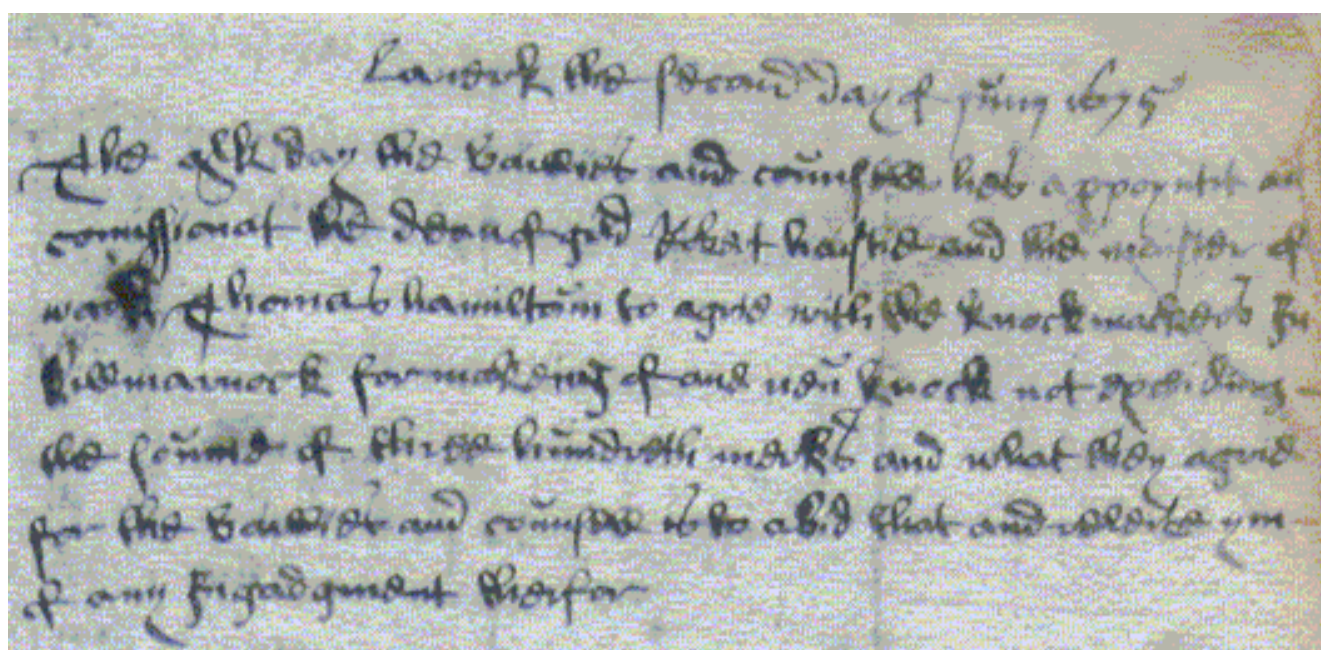


**Weekly Poser 352 - Minute book of Lanark burgh, 1675**

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This extract illustrates the difficulty in telling apart the secretary letters *d* and *e*. Note also the short form of the secretary hand *s* and the double *l* (for example in *Baillies* – the fourth word in line 2).

**This week's questions:**

Which burgh officials were to go to Kilmarnock and what work were they to commission there? (Clue: the answer involves a Scots word).

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**Answers:**

The burgh officials sent to Kilmarnock were the Dean of Guild (*Robert Haistie*) and the Master of Work (*Thomas Hamiltoun*) and they were sent to Kilmarnock to commission a new clock (*knock*) from the clockmakers (*knockmackers*) there.

**Transcription:**

*Lanerk the second day of jun[e] 1675*

*The q[ui]lk day the baillies and counsell hes appoyntit and commissionat the dean of gild Robert haistie and the maister of work Thomas hamiltoun to agrie with the knockmackers In Killmarnock for making of ane neu knock not exceiding the soume of three hundredth merks and what they agrie for the baillies and counsel is to abid that and relieve th[e]m of any Ingadgment therfor*

This poser was devised by Alan Laurie, a researcher with an interest in 17th century High Court of Justiciary cases and the image of the Lanark burgh minute book appears by kind permission of South Lanarkshire Council.

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