petitioner and Charles Mack, mason to carry out the work. He submits an account for £239 12s 9d of which Auchendinny had paid £70 before his death. This petition seeks payment from Sophia, Katherine and Barbara Inglis or David Inglis, merchant their tutor and curator and there is a letter of supplement here calling them. There are two accounts here from the petitioner relating only to wright work. This petition is signed by William Dallas but the signature may not be his. See warrant granted 30 April 1755 (Dallas).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/32
WARRANT GRANTED: 4 June 1755.
PETITION LODGED: 25 May 1755.
PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.
SITE: Leith, Kirkgate.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.
NOTES: The complaint is against Walter Weir who is quarrying a stone wall opposite to a timber projection or fore shot of a house fronting the high Street. The work was found to be an encroachment on the street and he was ordered to take it down.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/33
WARRANT GRANTED: 4 June 1755.
PETITION LODGED: 28 May 1755.
PETITIONER: Thomas and William Stevenson, residenters in Leith.
SITE: South Leith, head of Horse Wynd.
PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.
NOTES: The petitioners have purchased the wester fore land from Thomas Duthie, writer (lawyer) in Dimble (?) and it is in need of repair. The Court agreed.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/34
WARRANT GRANTED: 4 June 1755.
PETITION LODGED: 16 April 1755.

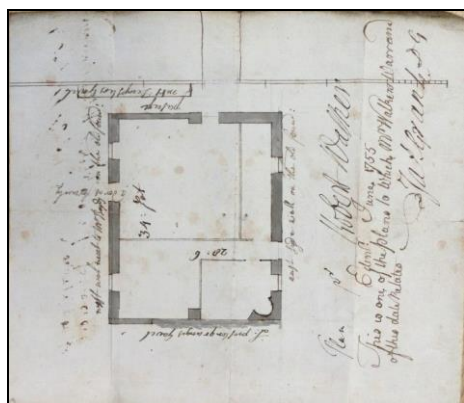
PETITIONER: Robert Walker, stabler.

SITE: Canongate head, south side, west side of Haliburton's Close. Also a tan work at the foot of the Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish a stable and build a house on the site.

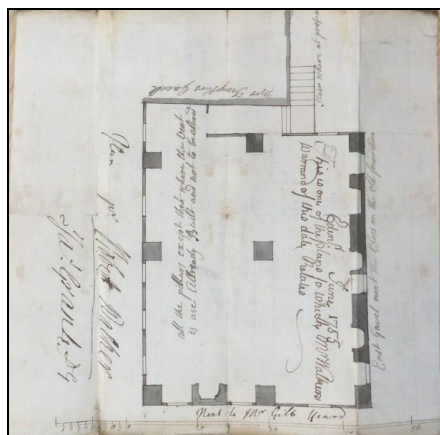
NOTES: A disagreement arose on the petitioner's proposal to build beyond the foundations of the stable to the west, towards Hamilton's land, owned by James Boyd, stabler. This matter went to the Court of Session who ordered the Dean of Guild to reconsider the legal titles. An inventory of writs records: disposition by James Donaldson to William Christie dated 11 May 1697, registered in Burgh Court books, 30 December 1708 with Sasine of the same date; Sasine in favour of John Christie dated 17 September 1731; disposition by John Christie to Thomas Tulloch dated 4 September 1732 registered as above on 17 September 1731; disposition by John Dempster to Robert Walker dated 10 June 1740; Decreet of Adjudication, James Maule and Bethia and Daniel Campbell dated 21 January 1752; disposition by James Maule to John Russel and James Hay dated 4 March 1752, registered as above on the same date and disposition by Russel and Hay to Robert Walker dated 7 April 1755. There is a copy of the Bill of Advocation here. There are also depositions here on behalf of the petitioner from Robert Gibb, coach master aged 30, married; James Gulton, stabler aged 60, single; Marion Park, relict of Daniel Monroe, coach master in Canongate aged 60, single. Depositions on behalf of James Boyd, William McVey, wright aged 56, married; William Hunter, merchant aged 51, single; William Clark, tailor, Burgess of Edinburgh aged 60, married and Andrew Dempster, Surveyor of the Port of Edinburgh aged 40 and upwards, married.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 19.8 x 19.5 cms.



Description: b. Plan of the ground floor, modified.

Size: 20.0 x 17.4 cms.

BOX: 1755/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 June 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 28 May 1755.

PETITIONER: William Smith, Clerk of His Majesty's Chancery.

SITE: Castlehill, Brand's land, first storey and cellar.

PROPOSAL: To alter a stair and two windows.

NOTES: The petitioner notes that in relation to the windows, 'the westmost & two eastmost windows to the fore Street are most disproportioned to the rest...' and he is humbly of the opinion 'that the very title to the late Act of Parliament for beautifying the Town of Edinburgh is a sufficient warrant to the honourable Court to cause each proprietor to beautify his house according to the Rules of Architecture.' There is a letter here from Alexander Brand, South Queensferry dated 24 May 1755 with regard to mutual gables and he refers to the tenement as Lothian's land. He also notes that '...if you look to the east side of the Close, till you come to the Earl of Dumfries house and Mr. Hamilton Gordon entry...'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 June 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 3 June 1755.

PETITIONER: Robert Barclay, late Deacon of the Tailors.

SITE: None.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment of an account by Charles Banks, stabler.

NOTES: This is really a matter that should have been dealt with by the Baillie Court.

There is an account here for tailoring between 7 May and 10 August 1754.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 June 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 4 June 1755.

PETITIONER: Thomas Heart, wright in Leith.

SITE: North Leith, near the Bridge end.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and declare the expence a debt on the property.

NOTES: The petitioner is factor for Jean Law, Lady Hillhousefield, There is a letter here from her to the petitioner dated 31 May 1755 in which she notes that the land is occupied by Mrs. Brown and lately by James Forrester and now let to Mrs. Fleeming. There is also a note to the same from Margaret Forrester dated 11 June agreeing for the work to go ahead as her husband is abroad.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 June 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 28 May 1755.

PETITIONER: John Wardrop, writer (lawyer) as factor for James Watson of Saughton.

SITE: Lawnmarket, Bells Wynd and several other places.

PROPOSAL: To repair houses.

NOTES: See the warrant granted 9 April 1755 (Jamieson and others). There is a long note here listing the various properties and the work required. Of interest: the house in the Lawnmarket (possessed by Mr. Stevenson) is to have the windows repaired in timber and glass '& and laid over wt white lead and oyl on ye outside'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 June 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 5 June 1755.

PETITIONER: Hugh Crawford, wright and Roderick Chalmers, painter.

SITE: High Street, head of Chalmer's Close, Boyd's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement, harl and pin the walls.

NOTES: The other proprietors are Robert Scott, baxter in Leith, James Baillie, surgeon and Mrs. Ker, his factrix.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 June 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 10 June 1755.

PETITIONER: Thomas Ruddiman, printer and late keeper of the Advocate's Library, for himself and George Dennison, surgeon in Falkirk.

SITE: Portsburgh, High Street, near the two penny Custom.

PROPOSAL: To repair a gable

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 June 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 4 June 1755.

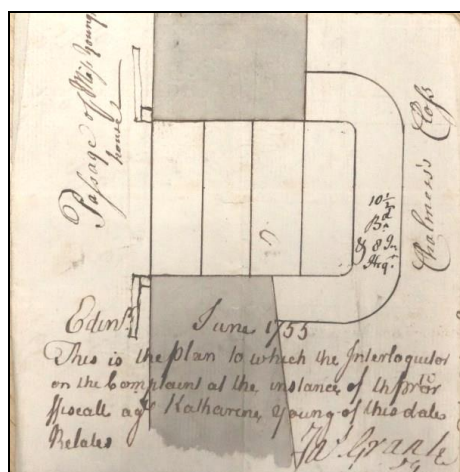
PETITIONER: John Nisbet, City Treasurer and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, north side near the Netherbow, Chalmers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about outshots and the projection of a forestair.

NOTES: The complaint is against Katherine Young, mantua maker and Dr. John Boswal, physician whose property is occupied by John Cram, cobbler. Both proprietors have outshots from their properties which obstruct the Close by lowering the headroom. They were ordered to trim them so as to allow eight feet of height from the pavement. Katherine Young was extending her entrance stair forward into the Close and this work was stopped, the Court ordering the work to continue according to the plan. There is a letter here from her dated 11 June 1755 in a graceful hand.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the steps.

Size: 11.0 x 10.7 cms.

BOX: 1755/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 June 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 26 May 1755.

PETITIONER: John Bull, merchant and John Wilson, merchant, his factor.

SITE: Leith, Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a previous warrant granted to him to repair his tenement. He complained against Marion Bell, daughter of George Bell, brewer who has erected a toofall against his property without a warrant. This is getting in the way of a window the petitioner wishes to strike out in his west gable. This matter is more complicated and in answers for Marion Bell she objects to being turned out of her house which was disposed by Isabell Thomson, her grandmother to Ann Easton her mother, to whom she is heir. She has lived in the timber house for upwards of forty years. Not clear how this was resolved as there is an agreement here by John Wilson to repair the property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 June 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 18 June 1755.

PETITIONER: Alexander McCulloch, merchant.

SITE: Mary Kings Close, foot, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about rubbish blocking the Close and a blocked entry.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs Wilson; Jannet Watt, relict of Hugh Wilson, tobacconist, who has shut up a passage used as an alternative route by the petitioner's tenants because the foot of the Close is blocked with rubbish and stones from demolished tenements on the east side.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 July 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 25 June 1755.

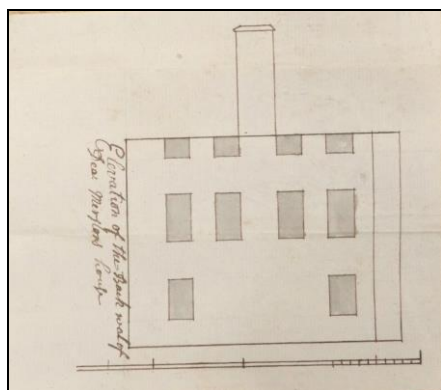
PETITIONER: James Gibsone with consent of his curators and William Horsburgh, co heirs of the late Baillie John Jack, plater in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, north side, a little above St. John's Cross, Maules land.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a chimney on the back wall that has fallen down.

NOTES: The petitioner's had applied to the Canongate Court for permission to begin work but Mrs. Condie complained to the Dean of Guild and the work was stopped. The warrant was granted to go ahead with the work.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of the back wall.

Size: 11.4 x 13.0 cms.

BOX: 1755/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 July 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 24 June 1755.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, between Burnett's Close and Bells Wynd

PROPOSAL: Complaint about several encroachments and nuisances erected.

NOTES: The properties belong to the Incorporation of Baxters (bakers) and James Witherspoon, weaver. The Court ordered a number of vents to be taken down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 July 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 13 June 1755.

PETITIONER: Thomas Jamieson, glover.

SITE: Cowgate, north side, near the foot of Sawyers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an encroachment on a gable.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Mclean, journeyman mason who broke through a lath and plaster gable. The defender then applied to the Court to construct a vent in his half of the gable and after a report from tradesman, this was allowed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 July 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 14 July 1755.

PETITIONER: Thomas Cockburn, WS as factor for Mrs. Margaret Balfour, widow of the deceased Thomas Fairholme of Pilton, Adam Fairholm, merchant, and Johnston, Margaret, Sophia, Isabella and Helen Fairholm, children of said Thomas. Also David Coventrie of Newark, husband of Margaret Fairholm, all creditors of the deceased Thomas Fairholme.

SITE: High Street, north side, between Allan's Close and Craigs Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about potential encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against the tradesmen employed in building the new Exchange. The petitioner notes that the tenement on the opposite side of the Close from his property is much lower than the new intended building and that this new building will encroach on the width of the Close. He asks that the Close and the height of the tenement be measured so that he can make a claim for recompence. The Court ordered George Cowan to take the measurements and make a plan. There is a further letter here from Adam Fairholm dated 28 August 1755 asking the Court to stop Alexander Peter and other tradesmen from digging in the Close.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1755/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 July 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 5 March 1755.

PETITIONER: Jean Cleghorn, relict of Hugh Cleghorn, merchant.

SITE: Society.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Campbell, wright and the petitioner refers to a warrant granted on 14 August 1754 in which he was ordered to take down part of his new building within nine feet of the north side of a kiln in Society. He has now left a hole in a wall beside the kiln but is continuing to build upwards. The Court ordered the demolition of part of the gable the defender had built. This is a complicated argument that went to the Court of Session and there are other papers here explaining the process, including a further petition by Mrs. Cleghorn and Gavin Hamilton, bookseller. A jury was appointed and depositions were taken from: John Hislop, merchant aged 60, unmarried who possessed the Bowling Green from 1735 to 1747 at, or near to which, the defender purchased the Bowling Green; follows a description of the area. Also deposition by Alexander Gray, gardener to General Bland, aged 62, married who possessed the Bowling Green for eight years before Martinmas 1749 as a tenant of the defender. Also from Alexander Ladlie, cowfeeder in Portsburgh aged 60, married who served Mrs. Cleghorn when John Hislop possessed the garden and Bowling Green. Other depositions from Robert Reid, brewer aged 30 and upwards, married; Alexander Steedman, maltman aged 50, married; James Scott, druggist aged 40, married; Henry Thomson, gardener aged 55, married who had known the ground from 1712; James Marshall, causeway layer aged 47, married; aged 58, married Donald McGregor, workman aged 6, married and Alexander Peat, quarrier in Portburgh.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 July 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 2 July 1755.

PETITIONER: William Stewart, writer.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ingress of water.

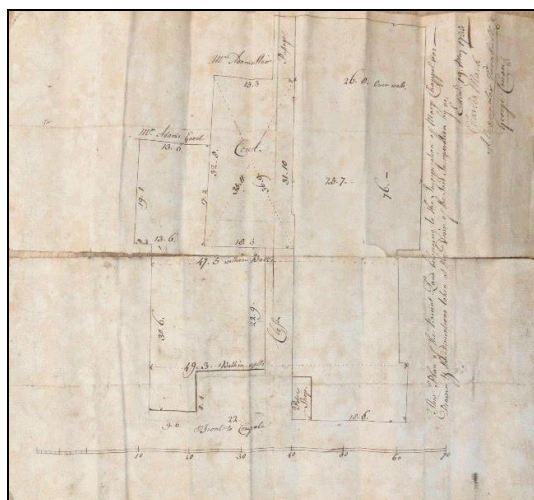
NOTES: The complaint is against William Tod, merchant who occupies the flat above the petitioner and who has allowed his flooring to become insufficient.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/50
WARRANT GRANTED: 30 July 1755.
PETITION LODGED: 23 July 1754.
PETITIONER: Phineas Hall, tailor.
SITE: Canongate head.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.
NOTES: The complaint is against William Douglas, pursuivant who has erected a barge or shade which throws the water over the petitioner's windows. The defender was ordered to take down the shade before 15 August.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/51
WARRANT GRANTED: 30 July 1755.
PETITION LODGED: 23 July 1755.
PETITIONER: Elizabeth Hepburn, Lady Humbie, John Murray of Philliphaugh, Jean Hamilton, Lady Pumphreston and Mrs. Spittal, heritors.
SITE: High Street, south side, head of Grays Close.
PROPOSAL: To repair the vents on a mutual gable.
NOTES: Thomas Mylne, mason has been employed to carry out the work but the permission of the neighbouring heritors is needed.
DRAWINGS: None.

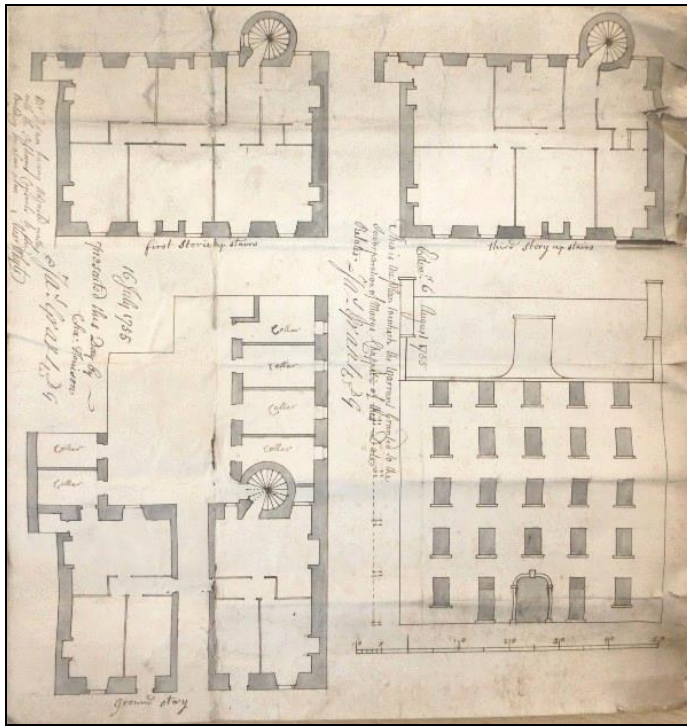
BOX: 1755/52
WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1755.
PETITION LODGED: 16 July 1755.
PETITIONER: Charles Howison, wright, Boxmaster to the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel.
SITE: Cowgate, south side, opposite the foot of Marlines Wynd.
PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement destroyed by fire.
NOTES: There were objections from James Wright, wright and David Wright, merchant, proprietors of the adjoining tenement on the west who state that the intended building encroaches on their property. The Court found that their gable was mutual and appointed a jury to advise on its sufficiency. It was found to be ruinous and ordered to be taken down. The full list of the jury and their verdict is here. On 16 July a '...Mr. Whyte for Mr. Adams (John Adam, architect) craves to see the plan which the Court allow and assigns Munday next at twelve a clock for that effect'.
DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Outline plan of the burnt tenement.

Size: 31.5 x 35.3 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: (signed) Edinr. 19 May 1755 Charles Mack, Alexander Turnbull, George Cowan.



Description: b. Elevation to the Cowgate with plans of three floors.

Size: 34.7 x 33.5 cms.

Watermark: IHS Ivilledairy

Inscribed, recto: 16 July 1755 presented this day by Chas. Howison. Also, Mr. Adam having adjusted matters with the petitioners, consents to the building the above plan, Alexr. Whyt.

Architect: (John Adam?).

BOX: 1755/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 September 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 11 June 1755.

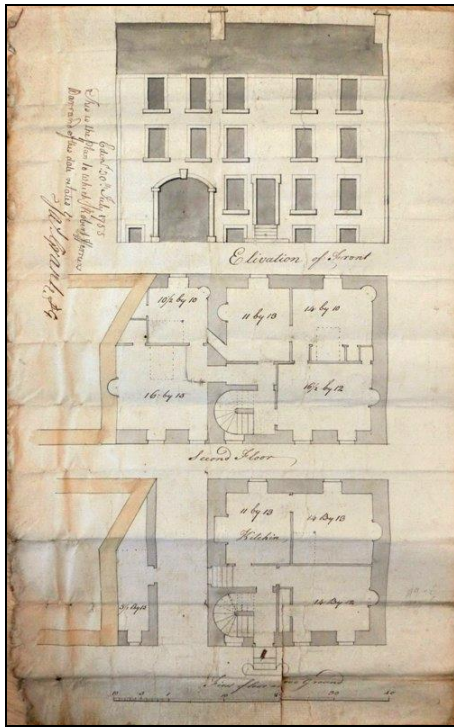
PETITIONER: Robert Ferrier, stabler in Bristo Port.

SITE: Bristo Port.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The property, the southmost of two tenements next to the Bristo Port, along with a garden and a summer house possessed by John Douglas, surgeon, had been purchased from John Lillie, shoemaker in Bristo. The petitioner initially applied to take down part of a mutual wall with Robert Allan, baxter, his house and rebuild to three stories and garrets. He received a warrant for this on 10 June 1752. He then petitioned to take down the garden wall and rebuild as stables and hayloft, this area bounded by the property of the Merchant Maiden Hospital and received a warrant to carry out the work on 30 July 1755. On taking down his tenement he found that the mutual wall with Robert Allan was insufficient and a jury agreed that it should be taken down, finally granting a warrant for the work on 5 September 1755.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.

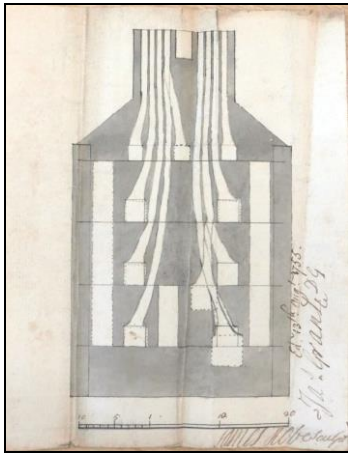


Description: a. Elevation of the entire tenement with plans of the first and second floors.

Size: 39.3 x 24.4 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edinr. 30th July 1755. This is the plan to which Robert Ferrier's warrant of this date refers.

Architect: (John Adam?).



Description: b. Section of a gable.

Size: 19.5 x 15.0 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edinr. 13 Augt 1755. James Rob Sculpt.

BOX: 1755/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 August 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 6 August 1755.

PETITIONER: John Mylne, founder.

SITE: Chambers Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a house and wareroom in stone.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he applied to build his property in 1745 and in order to hurry the building he had it erected in lath and plaster. He now wished to rebuild in stone and raise by one story, in terms of the Act of Parliament, on his old foundations. His neighbours, Andrew Wilson, smith and Alexander Innes junior, residenter agreed to the work. In the summons, the Court officer noted that he could not find Alex Innes at his lodging so he presented the summons to Joseph Cave, engraver in the Mint instead.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 September 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 5 September 1755.

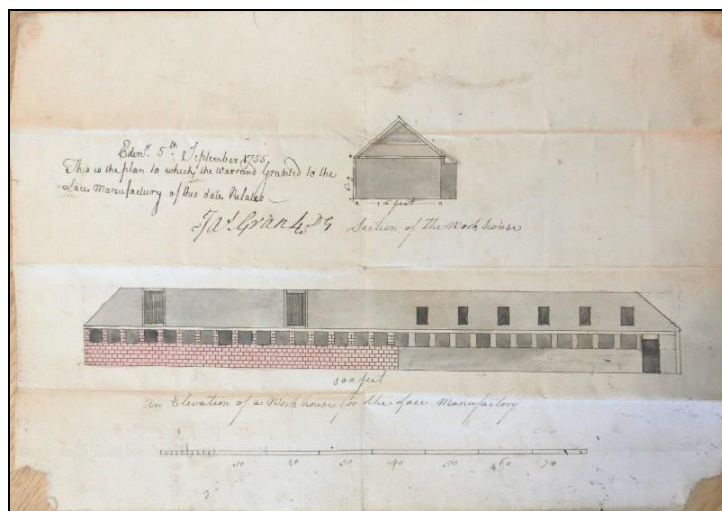
PETITIONER: Patrick Bowie for the Edinburgh Lace Company.

SITE: Heriot's Hospital garden.

PROPOSAL: To build a lace manufactory.

NOTES: The petition includes an extract from the minutes of Governors of Heriot's Hospital of 1 September 1755 in which they agree a tack on part of their garden from Martinmas 1755 for 3 nineteen years (57 years), to commence at the expiration of David Waddel, tacksman of the Hospital gardens. The west gable of their shade must be thirty feet distant from the wall of the garden.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation and section of the work house.

Size: 24.0 x 34.0 cms.

BOX: 1755/56

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 September 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 5 September 1755.

PETITIONER: George Cunningham, surgeon and William Tod, merchant.

SITE: Castlehill, north side.

PROPOSAL: To build stables.

NOTES: The petitioners state that their property is bounded by the North Loch on the north and comprehends the entire ground lying to the north of their gardens, except so much as is occupied for the high road. They intend building each a stable to the north of their present garden dykes. They had begun to dig the foundations before being stopped.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/57

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 September 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 28 May 1755.

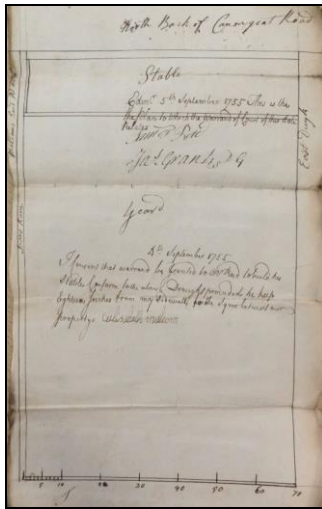
PETITIONER: Elizabeth Nicholson, relict of Patrick Malcolm, stabler in Bristo.

SITE: Canongate, Lochends Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sewer and encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Reid, coachmaker in Canongate who has allowed a sewer to become blocked and has begun building stables without a warrant. The Court ordered him to produce a plan and he did so on 20 August. See further warrant granted 26 November 1755 (Malcolm).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Outline plan of the area.
Size: 33.3 x 20.7 cms.

BOX: 1755/58

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 September 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 12 August 1755.

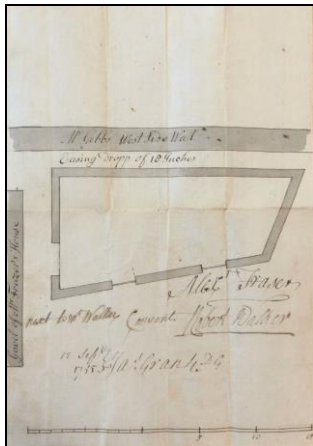
PETITIONER: Alexander Fraser, shoe maker in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate head, south side, Halyburtons Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a house and shop.

NOTES: The property consisted of a tenement of two stories with a midden and some waste ground, purchased from James Armour, WS. There were objections about boundaries from Robert Gibb (coach maker in Canongate) and the Court asked for proofs to be given in. These depositions are here, from John Shaw, painter in Canongate aged about 60, Helen Park, spouse to John Shaw, aged 60 and upwards who was in service to John Baillie 45 years ago and lived in the Close for four years; Richard McMath, servant to Lt. Governor Corin (?) in the Castle of Edinburgh aged 49; James Gullin, stabler aged 60; Andrew Dempster, Surveyor of the Customs at the port of Edinburgh aged 40 and upwards; Elizabeth Buncle, relict of Andrew Baillie now spouse to Thomas Boston, smith in Canongate aged 50; George Cochran, gardener aged 60, married; Thomas Hutchison, journeyman mason aged 40, married and Thomas Vernon, land carnage waiter aged about 33, married. This petition is related to the one following here.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Outline plan of the ground floor.
Size: 28.4 x 18.5 cms.

BOX: 1755/59

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 September 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 4 August 1755.

PETITIONER: Robert Walker, tanner.

SITE: Canongate head, Haliburtons Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: To build or alter a stable.

NOTES: The property had been purchased from John Russel, WS and James Hay, surgeon who derived their right from John Christie of Ormistonhill. The petitioner has a warrant to demolish a stable and rebuild as a house but the work was stopped by Robert Gibb, coach maker and neighbouring proprietor. He claimed a right to the area being built on by right of a disposition dated in 1721 from William Lawson to Thomas Gibb, his father. He also referred to a Decree of neighbourhood dated in 1680. The matter went to proofs and there are depositions here from John Shaw, painter in Canongate; Helen Park, his spouse; Richard McMath, James Gullen and George Cockhran, as in the petition above (Fraser).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/60

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 September 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 12 September 1755.

PETITIONER: Thomas Hill, tanner in Portsburgh.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a house and bark loft destroyed by fire.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/61

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 September 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 17 September 1755.

PETITIONER: Robert Gibb, coach maker and Alexander Scouller, tanner in Pleasance.

SITE: Canongate head, Haliburtons Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building work underway.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Fraser shoemaker and Robert Walker, tanner whom, it is claimed, are building contrary to their warrants. The Court stopped the work on 17 September but lifted the stop the following day after a visit.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/62

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 October 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 15 October 1755.

PETITIONER: James Ormond, servant to Baillie James Flint, brewer.

SITE: Forresters Wynd, near the foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) Fittie for whom the rents are collected by Deacon Robert Brown and Deacon James Fyfe, tailors. '... and seeing the proprietor is now in England...'. The Court ordered the repairs to be made and declared a debt on the property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/63

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 November 1755.

PETITION LODGED: Before 24 October 1755.

PETITIONER: John Lee, residenter in Canongate, manager of the New Concert Hall.

SITE: Canongate, Playhouse Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a shade for wardrobe.

NOTES: The petitioner intended building a shade to house his wardrobe on a piece of waste ground contiguous (south of) the Playhouse (crossed out) Concert hall, according to the plan given in. The work was stopped at an unknown date and allowed to continue on 24 October 1755 after modifications to the design by Charles Mack, mason and another member of the Court. A neighbour, James Cockburn complained on 8 November that the work was not being carried out according to the warrant and the issue related to windows placed on the west wall (looking into the Close). He notes that he informed John and James Buchan, masons and Thomas Bain, wright of his

complaint in the presence of witnesses. The petitioner wrote to the Court (no date) stating that he needed windows in two or three rooms designed for performers to dress in and that this also required heightening the rooms. The petitioner then wrote a memorial (no date) as manager of the Concert hall by deputation from Patrick, Lord Elibank, Francis Charteris Esq., Mr. Andrew Pringle, Mr. James Burnet, Mr. David Moncrieff, advocates and others. He stated that he held the piece of ground on a tack from Richard Cooper, engraver and that James Cockburn had complained again about the work citing a servitude granted by Cooper to William Seller 'his author' where he (Cooper) obliged himself and his heirs not to make any windows or doors on the west side of the Concert hall or on his west dyke other than the gate or door therein mentioned. The petitioner pointed out that his tack with his authors granted them liberty to build on the whole ground, the only restraint being not to have windows on the east side. There was then an argument about which tack took precedence. The warrant was granted on the drawing presented with the windows placed in the walls heightened in brick.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of the west wall of the concert hall and extension.

Size: 9.1 x 40.0 cms (in two pieces held with a pin).

BOX: 1755/64

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 November 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 4 September 1755.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Parliament Close, east side, Lucky Thom's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ashes and nastiness being thrown into the Close.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a previous warrant granted to the Royal Bank and the heritors of the tenement entered by the scale stair on the east side of Parliament Close dated 17 January 1753, to prevent water damage and nuisance. This has been ignored and the present petition is to pave the area of the public entry to the Fishmarket Close and Parliament Close. The summons lists all of the proprietors affected in Pitcarlie's land and the President's Stairs. This matter went to the Court of Session in a Bill of Advocation, which was refused on 22 April 1756 but with the instruction that the Dean of Guild should reserve consideration of that part of their interlocutor (warrant) regarding the liability of the heritors of the Presidents land to pay for the paving of Lucky Thom's Close, until the work was complete.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/65

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 November 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 15 October 1755.

PETITIONER: Archibald Eagle, merchant.

SITE: Smiths land, opposite Todrigs Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about paving in the Close or entry.

NOTES: The complaint is about water gathering in the cellar, occasioned by the broken paving and gutter stones. The Court ordered the paving to be relaid at the expence of all the heritors and overseen by Messrs. Miller, Scott, Howison, Bruce and Mack, members of the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/66

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 November 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 12 November 1755.

PETITIONER: James Scott, merchant.

SITE: West Bow, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an overflowing sewer or drain.

NOTES: The sewer has become blocked below the petitioner's shop and is causing damage to his property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/67

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 November 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 30 June 1755.

PETITIONER: John Watson, slater, Daniel Lawrie, wright, John Mack, mason and Robert Dewar, glazier.

SITE: High Street, Marlines Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to a warrant granted on 13 November (1753) to Janet Wilson, relict of John Wilson, residenter to repair a tenement formerly belonging to Richard Allcorn, watchmaker and now to his creditors. There are accounts here from each of the petitioners with measures of the work. There is a letter of supplement here for the heir of Richard Allcorn who lives outside the jurisdiction of the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/68

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 November 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 30 July 1755.

PETITIONER: Richard Scougall, shipmaster in Leith.

SITE: Leith, foot of the Tolbooth Wynd, Murray's land and Sails land.

PROPOSAL: To carry out repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he has right to two tenements which belonged to the deceased George Murray, tenant in Dalhousie Mains. He does so by a disposition from Peter Middleton, surgeon and Lillias Peacock in adjudication at his instance dated 12 July 1748 against Matthew Murray, candlemaker in Edinburgh, grandson and heir of George Murray. There is a letter of supplement here, summoning Matthew Murray but he did not appear and the Court authorised the work and the expence to be a debt on the property. There are two notes of the necessary work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/69

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 November 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 11 August 1755.

PETITIONER: John Trotter, brewer and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Cowgate.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased his property from William Richardson senior, smith by disposition dated 7 December 1752. The complaint is against Alexander Peter, wright, who has erected a shade or stables that leans on the petitioner's property and robs him of light. The defender states that he purchased his property from Patrick Crawford, then possessed by his widow (blank) Hunter. He had his shops burnt to the ground in 1751 and he rebuilt them on a warrant granted 3 April 1752. The stables were built according to the plan submitted then. He also refers to an agreement entered into with Archibald Ogilvy, the petitioner's predecessor in the brewery, to build a shade against the wall. The Court found that the defender's shade did cover a window in the petitioner's barn and ordered him to remove the roof of his shade opposite the window.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/70

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 November 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 19 November 1755.

PETITIONER: Elizabeth Malcolm, (Nicholson), relict of Patrick Malcolm, stabler in Bristo.

SITE: Canongate, Lochends Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sewer and encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Reid, coachmaker in Canongate who has broken the agreement he made to keep his stables 18 inches from the petitioner's property. He was fined £20 Scots for building contraire to his warrant and was ordered to take down part of his stables. See the warrant granted 5 September 1755 (Nicholson).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/71

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 December 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 1 July 1755.

PETITIONER: Charles Mack, mason.

SITE: High Street, south side, opposite the Cross, Elphinstone's and Corbiston's lands.

PROPOSAL: To cognose the expence of building two tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant for the work granted on 9 May 1753 to him and to William Dallas, as part of an agreement between the Town and the Royal Bank of Scotland. This petition refers specifically to the third floor of Elphinstone's land, built for the deceased Archibald Inglis of Auchendinny and to a porter's lodge built at the joint expence of the heritors of Elphinstone's land and the Royal Bank. He also built two vaulted cellars entering from Borthwick's Close, at the joint expence of the four upper stories of Elphinstone's land. There are accounts here for the mason work by the petitioner ad measures of the work by John Yeats, ordained measurer. The work cost £159 4s 8d Stg., the lodge £34 11s 9d.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/72

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 December 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 15 October 1755.

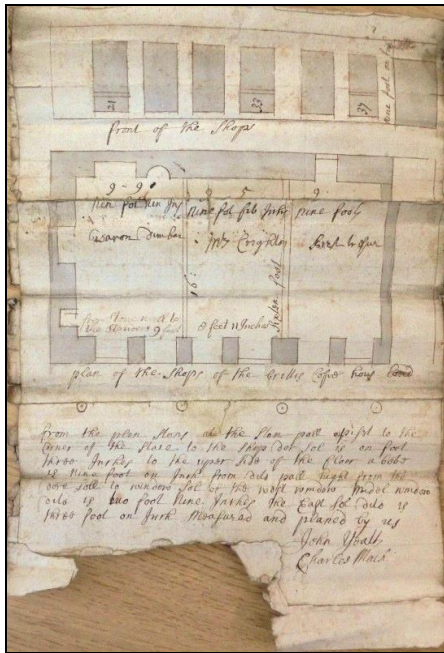
PETITIONER: Miss Babie Dunbar, daughter of the deceased John Dunbar, glover.

SITE: High Street, north side, head of Writer's Court.

PROPOSAL: Dispute about the measurement of a shop.

NOTES: The dispute was between the petitioner and Miss Crichton and Mr. Alex Robertson and Mr. Randie, ministers of the Gospel who applied to the Court on 20 October 1755, insisting that the partition being erected between two shops in the new tenement at the head of Writer's Court, did not divide the area as it stood before the demolition of the original tenement (by a warrant granted to George Dunbar and others in 1752). It reduced Miss Crichton's shop by 9 inches. After considerable argument the Court decided on 24 December that the measured plan of the original tenement, taken by John Yeats and Charles Mack (a.) was accurate and should be used to determine the petitioner's shop at 9ft 9in wide. Miss Crichton petitioned the Court again on 30 December, insisting that the measure showed the petitioner's shop to be 9ft 9in and the rear but only 9 ft at the front (which is indeed true). As her evidence she presented a plan submitted to the Court by the undertakers for the public buildings (the Exchange) to build a new tenement and granted a warrant on 4 September 1754 (b). The Court dismissed her petition on 4 January 1756. The elevation shows the shops divided into an upper and lower shop, behind the pillars.

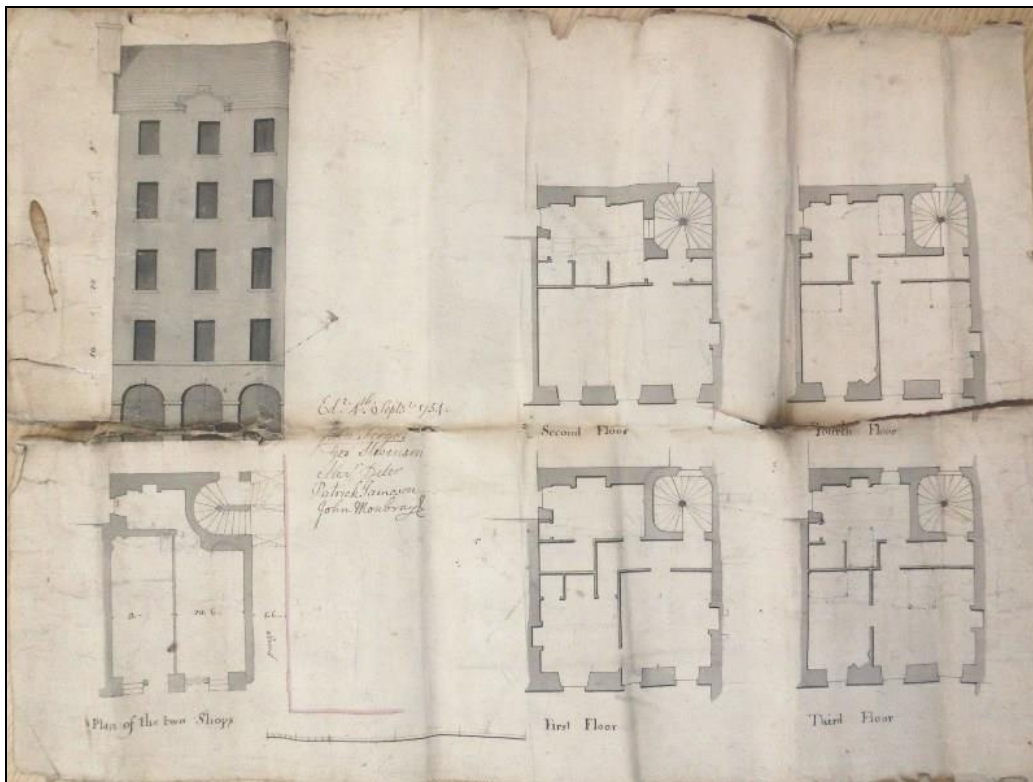
DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Measured plan of the original tenement.

Size: 26.4 x 18.5 cms (damaged and laid down on another sheet, now in two pieces).

Inscribed, recto: Plan of the shops of the Brittit[h] Coff[ee] house land. Signed John Yeats and Charles Mack.



Description: b. Elevation with plans of five floors.

Size: 37.5 x 50.7 cms.

Watermark: LVG

Inscriptions, recto: Edr. 4th September 1754. Signed, John Fergus, George Stevenson, Alexr. Peter, Patrick Jamieson and John Moubray.

Architect: [John Fergus?].

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1755/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 January 1755 (the defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 23 January 1755.

PETITIONER: Elizabeth Forrest, relict of Alexander Symmers (Seymour), bookseller.

SITE: High Street, head of Fishmarket Close, 4th story in the back part.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Alves, resenter who petitioned the Court to convert a window to a door and to strike out a new window. The petitioner is a liferenter of her son, Andrew Symmers, merchant in Maryland, proprietor. She believed the work would endanger her property and when it was proposed she asked David Alston, glazier to attend the Court and make her objections. He did so, producing a letter from the petitioner but this was overruled by William Dallas, wright 'most officiously without any orders, verbal or written from me' who said he had a mandate from the petitioner. The matter was referred to Mr. Alves for answers but there is no further action here. See the unextracted petition dated 2 April 1755 (Alves).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 February 1755 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 8 February 1755.

PETITIONER: Alexander Thomson, Bute pursuivant for himself and other heritors.

SITE: High Street, Arthur Reid's land (Old Assembly Close).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about delays in rebuilding the east gable.

NOTES: The complaint is against the Court for having put a stop to the work on the gable, exposing their gable to the weather. In answers for Archibald Blair and William Wilson, writers (lawyers) for the other heritors they explain the circumstances and agree with the complaint. They refer to two arguments, the first between Charles Mack, mason and the heritors of the upper floors who claimed to be free of charges until the work came above the first story and the second, a dispute between John Moubray, wright and Lady Coulteraloes about the position of vents. In answers for John Moubray dated 10 February 1755 he points to an argument between Mr. Blair and Mr. Inglis regarding the height of a cellar door which affects the height of the floor by 18 inches and thus prevented him setting a height from the street for his door jambs. See the warrant granted 23 January 1754 (Moubray) and drawing m.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 February 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 5 February 1755.

PETITIONER: Katherine and Margaret Hepburn, daughters of the deceased Henry Hepburn, surgeon for themselves and as factor for their only brother David Hepburn, surgeon to Lord John Murray's Regiment.

SITE: High Street, Penstones Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the removal of stone coal yards.

NOTES: The complaint is against the Court for allowing the removal of the stone used in the construction of the coal yards and of all evidence of their existence by a new pavement. They did not object to the removal of the yards at the time, believing their title would be protected and they did not consent to the removal of the stone (30 cart loads) for use by others. The Court ordered the work to stop and a measured plan to be made by John Yeats on 5 February. This action, on the front of the petition has been crossed through and the Court dismissed the petition on the ground that the petitioners were regularly called and heard before the original warrant was granted.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 February 1755 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: George Wilson, vintner.
SITE: High Street, back of the cross (Old Assembly Close).
PROPOSAL: Complaint about loss of rights.
NOTES: The complaint is against Archibald Blair, writer (lawyer) whom the petitioner accuses of turning him out of his possession in a tenement being rebuilt. He points out that he owned a chamber and a laboratory on the first floor above the shops and he now wishes to see the plans for the proposed rebuilding.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 17555*
WARRANT GRANTED: 19 March 1755 (no warrant, proofs sought).
PETITION LODGED: 5 March 1755.
PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.
SITE: Portsburgh.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about obstructing tradesmen appointed by the Court.
NOTES: The complaint is against James Burton, tanner in Portsburgh. See warrant granted 23 April 1755 (Burton).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/6*
WARRANT GRANTED: 2 April 1755 (no warrant, appointed a visit).
PETITION LODGED: 2 April 1755.
PETITIONER: David Alves, Jean Mercer his spouse and the Procurator Fiscal.
SITE: High Street, head of Fishmarket Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.
NOTES: The complaint is against Jean Forrest, relict of Alexander Seymour, bookseller who has slapped out a side wall in a cellar. See unextracted petition of 29 January 1755 (Forrest).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/7*
WARRANT GRANTED: 30 April 1755.
PETITION LODGED: 2 April 1755.
PETITIONER: John Grant, writer (lawyer) for himself and Alexander Peter, wright and others, undertakers for the new buildings at the head of Warriston's Close (Exchange).
SITE: High Street, head of Warriston's Close.
PROPOSAL: To carry out repairs on the roof and raise the walls.
NOTES: The petitioner owns the 4th story of the tenement at the head of the Close, occupied by (blank) Orr, wigmaker but which the petitioner intends occupying himself at Whitsunday next. He has reached an agreement with Alexander Peter and others engaged in building the neighbouring Exchange on the east, to carry out the work. In answers for James Armour, WS, Richard Lothian, writer, Thomas Alison, glazier, proprietors of the greater part of the same tenement along with Hugh Forbes, a Principal Clerk of Session and Robert Kinnear, merchant, tenants, they point out that the upward extension of the tenement will not be to their advantage and they point out that a report on the condition of the eastern gable of the tenement, made by members of the Court in April 1754, found that it's foundations would not support further superstructure. On 22 April they produced a contract of agreement between themselves and Alexander Peter, et. al. which points out that the new eastern gable erected by them (part of the Exchange) will now support a superstructure of 18ft and to indemnify them. The Court stopped the work on 30 April 1755 and no further action is recorded here. See warrant granted 24 December 1755 (Dunbar).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/8*
WARRANT GRANTED: 7 May 1755 (no warrant, appointed a visit).
PETITION LODGED: 16 April 1755.
PETITIONER: George Syme, slater.
SITE: Dicksons Close, west side, Henderson's land.

PROPOSAL: To make repairs to the tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner holds a tack or lease on a house or lodging and cellar with a wright's shop and yard, on the south side of the said tenement, from Jean Henderson, relict of Alexander Lindsay, writer (lawyer). He asked Jean Henderson to carry out the repairs but she has refused or postponed to do the same. He asks to complete the work at her expence or if she fails, to carry out the work himself as a debt on the property. The defender's answer is mentioned but the document is not here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 May 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 21 May 1755.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Cowgate, back stairs.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a stolen vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against Duncan Buchan, his spouse Margaret and William Kendall, slater, occupiers of a small shop, who had begun to build a vent in brick that is a danger and a nuisance to passers by, when the smoke is blown in their faces.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 June 1755 (no warrant, report ordered).

PETITION LODGED: 18 June 1755.

PETITIONER: The City Treasurer (John Nisbet) and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, Borthwick's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Alves (Alvis), writer and Charles Mack, mason who have begun to enclose and arch in front of the Close. The defender applied to the Court to carry out the work but this was refused on the grounds that the area beneath the arch belonged to the Town. He has now gone ahead with the work, employing Charles Mack and his servants, William Rea, James main and Thomas Turnbull.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 June 1755 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 18 June 1755.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Kid, relict of James Kid late Minister of the Gospel at Queensferry.

SITE: High Street, north side, almost opposite the City Guard.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an order to shut up a borrowed vent.

NOTES: The complaint relates to an order from the Court to shut up a borrowed vent in a shop occupied by Archibald Ker, merchant. The petitioner has let the shop to David Paterson for the ensuing year but he is not prepared to enter unless the demand to shut up the vent is delayed for a year. He says that his wife is a tender woman who cannot sit in the back part of the shop without a fire. The petitioner agrees to carry out the work on completion of the tenancy.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 June 1755 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 18 June 1755.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, Quality Street.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Bell, couper in Leith who has taken down a stair and is rebuilding it in a way that encroaches on the street. The Court asked for a report from William Miller and Robert Scott, which is here, and they found that the new stair had been built on the foundations of the old one and that the street is three feet broader than required by the Act of Parliament.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 June 1755.

PETITION LODGED: 25 June 1755.

PETITIONER: John Stenhouse, merchant.

SITE: High Street, head of Old Assembly Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Archibald Sheills, owner of the story below the petitioner but the encroachment is not explained.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 July 1755 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 15 July 1755.

PETITIONER: Mrs Mary Flint, spouse to James Flint, merchant (and Dean of Guild) with Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, south side, back land in Old Assembly Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the building work on her property.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Moubray, wright who is rebuilding her tenement. She has noticed that only three vents are being rebuilt in place of the five in her original property. The petitioner claims that she had a plan to rebuild her property by the now deceased John Yeatts and Deacon Mack which had the correct number of vents. This was submitted to the Court with other plans '...all of which were taken up by John Moubray, wright... and whose property is next to mine. And all of these plans were again lodged by him in Court excepting mine and without my knowledge or consent another plan was made out, with only three vents instead of five, in place of the original plan drawn as above and put into the hands of Patrick Jamieson, mason who was to carry on the work by my orders...' She explains further grounds for complaint regarding walls in the vaulted cellars. In answers for John Moubray he states that he never had the original plan mentioned but had tried to find it, but that it was lodged with Mr. Cowan, by order of the Court. He vigorously defends his action in relation to the further claim about building walls in the cellars and demands the Court will fine Mrs. Flint £110 Stg in damages plus £20 Stg in costs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/15*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 July 1755 (process dismissed).

PETITION LODGED: 2 July 1755.

PETITIONER: Robert Carmichael, wright.

SITE: (Potterrow?)

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment for work.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Finlay, brewer in Potterrow who owes the petitioner the balance of an account lodged here, dated November 1745, for £30 Scots (changed to £25 5s in the petition). The defender appeared and stated that he was being pursued for the same debt by the Justices of the Peace (Baillie Court?).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/16*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 July 1755 (petition dismissed).

PETITION LODGED: 27 June 1755.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Netherbow, Dr. Sinclair's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Anna Nairn, widow of Lieut. (blank) Livingston in the service of the State of Holland and James Herriot, wright, who have repaired a timber stair without a warrant. The Court dismissed the complaint as groundless.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/17*

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 July 1755 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 16 July 1755.

PETITIONER: Lady Charles Ker, relict of Lord Charles Ker, late Director of His Majesties Chancery in Scotland.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, Dame Powr's Close (Powers' Close).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Mirtle, brewer who has built a wall across the Close, preventing access to Lord Minto's lodging at the top and causing water to collect along the petitioner's side wall and enter her cellars, possesses by James Stirling, merchant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/18*

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 December 1755 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 17 December 1755.

PETITIONER: Alexander Wilson, brewer in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Sheephead Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of his property.

NOTES: The petitioner holds a brewery and other pertinents on a tack from William Simpson, slater in Leith but the property is in poor condition. The Court ordered a report, which is here and the petitioner sent in a further complaint regarding the gables which he believed should be taken down and rebuilt. No further action is noted here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/19*

WARRANT GRANTED: 1755.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

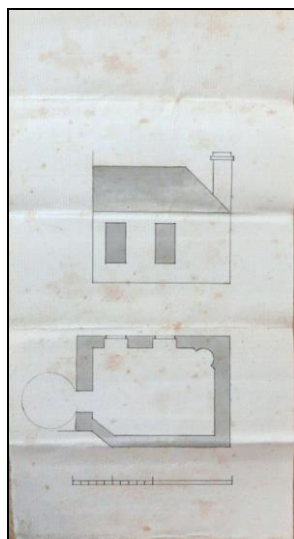
PETITIONER: William Elliot, writer as factor for (blank) Morrison of Craigleith.

SITE: Peebles Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To alter a stable.

NOTES: The petitioner wishes to build a room above a stable as a nursery. No action noted here but dated on the front of the petition.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation and plan.

Size: 23.0 x 12.0 cms.

BOX: 1755/20*

WARRANT GRANTED: 1755.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Thomas Hill, tanner in Portsburgh.

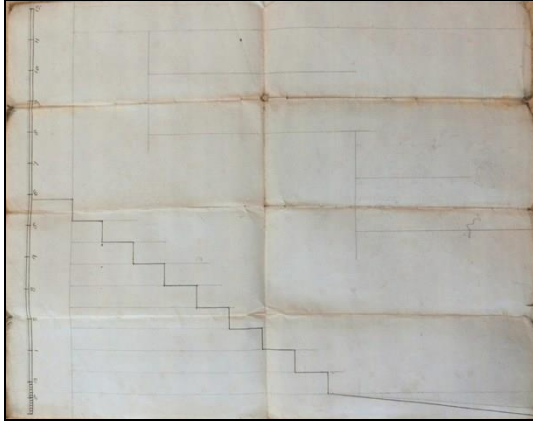
SITE: Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a kiln destroyed by fire.

NOTES: No action noted here but dated on the front of the petition.

DRAWINGS: None.

There is a report here by John Learmonth, the Dean of Guild and John Nisbet, treasurer concerning the Flesh Market, dated 4 June 1755. It records that many of the stands erected by the butchers are detrimental to the roof of the Market and that long tacks or leased should be granted to any butcher that will mend and uphold the roofs. They also recommend that a stair should be erected between the High and the Laigh markets. It is accompanied by a section of the steps.



Description: a. Section of steps.
Size: 30.6 x 38.4 cms.

1756

The Court Officers from 9 October 1755:

Dean of Guild

James Grant

Council,

Robert Forrester, Old Dean of Guild

William Miller, merchant

Robert Scott,, merchant

Charles Bruce,, wright

Charles Mack, mason

Charles Howieson, wright

Procurator Fiscal, Robert Gray

Clerk of the Court, Thomas Alves or his clerk, John Patison

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

BOX: 1756/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 January 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 24 December 1755.

PETITIONER: Charles Areskine (Erskine) of Alva, Lord Justice Clerk and Alexander Innes of Carthlaw.

SITE: Miln's Square, back tenement.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about lack of windows in the lower stair.

NOTES: The petitioners note that they have, at their own expence, fitted windows in the scale staircase, in order to keep out the cold. The proprietors on the lower floors refuse to do the same. Patrick Scott Hepburn and Alexander Finlay, Boxmaster to the Society of Sootymen were called and agreed to put in windows if the other heritors would do the same. The Court ordered them all to put in windows by 2 February.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 January 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 24 January 1756.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, south side, from entry to Parliament Close down to the City Guard.

PROPOSAL: To pave and pall the south side of the High Street.

NOTES: The heritors are listed and a number signed the petition agreeing to the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 February 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 21 October 1755.

PETITIONER: Archibald Blair, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Castlehill, south side, the uppermost tenement.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof, replace chimney stacks and rebuild a facade in stone.

NOTES: The petitioner has purchased another tenement immediately east of his, from James Dewar of Vogrie and he cites his neighbouring owners, Gideon Shaw, Register general of the Tobacco in Scotland ('a humble foreland') and William Baird of Newbyth. There is a copy here of the printed Act for Building in stone work of 1 May 1674. Also a measure dated 5 February 1756 of the fore closet in the uppermost storie of Mr. Shaw's house by George Cowan, 7ft 5in from east to west. Gideon Shaw agreed to the work on the lumbs, as long as his tenant, Lady Dirleton consented but he would not consent to the front wall of the tenement purchased from Mr. Dewar being brought forward as less than half the lath and plaster front projected, supported by a single timber stoop. He also disagreed about a so called mutual gable. He took the matter to a Bill of Advocation in the Court of Session, decided against him by Lord Minto. The Dean of Guild granted a warrant as requested, allowing the petitioner to bring forward his front wall and to extend the gable forward. A note on the front of the warrant dated 15 June

1756 states that the petitioner borrowed the ground plan and elevation.
DRAWINGS: mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1756/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 February 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 23 July 1755.

PETITIONER: Charles Mitchell.

SITE: Old Assembly Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the vents.

NOTES: The petitioner is proprietor of a lodging in '...the Great land built by James Mack, Willm. Smaillie & Henry Wilson, masons'. He complains about the vents that have been extended and rebuilt in timber and brick and asks to have them repaired. The Court ordered a report, here and granted a warrant for the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 March 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 25 February 1756.

PETITIONER: James Somervell, trunk maker with the consent of the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment on his trade.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Hardie, freeman wright who has encroached on the petitioner's trade by embarking on the business of trunk making. The petitioner had applied the Incorporation who unanimously ordered the defender to cease, but he continues in the business. James Hardie answered that 'the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel consists of ten arts of qch the upholsterer is one and as there is no such ane art as a trunkmaker in the grants from the Crown... and as trunk making is mostly wright work I have just title to carry it on as the complainers carry on the upholsterer business...' The Dean of Guild asked to see the Incorporation's Seal of Cause and no further action is noted here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 March 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 1 March 1756.

PETITIONER: Thomas Clerkson, baxter (baker).

SITE: Fleshmarket Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out foul water and ashes on top of his oven.

NOTES: The complaint is against named individuals or their servants; John Brown, merchant, Mrs. Bell, relict of Thomas Bell, merchant, John Straten, surgeon, Mrs. McPherson, spouse to Duncan McPherson, indweller, Ann Blair, milliner, Archibald Stratton, watchmaker, David Monroe, writer, Thomas Braidwood, writing master, Charles Craig, tobacconist, Mrs. Monroe, relict of William Monroe, indweller and John Douglas, architect. The Court ordered the lower half of their windows to be trellised before 3 April.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 March 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 25 February 1756.

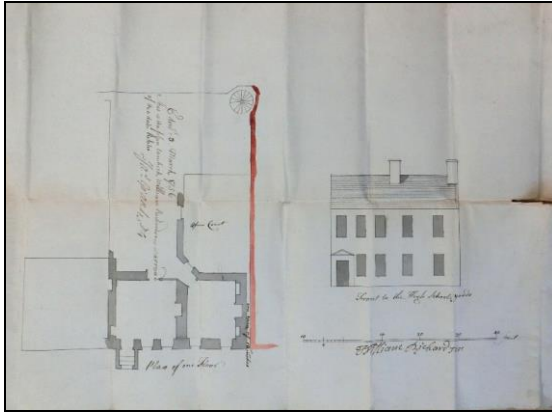
PETITIONER: William Richardson, smith.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, opposite the Physicians garden, fronting High School Yards.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement in stone.

NOTES: The warrant was granted on condition that the spiral stair at the very back of the property, did not project more than three feet into High School Yards.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation to High School Yards with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 34.4 x 47.4 cms.

Watermark: VI

BOX: 1756/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 March 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 25 February 1756.

PETITIONER: Jean Robertson, relict of James Simpson, wright in Leith, now spouse to John Ferguson, Kings Boatman in Leith with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, Tolbooth Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a timber vent or chimney in a lean to shop.

NOTES: The complaint is against Widow Lyon, indweller and her landlord, Robert Scott, merchant in Leith. In the summons it gives Robert Scott but Elizabeth Duncan, relict of Thomas Fflucker, indweller in Leith as the defenders. The Court ordered part of the shop to be removed and no fire to be lit in the remainder.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 March 1756.

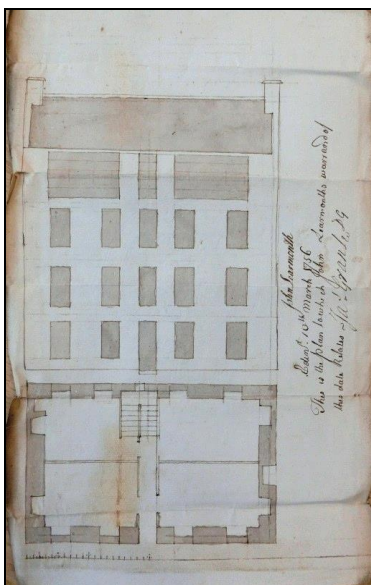
PETITION LODGED: 3 March 1756.

PETITIONER: John Learmonth, merchant.

SITE: St. Mary's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 33.2 x 21.0 cms.

BOX: 1756/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 March 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 18 February 1756.

PETITIONER: Robert Ord, Lord Chief Baron and the other Lords Barons of His Majesties Court of Exchequer.

SITE: Society.

PROPOSAL: To build three coach houses as part of their stables.

NOTES: The petitioners purchased an area from Mrs. Cleghorn in 1745 where their stables and coach houses presently stand and they obtained a warrant for this work. They have now acquired a further area, part of the great timber yard to the north of the stables where they intend building additional coach houses. On completion they wish to have the entire expence of the stables cognosed. There is a note on the front of the petition to effect that the plans were borrowed on 31 March 1756, by Thomas Tod, to be returned on demand. (Thomas Todd was manager of the neighbouring Trades Maiden Hospital but there was also a Thomas Tod, WS)

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1756/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 March 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 2 February 1756.

PETITIONER: James Rothead of Inverleith.

SITE: Smiths land.

PROPOSAL: To move inconveniently placed vents (chimneys).

NOTES: There are answers here from Jean and Helen Murray, daughters of the deceased Viscount Stormont and Alexander Robertson, Clerk to the Signet, saying that the work could detrimental to the stability of the tenement. The Court also called James Nisbet, minister and George Boswall, writer, other proprietors. After a visit and report, the intended work was granted a warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 March 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 25 November 1755.

PETITIONER: Charles Mack, mason.

SITE: High Street, Reid's land at the Cross.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: There are individual accounts for the work here, carried out between June 1752 and May 1755, addressed to David Alves, merchant (£53 15s 5d), James Fullarton, merchant in Leith (£29 12s 6d), Mrs. Mercer, relict of Thomas mercer, Commissary Clerk (£20 16s 6d) and Lady Coulterraws (£21 19s 11d) with a measure of the mason work by Alexander Turnbull. See warrant granted 7 April 1756 (Thomson).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 March 1856.

PETITION LODGED: 10 March 1756.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Niddry Wynd, east side

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a timber funnel or vent in a shop.

NOTES: The complaint is against Miss Nelly Sharp and Henry Scrimzeor, WS, her factor. The shop is a lean to beside a timber tenement and there is a danger of fire. The Court ordered the vent to be taken down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 March 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 16 March 1756.

PETITIONER: Oliver Colt of Auldhame, Esq.

SITE: Fountain Close, east side, two uppermost floors and garrets.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 March 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 15 October 1755.

PETITIONER: James Rattray, brewer and William Galloway, merchant.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, opposite the new stairs.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners are tenants of a tenement lately belonging to the deceased James Duncan, wright and now in the possession of a number of creditors, for whom William Ormiston, bookbinder acts as factor. The Court asked for a report and this is lodged here with a full description of the work required.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 April 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 14 January 1756.

PETITIONER: Charles Butter, wright.

SITE: High Street, new built tenement at the back of the Cross, fourth floor.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for completing a lodging.

NOTES: The tenement formerly belonged to the deceased George Lauder, surgeon (thrown from his horse and killed while visiting a patient in April 1752) and thereafter to his children. It was sold by Colin Lauder, surgeon in Berwick, tutor to the children and was purchased at public roup by Joseph Williamson, advocate. The lodging was incomplete, having only the joists fixed, and the petitioner completed the work between February 1754 and May 1755. The detailed accounts here refer to dividing the lodging and, 14 May 1755 'To two days of a man prepairing and putting about a meehogoni Boader Round a harth ston in the Drawing Roome and putting up the Carv'd mouldings about the chimney and a pannell over Ditto.' Also 543 ft. of timber cornices and architrave mouldings placed in the drawing room and other rooms. The total cost was £207 5s 10 with a deduction of 19s 10d for 'ane overcharge upon the cornishes'. There is a measure of the work by John Yeatts dated 29 November 1754.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 April 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 10 March 1756.

PETITIONER: Alexander Thomson, Pursuivant.

SITE: High Street, Reid's land at the Cross.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment.

NOTES: The complaint relates to the work carried out on repairing the tenement by Charles Mack. See warrant granted 10 March 1756 (Mack). During the work the roof was damaged and the petitioner paid John Watson, slater to carry out repairs costing £9 2s 3d. The other proprietors refuse to reimburse him unless ordered to do so. Watson's full account is here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 April 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 18 February 1756.

PETITIONER: William Loch, writer, as factor appointed by the Court of session on the estate of Lt. William Colville, Thomas Hedderwick, baxter, Mrs. Steill, relict of (blank) Steill, brewer in Wrights houses and James Syme, slater.

SITE: Barringers Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Wemyss, relict of James Wemyss, writer. The

Court ordered the repairs to be carried out and the expence shared.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 April 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 4 January 1756.

PETITIONER: George, Earl of Aberdeen, Francis Charteris of Amisfield, William Fraser, senior, WS, Archibald Stevenson of Mountgreenan, William Ludovick Grant, writer, proprietors.

SITE: High Street, Parliament Close, President's land.

PROPOSAL: Paving in Lucky Thoms Close.

NOTES: The petitioners are responding to a petition by the Procurator Fiscal to carry out the paving but they believe that as the entry to their property is by Parliament Close and they have been at great expence of paving there, they should not contribute. The Dean of Guild refused this petition and the petitioners sought a Bill of Advocation in the Court of Session, which was also refused but with the proviso that the matter should be considered again once the work was complete. The close in question leads to the Royal Bank and they petitioned previously to have the coal holds in the Close removed. The Procurator Fiscal made the point that the two entrances were necessary in case of fire and the inhabitants made regular use of both.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 19 April 1756.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, Chalmers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a timber projection.

NOTES: The complaint is against Katherine Young, mantua maker who had a decret against her dated 18 June 1755, ordering her to cut off two feet off the under part of a timber projection, in order to leave eight feet of headroom from the pavement. She was also to modify her stair to widen the Close, all according to a plan submitted. The petition also cited Andrew Wilson, smith, James Craw, tailor in Pleasance, John Cram, cobbler in Chalmers Close and Dr. John Boswell, physician and ordered them to remove a cobblers stall. In answers for Dr. Boswell he points out that the widening of the Close was not necessary as it was the same as many other Closes nearby but that the demand was a partial one by the Procurator Fiscal, in favour of Mr. Syme, in order to provide him with a 'spacious entry' at the expence of others. Syme has erected a new tenement at the foot of the Close. Dr. Boswall points out that his property is currently converted into a meeting house and goes on to say that it is composed of two distinct tenements, the one on the west having been purchased by Roderick Chalmers who then took a tack on the one on the east in 1724. Under that tack he was allowed to take down the gable between the two and turn the property into a meeting house, on condition that he would rebuild the gable later. This obligation is still in force and the external stair may be required as access to one of the tenements when it ceases to be a meeting house. The Court granted a warrant to take away the encroachments.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1756/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 May 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 31 March 1756.

PETITIONER: Edward Caithness and William Murray junior, merchants.

SITE: Canongate, north side, west side of Alley Close, about the middle.

PROPOSAL: To value and demolish and rebuild an adjoining tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to a Decreet of Adjudication dated 15 January 1754 in their favour against John Jamieson, shoemaker in Canongate, son and heir of the deceased George Jameson, candlemaker in Canongate. Also refers to a disposition by the said John to them dated 4 October 1753 for the property, fully described. The Court

appointed a jury who valued the property at £10 Stg.
DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1756/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 May 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 24 December 1755.

PETITIONER: Hugh Clerk, merchant and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, Citadel.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about removal of stone.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Nimmo and others who have been carrying off the hewn stone built into the barrier or 'north fence' of the Citadel and has taken down a wall that was a defence against the sea. They refer to two Acts of Council against such practices dated 6 June 1750 and 27 June 1753, extracts of which are here. There are depositions here from witnesses to the removal of the stone by William Walker, wright in the Citadel aged 51, married who stated that he had seen the defender carrying off stones from the ramparts of the Citadel, built by Oliver Cromwell and from the 'fence' built by the City of Edinburgh. The stones have been used in building by the defender in tenements about 40 or 50 ft. west of the area. Also from James Nimmo, journeyman wright, servant to William Walker, aged 45, married and from John Walker, son of William, aged 24, married. There are also depositions from witnesses in favour of the defender from; William Robertson, workman aged 48, married who had worked with the defender for 12 months past and from James Davidson, aged 56, another of his workmen. There are further depositions from David Anderson, slater in Leith aged 24, married; Robert Crichton, weaver aged 50, married; David Robertson, weaver in Citadel aged 59, married and Andrew Cunningham, weaver aged 48, married. There is a letter here addressed to the petitioner, Hugh Clerk, at his lodgings in Milns Square. There is also a copy of a printed 'Petition of the heritors and Inhabitants of the Citadel of Leith' dated 25 March 1752 which names those carrying off stone; Thomas Shade, Thomas Nimmo, John Davie, William Laurie and Peter Couper and others. The petition is signed by Dame Magdalen Scott, Lady Bruce, Hugh Clerk, Andrew Forbes, both merchants, William Walker, wright, Captain James Campbell, William Dallas and Thomas Hart, Kirk Treasurer 'and many others'. The defender made detailed answers referring to a pavilion and a garden house etc. but he was ordered to rebuild the section of the wall he had removed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 May 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 14 April 1756.

PETITIONER: James Wright, wright, John Watson, slater, Patrick Jamieson, mason and George Aitken, smith.

SITE: Cowgate, Robertson's Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for rebuilding a tenement and malt barn.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to a warrant granted to David Wright, merchant, tenant in a property belonging to Baillie Alexander Simpson, brewer, dated 6 March 1754. There are accounts here from each of the petitioners and measures of their work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 May 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 7 April 1756.

PETITIONER: Charles Mack, mason.

SITE: High Street, at the Cross, Elphinstone's and Carbiston's lands.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for rebuilding tenements.

NOTES: The two tenements had been joined in the building work. There is a copy here of an estimate for work to be carried out by the petitioner in rebuilding a five story tenement. The stories were owned by Viscount Oxford (top?), Archibald Inglis of Auchendinny (3rd from the top), the heirs of George Lauder (under story) and the story

above the shops, belonging to Viscount Oxford and William Dallas, writer. This petition is for the work in the second story above the shops, which had been purchased by Walter Thomson, vintner from the heirs of George Lauder. The floor belonging to Inglis of Auchendinny appears to have been purchased by Dr. Eccles during the work and another floor belonging to George Lauder was purchased by Joseph Williamson. There is an account and measure of the work here for Walter Thomson's floor.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 May 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 5 May 1756.

PETITIONER: Archibald Chessells, wright in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate head, south side, a little above St. John's Cross; west side of Perrie's Close, anciently Foord's Close.

PROPOSAL: To value a ruinous tenement and rebuild it.

NOTES: The petitioner has purchased a group of old tenements from David Perrie, son of the deceased Alexander Perrie, son and heir of the also deceased Alexander Perrie, sometime Master of the Pine [sic, Pin] Manufactory at Leith. He also purchased an area of waste ground and a kiln from James Scott of Howden.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 May 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 28 April 1756.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Cowan; Margaret Guthrie, relict of James Cowan, ship master in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Shore.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a toofall shop.

NOTES: The petitioner was granted a warrant to rebuild her shop in brickwork.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1756/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 May 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 19 May 1756.

PETITIONER: Alexander Coghill, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Leith.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild ruinous tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner is the factor appointed by the Court of Session on the property belonging to the deceased David Littlejohn, shipmaster in Leith. There is an estimate here from Alexander Moodie, wright to carry out the repairs, dated Leith, 15 May 1756.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 June 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 25 August 1752.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Potterrow, High Street, south end.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Tait, marble cutter and John Frazer, wright who are engaged in building toofalls and other shades on land granted to the deceased Sir James Nicholson by the Town Council. It was '...expressly provided that nothing is to be built on the said piece of ground fronting the High Street, but only trees were to be planted for ornament'. In answers for John Frazer he points out that he possesses a dwelling house and piece of ground lying near the windmill on the east side of the Highway leading to the Sheens, by tack from (Dame Elizabeth Carnegie) Lady Nicolson (lodged here). A little house was built 'some years ago' about four feet from the road which he occupies as a wrights shop. He claims that the area is outside the jurisdiction of the Court and he goes on to cite an argument over the area, between the Town

Council and Sir James Nicolson in 1725. This matter went to a Bill of Advocation in the Court of Session, a copy of which is here dated 2 December 1724. The matter seems to have lain dormant until James Ferguson wrote to Alexander Grant, one of the Baillies, stating that he had purchased a house opposite the windmill from William Read. He complains that James Mitchell, merchant at the windmill has begun building a shade, against the provisions of Lady Nicolson's Charter.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 June 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 2 June 1756.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason, William McVey, wright, Mungo Scott, glazier, Nicol Sommervell, painter and George Aitken, smith.

SITE: Miln's Square, north side.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repair of a house.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted 24 April 1754 to James Bald, merchant as creditor by adjudication 'upon that half story lying on the north side of the New Square done by the deceased Robert Miln of Balfarg, mason...' There are accounts here for the work from all of the petitioners with measures by Alexander Turnbull. Of interest in the wright's account for work carried out between 11 May 1754 and 16 August 1755, 'To a New window to ye staircase wt a case & plain sash containing 15 lights above and a plane dale running broad below, being 4 foot by 2 by 3 foot 6 inches overall wit work fitting & fixing & plaistering about wt Lyme'. He spent 11 days taking out the old lining and windows. The glazier charged 4s 4d 'To ane stair window 15 [yeaks?] 7 inches Sqr'. The painter's account (27 September 1754 to 14 January 1756) notes that all of the windows were painted white in oil outside. The room to the court was painted in 'white marbell', the north room in 'walnutt tree colour' and the measurer adds that the south east room was painted in 'blew marble'. The outer door and four trellises for the windows to the court were painted red.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 June 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 9 June 1756.

PETITIONER: Charles Butter, wright

SITE: Hyndfords Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a gavel.

NOTES: The petitioner has a warrant to take down a tenement but the gavel of the tenement to the north belonging to Lady Humble (Elizabeth Hepburn) is too deficient on which to build. There is a letter here dated 29 May 1756 by Elizabeth Hepburn, James Aitkinhead and Margaret Hastie addressed to Thomas Mylne, mason, agreeing to the demolition and rebuilding of the wall. See warrant granted 18 August 1756 (Butter and Mylne).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 June 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 16 June 1756.

PETITIONER: Thomas Hart, wright.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to him 'about a year ago' to repair the two uppermost stories of a tenement belonging to Lady Hillhousefield. He has let the undermost story to a tenant who refuses to move in 'on accot. of Buggs which are found in the timber partitions'. He was granted a warrant to carry out more extensive repairs and have the expence declared a debt on the property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 July 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 11 July 1756.

PETITIONER: Gilbert Mason, merchant in Leith and John Johnston, minister at Biggar.

SITE: High Street, immediately below the head of Burnet's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an obstruction.

NOTES: The petitioners are tutors for Nicoll Donaldson, son of James Donaldson, late merchant. The complaint is against Thomas Alison, glazier and James McGlashen, chairmaster (his tenant?) who has placed a great stone within the head of the Close in order to prevent carriages from going down. This has broken the gutter stones and allowed water to gather against the walls. Both parties agreed to refer the matter to Deacon Miln and asked him to determine how the stone should be placed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 July 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 30 June 1756.

PETITIONER: John Tait, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Blackfriar's Wynd, Bain's land, top story.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.

NOTES: The petitioner along with John Cumming, writer, have a tack on their property from William Colburne, marble cutter. They complain about the condition of the roof.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 July 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 30 June 1756.

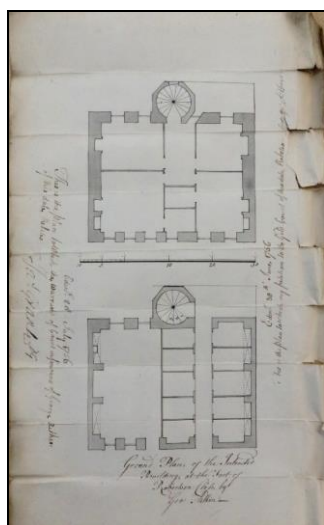
PETITIONER: George Aitken, smith.

SITE: Cowgate, Robertson's Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To value and then demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a contract he entered into with James Gibson, son of the deceased James Gibson, slater and William Horsburgh, late of Athlon[e] in the Kingdom of Ireland, with consent of Christian Jack, his (James Gibson's?) mother, heir to the deceased John Jack, slater in Canongate of date 15 and 15 July 1745, recorded in Sherriff Court books of Edinburgh 17 June 1756. There is further complicated reference to arbitration. The property was valued at £55 Stg and a warrant was granted to rebuild.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground and one other floor.

Size: 36.0 x 22.5 cms.

BOX: 1756/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 August 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 27 July 1756.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: West Bow, about the middle.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a tenement.

NOTES: The fore part of the tenement belonging to James Forrester, writer, William Tod, tanner, Joseph Veitch, son of the deceased Robert Veitch, pewterer, Thomas Tod, Clerk to the Signet, Andrew Bonnar, merchant and James Smith, writer, had been taken down by authority of the Court. This has left the remaining parts of the tenement in a dangerous condition and the petitioner asks that it be demolished. In the warrant is notes that Charles Mack and George Howison, members of the Court, took down the fore part and they are asked to demolish the back part.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 August 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 14 July 1756.

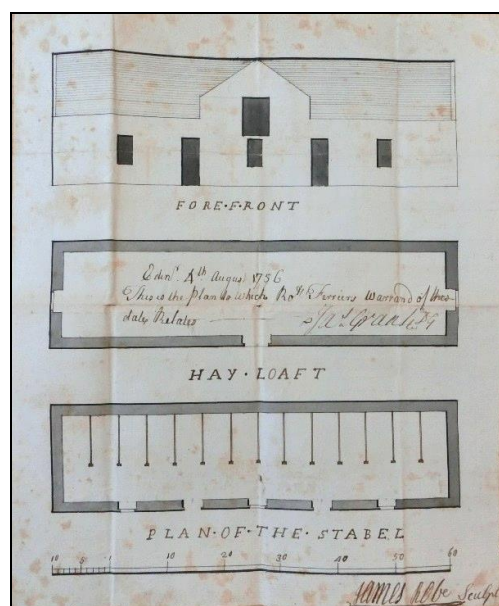
PETITIONER: Robert Ferrier, stabler at Bristo Port.

SITE: Bristo.

PROPOSAL: To build stables.

NOTES: The adjoining proprietor was the merchant Maiden Hospital and in answers they point out that the wall the petitioner intends resting his stables on is the boundary of their garden. They also note that the work may encroach on the house belonging to them and occupied by Francis Stewart. The Court granted the warrant with the condition that, if he took down the mutual wall with the Hospital garden, then he would be responsible for rebuilding it.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of the stable with plans of two floors.

Size: 27.2 x 22.5 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: (Signed) James Rob Sculpt

Watermark: VI

BOX: 1756/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 August 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 28 July 1756.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate foot, Horse Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a wall.

NOTES: The complaint is against the heirs of the deceased (blank) Lauder, coachmaker, owner of the property. The Court summoned Agnes Lauder, spouse to James Reid, coach wright in Canongate and Jean Lauder, spouse to Robert Miller, coach wright in Canongate. The Court granted a warrant to Gilbert Duncan, mason in Canongate to take down the wall and apply the value of the materials for payment, if the defenders failed to do so by 1 September.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 August 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1756.

PETITIONER: Mrs. May Wilkieson, daughter of the deceased Alexander Wilkieson, writer (lawyer) and Jean Richardson, relict of David Robertson.

SITE: Fountain Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building work.

NOTES: The complaint is against Oliver Coult Esq. who has a warrant granting him permission to take down and rebuild part of a tenement. He purchased the upper parts of this tenement from the heirs of Dr. Dundas and he is rebuilding the partition walls in brick. The petitioners fear that the weight of this will damage the other properties.

There is a letter here from (Oliver) Coult dated at Inveresk, 2 August 1756 to Thomas Wilkieson of Chesterhall sq. care of Mrs, Wilkieson, in which he apologises for the inconvenience. He says that he doesn't know what the tradesman is doing in his house as he has never visited it and he is content for the work to be stopped if it is unsafe. The Court ordered an inspection and report which found that the new flooring and joists 14 inches apart could support brick partitions 'on edge' but the defender to pay for any damage that occurred.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 August 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 4 August 1756.

PETITIONER: Charles Butter, wright and Thomas Mylne, mason.

SITE: Hyndfords Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild the east gavel.

NOTES: See warrant granted 16 June 1756 (Butter). It appears that the adjoining tenement belongs to Charles Butter. There is a further undated petition here from the petitioners above and from George Syme, slater, Charles Bruce, glazier and William Auld, smith which refers to this warrant and the one for 16 June 1756 and goes on to ask for accounts for the work to be cognosed. The accounts are no longer here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 August 1756.

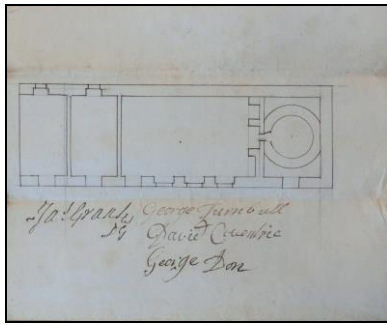
PETITION LODGED: 11 August 1756.

PETITIONER: George Turnbull, baxter (baker) in Potterrow, George Don and David Coventry, both shoemakers there.

SITE: Potterrow, High Street, west side.

PROPOSAL: To build an oven and bakehouse.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.
Size: 15.2 x 18.8 cms (half a folded sheet)

BOX: 1756/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 August 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 9 August 1756.

PETITIONER: Adam Fairholm, merchant and James Davidson, bookseller.

SITE: High Street, Allans Close on the west.

PROPOSAL: To repair a gable.

NOTES: The petitioners found the west gable of their tenement bulged when adjoining properties were demolished for the public buildings (Royal Exchange). The Court ordered it to be partially taken down and rebuilt.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 August 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 18 August 1756.

PETITIONER: Mrs, Catherine Pyper.

SITE: High Street, Carrubbers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Thomson, writer and Jean Stewart, residerter who have cut a hole through a wall and opened a vent or chimney that causes smoke to enter her property. It was ordered to be built up.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 September 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 7 September 1756.

PETITIONER: George Aitken, smith.

SITE: Cowgate, foot of Robertson's Close.

PROPOSAL: To take down a gable and rebuild.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted (28 July 1756) to allow him to demolish an old tenement. He now needs to demolish a gable.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 September 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 11 September 1756.

PETITIONER: David Strachan and James Ridlay, merchants.

SITE: Leith, Willie Walter's Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Cowan, relict of James Cowan, ship master in Leith who is rebuilding a small shop on a warrant from the Court. She is exceeding all the dimensions of the original shop. The Court found that by rebuilding in stone instead of lath and plaster, the walls were thicker than previously.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 October 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 8 September 1756.

PETITIONER: James Smyth, WS.

SITE: High Street, north side, Richardson's land with Forglen's land on the west.

PROPOSAL: To repair the vents and establish an entry by a turnpike.

NOTES: The petitioner acquired the property by inheritance, being the 3rd floor of the tenement built by Robert Richardson, WS. He also owns the 3rd and 4th floors of a tenement sometime pertaining to the heirs of the deceased James Johnston and thereafter to Ann Hamilton, his relict and afterwards by Robert Johnston, their son.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 October 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 20 September 1756.

PETITIONER: George Boswell, writer (lawyer) and the other heritors.

SITE: Smith's land (Cowgate?).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work on the pavement.

NOTES: The complaint is against Archibald Eagle, seedsman who had a warrant granted on 19 November 1755 to relay the pavement. While carrying out the work Mr. Jamieson, mason, found a broken sewer. He raised the pavement and took away three steps in the Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 October 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 10 September 1756.

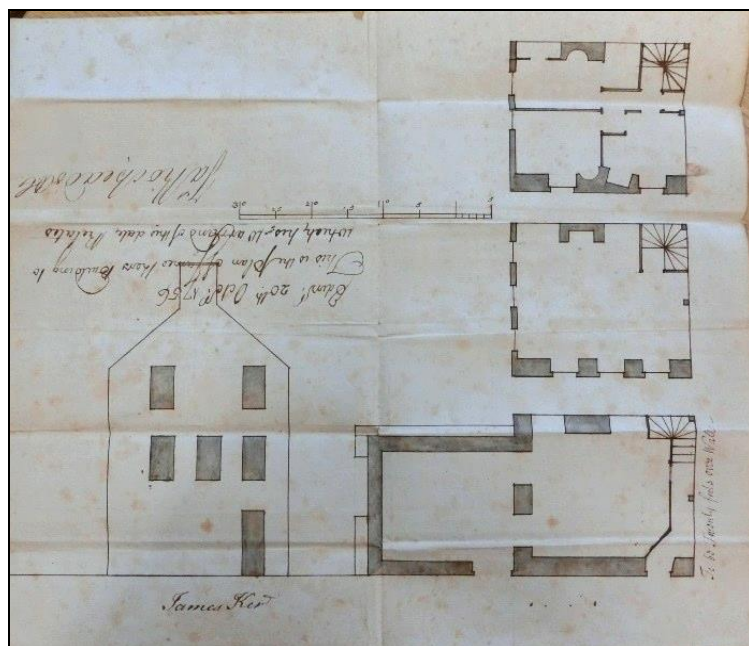
PETITIONER: James Ker, wright.

SITE: Not specified.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: There were objections from a neighbouring heritor, John Stenhouse, merchant about legal title to the property. The Court was obviously keen to have the work go ahead and it accepted depositions from Alex. Marshall aged 56 and his spouse, Janet Miller aged 63, the former having lived in the property from the age of four, regarding the boundary.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of three floors.

Size: 29.9 x 34.3 cms.

BOX: 1756/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 October 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 20 October 1756.

PETITIONER: James Stark, wright in Bristo.

SITE: Bristo.

PROPOSAL: To raise the walls of two little houses.

NOTES: The petitioner has a tack on the property from John Sprott, candle maker under which he has permission to increase the height of the little house beside his wrights shop.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 November 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 27 October 1756.

PETITIONER: James Dick, brewer.

SITE: College Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the insufficiency of a house.

NOTES: The petitioner holds the house and brewery on a tack from Andrew Syme, cooper and there are many years still to run on the tack. The house is in need of repair and the Court agreed, listing the work in the warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 December 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 21 January 1755.

PETITIONER: Andrew Simpson, merchant.

SITE: Not specified.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a vent.

NOTES: The petitioner shares a vent with one from a laigh cellar occupied by William McIntosh, chairman. There is no explanation for the delay.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 December 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 17 November 1756.

PETITIONER: Thomas Hart, wright and the other tradesmen.

SITE: North Leith, near the Bridge end.

PROPOSAL: To cognose expences for repair of a tenement.

NOTES: The property belongs to Jean Foulis, relict of James Law, late of Hillhousefield and is occupied by John Beatson, ship master in Leith. There are accounts here from the petitioner, Alexander Miller, glazier, Alexander Constable, mason, William Simpson, slater, Charles Nicholson, smith and Robert Neilson, painter. With measures of the same work by John Ramsay. The painter's account refers to work in the house occupied by Mrs. Flimming, viz. 'a room Bleu in Syze measuring 53 yds 8s 10d' and outer room 'in Buff collour 2s' with other whitening and unspecified colouring. The warrant for this work was probably granted on 11 June 1755.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 December 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 30 June 1756.

PETITIONER: Paterson and Preston; Katherine Paterson of Kirkston and Miss Agnes Preston, sister to Sir George Preston of Vallyfield.

SITE: Bowhead.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about keeping pigeons.

NOTES: The complaint is against Andrew Ronaldson, residenter who occupies the garret floor and keeps 10 or 12 pair of pigeons in the garret 'which the complainers are informed, is fitted up in some resemblance of a dovecot'. An inspection was ordered

but the complaint was found to be groundless.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 December 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 24 November 1756.

PETITIONER: Alexander Moodie, wright, Alexander Constable, mason and John Coupar, painter, all in Leith.

SITE: Leith, foot of the Shore.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs to a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to a warrant granted to Alexander Coghill, writer (lawyer) for the repairs, he being the factor appointed by the Court of Session for the creditors of Captain Littlejohn. The property was occupied by Mrs. Moncur, David Welsh and Mrs. Andrew. The painter's account is for whitening ceilings etc. and painting one room 14 yds of blew at 4d per yard, in Mrs. Moncur's property. The measurer Alexander Turnbull noted the use of oil blew and oil red, probably for 'colouring the new door twice over'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 December 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 7 December 1756.

PETITIONER: John McPhail, servant to David Anderson, WS with Laurance Jack, servant to the Lord Justice Clerk and others.

SITE: Close immediately below College Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners live in the top two stories of a tenement belonging to James Robertson, officer of Excise. On inspection the tenement was found to be in a dangerous condition and requiring pinning and harling and other work. The Court agreed with the owner that the work should be complete before 1 April 1757.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 December 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 13 October 1756.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason, Alexander Hay, wright and James Ramsay, slater.

SITE: Dicksons Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose the accounts for repairs to a tenement.

NOTES: The tenement belonged to Mrs. Lindsay, relict of Alexander Lindsay, writer (lawyer) and was occupied by George Syme, slater. There are references to repairs to a wrights shop as well as the tenement roof. There are accounts here from the petitioners for the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/56

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 December 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 13 October 1756.

PETITIONER: Gilbert Elliot of Minto, senator of the College of Justice, Alexander Kinkaid, bookseller and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Not specified.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Mirtle, brewer who has erected a shade in a Close, to store meal for his horse. This is the entry to Lord Minto's property and Mr. Kinkaid has windows which are encroached by the construction. The defender produced a warrant granted in 1750 in favour of James Forrest of Comiston, which he believed gave him the right to build. A decret against the defender by Lady Charles Ker dated 26 February 1752 was also produced. The Court dismissed the previous

warrant and noted that the defender had not carried out the work demanded by the decret. He was ordered to do so and remove the shade. There is a letter here from Gilbert Elliot dated 28 October 1756 asking William Richardson to represent his father, Lord Minto, who was in the country. The summons also mentions William Reoch, wright as a party in the proceedings.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1756/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 January 1756 (no warrant, petition dismissed).

PETITION LODGED: 14 January 1756.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Bristo.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Ferrier, stabler in Bristo who is obstructing the street with a stair he is building, even after the work was stopped by warrant of the Court in November 1755. The defender stated that he had a warrant for the work and that he was building in accordance with the plan submitted. The Court agreed and dismissed the complaint.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 March 1756 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 25 February 1756.

PETITIONER: James Somervell, trunk maker with the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel.

SITE: None.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about trading contrary to the regulations.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Hardie, freeman wright who is working as a trunk maker. In answers for the defender he notes 'the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel consists of ten arts of qch the upholsterer is one and as there is no such ane art as a trunkmaker in the grants from the Crown and as Corporations are tutors and curators for minors, therefore they cannot alter their seals of cause without a manifest breach of their trust and as trunk making is mostly wright work I have just title to carry it on and as the complainers carry on the upholsterer business they are equaly guilty in this complaint, but as this complaint is false as not being authorised by the Incorporation I therefor crave to be assoiled from the same according to Justice.' The Court asked to see the seal of cause and no further action is recorded.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 May 1756 (no warrant, dismissed).

PETITION LODGED: 24 May 1756.

