

MS 379 **Papers relating to Brechin Grammar School, 1832 - 1834**

- MS/379/1 (Number not used.)
- MS/379/2 Part of a testimonial letter written by James Burns in favour of Misses McDougal and Mitchell, n.d.
- MS/379/3 Rough plan of the Public Schools of Brechin, Subjects and fees, n.d.
- MS/379/4 Testimonials in favour of James Low, A.M., Deanbank House, Sax-Coburg Place, Edinburgh, 1832.

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Low was a native of Rescobie parish. Testimonials included those from William Linton, Rector of Brechin Grammar School, William Clugston of Forfar, Rev Andrew Cromar of Oatlaw and Rev William Rogers of Rescobie.

- MS/379/5 Letter from Robert Gillies to Provost James Speid recommending James Low for the position of Rector of Brechin Grammar School recently vacated by William Linton
- MS/379/6 Emoluments of the preceptor of Maisondieu statement of income, 1833.
- MS/379/7 Letter from George Sime in North Berwick to James Speid, Provost of Brechin, concerning advice for managing a public school.
- MS/379/8 Memorial for the Town Council of Brechin to the Secretary of State for the Home Department concerning their desire to put the Grammar School on a "proper footing," requesting his opinion over a dispute as to what constituted a "proper footing," 21 March, 1833.
- MS/379/9 Memoranda respecting the Schools of Brechin in which the Guildry and Trade raise objections to the current plans.
- MS/379/10 Copy of proposed Scheme of Arrangement put forward by William Robertson at Carmyllie Manse and copy letter from Andrew Hutton at Edzell commenting on the Scheme, 20 and 25 September, 1833.
- On the reverse is a list of gentlemen to whom the Scheme was circulated.
- MS/379/11 Minutes of the meeting of the heads of families etc in Brechin as to public schools, 28 November 1833.

- MS/379/12 Letter from George Alexander, 2 December 1833.
- MS/379/13 Letter to Baillie Sharpe, Brechin, from David Blackadder, 3 December 1988.
- MS/379/14 Letter to Lord Panmure and other Heritors from D D Black, Town Clerk, concerning the Public Schools, 12 December 1833.
- MS/379/15 Report by the School Committee to the Town Council of Brechin, 17 December 1833.
- MS/379/16 Scroll report by the School Committee to the Town Council of Brechin, 17 December 1833.
- MS/379/17 Report by the School Committee to the Town Council of Brechin, 17 December 1833.
- MS/379/18 Letter to the Kirk Session, Unsigned, 19 December 1833.
- MS/379/19 Minutes of the Patrons of the Public Schools of Brechin, 17 December 1833.
- MS/379/20 Circulation list of testimonials, 1834.
- MS/379/21 Testimonials in favour of William Power
7 items, 1834.
- MS/379/21a Letter from Wm Cooper, Dalmeny, 28 June 1834.
- MS/379/21b Letter from Patrick Syme, n.d. (1834)
- MS/379/21c Letter from James Walker, English Master at Dollar Institution, 23 June 1834.
- MS/379/21d Letter from Patrick Syme, teacher of drawing at Dollar Academy, 25 June 1834.
- MS/379/21e Letter from Peter Steven, Teacher of Writing and Arithmetic at Dollar Academy, 25 June 1834.
- MS/379/21f Letter from William Cooper, Dalmeny, 23 June 1834.
- MS/379/21g Letter from William Cooper, Dalmeny, 19 May 1834.
- MS/379/22 Copy letter appointing Mr William Linton as Schoolmaster at Maisondieu, originally dated 30 May 1795, 1834.

MS/379/23 List of the Patrons of the Parish School of Brechin, 1834.

The Patrons were:

The Earl of Fife, Lord Panmure
Sir James Carnegie at Kinnaird Castle
James Carnegie of Arbuthnott and Esquire of Balnamoon
Robert Speid of Ardovie
Charles Hay Carnegie of Pitforthie
William Smart of Cairnbank, Montrose
Alexander Cruickshank of Keithock
David Blair of Cookston, Dundee
David Hunter of Eskmount
Patrick Chalmer of Auldbar
James Speid, Provost of Brechin
David Dakers, senior Ballie of Brechin
William Sharpe, junior Ballie of Brechin
and the minister of the Parish of Brechin (James Burns).

MS/379/24 Copy letter from Melbourne on behalf of King William IV appointing George Alexander as Schoolmaster in Brechin.

MS/379/25 Letter to Rev James Burns, Brechin from George Alexander resigning his post as parochial Schoolmaster, 15 March 1834.

MS/379/26 Memoranda from Rev Burns calling for a meeting of the Heritors to appoint a new parochial Schoolmaster, 16 March 1834.

MS/379/27 Draft letter from Rev Burns to the Heritors, 17 March 1834

MS/379/28 Copy letter from the minister of Brechin to the Heritors of Brechin in regard to the School of Brechin and certificates thereanent, 17 March 1834.

MS/379/29 Minutes of the Heritors, 17 April 1834.

MS/379/30 Advertisement for the post of teacher for the Parish School of Brechin and the Burgh School, April 1834.

MS/379/31 Contract between Mr George Alexander and the Town Council of Brechin, 5 May 1834

MS/379/32 Minutes of the Committee of Council anent the Schools, nominating candidates for the vacant posts, 23 May - 25 June 1834.

- MS/379/33 Report by the Committee of Patrons on the Parish School on the meeting of 17 April 1834, 5 June 1834.
- MS/379/34 Certificate to Mr Adam Wilson, Assistant Teacher in the Public School of Brechin, from Provost James Speid, 15 July 1834.
- MS/379/35 Report by Messrs Wm Clugston and Wm Davidson respecting candidates for the post of Burgh Schoolmaster of Brechin.
- MS/379/36 Examination paper of Mr Power, n.d.
- MS/379/37 Examination paper of Mr Wilson, n.d.
- MS/379/38 Examination paper of Mr Robertson, n.d.
- MS/379/39 Examination paper of Mr McDougal, n.d.
- MS/379/40 Example of penmanship.
- MS/379/41 Emoluments of Preceptor, 1853.
- MS/379/42 Circulation list, n.d.

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