

EDINBURGH. 13 August. 1762

Gentlemen.

By the 26th Act of the Last Convention of  
Royal Burrows They appointed the Agent to  
Doe Dilligence by horning against such of the  
Royal Burrows as are resting their dues  
and as your Burgh is Resting £2 13 9d<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> str: for  
two years at July Last, I am ordered to acquaint  
you thereof hoping you will Not Suffer a horning  
to be raised agt: your Burgh for such a small  
sum. Please therefore send it in to Gentlemen

Your most humble Servt:

Arch<sup>d</sup>/ Blair.

Direct for me at the town  
Clerks Chambers.



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Payment for Runners for the Mail Dornoch 1792 - '94.

2 Runners ..... John Sutherland and Bannerman, three times a week from W/Helmsdale to Dunbeath at 2/8 each time 21 miles or 8/- a week.  
 Being a quarter of 13 weeks ----- £5... 4.  
 & 6d each week for the water of Helmsdale 6/6

	£ 5, 10 6d
Receiving he (! )	<del>xxxxx</del> 10
	<u>£6 6</u>

Dornoch to W/Helmsdale 18 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles *week-*  
 2/4 each of 3 times... or 7/10 ~~per quarter~~ £4.. 11.  
 Ferryoons ..... 13

£5 4.

3/6 a Qtr: to posts for carrying the bag to W/helmsdale paid the Post  
 Charged by Mr Taylor

What is the meaning of this is not the(a) (?) £5.. 4 in full to the posts

" As the water for Dunbeath is fordable excepting speats an account should be made, attested by the Postmaster there, when they are obliged to take the boat, that an allowance may be made ~~for the~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ according to the actual and real expense so as to prevent any delay.

at W/helmsdale I think you

As to the letters you received ~~at W/Helmsdale~~ should receive half of the allowances made by the Gentlemen for the W/Helmsdale bag, as having half the trouble of it with the postmaster of Dornoch.

So the post was expected to ford the river at Helmsdale except when in flood ! He must have had soaking wet feet for the rest of his journey and in winter what of the icy cold of the water ? ( K.J.L.)

Hector Calder Father  
Robert " Grandfather  
Andrew " Great-grandfather

Before that according  
to your records it was  
a John Calder = 1797

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No 12 Airdens

Drum - an - Tighe