PETITIONER: Robert Reid, brewer in Canongate.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the decision of the Court.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted on 12 December 1753 in favour of George Scott, baxter (baker) in Canongate which found that he and David Wilson, brewer in Canongate were creditors on a tenement for the sums laid out by tradesmen. He sets out an argument regarding the legal title to the Leith tenement on behalf of George Scott and there is a memorial by Scott here dated 24 February 1756, setting out facts, but this was dismissed by the Court who referred back to their original decision.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 June 1756 (no warrant, arranged a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 19 May 1756.

PETITIONER: John Nisbett, City Treasurer of Edinburgh and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith Links, near the new roperie.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Paterson, William Smith, Thomas Scales and Helen Duncan, all rope makers in Leith, who have erected shades that encroach on the road between Archibald Tod's feu and the new and old roperies. In answers for Thomas Paterson he claimed that the Court had no jurisdiction over the Links of Leith and that as well as an element of the 'jealous eye' in the proceedings, 'the Honourable Gentleman presiding in this Court is a member of the [Roperie] Company'. He pointed out that the whole Links of Leith were set in tack to the Incorporation of Carters (in Leith) to whom both Roperie Company and the defender paid rent.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 July 1756 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 11 July 1756.

PETITIONER: William Forbes, WS.

SITE: Back of the Town Guard, Wilkie's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner owns the top four floors of the tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 July 1756.

PETITION LODGED: 29 June 1756.

PETITIONER: James Tate, wright.

SITE: High Street, head of Old Assembly Close.

PROPOSAL: Seeking payment for work.

NOTES: The petitioner seeks payment of £166 7s 4d Stg. for work on the second floor above the shops in a tenement that was rebuilt. He also seeks payment for other work in other properties noted here. There was an error in the accounting and the final action here was to allow the defender to see the new measure. There are two accounts from the petitioner and measures of the work by Alexander Turnbull.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 August 1756 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 11 August 1756.

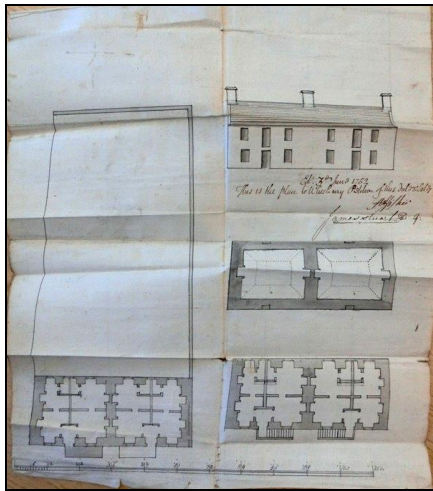
PETITIONER: Robert Campbell, residenter in Portsburgh and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Portsburgh, back part of the Lady Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Paxton, stabler at the New Inns in the Grassmarket, who has erected a change house with a workhouse above it. The Court had ordered the work to be stopped but this was ignored. The defender, John Paxton lodged answers which included the drawing at a., submitted with a petition by the previous owner of his property, James Ffisher and which was granted a warrant on 3 June 1752. Mr. Ffisher built only the western half of the house shown on the plan. He points out that Robert Campbell '... is proprietor of a house in Kings Stables which fronts to the Castle upon the north and stands east & west and has a sten [stone?] gable at each end and from the southwest end of this house he has a malt barn running southward'. John Paxton's answers are not dated and no further action is noted here.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of two houses with plans of three floors and the area.
Size: 35.2 x 28.9 cms.

BOX: 1756/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 August 1765 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 25 August 1765.

PETITIONER: John Meeyer, servant to the Rt. Hon, Earl of Galloway.

SITE: Cowgate, north side, near the foot of Peebles Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sewer.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Kendal, slater and William McLean, mason who have blocked the sewer causing the water to run into the petitioner's property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 October 1756 (no warrant, heritors to be cited).

PETITION LODGED: 13 August 1756.

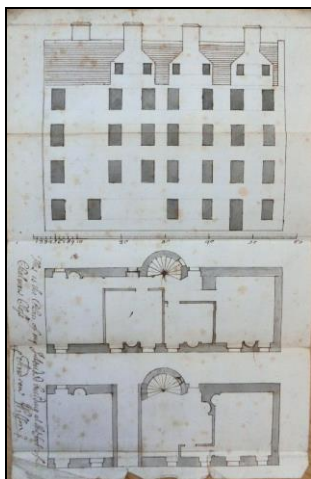
PETITIONER: Andrew Wilson, smith.

SITE: Chalmers Close, foot.

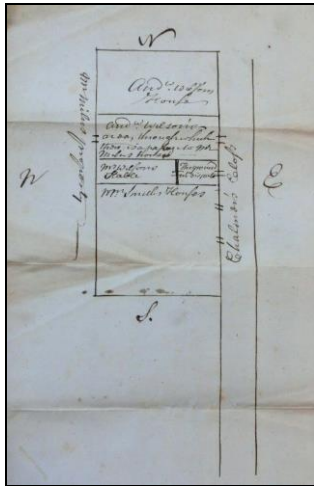
PROPOSAL: To extend a tenement upwards to five floors.

NOTES: There was a dispute over legal title with the neighbouring proprietor, William Smith, founder who had purchased his property from James Shearer, barber. There are papers missing from this petition as the petition of 13 August refers to a visit to the site and a report by tradesmen to effect that the petitioner was encroaching and that he should take down what he had built. The Court approved of the report and granted a warrant to that effect, none of which is here.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of two floors.
Size: 27.5 x 17.6 cms.



Description: b. Plan of the area.
Size: 29.6 x 18.4 cms.

BOX: 1756/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 August 1756 (no warrant .

PETITION LODGED: 25 August 1756.

PETITIONER: John Lauder, copper smith.

SITE: West Bow, east side.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a gable.

NOTES: The petitioner has a warrant to take down and rebuild his house but he has found a fault with the gable and he wishes to rebuild this.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 October 1756 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 13 October 1756.

PETITIONER: William Murray junior, merchant and Phinehas hall, tailor.

SITE: Canongate head, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about intended removal of an external stair.

NOTES: The complaint is against the managers of the public works to bring up the level of the pavement on the south side of the Canongate. The petitioners own two shops entered by a 'Tron ravel stair' which the managers intend taking away. This stair projects into the street by about five feet and they are willing to have it rebuilt eastwards, along the street, thus projecting about three feet. There is a further petition here dated 18 October 1756 from Alexander Spence of Berichole and William Scott, writer (lawyer), his doer. He complains that William Murray has begun taking down his fore stair and is rebuilding it in such a way that it will 'quite darken the best room in my [laigh] house'. The Dean of Guild stopped the work and Peter [sic, Patrick] Jamieson, mason and manager of the works. No further action noted here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 October 1756 (no warrant, cause continued).

PETITION LODGED: 26 October 1756.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to the Town Wall.

NOTES: The complaint is against the Rt. Hon. Baron Grant and others who, it is claimed, are responsible for the damage to the wall by heaping earth and buildings against it, causing parts to fall down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 December 1756 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 28 April 1756.

PETITIONER: William Simpson, slater in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Lees Quarter.

PROPOSAL: To repair an old tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a contract of sale between himself and Robert Stark, shoemaker at the head of the Canongate, only son and heir of the deceased Robert Stark, writer (lawyer) dated 29 May 1749, a copy of which is here. There is also a copy of a Bond and Assignment dated 23 April 1748 between Christian Gordon, relict of Robert Stark, writer, Christian Stark, their daughter to the petitioner allowing him to collect the rents on the property in lieu of an account for slater work. There was an argument about legal title and the Court refused to grant the warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1756/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 December 1756 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 8 December 1756.

PETITIONER: Miss Marion Wilson of Pirncadoes.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite to the head of Blackfriar's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ingress of water from the house above.

NOTES: The complaint is against Miss Elizabeth Fraser and Miss Margaret Lawson, milliners, who occupy the house and Michael Elphinstone, store keeper at Stirling the proprietor, who lives at Carnock. There is a note here from Robert Gray (Procurator Fiscal) answering the complaint on behalf of the defender and stating that he had employed Deacon Howison, wright and Charles Mack, mason to inspect the property and carry out the necessary work. There is a letter of supplement here dated 9 December 1756 citing Michael Elphinstone as he is outside the jurisdiction of the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

1757

The Court Officers from 9 October 1756:

Dean of Guild

James Rothead

Council,

James Grant, Old Dean of Guild

William Miller, merchant

Robert Scott, merchant

Charles Howison, wright

Charles Mack, mason

Charles Bruce, glazier

Procurator Fiscal, Robert Gray

Clerk of the Court, Thomas Alves or his clerk, John Patison

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

BOX: 1757/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 January 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 5 January 1757.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: The Marquis of Tweeddale's Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about stealing of vents.

NOTES: The complaint, initiated first by James Hay WS, in the name of David Plenderleith of Kailzie and other heritors, is against Helen Bell, relict of Andrew Thomson, brewer, James Clark, mason, Helen Boyd, shopkeeper and John Miller, hat maker who occupy a house, laigh shop and cellar in the tenement. They are accused of having opened vents that have caused a fire at the ends of the joists in upper floors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 January 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 22 December 1756.

PETITIONER: Andrew Bell, engraver.

SITE: Leith, Lees Quarter.

PROPOSAL: To value ruinous houses.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a Decree of Adjudication in the Court of Session obtained by John Bell, journeyman baxter (baker) dated 20 December 1744 against Christian Gordon, relict of the deceased Robert Stark, writer and Robert Stark, shoemaker, their eldest son and heir, but who renounced to be heir to his father. The petitioner has right to this property by disposition from the said John Bell to him, dated 5 August 1752, registered in Court books of Edinburgh, 24 February 1755. A jury was appointed and they valued the property at £60 Stg. The Court granted a warrant for the repair of the property and for the expence to be a debt affecting the subjects.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 February 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 26 January 1757.

PETITIONER: William Mcvey, wright, Patrick Jamieson, mason, John Watson, slater, James Norrie & Co., painters, Thomas Sibbald, smith and David Boswall, glazier.

SITE: Lawnmarket, at the foot of Bells Wynd and other places.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs of various properties.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted 11 June 1755 to John Wadrop, writer as factor for John Watson of Saughton and the heirs of Robert Smith, late officer of excise, carry out the work. There are accounts here from the petitioners for work carried out in 1755 in houses identified only by their occupants. James Norie's account is for whiteneing of rooms and ceilings but also refers to the side walls of a shop being painted 'bright yellow'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 February 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 16 February 1757.

PETITIONER: Daniel Laurie, wright.

SITE: High Street, at the Cross, Arthur Reid's land.

PROPOSAL: Pursuit of payment.

NOTES: The petitioner was ordered by the Court to place timber supports in place while the eastern gable of a tenement was taken down. David Alves, proprietor of the first story refuses to pay for this. The account is here and the Court ordered him to pay.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 March 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 25 March 1757.

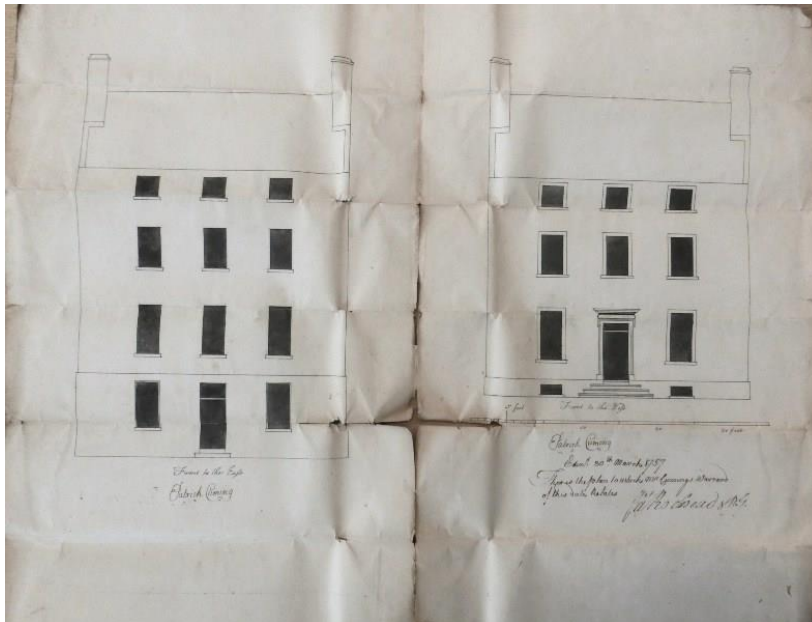
PETITIONER: Rev. Dr. Patrick Cumming.

SITE: Milns Court, behind.

PROPOSAL: To build a house of four floors.

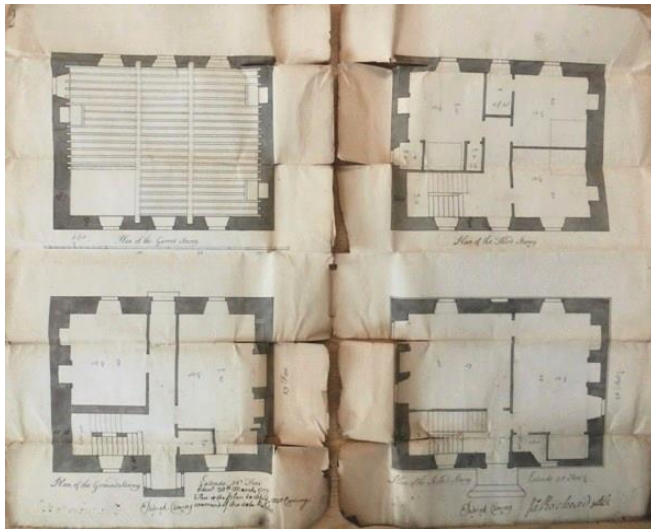
NOTES: The petitioner owns a piece of waste ground behind Miln's Court on which he proposed building 'with all convenient speed' a house for himself and his family. There were objections from Sir James Johnston of Westerhall who thought that his father's title may have had a servitude, presumably over the height of the proposed house. There is a letter here from Sir James to the petitioner, dated 8 April 1757, in which he suggests going on with the work. There is an inventory of deeds which gives: disposition by Robert Mylne of Balfarg to James Balfour, merchant and Helen Smith, his spouse dated 10 June 1697, registered in the Burgh Court books, 14 November 1706; general retour to James Balfour as heir dated 23 July 1706 with sasine following dated 14 November 1706; disposition by James Balfour of Pilrig and Helen Smith, his mother, then spouse to William Cochrane of Roughfalls in favour of John Bell, merchant dated 27 May 1727, registered in books of Council and Session, 28 March 1728 with Sasine following dated 30 July 1729; disposition by John Bell in favour of the petitioner dated 10 March 1756

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevations to the east and west (right).

Size: 44.0 x 55.3 cms.



Description: b. Plans of four floors
Size: 44.0 x 55.3 cms.

BOX: 1757/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 March 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 9 March 1757.

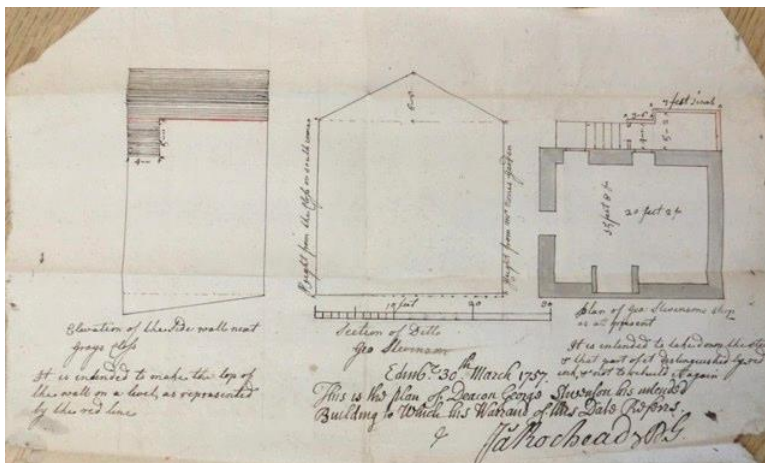
PETITIONER: George Stevenson, wright.

SITE: Grays Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: to take down and rebuild a shop.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased a house or shop and yard from Charles Butter 'some time ago'. It has become ruinous and he wished to rebuild on the old foundations but not rebuild the stair shown in red on the plan. The expence to be declared a debt on the property and cognosed accounts to be presented on completion of the work. The petition was agreed with the adjoining proprietors, Charles Butter and James Norrie.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation to Grays Close and section with a plan as it stands.
Size: 19.0 x 32.0 cms.

BOX: 1757/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 April 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 12 January 1757.

PETITIONER: Sir James Johnston of Westerhall, Bt.

SITE: High Street, north side, near the fountain well, the Blue land, at the head of Chambers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a pillar in danger of giving way.

NOTES: The pillar supports part of an arch in the east side wall of the first story of the tenement, possessed by William Herriot, gunsmith and belonging to Mrs. Sheils, relict of Thomas Sheills, writer. There is a letter of supplement here calling James Shearer,

who is outside the jurisdiction of the Court. Charles Butter was asked for an opinion and he suggested using a timber support and an oak lintel, possibly to save money. The warrant was granted on this proposal, described in detail in a note from Charles Butter.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 April 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 9 February 1757.

PETITIONER: Thomas Fogo, merchant.

SITE: High Street, Carrubbers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing of foul water.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Hall who possesses the garret story, owned by Margaret Bodie, daughter of the deceased John Bodie, merchant. The defender failed to appear on a number of occasions and the Court ordered her to make a deposition, which she did, admitting the offence. No penalty noted but 10s of expences.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 April 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 22 December 1756.

PETITIONER: Alexander Scott, merchant and late Baillie of Edinburgh.

SITE: Potterrow.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for building a factory.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted in November 1751 to build a stocking manufactory. He asks the Court to cognose the expence and declare him a creditor on the property. There is an account here for £502 6s 5½d and a measure of the work by George Cowan in which it refers to Messrs. Seton & Tod, the possible builders.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 April 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 6 April 1757.

PETITIONER: William Moffat, senior, glass grinder.

SITE: Hasties Close, east side, near the head.

PROPOSAL: To alter a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to an order from the Court to repair a tenement that had become ruinous. He now intends rebuilding the fore wall in stone, raise it five feet higher to make the garrets a complete story and take away a projection into the Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 April 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 12 January 1757.

PETITIONER: Sir James Johnston of Westerhall.

SITE: Netherbow, head of Chalmers Close, the Blue land.

PROPOSAL: To repair a ruinous pillar in a wall over the Close.

NOTES: This matter continued until 1760 as a dispute over the expence of the work and the liability of James Shearer, late wigmaker now of Woodside. His son Andrew was eventually found liable for his deceased father's debt on 6 August 1760. See warrant granted 17 May 1758 (Johnston) for accounts and papers which overlap with this.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 18 April 1757.

PETITIONER: Charles Mack, mason.

SITE: Parliament Close, the President's land.

PROPOSAL: To pin and harl the east side and south gable of the tenement.

NOTES: There is a letter here from the proprietors to the petitioner agreeing for him to

carry out the work dated 6 July 1756.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 20 April 1757.

PETITIONER: Adam Grindlay, comb maker.

SITE: Cowgate, Baillies Close, opposite the Magdalen Chapel.

PROPOSAL: To repair two ruinous tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner holds a repairing lease on the properties from Mrs. Jean Aiton for sixteen years after Whitsunday. He asks to take off the old thatched roof and cover with 'a tile shade roof'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 13 April 1757.

PETITIONER: Andrew Good, wright.

SITE: College Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To make alterations to carry off rainwater.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a petition he made above two years ago to raise the walls of a shade. He decided not to go ahead after an incident that was troublesome to the Court. His neighbour, William Moffat has now raised his walls and to prevent any future argument about rainwater, he proposes making his roof level with the one now erecting. The Court agreed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 6 April 1757.

PETITIONER: Archibald Stewart, WS and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Lawnmarket, Riddle's land, second story.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a stolen vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Russell, merchant, factor & proprietor of laigh houses in the adjoining Johnston's land. He has struck out a vent into one belonging to the petitioners. The Court found that the vent in Mr. Cockburn's shop should be built up and 'to carry a Bregg within the north side of the tenant above, his vent, above the lath and plaster ceiling... to be done at the sight of George Wilson'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 April 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 20 April 1757.

PETITIONER: Elizabeth, daughter of the deceased John Nicolson, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, north side, Richardson's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair a lodging.

NOTES: The petitioner has right to the rents of the fourth story of the tenement by a Decree of preference granted by the Baillie Court on 8 February 1757. Jean Bruce, Lady Powfoulis, present possessor of the house paid a rent of £10 when she first took possession but this is now £15 5s. She refuses to pay this until the rooms are painted, the roofs whitewashed and a little cupboard is made in the Dining or fore room. As the petitioner is only a creditor on the property she cannot undertake these repairs without warrant from the Court. The Court agreed and accounts to be cognosed on completion.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 May 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 20 April 1757.

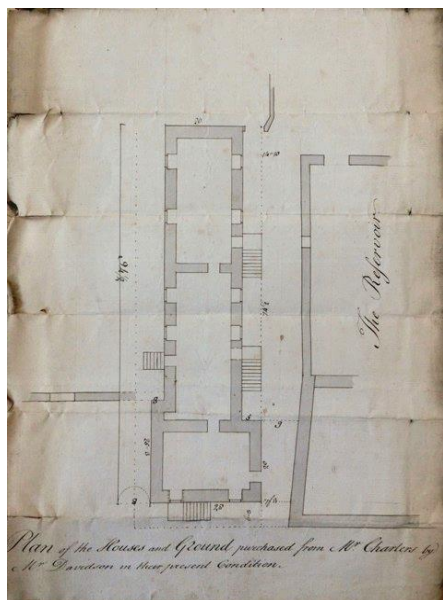
PETITIONER: John Davidson, WS.

SITE: High Street, north side, immediately west of the City Reservoir.

PROPOSAL: To measure and then demolish and rebuild ruinous tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner recently purchased the property from Francis Charters of Amisfield. He asks for the property to be measured by the Town's sworn measurer. He refers to his neighbour, Alan Ramsay on the west side of the Close having annihilated it by building a dyke across the head of it. The Court ordered George Cowan to take the measure. There is a note on a scroll copy of the warrant here to effect that the petitioner borrowed 'the principal plan signed by George Cowan', to be returned on demand. See warrant granted 28 August 1760 (Ramsay).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the tenements and area.

Size: 36.5 x 24.4 cms.

BOX: 1757/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 May 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 10 May 1757.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Marlines Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a borrowed vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Tait.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 June 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 6 April 1757.

PETITIONER: James Dick, brewer.

SITE: College Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair of a brewery.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted on 24 November 1756 to carry out the work. He holds the brewery on a tack from Andrew Syme, cooper. There are accounts from James Hunter, wright, James Mack, mason, George Syme, slater James Dick, slater and William Balfour, smith with a measure of the mason work by Patrick Sibbald. There is also an account from James Ballantyne for 'Yoaks'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 June 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 15 June 1757.

PETITIONER: Thomas Clelland, saddler.

SITE: High Street, north side, head of Baillie Fyfe's Close.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild the front of the tenement in stone.
NOTES: The petitioner refers to the timber supports failing.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 June 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 15 June 1757.

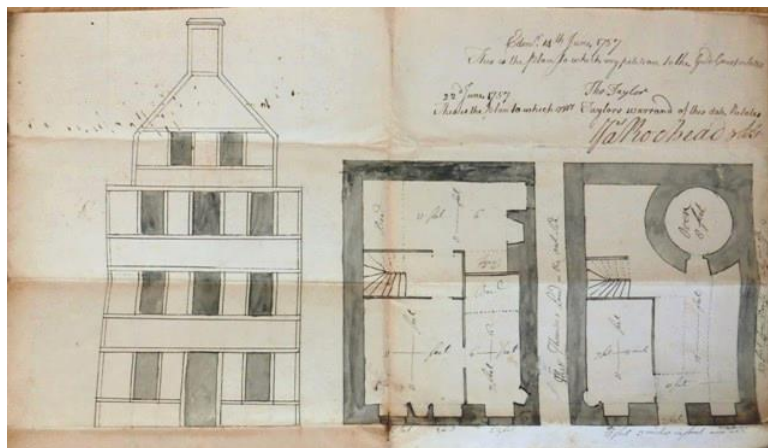
PETITIONER: Thomas Taylor, baxter, Burgess.

SITE: Canongate, foot, south side, near the Watergate.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased a coach house from John Paxton, coach maker. See warrant granted 30 November 1757 (Taylor) for the building accounts.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of two floors.

Size: 23.7 x 41.8 cms.

Watermark: Pro Patria

BOX: 1757/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 June 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 29 June 1757.

PETITIONER: James Ogilvy, shoemaker in Leith Wynd.

SITE: Leith Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a tenant leaving.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Lennox, mason in Leith and Katherine Stewart, his spouse who have made a complaint to the Court about the sufficiency of the tenement they let from the petitioner. This complaint is here and it records that they visited the laigh house in question and found it to be so ruinous and defective that it was not safe to dwell in. The complaint is said to have been made without her husband's consent and there is an instrument here dated 15 June 1757 by James Freland, Notary Public stating her belief that the property they rent is uninhabitable and in danger of falling down. She insists on her right to remove her property without having to pay any rent. The petitioner states that he does not want her to return but asks the Court to inspect the property and declare it to be safe. A jury was appointed and they decided that it was old, crazy and insufficient but in an additional note, that there was no danger of it falling down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 June 1757.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

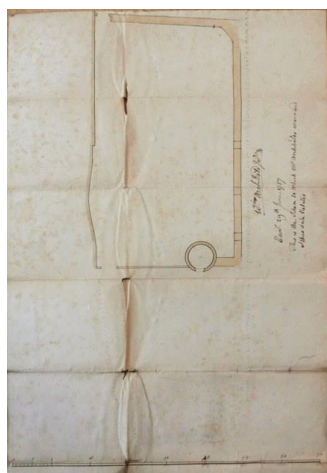
PETITIONER: William Archibald, junior, tanner.

SITE: Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: To build a shade.

NOTES: The petition and warrant are missing from these papers and all of the

information here is taken from the answers given by John Gray and from the plan.
DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.
Size: 46.0 x 31.0 cms.

BOX: 1757/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 July 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 15 June 1757.

PETITIONER: John Gray, writer for Archibald Inglis, pewtherer, heir to John Inglis, Secretary to the Post Master General of Scotland.

SITE: Cowgate, opposite the Magdalen Chapel.

PROPOSAL: To cognose the accounts for rebuilding a stable.

NOTES: The petitioner had a warrant in 1753 to carry out the work. There are accounts here from Thomas Miln, mason, Thomas Inglis, wright and John Watson, slater, with measures of the work by Alexander Turnbull.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 July 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 13 July 1757.

PETITIONER: Alexander Moodie, wright in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Coal Hill.

PROPOSAL: To have the opinion of a jury on an old tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased a shop from Mary Tweedie, daughter of the deceased James Tweedie, Sherriff Clerk of Haddington. He points out the insufficiency of parts of the tenement and suggests it would be dangerous for tradesmen to try and repair it. The other proprietors, Mrs. Constable, Henry Constable and Catherine Wallace, relict of Alexander Constable, ask the Court to order repairs but not to demolish. A jury agreed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 July 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 20 July 1757.

PETITIONER: Thomas Taylor, baxter (baker).

SITE: Canongate, foot.

PROPOSAL: To value a property.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased a property from John Paxton, coach hirer and obtained a warrant to demolish and rebuild it. Before proceeding he wishes to have it valued. A jury was appointed and they valued it at £26 Stg. There is a list here of 26 inhabitants of the Canongate, personally warned on 22 July 1757, from which the 15 members of the jury was chosen. 'Richard Couper, engraver' is noted as absent.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 July 1757.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: William Dallas, chairmaster.

SITE: High Street, head of Cons Close, between it and Old Assembly Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: This document is a summons from the Court of Session to the Dean of Guild Court, ordering them to hand over all of the measurements, plans relating to the erection of the foresaid tenement and pulling down the back tenement and also the warrant for the building of the tenement. The action in the Court of Session before Lord Auchinleck is against Archibald Sheills, merchant and portioner of Inveresk, John Stenhouse, merchant and John Moubray, wright. It is stated that they encroached on a cellar and vaulted space beneath the pavement with small rooms attached, by building a brick wall (?). In a further note, verso, it is recorded that two plans of the buildings, each consisting of seven pages were transmitted to Alexander Keith, clerk in the Court of Session.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 13 July 1757.

PETITIONER: Margaret Hamilton, George Norris, William Robertson, Widow Steel, William Angus, Gabriel Wilson and Adam Malcolm, tenants.

SITE: North Leith, Parkinson's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners are all tenants in the land belonging to David Wilson, brewer at the back of the Canongate. The Court ordered a visit and report and there is a list of the essential work here. On the basis of the report they ordered work to be carried out. See warrant granted 18 June 1760 (Gilbert Duncan, mason and others) for the expence of the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 28 July 1757.

PETITIONER: Baron Erskine and Jean Hamilton, relict of Hugh Cleghorn, brewer.

SITE: Society.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Campbell, wright who is said to have employed labourers to '...dig to a considerable depth upon their grounds to the south of Mrs. Cleghorn's house [lately built] and also to dig up the grounds lying on the east of her said house betwixt it and the houses in Argyles Square lately built by George Campbell, in order as they are informed, to make a back court ...for his houses in Argyle Square...' The work was stopped and only allowed in stages after the defender agreed to indemnify the petitioner in missives for any damage.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 August 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 25 May 1757.

PETITIONER: The Committee appointed for carrying on the improvements of the Canongate: Alexander Scott, Baron Baillie of Canongate, Robert Pillans and William Berry, resident Baillies, Messrs. Ebenezer McCulloch and David Doig, merchants, Robert Gardiner, Commissary of the Forces, John Aitken, wright, Robert Reid, brewer and James Smith, present Convener in Canongate as a quorum of the committee, with Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate, south side, from the Netherbow Port to the Abbey Strand.

PROPOSAL: To remove a forestair.

NOTES: The work of improvement is almost complete but they wish to remove a

forestair that encroaches on the Street. This is in front of a tenement belonging to the Incorporation of Hammermen opposite the Canongate Guard and occupied by Henrietta, Duchess Dowager of Gordon (present day Huntly house). There is a letter here from the Duchess of Gordon, Preston Hall, March 25th 1757, to 'Mr. Adam's Architect, at his House at Edinburgh'; "Mr Gardinor and Mr Pillings have been order'd by ye Manager's of ye improvements, in ye Canongate, to waite upon me about ye Pulling down of ye foure Stairs, to my House in Canongate, I have told theme, I have foare years of My Leese to Runn, and if My Land Lords take away My four stairs, I must have as good a one, which, May be made through ye Landlord's Vantis, as I Show'd you sum time agoe. They desire to have a plan from you, and an Estimate, it must be a Handsom Convenient Stair, yr. doing this will oblidge Sr. Your friend and Sevt. H : Gordon". In answers for the Incorporation dated 30 May 1757 they object to the removal of the stair as it would erode their pension funds. They state the property is let to the dowager Duchess of Gordon at the yearly rent of £40 Stg. and that there are several years to run. She refused permission for the removal of the stair unless a new one was provided and this it is estimated to cost £50 Stg. on a plan drawn up (probably by John Adam, architect). To do this will take away a laigh house rented at £4 Stg. pa which, together with the cost of paving will result in a total expenditure of £100, which they cannot afford. They further argue that the stone stair projects no further into the street than the great stone tenement below it, belonging to Mr. Richard Couper. They then refuse to recognise the jurisdiction of the Court, as decided by the Court of Session within these 20 years past. In robust replies from the Magistrates of the Canongate they point out that Mr. Cooper's tenement is four removed from the stair and the street bends to the north. They also repel the charge that the Court has no jurisdiction, as it has been granting warrants in the Canongate for a considerable time. In duplys for the Incorporation they note that the house possessed by the Duchess of Gordon is three stories high and the fore stair enters the first floor while the second and third floors are entered by the stair within the Close. They then cite the case in the Court of Session dated 4 June 1743 as being directly applicable as it declared that the Dean of Guild of Edinburgh had the right to hear causes in relation to building new houses and grant warrants '... and find the Dean of Guild of Edinburgh has no jurisdiction in any other matters over the inhabitants of the Burgh of Canongate'. The Court ordered that the stair was an encroachment that it had not been built at the same time as the tenement and should be removed. There is a receipt here by Wal: Ruddiman & Co. advertising a performance of 'The Provoked Wife' on 31 March 1757 for the benefit of the new pavement. There is a full list of the managers here who were nominated and appointed at a meeting of all the heritors in the Council house of the Canongate on 7 April 1756. Finally there is a copy of the general account for the paving. This includes: To John Fergus, architect for making a survey and plan of the Canongate Street, £2 2s; To John Aitken for superintending the laying of the pavement from 7 September 1756, £5; To Francis Blaikie for resurveying the Street, drawing the scheme of division of expence etc. £4 4s; To 254 new oak palls painting included 5s 10d each, £74 1s 8d; To 29 new oak lamp posts at 11s 2d each including ditto, £16 3s 10d; setting and painting 10 old lamp posts at 20d each, £16s 8d. See warrant granted 5 March 1807 (Monro).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 August 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 3 August 1757.

PETITIONER: Margaret Home, relict of Robert Ross of Pursonknows.

SITE: Leith, Tolbooth Wynd, Ross's land.

PROPOSAL: To value a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted 26 June 1754 to demolish and rebuilt the tenement conform to a plan and John Yeatt's sworn measure. The petitioner is the life renter in the property and Patrick Ross her son consented to the work being carried out. 'But my necessary affairs having call'd me abroad, I was necessitat to delay the execution of the said warrant, and now that I am return'd I design to proceed in the building...' She requests a valuation of the ruined tenement and this was carried out by a jury, chosen from a list of inhabitants here, at £20 Stg. The petition is noted on the

front as having been extracted for a second time on 20 June 1782.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 August 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 1 August 1757.

PETITIONER: Jean Jolly, relict of John Stewart, surgeon.

SITE: High Street, Burnets Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Gloag, wright, Thomas Johnston, merchant, their factor, Jean Riddock, residenter and William Mclean, journeyman mason. The petitioner refers to a blocked sewer and then to a shade built against her property by William Mclean. The Court ordered the defender to remove a privy over the sewer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 August 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 13 July 1757.

PETITIONER: Jeals Newbigging, relict of John Newbigging, hat maker.

SITE: Mills (Mylnes) Square, north wall.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Miln who has taken down the petitioner's vents on the north wall and rebuilt them. She had already had James Mack rebuild them and they were safe. There is an instrument of protest here by the petitioner against the defender dated 20 June 1757, setting out the complaint and stating that she had given express orders to the defenders servants not to meddle with the vents. Thomas Miln appeared in the Court and acknowledged he had rebuilt the vents because he thought they had been filled with rubbish.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 August 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 29 June 1757.

PETITIONER: Thomas Miln, mason.

SITE: Leith, Bowling Green.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John McFarlane, WS, who refuses to pay an account for work carried out between April 1752 and May 1756. The account refers to repairing dykes at the bowling green, steps on a terraced bank, altering a rail, 'taking down & building up part of a Garden dyke at your Country seat in Leith, that was blown over by the high winds'. Also taking down an old turnpike in the Anchor Close, 3 stories high and rebuilding. The total account is £55 11s 4d of which £30 had been paid leaving a balance of £25 11s 4d due. The Court ordered a payment of £26 Stg in full of the claim.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 August 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 3 August 1757.

PETITIONER: Charles and William Butter, wrights in company, Thomas Mylne, mason, Charles Bruce, glazier, George Syme, slater and William Auld, smith.

SITE: High Street, near the Netherbow, Hyndfords, Mint and Grays Closes.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to two warrants for the work dated 16 June and 18 August 1756 to carry out the repairs including taking down gables. The complaint is against Lady dowager of Humby (Humbie), Lady Sandilands, Kinloch's Close, James Aitkenhead, merchant, Francis Gib, one of the Macers in the Court of Session and Mrs. Spittal, relict of James Irvine, surgeon. There are accounts here from each of the petitioners and measures of the wright and slater work. The petition was wrapped in a

folio page with what appears to be a 16th century Latin hand.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 August 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 24 August 1757.

PETITIONER: John Young, wright.

SITE: High Street, Old Assembly Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a wrights shop.

NOTES: The petitioner holds a lease at £10 5s Stg. pa. on a wrights shop and yard pertaining to Collin Alison, wright, from John McLagan, writer, factor for the trustees of Mr. Alison's creditors. It is in need of repair. There is a report here on the work required and the cost of this is to be taken from their rent. In a note it refers to 'Young & Pitcairn, wrights' in possession of the wrights shop.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 August 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 29 August 1757.

PETITIONER: Andrew Ranken, coppersmith and Charles Brown.

SITE: West Bow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of rented houses.

NOTES: The two houses belong to the creditors of (blank) Veitch and the rent is collected by Patrick Jamieson and others by right of a Decreet in the Court of Session for repairs carried out on the property by them. The complaint is about water coming from the castle Hill and a blocked sewer. The complaint was upheld.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 August 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 24 August 1757.

PETITIONER: James Dundas of Philpstoun and John Young, writer.

SITE: Parliament Close, President's Stairs, a fifth story lodging.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the property.

NOTES: The complaint is by James Dundas and John Young, his tenant. Dundas is willing to undertake the repairs but asks for all the heritors to contribute to the roof repair. There is a long list of those summoned but the warrant simply states that they, the defenders, are to carry out the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 September 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 10 August 1757.

PETITIONER: Thomas Alison, glazier.

SITE: High Street, Cons Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against William McLean, journeyman mason who has taken possession of a vacant piece of ground beside the petitioner's property and erected a dyke around it. He then built a shade on the eastern part of the ground and dug out foundations beside the petitioner's wall where rain water collects. The Court ordered the defender to make a gutter and a channel for the water on 24 August but this was not carried out. The Court granted the petitioner the right to carry out the work at the supervision of the committee and to charge the expence.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 September 1757.

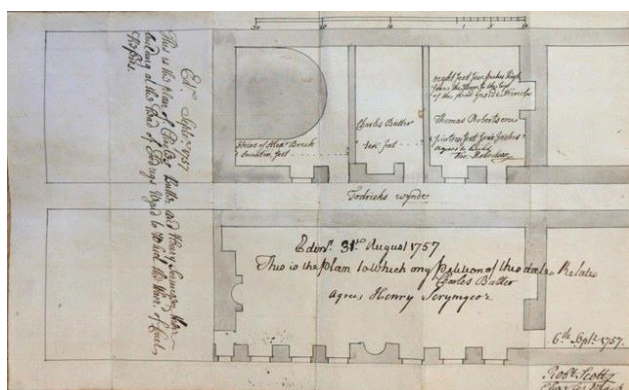
PETITION LODGED: 31 August 1757.

PETITIONER: Henry Scrimgeour, WS and Charles Butter, wright.

SITE: High Street, Todricks Wynd, near the head, east side.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild part of a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The first petitioner purchased the second floor and closets from William Clark, tailor and others and Charles Butter purchased the first floor above the cellars, with the middle cellar. William Clark, Deacon of the Tailors and William Watson of Pillmure, WS, owners of the tenement on the west side of the Close, sought a Bill of Suspension in the Court of Session against the proposed work on the grounds that it would encroach on the Close. They point out that many proprietors had built projecting timber outshots over the Close. There is one of these on the tenement being rebuilt, projecting 3 or 4 feet and the petitioners intend building a stone wall on the line of this outshot. The Court of Session rejected the petition on 22 September 1757 but stopped the work and asked the Dean of Guild to consider all matters raised by the Bill, particularly the encroachment. The warrant was granted on conditions set down in the report dated 6 September by Robert Scott and Charles Mack, members of the Court. The action continued until 19 April 1758 when the Dean of Guild set down very specific conditions and allowed the building to proceed. A Bill of Advocation was sought by Clark and Watson along with David Law, merchant but this was refused on 8 August 1758. There are two inventories of writs here for each of the parties, beginning in 1690. DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor, both sides of the Close.

Size: 18.5 x 29.8 cms.

BOX: 1757/61

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 September 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 5 September 1757.

PETITIONER: Archibald Chessells, wright.

SITE: Canongate, Watson's Close, between it and Plainstones Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement and value a cow byre.

NOTES: The petitioner sought to annex an old cow byre into his property and the Court appointed a jury who decided it was worth £10 Stg. The jury included James Gilliland and Robert Gordon, goldsmiths with Robert being chosen their chancellor (spokesman). The drawing indicates a 'passage to the gardens'.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 13.5 x 23.5 cms.

BOX: 1757/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 September 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 31 August 1757.

PETITIONER: John Moubray, wright.

SITE: Old Assembly Close, head.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for building a new tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted four years ago. The building was complete by Whitsunday 1756. There are two accounts here from: the petitioner for wright work in three uppermost stories of the tenement; David Alston, glazier for work between 13 February and 30 October 1756; Mungo Scott, glazier for work between 25 October 1755 and November 1756 (some adjusting of dates here); Patrick Jamieson, mason, James Ramsay, slater, including for a cellar roof with a measures of the wright and mason work by George Cowan, ordained measurer. Total cost £1256 17s 11d Stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 October 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 16 March 1757.

PETITIONER: Albert Munro, treasurer to Heriot's Hospital.

SITE: Lawnmarket, south side, Fishers land.

PROPOSAL: To repair the upper floor and roof, where chimney stacks fell down.

NOTES: A letter of supplement was raised to summon heritors of the tenement, including Jean, Ann and Christian, children of the deceased John Hay, Inspector General of Customs in Scotland, living in Dumfries.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 November 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 9 November 1757.

PETITIONER: Thomas Taylor, baxter (baker) at the foot of the Canongate.

SITE: Canongate foot, south side.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for building a bake house.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to the warrant granted 22 June 1757 (Taylor). There are accounts here from William Scott, wright which includes amounts to John Wallace for painting doors, windows and shutters in oil colour and to John Murray, smith, for locks etc. Also from James Ramsay, mason, Alexander Miller, glazier and James Smith, slater, with measures of the wright and mason work by Alexander Turnbull.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 December 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 14 December 1757.

PETITIONER: William Wallace, Boxmaster to the Incorporation of Porters in Leith.

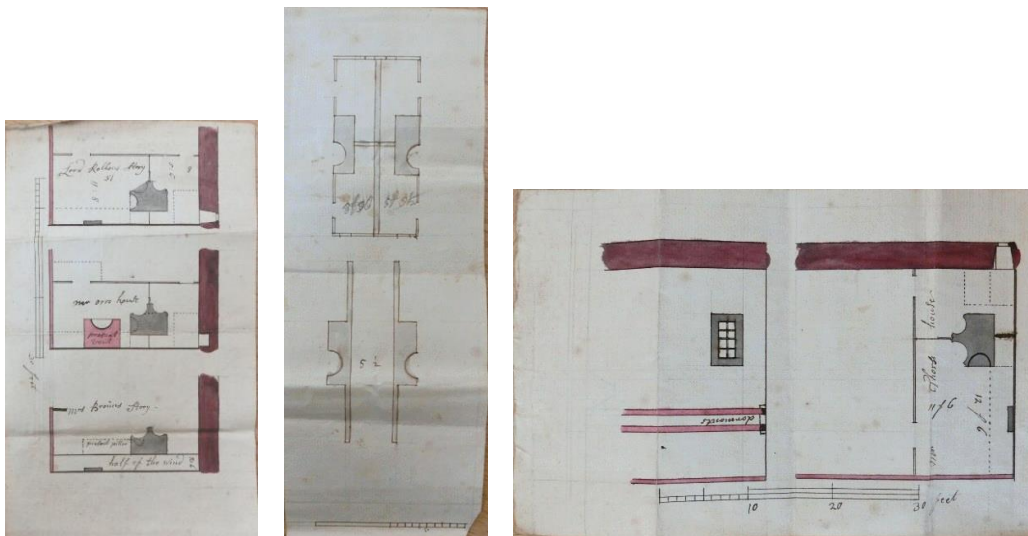
SITE: Leith, Lees Quarter.

PROPOSAL: To repair and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted on 20 October 1697 to carry out repairs to parts of a tenement they had purchased from the relict of John Alexander, Precentor in the South Kirk of Leith. They have now purchased another part of the property from (blank) Murray, shipmaster and they now wish to refit the entire property. See warrant granted 20 February 1758 for the accounts for this work.

DRAWINGS: None.

There is a group of loose drawings in this box which refer to property belonging to Mr. Orr but which also refer to Lord Rollo, and Mrs. Brown living above and below him. There is one drawing, a scheme or solution to the problem of a pillar, submitted by John Yetts.



Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1757/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 January 1757 (no warrant, appointed a visit)

PETITION LODGED: 4 January 1757.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the opening of a quarry.

NOTES: The complaint is against Charles McDowall of Crichan, advocate and his tenants who have quarried on road from Portsburgh to Lauriston and undermined it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 February 1757 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 23 February 1757.

PETITIONER: Charles Howison, and William McConnochie, wrights.

SITE: Not given, but south of Charles Howison's shop.

PROPOSAL: To enclose an area with a dyke and build a shade.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 April 1757 (no warrant, work stopped and appointed a visit..

PETITION LODGED: 28 March 1757.

PETITIONER: Walter Little of Liberton and Francis Brodie, wright.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William McConnochie, wright, who, in building the shade in the petition above, has broken through into the petitioner's wareroom. The petitioner states that McConnochie and Howison had a warrant for the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1757 (no warrant, defenders called).

PETITION LODGED: 20 April 1757.

PETITIONER: Thomas Hodge, tenant at Ravelston.

SITE: West Port, north part of the common way without the West Port.

PROPOSAL: To repair a property.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a disposition by the deceased Robert Hodge, tenant in Northplett, Ratho with the consent of his spouse, Janet Hodge dated 16 February 1719 to Walter Fleming, merchant in Portsburgh of part of a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 May 1757 (no warrant, continued to next Court day).

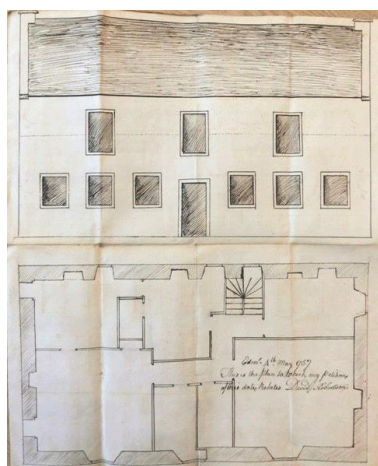
PETITION LODGED: 4 May 1757.

PETITIONER: David Robertson, locksmith.

SITE: Cowgate, opposite to the Magdalen Chapel

PROPOSAL: To convert a house to a workhouse for his business.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 38.0 x 31.3 cms.

BOX: 1757/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 May 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 18 May 1757.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Marjoribanks of Halyeards.

SITE: High Street, opposite the Tron Kirk.

PROPOSAL: To lower the window soles.

NOTES: This petition was lodged by James Tait, wright on behalf of the petitioner and there is a note here dated 11 May, asking him to do work in Mrs. Maitland's house.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 June 1757 (no warrant, no further action noted).

PETITION LODGED: 31 May 1757.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: The Market Place.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Andrew Shearer, wright, son of James Shearer, barber and James Mack, mason. They have knocked through an entry into the market without consent of the administrators. There is a note here from Andrew Shearer to the Dean of Guild, dated 3 June 1757 to effect that he is obliged to go to the country, to see his father 'who is thought a dying' and asking to delay his answers to the complaint. He appeared in the Court on 8 June and admitted his guilt.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 July 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 13 June 1757.

PETITIONER: Hugh Snodgrass, stabler and vintner in Portsburgh.

SITE: Forrester's Wynd, Gavinloch's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a house.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Ronaldson, glazier and James Tait, wright who have an agreement to collect the rents and keep the property in repair. They let a house in the second, north half story in that new building on the west side of Forrester's Wynd. It lies on the west side of the transe at the head of six steps on the north entry to the building erected by the late Alexander Gavin lock. The lease is for 15 years from Whitsunday 1757 where the petitioner wants to keep a Public House, but the property is not wind and watertight. The defenders did some repairs but there was a further petition to which James Tait answered; that he had let the property at 40s Stg, below the valuation so that he might avoid 'taking away closets and altering partitions' and he refuses to give him new doors when the old ones may be mended. The petitioner took an instrument of protest against James Tait on 24 June but the final action noted here is a summons issued by the Court on 9 August 1757.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 July 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 26 January 1757 (remitted to the Court).

PETITIONER: The Heritors of Potterrow.

SITE: Potterrow Street.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the paving.

NOTES: 'That opposite to Alisons Court where many good familys reside, the Street is so low that the rain water falling into the gutter at that part stagnates, not having a declivity southwards...' The petition is addressed to the Magistrates and is signed by Alexander Shairp, R. Daubar, James Smollett, Alexander Dick and Somerville (possibly James, 14th Lord Somerville).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 September 1757 (no warrant, a plan requested).

PETITION LODGED: 22 September 1757.

PETITIONER: The Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh.

SITE: Cowgate, foot of Fountain Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a new Hall.

NOTES: The petition refers to the site as 'the large garden, lying at the foot of the

Fountain Close, and from thence southward to the Cowgate, where the Hall and Cold bath belonging to the Colledge, are built, lying near to the Cowgate Port and to which garden, the Royal Colledge have ane entry, from the Cowgate between their said Hall & the Cold Bath and ane oyr entry, from the high Street by the Fountain Close, and a third entry upon the west, from the Close on the south part of the tenement called Elphinston's land'. The Court summoned the neighbouring heritors, names here, and when they did not appear asked the petitioners to provide a plan. (This proposal came to nothing after a dispute over ownership of the garden).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 November 1757 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 5 October 1757.

PETITIONER: James Halyburton, WS and David Home, dyster.

SITE: Luckenbooths, near Roxburgh's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a shade to carry away water.

NOTES: The petitioner owns a shop which is let to David Home and the shade over the door has become defective, allowing water to enter the shop. James Hunter, wright was engaged to replace it but an argument ensued with James Scot, merchant, who owns the shop above.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 December 1757 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 7 December 1757.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Potterrow, High Street, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment on the street.

NOTES: The Court summoned John Wilson, silk dyer who appeared and agreed to take down the timber forestair he had erected.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1757/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 December 1757.

PETITION LODGED: 7 December 1757.

PETITIONER: James Rob, merchant with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Luckenbooths, immediately east of Gavinloch's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about slapping out a window.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Johnston, proprietor of the upper floors and who has carried out work without a warrant. There is a note here from the defender to the Dean of Guild dated 12 December where he acknowledges the complaint and agrees to the arbitration of Deacon (Patrick) Jamieson and (blank, James) Ramsay, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

1758

The Court Officers from 5 October 1757:

Dean of Guild

James Rothead

Council,

John Carmichael Old Dean of Guild

James Robertson merchant

William Miller, merchant

William Reoch, wright

Patrick Jamieson, mason

John Watson, slater

Procurator Fiscal, Robert Gray

Clerk of the Court, Thomas Alves or his clerk, John Patison

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

BOX: 1758/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 January 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 30 November 1757.

PETITIONER: William Dallas, shipmaster in Leith.

SITE: North Leith, north east end.

PROPOSAL: To cognose expences of building a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he purchased a tenement from John Murray, shipmaster in Queensferry, described in a scroll copy of the warrant as eldest son of James Murray, shipmaster and one of the Baillies of the Burgh of Queensferry, by disposition dated 21 April 1753. There are accounts here from Robert Neilson, painter; William Simpson, slater who directed the plasterer, James Young; Alexander Sherriff, for lead; John Chalmers, plumber (deceased by 1757); James Lawson, smith; Charles Nicolson, smith; Patrick Cokat, slater with a measure of the work by George Cowan. The names of the mason and wright are not given. Total cost £1014 14s 7d.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 January 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 4 January 1758.

PETITIONER: Mrs Ross: Margaret Home, relict of Robert Ross of Pursonknows (?).

SITE: Leith.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a mutual gable.

NOTES: The petitioner states that she had a warrant from the Court to demolish and rebuild a tenement. She has rebuilt much of it except the mutual gable with the property belonging to Richard Scougall, shipmaster in Leith. The gable, 15 ft. from top to bottom, is deficient and they would like permission to demolish and rebuild.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 January 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 21 December 1757.

PETITIONER: James Douglas, tenant in Brocksburn (Broxburn).

SITE: Grassmarket, north side, to the west of the new Inn.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement damaged by fire.

NOTES: The top floor of the petitioner's tenement was destroyed by fire on 14 December 1757.

BOX: 1758/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 February 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 3 March 1756.

PETITIONER: John Wilson, silk dyer.

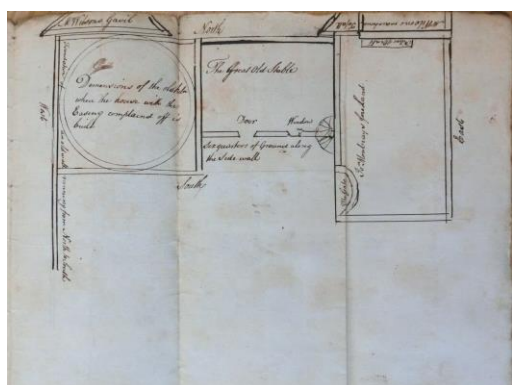
SITE: Potterrow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Moubray, hair merchant who owns the adjacent

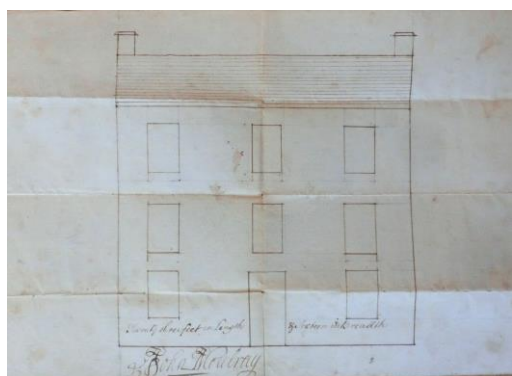
property and who has encroached on the petitioner's property by an eves drop and stopping his lights. This is a complicated process with further petitions by John Moubray on 10 March 1756 to build which gave rise to a dispute about rights. There are proofs here in favour of Moubray from Daniel Mack, mason aged 45, married; James Warden, weaver aged 40, married; Katherine McBean, spouse to James Warden, aged 28 and George Ochiltree, weaver aged 48, married. Further depositions were made by David Aitken, late Deacon of the weavers of Potterrow aged 57, married; John Miller, journeyman weaver and servant to the preceding aged 60, married; William Ogilbie, comer (comber?) in Potterrow aged 72, married; Richard Wallace, freeman mason in Potterrow aged 46, married; David Mickison, slater in Potterrow aged 54, married and Adam Howison, journeyman mason in Potterrow aged 60, married. The matter went to the Court of Session and on 1 February 1758 the Court dismissed the petitioner's complaint (No. 16 in the bundle).

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Plan of the area in dispute.

Size: 19.0 x 30.0 cms.



Description: b. Elevation of a three story house.

Size: 19.4 x 31.6 cms.

BOX: 1758/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 February 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 6 November 1754.

PETITIONER: William Forbes, WS.

SITE: Netherbow, Pollouns land.

PROPOSAL: To bring forward the front line of his shops.

NOTES: The shops are behind stone arches and the petitioner cites the example of John Dunbar's shop. There is no explanation here as to why this petition took so long to process and it may be that there was just a reluctance to allow such developments.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 February 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 23 January 1758.

PETITIONER: James Syme, slater and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, Fleshmarket Close, tenement at the head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the blocking of a window.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Douglas, architect who has built up an outer window which allowed the petitioner borrowed light for his lodging. The tenement was built by James Mack, mason and the two lodgings in the uppermost story were purchased by Alexander Hunter, merchant and the petitioner, with the consent of James Mack's creditors. The petitioner refers to a disposition to him dated 19 July 1739, registered in the Burgh Court books, 8 August 1739. Alexander Hunter's lodging was unfinished at the time of purchase but understanding the design, he completed the outer window, allowing the borrowed light. The defender, having purchased Hunter's lodging has built up this outer window. The Court ordered it to be reinstated.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 February 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 4 January 1758.

PETITIONER: Charles Mack, mason, James Hunter, wright and Robert Dewar, glazier.

SITE: Cowgate, near the head of Scots Close, opposite the foot of New Stairs.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The tenement belonged to the deceased James Duncan, wright and now to his creditors, William Ormiston, bookbinder being their factor. The Court had granted a warrant (date not given) for the repairs on a petition by James Rattray and William Galloway, tenants and possessors of the tenement. There are accounts here from each of the petitioners. Charles Mack's account includes taking down and rebuilding a dyke enclosing Mr. Brown, wright's yard in Scott's Close. See warrant granted 28 May 1760 (Campbell).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 February 1758.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: William Wallace, Boxmaster to the Incorporation of Porters in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Lees Quarter.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petition does not survive here but it has been possible to relate this petition to the warrant granted 21 December 1757 (Wallace). There are accounts here from James Wright (smith?); Alexander Hill, wright, William Paterson, mason; James Hodge, glazier; John Cowper, painter who describes the property as 'att the head of horse wynd'. There is an account headed 'Leith Corporation of workmen' which includes payments for lime, to barrowmen and to William Paterson, mason, John Christy for hearth stones, William Simson for slates, Peter Davie for slater work, Alexander Hill for hair, George Cuthbertson for candles, James Lamb for locks James Hislop for bricks, Peter Couper for lime cheels, stones & bricks rubbish. There is also a measure of the wright work by Alexander Turnbull.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 February 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 25 January 1758.

PETITIONER: John Robertson, mason.

SITE: High Street, north side, Richardson's and Johnston's lands, above the Guard.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to petitions in August 1756 by James Smith, WS for repairs to Robert Richardson's and James Johnston's lands, both fronting the High Street and by Robert Reid, WS for repairs to Richardson's back land. There are accounts here from the petitioner, one addressed to Lady Powfouls in Richardson's back land.

Also measures of the work by Archibald Turnbull.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 March 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 15 February 1758.

PETITIONER: Grizel Fettes, relict of the deceased John Fettes, merchant.

SITE: Canongate head, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about water from an easing drop.

NOTES: The tenement had been raised three stories higher by George Wilson, mason and in doing so the easing drop caused water to run into the petitioner's shop. The Court ordered the defender to create a spout to take the water to the side.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 March 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 25 January 1758.

PETITIONER: William Wallace, Boxmaster of the Incorporation of Porters of Leith.

SITE: Leith, Lees quarter.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair of a tenement.

NOTES: The property was disposed to the Incorporation by Captain Murray, shipmaster in Leith and the relict of John Alexander, presenter in the South Kirk of Leith. A warrant was granted on 21 December 1757 to carry out repairs. There are no accounts but the warrant lists the tradesman as: Alexander Hill, wright, James Wright, smith, John Couper, painter, James Hodge, glazier and William Paterson, plasterer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 April 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 29 March 1758.

PETITIONER: John Beatson, shipmaster in Leith.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the level of rent.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas heart, wright acting as factor for Lady Hillhousefield who owns the tenement. The petitioner pays £6 Stg pa. and he claims that this is unreasonable because the house is not quite finished. The defender appeared in the Court and stated that he would carry out the repairs if they considered them necessary. After a visit the Court decided they were not necessary and dismissed the petition.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 April 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 15 February 1758.

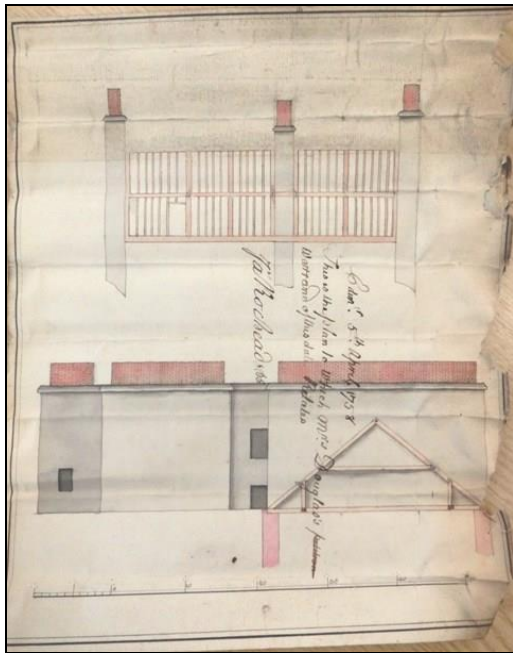
PETITIONER: Mrs. Douglas: Mary Campbell, relict of John Douglas, surgeon.

SITE: High Street, south side, near the Cross, Pitcarley's land.

PROPOSAL: To replace the platform roof.

NOTES: The roof is a platform, covered in lead but it is insufficient, sunk in the middle by six inches and is leaking. The petitioner is a liferenter of her flat in the upper story and is in no position to repair the roof. She asks the Court for permission to carry out the work and declare the cost a burden on the property. The Court ordered a slate roof to be built as it would be no heavier than the current one. Before 12 April the other heritors petitioned the Court stating that they had had opinions from tradesman who suggested that the north wall would not support the new roof and that Mrs. Douglas should shoulder all of the burden in case of damage. This was refused.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation and section of the roof.
Size: 28.5 x 23.2 cms.

BOX: 1758/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 April 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 21 December 1757.

PETITIONER: Proprietors and heritors.

SITE: Leith Shore, Milns land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing of foul water.

NOTES: The proprietors include Thomas Mylne, John Scott, Hugh Aitcheson and Margaret Oman. They refer to an agreement made by all the masters of the families in the tenement about 6 or 7 years ago, for their servants not to throw foul water from their windows. This was beginning to happen again. Mr. Pollock, Mr. Paterson and Lieutenant Blair appeared in the Court and acknowledged that their servants had done so and all the occupiers were warned against the practice on penalty of 20s Stg, for each transgression.

BOX: 1758/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 April 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 28 March 1758.

PETITIONER: James Stevenson, workman in Leith.

SITE: Leith.

PROPOSAL: To raise a tenement by one story.

NOTES: The property had been purchased by the petitioner and his brother William in 1754 and it consisted of a fore and a back land. The brothers could not agree who owned which parts and they submitted to arbitration on 18 May by Thomas Hart and Stephen Jollie, wrights. William claimed that the intended work would be against their agreement and would restrict his lights. The Court agreed and refused the petition.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 April 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 29 March 1758.

PETITIONER: William Hamilton, merchant and John Sprott, candlemaker.

SITE: Bristo.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Kellie, wright from whom the petitioner holds a tack on a tenement and yard, for 26 years from Whitsunday 1738. The defender is in the process of erecting a timber shade in the yard which will obstruct the light. John Kellie

in his answers refers to a warrant granted in May 1738 to build the workshop, with much further legal argument.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 April 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 5 January 1757.

PETITIONER: John Wilson, merchant and late Baillie of Edinburgh.

SITE: Leith, a brewery and tenement in the Wynd on the south of the Custom house, opposite to Provost Stewart's cellars. Also Shore of Leith, foot of Riddels (?) Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair several subjects.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted on 2 April 1755 to carry out the repairs as factor for John Bull, merchant in Leith on properties held in liferent by Robert, Patrick, Jean, Isobel and Agnes Bull, his children. There are accounts here from Stephen Jollie, wright, for work carried out in 1753. Further accounts for work by John Couper, painter, Mungo Scott, glazier between 1750 and 1757, James Hodge, glazier, James Lawson, smith, Walter Lawson, smith, John Innes, bricklayer (which lists others working for him at 2s per day: William Sarchin, William Dalton, Thomas Keiling, John Pinkerton and Alan Wood -1s per day), Alexander Ramsay, slater in Canongate, Patrick Brown, wright, George Wilson, mason, John Mason (mason), Alexander Constable, mason and David Ferley, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 May 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 3 May 1758.

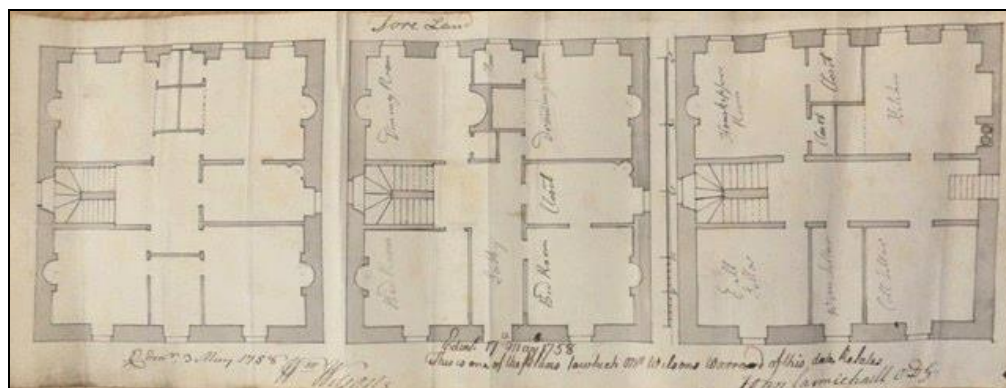
PETITIONER: William Wilson, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Canongate, south side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish tenements and rebuild.

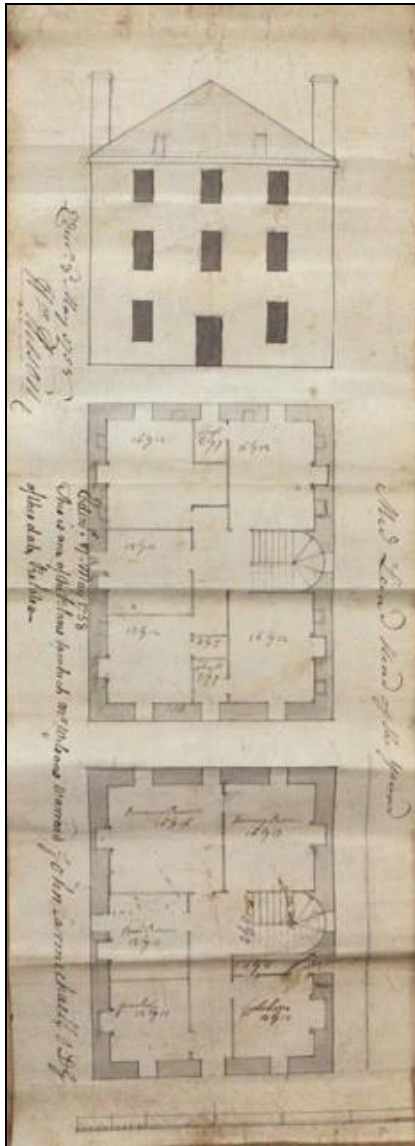
NOTES: The petitioner's property comprises a fore tenement and back tenements and yard lying to the south bounded on the south by the High Road along the back of the Canongate. The fore tenement lies between the fore tenement belonging to Richard Cooper, engraver on the east and an area belonging to the heirs of William Lauder, coach maker on the west. He states that he intends founding the eastern gable of the tenement in the middle of the yard on the dyke which divides his yard and the yard on the east belonging to Richard Cooper. This will be of benefit to him as it will save him the expence of building a new dyke. He asked for a valuation of the property he was about to demolish and this was decided by a jury: the fore and back tenements, £100 Stg. each and the yard £40. Richard Cooper consented to the work and the warrant stipulated that the front line of the fore tenement should run from the north east corner of the tenement belonging to the Hammermen of Canongate in a straight line to the north west corner of the petitioner's present old tenement and the said line to continue straight eastward to the west gable of the Tailor's tenement.

DRAWINGS: 3 sheets.

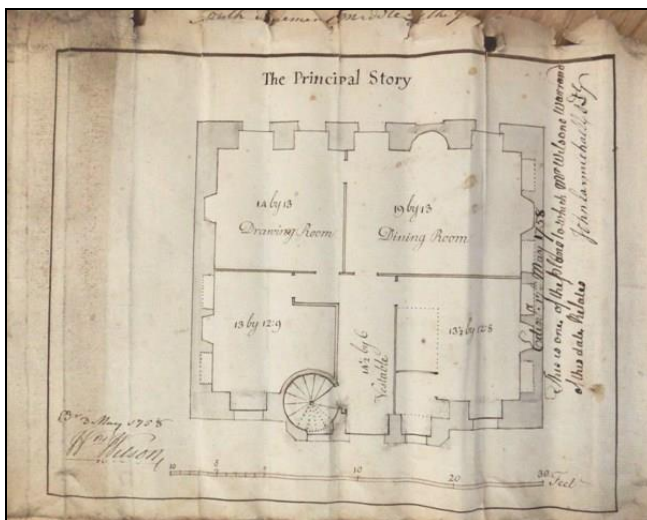


Description: a. Plans of three floors of the 'Fore Land'.

Size: 38.0 x 14.5 cms.



Description: b. Elevation with plans of two floors for the 'Mid Land, head of the yard'.
Size: 42.5 x 15.1 cms.



Description: c. Plan of the principal story of the 'South Tenement middle of the yard'.
Size: 22.3 x 29.0 cms.

BOX: 1758/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 May 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 12 January 1757.

PETITIONER: Sir James Johnston of Westerhall.

SITE: Netherbow, head of Chalmers Close, the Blue land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose expence of repairs to a ruinous pillar in a wall over the Close.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to the warrant granted on 6 April 1757 to carry out repairs to a pillar and arch. There are accounts from Charles Mack, mason and Francis Kay, wright. This matter continued until 1760 as a dispute over the expence of the work and the liability of James Shearer, late wigmaker now of Woodside. His son Andrew was eventually found liable for his deceased father's debt on 6 August 1760. See warrant granted 6 April 1757 (Johnston) for papers which overlap with this warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 May 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 23 March 1758.

PETITIONER: Robert Hamilton, merchant.

SITE: High Street, Carrubbers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ingress of water from above.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Murdoch, teacher of French and the petitioner's landlord. The defenders servants are in the habit of throwing water on the floor in order to wash it and this has come through the petitioner's ceiling. The tenement in fact belongs to the heirs of James Gibson, slater and the Court ordered the floor to be repaired by the defenders and that the servants should not store water in casks or tubs but in a cistern.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 May 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 27 March 1758.

PETITIONER: Andrew Chalmer, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Miln's Court at the Bowhead, east side of the entry.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing down of foul water.

NOTES: The complaint is against the servants of Miss Forrest and Miss Fraser, merchants. They have been throwing water and other nastiness into the sewer between the tenements, designed to carry of the rain water from the easing drop. This is now piled up 'near the height of your complrs. north window and walls'. In answers for Andrew Burnet, Lady Stonebyres and others they suggested that a wooden pipe should be carried down to the foot of the tenement into which all of the foul water should be emptied. In response, the petitioner noted '...the complainter takes it to be a general rule, and it is a most reasonable rule, in the police of the City that no fould water (nor clean either) and far less gross nastiness, dirt or ashes should be thrown out at any of the windows within the City: The doing so, tho no particular offence or damage was yrly done to any person or his property, creates a nuisance which it is the interest of the community & every member of it, to have prevented - And he believes this is the first instance where any person has petitioned or proposed to have a privilege granted him to send his foul water and nastiness down through a spout into the street.'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 May 1758.

PETITION LODGED: Before 29 March 1758.

PETITIONER: James Robb, architect.

SITE: Potterrow, High Street, west side.

PROPOSAL: To build an addition.

NOTES: The information here is gathered from an incomplete warrant of the date above. There was a dispute over boundaries and there is a Decreet of Arbitration here between the John Chalmers, smith and John Wilson, silk dyer, decided by Charles Mack, mason and Alexander Menzies, wright (Chalmer's building was allowed to

stand). In an inventory of writs it lists: disposition from Walter Schaw, carver to Thomas Oliphant, dyer dated 21 January 1731; with a note to effect that John Wilson is now come in place of Thomas Oliphant, his father in law; a tack or lease between John Wilson and James Robb, architect, dated 21 February 1758.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 May 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 19 April 1758.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Katherine Piper, milliner (signs Pypear).

SITE: Grays Close.

PROPOSAL: To build an addition to her house.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased an area of waste land with some walls standing from Charles Butter, wright. This previously belonged to Thomas Kincaid and latterly to his creditors. There was a dispute here with Peter Crawford, only son and heir of the deceased William Crawford of Balshawgray, merchant in Glasgow who claimed right to a cellar over which the petitioner intended building. The warrant was granted repelling Peter Crawford's claim.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of two floors.

Size: 37.8 x 31.3 cms.

BOX: 1758/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 24 May 1758.

PETITIONER: Gideon Schaw, Register General of Tobacco for Scotland.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, Hardy's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a property.

NOTES: The complaint is against Gilbert Smith, merchant who took a tack from the petitioner's mother, Janet Hardy, relict of William Schaw, merchant a copy of which is here. This was a repairing lease dated 9 March 1753 for five years. He left the property in poor condition and the Court ordered repairs to be carried out. Gilbert Smith entered a reclaiming petition referring to a similar claim he had made against his landlords, in the Court in 1754. He also refers to an ongoing action in the Court of Session. This petition was refused on 5 July 1758.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1758.

PETITIONER: William Walker and others, heritors.

SITE: High Street, tenement opposite the head of Libbertons Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair the chimney heads.

NOTES: The property lies on the east side of Galloways land. There is a letter here from the petitioners to Charles Mack, mason dated 15 June 1758 and asking him to act for them. There is also a note giving the names of the owners and those holding leases.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1755/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 July 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 11 June 1755.

PETITIONER: Andrew Jamieson, merchant.

SITE: Warristons Close.

PROPOSAL: To take down a dangerous gable and rebuild.

NOTES: The gable lies between the property of the petitioner and Anna Cheisly, and that belonging to Alexander Robertson, minister of the Gospel at Athelstone. There is a letter of Supplement here dated 15 June 1758 calling the latter as he lived outside the jurisdiction of the Court. There appears to have been a difficulty in finding out where Alexander Robertson lived.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 July 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 5 April 1758.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jameson, mason.

SITE: Penstons Close.

PROPOSAL: Claim for payment for paving.

NOTES: Refers to a warrant granted on 18 December 1754 to remove 'coal holds' or 'cattle holds' in the Close and repave the area. There is an account here for the work and a break down of individual liabilities. There were protests from the Miss Kattie and Peggy Hepburn, daughters of the deceased Henry Hepburn, surgeon against payment but these were overruled. They claimed that a house belonging to them in the Close had been let to Thomas Gardner before Whitsunday 1754 after which he entered into a new tack for himself and the Haddington Cloth manufactory Company for 10 years.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 August 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 27 July 1758.

PETITIONER: David Alston, glazier.

SITE: Grassmarket, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against Baillie William Hamilton, brewer and William Beugo, merchant, joint proprietors of a stable and loft on the west of the petitioner's tenement. Their property, which has a thatched roof, is in a dangerous state and the roof directs water onto the walls of the petitioner's house. In replies Mr Beugo is stated to be a life renter but his son to hold the fee. The Court ordered the tenement to be taken down before the 10th instant, under a penalty of £5 stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 August 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 26 July 1758.

PETITIONER: James Auchinleck of Woodcockdale and George Home, baxter (baker).

SITE: Peebles Wynd, within the head.

PROPOSAL: To harl and repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petition was written on behalf of Charles Mack, mason asking for him to carry out the work. The Court agreed but the warrant allowed David Miln, another of the heritors, to employ his own tradesmen to work on his part of the property. There is a note here from Charles Mack to John Blair, writer (lawyer), dated 26 July 1758, asking him to draw up the petition and asking for David Miln, who is not able to pay his share, to be summoned to the Court so that he can explain this. He '...will send up your payment & the dues of Court, I being confined with the seatick...'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 August 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 14 August 1758.

PETITIONER: The Dean of Guild.

SITE: Carrubbers Close, a burnt out tenement.

PROPOSAL: Order to take down ruinous walls.

NOTES: The Court visited the site of the tenement burnt down on Saturday, 12 August. They ordered that the property of Deacon William Reoch should be measured by Patrick Sibbald, ordained measurer and a plan be produced. An additional note here dated 28 August states that Thomas Miln, mason had not taken down the walls as ordered by the Court and parts of them had fallen on the night of the 26 and 27th, landing on his tenement, the inhabitants of the laigh houses escaping with their lives. The Court ordered Patrick Jamison and a wright to take down the remaining walls. See warrants granted 7 May 1750 (Reoch) and 30 March 1764 (Reoch).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 September 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 6 September 1758.

PETITIONER: William Mercer and others, possessors and heritors.

SITE: Milns Square, fore land, opposite the Tron Kirk.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a fire risk.

NOTES: The complaint is against Paul Husband, merchant who occupies a cellar immediately below the petitioner's shop. The ceiling of this cellar is not built with stone but is of lath and plaster and the defender is in the business of making and boiling his confections over an open fire in the middle of the cellar, without any vent. The defender appealed the Court order to remove the choffer etc. and noted that he had raised the ceiling and laid flag stones. He was granted permission to continue on a restricted use of the cellar, on 8 November 1758.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 November 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 27 October 1758.

PETITIONER: Jean and Catherine Wemyss, mantua makers, John Lauder of Wine Park, Gilbert Clark, writer (lawyer), Thomas Jameson, glover with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Penstons Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Walker, surgeon who has built a new vent on the petitioner's gable. The Court allowed the work to continue after a visit.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 November 1758.

PETITION LODGED: 16 August 1758.

PETITIONER: Thomas Cockburn and others.

SITE: Monteith's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the storage of lint and flax.

NOTES: The complaint is firstly against John Antonius, wright who has stolen a vent in the south gable of a tenement belonging to Gilbert Smith, merchant. Secondly, they complain that Arthur Miller has been storing lint and flax in a little house within a yard belonging to John Antonius. The Procurator Fiscal entered a further petition before 6 September and the Court ordered the vent to be built up and the storage of flax etc. to be stopped. In replies the defenders noted a great deal of clamour to do something in light of the recent fire (see order of Dean of Guild, 14 August 1758 above).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/34
WARRANT GRANTED: 22 November 1758.
PETITION LODGED: 28 October 1758.
PETITIONER: John Frazer, Clerk to the Signet and James Beveridge, writer.
SITE: Milns Court, head of the West Bow.
PROPOSAL: To repair part of the back tenement.

BOX: 1758/35
WARRANT GRANTED: 6 December 1758.
PETITION LODGED: 21 November 1758.
PETITIONER: Andrew Burnett, Clerk to the Signet.
SITE: Milns Court at the Bowhead, facing the street on the east side, fifth story.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about a fireplace in the flat above.
NOTES: The complaint is against Lilia Weir, relict of the deceased George Logan, one of the ministers of Edinburgh. She has let her garret above the petitioner to an elderly lady who is in the habit of setting a fire without a grate. The Court visited and found that the fire was not within the lintel above it and the hearth was very small.
DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1758/1*
WARRANT GRANTED: 4 January 1758 (no warrant, appointed a visit).
PETITION LODGED: 2 January 1757.
PETITIONER: Robert Nasmith, merchant son of the deceased James Nasmyth, writer.
SITE: Grays Close, west side.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.
NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Miln, mason who has struck out a hole in a common wall to make an entry to his house. This was the final petition in a series, work having been stopped on 2 January 1757 and David Rea and Walter Fettes, journeymen masons along with Deacon Thomas Miln, were notified. Robert Nasmyth, 'merchant in Kirkcudbright' petitioned the Court again on 4 January 1757 as proprietor of a tenement in Mint or Grays Close. He complained that George Cowan, wright and others planned to relay the Close and take down the turnpike, 'which is the only entry to the said tenement'. he then goes on to repeat the complaint against Thomas Miln and that they have raised the level of the pavement to as to prevent entry to his cellars. This was followed by a further petition on 19 December 1757, repeating the complaint about paving and that he had never been cited before any of the work. The Court ordered the work to be stopped on 19 December and George Cowan, 'Overseer of the City's Public Buildings' along with Adam and Robert Young, causeway layers were notified by the Court. This petition elicited the visit on 4 January 1757 (should read 1758). No further action is noted.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/2*
WARRANT GRANTED: 1 February 1758 (no warrant, defender to answer).
PETITION LODGED: 18 January 1758.
PETITIONER: James Carmichael, WS.
SITE: Lawnmarket.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out of nastiness.
NOTES: The complaint is against the servants of Robert Hamilton writer and Charles Howison, late Deacon of the wrights who, it is claimed, allow dirty water and nastiness to be thrown on the roof of his lodging. In replies for Charles Howison he points out that the petitioner's 'lodging' is a small inconsiderable house consisting of one small room on the ground floor and another conceiled room above and these are made parts and pendicles, one of them of a tipping house and the other of the house above, that it is surrounded with high buildings which form a square which would be very agreeable

if not obstructed by said most improperly situated house...'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 February 1758 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 15 February 1758.

PETITIONER: John Foulis, Deputy Keeper of the Register of Sasine.

SITE: Morison Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about nastiness thrown from windows.

NOTES: The petitioner has a large lodging which pays £27 stg. of rent but his tenants threaten to leave because of the nastiness thrown out above the windows, '...which spoils the lights and is in hazard of ruining the foundations...' James Kay (or Hay) appeared for Mrs. Stewart, relict of Patrick Stuart and Richard Keylis who denied the complaint. No further action noted.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 March 1758 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 28 March 1758.

PETITIONER: Robert Gilloan, minister at St. Boswells

SITE: High Street, Alisons Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an office house (toilet).

NOTES: The complaint is against William McConnochie, wright who has erected an office house for the use of his servants, near to his workhouse. In a note to his solicitor, Archibald Blair the petitioner refers to a 'convenient house, altho not convenient for neighbours'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1758 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1758.

PETITIONER: Messrs. Stewart and Lindsay, merchants and Messrs. Gilchrist and Yuill, merchants with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, Exchange, eastmost high shop.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Stockel, stocking merchant who has taken the laigh shop below those possessed by the petitioners. The complaint is about a large iron sign erected by the defender, which hangs and sways between their shops. There is a letter here from the defender to the petitioners claiming he knew nothing of the sign until his lad told him at dinner. He then goes on to say that Mr. Paterson and Mr. Moubray assured him that it would not incommode anyone. He agrees not to put up a board until he comes out.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 June 1758 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 7 June 1758.

PETITIONER: John Miln, founder.

SITE: Not stated.

PROPOSAL: To build a house.

NOTES: The petitioner intends building at the northern end of a garden which has a mutual wall with the Incorporation of Baxters (bakers). He intends building on his half of the mutual wall. The Incorporation objected and the petitioner withdrew his plan.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1758/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1758 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 27 June 1758.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Hamilton, relict of William Hamilton, journeyman wright in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate foot, south side, nearly opposite the new well.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Ramsay, mason in Canongate. He has begun taking down a wall and this has damaged the petitioner's possessions and prevented her carrying on her business as the keeper of a public house. She recently purchased a tenement from the Incorporation of Baxters and occupies the ground floor.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 July 1758 (no warrant, arranged a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 9 July 1758.

PETITIONER: Lady Balmanno; Dame Mary Murray.

SITE: Niddry Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sign board.

NOTES: The petitioner is proprietors of the first story of a tenement and she complains against John Wilson, silk dyer who has a work room below her property. He has erected sign boards on her property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 August 1758 (no warrant, replies sought).

PETITION LODGED: 29 March 1758.

PETITIONER: Alexander Campbell, brewer.

SITE: Not stated but beside the petitioner's brewery.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Brown, wright who is in possession of a wright's yard beside the petitioner's brewery. The claim is that the defender has stacked timber against the petitioner's property and damaged it. He has also struck out windows below the petitioner's malt loft.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 August 1758 (no warrant, complainer to reply).

PETITION LODGED: 22 July 1758.

PETITIONER: David Wilson, brewer.

SITE: Canongate, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Allan Ogle, wright, who has built a house or shop on the common passage between the Canongate and the south back of the same and this prevents access to the petitioner's house. There is a declaration here from the heritors of the 'easter common Close in the head of the Canongate' dated 24 July 1758, who state that about 12 months ago they asked Allan Ogle to clean up the Close and put doors and the head and foot in order to prevent the area being used as a public toilet, as it had been for the past 30 years or so. In doing so they allowed him to build a shop at the entrance.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1758 (no action).

PETITION LODGED: 6 August 1758.

PETITIONER: Robert Suttie, burgess of Edinburgh, son of the deceased Robert Suttie late Deacon of the Fleshers.

SITE: Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: Request to make use of a stand in the laigh Fleshmarket, being the second stand on the right or south side of the Bridge entering the market.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1758/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date (no action).

PETITION LODGED: No date.

PETITIONER: William Dallas, shipmaster in Leith.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ruined garden wall.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Syme, ship builder in North Leith who owns the adjoining tenement and garden on the north east. The wall between the two gardens has fallen down and the defenders tenants are using the petitioner's area as a common jakes.

DRAWINGS: None.

1759

The Court Officers from 25 October 1758:

Dean of Guild

John Carmichael

Council,

James Rothead Old Dean of Guild

James Robertson merchant

William Hutton, merchant

William Reoch, wright

Patrick Jamieson, mason

John Watson, slater

Procurator Fiscal, Robert Gray

Clerk of the Court, Thomas Alves or his clerk, John Patison

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

BOX: 1759/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 March 1759.

PETITION LODGED: 7 March 1759.

PETITIONER: Heritors on the south side of the High Street.

SITE: High Street, south side, from the Guard house to the Netherbow Port.

PROPOSAL: To lay the street with stone pavement in the same manner as laid from the City Guard up to Parliament Close.

NOTES: The pavement is to be 12 ft. broad where the High Street will permit that breadth, the work to be carried out at the sight of James Robertson, member of the Court. The work is to be undertaken by Deacon Patrick Jamieson, mason. There are a series of summonses here, listing all of the heritors, charging them to undertake the work, the first dated 1 August 1758 with all of their signatures.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1759/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 May 1759.

PETITION LODGED: 11 April 1759.

PETITIONER: Robert Fleeming, printer.

SITE: Cowgate, a little Close opposite the foot of Fishmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: To alter a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner intends raising a tenement by two or three stories.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1759/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 August 1759.

PETITION LODGED: 10 July 1758.

PETITIONER: David Lothian, writer.

SITE: Mealmarket, fore tenement.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a water spout.

NOTES: The petitioner owns the uppermost lodging and Adam Burnet, wright is proprietor of the garret floor. The defender has erected a spout that directs the rainwater into his flat and his tenant, Alexander Gardner, goldsmith threatens to move.

DRAWINGS: None.

The box for 1759 contains only three petitions where warrants were granted. This may be partly explained by the significant number of items 'borrowed' from the Court by petitioners and recorded at the end of the volume of Court minutes, with various commitments to return by a certain date. It is very likely, considering the evidence provided by the minutes of the Court and given the confused state of material found in the boxes for 1757- 1765, that a number of petitions and warrants in this period have been lost. Certainly later petitions refer to warrants granted in 1759 which do not survive.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1759/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 March 1759 (no warrant, defender summoned).

PETITION LODGED: 28 March 1759.

PETITIONER: Hugh Inglis, barber and wig maker in Portsburgh.

SITE: Kings Stables.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a baker's oven.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Denholm, tailor in Portsburgh who holds a tack from the Incorporation of Tailors in Portsburgh of a dwelling house. The petitioner understands that he has sublet part of the tenement to a baker who intends erecting an oven.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1759/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 April 1759 (no warrant, petition dismissed).

PETITION LODGED: 10 March 1759.

PETITIONER: George Stiell, ship master in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Shore.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner owns a tenement of four houses, the lower one let to Thomas Lovat, vintner in Leith. The petitioner understands that this property has been sublet to a smith, who intends making alterations for a forge. In answers for the defender he states that he holds his property on a Charter from the Good Town and that he has sublet his property, not to a smith but to James Scott, watchmaker and Archibald Newbigging, coppersmith. He also produced a Charter in favour of Cornelius Neilson and a Sasine following, no date given. The complaint was dismissed as groundless.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1759/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 May 1759 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 9 May 1759.

PETITIONER: Alexander Scoullar, tanner.

SITE: Pleasance.

PROPOSAL: To build a shade.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to the purchase by his father William in 1742, of the first story and south garret in a tenement lately built by the deceased William Samuel, smith in Pleasance on the south part of ground feued out and disposed by Jean, Margaret, Sophia, Agnes and Isobel Smellom, daughters of the deceased Dr. John Smellom. The Court visited the site before 23 May 1759 and found that the petitioner had already begun to build a house '... with stone and mud or clay, contrair to the Act of Parliament...' He was ordered to take down what he had built and remove the rubbish that fell into the street.

DRAWINGS: None.

1760

The Court Officers from 3 October 1759:

Dean of Guild

John Carmichael

Council,

Alexander Grant, Old Dean of Guild

James Robertson, merchant

George Pitcairn, merchant

Hugh Inglis, wright

Patrick Jamieson, mason

Charles Howieson, wright

Procurator Fiscal, Robert Gray

Clerk of the Court, Thomas Alves or his clerk, John Patison

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

BOX: 1760/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 January 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 10 December 1759.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason.

SITE: Bells Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a timber fronted tenement.

NOTES: The property had been purchased from the Incorporation of Baxters. The warrant was granted to demolish the tenement on 2 January 1760 and the petitioner returned to the Court on 26 March to ask for another visit. On 27 March he was granted permission to also take down the dangerous adjoining gable belonging to Mrs.

Nasmyth in collaboration with her mason, James McPherson. On 16 April he asked the Court if he could include in his rebuilding three feet of ground he had purchased from Miss Lindsays and this was agreed. The plan does not to match the elevation (having been reversed?) and they are at different scales.

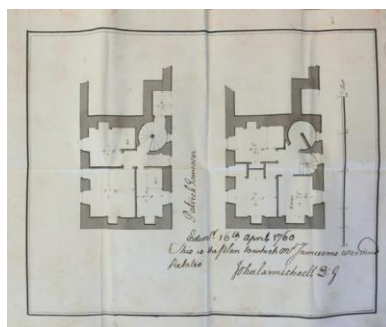
DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation of a four story tenement.

