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At Kirkwall the Thirtieth day of August
One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty two years It is contracted
and agreed Betwixt William Halero of Coubester on the one
part And Thomas Balsour Merchant in Kirkwall on the
other part In manner and to the Effect following That is to
say The said William Halero has sold and Disponed And
by these presents Sells and Dispones to the said Thomas
Balsour his Heirs or Assignes All the Help that can or shall be
made by his Tennents, Cottars, Servants or others for his behoof
upon the Shores of his whole Lands and Estate Lyng within
the Sherriffdom and Stewarty of Orkney And that for the
space of Nine years Beginning with the Help made and Burnt
in the Burning Season thereof the year One thousand Seven
hundred and Sixty five And the said William Halero binds
and Obliges him his heirs and Successors That the foresaid
Help so to be made and sold to the said Thomas Balsour shall
be sufficient and as good in Quality as any other Help made
upon such Shores within the County of Orkney And to Deliver
the said Help to the said Thomas Balsour or his foresaid
or any person having his order to Receive it in the Bay of Houton
upon the Ship's Deck free of all Charges At or before the last
of September yearly Each Tun of the said Help Consisting
of Twenty one hundred at One hundred and Twelve pound
English to each Hundred Weight Beginning the first term
Delivery of the said Help At or before the last of September
One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty five And so forth
to Continue yearly During the foresaid Nine years For the
which Causes And on the other part The said Thomas
Balsour Binds and obliges him his Heirs and Executors To
make Due and Thankfull payment to the said William
Halero of Coubester or his foresaid At the term of Martinmas
yearly

Wm Halero
Thos Balsour

yearly during the said Space - after Delivery of
the said Help of the Sum of - Forty Shillings
Sterling money for each Term - of the said Help
that shall happen to be so - Delivered to him
or his Foresaids in manner above Written Beginning the first
term payment thereof at the term of Martinmas One thousand
Seven hundred and Sixty five And so further termly to continue
during the Currency of this Contract And Lastly Both
parties Bind and Oblige them and their Foresaids To perform
the premises to each other under the penalty of Twenty pounds
Sterling to be paid by the Party Defaulting to the Party Observer
or Willing to observe by and allow performance thereof And
They Consent to the Registration hereof in the Books of
Counsell and Session or others competent That Letters of
Hornings and all other Execution necessary may pass hereupon
in form as theirs And for that Effect They constitute

their Procurators &
in Witness whereof They have subscribed these presents
consisting of this and the preceding page (Written upon stamped
paper by Archibald Keith son to Edward Keith Notary
Publick in Shetland) Place Day Month and Year of God
first above written Before these Witnesses the above Designed
Edward & Archibald Keith's

Edward Keith Witness
Arch^d Keith witness

Wm Dalrymple
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Contract

Between

William Halero of Cowbister

by
Thomas Balfour Merchant

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