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ROBERT YULE.

Late Deacon.

THOMAS HALL.

Collector.

A. R. WILSON, BURGH CHAMBERS, IRVINE.

Late Collector.

E. BANNATYNE.

Clerk.

WILLIAM HALL, 154 HIGH STREET, IRVINE.

Court Member.

HARRY LUMSDEN.

Deacon's Master.

JAMES MURCHIE.

Auditors.

J. GRAHAM PATERSON. H. R. BOWER.

Mr. John S Allison.

Entered 13th January 1925.

William Hall
Clerk.

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Seal of Cause
of the
Seven Incorporated Trades of Irvine

3rd July 1646

Be It Kend till all men be thir pat letteris We*
James Blair Proveist Johne Guthrie and Johne *Reid Bailleis
of the burgh of Irvine with expres advyce and consent of
the counsall of the said burgh And we the saidis Proveist
Baillies and Counsall all with ane vnanimous advyce and
consent **That forsamikle** as at the guid pleasure of
god the Inhabitantis of our said burgh of Irwing daylie
inressis quhilk being of old erectit far past the memorie of
man be our soverane lordis most noble progenitouris of
worthie memorie in ane frie burgh royall with als great
Priviledges Immunities Friedomes and Liberties what-
sumevir as ony vther burgh royall whatsumevir within this
kingdome hes It is most requisit necissar and convenient
for the glorie of god and pollicie of this realme and weill of
his majesties haill leidges both duelland within the said
burgh and resortand thairvnto That as the number of the
Inhabitantis duelland thairin daylie inressis Sua they sould
inres in virtew and pollicie and that the said burgh sould
be decorit with guid honest sufficient craftismen being
ordourlie callit thairto for establisching of guid ordour
amongst thameselffis to thair awin weill proffeit and

* The names James Blair and Reid are written on erasures.

commoditie and for the ease and weill of the remanent Inhabitantis within the said burgh and of our soverane lordis leidges resortand thairvnto for the tyme **Thairfore and for that effect** **With** the saidis Proveist Baillies and Counsall of the said burgh being all judicialle conveyit within the counsallhous of the samyn eftir long dew rype and mature deliberatioun takin be ws in the premissis all with ane vnanimous advyce and consent To haif erectit Lykas we be thir pntis erect the craftis particularlie following They ar to say The Smyth craft Includand and comprehendand the haill hemmermen thairintill The Wobster craft The Tailyeour craft The Cordiner craft The Skinner craft The Wricht craft Includand and comprehendand the haill joynneris carpenteris and squaremen The Cowper craft quhilk does mak vp in haill the just and full number of sevin craftis by and attour these annexit to the smyth craft and wricht craft And ilk ane of thame in ane frie craft To be onlie wrought vsit and exercet be friemen sick as salbe admittit thairto be the severall deaconis of the saidis craftis rexive and swae many maisteris as salbe choysin to be deacon of thair awin craft Inhabitantis within the said burgh and actuall burgess thair of in all tyme cumyng And for that effect we haif givin and granted And be thir pntis for ws and our successouris Give and grant full power libertie and licence to the friemen Smythis Includand and comprehendand with thame. the haill hemmermen and to the friemen of the said Wobster craft, and to the friemen of the said Tailyeour craft, to the friemen of the said Cordiner craft, to the friemen of the said skinner craft, to the friemen of the said wricht craft Includand and comprehendand and the saidis haill joynneris carpenteris and squaremen, to the friemen of the said cowper craft qlk does mak vp in haill the said just and full number of sevin craftis By and attour these aboue writtein annexit and Incorporat to the said smyth craft and wricht craft Induelleris within the said burgh and actuall burgess of the samyn now present to conveyin within the said burgh how soone they pleis eftir the making sealling subscriyving and delyvering of the pntis Ilk severall craft abuoewrittin be thameselffis allone And to elect nominat and choyse to thaemselffis ane deacon of thair awin craftis rexive foirsaid to serve thairin till Michaelmes nixt to cum And als full power libertie and licence