Size: 30.7 x 28.5 cms.

Watermark: IV



Description: b. Plans of the ground and one other floor.

Size: 26.3 x 22.0 cms.

BOX: 1760/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 January 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 12 December 1759.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason.

SITE: Penstones Close.

PROPOSAL: Claiming payment for share of pavement.

NOTES: The claim is against James Home, writer and factor for the Haddingtown Woollen Manufactory and Mrs. Katherine and Margaret Hepburn, daughters of the deceased Henry Hepburn, surgeon. The sum of £3 12s 5d outstanding since the work was completed in December 1754.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 January 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 31 December 1759.

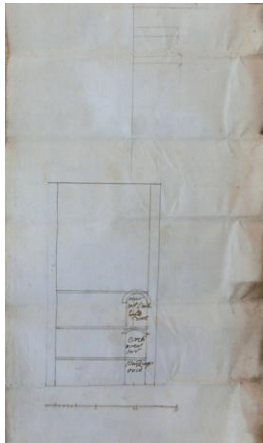
PETITIONER: Heritors of Dicksons land.

SITE: High Street, head of Dicksons Close, the great stone land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the gable.

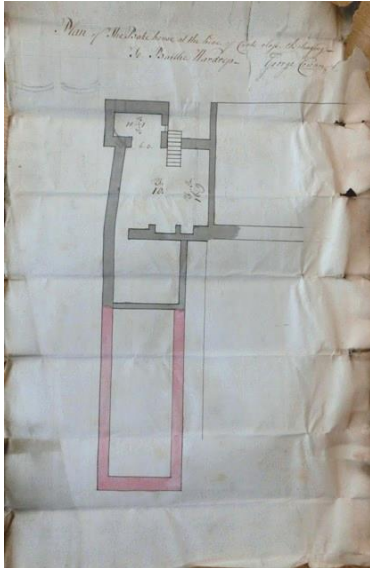
NOTES: The petitioners refer to a warrant granted 28 November 1759 (not there) that ordered the demolition of the eastern gable of their tenement. They believe that in rebuilding the gable the tradesmen have supported part of it on an arch belonging to a shop and that the work is insufficient for the height of the wall. The Court agreed on 3 January 1760 that the work had not been carried out according to the plan submitted and that the gable should be taken down again. There was a reclaiming petition by Baillie Wardrop, owner of the shop stating that he would lose by the intended plan and the Court agreed, asking for plans to be submitted by the owners of the tenement at the head of Cants Close. William Mylne is mentioned in relation to the 1759 plans and he and Charles Mack were summoned by the Court who ordered the work to stop on 31 December 1759. The drawing at b. was made before the work began in order to establish rights and it was submitted with the reclaiming petition for Baillie Wardrop.

DRAWINGS: 4 sheets.

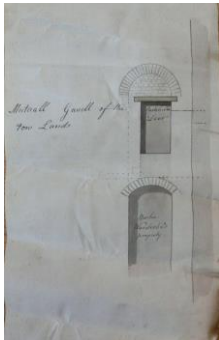


Description: a. Sketch elevation of arches on three floors.

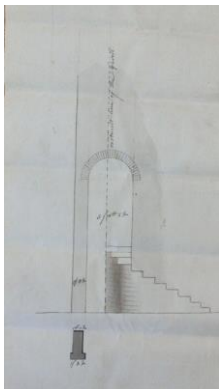
Size: 31.0 x 18.8 cms.



Description: b. Measured plan of Baillie Wardrop's bake house.
 Size: 38.6 x 25.4 cms.
 Draughtsman: Signed by George Cowan (ordained measurer).



Description: c. Elevation of two arched entries.
 Size: 28.3 x 16.0 cms.



Description: d. Elevation of an arch and external stair.
 Size: 27.8 x 14.5 cms (irregular).

BOX: 1760/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 January 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 27 November 1759.

PETITIONER: William Douglas, merchant, Treasurer of the Musical Society of Edinburgh.

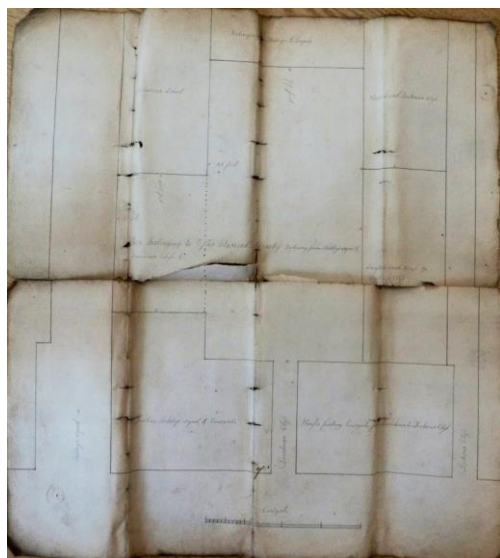
SITE: Niddery Wynd, foot, Cowgate, Davidson's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a great hall or musical house.

NOTES: This plan only shows the area purchased and in answers for the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel they point out that they cannot tell what effect the proposed building might have on their property and on a water run down to the Cowgate, if they cannot

see a plan and elevation. No elevation or plan was supplied. The court summoned the officers of the Incorporation, George Dallas, writer, James Thomson, barber, Mrs. Andrew, relict of Laurance Andrew, wright and Mrs Chattoe, relict of (blank) Chattoe. An annotation on the answers dated 5 December 1759 asks the petitioner '...to give in a plan of the elevation and dimensions of...' but trails off. The Incorporation in further answers pointed out that they had a servitude to allow the water run and that by an Act of the Court dated 20 January 1695 against David Wrightman, skinner, ordering him to remove a midden laid down by his tenants and which blocked the watercourse. They also point out that they purchased an area or narrow passage between their essay house and a tenement they own lying to the west of it and a little area between the essay house and their Chapel, from James Davidson on a disposition dated 10 January 1649, '...upon which the incorporations were infest on the 8 December 1653'. Under this disposition they were entitled to build up with stonework, two passages between Davidson's property and the part disposed 'one of them being within the Essay house (then a stable and too-fall)...'. There is evidence that the built up wall was originally a door and they take the precaution of noting this, in case it should be '...made a handle or used as a pretence for opening a passage there in time coming...' The warrant was granted on condition that the servitude for the watergang and the use of the passage was acknowledged.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area between Niddrys Wynd and Dickson's Close.
Size: 42.0 x 38.7 cms.

BOX: 1760/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 February 1760.

PETITION LODGED: December 1760.

PETITIONER: Lady Cairnie; Mrs. Mary Melvill of Cairnie.

SITE: Canongate head, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof.

NOTES: The petitioner notes that the tenement belonged to the deceased James Buchanan, wright and that it was sold by authority of the Lords of Session in parcels. The petitioner purchased the fourth story, in which she was then living and the second, third and fifth stories, all the garrets, the first story and all the shops not belonging to the said James Buchanan were purchased by Mrs. Margaret Murray, daughter of (blank) Murray of Cringalty, George Wilson, mason and John McLure, writing master. The petitioner also refers to a protest taken on 12 November 1760, which is here, following damage to her property and furniture. This document is witnessed by James Russel, servant to the daughters of Mr. Robert Keith, His Majesty's Ambassador at the Court of Russia. The Court ordered the repairs to be carried out after a report.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 February 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 17 October 1759.

PETITIONER: William Ormiston, bookbinder and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Parliament Close, Back Stairs, Tait's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about slapping out a vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Fleming junior and John Hutton, paper makers who occupy the ware room below the petitioner's property. He states that they employed Mr. Ramsay, a mason to reopen an old vent and that in doing so, broke through into his vent causing a huge boulder, sixteen inches square, to fall into his vent, destroy it and filling the room with soot. In a memorial for Messrs Fleming and Hutton dated 17 January 1760 they note that 'In the year 1756 they entered into a contract of copartnery on the trade of paper making and before this contract they had previously agreed with Messieurs Ruddiman, Fleming and Aitken who had carried on the same trade for many years before, for a purchase of their paper miln in the country and the said house or ware room at the foot of the Parlt. house stairs and in March obtained the disposition thereto from Messieurs Ruddiman, Fleming and Aitken who had right thereto by disposition from Andrew Thomson, brewer dated June 1731...' They then accuse the petitioner of having blocked up the vent they opened. There is also a memorial for William Ormiston in which he states that he purchased his property at a public roup (sale) from Thomas Ruddiman in February 1753. The Court decided that the vent should be reinstated as it was there before the alteration and the petitioner and his authors had used it since 1724.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 February 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 6 February 1760.

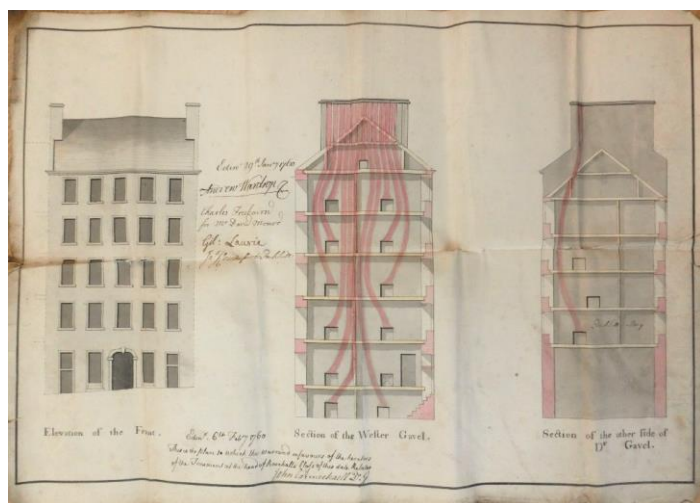
PETITIONER: Andrew Wardrope, late Baillie, Charles Freebairn, architect for David Monro, cabinet maker at London, Gilbert Lawrie, late druggist and James Home, writer, acting for Mr. Parkhills heirs and Thomas Armourer, heir of James Armourer, late WS and others.

SITE: High Street, east and west sides, head of Cants Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild two tenements.

NOTES: The warrant describes the property as being at the head of Rosehall's Close. See warrant granted 24 March 1762 (Freebairn).

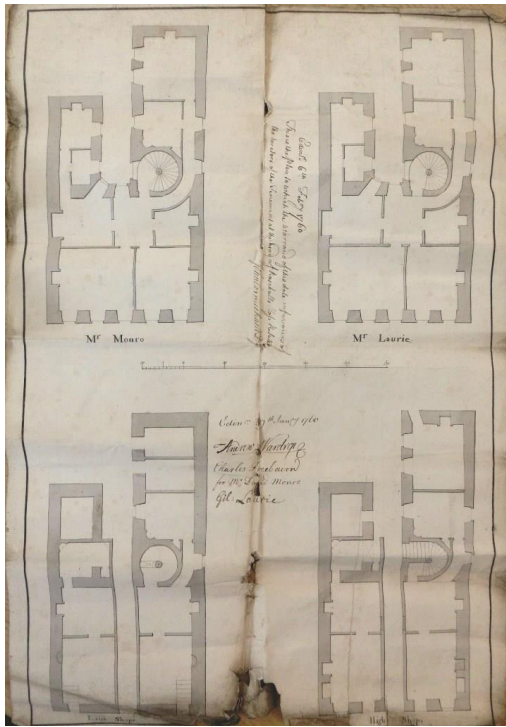
DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation and two sections of the western gable.

Size: 37.0 x 53.2 cms.

Watermark: Strasbourg Lily / LVG



Description: b. Plans of three floors.

Size: 54.8 x 37.6 cms.

Watermark: IHS and Villadary

BOX: 1760/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 February 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 6 February 1760.

PETITIONER: Messrs. Douglas and Lindsey, merchants.

SITE: Luckenbooths, immediately under the Tolbooth.

PROPOSAL: To open a door into the adjoining shop on the west.

NOTES: The petitioners have a lease on the shop from the Town and they wish to join this shop with another belonging to the Town, on a lease to Robert Ewing of Craigtoun. They will then take on his lease. The warrant was granted on condition they had the permission of the Town Council.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 February 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 6 February 1760.

PETITIONER: John Greig, dyer and his spouse.

SITE: Libbertons Wynd, at the back.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about borrowed vents.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Mcfarlane and James Symmers who are tenants in a tenement owned by William Lizars, baxter (baker). They have knowhed through vents into the petitioner's vent. The petitioners also complain that William Lizars has demolished and taken away a stone stair leading up to the first floor of the back part of their tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 February 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 6 February 1760.

PETITIONER: Mary Anderson, indweller.

SITE: Grassmarket, south side, a little east of the Meuse well.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Gardiner, horse farrier who has erected a shade which projects ten feet into the street. He had added a timber screen on the west side of

this to protect from the wind but this now directs the wind into the petitioner's shop and hides it from the street. The defender was ordered to take down the shade on 13 February. He stated that he had a warrant to build the shade many hears ago from Dean of Guild Hathorn. As he could not produce it, the Court confirmed its decision on 20 February. He applied again to erect a shade over his door, without any poles and a warrant was granted for this on 27 February 1760.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 February 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 20 February 1760.

PETITIONER: James Hart, wright in Leith.

SITE: North Leith, near the bridge end.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to w warrant granted some years ago (11 June 1755, Heart) to repair a tenement belonging to Lady Hillhousefield and claim the expence from the rents. He explains that the houses occupied by Mr. Beatson, Mrs. Fleeming and Mrs. Cornwall now require further repairs or the tenants will leave. The Court granted the warrant and the accounts were to be cognosed on completion.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 February 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 6 February 1760.

PETITIONER: Jean Cameron, spouse to Daniel Andrew, sailor on board His Majesty's ship, Stirling Castle.

SITE: Leith Shore, Miln's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner had a decret from the Dean of Guild dated 10 October 1759 (does not survive there) against David Milne, merchant in London and William Cumming, his factor for repairs to the flat above hers. The work was not carried out so she arranged it herself and now presents the accounts from Alexander Moodie, wright in Leith, Alexander Constable, mason in Leith with measures of the work by Alexander Turnbull.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 February 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 13 February 1760.

PETITIONER: Alexander Reid, tenant in Hatton Mains.

SITE: Leith, Yardheads.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for rebuilding barns.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted on 16 October 1754 to demolish and rebuild barns and a brew house. There is a general account here for £672 8s with a measure of the work by George Cowan. The work was carried out by James McPherson, mason, Stephen Jollie, wright and John Sherriff, slater. Also accounts from Thomas Sibbald, smith and John Cowper, painter dated 13 August 1755. The latter gives no specific colours.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 March 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 16 January 1760.

PETITIONER: Andrew Jamieson, merchant.

SITE: Warristons Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for rebuilding a mutual gable.

NOTES: The petitioner with Ann Chiesley had a warrant for the work, 5 July 1758 (Jamieson), to rebuild the mutual gable with Alexander Robertson, minister of the Gospel at Attlestoun. There are accounts from Patrick Jamieson, mason for work carried

out in September 1758, Alexander Hay, wright, July to September 1758, Alexander Nicolson, plumber, September 1759 and George Syme, slater, October 1758 and September 1759 with measures of the work by Alexander Turnbull and George Cowan.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 April 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 27 February 1760.

PETITIONER: George Monro, watchmaker in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate head, Buchanan's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a smoking vent.

NOTES: The petitioner's property belongs to John McClure, writing master. The complaint is against Mary Melville, Lady Cairnie, owner of the flat above the petitioner, who is said to have erected an iron machine on her fore room vent which caused the wind to blow ash and soot from the fireplace into the petitioner's bedroom. In reply the defender states that she purchased her property (4th floor) at a judicial sale of the entire tenement some years ago. At that time she informed Mr. McClure of her intention to erect a machine on her vent and asked if he would do the same. He refused, stating that 'he would make two slate stones cure his smoke'. There is further explanation that Daniel Mack, mason took down her machine and vent and rebuilt it in December 1758. The Court ordered the poor brickwork of her vent to be taken down and rebuilt and allowed the petitioner to erect a machine if he wished.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 April 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 26 March 1760.

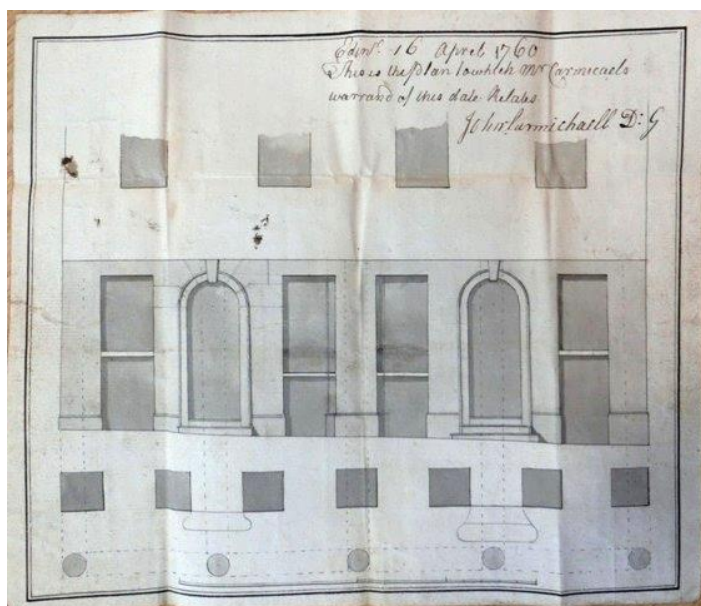
PETITIONER: John Carmichael of Eastend and James Telfer, staymaker.

SITE: High Street, immediately west of the entry to Carrubber's Close.

PROPOSAL: To bring forward the shop front.

NOTES: The petitioner's shops do not get enough light, being set back behind (timber?) pillars that are much decayed. The Court allowed the work but gave detailed instructions, including drawing the required stones, in pencil on the elevation. The work to be carried out at the sight of Mr. Robertson and Mr. Jamieson.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of the shop floor with a plan of the front wall and pillars.

Size: 22.5 x 26.3 cms.

Watermark: VI

BOX: 1760/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 April 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 27 February 1760.

PETITIONER: Robert Blyth, merchant.

SITE: High Street, immediately east of Chalmers Close, the Bleu land.

PROPOSAL: To enclose the area in front of a shop.

NOTES: The petitioner intends to build an ashlar stone wall up to the joists of the floor above and enclose the area. Also a building a brick partition to allow access to the laigh shop owned by Sir James Johnston of Westerhall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 April 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 16 April 1760.

PETITIONER: William Lizars, baxter and Alexander Clark, glover.

SITE: Libbertons Wynd, back, Chrystie's Court.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an unsafe vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Greig, dyster and Jean Taylor, his spouse who occupy the property opposite. There is a hole struck out of the side of one of the vents which is close to a timber fore shot and they fear that this might cause a fire. The hole was to be built up.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 April 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 16 April 1760.

PETITIONER: David Rae, advocate and others, proprietors.

SITE: Anchor Close head, Forglen's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a borrowed vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Young, hatter who occupies a celler at the foot of the land. He has a borrowed vent that has caught fire twice this last winter. The petition is signed by all of the proprietors and Thomas Smith, agent for the Sun Fire office, London. The Court ordered it to be built up.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 April 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 23 April 1760.

PETITIONER: Charles Freebairn, architect.

SITE: High Street, head of Cants Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: To have a valuation.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the fourth story with garret and cellar belonging to it, above the shops in a small stone tenement, a great part of which had been taken down by order of the Court. A jury was appointed and they gave a value of £70 Stg, the cost of rebuilding to be a preferable debt on the property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 May 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 30 April 1760.

PETITIONER: William Smith, merchant.

SITE: Patterson's Court, second story of the middle Court.

PROPOSAL: To slap out a window.

NOTES: The petitioner complains that his light is affected by the height of the lands in the fore and back courts. He refers to a closet where the wall has been built only 16 or 17 inches thick and he wishes to knock out a window in this wall and the Court agreed it could be done safely.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 May 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 10 October 1759.

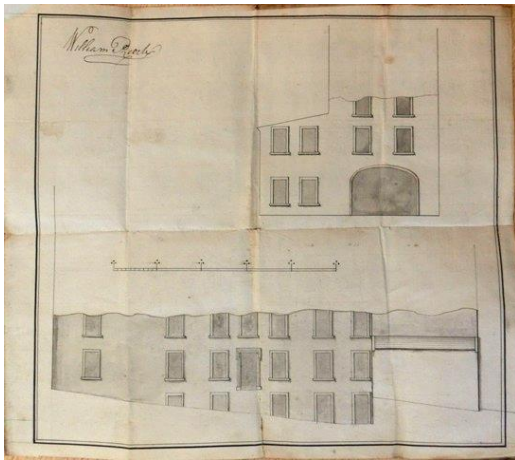
PETITIONER: Charles Butter and William Reoch, wrights.

SITE: Carrubber's Close, foot, Kincaid's great tenement

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement destroyed by fire on 12 August 1758.

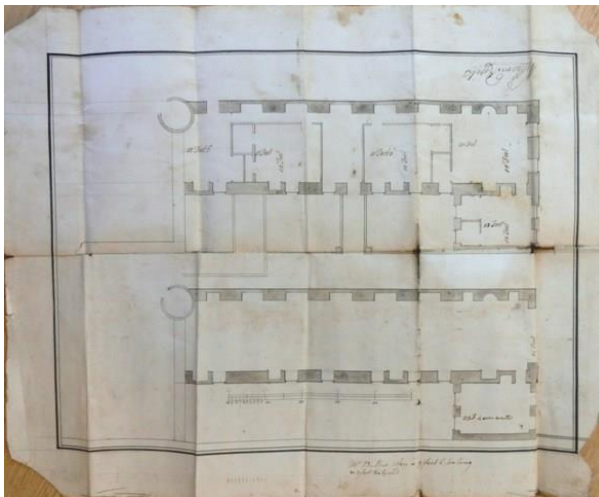
NOTES: William Reoch first applied to the Court on 10 October 1759 to rebuild the tenement, submitting the drawings at a. and b. He also insisted that the proprietors of the floors above his property should be ordered to remove the stones and rubble so that he could carry out the work. This proposal was rejected by Thomas Foggo, merchant and Charles Butter who produces their own plans, at c. In answers for Thomas Mylne, mason, owner of the tenement on the west of the burnt land, he produced a copy of an earlier plan by two sworn measurers, at d. See warrants granted 14 August 1758 (Dean of Guild) and 30 March 1764 (Reoch) where the full plan by George Cowan, copied here at d. can be seen.

DRAWINGS: 4 sheets.



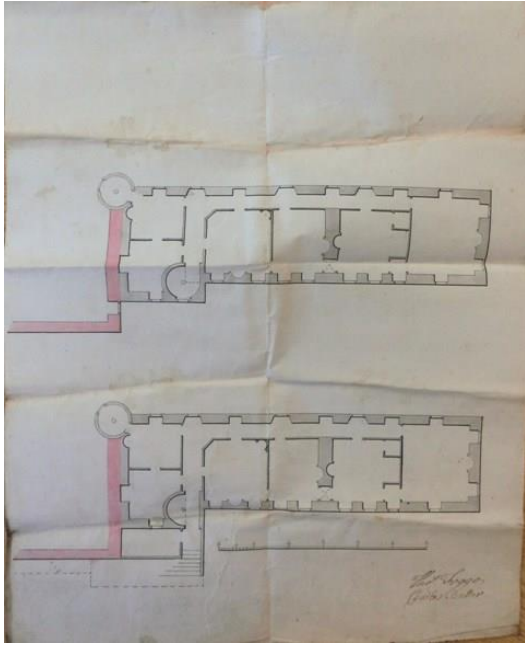
Description: a. Elevations of the ground floor and the floor above.

Size: 23.8 x 27.2 cms.



Description: b. Plans of two floors.

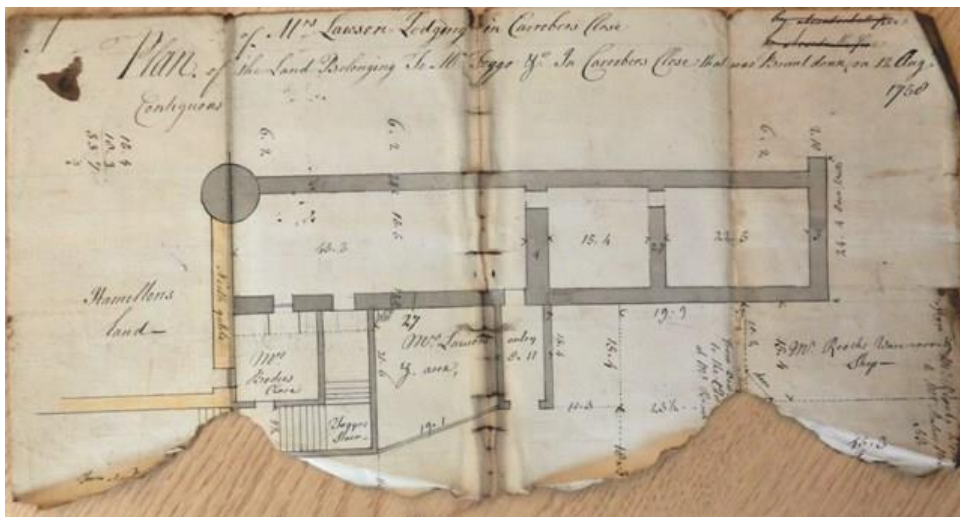
Size: 31.0 x 37.7 cms.



Description: c. Plans of two floors.

Size: 47.2 x 31.7 cms.

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Description: d. Plan of the area (copied from an original by George Cowan).

Size: 15.5 x 30.7 cms (irregular, part missing).

BOX: 1760/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 May 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 30 April 1760.

PETITIONER: Joseph Williamson, advocate.

SITE: James's Court, east wing, ground story.

PROPOSAL: To open a new window.

NOTES: The petitioner has purchased the ground floor but as it is partially below ground level he wishes to insert a new window. The Court agreed that it would be safe as it would be directly below the five windows in the stories above.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 May 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 14 May 1760.

PETITIONER: George Campbell, house carpenter and Alexander Campbell, brewer.

SITE: Scott's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner holds a tack or lease on a wright's work house from Mr. Scott of Bavalaw. The complaint is against James Brown, wright who occupies a wright's yard contiguous on the west and who has stacked timber in a way that encroaches on the petitioner's property and has damaged it.

DRAWINGS:

BOX: 1760/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 June 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 28 May 1760.

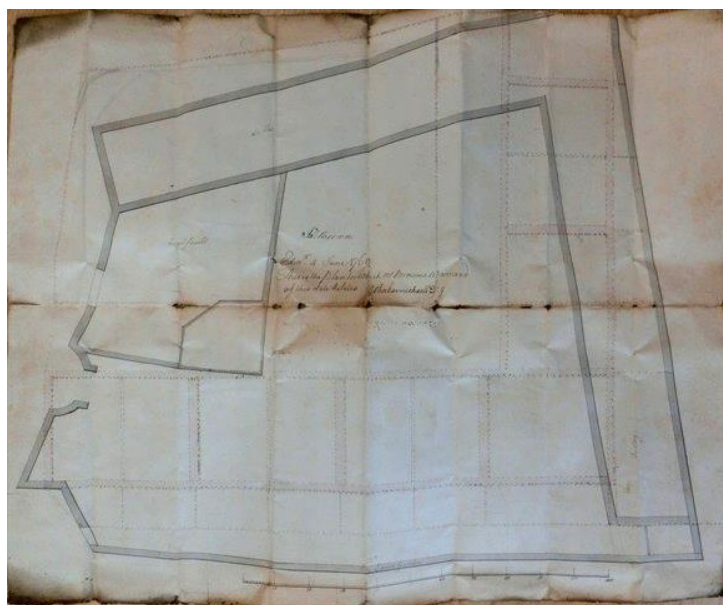
PETITIONER: James Brown, wright.

SITE: Society (Brown Square).

PROPOSAL: To build two sides of a Square.

NOTES: The petitioner's property, stables and coal yard purchased from Mrs. Cleghorn, brewer, is bounded on the south and east by the avenue leading from Home's Close to Candlemaker Row; on the north by a garden belonging to the Merchant Company and possessed by the Commissioners of Excise. See further warrant below.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area showing the stables etc. in grey with the new buildings superimposed.

Size: 48.8 x 60.3 cms.

BOX: 1760/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 June 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 6 June 1759.

PETITIONER: Andrew Fletcher, Lord Milton.

SITE: Canongate, south side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish an old gable.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased his property from the Duke of Roxburgh and on taking down the west gable of an old house, part of the adjoining tenement, Falconer's land, will be left open to the east. He intends enclosing his property on the east and west with a stone wall and seeks permission before proceeding. The Court ordered him to leave eighteen inches for the rebuilding of the neighbouring gable in brick. Ann Douglas, relict of Duncan Innes, shoemaker in Canongate and Margaret Moffat, relict of John Douglas, shoemaker in Canongate complained that the boundary wall, already begun, encroached on the common close that previously ran between the respective properties on the east, with a gutter that ran down the middle. In answers for Lord Milton by John Adam, he argued that the complainers did not have any windows or doors that led into the old Close and thus could not make any claim. The Court agreed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 June 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 4 June 1760.

PETITIONER: James Brown, wright.

SITE: Society (Brown Square).

PROPOSAL: To demolish a small stable.

NOTES: The stable, belonging to James Ferrier, farmer at venture fair mure near Lasswade, adjoins the property he is already demolishing (see warrant above) and it is now in danger of falling.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 June 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 26 March 1760.

PETITIONER: William Drysdale, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Sherriff Brae.

PROPOSAL: Seeking payment of a half share for building work.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted on 18 April 1759 (Drysdale) and lodged here, to take down and rebuild in stone, a mutual timber gable. The mutual gable is shared with Patrick Miller, merchant in Leith. In answers for Patrick Miller he refuses to accept responsibility for the expence, noting that at the time of the original discussion about the work Deacon (Thomas) Milne quoted £30 for the work and William Drysdale agreed to pay one third of that, for reasons he did not understand as the gable was of mutual benefit. No further discussion took place until the work was complete. There is a copy of the estimate here and an account for the work totalling £75 14s. The Court allowed a proof of the arrangement and no further action is noted here.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1760/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 June 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 30 May 1760.

PETITIONER: Margaret Guthrie, relict of James Cowan, shipmaster in Leith and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, Shore, foot of Willy Water's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Christopher Wood, cheese merchant in Leith and David Strachan, later merchant in Leith. In a petition for Christopher Wood (who describes himself as a stranger) he explains that he had a repairing lease on a small shop from David Strachan but he found it in such poor condition that he took it down to the foundations and rebuilt it. On reaching six feet of brickwork he decided to build a room above it for accommodation, which was to project 17 inches into the street. Mr. Strachan objected so he took it down. By this stage Mrs. Cowan had complained that the building of the shop would interfere with her light. The Court dismissed both complaints as groundless.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 June 1760.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: John Carmichael of Eastend and James Telfer, staymaker.

SITE: Carrubbers Close, head.

PROPOSAL: To open a new vent.

NOTES: The petitioners have enclosed the area in front of the shops by a previous warrant and now wish to insert a new vent. Only the warrant remains here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 June 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 5 March 1760.

PETITIONER: Gilbert Duncan, mason, John Ramsay, wright in Canongate i, Alexander

Miller, glazier, James Smith, slater and Archibald Berey, smith.

SITE: North Leith, Parkinson's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioners refer to a warrant granted 3 August 1757 (Margaret Hamilton and others). There are accounts here from each of the petitioners and measures of the wright and mason work by Alexander Turnbull. The Court agreed the accounts and allowed the petitioners to collect the rents for payment.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 June 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 21 May 1760.

PETITIONER: John Paxton, stabler and coach master in the Grassmarket.

SITE: The Barras, south side of the highway leading from the West Port to West Kirk.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about foul water and a blocked sewer.

NOTES: The petitioner holds a tack or lease from James Summers, comb maker and David Hutton, tailor dated 14 January 1756, on a piece of ground bounded by the tanwork that belonged to the late (blank) Espline, tanner in Portsburgh and by the land commonly called Pocket sleeve on the south. The complaint is against William Archibald and William Tod, tanners in Portsburgh who have allowed the sewer or drain to become blocked.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 June 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 25 June 1760.

PETITIONER: Alexander Innes of Cathlaw, Robert Hamilton, merchant, George Buchanan, writer, William Aiton, writer and Robert Horsburgh, all proprietors.

SITE: High Street, Carrubbers Close, Kincaid's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Charles Butter, wright, William Reoch, wright and Thomas Foggo, merchant who are rebuilding the contiguous tenement. The petitioner's south gable is cracking and after pasting paper across the cracks, these have now torn. The Court found that the gable was in no further danger but ordered the defenders to build 'a strong putt' (wall or buttress) and from it, an arch to support the petitioner's east wall, before digging for the foundations there.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 July 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 4 July 1760.

PETITIONER: Adam Vallance, wigmaker and barber in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, south side, west of the Duke of Queensberry's lodging.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against the Incorporation of Wrights in Canongate who own a tenement on the east of the petitioner's property. They have begun raising the walls of their tenement and intend putting a pavilion roof on the top which will alter the easing drop and throw rainwater on the petitioner's tenement. The Court ordered the work to stop. There is a petition here from John Ramsay, wright, Deacon of the Incorporation and Allan Ogill, wright, boxmaster explaining that the lath and plaster front of their tenement and the roof were wholly rotten and in danger of falling. They decided to rebuild the front wall in brick on top of the stone first story and have a pavilion roof. They applied to the Baillies of Canongate for a warrant and this was granted on 10 June 1760. There is further discussion of the placing of a stair during the relaying of the plainstones. The Court ordered a visit by three members and allowed them to make a decision on the spot after a discussion.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 July 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 16 July 1760.

PETITIONER: Christian Ferrier, spouse to Thomas Lancashire, indweller in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, Tolbooth Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a neighbour.

NOTES: The petitioner was the widow of John Walker, junior, coachmaster and as such she is life renter of some tenements that she has partly let to David Low, vintner, for seven years from Whitsunday last. He wished to build a shade for his chaises but has been stopped by James Reid, coachmaker who claims an encroachment. The Court allowed the shade to be built with an easing drop on her own property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 July 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 25 June 1760.

PETITIONER: John Clarkson, baxter.

SITE: Fleshmarket, head, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about smoking vents.

NOTES: The petitioner's neighbours have heightened their vents, which makes his vents smoke in the house. The Court allowed him to make his vents higher.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 15 May 1760.

PETITIONER: William Moffat, glass grinder and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an alteration to the turnpike stair below street level.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Dallas, indweller and herb seller and Gilbert Clark, his landlord. There was a considerable argument but the Court found in favour of the petitioner and ordered an entry to be built up. There is an account here from Patrick Jamieson and Son for 8s 1d for the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 6 August 1760.

PETITIONER: John Cairns, flesher.

SITE: Laigh Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: Claim for a stand reserved for Burgesses, which was granted.

NOTES: See petition below 13 August 1760 (Dick).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 6 August 1760.

PETITIONER: Robert Scott, merchant.

SITE: Richardson's land.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a shade over his shop.

NOTES: The shop is occupied by William Brymer and is immediately below the petitioner's shop. He wishes to replace a shade over the entrance, in the same manner as the shade above the entry to Forrest's Coffee house, on the cellar immediately below. Below in this case means down the street.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 August 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 2 July 1760.

PETITIONER: Henry Scrimgeour, WS and Charles Butter, wright.

SITE: Toddericks Wynd, within the head on the east side.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for rebuilding a tenement.

NOTES: The property lies immediately south of the fore land pertaining to William Clerk, tailor and others. The tenement also had two cellars, owned by Thomas Robertson, writer and to the heirs or creditors of the deceased Alexander Beech, painter. The petitioners had been granted a warrant on 7 September 1757 to rebuild these cellars, as well as the remainder of the tenement, their property. There are numerous accounts here for the work from Charles and William Butter to Mrs. Mack, some receipted 1 June 1759 by John Mack as factor for Jean Watson, relict of the deceased John Mack, mason. Also from George Syme, slater, Thomas Donald, smith, Robert Dewar, glazier with measures of the work by Alexander Turnbull.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 August 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 25 July 1760.

PETITIONER: James Guthrie, City Treasurer and Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Miln's Square, at the back, foot of the scale stairs.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against the Miss Hepburns and James Brown, wright who have begun making repairs to a timber tenement. There appears to have been a misunderstanding and the repairs were being made to a closet attached to Hepburn's land. The matter escalated when the Lord Justice Clerk, George Pringle, advocate and other proprietors of Miln's Square, petitioned the Court to have the tenement demolished, it having been condemned. There is a spirited defence by William Hay as factor for the defenders and the Court allowed them to repair in brick and for the new roof to rise no further than eighteen inches above its pervious level.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 August 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 13 August 1760.

PETITIONER: William Dick, flesher.

SITE: Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about being dispossessed of a stand.

NOTES: This complaint follows from the one by John Cairns, flesher above (6 August 1760). The petitioner stated that although not a Burgess he and his father carried on their business in the market for 50 years and since his father's death he continued to do so. John Cairns has been given his stand. The Court fond the petitioner a stand.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 August 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 12 August 1760.

PETITIONER: David Wilson, brewer in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate head, north side, and west side of Morocco's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment and building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Chalmers, merchant in North Leith who encroached on the petitioner's garden. See warrant granted 20 August 1760 (Chalmers).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 August 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 13 August 1760.

PETITIONER: Peter Spalding, goldsmith.

SITE: West Bow, head, fourth story.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a smoking vent.

NOTES: The petitioner owns the floor of the tenement jointly with John Young,

merchant and it is occupied by Miss Douglas. He wishes to move a vent which smokes badly, at the sight of Patrick Jamieson, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 August 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 15 August 1760.

PETITIONER: James Chalmers, merchant.

SITE: Canongate head, north side, and west side of Morocco's Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: See warrant granted 13 August 1760 (Wilson). The Court granted the warrant with a condition on the width of the Close and this resulted in a second petition where James Chalmers noted that the Close was not a public one as he owned all of it and there was no lower entrance. He stated that the condition was onerous and would restrict the size of his intended rooms. The Court relented on 27 August and allowed him to reduce the width of the walkway to Mr. Wilson's garden.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1760/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 August 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 18 March 1760.

PETITIONER: Archibald Shiells and Miss Mary Weir.

SITE: Monteith's Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about borrowed vents.

NOTES: The petitioner's own the lath and plaster foreland at the head of the Close and they are threatened by two borrowed vents in the floor below their property, occupied by Francis Cameron, hatter and (blank) Weymis, coal seller. The Court ordered the vent in Francis Cameron's shop to be built up on 16 April but as nothing had been done a further warrant was granted on 28 August for Patrick Jamieson to build up the vent.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 August 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 20 August 1760.

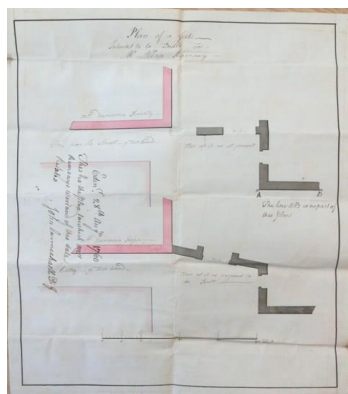
PETITIONER: Allan Ramsay of Kinkell, (painter).

SITE: Castle Hill.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a boundary wall and gate.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased an area north of his old ruin from Francis Charteris in 1757 where stands the house since built by John Davidson. The petition is dated 'Castle hill May 18/1760'. The Court granted the warrant specifying that the pillars of the gate should be six and a half feet high with an astragal cornice and balls above the said pillars. The drawing is said to be by Mr. Jamieson junior. See warrant granted 4 May 1757 (Davidson).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans, before and after, of the wall and gate.

Size: 32.3 x 28.3 cms.

Architect: William Jamieson.

BOX: 1760/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 August 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 27 August 1760.

PETITIONER: Richard Anderson, flesher in Dalkeith.

SITE: Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about loss of a stand.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he and his son entered Burgesses of the City about a fortnight ago and he intended using the stand he had for the previous 24 years. His son applied for a stand and had held it for the past 12 months. The officer of the Court decided that as they were partners, they should have one stand and gave the other to William Moffat. See petitions above, 6 and 13 August (Cairns and Moffat). The Court decided that as Mr. Moffat did not attend the market regularly, the stand in question should be returned to the petitioner's son.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 August 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 27 August 1760.

PETITIONER: David Spence, Secretary to the Bank of Scotland.

SITE: Old Bank Close.

PROPOSAL: To relay the pavement in the Close leading to the bank.

NOTES: The Court had agreed to this work previously but an objection was made in the Court of Session by Mr. Cunningham and the work was never carried out.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 September 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 19 September 1760.

PETITIONER: Alexander Smith, baxter.

SITE: Bowhead, Riddell's land.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to a window and door.

NOTES: The petitioner recently purchased a shop and cellar and he wishes to alter the windows and door.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 December 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 19 November 1760.

PETITIONER: Thomas Ritchie, wright in St. Ninian's Row.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, near the College Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: This is a complicated petition, citing the various rights to the property which was acquired by the deceased Patrick Christieson elder, waulker and litster from the Goldsmiths of Edinburgh. James Scott, writer obtained an Adjudication before the Court of Session against Patrick Christieson, litster as heir to the said Patrick Christieson, on 14 February 1728, on payment of 1120 Merks Scots. etc...

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 December 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 8 September 1760.

PETITIONER: John Hutton, merchant.

SITE: Paterson's back Court.

PROPOSAL: To remove a blockage in a vent.

NOTES: The petitioner had purchased his property from the heirs of George Riddle, wright.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 December 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 20 August 1760.

PETITIONER: William Cochrane, advocate.

SITE: Worlds End Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

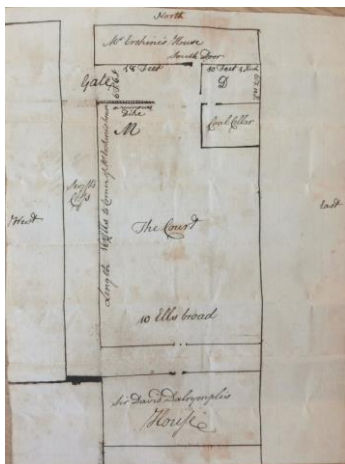
NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Erskine, house carpenter who has erected a coal hole for his tenant that is in the way of a proposed cellar to be erected by the petitioner. This complaint was followed, as the matter of rights went to proofs, by a petition to erect the cellar and a warrant was granted for this. The plan indicates the position of Sir David Dalrymple's house which is occupied by the petitioner. In answers for Sir David Dalrymple the petitioner cites a disposition by Sir William Bruce of Balcashie to Sir James Stanfield dated 1668. Sir James Stanfield converted a stable into a dwelling house and disposed it to John Murray in 1678 and this property pertains to Patrick Erskine. He refers to the house he occupies as the great house lying to the south of the Court. There is an opinion here 'by a learned assessor' for the petitioner. There are further undated petitions here from Charles Guthrie, writer on behalf of Patrick Erskine, house carpenter in Jamaica, eldest son of the deceased Alexander Erskine, sometime factor for the Marquis of Tweeddale, thereafter merchant and Burgess of Edinburgh.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation and plan of proposed cellars.

Size: 37.0 x 23.0 cms.



Description: b. Plan of the area.

Size: 25.2 x 18.8 cms.

BOX: 1760/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 December 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 10 December 1760.

PETITIONER: Robert Hamilton, merchant and the Heritors of Kinkaid's land.

SITE: High Street, Carrubbers Close, Kinkaid's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building higher than the warrant allowed.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Reoch and Charles Butter, wrights, with Thomas Fogo, merchant, who are building a tenement to the north of the petitioner's land. They are said to be building a story higher than their warrant allowed and contrary to the Act of Parliament. The work was stopped on 10 December and a committee was appointed to inspect the work. They reported that '... having visited and examined the height of the front of the land within mentioned, find that the building has not exceeded the height of the elevation for which warrant was granted'. The other heritors are George Buchan and William Aytoun for Mrs. Aytoun. (This decision is at odds with the decision Court of Session, 5 August 1760 in the case brought by George Buchan of Kello, against Charles Freebairn, Architect in Edinburgh, for building higher than his warrant allowed. See warrant granted 6 February 1760 (Wardrop, Freebairn and Gilbert Laurie, old Dean of Guild). The Court decided that of the five stories allowed by the Act of 1698 'regulating the manner of building within the town of Edinburgh', the number of stories should be measured from the pavement, even if the pavement rose or fell within the Close).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 December 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 27 August 1760.

PETITIONER: Alexander Moodie, wright.

SITE: Leith, Shore, opposite to the Coalhill.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for rebuilding a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted in 1757 to rebuild a tenement. There are accounts here from John Mason, mason, Alexander Constable, mason, David Anderson, slater, James Carmichael, plasterer and James Hodge, glazier along with measures of the work by Alexander Turnbull. The total coast was £70 2s 10½d.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/56

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 December 1760.

PETITION LODGED: 2 July 1760.

PETITIONER: John Milne, founder.

SITE: Leith, Shore.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner has right to the property by disposition from the trustees of the deceased John Dick, shipmaster in Leith to an Adjudication at his instance against Barbara Crichton, daughter of the deceased Margaret Crosbie and of John Crichton, merchant in Leith, her husband and now spouse of John Crawford, formerly merchant in Edinburgh, now shipmaster. There is a letter of supplement here summoning George Crawford and John Crawford, his father to appear within sixty days.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1760/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 December 1760 (no warrant heritors summoned).

PETITION LODGED: 3 December 1760.

PETITIONER: Charles Bruce, glazier and Robert Bremner, music shopkeeper.

SITE: High Street, between Cons Close on the east and Old Assembly Close on the west.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild some old houses and stables and rebuild.

NOTES: The property is also bounded by the lands belonging to the heirs of the deceased John Riddock, writer, on the north and the lands belonging to the petitioners and James Grierson on the south. The petition refers to a plan given in and there are two identical copies of the petition here.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1760/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 December 1760 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 18 December 1760.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a dangerous tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Beveridge, merchant who owns the ground floor of the tenement. In answers the defender notes that he let the shop on the ground floor to William Hay, merchant on a tack dated 30 March 1756, registered in the Sherriff Court books of Edinburgh, 28 November 1759. Under this he agreed to keep the tenement in good order. There is a further petition here from Francis McKenzie, cook in Canongate who complains that after the recent heavy rain, the property he lets from Mr. Hay is dangerous. A jury was appointed and they reported on 17 December.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1760/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 December 1760 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 20 December 1760.

PETITIONER: The Society of Chairmasters.

SITE: None.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a chair bearer.

NOTES: The complaint is against Lauchlan McIntosh who has bought two chairs and acts in the character of a master. He is not a Burgess and he claims he will produce evidence of his service as a soldier and be exempt from becoming a freeman. The petitioners point out that McIntosh was impressed by Captain Ferguson and was brought before the Baillies and rather than serve at sea he enlisted with Captain Mellville and got the bounty money etc. etc... They claim he never joined a regiment.

DRAWINGS: None.

1761

The Court Officers from 12 November 1760:

Dean of Guild

Gilbert Laurie

Council,

John Carmichael, Old Dean of Guild

James Robertson, merchant

George Pitcairn, merchant

Hugh Inglis, wright

Patrick Jamieson, mason

Charles Howieson, wright

Procurator Fiscal, Robert Gray

Clerk of the Court, Thomas Alves or his clerk, John Campbell

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

BOX: 1761/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 January 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 17 December 1760.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is in relation to a tenement that belonged to the deceased Captain John Brown and which is now ruinous and dangerous. There is a further petition here from several of the inhabitants of North Leith, presented before 3 December 1760 in which they point out that the tenement had been in the hands of Captain Brown's creditors for many years and had been let to tenants while it was habitable by Mr. Wright, who is now dead. The Court granted a warrant to Patrick Jamieson and Thomas Hart to take the tenement down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 February 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 4 February 1761.

PETITIONER: George Carre of Nisbet, one of the Senators of the College of Justice.

SITE: Lawnmarket, Buchanan's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about vents or chimneys erected without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Bell, writer and Mr. Bonnar, painter who have erected vents that are causing damage to the petitioner's property. They agreed to take them down forthwith.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 February 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 24 January 1761.

PETITIONER: John Stobie, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, Gosefoords (Gosfords) Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ingress of water and dust from the flat above.

NOTES: The property above the petitioner is occupied by Lord Belhaven and he or his servants have allowed water and coal ash to come through the floor and damage the petitioner's property. He complains that part of his roof came down in the summer of 1759 and he had to have it repaired. He complained to the Court in December 1759 but there is still a problem. In answers for Lord Belhaven, his man of business states that the house does not belong to him and the proprietor should be called.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 February 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 14 January 1761.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson and Son, masons.

SITE: High Street, Foulis Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Charles Congalton, surgeon who owes the petitioners £3 3s 9d as his share of the cost of laying pavement in and in front of Foulis Close along with ashlar pillars erected to support the front wall. The account for the work undertaken in November 1759 is here. In answers for the defender he states that the petitioners '(by what authority he knows not) did in Autumn 1759 undertake a scheme for raising and levelling the south side of the High Street...'. He took out an instrument of protest against the damage he claimed was being caused to his property. In answers for the petitioner he states that he undertook the work on a warrant granted to the majority of the heritors between the Court of Guard and the Netherbow. The Court found him liable for the expence.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 March 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 18 February 1761.

PETITIONER: James Seton, merchant.

SITE: High Street, north side, immediately west of the entry to the Ship Tavern.

PROPOSAL: To erect an entrance to his shop.

NOTES: The petitioner owns a high shop possessed by David Skae, merchant. The projecting joists on the forewall are drooping and he proposes to erect some timber pillars to support them and create an entrance. There were objections from William McIntosh, chairmaster who claimed the work would deprive his shop of light. The Court granted the warrant.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of the entrance.

Size: 15.6 x 14.1 cms.

BOX: 1761/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 March 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 4 February 1761.

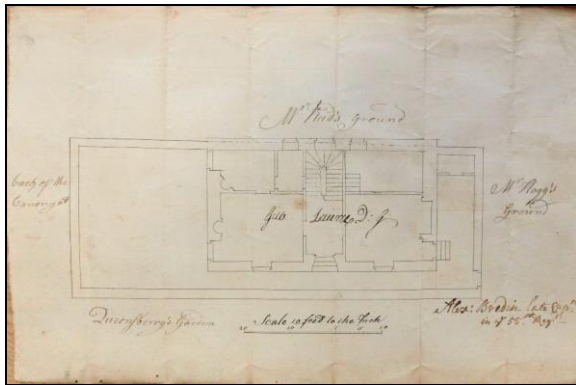
PETITIONER: Captain Alexander Bryden.

SITE: Canongate, north side.

PROPOSAL: To build a house.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased an area of ground from George Hogg, brewer in Canongate. The area previously belonged to the Incorporation of Weavers.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the house within a walled area.
Size: 21.2 x 31.5 cms.

BOX: 1761/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 March 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 26 January 1761.

PETITIONER: Gilbert Duncan, mason in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, north back.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about raising a causeway.

NOTES: The petitioner's property lies immediately east of a house belonging to Peter Ramsay, stabler and is entered by a passage over which he has a servitude. The defender has raised the causeway to such a level that the petitioner can no longer make use of the passage due to the restricted height.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 April 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 28 January 1761.

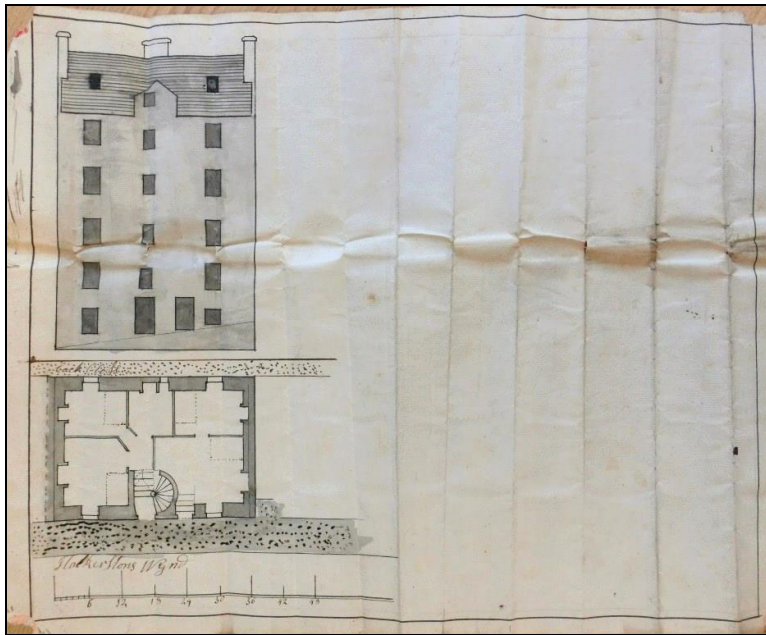
PETITIONER: John Wilson, merchant and late Baillie of Edinburgh.

SITE: High Street, north side, Halkerstons Wynd, east side.

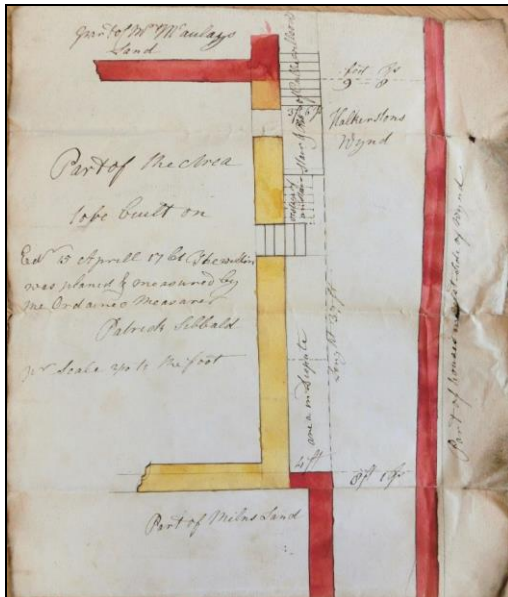
PROPOSAL: To rebuild a burnt tenement.

NOTES: The property is bounded by Kinloch's Close on the east, the tenement belonging to Mrs. McColl, relict of John McColl, vintner and James McCay, coppersmith on the south and Milns land on the north. The property was burnt down and then demolished by order of the Magistrates to prevent spreading of the late fire which happened near the foot of the Wynd. He intends rebuilding on the old foundations, as high as the Act (of 1698) allows. The petitioner asked for a valuation of the area and standing remains and this was determined by a jury at £35 Stg. The cost of rebuilding is to be a preferable debt with accounts to be cognosed on completion. The Court ordered that the new building should be on the old foundations but keep four feet from Deacon Miln's gable at the south west corner and keeping the Wynd at its present 13½ ft. width. In an inventory of processes it refers to a disposition by William Bruce, workman to Christian Melvill, his spouse and his two daughters dated 23 May 1729; Will of Christian Melvill to David Cochrane (wright) dated 26 August 1748. There was a dispute with Mrs. McColl (occasionally McAulay) who claimed there was a servitude on the original deeds limiting the height to what it had been before the fire but the petitioner claimed he did not have the original deeds. Matters became heated and the Court ordered sections of a further petition by John Wilson, before 27 March 1761, calling the actions and motives of the Court into question, to be expunged as 'indecent expressions'. There is a measure of the boundary of the tenement here, made by Alexander Tunbull and the request of Duncan Wright, wright. There is a reclaiming petition in which the arguments for the width of the Close are set in context. See the warrant granted to James Reikie, wright on 17 June 1761, who undertook the rebuilding.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation of a tenement of five floors and attics with a plan of the ground floor.
Size: 31.7 x 39.1 cms.



Description: b. Measured plan of the Close and projecting stairs.
Inscriptions, recto: Signed Patrick Sibbald, ordained measurer, 15 April 1761.
Size: 28.0 x 23.3 cms.

BOX: 1761/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 April 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 8 April 1761.

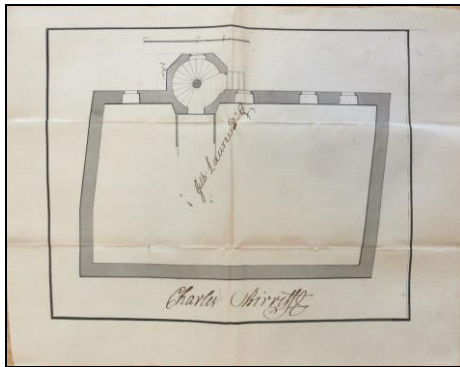
PETITIONER: Charles and Alexander Shirriff, merchants in Leith.

SITE: Leith, '...near opposite to the south entry of the Bush of Leith, in the road that leads to the glass house'.

PROPOSAL: To take down and rebuild an entrance stair.

NOTES: The present 'broad stair placed on the north sidewalk' is an obstruction to traffic and the petitioner intends taking it down and rebuilding as a spiral.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 21.5 x 27.5 cms.

Watermark: C & I Honig

BOX: 1761/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 April 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 3 August 1758.

PETITIONER: David Doig, linen manufacturer in Canongate, Treasurer appointed for collecting the funds for the improvements and pavement in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, south side.

PROPOSAL: To claim the expence of paving as a debt.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to the warrant granted 18 February 1756 to undertake the paving of the south side of the Canongate from the head of St. Mary's Wynd to the Abbey of Holyroodhouse. The Duke of Queensberry, the Earl of Moray, Lord Milton and Mr. Charteris each to lay the pavement opposite their own properties and to enclose the same with stone or wooden palls at their own expence. The same applied to all those heritors whose property extended from the Canongate southward to the back thereof. For those with property fronting the street, the pavement was to be laid at their joint charge, according to the rental value. A plan was made up and the work was to be undertaken at the direction of the members of the Dean of Guild Court, or any two of them (probably most appropriately, Charles Howison, Deacon of the wrights and Charles Mack, mason). The total sum claimed was £643 16s 8³/₄d Stg. There is a full list of those summoned dated 4 July 1759. In a report of the committee appointed by the Dean of Guild dated 13 February 1760 it dismisses most of the objections raised against the charges but notes that John Aitken, the wright employed for the timber palls (posts) could not charge for supervising the masons. There is also a reference to '... the play for the benefit of the new pavement...' There are only a few minor accounts here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 April 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 1 April 1761.

PETITIONER: Widow Andrew: Margaret Murray, widow of Laurence Andrew, wright.

SITE: Dicksons Close, foot, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against the Musical Society who have begun taking down a mutual wall on the west side of some waste ground on which a workshop is built, against the wall. The petitioner states that she and her husband purchased the area from John Riddoch, writer (lawyer) with the land at the foot of the Close and the waste ground behind it in 1722 and obtained a warrant in that year for building the workshop. She asks that if the wall is taken down it should be reinstated so that it encloses the building. The work was stopped on 1 April 1761 but the Musical Society pointed out that the joists, said to be built into the mutual wall, ran north south and not east west. The stop was lifted but reinstated on 17 April after the petitioner wrote to effect that she depended on the rent from the workshop for her livelihood and it is not clear how the matter was resolved.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 April 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 20 April 1761.

PETITIONER: Baillie John Learmonth, James Boyd and Peter Ramsay, stablers, Alexander Watson, merchant, Deacon David Anderson, hatter and John Home, coachmaker with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: St. Mary's Wynd, about the middle, opposite Mr. Norie's workhouse.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an outshot on a tenement that is an obstruction to traffic.

NOTES: The Court asked members, Patrick Jamieson and Charles Howison to report and they stated that it should be removed and as the laying of the causeway is fast approaching the outshot, this should be done without loss of time.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 April 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 24 March 1761.

PETITIONER: John Adam, architect.

SITE: Cowgate, west side of his area (Hastie's Close?).

PROPOSAL: To build.

DRAWINGS: A plan is mentioned but it is not here.

BOX: 1761/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 May 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 10 February 1761.

PETITIONER: William Munro, merchant.

SITE: High Street, north side, opposite the Luckenbooths.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sign board.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Grieve, tenant of the adjoining shop who has taken down the petitioner's sign board.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 May 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 8 April 1761.

PETITIONER: Robert Jameson, barber and wigmaker with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Pleasance.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of his property.

NOTES: The complaint is against the petitioner's landlord, Alexander Scouler who has not carried out repairs to the property as promised. He claims he is in danger '... for even lately the gavel has quit with the floor in sundry places...' A jury was appointed and they found that the tenement was dangerous and should be demolished. Their Bill 'No. 3, for 4 bottles of wine and oysters, bread & ches, 12s' survives here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 May 1761.

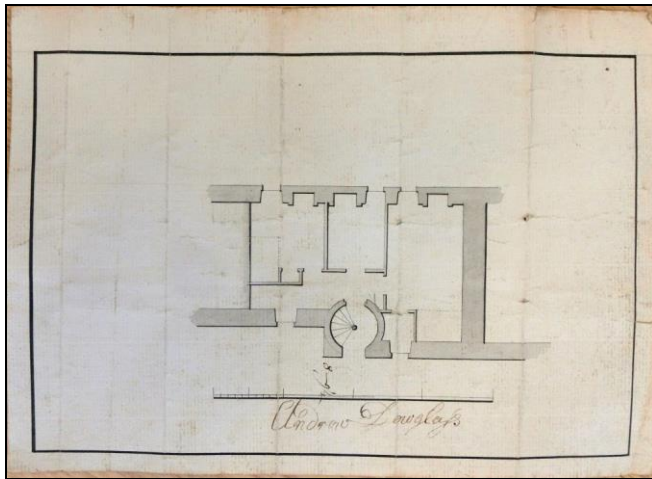
PETITION LODGED: 27 March 1761.

PETITIONER: Andrew Douglas, glazier.

SITE: Forresters Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To take down the west gable and rebuild.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 17.3 x 23.8 cms.

BOX: 1761/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 June 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 18 March 1761.

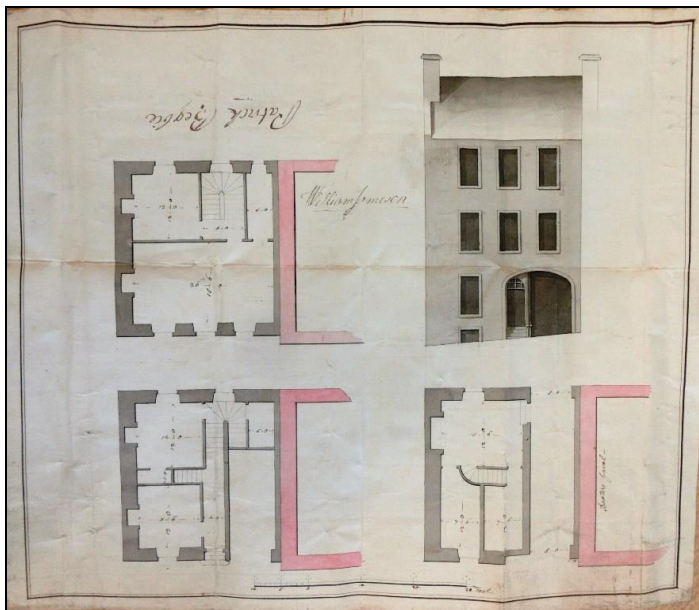
PETITIONER: William Jamieson, mason and Patrick Begbie, wright in Crosscauseway.

SITE: Canongate, south side, beside the baxters land on the west.

PROPOSAL: To build a house or tenement.

NOTES: The area lies between the baxters (bakers) land and the tenement belonging to Adam Valance.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of three floors.

Size: 29.0 x 33.7 cms.

BOX: 1761/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 June 1761.

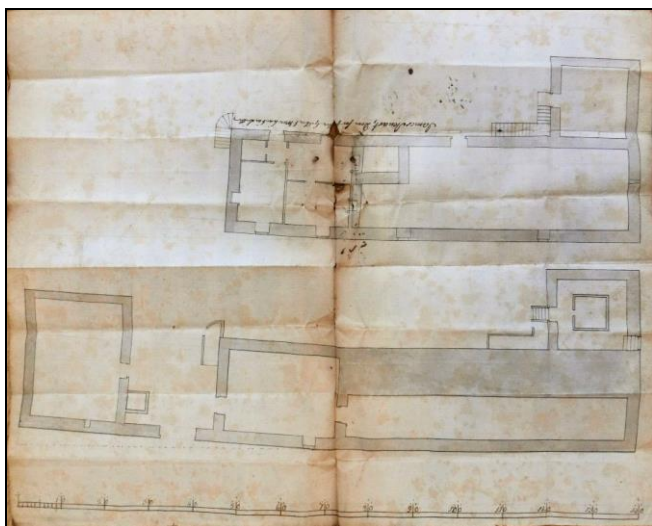
PETITION LODGED: 17 June 1761.

PETITIONER: Daniel Murray, merchant.

SITE: Canongate, opposite the foot of the Tolbooth Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To build a house and cellars on waste land.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the cellars and ground floor.

Size: 23.0 x 37.0 cms.

BOX: 1761/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 June 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 1 June 1761.

PETITIONER: Peter Gilbert, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Canongate, north side, opposite the foot of Campbell's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a large tenement and cognose the expence of building.

NOTES: The petitioner lately purchased an area of waste ground from Gilbert Clerk, writer. The Court ordered the petitioner to produce his titles and summoned 'James Guthrie, treasurer appointed by the Council to appear, in absence of Mr. John Coutts, their treasurer'. The plan shows a wall of immense thickness and this may be part of the Town wall. In the full warrant here it refers to a Sasine dated 27 November 1752 in favour of Gilbert Clerk, distiller in Portsburgh for 'an old brewery lying at the back of the Canongate on the Caltoun side of the street, to the east of the foot of the Tolbooth Wynd'. There is reference to digging out part of the Craig (crag) to the north.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 June 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 27 May 1761.

PETITIONER: James Murray and James Cargil, merchants.

SITE: St. Ninian's Row.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners, as administrators of Pauls Work, have right by progress to a Charter from the Town Council in favour of Colin Blyth, shoemaker in Caltoun dated 21 November 1750, for houses and gardens. Their right is in a Sasine dated 3 February 1761, registered 16 March 1761. A plan is mentioned but a note on the front of the petition states that it was borrowed on 25 June 1761 to be returned in 8 days.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1761/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 June 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 3 June 1761.

PETITIONER: James Reikie, wright.

SITE: Halkerstons Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a burnt tenement.

NOTES: This petition follows from the warrant granted to John Wilson, merchant, 15 April 1761 (with drawings). The petitioner has right to the demolished property and intends rebuilding. He agreed to build no higher than four stories.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 June 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 29 April 1761.

PETITIONER: John Hay, shipmaster in Leith with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, Shore.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mary Cowan, relict of James Cowan, shipmaster in Leith who built a shop which encroaches on the highway at a place used to weigh tobacco. She is putting up some buildings between her shop and the petitioner's property without a warrant. The petitioner's tenement was lately the property of Baillie David Strachan. In answers for Mrs. Cowan, written by Thomas Mylne, mason, she produced a warrant for the original shop. By this time, 20 May 1761 the Procurator Fiscal had made his own complaint and Thomas Mylne had appeared and submitted himself to the Court. They found him liable to the petitioner for damages of £36 Scots plus legal expences and fined him a further £18 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 July 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 1 June 1761.

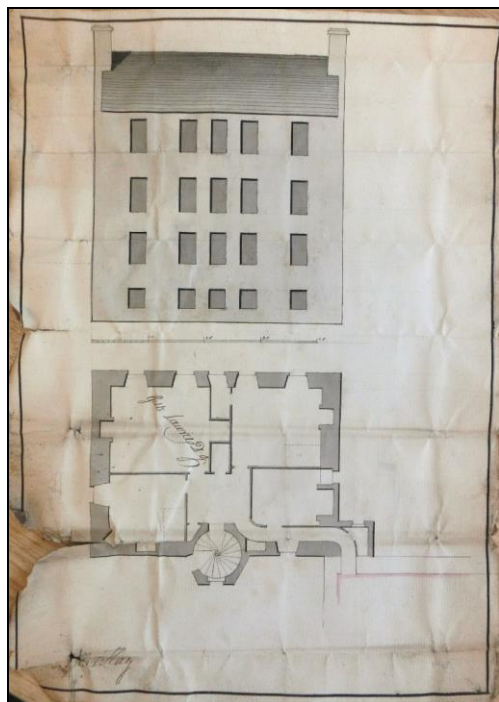
PETITIONER: Alexander Hay, wright.

SITE: Warriston Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To demolish an old tenement and rebuild.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased an old tenement of houses and some waste ground from James McCulloch, tailor in Glasgow. There is a letter of supplement here calling James McCulloch as a conterminous heritor. See the unextracted petition dated 26 August 1761.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of a four story tenement with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 37.6 x 26.8 cms.

BOX: 1761/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 July 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 1 July 1761.

PETITIONER: John Adam, architect.

SITE: Anchor Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To build an oven.

NOTES: The bake house is for the Incorporation of Baxters (bakers). See the unextracted petition dated 16 December 1761 (Tate).

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1761/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 July 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 26 June 1761.

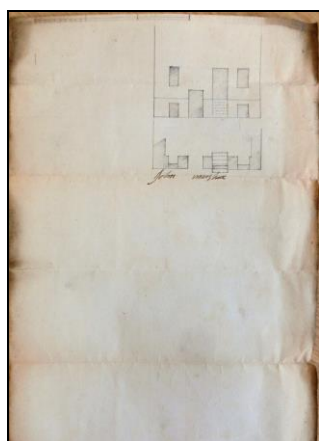
PETITIONER: John Marshal, shoemaker in Potterrow.

SITE: Canongate, Weirs land.

PROPOSAL: To build a stair to his house.

NOTES: The petitioner lately purchased a house and cellar from the heirs of William Sellers, writer. The entry from the fore street had been taken away when the street was paved and this is very inconvenient.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of the lower floor with a plan of the front wall.

Size: 37.0 x 22.9 cms.

BOX: 1761/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 July 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 1 June 1761.

PETITIONER: Baillie William Hamilton.

SITE: Bristo?

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Kello, wright in Bristo who has begun erecting shades on a site leased from the petitioner, without a warrant. In answers the defender states that he has a warrant but this appears to be for an earlier building or workshop. In the process there is an intimation of stop against the defender by the petitioner dated 5 July 1758 at the instance of William Hamilton, brewer and John Sprot, candlemaker. The Court ordered the additional buildings to be taken down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 August 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 19 August 1761.

PETITIONER: Robert Syme, Clerk to the Signet, factor for Andrew Clark youngest son of the deceased Andrew Clark, brewer in Leith.

SITE: Leith, south side of the water.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: Andrew Clark jun. owns a brewery, kin and malt barn which is possessed by William Cruden, shipmaster. The Court agreed to the repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 August 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 29 July 1761.

PETITIONER: Thomas Hart, wright in Leith.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he had a warrant dated 27 February 1760 to repair the tenement formerly belonging to the deceased Lady Hillhousefield. This does not survive there but there is a copy here. It states there that the petitioner was a preferable creditor on the subjects and that the tenants were Mr. Beatson, Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Cornwall. There are accounts here from the petitioner (Heart), Alexander Constable, mason, Patrick Jamieson & Son, masons, Alexander Miller, glazier, James Wright, smith, Alexander Ramsay, slater and Robert Neilson, painter. The petitioner's account included 13 yards of bound lining in a closet in Captain John Beatson's house which also had 8ft 11in in corona and architrave. His house was painted internally; of interest, 'A Large Closet Blue in Syse 20yds at 2d, 3s 4d.', while the others had their external windows coloured.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 August 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 19 August 1761.

PETITIONER: William Home, tailor in Potterrow and James Rob, mason in Potterrow.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: To build.

NOTES: This petition arose from a complaint by the Procurator Fiscal about work without a warrant. A plan was submitted and the warrant adds that he was to build a stone pillar on each of the south and north side walls as directed on the visit.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1761/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 August 1761.

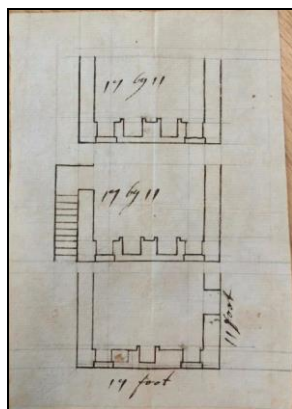
PETITION LODGED: 12 August 1761.

PETITIONER: William Drysdale, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith, near the south end of the Bridge of Leith.

PROPOSAL: To build a new front.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the front wall of three floors.

Size: 14.5 x 10.3 (irregular).

BOX: 1761/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 August 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 20 July 1761.

PETITIONER: William Wemyss in Bonnyhaugh.

SITE: Grassmarket, south side.

PROPOSAL: To replace a timber stoop with a stone wall.

NOTES: Walter Scott, WS as agent in the process of sequestration of the property of Andrew Thomson, brewer and Andrew Stevenson, writer (lawyer), answered the petition, pointing out that the work may interfere with the access to Thomson's brewery behind the petitioner's property. Scott states that he has just taken on his responsibilities and it could be that this is Adam Thomson, mentioned in the warrant granted 2 September (Yorston).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 August 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 29 July 1761.

PETITIONER: Charles and William Butter, wrights and Patrick Jamieson & Son, masons.

SITE: High Street, Hyndfords Close, head.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: There are accounts from the petitioners for work carried out in October 1759.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 September 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 26 August 1761.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Yorston; Margaret Watt, relict of James Yorston, merchant in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, south side of the Grass Crass.

PROPOSAL: To repair the brewery.

NOTES: The petitioner holds a lease on the property from Mrs. Julien Thomson, daughter of Baillie Adam Thomson, brewer and now spouse to David Robertson, manufacturer at Methven. A jury was appointed and they decided the repairs were necessary.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 September 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 26 August 1761.

PETITIONER: Thomas Hill, tanner in Portsburgh.

SITE: Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: To value and repair a ruinous tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner acquired right to the property by a decret of Adjudication on 8 March 1759 against Robert Wilson, surgeon, eldest son of George Wilson, mason and Elizabeth Rammage, his spouse and daughter of Francis Rammage, tanner in Portsburgh. There is a long list of others with a legal interest. A jury decided the value of the easter tenements was £127 Stg and the wester, £40 Stg. The petitioners were asked to give in a plan and elevation of any intended work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 October 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 9 October 1761.

PETITIONER: James Stodart, merchant with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Carrubbers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Reikie, wright who is building without a warrant and not in accordance with regulations. The petitioner lately purchased a house in a great new tenement lately built in the Close. The Court found that he had exceeded the height allowed by his warrant by nine inches and '...he obliged himself to carry the back side wall ... five feet high (only) above the floor of the fourth story and the top of the ridge of the roof...to be only twelve foot above the level of the front wall

towards Halkerstons Wynd'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 October 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 24 September 1761.

PETITIONER: Alan Ogile, wright in Canongate, assignee of Isobel McGhie, relict of James Atchison, merchant.

SITE: Canongate head, south side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner has a right by assignation in his favour by Mrs. Atchison, of the rents of the tenement, as trustee for all her other creditors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 October 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 24 September 1761.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason.

SITE: Leith Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted to repair a 'front tenement, weavers factory, a lint house and cellars' which he did for a total sum of £839 10s 5d. There is an account here for the work dated 1752 which includes a great quantity of glass for sash windows in the factory; 83ft 9in followed by 298½ ft of glass and inside boards.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 November 1761.

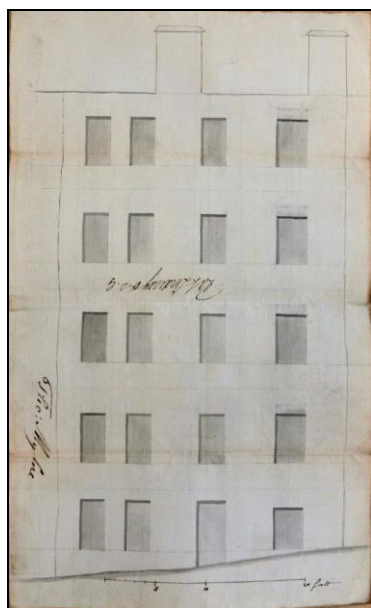
PETITION LODGED: 3 September 1761.

PETITIONER: Thomas Mylne and Patrick Jamieson, masons with Adam Murray, baxter (baker).

SITE: Halkerston's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement burnt down.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation of a five story tenement.

Size: 30.7 x 18.5 cms.



Description: b. Plan of the ground floor.
Size: 12.5 x 18.4 cms.

BOX: 1761/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 November 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 22 September 1761.

PETITIONER: Heritors of Bain's land.

SITE: Blackfriar's Wynd, Bain's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The upper story belonged to the deceased William Collbrand, marble cutter and is currently possessed by John Tait, writer (lawyer) and John Sprott, candlemaker.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 November 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 26 August 1761.

PETITIONER: Alexander Mercer, merchant.

SITE: Canongate, Weir's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about timber scaffolding below his window.

NOTES: The petitioner recently purchased his house. Timber planks have been placed below his windows that splash rain water to such an extent that it will soon damage them. The Court found that the timber was a shade erected before the petitioner purchased his house and it should not be removed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 November 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 22 September 1761.

PETITIONER: Allan Colquhoun, writer and John Howison, younger of Hyndfoord, trustee for the representatives of the deceased David Alston, glazier in Edinburgh.

SITE: Halkerston's Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: To repair a ruinous roof.

NOTES: John Howison is a creditor on the property by a disposition and bond by John Peacock, glazier. There is an estimate here for slater work by George Syme, slater.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 November 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 14 October 1761.

PETITIONER: James Watson, minister of the Gospel in Canongate and Robert Boog, Kirk treasurer of the Canongate for behoof of the Kirk Session.

SITE: Canongate, beside the manse.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about undermining.

NOTES: This complaint follows a previous one against Mrs. Marjory Drummond who, in taking down her property, undermined the gable of the manse. He now asks for an inspection as he has been told the gable is in danger of falling. The jury found that the gable was in danger and should be taken down but that this was not the result of

undermining.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/43
WARRANT GRANTED: 20 November 1761.
PETITION LODGED: 14 October 1761.
PETITIONER: John Carr, starch maker in Leith.
SITE: Leith, Sherriff Brae.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about fouling a well.
NOTES: The complaint is against James Paterson, merchant in Leith and his family who, it is claimed, throw nastiness into the Close and into the well. The petitioner asks permission to clean the well and enclose it. The request to enclose was refused.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/44
WARRANT GRANTED: 20 November 1761.
PETITION LODGED: 11 November 1761.
PETITIONER: Janet Williamson and Thomas Alves, writer (lawyer), her husband.
SITE: Grassmarket, fronting the street.
PROPOSAL: Alteration to a tenement.
NOTES: Part of the ground floor of their tenement is occupied by John Bennet, stabler and they wish to enlarge the fore room by moving the entrance further west.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/45
WARRANT GRANTED: 25 November 1761.
PETITION LODGED: 18 November 1761.
PETITIONER: Alan Ogile, wright in Canongate.
SITE: Canongate head, north side, head of Logan's Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.
NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Reid and others, proprietors of Henderson's land, adjoining his property. He owns a small shop or cobblers stall at the head of the Close, which has been in use for the past hundred years and an encroachment on it has been made by a common stair to Henderson's land, without a warrant. The Court ordered that he was entitled to a door on the uppermost flat of the stair.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/46
WARRANT GRANTED: 25 November 1761.
PETITION LODGED: 19 August 1761.
PETITIONER: Nicol Craig, resider.
SITE: Halkerstons Wynd, foot. On the west side of the New Port on the south side of the Nor Loch.
PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.
NOTES: The petitioner has right to the tenement by decret of Adjudication against the deceased Robert Young, writer dated 14 December 1757. The tenement is described as consisting of 'three stories with the Butteridge and other pertinents, built by John Blackie, felt maker'. There are estimates for the work here from John Young, wright, Alexander Adam, slater, Alexander Dickeson, glazier and an unnamed mason.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/47
WARRANT GRANTED: 2 December 1761.
PETITION LODGED: 25 November 1761.
PETITIONER: William McIntosh, journeyman tailor.
SITE: High Street, north side, opposite the Fountain Well.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of rented garret.
NOTES: The complaint is against William Robertson, journeyman tailor to whom the

petitioner paid rent of £1 from Whitsunday 1761 to 1762. The Court ordered repairs.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 December 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 1 July 1761.

PETITIONER: John Adam, architect.

SITE: Cowgate, Hasties Close.

PROPOSAL: To amend a previous warrant.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to the warrant granted to him on 1 April 1761 and states that he has now purchased further property between his and Hasties Close and he now wishes to build further west.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1761/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 December 1761.

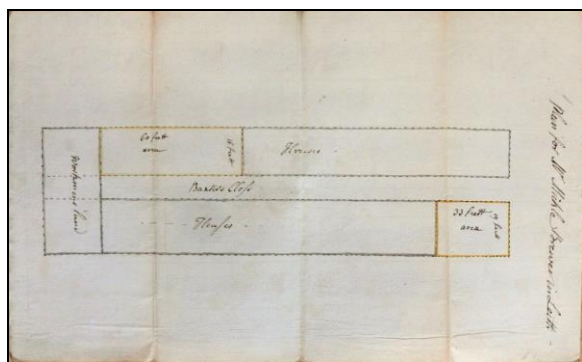
PETITION LODGED: 21 October 1761.

PETITIONER: George Meikle, brewer in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Lees Quarter, Baikies Close (Baxters Close on the plan).

PROPOSAL: To build two houses.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the Close

Size: 30.8 x 18.6 cms.

BOX: 1761/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 December 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 11 November 1761.

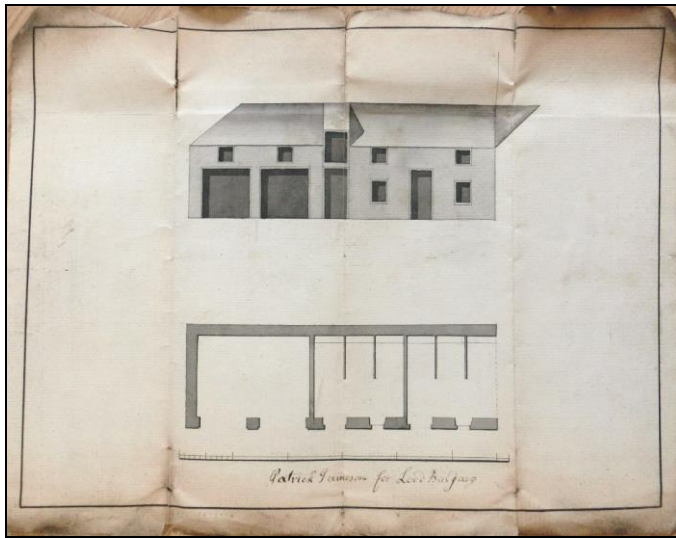
PETITIONER: James Erskine of Barjarg, Senator of the College of Justice.

SITE: Society.

PROPOSAL: To build a stable and coach house.

NOTES: The plan shows stabling for six horses.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 25.0 x 32.0 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Patrick Jamieson for Lord Baljarg.

Architect: (Patrick Jamieson?).

BOX: 1761/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 December 1761.

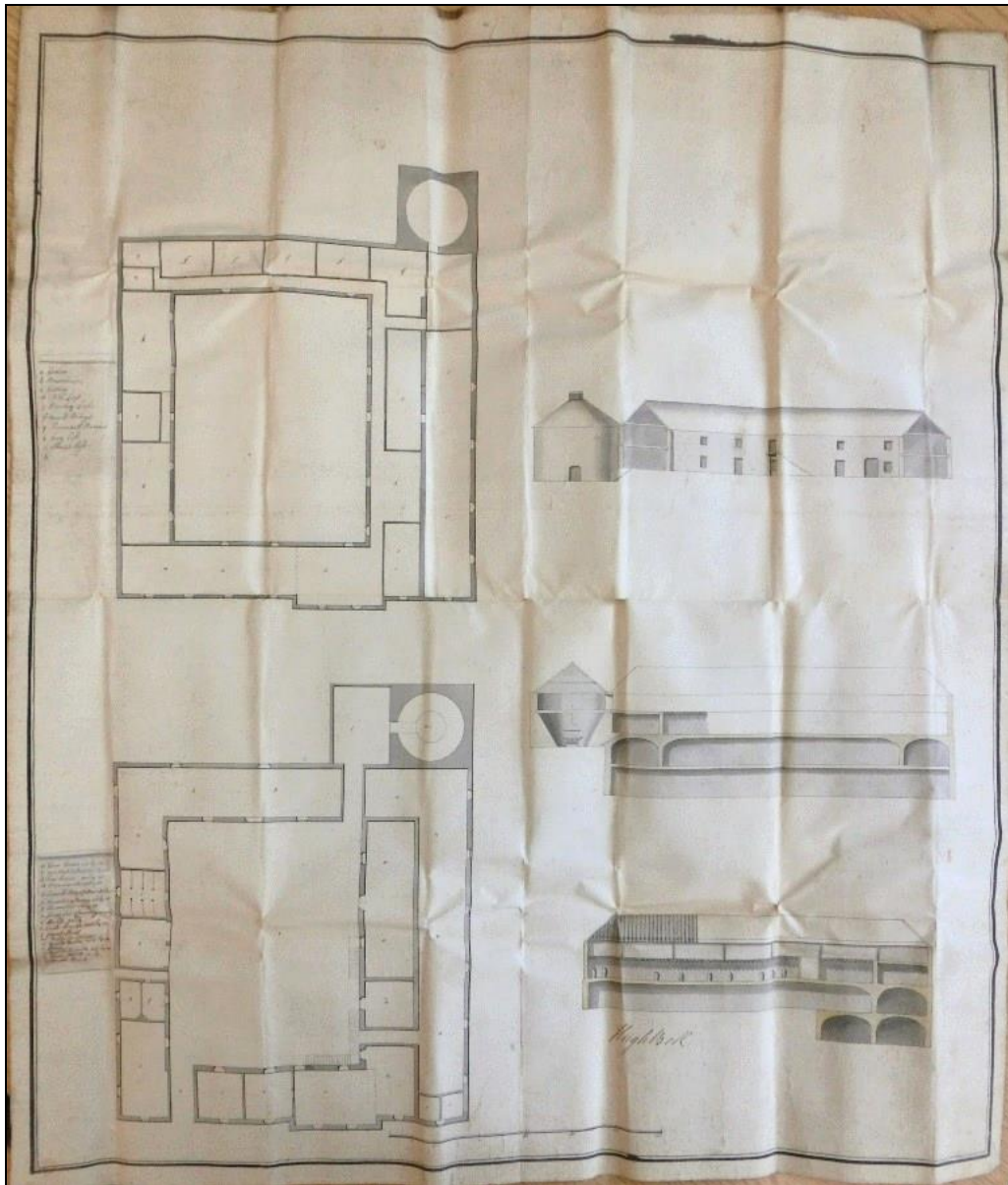
PETITION LODGED: 25 November 1761.

PETITIONER: Hugh Bell, brewer.

SITE: Pleasance.

PROPOSAL: To build a brewery.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation, two sections and plans of two floors.

Size: 61.0 x 53.2 cms.

Watermark: C & I Honig

There are a few miscellaneous papers here:

A legal opinion by Francis Garden (later Lord Gardenstone) in a number of disputes between James Gentle and Richard Cooper, engraver over a building Cooper intended which would interfere with his light; a dispute with Mr. Wilson and another with Mrs, Shields and proprietors of 'the blue land'. Also relating to cognosed expences of repairing the blue land by Sir James Johnston of Westerhall.

Applications for stalls in the Flesh Market from William Bain and John Robertson dated 1760.

Papers relating to the paving of the north side of the Canongate dated 1760.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1761/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 April 1761 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 1 April 1761.

PETITIONER: Patrick Crawford, merchant.

SITE: West Bow, head.

PROPOSAL: To enclose the area in front of his shop.

NOTES: The petitioner is proprietor of a shop presently possessed by Margaret Watson. There is a timber projection of about six feet over the door and supported on wooden posts. He wishes to enclose the area by erecting a partition with a window and door to the front. There are spirited answers from Mrs. Lithgow (Jean Hamilton) and her children who own laigh shops in the same tenement and whose light, coming only from the door, will be greatly affected. There is a letter from Mrs. Lithgow to her 'dear brother' Archibald Blair, writer (lawyer) asking him to respond on her behalf. He writes '... For the City of Edinburgh being calculated with places of shelter and resort in time of rain, these fore stairs & the pillars under stone tenement, were found to be very useful to the inhabitants, And now was more frequented by the neighbourhood than the void space now craved to be inclosed, as it was commonly styled Baillie Sandilands Coffee house'. Previous cases where permission had been refused were cited: Patrick Manderston, merchant, a little above Paterson's Court where Dean of Guild Dick looked upon the space as belonging to the City; Deacon Clelland, when he was Convener, for his shops opposite the head of Blackfriar's Wynd. He was refused permission unless he built his front wall in stone and he went on to build an entire stone front to his tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 April 1761.

PETITION LODGED: 28 April 1761.

PETITIONER: Peter Thomson, wright in Yardheads, Leith.

SITE: Leith, Baker's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build on a piece of waste ground.

NOTES: The petitioner has been told that the waste ground, used as a midden, belongs to the Good Town and he would like to build on it. The petition was remitted to Baillie Lindsay and his committee who, after a visit, determined that the City had no right to the area. There is a note here from James Spalding and John Wilson to effect that the area is only worth a few shillings yearly for a tack of 57 years.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 May 1761 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1761.

PETITIONER: David Coventry, shoemaker in Potterrow.

SITE: Potterrow, High Street, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased his house in a tenement belonging to Alexander Scott, merchant and late Baillie, along with George Turnbull, baxter (baker) in Potterrow and the now deceased George Don, shoemaker. The complaint is against George Turnbull who has begun building a stone wall on the area shared by all of them.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 June 1761 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 2 June 1761.

PETITIONER: Robert Thomson, merchant and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Alison's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Robertson, smith who has opened a hole in a side wall of one of the petitioner's houses.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 June 1761 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 7 June 1761.

