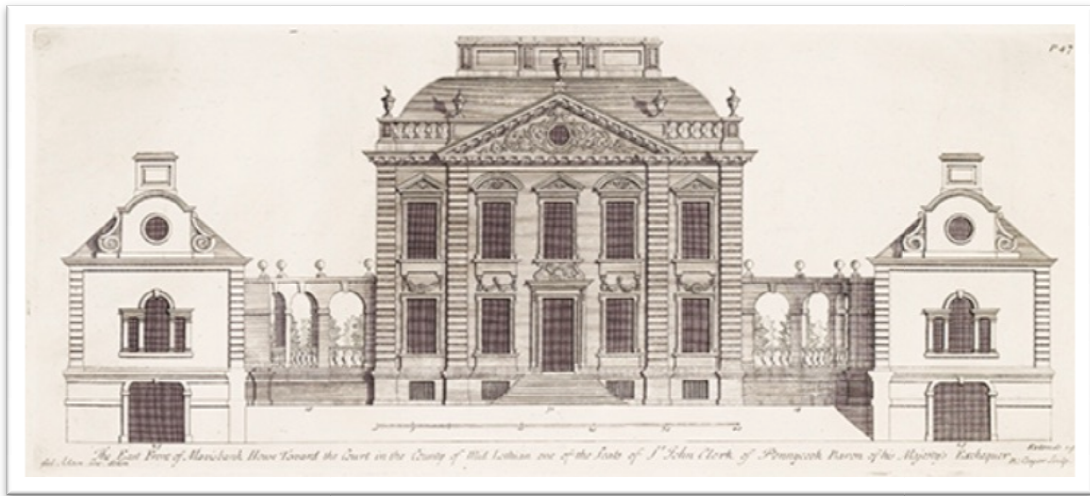


THE MAVISBANK TRUST



MAVISBANK ARCHIVAL RESEARCH REPORT

CLERK OF PENICUIK MSS

VOLUME 1

MAVISBANK HOUSE

CORRESPONDENCE: WILLIAM ADAM ARCHITECT and SIR JOHN CLERK OF PENICUIK

1723 - 1741

THE ADAM/CLERK CORRESPONDENCE

The following reproductions represent all of the surviving correspondence in the Clerk of Penicuik Papers (GD18) between William Adam, architect, and the client, Sir John Clerk of Penicuik, mainly concerning Mavisbank. It presents a narrative conducted from January 1723 (when it is already apparent that some earlier dialogue had taken place and initial ideas for the design were still very much fluid), and extends until settlement of the final bill in 1737 for the installation of the Principal Apartment marble chimneypieces produced in 1732 and installed in 1735.

It thus provides a unique insight into the architect/client relationship and how the dynamics between them are managed in relation to evolving matters of taste and pragmatic solutions to building, fitting out, and even treatment of the landscape setting. It also provides the most eloquent and entertaining evidence for the genesis of the work overall. The scope of this correspondence extends beyond Mavisbank itself, so that matters of other business in which Clerk was concerned also feature - such as coal, land improvement, and indeed Clerk's role as a oracle on architectural matters between Adam and other clients such as the Marquess of Tweedale at Yester; and the marshalling of political influence for the promotion of Adam in public office. With regard to the latter, there are letters to Clerk from the Earl of Hopetoun in a (failed) eleventh hour bid to have Adam appointed architect for public works under the Edinburgh Ale Act (a levy of 2d. per pint) of 1723; and Sir John Anstruther's successful intervention in 1727 to have Adam made Clerk of the King's Works. In his office as a Baron of the Court of Exchequer, Sir John Clerk too was able to favour Adam in civic projects such as the Bishop's Palace in Glasgow in 1729, and finally, in the possible revival of a proposed Forth - Clyde Canal which is the subject of William Adam's concluding letter in the sequence, written in strict confidence by his son John in October 1741.

Being self-explanatory, no catalogue of contents has been prefaced here to the correspondence. Some minor re-arrangement has been made to the archival inventory numbering in the interests of preserving strict chronology.

I was ~~born~~ ^{born} by ^{years} of Fall
23. ^{Sept.} And before it reached my hand was deeply
injured in the Dranght here with ^{but} ^{now}, I'm afraid
by what I understand from the Dimensions of ^{the} ^{same} in ^{your}
Last, that you think this is too large; But
at the same time you'll see it a very small Box and
you'll see ~~that~~, and can't well see how any thing left
can be made, to have a following of Rooms, and
which I think should always be in the first floor above
the vaults - Here is also the Family Apartment in ^{the}
same floor, and the Lodging Rooms above, with
Billiard Table Room leaving for one Ante Chamber to the
whole floor - On the Garrett Store I have introduced a
parapet wall in form of one Attick, which has a very good
effect, and by which, there is so many windows as is
necessary for Lighting these Rooms ^{that} placed in ^{the} wall. (By

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By which the Roof is saved from breaking by Storm
Windows, which yet have proved commonly trouble some
There are severall of these Windows tho, designed on the
front Draught of the Pitch, for Regularity's sake -
yet are work'd, having no Lash in them, then not
being sufficient for them all, There are severall other
things I have to say relating thereto which I hope
shortly to doo, when I have the Honour of writing
upon You -

I am not yett perfectly recovered of My sore Throat
which keeps me in the House, But am not Idle, then!
Just now among my handes a Designe of an Addition
to Newbister House. And so soon as it's done I'll try
my hand on something like of the propose of a Bay
tho I cant say, the Disposition will answer fully so
well as this last, And immediately shall make it
My first business In doing My self the Honour of
writing Upon You, And shall heartily Comply with
any thing of Your own Thought, that may be judg'd

Better than Mine, and be determined by You in any
time in Drawing out any Sketch of Wall paper
In the Mean time any thing that occurs to You in
respect to this Seat or any thing else, shall be glad
to have Your Mind thereunto — I shall expect —
pardon for this freedom, and I am at all times —
with greatest respect

My Lord

Your Lordships

Much obliged Very
Obedant Servt.

Wicks of Picheady.

30th Jan^r 1723

William Adams

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1 PIECE

My Lord

When I last presented the
like freedom with your Leg, I was then presented
with a sore throat, which I certainly could not all
last by a Bill, of which I'm now delivered, &
am in a fair way of being perfectly well in a
few days, so that I hope quickly of having
the Honour of waiting on your Leg, with any
scratch I can have ready, I shall expect
pardon for this among your freedoms and I
am at all times with utmost respect

My Lord

Your Leg^t

And believe me very much obliged

W. M. M. M.

Wm. Kay
10th Feb 1793

CO 18 | 4720

My Lord

Being now perfectly recovered from my Gester night, And being oblig'd to see my Lord Marquis of Annandale this night, I shall make my way very short there, and immediately after shall do myself the Honour of waiting upon You —
I understand You will either be at Newbigging or London, where I shall endeavour to find You, pardon this trouble and the delay I have given You, & I shall always remain with utmost Esteem
My Lord

Edw. 7th 16 March 1773

Your Loyall
Most Obedient Servt
Wm. Adam

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My Lord

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Your Lord's Honours
 was graciously said, by Sir John Lubbock
 & Mr. Stansfeld, and will give me to any
 measure yet proposed for that end. Mean-
 time I did not feel of yours, write My Lord
 Stansfeld also, regarding the matter, and
 he would draw a clause to be put
 into the Times Act, which I send you
 by a double. My Lord Stansfeld
 says that since it was past the
 House of Commons, My Lord Stansfeld might
 lay it before Lord himself. But
 being informed yesterday by Mr. L. Stansfeld
 who says that it is past the House
 of Commons already I doubt if I can
 again acknowledge my self under your
 obligations to you. I am, if it did

I am with best wishes to You, Sir &
Family — with utmost respect, —

Yr. Servant

Your Servant's Much
obdyd Servant
Wm Kay

William Kay

Craigiehall
20th March 1723

Your Servant will be a Servant ^{one} of Mr
and Mrs James Taylor to me, with the Brick
makers, but ^{proposally} amend his wages, Your
Servant will please let me know here by me

pleas'd with it and if ye will give that
page, as to his being against Making
of Priests I reckon he'll get over that
for he must first make them ere he
can build them —

Your Loy^d Answer of 7th Feb^r that
I may write him —

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London 6th of Aprile
1723

for

I am heartily forry your letter came not
sooner, The Town of Edinburghs bill was past both
houses two dayes before I received it, I wish it had
been sooner thought of for I really believe the thing
might have done, I do assure you I should have
been verry willing to have done Mr. Adams all
the service that was in my power I beg leave to
take this opportunity of assuring you that I
am with great esteem and respect

Dear for

Your most Obedient
humble servant

Hopston

My Lord

I was Hon^d by both Yours
of 13th & 18th Ap^r only Thursday Last, which
reach'd me here when I have been this
fortnight past — I was resolv'd into
Annanvale befo^r my return to Ed^o. But being
I understand The Marquis is to attend his friend
at y^e Assembly I design directly for Ed^o in 8,
or 10 days hence if not sooner, and in My way
will stop at Louhead, and from thence write to
You if y^e Foundation is not laid, or shall want
of You soon if You as Ye shall desire —
As to the Drawing ^{Board} I find that My Dad Neglect^d
ed to carry it to the House opposite to Your
Dwelling, But Left it at My Quarters at
Canongate head. One Deacon Hart a Wright

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But I shall order it when I get them —
I wish you may not have wanted it much
I am under many obligations to you for many
instances of your favour, for which I shall
always remain with utmost respect —

My Lord

Your Servant

Most Obedient Servant
Wm. Kay

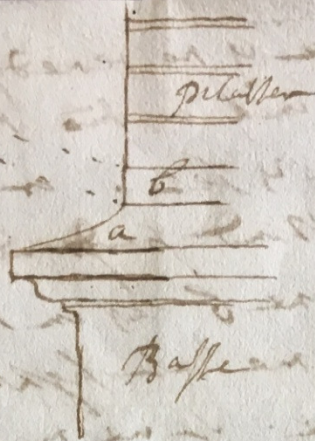
London 6th May
1723

William Kay



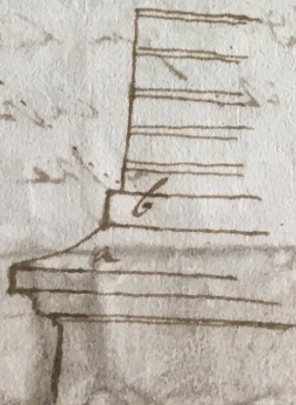
To
Mr. Adams
Architect
to be kept with Mr. Lambey
Macham as his shop on
the north side of the wall
Edinb.

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The points as I
direct where the
fault is.

In the making the moulding for the base at
Chairbank I fear you have made an error
which I do not know well how to help.
you have brought the step at a too far
on, by which means the platten must stand
perpendicular to the face of the stone &
whereas there ought to have been an intake
at the stone of this



note
the points direct
where the platten
should begin

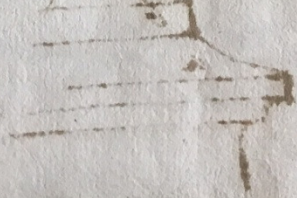
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for helping this there is no remedy but to make
the pillar an inch or two narrower for
all the life course of the. or otherwise
the pillar must stand perpendicular to
the face of the stone & as in the first figure
please to advise me in light of this
what is to be done. If we make the pillar
= for narrower I'm afraid it will have
an ill effect.

