



At Kirkwall the twenty sixth Day
of May one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven
years. It is contracted and finally agreed upon
between the Parties following, Viz. William Halcro
of Coubister on the one Part, and Thomas Balfour
merchant in Kirkwall on the other part, In man-
ner and to the Effect following, That is to say
The said William Halcro has set, sold and dis-
posed, and by these presents sets, sells & disposes
to and in favor of the said Thomas Balfour, his
heirs or assigns, All and whole the Sang,
Sangle & redware and all other kind of Seaweed
whatsoever that grows or may grow upon the
whole of the shores of his Estate in Parish of Or-
phir on the Island of Lewis, as also on the Skerry
or shoal called Peterisherry contiguous to the
town of Peterlowe in Orphir, as also all other
skerries, rocks and shoals, which presently per-
tain to the said William Halcro, with a full
and freewright and knowledge to so much of the
coast adjoining to such shores above the high
water mark, as may be found necessary for dry-
ing burning & preserving the said Sang, San-
gle, redware and Seaweed into Help or any
other ashes, at any season of the year which

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the said Thomas Balfour and his aforesaids shall think
proper; and that for the space of nine years, beginning
with the year of God one thousand seven hundred and
seventy four and the first day of January in said
year, notwithstanding the date hereof: And the said
William Halcro binds and obliges himself his heirs
and successors to warrant & defend the said Thomas
Balfour & his aforesaids, in the peaceable possession
of mat-
ing
and Privileges ~~x~~ the said Tack, Tangle Redware and
Seaweed unto Help or Ashes, upon the shores above
specified, during the term of the said nine years as
above. For the which causes and on the other
part, the said Thomas Balfour binds & obliges
himself & his aforesaids, thankfully to pay the
said William Halcro of Coubistor or his aforesaids
the sum of ten pounds Sterling money, at the
term of Martinmas yearly & each year during
the currency of this Tack. And it is hereby ex-
pressly provided, that if the said Thomas Balf-
four or his aforesaids shall burn more than the
Quantity of thirty Sons of Help or Ashes, dur-
ing the space of each threenyears of this Tack,
that in that Event, he the said Thomas Balfour
or his aforesaids shall be bound to pay to the said
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said William Halcro or his aforesays, the sum
of twelve shillings & six pence Sterling for
each Ton so burnt by him, over and above the
thirty Sons abovementioned. And it is here-
by provided, that the said Thomas Balfour
& his aforesays shall account to the said

Wm Halcro
~~for causes to be made on each ton of Help or Ashes he shall make from
said shores~~
William Halcro and his aforesays, for the sum
of twelve shillings & six pence Sterling, for

T. Balfour
Sangle or Redware only, any time from the
Date hereof until the commencement of this
Jack, always accounting twenty one hundred
weight English of one hundred & twelve pounds
per hundred weight, weighed upon the Deck
of the ship which receives the help or ashes

And lastly, both Parties bindly
oblige themselves & their aforesays to perform
their respective Parts of the Premises, under
the Penalty of fifty Pounds Sterling, by
the Party failuer to the Party observer or
willing to observe, by and Allow the perfor-
mance. And they consent to the registration
hereof in the books of Council by Session or others

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competent, that Letters of Horning & all other Execution may pass hereon in form as Escheats; and for this effect they constitute

Their Procurators: In witness whereof

They have subscribed these Presents consisting of this and the above three preceding pages written upon Stamped Paper by Thomas Traill son to Thomas Traill of Sirlet's Place, Day Month & year of God & first above written, before these witnesses Maurice Kennedy son to Alexander Kennedy merchant in Southronaldsay & the said Thomas Traill, — witnesses also to the Marginal Note on the second Page, also to that on the third.

Wm Paterson

Maurice Kennedy witness

Mr. Balfour

Thomas Traill witness

Contract
Notaried
William Paterson
and

Thomas Balfour
notary
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