to the saidis friemen of the saidis haill severall craftis rexive foirsaid Induelleris within the said burgh and actuall burgess of the samyn now present and thair successouris wha sall happin to be for the tym To conveyin zeirlie thair-estir at the saidis burgh and to elect nominat and choyse to thameselffis in their awin severall meitingis ane deacon of ilk ane of thair awin severall craftis rexive foirsaid to serve thairin for that zeir to come Togiddir with ane box-maister for ilk severall craft to keip thair boxis whom they sall haif power to choyse for that effect both vntill Michaelmes nixt to cum and zeirlie thaireftir for that zeir to cum evir as and when they choyse thair saidis deacone And whilkis haill severall deacons rexive foirsaid with so many of the friemen maisteris of the saidis severall craftis rexive salbe choysin zeirlie as assessours to thame Sall haif power to try the haill vnfriemen of thair awin haill severall craftis rexive foirsaid And to resseave and admit thame in friemen of thair saidis craftis And to depose and debar all vnfriemen frae all vsing or exerceing of thair awin craftis and treddis rexive foirsaid within the said burgh and territorie thair of zeirlie and in all tyme cumyng And lykwayes to resseave prenteiss to thameselffis of thair awin severall craftis rexive foirsaid and to vplift and resseave all compositiounis penulties and fynes from the contraveineris of the saidis deacons rexive and thair assessouris ordinances to be put in and keipit in thair severall comoun boxis rexive and to be bestowit vsit and Employit be the saidis deacons rexive and thair bretherine for the help of the pair agit and decayit bretherine of thair awin severall craftis rexive thair wyffis and bairnis and sick vther reassonable vsses as they sall think expedient Vpoun this speciall proviso alwayis and no vtherwayis viz that it sall not be liesume to any of the saidis deaconis of the saidis severall craftis and thair assessouris to Impose or exact any greater compositioun or fyne frae any whom they admit in friemen of thair awin craftis rexive foirsaid bot allanerlie alsmitich as the twa pairt of thair burges fyne extendis to qlk salbe the just rewl and proportion to be exactit for the said craftsmans fyne for his entrie with the saidis craftis for evir in all tyme cumyng And when it sall happen Ws or our successouris to admit any craftsman of ony of the severall craftis rexive foirsaid burgess of the said burgh fyne frie it is specialle provydit

heirby that it sall not be liesume to the saidis deacons and thair bretherine of thair craftis rexive foirsaid to exact above ten merk of fyne from these craftismen admittit burgess fyne frie as said is And qlk hail bretherine of the saidis craftis rexive foirsaid salbe holdin to acknowledge and obey thair awin severall deacons and thair assessouris and boxmaisters in all liesume thingis concerning their saidis craftis and weill thairof and whilkis deacons rexive foirsaidis with their awin severall assessouris sall haif power to cognosce decyde and tak tryell vpon vnsufficiecie of work and maters debetable betuix ye maistis servants and prenteiss cycerning and depending vpon thair saidis craftis rexive allanerlie And to vnlaw for vnsuffic work and cytraveiners of yr acts and ordinances and to vplift the vnlawis to be put in thair awin severall boxis rexive And als the friemen of the saidis craftis and treddis rexive sall haif power to buik thair saidis prenteiss names in the buiks of thair craftis and to tak vp thair dewties for the samyn in that same qwantitie and maner as the deacons of the lyk craftis and thair bretherine does within the burgh of Air in the lyk caice And lykwayis thair salbe no persone nor persones ressavit and admittit at any tyme heireftir to be friemen of the saidis severall craftis rexive foirsaid or ony of thame within the said burgh bot be the saidis deacons and assessouris of the samyn craftis rexive nor zit sall haif libertie to vse any of the saidis craftis occupatiouns and treddis rexive foirsaid within the said burgh and territorie thairof but be thair liberties and permissiouns As als we faithfullie promitt bind and obleis ws and our successouris to fortifie concurre and assist with the saidis deaconis of the saidis craftis rexive foirsaid In putting of thair actis and ordinances to executioun and in poynding for thair vnlawis at all tymes as neid and occasioun sall requyr We the saidis Magistratis pnt or for the tyme being and our successouris in the saidis offices putters of the samyn in executioun getting allwayis the fourt penny of sick fynis vnlawis and penulties as we sall concurre in with the saidis deacons and gettis payment to thame of As als we obleis ws and our successouris Provest Baillies and Counsall of the said burgh pnt and for the tyme being zeirly to choyse twa of the deacons of the saidis craftis vpon the counsall of the said burgh wha salbe of severall craftis wha salbe ather of the deacons then standing in place the tyme of the election of