I am

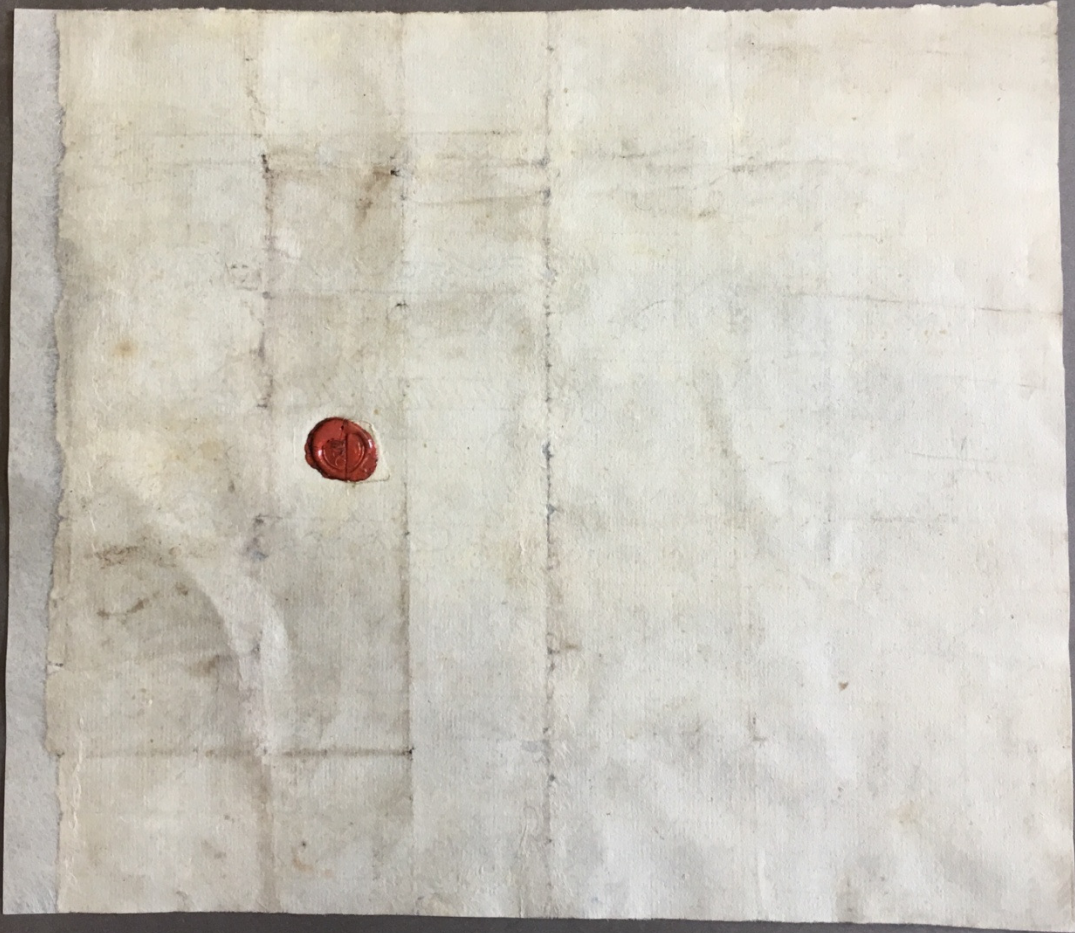
your most humble servant
John Clerk

Perrycock is dead
If you be in Ed^o you had best come
out to look to it. call your self
there in Saturday in the forenoon



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2 PIECES



is easily remedied, as you will see by the sketch on page
24 - I am by no means for altering the pilaster, for
beside it's getting out of proportion, would be a greater
trouble - what I propose is that the half foot ciler
under of pilaster be made $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch or so thicker
than the rest, that run behind of pilasters, which is set down
upon the marking or upper bed of the setting at A, and you
will see I have marked that $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch to be set
down by one Inch Line, and cross of line above, which
would have been the way of of half foot ciler, if
that mistake had not happen'd - This $\frac{3}{4}$ inch ciler need
only be placed directly under every pilaster & no more
one will have no ill effect, & as I believe the joint
ciler may do the object, the marking on the upper
bed of the setting being very flat, & this ciler being
to project without the face of the pilaster only $\frac{3}{4}$ of an
inch, will require the top to be taken of the upper bed of
the setting directly under of pilaster, and so much the
top to be added to the thickness of the half foot ciler in
that place - As I know you will very easily understand
what I mean, so will make it very easy to make -
I must, and I have observed your own mind, which
ye will judge if I have understand you rightly, be
not at all afraid of any bad effect from this for I assure
you there is nothing in it - I ever am ally Sir -

London 19th 4th 1723 excuse haste
Your aff. most obedt
Wm. Paine

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mark mark 6-2A

You will see by y^e steps howe that
 these down with a pencil, that is
 your device is, they fall within y^e
 face of y^e last part with, but by
 setting down that will be y^e end of
 it next with y^e step of y^e upper
 of the hollow — but be slow
 y^eppre. So of all that thin
 y^ell. own shall —

My Lord

What I write You Top of other Day -
in answer to Yours, ~~is~~ in Hopefull ye have received,
having sent it along with John Scott plimner -
who promis'd should reach Yo^r Lo^p's hands yesterday

This goes along with Mr. Absentyne Carole who
I send to doo the Carpoche for ye Entry door, which
by the draught support of Coal of Arns, which is
this ready - There is also 2 Bedrons ^{above} ~~above~~ ye
windows of ye front to be Carved, and being he's
not throug all this time it's all good he doo it
now or after - I leave Yo^r Lo^p to bargain with
him for them - He'll know how to doo them by
the Draught - I am

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My Lord
Yo^r Lo^p's most
obedient serv^t
William Roome

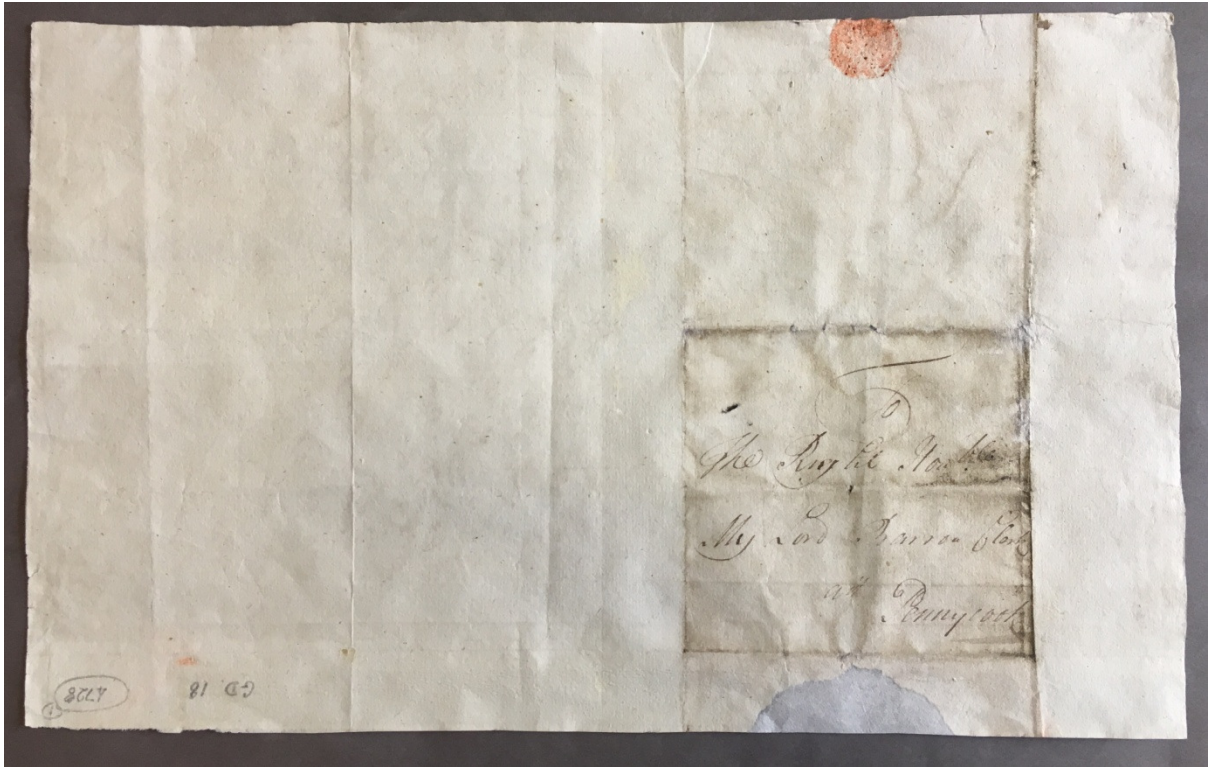
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I return you a thousand thanks for your kind obliging
letter, and the trouble you have taken to send your man. As for
Thomas he has so many Real, and so many Imaginary projects,
that he minds no body nor no thing to purpose. Your letter
and Lamington who is here, with the bad luck I have always
had, discourages me much about my Coal. I want to
be easy for no Reason more than to be able to serve my
friends and those I wish well to. I begg you'd believe I reckon
you among the principal of that Number, and that I ever
am very Sincerely

Craigiehall Janry. 23. 1724

Your Faithfull and Obedient
humble servant

Annandale

I can Raffle a Covenant with you
when you please, having found an
Original one in our borders when
I was last there. You have a
curiosity that I would be glad to see it
I can account how the money was
tributed that was given to the Scots for delivering up the King
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My Lord

I thought to have had
the Honour of waiting upon you soon after
I left Maffat, But the Duke of Roxburgh
being come to Scotland, I'm oblig'd to wait
upon his Grace for 5, or 6 days hence
when he resolves on his Journey for London
pray forgive me, & I shall always be
with utmost Esteem -

Design directly for London My Lord

after his Grace takes Journey
Yours most obed^t
and much oblig'd very
truly Serv^t

Broxmouth 10th May

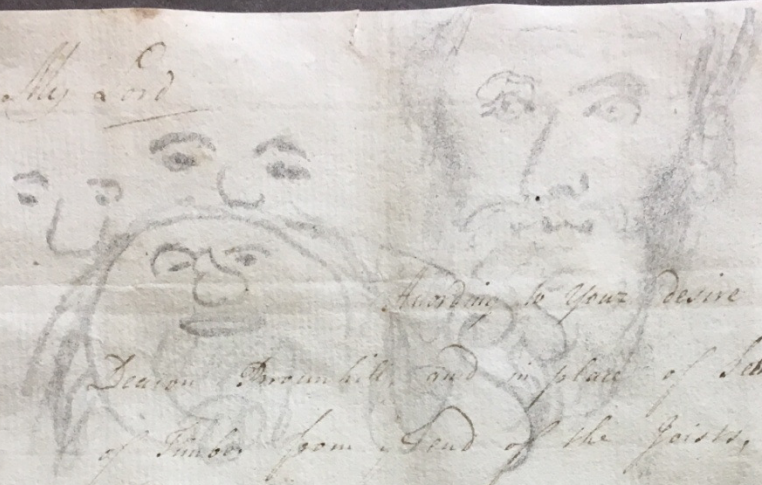
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William Kay

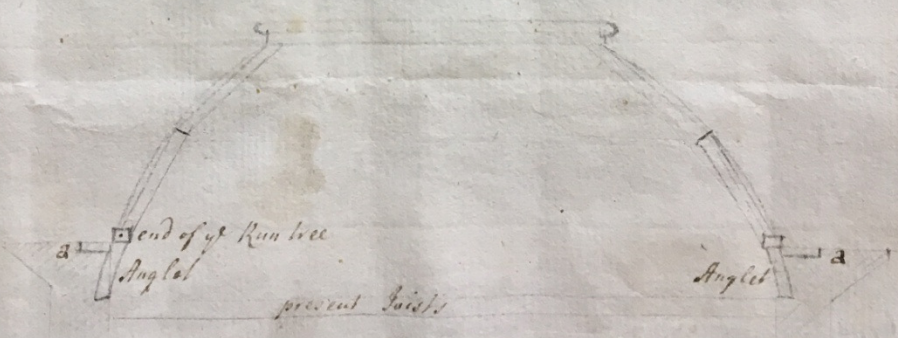
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My Lord



According to your desire I sent for
Deacon Prounhill, and in place of setting up pieces
of Timber from the end of the Joists, have agreed
to fix or build in severall Anglets of wood in
the wall for supporting a Run tree which
crosses the end of the Beams of the Roof. For
I judge it better that the wall should carry the
weight of the Roof ^{then} the Joists - The form of
the Anglets are as in the following Sketch -



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These anglets, I think may have little Croop heads
going in upon the Lovell of the wall at severall
places betwixt Cornices as I have marked a. a. of
one upon of one side and the other, upon the o^r
side - These I think will help to Stiffen the
Anglets in of wall, and of Run tree along
the top within the thickness of the wall does
not only Bind all together, But also answers
what yo^r Lop propos'd of getting the water
passage broader, exactly the same as in
your Method - And the Balustrade to stand
as first propos'd - Although what I propos'd to
John Baxter is of I have frequently observed
and with no bad Effect; But I Submit to yo^r
Lop, seeing you like the first better, and that
wee can have sufficient breadth for a water -

water passage beside,

As to the Pediment on the front, after considering all that matter fully, I am of opinion that one window in the middle of the Pediment will have the best Effect with a large piece of foliage on each side, & that all the Leaves flowers or fruits be very large in being far from eye, and for that end that 6 Inches of rough Stone be left swelling without of plain of the Pediment for Mr Silversmith to work upon for the more the foliage rises and the darker the shades are, so much the better at that distance —

As to the removing of the Port of Arms from above the Door to the Pediment, Is what I

I too not like so well, for one reason,
I'm very sure that the Coat of Arms is so
small that it would make no appearance at all
at so great a Distance, nor would it bear any
proportion to the Massiness and Strength of
any of the sq^r. Sculptures that may join it
in the Pediment — Another is, that to
fill up that space when the Coat of Arms is
gone with the Crest would be too Massie and
Strong, and so overcharge the Carcases or sq^r
ornaments there — So that I really Judge it
much better, that the Coat of Arms remain
as it is — and the Pediment to have only one
sculpture in the Middle with the foliage one
each side, and in case the sq^r by agree to the

this, You will please tell John Duxter and he
will order the projection of 6 Inches on the
plan of pediment, that so Silver-sty may
have Subject to mark upon —

Deacon Ingham says the Timber is ready &
has been expecting your own Carriage for it —
It is butly want to know how, if you are
to send your own Carriage, or if he shall
send it out with Leath Carriage —

I return hearty thanks to your Lordship for
your kind invitation, But if possible I
am thinking of making a Trip to Galway
if I could have but a day or 2 before
My Lord's Ship comes away for the way ⁽²⁾
when

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think I'm disobligeing my person, and
scaly if it were in My power to prevent
itt, I would not disoblige his Leg, for
he has been very Civill to me - However
I promise my self I'll be soon att London
att least before any difficult points be
in hand - I'm concern'd about the way
and will wish to see itt right - You
with utmost Esteem