PETITIONER: James Pollock, John Ross, Margaret Blair, John Sutherland John Moon, Alexander Clark, John Robinson, Widow Robinson, Peter Stuart and Hugh McLaurin, tenants and possessors of houses belonging to Mrs. Jean Riddock.

SITE: High Street, Conns Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Riddock who has put a locked door in a passage between Conns Close and Assembly Close. In answers the defender stated that the passage had been made by her mother, for her own use, after an application to the Court in about 1733. There is a second copy of the petition here dated 14 October 1761.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 June 1761 (no warrant, appointed a visit and report).

PETITION LODGED: 17 June 1761.

PETITIONER: Thomas Willison, ship carpenter in north Leith.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 August 1761 (no warrant, defender did not appear).

PETITION LODGED: 10 August 1761.

PETITIONER: James Wilson, writer (lawyer), factor for David Doig, linen manufacturer in Canongate, treasurer appointed to collect the funds for paving.

SITE: Canongate.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Ebenezer McCulloch, one of the managers of the British Linen Company. David Doig had a claim against the Earl of Moray for £44 16s 1d as his share of the cost of paving the south side of the Canongate. McCulloch as the tenant of the Earl's property at £50 Stg per annum and is resting that sum for his occupancy from Whitsunday last. He refuses to pay the sum due.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 August 1761 (no warrant, petition dismissed).

PETITION LODGED: 4 August 1761.

PETITIONER: David Loch, merchant in Leith, Isobel Robertson, spouse of and factor for William Robertson, shipmaster in Leith and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, Burgess Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Hay, shipmaster in Leith who owns a tenement with a lath and plaster projection which is an obstruction to traffic in the Close, The defender recently supported it with posts and laid stones below it. There is an earlier petition here on the same subject from William Robertson dated before 24 July 1761.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/ 9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 August 1761 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 13 August 1761.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an unfree trader.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Bennet, merchant from London who has been trading without being a Burgess. According to William McGhie, WS who acted for him, he only spent two days in Edinburgh.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 August 1761 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 11 August 1761.

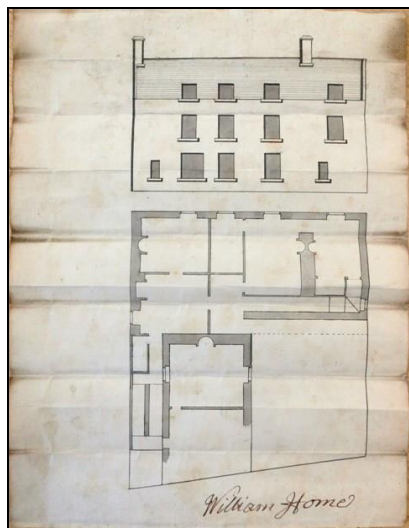
PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Potterrow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a building that does not comply with the Act of 1698.

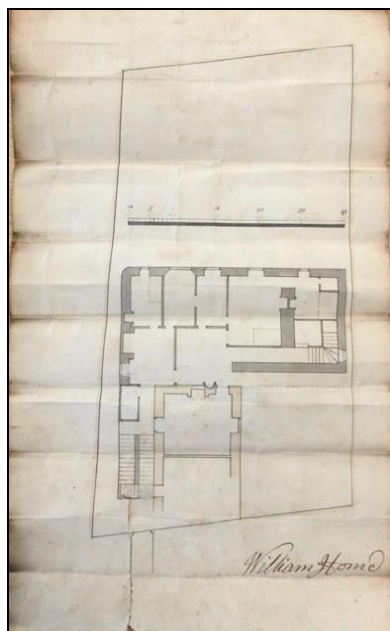
NOTES: The complaint is against William Home, tailor in Potterrow and James Robb, mason there. The defenders appeared in the Court on 19 August and admitted their fault but there is no further action noted here.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation of a three story tenement with an unfinished plan of the ground floor.

Size: 29.4 x 22.0 cms



Description: b. Plan of the ground floor and the area, with an area marked in yellow.

Size: 36.8 x 22.0 cms.

Watermark: IV

BOX: 1761/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 August 1761 (no warrant, defender to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 25 August 1761.

PETITIONER: James McCulloch, tailor in Glasgow.

SITE: Mary Kings Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner owns the three upper floors of a tenement and Alexander Hay, wright owns the two lower floors. While the petitioner was away in Ayr, Alexander Hay applied to the Court to build on an area beside the petitioner's property and has encroached on his gable and on his light. See the warrant granted 1 July 1761 (Hay).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 September 1761 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 24 September 1761.

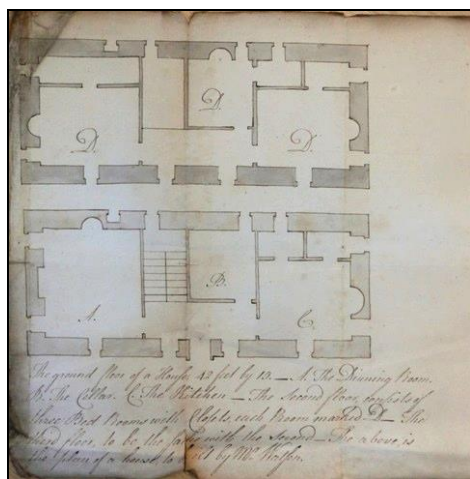
PETITIONER: James Watson, principal minister of the Church of Canongate alias Holyroodhouse.

SITE: Canongate, south side.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement of three floors.

NOTES: The petitioner cites a disposition granted by Thomas Storrie on 22 March 1633, registered in the Canongate Court books 4 December 1633, to James Ahanny, principal minister of the Church of Holyroodhouse and his successors. The property lies south of the house belonging of old to Thomas Storrie, now to Mrs. May Drummond.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor and upper floor.

Size: 20.6 x 20.5 cms.

BOX: 1761/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 September 1761 (no warrant, defender to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 16 September 1761.

PETITIONER: John Stobie, writer and Elizabeth Anderson, merchant.

SITE: Netherbow, Baillie Grant's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Smith, wright who possesses a wright's shop at the foot of the Close. He has shut up the end of the Close, causing water to gather.

Elizabeth Anderson, his tenant keeps her cotton wool in a cellar there.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 September 1761 (no warrant, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 8 September 1761.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Neilson; Helen Pitcairn, relict of Cornelius Neilson, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Shore.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Yetts, vintner in Leith who owns a cellar contiguous to the petitioner's cellar and who is making alterations without a warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1761/15*

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 December 1761 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 11 December 1761.

PETITIONER: James Tate, wright.

SITE: Anchor Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Adam, architect who is erecting a new building for the Incorporation of Bakers See the warrant granted 8 July 1761 (Adam). In answers for John Adam he states that he purchased a piece of waste ground from Mr. Dallas, wright on which he was to build a bake house. He showed the petitioner his plans and was asked by him to remove earth in order that he could build a stable. The argument is over an old boundary wall.

DRAWINGS: None.

1762

The Court Officers from 14 October 1761:

Dean of Guild

Gilbert Laurie

Council,

Patrick Lindsay Old Dean of Guild

James Robertson merchant

George Pitcairn, merchant

William Good, wright

William Mylne, mason

Charles Howison, slater

Procurator Fiscal, Robert Gray

Clerk of the Court, Thomas Alves

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

BOX: 1762/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 January 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 4 November 1761.

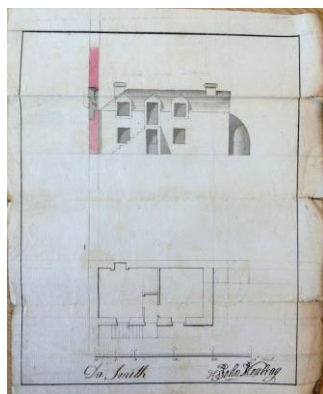
PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Potterrow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Smith, baxter in Potterrow who has with others begun erecting a building, the walls of which are contrary to an Act of the Town Council dated 1 May 1764 and the Act of 1698, Cap. 8. The defender answers that he had a warrant to build the ground floor of his property in 1749 and he is now building an upper floor with walls of the same thickness, to accommodate his servants for sleeping. The Court granted a warrant, a full copy of which is here, in response to the defences and petition of David Smith. There is mention in the petition of a judgement given for building in the process between Mr. John Moubray, wig maker and the Laird of Saughton and the drawing here is inscribed to John Moubray, 1761.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the upper floor.

Size: 25.5 x 20.7 cms.

BOX: 1762/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 February 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 15 December 1761.

PETITIONER: William Polson, merchant.

SITE: Post Office Stairs.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ingress of water and dirt from the flat above.

NOTES: The property is possessed by the Court of Admiralty. The flat above is owned by David McCulloch, writer and the floor is in such poor condition that it allows water and dirt to fall through. The Court ordered repairs to be made and the cost to be a preferable debt on the property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 February 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 18 January 1762.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Elizabeth Jamieson, relict of Thomas Mercer, Commissary Clerk of Edinburgh, proprietor, with Archibald Murray, James Smollett, James Graeme and David Ross, Commissaries of Edinburgh.

SITE: Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Dempster, goldsmith and others, proprietors of the tenement on the east of the petitioner, who have put up 'cradles' or superstructures on their vents which is causing the petitioner's vents to smoke. The Court ordered them to be removed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 February 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 18 February 1761.

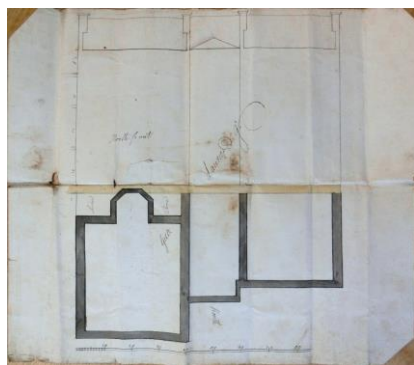
PETITIONER: George Campbell, house carpenter, Burgess of Edinburgh.

SITE: Society.

PROPOSAL: To demolish a kiln and malt barn and build a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased some time previously a kiln, malt barn and loft well from Samuel Neilson's trustees. This had been possessed by John Bell, brewer and thereafter by Thomas Myrtle. The property is bounded on west by a tenement which belonged to James Drummond, merchant, on the north by the new stone fountain or cistern of the Society and the Town Wall on the south. William Robertson, architect in Leven was called as a contiguous heritor in a Letter of Supplement. John Pringle, WS gave in detailed answers with a description of the legal titles in defence of the boundary of his area which had been a garden, planted with flowers and shrubs, belonging to the house of James Drummond. He had acquired it by Charter from the Town Council on 17 February 1742. A long argument ensued, not least because he intended building on the Town Wall. There were 31 numbered papers in this process, not all of which are here. Depositions were taken from: James Sheil, brewer in Portsburgh aged 50 and upwards, married; Andrew Gardiner, brewer at Burrow Loch aged 50 and upwards, married; Alexander Smith, servant to Hugh Bell, brewer aged 40 and Hugh Williamson, skinner aged 60, married, all of whom reported on the property when possessed by John Bell. John Pringle went to the Court of Session in a Bill of Advocation and it took until February 1762 for them to come to an accommodation whereupon the petitioner applied once again and was granted a warrant. This tenement would not be erected until 1767. See warrants granted 20 April 1763 (Procurator Fiscal), 9 June 1763 (Pringle), 19 August 1763 (City Treasurer) and 2 July 1767 (MacConochie). There is a scheme of division here for the creditors of Thomas Myrtle, brewer dated 5 January 1762

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan and outline elevation.

Size: 33.4 x 38.3 cms.

BOX: 1762/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 February 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 16 December 1761.

PETITIONER: David Graham, merchant on behalf of Anne Sinclair, his spouse and David, William and Katherine, their children.

SITE: Grassmarket, Chambers Close.

PROPOSAL: To make repairs to a tenement.

NOTES: The tenement had been acquired from the petitioner's mother, Agnes Robertson, relict of Walter Calder, cowfeeder by disposition dated 18 November 1758. He had carried out some repairs and now wished to do more, not least because Marion Calder, late spouse to James Leech (Leitch), soldier in the City Guard, now deceased had pretended some claim on the property and her children might make a further claim. The Court allowed the repairs and the accounts to be cognosed on completion.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 February 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 24 September 1761.

PETITIONER: Jean and Marion Espline, daughters of the deceased Baillie James Espline, tanner in Portsburgh, with consent of Thomas Dallas, surgeon in Musselburgh, husband to the said Jean Espline.

SITE: Portsburgh, the tannery.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Paxton, innkeeper who has shut up an entry to the tannery from the Lady Wynd to the Chapel Wynd. He has erected a building and a large gate. In his answers, John Paxton describes himself as coach maker in the Kings Stables 'for several years past'. He refers to his purchases of an old house by disposition dated 19 August 1756 (from Robert, John and Walter Biggar, manufacturers at Sheens) because he required more space and he feared 'a great number of the meanest people' who lodged in it, who might steal his timber for fuel and firewood. He threw out the tenants and converted it to a wood store. The Procurator Fiscal and the City treasurer intervened and declared that the pretended owners of the old house had no right to sell it and that the entry was City property and could not be closed up.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 February 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 23 February 1762.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Lawnmarket, Gavinloch's land east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the building.

NOTES: The Court found that the walls could not bear the weight of the superstructure built on them. A jury was appointed, including John Adam, who decided that the east gable should be taken down to a point where the thickness would support the height. The Court ordered this to be done immediately by William Mylne, mason at the expence of the heritors. There is a further petition here from the heritors to rebuild the tenement and the Court granted a warrant on 5 May 1762. See warrants granted 31 March 1762 (Bruce), 30 June 1762 (Rattray), 16 February and 5 August 1763 (Mylne). Also unextracted petitions dated 21 April 1762 (Seton) and 8 September 1762 (Simpson).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 February 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 3 March 1762.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Cowan: Margaret Guthrie, relict of Captain James Cowan, ship master in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Shore.

PROPOSAL: To build a small shop.

NOTES: The petitioner already has an Act of Council in her favour to erect the shop.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 March 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 3 March 1762.

PETITIONER: Charles Freebairn, architect.

SITE: High Street, Cant's Close, west side, head, fourth and fifth stories.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for rebuilding these floors.

NOTES: The property was previously owned by the deceased John Din, writer (lawyer). The petitioner refers to a warrant granted 30 April 1760 to rebuild. There is a general account from the petitioner for each floor with a few miscellaneous accounts (4th floor £215.7s, 5th, £297 1s 7d). James Anderson, upholsterer supplied wallpaper noting '...the above paper is for the House poss'ed by Mrs. Dundas'. There are accounts from George Bernsfair and Robert Selby for plumber work, Robert Richardson for iron work, and from William Mylne, mason. The most interesting accounts are those for the lodging possessed by Mrs. Dundas on the fourth floor: Charles Robertson & Co. for painter work, some rooms painted white in oil except the kitchen and transe in stone colour. 10 windows were painted externally with white lead and oil. William Murray supplied for the same lodging: '48 yds blew chain painted paper, 16s; 48 yds border for ditto, 4s; putting up ditto paper, 4s; 36 yd Blew mock flock painted paper for the south room, 13s 6d; 36 yd border for ditto, 3s; putting up ditto, 3s'. But there is a further account, from James Anderson, upholsterer and cabinet maker for wallpaper: '5 Nov. 1761, To furnishing paper for two rooms in one of your new houses; To 5 piece of fine green paper for the bed room at 5s piece, £1 5s; To 3 doz. 3 yds of border 1s dozen, 3s 3d; To materials and putting up 5s'. Then '16 December 1761, To 5 piece of India yellow ground paper for the fore room at 5s pr piece, £1 5s; To border sutable 4½ dozen at 1s per dozen, 4s 6d; To materials and putting up ditto 5s. The above paper is for the house poss'ed by Mrs Dundas £3 7s 9d'. William Murray also supplied wallpaper for Miss Jeannie Munro's house, on the fourth floor and other rooms, accounts here. This warrant was challenged in the Court of Session.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 March 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 10 March 1762.

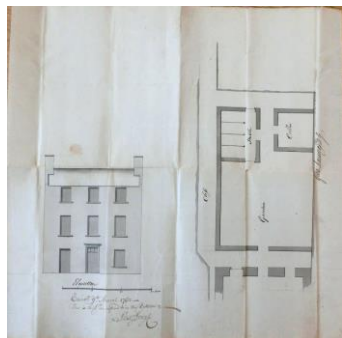
PETITIONER: Alexander Gray, WS for himself and on behalf of George Mckenzie Esq.

SITE: Worlds End Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner has purchased the property which belonged to Sir David Dalrymple.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of the garden front with a plan of the back wall and garden area and stables.

Size: 36.7 x 37.0 cms.

Watermark: C & F Honig

BOX: 1762/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 March 1762.

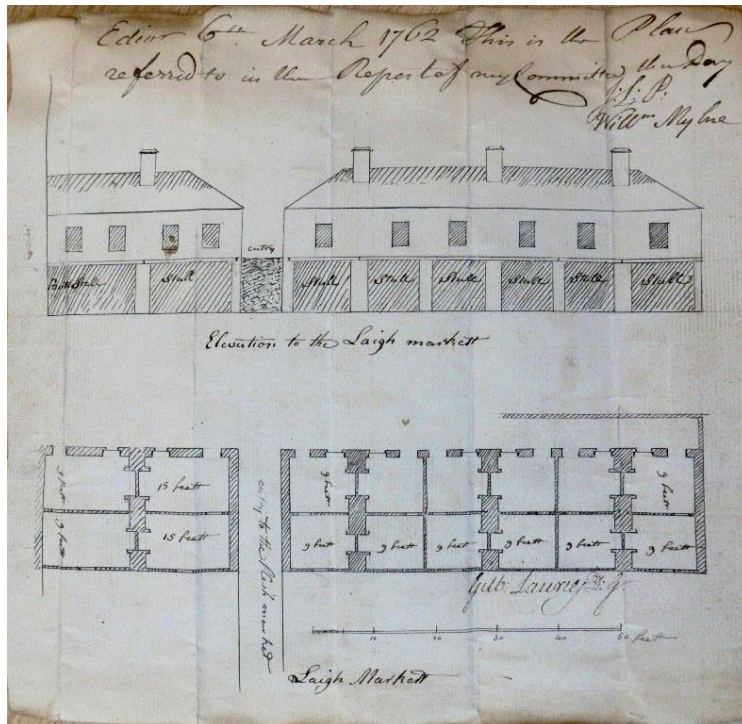
PETITION LODGED: 9 March 1762.

PETITIONER: John Brown, City Treasurer.

SITE: Laigh Fleshmarket, west side.

PROPOSAL: To build a tripe market.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation and plan.

Size: 23.5 x 24.5 cms.

Watermark: C & F Honig

Inscriptions, recto: Edinr. 6th March 1762. This is the Plan referred to in the Report of my Committee this day I:L:P: Willm. Mylne.

Architect: William Mylne.

BOX: 1762/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 March 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 17 March 1762.

PETITIONER: Charles Freebairn, architect.

SITE: High Street, south side, Rosehaughs Close or Lord Strichens Close, head.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for rebuilding a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to the warrant granted on 6 February 1760 to David Monro, cabinet maker in London, the petitioner's brother in law. There are individual petitions here for rebuilding the second, third, fourth and fifth stories with a general account by the petitioner and a few miscellaneous accounts from others (2nd story, £506 11s 2d, 3rd; £499 15s 5d, 4th; £490 11s 4d and 5th; £482 17s 5d all Stg.). The wording of the general accounts is somewhat standardised but they record 'fine' flooring and 'fine' plaster in some cases. The miscellaneous accounts include one from Charles Robertson & Co. for painter work in the lodging possessed by Lord Ruthven on the third floor. All of the rooms were painted oil white except the kitchen and lobby passage in stone colour. The outside of 16 windows were painted in white lead and oil. The general account for this floor includes a pair of marble fireplaces with '9 dozen tiles'. The mason work was carried out by William Mylne and Charles Mack, iron work by John Richardson.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 March 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 17 March 1762.

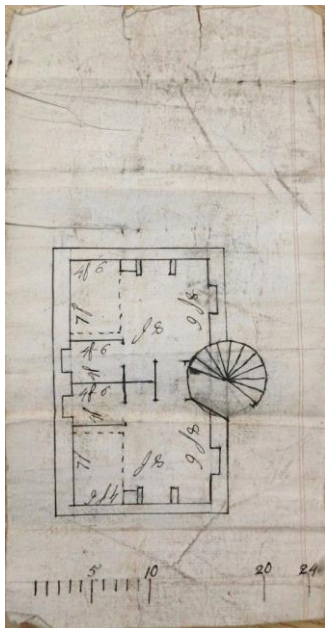
PETITIONER: Robert Watson, journeyman mason in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, between eastern and western Shoemakers Closes.

PROPOSAL: To build a small tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from William Fleming elder, son of the deceased James Fleming, brewer at Craigend of Caltoun. He had begun to erect a tenement but on acquainting his doer he was told that he needed a warrant for the work. He said that he was unaware of the regulations, having recently come to Town from the country. He submitted a plan of the ground floor stating that the 2nd and 3rd will be the same and each story to be seven feet clear of the flooring with an attic floor. The Court visited and found the walls too thin to accommodate the height and granted a warrant for two floors and garrets.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 37.2 x 16.6 cms.

BOX: 1762/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 March 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 10 February 1762.

PETITIONER: Robert Bruce Esq. and others: Dougall Ged, Young and Trotter and William McFarlane.

SITE: Lawnmarket, Gavinloch's Close, Gavinloch's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the north part of the gable falling.

NOTES: The complaint is indirectly against William Mylne, mason who is taking down part of the tenement by order of the Court. See warrant granted 25 February 1762 (Procurator Fiscal). The Court appointed a jury and they decided the best course of action should be to take down the north part of the east gable 'including the circular projection'. They suggested the same for the north side wall from the north east corner of the gable to the west side of Browns Close. The Court agreed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 April 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 5 February 1760.

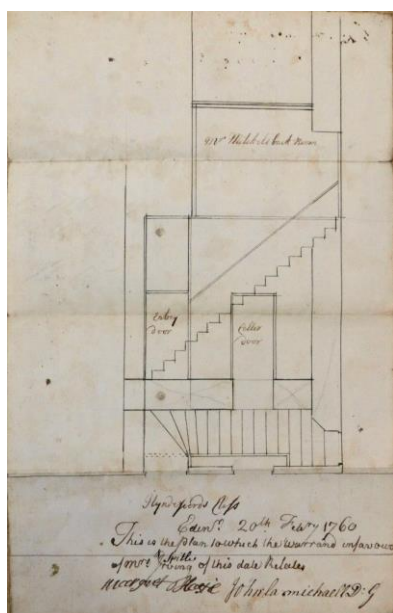
PETITIONER: The heritors of the tenement at the head of Hyndford's Close.

SITE: High Street, Hyndford's Close head, east and west sides.

PROPOSAL: To partly rebuild two tenements in danger of falling.

NOTES: This petition was the result of a decision by the Town Council to level part of the High Street and remove obstructions such as projecting stairs. By a minute of the Court dated 27 November 1759 (here) they ordered the tenements to be supported and afterwards the pillars at the front were replaced. This was, according to later documents, on the advice of John Adam, architect, who provided a plan no longer with the petition. There is a note on the front of one petition to effect that it was borrowed on 22 February 1760, to be returned by Charles Butter (name crossed through). In carrying out the work, the shops below the stairs belonging to Deacon John Calender, glover and 'Mrs. Spittal' (Isobell Dalgleish, spouse to James Irving of Spittalfield, surgeon on board His Majesty's fleet) were taken away and there followed much discussion regarding compensation. The drawing at a. is for Mrs. Spittal's shop. The Court agreed in 1762 to 18 years purchase on the rental, to be paid by the heritors in proportion to their value. There are full lists of the heritors of both tenements affected.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation/plan of the stair and shop.

Size: 27.2 x 17.2 cms.

BOX: 1762/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 April 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 3 June 1761.

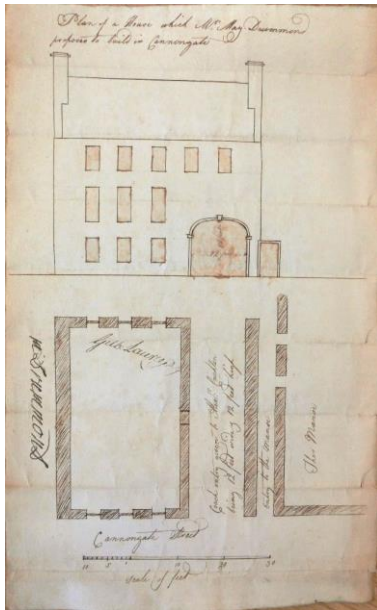
PETITIONER: Mrs. May Drummond, residenter in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, west of Falconars land.

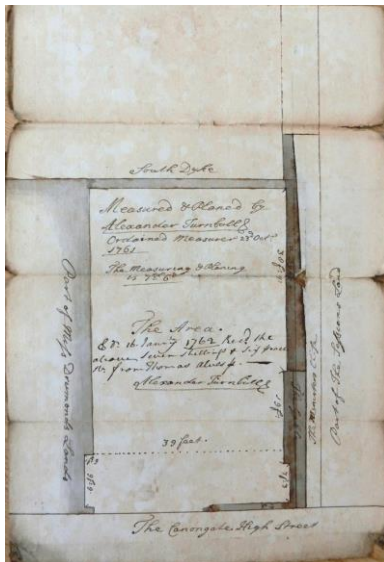
PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased some tenements and waste ground from the representatives of John Jack, slater in Canongate. She wished to demolish them and rebuild according to a plan provided and to have the accounts cognosed later. The plan shows 'the manse' on the right and the coach entry leading to Alexander Crichton's property. There were objections from the Session of the Canongate Kirk regarding the height of the intended building and then the width of the frontage and a jury was appointed to look at their mutual gable. See further petition below.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with an outline plan of the ground floor and area.
Size: 33.2 x 20.5 cms.



Description: b. Plan of the intended building area and gable.
Size: 29.6 x 20.3 cms.

BOX: 1762/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 April 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 2 September 1761.

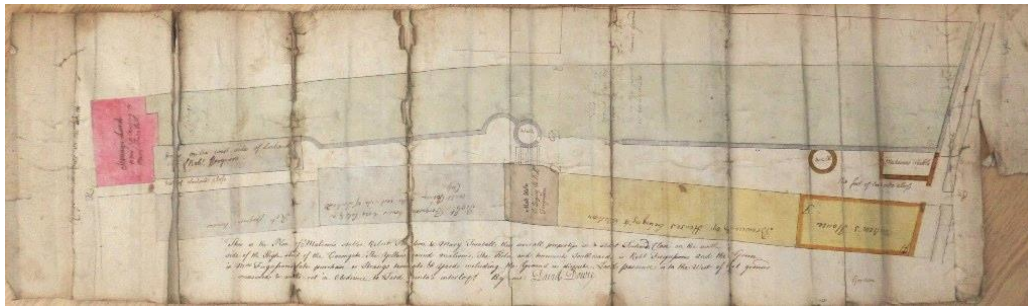
PETITIONER: Archibald McCoull, merchant.

SITE: Canongate, Lochends Close.

PROPOSAL: To enclose an area on the west side of the Close.

NOTES: The petitioner had purchased a long strip of land (shaded green on the plan) on the west side of the Close, extending from behind the front tenement called Strang's land ('now pertaining to Mary Turnbull') to the back strand on the north side of the Canongate and he wished to enclose it with a dyke. There were objections from Lord Panmure whose agent asked for a delay until the boundary with his property could be properly established. This matter may have gone to the Court of Session, given the inscription indicating that it was 'made out in obedience to Lord Minto's interlocutor'. However, the petitioner refers to a plan submitted.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the entire Close

Size: 75.5 x 20.4 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Signed David Dowie.

BOX: 1762/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 April 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 24 March 1762.

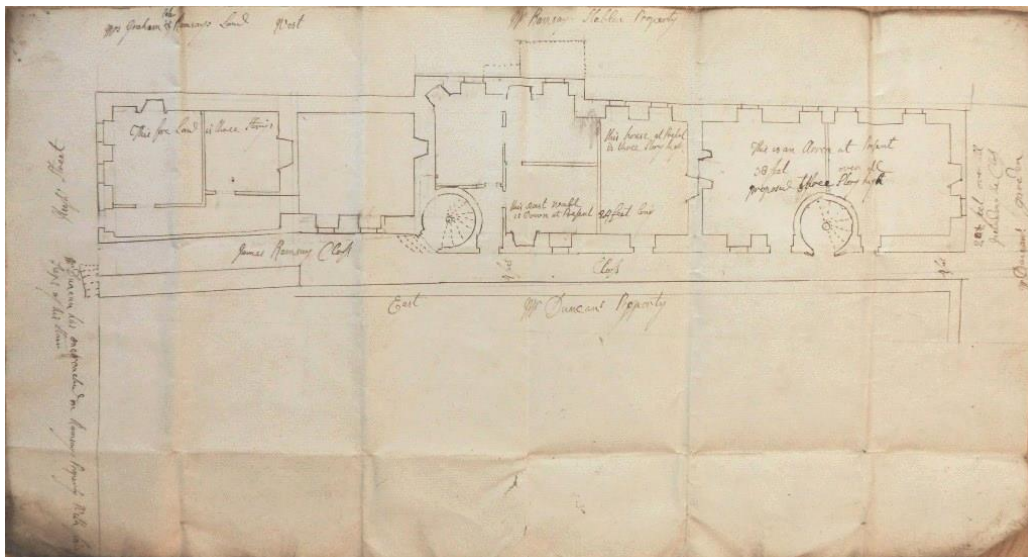
PETITIONER: James Ramsay, mason in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, near the foot, Baxter's Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild tenements.

NOTES: The property had been purchased from the Incorporation of Baxters (bakers).
See warrant granted 23 June 1762 (Duncan).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of Baxter's Close and tenements on the west side.

Size: 24.0 x 44.4 cms.

BOX: 1762/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 April 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 22 September 1761.

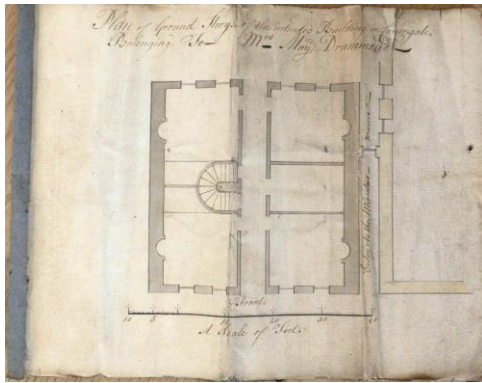
PETITIONER: Mrs. May Drummond, residenter in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, beside the Canongate Kirk manse.

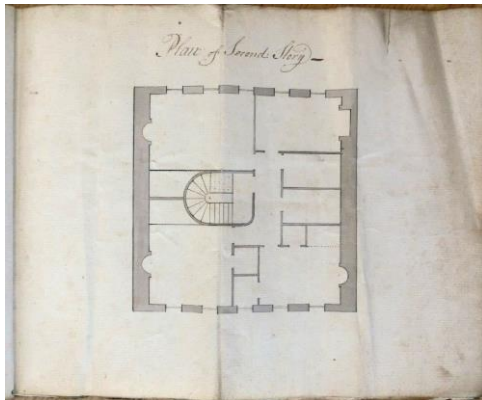
PROPOSAL: To alter the warrant granted previously.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to her warrant granted on 14 April above and the objections from the Kirk Session. She submitted new plans. There is a copy of the full warrant here.

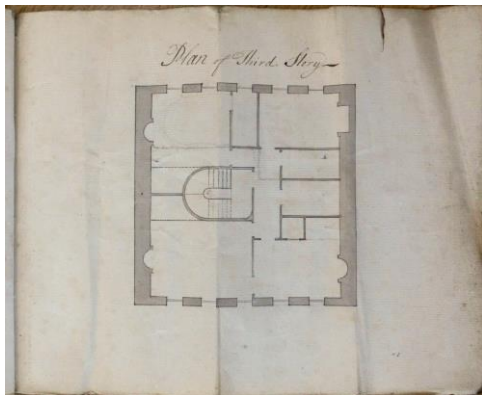
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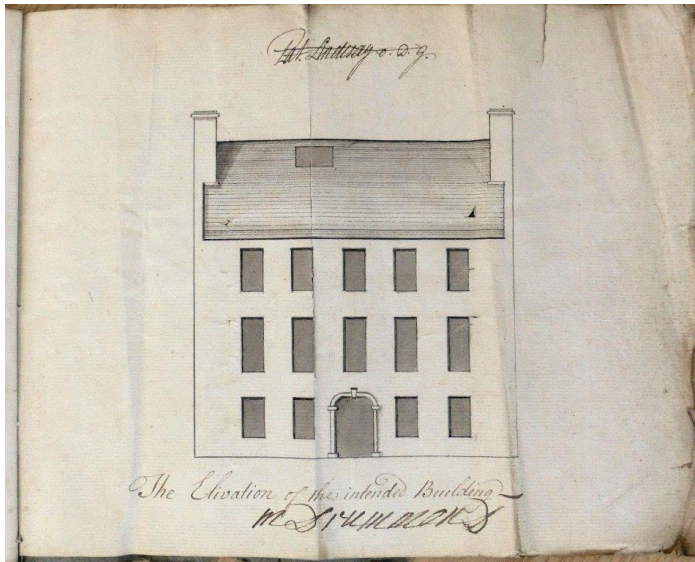
Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.
Size: 19.3 x 24.0 cms.



Description: b. Plan of the second floor.
Size: 19.3 x 24.0 cms.



Description: c. Plan of the third floor.
Size: 19.3 x 24.0 cms.



Description: d. Elevation.
Size: 19.3 x 24.0 cms.

BOX: 1762/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 April 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 9 April 1762.

PETITIONER: Charles and William Butter, wrights and William Mylne, mason.

SITE: Dickson's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for taking down and rebuilding a gable.

NOTES: The petition is missing from the process and all of the information comes from a full copy of the warrant here. The tenement belonged to Dr. David Aitkenhead, surgeon and had been the subject of a warrant in 1759 or 1760. There are accounts from the petitioners for work carried out between October 1759 and March 1760 and a measure of the work by Alexander Turnbull.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 April 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 31 March 1762.

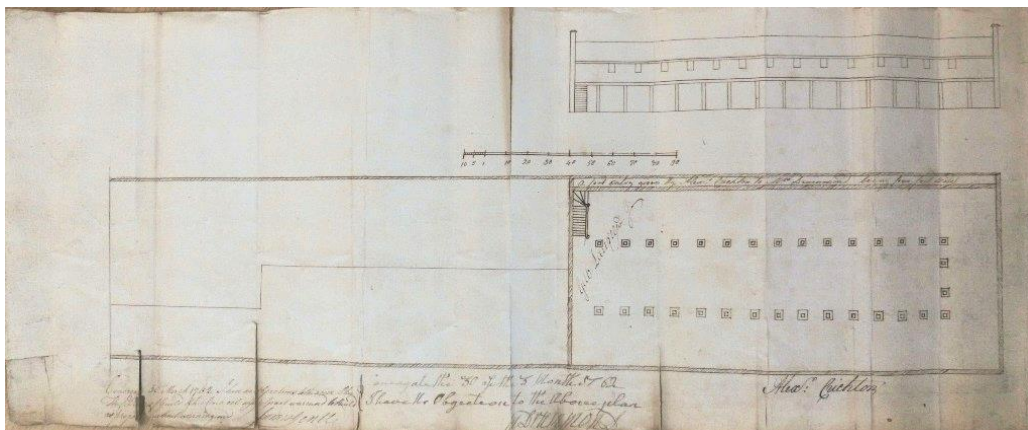
PETITIONER: Alexander Crichton, coachmaker.

SITE: Canongate, south side.

PROPOSAL: To build workhouses and shades.

NOTES: This property is behind the one being built by Mrs. May Drummond (warrants above), next to the Canongate Kirk manse.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the entire area.
Size: 22.4 x 55.0 cms.

BOX: 1762/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 June 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 19 May 1762.

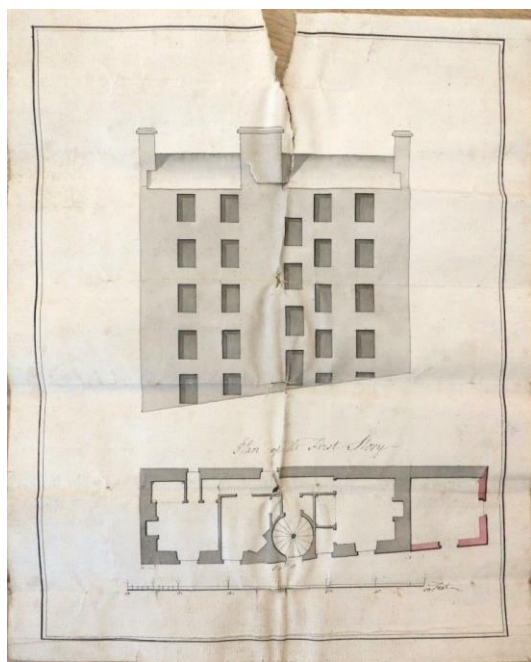
PETITIONER: Nicol Craig, at present residing in London.

SITE: Horse Wynd, head (or south end) on the east side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish old buildings and build a tenement.

NOTES: There were objections from the Earl of Galloway, Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto, Dr. David Clark, physician and Alexander Peter, wright, neighbouring proprietors. They pointed out that the petitioner did not produce his title to the property and also that '...the foresaid Wynd is at present very narrow, steep and of bad access at the south end, next the College and the intended building...would render it altogether inaccessible for coaches...'. In answers for the petitioner he submitted a contract of marriage (no longer here) between him and Janet Moncur dated 16 July 1761 with writs for the property going back to 1689. He pointed out that he had possessed the area in question for seven years. The Court granted a warrant on 2 June 1762 but the matter was overtaken by the judgement in the Court of Session in the case Freebairn and Buchan regarding the height of new buildings. After many further objections, including replies on behalf of the neighbouring proprietors in the hand of Alexander Peter, the Court decided on 6 July 1763 that the petitioner had not built his tenement of the thickness prescribed by law and that he had built one story higher than allowed by the Act of Parliament. He was ordered to reduce the tenement by one floor.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 32.9 x 26.7 cms.

BOX: 1762/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 June 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 5 May 1762.

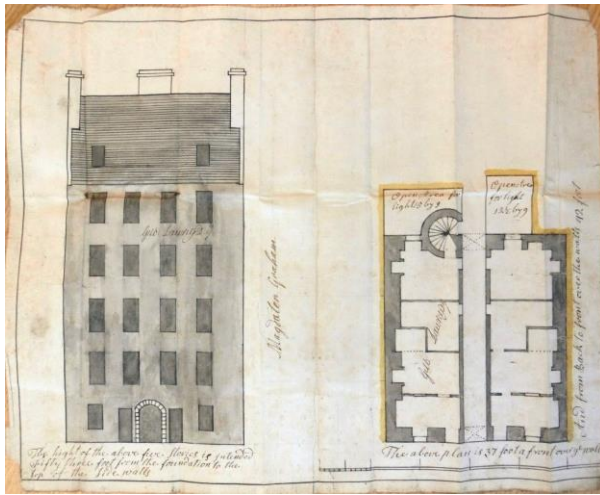
PETITIONER: Magdalen Graham, daughter of the deceased Colin Graham of Dryrie.

SITE: Canongate foot, north side.

PROPOSAL: To repair and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The property lies to the east of an area previously belonging to the Earl of Winton. The petitioner also asked to have the ground right and area valued and to this end a jury was appointed on 2 June 1762 and they found the vale to be £60 Stg. There appear to have been two properties on the same site and there is a further valuation here for a ruinous tenement at £40 Stg.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.
Size: 32.0 x 39.4 cms.

BOX: 1762/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 June 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 12 April 1762.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Society.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Campbell, wright who is building in Society close to the water house. He has uncovered water pipes in his excavations and is accused of trespass. The Court allowed him to proceed as long as he covered the pipes. Also a petition dated 12 April 1762 from James Erskine, Lord Balfarg against George Campbell with a complaint that he has erected a railing around his property and has thrown rubbish into his old kiln. There is an inventory here for George Campbell's property: Disposition by Patrick Skirvine, grandson and heir to Captain Patrick Skirvine, plumber with consent of Magdalen Elliot, his mother in favour of Jerom Robertson and James Aitchison, merchants for a house and malt barn near Society Port dated 19 April 1722, recorded in the Burgh Court books, 20 August following. Also a disposition by said Jerom Robertson in favour of himself and Christian Skirvine his spouse in half of the house and malt barn dated 1 December 1735, recorded as before, 20 March 1751; a disposition by Mr. Forrest of Camiston in favour of Thomas Myrtle, brewer in half of the malt barn dated 1 April 1747, recorded as before 26 April 1751; a disposition of the whole property by Thomas Myrtle and Christian Skirvine in favour of Samuel Neilson dated 2 August 1751, recorded as before on 7 August 1755; a disposition and trust right by Samuel Neilson in favour of John Dickie of his whole estate including the malt barn kiln etc. dated 14 October 1752 recorded in the books of Council and Session, 8 January 1753; a disposition by the said John Dickie and others, trustees to George Campbell dated 10 December 1754, recorded in the Burgh Court Books, 7 August 1754. Also a charter by the Town Council to George Campbell dated 21 April 1762.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 June 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 24 March 1762.

PETITIONER: Andrew Stevenson, son of the deceased James Stevenson, one of the Ministers of Edinburgh, for himself and his mother, with John Chalmer, writer.

SITE: Between Greyfriar's Churchyard on the east and the road from the Grassmarket to Heriot's Hospital on the west; an area of ground or gardens.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an insufficient tenement.

NOTES: The Court ordered repairs to be carried out before 1 July next.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 June 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 28 April 1762.

PETITIONER: Andrew Hutchison, flesher, George Hill, James Reikie, Mrs. Goodwillie, Thomas Torbet and James Ritchie all indwellers.

SITE: Foot of the Green Market, formerly called Sclaters Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of some houses.

NOTES: The houses belong to James Tate, wright and formerly belonged to the deceased Deacon Howie and they are now let to the petitioners. They are in disrepair and the Court ordered the work to be carried out.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 June 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 17 April 1762.

PETITIONER: Gilbert Duncan, mason in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, near the foot, Baxter's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Ramsay, mason in Canongate who has a warrant to build on old foundations but he has laid down stones and rubbish that is forming a stagnation of water. See the warrant granted on 14 April 1762 (Ramsay)

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 June 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 1 February 1762.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, head of Byres Close, opposite the Tolbooth.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment of a fore stair on the public footpath.

NOTES: The petitioner asked that the stair be turned so that it formed less of an obstruction. Remitted to the Dean of Guild from the Magistrates and Council on 16 December 1761. There is a petition here from Young and Trotter, upholsterers offering a solution to the problem that would satisfy them.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1762/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 June 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 23 June 1762.

PETITIONER: John Rattray, surgeon for himself and children and Mrs. Ann Main, daughter to the deceased George Main, jeweller, joint proprietors and Messrs. Young and Trotter, upholsterers, tacksmen of the subject.

SITE: High Street, Gavinloch's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair the damage caused by a falling chimney and replace the roof.

NOTES: The chimney was part of the east gable of Gavinloch's land and as this is now repaired to a sufficient height, they ask to have their roof reinstated and the accounts for the work cognosed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 July 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 16 June 1762.

PETITIONER: William Archibald, clerk to the Weigh house.

SITE: Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Burton, tanner in Portsburgh who has taken down part of the petitioner's dyke and used it to rebuild the side wall of his bark kiln. The petitioner refers to a warrant granted 23 April 1755 on a petition by him against Peter Cowan, who then owned the dyke. There are depositions here and of interest is

one by William Bell, resider aged 60, married who states that he was a journeyman to Captain Cowan in 1713 and that the dyke then stood as it now does.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 July 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 30 June 1762.

PETITIONER: Alexander Farquharson, watch maker.

SITE: High Street, Writer's Court.

PROPOSAL: To repair a house.

NOTES: The property is on the first half story on the west side of the great tenement built by Robert Miln of Balfarg (in 1695). It has an entry from Writer's Court and from Warriston Close. The property became the petitioner's by right of a decret of Adjudication against Margaret Blair, daughter of the deceased Charles Blair, goldsmith and William Spence, painter, her husband. Also Rachel, Mary and Charlotta Blair their daughters, Adam Tait, goldsmith, husband to said Mary Blair and others. The property is in disrepair and the petitioner wishes to have it repaired and the accounts cognosed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 July 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 8 June 1762.

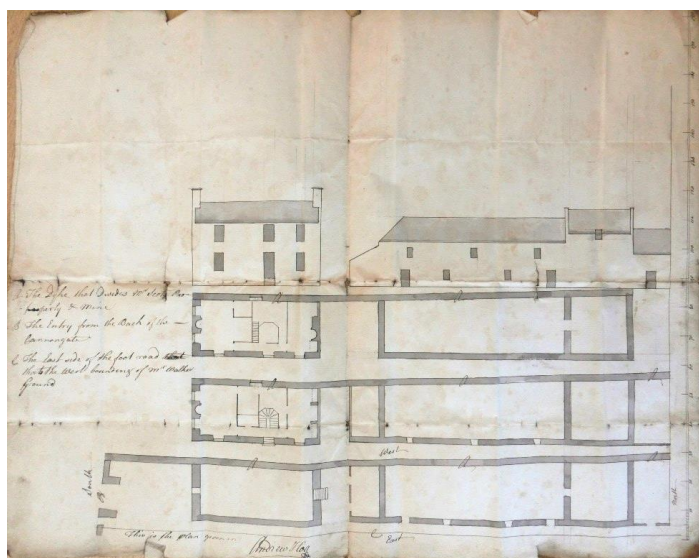
PETITIONER: Andrew Hog, brewer.

SITE: Canongate head, south side.

PROPOSAL: To build a house and work houses and cognose accounts on completion.

NOTES: The petitioner is proprietor of a brewery on the site. The drawing shows the entrance from the back of the Canongate at the top (south). There are answers here from Robert Chalmers of Pittmedden, brewer in which he refers to a tack from James Scot, WS to John Benny, distiller for 3 nineteen years from Martinmas 1750 on a contiguous property and a mutual dyke, to which the petitioner now has right. The Court granted a warrant but ordered the petitioner to keep within his own property and not to build on the dyke.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevations with plans of two floors and a basement.

Size: 49.8 x 39.0 cms.

BOX: 1762/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 July 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 9 June 1762.

PETITIONER: Thomas Dick, shoemaker.

SITE: Grays Close, head mutual with Mint Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner owns the first story up the turnpike at the head of Grays Close and the foundations of the gable and the pillars supporting the tenement have become dangerous. There is a note here from the proprietors of two contiguous tenements in Mint Close, agreeing to the replacement of the pillars in stone and that William Mylne, mason should carry out the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 July 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 2 February 1762.

PETITIONER: David Nevay, merchant, Burgess of Edinburgh.

SITE: Allans Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to the roof.

NOTES: The petitioner owns the top story of a small land, the lower possessed by Deacon James Herriot, wright. The roof had been damaged by the falling of slates from the roof of the contiguous tenement on the east side of Craigs Close. Damage had also been caused by the falling of a ladder while James Ramsay, slater was working on that roof. The petitioner claimed that the other tenement belonged to George Miller, late brewer and Hugh Mossman, writer (lawyer). In replies from William Miller, merchant near the Abbey and Mossman they point out that they do not own the tenement in question but that it is the property of Joseph Miller, merchant in London. As he is their friend (William Miller was a Quaker) they are prepared to act on his behalf. There are depositions here from neighbours including servants to James Hogg, lint dresser. The Court ordered the repairs to be made.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 July 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 27 April 1762.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Old Assembly Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Thomson, barber and wig maker and David McLaren, mason who are building a very high vent on a new tenement. The Court ordered the vent to be taken down. See warrant granted 1 September 1762 (Thomson).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 August 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 1 June 1762.

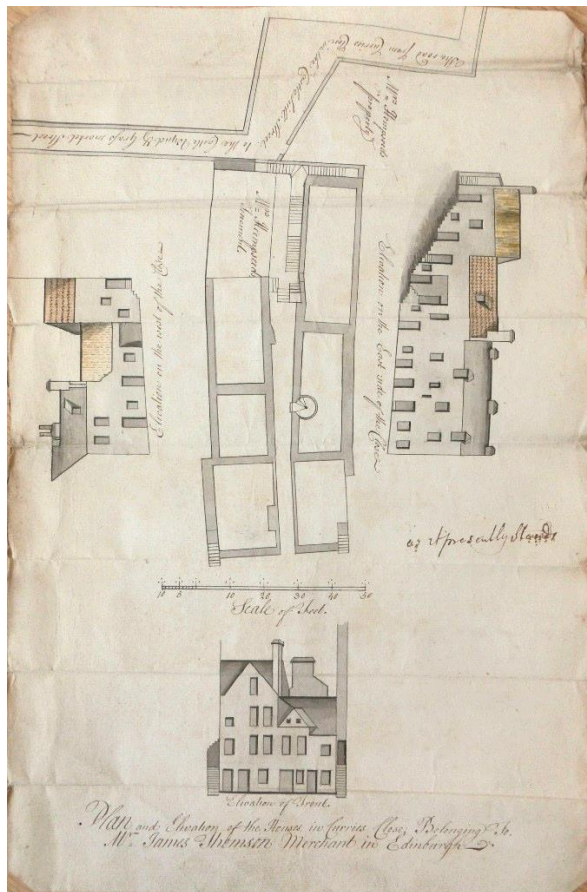
PETITIONER: James Thomson, merchant.

SITE: Grassmarket, north side, a little to the west of the Bow foot, Curries Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner acquired right to the property by a Decreet of Adjudication in the Court of Session against David Miller, surgeon in Westmorland in Jamaica. He requested a valuation on the property and jury agreed on £90 Stg. There is an unrelated letter here from Duncan Aire, apparent ship master, to James Thomson dated at Boness, 3 July 1761 in which he describes a cargo of Norway tar and talks about Thomson taking a one sixteenth share in a vessel, the Roebuck. He has no Scottish owners and his other owners are in London.

DRAWINGS: 5 sheets (3 sheets bound within a cover).



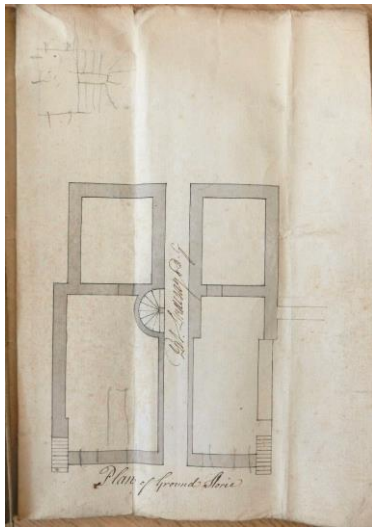
Description: a. Elevations to the Grassmarket and each side of the Close with a plan of the Close 'as it presently stands'.

Size: 37.7 x 24.6 cms.

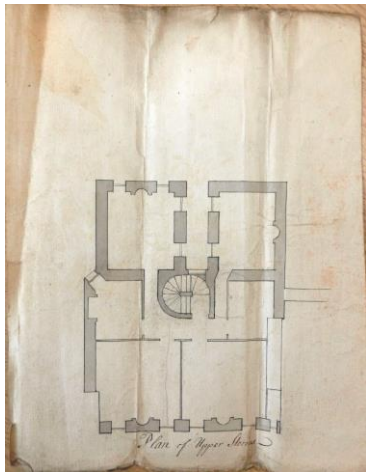


Description: b. Elevation to the Grassmarket.

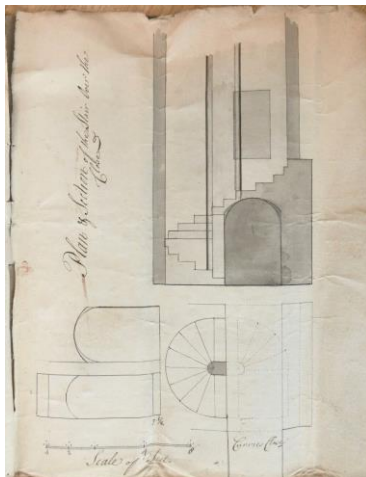
Size: 24.4 x 18.8 cms.



Description: c. Plan of the ground floor.
Size: 24.3 x 18.5 cms



Description: d. Plan of the upper floor.
Size: 24.3 x 18.8 cms (irregular)



Description: e. Plan and section of the stair over the Close.
Size: 24.3 x 18.8 cms.

BOX: 1762/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 September 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 28 May 1762.

PETITIONER: Sir Stewart Thriepland, physician, William Millar, bookseller, William Harper junior, Minister of the Gospel, proprietors, with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, Marelanes (Marlins) Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Ruddiman, relict of Thomas Ruddiman, late keeper of the Advocates Library, proprietor of a laigh house or cellar and her tenant, Katherine Dempster, relict of (blank) Tait. The defender has allowed her tenant to burn a fire in the cellar for some time, without a vent and the smoke came out through a door. The defender was prohibited from having a fire in the cellar in all time coming under a penalty of 40s Stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 September 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 11 August 1762.

PETITIONER: James Thomson, barber and wigmaker.

SITE: Old Assembly Close, head.

PROPOSAL: To build a stone vent.

NOTES: The petitioner possesses three stories of a tenement built by John Moubray and others, by virtue of a tack from Hugh Mossman, writer (lawyer). When he entered possession the smoke from his house was carried up by a timber spout as high as the lumbs in the neighbouring stone land. He complains that the neighbouring tenement is a story higher than the law allows but he cannot make use of his property unless he has a proper vent. He proposes one in stone and the Court granted a warrant, after a visit and report. See warrant granted 30 July 1762 (Procurator Fiscal).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 September 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 3 February 1762.

PETITIONER: John Carr, starch maker in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Sherriff Brae.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant to carry out the repairs granted on 15 August 1759. The warrant does not survive there. There are accounts here from tradesman: Alexander Thomson, mason, £176 18s 11d; Thomas Hart, wright, £107 1s 6½d; Stephen Jollie, wright, £149 11s 8d; David Anderson, slater, £30 12s 7d; Peter Davie, slater, £12 2s 10d; John Couper, painter, £4 2s 10d; James Hodge, glazier, £4 11s 5d; William Gowan, glazier, £2 7s, Russell & Gillespie, upholsterers, 16s 8½d, Thomas Mylne, mason, £14 and William Moyes, wright, £5 16s 9d. Total £508 2s 3d. There are also measures of the work and of particular interest is the one by John Ramsay, ordained measurer on the work of John Couper. His account refers in general to whitening rooms but the measure refers to The Blew room to 55 yds 7ft and the olive green room to 30 yds 3ft. This then refers to the house possessed by Mr. Graham. The windows were 'coloured' but no colour is given. It seems likely this is the same lodging furnished with 3pice 2 yds stowko (stucco) paper at 3s 6d, 42 yds bands for ditto, 3s 6d, putting up etc. Both wrights provided 'freaming for plaster pannels'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 September 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 18 August 1762.

PETITIONER: Nicol Craig, residenter in London.

SITE: Foot of the Nor Loch, on the south side and on the west side of the new Port at the foot of Halkerstons Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair of a tenement.

NOTES: There are accounts here from: John Young, wright; Patrick Jamieson & Son, masons; Alexander Dickieson, glazier and Alexander Adam, slater. Total £16 19s 9d.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 September 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 7 September 1762.

PETITIONER: Janet Smikers, relict of Hugh Mossman, stationer.

SITE: Cowgate head, Scots land.

PROPOSAL: To repair the cellars.

NOTES: The petitioners acquired right to the property by disposition from the deceased Alison Henry, only child of James Henry, merchant, dated 10 May and registered in the Town Court books, 30 June 1760.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 September 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 7 September 1762.

PETITIONER: William McConnachie, wright.

SITE: Fishmarket Close, foot, Legits land.

PROPOSAL: To repair the tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 September 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 17 September 1762.

PETITIONER: The Town Treasurer and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Grassmarket, the bridge leading to Heriot's Hospital.

PROPOSAL: To demolish the bridge.

NOTES: The petitioners state that as the bridge projects near the middle of the High Street (of the Grassmarket) it is a great impediment and obstruction. There is a copy here of an Act of Council dated 13 September 1762 by the Governors of Heriot's Hospital in which it states '...the proper method of execution is by taking down the said Bridge and levelling the entry to the Hospital up to the Port or pillars above the gardener's house and making a flight of steps there... They authorise the Treasurer of the Hospital to pay one third of the expence provided alwise that the sum ... shall not exceed thirty three pounds six shillings and 8 pence Sterling...'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 October 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 4 August 1762.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson & Son, masons and John Young, wright.

SITE: Blackfriar's Wynd, upper story of Bayne's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose the expence of repairing chimney heads, vents and windows.

NOTES: The property belongs to the representatives of the deceased William Colburne, marble mason. The other heritors are listed and there are accounts here from the petitioners.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 October 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 13 August 1762.

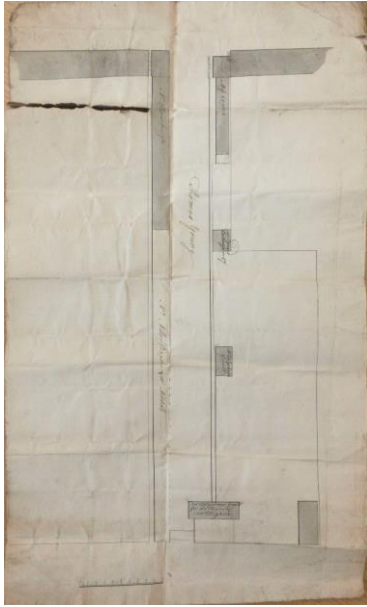
PETITIONER: Dr. Thomas Young, physician.

SITE: Canongate, north side, on the west of Jack's land.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild tenements.

NOTES: The plan indicates in grey the property of Mr. Horsburgh, Miss Condie, Mr. Edward Caithness in Co., and Mr Colquhoun Grant.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.
Size: 53.7 x 31.5 cms.

BOX: 1762/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 October 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 8 September 1762.

PETITIONER: Charles Wright, bookseller.

SITE: High Street, Assembly Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ingress of water.

NOTES: The petitioner is the owner of a tavern possessed by Mrs. Ross and other houses contiguous. The complaint is against Alexander Innes of Cathlaw and others.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 October 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 21 September 1762.

PETITIONER: Andrew Syme, merchant and factor for the children of the deceased (blank) Smith, officer of Excise and John Wardrop, writer (lawyer) in Edinburgh, factor for James Watson of Saughton.

SITE: Bells Wynd, foot and Potterrow.

PROPOSAL: To repair the properties in Bells Wynd and Potterrow.

NOTES: The children in the petition and James Watson own various properties in the Lawnmarket, near the head of Morocco's Close, at the foot of Bell's Wynd and in the Potterrow. There is a copy here of the registration of factory by James Watson dated 12 March 1750, which identifies the properties.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 October 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 11 October 1762.

PETITIONER: Colin Haig, resider, Burgess of Edinburgh and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, between Baillie Fyfe's Close and the Close below.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a dangerous neighbouring tenement.

NOTES: The tenement belongs to Archibald Hart. A jury of fifteen was appointed and they recommended the taking down of a gable. The bill for their refreshment is here; 12s for punch and 2s for porter and bread.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 October 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 11 October 1762.

PETITIONER: Filidda Kennedy, resider and spouse to Captain Kennedy in His

Majesty's service abroad.

SITE: Trunk Close, head.

PROPOSAL: To repair a leased property.

NOTES: The petitioner has a lease on the property from the deceased John Carnegie, brewer. Repairs and decoration were to have been undertaken by her landlord but this has not been done. There are answers from Jennet Carnegie, relict of John, from Thomas Carnegie brewer in Croftangrie and Elizabeth, Rachell, Grace and Mary Carnegie, daughters of John, who refused to carry out decoration.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 November 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 31 August 1762.

PETITIONER: Walter Jollie, tailor in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate head, Inglis's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the property above his cellar.

NOTES: The property above is a shade or toofall belonging to Archibald Inglis, pewterer, which has no roof or floor and renders the cellar useless. The defender refuses to repair the shade. The Court ordered the repairs to be made.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 December 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 18 October 1762.

PETITIONER: Alexander Jackson, shoemaker and factor for Harie Harrison at London.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, near the east end, Silverwells Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a blocked sewer.

NOTES: The complaint is against Peter Baillie, writer (lawyer) who has blocked the sewer that carries water from High School Yards.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 December 1762.

PETITION LODGED: 1 December 1762.

PETITIONER: James Rikie, wright.

SITE: Halkerstons Wynd, about the middle.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted 13 and 17 April 1761 to carry out the repairs. There is a single account and measure of the work here for £709 2s 10d Stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

There are a few miscellaneous papers in this box including: a public proclamation (numerous blank copies) along with a list of proprietors, for paving the north side of the Grassmarket from the Bow foot to the Town Wall, dated 12 June 1762; a letter from James McCleish, grocer regarding his status as a freeman; and a letter from James Hewitt, goldsmith regarding an apprenticeship dated 28 July 1762.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1762/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 January 1762 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 5 January 1762.

PETITIONER: Alexander Galloway, stabler in Canongate and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate foot, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof and chimneys.

NOTES: The complaint is against Peter Ramsay, stabler at the Cowgate Port, Madie Graham, residenter in Canongate and the Incorporation of Baxters (bakers) owners of two lands or tenements. The petitioner has an entry to his stables through these lands.

There is a letter here from Peter Ramsay stating that he and Patrick Ramsay will take the lands in question down when the weather will permit and rebuild.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 January 1762 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 16 December 1761.

PETITIONER: Elizabeth Campbell, widow of James Wotherspoon, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Royston's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a house.

NOTES: The petitioner rents a house from Mary Mckenzie, residenter for £8 Stg pa. but it is in such poor condition, with water getting in that it is uninhabitable and the papers is coming off the walls. In answers the defender stated that the problem had been caused by her tenant who did not keep fires in the rooms below ground. Indeed, she had applied to the Magistrates for sequestration of her tenant's furniture, fearing she would not get her rent.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 January 1762 (no warrant or other action).

PETITION LODGED: 21 January 1762.

PETITIONER: James Tate, wright.

SITE: Not stated.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about builders rubbish being placed in his yard by Master Adams (John Adam on the front of the petition).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 February 1762 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 2 September 1761.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Portsburgh, a little from the port on the south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mary Robertson, relict of William Douglas, writer (lawyer), George Douglas, her son, and Alexander Henderson, residenter in Portsburgh heirs of Captain Purdie, skinner who own the tenement. There are answers from John Smith WS, who states that he is the owner of the tenement by right of Adjudication and that the tenement is not in disrepair, having had the west gable rebuilt by order of the Court within these few years.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 March 1762 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 17 March 1762.

PETITIONER: Thomas Bald, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Harts Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the ingress of water.

NOTES: The petitioner owns a property occupied by Mrs. Watson, vintner and he complains that Thomas Mutter, merchant who owns the flat above has allowed water to come through his floor. In his answers the defender states that he inspected the floor after the first complaint but could find no insufficiency in the floor and the water seemed to be getting into the transe from his tenant washing bottles above it. He had his wright, William McConnochie inspect again and carry out minor repairs to the area where the coal is kept. He points out that the petitioner's property is below ground and that the discoloured ceiling is the result of damp.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 April 1762 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 21 April 1762.

PETITIONER: James Seton, merchant and others, heritors.

SITE: Gavinloch's land.

PROPOSAL: Laying a foundation for a new gable.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to William Mylne, mason having taken down the east gable of the land but they are having difficulty in making a new foundation without demolishing part of another little land.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 May 1762 (ordered a stop on the work).

PETITION LODGED: 30 April 1762.

PETITIONER: William Combe, brewer in Leith.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Wallace, maltster who has begun building within 8 inches of the petitioner's property, without leaving an eaves drop.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 May 1762 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 11 May 1762.

PETITIONER: Thomas Mylne, mason.

SITE: Milne's Square, back tenements.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repairs to chimney stacks.

NOTES: The work was carried out on a warrant granted to Charles Erskine of Alva, Lord Justice Clerk and other heritors on 6 April 1757, a full copy of which is here. There is also a copy of the scheme of division of the work dated 30 July 1757 but no indication of the outcome of the petition.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 May 1762 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 12 May 1762.

PETITIONER: William Lock, writer (lawyer).

SITE: Worlds End Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building work.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Gray, WS and William Mylne, mason who were ordered to stop building work by the Court but have continued. William Mylne appeared in the Court to deny the claim.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 May 1762 (no warrant, work stopped, defender to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 11 May 1762.

PETITIONER: James Spence, Secretary to the Bank of Scotland, on their behalf.

SITE: Not given.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Francis Brodie, wright who it is claimed, intends building shades in the neighbourhood of the bank's house, to the detriment of the light and danger of a fire.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 June 1762 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 23 June 1762.

PETITIONER: Nicol Craig, residenter in London.

SITE: Horse Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Peter, wright who has erected a shade or building close to the petitioner's property without a warrant. In answers for the defender he states that he purchased an area with two stone tenements on the west side

of and near the head of College Wynd. The area measures 54 sq ft and is bounded on the south by the property of the Incorporation of Bakers and on the west by tenements in Horse Wynd belonging to (blank) Moncur. He applied for a warrant from the Court and this was granted, allowing him to build a wrights work house on the area and this was built with a gap of 18 inches. There is further detail about boundaries here, Thomas Sibbald, smith being one of his neighbours. He makes a counter claim that the inhabitants of the houses in Horse Wynd are in the habit of throwing their nastiness out of their windows into his timber yard. He also points out that he has been in possession of his property for these twenty years and refers to the increase of carriage traffic in Horse Wynd, the result of relaying the Cowgate. See warrants granted 10 April 1751 and 24 April 1752 (Peter).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 June 1762 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 23 November 1761.

PETITIONER: Alexander Robertson, writer (lawyer), Deacon Thomas Jamieson, skinner and others, proprietors.

SITE: High Street, Cons Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an old ruinous outshot in the Close.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Iver, merchant who owns the tenement contiguous to the outshot. The petitioners ask for it to be removed. In answers for the defender and Mrs. Fogo she points out that she owns the outshot and that the Court has no right to deprive her of her property. She says that the Close is a very private one and that most people walking from the High Street to the Cowgate would use the more convenient Assembly Close beside it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 July 1762 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 14 July 1762.

PETITIONER: John Young, treasurer to the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel with Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High School Yards.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Wilson, merchant and James Reekie, wright who are repairing a tenement. The Court ordered the work to be stopped.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 July 1762 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 21 July 1762.

PETITIONER: Alexander Innes, Robert Hamilton, George Buchan, writer and William Aiton, writer.

SITE: High Street, Carrubbers Close, Kinkaid's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Reoch, wright and others who are digging in the Close and are in danger of undermining the tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/15*

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 July 1762 (work stopped)

PETITION LODGED: 22 July 1762.

PETITIONER: Margaret Thomson, widow of Hugh Boyd, merchant in Caltoun.

SITE: Leith Walk, 'foot' (sic, top?), on the north end of Caltoun.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The petitioner and her husband had a Charter from the Town dated 17 May 1758 for a piece of ground fronting the street from Edinburgh to Leith and measuring 42 ft. in front and extending up the Caltoun Hill by 69 ft. They built a tenement on this

area. The complaint is against Andrew Syme, cooper who is building on the south boundary of the petitioner's ground, without a warrant. The Court summoned Daniel Mack, James Watt and William Bar, journeymen masons, carrying on the work.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/16*

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 July 1762 (no warrant, Clerk to take proofs).

PETITION LODGED: 23 June 1762.

PETITIONER: James Semple, merchant in Paisley, Robert Erskine, merchant in London and John Stobie, writer (lawyer) in Edinburgh.

SITE: Netherbow, Symson's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against the heritors of the neighbouring land, who have built a stair and inserted timbers into the petitioner's gable. The Court summoned Alexander Macknicol, factor for the heirs of Baillie David Grant. In answers they state that the stair was in fact built with the tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/17*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 August 1762 (no warrant, heritors summoned)

PETITION LODGED: 4 August 1762.

PETITIONER: Archibald Brow, of Greenbank Esq.

SITE: Canongate, west side, the house below the Canongate Kirk and in the entry to the Earl of Panmure's lodging.

PROPOSAL: To make an open sewer.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the house, belonging to Sir James Livingston 'some time ago'. The heritors were summoned on the date given but the action was awakened on 25 July 1764, the Court appointing a visit. No further action is noted here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/18*

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 August 1762 (no warrant, appointed a visit and report).

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1762.

PETITIONER: Lady Elizabeth Ogilvy.

SITE: Miln Square, Bulls land, above the shop.

PROPOSAL: To enlarge the windows.

NOTES: The petitioner lately purchased the house above the shop of William Mercer, merchant and she wishes to lower the sills of the windows fronting the street. There are some stones in her wall below the window in front of her dining room and a sign board for Mr. Mercer, all of which she wishes to remove. Mr. Mercer in his answers points out that he had already removed the sign and he refers to the stonework as a pediment above the door to his shop. The petitioner insisted that as the pediment was on her property the defender could not claim any right to it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/19*

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 September 1762 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 21 August 1762.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Fishmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Weir of Birchwood, near Lismahagow and William Romanes, merchant and residenter in Dalkeith, proprietors of the tenement. There is a letter of supplement here as the defenders reside outside the jurisdiction of the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/20*

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 September 1762 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 25 August 1762.

PETITIONER: Margaret Simpson, relict of Alexander Guthrie, limner (1701-1753), for herself and in name of James Stoddart, merchant and neighbouring heritor.

SITE: High Street, Gavinloch's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment on the light.

NOTES: The petitioner states that she and her husband have enjoyed uninterrupted possession of their tenement since 1647 (sic, possibly the family home of James Guthrie, WS, her father in law). She complains that the tenement currently being rebuilt is now two feet higher than it had ever been. The Court summoned Thomas Trotter & Company, William Mylne, mason and John Moubray, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/21*

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 September 1762 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 1 September 1762.

PETITIONER: William Bowman, tailor.

SITE: Luckenbooths.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.

NOTES: The petitioner has occupied the house, owned by the representatives of the deceased James Shearer, barber, for eight years. The roof is in poor condition but the owner refuses to undertake the repairs. The defenders state that 'they are greatly at a loss what to make of the silly jargon contained in [his] petition' and agree to carry out the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1762/22*

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 December 1762 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 30 November 1762.

PETITIONER: Michael Nasmith, wright for behoof of John Carmichael of Eastend.

SITE: High Street, head of Carrubbers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about being stopped in their work.

NOTES: The petitioners were employed on a warrant granted 16 June 1760, to raise the vents for a shop owned by John Carmichael. Mrs. Maitland, a neighbouring tenant of Mr. Wilkie, ordered the workmen to stop and refused to allow them to continue. In answers for James Wilkie, merchant in name of Patrick Wilkie, minister at Haddington pointing out that when the petitioners were repairing their shops, '... Deacon Mylne came to his house and desired he should sign a petition to the Dean of Guild Court for carrying the front of these shops something forward... being told that this was mere form...!'

DRAWINGS: None.

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The Court Officers from 13 October 1762:

Dean of Guild

Patrick Lindsay

Council,

Gilbert Laurie Old Dean of Guild

James Robertson merchant

Thomas Hepburn, merchant

William Good, wright

William Mylne, mason

Charles Howison, slater

Procurator Fiscal, Robert Gray

Clerk of the Court, Thomas Alves

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

BOX: 1763/

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 January 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 13 August 1762.

PETITIONER: James Syme, slater and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Sandilands Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Stewart, musician who has begun digging foundations for a building. In answers for Alexander Stewart of Kinnaird, musician he points out that he has cleared an area preparatory to building three small cellars and that he was doing so without hurting the rights of any of his neighbours. 'Some time ago a foundry was about to be built on this area. This alarmed the respondent as his property as well as that of the neighbouring Heritors round it would thereby have been in imminent danger, and to prevent this, the Respondent purchased it at a high price...' The argument developed into one about the entry between Chalmers and Sandilands Closes and depositions were taken including: John Antonius, wright aged 70 and upwards, married, who claimed that he had known the area since 1715; William McVey, wright aged 60 and upwards, married '...and the deponent has many times past during the space of seven years he was serving Deacon Antonius, through the area ...'; John Wallace, wright, aged 59, married '...has been in use while he was servant to Deacon Antonius during eight years...'

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1763/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 January 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 31 August 1762.

PETITIONER: Alexander Bruce, upholsterer, for himself and as factor for James Campbell, jeweller and goldsmith and Margaret Christie, lawful daughter of William Christie, indweller and Mary Lind, his spouse.

SITE: Leith, foot of Broad Wynd, Richardson's land, second story.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about terms of a lease.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Short, wright, Burgess of Edinburgh and now optician in Leith (later the manufacturer of telescopes and founder of the Edinburgh Observatory) who had a 19 year lease on the property from Whitsunday 1755 at £20pa. This sum was to be set aside in lieu of repairs and rebuilding to be carried out by Thomas Short and the complaint is that this was never done. The property is described and included 'a tower or garret upon the top of the staircase'. Short submits full accounts for the work carried out between 15 May 1755 and 2 November 1758 (two sets here) with further accounts from James Mack, mason for work between 10 September 1756 and 20 August 1757. Also an account from Short himself for brass locks and hinges, with a measure of the work by George Cowan. This matter went in a Bill of Advocation in the Court of Session against a decision by the Dean of Guild on 27 October 1762, refused on 15 December 1762. Parts of this tenement fell down in 1792; see unextracted petition dated 18 October 1792 (Procurator Fiscal).

Probably also related to the warrants granted 20 September 1804 (Alexander Chrystie) and 1 November 1821 (Mrs. Christie) for a shop at the corner of Broad Wynd and the Shore of Leith.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 February 1763 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 15 February 1763.

PETITIONER: James McCleish, journeyman trunkmaker.

SITE: Unknown.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a Burgess certificate.

NOTES: The petitioner had been pursued by the procurator Fiscal as an unfree tradesman and agreed to pay 5s pa in place of the expence of a full Burgess certificate. He claims that he could not afford the fee as a journeyman, and had been employed by John Campbell, wright and trunk maker. There is a certificate here from Campbell stating that the petitioner was employed by him for about 12 months past. The Procurator Fiscal noted that he would prove that the petitioner was in fact trading but there is no further comment.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 February 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 26 January 1763.

PETITIONER: Deacon William Mylne, mason and George Cowan, wright.

SITE: Lawnmarket, Gavinloch's land.

PROPOSAL: Seeking payment for work.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted 5 may 1762 to take down the east gable of the land. He seeks payment from Miss Glass for her share of the work; accounts here for £14 13s 4d due to William Mylne and £4 19s 1d to George Cowan.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 February 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 16 February 1763.

PETITIONER: Andrew Bell, engraver.

SITE: Parliament Close, Exchange stair.

PROPOSAL: To slap out a new window in his shop, to the south.

NOTES: The petitioner states that all the houses in the tenement have windows to the south and there is an agreement here from Robert Blackwood of Pitcairn, advocate as proprietor of the said shop. Also agreement of Hugh Penmann, goldsmith, proprietor of another part of the tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 March 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 25 February 1763.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Magdalene Graham, daughter of the deceased Colin Graham of Drynie.

SITE: Canongate, Paterson's land, first story.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Somervail, stabler in Canongate who has employed Gilbert Duncan, mason to build up one of the vents in the petitioner's house. Members of the Court to visit and the work stopped.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 March 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 17 February 1763.

PETITIONER: James Paterson, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith, near the Bridge, south side of the Water of Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Carr, starch maker in Leith who is building without a warrant and is encroaching on the petitioner's property. This petition came after two applications for Bills of Advocation to the Court of Session and a process in the Sheriff Court, none of which may refer to this specific complaint. Both Bills had been refused. There is reference to a warrant granted to John Carr to repair property adjoining the petitioner's. The Court ordered the defender to keep 18 inches form the petitioner's property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 March 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 9 February 1763.

PETITIONER: Andrew Hogg, brewer.

SITE: Canongate, south side, fronting the south back of Canongate.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

NOTES: There was a detailed argument about rights, but the writs once here were withdrawn. There is reference on the drawing to the east gable of Mr. Chalmer's kiln and to a stable and kiln 'built last year' on a warrant. This matter went to a Bill of Advocation in the Court of Session which was refused on 16 March 1763.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of three floors and the area.

Size: 50.0 x 38.9 cms.

Watermark: Whatman

BOX: 1763/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 March 1763.

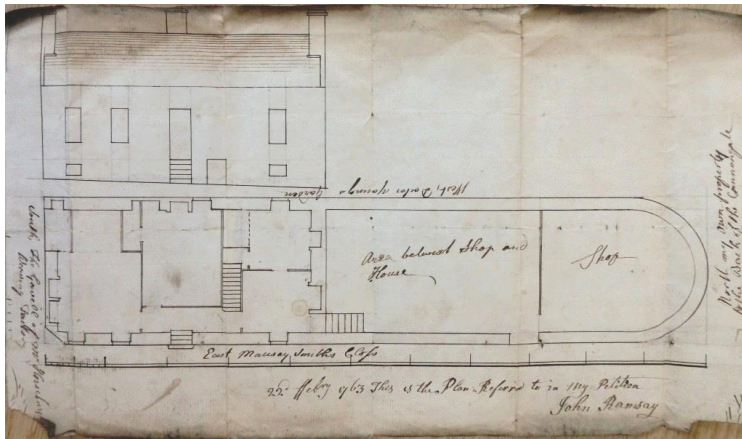
PETITION LODGED: 23 February 1763.

PETITIONER: John Ramsay, wright in Canongate.

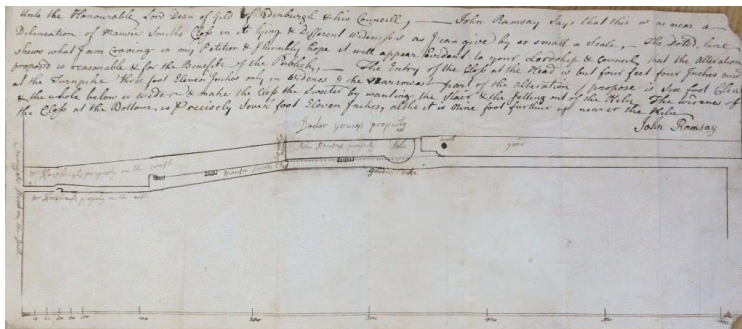
SITE: Canongate, Mausie Smith's Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a house and shop.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation of the house with a plan of the shop and area.
Size: 22.4 x 38.7 cms.



Description: a. measured drawing of the entire Close from the Canongate to the Nor Loch.
Size: 17.0 x 39.5 cms.

BOX: 1763/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 March 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 22 December 1762.

PETITIONER: John Graham, wine couper in Leith.

SITE: Leith, south.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a ruinous property.

NOTES: The property is bounded as follows: On the south between the lands sometime pertaining to Nathaniel Edwards, afterwards the late Sir William Gray and now to Robert Douglas, merchant, Burgess of Edinburgh; on the north by the lands of old pertaining to the late Andrew Wood of largo, thereafter to James Smelholm, portioner of Preston; on the east and west by the common way. The petitioner refers to a Decree of Adjudication obtained in the Court of Session dated 7 February 1712 by James Corbet, elder, merchant in Glasgow against Patrick Wilkie, merchant in Edinburgh, living in Leith. The complaint is against Helen Swanson, relict of Patrick Wilkie who holds a liferent on the property, now owned by the petitioner and has allowed it to fall into ruin. The petitioner has a warrant from the Court to rebuild the property to a plan submitted, dated 9 May 1759. This no longer survives. The Court called (blank) Wilkie, son of Patrick Wilkie and when he did not appear, confirmed the warrant to build.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 April 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 17 March 1762.

PETITIONER: Albert Monro of Coull, late treasurer of Heriot's Hospital.

SITE: Lawnmarket, Fishers land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repair of the roof.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant to repair the roof of a tenement, parts of which belong to the Hospital, granted 19 October 1759. There are accounts here for work carried out in 1757 by John Watson, slater with a measure of the work by Alexander Turnbull all wrapped in an invitation by John Paterson to the funeral of his

cousin, John Brown, merchant (died 24th) on 27 February 1763.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 April 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 6 April 1763.

PETITIONER: James McDowall, merchant.

SITE: Pauls Work, near the foot of Leith Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To build a small house on the site of another.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 April 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 30 March 1763.

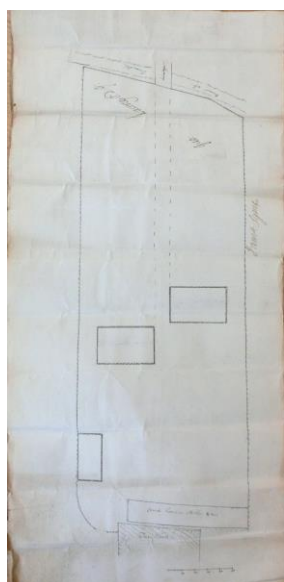
PETITIONER: James Syme, slater.

SITE: Canongate, a garden at the foot of Shoemaker's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build on part of the garden.

NOTES: The property had been purchased from James Fleeming, brewer in Craighend of Calton.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area between a tan work and the 'River of Tumble'.

Size: 46.5 x 21.9 cms.

Watermark: countermark, VI

BOX: 1763/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 April 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 30 March 1763.

PETITIONER: John Carr, starch maker in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Sherriff Brae.

PROPOSAL: To repair a well.

NOTES: The petitioner is proprietor of some houses and a well, with James Paterson, merchant in Leith, who now refuses to pay his share for work carried out on the well. The work was sanctioned by a warrant of the Court dated 12 November 1761 (copy here). There are accounts here for work carried out by Alexander Constable, mason, Steven Jollie, wright, William Petrie, smith, John Taylor (for buckets) and John Steedman and Robert Bowry for drawing and cleaning the well. Also an account from the Smith & Wright Work Factory Co. for chains etc.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 30 March 1763.

PETITIONER: James Ranken, wright.

SITE: 'between Gray Friars Churchyard and the entry leading up from the Grassmarket to Heriot's Hospital'.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair of a tenement.

NOTES: The tenement belonged to the heirs of George Campbell, surgeon and late surveyor of the Ports of Edinburgh, with a list of occupiers. There are accounts here from James Ranken, Patrick Jamieson, mason, William Kendall, slater, Charles Bruce, glazier, Thomas Sibbald, smith and Nicoll Sommervell, painter. His account, 6 August 1762, mostly for whitening rooms included painting the dining room white (a panelled room in the house occupied by John Chalmers, writer) to 'colouring a piece of a room blew in oile measuring 3 yds at 4d'. All of the new windows were also painted white outside.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 9 March 1763.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Society, Browns Square, Scots Close, head.

PROPOSAL: the Complaint about alteration to the paving.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Brown, wright. In answers the defender explains that 'It is well known the respondent has for these some years bypast been employed in building a Square in the Society, for which he has the authority of the Court...' He explains that he is now making a street before the houses, at his own expence. The Court ordered that he relay the pavement at the sight of its trades members.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 9 December 1762.

PETITIONER: James Robertson, merchant.

SITE: Warristons Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander hay, wright who has begun to erect buildings or shades at the foot of the Close without a warrant. He was fined £5 Scots and 10s stg. in expences, and ordered to remove the shade.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 April 1763.

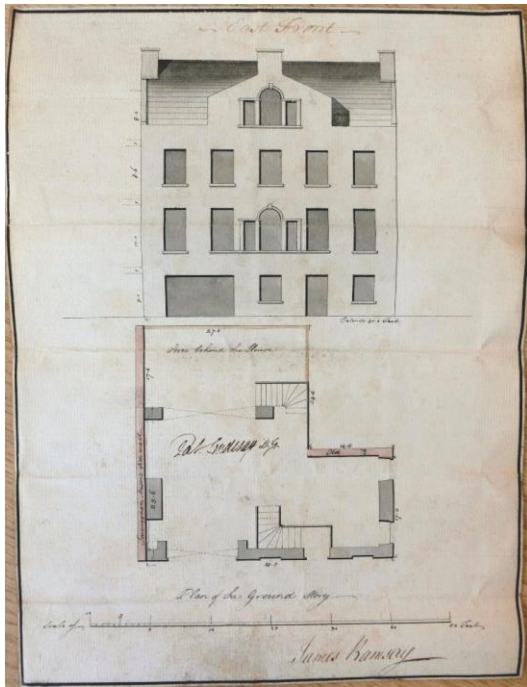
PETITION LODGED: 6 April 1763.

PETITIONER: James Ramsay, slater in Edinburgh.

SITE: Todricks Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 28.6 x 21.5 cms.

Architect: (James Brown, on the basis of drawing style).

BOX: 1763/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 13 April 1763.

PETITIONER: Alexander Ramsay, slater in Canongate.

SITE: South Leith, head of Willy Water's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement and repair others.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from Janet Mckenzie, daughter of Robert Mckenzie, shipmaster in Leith, Alexander Weir, painter in Edinburgh, her husband, Isobel Mckenzie, her sister and John Smith, her husband. There is a full copy of the warrant here.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.

Illustration wanting

Description: a. Plans of two floors.

Size: 20.5 x 24.8 cms.

BOX: 1763/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 May 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 13 April 1763.

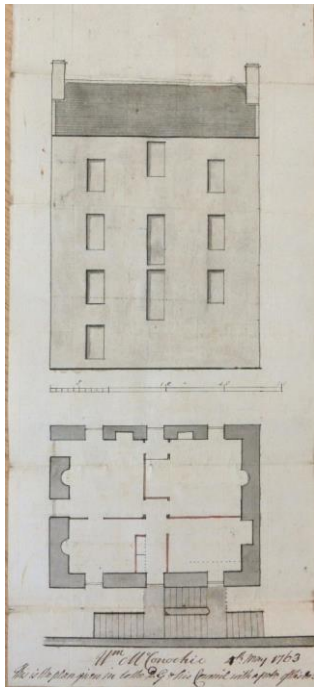
PETITIONER: William McConochie, wright.

SITE: Cowgate head.

PROPOSAL: To increase the height of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner is proprietor of a wright shop and yard which were formerly stables and belonged to Archibald Inglis, pewtherer, heir of the deceased John Inglis, Secretary to the Post Master General of Scotland. Archibald Inglis had a warrant to build stables granted on 28 July 1753 and the petitioner is to raise this by two stories.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of the four story tenement with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 37.2 x 16.5 cms.

BOX: 1763/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 May 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 27 April 1763.

PETITIONER: Thomas Buchan, wright.

SITE: Leith, opposite the Weigh House.

PROPOSAL: To alter the stair leading to his tenement.

NOTES: The Court granted the warrant but the stair not to project more than four feet.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 May 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 27 April 1763.

PETITIONER: Michael Nasmith, wright for John Carmichael of Eastend and others.

SITE: High Street, Carrubbers Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: To complete building a vent.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a previous warrant granted three years ago to erect a stone front in place of some wasted pillars and to build a vent. This latter work was prevented by the tenant of James Wilkie, a Miss Learmonth(?) would not allow work in her flat. Miss Learmonth has died and they wish to complete the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 June 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 26 May 1763.

PETITIONER: John Sharp, stabler in Pleasance.

SITE: Pleasance.

PROPOSAL: To raise a tenement by two floors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 June 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 24 May 1763.

PETITIONER: David Cleghorn, brewer.

SITE: Grassmarket.

PROPOSAL: To build a vault below a loft.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 June 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 1 June 1763.

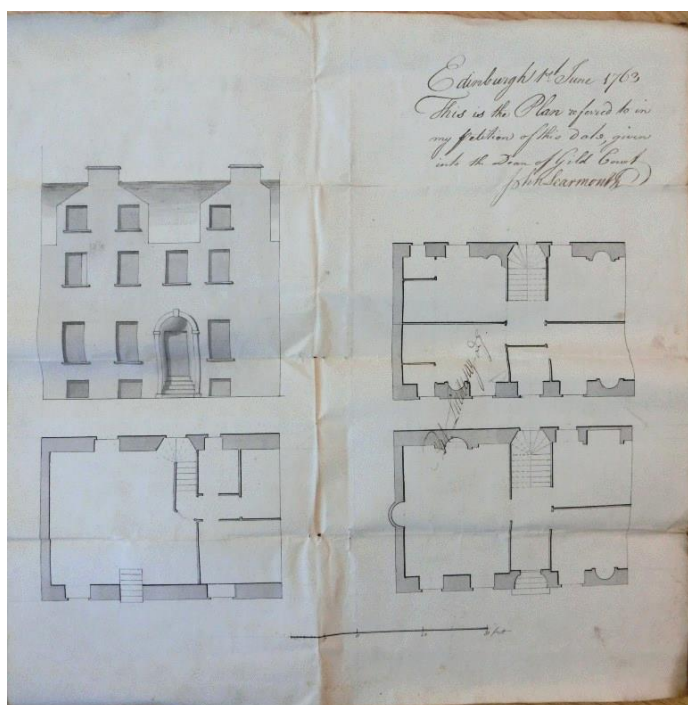
PETITIONER: John Learmonth, merchant.

SITE: St. Mary's Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish a ruinous tenement and rebuild.

NOTES: The old tenement of three stories had been acquired from Thomas Halliburton, dyer and his spouse, Jean Donaldson by contract of Excambion dated 17 November 1763, recorded in the Burgh Court books, 23 November. The petitioner, with his spouse, Janet Cleland asked the Court to have it valued on 18 May 1763 and the decision of the jury was £40 Stg. on 25 May 1763. It was bounded by the tan yard of Alexander Learmonth senior, the petitioner's father, on the east and houses belonging to him on the south. He died before the second petition.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of three floors.

Size: 36.5 x 35.8 cms.

Watermark: countermark, IV

BOX: 1763/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 June 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 2 June 1763.

