TO

THE KING's MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

THE LIBERAL PROTECTOR OF ARTS AND SCIENCES,

AND PATRON OF THE SOCIETY

OF THE

ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND,

THIS FIRST SPECIMEN OF THEIR LABOURS

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By William Smellie, Member of the Antiquarian and Royal Societies of Edinburgh.

Like other nations of Europe, the political and historical monuments of Scotland have not only been injured by the natural operations of time, but by many other causes. Our defolating and depredatory wars with England continued for ages. The demolition of ancient buildings, the destruction of public archives, and of private documents, were results of these unhappy contests. When the two nations were partially united, by the succession of our James VI. to the throne of England, a temporary peace was established, and promised great and mutual advantages. But, not long after this auspicious event, fanatical and feudal dissensions arose, and produced effects equally pernicious to the objects of the Historian and Antiquary. Though these and similar causes have long ceased, yet, by annihilating our principal materials, they depressed the spirit of inquiry, and made us negligent of those which had escaped the general devastation.

The real union of the two kingdoms, in the reign of Queen Anne, it might have been expected, should suddenly have removed a
every obstrucion to the progress of Science and Literature in this country. But, even since that era, Scotland has had her convulsions. Besides, till we were cordially united to England, not in government only, but in loyalty and affection to a common Sovereign, it was not, perhaps, altogether consistent with political wisdom, to call the attention of the Scots to the ancient honours and constitution of their independent Monarchy.

Not many years have elapsed, since the jealousy of the two nations were succeeded by a mutual attachment to the same family and constitution. During this short period, however, it must be allowed, that the progress of the Scots in every species of art, of science, and of literature, has been astonishingly rapid. Neither have the researches of the antiquary, notwithstanding the many disadvantages he had to encounter, been altogether neglected. But the labours of individual antiquaries, unassisted by powerful patronage, and destitute of proper repositories, have hitherto produced no great light to the public. They, however, excited a taste for inquiries of this nature, which, for some years past, has continued to diffuse itself over the nation.

In the ordinary progress of human affairs, it was soon perceived, that this taste for investigating the antiquities of our country, could not receive any adequate gratification without the aid of a public establishment. An association, accordingly, similar to that of the Antiquarian Society of London, was projected, by several Gentlemen of eminence and learning, some of whom had made private collections, and were anxious that these, and others which they knew were scattered through the kingdom, should be preferred in a secure and permanent repository. The time, they found, was now arrived, when such a Society might be instituted, without any apprehension of those consequences to national union and concord which had formerly subsisted: They considered, that some useful materials, which

which had been amassed by eminent antiquaries, were now perishing in the possession of persons who knew not their value; that others, still existing in public libraries, depended upon the fate of single copies, and were subject to obliteration, to fire, and to other causes of destruction; and that it was an object of national importance to bring all these, either in their original form, or by accurate transcript, into one great repository, which should be rendered accessible to the Republic of Letters.

Though these, and many other advantages, were to be derived from an institution of this nature, it continued to be the subject of speculation only, till the Right Honourable the Earl of Buchan, zealous to have it carried into execution, invited, on the 14th day of November 1780, the following Noblemen and Gentlemen to his house, where he explained, in a pertinent discourse, the general plan and intention of the proposed Association.

Right Honourable Lord Hope
Honourable Henry Erskine
* Allan Macnachrie, Esquire
Honourable Lord Hailes
William Tytler, Esquire
* Hugo Arnott, Esquire
Sir John Dalrymple, H. M. Baronet
David Erskine, Esquire
John Davidson, Esquire
Reverend Dr Blair
James Colquhoun, Esquire
* Mr William Snellie
Honourable James Erskine
* Mr James Cumming
* Mr John Balfour
John Cow, Esquire
* Mr John Williams
James Balfour, Esquire

Sir James Stewart-Denham, Baronet
* Mr John Syne
Honourable Baron Maule
Sir William Forbes, Baronet
John Swinton, Esquire
* Andrew Croftsie, Esquire
George Clerk Maxwell, Esquire
Sir James Foulis, Baronet
Reverend Dr Henry
* Charles Hay, Esquire
Mr John Mcgown
* Alexander Wight, Esquire
Mr George Paton
Dr Gilbert Stuart
* Mr William Creech
* Mr John Donaldson
* Mr Thomas Phillips
* Mr Alexander Brown

AGREEABLE
AGREEABLE to Lord Buchan's invitation, the fourteen Gentlemen, to whose names an asterisk is prefixed, gave their attendance. The others sent letters to his Lordship, highly approving of the scheme, and expressing their regret, that unavoidable circumstances had prevented them from being present. When the Earl of Buchan finished his discourse, he moved, that another meeting should be held at his house, on the 28th day of November 1780, to consider the propriety of forming a Society upon the plan suggested in the paper he had then read. This motion received an unanimous approbation.