My Lord

Your Leg^t

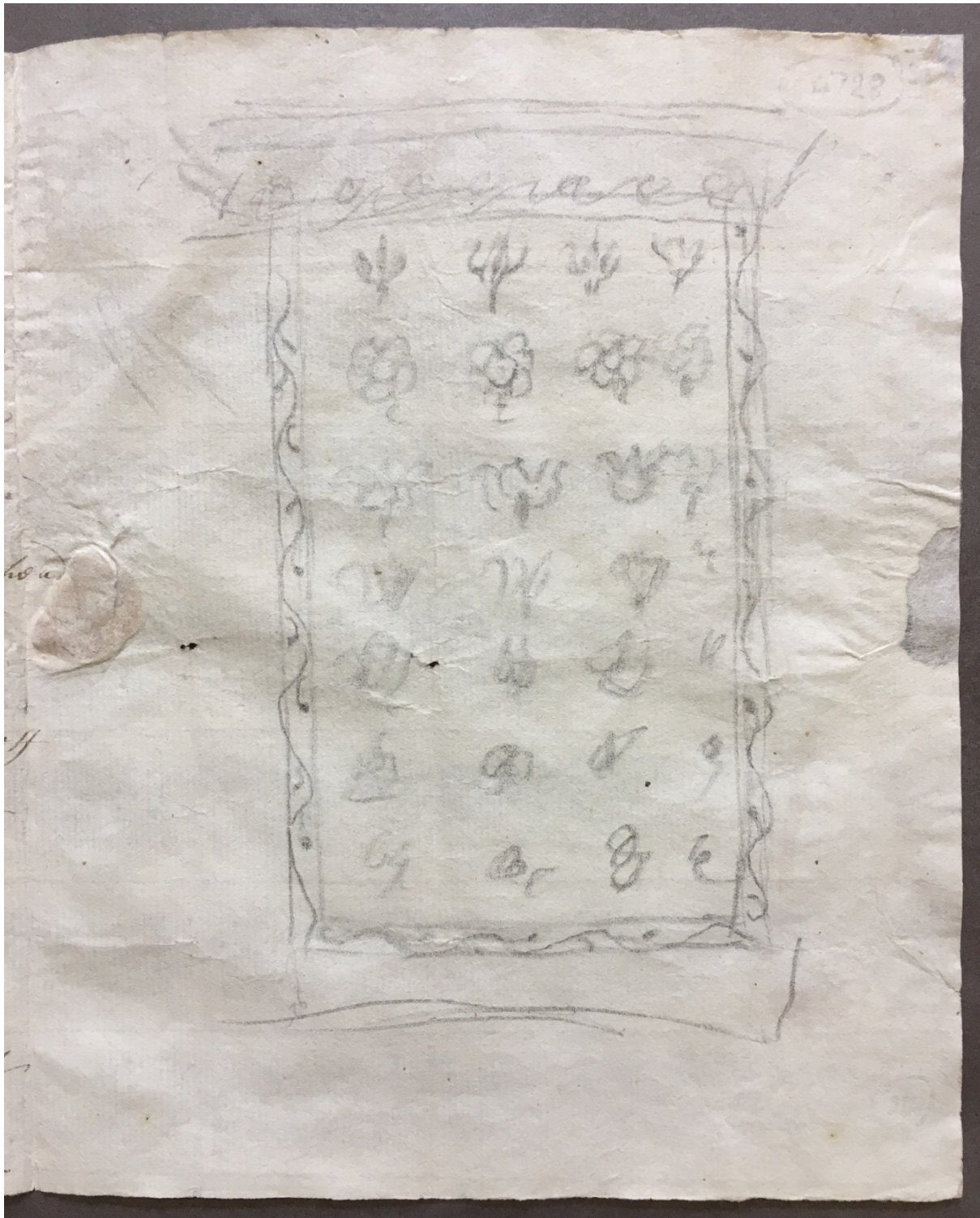
Much Oblig'd most Obedient

Serv^t

W^m Kay

Nov 20th 1724

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My Lord

I should be glad to know
if ye design to take all, or any part of the Skulls
& Spoke of. As I told Your Grace before they are both
the best Season'd and Fiercest to be yett herd; & I'm
of Opinion ye will have occasion for all, I should
wish them in Your Grace's hand, before any other, & if Your
Grace thinks not fitt to take all, after you have taken
what you incline I'd speak to some oyr's (who are
wanting) about the rest a Barron Dubyuple was
speaking for some and My Lord Hoptoun; But I wish
ye had them all, for I'm sure they woud please
oyr's in showing or buying, especially when ye doo well
resolve to paint. — The sooner Your Grace will
look at them the better; Because (if possible) I'd see
to make a Step to London this winter — As to the payth
Yours

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Your L^{ty} would assist me as I need, which is als good
to me as all at once — There was three thousand
one hundred of them, But there being about 400 gone to
Perthshire, there remains about 2700, at 6 five to
the hundred —

I design als soon as I can to do my self the Honour
of waiting on yo^r L^{ty}, And shall bring the Duke of
Aberdeens Draught along with me — I am full of
Opinion that the Octogone pavilions are most proper
for Ma^rs Branch, And I design a Prospect of one
of them along with me, And tho' I know your L^{ty}
will only do the walling, or rough work, yett I'd
have a Belling, Corners, and Cornish ^{with a Jabotone} done, as
that Architecture may be exprest att first view —

Wherefor if Your L^{ty} please I propose to Erecte

them

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them likewise, and if your Leg thinks my former
prices too high - your Leg shall make the price
of these your self - Excuse this freedom, being I
am proud of finishing the whole, it so much
pleases my Taste. I am with utmost Esteem -

My Love

Your Leg?

Your Leg will please mind
to have look at the Deeds

Most Obedient very true Serv

William Dawkins

20th Dec^r

1724

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My Lord

Messrs. Trevelock &
Threlkeld desire me to inform
you. That their Course of
being now over they are without
any hopes of a second, and
before they part up their Apartments
would willingly goe through
with you in the manner you
propose, wherefor they are
to wait your return —

I sincerely wish you would
come in to Town Monday or Tuesday
I believe 2 days might doe much
to serve your purpose, & so I do
Pray —

Doo My self the Honour of
writting upon yo^r Leg all the
time, for I have misd some
Lectures being out of the Town &
Make My self believe yo^r Leg will
be here Monday or Tuesday, so that
I shall only add that I am with
utmost Esteem —

My Love

yo^r Leg^s

Most Reverend, very
humble Serv^t

Ed. 20th March

1725
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William Penn

My Lord

I met with Mr. Shroold
yesternight & told him yo^r design of being
here on Thursday; He desired me to write
yo^r L^{ty} that he thought it adviseable yo^r
L^{ty} should delay it till Monday next in y^e
forenoon, because Mr. Snowds is with Sr. John
Deshines, and he has write to him, to be home
on Saturday, and in the mean time ^{Mr. Shroold} ~~he~~ is
to be putting their Apparatus in order for
yo^r L^{ty} design a^t Monday, I was to have
gone out of Town; but will stay & wait upon
yo^r L^{ty} all the Colledge.

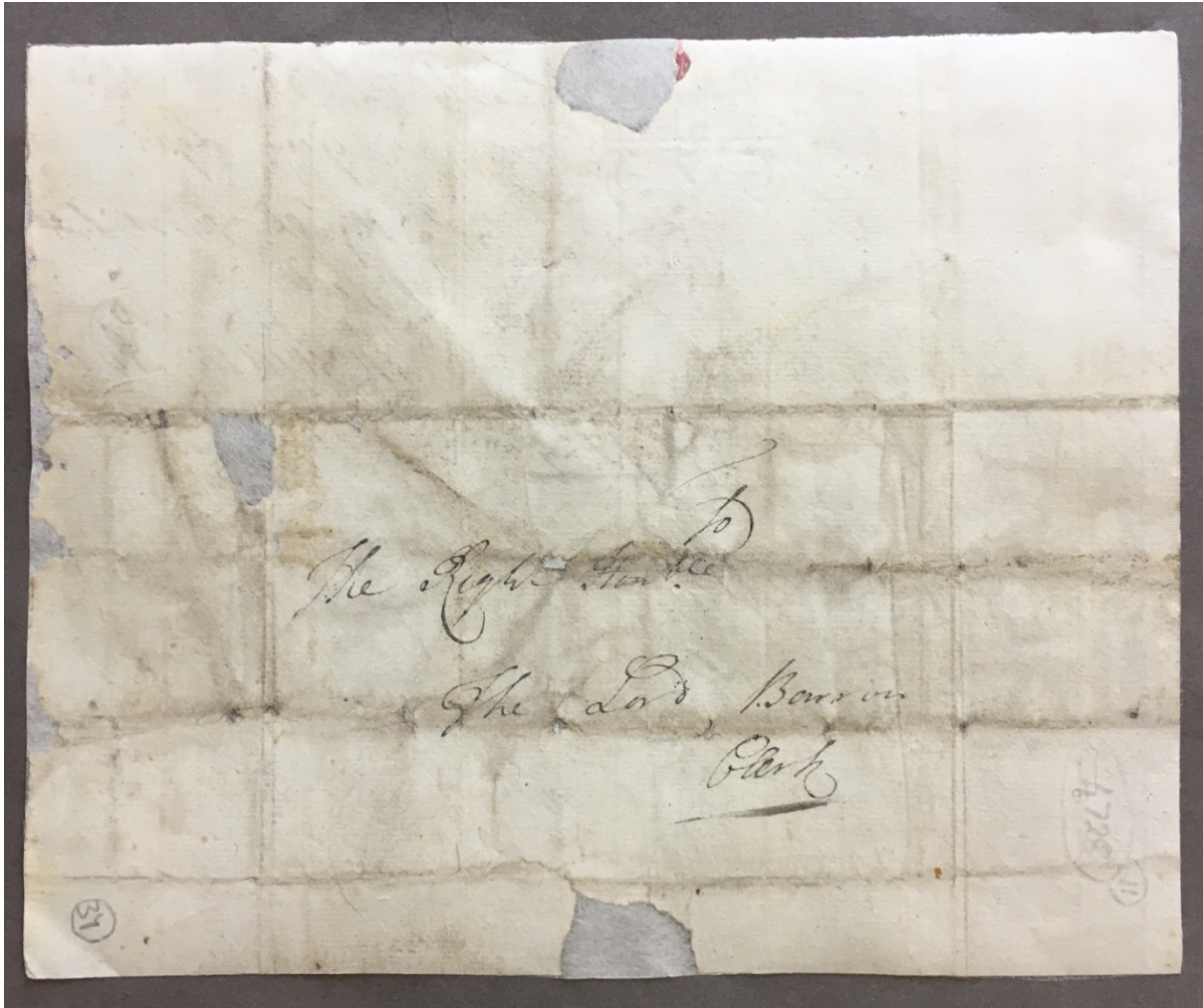
As to any thing else yo^r L^{ty} writes I shall
endeavour to give yo^r L^{ty} satisfaction when
I have the Honour of writing on yo^r
L^{ty}

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To
The Right Hon^{ble}
The Lord Barron Clerk

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My Lord

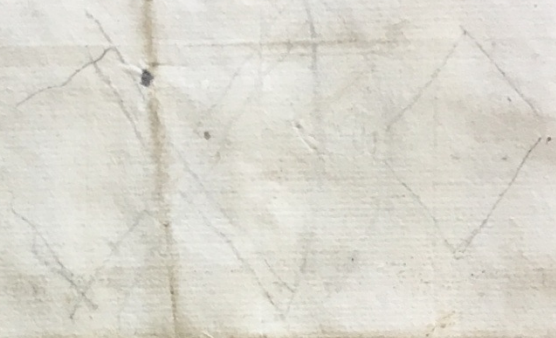
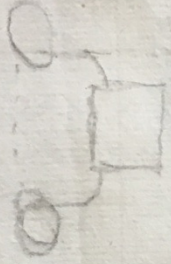
I rec^d both Yours on Satur-
day Night, when I came from Aoptoim, where
I have been ever since I had the Honour of
waiting on Yo^r Lop — I begin to like
Yours last Design better than any before —
But shall be more able to satisfy, when
I have the Honour of waiting on Yo^r Lop —
which I resolve very soon — I have not
yet seen our Philosophy Masters, but will
advise your Lop soon, when they ^{are to} begin
pardon me for this haste, Being the
Beehive Cant Stay, I am with best wishes
and utmost Esteem —

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My Dad
Your Leg!
Affectionate most true
lett
William Dowd

Apr 12th 1925

0018/4722/111. He write more fully to Morrow



To

The Right Honble

The Lord Barron Park

Newbigging

GD18/4728/129

My Lord

I was design'd to write with Mr
Thorold, but he went away before I knew —
They want your assistance much, (Being the
Magistrates have sent to stop them in their
second course) which no doubt you have
given already being Mr Thorold has been
waiting on you long — I had Mr Frevall
your design of having him out for a day
or two, but they are in some disorder just
now about that affair, so that Mr Frevall
could not determine himself, but I'll know
by Monday next, & if he goes not along
I'll endeavour soon after by my self. To
doe my self the Honour of waiting on
you

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Y^{or} L^{op} — So that I'll delay saying any
thing with respect to the Positions till then — only
I press their being little, or at least that they
be little in appearance, for which I doo think
the Octagon the best form; and positively to
have the Walls, &c. to be detach'd — And I'm
also for have the positions to be als. four from y^e
house as the Ground will allow, without being inconve-
nient — I shall say nothing more thro' But that
I am with utmost Esteem —