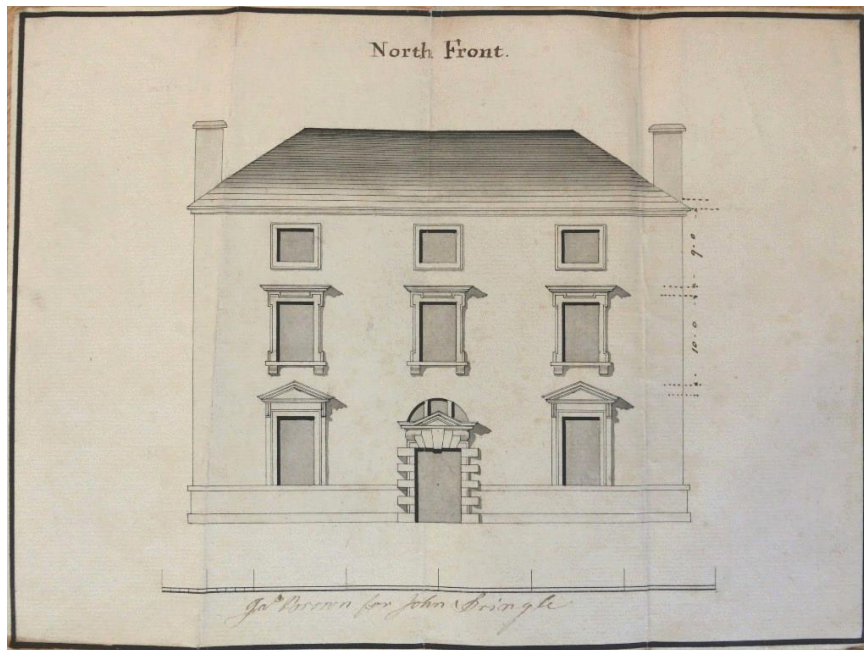
PETITIONER: John Pringle, WS.

SITE: Society.

PROPOSAL: To increase the height of a tenement by one floor.

NOTES: The drawing shows a more ambitious proposal than that stated.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of a three story villa.
 Size: 19.5 x 26.2 cms.
 Inscriptions, recto: Jas. Brown for John Pringle.
 Architect: James Brown

BOX: 1763/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 June 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 3 June 1763.

PETITIONER: Hugh Bell, brewer and David Gilmor, rope maker in Pleasance.

SITE: Pleasance.

PROPOSAL: To reopen a door.

NOTES: David Gilmor is the tenant of a house which had a door to the street but which had been closed up. In answers for William Miller, hat maker he explains that the tenant divided the property, a storehouse associated with the brewery, in two and let out the other half to support his rent. It is this part which now requires a door and there is a question about support for the stair above.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 June 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 15 June 1763.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, Lees Quarter, High Street.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a ruinous wall in danger of falling.

NOTES: The wall belongs to Mrs. Binnie, a widow who did not appear when summoned. The Court ordered the wall to be demolished within 48 hours.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 June 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 15 June 1763.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Elizabeth Conde, residenter in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work demolishing neighbouring tenements.

NOTES: The complaint is against Dr. Thomas Young and the petitioner is concerned about the safety of her eastern gable and requests a report and dimensions by a sworn measurer. The Court agreed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 June 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 1 May 1763.

PETITIONER: Alexander Alison, Deputy Cashier of Excise.

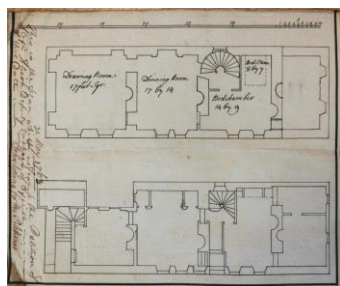
SITE: Old Assembly Close, about the middle.

PROPOSAL: To build an additional story on a tenement.

NOTES: There must have been objections from the neighbouring heritors, not fully recorded here, as there is a legal defence of the petitioner's right to increase the height.

The plan appears to show an extension to one floor.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of two floors.

Size: 15.0 x 18.5 cms.

BOX: 1763/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 July 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 14 June 1763.

PETITIONER: Robert Jamieson, WS.

SITE: Lawnmarket, Wardrobs (Wardrop's) Court.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a drain and chimney stacks.

NOTES: The petitioner explains that he is the tenant of the first floor downstairs, of the back tenement in Wardrobs Court, which, with the houses immediately below the petitioners, belonged to (blank) Wardrobe and is now under sequestration and in the hands of creditors. The first story up stairs belongs to James Spence, Secretary to the Bank of Scotland, the story above that to John MacLaurin, advocate, the third story to Rev. Dr. Alexander Webster, the fourth to James Philp Esq., Judge of the High Court of Admiralty and the uppermost to Mrs. Drummond of Callander and her husband. The complaint is about a drain pipe for dirty water that extends from the top of the tenement to the ground where the water is carried along the side of the tenement to the Nor Loch. This pipe has become blocked and the petitioner's cellar is flooded with dirty water. There is a further complaint about chimney stacks being increased in height to the detriment of the petitioner's vent.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 July 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 8 June 1763.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an unfree tradesman.

NOTES: The complaint is against Andrew Neilson, wigmaker who has been trading without being a Burgess. In answers the defender states that he was bred up in the trade of wigmaker and barber but had enlisted as a soldier on 10 August 1762 in the Regiment commanded by Major Mclean. He served for three months before being discharged. After a fulsome defence of his rights he points out that he is also qualified in right of his wife, Ann Thomson, daughter of William Thomson, weaver in Canongate, who also served in the Edinburgh Regiment, commanded by the Earl of Home, as certified by Mr. Patrick Crockat, Lt. in Major Kinloch's Company. The Court dismissed the complaint.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 July 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 8 June 1763.

PETITIONER: James McDowal, merchant.

SITE: Leith Wynd, foot.

PROPOSAL: To erect a small building or shade.

NOTES: The shade was to be in a line from the north corner of the Lapping house and with the south corner of Haliburton's land. The petitioner was also asked to take down the projecting part of an old tenement on the north side of Pauls Work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 July 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 5 July 1763.

PETITIONER: James Thomson jun., merchant.

SITE: Borthwicks Close head, second story of the tenement.

PROPOSAL: To open a new window in the stair.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 July 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 19 July 1763.

PETITIONER: The heritors of Anchor Close.

SITE: Anchor Close.

PROPOSAL: To pave the Close and share the expence.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 August 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 6 July 1763.

PETITIONER: William Mylne, Deacon of the Incorporation of masons and John Moubray, late Deacon of the Wrights.

SITE: High Street, north side, Gavinloch's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose the expence of repairing a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners had a warrant from the Court relating to the tenement belonging to Thomas Wright of Glinns Esq. The work was carried out in 1762 in a shop possessed by 'Mr. Wilson Baxter' (his trade?) and now by Mr. Monro and a room by Mrs. Leaver. There are accounts here from both petitioners and a measure of the work by Alexander Turnbull.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 August 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 1 September 1762.

PETITIONER: Duncan Wright, wright.

SITE: Niddrie Wynd, head.

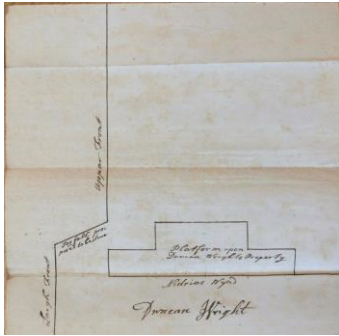
PROPOSAL: To alter his shop frontage.

NOTES: The petitioner owns a shop and dwelling house at the head of the Wynd that is covered by a lead platform on the front. He intends converting the platform into tofall. This petition has a request for trade members of the Court to visit and report. This is crossed through but clearly from the time taken this matter was more complicated than is suggested by the surviving papers. Two drawings of steps were found lose in this box and given the enclosed drawing of a stair in pencil, annotated by the petitioner, these two further sheets have been placed here at d and e.

DRAWINGS: 5 sheets.



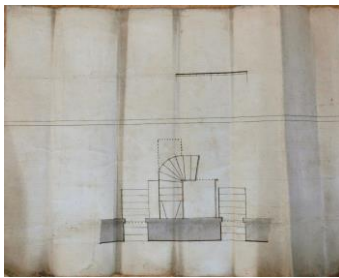
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Size: 13.2 x 23.8 (irregular).



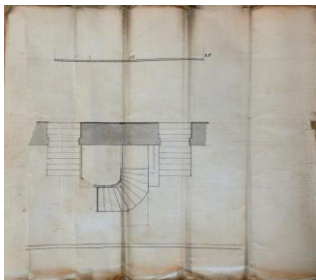
Description: b. Plan of the area.
Size: 18.5 x 18.6 cms.



Description: c. Plan of steps in pencil.
Size: 25.0 x 19.0 cms.



Description: d. Plan of steps.
Size: 21.8 x 28.0 cms.



Description: e. Plan of steps.
Size: 23.6 x 26.0 cms.

BOX: 1763/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 August 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 27 July 1763.

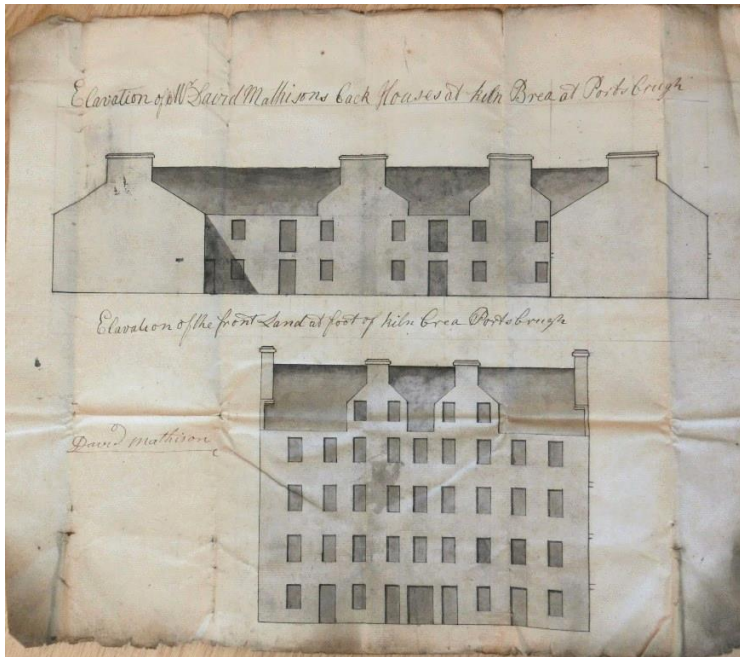
PETITIONER: David Mathieson, wright in Portsburgh.

SITE: Portsburgh, south side, Kiln Brae.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement of houses.

NOTES: The petitioner acquired the area from John Cunningham, brewer in Leith and he asks to be declared a preferable creditor on the subjects once complete.

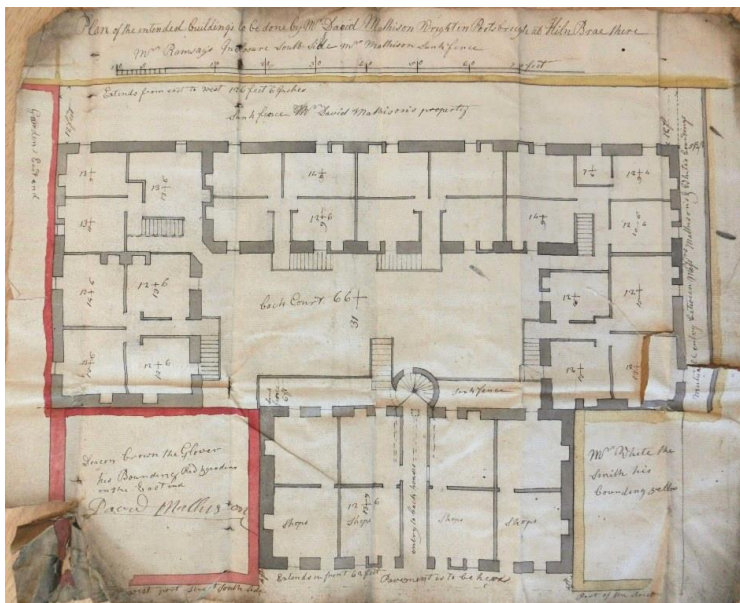
DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation of a five story tenement with a two story courtyard.

Size: 31.3 x 36.6 cms.

Watermark: Pro Patria and Bell



Description: b. Plan of the area.

Size: 30.5 x 38.0 cms.

BOX: 1763/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 August 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 8 June 1763.

PETITIONER: David Loch, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Shore, south end of the Bridge, commonly called Lennox Lands.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild ruinous tenements.

NOTES: There were detailed instructions given on the distance from other properties.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan

Size: 45.6 x 29.5 cms.

Watermark: LVG

BOX: 1763/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 August 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 12 August 1763.

PETITIONER: Deacon William Mylne, mason, Deacon William Good, wright and Alexander Adam, slater.

SITE: High Street, north side, Gavinloch's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair of a tenement.

NOTES: The work was carried out for Mr. Monro who is described as being out of the Kingdom. There are accounts her from the petitioners and for work carried out between September and December 1762, with measures of the work by George Cowan. Most of the work involved the roof, vents and hearth stones.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 August 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 6 July 1763.

PETITIONER: Alexander Spence Adam, slater, William Jamieson, mason, James Wright, wright and Charles Mack, mason.

SITE: Netherbow, behind the Fountain Well.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs to the roof.

NOTES: The work was carried out on a warrant granted on 27 October 1762 to Tillida Kennedy, residenter, spouse to Captain Kennedy in His majesties service abroad, a copy of which is here. Tillida Kennedy had acquired the dwelling house at the head of Trunk Close from the now deceased (11 October 1762) John Carnegie, brewer. He had agreed to undertake repairs and paint and paper the rooms she let for £28 Stg. This work had not been carried out and she asked that the owners: Janet Carnegie, relict of the deceased John, Thomas Carnegie, brewer at Croftanrie, his son and Rachell, Grace and Mary, his daughters should make the repairs. There are accounts here from the petitioners.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 August 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 3 May 1763.

PETITIONER: John Williamson younger of Foxhall.

SITE: Leith, east end of the Shore.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and wind mill.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he purchased the Earl of Hopetoun and that it had been let in 1742 to John Wilson, wright and vintner in Leith at a very low rent, on condition that he should rebuild at his expence, the east jamb of the tenement and put a roof on the same. On 5 April 1758 Patrick Tod, merchant in Edinburgh undertook to take on this responsibility for this work in an action of horning against the deceased John Wilson. The lease expires in 1764 and the petitioner wishes to carry out the work. There are estimates here from David Anderson, slater in Leith, Alexander Constable, mason and William Moyes, wright. There is also a measure of the work by Walter Gowans, miller and tacksman of Reggiesmiln who states that he has been in the business for eighteen years and in that time had mounted and mended several mills. He had considered the 'lead wind mill in Hopetoun's tenement' which he found in great disrepair.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 August 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 3 August 1763.

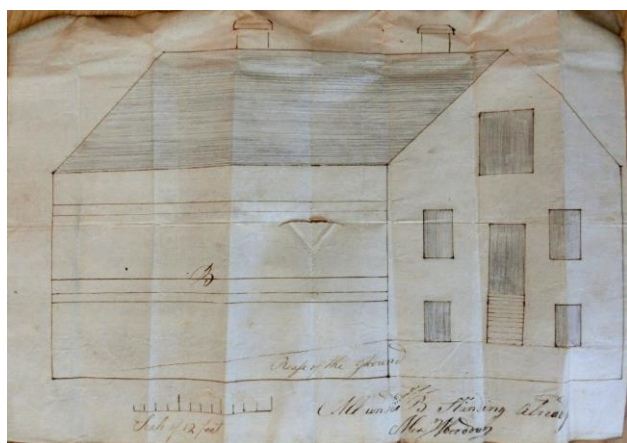
PETITIONER: Alexander Aberdower, founder.

SITE: High Street, north side, foot of Galloways Close.

PROPOSAL: To increase the height of a workshop.

NOTES: The petitioner holds a 21 year lease on a wrights shop by a tack dated 28 December 1759 from Margaret Russell, relict of David Brown, merchant. The tack allows him to repair or rebuild the workshop but Margaret Russell objected.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Perspective elevation.

Size: 23.0 x 34.0 cms.

BOX: 1763/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 August 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 26 July 1763.

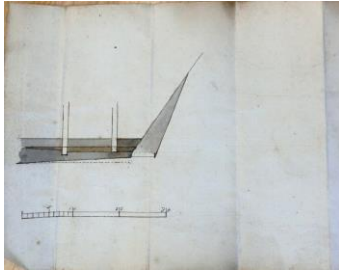
PETITIONER: The City Treasurer, John Brown and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Society.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building on top of the Town Wall.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Campbell, wright who has a warrant to build, close to the dwelling house there belonging to John Pringle, WS. The Court found that contrary to his vigorous defence, he had built on the wall and that this work should be removed. There is a petition here from the defender asking to be allowed to explain his case to the Town Council.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan?
Size: 17.4 x 29.2 cms.

BOX: 1763/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 August 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 19 August 1763.

PETITIONER: David Loch, merchant in Leith.

SITE: Leith Shore.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of Pargillis's land.

NOTES: The tenement has a great rent in the gable. Hugh Buchan, writer was called as factor for the land. See warrant granted 14 December 1763, (Mason).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 September 1763.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Alexander Campbell, brewer.

SITE: Cowgate.

PROPOSAL: To build a vault.

NOTES: See warrant granted 7 December 1763 (Tytler).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan and section.
Size: 37.0 x 26.6 cms.

BOX: 1763/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 September 1763.

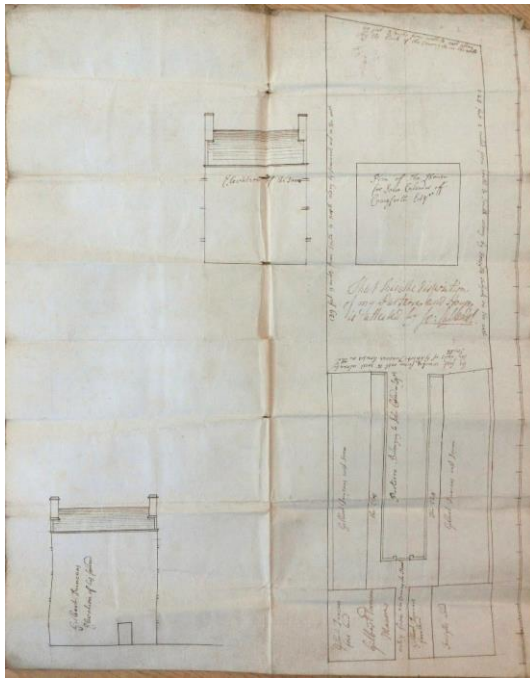
PETITION LODGED: 7 September 1763.

PETITIONER: John Callendar of Craigforth and Gilbert Duncan, mason.

SITE: Canongate, opposite the Duke of Queensberry's lodging.

PROPOSAL: To build a house in the centre of the back area.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevations of the house and a plan of the area.

Size: 48.3 x 38.6 cms.

Watermark: LVG

BOX: 1763/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 September 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 7 September 1763.

PETITIONER: John Callendar of Craigforth and Gilbert Duncan, mason.

SITE: Canongate, opposite the Duke of Queensberry's lodging.

PROPOSAL: Request to appreciate (value) old property.

NOTES: The petitioners intend building according to the warrant granted above but before proceeding they wish to have a valuation. A jury was appointed and they valued various parts of the property described according to the plan above.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 October 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 19 August 1763.

PETITIONER: Trustees of James Hunter, wright; Jean Nisbet, his widow, Adam Keir, baker, Andrew Halliburton, WS, Dr. George Stevenson, physician and Thomas Smith, merchant, agent for the London Sun Fire Insurance Office.

SITE: Niddery Wynd, about the middle.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about smoke.

NOTES: The complaint is against Jean Campbell, spouse to (blank) Bryden, Fort Major of Edinburgh Castle who is proprietor of a small timber shop which has a smoking chimney. There have also been fires in the shop, which represents a danger.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 October 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 19 October 1763.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Ann Smith, widow of Thomas Ruddiman, late Keeper of the Advocates Library.

SITE: West side of the avenue leading to Heriot's Hospital.

PROPOSAL: The gable fronting the avenue is dangerous.

NOTES: The petitioners complain that 'the levelling of the avenue' has undermined the gable. The Court visited and found no danger.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 October 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 26 October 1763.

PETITIONER: John Sommerville, gunsmith in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Graeme, resider and Robert Taylor, baxter who have struck out a vent in the house below the petitioner. The Court ordered a visit by trades members and to do as they see cause.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 November 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 12 October 1763.

PETITIONER: Thomas Sheills, tenant near Drylaw.

SITE: St. Ninian's Row, near the foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about injury to his tenement.

NOTES: The injury has been caused by the raising of the causeway and he asks to alter the front wall of his tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 November 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 19 October 1763.

PETITIONER: John Gibson, writer.

SITE: St. Ninian's Row, foot.

PROPOSAL: To alter his front wall.

NOTES: The petitioner's property adjoins that of Thomas Sheills, above.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 November 1763.

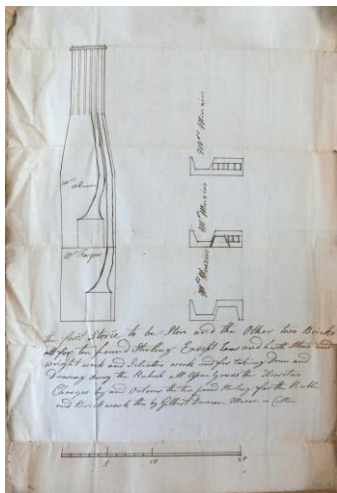
PETITION LODGED: 16 August 1763.

PETITIONER: Isobell Ormiston, relict of James Williamson, shoemaker in Caltoun and Alexander Farquhar, late Deacon of the Skinners.

SITE: Leith Wynd, opposite the foot.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild timber vents. There is an estimate her from John Young & Co. dated 8 November 1763 to rebuild the lath and plaster bents in brick and stone.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Section and plans of the vents.

Size: 33.8 x 23.2 cms.

BOX: 1763/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 November 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 18 October 1763.

PETITIONER: Andrew Tod, tenant in Meikle Balwhinnie.

SITE: Lawnmarket, Paterson's back court.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.

NOTES: There is a further petition here from another proprietor, Charles Inglis, Clerk to the Bills, which has been joined to this in the warrant. The petitioner owns the eastmost dwelling being part of the fifth floor.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 November 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 26 October 1763.

PETITIONER: George Meikle, brewer in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Lees Quarter, Baikies Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for rebuilding a house.

NOTES: The petitioner had a warrant for repairs. There are accounts here from Thomas Mylne, mason for work carried out in April 1762, John Crokot, slater, Thomas Heart, wright, James Hodge, glazier for 8 new windows and James Wright, (wright?) for items including '4 Crosleld Balls for the fream of the door of new House...1s' and '2 per of big Crosleld bands for the main door... 3s 6d.' etc. With a measure of the wright and mason work by John Ramsay.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/56

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 December 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 28 October 1763.

PETITIONER: William Tytler, WS.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, Baillie Robertson's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint obstruction of light.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Campbell, brewer whose new building is obstructing the petitioner's light in contravention of a servitude provided in a disposition granted by Thomas Robertson of Lochbank to James Lowis of Merchiston dated 5 June 1699. See warrant granted 9 September 1763 (Campbell). The Court found in favour of the petitioner.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/57

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 December 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 1 December 1763.

PETITIONER: Sir John Stewart of Allanbank, Bt.

SITE: Cowgate, north side, nearly opposite and a little west of the Excise office.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.

NOTES: The petitioner complains that following recent heavy rain, water has penetrated his property. He cites Thomas Clarkson, baxter and John Bonnar, painter as proprietors of the flats above.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/58

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 December 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 14 November 1763.

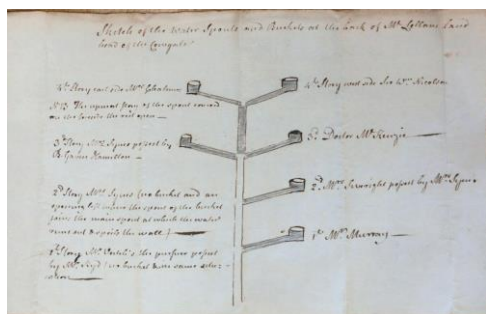
PETITIONER: John Veitch, merchant and his tenant, John Kidd.

SITE: Cowgate head, McLellan's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about wooden water spouts.

NOTES: The complaint refers to the waterspouts from the flats above ending before his flat, causing the water to run down his kitchen wall. In answers for John Murray and other proprietors it appears that the petitioner may have been the cause of the problem.

The drawing gives the names of the occupiers above.
DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of the spouts and buckets.
Size: 20.3 x 32.2 cms.

BOX: 1763/59

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 December 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 7 December 1763.

PETITIONER: William Bell, minister of the Gospel.

SITE: Cants Close, Dickson's land.

PROPOSAL: To slap out a new window.

NOTES: The petitioner's property is opposite a new built tenement and it has made his room so dark as to be useless.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/60

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 December 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 22 November 1763.

PETITIONER: John Mason, mason in Leith, John Walker, wright there and Peter Davie, slater there.

SITE: Leith, Shore, near the south end of the Bridge of Leith, Paragillies land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair of a gable.

NOTES: There are accounts and measures here with objections from Hugh Buchan, the factor for the children of the deceased William Paragillies, flesher in Leith. See warrant granted 31 August 1763 (Loch).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/61

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 December 1763.

PETITION LODGED: 14 February 1763.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson and Son, masons, Thomas Ellison, glazier, George Bairnsfather, plumber (signs Bairnsfair), Thomas Sibbald, smith Alexander Adam, slater and James Rankin, wright.

SITE: High Street, head of Moroccos Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1763/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 February 1763 (no warrant, parties summoned).

PETITION LODGED: 2 February 1763.

PETITIONER: Adam Murray, baxter.

SITE: James Court.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about water ingress from the flat above.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Tod, merchant and his tenant, James Couper.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 April 1763 (no warrant, defenders to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 5 April 1763.

PETITIONER: Alexander Whyte, clerk to John Adam, architect.

SITE: Chalmers Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ingress of water from the flat above.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Crasso, tenant of James Craig, baker.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1763 (no warrant, contiguous heritors to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1763.

PETITIONER: Rev. Patrick Wilkie, minister of the Gospel at Haddington.

SITE: Carrubbers Close, head, west side, second floor.

PROPOSAL: To repair windows and lower soles.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 May 1763 (complainer allowed a proof).

PETITION LODGED: 2 May 1763.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Complaint About an unfree tradesman.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Simpson, 'tylor', residerter who is practicing the 'tylor' craft.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 May 1763 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 27 April 1763.

PETITIONER: Robert Gordon, goldsmith.

SITE: Parliament Close, south side.

PROPOSAL: To make a vent in his shop.

NOTES: He states that he is proprietor of the shop and the vent will be of the same kind which was lately made in the shop immediately on the west of his property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 May 1763 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 18 May 1763.

PETITIONER: James Gilliland, goldsmith.

SITE: Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to his shop.

NOTES: The petitioner has a shop 'belonging to the Good Town' and it is very small and narrow. He has lately been making small meliorations for the better carrying on of his trade and is informed he requires a warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 June 1763 (No warrant, defender to see and answer).

PETITION LODGED: 23 May 1763.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate, foot, east side, Horse Wynd in the Abbay.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an encroachment on the street.

NOTES: The complaint is against Margaret Russell, relict of (blank) Simpson, couper in Leith or her predecessor who erected a projection that encroaches on the street.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 June 1763 (no warrant, the defender allowed to answer).

PETITION LODGED: 10 June 1763.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, Dubrow.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Glover, wright in Leith who is said to have built a small shop without a warrant. The defender wrote an answer on the petition, crossed through, in which he denies that he ever built a shop in Leith but that he is proprietor of one which was called a Deal yard at the south end of a house belonging to him in the Dubrow and which is probably as old as the tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 July 1763 (no warrant, defenders and Mr. Pringle called).

PETITION LODGED: 20 May 1763.

PETITIONER: William Robertson of Ladykirk.

SITE: High Street, Old Assembly Close, fourth story on the south end.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the removal of brick vents.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he had a great deal of trouble with smoke in his house and had spent a great deal of time and money experimenting with various cures and smoke doctors. He eventually raised his vents in brick and this seemed to work and his neighbours did the same. He complains that during the night of 17-18th May, John Thomson, boxmaster of the City Sootymen, with some associates, climbed up on the roof and removed all of the new brickwork and carried it off over the roof, damaging it in the process. There is a note here from James Pringle, Clerk to the Court of Session to James Whitelaw and Robert Hunter, chimney sweeps, dated 12 May 1763, ordering them to carry out this work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 July 1763 (no warrant, no further action).

PETITION LODGED: 5 July 1763.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, east side of Fishmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Martin Eccles, surgeon who has employed tradesmen to slap a window or funnel for a vent in the west side wall of the tenement, without a warrant. In answers the defender states that he took a cellar in the tenement to keep a horse but the animal had almost suffocated for want of air. There was a hole in the wall, previously used to allow smoke out and he applied to Mr. Jamieson, a member of the Court for his advice on enlarging it.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 July 1763 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 27 July 1763.

PETITIONER: John Weir, merchant.

SITE: Not recorded.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a crack in the gable.

NOTES: The crack is in the gable wall of a house the petitioner rents from Miss Hepburn and he asks that it should be repaired.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 September 1763 (no warrant, work stopped).

PETITION LODGED: 23 August 1763.

PETITIONER: The Journeymen Lodge; George Dobie, boxmaster.

SITE: Blackfriars Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an eaves drop.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Ramsay, slater who has erected a house contiguous to the Lodge property. It was agreed that if his building rose above the

Lodge easing drop then he would carry off the water on his won property. They complain that he has now placed lead spout on their property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 October 1763 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 12 October 1763.

PETITIONER: Lord Milton: Alexander Fletcher, senator of the College of Justice.

SITE: Canongate.

PROPOSAL: To build a wing to his property.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he obtained a warrant to build on that area sometime the property of the Earl of Winton. He now intends beginning the foundation of the east wing of the building and requests a visit.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 November 1763 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 25 October 1763.

PETITIONER: John Adam, architect.

SITE: Cowgate (Hasties Close).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Erskine, advocate who is breaking the terms of an agreement between them and is building on an area in the Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/15*

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 December 1763 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 12 December 1763.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Ann Hume, relict of Francis Hume of His Majesty's Navy.

SITE: Cowgate, south side at the head of Scots Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner's property is a house and workshop possessed by James Brown, wright who makes use of a garden and area to the north for storing his wood. The complaint is against Alexander Campbell, brewer who is rebuilding an old boundary wall on the west side of this garden area with windows where there had been none previously.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1763/16*

WARRANT GRANTED: Undated (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: James Brown glover.

SITE: Opposite the Tolbooth.

PROPOSAL: To convert a laigh room into a shop.

DRAWINGS: None.

There is a lose sheet in this box, an extract from an Act of Council dated 12 October 1763. It records the appointment of William Hamilton, wright and Thomas Taylor, baker as Baillies of Canongate 'under the express condition that they are and shall be restrained from granting any jedge or warrant for building of any kind within the Canongate or privileges thereof, that being to be done by the Dean of Guild of this City and his Council...'

1764

The Court Officers from 12 October 1763:

Dean of Guild

Patrick Lindsay

Council

John Nisbet, Old Dean of Guild

James Robertson, merchant

Thomas Hepburn, merchant

John Young, wright

Patrick Jameson, mason

George Syme, slater

Procurator Fiscal, Robert Gray

Clerk of the Court, Thomas Alves or his clerk, John Patison

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

BOX: 1764/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 February 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 8 February 1764.

PETITIONER: John Brunton, flesher in Dalkeith.

SITE: Lower Flesh Market.

PROPOSAL: To rent a stand in the market.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he is a Burgess and Guild brother of the City. His rent is set at 1s 7½d per week.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 February 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 16 January 1764.

PETITIONER: John McIntosh, late brush maker in Edinburgh and his Commissioners in his absence.

SITE: High Street, north side, foot of Baillie Fife's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build houses or buildings.

NOTES: The petitioner's hold a commission dated 29 August 1761, registered in the Burgh Court books, 11 January 1762. They intend erecting a building and a stone dyke around the waste ground. The plan, according to a note signed by James Dallas, was removed on 8 April 1765. There is a letter of supplement here for neighbouring heritors out of the jurisdiction of the Court. These include George Norie, son of the deceased (blank) Norie, painter. In this the petitioner is described as a surgeon in our Navy.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1764/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 February 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 13 February 1764.

PETITIONER: David Waddel, tacksman of Heriot's Hospital gardens and Patrick Bowie, manager of the Edinburgh (gold) Lace Manufactory there.

SITE: Heriot's Hospital gardens and City Wall.

PROPOSAL: To repair the Town Wall.

NOTES: The wall along the north side of the gardens has become dangerous as the result of very heavy rain. The spinning shed of the lace manufactory is supported by the wall and it is in danger of being damaged. The petitioners ask if the Town or Heriot's is responsible for the repair and in a reply the Procurator Fiscal states the Town is not. The Court ordered the wall to be repaired and the expence to be delayed until the work is complete. See warrant granted 8 August 1764 (Jamieson).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 March 1764.

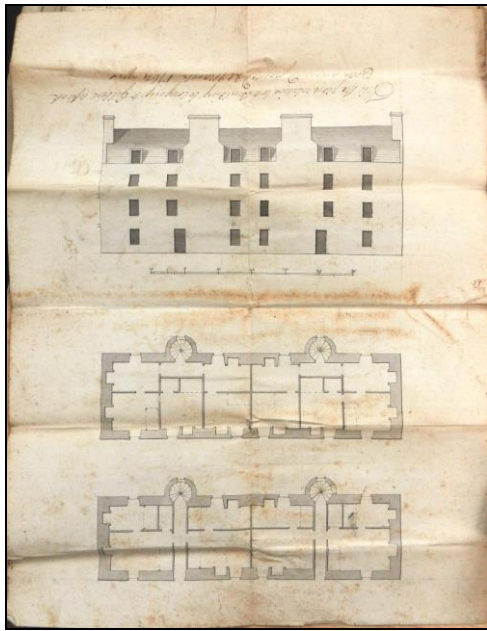
PETITION LODGED: 1 February 1764.

PETITIONER: Charles Mack, mason, late Deacon of the masons.
SITE: Canongate, immediately east of the Minister's manse.
PROPOSAL: To cognose expence of rebuilding a tenement.
NOTES: The tenement belongs to Mrs. Marion Drummond and the amount due is £451 13s 10d. There is a full account here from the petitioner for work completed in July 1763 and a measure of the work by John Ramsay.
DRAWINGS: None.

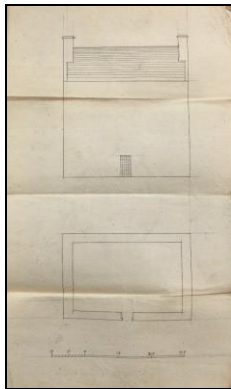
BOX: 1764/5
WARRANT GRANTED: 21 March 1764.
PETITION LODGED: 2 March 1764.
PETITIONER: Andrew Pitcairn, writer as factor for George Norie, grandson of the deceased James Norie, painter.
SITE: Baillie Fyfe's Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about a vent.
NOTES: The complaint is against George Dunbar junior, merchant who has purchased some houses and re-opened an old vent. This is causing smoke to penetrate houses in the adjoining Close belonging to George Norie.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/6
WARRANT GRANTED: 21 March 1764.
PETITION LODGED: 7 February 1764.
PETITIONER: Deacon William Mylne, mason, Deacon William Good, wright and Alexander Adam, slater.
SITE: High Street, north side, Gavinloch's land.
PROPOSAL: Seeking payment for repair of a tenement.
NOTES: The petitioners were creditors on property belonging to the deceased James Munroe, son of the deceased George Munroe, gunner in the Castle of Stirling, by a decret before the Dean of Guild dated 19 August 1763 for work carried out in July 1763. There are some accounts here from Andrew Raeburn, wright and Thomas Cunningham, (painter). His account dated 7 April 1763 includes 'To painting a room Blew in oyl measuring forty yeards at four pence per yeard 13s 4d' and whitening the roof of the room and the transe. There are also depositions here from some tenants.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/7
WARRANT GRANTED: 21 March 1764.
PETITION LODGED: 14 March 1764.
PETITIONER: Gilbert Auchenleck, cutler.
SITE: Canongate, Shoemaker's Close.
PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild houses.
NOTES: It is not clear if the drawing at b. relates to this petition although it was found within it. It may relate to the warrant granted 9 September 1763 (Callendar). This entire box was found in a very muddled condition with papers from a range of other years.
DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation of a four floor tenement with plans of two floors.
Size: 46.7 x 35.7 cms.



Description: b. Elevation and plan.
Size: 30.2 x 17.7 cms.

BOX: 1764/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 March 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 27 February 1762.

PETITIONER: William Reoch, wright and glass grinder.

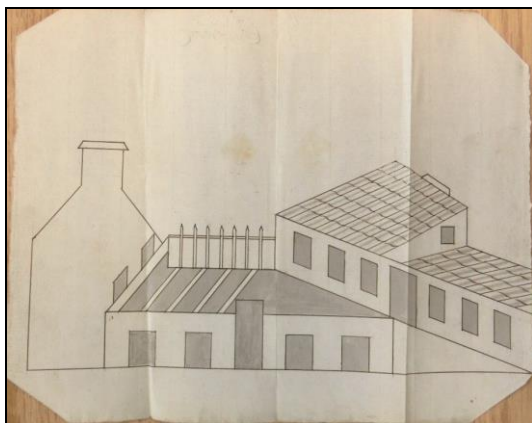
SITE: High Street, Carrubbers Close.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a workshop destroyed by fire. The property was burnt out in August 1758 in a major fire that destroyed adjoining and adjacent tenements.

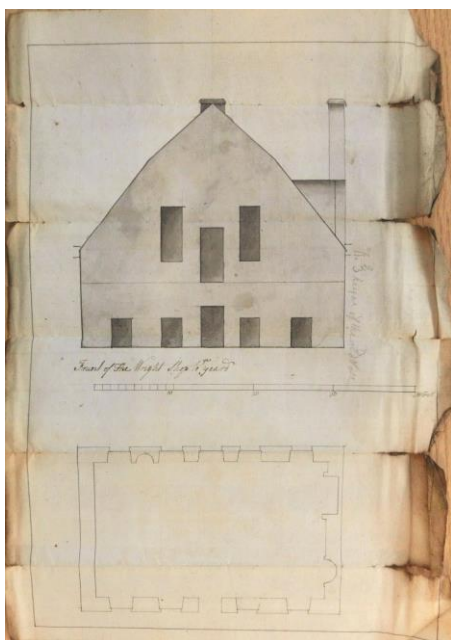
Neighbouring proprietors, Robert Dundas of Arniston, Lord President of the Court of Session, James Robertson Barclay, WS and others, petitioned the Court on 10 March 1762 not to allow any trade to be carried on in the Close that would cause a risk of fire.

They may have produced the plan at c. The petitioner applied to the Court on 27 February 1762 to be allowed to rebuild his workshop and they allowed him to submit the drawing at a. or b. on 2 April 1762 and he was granted a warrant to rebuild on 18 August 1762 under strict conditions. The matter went to the Court of Session in a Bill of Advocation, a copy of which is here and was not resolved until March 1764. There was a problem with a missing drawing which may relate to the ones at a. or b. and depositions were taken from tradesmen including Charles Butter, wright aged 50 and upwards to effect that he had seen a drawing but he did not 'fraudulently put it away'. Other tradesmen gave proofs regarding the height and position of the original wrights shop; Alexander Wardrop, wright aged 36 or thereby, married who was apprenticed to the petitioner about 20 years ago for about 6 years; Lt. Walter Boswell, presently

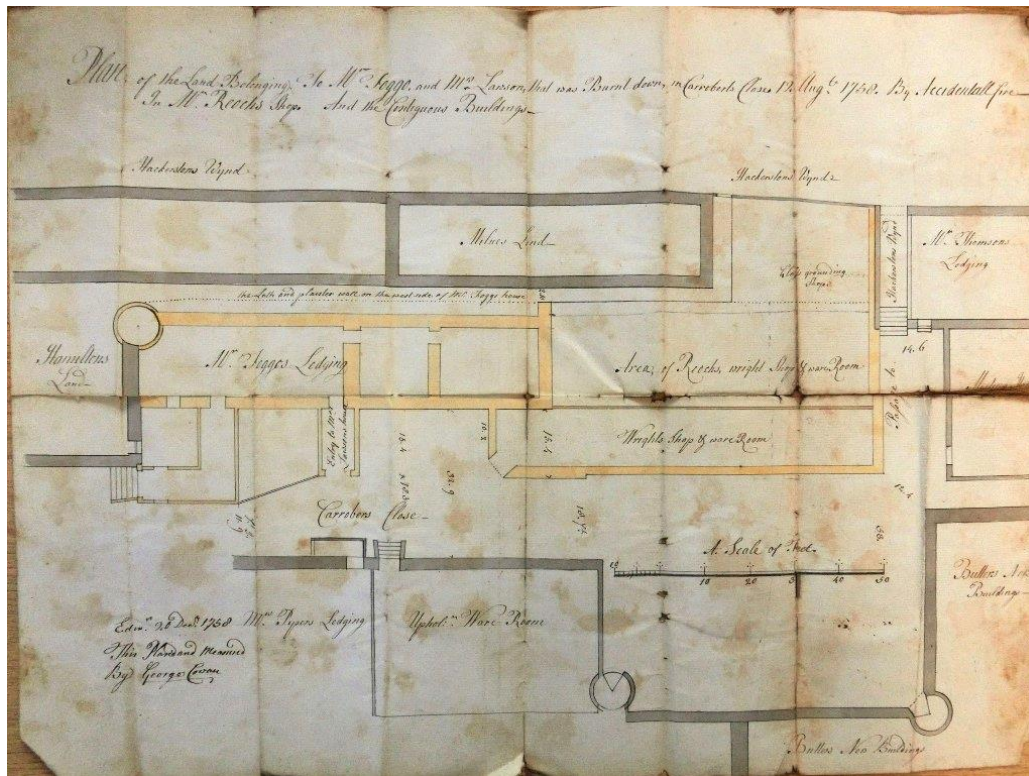
residing in Edinburgh aged 30 and upwards, not married, who entered apprentice with the petitioner about October 1744 for 6 years.
DRAWINGS: 4 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation.
Size: 19.2 x 23.5 cms.



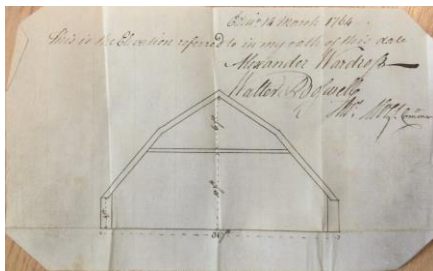
Description: b. Elevation.
Size: 33.5 x 23.7 cms.



Description: c. Plan of the entire area with burnt buildings shown in yellow.

Size: 36.2 x 49.0 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edinr. 20 Decr. 1758, This plan measured by George Cowan.



Description: d. Section of the roof.

Size: 14.6 x 23.4 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edinr. 14 March 1764. This is the elevation referred to in my oath of this date, Alexander Wardrop, Walter Boswell.

BOX: 1764/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 April 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 18 December 1754.

PETITIONER: James Meggat, book binder in Edinburgh (Dalkeith by December 1755).

SITE: Portsburgh, south side of the High Street. Described as in the West Port.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner states that the City of Edinburgh had taken away a common entry to his tenement in order to create a space for a well and they agreed to give him an entry at the back of the well. This necessitated alterations to his tenement and the Court agreed on 19 March 1755. There are full accounts here from suppliers of stone from Hailes quarry and timber with tradesmen's accounts for the work between 1754 and 1764 from Adam Murray, James Pringle, Robert Finnie David Mathieson and Andrew Angus, wrights. Also Richard Wallace and John Steedman masons and Mr. Innes, bricklayer. James Meggat provided nails himself and James Leekie, thatcher was employed, the thatch coming from William Henderson.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 April 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 7 March 1764.

PETITIONER: Andrew Mitchell, brewer in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Lees Quarter.

PROPOSAL: To build a barn and kiln for his brewery.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of two buildings.

Size: 38.0 x 35.0 cms.

BOX: 1764/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 April 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 23 January 1764.

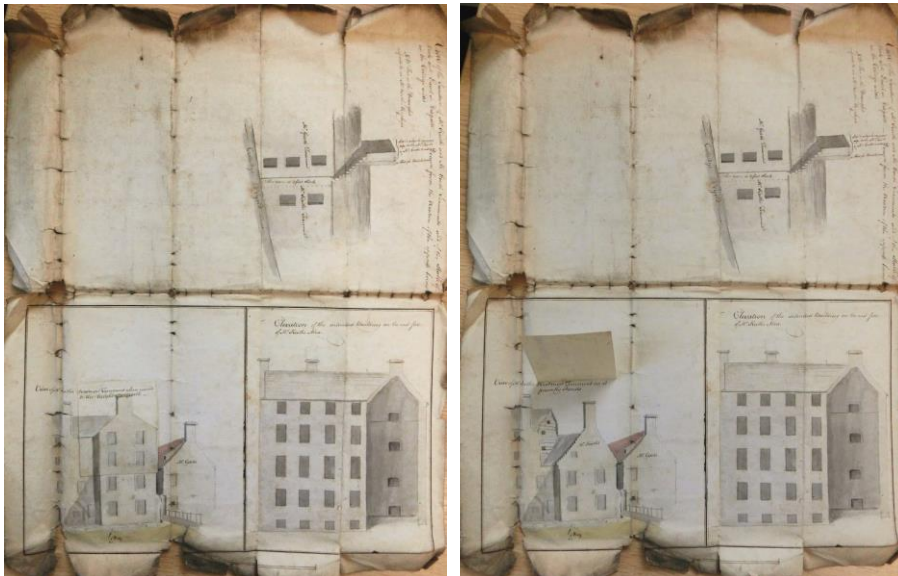
PETITIONER: Alexander Keith of Ravelston.

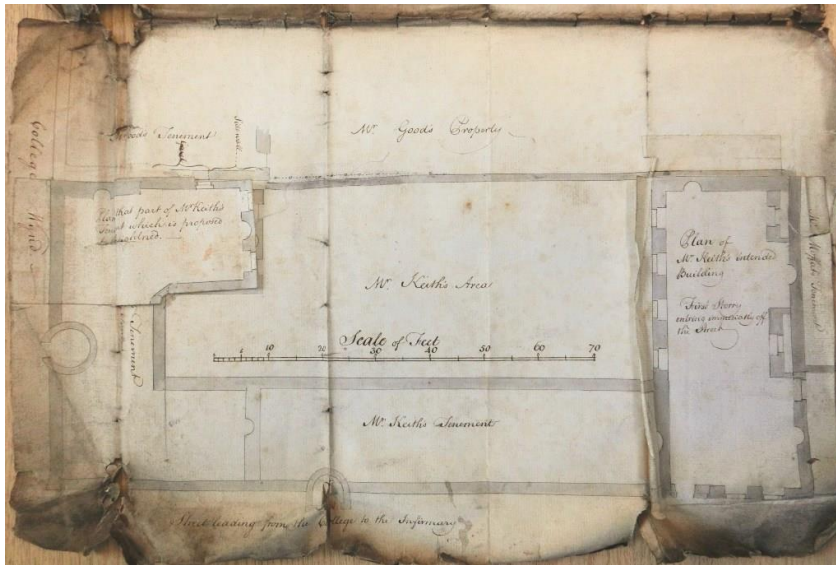
SITE: College Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: To raise the height of a tenement by two floors and build a tenement.

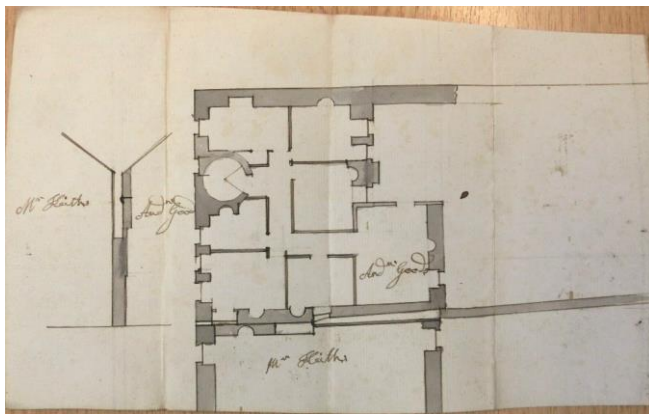
NOTES: A previous petition of 23 January 1764 and a warrant for the work granted 30 March 1764 is here. The drawings here are very unusual in being perspective views, in one case, '...drawn from the window of the opposite house'. The view and the plan also have flaps showing before and after the work. There are responses here from contiguous heritors, William Good, wright and John Brownlie, mason.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.





Description: a. Perspective views (one with flap raised) and an elevation of the intended work.
 Size: 50.2 x 38.9 cms.
 Inscriptions, verso: Plan of the area.



Description: b. Plan of the neighbouring house belonging to William Good.
 Size: 17.5 x 28.0 cms (irregular).

BOX: 1764/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 April 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 20 March 1764.

PETITIONER: James McKell, hookmaker in Canongate.

SITE: Leith Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner holds a tack or lease on the fore tenement, back houses and area belonging to Elizabeth Foubister of Duntarvie and Thomas Jamieson, alias Durham younger of Duntarvie, her son.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 May 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 11 April 1764.

PETITIONER: Thomas Boswell, writer.

SITE: Parliament Close, 4th story, south side of the scale stairs in the old Custom house or Blair's Stairs.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about smoke in his lodging.

NOTES: The smoking vent is caused by a number of superstructures above his vents and the Court decided that many of these were deficient and a danger. It ordered their removal and repair within eight days.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 May 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 2 May 1764.

PETITIONER: William Smith, baker.

SITE: High Street, south side, a little above the Tron Kirk.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sign.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Piggot, residerter who has a shop in the cellar below the petitioner and he has erected a sign board which interferes with the light in the petitioner's shop. The Court ordered it to be removed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 May 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 28 April 1764.

PETITIONER: James Ramsay, accountant in the Excise office.

SITE: Portsburgh, south side, High Riggs.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Matheson, wright, a contiguous heritor who has begun making repairs to his property and shut up an entrance without a warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 May 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 25 April 1764.

PETITIONER: Archibald Chessels, wright in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate head, south side, Pirie's Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild tenements and be cognosed as a creditor.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of a five floor tenement with plans of three floors.

Size: 48.7 x 38.6 cms (irregular).

BOX: 1764/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 May 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 21 May 1764.

PETITIONER: Helen Black, relict of William Thomson, writer.

SITE: Monteith's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Morison, barber who is slapping walls without a warrant. The Court ordered the work to stop but no further action here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 May 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 18 May 1764.

PETITIONER: Andrew Hogg, brewer.

SITE: Canongate, south side of the back.

PROPOSAL: To cognose the accounts for building a tenement, £1178 6s 11½d Stg.

NOTES: There is a full account here for the work, measured by James Ramsay, ordained measurer but with no indication of the tradesmen.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 12 June 1764.

PETITIONER: James Weir, wright in Tollcross and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Beyond Tollcross, on the west side of the road leading to Wrightshouses.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Daniel Ross, merchant who has begun to demolish a tenement and rebuild it. The defender states that he believed he was outside the jurisdiction of the Court. The work was stopped but after a visit the stop was lifted. The defender petitioned the Court to carry out the work, on a mutual gable with Mrs. Rennie, relict of James Rennie, wine cooper in Leith and on 4 July 1764 the Court merely asked for her or her factor, James Weir, to be informed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 30 May 1764.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Isabel and Mrs. Jean Seton, daughters of the deceased Lord Pittmedden, and disponees of the lately deceased Dr. Alexander Seton.

SITE: Canongate, north side, contiguous to the house lately built by Dr. Young.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to their tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is that workmen have begun demolishing an old tenement lying to the west of Dr. Young's new house and that this has damaged the petitioner's property, who were '... obliged to fly to save their lives...' The Court appointed a jury who reported that no damage had occurred. The tradesmen summoned to appear were Thomas McInnes, Walter Christie and Johnston Robertson, journeymen masons.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 1 June 1764.

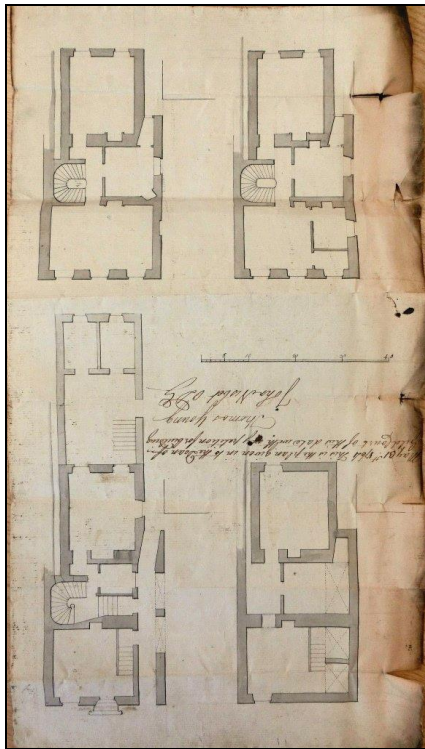
PETITIONER: Dr. Thomas Young, surgeon.

SITE: Canongate, north side, immediately west of his new built house.

PROPOSAL: To demolish a ruinous tenement and rebuild.

NOTES: The Court appointed a jury who decided that the tenement, belonging to the heirs of Thomas Robertson, could stand if properly standarted and if other repairs were made. See previous warrant granted 13 June 1764 (Seton).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of four floors.

Size: 43.3 x 23.5 cms.

BOX: 1764/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 June 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 14 June 1764.

PETITIONER: Dr. Thomas Young, physician.

SITE: Canongate, north side, to the west of Jacks land.

PROPOSAL: To demolish a gable.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a previous warrant to demolish an old tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 6 June 1764.

PETITIONER: Alexander Farquharson, watch maker.

SITE: High Street, north side, head of the first Close above the Weigh house.

PROPOSAL: To repair the vents.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 20 June 1764.

PETITIONER: Dr. Thomas Young, physician.

SITE: Canongate, north side, beside his new house, Condie's land.

PROPOSAL: To demolish the west gable only?

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 12 April 1764.

PETITIONER: John Adam, architect.

SITE: Leith, (Tolbooth Wynd, corner with Riddell's Close, old) Customs House.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the demolition and rebuilding of a jamb of the Custom House and other repairs and to declare him a creditor.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he had a warrant from the Court to carry out the

work and an order by the Commissioners of the Customs for Scotland to the same and by the employment of Adam Fairholm, merchant (banker) in Edinburgh. There are full accounts here for the new north jamb, work carried out before 20 February 1755. There is a voucher from David Robertson, smith in relation to this work dated between 20 May 1754 and 11 July 1755 and from Patrick Crokatt for slater work. Also full accounts for additional work dated 1757 including vouchers from the tradesmen above and from the Edinburgh Upholstery Company dated 13 December 1755 for 'Putting up paper in Mr. Lewis' House at Leith, 9 pcs. Lyon chintz paper [at] 8s, £3 12s; 4 Doz border [at] 1/6, 6s; paste and workmanship 8s, discharged by Chambre Lewis, [Collector of Customs] 18 Nov. 1755'. Also from Robert Neilson, painter including 'Painting a large new room... £4 7s 6d, To ornamenting the door piece in do. £1 5s, To painting and gilding the Chimnie peace 15s, to 105 Foot of enriching on mouldings about the windows at 3s pr ft. £1 6s 3d...' etc. John Adam himself probably supplied a white veined marble chimneypiece with tiles and wood carving by 'Mr. Dawson' for £13 8s 3½d. John Adam was declared a creditor to the sum of £658 7s the work having cost £838 7s and he having received £180 from Adam Fairholm on 4 December 1754. (John Adam was ruined financially by the failure of Adam and Thomas Fairholm, bankers and stock brokers in March 1764. Adam Fairholm took his life that year by jumping into the sea while fleeing to the Continent). The old Custom House was demolished in 1818 to make way for Leith Market; see warrant granted 30 July 1818 (Magistrates of Leith).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 July 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 24 April 1764.

PETITIONER: Alexander Alison, deputy Cashier of Excise.

SITE: High Street, Old Assembly Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish a wrights shop and shades and rebuild (a tenement?) and a stable.

NOTES: The petitioner owns a wrights shop adjoining the north end of his new built tenement with an area adjoining the same on the south. He refers to plans of the new building and the stables. Cants Close is mentioned in other papers here. Some of property discussed here belonged to John Riddoch, writer who died in 1725 with his affairs in disorder.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1764/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 July 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 22 June 1764.

PETITIONER: James Reid, coachmaker in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, South side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Wilson, writer who has begun to demolish a side wall of a coach house that is claimed by the petitioner. The property is described in a Charter of Appraising and Adjudication by the Magistrates of Edinburgh dated 13 December 1758 and Sasine following dated 13 February 1759, registered 23rd in favour of the petitioner. It records a tenement with land stretching to the Cowgate, bounded on the west by the lands of the deceased John Aitchison, thereafter to his son James and thereafter to the heirs of the deceased Sir Patrick Aitchison (and other lands) and the lands now belonging to Richard Cooper, engraver on the east. The petitioner produced a warrant from the Court dated 17 May 1758 to take down and rebuild his old tenement. The Court found in favour of William Wilson and that the petitioner should be at no expence in repairing the wall. See unextracted petition dated 31 August 1764 (Mrs. Lauder).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 July 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 20 June 1764.

PETITIONER: John Learmonth, Baillie and merchant.

SITE: St. Mary's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for rebuilding a tenement and be declared a creditor.

NOTES: The petitioner was granted a warrant to demolish and rebuild an old tenement on 8 June 1763 and he now submits accounts for £373 16s 8d. There are accounts here from William Mylne, mason, William Good, wright, William Kendall, slater with measures of the same by Alexander Turnbull, ordained measurer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 July 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 18 July 1764.

PETITIONER: Shaw Pierie, daughter of the deceased Alexander Pierie, indweller in Canongate and John Skeen, cabinet maker her husband.

SITE: Canongate head, Pierie's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a gable.

NOTES: The petitioner complains that Archibald Chessels, wright, who has a warrant to demolish and rebuild a contiguous tenement, refuses to rebuild the gable as a mutual one. David Pierie, son of the deceased Alexander is also mentioned. See warrant granted 1 August 1764 (Chessels) and unextracted petition dated 29 August 1764 (Pierie).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 July 1764.

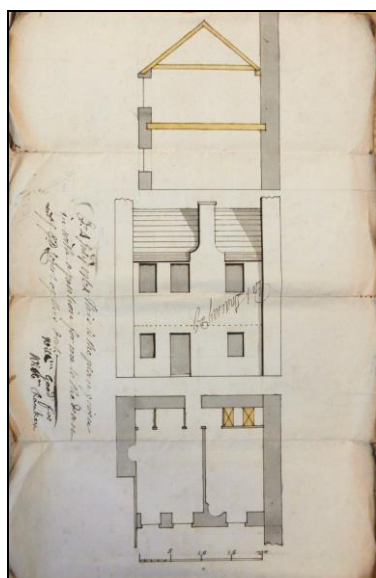
PETITION LODGED: 4 July 1764.

PETITIONER: William Ranken, dyer.

SITE: Cowgate, opposite the foot of Horse Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To add a floor to a workshop.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation, section and plan of the ground floor.

Size: 34.2 x 22.0 cms.

BOX: 1764/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 August 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 3 July 1764.

PETITIONER: Charles Howison, wright and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Lawnmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William McConochie, wright who has a warrant of 1763 from the Court to convert a stable into a dwelling house. The petitioner claims he has gone beyond his warrant in terms of height and the quality of the work is insufficient. The new work also encroaches on his property. The Court upheld the complaint, imposing a fine on 25 July 1764. See the warrant granted on 1 August below.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 August 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 18 July 1764.

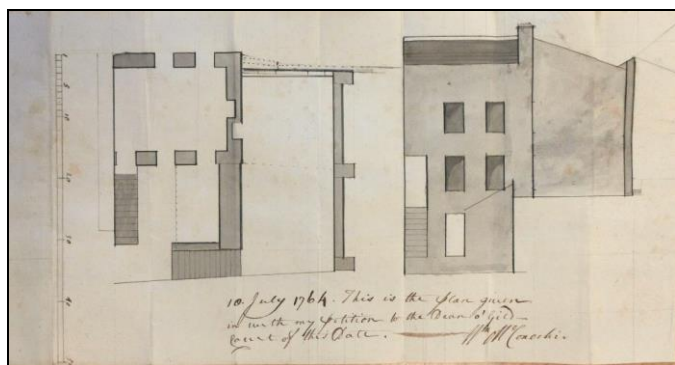
PETITIONER: William McConochie, wright.

SITE: Canongate head, north side.

PROPOSAL: To make an addition.

NOTES: See warrant above.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 35.0 x 17.2 cms.

BOX: 1764/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 August 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 20 June 1764.

PETITIONER: Archibald Chessels, wright in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate head.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a mutual gable

NOTES: The Court appointed a jury. See warrant granted 20 July 1764 (Pierie) and unextracted petition dated 29 August 1764 (Pierie).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 August 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 24 July 1764.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Ramsay; Jean Walker, relict of the deceased Alexander Ramsay, slater in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, at the foot of the uppermost common Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement in which she is a life renter and the remainder of which belongs to her children.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1764.

PETITIONER: William Murray, journeyman mason in Bristo and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Bristo, a stone tenement called Hamilton's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Moubray, barber and wigmaker in Potterrow who has purchased the tenement in which the petitioner has two laigh 'dressing houses'. He has begun taking off the roof of the tenement with the intention of increasing it in height but without a warrant. Moubray was fined £20 Scots but he submitted a plan which may be the one at a. in the warrant below.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 18 July 1764.

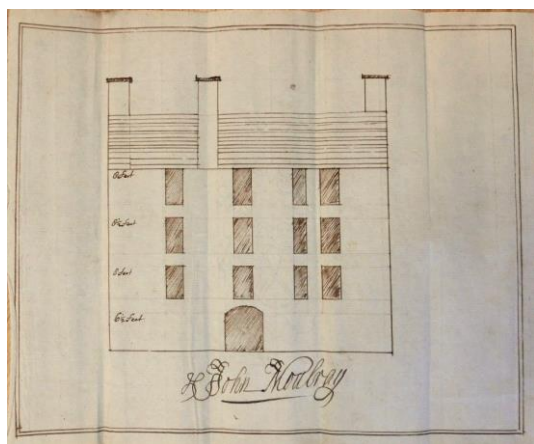
PETITIONER: John Moubray, merchant.

SITE: Bristol (Bristo) Street, Hamilton's land.

PROPOSAL: To build an additional floor.

NOTES: The petitioner recently purchased a tenement from the representatives of Dr. Archibald Hamilton, physician.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of a four story tenement.

Size: 18.3 x 23.1 cms.

BOX: 1764/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 31 July 1764.

PETITIONER: Jean McLean, relict of John Aitken, wright in Canongate and Captain Donald McDonald, residenter there.

SITE: Canongate, Aitken's land, nearly opposite to the Earl of Moray's lodging.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sign.

NOTES: The petitioner owns the tenement and Captain McDonald resides there. The complaint is against James Austin, vintner in Canongate who has erected a sign and a great deal of iron work. The Court ordered the defender to fix a stay to the sign to prevent noise.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 August 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 1 June 1764.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason.

SITE: Heriot's Hospital, boundary wall.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment.

NOTES: The complaint is against the governors of Heriot's Hospital who refuse to pay for repairs on a mutual wall with Baillie Thomson's garden, carried out by the petitioner on a warrant from the Court dated 24 February 1764 (see above). His account for £12 3s 10d is here. The Court ordered John Carmichael, treasurer of Heriot's Hospital to make payment in a warrant dated 27 June 1764, a copy of which is lodged here. Andrew Stevenson, writer was found not liable for the cost of repairs by the Court of Session and there is a Bill of Advocation here for him, remitted to the Dean of Guild on 1 August 1764. There is a lot of discussion in papers here about earlier rights and obligations.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1764.

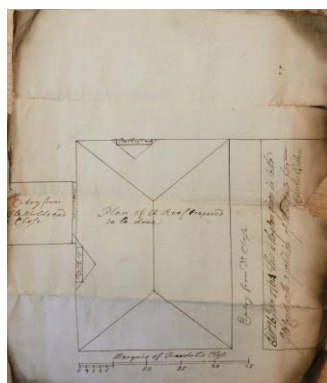
PETITION LODGED: 27 June 1764.

PETITIONER: Charles Guthrie, writer as doer for Patrick Erskine of Kingston, Jamaica.

SITE: Netherbow, Worlds End Close and Tweeddale's Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the roof and area.

Size: 29.0 x 24.5 cms.

BOX: 1764/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 August 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 21 August 1764.

PETITIONER: Margaret Wood, relict of Francis Wood, merchant.

SITE: Scots Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about refusal to pay for repairs.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Campbell, wright in Canongate, the petitioner's landlord.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 August 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 15 August 1764.

PETITIONER: Dr. Thomas Young, physician.

SITE: Canongate, Robertson's land.

PROPOSAL: To demolish the north part of the tenement.

NOTES: The property previously belonged to the heirs of Thomas Robertson.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 August 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 23 January 1764.

PETITIONER: John Mason, mason in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Queen Street.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment for repairs to a tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Hutton, merchant and late Baillie of Edinburgh. The matter went to proofs and there are depositions here in favour of William Hutton from William Hutchison, merchant in Leith aged 50 and upwards, married; Hugh Wood, merchant in Leith aged 40, married who acted as a clerk and manager for Captain James Campbell who had a wine cellar in the tenement; Agnes Bryson, relict of Benjamin Urquhart, sailor in Leith aged about 80 and Mary Symonds or Jamieson, relict of John Jamieson shipmaster, aged about 30. Proofs in favour of John Mason from William Robertson, mason in Leith aged 56, married; Alexander Constable, mason aged above 30, married and Patrick Houston, shipmaster in Leith aged 56, unmarried and who lodged with Mrs, Jamieson. Further depositions from William Lyon, wright in Leith aged 20 and upwards, married and Alexander Wallace, servant to John mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 September 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 20 August 1764.

PETITIONER: John Paxton, stabler.

SITE: Portsburgh, between Chapel Wynd on the west and lady Wynd on the east.

PROPOSAL: To demolish old houses and rebuild.

NOTES: The petitioner submitted a plan which, according to an inscription on the petition, he borrowed on 10 September, to be returned on demand.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1764/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 September 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 29 August 1764.

PETITIONER: Archibald Campbell, brewer.

SITE: Cowgate (?) beside the property of the Incorporation of Tailors in Edinburgh.

PROPOSAL: To repair a sewer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 September 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 12 September 1764.

PETITIONER: Charles Guthrie, writer, doer for the representatives of the deceased Patrick Erskine, house carpenter in Kingstown, Jamaica.

SITE: High Street, next to the Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof of an old house.

NOTES: The temporary repair involved replacing a flat roof covered in lead with lath and three coats of plaster over which they proposed laying several sheets of paper overlaid with riddled sea sand.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 September 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 5 September 1764.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate head, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment on the street.

NOTES: The petition is against Archibald Chessels who is building a new tenement but has encroached on the public street. The work was stopped and the defender stated that he had built on the old foundations. A measure was taken and the Court ordered the stop to be lifted.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 September 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 5 September 1764.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, Shore.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof of two tenements.

NOTES: The tenements are the property of John Yetts, vintner in Leith, Mrs. Oman, vintner and others. The Court ordered repairs whereupon Helen Pitcairn, relict of Cornelius Neilson pointed out that she was only a life renter and that she and her husband had never been responsible for the repair of the roof. She went on to call for '...Mr. Armour's heirs to produce their rights to that part which belonged to the deceased James Nicolson, merchant in Leith which they bought at a roup after he was attainted of high treason, and Mr. Armour was very sensible of this...' See warrant granted 28 November 1764 where this property is referred to as Miln's land and William Mylne, mason is shown to be the contractor.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 September 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 3 September 1764.

PETITIONER: Patrick Baillie, writer, factor for Alexander Fforsyth, coach maker in London.

SITE: Canongate, north side, opposite to the Duke of Queensberry's lodging.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to a gable.

NOTES: The complaint is against Gilbert Duncan, mason in Canongate who is making a grand entrance on the Canongate to a large house he has built for John Callendar of Craigforth at the lower end of a row of houses. The defender is accused of quarrying stone near the gable and blasting the back of the tenement with powder. The Court ordered him to stop and not to quarry closer than 3 feet to the petitioner's property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 September 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 12 September 1764.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Selkrig, (Jean Robertson) widow of Robert Selkirk, merchant.

SITE: West Bow, south side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner is a life renter in the property and it is now in disrepair following the removal of the tenement to the north. She has done everything she can and the Court appointed Patrick Sibbald, wright to take off the roof and dispose of the materials to cover the cost of the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 September 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 5 September 1764.

PETITIONER: Finlay Fisher, musician.

SITE: High Street, uppermost Baxter's Close, Robertson's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a smoking vent.

NOTES: The petitioner has leased his house from William Robertson, architect in Leven for twenty four years and has had no problem with smoke. He is informed that another tenant in the cellar has struck a vent into his which is causing smoking. There is a response here from Mrs. Margaret Grierson, sister to William Robertson in which she suggests the petitioner has a grudge against the poor widow woman to whom she let the cellar. The Court found that the vent had been borrowed from the cellar and ordered it to be shut off.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 October 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 5 October 1764.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Netherbow Port, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a dangerous tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is about a tenement owned by John Muat, meal maker and Henry Antonius, wright which is out of plumb and likely to fall down. A jury was appointed, listed here, and they agreed that the wall of the tenement built upon the wall of the Port, the timber outshot and the turnpike are dangerous and should be taken down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 November 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 18 October 1764.

PETITIONER: David Rae, advocate, Mr. Home, writer, Robert Hamilton, merchant and Walter Scott, WS and others, proprietors.

SITE: High Street, head of Anchor Close, Forglen's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a stolen vent.

NOTES: The vent or chimney has been broken into by the tenant of the cellar, James Crichton, resider and Andrew Wardrobe its proprietor. The Court ordered the borrowed vent to be taken down to its foundation.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 November 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 1 November 1764.

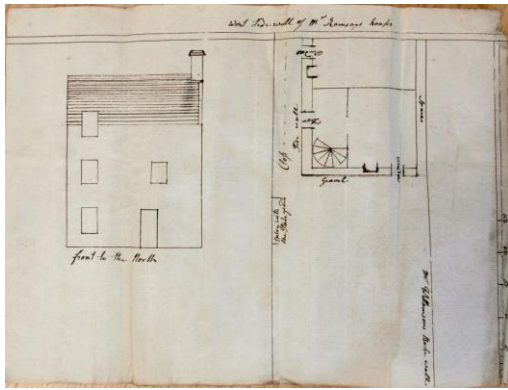
PETITIONER: John Williamson, younger of Hosehall and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, Lees Quarter, near Horse Wynd.

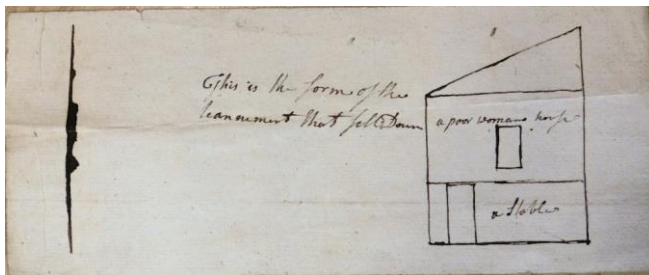
PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Jean Ramsay, relict of Alexander Ramsay, slater in Canongate (died March 1764), Alan Ogile, wright in Canongate and David Ramsay, mason in Edinburgh. They have built a tenement contiguous to the property of the petitioner, but without leaving sufficient space for an eaves drop. The Court agreed on 21 November 1764 and fined them £20 Scots but allowed them to complete the work they had begun but not to extend it. Alexander Ramsay had applied to the Court in April 1752 to demolish and rebuild an old tenement but this was delayed and the building fell down in September 1764. The matter continued with further petitions about the rights and titles and there is a memo from Mrs. Ramsay setting out her titles.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation of a small tenement and plan of the area.
Size: 18.4 x 25.0 cms.



Description: b. Elevation of the lean to tenement that fell down.
Size: 8.0 x 19.0 cms.

BOX: 1764/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 November 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 17 November 1764.

PETITIONER: John Graham, wine cooper in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Quality Street.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for building two tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to two previous warrants to carry out the work and there are full accounts here for wright, plaster and glazier work carried out by James Forrest wright in Edinburgh; by John Richardson, smith; George Syme, slater and by James Marshall & Co. for mason work, in 1764. The accounts refer to 'the main house' and to 'the south work house and vaults 14 inches thick'. Also to 'architrave, frieze and cornice on the fore door'. The total expenditure was £879 14s 1d. The measure of the work refers to 'plaster cornices & Firr mouldings'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 November 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 22 November 1764.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Kennedy's Close, back of the City Guard.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a dangerous tenement.

NOTES: The Court summoned William Douglas, merchant & treasurer of the Musical Society, James Syme, writer and John Shaw, merchant upholsterer to appear. The latter proprietors proposed that the repair should be carried out by William Mylne, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/56

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 November 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 28 November 1764.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, Shore, Miln's land.

PROPOSAL: To call a proprietor.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to the warrant granted 12 September 1764 and that William Mylne (mason) is about to begin the repairs. Alexander Carmichael, writer, factor for Mrs. Mosman in London, one of the proprietors, had not been called.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/57

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 November 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 20 June 1764.

PETITIONER: John Young and Co., wrights.

SITE: High Street, Old Assembly Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repair of a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to previous warrant to repair the tenement belonging to Alexander Innes of Catlaw, Charles Wright, bookseller, David Smith or Smyth of Methven and John Tait, Clerk to the Signet. There are no accounts here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/58

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 December 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 28 November 1764.

PETITIONER: Thomas Murray, baker, factor for Mrs. Cumming spouse to George Cumming late brewer in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, foot.

PROPOSAL: To strike out six windows in a malt barn.

NOTES: The malt barn is presently occupied by William Finlay, distiller and to convert the same into a weaving shop, having let the same as such. The warrant was granted as long as the windows had fixed cases so that possessors could have no access to the defender's garden. There is no mention of a defender in the process but the name 'Miss Betty Hamilton' is inscribed on the front of the petition.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/59

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 December 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 28 November 1764.

PETITIONER: Misses Janet and Isobell Callender, sisters of the deceased John Callendar, glover.

SITE: Skinners Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: To bring forward the shop front.

NOTES: The new work is to be in brick.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/60

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 December 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 31 October 1764.

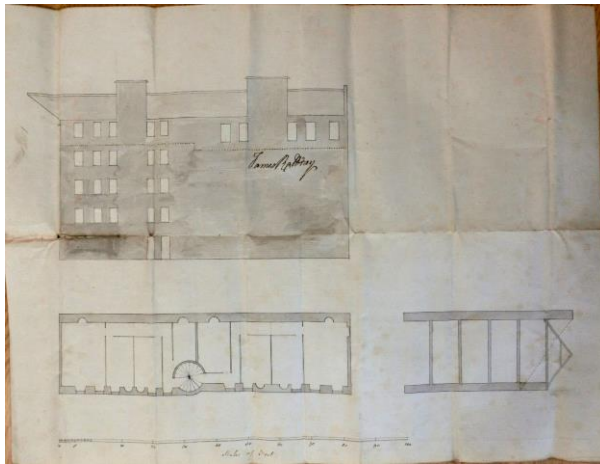
PETITIONER: James Rattray, brewer .

SITE: Cowgate, Homes Close, east side, almost opposite the new stairs.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof and increase the height of a tenement.

NOTES: The warrant was granted with conditions about the height and structure.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation, plan of the ground floor and section.

Size: 36.2 x 47.5 cms.

Watermark: J Whatman

BOX: 1764/61

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 December 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 3 July 1764.

PETITIONER: James Megget, late bookbinder in Edinburgh, now in Dalkeith.

SITE: Portsburgh High Street, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner holds his property on a disposition by John Simpson, skinner dated 28 July 1753, registered in the Burgh Court books, 13 February 1764. This describes an oven house and other houses bounded as described. The complaint is against Alexander Finnie, wright in Portsburgh who has uncovered an oven while digging a sawpit. This oven was buried in rubbish but it had an adjoining bakehouse serving as a byre. The Court decided that as the defender had owned his property for a considerable time (40 years) it was not possible to determine ownership as '... it is well known there were 36 ovens or oven houses in Portsburgh at one time...'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/62

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 December 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 5 December 1764.

PETITIONER: William Forbes, WS.

SITE: Netherbow, Polter's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sign.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Couper, hosier, who has erected a large sign that encroaches on the petitioner's property. Ordered to be removed and replaced by a flat sign or a leg board.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/63

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 December 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 11 December 1764.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate, Playhouse Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the playhouse.

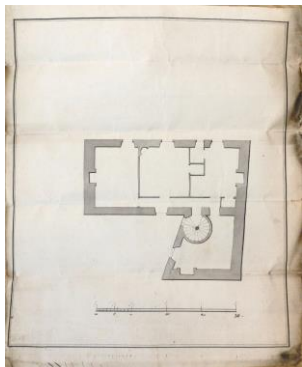
NOTES: Only the warrant survives here and all of the information is derived from it. The petition and complaint was against George and Richard Cooper, heirs of Richard Cooper, engraver, deceased and their mother. The defenders were summoned but failed to appear whereupon they visited the site and found the concert hall or playhouse to be sufficient and no danger. See unextracted petition, 19 December 1764.

DRAWINGS: None.

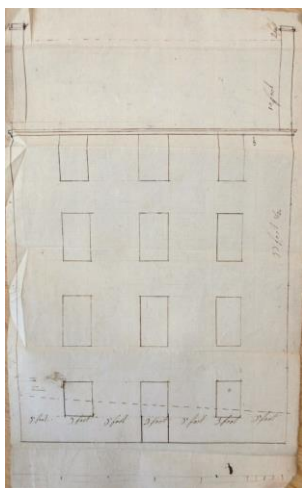
There are a few miscellaneous papers in this box including an Indenture for 8 years between James Caddell, upholsterer and an apprentice, Robert Scyth, son of Robert Scyth near Berwick, dated 10 March 1764. Robert senior signed at Tweedmouth on 16 March.

Also a minute of a meeting of the creditors of Thomas Punton, baxter in Edinburgh dated 6 August 1764 with a statement of his affairs

There are also two unidentified drawings:



Plan: 26.5 x 22.2 cms.



Elevation: 30.4 x 18.0 cms.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1764/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 January 1764 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 21 January 1764.

PETITIONER: William Tytler, WS.

SITE: Unrecorded.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an attempt to increase the height of a tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Campbell, brewer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 February 1764 (no warrant, parties to produce rights).

PETITION LODGED: 1 February 1764.

PETITIONER: James Kerr, wright.

SITE: High Street, Peebles Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Jackson, wright in Canongate who has built a toofall that encroaches. There is a very lengthy description of the previous owners of

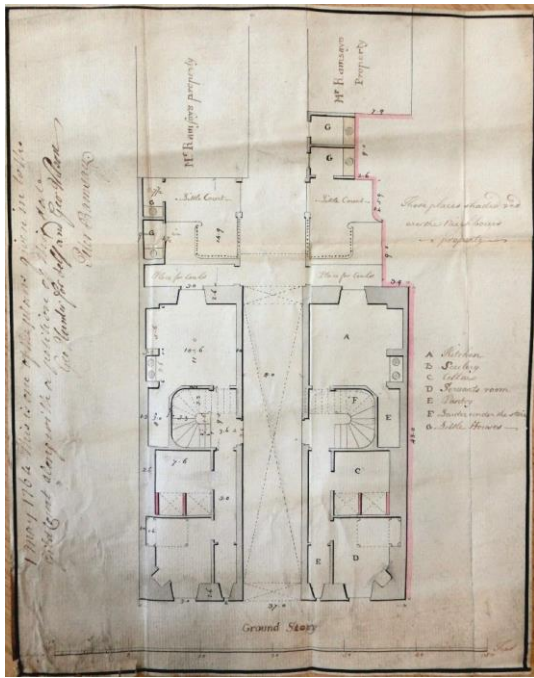
the property.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/3*
WARRANT GRANTED: 1 February 1764 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 24 January 1764.
PETITIONER: The Incorporation of Tailors in Edinburgh: William Spence, Deacon and James Howson Boxmaster.
SITE: Cowgate.
PROPOSAL: To build two vents.
NOTES: The petition informs the Court of their intention to carry out the work and there must have been objections from an unnamed person. Both were asked to produce their rights.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/4*
WARRANT GRANTED: 14 March 1764 (no warrant, appointed a visit).
PETITION LODGED: 13 March 1764.
PETITIONER: James Tait, wright.
SITE: Anchor Close, foot.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about a water spout.
NOTES: The complaint is against William Dallas, wright who is making a water spout that will direct water onto the petitioner's property.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/5*
WARRANT GRANTED: 30 March 1764 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 30 March 1764.
PETITIONER: Rev. Gilbert Hamilton, minister at Cramond.
SITE: Old Assembly Close.
PROPOSAL: To build a vent.
NOTES: The petitioner is proprietor of the Forrest Coffee house and a cellar in the Close and he proposed making a vent.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/6*
WARRANT GRANTED: 18 April 1764 (no warrant here).
PETITION LODGED: 1 May 1764.
PETITIONER: George Hunter, mason and George Wilson, mason.
SITE: Canongate, north side.
PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild tenements.
NOTES: There was a dispute with Patrick Ramsay, stabler, a neighbouring heritor who countersigned the drawings. The warrant and other papers related to this petition are wanting and the dates have been gathered from the same inscription on drawings a. to d. The drawing at e., laid down on blue paper, appears to be a much earlier proposal, possibly for the same site although it may belong with another petition. This box of petitions was in some confusion. See unextracted petition dated 19 December 1764 (Hunter and Wilson), claiming expences against Patrick Ramsay, which suggests that a warrant was granted.
DRAWINGS: 5 sheets.

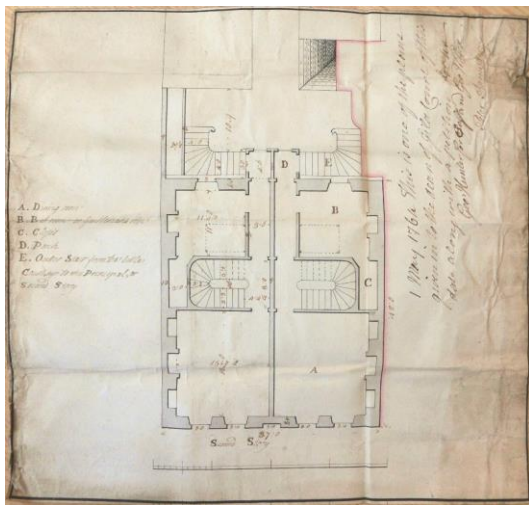


Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 28.8 x 22.7 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: 1 May 1764. This is one of the plans given in to the Dean of Guild Court of this date along with a petition for us Geo. Hunter for self and Geo Wilson. Peter Ramsay.

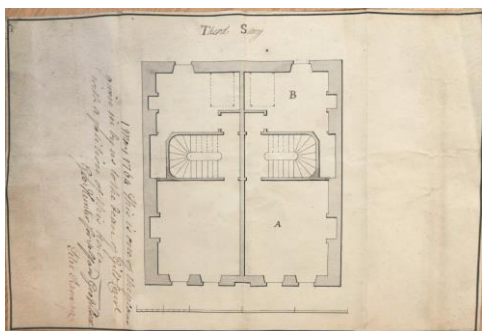
Architect: (James Brown on the basis of drawing style?).



Description: b. Plan of the second floor.

Size: 26.8 x 28.2 cms.

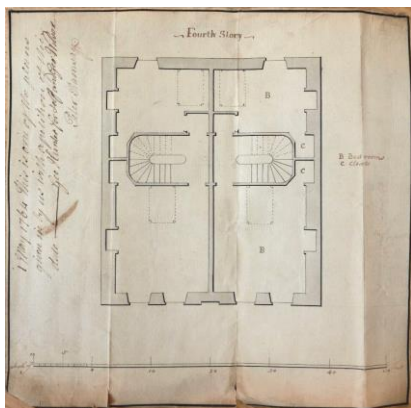
Architect: (James Brown on the basis of drawing style?).



Description: c. Plan of the third floor.

Size: 19.0 x 28.3 cms.

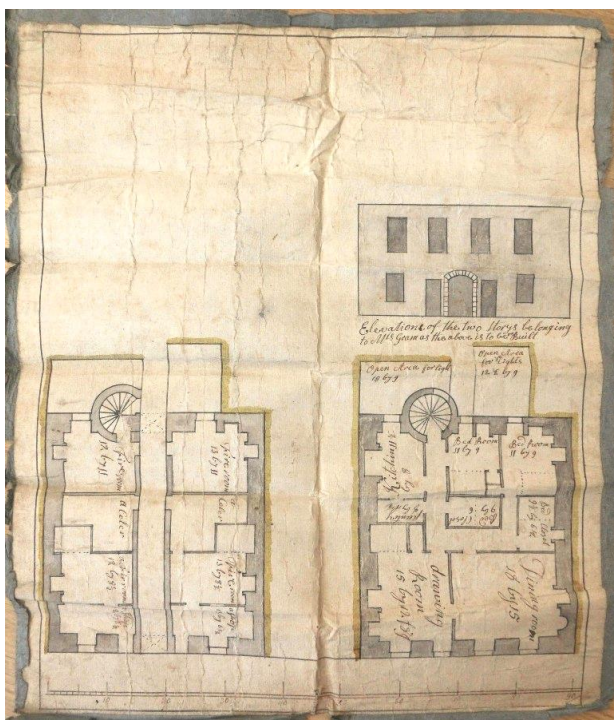
Architect: (James Brown on the basis of drawing style?).



Description: d. Plan of the fourth floor.

Size: 21.4 x 22.0 cms.

Architect: (James Brown on the basis of drawing style?).



Description: e. Elevation with plans of two floors.

Size: 38.2 x 31.8 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Elevation of two storys belonging to Miss Gramm as above is to be rebuilt.

BOX: 1764/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 May 1764 (no warrant, remitted for report).

PETITION LODGED: 30 April 1764.

PETITIONER: Margaret Thomson, widow of Hugh Boyd, merchant in Caltoun.

SITE: Calton.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Andrew Syme, cooper who owns the property to the north and is building on the petitioner's wall. The work was stopped on 30 April but there is no report here and no further action.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/8*

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 May 1764 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 22 May 1764.

PETITIONER: Robert Scott senior, merchant.

SITE: Geddes Close, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to his cellar.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Dryburgh, overseer of the water pipes of Edinburgh. The petitioner's cellar is let to a tenant who stores strong ale and liquors there but it has been broken into by digging up the stones of the pend.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/9*

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 May 1764 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 23 May 1764.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Ann Duncan, alias Hume, relict of Captain Francis Hume of His Majesties Navy.

SITE: Not stated.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Campbell, brewer and is in respect of windows he has opened in a gable. Mention is made of a previous petition in December 1763 which is not present with the petitions there.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/10*

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 May 1764 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 23 May 1764.

PETITIONER: William Polson, merchant.

SITE: Potterrow, east side, Lamb's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building higher than allowed by servitude.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Lamb, wright in Potterrow who has erected a sawing bench close to the petitioner's windows and raised the height of his shop.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/11*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 June 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 3 May 1764.

PETITIONER: George Campbell, house carpenter.

SITE: Society, south side, at the Town Wall.

PROPOSAL: Seeking payment for work.

NOTES: On a warrant from the Court the petitioner took down and rebuilt a gable between his property and that of the deceased James Drummond, merchant and (William) Robertson, architect at Leven, for which he is due payment of £7 6s 11d.

There is an account here from the petitioner to Mr. Robertson, dated 12 May 1763 and a measure of the work by George Cowan.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1764 (no warrant appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 11 June 1764.

PETITIONER: David Lindsay, vintner in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Shore, Hopetoun's tenements.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the behaviour of a tenant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Richard Robertson, sometime mariner now residenter in Leith (who also has a tavern?). The petitioner has a lease on a considerable part of Hopetoun's tenements for a tavern and stable for £25 pa. He erected a sign and the defender, who occupies a single house in the tenements, threatens to take it down.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 June 1764 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 13 June 1764.

PETITIONER: William Young, writer.

SITE: Mint Close, head, east side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a lodging on the second story and cognose the accounts.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 June 1764 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 13 June 1764.

PETITIONER: The Incorporation of Mary's Chapel; Alexander Hay, wright and Alexander Millar, glazier, Deacons and John Bonnar, painter, treasurer along with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Cowgate, Baillie Fleming's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the employment of unfree tradesmen.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Muir, mason and others who are employed by Robert Fleeming senior, printer but are not freemen of the Incorporation. The Court ordered all those involved in the work to be summoned and James Lydell, James Drummond and Richard Winton, all masons, were called. In his answers, Robert Fleeming pointed out that Robert Muir lived at Whitehouse (Wrightshouses?) and was outside the jurisdiction. He explained that during his absence his son had asked Robert Muir to carry out some mason work but he was not inclined to do it so he asked James Liddell, mason and late soldier in the 33 Regiment of foot to do the work. There is a certificate here from James Liddell stating that the work was carried on by him and at his direction as master of the work and that he claimed his right under the Act of Parliament, to work in the City having been discharged from the army on 1 July 1763.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/15*

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 June 1764 (no warrant, arranged a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 20 June 1764.