our toun counsall or wha hes bein deacons at any tyme whatsumevir before And whilkis twa deacons counsellouris salbe chayngit zeirly and vther twa wha ather then ar or hes bein deacons of severall craftis salbe choysin and put in thair places And withall it is heirby declairit that it sall not be liesum to the saidis deacons and maisteris of craftis rexive foirsaid or any of thame to resseave and admit any to be friemen of their saidis craftis bot sick as ar first laull creat burgess of the said burgh And becaus that the expedying of this pnt seall of caus hes bein delayit this whyll bygain vpoun sum difference betuix ws and the saidis craftis quhom we haif now erectit in frie craft as said is twitching our fear of thair arysing in ane mutinous and hostile way against ws In the qlk caice we did strictlie vrge ane claus irritant to be conteinit in this pnt seall of caus of the forfeitting and loseing to the craft or craftis so arysing of this thair seall of caus and liberties thairin conteinit and qrvnto the saidis craftis wold naewayis aggrie And eftir agitaun yairof be the saidis craftis against ws before the commiss ioners of burrowis for granting to thame thair said seall of caus The saidis commissioners of burrowis be thair act of the gnall (generall) conventioun holdin at Lanerk in July 1645 eftir report maid to thame be the burrowis wha wer ordanit to heir ws and the saidis craftis of our agriement wt the saidis craftis in all except the difference foirsaid did allow of the said agriement and did moderat the penultie In the caice abouewrn to be as follow is viz that if the saidis craftis sall ayr together or ony ane of the saidis craftis for the maist pairt sall aryse in ane mutinous and hostile way against ws or our successors for the tyme being or mak ony convocatioun contrair to the Lawis of this Kingdome the craft or craftis for whom the deacone or deaconis and the remanent of the craft or craftis salbe anserable for the samyn and the pairtie making the Tumult ilk ane of thame sall pay an vnlaw of fourtie pundis without prejudice always of farder censure to be inflicted vpoun the transgressors be ws or our sds successors for the tyme being conforme to ye lawis of the kingdome And ordanit us to give to thame yr said seall of caus conforme to our said agriement vpoun the claus particularly foirsaid Thairfore we haif now done ye samyn accordinglie conforme to the said agriement and the saidis burrowis act and ordinance And vpoun the qlkis expres provisiouns conditionis

limitauns and restrictiouns particularly foirsaid both twitching the liberties abouewrn grantit be ws to the saids craftis In forme and maner abouementionat and in yt same self extent and vpoun the penulties and vyr censour moderat be the saids commissioners of browis In the caice foirsaid We haif declairit and declairs ourselfs to haif given this pnt seall of caus and nae vyrwayis And becaus yt the walkers of the said burt ar not for the pnt of ane competent societie to mak vp ane Incorporat pollitick bodie and so is not capable for the pnt of ane deacon We obleis ws and our successors at what tyme the saids walkeris attainis to ane competent number to mak vp ane Incorporat pollitick bodie that we sall but ony composition give to thame thair said seall of caus frielie vpoun the alyk caveats conditionis and vyrs abouewrn as the rest hes thairs And in the mein-tyme yt quhill than we sall debar and restrain all vnfriemen to exerce thair tred wtin the said burt quha sall not be actual burgess wtin the samyn And for the mair securitie we ar content thir pntis be insert and regrat in the buiks of counsall and sessioun or burrow cort buikis of the said burt Thairin to remain ad futuram rei memoriam and for this effect we constitute Our prors Promitten de rato In witnes qrof wrn be George garven seruitor to Robert broun our comoun clerk We haif subt thir pntis wt our hands our comoun seall is heirto appendit At the said burt the thrid day of July Jaj vjc ** fourtie sex zeiris Before thir witness the said George Garven Willia Thomsone seruitors to Jon Wyllie armourer and Thomas zoung brut offir of Irwing

Hew Line deane of gild

John Reid thesower

James Blair proveist

John Reid Baillie

R Brown clerk

George Garven witnes

Willame Thomsone witnes

Robert Cunynghame conselor

William Wisheart counseller

Johne Wricht counsellor

Willame Galt cousseler

John Mur counseller Jo Deane counseller

* * This is a corruption of IMVIC.

Seal :

The Virgin sitting on a chair with the infant Jesus in her arms, both crowned with the nimbus, within a Gothic niche.

Inscription : S' (i.e., Sigillum) Commune Burgi De Irvine.

Counter Seal :

A lion sejant, affronté, holding in the right paw a sword, and in the left a sceptre, erect, both paws extended. Foliage in the lower part of the seal.

Inscription : As above.

The matrix of this seal is still preserved (1866) in the office of the Town Clerk of Irvine. (*Vide* Laing's "Ancient Scottish Seals." Edinburgh : Edmonston & Douglas, 1866).

