

Letter from William Strang, Merchant in Stockholm, to the Town  
Council of Forfar advising that he had shipped the Bigg Bell to the  
Church of Forfar, 1657

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his most weightie and louing friends the provost bailyes and  
counsell of the burghe of forfar this in hand  
of skipper whom  
god preserve

Richt worthie and loving friends

yeurs of the ii Juny last with skipper James paterson resawed And according to your  
desyre and comission I hawe shippit in with the said skipper, the bell my umquill  
brother Robert Strang did dedicate to your burghe, hoping it shall please you weill, I  
pray the Lord you may resawe it in safety. And offer safe delyverie yair of, it will  
please you pay the skipper has fraight for it, And as you wishe I shuld have conwelled  
a pairt thereof; for buying a clocke thairto, whiche I did not think fitting bot that it shuld  
have rather bene augmented as I \_\_\_\_ shed \_\_\_\_ I have also done And as for the  
buying of a clocke I hope ther will be some amongst you who will follow my umquill  
brother effter through his good example; Also I would entreat my worthie freends the  
provost bailies & counsell of the toun, that they would have goode inspection in the  
distribution of the poor moneyes yearlie so that it be distributed only to the poor of the  
toun and to no other acording to my umquill brothers intencion & meaning. Whiche I  
hope you will due, leaving behind you a good example to your successors to follow  
effter in all tyme coming for whiche the Lord will bless you and yours the better, Not  
forder, bot my thankfull remembrances of dewlie to you all for \_\_\_\_ former shewne  
courtesies to me for whiche I shall remane.

Stockholm ii August  
1657

Your loving freend  
William Strang

Pay the skipper his reasounable fraight for I behowed to giff him 2 bells for his ship  
and house use befor he would grant to take it in