PETITIONER: William Jones of Moystown, Ireland and Roderick Mcleod, WS, his factor.

SITE: Skinner's Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.

NOTES: The garrets belong to Robert Scott and if he refuses to repair the roof, the petitioner asks to be able to do so.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/16*

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1764 (no warrant, defenders allowed to respond).

PETITION LODGED: 27 June 1764.

PETITIONER: John Bonnar, painter as treasurer to the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel with Robert Gray.

SITE: Parliament Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about unfree tradesmen.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Pirnie, mason, Robert Fletcher, journeyman mason and Lauchlan McIntosh, labourer, all unfreemen who are laying an arch over a cellar. The work was stopped on 27 June but no further action noted.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/17*

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 June 1764 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 19 June 1764.

PETITIONER: The Rt. Hon. Earl of Northesk and others, proprietors.

SITE: Mylne's Square, opposite the Tron Kirk.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a stall in the Square.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Bruce who calls himself a cobbler, who set up a booth in timber, at 4am on Saturday 16th June.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/18*

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 July 1764 (no warrant, work stopped).

PETITION LODGED: 5 July 1764.

PETITIONER: Alexander Nisbet, merchant and others with William Ramsey, treasurer to the City.

SITE: Laigh Calton, St. Ninian's Row.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Christopher Hopper, Thomas Hunby and James Kershaw, all ministers of the Gospel who have built a Methodist Chapel but have encroached further on the garden ground owned by the petitioner than allowed by their warrant. The Court ordered the tradesmen putting on the roof to stop work. See the unextracted petition below (3 August 1764) and warrant granted 8 February 1765.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/19*

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 July 1764.

PETITION LODGED: Unrecorded.

PETITIONER: Inhabitants of Wester Portsburgh.

SITE: Wester Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: To build a Court room and rebuild a leaden cistern and a public well in stone.

NOTES: Only a copy of an Act of Council of the date above survives here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/20*

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 July 1764. (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 25 July 1764.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason.

SITE: Parliament Square, Custom house stair and President's stair.

PROPOSAL: Seeking payment for work.

NOTES: The petitioner took down vents on a warrant of the Court and seeks payment from William Cumming, merchant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/21*

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 July 1764 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 29 June 1764.

PETITIONER: William Hastie, surgeon.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, Hastie's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Adam, architect who has built some tenements in the Close. He is creating a drain and the petitioner claims he has no right to do so. See warrant granted 4 September 1765 (Adam).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/22*

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1764 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 4 July 1764.

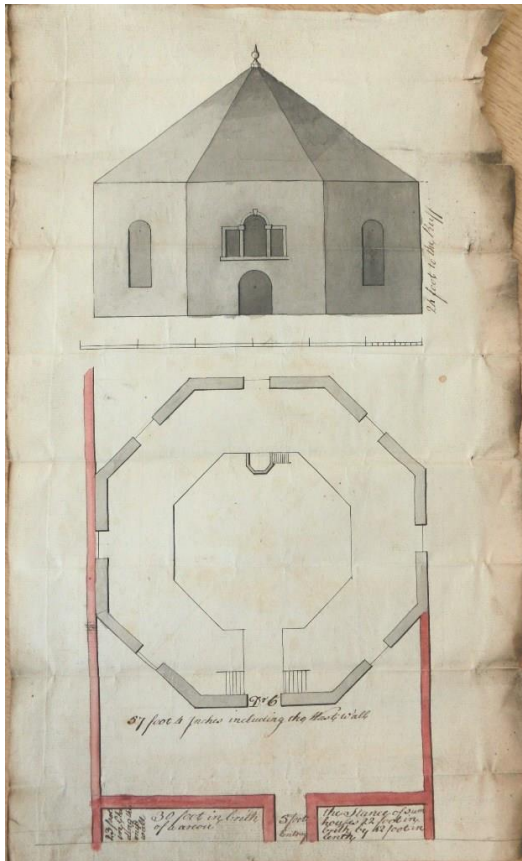
PETITIONER: Alexander Scouler of Southfield and John Wesley, late Fellow of Lincoln College, James Kershaw and Christopher Hopper, ministers of the Gospel.

SITE: Canongate, foot of Gibbs Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish a tenement and build a chapel.

NOTES: There were objections regarding legal title to the area of garden ground. See unextracted petition above, of 5 July 1764 (Nisbet).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation and plan of the chapel.
Size: 38.5 x 23.0 cms.

BOX: 1764/23*

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 August 1764 (work stopped).

PETITION LODGED: 25 August 1764.

PETITIONER: Proprietors of the back of the Exchange.

SITE: High Street, Royal Exchange.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a water spout.

NOTES: The complaint is against Elias Scott, plumber who has begun or is considering erecting a lead waterspout to the back of the building, to convey foul water from the Customs house to the garden ground at the rear and a channel to carry it off. The petitioners refer to a decision by the Town Council in 6 February 1759 that waterspouts were a nuisance and should not be allowed. See unextracted petition dated 5 September 1764 (Commissioners of Customs).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/24*

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 August 1764 (no warrant, defender to see petition)

PETITION LODGED: 29 August 1764.

PETITIONER: Shaw Pierie, daughter of the deceased Alexander Pierie, indweller in Canongate with John Skeen, cabinet maker proprietors and Archibald Heriot, stabler, Archibald Young and George Reid, their tenants.

SITE: Canongate, Pierie's Close, houses on both sides.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment on rebuilding a gable.

NOTES: The complaint is against Archibald Chessells, wright who owns the fore tenement in the Close, fronting the Canongate. He applied to demolish and rebuild his tenement but in doing so has encroached on the petitioner's property. See warrant granted 20 July 1764 (Pierie).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/25*

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 August 1764 (work stopped and appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 31 August 1764.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Lauder: Jean Mitchell relict of William Lauder, coachmaker in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, opposite the Canongate Kirk.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Wilson, writer (lawyer) who is rebuilding a tenement. There is a petition here of the same date by William Wilson complaining that the petitioner is hindering him in his work of rebuilding his tenement. See the warrant granted 6 July 1764 (Reid).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/26*

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 September 1764 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 22 August 1764.

PETITIONER: Alexander Innes of Cultlaw, Robert Hamilton, merchant and George Buchan, writer (lawyer).

SITE: High Street, Carrubbers Close, west side, Kinkaid's great tenement of land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof.

NOTES: The complaint is against Peter Thomson, residenter in Pleasants (Pleasance) who is the proprietor of the top floor.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/27*

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 September 1764 (No warrant, petition refused).

PETITION LODGED: 27 August 1764.

PETITIONER: The Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs for Scotland.

SITE: High Street, Royal Exchange, Customs house.

PROPOSAL: To repair a water cistern.

NOTES: See unextracted petition dated 25 August 1764 (proprietors of the Exchange).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/28*

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 September 1764. (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 6 September 1764.

PETITIONER: The Musical Society at Edinburgh.

SITE: Niddery Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To erect an iron railing in front of their property.

NOTES: (The petitioners had been engaged for some time in litigation with the proprietors of disputed ground in front of what became known as St. Cecilia's Hall. One solution was to erect a railing either side of a path to their front door).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/29*

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 September 1764 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 11 September 1764.

PETITIONER: George Penman, shoemaker and James Oliphant, goldsmith.

SITE: High Street, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sign.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Dun, coachman who asked the petitioners if he could erect a sign board some months previously. He has erected a hanging sign rather than a flat one and this obscured the view of their shops.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/30*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 September 1764 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 11 September 1764.

PETITIONER: The City Treasurer and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Cowgate, the Meal Market.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is about the proprietors and possessors of houses on all sides of the market, who have struck out doors and entries into the market, without warrant.

He lists the persons: John Cleghorn in north Leith, William Dick, writer, Robert Ramsay, public cryer, John Muat, tenant at Kravock mill, proprietors and Charles Ewing, chair bearer, Betty Galloway, residenter, George Martin, merchant and James Ker, meal monger, all possessors. In answers from John Cleghorn he complains about 'fanciful improvements' and goes on to say 'That the Procurator Fiscal should be so anxiously insisting to have a gate put on the meal Market for preventing mobs; at the very time that the principal Gate of the City is ordered to be demolished and taken away...!'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/31*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 September 1764 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 12 September 1764.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about unfree tradesmen.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Nisbet, William Anderson and Alexander Ford, merchants and George Blaikie, shop keeper.

BOX: 1764/32*

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 October 1764 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 3 October 1764.

PETITIONER: James Smellie, merchant.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, opposite the foot of Old Fishmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the erection of an office house (toilet).

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Fleming, printer who is in the process of erecting an office house or toilet for the use of his servants. The petitioner objects on the grounds that '...the room in which we sleep is just below, close to the place where it is erecting and as this is the principal room in my house & has only one window that opens in that room & is only opened for air... besides, my wife seems to be in a dying condition & even the rest of us are of very tender constitutions...'

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/33*

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 November 1764 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 26 November 1764.

PETITIONER: Thomas Craig of Riccartoun, Mrs. Christian Dundas, relict of the deceased James Craig of Riccartoun, advocate, Mrs. Mary Hamilton Nisbet of Pencaitland spouse of William Nisbet of Dirleton and others with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, Grays Close, Hogs land and adjoining Bishop's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about throwing out waste water.

NOTES: The complaint is against the occupiers of Hogs land who are throwing foul water, nastiness and ashes into Grays Close. They ask that the windows be nailed up or trellised.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/34*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 December 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 11 December 1764.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate (Playhouse Close).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the concert hall.

NOTES: The complaint is against the heirs of Richard Cooper, engraver and the petitioner relied on an argument that the building was hazardous if it were to be used

for concerts as previously. The Court decided that it was sufficient and in no ways hazardous. Mrs. Cooper, relict of Richard Cooper engraver and Richard and George Cooper his sons were summoned to appear.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1764/35*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 December 1764.

PETITION LODGED: 17 December 1764.

PETITIONER: George Wilson and George Hunter, masons in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, opposite the Duke of Queensberry's lodging.

PROPOSAL: Claim for expence of rebuilding a gable.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Ramsay, innkeeper who refuses to pay for the work, carried out by warrant of the Court. See unextracted petition of 18 April 1764 (Hunter and Wilson). Their account for £86 8s 9d is here.

DRAWINGS: None.

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The Court Officers from 10 October 1764:

Dean of Guild

John Nisbet

Council

Patrick Lindesay, Old Dean of Guild

James Robertson, merchant

Thomas Hepburn, merchant

John Young, wright

Patrick Jamieson, mason

George Syme, slater

Clerk of the Court, Thomas Alves or his clerk, John Patison

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

BOX: 1765/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 January 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 9 October 1764.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate head, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Thomson, ship master in Aberdour, James Howieson, Hugh Anderson and Robert Forrest, George Aikman, Walter Grieve and Robert White, journeymen masons with the relict of Alexander Ramsay, slater in Canongate, Martin Ramsay his son and his curators and others. They had taken the roof off a tenement and begun to build two additional floors without a warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 February 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 23 January 1765.

PETITIONER: James Smelie, merchant.

SITE: The petitioner's house.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an office house over his principal room.

NOTES: The petitioner made a previous complaint about an office house being erected and a midden beside his house. After a visit he expected them to be removed but nothing has happened and his house is becoming uninhabitable.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 February 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 1 January 1765.

PETITIONER: Mr. William Murray and the proprietors of Miln's Court.

SITE: Mylne's Court.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about signs.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Law, vintner and Thomas Smith, agent for the Sun Fire office who erected signs at the entrance and refuse to take them down. It is not clear how the drawing relates to this petition as it is not mentioned.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of a door hood.

Size: 15.3 x 18.5 cms.

BOX: 1765/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 February 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 8 January 1765.

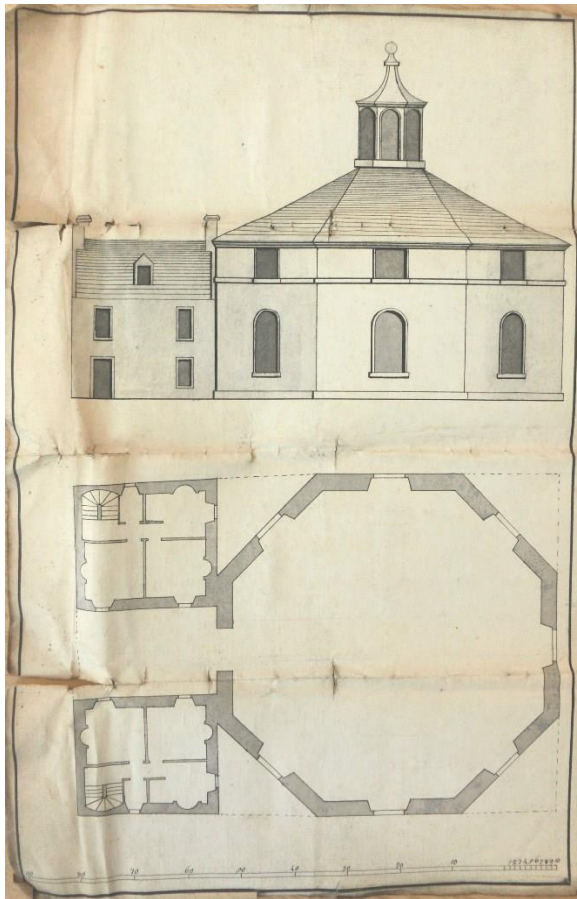
PETITIONER: Alexander Nisbet, merchant, Elizabeth McKilfrish his spouse, Christopher Hopper, James Kershaw and Thomas Lee, Ministers of the Gospel.

SITE: St. Ninian's or Beggar's Row.

PROPOSAL: To build two houses and adjoining Methodist meeting house.

NOTES: The first two petitioners own a piece of ground adjoining the houses and garden ground feued to Robert Taylor, founder in St. Ninian's Row. The petitioner's intend building on part of the garden ground. The Court did not agree with an objection from the Procurator Fiscal that the intended building would interfere with the proposed North Bridge and other intended improvements and granted a warrant. After the meeting house was built there were further objections: from Thomas Smith, merchant in April 1765, who complained against John Wesley and others whose workmen had knocked down part of the boundary wall of Forglen's Park. See unextracted petitions dated 5 July (Nisbet) and 3 August 1764 (Scouler). There is a drawing with the latter.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevations and plan of the ground floor.

Size: 37.0 x 24.0 cms.

Watermark: IV

BOX: 1765/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 February 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 16 January 1765.

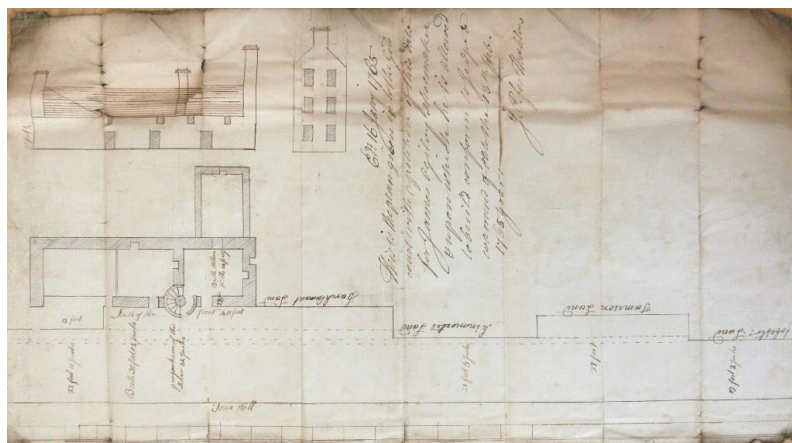
PETITIONER: James Ogilvy, shoemaker.

SITE: Leith Wynd, head, Stewart's land.

PROPOSAL: To raise the tenement by two floors.

NOTES: The Town wall runs the length of the plan at a. See warrant granted 17 July 1765 (Ogilvy).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevations with a plan of the ground floor and area.

Size: 27.6 x 50.0 cms.

Watermark: LVG and IV

BOX: 1765/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 February 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 15 January 1765.

PETITIONER: James and May Shaw, only children of the deceased James Shaw, weaver with William Robertson tobacconist in Portsburgh, John Denholm, merchant there, Marion Forgie, relict of the said James Shaw, curators of James and May Shaw.

SITE: The Vennel or Kings Highway, on the east.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Ebenezer and Andrew Gardiner, linen manufacturers who have knocked a hole through a boundary wall for waste water. Refers to a disposition by the deceased James Shaw dated 23 May 1753, registered in the Burgh Court books, 17 March 1764 for a very large area on which tenements have been built. Andrew Gardiner is said to be out of the Kingdom.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 February 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 17 May 1764.

PETITIONER: James Ramsay, mason in Canongate and William Sinclair, wright at Cross Causeway.

SITE: Society, near Bristo Port.

PROPOSAL: To build.

NOTES: The plan was borrowed on 6 August 1765 to be returned in two weeks. In answers for John Pringle, WS, he points out that the plan is incorrect.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1765/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 February 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 20 February 1765.

PETITIONER: Andrew Alison, merchant.

SITE: Leith, Quality Street.

PROPOSAL: To build a new vault.

NOTES: The petitioner is tacksman on a number of vaults in the Close belonging to George Bell, wine cooper.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 March 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 13 February 1765.

PETITIONER: Martin Ramsay, son of the deceased Alexander Ramsay, slater in Canongate and Jean Ramsay his mother.

SITE: Leith, foot of the Horse Wynd and west side of the Dubrow.

PROPOSAL: Cognose accounts for repairs to a tenement.

NOTES: There are accounts for the work from Allan Ogill, wright, John Reid, slater, David Ramsay, mason, William Sterling, causay layer and a measure by Alex Turnbull.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 March 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 20 February 1765.

PETITIONER: Deacon Alexander Hay, wright.

SITE: Mary King's Close, west side, foot.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

NOTES: The warrant grants permission to build 'conform to the signed plan and model produced...' A note on the front of the petition states that the plan was removed on 2 May 1765.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1765/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 March 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 20 February 1765.

PETITIONER: Alexander Keith of Ravelston.

SITE: College Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: To claim the cost of raising vents.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a previous warrant dated 30 March 1764 to raise the height of a tenement. He also raised the vents in the mutual gable, shared with William Good, wright, and he now claims the expence of this work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 20 March 1765.

PETITIONER: John Barrowman, baxter (baker) in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Coal Hill.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a shed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 6 March 1765.

PETITIONER: Sir James Dunbar of Mochrum.

SITE: Canongate, (New Street).

PROPOSAL: To build a lodging.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1765/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 26 March 1765.

PETITIONER: William Butter, wright.

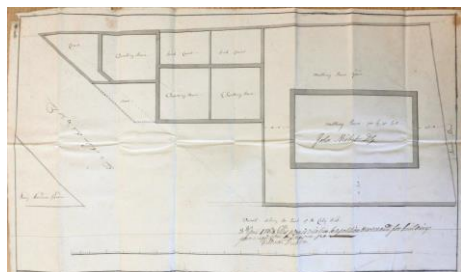
SITE: Canongate (New Street).

PROPOSAL: To have the ground valued (and to build?).

NOTES: The petitioner's area lies immediately south of that purchased by Sir James Dunbar. He asks for a jury to be appointed to value the area and they do so, at £93 Stg. See warrant granted 22 May 1765 (Butter).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/15
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 April 1765.
PETITION LODGED: 27 March 1765.
PETITIONER: William Dickson, dyer.
SITE: Potterrow Port, outside.
PROPOSAL: To build three houses and a meeting house.
NOTES: The plan shows a vennel along the City Wall and Lady Nicholson's garden.
DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.
Size: 28.0 x 47.8 cms.
Watermark: VI

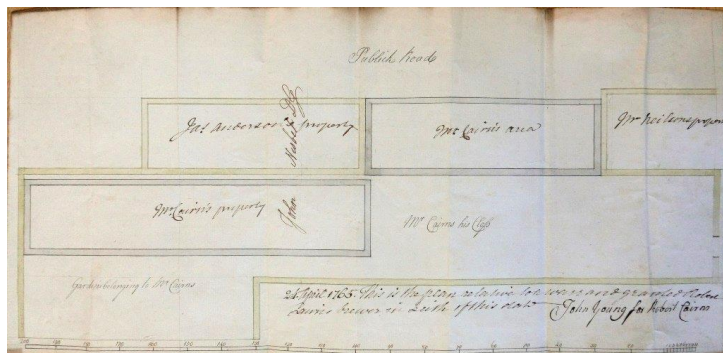
BOX: 1765/16
WARRANT GRANTED: 10 April 1765.
PETITION LODGED: 27 March 1765.
PETITIONER: James Meggat, bookbinder in Dalkeith and the Procurator Fiscal.
SITE: Portsburgh.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.
NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Finnie, wright who has erected a building for Robert Goodlett, tanner. The building encroaches on the property of the petitioner and this was admitted with the excuse that it was a common nuisance being used as a midden. They were ordered to demolish the building on further action by the Procurator Fiscal on 24 April 1765. See warrant granted 12 June 1765 (Goodlett) and unextracted petition dated 17 July 1765 (Meggat).
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/17
WARRANT GRANTED: 17 April 1765.
PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1765.
PETITIONER: Hugh Inglis, barber and wigmaker in Portsburgh.
SITE: Portsburgh
PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.
NOTES: The complaint is against John Megget, brewer who has changed the doors on a neighbouring property without a warrant.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/18
WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1765.
PETITION LODGED: 5 April 1765.
PETITIONER: Andrew Houston of Calderhall.
SITE: Meal Market, west end.
PROPOSAL: To repair the upper floors of a tenement.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/19
WARRANT GRANTED: 24 April 1765.
PETITION LODGED: 2 April 1765.
PETITIONER: Robert Cairns, brewer in Leith.
SITE: Leith, Sherriff Brae, near the head.
PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild old barns.

NOTES: There is a disposition here for the property by Margaret Acquaintance, spouse to George Robertson, sailor in Leith to the petitioner dated at Leith 24 December 1743. Also here, a full copy of the warrant.
DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.
Size: 20.6 x 44.5 (irregular).
Inscriptions, recto: Signed John Young for Robert Cairns.
Architect: (John Young?).

BOX: 1765/20
WARRANT GRANTED: 1 May 1765.
PETITION LODGED: 25 March 1765.
PETITIONER: Agnes Bartleman, daughter of the deceased Robert Bartleman, mason in Canongate.
SITE: Leith Wynd.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to a mutual gable.
NOTES: The complaint is against James Ogilvy who has a warrant granted 13 February 1765. He was required to take out a bond of caution from Duncan Drummond, wright and Burgess of the Canongate. There are a number of petitions here, the last for expences.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/21
WARRANT GRANTED: 8 May 1765.
PETITION LODGED: 13 April 1765.
PETITIONER: Francis Brodie, wright.
SITE: Lawnmarket, south side.
PROPOSAL: To heighten the workshop by one floor and the wall of the yard.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/22
WARRANT GRANTED: 8 May 1765.
PETITION LODGED: 2 April 1765.
PETITIONER: Thomas Alves, writer and Janet Williamson, his spouse.
SITE: Leith, Tolbooth Wynd, west side, Duffs or Tods Hole Close, both sides.
PROPOSAL: To repair the houses.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/23
WARRANT GRANTED: 8 May 1765.
PETITION LODGED: 20 March 1765.
PETITIONER: John Williamson younger of Foxhall.
SITE: Leith, Horse Wynd.
PROPOSAL: To repair some tenements.
NOTES: The property had been purchased from Patrick Anderson of Laverock Bank.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 May 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 13 April 1765.

PETITIONER: James Semple, resider.

SITE: Luckenbooths, north side, head of Byres Close.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to the upper floor and roof.

NOTES: The petitioner intends 'take off the west storemonth and raise the watergate as high as the easing of the roof is at present on the east side of the said stormonth for lightness to the roof and taking off the cum ceiling within'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 May 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 16 April 1765.

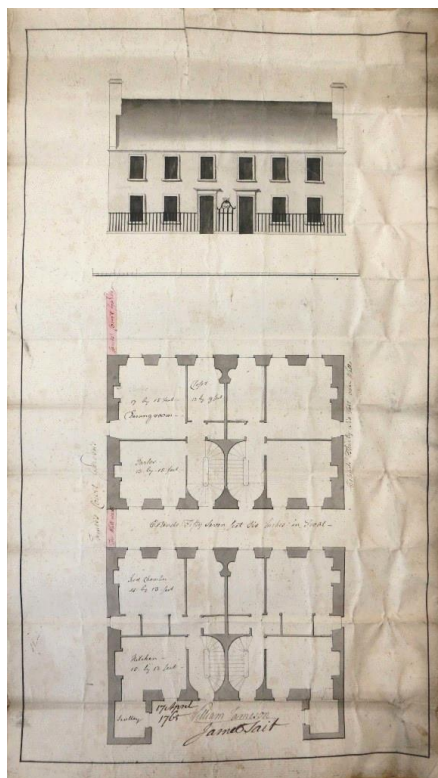
PETITIONER: James Tait, conjoint depute Town Clerk of Edinburgh and William Jamieson, mason.

SITE: Lawnmarket, north side, foot of Lady Stair's Close (now Bank Street).

PROPOSAL: To demolish an old house and build two houses.

NOTES: The petitioners purchased an area from Elizabeth McDowall, relict of the deceased Thomas Baird, wright, with a house built thereon by William Aikman of Cairney (the artist). They also petitioned the Town Council for an additional waste area outside the east dyke of their property, to extend their proposed building to the west side of Baxter's Close. They hope the Council will annex it to their burgage holding. The section at b. was ordered by the Court on 24 April 1765. The warrant was granted on condition that the new building did not hurt the light (obstruct the view from) the lodging of Eleanor Hamilton, relict of John Murray of Philliphaugh Esq. on the slope above. In answers for Tait and Jamieson, dated shortly before 29 January 1766, they state that one of the houses had been built but there was a question about the height of the other. The Court ordered a visit with no further action noted.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.

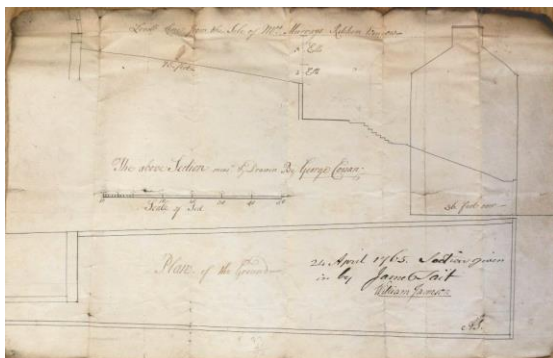


Description: a. Elevation with plans of two floors.

Size: 44.5 x 25.0 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: James's Court Gardens (indicated on the left)

Watermark: VI



Description: b. Plan of the area and section showing the heights.

Size: 24.8 x 39.0 cms.

Watermark: J Whatman

Draughtsman: George Cowan.

BOX: 1765/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 May 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 13 May 1765.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate, south side, near the foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Charles Mack, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 May 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 24 May 1763.

PETITIONER: James Tait, wright.

SITE: Anchor Close or Old Post House Close, foot

PROPOSAL: To build a stable.

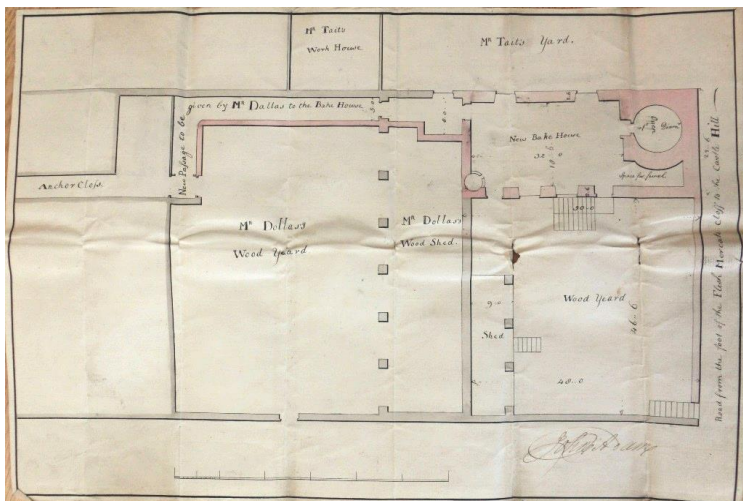
NOTES: The petitioner applied to the Court in 1763 to build next to a bake house, erected for the Incorporation of Baxters (bakers) shortly before this date, by John Adam, architect. On 12 August 1763 the Court found that the petitioner did not have any right to build on a mutual wall. The plan at a. was submitted with his petition. This plan with modifications was resubmitted on 16 January 1765 when the Court insisted on having a more accurate plan of the area, at b. Depositions were taken in June and July 1763 from: John Adam, architect aged 40 and upwards; Michael Naismith, wright aged 34 and married, who was employed by Mr. Adam on building the bakehouse; Alexander Ramsay, mason aged 30 and upwards, married, who oversaw the work for Mr. Adam; Robert Leighton, mason aged 33, married, who was employed to lay the foundations of the west side wall of the bakehouse; David Dole, wright aged 35, married, was working with Mr. Dallas, wright (a contiguous occupier) when the bake house was built; George Vert, journeyman wright aged 26, unmarried, was working with Mr. Tait as a journeyman at the time of building the bakehouse and since has been working with Mr. Dallas; George Hill, journeyman wright aged 37, unmarried was employed by Mr. Tait; John Brown, journeyman wright aged 36, married, was employed by Mr. Tait; Robert Stevenson, brushmaker aged 25 or thereby, married; John Staig aged 38 or thereby, married, journeyman to Mr. Tait and Alexander Whyte, clerk to Mr. Adam, architect aged 40 and upwards, married.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Plan of the intended stable.

Size: 27.7 x 16.1 cms.



Description: b. Plan of the area.

Size: 27.4 x 40.5 cms

Watermark: VI

Inscriptions, recto: Signed (or countersigned?) John Adam.

Architect: (John Adam?)

BOX: 1765/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 May 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 26 March 1765.

PETITIONER: John Learmonth, merchant, late one of the Baillies of Edinburgh.

SITE: Leith Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner owns four floors of the tenement which stands immediately north of a new tenement at the head of Leith Wynd, built by George Wilson, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 May 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 8 May 1765

PETITIONER: John Williamson younger of Foxhall (West Lothian).

SITE: Leith, Shore, east end.

PROPOSAL: To repair tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner recently purchased the tenements from John, Earl of Hopetoun.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 May 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 15 May 1765.

PETITIONER: The Marquis of Lothian.

SITE: Canongate, south side, foot.

PROPOSAL: To build.

NOTES: The petitioner wishes to be declared a preferable creditor on the property when complete.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1765/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 May 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 15 May 1765.

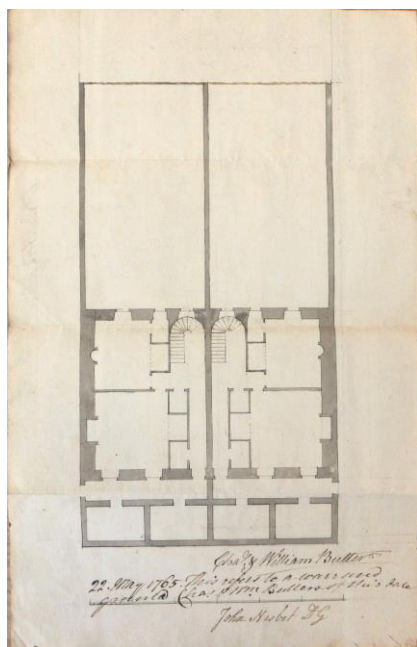
PETITIONER: Charles and William Butter, wrights.

SITE: Canongate, Young (now New) Street.

PROPOSAL: To build two houses.

NOTES: The petitioners have purchased an area from Dr, Thomas Young, contiguous to the house he has already built and immediately south of the house building by Sir James Dunbar of Mochrum. There was a dispute about the boundaries of this area between Dr. Young and David Wilson, brewer. A letter here, to him from the petitioners, seeks permission to go ahead with the building and to sort out the feu duty afterwards, which was agreed.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 31.0 x 19.6 cms.

Watermark: JW

BOX: 1765/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 May 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 6 May 1765.

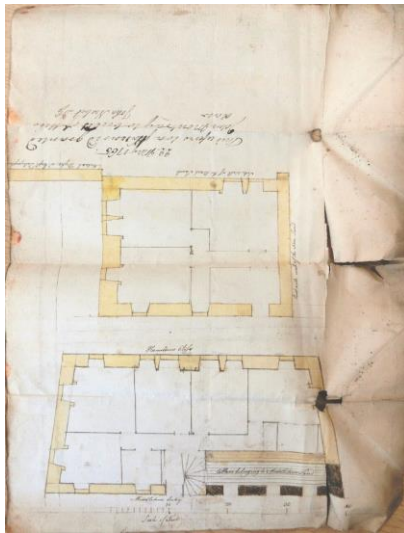
PETITIONER: John Moubray, merchant.

SITE: Bristo Street, between Hamilton's Close and Middleton's entry.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from the relict of Dr. Archibald Hamilton and he intends building 'on both the east and the north parts'.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of the ground floor.
 Size: 38.0 x 28.8 cms.
 Watermark: DVG

BOX: 1765/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 May 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 8 May 1765.

PETITIONER: William Mitchell, Deacon of the Incorporation of Furriers in Edinburgh.

SITE: Forrester's Wynd, nearly opposite the foot. Near the head of Smiths Close.

PROPOSAL: To build an addition to a shop.

NOTES: The shop is occupied by Mr. Marshall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 June 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 22 May 1765.

PETITIONER: Edward Caithness and William Murray, merchants.

SITE: Canongate, north side, Linlithgows land.

PROPOSAL: To build a small house and or workshop.

NOTES: The petitioners have purchased a garden and some old tenements from Francis Masterton of Parkmill (Clackmannanshire).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of two floors with plans of four floors.
 Size: 26.5 x 16.0 cms.

BOX: 1765/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 June 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 22 May 1765.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Yorston; Margaret Watt, relict of (blank) Yorston, brewer in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate.

PROPOSAL: To repair a brewery.

NOTES: The property is leased(?) from Julian Thomson, daughter of Baillie Adam Thomson, brewer in Canongate but it is under sequestration. Thomas Tod, WS is factor for the creditors of the deceased Adam Thomson and he is arranging the sale of the brewery. There are estimates here from John Reid, slater and Archibald Aitken, wright for the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 June 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 18 April 1765.

PETITIONER: Francis Thomas and Marjory Thomson, relict of Claudius Thomson, late mariner on board His Majesties ship the Edenbrough, Man of War.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof of a tenement.

NOTES: The property is owned by the petitioner and Francis Thomson, wright in Leith and there is a declaration by James Lamb, wright in Leith that he is willing to carry out the work set out in the estimate here from Peter Davie. There are three warrants here for the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 June 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 7 June 1765.

PETITIONER: Mrs Ann Hume, relict of Captain Francis Hume of His Majesty's Navy and of James Rattray, brewer.

SITE: Opposite the new stairs.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Wood, merchant who has begun knocking an entry in the west gable of the petitioner's tenement. The Court called Wood and Robert Watson, mason and gave permission for the work to continue.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 June 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 7 May 1765.

PETITIONER: Robert Goodlett, merchant, Baillie of Portsburgh.

SITE: Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: To build a house.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a previous warrant where was fined and ordered to demolish a building he had begun without a warrant. He has paid the fine but asks to be able to complete the building as it is to be used to store the utensils of the tradesmen employed in paving the streets. The Court agreed, as it had been built on the foundations of an older building and it was for the common good. See warrant granted 10 April 1765 (Meggat) and unextracted petition dated 17 July 1765 (Meggat)

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 July 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 19 June 1765.

PETITIONER: Dr. Thomas Young, physician.

SITE: Canongate, north side (Young Street).

PROPOSAL: To obtain a valuation.

NOTES: The petitioner has purchased a five story tenement, bounded on the west by the property of David Wilson and standing in its own garden and ground. He wants to repair it but requires a valuation. A jury was appointed who sign their valuation at £200 stg. There is also a list of renters here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 July 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 8 June 1765 (dated in London).

PETITIONER: Allan Ramsay, limner in London.

SITE: Castle hill.

PROPOSAL: To build two houses with a common wall.

NOTES: The new houses will occupy 60ft from east to west and 39 ft from north to south. The front will come as far south as the southmost part of his washing house and the west gable to be placed where the west gable of the Bell house now stands. The houses to be of three floors with garrets on the south and with a sunk floor.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned in the warrant but not here.

BOX: 1765/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 July 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 26 June 1765.

PETITIONER: Nicol Craig, residenter.

SITE: South Leith, Sherriff Brae, Cables Wynd, Moncur's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair and re harl a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 July 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 25 June 1765.

PETITIONER: The heritors of the Writer's Court.

SITE: High Street, easter part of Writer's back Court.

PROPOSAL: To repair and harl the tenement.

NOTES: The heritors include Charles Butter who is acting as spokesman. See unextracted petition dated 17 July 1765 (Wilson) for tradesman involved.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 July 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 18 June 1765.

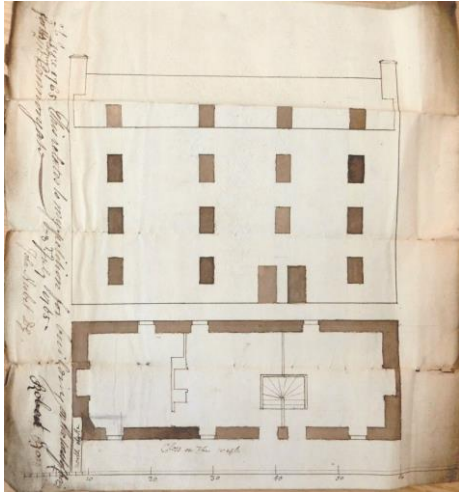
PETITIONER: Robert Bon, residenter in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, Waddels Close, east side, opposite Duke of Queensberry's lodging.

PROPOSAL: To increase the height by seven feet.

NOTES: A warrant had been granted on 3 July 1765 (not there) but afterwards objections were raised regarding the plan which showed a larger footprint than the area in the Close. The petitioner was allowed to build according to the plan by warrant of the 17th which included the corner indicated in pencil.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.
Size: 25.8 x 24.0 cms.

BOX: 1765/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 July 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 9 July 1765.

PETITIONER: John Home, coach maker.

SITE: St Mary Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair and partly convert a work house into a dwelling.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 July 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 19 June 1765.

PETITIONER: James Ogilvy, shoe maker.

SITE: Leith Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about refusal to pay.

NOTES: The complaint is against Agnes Bartleman, daughter of the deceased Robert Bartleman, mason who shares a gable with the petitioner. He applied to raise his tenement by one floor and in doing so he raised the defender's vents by the same amount. The defender refuses to pay. The Court found her liable for part of the work. See warrant granted 13 February 1765 (Ogilvy).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 16 July 1765.

PETITIONER: George Clark Esq. one of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, Thomas Baillie of Polkamet and others, proprietors.

SITE: St James's Court.

PROPOSAL: To repair the chimney stacks.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1765.

PETITIONER: John Hay, late Baillie of Portsburgh.

SITE: Portsburgh, west end, Pocketsleeve land.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1765.

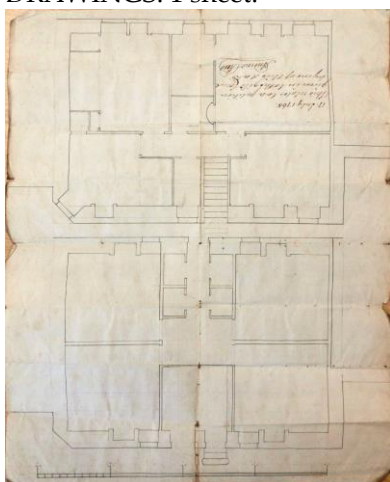
PETITIONER: Andrew Reid, brewer in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, south side, Reid's Close.

PROPOSAL: To continue building a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner's property is immediately east of Lord Milton's lodging.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of two floors.

Size: 40.4 x 32.0 cms.

BOX: 1765/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 July 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1765.

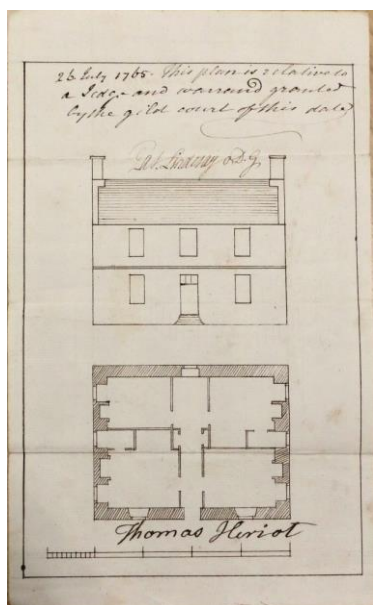
PETITIONER: Thomas Heriot, wright.

SITE: Craigs Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To build a house of two stories.

NOTES: The petitioner enclosed a copy of an Act of Council in favour of his father, James Heriot, dated 24 September 1735, which allowed him to enclose the area on which Thomas now wants to build.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 27.0 x 16.0 cms.

BOX: 1765/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 July 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 24 July 1765.

PETITIONER: William Jamieson, mason, James Tait, Depute Town Clerk and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Lady Stair's Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about molestation and disturbance of workmen.

NOTES: The complaint is against Patrick Cunningham, wright who is the petitioner's tenant in a yard. The petitioners were engaged in carrying out the warrant granted on 8 May 1765 (Tait) when they were threatened by the defender. On a site visit the Court found the shop and house belonging to the defender to be in a dangerous condition and appointed a jury of 15 who agreed in a jointly signed report here, but pointed out that the crack in a lintel in the east gable was probably caused by digging foundations. The Court ordered the old house and shop to be demolished.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 July 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 20 May 1765.

PETITIONER: Robert Still (Steel), WS.

SITE: Canongate, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Murray, merchant and Thomas McInnes, mason, who are engaged in demolishing a gable and side wall of a house, contiguous to the petitioner's house and garden. The petitioner holds a tack on the property dated 19 February 1763, from the late Dr. Alexander Seton for seven years from Whitsunday 1763. He believes garden is now the property of Mr. Baron Grant who is out of the country. In answers from Dr. Thomas Young and William Butter, wright it is explained that Dr. Young owns the property held by the petitioner and he knew this, because he had been paying him rent for it. William Butter is engaged in carrying out the warrant granted on 22 May 1765 (Butter) but the petitioner claimed that his men had entered the garden at 2 o'clock on the morning of 26 July, with the intention of demolishing part of the garden wall. The Court lifted a stop on the work after the parties agreed to submit the damage claimed to the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 August 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 31 July 1765.

PETITIONER: William Moffat, glass grinder.

SITE: High Street, immediately west of the Tron Church.

PROPOSAL: To bring forward the shop front to the pillars.

NOTES: The petitioner owns two shops that adjoin the Tron Kirk, one occupied by Mrs. Gardiner, candlemaker and the other by George Home, baxter. The warrant was granted with the condition that none of the present stone work is to be touched.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 August 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 2 July 1765.

PETITIONER: Gilbert Clark, writer.

SITE: High Street, north side, a little above the Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: To bring forward the front wall of a shop.

NOTES: The shop is occupied by James Shirlaw, grocer. The warrant was granted on condition that the work should be undertaken at the sight of Messrs. Robertson and Young, of the Court and that none of the present stone work should be slapped out.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 August 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 6 March 1765.

PETITIONER: David Morrison, brewer in Canongate and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate, Campbell's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Reid, coach maker in Canongate who has built

a stable close to the petitioner's malt barn by inserting timber into his wall and closing up one of his windows. The matter went to proofs from: Alexander Moodie, servant to the petitioner for three and a half years, aged about 36, married; James Reid, residenter in Canongate aged about 50, married who states that 16 years ago he was a servant to George Beveridge, the petitioners predecessor in the brewery; William Strathie, cowfeeder in Canongate aged 40, married who was also employed by George Beveridge 16 years ago; George Beveridge, brewer in Canongate aged about 60, married (note in brackets 'a Quaker, would not depone') declared and affirmed that he was the proprietor about 16 years ago and that David Morrison entered into the property about 7 years ago. The Court ordered the demolition of the buildings.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 August 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1765.

PETITIONER: George Syme, slater and John Young, wright.

SITE: Lawnmarket, Paterson's back Court.

PROPOSAL: Claim for expence of repairs to the roof.

NOTES: The complaint is against James McDowal, woollen manufacturer, Mr. Paterson of Kirkton, Charles Inglis, Clerk to the Bills, proprietors of parts of the tenement which was repaired on a warrant granted 9 November 1763.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/56

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 August 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 11 July 1765.

PETITIONER: Charles Howison, wright.

SITE: Lawnmarket, foot of Fishers Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William McConnochie, wright. The petitioner purchased his property in 1757 from Archibald Inglis, extending from his workhouse on the north to the Cowgate. Part of this area was let to William McConnochie and he allowed him to continue in occupation, having built a wall between their respective areas. In 1763 the petitioner sold McConnochie his part but the latter broke the agreement between them by increasing the height of his stable and erecting it into a house, on a warrant from the Court. McConnochie made a counter claim that Howison had built a large timber shop etc. The Court ordered both parties to demolish.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/57

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 7 August 1765.

PETITIONER: William Polson, merchant.

SITE: Canongate, near the head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ingress of water from the flat above.

NOTES: The petitioner let a house to Thomas Nicholas, hatter at £12 stg. who complains of water coming from the flat above. The flat is owned by Charles Robertson, painter in Edinburgh and was let to Thomas Lancashire, comedian in Canongate who had placed several cartloads of sand between the floor and the petitioner's plaster ceiling, causing damage. The Court ordered repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/58

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 3 May 1765.

PETITIONER: David Mathieson, wright and Robert White, smith, both in Portsburgh and the Procurator Fiscal

SITE: Portsburgh, West Port Street.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about cutting down a hedge and opening a new door.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Ramsay, of the Excise office, Edinburgh who

has slapped out a new entrance without a warrant. The matter went to proofs from: John Cunningham, residenter in Leith aged 60, married; Patrick Cunningham, wright aged about 50, married; John Stevenson, wright in Portsburgh aged above 60, married; James Kennedy, cooper in Potterrow aged about 45, single; James Drummond, mason in Portsburgh aged 49, married and two others. The warrant can be found at the end of the proofs. The Court found that there was an earlier road or passage leading from the West Port Street up the Killiebrae to the road at Lauriston and agreed that James Ramsay had the right to his entrance. Also ordered the petitioner to build up the opening he had made for his window.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/59

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 17 July 1765.

PETITIONER: John Pattison, vintner.

SITE: Low Fleshmarket, south east corner.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about failure to complete repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner let a house and cellar by a tack dated 11 April 1765 to Katherine Wright, widow of David Ferrier, stabler, now spouse to Alexander Orr, farmer in Nether Libberton, with his consent and that of Walter Ferrier, tanner in Portsburgh. They bound themselves to repair the windows, doors and floor but they have failed to complete this work, particularly the flooring of the back cellar. The Court ordered the work to be complete.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/60

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 30 July 1765.

PETITIONER: John Callander of Craigforth.

SITE: Canongate, opposite Queensberry lodging.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased various yards, middens and small buildings from Gilbert Duncan, mason with an agreement not to build closer than ten feet to the back wall of his foreland in the Canongate. Duncan is rebuilding but including an area or entry from the Street and excavating for cellars in the five feet of open area. The Court found for the petitioner. Plans are mentioned in relation to the original dispositions and were presented but a note states that they were taken away on 3 September 1765. See the plan with the warrant granted 21 August 1765 (Hunter & Wilson) for Gilbert Duncan's property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/61

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 14 August 1765.

PETITIONER: George Clerk Maxwell, Commissioner of His Majesty's Customs and Thomas Baillie of Polkemmet, WS, proprietors and William Jamieson, mason.

SITE: James's Court.

PROPOSAL: To heighten chimneys.

NOTES: The Court had allowed the proprietors to pin and harl the chimney heads but in doing so they found that some required heightening.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/62

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 31 July 1765.

PETITIONER: James Kerr, wright.

SITE: Peebles Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof of a tenement.

NOTES: In answers from Peter Jackson, wright who owns the two under floors of the tenement. He states that before 2 May 1653 (1753?) the whole tenement belonged to

Robert Pollock, cordiner until he sold the laigh hall and three laigh cellars to James Lawrie, Flesher in Leith and thereafter the two upper floors to the petitioner.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/63

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 August 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 23 July 1765.

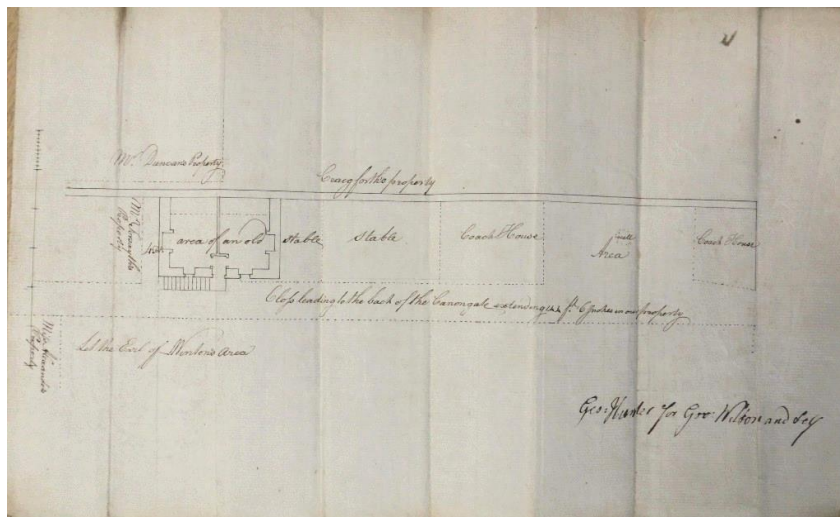
PETITIONER: George Hunter and George Wilson, masons.

SITE: Canongate, opposite to the Duke of Queensberry's lodging.

PROPOSAL: To demolish stables and coach houses and build houses.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from Alexander Forsyth, coach maker in London. It lies immediately west of the Earl of Winton's area.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.

Size: 21.1 x 33.9 cms.

BOX: 1765/64

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 August 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 1 August 1765.

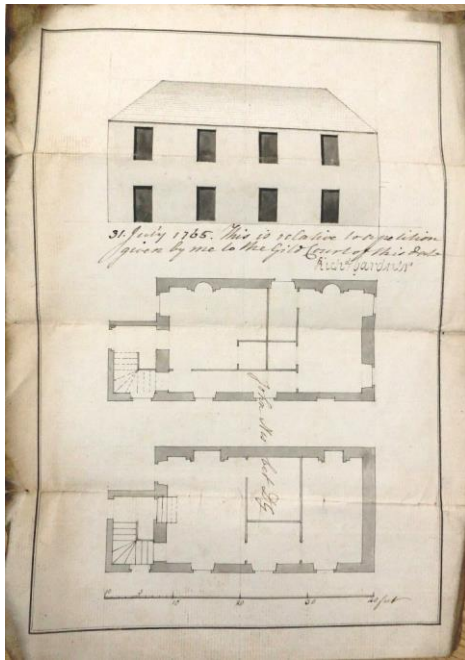
PETITIONER: Richard Gardiner, assistant Comptroller General of H M Customs and salt duties in Scotland.

SITE: Canongate, south side, opposite to St. John's Cross.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a two story house.

NOTES: The petition has a note on the front stating that the plan was borrowed on 3 September 1765 to be returned in ten days, Signed John Moubray.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of two floors.

Size: 33.0 x 23.5 cms.

Architect: (John Moubray?).

BOX: 1765/65

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 August 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 14 August 1765.

PETITIONER: David Kinnear, wright.

SITE: South Leith, Banks land, opposite the Tolbooth Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair the tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner has possession of the property in virtue of two decreets of cognition obtained before the Court at the instance of Hector Sheils, wright in Leith in 1740 and 1747 for payment of sums stated.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/66

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 September 1765.

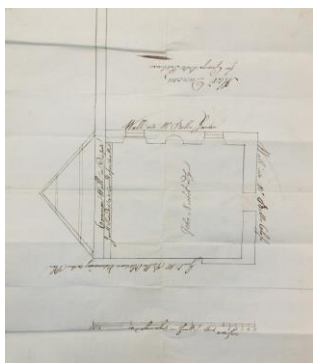
PETITION LODGED: 28 August 1765.

PETITIONER: George Bell, cooper in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Quality Street.

PROPOSAL: To build a counting house over two vaults.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan with a section of the roof.

Size: 39.4 x 32.3 cms.

Watermark: LVG

BOX: 1765/67

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 September 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 28 August 1765.

PETITIONER: John Adam, architect for the Rt. Hon. Lord President of the Court of Session, Lord Gray, Lord Kames, Charles St. Clair and Robert Chalmers.

SITE: Society and Hasties Close.

PROPOSAL: To erect a water cistern and lay a pipe from Society.

NOTES: There is a letter here from William Hastie to the petitioner dated 11 September 1765 requesting that the new cistern should be built in such a way that he can still draw water from his own well. See unextracted petition dated 27 July 1764 (Hastie).

DRAWINGS: Note on front of petition states the plan was removed.

BOX: 1765/68

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 September 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 12 August 1765.

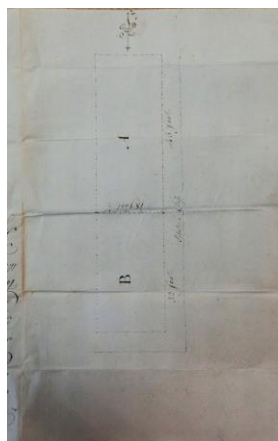
PETITIONER: Peter Newbigging, hatter.

SITE: Slaters Close, west side, near the mid Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: To build a house of three floors and garrets and work house of two floors.

NOTES: See further warrant granted 11 December 1765.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Measured plan of the area.

Size: 31.0 x 18.5 (half folded sheet).

Draughtsman: (Signed) William Tennoch, ground surveyor (with notes on other half sheet).

BOX: 1765/69

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 September 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 28 August 1765.

PETITIONER: John Taylor, cooper in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Coalhill.

PROPOSAL: To bring forward the shop front to the street.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/70

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 October 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 1 October 1765.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, head of Bells Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a dangerous gable.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Ramsay slater who has damaged the gable of the tenement presently building by him. A jury was appointed (all listed and signed) and they decided that the gable had been in a dangerous state for some time and it should be demolished. The Court agreed and granted the warrant to do so.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/71

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 October 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 5 August 1765.

PETITIONER: Andrew Houston of Calderhall.

SITE: Meal Market, west end.

PROPOSAL: To cognose expence of repair to a tenement.

NOTES: There is a list of other proprietors and their proportion along with measures and accounts for each. The mason work was carried out by David McLaren, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/72

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 October 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 1 May 1765.

PETITIONER: William Mitchell, merchant.

SITE: High Street, south side, near the Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property from Jean Mitchel, daughter and only child of Jean Halliburton, daughter of John Halliburton, merchant, and John Mitchel, surveyor of Customs at Wigton, with the consent of John Forbes, shipmaster at Boness. Refers to a disposition dated 27 April 1764. The Court acted on 9 October, sending members to inspect, suggesting the letter may have been delayed in sending.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/73

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 October 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 10 October 1765.

PETITIONER: William Wilson, WS, with Elizabeth Alexander, relict of the deceased Maurice Cairns, brewer at Abbeyhill

SITE: Fishmarket, north side.

PROPOSAL: To alter the roof for better light.

NOTES: The petitioner's property is the uppermost or fourth floor, above the printing house of the tenement built by Mrs. Anderson, Kings printer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/74

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 October 1765

PETITION LODGED: 6 October 1765.

PETITIONER: SITE: James Lamb, wright in North Leith.

PROPOSAL: To complete repairs and become a creditor on the property.

NOTES: There is a report here from Thomas Heart, wright in Leith and John Ramsay, wright in Canongate.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/75

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 November 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 24 October 1765.

PETITIONER: Archibald Campbell, brewer.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, Powers or Pearson's Close, opposite the lodging belonging to Alexander Lockhart, advocate.

PROPOSAL: To cover an old well and share expence.

NOTES: The expence to be shared with William Reoch, wright. There is an inventory of writs here: Sasine in favour of David Pearson, writer as heir to John Pearson his father dated and recorded 3 August 1720; extract disposition for one house in the Close by said David Pearson to Ann Brown his spouse dated 14 September 1725, recorded in the Burgh Court books, 30 March 1727; marriage contract between John Clark, glazier and Ann Brown dated 13 December 1727; resignation in favour of John Clark of the foresaid house dated and registered 28 July 1729; adjudication of the whole of Pearson's lands obtained before the Court of Session at instance of James Russel, Commissary Clerk of

Dunblane against Hugh Pearson of Kippenness, to enter heir to said David Pearson, dated 29 January 1735; disposition by James Russel in favour of James Clark, mason dated 19 July 1740; disposition of the premises by said James Clark to John Clark, glazier dated 13 November 1740. Refers to a disposition by John Clark to the Town of Edinburgh (of part of the property?).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/76

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 November 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 18 October 1765.

PETITIONER: Alexander Stewart of Edinglasie, WS and James Pringle, one of the Principal Clerks of Session.

SITE: Old Assembly Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.

NOTES: The petitioners own two lodgings in the great stone tenement entering from the scale stair which has a passage from the said Close and also from Borthwicks Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/77

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 November 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 8 November 1765.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate, Fleshmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Ramsay, mason in Canongate. The work was stopped on 8 November and he was fined £15 Scots

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/78

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 December 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 6 November 1765.

PETITIONER: William Glover, wright in Leith.

SITE: South Leith, Kirkgate.

PROPOSAL: To cognose the expence of repairing a tenement.

NOTES: He refers to a warrant granted 29 April 1752. The property formerly belonged to (blank) Scoon and is presently possessed by William Morgan, George Dewar, carter and others. There is a full account her for the work, begun in December 1752

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/79

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 December 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 26 November 1765.

PETITIONER: Alexander Hart, writer.

SITE: Parliament Close, in the Custom House stairs.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about obstruction.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Watt, who has blocked the entrance to the cellar at the foot of the stair and offers the other proprietors access at any time if they buy small beer from her.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/80

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 December 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 18 October 1765.

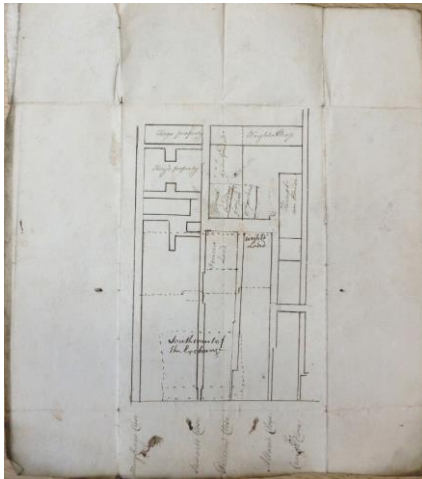
PETITIONER: James Paterson, Andrew Sinclair, Daniel Seton, Martha Dalrymple, James Paterson and James Welsh, proprietors of houses in the back part of the Exchange. Also William Hogg for the Town of Edinburgh.

SITE: Back of the Exchange, between Mary King's Close and Cant or Craigs Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The petitioners state that the deceased James Heriot, wright purchased an area at the foot of the Closes (Merchant Street today) from John Clark, glazier. The proprietors of Pearson's Close held a servitude *altius non tollendi* granted by William Williamson, skinner and registered in the Court books of Edinburgh, 24 August 1598, which prevented anyone building in a way that obstructed the view. Thomas Heriot, wright, son of said James Heriot, has begun erecting a large building in spite of the servitude. There were at least 36 numbered processes in this petition, some of which have been removed at the time. There is an extract of the obligation by William Williamson of 1598 here. There is also a letter from Thomas Heriot to the Dean of Guild dated 6 December 1765, stating that he will not raise his building higher than one story above what is already built. Plans b. and e. below show north at the top while a. d. and f. it is at the bottom.

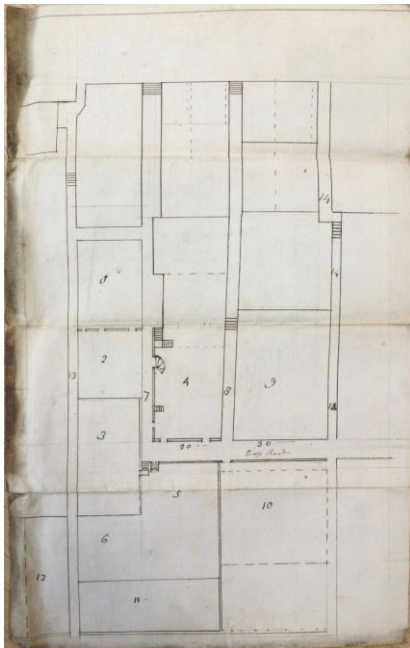
DRAWINGS: 6 sheets.



Description: a. Plan of the area.

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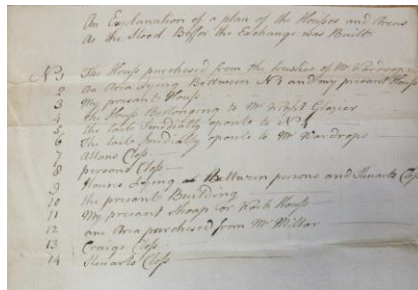
Inscriptions, verso: Plan produced by the proprietors of the back part of the Exchange 1765

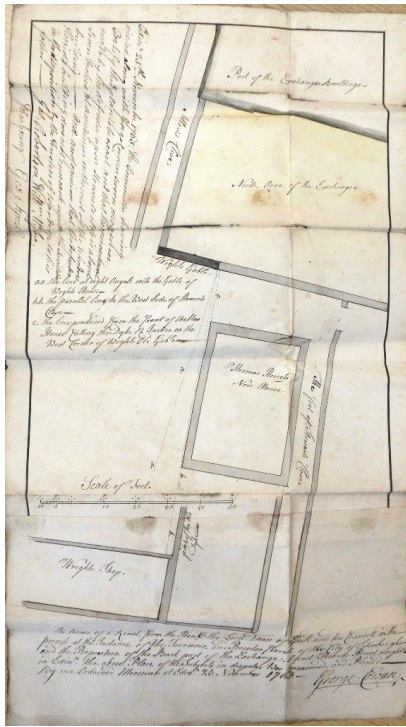


Description: b. Plan of the area.

Size: 32.9 x 20.8 cms.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan produced by Mr. Heriot (with a key on separate sheet)

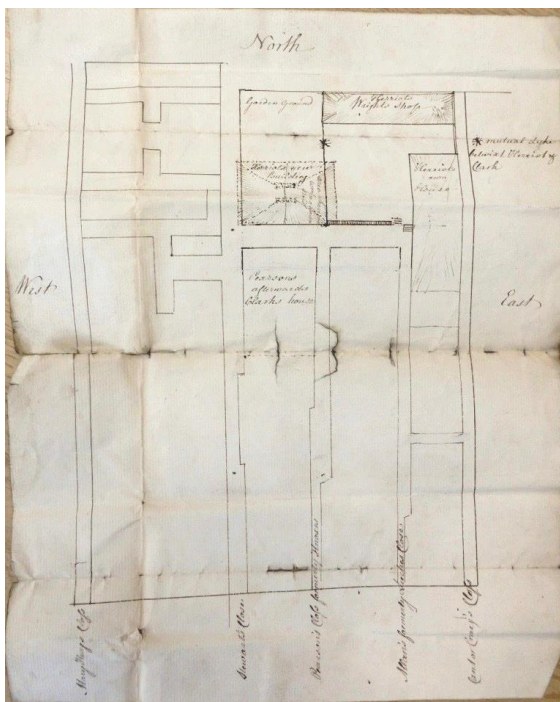




Description: c. Plan of part of the area.

Size: 51.5 x 28.0 cms (with an added piece)

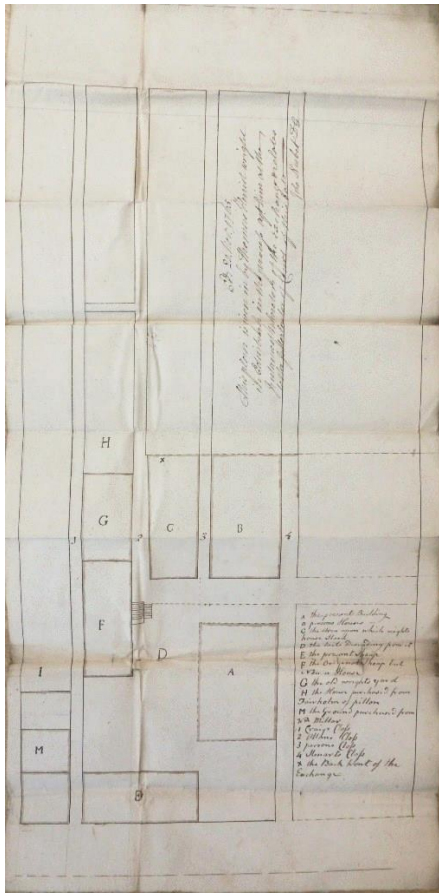
Inscriptions, recto: Signed by George Cowan, ordained measurer.



Description: d. Plan of the area.

Size: 30.2 x 24.0 cms.

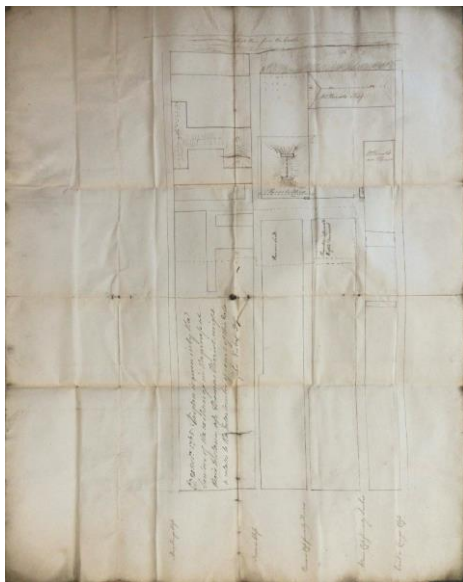
Inscriptions, verso: Plan for the City of Edinburgh & proprietors of the Exchange. 30.



Description: e. Plan of the area with a key.

Size: 60.7 x 28.6 cms

Inscriptions, verso: Plan for Thomas Heriot Nov 1765. 33.



Description: f. Plan of the area.

Size: 60.6 x 48.0 cms.

Inscriptions, verso: Plan for the Town of Edinr. & the heritors of the back part of the exchange, Nov. 31. With dotted outlines of earlier buildings.

Watermark: Whatman

BOX: 1765/81

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 December 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 4 December 1765.

PETITIONER: Thomas Stewart, smith in North Leith.

SITE: North Leith, near the Sand Port.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof.

NOTES: The petitioner has a lease on a shop or workhouse that belonged to Catherine Gray and now to George Steil, shipmaster in South Leith, for £4 stg. pa. The Court ordered the defender to carry out the repairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/82

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 December 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 10 December 1765.

PETITIONER: Robert Scott, merchant and the Procurator Fiscal.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Walter Ainsley, merchant and John Couper, journeyman mason who have begun work on vents without a warrant. They have continued with the work and the Court fined them £12 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/83

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 December 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 27 November 1765.

PETITIONER: Peter Newbigging, hatter.

SITE: Slaters Close, west side, near the mid Fleshmarket. 'Back of Mylnes Square'

PROPOSAL: To build a house of three floors and garrets and work house of two floors.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he cannot work because of props erected by William Hay, WS. He is ordered to support the outshot while carrying out his work.

DRAWINGS: None.

There is one further document in this box:

Petition from John McArthur, writer asking to have a Burgess certificate altered. He had been admitted on 13 July 1757 and Burgess and Guild brother but as a merchant not as a writer. His request was granted on 1 February 1765.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1765/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 May 1765 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 1 May 1765.

PETITIONER: Alexander Moubray, merchant.

SITE: High Street, Forresters Wynd, about the middle on the west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the property.

NOTES: The complaint is against the petitioner's landlord, James Burns, wright to who he pays £9 Stg in rent.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 May 1765 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 14 May 1765.

PETITIONER: Andrew Stevenson, writer, factor on the sequestrated estate of James Thomson, late brewer.

SITE: Canongate head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Archibald Chessels, wright in Canongate who is undermining the property of James Thomson and has carried away gutter stones laid by Andrew Thomson, his father.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 May 1765 (no warrant, defenders summoned).

PETITION LODGED: 14 May 1765.

PETITIONER: William Hogg, smith and farrier.

SITE: Pleasance, Couper hill.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about loss.

NOTES: The petitioner applied to the Court and obtained a warrant to build a stable and smithy on 12 May 1762. He had leased an area of land from William Hall and Nicholas Dick. They have now sold the area and he looks for expences of building.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 June 1765 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 5 June 1765.

PETITIONER: William McIntosh, chairmaster and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Near the City Guard.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Seton, merchant and Miss Campbell, milliner who have erected an iron rail and a large sign board over the petitioner's cellars.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1765 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 24 July 1765.

PETITIONER: Miss Jean Alexander, only daughter of the deceased William Alexander, late Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

SITE: Canongate, Lord Winton's area.

PROPOSAL: To complete a sewer.

NOTES: The petitioner and her mother purchased an incomplete pavilion built by Messrs. Wilson and Hunter, masons in Lord Winton's area, opposite Queensberry house. They had begun work on creating a sewer but had been prevented by an action in the Baillie Court by other proprietors.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1765 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 19 July 1765.

PETITIONER: James McCulloch, merchant (tailor) in Glasgow.

SITE: Mary King's Close, near the foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment on his light.

NOTES: The petitioner owned a small house, yard and area to the north of his tenement, which he sold to Alexander Hay, with a servitude that he was not allowed to build on the area. He has now begun doing so. There is a disposition for the property here dated 28 May 1763 at which time the petitioner lived at Cross Causeway.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/7*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 November 1765.

PETITION LODGED: 1 November 1764.

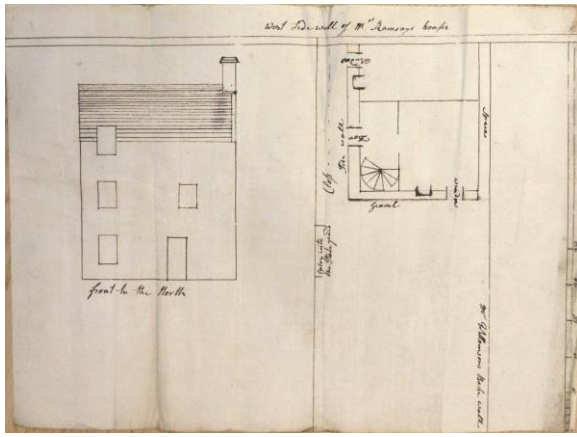
PETITIONER: John Williamson younger of Hosehall and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, near the Horse Wynd.

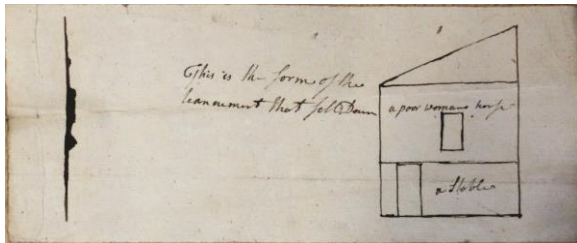
PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Jean Ramsay, relict of Alexander Ramsay, slater in Canongate one of the tutors nominated to Martin Ramsay, son of said Alexander Ramsay. Also against Allan Ogill, wright in Canongate and David Ramsay, mason in Edinburgh. They have built a house without a warrant. The Court granted a warrant to allow Jean and Martin Ramsay to go ahead with the building. There were further proceedings in 1765 but the Court held to its original decision.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.
 Size: 18.5 x 25.0 cms.



Description: b. Elevation.
 Size: 8.0 x 19.0 cms.

1766

The Court Officers from 9 October 1765:

Dean of Guild

John Nisbet

Council

Patrick Miller, Old Dean of Guild

James Robertson, merchant

Thomas Hepburn, merchant

John Young, wright

George Syme, slater

William Miln, mason

Clerk of the Court, Thomas Alves or his clerk, John Patison

Court Officer, John English

BOX: 1766/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 January 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 31 December 1766.

PETITIONER: Andrew St. Clair (Sinclair), merchant.

SITE: High Street, east wing of the New Exchange.

PROPOSAL: To convert a vent (fireplace) into a book press.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 January 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 15 January 1766.

PETITIONER: City Treasurer; William Hogg.

SITE: North Bridge, near.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Peter Newbigging, hatter who is erecting a building that the petitioner regards as 'prejudicial to the public interest'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 January 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 28 August 1765.

PETITIONER: Thomas Walker, writer factor to the trustees of the deceased Thomas Robertson, writer and John Ronaldson, merchant, with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, south side, west side of Grays Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Ogilvie, glover and Andrew Farquhar, merchant, his tenant who have erected a new window projecting into the High Street. The window was ordered to be demolished on 4 September 1765 but the defenders went to the Court of Session before 7 December with a Bill of Advocation, which was not upheld.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 January 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 18 November 1765.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Boyd; Margaret Thomson, widow of Hugh Boyd, merchant in Caltoun and Alexander Shiels, tacksman of the Calton Hill.

SITE: Calton Hill, north end of Leith Walk, fronting the Walk.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Andrew Syme, cooper who has begun to build a boundary wall. The petitioners presented a Sasine for the property dated 19 May 1758, the original of which is here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 January 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 15 January 1766.

PETITIONER: Robert Clidsdale, clock and watchmaker.

SITE: Canongate, head, south side, Thomsons land.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners own the fourth floor in a tenement east of the new building presently being erected by Archibald Chessels, wright in Canongate, which they purchased from Gilbert Pringle.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 February 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 4 December 1765.

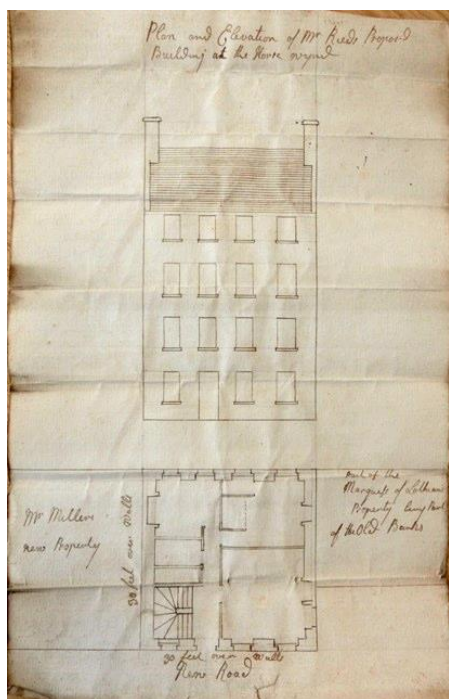
PETITIONER: The Marquis of Lothian and William Miller, seedsman in Abbey.

SITE: Horse Wynd, west side of the Abbey of Holyroodhouse.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

NOTES: The property is bounded on the south by the new property belonging to William Miller and the tenement is being erected for James Reid, coachwright in Canongate. Francis Brodie, wright made objections to the proposal and insisted on seeing a plan of the area. This was produced and he argued that it was erroneous in the boundaries. He also tried to claim that the area was outside the jurisdiction of the Dean of Guild Court and was put right by the Procurator Fiscal, who went on to determine the rights of the public in relation to the Highway.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of a four story tenement with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 30.0 x 19.4 cms.

BOX: 1766/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 February 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 15 January 1766.

PETITIONER: Thomas Alves, writer.

SITE: Canongate, High School Close, west, middle.

PROPOSAL: To repair the tenement.

NOTES: The tenement is occupied by Donald Mackenzie, David Seaton, James Whytehead, Archibald Bruce and others.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 February 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 15 January 1766.

PETITIONER: Thomas Alves, writer.

SITE: Grassmarket, north side of the Boughts

PROPOSAL: To repair the tenement.

NOTES: The tenement had been purchased from Robert Paterson, brewer and is bounded by the Castle on the north and the highway on the south with the property of James Douglas, tenant in Broxburn on the east and that of James Archibald and John Crawford on the west.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 February 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 15 January 1766.

PETITIONER: Thomas Alves, writer.

SITE: Grassmarket, north side.

PROPOSAL: To repair houses.

NOTES: The houses and yard had been acquired by progress from William Montgomery of Macbiehill (the area where the Register house stands today), advocate and James Montgomery, His Majesties Solicitor. It is bounded on the north by the Castle and on the south by the highway, with the property of James Douglas, tenant of Broxburn on the west.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 February 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 29 January 1766.

PETITIONER: Alexander Graham, indweller in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, Jacks land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a house.

NOTES: The petitioner states that he took a tack or lease of a house in Jacks land from Walter Ross, WS as factor for Mr. Horsburgh (William? See the warrant granted on 26 March 1766, Ramsay), from Whitsun 1765 for one year at a rent of £5. He claims that the factor promised to carry out repairs but that this was never done. In answers, Walter Ross gives a different account, including the fact that the petitioner had issued a protest against him on 22 January and removed the contents of the house to carriages... etc. The Court admitted the protest, the defender having failed to answer by 5 February but after answering, ordered the petitioner to find caution for the rent.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 February 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 26 February 1766.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate foot, near the Watergate.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the erection of a vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Davidson, brewer in Canongate who has built a timber or brick vent up the front of his property, without a warrant and it encroaches on the street. The defender asked for a warrant to rebuild it on the side and this was granted.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 February 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 12 February 1766.

PETITIONER: William Vere (Vair), barber and wigmaker.

SITE: High Street, between the Assembly Close and Covenant Close, Hamilton's land.

PROPOSAL: Alteration, to slap out a window at the rear.

NOTES: The petitioner is proprietor of the two lower floors in the tenement lying between Old Assembly Close and Covenant Close. See warrant granted 10 February 1791 (Vair and Hamilton). The Court ordered the work to be carried out at the sight of Messrs. Mylne and Robertson, members of the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 February 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 12 February 1766.

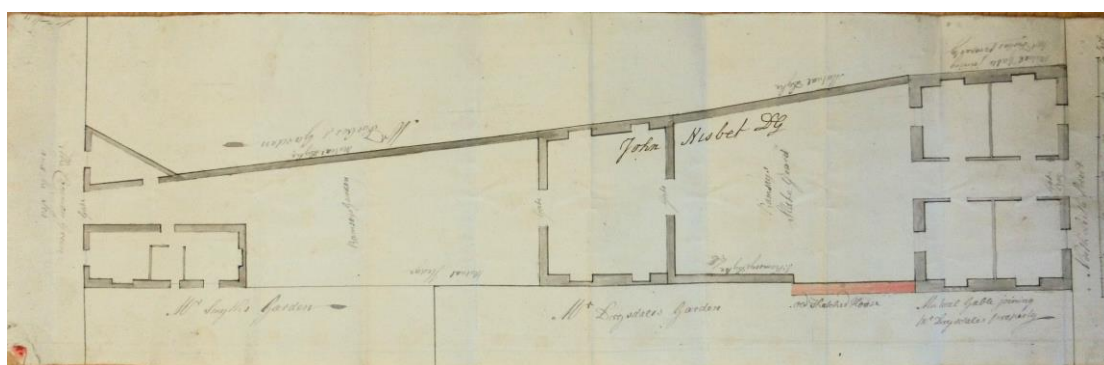
PETITIONER: James Ramsay, slater.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased properties from the son of John Mein, slater. On the plan the area stretches from 'North Leith Street' to 'the common green and the sea'. The street frontage is bounded on one side by Mr. Drysdale and on the other by Mr. Forbes.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.

Size: 48.0 x 15.0 cms.

BOX: 1766/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 March 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 10 February 1766.

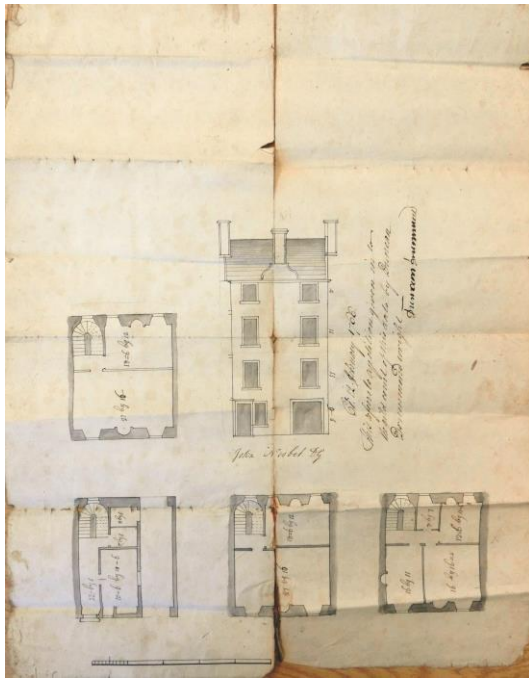
PETITIONER: Duncan Drummond, wright in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, south side.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement of four floors.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased an area of waste ground in April 1765 from William Jamieson, mason 'being part of the ground purchased by George Hog, brewer in Canongate from the Incorporation of Weavers' (of Canongate).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of four floors.
Size: 47.5 x 37.8 cms.

BOX: 1766/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 March 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 29 January 1766.

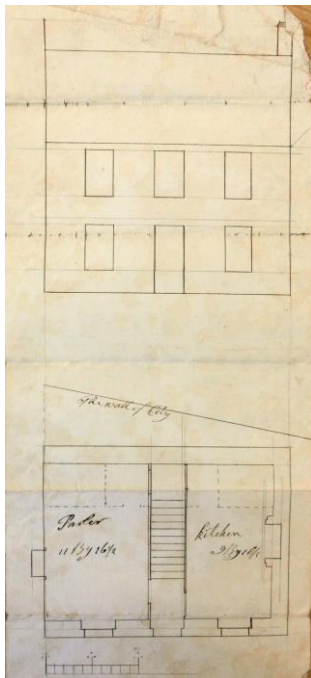
PETITIONER: Mr. Hunter and spouse; Helen Scouler, spouse to Robert Hunter, officer of excise at Leith.

SITE: Pleasance, foot, west side, corner with Cowgate.

PROPOSAL: To build a two story house.

NOTES: The property is bounded by the City wall on the west.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.
Size: 37.3 x 17.0 cms.

BOX: 1766/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 March 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 4 December 1765.

PETITIONER: The Good Town: William Hogg, City Treasurer.

SITE: Parliament Close and area to south, Kirkheugh tenement and others.

PROPOSAL: To build on an area previously occupied by the Council Chamber and Burrow room.

NOTES: The Town intends building on the area and selling the properties. There were objections from various individuals who had an interest in the original buildings; James Thomson, eldest son of the deceased Andrew Thomson and Andrew Stevenson, writer and factor on their sequestrated estate. He brought his younger brother John, for several years at Jamaica or somewhere else beyond the seas, into the discussion. Also from William Dick, writer who is proprietor by progress from Thomas Robertson of Lochbank, of a house on the west side of the entry from the Cowgate to Parliament Close 'which of old went by the name of the Kirkheugh' and a vault in a tenement opposite, built by the same Thomas Robertson.

The list of contiguous heritors is long and of interest. It includes Robert Gordon and William Dempster, goldsmiths. The warrant to carry out the work 'building in line with the old foundations' was granted on 5 February 1766 with an alteration to the said line on 26 March 1766. There is no indication on the petition that the drawings mentioned were borrowed officially. See: Ian Gordon Brown, *Buildings for Books: The Architectural Evolution of the Advocates Library 1689-1925* (Edinburgh 1989) where this tenement is discussed.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1766/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 March 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 19 February 1766.

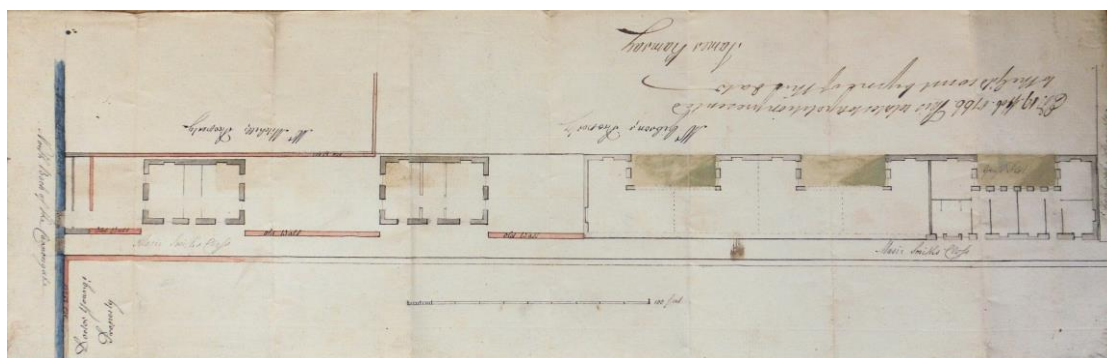
PETITIONER: James Ramsay, slater.

SITE: Canongate, north side, east side of Masie or Mary Smith's Close, immediately north of Jack's land.

PROPOSAL: To build house and stables.

NOTES: The area had been purchased from Walter Ross, writer in the name of William Horsburgh. The plan shows a small area of grass in front of some of the houses, and others standing in the centre of large open areas. It also shows the Nor Loch as the boundary on the North with bridges over water.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.

Size: 15.2 x 48.0 cms.

BOX: 1766/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 April 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 31 March 1766.

PETITIONER: Matthew Baillie, stabler and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Grassmarket, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Cleghorn, brewer who has shut up a window in the petitioner's malt barn and built on a mutual wall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 April 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 28 March 1766.

PETITIONER: Charles Howieson, wright.

SITE: Lawnmarket, foot of the Close entering by Fishers land.

PROPOSAL: To repair the paving in the Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 April 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 13 November 1765.

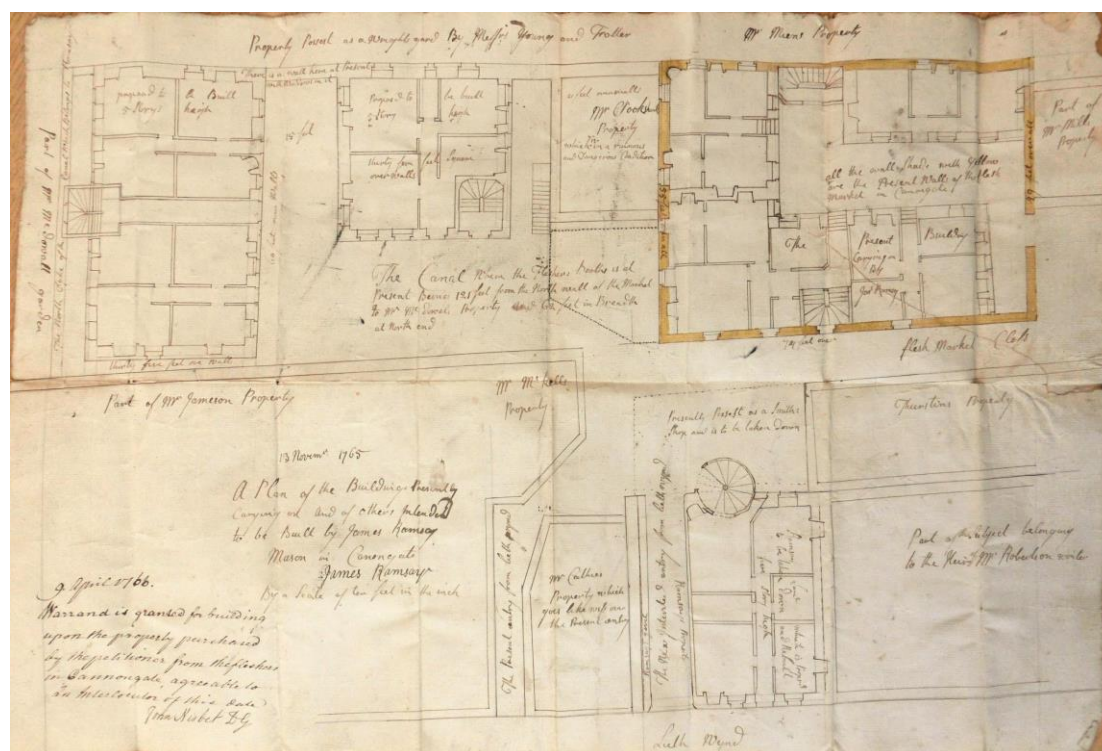
PETITIONER: James Ramsay, mason in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate Flesh Market.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild various tenements.

NOTES: The petitioner was pursued by the Procurator Fiscal for having begun work without a warrant. He explained that he had purchased the area in question from the creditors of the Society of Fleshers in Canongate in February 1765, the purchase price being payable in Martinmas 1765. He did not apply for permission to build as he did not hold legal title.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of a large area of Fleshmarket Close.

Size: 37.4 x 55.0 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Leith Wynd is marked at the bottom of the plan. The top edge is noted 'Property Possesst as a Wright's yard by Messrs. Young and Trotter'.

'13 November 1765. A Plan of the building presently carrying on and others intended to be built by James Ramsay, mason in Canongate by a scale of 10 feet in the inch'. 'All the wall shade with yellow are the present walls of the Flesh Market in Canongate.'

BOX: 1766/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 April 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 31 March 1766.

PETITIONER: Matthew Baillie, stabler.

SITE: Grassmarket, south side.
PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and stables.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 April 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 15 April 1766.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith, Kirkgate, north end near the well.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Rev, William Thomas Scot, minister of South Leith and John Mason, mason in Leith. The petitioner asked for a fine of £100 Scots each but there is no record after the summons on 16 April 1766.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 April 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 26 February 1766.

PETITIONER: Dr. Thomas Young, physician.

SITE: Canongate, High Street, head of New Street, west side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a timber frame house.