My Lord

Y^{or} L^{op}
Most Obedient Serv^t

William Brouncker

Ed. 16th Apr
1725

My Lord

I am sorry that I mis'd your Leg
on Wednesday last, If I had known your Leg was
to be in there I had not only said —

According to your Leg's desire I measured the work, of
which I send inclosed the Stud, as also the Book of
the Several Measures as they were taken, which your
Leg may examine & compare with your own Measures,
I am very sure your Leg will not willingly doo any
thing to my hurt, so that I can heartily trust your
Leg's Measures as well as my own; But I think
mine are pretty exact, and I'm sure rather within
— than without — As to that of measuring over
the windows, & thickness of wall att top, I dou-
assure your Leg if it were not common practise
I should not have begun it with your Leg — and to
assign no more reasons but this, it is easier to build
up the whole wall solid without windows, then —
to

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to build the Schünckens of the windows &c.^a — But
as to that or any other such thing, that may be
Disagreeable to yo^r Lop I'm willing rather to quite
what such Measure comes to, than Disoblige yo^r
Lop — Tho' it must not be put on the footing
of excluding the windows & top of wall for that
might introduce a Custom, for which I would be
complained of by others, and also make My self
Suffer in other Cases — As to the price being better
then some others, I believe yo^r Lop will think
the work very different, and much better Deserving
then some o^rs at a third of its price —

As to what Money I'm yet to gett — yo^r Lop may
easily consider that it's not all proffitt, for as
yet I have not one sixpence of My prentices wages
the whole time, beside severall additions I
made to the Money I gott from yo^r Lop, at the
different —

Different parts made to the men -

As to the alteration of the Situation of the
offices - I cant help thinking that the farther
removed the better for of Howe; as to that of
being seen (from Pelton House) at the Entry door
I think a small matter; for no body at that
distance can distinguish persons, and beside the whole Park
& Avenue, cant be viewed from itt; so people
coming to yo^r Log must be seen in some one
place or other - And as to losing ^{know of} a great part
of the Orchard Ground, from prin^l Din: Room,
& Drawing Room, I believe its but little that is
lost, beside of pavilion can be situated nowhere
but some part of the prospect of the field must
be lost, and I look upon the whole bottom to
be a Rural Garden, and the distant view with

The better to be the best - and I'm sure the pre-
cise point that was fix'd for ye pavilion, cutting of
the front of the House, and only showing the flank
from ye walk in the Garden, covers the obliqueness
more then any other way, also beware of
Inconvenience by ye pavilions being too near the House
So that from all I must begg leave to think
our last resolution the best, Tho' at the same
time I shall plead to be excus'd for my freedom
and that I doo not like to contend, or to be too
positive of my own opinion —

As to the Stair I can easily yield that point, Tho'
Your Lop will see in Palladio's Architecture
that Stairs are very often the whole Length
of the front, & some times less, so that I
shall say no more of this but send you ^{my} Lop
instruct

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My Lord

John Haigs tells me
that yo^r Lop desires I may
wait upon you at Louhead.

When for being to goe for the
Earle of Marchmouth to Morrow
I design to goe by Louhead,
so that if its conveniently
for yo^r Lop to be there, I
shall certainly have the Hon^r
of waiting upon yo^r Lop &c

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Some time in ye forenoon, I thought
fit to give you by this trouble -
I ever am

My Lord

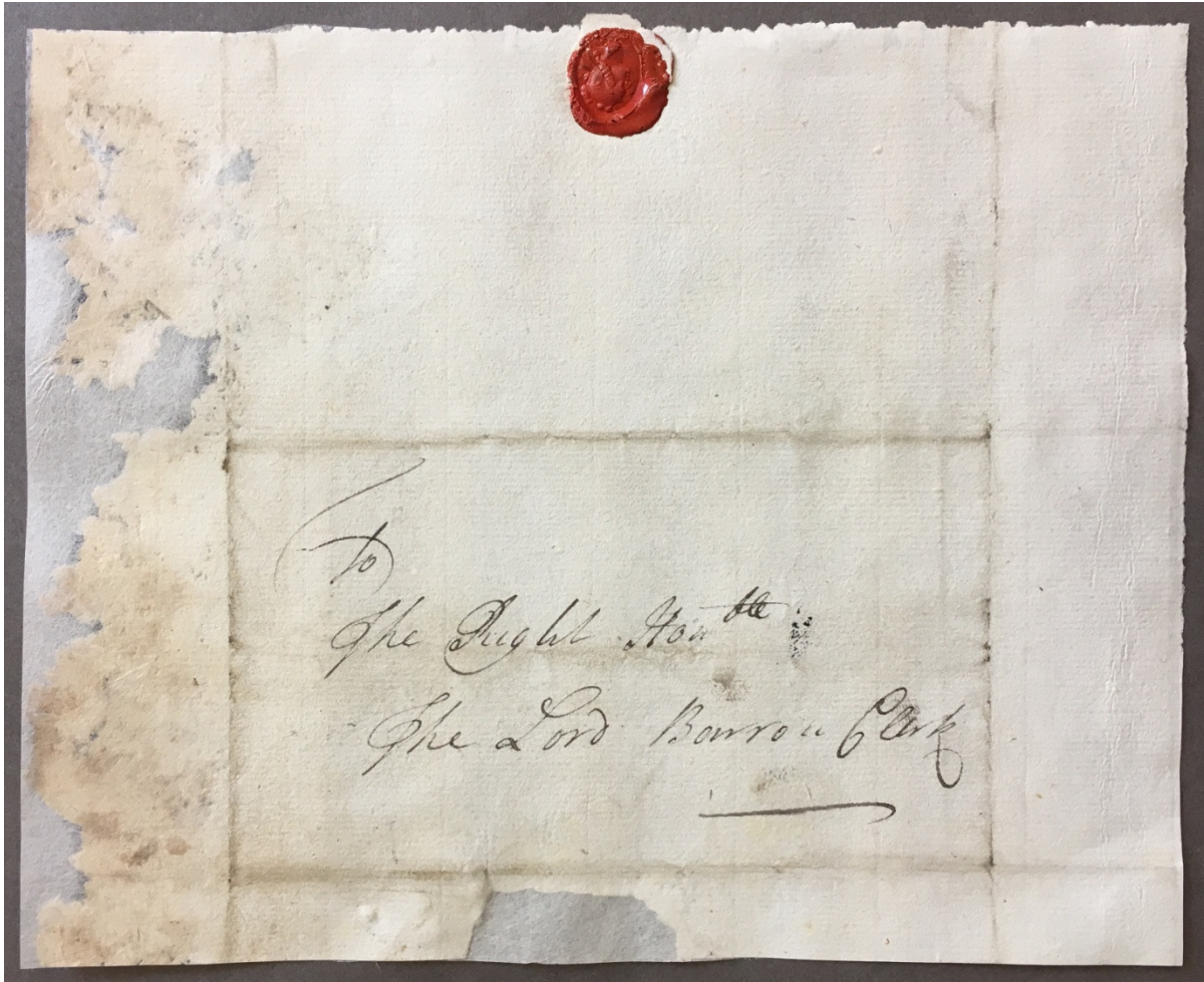
Your best obed^t

serv^t

William Adams

Dec^r 3^d Augth 1725^e

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My Lord

I came here but
woud your Lop - I'm sorry for
the distress of your family, &
heartily wish their recovery -

It woud be too long to give
my opinion about the best
in writing - But Mr Hoigs &
John Baxter will tell your Lop
what I have said about it, &
I'm satisfy'd its the most proper
Method

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Method, I shall say no more
Being John Baxter will satisfy
with respect to my opinion of
marbles &c. - I ever am with
much regard

My Lord

Your Obedt Servt

Most Obedient Servt

Lowhead 4th Augth William Dawkins
1725

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I'm going to the I of Merch Mouth
& from thence to Galway —

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My Lord

I was exceedingly -
convinced to hear that your Lord had
been so much indisposed; But am Glad
to hear of your recovery. I hope this
will make your Lord more careful about
your self in time coming, both as to night
riding and Cold weather —

I only arriv'd here Monday Night from
Galloway, when I had the Honour to see
My Lord Galloway and some other of your
Lord's friends. — Boscawell also kindly
remember'd you Lord — But of all
these and My Galloway Journey at
Meeting — I have also some thing to
Pronounce

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communicat to You^r Lop about the improve-
ment of Your Mini Grounds at Newbiggin
I see John Baxter here who tells me of
Your Advances at Masifs Hall - I believe
he has seen My Marble work, and can
Satisfy You that I shall be very able
to serve Your Lop in that business to
good purpose —

I resolve to take ^{a day} or 2 days at Masifs
Hall to see all matters, but will be
Glad to have the Honour of Your Lop's
company to talk over any work yet to
be done or to take Measures of Marbles
which You design —

I Must begg if its possible for Your Lop
to

help me with some money matters, it
would be the greatest favour, for I
trusted to a Bill of Mr. L. Marchmont
for my Timber I sold at Leith, and tho
I was assured of it at this term, yet
am put off for some time, which
in truth puts me to the greatest
uneasiness. — I shall say nothing as
to the Aust. for as I wrote formerly —
Your Loy. shall still be Judge of the
matter — But yo^r. Loy.' helping me
just now with a Hundred Pound ster
would make me easy, and yo^r. Loy.
may put it on any footing you please
either.

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either by Bill or otherwise, and as this
 will be of the greatest use to me
 at this time I hope to live and
 make a gratefull return - This is all
 I hope needfull to say to your hon^{ble} and
 that I am with utmost affection &
 Esteem

Dec^r 3^d Dec^r
 1725

My Lord
 Your hon^{ble}
 Most obli^d faith^{ful}
 Most hum^{ble} Serv^t
 William. Penn

My Lord

I'm exceedingly oblig'd to
you for your concern about my health,
I have been extremely uneasy with the Ague
since I came over, I tremble & had the hot
fit once every day, I have now got over
it, I can't tell how long. But I am pretty
easie in the mean time, except a touch
of a sore throat.

As to the Cornish of one of your pavilions
which you say now write of, I am of
opinion should be Dorick, as being the
next inferiour to that of the prynces house
and that the proportions be made accord-
ing to

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to the height of that Side of the pavilion
next the Court - If Baxter cant make this
Model according to the true proportions, If yo^r
Lop will Let me know the true height of
that Side of the Pavilion next the Court
then I shall make one in Paper & send
itt to yo^r Lop -

As to the Vestibull, I did propose more regu-
larity, which is certainly a most necessary
point in Architecture, And where that is
Not observ'd, all ornaments however beautiful
become a confusion, if Not regularly dispos'd,
As to height, ^{of the room} being more, then suitable to
Such

Such a breadth for of Arches, that might
 be easily remedied, by bringing down the top
 of the Arch untill the same is of a true
 height from of floor; and the rule is this,
 The breadth betwixt piers or widnes of
 Arch $4\frac{1}{2}$ foot, then the height of the
 pier being double is 9 foot, then the Semi-
 Diameter of the Arch about 2 f. 3. inches
 which being added to the 9 foot is 11
 By which yo.^r Log will see, that there re-
 maine but a reasonable space for the key
 of the Arch & Cornish — But when Stairs
 tells me that you have come to a full
 resolution about that point already —

As to the former Chimneys - its impossible
that Mr Brownhill & John Hoigs can Miss
to do them in a handsome manner, All
I would desire, is that the Lining in wood
should ^{not} be put on for 3 foot above the inter-
side of the Mantle, if Marble Chimneys
are design'd, for I propose the Mirrow
Glass to stand in a large frame of Marble
of the same kind of work with the Chimney
it self, & finish'd at top with a Marble
Astrucall, some which I have seen
finish'd here, which look exceedingly hand-
some, and of which I resolve to keep
a stock at Leith in all time coming

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The Right Honble

The Lord Barron Clerk

My Lord

I gave a Letter this Morning
by Bluntner - which I wrote some days agoe for your Log -
I delay'd going to Hopton till this Day, being I
choic'd to stay in the Town these days past -

My Lord Hopton is pressing so much, & says
he can't begin his Quarry till I'm there, that
I'm oblig'd to goe, I believe I'll be there all
this week and it may be a little after; but
so soon as I returne shall indirectly have
the Honour of waiting on your Log - so shall
plead your Log will excuse me till then -

I shall speak with Deacon Brownhill about
his Affairs -

I was longer kept in South Cumbry than I
expected, and come away by yester House, to
doe some things there for the Marquis's Trade

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My Stay the Longer —

I'm not without some hope of Making
a Bargain with Merchiston about his House
having been with him lately, and if so, then
I'm to do as you, at your L^{dy} shall desire.
I'll all the trouble I give you L^{dy}. But that
I am with greatest Esteem In all Sincere-
ity —

My Love
Your L^{dy}!

Most Obed^t. Serv^t

William Adam

D^c. 10th March

1726

My Lord

I had the Hon^r of Your
Lop's kind Letter of the 2^d Curr.
Ever since I was so happy as to
have the Hon^r of Your Lop's acquain-
tance, I have had many proofs
of Your Lop's kindness. And Your
Lop's design of recommending me to
His Grace the Duke of Queensberry
is what I thankfully acknowledge
one among many other favours.