Charter of Confirmation
and New Grant

The Probost Baillies Dean of Guild and
Councillors of the Burgh of Irvine

To

The Six Incorporate Trades within mentioned

Dated 1st of October 1756

BE IT KNOWN to all Men by these presents We James Campbell Provost John Gray and William Watson Baillies and Mr John Cuming Dean of Guild of the Burgh of Irvine and other members of the Town Councill of Irvine Whereas the present Conveener of the Trades of Irvine and the other Deacons of the Six incorporated Trades of this Burgh Have Sundry times applyed to us in order to have the Respective Incorporate Trades brought to an Equality in their Entrey moneys Fynes and Compositions at admitting Persons into their severall Incorporations in time Comeing which has been the Cause of Disputes and Animosities in the Burrow For preventing whereof and for promoting the good Harmony Peace and Wellfare of the Place the Encouragement of Honest artificers Tradesmen and their Posterity Inhabitants of this Burrow and for the better economy and regulating the respective Societys or Incorporations aftermentioned We for Ourselves and Successors in office by and with the Special advice Unanimous Consent and Concurrence of the Town Councill of this Burgh not only Ratifie Approve

off & Confirm a former Charter and Seal of Cause Granted by the Magistrates & Councill of this Burgh to the Said Six Incorporate Trades Dated the third day of July Sixteen Hundred and fourty Six in the whole Heads Articles powers priviledges and Immunities whatever which is more fully exprest therein hereby refferred to and omitted for Brevitys Sake But Further We the Said Magistrates abovenamed with the advice and Consent of the Councill aforesaid by these presents for ourselves and our Successors in office hereby Give Grant and conferr upon the Smith Croft includeing and Comprehending the Haill Hammerman The Weaver Croft The Taylor Croft The Wright Croft Includeing the haill Joiners Carpenders and Squaremen therein The Cordiner Croft or Shoemaker and the Cooper Croft which in all makes up Six Incorporate Trades or Crofts besides these annex to the Smith and wright Crofts with full power warrant and Authority to the particular Deacons of Each of the aforesaid Incorporate Trades with Concurrence of the members of Said Trade to Demand Exact and receive from any person who is not a Native of the Place born of Free Parents who have Been Burgesses thereof and who has not Served a Regular apprenticeship with or under a Freeman of the Trade in this place at and for admitting him a Freeman in any one of the aforesaid Six Incorporate Trades the particular Moietys in money at the periods aftermentioned viz: Upon produceing His Burgess Ticket or License from the Magistrates to the Deacon of Said Trade to pay ten Shillings Sterling for Conveening the Members of the Trade and Defraying the Expence of their meeting. At giving in an Essay piece of workmanship as a Specimen of his ability and Knowledge in his Trade or vocation to pay fifteen Shillings Sterling for Conveening the whole Trade or the major part of the members thereof who are to Judge of the sufficiency or Insufficiency of the same and admitt or refuse Such a person accordingly iff they find Said person qualified as a Sufficient workman He is to pay a sum not Exceeding twenty Shillings Sterling to be applyed for a Dinner and Drink to Entertain the Members of said trade and Eleven Shillings one penny one third of a penny Sterling in name of Fine for his freedom which is to be put into Common box for the use of the poor aged or decayed members of said trade or their wife or Bairns at the sight of the Deacon Boxmasters and major part of the members of said

trade for the time together with one Shilling Sterling to the Clerk of the Trade for Enrolling his Name in the Common Records of the Trade and Six pence Sterling to the Officer which amounts in whole to two pound Seventeen Shillings and seven pence one third of a penny Sterling But if one who is not a Freemans Son has served an apprenticeship regularly under a freeman of any of the aforesaid Six Incorporate Trades of this place Then such a person is only to pay the one Just and Equal half of the beforementioned rates or moietys Except the freedom Fyne of Eleven Shillings one penny and one third of a penny Sterling which he is to pay in full into the Box for the ends and pious uses foresaid the amount whereof is One Pound fourteen Shillings and four pence one third of a penny Sterling And if He be a freemans Son who has served such an apprenticeship in this place, He shall only pay Two Shillings and Six pence Sterling for the first meeting of the Trade Ten Shillings Sterling for Entrey and Six pence to the Clerk and Officers That whatever Freeman of any of the aforesaid Six Trades Employing Journeymen to work under them within this Burgh Shall previously Examine Such a person's Discharge of his Indentures or Certificate of his haveing an honest and fair Character and upon his giving Such Satisfieing Evidence He Shall immediately enter him to work and pay for such Journeyman Servant two shillings Sterling one whereof to be put into the Conveners Box for the use of the poor of the whole Incorporate Trades and the other into the poor's Box of that Trade which the said Journeyman follows and practises Every Apprentice upon their Entrey to any of the aforesaid Incorporate Trades not being a Freemans Son Shall be obliged to pay five shillings Sterling for the use of the poor of that Trade he is bound to Learn and a Freemans Son to pay Eighteen pence Sterling for the benefite of a seat in the Trades Loft And it is hereby declared that any who Enters to an Apprenticeship To Learn any of the aforesaid Trades with an Freeman of the Incorporation and Does not Compleatly Serve the time agreed for or the Expiration of a legal Indenture He upon any after application to Enter as a Freeman with the aforesaid trades Shall be obliged to pay the full Composition of an unfreeman who never served any Apprenticeship in the Town which right or Charter abovementioned is granted by us to the above-mentioned Six Incorporated Trades of Irvine is allways to