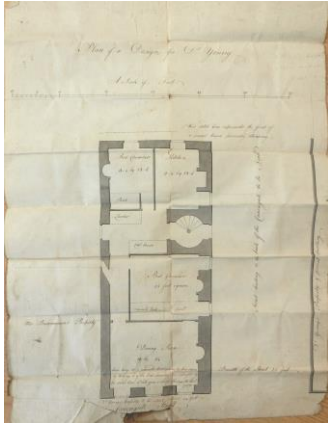
NOTES: The petition states that he intends building 'several' houses. The Court asked John Ramsay, ordained measurer to make a plan of the existing building after a visit to the site on 2n April 1766. This is the drawing at c. William Barrowman, baker refused to engage in arbitration over the boundaries so the petitioner had a new plan made up, probably the drawing at d. A warrant was granted on 9 April but the matter was still not resolved and the drawing at e was produced on 1 May 1766. It shows the entire tenement to be demolished, as it stood, with a small flap to allow the internal arrangement of the steps to be seen. In answers dated 15 April 1766 the petitioner refers to the original disposition for the property (no date given) in which it states that it was possessed by James Moore, coachman. See the unextracted petition dated 15 October 1766 (Barrowman).

DRAWINGS: Five sheets.

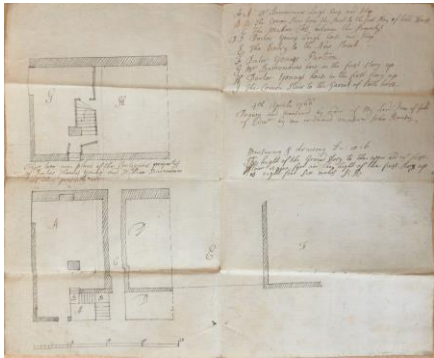


Description: a. Elevation of the intended tenement of four floors.

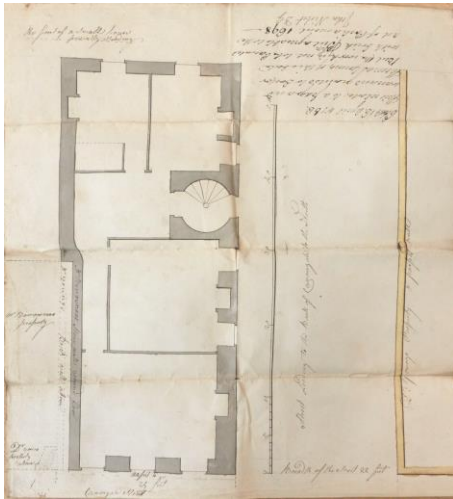
Size: 37.0 x 23.7 cms.



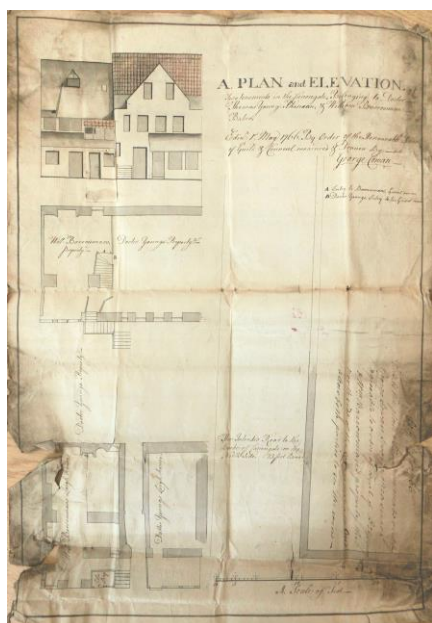
Description: b. Plan of the intended tenement.
 Size: 48.0 x 35.4 cms.



Description: c. Plan of the boundaries.
 Size: 30.5 x 37.2 cms.
 Draughtsman: John Ramsay, ordained measurer.



Description: d. New plan of the intended tenement.
 Size: 34.0 x 31.5 cms.
 Inscriptions, verso: 9th April 1766. This plan was not drawn by John Ramsay.
 Watermark: JW



Description: e. Elevation and plans of the timber tenement as it stands.

Size: 44.8 x 31.8 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edinr. 1st May 1766, By order of the Honourable Dean of Guild & Council, measured and drawn by me, George Cowan.

Watermark: countermark IVG

BOX: 1766/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 April 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 10 April 1766.

PETITIONER: Thomas Dallas, surgeon and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Grassmarket, Pirries Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Thomson, merchant near the foot of the West Bow who has demolished some houses and is rebuilding. The defender stated that he was simply repairing his property and produced a warrant for the work (not here).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 April 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 19 March 1766.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Leith Wynd, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the enclosure of an area of public property.

NOTES: The complaint was made by James McDowal, manufacturer in Pauls Work in a letter to the Lord provost dated 25 March 1766, against his tenant, Arthur Jules, wright. The Court finally allowed them to complete a dyke on condition that they would remove it, if asked. There is a letter of apology here from Arthur Jeales.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 April 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 19 February 1766.

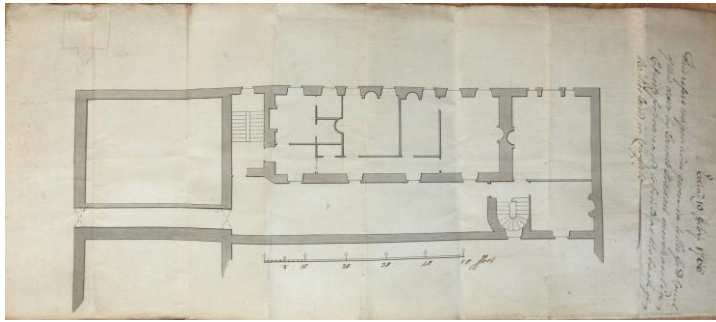
PETITIONER: James Stoddart, merchant.

SITE: Cowgate, north side, at the back of Baillie's land, opposite to Magdalen Chapel.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement and heighten Baillie's land by one floor.

NOTES: Jean Mitchell, wife of the petitioner submitted her legal titles and these are summarised on the front of her memorial: Sasine to Mr. James Baillie 1706; Sasine to Mrs. Margaret Baillie his daughter, 1744 and Sasine to Mrs. Stoddart, 1765. The front of the petition has a note: 'Edin. 25 April 1795. Borrowed the plans to be returned on Monday'.

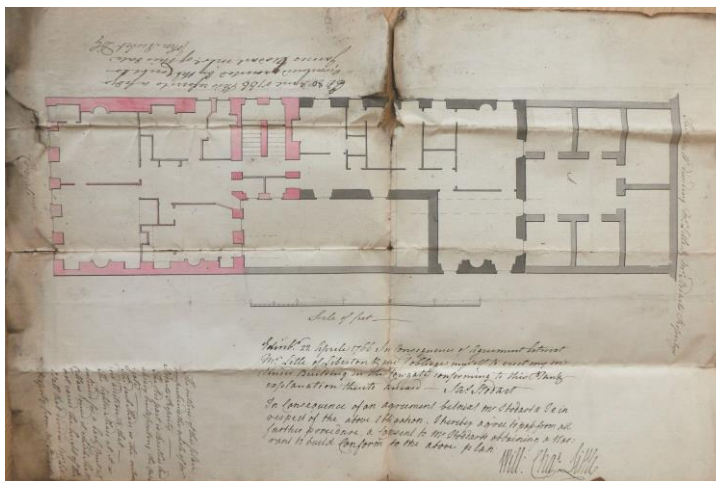
DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor within the Close.

Size: 21.1 x 49.4 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: With a pencil sketch of the entire tenement?



Description: b. Plan of the entire area with stages of building.

Size: 49.7 x 32.9 cms.

Watermark: C & Honig

BOX: 1766/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 April 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 7 April 1766.

PETITIONER: John Neal, merchant.

SITE: Back of the Guard.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Plydale, milliner who is the petitioners tenant in the flat above. He had replaced all the hearth stones before letting the flat and he claims that the defender has broken them while breaking up coal. The defender made a spirited defence and the Court ordered the petitioner to replace the kitchen hearth stone. He refused and they gave permission for the defender to do so, as his expence.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 May 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 2 May 1766.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, writer.

SITE: Byres Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. Walker, relict of (blank) Walker, brewer in Canongate, who has dug up an area behind the petitioner's property that was previously used by one of his tenants to dry skins.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/29

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 May 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 23 April 1766.

PETITIONER: Alexander Greig, flesher and Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Sclaters (Slaters) Close, back of Mylne's Square.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a timber outshot.

NOTES: The outshot belongs to the heirs of Hepburn of Beanston and it is in imminent danger of falling. The Court appointed a jury and they recommended taking down the south gable of the outshot and rebuilding it. George Cowan, wright and David Ramsay, mason were appointed to carry out the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 May 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 12 May 1766.

PETITIONER: Dr. Thomas Young and others in the Canongate with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment on the public street.

NOTES: The complaint is against Archibald Chessels, wright and Patrick Jamieson, mason who have left their hewn stones and other materials in the street.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 May 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 30 April 1766.

PETITIONER: John Home, coachmaker.

SITE: Boyds Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild an old house on its old foundations.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 May 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 7 August 1766.

PETITIONER: Alexander Kinkaid, His Majesty's printer.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, opposite the Kirkheugh.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Helen Reid, proprietor of a tenement and bake house who has laid down a pile of stones as an entrance. This is getting in the way of his proposed re-paving of his Close. A disposition was produced, by Robert Pollock, baxter in favour of James Reid, the defender's father dated 13 June 1706 with Sasine following, registered in the Burgh Court books, 17 June 1706. On this basis she claims that her title to the Close is more ancient than the petitioner's. The Court decided she did not have a right of entry there.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 May 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 14 May 1766.

PETITIONER: James Hastie, smith.

SITE: High Street, south side, near Kinloch's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about non payment for work.

NOTES: The complaint is against Gilbert Laurie, merchant and Harry Guthrie, writer as factor for Mrs. Miln, midwife. A stair railing was replaced by Thomas Donald, late iron monger in July 1759 (account here). The petitioner claims payment for the work on behalf of Thomas Donald's children.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 May 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 29 April 1766.

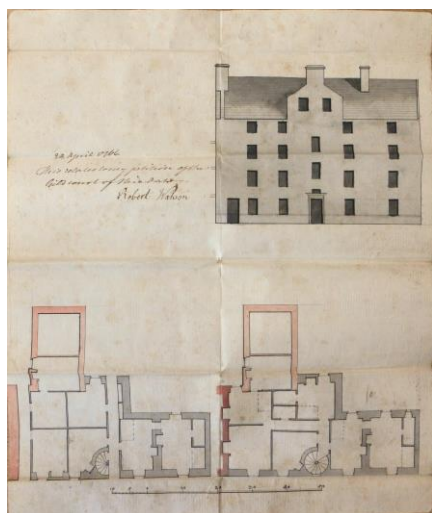
PETITIONER: Robert Watson, mason in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, Shoemakers Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild old tenements.

NOTES: The property had been purchased from William Fleeming, brewer. William Mein responded to the petition stating that he intended building on his contiguous property and the petitioner withdrew his original plan and submitted a new one that did not encroach on Mein's property. See unextracted petition dated 22 October 1766.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of two floors.

Size: 37.7 x 31.2 cms.

BOX: 1766/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 May 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 24 March 1766.

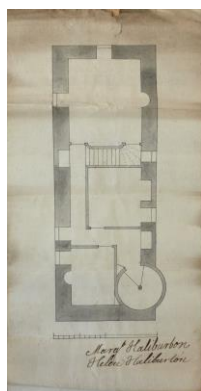
PETITIONER: Margaret and Helen Halliburton, daughters of George Halliburton, late Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

SITE: High Street, north side, Fowlis Close.

PROPOSAL: To raise a tenement by two floors.

NOTES: The tenement is possessed by Alexander Dick, vintner. In answers for William Reid, son of the deceased Robert Reid, WS and his tutors and other heritors of Richardson's land they make the same petition, asking that William Dallas, wright should undertake the work and declare them creditors on the work being cognosed.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of an upper floor.

Size: 30.2 x 14.3 cms.

BOX: 1766/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 May 1766.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

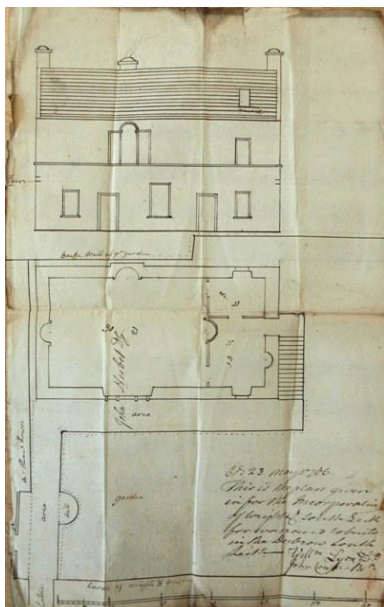
PETITIONER: The Incorporation of Wrights of South Leith.

SITE: South Leith, Dubrow.

PROPOSAL: To build a meeting room.

NOTES: The petition does not survive here and all of the information is taken from the inscription on the drawing.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation to a garden with a plan of the upper floor.

Size: 37.2 x 23.3 cms.

BOX: 1766/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 May 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 28 May 1766.

PETITIONER: The heritors of the Exchange: Andrew St. Clair, merchant.

SITE: The back part of the Exchange.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an alteration without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Johnston, merchant, who has knocked a hole in the back wall of the Exchange in his shop. See warrant granted 17 June 1766.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 June 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 16 April 1766.

PETITIONER: Rev. Thomas Scott, minister in South Leith.

SITE: South Leith, east side, head of Rottenrow.

PROPOSAL: To build a house.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1766/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 June 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 5 April 1766.

PETITIONER: Patrick Cockburn of Clerkington.

SITE: South Leith, Tinker's Close, near the head of Horse Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair his property.

NOTES: The property belonged previously to William Lowrie, carter in Leith and afterwards to son, also William.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 June 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 24 May 1766.

PETITIONER: Andrew Mitchell, brewer in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Lees Quarter.

PROPOSAL: To build on the front of his property.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased tenements from William Paton, brewer in Leith. A note on the petition states that the plans were borrowed on 16 January, to be returned on demand.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1766/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 June 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 26 May 1766.

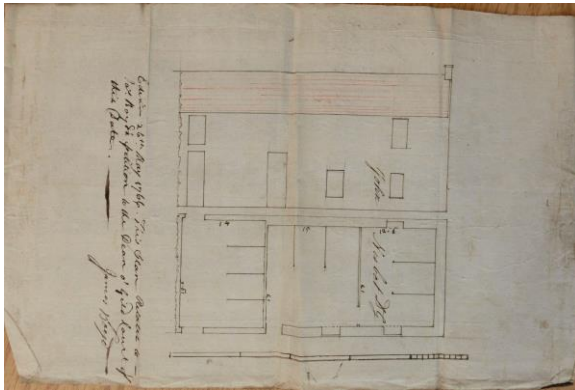
PETITIONER: James Boyd, stabler.

SITE: Canongate head, south side, foot of Boyd's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build stables.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to 'my Close'.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 19.8 x 30.8 cms.

BOX: 1766/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 June 1766.

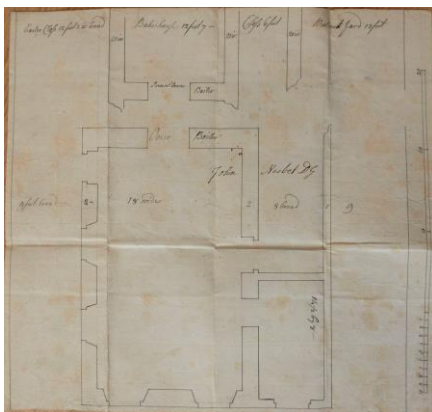
PETITION LODGED: 21 May 1766.

PETITIONER: Incorporation of Baxters (Bakers) in Edinburgh.

SITE: Lawnmarket, foot of Baxter's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.

Size: 26.8 x 28.5 cms.

Watermark: JW

BOX: 1766/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 June 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 11 June 1766.

PETITIONER: William Hogg, City Treasurer of Edinburgh.

SITE: New Exchange.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Johnston, merchant who knocked a hole through the back of the Exchange. The petitioner believes the repair work may be insufficient and he asks for tradesman to inspect. The Court ordered depositions from those engaged in the work: Alexander Hastie, mason with the assistance of Thomas Dalzeil built up the hole and Alexander Ramsay, mason oversaw the work at the request of Andrew St. Clair, merchant and on completion of the building he allowed them to plaster the outside of the building. See warrant granted 28 May 1766 (Heritors).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 June 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 19 June 1766.

PETITIONER: John Dunsmoor and John Murray, merchants with Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, head of Old Assembly Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a crack in the gable of a tenement.

NOTES: The crack is on the north west part of Hamilton's land. A Jury was appointed, listed here and they state that the tenement was dangerous. They refer specifically to the north gable and also the north west corner as far southward as the south side of the first windows. The Court ordered it to be taken down and rebuilt.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 June 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 12 June 1766.

PETITIONER: Joseph Williamson, advocate.

SITE: Castlehill.

PROPOSAL: To build a small shade in a garden west of his house.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 June 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 16 June 1766.

PETITIONER: William Inglis, surgeon.

SITE: Parliament Close, Post Office Stairs.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the stair being hazardous.

NOTES: The complaint is specifically about the staircase above and below the Post Office, and the plat above the entrance door of the Post Office.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 June 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 11 June 1766.

PETITIONER: The Marquis of Lothian.

SITE: Canongate foot.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a gable.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to the north gable of a house contiguous to his lodging, lately possessed by Colonel Nixon (or Rixon).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 June 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 18 June 1766.

PETITIONER: Charles Mack, mason.

SITE: High Street, south side, head of Foulis Close, opposite the Fountain Well.

PROPOSAL: To pin and harl the back of a tenement.

NOTES: The work is being carried out for Charles Congalton and other proprietors and there is a copy of an agreement here with a letter from Jean Rae in Aberdeen, agreeing to the work. It is addressed to Charles Mack, mason, Cants Close.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 June 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 11 June 1766.

PETITIONER: The Marquis of Lothian.

SITE: Horse Wynd, west side, foot.

PROPOSAL: To have a property appreciated by a jury.

NOTES: The property is an area and some ruins lately purchased from James Reid, coachmaker. In the statement of the jury, listed here, it notes that the petitioner is currently building a coach house and stables on the area and they value it at £40 Stg.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 4 February 1766.

PETITIONER: William Wemyss, WS.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, Olivstob's land, fronting the foot of Marlins Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the disposal of waste water.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Campbell, WS, Patrick Crawford, son of the deceased Ronald Crawford, WS and John Adam, architect, their families and servants who have been throwing their nuisance and dirty water from their windows and damaging the petitioner's row of cellars. He further observed that 'neither of these gentlemen have any property in the Close where the cellars stand. Mr. Adam indeed, has only a servitude of an entry thru the Close, which he acquired from Mr. Hamilton of Olivstob at purchasing his garden, now the area of Lord President's house, as will appear from the disposition by Olivstob to the deceased William Adam...' (dated 13 April 1738). The garden lay between Marlins and the foot of Niddry Wynd. There is a copy here of an agreement between the petitioner and John Adam that was entered in the Burgh Court books, 1 December 1762 in which it refers in detail to the agreement between William Adam and Hamilton of Olivstob. This matter went to the Court of Session in a Bill of Advocation, which was refused in July 1766. There are depositions here regarding the condition of the cellars: from servants, who certify that water was thrown from Mr. Adam's tenement by servants on three occasions 'this very day'; from William Good, wright aged 40, married; Daniel McKing, keeper of the Oyster cellar, aged 30, married; Alexander Adam, slater aged about 28, married; David Wishart, slater aged 47, married; Charles Hunter, wright aged 30, married; Marion Dallas, spouse of James Cumming, painter, aged above 30; Margaret Rutherford, spouse to Daniel McKing (above)

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 July 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 19 May 1766.

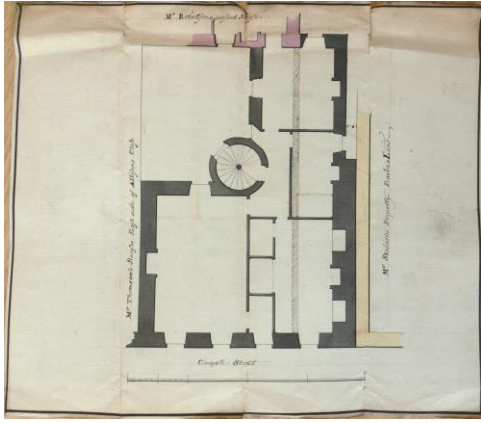
PETITIONER: David Robertson, smith.

SITE: Cowgate, north side, opposite the Magdalen Chapel.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

NOTES: See warrant granted 30 April 1766 (Stoddart) for the tenement on the east.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the tenement fronting the Cowgate.
Size: 22.5 x 25.8 cms.

BOX: 1766/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 July 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 26 June 1766.

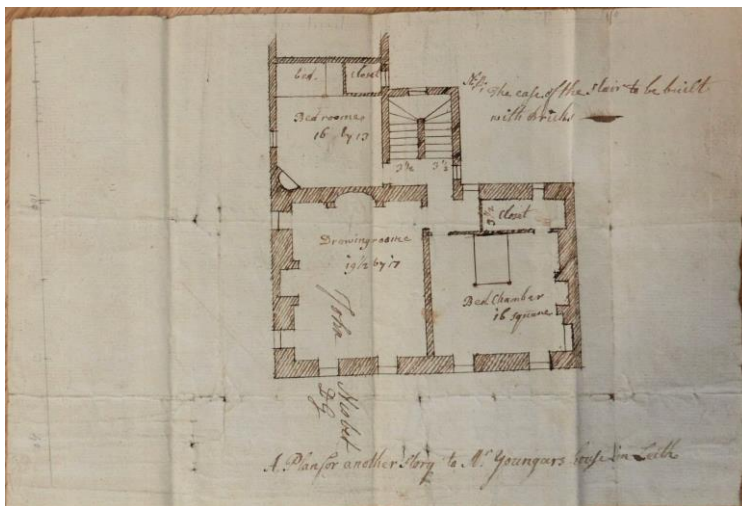
PETITIONER: William Younger, supervisor of Excise in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Kirkgate.

PROPOSAL: To repair tenements and add a floor.

NOTES: The property had been purchased from David Ramsay, late shipmaster in Leith.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the additional floor.
Size: 16.6 x 24.3 cms.

BOX: 1766/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 July 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 7 June 1766.

PETITIONER: George Steel, shipmaster in Leith.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner intends building on part of his property described as lying between the yard of John Syme, carpenter on the west and the lands belonging to the heirs of James Beety, carpenter on the east.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Outline plan.
Size: 23.0 x 18.5 cms.
Watermark: J Honig & Zoon

BOX: 1766/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 July 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 1 July 1766.

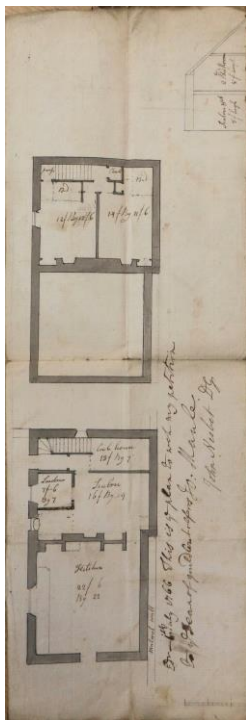
PETITIONER: Hon. John Maule, Baron of Exchequer.

SITE: High Street, north side, Panmure's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a kitchen and servants rooms.

NOTES: The drawing here may have a section missing on the right.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of two floors and section.
Size: 40.9 x 13.7 cms.

BOX: 1766/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 July 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 21 May 1766.

PETITIONER: John Pringle, WS.

SITE: Society.

PROPOSAL: To build on the back area.

NOTES: A note on the front of the petition states that two plans were borrowed on 25 September 1766 'to be returned this day senicht'.

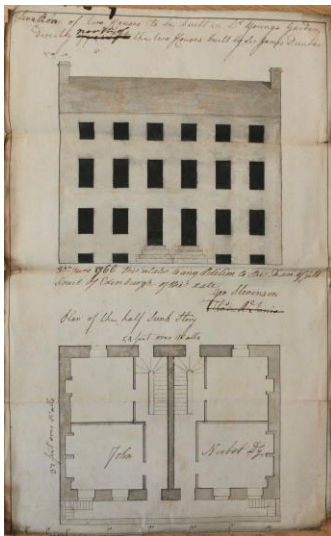
DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1766/56
WARRANT GRANTED: 9 July 1766.
PETITION LODGED: 18 June 1766.
PETITIONER: Francis Charteris of Amisfield.
SITE: Canongate, St. John Street, east side.
PROPOSAL: To build a terrace of houses.
DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.
Size: 37.5 x 53.9 cms.
Watermark: C & F Honig
Inscriptions, verso: Plan of / Mr. Charter's area / in Canongate 1766 / 14 houses.

BOX: 1766/57
WARRANT GRANTED: 9 July 1766.
PETITION LODGED: 30 June 1766.
PETITIONER: George Stevenson, wright.
SITE: Canongate (New Street).
PROPOSAL: To build two tenements.
NOTES: The new tenements to be immediately north of the two houses built by Sir James Dunbar of Mochrum.
DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of two four story tenement with a plan of the sunk floor.
Size: 33.7 x 21.2 cms.
Watermark: L V Gerrevink

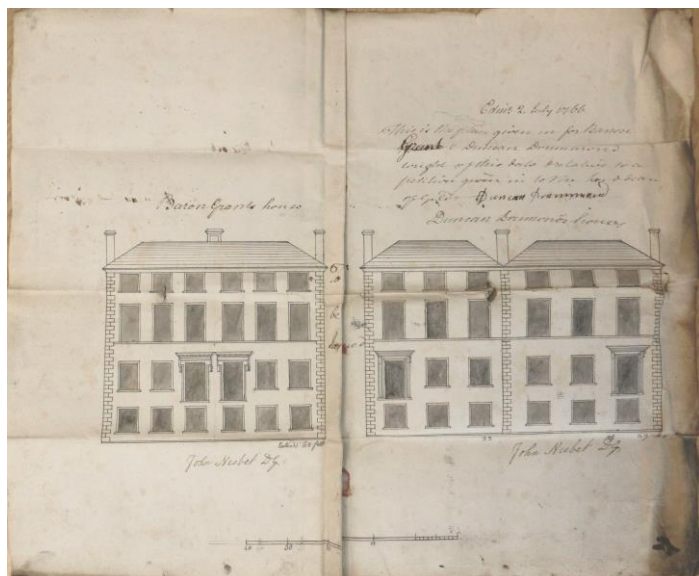
BOX: 1766/58
WARRANT GRANTED: 9 July 1766.
PETITION LODGED: 1 July 1766.
PETITIONER: Baron Grant; John Grant, Baron of Exchequer and Duncan Drummond, wright.

SITE: Canongate foot.

PROPOSAL: To build four houses.

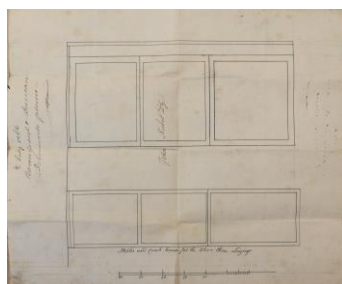
NOTES: There are two petitions here. The petitioner purchased some old tenements from Mr. Callendar of Craigforth and he intends demolishing them and building houses immediately east of and adjoining Mr. Callendar's new built lodging. The elevation at a has been concertina folded with an inscription 'to be joined'.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation of four houses.

Size: 35.8 x 46.0 cms.



Description: b. Outline plan of the houses and stables.

Size: 29.4 x 34.9 cms.

BOX: 1766/59

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 July 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 16 July 1766.

PETITIONER: William Davie, goldsmith.

SITE: Henderson's Stairs, head.

PROPOSAL: To heighten a closet for the accommodation of his family.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/60

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 July 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1766.

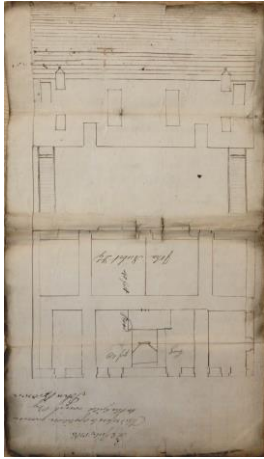
PETITIONER: John Brown, smith and wright in Leith and others.

SITE: Leith, a little north of South Leith Church.

PROPOSAL: To build a meeting house or church.

NOTES: The petitioners have entered into a tack or lease with the Society of Carters for 150 years on a piece of ground or garden on which they intend to build.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the interior.
Size: 37.5 x 21.3 cms.

BOX: 1766/61

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 July 1766.

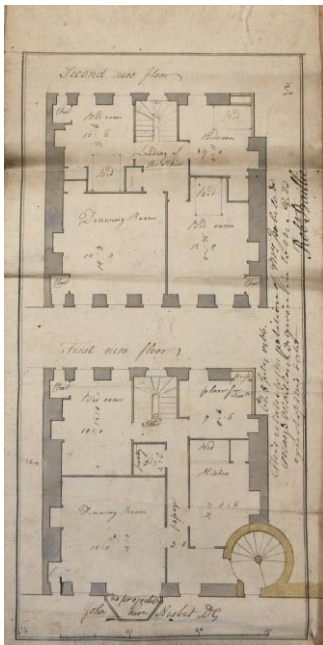
PETITION LODGED: 8 July 1766.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Isobel and Margaret Maitland, daughters of the Hon. Alexander Maitland, deceased.

SITE: Canongate, north side, Maitland's land, immediately east of Jacks land.

PROPOSAL: To build two additional floors.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Detailed plans of two floors.
Size: 35.9 x 17.6 cms.

BOX: 1766/62

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 July 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 8 July 1766.

PETITIONER: John Bonnar, painter and Thomas Clarkson, baker.

SITE: Cowgate, nearly opposite the Magdalen Chapel.

PROPOSAL: Alterations and repairs to a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioners own three floors and garrets in Hunter's land, on the east of Baillie's land. They intend widening windows to match the windows above.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/63

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 July 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 25 April 1764.

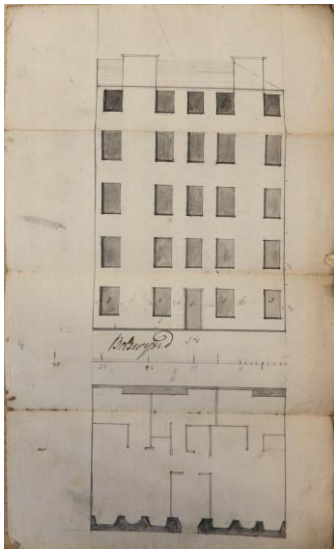
PETITIONER: James Ramsay, slater.

SITE: High Street, south side, west side of Bells Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

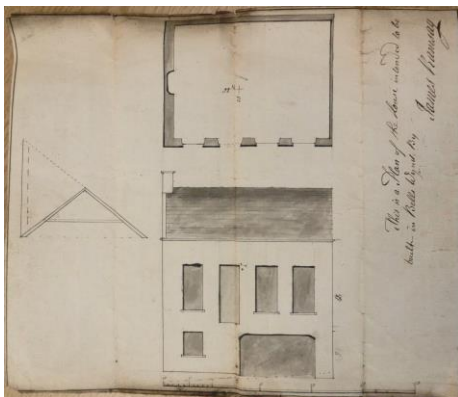
NOTES: The Procurator Fiscal petitioned the Court on 13 April 1764 complaining that James Ramsay had begun work in replacing walls and the roof of an old tenement at the head of Bells Wynd, without a warrant. Ramsay then petitioned the Court, stating that he had purchased a ruinous tenement which formerly belonged to James Cathcart of Carbiston. He produced a warrant, granted in 1749, ordering the tenement in question to be 'covered'. A warrant was granted on 27 February 1765 to repair and rebuild the tenement to five stories, according to the plan at a. There were complaints about the height of the intended tenement and Ramsay petitioned the Court again on 6 May 1765 stating that he had disposed of his property to William Douglas, acting for the Managers of the Edinburgh Assembly and they had agreed to build on the area and connect the new building to the Assembly room opposite by a passage in an arch over Bells Wynd.

DRAWINGS: 3 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation of a five story tenement with a plan of the ground floor.

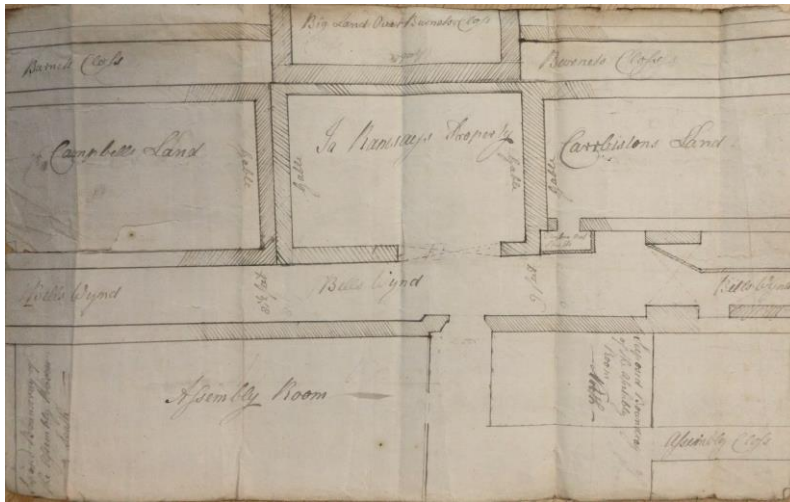
Size: 31.1 x 18.4 cms.



Description: b. Elevation to the west of a two story tenement with a plan and section.

Size: 24.6 x 28.7 cms.

Watermark: Whatman.



Description: c. Plan of the area.

Size: 22.6 x 36.9 cms.

BOX: 1766/64

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 July 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 23 July 1766.

PETITIONER: George Ritchie, shipmaster in Leith.

SITE: South Leith, foot of the Broad Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The property had been purchased from the representatives of David Dryburgh, shipmaster in Leith.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/65

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 30 July 1766.

PETITIONER: Andrew Johnston, stabler.

SITE: East of the Corn market.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The property had been purchased from James Syme, slater.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/66

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 9 July 1766.

PETITIONER: The Merchant Company.

SITE: The Merchant Company garden.

PROPOSAL: Complaint against James Brown, wright who broke through an entrance in their garden wall and refused to rebuild it. In answers, the defender brings George Brown of Eliston into the argument. They have had the work done by Patrick Jamieson, mason, whose account is here for the work, carried out on 25 January 1766.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/67

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 29 July 1766.

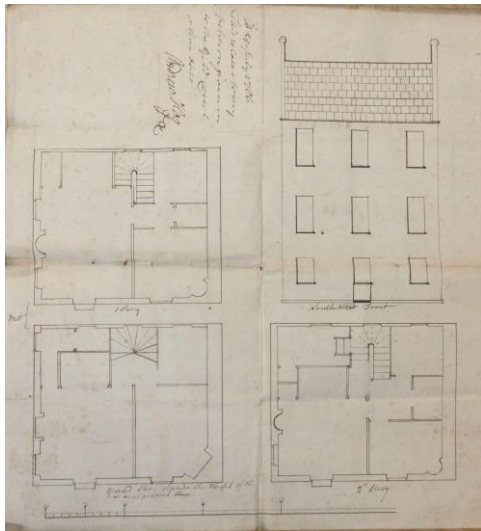
PETITIONER: Andrew Hogg, brewer in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, south side, Dallas's Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild tenements.

NOTES: The property had been purchased from James Cockburn, brewer in Canongate.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of three floors.
Size: 33.0 x 29.7 cms.

BOX: 1766/68

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 30 July 1766.

PETITIONER: Agnes Miller, relict of James Miller, baker in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, back of Mausie Smith's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Ramsay, slater who has not left an eaves drop on the new tenement he is building. There were counter arguments, dismissed by the Court on 10 September 1766.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/69

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 August 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 13 August 1766.

PETITIONER: Dr. Lionell Campbell, brother and attorney for (Coalharter?) Campbell in the service of the East India Company.

SITE: Cowgate, south side.

PROPOSAL: Argument about building a wall in the area destroyed by the Great Fire.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/70

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 August 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 6 August 1766.

PETITIONER: William Mylne, architect.

SITE: Mylne's Square, east gable.

PROPOSAL: To take down a gable and repair.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/71

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 August 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 20 August 1766.

PETITIONER: William Nicol, watchmaker.

SITE: Bells Wynd, head, Corbiston's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The work is being undertaken by Thomas Cockburn, WS and William Mylne, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/72

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 August 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 27 August 1766?

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: South Leith, Baikie or Baxters Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Muckle, brewer and John Law, carter, both in Leith who have encroached on the street by building stairs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/73

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 August 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 7 August 1766.

PETITIONER: John Walker, tanner in Portsburgh, with consent of William Archibald, clerk in the Weigh House of Edinburgh (his landlord).

SITE: Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about stopping work.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Burton, tanner in Portsburgh who has stopped work on the digging of two lime pits adjacent to his property. He previously agreed to the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/74

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 August 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 20 August 1766.

PETITIONER: Barrowman, baxter (baker) in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Coalhill, Barrowman's Close.

PROPOSAL: To take down the front of a timber tenement and rebuild.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/75

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 August 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 14 August 1766.

PETITIONER: Charles Hay, ship builder in Leith.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Steill who has encroached on the petitioner's property while building with a warrant from the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/76

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 September 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 20 August 1766.

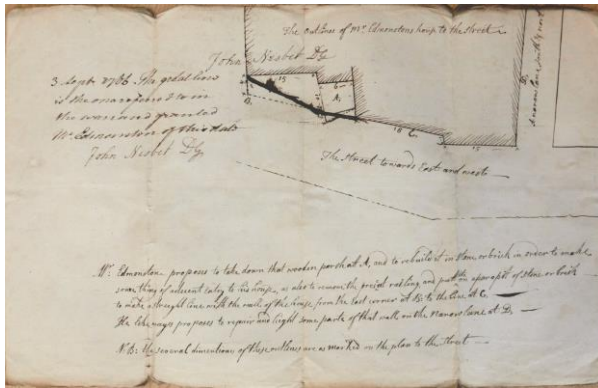
PETITIONER: William Edmondston, surgeon in Leith.

SITE: South Leith, Green Tree, Dallas's land.

PROPOSAL: Alterations to a house.

NOTES: The petitioner intends taking down a timber porch and rebuilding in stone, with other alterations.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.

Size: 20.1 x 32.5 cms.

BOX: 1766/77

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 September 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 11 August 1766.

PETITIONER: George Rutherford, WS, factor for Robert Gray, late merchant in Dunse and Colin Robertson, wigmaker.

SITE: Blackcastles land.

PROPOSAL: To repair the floor of his kitchen.

NOTES: The petitioners lives above William Miller, bookseller. The property is owned by James Duff, officer of Excise in Leith and not Robert Gray, as stated by the petitioner.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/78

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 September 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 27 August 1766.

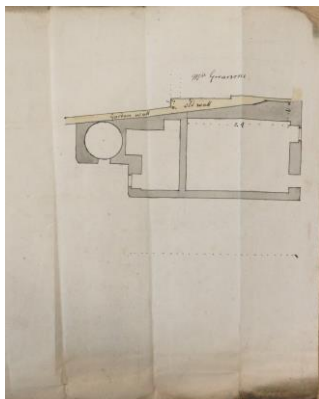
PETITIONER: Lady Mary Campbell, the Hon. Mrs. Gascoigne and Miss Grierson, residenters in Edinburgh.

SITE: Canongate, (St John Street).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about undermining.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Paterson, wright in Canongate and Alexander Gowans, mason there who are employed on buildings for Mr. Charteris. They are undermining the gable of Miss Grierson's tenement on the west side of Mr. Charter's area. There is a measure here by John Ramsay of the petitioner's property where it states that the ground floor is possessed by William Murray, the first floor by Lady Mary Campbell, the second floor by Mrs. Gascoigne and the uppermost, fore part on the north, by Miss Grierson. See unextracted petition dated 6 March 1766 (Pool).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the tenement.

Size: 23.3 x 20.5 cms.

BOX: 1766/79

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 September 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 16 September 1766.

PETITIONER: David Scott, late glover, Charles Thomson, merchant and others.

SITE: North Bridge, east side.

PROPOSAL: To support the gable of a timber tenement.

NOTES: The tenement had been declared unsafe by William Mylne, architect for the Bridge. See warrant granted 3 September 1766 (Mylne).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/80

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 September 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 16 September 1766.

PETITIONER: Robert Cumming, ship master in Leith and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Fishmarket Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Charles Robertson, residenter, James Roy and Robert Winter, who are building a timber shop without a warrant. The work was stopped.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/81

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 September 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 17 April 1766.

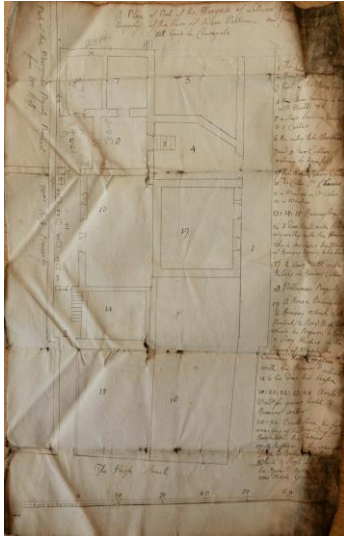
PETITIONER: James Ramsay, mason.

SITE: Canongate, Between Chancellor's or Deans Close and Ramsay's Close.

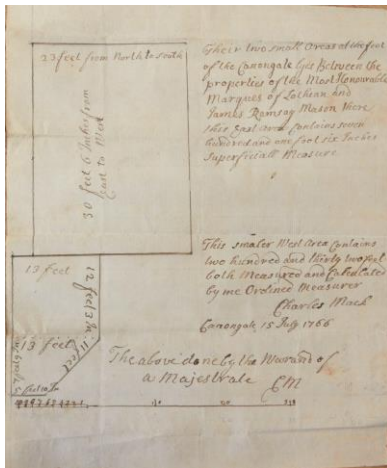
PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against the Marquis of Lothian or tradesmen employed by him, who have begun to demolish a dyke and a cellar belonging to the petitioner. The petitioner states that he is proprietor of '...all and whole that back land of the easter tenement of the Chapel of the Virgin Mary lying at the end of the church of the monastery of the holy cross of old possessed by John Eiston, vicar of the said monastery, lying near the foot of the Canongate on the south side thereof...' It appears that he possessed the area in dispute since 1757 as a lime yard and cellar. He believed he had purchased the area from the Incorporation of Baxters (Bakers) of Canongate by a disposition dated 17 November 1757. There is a report here dated 17 July 1755 by James Smith, James Ramsay, John Aitken and James Aitken on a remit from the Baillies of the Canongate acting on a petition to them by James Reoch, Procurator Fiscal of the Canongate regarding an old ruinous tenement lying on the east side of Chancellors Close, near the bottom of the Canongate. They recommended that it was a public nuisance and would benefit the community if sold or rebuilt. There is also a disclaimer by two of the oldest members of the Incorporation of Baxters, viz. Thomas Beatson and William Barroman, baxters, to effect that the Incorporation never claimed any right to the waste area or sold it to the petitioner. The area claimed by the petitioner and disputed is numbered 9 and 10 on the plan at a. The matter went to proofs for Ramsay: Robert Manners, journeyman baker aged 40; George Scot, baxter aged 62 or thereby, Cecil Alexander, relict of William Hamilton, residenter aged 64; James Smith, slater in Canongate aged 50, married; Helen Johnston, spouse to James Morrison, journeyman mason in Edinburgh, aged 30 and Agnes Kinloch, relict of Adam Vallance, barber in Canongate aged 50 and upwards. Proofs for the defender from: Margaret Shaw, spouse to Alex Miller, glazier in Canongate aged 40 and upwards; James Reoch, writer in Edinburgh, aged 62, widower; Thomas Beatson, baxter aged 46, married; William Barrowman, baxter aged 50, married; Charles Rhind, gardener in Canongate aged 55, married; Robert Taylor, baxter aged 40. Ramsay found further evidence that the area had been leased by the Incorporation to Thomas Stewart, vintner as a wine cellar between 1709 and 1715 for £126 Scots pa. but the Court found in favour of the defender and that he owned the area in question.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Plan of the area.
 Size: 43.4 x 28.0 cms.
 Watermark: C & I Honig



Description: b. Measured plan of an area.
 Size: 22.3 x 18.3 cms.
 Inscriptions, recto: Signed Charles Mack, Canongate, 15 July 1766.
 Draughtsman: Charles Mack (mason).

BOX: 1766/82

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 September 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 27 August 1766.

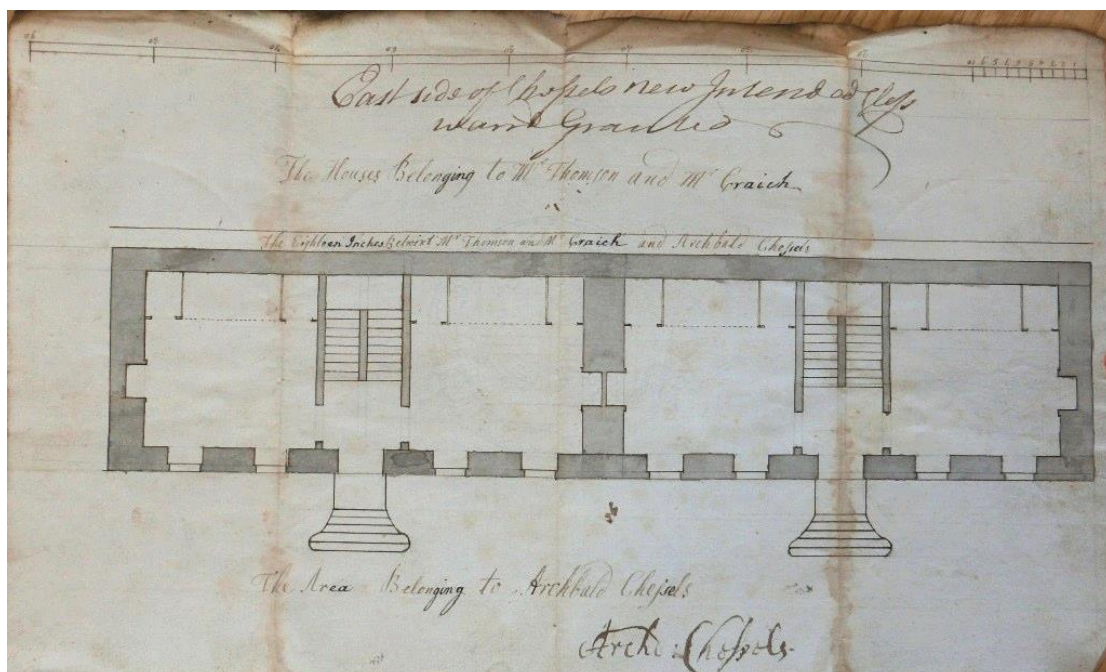
PETITIONER: Archibald Chessels, wright in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, south side, without the Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: To build tenements on the east side of a new Close.

NOTES: There was a dispute about the area and the petitioner cites a Sasine for James Aitchison dated 4 January 1723 where an old tenement is described as 'waste and burth by the English'. Other titles are cited. The petition refers to two elevations or plans and a section but only one drawing survives here. The petitioner undertook a lot of work in the period 1764-6 and many of the petitions had become confused and left in the box for 1764. Other drawings may have become attached to other petitions by Chessels.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: Plan of the ground floor of two tenements.

Size: 18.8 x 31.0 cms.

BOX: 1766/83

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 October 1766.

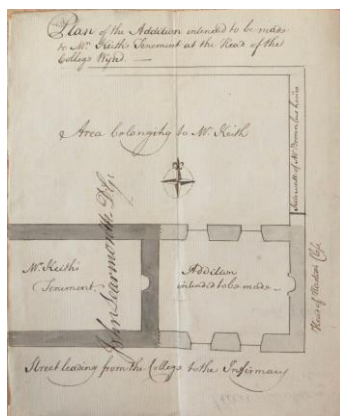
PETITION LODGED: 26 August 1766.

PETITIONER: Alexander Keith of Ravelston.

SITE: South College Street, head of Hasties Close.

PROPOSAL: To build an addition.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan.

Size: 18.6 x 15.0 cms (folded).

BOX: 1766/84

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 October 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 15 October 1766.

PETITIONER: William Burn, merchant.

SITE: Libbertons Wynd, west side, Duncan's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint.

NOTES: The complaint is against Misses Stewart and Penman who have put up a 'white iron machine' on their vent or chimney. It was ordered to be removed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/85

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 October 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 13 November 1765.

PETITIONER: The Royal Bank of Scotland.

SITE: High Street, Andersons land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Wilson, WS who has knocked a hole through a gable for a window overlooking the bank. There is a copy here of an obligation by William Adam, architect dated 18 February 1745 regarding Anderson's land which is described as built by the deceased Agnes Campbell, relict of Andrew Anderson, His Majesties Printer, '...which lies ... upon the south side of the High Street and is bounded by the Fishmarket Close on the east, the Fish market on the south, the ruinous tenements called the Kirkheugh and the tenement and area sometime belonging to Paterson of Caverhill on the west, and the tenement of land sometime belonging to Cant of Hurstone thereafter to William Hamilton of Little Earnock and the area and Close called the back of the Fishmarket Close on the north...'. Robert Dundas of Arniston had sold to William Adam the tenement sometime belonging to Cant of Hurstone, adjoining Anderson's land which he was to demolish and rebuild. In answers for the Bank they refer to a previous disagreement with the owners of Anderson's land in the Dean of Guild Court and the Court of Session. See warrant granted 5 August 1752 (Royal Bank of Scotland).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/86

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 November 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 7 October 1764.

PETITIONER: William Galloway, merchant, treasurer of the Merchant Company of Edinburgh.

SITE: Cowgate, south side, the Excise Office, with a garden on the south.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Dr. Adam Austin, physician who has knocked down a part of the garden dyke. The matter went to the Court of Session in a Bill of Advocation, a copy of which is here. The Dean of Guild on 20 February 1765 found that the property belonged to the Merchant Company, against which he unsuccessfully appealed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/87

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 November 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 8 August 1766.

PETITIONER: William Charles Little of Libberton, advocate.

SITE: High Street, south side, end and south parts of Clement Little Close

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William McConnochie, wright who has erected a stone stair and a structure that make use of his gable, without a warrant.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/88

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 December 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 5 November 1766.

PETITIONER: Helen Scoular and her spouse, Robert Hunter of Southfield.

SITE: Pleasance.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The old tenement and area lie 'on the south and east of our large tenement at the front of the Pleasance'.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of a four story tenement with a plan of the ground floor.
Size: 44.4 x 36.3 cms.

BOX: 1766/89

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 December 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 26 November 1766.

PETITIONER: Alexander Crichton, coach wright in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, adjoining a work house in the coach yard.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a dangerous tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mrs. May Drummond and John Bell, WS. Refers to the roof and a chimney vent made of timber and clay.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/90

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 December 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 11 November 1766.

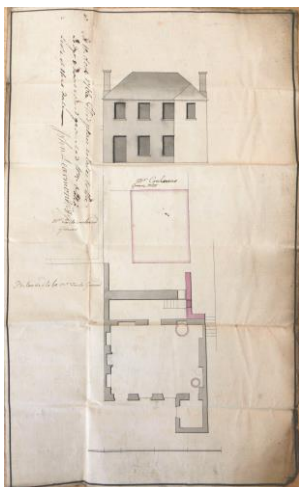
PETITIONER: Elias Scott and William Scott, plumbers.

SITE: High Street, north side, foot of Craigs or cants Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a workhouse.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased an area from Thomas Herriot, wright and it lies east of a new building erected by him. A warrant to build was granted on 3 December but James Tait, wright objected but was overruled.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.
Size: 46.0 x 27.9 cms.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1766/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 March 1766 (no warrant, case continued).

PETITION LODGED: 18 March 1766.

PETITIONER: Sir John Stewart of Allanbank and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Cowgate head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about noise.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Stirling, stocking maker who has erected looms for making stockings in the flat below the petitioner's lodging. The defended stated that he would be leaving the house at Whitsunday.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/2*

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 March 1766 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 19 March 1766.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Hamilton, relict of the deceased Dr. Archibald Hamilton, physician.

SITE: Bells Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Ramsay, slater and the managers of the Assembly Hall who are engaged in work on the old tenement opposite.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/3*

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 March 1766 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 19 March 1766.

PETITIONER: John Bonnar, painter.

SITE: Canongate head.

PROPOSAL: To close up a window.

NOTES: This is a complaint against Robert Gibb, coachmaker who is objecting but does not appear in Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1765/4*

WARRANT GRANTED: March 1766 (no warrant, no action noted).

PETITION LODGED: 28 February 1766

PETITIONER: George Wilson, mason in Canongate.

SITE: High Street, Writer's Court.

PROPOSAL: Seeking payment for work carried out.

NOTES: The petitioner seeks payment for re harling the tenement from two of the heritors, Mrs. McVicar and Miss Arbuthnot. There are accounts here and in that for Mrs. McVicar he notes '... @ 4d per yard because it had been harled some years ago and not very hungrie is all half price...' This account also refers to Alexander hays for wright work, Charles Bruce, for glazing and Alexander Adam for slater work. There is a full copy here of the warrant granted 7 July 1765 (Heritors).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/5*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 May 1766 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 21 May 1766.

PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Potterrow, the street that leads to Bristol (Bristo) Port.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about undermining the City wall.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Campbell, wright.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/6*

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 May 1766 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 19 May 1766.
PETITIONER: Robert Gray, the Procurator Fiscal.
SITE: Boyds Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.
NOTES: The complaint is against James Boyd, stabler and Charles Mack mason.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/7*
WARRANT GRANTED: 28 May 1766 (no warrant, work stopped).
PETITION LODGED: 28 May 1766.
PETITIONER: Robert Gibb, coachmaker.
SITE: St. Mary's Wynd.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about work without a warrant.
NOTES: The complaint is against Alexander Learmonth, tanner who has begun building on a dyke belonging to the petitioner.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/8*
WARRANT GRANTED: 15 July 1766 (no warrant).
PETITION LODGED: 15 July 1766.
PETITIONER: Thomas Hill, tanner in Portsburgh.
SITE: Galloways Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a rented house.
NOTES: There is no action noted here and papers may be missing. The complaint is against Miss Kennedy, milliner.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/9*
WARRANT GRANTED: 6 August 1766 (no warrant, appointed a visit).
PETITION LODGED: 5 August 1766.
PETITIONER: John Murray, merchant.
SITE: High Street, Covenant Close.
PROPOSAL: To take down part of his roof and rebuild.
NOTES: The petitioner owns the two uppermost floors of Hamilton's land and his roof has been damaged during the demolition and rebuilding of the north gable. The petition is countersigned by (Thomas) Dunsmure, William Vair and Archibald Sheills as neighbouring proprietors.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/10*
WARRANT GRANTED: 13 August 1766 (no warrant, appointed a visit).
PETITION LODGED: 9 August 1766.
PETITIONER: The Marquis of Lothian.
SITE: Canongate, Chancellor's Close.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about a dangerous chimney.
NOTES: The complaint is against James Ramsay, slater
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/11*
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 September 1766 (no warrant, arranged a visit).
PETITION LODGED: 3 September 1766.
PETITIONER: William Mylne, architect.
SITE: North Bridge, east side, head of Cap and Feather Close, east side.
PROPOSAL: To advise on a dangerous tenement.
NOTES: The petitioner is demolishing tenements at the head of the Close to build the new Bridge and one of these, a timber tenement, has become dangerous. This was aggravated by heavy rain which washed away an arch to the west. See petition of 16 September (Scott) where the tenement was supported.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/12*

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 September 1766 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 26 September 1766.

PETITIONER: Alexander Donaldson, bookseller and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Hay who occupies the shop below the petitioner's and has opened a vent in his shop that had previously been condemned by the Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/13*

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 October 1766 (no warrant, estimate requested).

PETITION LODGED: 18 August 1766.

PETITIONER: John Gordon, advocate, Andrew Stewart, WS, Samuel Mitchelson, WS and Alexander Smith, baxter.

SITE: High Street, Riddles land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the roof.

NOTES: The complaint is about the roof over James Riddell's property and he refuses to repair it. Riddell answers that he has already employed tradesmen and the roof over the other proprietors is not his business.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/14*

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 October 1766 (no warrant).

PETITION LODGED: 15 October 1766.

PETITIONER: William Barrownan, baxter in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, head of New Street.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage.

NOTES: The complaint is against Dr. Thomas Young who has demolished part of his property leaving the petitioner's house exposed to the elements on the east. See warrant granted 16 April 1766 (Young).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/15*

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 October 1766.

PETITION LODGED: 22 October 1766.

PETITIONER: William Mein, merchant.

SITE: Canongate, Shoemaker's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to property.

NOTES: The complaint is against the Miss Maitlands, proprietors of the tenement on the west who are raising their property by two floors. This has damaged the petitioner's property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/16*

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 December 1766 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 28 November 1766.

PETITIONER: Alexander Learmonth, merchant (tanner).

SITE: St. Mary's Wynd (?).

PROPOSAL: To erect a gate at his tan yard.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/17*

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 December 1766 no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 24 December 1766.

PETITIONER: Alexander Burns, glover and skinner.

SITE: North Loch, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Elias and William Scott, plumbers, who are encroaching on the petitioner's property while building.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1766/18*

WARRANT GRANTED: No date (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED:

PETITIONER: Dr. Alexander Monro junior.

SITE: Lady Nicholson's Park, north west corner, adjoining the Kirk.

PROPOSAL: To build.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

Also in this box: Accounts, charge and discharge for Gilbert Laurie, Patrick Lyndsay and John Nisbet, during their tenure as Dean of Guild between 1760 and 1766. This material relates mainly to their duties in issuing Burgess certificates with the charges levied.

1767

The Court Officers from 8 October 1766:

Dean of Guild

John Learmonth

Council

John Nisbet, Old Dean of Guild

James Robertson, merchant

Thomas Hepburn, merchant

John Young, wright

Alexander Dickieson, glazier

William Miln, mason

Clerk of the Court, Thomas Alves or his clerk, John Patison

Dean of Guild Officer, John English

BOX: 1767/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 January 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 8 December 1766.

PETITIONER: Robert Dundas, merchant, William Ayton, WS and William Dick, writer.

SITE: New Parliament Stairs, lading from the Parliament Close to the Cowgate.

PROPOSAL: To open a vent or fireplace.

NOTES: The sequence is difficult to follow – it may be that the work was begun without a warrant. Robert Dundas, complained to the Court that the work injured his property. The Court ordered the vent to be built up and fined the petitioner £20 Scots.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 January 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 3 October 1766.

PETITIONER: George Logan, merchant in Canongate.

SITE: Leith Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To carry out repairs to an old tenement.

NOTES: David Anderson, WS as trustee for the deceased Thomas Robertson, writer and Thomas Walker, his factor, owners of the property, petitioned the Court on 6 October stating that he had asked William Good, wright to make repairs and support parts of the tenement until Mr. Robertson's heirs come of age. The Court appointed a jury (listed here) and they decided the tenement was dangerous and should be demolished. The Court ordered demolition on 15 October 1766. David Anderson sought a Bill of Advocation in the Court of Session (copy here) but this was refused and directed back to the Dean of Guild who ordered their decision to be carried out.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 February 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 27 January 1767.

PETITIONER: Patrick Cockburne of Clerkington.

SITE: South Leith, Tinker's Close, north side.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

NOTES: The property previously belonged to William Lawrie, carter in Leith.

DRAWINGS: mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1767/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 February 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 19 August 1766.

PETITIONER: Andrew Stevenson, Deputy Receiver of HM Customs for himself and Alexander Stevenson, his brother, his two sisters, Mrs. Aitken, widow of the deceased William Aitken, Minister of the Gospel at Leith and John Chalmer, writer.

SITE: Near Heriot's Hospital.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The property is described as lying between the roads leading from the Grassmarket to Heriot's Work on the west and the Greyfriar's Churchyard on the east. There are estimates here from Patrick Jamieson, mason, Alexander Adam, slater, James Ranken, wright, Robert Dewar, glazier. There is a detailed note of the owners. See accounts for the work below, warrant granted 13 May 1767 (Jamieson).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 February 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 5 November 1766.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Liddel; Helen Chalmers, spouse of John Liddel, shipmaster in Leith.

SITE: North Leith, Broad Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: The property previously belonged to Margaret and Jean Laing, daughters of the deceased Edward Laing, ship master in Leith.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 February 1767.

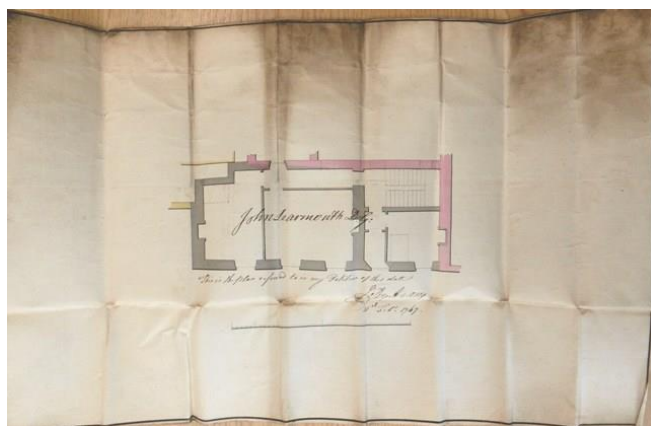
PETITION LODGED: 11 February 1767.

PETITIONER: John Adam, architect.

SITE: Hasties Close, east side.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan

Size: 28.0 x 44.5 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Signed John Adam, 11 Feby 1767.

Watermark: IV

BOX: 1767/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 March 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 25 February 1767.

PETITIONER: James Wood, merchant.

SITE: Cowgate, Laverock's land, nearly opposite the back stairs.

PROPOSAL: Alteration to the stair.

NOTES: The stair is made of timber and is dark and narrow. The petitioner intends to build a stone stair with windows.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 March 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 20 February 1767.

PETITIONER: James Riddel of Caister.

SITE: South Leith, Lees Quarter.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild ruinous houses and cognose accounts as a debt.

NOTES: There are two petitions here and a list of jury members. The jury found that the property was valued at £230 Stg. The petitioner's tenement is occupied by James Thomson, insurance broker, James Morison, merchant in Leith, James Lee, tailor and others. He owns the property on a Decree of Adjudication he obtained against Dr. George Riddel of Yorktown, Virginia dated 7, recorded 27 December 1763.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1767/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 March 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 24 February 1767.

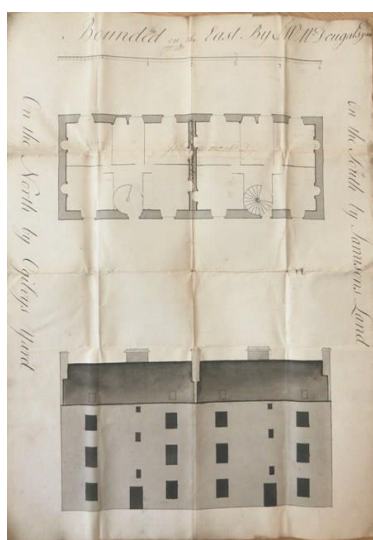
PETITIONER: George Douglas, mathematician, Ann Bartleman, his spouse and Nancy Bartleman, daughter of the deceased Robert Bartleman, mason in Leith.

SITE: Leith Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To build two tenements on a yard.

NOTES: The petition is signed by George Douglas and Ann and Agnes Bartleman.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 50.0 x 35.6 cms.

BOX: 1767/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 March 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 25 March 1767.

PETITIONER: Chambre Lewis, Collector of Customs at Leith, John Giles, brewer and Hugh Morton, wright, both in Leith.

SITE: The Customs house dyke.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a dyke.

NOTES: The dyke forms the boundary with John Giles' property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 March 1767.

PETITION LODGED:

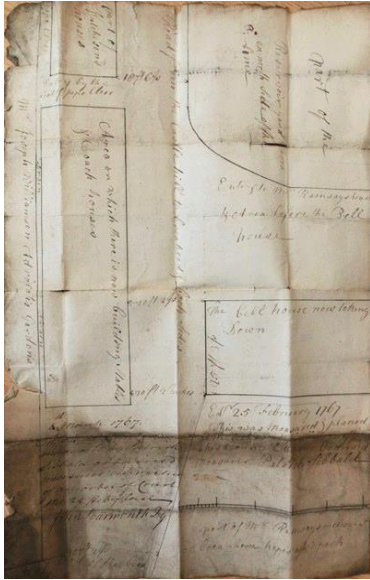
PETITIONER: (Alan) Ramsay.

SITE: Castle Hill, Ramsay lane, near the reservoir.

PROPOSAL: To build stables and demolish the Bell house.

NOTES: The petition and all supporting papers are missing. The information here is taken from the surviving drawing.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.

Size: 39.0 x 24.8 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: 25 February 1767. This was measured and planned at the order of the Honble. Dean of Guild & his council by me, ordained measurer, Patrick Sibbald. Countersigned by the Dean of Guild.

BOX: 1767/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 April 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 18 March 1767.

PETITIONER: Archibald Campbell, brewer.

SITE: Cowgate.

PROPOSAL: To build a kiln.

NOTES: The property is contiguous to Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto's house

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 April 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 25 March 1767.

PETITIONER: George Muckle, brewer in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Yardheads, near Tinker's Close.

PROPOSAL: To enclose his property.

NOTES: The property had been acquired from Patrick Cockburn of Clerkington and John Sommervell, gunsmith in Canongate. It lies between the south end of Stephen Jolly's tenement in Tinkers Close and the street at the Yard Heads of Leith.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 April 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 19 November 1766.

PETITIONER: The Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh.

SITE: Cowgate, foot of Fountain Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a new Physician's Hall and library.

NOTES: The property is a garden entered by Fountain Close and from the Cowgate, between the existing Hall and the Cold Bath house. There was a dispute with the owners of Elphinstone's land regarding the exact boundary of the garden and Robert Murdoch, who had been gardener to the Royal College from 1741 until 1758, was called to give an account of the foundations of a stone wall that divided the upper and lower garden and which he had found in the course of his work. There are numerous summaries here of the early writs for the properties.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 April 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 7 April 1767.

PETITIONER: David McLaren, mason in Leith.

SITE: South Leith, at the back of the Sailor's Hospital.

PROPOSAL: To build two houses.

NOTES: The property is an area purchased from David Loch, merchant in Leith that had been used as a tylework by John Adam, architect. The petitioner had begun work without a warrant. In a note attached to the plan it states that the property lies 'opposite to ye church of Leith'.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. measured plan of the area.

Size: 35.5 x 28.5 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Signed by Archibald Turnbull (measurer) in an attached note.

BOX: 1767/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 April 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 18 March 1767.

PETITIONER: Dr. Thomas Young, physician.

SITE: Canongate, New Street.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Barrowman who has erected a stair on the petitioner's property. The matter had been under discussion for some time with the involvement of John Adam, architect, George Stevenson, wright, Alan Ogil, wright in Canongate and James Brown, wright in Edinburgh.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 April 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 25 March 1767.

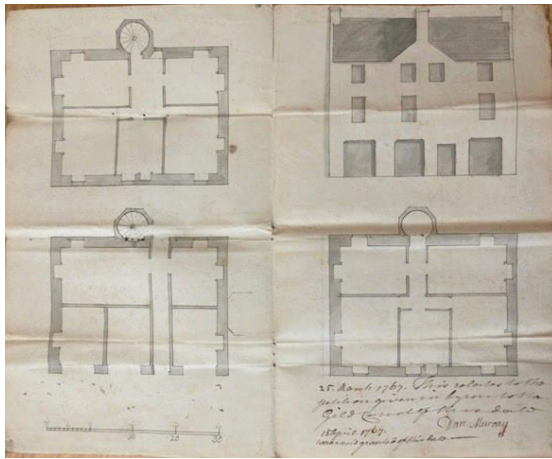
PETITIONER: Daniel Murray, merchant.

SITE: Canongate, north back.

PROPOSAL: To build a house.

NOTES: The petitioner had purchased an area from Henry Miln, hammerman or smith.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of three floors.
Size: 31.8 x 39.0 cms.

BOX: 1767/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 April 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 27 March 1767.

PETITIONER: Captain James Campbell, late cornet in General Bland's Dragoons, now merchant in Leith.

SITE: North Leith, near the Toll Bar, the Close leading to the Citadel Port.

PROPOSAL: To build a jamb to communicate with his houses.

NOTES: This petition arose from a complaint by Francis Thomson, wright in North Leith and Marjory Cormack, relict of Claud Thomson, sailor in Leith dated 10 April 1767. They complained that the petitioner and John Paterson, weaver in North Leith had some time previously built a house across a vennel that gave access to the Citadel and their garden. The complaint was dismissed and a warrant was granted to the petitioner.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 May 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 22 April 1767.

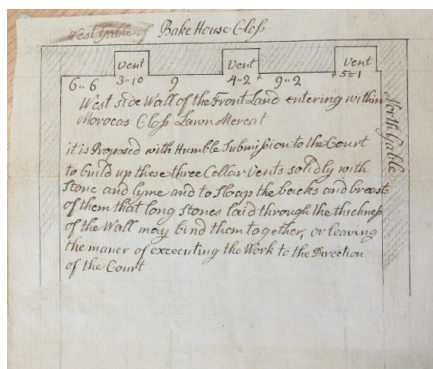
PETITIONER: John Mylne, Convener of Trades of Edinburgh, James Beveridge, merchant, James Stevenson, advocate, Janet Nairn, indweller and James Paterson, tailor.

SITE: Head of Morocco's Close, west side, adjoining Bakehouse Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a bulged wall.

NOTES: A jury, listed here, decided that the wall could not be repaired but should be taken down and rebuilt.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the wall with suggested repairs.
Size: 13.3 x 15.7 cms.

BOX: 1767/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 May 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 21 April 1767.

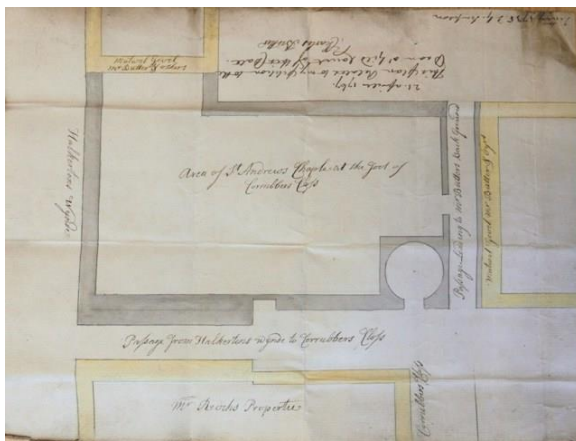
PETITIONER: Charles Butter, wright.

SITE: High Street, Carrubbers Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner is proprietor of St. Andrews meeting house or chapel, at the foot of Carrubber's Close, which he proposes to take down and rebuild. The petitioner refers to a previous warrant to build, granted, according to an inscription on the plans below at a. 'January 1735 D. G. Simpson'. Objections were lodged by Andrew Alison, merchant, Thomas Tod WS and William Reoch, wright in which they claim to have a right of servitude, restricting the height of the meeting house. In answers to these objections the petitioner states that 'As to the respondents building the meeting house, it was only a temporary step which occurred after the act and warrant, in order to accommodate Madam Violante the rope dancer, but at the time Mr. Butter got his act and warrant, his intention was to have built to the full statutory height...' The objection was dismissed.

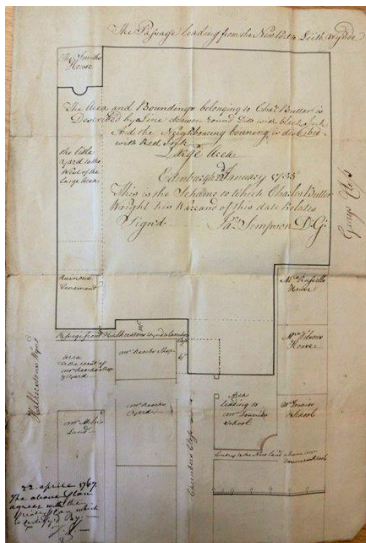
DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Plan of the intended tenement.

Size: 23.2 x 31.3 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: 'January 1735 DG Simpson'.



Description: b. Plan of the area between Halkerston's Close and Grays Close, annotated with the names of proprietors.

Size: 35.2 x 23.7 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: 'Edinburgh 22 January 1735. This is the scheme (scheme) to which Charles Butter, wright his warrant of this date relates. Signed Ja. Simpson D:G'.

Also, 22 April 1767. The above plan agrees with the printed plan which is certify'd by (J.S?).

BOX: 1767/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 May 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 4 November 1766.

PETITIONER: John Young, wright.

SITE: Calton.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about payment for work.

NOTES: The complaint is against Deacon Alexander Farquhar, skinner who has not paid his proportion of the expence of taking down chimneys and other repairs to a tenement of 6 houses undertaken in December 1763.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 May 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 15 April 1767.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason.

SITE: Between the road leading to Heriot's Hospital and Greyfriar's Churchyard.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs to a tenement.

NOTES: The repairs were carried out according to a warrant granted 4 February 1767 (Stevenson). There are accounts here from the petitioner, Robert Dewar, glazier, James Ranken, wright, Alexander Adam, slater and a measure of the work by Patrick Sibbald.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 May 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 28 April 1767.

PETITIONER: John Callendar of Craigforth.

SITE: Canongate, north side, opposite Queensberry house.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for building a 4 story house and declaring the petitioner a creditor.

NOTES: The area had been purchased from Gilbert Duncan, mason and the new tenement lies immediately north of one built by him. The account includes items of interest: 'Modillion cornice in lady Craigforth's room with roses between the modillions and enriched bead at 3s, £13 7s; mahogany border in hearths and Elbowbands @ 1/3, £1 8s 4d; Corinthian cornice in drawing room fully enriched with addition of cima recta also enriched @4/6, £37 5s 10d; Plaster cornices in the stair wt. scalloped modillions an enriched bead & open dentils £12 13s 6d; hanging stair being plank and deal cover and deafening... £23 4s 4d; mahogany hand rail £20 6s 8d; 128 Turned ballasters of Firr at 10d each, £5 6s 8d; 1 turned pillar of ditto £2s; ... To making a coom for the Venetian window, 7s (possibly in the stable); ... To 29374 feet of Mr. Callendar's fir and 5642 feet of his Poplar used in the dwelling house and offices...' The total cost is £1489 0s 7d Stg. Duncan Drummond was the wright.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 June 1767.

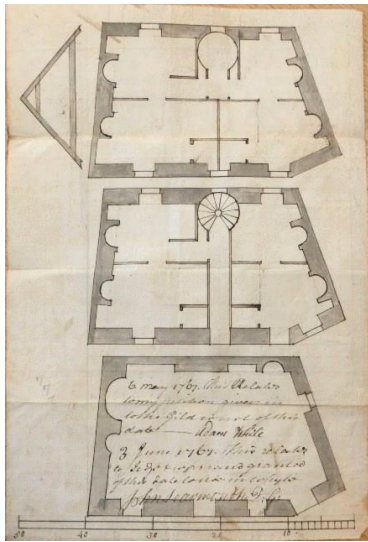
PETITION LODGED: 6 May 1767.

PETITIONER: Adam White, couper in Leith.

SITE: South Leith, at the foot of Rottenrow.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild an old house.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of three floors and section of the roof.
Size: 27.2 x 18.4 cms.

BOX: 1767/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 June 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 3 June 1767.

PETITIONER: Robert Young, upholsterer.

SITE: Potterrow.

PROPOSAL: To build an additional floor.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 June 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 6 May 1767.

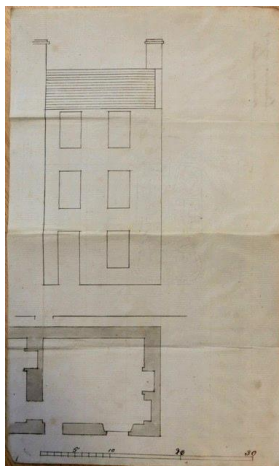
PETITIONER: William Pirnie, mason.

SITE: Libberton's Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement and build on an area.

NOTES: The warrant was granted for the repairs but as the petitioner did not insist on having a warrant to build, the Court delayed giving a judgement on that point. In answers for Isobel and Ann Watson and others they make a spirited attack on Mr. Pirnie's scheme and claim not to know anyone called Pirnie who has the right to call himself a 'mason of Edinburgh'. They mention that none of the members of the Lace Manufactory, all of whom have houses adjacent to the petitioner's tenement, were summoned.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.
Size: 28.4 x 16.8 cms.

BOX: 1767/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 July 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 30 June 1767.

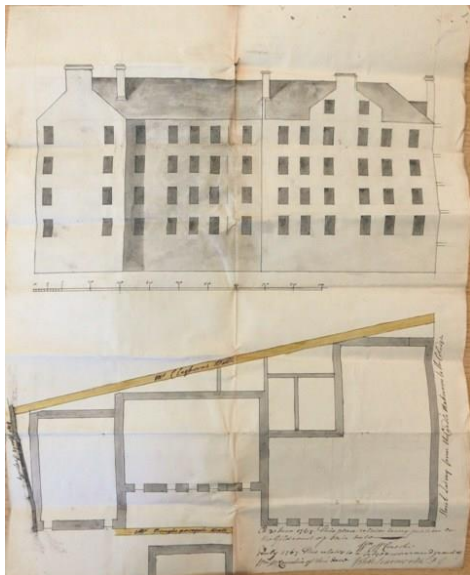
PETITIONER: William McConochie, wright.

SITE: Society, near Bristo Port.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner has acquired right to the area on the west of the house belonging to John Pringle WS. He states that James Ramsay, mason and William Sinclair, wright had already obtained permission to build on the site.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 51.0 x 41.0 cms.

Watermark: J Whatman.

BOX: 1767/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 July 1767.

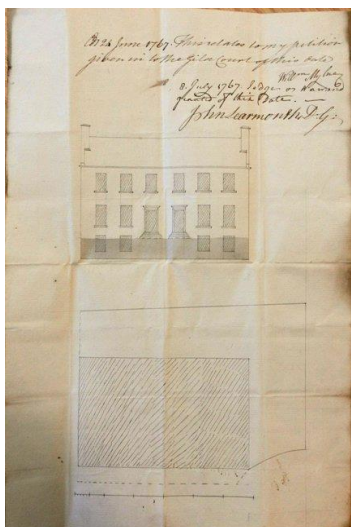
PETITION LODGED: 24 June 1767.

PETITIONER: William Mylne, architect.

SITE: High School Yards, near the Surgeon's Hall.

PROPOSAL: To build two houses.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation and outline plan of the area.

Size: 32.4 x 21.3 cms.

Watermark: C & Honig

BOX: 1767/ 29

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 July 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 22 June 1767.

PETITIONER: Alexander Newlands senior, merchant.

SITE: Halkerstons Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment on his light.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mr. Mill (William Mylne) the undertaker for the new bridge over the North Loch. He has filled up the area to the west of the petitioner's property with so much earth and rubbish that his tenement is almost uninhabitable. He wrote to the Lord Provost who agreed that he could build two vaults beside his property and the Court granted him a warrant for this work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/30

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 July 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 1 July 1767.

PETITIONER: James McDowall, manufacturer in Pauls Work.

SITE: Pauls Work.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild and repair a tenement damaged by a recent fire.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 July 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 29 July 1767.

PETITIONER: Paul Sharp, stabler.

SITE: Pleasance.

PROPOSAL: To build a stable and hayloft.

NOTES: The proposed stable will be to the south west or corner of his yard.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 July 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 22 July 1767.

PETITIONER: Archibald Campbell, brewer.

SITE: Cowgate, Powers Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a hay and lumber barn

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 July 1767.

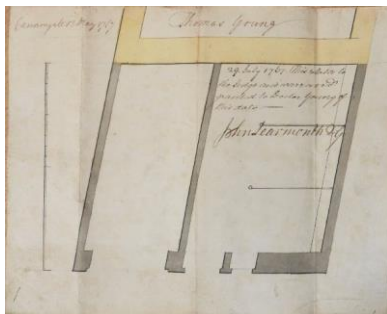
PETITION LODGED: 13 May 1767.

PETITIONER: Dr. Thomas Young, physician.

SITE: Canongate, north back.

PROPOSAL: To build a coach house and stable.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan.

Size: 19.2 x 23.6 cms.

BOX: 1767/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 August 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 8 July 1767.

PETITIONER: Alexander Walls, porter at the Customs House in Leith and Margaret Walls, his spouse.

SITE: North Leith.

PROPOSAL: To build a small house of one story.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 August 1767.

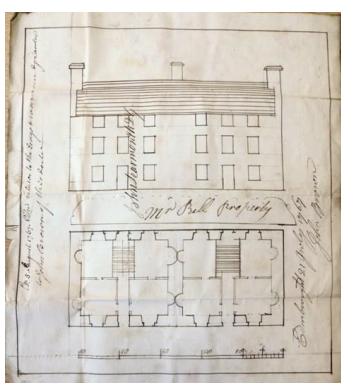
PETITION LODGED: 21 July 1767.

PETITIONER: John Brown, wright in Leith.

SITE: South Leith, Well Close.

PROPOSAL: To build two houses.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 28.0 x 24.6 cms.

BOX: 1767/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 August 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 22 July 1767.

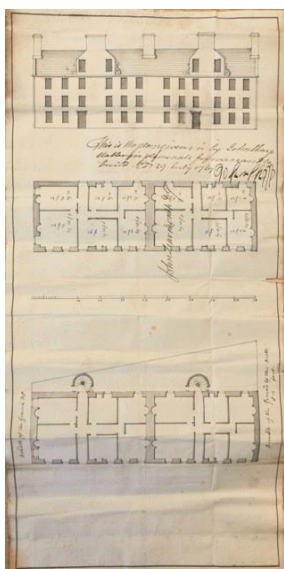
PETITIONER: John Sharp, stabler.

SITE: Pleasance, west side.

PROPOSAL: To build a terrace of houses.

NOTES: The area lies nearly opposite to the petitioner's house.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of two floors.

Size: 46.5 x 22.3 cms.

BOX: 1767/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 12 August 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 24 June 1767.

PETITIONER: James Thomson, accountant in the Excise Office.

SITE: Netherbow Port, Hays land.

PROPOSAL: To repair the two upper floors.

NOTES: There is an estimate here for the work by John Young (wright).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 August 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 8 August 1767.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal, Robert Gray.

SITE: Cowgate, foot of Grays Close, the Mint.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a bulging wall.

NOTES: The complaint is against officers of State, Master of the Mint and others. A jury was appointed and their report, suggesting the gable should be taken down, is here. The Clerk of the Court's summons lists The Lord President of Council and Session, Robert Ord, Lord Chief Baron, Lord Justice Clerk and Lord Advocate, His Majesties Ministers of State for Scotland, The Hon. Lord Strichan, General James Hay, warden, James Garth[] Counter warden, Robert Gordon, assay master, Thomas Simpson, engraver, Lachlan Grant, Clerk and William Richardson, smith to the Mint.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 September 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 18 August 1767.

PETITIONER: Thomas Herriot, wright.

SITE: High Street, foot of Allans Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for building a tenement of two houses.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted 20 July 1765 to build the tenement and place a railing around its garden. There is a measure of the work here by Patrick Sibbald. The work included: 'Of stanchell railing on the parapets at 4/6 per yd, £5 6s 10, Of ditto Chinese railing at 5/6 per yd, £4 5s 3d, Of Chinese gateway & leaves at 5/6, £3 11s 6d. '4 marble chimneys at 4s, £16.0.0', of inriched chimneys & door lintells at 1s 5d per ft, £1 7s 4d, of leaves on architraves at 5d per ft, £2 9s 2d, Of laceing on ditto at 3d per ft, £1 8s, of beads on ditto at 2d per ft, 17s 11d, Of egg and shell ovolo at 6d per ft, 5s 10d.... of Gothic sashes door heads at 3s per ft, £1 4s.... painting 38 windows and 50 yards of Chinese railing painted at 8s, £1 13s 4d'. The total account was £1470 11s 11d.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 September 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 4 August 1767.

PETITIONER: John Douglas, advocate and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, Writer's Court, back tenement.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a neighbour.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Miller, limner who owns the garret (without a fire) above the petitioner's drawing room. This had been sublet for 20s Stg. to James Home, a weaver as a place to sleep but he has knocked a window in the west wall and another 'as large as a door' in the platform roof and erected three great looms which he constantly employs in working with 'a parcel of journeymen weavers'. The petitioner had purchased the property in Spring 1766. On 12 August the Court ordered the defender to furnish bases or carpets for the looms and continue working until Whitsunday next when he should leave the premises. The petitioner appealed to the Court of Session, offering to pay rent due to William Miller, agreed 2 September.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 September 1767,

PETITION LODGED: 22 April 1767.

PETITIONER: James Hay of Cocklan WS, James Ramsay, collector of Cess, Janet Dick, widow of John Dick, late mason and others, proprietors.

SITE: Fishmarket Close, between it and Borthwicks Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a sewer.

NOTES: The complaint is against the Royal Bank who have a covered sewer that runs into the open one in Fishmarket Close and causes a stagnant puddle to form there.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/42

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 October 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 16 September 1767.

PETITIONER: John Megget, brewer in Westport.

SITE: Portsburgh, east side, a little to the west of the well.

PROPOSAL: To build several small houses.

NOTES: The area to be built on had been purchased from Mrs. Rainnie at Bonnington.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/43

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 October 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 30 July 1766.

PETITIONER: James and Andrew Haliburton, writers to the Signet.

SITE: Luckenbooths, north side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the removal of a shade.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Scott, merchant who has taken down a shade used to keep the rain water out of a laigh shop. This was a protracted argument and the warrant has been crossed through, making the final judgement unclear.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/44

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 October 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 21 October 1767.

PETITIONER: Adam Austin, physician.

SITE: Candlemaker Row.

PROPOSAL: To strike out a door in a stable and hayloft.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 November 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 3 November 1767.

PETITIONER: Edward Inglis, druggist.

SITE: Lawnmarket, north side, Edgar's land, fourth floor.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about ingress of water from above.

NOTES: The complaint is against Thomas Fogo, merchant and James Beveridge, writer and their tenant, William Cuthbertson, wigmaker.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 November 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 3 November 1767.

PETITIONER: George Home, baxter.

SITE: Peebles Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a stair.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Milne, merchant who owns the flat above.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 25 November 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 17 November 1767.

PETITIONER: Patrick Jamieson, mason.

SITE: High Street, south side.

PROPOSAL: Cognose accounts for laying paving.

NOTES: The petitioner on a warrant from the Court laid a pavement and erected a railing on the High Street from the west of the City guard to the Netherbow port. This petition is against James Lisk, merchant who has not paid his proportion of the expence, i.e. pavement gutter stones, bottled steps of a stair and repairs to his shop and house, lying above the Netherbow. There is an account here for £5 13s 11d for work carried out in August 1759. The paving was laid 'within the pillars before your door'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 December 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 19 November 1767.

PETITIONER: James Smelie, merchant.

SITE: (High Street?).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a pile of dung.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a previous complaint 'about three years ago' made against Robert Fleeming senior and junior, printers about an office he had built and a great pile of dung laid behind the petitioner's property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 2 December 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 17 November 1767.

PETITIONER: Joseph Robertson, surgeon apothecary.

SITE: Morrison's Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about rain water running off an outshot.

NOTES: The outshot is on a tenement on the east side of the Close belonging to the heirs of George Norrie, painter; Colin Beveridge, writer is the factor for the heirs.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 December 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 2 December 1767.

PETITIONER: James Thomson, accountant in the Excise office.

SITE: Netherbow.

PROPOSAL: To cognose expences of repairs.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a warrant granted for repairs to the two upper floors of Hays land. There are accounts and measures of the work here from John Young, wright, James Syme, slater and Alexander Dickison, glazier (mainly for repairs to windows broken in neighbouring properties), totalling £73 3s 4d.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1767/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 December 1767.

PETITION LODGED: 4 October 1767.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Yorston; Margaret Watt, relict of (blank) Yorston, brewer in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate foot.

PROPOSAL: Roof repairs.

NOTES: Repairs to a brewery and dwelling house on which the petitioner holds a tack from the deceased Adam Thomson, brewer. The damage was cause by recent severe weather. The property is under sequestration and sale. There are accounts here from Archibald Aitkin, wright, John Reid, slater and James Ramsay, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1767/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 June 1767 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 17 June 1767

PETITIONER: David Waugh, flesher in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Fleshmarket.

PROPOSAL: To repair and add a floor to a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

1768

The Court Officers from 7 October 1767:

Dean of Guild

John Learmonth

Council

John Dalrymple, Old Dean of Guild

James Robertson, merchant

Robert Home, merchant

Deacon William Butter, wright

Deacon Alexander Dickison, mason

William Miln, architect

Clerk of the Court, Thomas Alves or his clerk, John Patison

Dean of Guild Officer, George Penman

BOX: 1768/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 January 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 23 December 1767.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal: Robert Gray

PROPOSAL: Complaint about false measure of yards.

NOTES: The complaint is against John Neil, merchant and his spouse, Jean Stuart or their servants, who have been using a false measure in their shop.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 January 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 3 November 1768.

PETITIONER: Archibald Bannatyne, merchant.

SITE: Luckenbooths, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of a shop.

NOTES: The complaint is against Katherine and Margaret Hepburn, residing in the Canongate. John Weir took a lease on their shop from Whitsunday 1767 to 1769 at a yearly rent of £22 Stg. John sublet the shop to the petitioner for two years. The Court ordered the gable to be repaired.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 January 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 19 January 1768.

PETITIONER: George Ritchie, shipmaster in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Broad Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair the joists in a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner's house (flat?) is immediately above that owned by John Miln, founder.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 February 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 19 January 1768.