I have not been able to get
to London yet, by the many
Drawings past & now among
my hands. - And now that the
Duke of Roxburgh is come from
London, whom I'm obliged to attend

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and going for flowers to Morrow -
in order too it. And how all eyes
that have advertis'd me of their
being quickly down from London
as Mr Dunder of Arncliffe. Lord
Somerswill &c. who are designing
to build this year, and I have their
Draughts ready for them - So if
I'm in a strait about my journey
I write My Lord their Lately, and
told him that if it was not possible
for us to get up this summer that
if I had should actually goe with his
Loy the end of this year, & that in
the mean time I'm getting Double of
all my Draughts to carry with me

in order to put them in the Engravers.
hands - This puts me in mind to
desire the favour of the Draught of
Masons bank with the Office, for I
want a clean Copy from it -

Let me plead the favour of a
loan of paladio's Architecture, because
I want has the Temples since he had.
two Examples 3^d vol. I have only -
the 1st & 2^d. and if you have yet got
any of Inigo Jones's works I'll plead
for a sight of them - all shall be
taken care of. I ask freely because
I know your Leg grants freely -

I know not how it happens that -
people come to me. But I have ventured
to renewe, & now send inclosed two -
Petitions to your Leg^{ty} &c. Both are

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are necessitous people, and I know
your Leg^y Temper is to supply all our
wants - for which and many other
Aid^s. Blessings will be heapt on you
and your Leg^y Family -

John Hays says that he should
have at least 6th of your pay - It is
true the work if well done does
certainly deserve a good deal more
than for common Laying - But I
desire him to leave the price for
your Leg^y, & according to the work so
shard he be paid - If he does it
well it will doo his Character -
Service - I shall only draw with
liberty to be at all times with
best wishes & utmost Esteem -
John Hays will bring the My Lord
books & Draught - your Leg^y
Ed: 5th May 1726
Wm. Kay

To
The Right Hon^{ble}
The Lord Barron Clerk
at Masses Bank

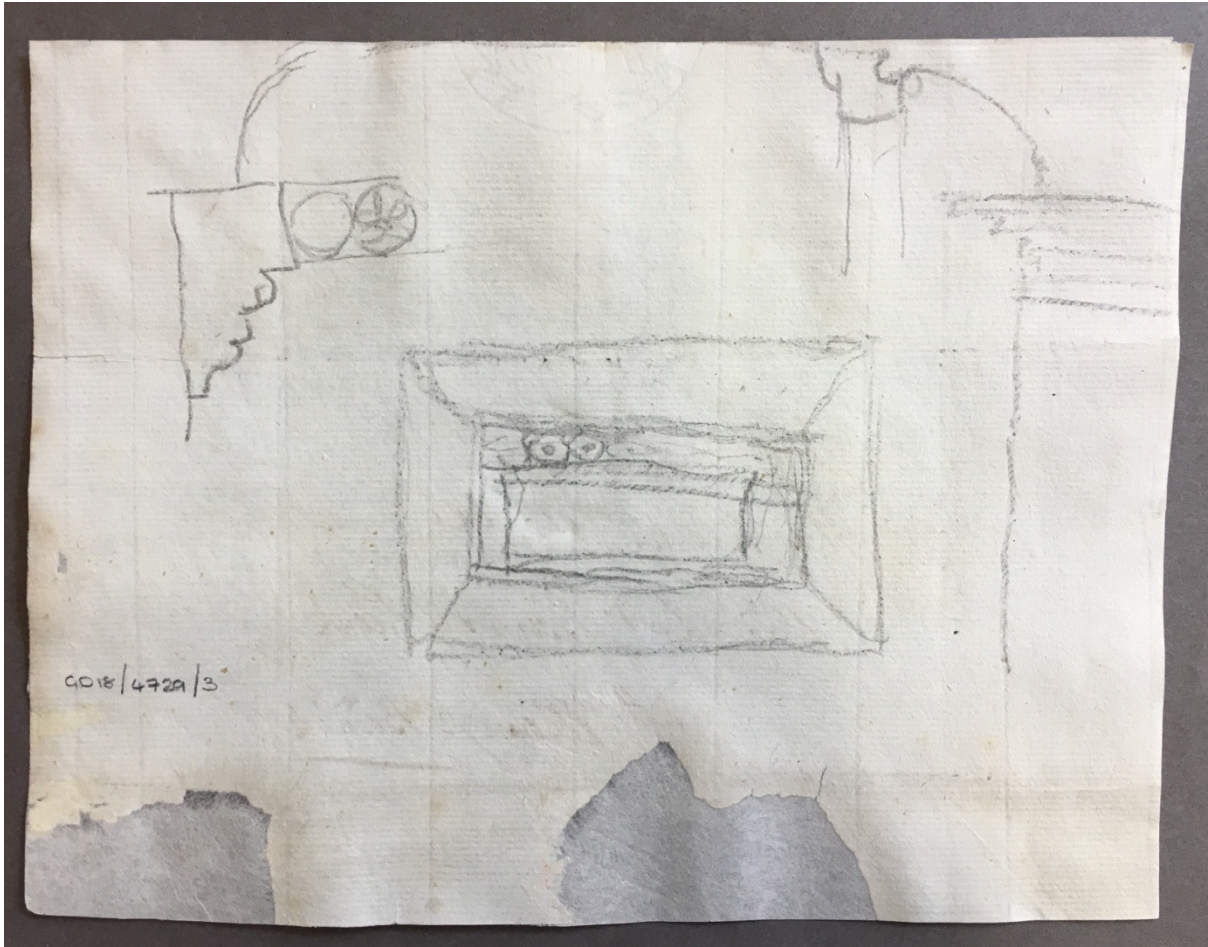
My Lord

According to my promise I sent
out Mr Calderwood yesterday & to
Morrow he to wait upon your
Lordship again — I sketched with
a pencil one side of the Stan
But not having the measures could not
pretend to draw it, But so soon as he
begins I'll have the Honour of
writing on you and Convent the
Manner its to be done in, and
I believe you will be pleas'd with
what he propose himself I am
Most Sincerely — My Lord

Ed. 3. Oct. 1724

your L^{ty}. Most Obed^t
Sert^t William Adam

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To
The Right Hon^{ble}

The Lord Barron Clerk

at

Mary's Bands

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My Lord

I would have acknowledg'd the Honour
of your's sooner, but have been out of Town
Now I send by John Baxter a Sketch of one
Side of the Swan Case, It is not fully
traced; But you will understand what
I mean by it. - All I need say is, that
I'm sure you will like the work, as to
the plain part of the work being in plain
plaster, that may be as you please, Tho'
I think better if mix'd with Stone —
Mr Cadwood has made me estimate a Salute
which indeed comes to about 37 £ Ster. yet worth
standing of that as I said before shall refer
it to your self, So you are not yet able to Judge
exactly of the Expence in this Country before a
Royal, and I thought I could not begin with
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a better hand, than your Lordship, who would Judge equally
of the Matter, and Judge of it according to its worth -
And tho' I were to lose on the first I should not Grudge
it. Mean time I wish you had begun, when I first
proposed it, for better I had bestow'd that time on you
then lost it, which is now near 3 weeks, and I must
pray Mr Galdenwood whether he works or not.

I am now likewise in a Strait being I have half
promised to Dawson Deloymples to begin with him, being
your Lordship seem'd indetermined, But if you are positive
to begin immediately may let me know to Morrow
Morning, and I'll do my best to make yours your
true Love - A Letter to the Druggist to Morrow forenoon
will reach me, and I shall concert with Mr Galdenwood
when he shall begin with you - If after your said Advice is
succedent, The expence and manner of the work will determine
your whether to goe or with the apartment or not I am -
with most sincere respects
Your most Obedt^h Servt
Wm Kay

87 or 10th of 1727

20 Dec. 27

To
The Right Honble
The Lord Barron Park
at Weymouth

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My Lord

I had the Honour of a Letter from your
Lop a Long time agoe, and woud have made
acknowledg^{ment}, But delayd, thinking to have the
Honour of meeting upon you at D^r, and to have
talked fully both as to the finishing of your Stair Case
etc. and my other affair — John Haigs then told
me that your Lop & Family was to stay in Town
all winter, which made the delay, and run about
my little affairs, which requir'd to be put into some
order, ^{which} by my stay in England requir'd after
I got home; But now that I understand your Lop
is not to stay in Town during the winter I presume
to give your Lop the trouble —

As to your Lop's Stair Case and finishing any
part of the Apartm^t above stairs in Street
I am most heartily satisfyd to do it in the best
manner, and your Lop shall make the price —
And if your Lop will not leave it to be paid
till being it finished, I am satisfyd you shall
it now, and make it what you please; only
it woud not be proper to state a price by ye
foot and yard; for if it shall be less than
what is reasonable, might do me hurt after-
ward, And I believe you will think it fit for
me, saye to give it over, then hurt my self
by it — However, as I have engag'd for
an year with Mr Faldenwood, it is felt he
be employ'd, and your Lop shall have him
in if there's your incline — He is now to
begin at Down, and as he's from Manser's
Laird; if you please he shall also begin

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at your Lops House, In this weather he can
be putting up the Brackaling & Lathing -
I wish your Lop would also put up the
Ballusters and Hand rail of Mahogany wood
in your Stair, Not that I desire this for the sake
of getting so much of my Mahogany of; For
I have refused to sell it to anybody in Town -
who offered me 9 pence & foot, Being my design
was to use it where I was concerned my self
But as this wood afford you satisfaction in
the End, and add a little to John Haigs repu-
tation, is the only reason why I press it,
I have likewise been talking with John about
the Form of a little pillar at the Foot of the
Stair, & had at every turn of the half pace &
Flut above, with a little Capital at the top
of each, which I observed immenely done & very
handsome -

The wood of a Balluster will be computed to be about
10 pence, 3 inch top & 2 ft half long; But as to
7th Matter you shall make it if you please, I am
not to stand upon the profit of so small a matter
with your Lop -

As to my own affairs I shall write here; But that
I hope shall be able to satisfy you; that there is
a mistake, but shall say nothing of it till I
have the Honour of writing to you - Tho' indeed
what your Lop were to give me, could never come
in better Season; But I'm unwilling to press
any thing, that is incommensurate to your self -
I hope you will forgive my long Harangue
and

And should be sorry to see or say any thing
that would be displeasing to you, for whom I
have always justly had the greatest regard
and to whom without compliment I have been
much oblig'd - I shall say nothing further
but that you will give me leave to be at
at all times with the most sincere esteem

My Lord

P.S. If you think fitt yr.
Favour should begin, please
let me know & so. Yours

Your Lordships
Most obliged very humble
Servt

William Adams

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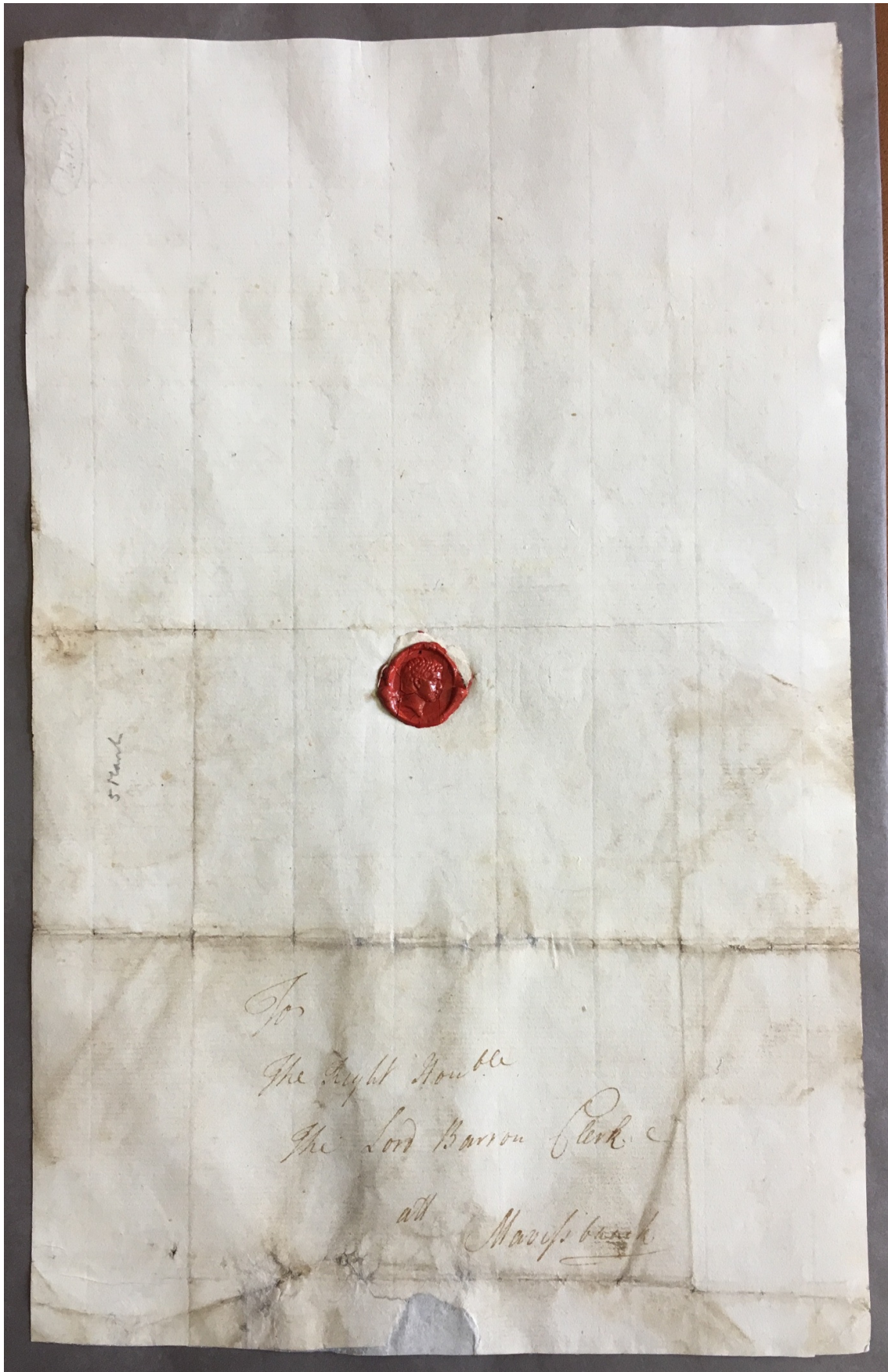
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I was favoured with yours, and shall be gladd of every opportunity to show the regard I have to your recommendations, although Mr Murrays post does not depend upon mine, I spoke in favour of him before I came from London, but my Lord Sarr having made application to Sir Robert Walpole to procure the post of Surveyor of the Kings works to Mr Adams with a salary of a hundred pounds a year that project failed by the late Kings death. I afterwards thought it might be an easy matter for Mr Adams who had a great many friends, to procure Mr Murrays post of clerk to the works with a hundred pounds of salary, I therefore mentioned it to him with this condition that he was to give Mr Murray 30 pounds a year out of it, which Mr Adams very readily came into, as this is Mr Murrays present salary I thought it would be no prejudice to him