According to agreement, a considerable number of Gentlemen met on the 28th day of November. After canvassing the utility of the proposed Association, and the mode of its regulation, they unanimously resolved to meet on the 18th day of December, in order to form themselves into a regular and permanent body, under the designation of THE SOCIETY OF THE ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND. On the day appointed, the Gentlemen assembled, instituted the Society, and elected the following officers:

**President,** The Right Honourable the Earl of Bute.
**1st Vice-President,** The Right Honourable the Earl of Buchan.
**2nd Vice-President,** Sir John Dalrymple-Hamilton M'Gill, Baronet.
**3rd Vice-President,** John Swinton of Swinton, Esquire.
**4th Vice-President,** Alexander Wight, Esquire.
**5th Vice-President,** William Tytler of Pittigl Hospital, Esquire.
**Treasurer,** Sir William Forbes of Pittigl Hospital, Baronet.
**Secretary,** Mr James Cummyng.

Since the institution of the Society, some changes among its principal office-bearers, owing to various causes, have happened. They now stand as follows:

**President,** His Majesty THE KING, PATRON.
**1st Vice-President,** His Honourable the Earl of Bute.
**2nd Vice-President,** His Honourable the Earl of Buchan.
**3rd Vice-President,** Lord Monboddo.
**4th Vice-President,** Alexander Wight, Esquire.
**5th Vice-President,** William Tytler, Esquire.
**Treasurer,** Sir William Forbes of Pittigl Hospital, Baronet.
**Secretary,** Mr James Cummyng.

After the Society was formally instituted, its first meetings were employed in the necessary business of framing statutes, rules, and orders; in receiving donations, and in electing new members.

The encouragement this Society, from the moment of its institution, received from persons of all ranks, both male and female, soon suggested the idea, that, in order to secure and perpetuate the valuable and multifarious property so early acquired, a Royal Charter was the only effectual measure. On the 21st of May, accordingly, the following petition was signed, and afterwards presented to his Majesty, praying for a Royal Charter of Incorporation. The petition was returned by the Society's agent at London, with a reference to the Lord Advocate of Scotland by Lord Sidney, then one of the Secretaries of State.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty, the humble Petition of the Society of the Antiquaries of Scotland,

"Sheweth,

That, in the year 1780, your petitioners, consisting of a number of the Noblemen and Gentlemen of this part of your Majesty's united kingdom, formed themselves into a Society for investigating antiquities,
antiquities, as well as natural and civil history in general, with a view to the improvement of the minds of mankind, and to promote a taste for natural and useful knowledge; and the success of their endeavours has already succeeded far beyond their most sanguine expectations.

"That many men, of the first distinction for rank and learning, not only in the British dominions, but in other kingdoms, have, by ingenious dissertations, and valuable donations, contributed toward the prosperity of the Society.

"That, beside donations of relics of antiquity, and of natural productions, several Noblemen and Gentlemen have contributed liberally in money to enable the Society to carry their laudable views into execution.

"That your Majesty's petitioners have purchased a house in the city of Edinburgh, for containing their books, papers, and other effects; but, not having a nomen juris, their rights to that property, to the effects at present in their possession, or to what they shall afterwards acquire, cannot be legally established, unless your Majesty is graciously pleased to grant them a Royal Charter.

"Your Majesty's uniform patronage of the fine arts, and of useful literature, encourages them to hope, that you will extend such patronage to your petitioners, which will render the utility of their plan more diffusive, and effectually secure the heritable and moveable property they already possess, or may acquire.

"Your petitioners, therefore, most humbly pray, that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to grant your Royal Letters patent, under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept in Scotland, in place of the great seal formerly used, constituting and erecting the present Members of the said Society, and all those who shall afterwards be admitted Members, into one body politic and corporate, or legal incorporation, under the title and name of The Society of the Antiquaries of Scotland; and as such, and by such title and name, to have a perpetual endurance and succession, and to be able and capable to sue, plead, defend, and answer, and to be sued, impleaded, defended, and answered, in all or any of your Majesty's courts of judicature, with all other necessary clauses.

