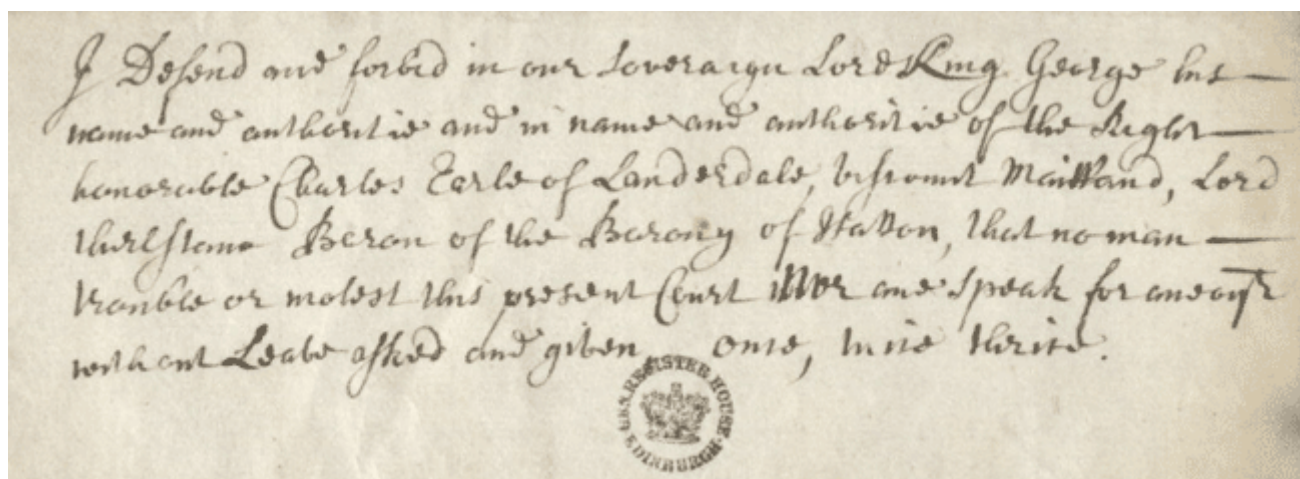


Weekly Poser 354 - Minutes of the barony court of Hatton, 1717

This week's poser is taken from the minutes of the barony court of Hatton, 1717 (National Records of Scotland, RH11/38/1 page 4). It is a declaration about the authority and rights of the court. This example is a good way of familiarising yourself with the letter *c* and starting to read it more fluently. The letter *t* is often written without its cross stroke or with the cross stroke at the foot of the vertical stroke rather than through its middle. There's a *thorn* in the text too, so watch out for it!



This week's question:

All you need to do is fill in the blanks given below. To help you, a single dash - is equivalent to a letter and the oblique / marks the space between words.

I Defend and ----- in our sovereign Lord ---- / ----- his
name and ----- and in ---- / --- / ----- of the Right
----- / ----- Earle of ----- , ----- , Lord
----- / ----- of the Barony of -----, that no man
trouble or ----- this present ----- Nor ane speak for ane ---[-]-
without ----- / ----- and given -----, / ----- / -----.

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Answer:

The missing words are now shown in bold within the transcription. Did you manage to get the *thorn* used in *oth[e]r* in the penultimate line?

Transcription:

*I Defend and **forbid** in our sovereign Lord **King George** his name and **authoritie** and in **name and authoritie** of the Right **honorable Charles** Earle of **Lauderdale, viscount Maittland, Lord thirlstane Baron** of the Barony of **Hatton**, that no man trouble or **molest** this present **Court** Nor ane speak for ane **oth[e]r** without **Leave asked** and given **once, tuice thrice**.*

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