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If Mr Adams got it in this shape, but
rather strengthened his interest by my join-
ing those who had made application in
favour of Mr Adam I am Sir

Your most obedient
humble servant
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5 March

To
The Right Honourable
The Lord Barron Clerk
at Mansfield



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My Lord

I woud Gladly had the Honour of waiting
on you this day; But am oblig'd to have a New Draught
sent to the Earl of Aberdeen, which I'm under promise
to give him to Morrow Morning, I have likewise an
Addition for Liberton Kirk to prepare this day & to lay
before the Rectors to Morrow - So that I hope you
will forgive me, And any day beginning of next
week I shall be at yo^r. Command - I sent to
Mr. Leblanc who is still worse in health my
hearty thanks for yo^r. care of me, at the Excheq^r -
And as I have many proofs of yo^r. Kindness
So am always oblig'd to be, with Most sincere
Respect

My Lord
Yo^r Lordship's

Most obed^t very humble Serv^t

5th March
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William Dawkins

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My Lord

It gives me great uneasiness
that I have not been able to get your staircase
finished at the time you first. I did speak
with My Lord. Somerville, that he would delay
His Dining Room a little, seeing the rest of
the House would not be soon ready, he had
Consented But then My Lady pressed it being
finished - I am to speak to My Lord this day
again about it, and will endeavour to get
one of them for your Log and the other for
Baron Delbymples who is likewise very angry
that his Stair Case is not finished, I do -
declare I'd rather wait My Great, than have
the thought, of disobliging My friends -

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and

what I would remedie at any trouble I'm capable
of - As to your finishing the Stair with plain
plaster, and with Arbitrase freez and furnish in
that way, I'm sure would not be agreeable
to you - So that if it may power to prevent it
by getting Mr. Caldwell or his man who is equally
good with himself to do it I shall - I hope
your Lop will take no exception at me, being
I assure your Lop I'm more vext at the delay
then I can express - It would have been a
great advantage to me, if it had been done,
when he was long idle - But that can't
be helpt. I mean since past, I am with much
Esteem

My Lord
your Lordships
most obed^t & loyal
WILLIAM ADAMS

1770 15th May 1770
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My Lord

The Reverend John Aikin -
Brook Seller, is an old acquaintance
of mine, And I know him to be a
very Honest Man - As there's some
little post sale vacant, where he may
be a proper person to serve the Board
of Exchequer in that way, I have
taken the Liberty to recommend him
to you Sir, And as your Lordship's opinion
to the rest of the Board will have
great influence, I do plead for you
Lordship

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Lordships favour in his behalf, which
will be ane additionall favour among
many, Done to him who is with the sincerest
Esteem —

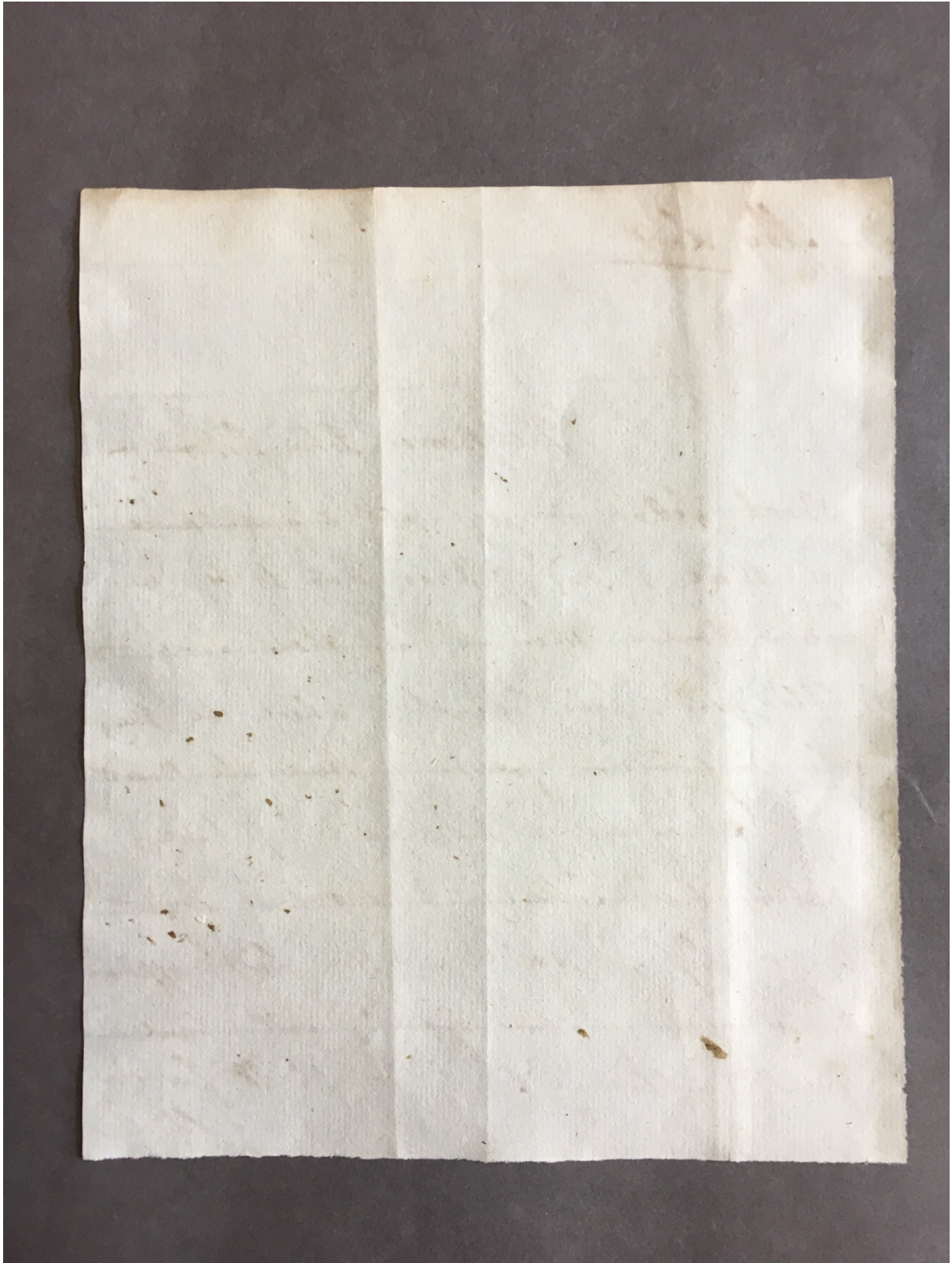
My Lord.

Your Lordships
Most obedunt & much
obliged very humble servant

William Penn

Ed. 9th Dec.
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My Lord

I have sent over My Report
Concerning the State of the Bishops Palace
of Glasgow which your Lord may please to
Consider and lay before the other Barons of
Exchequer —

I have also sent over Mr Bowles Bundle, of
Mr Thomsons Petitions and Anst: given to me
all which I had formerly Considered as your Lord
will see by My Report —

Inclosed is the precept for 10 Guineas your Lord
Gave upon the Colledge of Glasgow payd
to me — If you think fitt to get the payt
thereof with what shall be Judgd proper for
My last Journey out of the Exchequer Now
will be a favour, or if this is not agreeable
your Lord may be so good as procure the other
precept

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Precept upon the Colledge, and I shall after-
wards apply for the pay^t - Tho' I found -
they did not like to apply that fund any o^r
way then to there own purposes, yet as the
Principall said there was not a Faculty then
sitting - I may apply to them when there is
But this matter I submit to you, and as
I have proof of your Lordships friendship -
shall expect pardon for all my freedoms -
And I am always with utmost Esteem

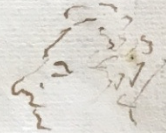
My D^d Lord

Your Lordships
Most obed^t very dutt serv^t

William Adams

Or
Londⁿ 11th Feb^r 1729

To
The Right Honble
The Lord Barron Clerk
Edinburgh



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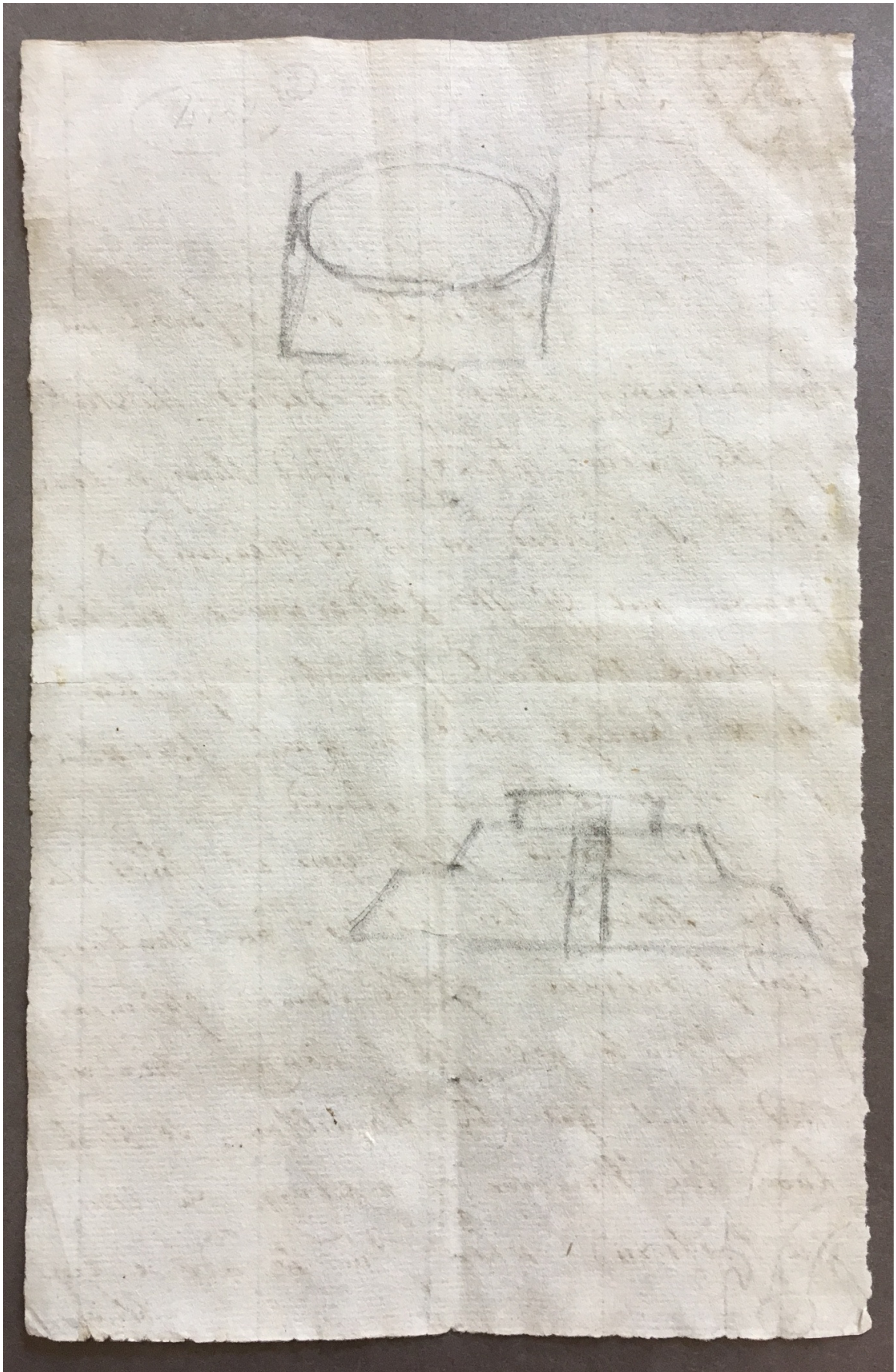
My Lord

John Haigs informs me
this morning that you desired the Aust.
of the Swan Cairn, and therefore have
sent it inclosed as it is measured &
drawn out by Mr Calderwoods own hand
I have no Aust. from him of what
he & Savage rec^d in pay^t. But what
ever it is shall be allow'd

You know I told you at first the
price shou'd be at yo^r own making
and I continue of the same opinion.

