

(Reverse:) Chapman's liberties signed by Strathmore & Airlie lords of counsell

Right noble lords we under subscribers & chapmen within the sheriffdome of Angus humblie intreats your Lordships to consider these our petitions being to the Glory of God & good of the country

first we humblie intreat your lordships to grant liberty to the chapmen in the Sherifffdome of fforfar to choose among themselves one headman or overseer as in our neighbour Shyre of ffyfe to take order with young boyes being unmarried chapmen travelling in Angus anent their carriage & behaviour both in mercats & _____ are travelling in the country.

Secondly that our overseer may censure such chapmen as shall travell betwxt mercats or buy or sell wares on the sabath day.

Thirdly wee humblie intreat from your (lordships) that our overseer may censure & punish such chapmen as may be seen to have unjust weights or elbands on to give unjust weight or measure to the buyers who may be ignorant thereof or shall any kind of decit in mercats or in traveling in one country either in buying or selling.

Fourthly, wee intreat from youre Lordships that he may censure & punish such chapmen who in their buying or selling or outsetting of their wares banns or susars and blasphemys Gods name or makes any trouble in a mercat about outsetting of thier stands.

Fifthly, that these any any other good and lawfull orders that may be established among us may be observed & kepted wee intreat your lordships to grant a liberty to our overseer in all tymes coming to keep a meeting among us at every mercat in the shyre as they do in our neighbour shyre of ffyfe for censuring & taking order with such of our calling as shall be found faulty & entreat your lo(rdshi)ps to allow masters of mercat and magistrates of burghs to assist him in any unmarried chapmen as shall be stravagant against any lawfull order established among us & that none who will not obey good and larfull order shall travell in the shyre.

These things wee undersubscribers hunbly intreats your lordships to consider & after due consideration to give us your gracious answer therupon and God willing that finall fines shall be gotten by us for any such faulty shal_ be observed & kepted by the most sufficient man among us & shall be destribute with consent of us all for the help of such of our calling as by ?survness of old age or any other accounts shall be brought to poverty these petitions are humbly desired from your lordships by:— (SIGNED) Pat Brown John Adam James Elder John Elder John Henderson

(n.d.)