be understood with and under the following Conditions and Limitations That the priviledges Libertys and Freedoms hereby granted to them and their Successors in office are Still to be under the Express Cognisance by and with the Consent of the Magistrates and Councill for the time being And that they shall put no Laws acts or Judgments of their Trades to Execution in a Compulsatory method without the order or warrant of Law asked and Given by the said Magistrates for the time And that they shall be obedient to their Commands aiding and assisting to the Magistrates in suppressing all Riots or Tumults in the place when called thereto and where their aid is thought proper and Neccessary under the penalty of forfeiting their priviledges as Freemen and Burgesses of this Burgh Consenting to the registration hereof on the Books of Councills & Session Burrow Court Books of Irvine or any other Competent for preservation & if need be that Letters of Horning of other Executions needfull in form as Effeirrs may pass hereon upon a simple Charge of Six Days We Constitute

Our Prors for that Effect
In Witness whereof we have subscribed these presents / written upon stampt parchment by John Boyd Apprentice to James Gemmill our Town Clerk / and we have ordered the Common Seal of the said Burgh to be hereunto affixt at Irvine the first Day of October Seventeen hundred and Fifty Six years before these witnesses the saids James Gemmill and John Boyd being the Thirtyeth Year of the Reign of our Sov: Lo: George the Second by The Grace of God King of Great Brittain France & Ireland Defender of the Faith &c

Fr Cunninghame Do
John Mcfie Do
John Smith conslor
Ro Keir Do
John Gemmill Do
Robert Jack Do
Hugh Galt Do
James Weyllie Do

Jas Gemmill Witness
John Boyd Witness

James Campbell
John Gray
Willm Watson
John Cuming
James Alison Trsr
Arthur Graham Councilr
Will Cuningham Do
Adam Dickie Do
Alex Edwards Do
Robt Craig Do
John Dean Do
James Wyllie

Incorporation of Hammermen of Irvine.

BYE-LAWS.

Approved and Enacted the 4th day of March, 1909.

I.—MANAGEMENT.

The Management of the Incorporation shall be vested in a Deacon, Collector or Boxmaster, Late Deacon, Late Collector, Clerk, Deacon's Master and Convener's Court Master, to be called the Master Court, any three of whom shall form a quorum.

II.—QUALIFICATION AND ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

Every applicant for admission must be proposed at one meeting of the Incorporation or Master Court, and if approved, formally admitted at a subsequent meeting of the Incorporation or Master Court. He must be of good moral character, and in a visible way of supporting himself.

III.—ENTRY MONEY.

Every person, on his admission as a member, shall pay into the Funds of the Incorporation, in name of Entry Money, the sum of one Pound one Shilling.

IV.—VOTES OF MEMBERS.

In all matters, questions and differences not specially otherwise provided for, where the vote of the Incorporation or of the Master Court is demanded, a majority of votes shall be held decisive, and on a parity of votes the Deacon or Chairman of the meeting shall have, besides his deliberative, a casting vote.

No member applying for or receiving support from the Funds shall be entitled to vote.

V.—REMOVAL OF MEMBERS FROM ROLL.

On good cause being shown, any member may be removed from the Roll by the votes of four-fifths of the members present and voting, at a Special Meeting of the Incorporation called for the purpose.

VI.—MEETINGS.

(1) *How Called.*

All meetings of the Incorporation and Master Court shall be called by posted Circular, giving at least forty-eight hours' notice, and shall be held within the Town of Irvine.

(2) *General Meetings.*

An Annual General Meeting shall be held on the first Monday after Michaelmas or on Michaelmas day if it falls on a Monday, for electing Office-Bearers, and the transaction of ordinary business. The Deacon may call a Special General Meeting of the Incorporation when he considers it necessary. A Special General Meeting of the Incorporation shall be convened at the request of six Members. At any General Meeting of the Incorporation six Members shall form a quorum.