I am to goe for Galloway next week
and must goe by Hamilton, so can't
have the Honour of waiting on you
till I return, when I'm to advise you
being

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being the Man of the Year, is
expecting that I am to attend you
to yester - I am with great truth
& Esteem -

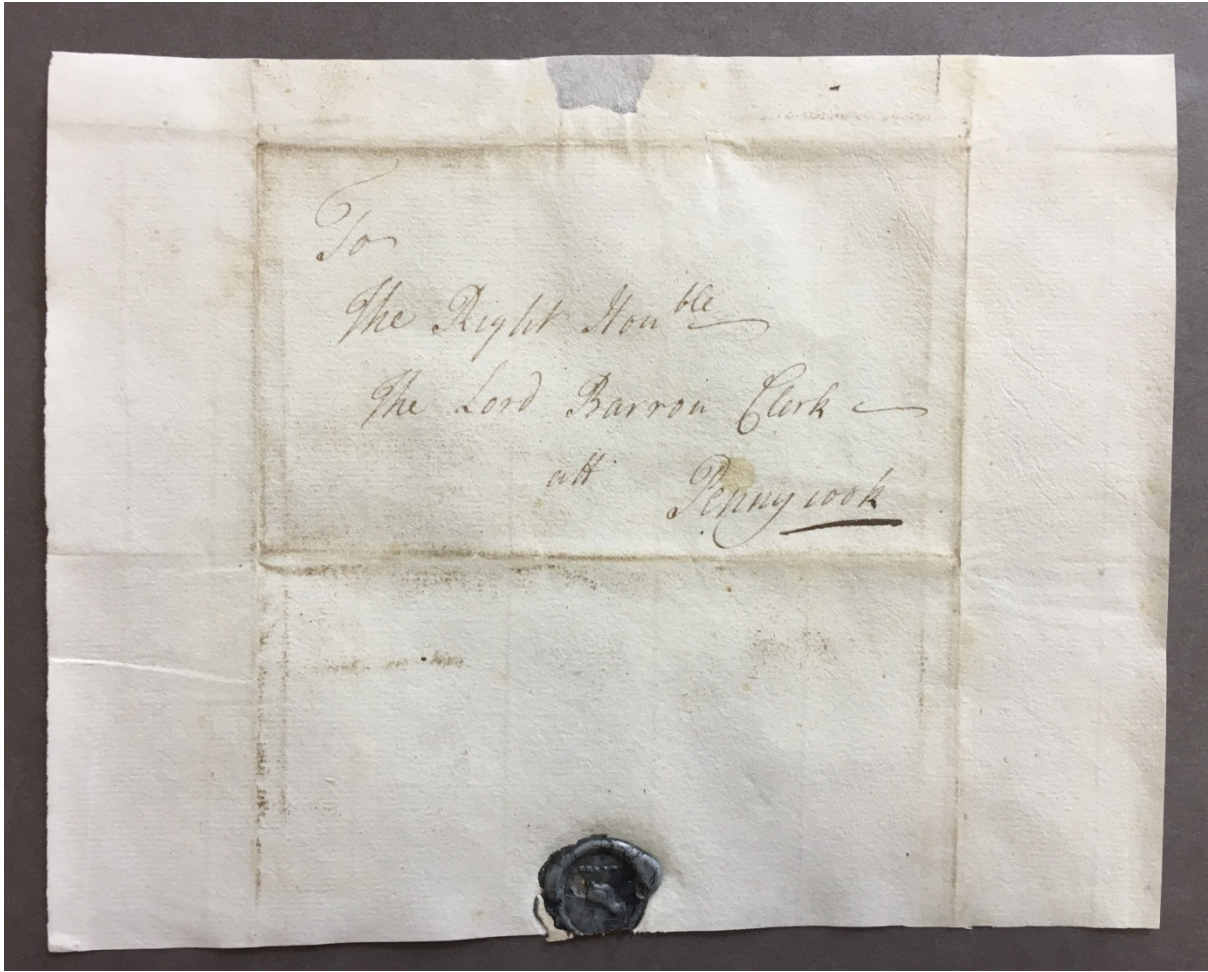
My Lord

Your Lordship's most obed^t
very humble Serv^t -

William Dawkins

Ed. 12th Apr. 1729

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To
The Right Honble
The Lord Barron Clerk
at Pennycook

My Lord

I have the Honour of your
Letter of Wednesdays Date, And am Exceedingly
sorry for My Lady Clerks Misfortune,
which must certainly give you a
great Deal of Uneasiness. I have
acquainted My Lord Marquis of Tweedale
of it, who no doubt will be much concern'd
if it is convenient for your Letter to
goe for Yesterday next week, I should be
glad to know your Letter time, and that
it may not be too soon for you if you
please. Wednesday, And I'll order my
business

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business so as to attend that day. But
if My Lady's health will not admit
of your going, then; It must be delay'd
longer. Your self will be so good
as let me know by a Line, And I
am wishing My Lady's speedy recovery with
the most sincere Esteem

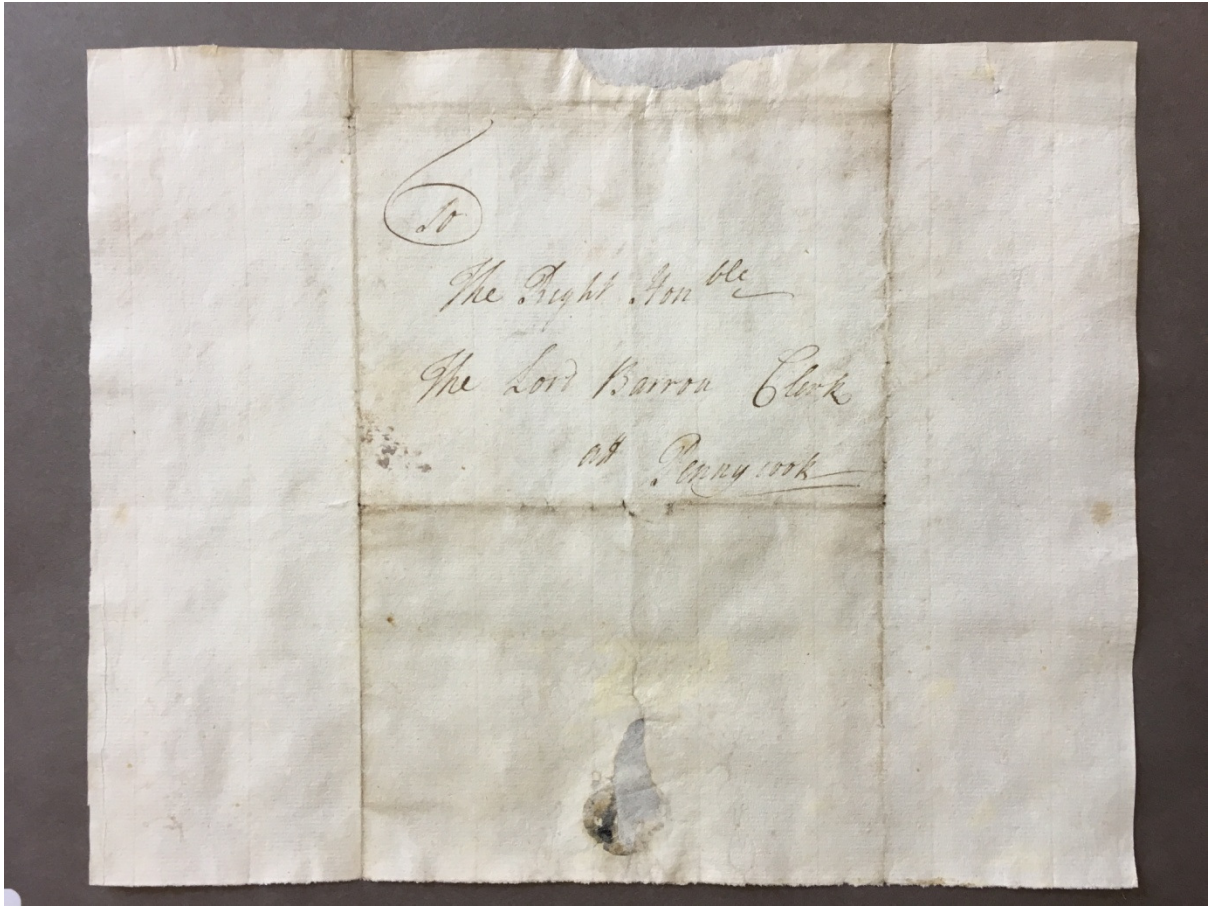
My Lord

Your Lordships
Most obed^t very humble serv^t

William Adams

Ed^r 5th Sept^r 1729





My Lord

I had a Commission from the
Marquis of Tweedale to Concert with you, the time of
your being at yester, which he told me your Lordship
was so good as promise, as I was to have given you
this trouble some days ago. But was surpris'd you were
at Moffatt. Now soon I was acquainted of your return
I wrote to My Lord Marquis giving him And your
And doubt'd not you would fix on some Day of this
week for being there. I have therefore sent Express
to know your time, and as it may be proper to have
some days of this week before your hand, having several
things to talk of. I would wish you should fix it on
Thursday first. This will also give me time
to advise the Marquis, which he desired, that so
he may not be out of the way, I don't know
which

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which road you will Choose to yester. Nor if mine
is the same with yours - But if I have not the
Good fortune to fall in with you on the Road, I
shall surely attend you the Day you fix at yester
if its any Day after to Morrow - Tho as I said
before, I believe Thursday might be a right one,
The Marquis having kindly notice, (which
youe upon your return) will surely be at home
This is all I shall trouble you with Now But
that I am with utmost Esteem

My Lord

Your Lordships

Most Obed^t very humble

Sert

William Dowd

8th Sept^r 1729

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My Lord

Yester Oct: ye 21th
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after you went from yester I had a good deal of discourse with Mr Adams and was at last prevailed upon to agree to four pilasters after the Ionic order to be added with an Attick to the lower front. I have in a manner agreed with him as you'll see by a copy of the minute inclosed, I own shopp bargains are dangerous but having no skill my self I thought it would less trouble to me to agree with him in yt manner providing it be sufficiently done and I shall not grudge paying for it, as you had a great hand in persuading me to finish it as it is now designed I have sent you a copy of the minute that you may peruse it before we sign the contract and shall hope you'll be so good as to acquaint me of any clauses you may think necessary to be added particularly to secure me yt he may finish it sufficiently, I have likewise sent you a copy of the estimate he formerly gave me wth four pilasters yt you may have some notion whether what I have agreed to pay him now with the addition of 4 pilasters be too much, you'll observe in the estimate a sum of 161 for Beams & flooring &c. which is not comprehended in our agreement.

I desired Mr Adams to remember to enquire aboutt the Lead I am hopefull to gett from the Duke of Queensberry, if he should have forgot it I must again beg the favour of you to enquire after it since I must have all the quantity all sett against the end of Aprile next.

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I am much ashamed to give you so much trouble which I hope you'll
excuse from one who is with great esteem

My Lord

Your Lops most obedient
humble servant

Swerddale

If you loanous me with a
return send it into ~~my~~ house
at Edinburgh.

My Lord

I am most unwilling to give you
any trouble, but as I am very much straiten'd at
this time, shall begg yo^r Lop will forgive the freedom
of this as I design'd to have done by self the Hou^r
of waiting on you my self; but have been confin'd
to the House these 8 days past.