"And your petitioners shall ever pray, &c.

"Signed in presence, and by appointment of a General Meeting of the said Society, this 21st day of May, in the year One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

(Signed) BUCHAN, PRES. JAMES CUMMYNG, SEC.

Copy Reference to the Lord Advocate, written on the Margin of the above Petition.

"Whitehall, 26th September 1782.

"His Majesty is pleased to refer this petition to the Right Honourable the Lord Advocate of Scotland, to consider thereof, and to report his opinion, what may be properly done therein, whereupon his Majesty will declare his further pleasure.

(Signed) T. TOWNSEND."
In consequence of this reference, the then Lord Advocate of Scotland, now the Right Honourable Henry Dundas, Secretary of State for the Northern Department, gave a most favourable and just representation of the nature and intentions of the Society. The Royal warrant, of course, passed the Privy Seal on the 29th day of March 1783; and, as soon as it was received at Edinburgh, the charter was extended under the Great Seal. The Gentlemen of this office, as well as those of the Chancery, sensible of the many public advantages to be derived from the Society, generously refused to accept their accustomed fees.

The Charter, of which the following is a copy, after passing the seals, was read to a general meeting of the Society on the 6th day of May 1783.

ROYAL CHARTER.

"GEORGIVS, Dei Gratia, Magnae Britanniae, Franciae, et Hiberniae Rex, fidei defenlor : Omnibus probis hominibus, ad quos praefentes literae noftrae pervenerint, salutem : Quandoquidem nos considerantes, quod petitio humilis nobis oblata fuerit in nomine Societatis Antiquariorum in Scotia, enarrans, quod, anno millesimo septingentesimo et octogesimo, numerus primatum et generosorum, in ilia parte regni noftri Magnae Britanniae Scotia vocata, in societatem sese formaverunt ad invesigandas, tam res antiquas, quam historiam naturalem et civilem in genere, eo proposito, ut hominum ingenia excolerentur, et ut studium naturalis et utilis scientiae promoveretur, et quod eventus eorum conatus summe longe excellerat; quod multi homines, aut loco aut literis insignes, non solum in nostro Magnae Britanniae Regno, sed in aliis regionibus, per lucubrationes eruditas, et dona pretiosa erga societatis res secundas contribuerant;
The meetings of the Society, during the vacations of the Court of Session, are held every month, and every fortnight when that Court sits, which it does five months in the year. It is singular, and worthy of remark, that, from the institution of the Society, in November 1780, to the present time, not a meeting has passed but donations have been received, and discourses, or ancient papers, read. Since that period, the Society has been honoured with presents from no less than 1130 donors. The number of donations, some of which are exceedingly curious and valuable, amount to about 16,000 articles. They chiefly consist of ancient weapons, dresses, charters, historical papers, poems, and an immensity of coins of all ages and nations. A descriptive account of them would make a large volume.

This short narrative of the origin, progress, and present state of the Antiquarian Society of Scotland shall be concluded with a copy of the statutes, and a chronological list of its Members, which will show not only its respectability, but the estimation in which it is held, both by the republic of letters, and by men of the highest ranks in life.
I. **EACH** candidate for admission, as an ordinary member, shall be recommended by three members, and his election, at the ensuing meeting, shall proceed by ballot. A majority of two thirds of the members present shall entitle the candidate to be admitted. And the annual election of officers shall be made on St Andrew's day, or, if that is not a lawful day, on the Tuesday immediately following, of which proper intimation is to be given by the Secretary.

II. The officers shall consist of a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, who shall have the charge of the effects of the Society, and another for foreign correspondence, together with a Latin and a French Secretary, who shall be elected in the same manner as ordinary members.

III. Beside the above officers, four Cenfors shall be annually chosen, for the purpose of revising such papers and communications as are to form the transactions of the Society. After the Cenfors have made their remarks in writing upon any paper, these remarks and proposed corrections are to be communicated to the author, who may either adopt or reject them as he shall think proper. The Cenfors shall annually, at the meeting for the election of officers, report to the Society the title of every paper which has been submitted to their inspection, and at the same time recommend such of them as they shall judge most proper for immediate publication. The opinion and recommendation of the Cenfors shall immediately be laid before a general meeting, and approved or rejected by ballot. But if, upon any such question, the number of balls for and against shall be equal, the farther consideration of it shall be adjourned to the next meeting of the Society: And if, upon the second balloting, the number of balls shall also be equal, the question shall be determined in the negative; but no entry shall be made of such determination in the minute-book.