(3) *Master Court Meetings.*

Four Master Court Meetings shall be held during the year for the purpose of admitting new members, dealing with applications for aliment, and disposing of any other business of which notice has been given to the Deacon or Clerk at least two days previous to the meeting; said meetings shall take place as aftermentioned, viz., on

First Monday of March.

„ „ June.

„ „ September.

„ „ December.

(Three members shall form a quorum).

(4) *Special Meetings.*

The Deacon may call a Special General Meeting of the Master Court when he considers it necessary. A Special General Meeting of the Master Court shall be convened at the request of three Members.

(5) *Recording of Proceedings.*

The proceedings of all meetings shall be recorded in the Minute Book, which, along with the Books and Accounts of the Incorporation, shall be open to the inspection of any member at all reasonable times, wherever the same are kept.

VII.—QUALIFICATION, ELECTION AND REMOVAL OF OFFICE BEARERS.

(1) *General.*

All Office-bearers shall retire annually on the day of the Annual General Meeting, at which Meeting the Office-Bearers for the ensuing year shall be elected, but any Office-Bearer except the Collector or Boxmaster may be re-elected. In the event of the subsequent refusal to accept office, death, resignation, disqualification, or retiral of any of the Office-Bearers, it shall be in the power of the Master Court to appoint any qualified member of the Society to the vacant office until next Annual General Meeting. No member receiving support from the Funds shall be eligible for office.

(2) *Deacon.*

The Deacon shall be elected from nominations made at the previous meeting of the Master Court or at the Annual General Meeting, which nominations shall be of those only who have held the office of Deacon or Collector or Clerk, or who have been Members of the Incorporation for a period of at least ten years prior to Michaelmas, 1909. The Deacon shall reside or have a place of business within three miles of the Cross of Irvine.

(3) *Collector, or Boxmaster.*

The Collector or Boxmaster shall be elected from nominations of Members, one of which shall be made by the Master Court, as agreed upon at their previous meeting, and others, if any, by any member present at the Annual General Meeting of the Incorporation.

(4) *Masters.*

The Late Deacon and Late Collector shall be Masters *ex officio*, and failing either of these their places shall be filled up in like manner as the elected Masters. The Deacon shall have the nomination of one Master, who shall take office without leet or vote, and the other Masters, viz., the Clerk and the Conveners Court Master shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

(5) *Convener's Court Representatives.*

The Representatives of the Incorporation in the Convener's Court shall be the Deacon, the Clerk, and the Convener's Court Master.

(6) *Key-Masters.*

The Keys of the Incorporation's Box or Charter Chest shall be kept—No. 1 by the Late Deacon, and No. 2 by the Convener's Court Master—whose duty shall be to attend at the opening of the Box, as occasion may require. The Keys of the Common Seal shall be kept—one by the Deacon and one by the Clerk, both of whom shall be present when the Seal is being affixed to any document.

(7) *Auditors.*

Two auditors, who shall not be Masters, shall be elected from the membership of the Incorporation at the Annual General Meeting.

(8) *Clerk.*

The Clerk shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

(9) *Removal of Office-Bearers.*

On good cause being shown, any Office-Bearer may be removed from office by the votes of three-fourths of all the

Masters, at a Meeting of the Master Court called specially for that purpose, but he shall have the right of appeal to the Incorporation, at a Special General Meeting, called in the usual way, to dispose of the same.

VIII.—DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

(1) *Deacon.*

The Deacon, on being elected, shall be invested with the Insignia of Office, and shall have the custody thereof, together with the Incorporation's Box or Charter Chest (in which shall be deposited an Inventory of all Writs, Titles, Securities, and Effects belonging to the Society). He shall convene and preside at all meetings, but in his absence the Late Deacon (whom failing, the Master first in attendance) shall preside at the meeting.

(2) *Collector (or Boxmaster).*

The Collector (or Boxmaster) shall receive all the Incorporation's Money, and disburse the same, under the direction of the Master Court, and shall be bound to grant Bond in the form annexed hereafter which shall be written by the Clerk, with one sufficient security to be accepted by the Court, for the just and faithful execution of his office. The Collector shall not be allowed to have above Ten Pounds of the Funds at any time in his hands. He shall keep accurate Accounts of his whole receipts and disbursements, and enter the same in a Book, and he shall, within seven days previous to the Annual General Meeting, submit his Accounts to the Auditors, with a general Statement of the same, a Balance Sheet, and the necessary Vouchers, showing the receipts and expenditure, funds and effects of the Incorporation, since the last Annual General Meeting. He shall also submit said Accounts, Statement, and Balance Sheet to the Annual General Meeting, and hand over the balance (if any) in his hands to the Incorporation, along with the whole Books, Vouchers, and other Documents, and the Incorporation, if satisfied, will then discharge him of his intromissions.

