

15/11/2  
I Robert Graham of Scotland represent to you Mr. John  
Falconer Minister of the United Parishes of Sandwich,  
and Stromness that whereas you have obtained a Decree  
in your favour of date the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of  
One thousand seven hundred and Eightie<sup>eight</sup> before the Presbytrie  
of Laraton against the Heiritors of the said United Parishes  
for payment to you of no less a Sum than two Hundred  
& Eightie Seven pound <sup>sterling</sup> towards Building a Manse  
& Office Houses to you in the Parish of Stromness, notwith-  
standing of the old Manses being always at Congarth  
in the parish of Sandwich and where your Heiritors was  
willing to have Built a new manse, there poorly on account  
of the late Minister's Widow Mrs. Syrie her being Accomodat  
with the late Manse; which is still inhabited by her yet  
Contrary to all your Heiritors or the greatest part thereof  
you have begun to Build your Manse at Binningar in  
the parish of Stromness the remotest part of the two  
Parishes. And upon the foresaid Decree you the said  
Mr. John Falconer raised Letters of Horning and  
Caus'd Charge me for the Sum of twentie Nine pound  
Seven Shillings four pence halfpenny Sterling, as my  
Proportion of the said whole Expences & I having sever'd  
a Bill of Suspension of the said Charge for the reasons  
therein set furth and having obtained a List thereon before  
the Lord Ordinary of the Bills for the time and having  
also sent my Agent a Bond of Cationrie for Obtaining the  
Suspension which I have reason to think he has done before  
this time yet notwithstanding hereof, ye have proceeded to  
Cause me to be apprehended this Day by Alexander Bruce  
Messenger on a Caption at your Instance for payment of  
the foresaid Sum of twentie Nine pound Seven Shillings &  
four pence halfpenny Sterling as my Alledged Proportion  
of Expence of Building your manse and office houses althow  
the said Decree and Belligence is unjust and Exorbitant &  
no ways founded in Law and as I am wrongously Compel'd  
to pay the said Sum of twentie Nine Pound Seven Shill.  
and four pence halfpenny Sterling by mean force of  
Dilligence



Diligence to Muen Imprisonment therefore I protest  
that my paying the said Sum Instantly into you the said  
Mr John Falconer shall be no ways interpreted ane  
Homologation of the said Decreet and Delligence but that  
it shall be lawfull for me to Challenge and reduce the  
Same upon any Competant Grounds in Law and to sue  
for Reparation and<sup>re</sup> payment of the said Sum as Records  
wroungoufully Extorted from me vi et metu Carceires as  
aforesaid and thereupon I take Instruments in thands of you  
Joshua Johnson Notary Publick in Stromness and Craves  
Extracts at Stromness the twentie first Day of December  
One thousand Seven Hundred & Eightie before these Witnesses  
John Rendal Carpenter in Stromness & James Sabiston  
Merchant there

Robert Grahame

John Rendall witness  
James Sabiston witness