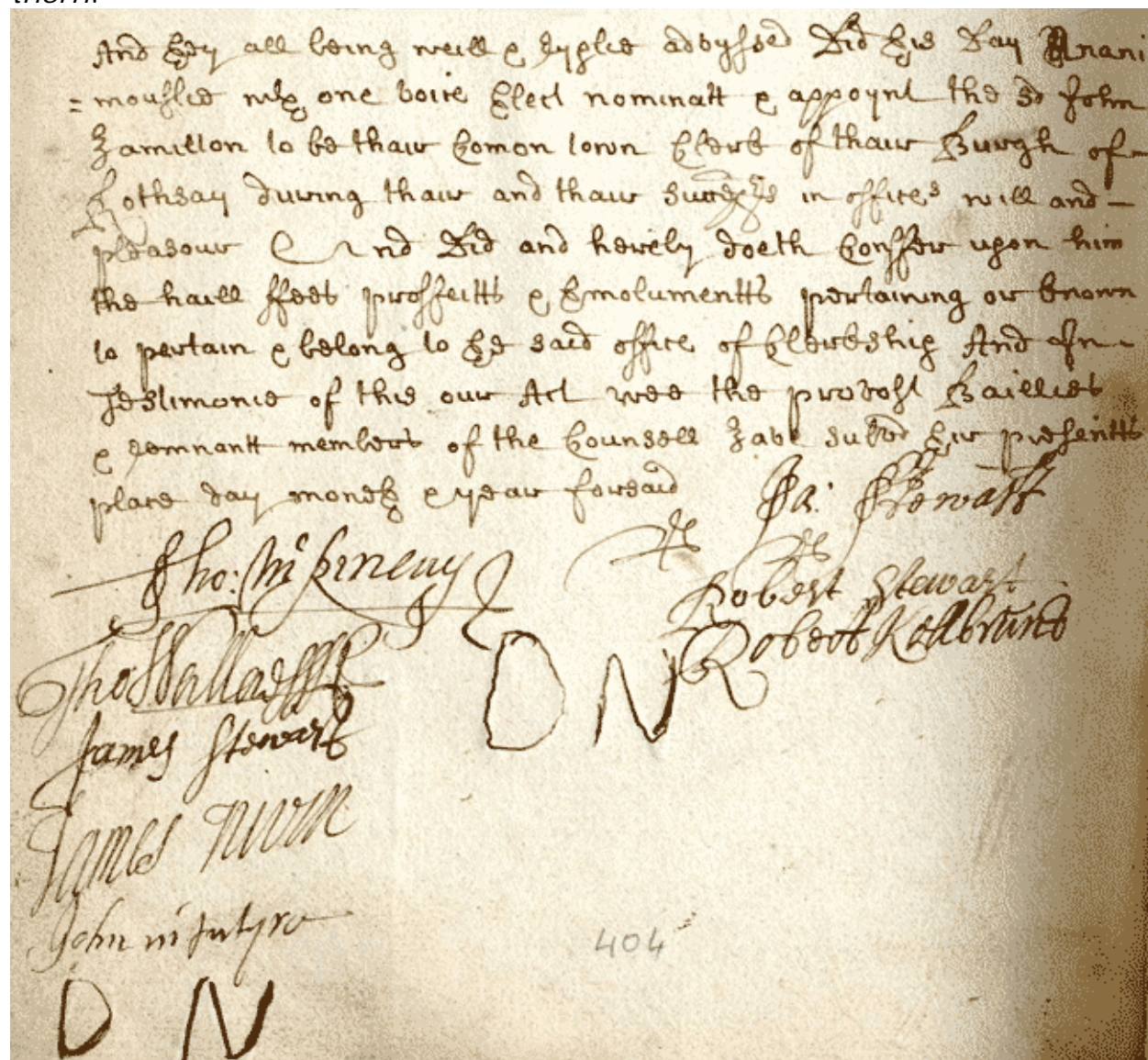


Weekly Poser (276) - Rothesay Town Council Minutes, 1716

This week's poser is the second and last part of an extract from the Rothesay Town Council Minutes, 1716 (Argyll and Bute Council Archives, BR1/2). The image and transcription are published with kind permission of Argyll and Bute Council Archives.

The passage mentions the abbreviation *DN* twice. The abbreviation might refer to Donald Niven and Duncan Nicoll, both men on the town council at the time.

The handwriting is a good example for a hand of the beginning of 18th century. The clerk was consistent in the way he formed his letters. He had a tendency to use flourishes for his capital letters. Watch out for the capital letter *H* and the letter *thorn*.



This week's question: who were the underwritten witnesses?

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Answer: The underwritten witnesses were: *Ja[mes] Stewartt, Tho[mas] McKinlay, Robert Stewart, Robert Kelbrun, Tho[mas] Wallace, James Stewart, DN, James Nivin, John McIntyre and DN.*

Transcription:

*And they all being weil & ryplie advised Did this Day Unani
-mouslie with one voice Elect nominatt & appoynt the s[ai]d John
Hamilton to be thair Comon town Clerk of thair Burgh of
Rothesay during thair and thair success[ou]rs in offices will and
pleasour And Did and hereby doeth Conffer upon him
the hail Fees proffeitts & Emolumentts pertaining or known
to pertain & belong to the said office of Clerkship And In
Testimonie of this our Act Wee the provost Baillies
& remnantt members of the Counsell have sub[scrib]ed thir presentts
place day moneth & year forsaid*

Ja[mes] Stewartt

Tho[mas] McKinlay Robert Stewart

Robert Kelbrun

Tho[mas] Wallace

James Stewart DN

James Nivin

John McIntyre

DN

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