(3) *Auditors.*

The auditors shall examine the Collector's Books, Accounts, General Statement, and Balance Sheet, and shall

verify the same with the Vouchers relating thereto, and if satisfied that the same are correct and duly vouched, shall sign a docquet to that effect.

(4) *Clerk.*

The Clerk shall attend all meetings of the Incorporation and Master Court, and record the proceedings, enrol new members, and, in general, perform such other duties as pertain to the office. He shall have the custody of the Common Seal, the Records, and all Writs, Titles, and Securities belonging to the Incorporation.

(5) *Convener's Court Representatives.*

The Convener's Court Representatives, viz., the Deacon, Clerk, and Convener's Court Master shall attend and act at all Meetings of the Convener's Court.

IX.—FUNDS.

(1) *Capital.*

The Capital Funds of the Incorporation shall consist of (a) its present property and investments; (b) the entry money to be received from Members (subject to the dues of the Convener's Court); and (c) contributions, donations, and other sums to be received from Members and others, either for the purpose of the Incorporation generally or for its benevolent objects. If the revenue of any year is insufficient to meet the expenditure, the deficit may be met out of capital so long as the Capital is not thereby reduced below £100.

(2) *Investments.*

The Stock or Capital of the Incorporation shall be invested by direction of the Master Court, in lands, houses, feu-duties, ground annuals, and on the security of heritable property; in the Public Funds; in any Scotch Bank incorporated by Act of Parliament or by Royal Charter or in any Savings Bank certified under the Act of 1863; and in general in any of the investments authorised by the Trusts (Scotland) Acts. The Master Court shall have power to hold existing investments and to alter and transfer any Securities and Funds held from time to time and to mortgage

or make sales thereof, and of the Heritable Property, as occasion may require; all Cheques, Conveyances, and other Deeds of Assignment or Discharge, which shall be signed by the Collector and either the Deacon or Clerk, and (if necessary) sealed with the Common Seal, shall be good and effectual. In all questions of investment, or of the calling up of invested funds, it shall be requisite that three-fourths of the members of the Master Court present, at a meeting called specially to consider the same, concur in the decision thereof.

(3) *Revenue.*

The Revenue of the Incorporation, after meeting the necessary expenses of management, shall only be applied, at the discretion of the Master Court, towards the support of infirm members who have been at least four years on the Roll of Membership, and their Widows during their viduity, or Children of deceased Members in indigent circumstances, or under the instructions of the Incorporation in General Meeting towards such other reasonable uses as the Incorporation may think expedient. The balance shall be added to Capital.

X.—APPLICATIONS FOR ALIMENT.

All applications for aliment from the Incorporation shall be made in writing to the Deacon and Masters, and shall be judged of at any meeting of the Master Court after receipt thereof. But it shall be in the power of the Deacon in any case of urgent distress, with the approbation of any two of the Master Court, to order such a sum, not exceeding Two Pounds, to be immediately paid to the applicant, by way of precept, as they may see proper. In awarding gifts or aliment and determining on the amount thereof, the Master Court shall be guided by the character and known circumstances of the applicant, and the state of the Funds at the time. It shall be in the power of the Master Court to increase diminish or end the Aliment of the recipients from time to time, as may appear necessary.

XI.—POWER TO AMEND BYE-LAWS.

Full power is hereby reserved to make new Bye-Laws, or to alter or rescind the whole or any part of the Bye-Laws in

terms of the Seal of Cause by the votes of a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting at any General Meeting of the Incorporation, provided that notice calling such meeting shall have been given not less than two days prior to the holding of the same; said notice being accompanied by a copy of the proposed new Bye-Law or of the proposed alteration in any Bye-Law or of the Bye-Law proposed to be rescinded.

Form of Collector's Bond of Caution, referred to in the foregoing Bye-Laws.

I,
Collector of the Incorporation of Hammermen of Irvine, as principal, and I,
as Cautioner, Surety and full obligant with and for me the said
DO HEREBY BIND and OBLIGE ourselves jointly and severally that I, the said,
shall, on demand, faithfully and truly account for all monies received and paid to me, the said
for behoof of the said Incorporation, and also assign and transfer or deliver all property (including Books and Papers) belonging to the said Incorporation in my hands or custody and that to such person or persons as the said Incorporation or the Master Court thereof shall appoint according to the Rules of the said Incorporation.
DECLARING that notwithstanding anything herein contained the said Cautioner shall not be liable in virtue hereof to an extent exceeding £100.