IV. A Council of seven shall be annually chosen, of which the Secretary shall always be one. They, together with the Vice-Presidents, shall superintend and examine the accounts and funds of the Society, and transact all the ordinary business thereof. Three shall be a quorum.

V. Each ordinary member, at his admission, shall pay two guineas to the funds of the Society, and one guinea annually on St Andrew's day. Any member paying twelve guineas, besides the dues of admission, shall be from thenceforth exempted from annual payments; and the management of the funds of the Society shall be under the direction of the officers, and the ordinary subscribing members.

VI. The names of the donors to the Society shall be entered in a book kept for that purpose. When their donations amount to the sum of ten pounds, their names shall be inscribed in some conspicuous part of the Society's Museum.

VII.
VII. The proceedings of the Society shall be regularly entered into the minute-book by the Secretary, and signed by the presiding member. All papers given in shall be read in the order of their dates; and each paper, after being read, shall be committed to the censors, for their examination, and report, before it is engrossed in the book of the transactions.

VIII. The number of ordinary members shall not exceed two hundred, exclusive of the office-bearers; by these, and the other members, the officers, censors, council, and ordinary, honorary, correspondent, and associated members, shall be chosen; and the death of any member of the Society shall be noted on the margin of his subscription to the statutes.

IX. The ordinary meetings of the Society shall be held on every second Tuesday during the recess of the Court of Session, and in the vacation on the first Tuesday of every month; and, in the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, the senior member on the roll shall take the chair.

X. The principal objects of the Society shall be the ancient, compared with the modern state of the kingdom, &c. as in article 7th at the end of the Earl of Buchan's preliminary discourse.

XI. The Secretary shall be empowered to sign the statutes of the Society for such members as are admitted into it, and cannot conveniently sign the same at the time of their admission, and for such presiding members as may not have had it in their power to sign the minutes of the meeting wherein they presided.

XII. And, lastly, we the undersigned members oblige ourselves to observe and fulfil the above statutes, and conform ourselves to all the future regulations and by-laws, which may be made by the Society, and regularly entered into their minute-book.

BY-LAWS.

No question shall be put on any motion, unless it be seconded.

When any member speaks, he shall stand up, and address himself to the chair; and, when one or more offer to speak at the same time, the presiding member shall determine who shall be first heard.

The Secretary shall not allow, on any account, the papers belonging to the Society, of which he has not copies, to be borrowed out of his custody by any of the members.

A proper descriptive catalogue of the donations made to the Museum shall be published occasionally.

All persons proposed as honorary members, shall be notified to the general meetings by a recommendation from the council, and shall be elected by ballot.

No person withdrawing himself from the Society, or who has been rejected, shall be again eligible, unless four-fifths of the balls upon a ballot be in his favour.

The election of Curators shall be annual, and each year one of them, at least, shall be changed.

CANDIDATES
Candidates for admission as ordinary members, shall be announced immediately after the reading of the minutes; and no candidate shall be either announced or balloted, unless eighteen members be present.

Nine members are requisite to constitute an ordinary meeting of the Society.

July 23. The President, or any member, shall call to order any person who, from inattention, may at any time stumble into premature discussions, or frivolous queries, which are always repugnant to the public business of the general meetings.

If any member neglect or refuse to pay his annual contribution, for three months after St Andrew's day, he shall be considered as having relinquished his seat in the Society; and the Secretary is directed, each year, at the first general meeting in March, to lay before the Society a list of the names of such members as have vacated their seats by withholding their annual payments. He is at the same time instructed to give timely notice, each year, by letter, to those in arrear, a week at least before the said meeting in March.

In order to prevent irregularity, and to fix the mode of procedure at the ordinary meetings, the following order is to be observed at all such meetings, viz.

1st, To hear the minutes of the preceding meeting read.

2nd, To hear the candidates for admission announced.

3rd, To ballot for such candidates as have been properly recommended at the preceding meeting, or by the council.

4th, To see the production of the letters relating to the Society, and received since the preceding meeting, all or any of which may be read upon the motion of any member, if it be seconded.

