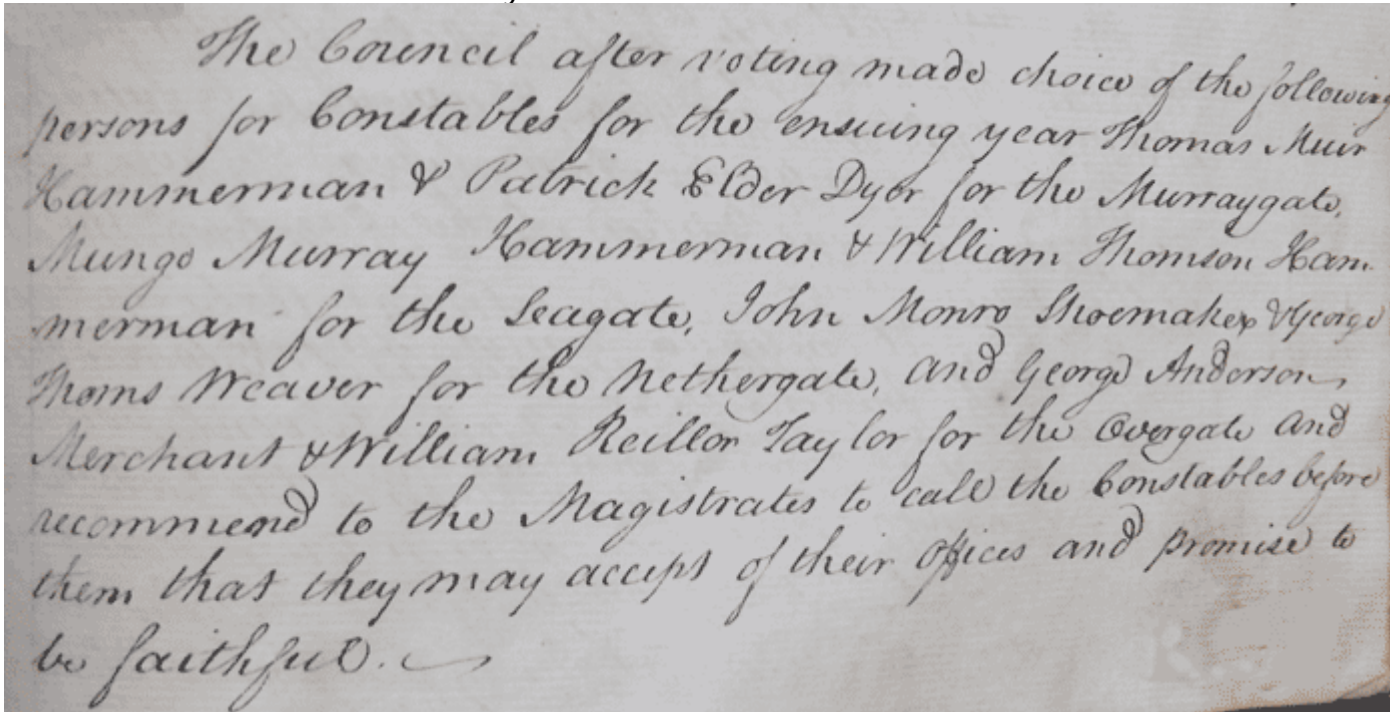


Weekly Poser 327 - Dundee Burgh Minute Book, 1779

This week's poser relates to the Council's choosing of Constables for the year 1779 and is an extract from the Dundee Minute Book for this year (Dundee City Archive, DUN -Nov1767/1779). The image is displayed with kind permission of Dundee City Archives.

This is fairly typical in parts of a late eighteenth century hand as seen on the Scottish Handwriting website though not for all letters. The letter *f* definitely is typical. Occasionally a letter in a word is incomplete due to errors in the graphology. For example, the letter *v* in the word *voting* is incomplete. The minims such as *m* are sometimes incomplete. The letters *t* in the word *Overgate* and in the last *Constables* are not crossed as they should be. The continuations between the letter *rs* and *ms* are sometimes not clear.



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This week's questions: what were the names and occupations of the chosen Constables?

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Answer: The constables were Thomas Muir, [Hammerman], Patrick Elder [Dyer], Mungo Murray [Hammerman] William Thomson [Hammerman], John Monro [Shoemaker], George Thorns [Weaver], George Anderson [Merchant] and William Reillor [Taylor].

Transcription

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This week's poser was contributed by Rachael Read, an Archivist from Dundee.