Dated at this day of
Nineteen hundred and

List of Members of Craft as at 4th March, 1909.

| Date of Admission. | Name. |
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| 1867 | Frederick Alexander, Dreghorn. |
| 1874 | Thomas Hall, Irvine |
| 1880 | Alexander Dyet, Irvine. |
| 1881 | Robert Yule, Irvine. |
| 1883 | William Hall, Irvine. |
| 1890 | Charles Murchland, Irvine. |
| " | Robert F. Longmuir, Irvine. |
| 1892 | James F. Longmuir, Troon. |
| " | David Flanagan, Irvine. |
| 1895 | Rev. H. Ranken, Irvine. |
| " | Hugh M. Highet, Irvine. |
| " | A. C. McJannet, Irvine. |
| 1896 | David Stobie, Irvine. |
| " | John Paterson, Irvine. |
| " | Ebenezer Bannatyne, Irvine. |
| 1897 | Harry Lumsden, Irvine. |
| " | John Johnston, Irvine. |
| " | G. S. Moffat, Glasgow. |
| " | William Nisbet, Irvine. |
| " | David Jack, Irvine. |
| " | William White, South Africa. |
| " | R. Anderson, Drummorie. |
| " | James Kyle, Irvine. |
| " | James Paterson, Australia. |
| 1898 | James Murchie, Irvine. |
| " | William Holmes, Irvine. |
| " | John Wright, Irvine. |
| " | H. D. Andross, Irvine. |
| " | John Scott, Irvine. |
| 1899 | Alexander Gilmour, Irvine. |
| " | J. H. Gilmour, London. |
| " | W. D. McJannet, Irvine. |

| Date of Admission. | Name. |
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| 1899 | Dr James Thomson, Irvine. |
| " | James Lindsay, Irvine. |
| " | Robert Selkirk, Irvine. |
| " | Charles Nicol, Glasgow. |
| " | Robert Bowes, Glasgow. |
| " | Adam Kelso, Kilwinning. |
| 1900 | James D. Hall, Irvine. |
| 1901 | John Brown, Irvine. |
| " | John Haggart, Irvine. |
| " | Thomas R. Stuart, Irvine. |
| 1902 | John Parker, Irvine. |
| " | John O. Stewart, Irvine. |
| " | W. G. McKellar, Irvine. |
| " | Alexander Munn, Irvine. |
| 1903 | Arnold F. McJannet, Irvine. |
| " | David Yuille, Kilmarnock. |
| 1904 | Hugh McLean, Greenock. |
| " | John B. Shaw, Irvine. |
| " | John L. Yule, Irvine. |
| " | Robert Gilchrist, Irvine. |
| " | William J. McJannet, Irvine. |
| " | Matthew Robertson, Sunderland. |
| " | John Rensfrew, Irvine. |
| 1905 | R. J. Hamilton, Irvine. |
| " | J. W. Bryson, Irvine. |
| " | John Yuille, Irvine. |
| " | John Rensfrew, Jr., Irvine. |
| 1906 | David S. Flanagan, Irvine. |
| " | Thomas B. Flanagan, Irvine. |
| " | James Gilchrist, Irvine. |
| " | Robert Smith, Irvine. |
| " | Martin Meldrum, Irvine. |
| " | J. Graham Paterson, Irvine. |
| " | Dr H. S. Ranken, Aldershot. |
| " | John L. Campbell, Prestwick. |
| " | Alexander R. Wilson, Irvine. |
| " | William Hunter, Irvine. |
| " | C. Murchland, Jr., Irvine. |
| 1907 | James Borland, Irvine. |
| " | Henry S. M. Young, Irvine. |
| " | James Stirrat, Seattle, U. S. A. |

| Date of Admission. | Name. |
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| 1907 | David Gillies, Irvine. |
| " | H. R. Bower, Irvine. |
| " | William Kerr, Irvine. |
| " | Henry Abram, Irvine. |
| " | John R. Campbell, Irvine. |
| " | J. Irving Moffat, Irvine. |
| " | William McCall, Irvine. |
| 1908 | Alexander Gilmour, Irvine. |
| " | John S. Gilmour, Irvine. |
| " | Andrew Morrison, Irvine. |
| " | Matthew W. Breckenridge, Irvine. |
| " | John J. Dodson, Irvine. |
| " | James B. Thomson, Irvine. |
| " | Robert M. Hogg, Irvine. |
| " | James Hogg, Irvine. |
| " | John W. Hall, Irvine. |
| " | George Seymour, Kilwinning |