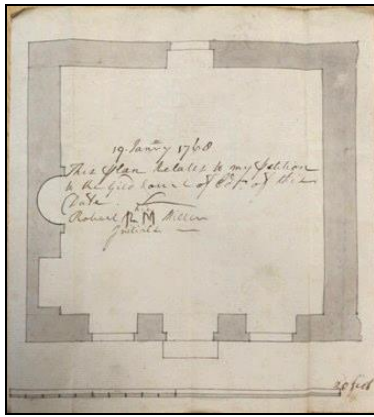
PETITIONER: Robert Miller, porter in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Sherriff Brae, north side.

PROPOSAL: To build a shop (or house).

NOTES: The petitioner purchased an area from Hugh Wood, merchant.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 18.7 x 17.0 cms.

BOX: 1768/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 February 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 10 February 1768.

PETITIONER: Robert Johnston, merchant.

SITE: The Exchange.

PROPOSAL: Alteration to a shop.

NOTES: The petitioner has a large shop in the Exchange and he wishes to lease it. It is necessary to convert a window into a door.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 February 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 16 February 1768.

PETITIONER: William Montgomery, wig maker.

SITE: High Street, Chalmer's Close, west side.

PROPOSAL: To heighten a staircase to reach the third floor.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 March 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 1 March 1768.

PETITIONER: Dr. Thomas Young, physician.

SITE: Canongate, Young (now New) Street, west side.

PROPOSAL: To build a coach house and stables.

NOTES: The stables are to be beside his new built tenement there. There is a missive letter here dated 8 July 1768 between George Stevenson, wright and David Wilson, brewer, agreeing to purchase a plot of ground, to the north of the lodging lately built by Sir James Dunbar and to build a house.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 March 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 14 March 1768.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Jean Campbell, daughter and sole heir of the deceased George Campbell, house carpenter, with Capt. Thomas Campbell, her husband.

SITE: Netherbow, Foulis (or Fowlers) Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a house and have the expences cognosed.

NOTES: The house is occupied by Mr. Angelo, 'Manager of the Royal Academy'. This is Anthony Angelo Malevolti Tremamondo (1721-1805) who became 'Master of the Royal Riding Manège' in Edinburgh around this time. There is a note of the work required here, from George Cowan and George Syme.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 March 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 3 February 1768.

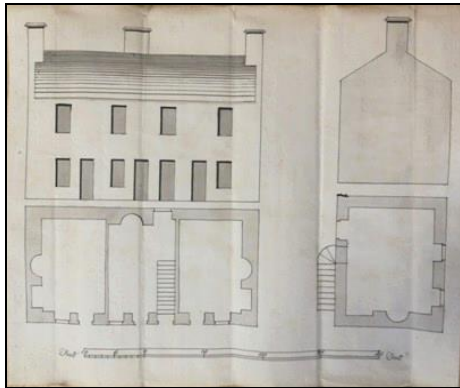
PETITIONER: John Allan, carter in Leith.

SITE: South Leith, Yard heads.

PROPOSAL: To build two houses.

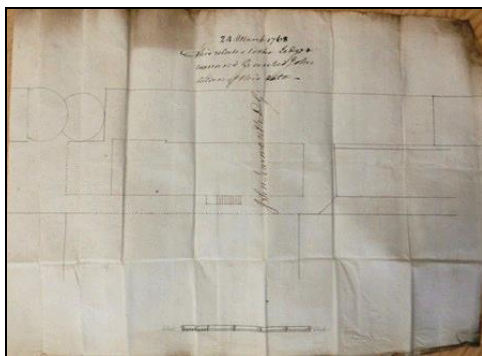
NOTES: The area had been purchased by the petitioner's father from Patrick Thomson, brewer in Leith by disposition dated 5 March 1734.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevations with plans of one floor in each.

Size: 20.4 x 24.0 cms.



Description: b. Plan of the area.

Size: 25.5 x 35.6 cms.

BOX: 1768/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 March 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 2 March 1768.

PETITIONER: John Scot, gunsmith, Francis Montgomery, wig maker and Thomas Hall, watchmaker, all in Canongate with the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Canongate, head, north side. Rae's land and Thomson's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about dangerous chimney stacks.

NOTES: The complaints against David Hendry, shoemaker, David Anderson, tailor, James Rae, surgeon, William Polson, lint dresser and others.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 March 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 26 January 1768.

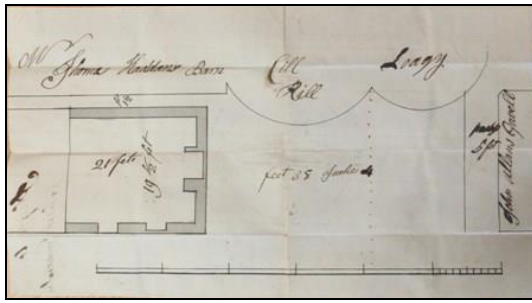
PETITIONER: William Grandison, workman in Leith.

SITE: South Leith, Yardheads.

PROPOSAL: To build.

NOTES: The area was purchased from Thomas Mitchel, wright, residing in London.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.

Size: 17.8 x 31.5 cms.

BOX: 1768/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 April 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 17 December 1766

PETITIONER: Peter Newbigging, hatter, Burgess of Edinburgh.

SITE: Slaters (Slaters) Close, at the back of Milns (Mylne's) Square.

PROPOSAL: To cognose expence of building a house.

NOTES: There are accounts here from John Haig, wright, John Clark, mason, Alexander Nicholson, plumber and George Syme, slater, with a measure of some accounts. The work totalled £142 1s 8d.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 April 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 9 December 1767.

PETITIONER: Henry Service, wright.

SITE: Nidderly Wynd, east side, about the middle, Grierson's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

NOTES: There are estimates here from Thomas Hill, wright and David Ramsay, mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/14

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 April 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 6 April 1768.

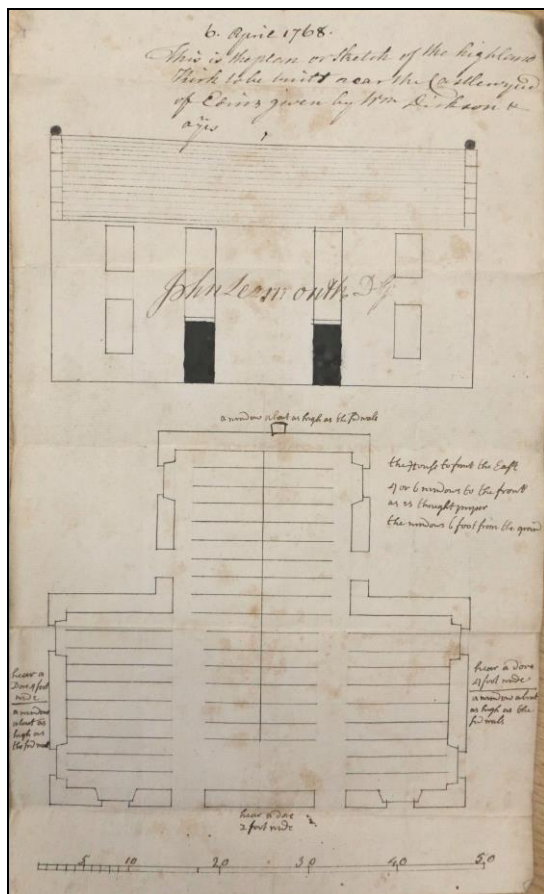
PETITIONER: William Dickson, dyer and others.

SITE: Castle Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To build the Highland Kirk.

NOTES: The petition is signed by William Pirnie on behalf of the petitioners. It states that they wish to build a chapel or Kirk to accommodate the Highland people who don't understand the English language. There is a note here to effect that the petitioner also produced a disposition dated 8 April 1768, from James Allan, brewer, selling an area of land

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation and plan of the Kirk.

Size: 32.2 x 19.4 cms.

BOX: 1768/15

WARRANT GRANTED: 13 April 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 21 March 1768.

PETITIONER: John Blair, surgeon, resider in Pleasants (Pleasance).

SITE: Warristons Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a vent.

NOTES: The complaint is against David Spence, WS and his tenant, John Clerihue, vintner, who own and occupy the flat above the petitioner.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/16

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 29 March 1768.

PETITIONER: George Muckle, brewer in Leith.

SITE: South Leith, Baker's Close.

PROPOSAL: To build a vault, cellar and loft.

NOTES: The area beside the petitioner's brewery had been purchased from the representatives of Patrick Cockburn, late of Clerkingtown.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 April 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 29 March 1768.

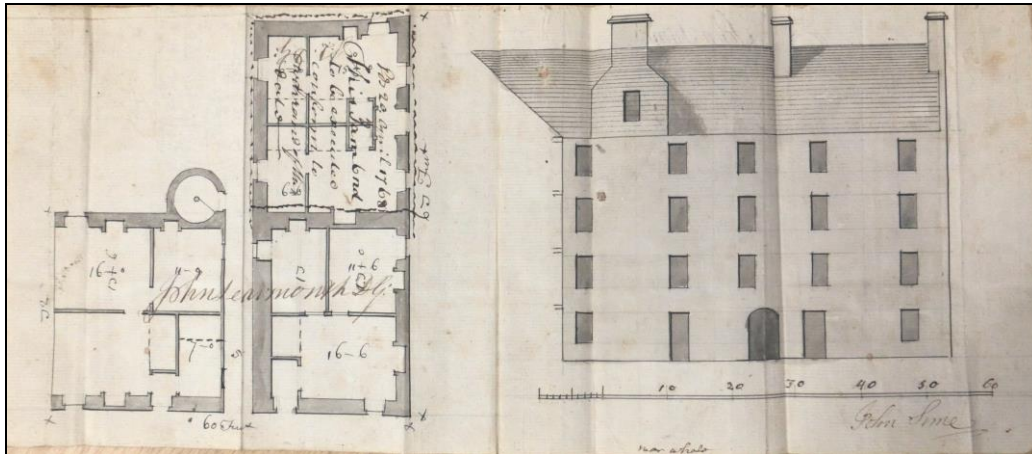
PETITIONER: John Syme, carpenter in North Leith.

SITE: North Leith, Dallas's land, north side.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

NOTES: The intended tenement is to the rear of the one shown in the elevation. There are very specific measurements for the position of the new tenement.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 15.0 x 35.5 cms.

BOX: 1768/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 April 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 18 April 1768.

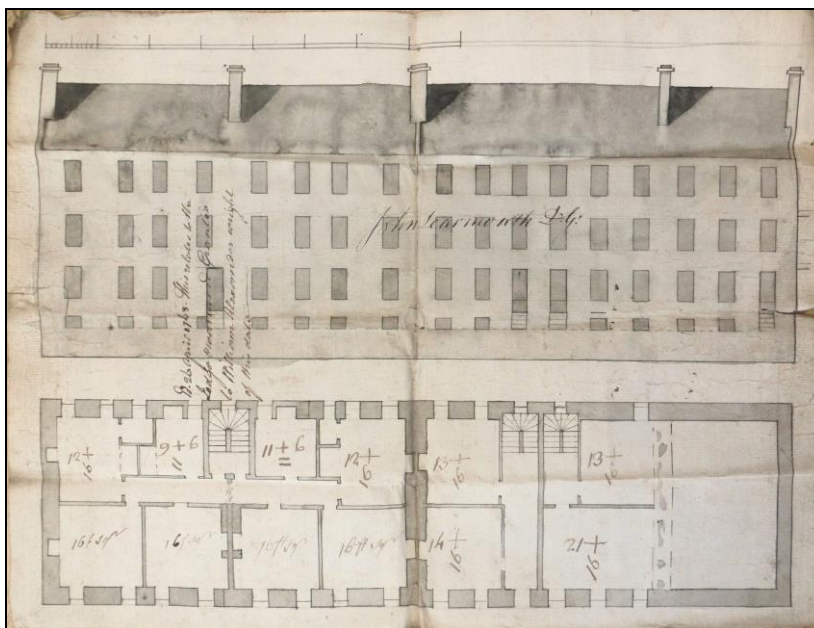
PETITIONER: William Alexander, wright in Bristo.

SITE: Bristo Street.

PROPOSAL: To build a large tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased an area of land from Hugh Dalrymple of (Horden?).

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 30.1 x 40.0 cms.

BOX: 1768/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 May 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 22 March 1768.

PETITIONER: David Rae, advocate and others, heritors.

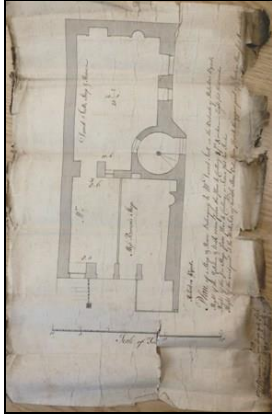
SITE: Halkerstons Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: There are detailed objections to the petition by James Thomson and Andrew Pitcairn, writers, James Ranken, wright and others, proprietors of McVey's land, head of the Wynd, west side. With others, proprietors of tenements on the east side, they quote the Act of 1698 and go on '...On a survey of several of the tenements lately built and even fronting the High Street, particularly those at the head of the Fleshmarket

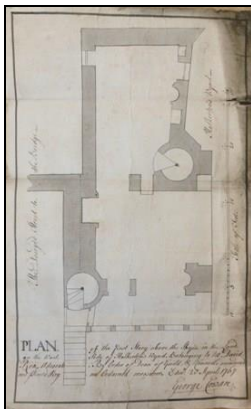
Close, Fish market Close, Lord Strichen's Close &c. one would naturally conclude that no such Act of Parliament was in being, that the Dean of Guild and his Council had no rule to direct them in their granting their jedges and warrants, and that the policy of good neighbourhood of the town was a matter of indifference...'. They complain that the present petition is for a tenement six stories high. The Court granted a warrant to build only five stories.

DRAWINGS: 4 sheets.



Description: a. Plan of a shop and house belonging to David Scott.

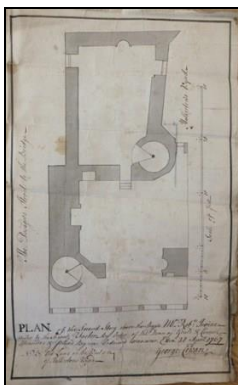
Size: 37.2 x 24.3 cms.



Description: b. Plan of the first story above the shops.

Size: 31.7 x 20.0 cms.

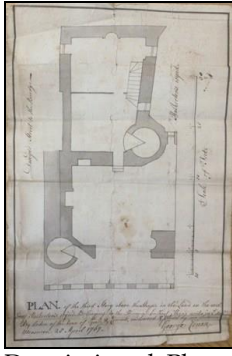
Inscriptions, recto: Signed, George Cowan, ordained measurer, 28 April 1767.



Description: c. Plan of the second story above the shops.

Size: 31.7 x 20.0 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Signed, George Cowan, ordained measurer, 28 April 1767.



Description: d. Plan of the third story above the shops.

Size: 31.2 x 20.0 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Signed, George Cowan, ordained measurer, 28 April 1767.

BOX: 1768/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 May 1786.

PETITION LODGED: 4 May 1786.

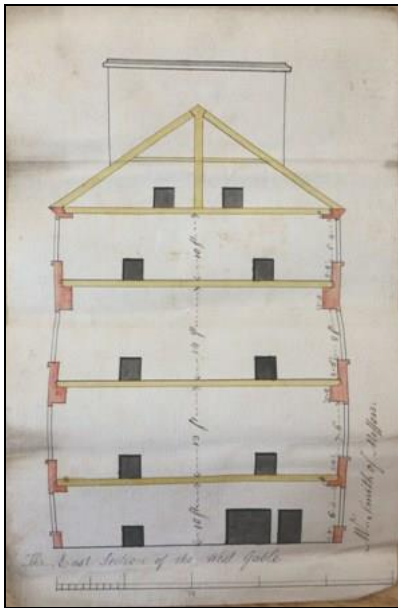
PETITIONER: David Smith of Messen.

SITE: St Andrew Square.

PROPOSAL: To build a mutual gable.

NOTES: The lot is immediately west of one feued by John Fordyce, General Receiver of the land tax and the petitioner is currently building on the lot. The lot to the petitioner's west is not yet feued '... and your petitioner's tradesmen are at a loss in what manner to place the vents on the west side of the mutual gavel...' The Court gave measurements for where the vents should be placed.

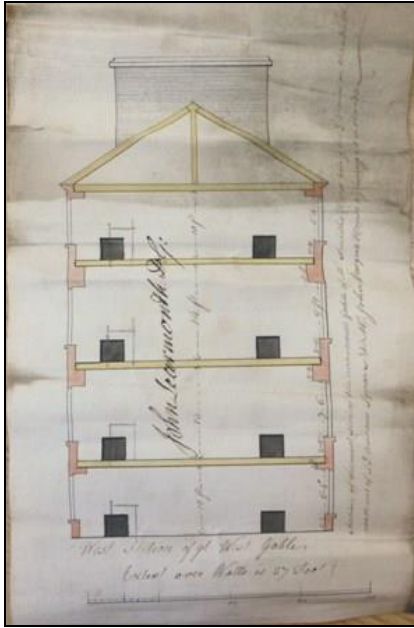
DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. East section of the west gable.

Size: 24.8 x 16.2 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Mr. Smith of Messen.



Description: b. West section of the west gable.

Size: 25.7 x 16.6 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Section of the west side of the moutuall gable of Mr. Smith's house being the 3rd on the northwest end of St. Andrews Square - and Mr. John Fordyce's house adjoining it on the west.

BOX: 1768/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 May 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 4 May 1768.

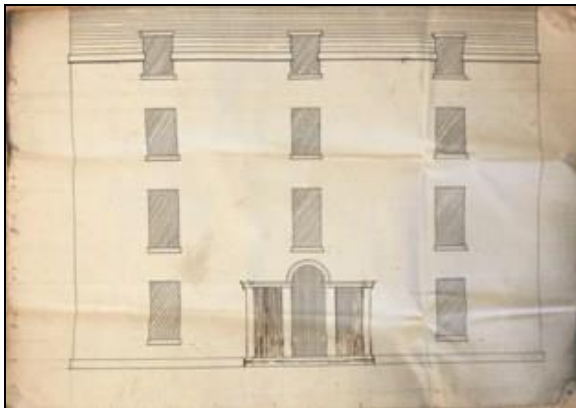
PETITIONER: Professor John Stevenson of the College of Edinburgh.

SITE: Pleasance.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner owns thatched houses on the south of the entry to Bells Brewery which he purchased from Messrs. Hugh Bell & Co., brewers.

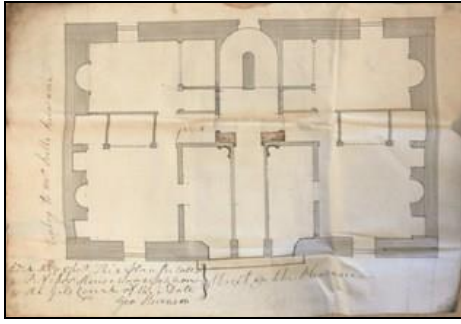
DRAWINGS: 3 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation to the Pleasance.

Size: 17.5 x 25.4 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Alterations in brown ink.

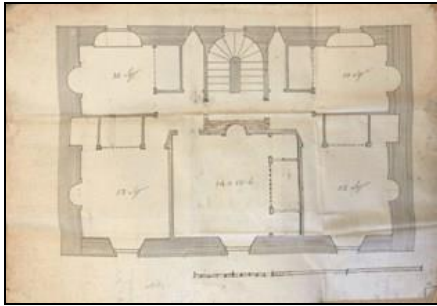


Description: b. Plan of the ground floor.

Size: 17.5 x 25.4 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Edr. 4 May 1768, This plan relates to Professor Stevenson's petition to the Guild Court of this date Geo Stevenson. With alterations in pencil.

Architect: (George Stevenson?)



Description: c. Plan of an upper floor.

Size: 17.5 x 25.4 cms.

BOX: 1768/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 May 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 4 May 1768.

PETITIONER: Sir William Forbes, Bt. merchant.

SITE: Immediately east of the plot feued by Baillie James Hunter, merchant.

PROPOSAL: To build a mutual gable.

NOTES: The petitioner asked the Court to have a section drawn and this is mentioned in the judgement.

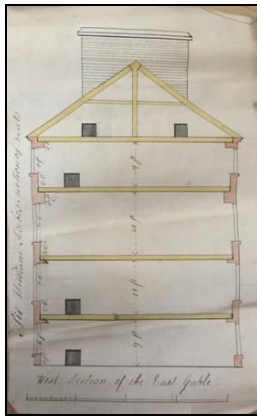
DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. East section of the east gable.

Size: 23.2 x 13.3 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Section of the east side of the moutuall gable of Sir William Forbes house it being the 3rd on the northeast end of Kings Street - and Mr. Hunter's house adjoining it on the west.



Description: b. west section of the east gable.

Size: 23.7 x 14.6 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Sir William Forbes section of vents.

BOX: 1768/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 May 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 4 May 1768.

PETITIONER: Gilbert Mason (Meason), merchant in Leith

SITE: St. Andrew Square.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner's plot is immediately east of the plot feued by Colonel Murray. The ground to the east of his plot is not yet feued and he asked the Court to make out a section.

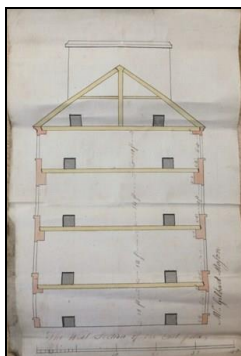
DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. East section of the east gable 37ft over walls.

Size: 25.5 x 17.0 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Section of the west side of the moutuall gable of the house now building for Mr. Gilbert Mason it being the 3rd house on the northeast end of St. Andrews Square - Collonell Robt. Murray's house adjoining it on the west.



Description: b. West section of the east gable.

Size: 25.0 x 16.5 cms.

Inscriptions, recto: Mr. Gilbert Mason.

BOX: 1768/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 May 1768.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

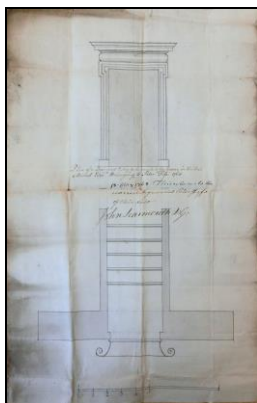
PETITIONER: Peter Fyfe.

SITE: Fishmarket.

PROPOSAL: To make a new entrance to his house.

NOTES: The petition is missing and the information is taken from a surviving drawing.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of a doorcase and plan of steps.

Size: 42.4 x 27.0 cms.

BOX: 1768/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 18 May 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 11 May 1768.

PETITIONER: James Smellie, merchant, Crosscauseway.

SITE: Cowgate, opposite Fishmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint.

NOTES: The complaint is against Robert Fleeming senior and junior, booksellers who refuse to join with the petitioner in repairing the chimney stacks.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 June 1768.

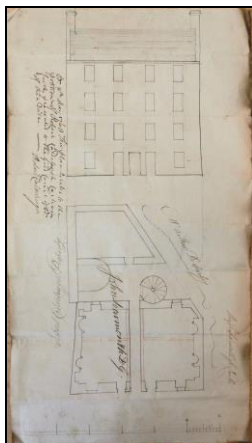
PETITION LODGED: 11 May 1768.

PETITIONER: Robert Caldcleugh, carter in Leith.

SITE: South Leith, immediately north of the pipe well.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



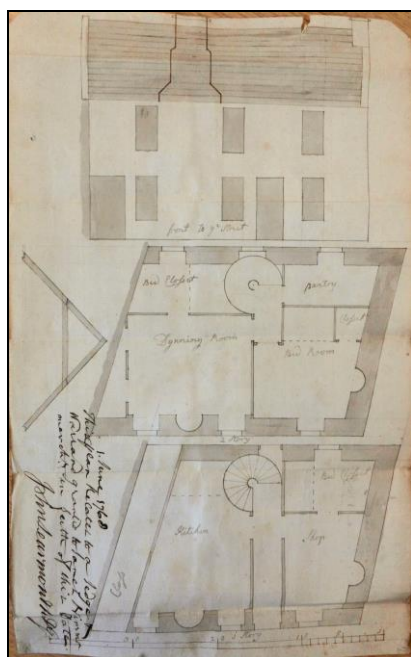
Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 37.9 x 20.7 cms.

BOX: 1768/27
WARRANT GRANTED: 1 June 1768.
PETITION LODGED: 11 May 1768.
PETITIONER: James Ogilvy, ship master in Leith.
SITE: South Leith, Precious Close.
PROPOSAL: To repair the roof.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/28
WARRANT GRANTED: 1 June 1768.
PETITION LODGED: 17 May 1768.
PETITIONER: Thomas Alves, writer.
SITE: Grassmarket, north of the Broughs, Hays land.
PROPOSAL: To build on the yard behind.
DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1768/29
WARRANT GRANTED: 1 June 1768.
PETITION LODGED: 7 May 1768.
PETITIONER: James Nimmo, merchant in the Yardheads of South Leith.
SITE: South Leith, head of the Sheep head Wynd.
PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuilt a tenement.
NOTES: The old property had been purchased from George Home, Town Clerk of Leith and James Torry, merchant in Edinburgh.
DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of a two story tenement with plans of two floors.
Size: 31.9 x 19.9 cms.

BOX: 1768/30
WARRANT GRANTED: 8 June 1768.
PETITION LODGED: 31 May 1768.
PETITIONER: William Good, wright.
SITE: Parliament Close, Blairs land.
PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.
NOTES: The property belongs to Margaret McKenna, spouse to Robert Forrest, upholsterer in Edinburgh and Margaret Houston, residenter.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/31

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 June 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 4 March 1768.

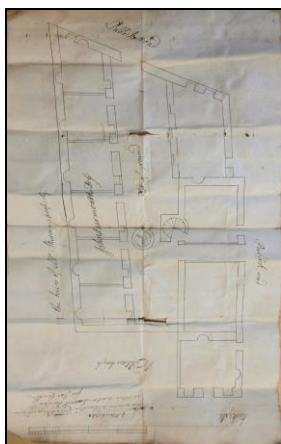
PETITIONER: James Cundell, brewer in Leith.

SITE: South Leith, Kirkgate.

PROPOSAL: To repair and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The property was purchased from the Coopers of South Leith and lies nearly opposite Balmerino's lodging in the Kirkgate.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan for a number of small houses.

Size: 49.0 x 30.0 cms.

BOX: 1768/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 June 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 8 June 1768.

PETITIONER: John Cumming, writer and Robert Wilson, merchant in Leith.

SITE: High School Yards, north side.

PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 June 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 10 May 1768.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Margaret Walker, relict of Alex Walker, brewer in Canongate.

SITE: Not given, probably Canongate.

PROPOSAL: Alteration to a small tenement.

NOTES: There were objections from William Mercer, Edward Inglis, James Ranken, Mrs. Alison and John Marshall, contiguous heritors and in answers the petitioner refers to a disposition from William Seller, writer, to James Cockburn, brewer dated 20 February 1748, registered in the Burgh Court books, 18 April 1750 which contained a servitude over the property.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevations of two gables and plan of the area.

Size: 23.0 x 35.8 cms.

BOX: 1768/34

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 June 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 25 November 1767.

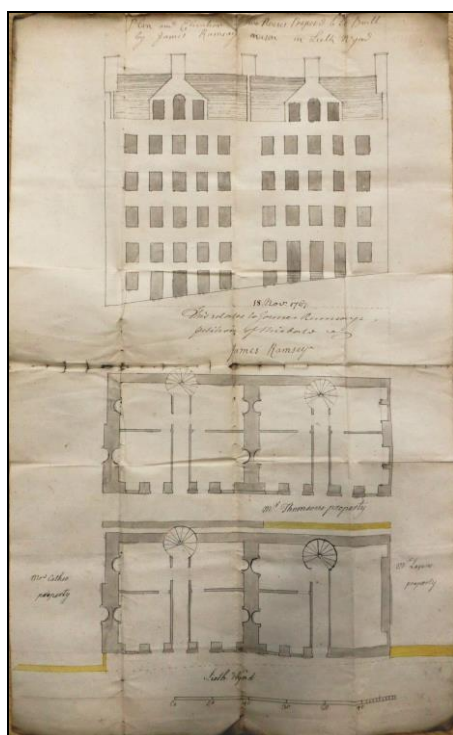
PETITIONER: James Ramsay, mason in Canongate.

SITE: Leith Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased the property at a public roup from the trustees of the deceased Thomas Robertson, writer. He had previously purchased the tenement adjoining it on the north and he intends demolishing both. There is a note here dated 23 November 1767 from George Logan, late Baillie in Canongate, Peter Smith, tailor and John Willson, gunsmith, proprietors of the land immediately south of the petitioner's property. It grants him permission to demolish his tenement as long as it does not damage their gable.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of both tenements with plans of the ground floor of each.

Size: 50.3 x 30.7 cms.

BOX: 1768/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 June 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 21 June 1768.

PETITIONER: The Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: High Street, Smith's land, opposite the head of Blackfriar's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a cracked gable.

NOTES: The complaint is against George Dunbar, merchant, William Gordon, bookseller, Mrs. Rothead, Hon. Mrs. Helen Murray and Miss Maitland residents, Thomas Cleland, (saddler?), John Dingwall, writer and Duncan Stewart, chairmaster, all proprietors. See warrant granted 23 November 1768 (Maitland). There is a measure here dated 31 August 1768 for mason work carried out by John Kay, mason, 'employed by the Dean of Guild'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 June 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 14 June 1768.

PETITIONER: Miss Gariochs; Margaret, Elizabeth and Agnes Garrioch, daughters of

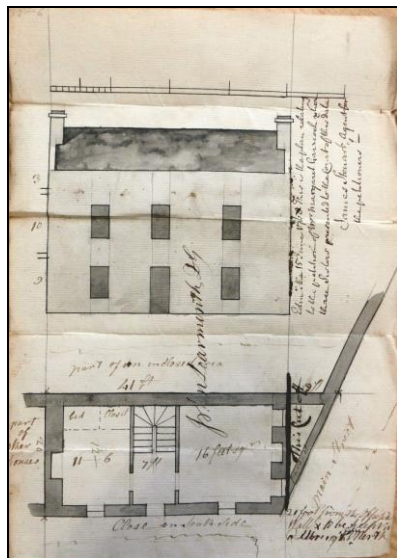
the deceased William Garrioch, merchant in Leith and heirs of their mother, Agnes Murray.

SITE: Leith, the Leys.

PROPOSAL: To raise the walls of a small tenement.

NOTES: The plan was modified, possibly to comply with the Court instruction that the road opposite should be 21 ft. wide.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 28.0 x 20.2 cms.

BOX: 1768/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 July 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 28 June 1768.

PETITIONER: Sir James Dunbar of Mochrum, Bt.

SITE: Canongate, New Street, west side.

PROPOSAL: To build a stable and coach house as a debt on the property.

NOTES: The petitioner had begun digging foundations which brought a complaint to the Court of Session by his neighbour, David Wilson, brewer in Canongate.

DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1768/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 July 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 28 June 1768.

PETITIONER: Miss Callenders; Janet and Elizabeth Callender, daughters of the deceased Patrick Callender, skinner.

SITE: High Street, Libbertons Wynd, west side.

PROPOSAL: To replace a timber window lintol.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 July 1768.

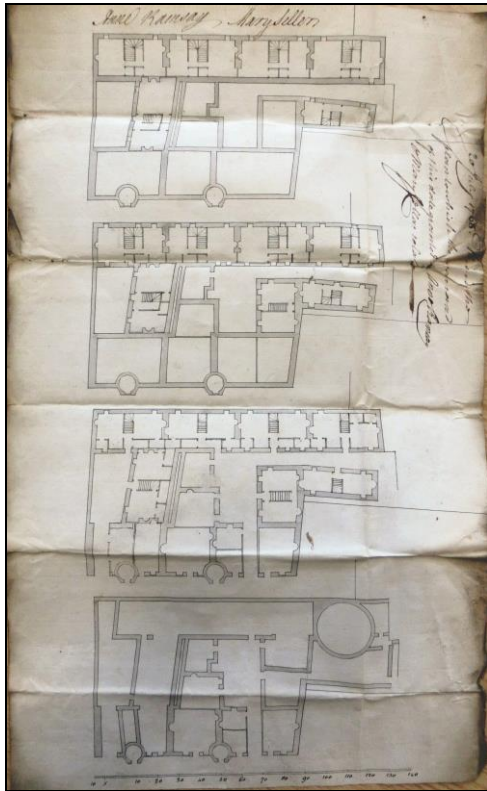
PETITION LODGED: 2 July 1768.

PETITIONER: Dr. James Hay, physician.

SITE: Canongate, New Street, west side.

PROPOSAL: To build a coach house and stable.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of four floors.
Size: 44.2 x 26.8 cms.

BOX: 1768/45

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 July 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 28 May 1768.

PETITIONER: James Tait, wright.

SITE: Sclaters Close, east side foot of the Green Market.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs.

NOTES: The property belonged to the deceased Archibald Howie, weaver. There are accounts and measures of the work here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/46

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 18 July 1768.

PETITIONER: George Borthwick, George Sprint, Vallantine Downs, John Gray, Janet Wilson, Isobell McKinnon and Joseph Barron, proprietors and tenants.

SITE: Gunstone Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the condition of the tenement.

NOTES: Some of the houses belong to James Gibson, surgeon. There is a report here from a jury, which is listed.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/47

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 26 July 1768.

PETITIONER: George Rigg, merchant, William Stewart, writer, Patrick Robertson, writer and other proprietors.

SITE: Turks Close head, Wilson's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint.

NOTES: The complaint is against Adam Burnet, wright who has built up one of the storm windows in the attic, used for access by the chimney sweeps.

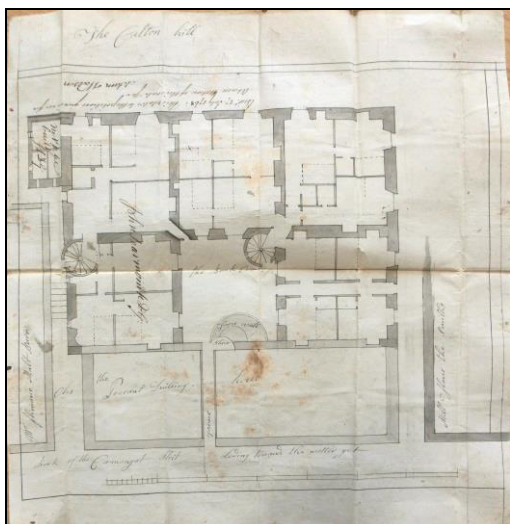
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/48
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1768.
PETITION LODGED: 27 July 1768.
PETITIONER: David Wilson, ship carpenter in Leith.
SITE: South Leith, head of Baxters Close.
PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/49
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1768.
PETITION LODGED: 5 July 1768.
PETITIONER: Jean Ramsay, relict of Alexander Ramsay, slater in Canongate, factrix for the tutors of Martin Ramsay, their son.
SITE: Canongate, Mid common Close
PROPOSAL: Complaint about a leaden spout that is defective.
NOTES: The other proprietor is William Cruikshanks, candlemaker.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/50
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1768.
PETITION LODGED: 23 July 1768.
PETITIONER: Robert Kennedy, son of the deceased George Kennedy of Romanno and Elizabeth Alves his spouse.
SITE: South Leith, Lees Quarter, Vinegar Close.
PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.
NOTES: The property had been purchased from Robert Smith, sailor in Leith and was occupied by Robert Smith, William Fenton Smith (his trade?), David Beat, rope maker, William Dewar, carter and others.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/51
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1768.
PETITION LODGED: 26 July 1768.
PETITIONER: Adam Watson, cowfeeder.
SITE: Canongate, north back.
PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild houses.
NOTES: The plan records the road leading to the 'watter yet' (Water Gate) and at the top, 'The Calton Hill'.
DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.
Size: 38.3 x 37.2 cms.

BOX: 1768/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 13 June 1768.

PETITIONER: Patrick Bowie, merchant.

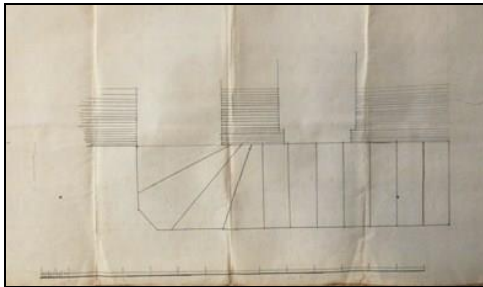
SITE: Forresters Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: To repair the stair.

NOTES: The tenement previously belonged to Sir Archibald Primrose of Dunnipace.

There is an estimate here for the mason work from Patrick Jamieson,

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the stair.

Size: 18.5 x 30.0 cms.

BOX: 1768/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 22 July 1768.

PETITIONER: Adam Neil & Co., printers.

SITE: Old Fishmarket Close, opposite the foot (Cowgate?).

PROPOSAL: Complaint about dangerous chimney stacks.

NOTES: The complaint is against Mr. Hunter, wright who began repairs on a warrant granted to Mr. Smellie but who has left the work incomplete because of the danger.

There is a report here from a jury appointed to inspect the building. There is mention of a process in the Court of Session regarding this property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 August 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 4 July 1768.

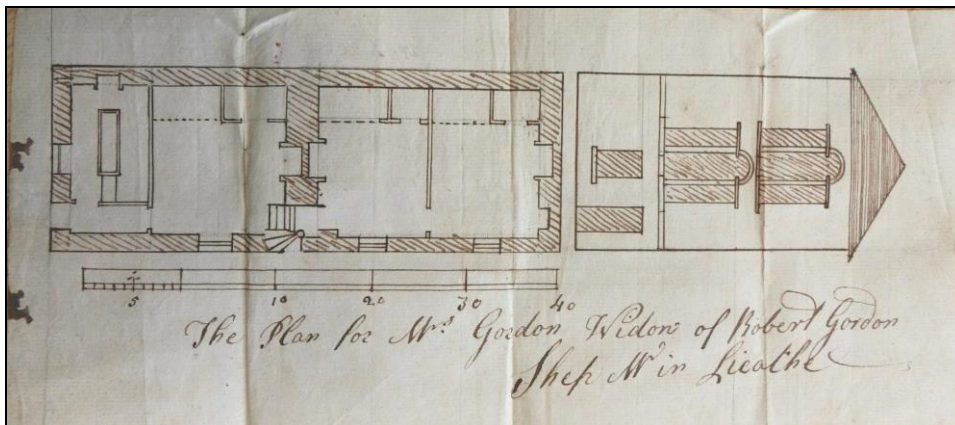
PETITIONER: Agnes Gordon, widow of Robert Gordon, shipmaster in Leith.

SITE: North Leith 'about the middle'.

PROPOSAL: To rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The property is bounded between the lands of James Kent on the east and William Dawson on the south, Robert Laing on the west and the highway on the north.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.

Size: 27.5 x 12.5 cms.

BOX: 1768/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 August 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 17 August 1768.

PETITIONER: John Nisbet, cowfeeder.

SITE: Peebles Wynd, head.

PROPOSAL: To convert a vent into an oven.

NOTES: The property had been purchased from Robert Mailler, journeyman mason.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/56

WARRANT GRANTED: 24 August 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 25 July 1768.

PETITIONER: Sir Adam Ferguson of Kilkerran, advocate.

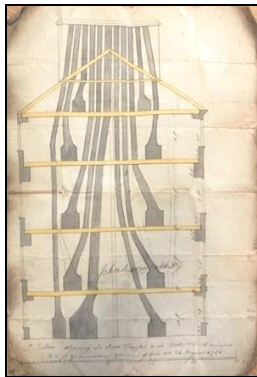
SITE: St. Andrew Square, east side.

PROPOSAL: To build a mutual gable.

NOTES: The petitioner's property adjoins one purchased by Andrew Crosbie, advocate.

The plot to the north is not yet feued.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of a gable.

Size: 41.2 x 28.4 cms.

Watermark: J Whatman

BOX: 1768/57

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 August 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 9 August 1768.

PETITIONER: Robert Kennedy, son of the deceased George Kennedy of Romanno.

SITE: South Leith, Vinegar Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair a well.

NOTES: There is an account here for the mason, smith and wright work which mentions Donald Donaldson's charges for the pump.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/58

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 September 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 13 August 1768.

PETITIONER: John Straiton, brewer in Portsburgh.

SITE: Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: To repair a wall or dyke.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/59

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 September 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 16 August 1768.

PETITIONER: Samuel McCormick, general examiner in the Excise Office.

SITE: Portsburgh.

PROPOSAL: To repair his house and cognose accounts.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/60

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 September 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 6 June 1768.

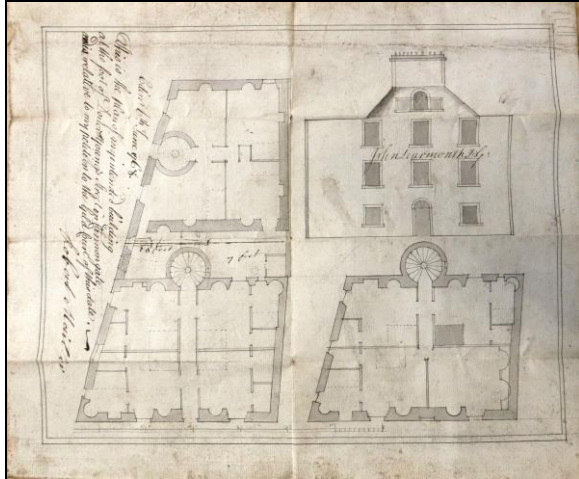
PETITIONER: Robert Mailler, journeyman mason.

SITE: Canongate, New Street, east side, foot.

PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.

NOTES: There was a disagreement with the Court about the area proposed to be occupied by the tenement.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of two floors.

Size: 31.0 x 37.5 cms.

Watermark: J Whatman

BOX: 1768/61

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 September 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 16 December 1767.

PETITIONER: Gilbert Duncan, mason.

SITE: Canongate, nearly opposite Queensberry house.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to a previous warrant to build a tenement on an area of land with an old house, which formerly belonged to (blank) Straton and others. The petitioner is a preferable creditor. The new tenement cost £1395 8s Stg. There is a full account here for the work; of interest: 6 flush panelled doors and shutters £9 7s 1d; 9 furr sash windows with crown glass 81 11s 6d; 6 Chinese sash frames over the doors of laigh houses with glass £1 3s 9d; dentil cornice in three rooms £5 13s 3d etc.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/62

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 September 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 26 July 1768

PETITIONER: Richard Gardner, Deputy Comptroller General of Customs of Scotland.

SITE: Lawnmarket, Gavinloch's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for repairs to be declared a debt.

NOTES: The petitioner owns the property by right of a decret of mails and duties dated 21 March 1764 against the deceased James Monro, son of the deceased George Monro, gunner in Stirling Castle. Refers to the petitioner's tenants; Helen Cunningham, Mrs. Johnstone, Mrs. Catherine Clow, Daniel McKinnon, wigmaker, Hugh Hunter, journeyman printer, Alex Herron, shoemaker and Katherine Ferguson. There are accounts from Andrew Raeburn, wright; William Laurie, upholsterer which includes papering a garret room for Daniel McKinnon: 6 pieces, putting up with paste & borders £1 3s; James Ballantine, glazier, William Good, wright and Thomas Reikie, glazier.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/63

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 September 1786.

PETITION LODGED: 6 September 1786.

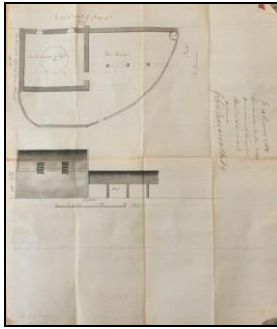
PETITIONER: Archibald Scott, brewer in Potterrow.

SITE: Portsburgh, north side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish a bark mill and rebuild.

NOTES: The petitioner owns a tan yard and work houses bounded as follows: by the Burrows on the north, the gable of an old tenement belonging to the West Kirk Session on the south, tenement belonging to Hugh Inglis, barber on the west and by a common passage on the east.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation and plan of a bark milln.

Size: 36.8 x 30.5 cms.

BOX: 1768/64

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 September 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 7 September 1768.

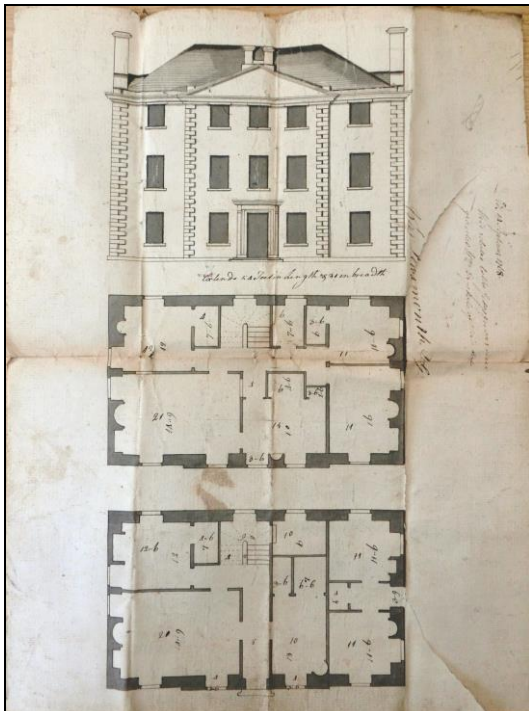
PETITIONER: William Drysdale, merchant in Leith.

SITE: South Leith, Sherriff Brae.

PROPOSAL: To build a house.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased a garden from Robert Cairns, brewer in Leith. The conterminous heritors summoned were James Torry, merchant in Edinburgh and George Home, Clerk of Leith.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of two floors.

Size: 42.0 x 31.4 cms.

BOX: 1768/65

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 September 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 8 September 1768.

PETITIONER: George Inglis of Reidhall, Alexander Brown, merchant and others.

SITE: Niddry Wynd, nearly opposite the new concert hall (St. Cecilia's Hall).

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof and chimneys.

NOTES: The tenement was inspected by James Robertson and John Young.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/66

WARRANT GRANTED: 17 September 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 16 September 1768.

PETITIONER: James Thomson, accountant in the Excise office.

SITE: Netherbow, Hays land.

PROPOSAL: Repairs to a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner had a warrant to repair the roof but he found that the floor below was also rotten.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/67

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 September 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 26 July 1768.

PETITIONER: Peter Smith, Tailor in Canongate and other heritors of Logan's land.

SITE: Canongate, at the head of Leith Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about damage to their tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Ramsay, mason who is building a tenement adjoining the petitioner's land. In doing so he has damaged their wall and left it exposed to the wind and rain for two months. This matter went to the Court of Session in a Bill of Advocation, Smith against Ramsay which was refused on 20 September 1768. William Johnstone and John Wilkie, masons were called by that Court.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/68

WARRANT GRANTED: 19 October 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 12 October 1768.

PETITIONER: William Mercer, merchant, James Falconer of Monkton, Alexander Oreme, WS and the daughters of the deceased Earl of March.

SITE: Milns Square, opposite the Tron Kirk.

PROPOSAL: To repair the chimney stacks.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/69

WARRANT GRANTED: 9 November 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 25 October 1768.

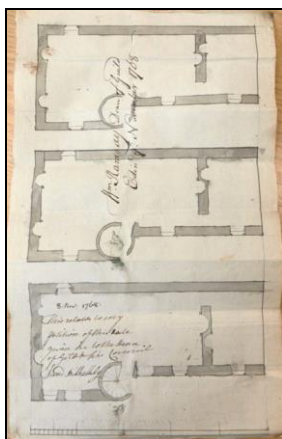
PETITIONER: David Pitcaithley, mason in Leith.

SITE: South Leith, Cupples Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair and alter a tenement.

NOTES: The property had been purchased from Andrew Scot, wright.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of three floors.

Size: 30.4 x 18.5 cms.

BOX: 1768/70

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 November 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 5 July 1768.

PETITIONER: William, Earl of Panmure.

SITE: Canongate, Lochends Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Peter Clark, cowfeeder who has built a byre across the Close, preventing access to a piece of waste ground owned by the petitioner by right of a disposition from Jean and Katherine McKells, daughters of John McKell, pewterer in Canongate dated 23 April 1735. Other legal titles are cited here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/71

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 November 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 16 November 1768.

PETITIONER: Miss Catherine Maitland, daughter of the deceased Baron Maitland and Mrs. Murray of Stormont.

SITE: High Street, Smith's land, opposite the head of Blackfriar's Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair the tenement.

NOTES: The tenement is in such disrepair that water comes down through several stories. See warrant granted 29 June 1768 (Procurator Fiscal).

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/72

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 December 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 16 November 1768.

PETITIONER: Thomas Lethem, smith.

SITE: West Bow, Anderson's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair the roof and chimneys.

NOTES: There are estimates here from William Jamieson (mason) and George Syme (slater). The petitioner is described as Deacon Lethem.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/73

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 December 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 7 August 1767.

PETITIONER: Hugh Inglis, barber and wigmaker in Portsburgh.

SITE: West Port, contiguous to Livingston's Yards..

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Kemp, Clerk to Mr. Gardiner, Deputy Commissary (deceased by 3 December 1767) residing in Canongate and Robert Leighton and James Liddell, masons in West Port who have built a stone dyke.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1768/74

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 December 1768.

PETITION LODGED: 22 November 1768.

PETITIONER: Thomas Herriot, wright

SITE: Canongate, south side.

PROPOSAL: Cognose accounts for rebuilding a tenement.

NOTES: The tenement belonged to Mrs. Marion Drummond sister German to the deceased George Drummond, Commissioner of Excise, purchased by her from Robert Bule junior, proprietor of the smith and wright work manufactory in Leith, by disposition dated 29 June 1762. She owed considerable sums to John Innes, bricklayer and Adam Weir for work carried out. There are accounts here from Adam Weir, wright for work between 13 June 1761 and 17 July 1762 and a further account from the same for work beginning in January 1761. There is a description of the property from writs.

DRAWINGS: None.

Unextracted processes.

BOX: 1768/1*

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 June 1768 (no warrant, appointed a visit).

PETITION LODGED: 6 June 1768.

PETITIONER: Robert Gibb, coach master.

SITE: Canongate head, south side.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against Archibald Chessels, wright and James Scott, merchant who have laid a drain in a passageway belonging to the petitioner.

DRAWINGS: None.

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The Court Officers from 12 October 1768:

Dean of Guild

William Ramsay

Council

John Learmonth, Old Dean of Guild

James Robertson, merchant

George Webster, merchant

William Butter, wright

William Jamieson, mason

Thomas Heriot, wright

Clerk of the Court, Thomas Alves or his clerk, John Patison

Dean of Guild Officer, George Penman

BOX: 1769/1

WARRANT GRANTED: 4 January 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 8 November 1768.

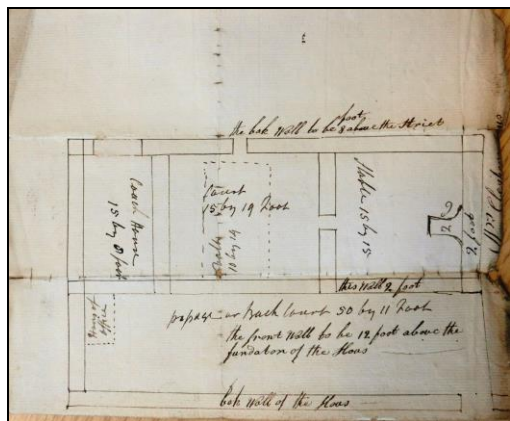
PETITIONER: John Liddell, shipmaster in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Broad Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To enclose an area.

NOTES: In a memorial for Helen Chalmers, spouse of John Liddell the property is described as lying between the tenement owned by James Blyth on the east, the water called the Reigh on the south, the Broad Wynd on the west and the Kings high street on the north. There was some dispute about ownership and the matter went to proofs. These are here for James Lamb, wright in North Leith aged 50, married; Isobel Elliot, relict of Roger Parkinson, clockmaker in Canongate aged 60 who had been in North Leith since an infant; John Willison, ship builder in North Leith aged 45 or thereby, married; James Crawford, ship builder in North Leith aged 40, married; Betty Smith, relict of James McKeon, carpenter in Leith, aged 59 and Isobell Mathieson, relict of Laurence Rankeillor, sailor in Leith aged 54.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.

Size: 25.0 x 37.0 cms.

BOX: 1769/2

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 January 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 7 December 1768.

PETITIONER: William Douglas, merchant as Treasurer to the Directors of the Edinburgh Assembly.

SITE: High Street, Bells Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To cognose the expence of rebuilding a ruinous tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner states that as Treasurer he purchased 'some years ago' a ruinous tenement that adjoins the Assembly house from James Ramsay, slater. He applied to rebuild this and received a warrant on 4 July 1765 (not there). He now wishes to cognose the expence as a preferable creditor. There is an account here from James

Ramsay from 10 June 1765 to 10 October 1766 for £309 0s 10d. This amount was reduced to £296 11s 6d after deducting overcharges. There are two measurements of the work here; one by Gavin Anderson, mason and another headed for work 'in the new breakfasting room of the Assembly hall' Patrick Sibbald, ordained measurer.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/3

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 January 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 5 February 1766.

PETITIONER: Baillie Thomas Clark, leather case maker in Bristo.

SITE: Bristo, east side.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild an old tenement.

NOTES: This is a long process with many papers. The property was bounded on the north by John Sprott, candlemaker, on the south by a tenement belonging to the heirs of William Mitchell late accountant in the new bank (Royal Bank of Scotland), on the east by his own property and a tenement belonging to James Beveridge, merchant in Edinburgh. A disposition is mentioned by William Hamilton, merchant and late Baillie of Edinburgh in favour of William Mitchell dated 23 January 1744, registered in the Sheriff Court books, 2 August 1754. There is also a copy of a tack for 19 years between William Hamilton, brewer and John Kellie (and Kelly), wright for his property in Bristo dated 15 February and 1 April 1738, lately possessed by Robert Reid, wright.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation and plans of three floors.

Size: 57.4 x 26.2 cms.



Description: b. Plan of the area.
Size: 29.0 x 20.2 cms.

BOX: 1769/4

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 January 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 4 January 1769.

PETITIONER: William Good, wright.

SITE: Parliament Close, fifth floor of Blair's land.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair of the lodging.

NOTES: The petitioner had a warrant for the work dated 8 June 1768. The lodging is on the south side of the stair and is possessed by (Sheriff) Archibald Cockburn of Cockpen. The total was £81 14s 8d Stg. There are accounts here from William Good himself, George Bernsfair for lead, Thomas Watson, glazier, David Wishart, slater, Richard Frame, mason and Thomas Sibbald, smith along with measures of the wright and mason work. There are two accounts from painters and decorators: Charles Esplin & Company dated 1 July 1768, receipted 26 September 1768 for '5 p[ieces] verditure blue paper plain', '5 p Chintie (Chintz?) paper white ground', '10 p White ground paper', '66 yds paper mashee border', '6½ yards chintie borders' and '5½ dozen [yds] white & red ditto'. An account from Alexander Weir, painter dated 1 July 1768 and receipted 29 December 1768 which included painting rooms 'silver grey', 'chocolate and rustic', 'ornamenting the belt in the Drawing room', 11 windows on the outside (no colour given) and whitening. There is a measure of this work by Alexander Turnbull, ordained measurer.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/5

WARRANT GRANTED: 1 February 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 5 January 1769.

PETITIONER: James Dallas, writer and Mrs. Grizel Marjoribanks, relict of the deceased John Grant, writer.

SITE: Canongate, Fleshmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about heightening a wall.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Ramsay, slater who sold a lodging to James Dallas in 1768. This is a complex legal case but Ramsay is now heightening a wall to the detriment of the property.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/6

WARRANT GRANTED: 11 February 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 24 November 1768.

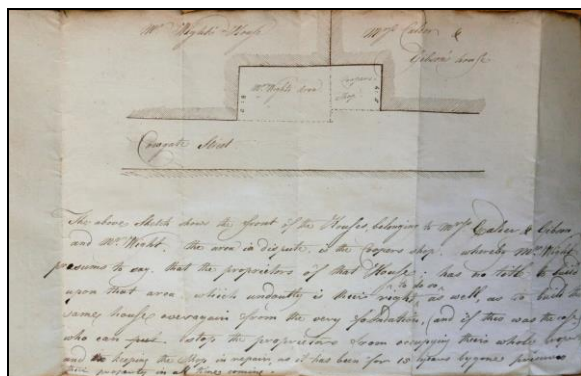
PETITIONER: Robert Wright, merchant and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Cowgate, nearly opposite Libbertons Wynd.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Davidson, cooper who has opened a vent and is encroaching on the High Street.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.

Size: 20.1 x 32.0 cms.

BOX: 1769/7

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 February 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 8 February 1769.

PETITIONER: William Mylne, mason and Charles and William Butter, wrights.

SITE: Dickson's Close head, Dickson's land.

PROPOSAL: To remove a squatter.

NOTES: The petitioners repaired a tenement and applied to have the accounts cognosed in 1762 but the deceased John Gibson, tailor never paid. They were declared creditors on the property on 14 April 1762. John Brown, servant to Baillie Blimshall, saddler has taken possession of Gibson's property and refuses to pay or move.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/8

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 February 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 24 January 1769.

PETITIONER: Robert Dewar, glazier.

SITE: Forrester's Wynd, near the foot. Sandiland's land, two upper floors.

PROPOSAL: Repairs.

NOTES: Notes that the present 'flanker roof' is very expensive to maintain and he proposes levelling off the fifth floor and put on 'a new scaily plain roof'.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/9

WARRANT GRANTED: 15 March 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 1 January 1769.

PETITIONER: James Ramsay, slater, William Walker, writer, heritors of tenements in Todricks Wynd.

SITE: Todricks Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To clear and widen the Close.

NOTES: The petitioner makes a case for widening and re-paving the Close which he claims is too narrow and steep. In replies for John Moubray, wright and others in the Close he states that James Ramsay 'having built a grand & superb house at the foot [of the Close] without minding or observing that this was a strait or narrow Close like most of the Closes in the City, by which he could have no grand entry...' There is a list

of proprietors with rentable values here. James Ramsey is noted with £70 and Robert Moubray £73, by far the highest in the Close. Moubray is accused of erecting 'a common jakes' as an encroachment.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/10

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 March 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 21 March 1769.

PETITIONER: Francis Brodie, wright.

SITE: Lawnmarket, south side.

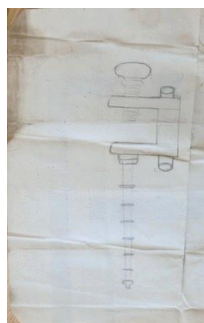
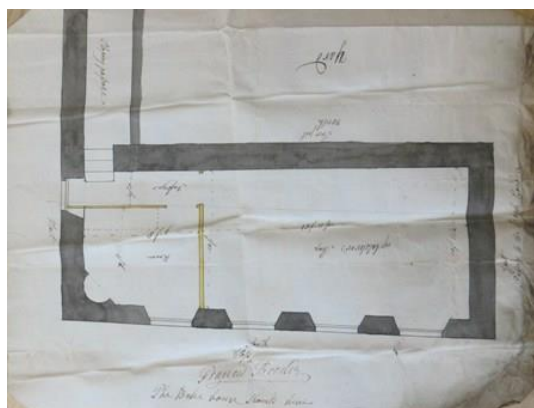
PROPOSAL: To extend upwards by one floor.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation to the south as intended.

Size: 37.0 x 31.5 cms.



Description: b. Plan of the ground(?) floor.

Inscriptions, verso: Pencil drawing of a screw clamp.

Size: 24.8 x 32.4 cms.

BOX: 1769/11

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 March 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 7 December 1768.

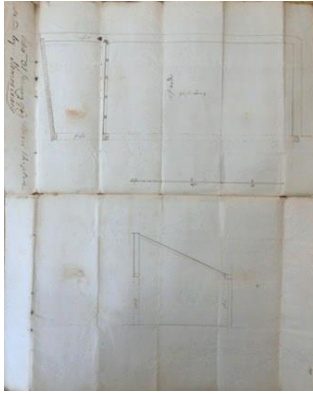
PETITIONER: James Craig, baker.

SITE: South Leith, near the Timber Bush.

PROPOSAL: To build a shade.

NOTES: The petitioner wanted to raise a mutual wall with his neighbour, Robert Wilson, merchant in Edinburgh, residing in Leith. He objected but the Court granted a warrant to proceed on 11 January 1769. In his title the property is described as being in Timber Hooffe or Bush. Robert Wilson took the matter to the Court of Session but his bill was refused on 24 February 1769.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan and section of the shade.
Size: 41.5 x 32.9 cms.

BOX: 1769/12

WARRANT GRANTED: 29 March 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 21 March 1769.

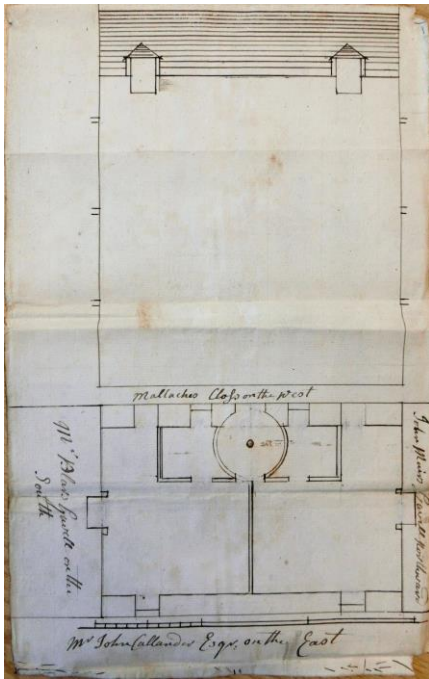
PETITIONER: James Blair, brewer in Abbey.

SITE: Canongate, north side, near the foot.

PROPOSAL: To build or rebuild a tenement.

NOTES: The plan is noted 'Mallachs Close on the west'.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of the ground floor.
Size: 31.2 x 19.5 cms.

BOX: 1769/13

WARRANT GRANTED: 5 April 1769.

PETITION LODGED: Unknown.

PETITIONER: Adam Fairholm of Greenhill and the Procurator Fiscal.

SITE: Lawnmarket, Paterson's Court, head.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a vent.

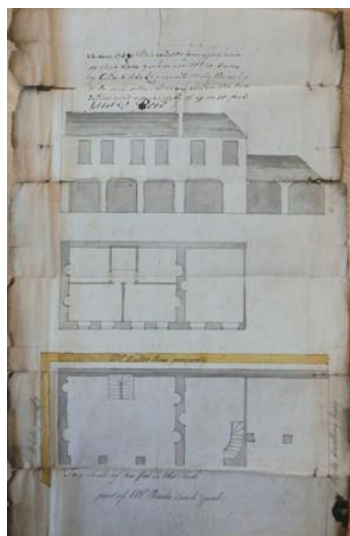
NOTES: All papers wanting except the warrant. The complaint is against John Chalmers, smith in Potterrow who has caused fire in his shop to the west of the entry to the Court by a vent he was previously ordered to remove.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/14
WARRANT GRANTED: 5 April 1769.
PETITION LODGED: 28 March 1769.
PETITIONER: William Moffat, glass grinder.
SITE: High Street, north side, a little above the Netherbow Port.
PROPOSAL: To open a vent.
NOTES: A vent to the second floor to be brought down to the first.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/15
WARRANT GRANTED: 19 April 1769.
PETITION LODGED: 29 March 1769.
PETITIONER: James Rattray, brewer.
SITE: Cowgate, Campbell's Close, west side.
PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for alterations.
NOTES: The Close is immediately east of Horner Close. The petitioner converted malt barns into houses. There are accounts here from Alexander Ponton, wright beginning on 22 June 1765, and measures for the work of Patrick Jamieson, mason and George Syme, slater, whose accounts are not here. There are oaths here by Alexander Ponton, wright aged 30 and upwards, married; William Rew, journeyman to Ponton aged 30 and upwards; James Brown, journeyman mason to the deceased Patrick Jamieson, aged 41 years, married and John Ffair, journeyman mason, aged 44, married.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/16
WARRANT GRANTED: 3 May 1769.
PETITION LODGED: 14 December 1768.
PETITIONER: James Reid, coachwright in Canongate.
SITE: Canongate, north side, nearly opposite the late Lord Milton's lodging.
PROPOSAL: To build a stable.
NOTES: The ownership of the land was disputed and the petitioner cited a bill of sale from the creditors of James Smith of Whitehill by the Court of Session dated 20 July 1737 for the sale of the property to Charles Allan, surgeon with a Charter of confirmation dated 20 July 1741. The property was then made over to the petitioner. James Mckell, fish hook maker in Canongate took the matter to the Court of Session in a Bill of Advocation that was refused on 2 March 1769. This mentions the houses of 'Ferguson and William Smith on the west' of the disputed property.
DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of two floors.
Size: 39.8 x 25.1 cms.

BOX: 1769/17

WARRANT GRANTED: 3 May 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 26 April 1769.

PETITIONER: James Kempt as factor for Humphrey Bland, gardener and his curators.

SITE: Canongate.

PROPOSAL: To add a floor to a tenement.

NOTES: The summons refers to the adjoining heritors as James Paterson and James Reid, coach wrights in Canongate.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation of the entire tenement and plan of the upper floor.

Size: 37.0 x 29.6 cms.

BOX: 1769/18

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 May 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 7 March 1769.

PETITIONER: Peter Smith, tailor in Leith.

SITE: Leith Wynd, north of Logan's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about the roof of a tenement.

NOTES: The complaint is against James Ramsay, slater who is building a tenement on a warrant from the Court, the upper floor of which belonged to the petitioner. During this the roof of a toofall belonging to the petitioner was damaged. Ramsay states that the petitioner interfered with the work. There are accounts here.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/19

WARRANT GRANTED: 16 May 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 19 April 1769.

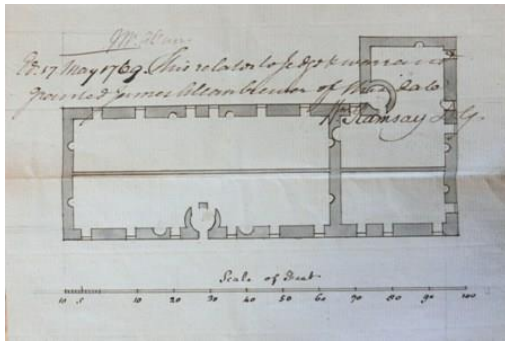
PETITIONER: James Allan, brewer.

SITE: Immediately east of the entry to George Heriot's Hospital.

PROPOSAL: To build a new malt barn.

NOTES: The petitioner purchased a brewery and associated buildings from James Flint, late brewer.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan.
Size: 12.0 x 17.6 cms.

BOX: 1769/20

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 May 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 17 May 1769.

PETITIONER: William Augustus Cunyngham of Livingston, Bt.

SITE: Canongate, north side.

PROPOSAL: Alteration to a boundary wall.

NOTES: The property had been purchased from Mr. Callender of Craigforth with the house recently built by him.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/21

WARRANT GRANTED: 31 May 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 24 May 1769.

PETITIONER: James Aberdour, founder.

SITE: Lawnmarket, north side, between Morocco Close and Galloways Close.

PROPOSAL: Repairs to a tenement.

NOTES: The petitioner refers to an action against Alexander Aberdour, son and heir to the late Alexander Aberdour, founder, for the tack on a yard and dwelling house. There is a note here of the intended work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/22

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 June 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 30 May 1769.

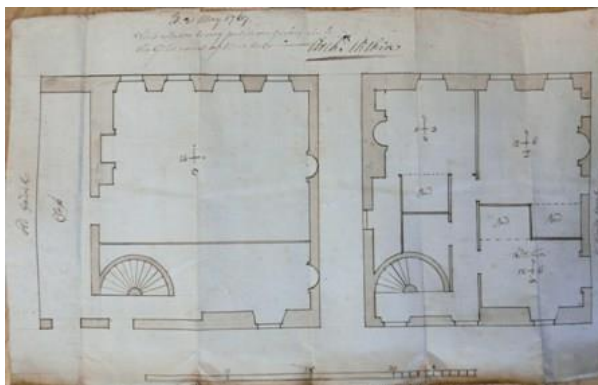
PETITIONER: Archibald Aitken, wright in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, west of the road from the Tolbooth to the back of the Canongate.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild old houses.

NOTES: The property recently purchased from George Hunter, mason in Canongate.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plans of two floors.
Size: 21.2 x 33.6 cms.

BOX: 1769/23

WARRANT GRANTED: 7 June 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 29 May 1769.

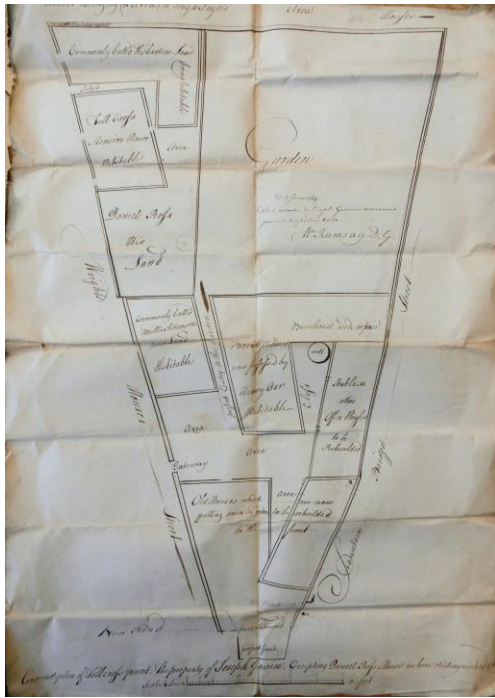
PETITIONER: Joseph Gavin, merchant in Portsburgh.

SITE: Tollcross Point or twopenny customs.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a brewery and houses.

NOTES: The property had been purchased from John Megget, brewer in Portsburgh. The plan shows Fountainbridge Street, Wrights Houses Street and Tollcross mansion house.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.

Size: 69.0 x 48.4 cms.

BOX: 1769/24

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 June 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 17 May 1769.

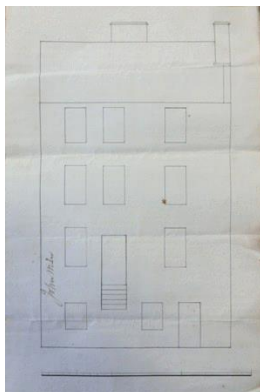
PETITIONER: John Miln, founder.

SITE: Chalmers Close, foot.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement.

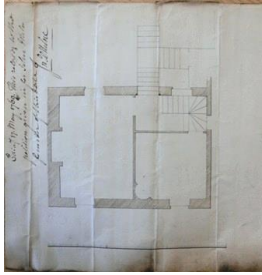
NOTES: There is a disposition here dated 13 August 1756 by William Wilson jun. writer, as trustee for the creditors of William Chalmers.

DRAWINGS: 2 sheets.



Description: a. Elevation of a tenement.

Size: 27.2 x 17.9 cms.



Description: b. Plan of ground floor.
Size: 22.1 x 21.6 cms.

BOX: 1769/25

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 15 May 1769.

PETITIONER: Margaret Pollock, relict of Thomas Pollock, couper in Leith and Hew Pollock, cooper there.

SITE: Leith, Queen Street.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.

NOTES: The complaint is against Rev. Robert Forbes of the Episcopal church who has caused a toofall of brick to be built, which encroaches on a window.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/26

WARRANT GRANTED: 21 June 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 12 June 1769.

PETITIONER: Mrs. Helen Braidwood, relict of William Braidwood, candlemaker and Ebenezer Gairdner, linen manufacturer.

SITE: Grassmarket.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about alterations to the causeway and entry to the Close.

NOTES: The petitioners purchased their property from the trustees of James Lithgow, merchant. The complaint is against John Paxton, stabler.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/27

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 7 June 1769.

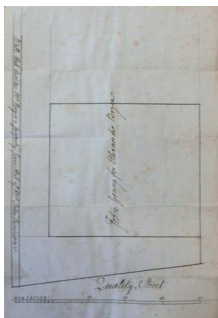
PETITIONER: Alexander Bryce, wine couper in Leith.

SITE: Leith, Quality Street, west side.

PROPOSAL: To build a house.

NOTES: The plan shows the property of John Jamieson on the south.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the site.
Size: 30.4 x 18.4 cms.

BOX: 1769/28

WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1769.

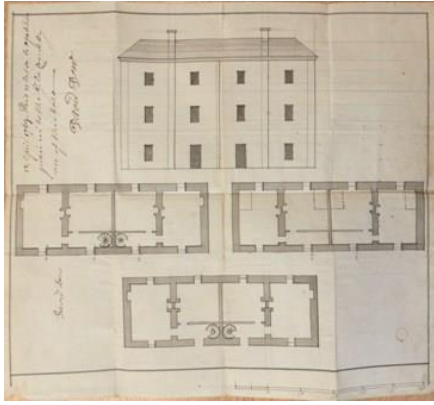
PETITION LODGED: 13 June 1769.

PETITIONER: Hugh Kinloch, tailor in Canongate.
SITE: Canongate, north side, a little above Young (now New) Street.
PROPOSAL: To repair and alter the front.
NOTES: The petitioner purchased a large old timber house, known as Seaton's land, from Dr. Thomas Young, physician. The Court appointed Messrs Robertson and Herriot along with William Butter to oversee the work.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/29
WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1769 (no warrant, complaint dismissed).
PETITION LODGED: 13 June 1769.
PETITIONER: Alexander Sherriff, merchant in Leith.
SITE: Leith, east end of Weighhouse Wynd, Corbie Hall.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about building without a warrant.
NOTES: The complaint is against Charles Sherriff, merchant in Leith who has built a shade on vacant ground, without a warrant. The complaint was dismissed.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/30
WARRANT GRANTED: 28 June 1769.
PETITION LODGED: 31 May 1769.
PETITIONER: Alexander Newlands, skinner.
SITE: High Street, between Halkerston's Wynd and the entry to the new bridge.
PROPOSAL: Complaint about insufficient work.
NOTES: The complaint is about William Mylne, mason who was employed by the petitioner to put in arches beside his property. This was carried out with timber lintols and the arches are not sufficient. He now wished to rebuild in stone.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/31
WARRANT GRANTED: 14 July 1769 (no warrant, petition dismissed).
PETITION LODGED: 11 April 1769.
PETITIONER: David Dow, wright at Stockbridge.
SITE: Leith, near the Sugar house.
PROPOSAL: To rebuild a ruinous tenement.
NOTES: The petitioners state that they purchased the property from Margaret Neilson, spouse to Walter McTaggart, sawer of timber in Leith. The title was disputed by the proprietors of the Sugar house and James Thomson, their tenant. There are depositions here regarding ownership of the property from William Glen, weaver in Leith aged 75, married; Thomas Weir, carter in Leith aged 75, married; Robert Caldcleugh, carter in Leith aged 73, married; John Hamilton, slater or plasterer in Leith aged 54, married; David Graham, smith in Leith aged 66, married; John Dougal, indweller aged 73, married and William Petrie, smith in Leith aged 55, married. It was found that the property belonged to the Sugar house and had been occupied by Robert Douglas, soap boiler in Leith. There is a copy of a decret of absolvitor here.
DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with plans of three floors.
Size: 27.7 x 30.5 cms.

BOX: 1769/32

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 July 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 14 June 1769.

PETITIONER: William Ritchie, indweller in Portsburgh.

SITE: Cowfeeder Row without the West Port.

PROPOSAL: To build on a mutual dyke.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/33

WARRANT GRANTED: 14 July 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 15 January 1769.

PETITIONER: John Caitcheon, carver and James Smellie, merchant.

SITE: Cowgate, opposite Fishmarket Close.

PROPOSAL: To demolish and rebuild a tenement condemned by the Court.

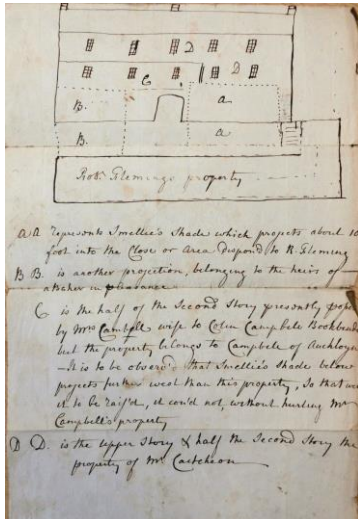
NOTES: The property was condemned on 3 August 1769. There is a full copy of the warrant here, with scroll notes. Robert Fleeming, printer made a claim on the title of part of the property from 1753 and there is a printed petition here to the Court of Session dated 25 January 1769 from Fleeming and Patrick Tod, merchant. In it they recite a history of their titles. There is a petition here to the Dean of Guild from Fleeming dated 19 July 1769 with the sketch at b. and further answers with plans from Agnes Duncan, relict of John Fainie, baxter in Pleasance and Mrs. Campbell, spouse to Colin Campbell, book binder at c. and d.

DRAWINGS: 4 sheets.

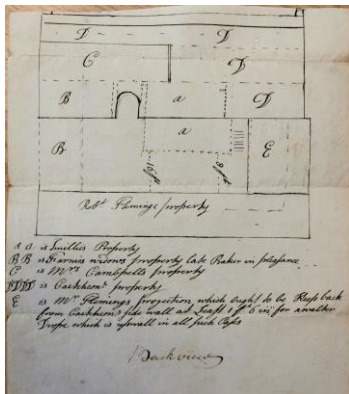


Description: a. Elevation of the intended tenement with plans of two floors.
Size: 53.9 x 37.2 cms.

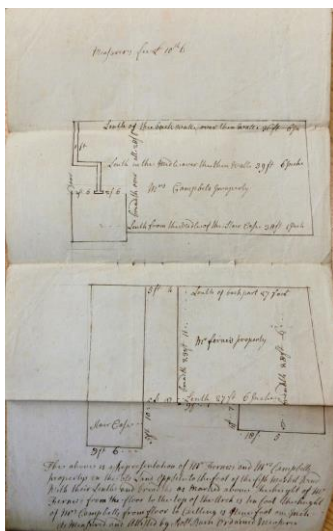
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Description: b. Sketch elevation and plan.
Size: 30.3 x 19.0 cms.



Description: c. Sketch elevation and plan.
Size: 23.0 x 18.6 cms.
Inscriptions, verso: Sketch of the present property as they presently stand



Description: d. Measured plan.
Size: 30.5 x 18.3 cms.
Draughtsman: Robert Burn, ordained measurer.

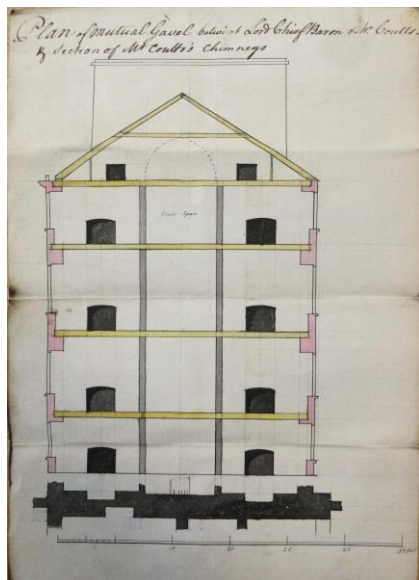
BOX: 1769/34
 WARRANT GRANTED: 19 July 1769.
 PETITION LODGED: 13 July 1769.
 PETITIONER: The Lord Chief Baron, Baron Ord.

SITE: (8) Queen Street, Lot EE.

PROPOSAL: To build a mutual gable.

NOTES: The Lot is bounded on the west by the lot feued to James Coutts, late Member for the City of Edinburgh. The petitioner complains that although the foundations have been dug and materials laid down, he has been unable to proceed with building for some time because Mr. Coutts refuses to build on his lot or settle on an agreed section for the mutual wall.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Section of the gable.

Size: 28.5 x 20.0 cms.

BOX: 1769/35

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 July 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 4 January 1769.

PETITIONER: John Mitchell, writer, son of the deceased William Mitchell, merchant.

SITE: High Street, south side, head of Hyndefords Close.

PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for the repair of a shop.

NOTES: There is an account here from Charles and William Butter, wrights for work carried out in October 1765. William Butter and four other members of the Court were sent to inspect the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/36

WARRANT GRANTED: 26 July 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 13 July 1769.

PETITIONER: James McKell, fish hook maker in Leith Wynd, James Mitchell, merchant in Leith, James Murray, tailor in Canongate, Peter Neil, printer and Thomas McGibbon, porter.

SITE: Leith Wynd, east side.

PROPOSAL: To complete the building of a tenement.

NOTES: The tenement is being built by James Ramsay, mason in Canongate and they have purchased the shop floor and three floors above but they are being pursued by Ramsay's creditors to provide money to complete the work.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/37

WARRANT GRANTED: 10 August 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 24 July 1769.

PETITIONER: William Watterson and William Burn, merchants.

SITE: Dunbar's Close.

PROPOSAL: To repair the paving in the Close.

NOTES: There are accounts here from Alexander Ponton, wright for handrails and a measure of the mason work 'done by Deacon Jamieson' by Alexander Turnbull.

Measurer. Also an account from Mr. Jamieson to John Sibbald, for a grate.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/38

WARRANT GRANTED: 23 August 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 24 July 1769.

PETITIONER: James Kempt as factor for Humphrey Bland, gardener.

SITE: Canongate, beside Campbell's land.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a plaster dividing wall.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/39

WARRANT GRANTED: 30 August 1769.

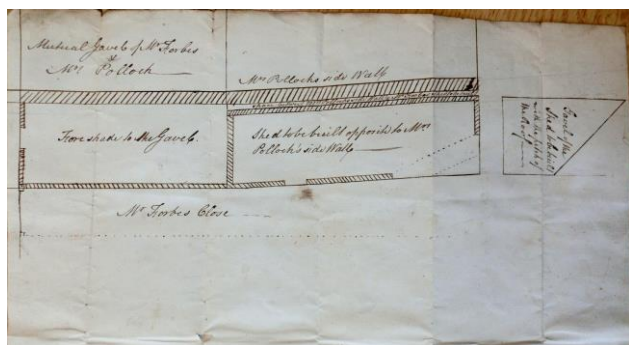
PETITION LODGED: 2 August 1769.

PETITIONER: Robert Forbes, minister of the Gospel in Leith.

SITE: Leith, the Paunch Mercat.

PROPOSAL: To build a lean to shed.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Plan of the area.

Size: 23.9 x 35.2 cms.

BOX: 1769/40

WARRANT GRANTED: 6 September 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 15 July 1769.

PETITIONER: Hugh Fraser of Lovat, residing in Leith.

SITE: Leith, the Green Tree.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about an eves drop.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Edmonstone, surgeon in Leith who has a summer house in his garden, which is build on a mutual garden wall. In re-slating this the rain water now runs off into the petitioner's garden.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/41

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 September 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 23 August 1769.

PETITIONER: James Rocheid of Inverleith with consent of Mrs. Janet Watson, relict of Alexander Rocheid of Inverleith, David Kinloch of Gilmerton and David Anderson, WS, his curators.

SITE: High Street, north side, Smith's land.

PROPOSAL: To repair the common stair.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/42
WARRANT GRANTED: 27 September 1769.
PETITION LODGED: 23 September 1769.
PETITIONER: Alexander Cunyngham, Clerk to the Signet.
SITE: Old Bank Close.
PROPOSAL: To repair a tenement.
NOTES: The tenement is owned by the petitioner and Francis Brodie, wright.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/43
WARRANT GRANTED: 6 September 1769.
PETITION LODGED: 30 August 1769.
PETITIONER: Miss Betty Suttie, sister of George Suttie of Balgone.
SITE: Canongate, Young Street.
PROPOSAL: To build a house.
DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1769/44
WARRANT GRANTED: 15 October 1769.
PETITION LODGED: 6 September 1769.
PETITIONER: James Thomson, merchant.
SITE: West Bow, foot, Curries Close.
PROPOSAL: To cognose accounts for rebuilding a tenement.
NOTES: A single account is lodged here, measured by James Ramsay, mason in Canongate and George Cowan, ordained measurer. The account lists work carried out by Alexander Adam, George Cowan, Alexander Nicholson, James Hay, glazier, Alexander Wardrop & Co for wall paper and Nicol Sommervell, painter but there are no individual accounts.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/45
WARRANT GRANTED: 25 October 1769.
PETITION LODGED: 22 August 1769.
PETITIONER: John Fraser, WS.
SITE: Milns (Mylne's) Court, back part.
PROPOSAL: To repair a stable.
NOTES: The first petition was granted a warrant on 6 September 1769.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/46
WARRANT GRANTED: 8 November 1769.
PETITION LODGED: 8 November 1769.
PETITIONER: Adam Keir, baker and Robert Williamson, merchant.
SITE: New Exchange, west wing.
PROPOSAL: To repair waste water pipes.
NOTES: The pipe is to descend through the shops from the flat owned by the deceased Adam Fairholme and presently occupied by Dr. Thriepland.
DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/47
WARRANT GRANTED: 8 November 1769.
PETITION LODGED: 21 October 1769.
PETITIONER: Hugh Morton, wright in Leith.
SITE: Leith, head of Sherriff Brae.
PROPOSAL: To build a tenement.
DRAWINGS: Mentioned but not here.

BOX: 1769/48

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 November 1769 (no warrant, defenders to see the petition).

PETITION LODGED: 21 November 1769.

PETITIONER: Alexander Newlands senior, skinner, John Rankin, wright and others.

SITE: Halkerstons Wynd, west side

PROPOSAL: Repairs to a tenement.

NOTES: States that the property is bounded on the west 'by the street leading to the new bridge commonly called Drummonds Street'. The petitioner's tenement has a great load of earth piled against it and this is causing water to seep in. They wish to dig down to the foundations and build a retaining wall at their joint expence.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/49

WARRANT GRANTED: 8 December 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 24 October 1769.

PETITIONER: Proprietors of houses in Mylne's Square.

SITE: Mylne's Square.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about dampness in cellars.

NOTES: The dampness in their cellars has been caused by earth piled up on the east side of their tenement for the new street (North Bridge). They refer to problems with 'the neighbourhood' throwing their waste onto the cellars. See warrants granted 17 August 1770 and 15 November 1771.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/50

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 December 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 8 December 1769.

PETITIONER: Miss Eleanora Bothwell, resider in Canongate.

SITE: Cowgate Port.

PROPOSAL: To carry out repairs.

NOTES: The 'great tenement' is occupied by Mrs, Campbell. There is a report here from James Reekie (mason or wright?), dated Canongate, 24 November 1769.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/51

WARRANT GRANTED: 20 December 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 27 November 1769.

PETITIONER: John Bonnar, painter and William Stoddart, smith.

SITE: Canongate head, south side, Halyburton's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a timber outshot.

NOTES: The complaint is against (blank) Walker, tanner in Canongate who owns the tenement opposite the petitioners. The timber outshot over the Close is ruinous.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/52

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 December 1769 (no warrant, petition dismissed).

PETITION LODGED: 27 November 1769.

PETITIONER: William Stoddart, smith.

SITE: Canongate, Halyburton's Close.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about encroachment.

NOTES: The complaint is against William Murray, merchant who has enclosed an area beside the petitioner's property and is now building on it. In answers for William Murray he claims right to the disputed property by a disposition from George Buchanan dated 20 May 1756. Buchan held a Sasine dated 4 December 1744.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/53

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 December 1769 (no warrant, petition refused).

PETITION LODGED: 24 October 1769.

PETITIONER: William Hamilton, cabinetmaker in Canongate.

SITE: Canongate, Tolbooth Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To repair and charge the expence as a debt on the property.

NOTES: There is mention of a 38 year tack entered into on 27 September 1752, between the proprietors, Mrs. Christian and Thomas Lancashire, coachmaster on one part and Alexander Shaw and James Cullen, upholsterers and David Smith on the other. This tack gave them right to make alterations and repairs and charge the expence to the proprietors. William Hamilton acquired right to the property by assignation from Alexander Shaw and David Smith dated 7 March 1755.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/54

WARRANT GRANTED: 22 November 1769.

PETITION LODGED: 21 November 1769.

PETITIONER: Alexander Newlands, skinner, James Ranken, wright and others.

SITE: Halkerstons Wynd, west side, bounded on the west by Drummond Street.

PROPOSAL: Complaint about a great pile of earth.

NOTES: The petitioners intend opening the ground and building a wall to create a gap and to re harl the tenement.

DRAWINGS: None.

BOX: 1769/55

WARRANT GRANTED: 27 December 1769.

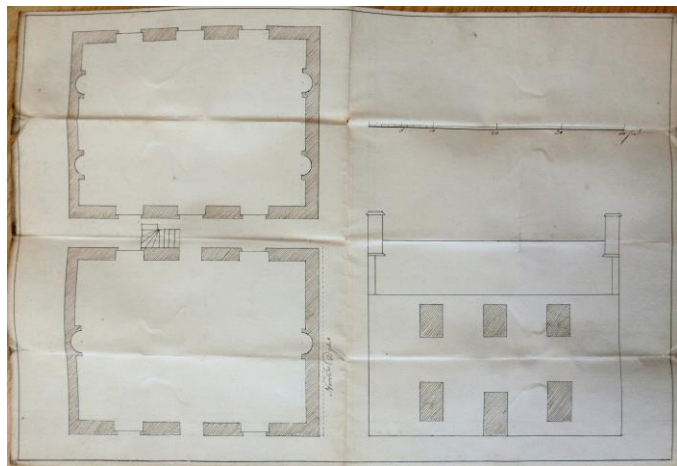
PETITION LODGED: 20 December 1769.

PETITIONER: Robert Selby, plumber.

SITE: Between Baillie Fyfe's Close and the street leading from the New Port to Leith Wynd.

PROPOSAL: To build a house.

DRAWINGS: 1 sheet.



Description: a. Elevation with a plan of two floors.

Size: 26.3 x 38.7 cms.
