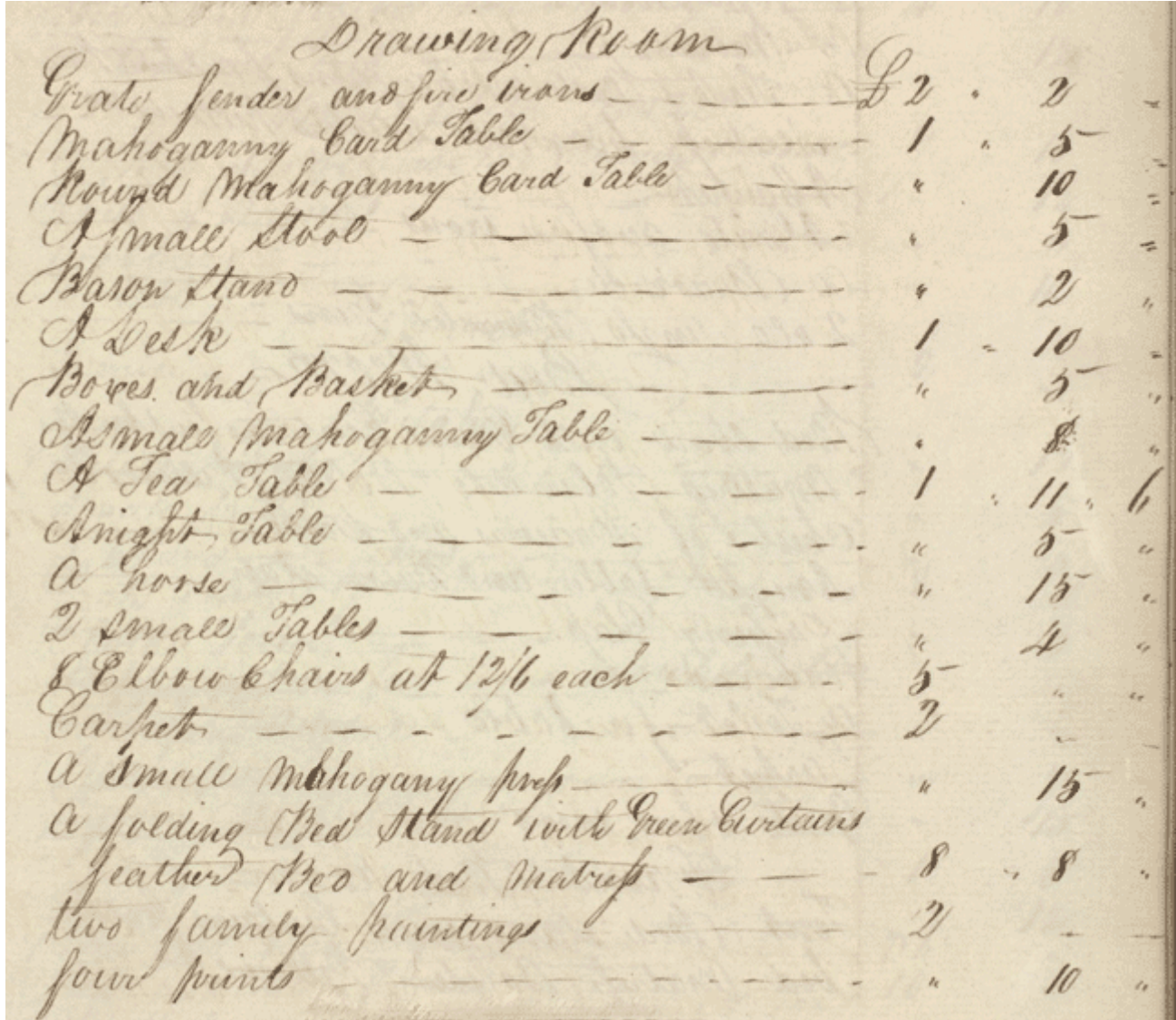


**Weekly Poser (299) – Inventory of Adam Ferguson, 1816**

This week's poser is part of the inventory of the Scottish philosopher Adam Ferguson, included in the Commissary Court records of St Andrews, 1816 (National Records of Scotland CC20/7/8 page 581).

The clerk had a tendency to flourish his capital letters. Watch out for his letters *s* and *t*.



Drawing Room			
Grate fender and fire irons	£ 2	2	
Mahogany Card Table	1	5	
Rough Mahogany Card Table	"	10	
A small stool	"	5	
Baron stand	"	2	
A Desk	1	10	
Boxes and Basket	"	5	
A small Mahogany Table	"	8	
A Tea Table	1	11	6
A night Table	"	5	
A horse	"	15	
2 small Tables	"	4	
8 Elbow chairs at 12/6 each	5		
Carpet	2		
A small Mahogany press	"	15	
A folding Bed Stand with Green Curtains			
feather Bed and mattress	8	8	
two family paintings	2		
four prints	"	10	

**This week's question:** how many tables did Ferguson have in his drawing room?

**Weekly Poser (299) – Inventory of Adam Ferguson**

**Answer:** Ferguson had 8 tables in his Drawing Room (*Mahogany Card Table, Round Mahogany Card Table, A Desk, A Small mahogany Table, A Tea Table, A night Table, 2 small Tables*).

**Transcription:**

*Drawing Room*  
*Grate fender and fire irons* £2 - 2 -  
*Mahogany Card Table* 1 - 5 -  
*Round Mahogany Card Table* - 10 -  
*A small Stool* - 5 -  
*Bason Stand* - 2 -  
*A Desk* 1 - 10 -  
*Boxes and Basket* - 5 -  
*A small Mahogany Table* - 8 -  
*A Tea Table* 1 - 11 - 6  
*A night Table* - 5 -  
*a horse* - 15 -  
*2 small Tables* - 4 -  
*8 Elbow Chairs at 12/6 each* 5 -...-  
*Carpet* 2 -...-  
*A small mahogany press* - 15 -  
*A folding Bed Stand with Green Curtains*  
*feather Bed and mattress* 8 - 8 -  
*two family paintings* 2 -...-  
*four prints* - 10 -