5th, To hear such motions read as any of the members may have prepared in writing, and to put the question on them, providing they are seconded.

6th, To hear such reports as any of the officers, or those commissioned by the Society, have to make, and to determine thereupon.

7th, To hear the paper of the night read.

8th, To hear a descriptive inventory of donations read.

9th, To order thanks to the donors.

10th, To be informed of the time and place of the next meeting.

Such pertinent remarks as are made on what passes in the meetings of this Society, shall be admissible; but all questions or discussions extraneous to the order of the business above mentioned, and all reflections on the conduct or determinations of the Society, unless stated in writing, to be answered and determined upon at a subsequent meeting, are totally inadmissible.

Each candidate for election, as a corresponding member, shall be recommended in writing by three members, and shall be balloted for at the meeting subsequent to such recommendation, in the same manner as candidates for admission as ordinary members.
The Secretary shall not, without an order of the Society, lend out any of the effects in the Museum to any person whatever.

Each correspondent member, on his admission, shall pay two guineas to the funds of the Society.

No member in arrear shall be permitted to vote in any matter concerning the funds or the disposal of the cash of the Society.

Every person who recommends a correspondent member to this Society, shall, previous to the admission of such member, be considered as bound either to pay, or procure payment of two guineas, as his admission fee.

Notwithstanding this law, the Society, from particular reasons, shall always have it in their power to bestow gratis admissions on correspondent members.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST of the Members admitted into the Society of the Antiquaries of Scotland.

THE KING PATRON.

OFFICERS appointed at the Institution of the Society.

18 Vice-President (and founder) the Right Honourable the Earl of Buchan.
24 Vice-President, the Right Honourable James Burnett of Monboddo, Esq; one of the Senators of the College of Justice.
31st Vice-President, the Right Honourable Francis Gairdner of Gairdner, Esq; one of the Senators of the College of Justice.
4th Vice-President, Alexander Wight, Esq; Advocate.
3rd Vice-President, William Tytler of Woodhouselee, Esq; writer to the signet.

Treasurer, Sir William Forbes of Pitfligo, Baronet, banker.

1782. March 5. Cashier, John Gardiner, Esq; banker.
1780. Nov. 14. Secretary, Mr James Cumming.
1781. April 3. Secretary for foreign correspondence, John Callander of Craigforth, Esq; May 1. Latin Secretary, John Brown, M. D.

French Secretary, Mr Alexander Drummond.

Andrew Crofie, Esq; Advocate.
Alexander Wight, Esq; Advocate.


The Reverend Doctor Robert Henry.

William Charles Little of Libberton, Esq; Advocate.

1782. Sept. 3. Alexander Ferguson of Craigdarroch, Esq; Advocate.
1781. May 1. Mr John Dundas writer to the signet.
Mr William Smellie,
Mr James Cumming.

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ORDINARY MEMBERS.

The Honourable Sir John Dalrymple II. M. of Craufden, Baronet, one:
of the Barons of Exchequer.
Sir Alexander Dick of Prehominfield, Baronet.
The Honourable James Erskine of Mar, Esq; Knight Marshal of Scot-
land.
The Right Honourable John Swinton of Swinton, Esq; one of the Sena-
tors of the College of Justice.
Sir James Colquhoun of Loifs, Baronet, Advocate.
Charles Hay, Esq; Advocate.
Mr John Syme writer to the signet.
David Erskine of Londin, Esq; writer to the signet.
John Caw, Esq;.
Mr John Balfour.
John Clerk of Eldin, Esq;.
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An Inquiry into the Origin of the Name of the Scottish Nation, presented to the Society of Antiquaries, at Edinburgh, December 1780.

Colinton.

To a Society, the purpose of whose institution is to investigate the antiquities of their nation, any reasonable attempt to account for the name of that nation, cannot be unacceptable; and this subject seems naturally to present itself, as a proper introduction to their future inquiries.

I know not from what odd propensity, in the composition of human nature, arises a desire in mankind to carry the account of their nation or family into as remote antiquity as they can. Some person, possessed of this unaccountable passion, has endeavoured to deduce the origin of the Scots from an Egyptian princess, foster-mother to the Hebrew legislator. As I know no other authority for this story than a fond desire of the inventor to impose it for truth, I shall pass it over, and let it remain as I found it. Some chuse to derive the name of Scot from Sceot, an old word that signifies a Shield, and from whence probably comes the Latin word Scutum. So they suppose the people