The sum is 50. 100. 9. 1/2. of which yo^r.
Lop has pd a part to Mr Calderwood. I shall
say nothing further of the sum. But this, that I am
a very great sufferer by all that Mr Calderwood has
done, whereof I must expect the greater moiety at
yo^r hand is, I will not presume in troubling you
further. Now, But that if yo^r Lop can possibly

assist

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assist me. This week will be a very great
favour - And lay me under further obligations
to be at all times, with the most hearty
& sincere Esteem -

My Lord
Your Obedt^o

Most obed^t. very much oblig'd
serv^t

William D'Arcy

Ed: 19th Feb^r 1730

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Sr

The Right Hon^{ble}

The Lord Barron Clerk at

Pennycook



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dislike it, But says he must be at Lond^d and see
the Law one in the first place, and then you shall know
more of this matter —

It is probable that what he writes will not be so free
as what will happen on a conversation at Meeting; But you
may be assur'd he is very sensible of yo^r Lordship's
and says nothing would hinder him to have writt freely; But
that he would not wish that you should at Lond^d or any
in that Family should know any thing of what he writes
Least any hint should be taken that by after consequences
should give offence — I told him that in the mean time
I'd trouble you with a Line, and that I was to
say self the Honour of writing to you as soon as
possible —

This I judg'd necessary to trouble you with at this
time according to my Engagements by my Law, which
freedom I know yo^r Lordship is good enough to excuse; and
I shall only add that I am at all times with the
Most Sincere Esteem —

o My Good Lord

Your Lordship's

Most Obedent very humble
servant

William Adam

Edin^r 19th Apr^r 1730

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Lord

I have the Honor of
yours of the 15th this day, and
in obedience to your desire, have
desir'd the bearer to go to Mr
Hamiltons House at Falla where
he'll be put in business, and
for that end have given him a
line by my forman there —
when your Loy inclines to have
your Marble Chimneys put up
at Mays bank, be pleas'd to
advise —

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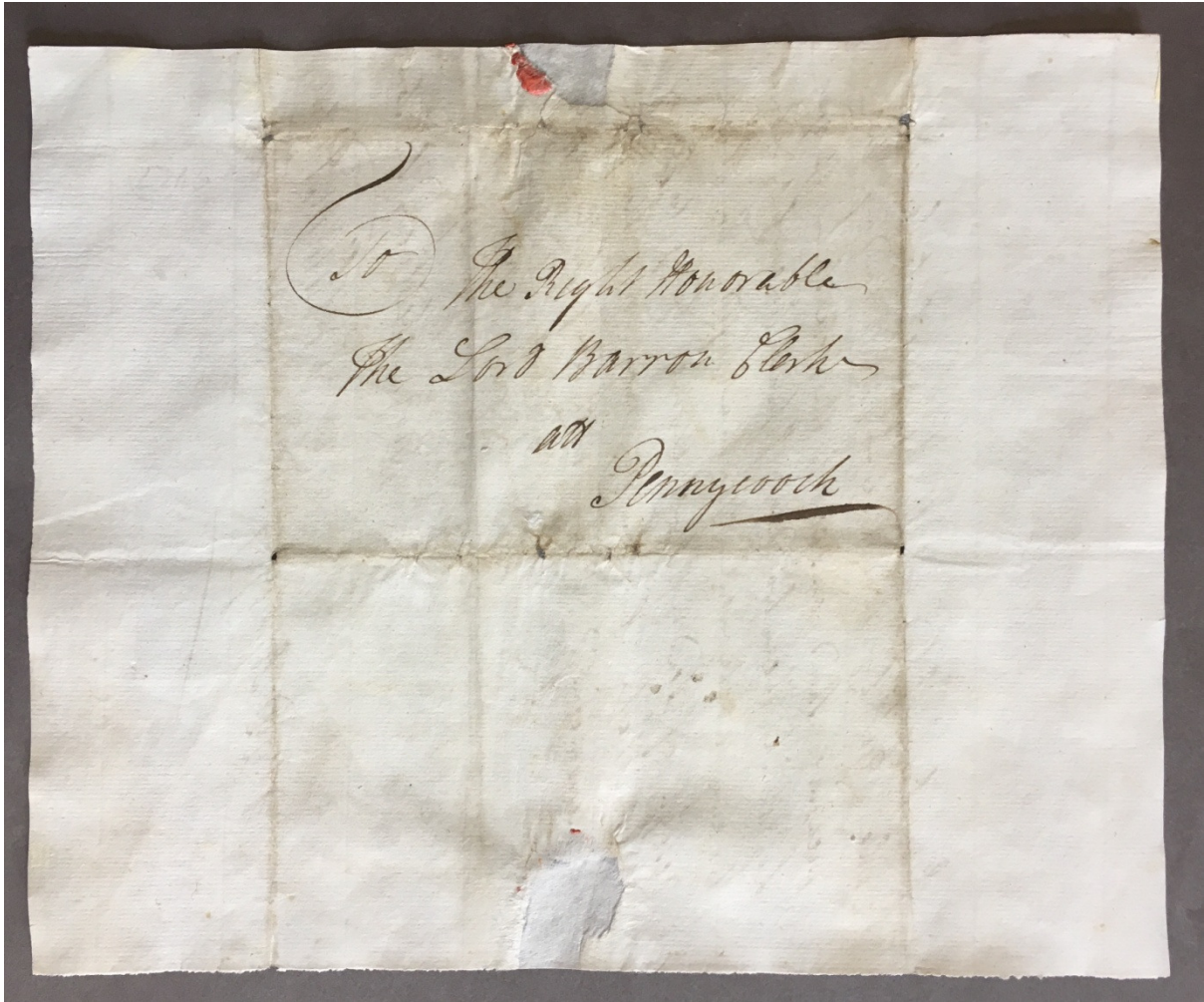
advise a week before that I may have the
pleasure to observe your kind & I am at
all times with the utmost esteem

My Lord
Yr^o Lordships
Most Obedient Much Obliged
very humble Serv^t

Apr 16th 1735

William Penn

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My Lord

I have the Honor of Your Lordship's of the
10th. I have full proof of Your Lordship's being a
good payer, and being sure I could command
the money at any time, did not desire it till
I was in need —

I'm sorry the Measures of the Chimneys
does not answer. It shows my Mistake is
more than I know, It is this, its a great fault
but seldom happens in the Lad's hand who measures
all at the work, and every particular piece
regularly booked, for which I have enclosed
particular Measures that John Baxter may
Compare them with the Chimneys themselves —

I am apprehensive that in measuring the
Chimneys now when they are up, he Measures no
more than what is now seen of the Marble —
by which a great part is overlaid, & consequently

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Not measured by him - This indeed is the usual
way of measuring stone work, but not to in
Marble where the marble is more valuable than
workmanship; But this will be best known
when John compare the enclosed measures with
the work it self -

As to the price, I state the same as at
Londⁿ; tho' the Marble must be some dears to
me than at Londⁿ. I see the rough blocks, beside
the buyer here runs no risque, The reason
why you say Chimney got from thence is -
Cheape, is first it must be plain & next doe
not measure much, but one thing for sure
they measure all there work before its put up, &
after the same method I do.

I shall be very well pleas'd to have the
Honor of waiting on you at Grand Branch -
But in the first place John may compare the
pole & Chimneys first together by himself -
J

I am sorry I had not the happiness to be at home
when your Lord could have, notwithstanding the
Pleasures should answer to the note sent if your
Lord thinks them too dear I shall cheerfully submit
to any abatement you think fit, the chief
design of sending the measures being to see if
the mistake lies in my men, or in the
measuring I am with all possible respect

My Lord

Your Obedt^s

Most Obedt^s very hum^{ble} Serv^t

William Dawkins

Ed^{ms} 22^d April 1737

Measures of Baron Clerks Dining room Chimney

1732		White & veined marble		Length		Breadth		Contents		
		Feet	Inch parts	Feet	Inch parts	Feet	Inch parts	Feet	Inch parts	
Septent	7 To 2 Jamb plinths being each	1	4.6	69	9	2	—	9	—	
	To 2 Slip plinths each	—	8	—	5	—	6	8	—	
	To 2 Jamb's each	2	8	—	8	3	6	8	—	
	To 2 Slips each	3	5.6	—	5	2	10	7	—	
	To 2 outside borders each	4	6.6	—	4	3	—	4	—	
	To 2 Inside borders each	3	6	—	4	2	4	—	—	
	To 3 Nosesings each	3	10	—	4	3	10	—	—	
	To 1 Little border	4	2.6	—	4	1	4	10	—	
	To 1 Astragall	6	7	—	6	3	3	6	—	
	To 1 freeze	4	3	—	4	1	5	—	—	
	To 1 Little Slip	3	8	—	5	1	8	2	—	
	To the Melt or hearth	5	7.6	2	1	11	8	7	6	
Ditto Chimney from 3 to 4 1/2 inches thick								37.9.1.6		
	2 Trusses each	1	7	1	2	3	8	4	—	
	2 Freeze breakings each	—	11	—	4	—	7	4	—	
	a cornice	7	2	1	6	8	—	7	—	
								12.4.5		
Drawing room white marble										
October	19 2 Jamb's plinths each	1	—	6	—	7	—	1	6.9	—
	2 Slip plinths each	—	6	—	8	—	8	—	—	
	2 Astragalls each	1	8	—	6	—	1	8	—	
	2 Jamb's each	3	—	—	1	—	6	—	—	
	2 Slips each	3	2	—	6	—	3	2	—	
	3 Nosesings each	3	10	—	3	6	3	4	3	
	1 Little Slip	3	8	—	6	—	1	10	—	
	2 Glass frame Styles each	1	8	—	10	6	2	11	—	
	1 Glass frame Little	5	—	—	8	—	3	4	—	
	1 Astragall	5	10	—	6	—	2	11	—	
	The Hearth	5	2.6	1	8	8	8	2	0	
The Little	5	4	—	1	2	6	2	8		
The cornice is 3 inches thick being		5	7.6	—	7	—	4	2.7	6	

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Bed Chamber Chimney

		Length			Breadth			Contents			
		feet	inches	parts	feet	inches	parts	feet	inches	parts	leaves
1732	White marble										
October 19	2 Jamb plinths each	1	-	-	10	-	-	1	8	-	-
	2 Slop plinths each	-	7	-	-	6	-	-	7	-	-
	2 Border plinths each	-	7	6	-	4	6	-	6	1	-
	2 Atragalls each	2	1	-	-	8	-	2	9	4	-
	2 Outside borders each	3	10	6	-	4	-	2	7	-	-
	1 freeze	5	8	6	-	4	-	1	10	10	-
								10	-	3	-
	Dove Colour										
	2 Jambes each	2	10	-	-	11	6	5	3	2	-
	2 Slops each	3	-	-	-	6	-	3	-	-	-
	1 Little Slop	3	6	-	-	6	-	1	9	-	-
	2 Nozings each	3	8	-	-	4	-	2	5	4	-
	1 Little nozing	3	5	-	-	4	-	1	11	8	-
	1 Little	5	2	-	-	1	1	5	7	2	-
	The Hearth	5	6	6	1	8	-	2	2	10	-
								29	5	2	-
	The Conic thick marble is	6	6	-	-	9	-	4	10	6	-

My Lord

I take the liberty to address
you in behalf of my Brother in Law Archibald
Robertson, he is summoned as a Salt Proprietor
& being bound in two Coast Bonds omitted to be
retired, owing to neglect, for two Parcels of
Salt the one to Eyemouth & tother to Frasersburgh

I understand a good many other Proprietors
are ^{also} summoned in the same manner before the
Barons of His Majesties Exchequer, but as he
has writ to the different Ports for Certificates
of these Parcels he sold, its expected there will
be returns soon for giving the required Satisfaction.
In the mean time I must begg of your Loy
to prevent any trouble or Charge that might
otherways ensue, for as my Friends as well

as

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as I am quite Strangers to the nature or
Consequences of these Summons I could not
think him safe without this Application to
your L^{ty}, the troubles whereof I hope you'll
forgive & I am always most perfectly

My Good Lord
Your Lordships

Most Obedient very hum^{ble} Serv^t

Doine 28th Nov^r 1738

William Prang

My Lord

I have the honour of your kind Letter of the 28th ultimo which I only received yesternight upon my arrival from Berwick, where I have been for some days upon some business there else I had acknowledged it before now.

I did not hear that the magistrates of Edinburgh & Glasgow had any view of setting the old project on foot for making a canaall betwixt Clyde & Forth, till your informed me. I know it is a reasonable one tho' a work of considerable expence. But as your Lord observes I am satisfied that Two hundred thousand pounds at the outside would effectuate the design; I am no stranger to the whole affair, for as you'll remember Mr Gordon once made a survey thereof. I had then occasion to see the whole grounds, Linties & Sewals from the mouth of Carran which Issues into the Forth to the mouth of Belvine which Issues into Clyde. Both which take their rise from Delator-bogg. I at that time also considered the proper places for heads & Sluices to be made all which I proposed to be of the same form as those at Offend where I have seen Ships raised up to the canaall which leads betwixt

Offend

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OfFend & Bruges & so gone up to Bruges & discharged their
Loading & returned the same way & let fall by the same sluices
into the harbour at OfFens, I have likewise seen all those at
Dunkirk where the largest men of war in France were raised
into the Bason or Wet Dock, I have seen all the most considerable
ones both in Holland & England but those at OfFend & Dunkirk
are certainly the noblest & best disposed things I have seen, and
I can venture to say I am as much master of the form &
Disposition of them as of the building of an House. However
when it may be a proper time for making such a trip as Your
Lop mentions I'd be far from rejecting the proposal as I'd
have no difficulty in my Son & self going together, which might
at least be to give him a conveyance part of the way to where I
intend he should go. But indeed if any thing of the project
you mention was to take place soon I'd choose his fact
should be sooner than otherwise I intend it

I shall be far from rejecting Your Lop's proposal of
making a Survey when the season permits even tho' not
employed by the magistrates. But of this I shall endeavour
to have the honour of waiting upon You as soon as possible
as you propose when we may talk more fully of this matter
which conversation must be of great use to me as the project
has been so long of Your Lop's Acquaintance & that you know

so

so much of the cause of its Stop at the time it was on foot by
Mr Addis

It is very certain that in time of War this Canaal might
be of great use as to the trade betwixt the west Indies & the
Baltick & besides the great Advantages that might attend
Trade in generall it would surely be a very great & particular
advantage to this Country

The difficulty in executing this Project is by no means
unsurmountable, I doubt if ever any thing of that kind had
more natural advantages attenders it

I have heard a good deal about the Canaal in Ireland
which was carried on for the Benefit of a Coal trade, as to
that in France betwixt the west Sea & mediterranean it is
not so much of my Acquaintance. I shall as Your Lord
proposes say nothing of this matter till there may be a
more proper time, My Son only who is the Writer of this
And myself have it in our own breasts only where it shall
remain, I thank you in the most sensible manner for all
Your goodness & I am most perfectly

My Lord
Your Lordships
Most Obedient very hum^d &
Much Obliged Serv^t

William Pitt

Edin: 6th Oct^r 1741

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