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GLASGOW, 16th July, 1879.

*To the Preses and Directors and Members
of the Weavers' Society of Anderston.*

DEAR SIRS,

In compliance with the resolution expressed in the subjoined extract, I have pleasure in now submitting a print of the documents authorised. To all the Members of the Society, and to many others connected with Anderston, the Excerpts from the ancient records will have a special interest.

It cannot fail to suggest itself to the mind of the reader that the great cause of the Society's wealth lay in the choice of heritable property as the best investment of its Funds, and it will be much to be regretted if the policy of the past, in this respect, should in the future ever be disturbed.

To the great success, which has attended the management of its capital, to the judicious expenditure of its revenue, and to the liberality of the annual allowance to decayed Members, which is more than double the whole payments made by Members at entry, are to be attributed the immense number which have been and still are annually added to its Roll of Membership.

I will only add that he is its truest friend who will advocate the management of the Society on its ancient lines.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. M. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Directors
of the Weavers' Society of Anderston, held on the
16th day of July, 1879.

The Secretary intimated that he had concluded his examination of the Society's ancient records, and had excerpted therefrom everything which he considered interesting, either in connection with the Society or with the history of Anderston, and craved the further instructions of the Directors on the subject.

Whereupon the Preses (Mr. Joseph Taylor) moved that the excerpts, so far as considered of general or special interest, along with the names of the whole Members at present on the Roll, the Office-bearers of the Society since its institution, and the existing Rules of the Society, be printed and circulated among all the Members, and that it be remitted to the Secretary to complete the work and with full powers.

The meeting unanimously approved, and resolved accordingly.

A true Extract,

J. M. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

THE ORIGINAL CHARTER OF THE
WEAVERS IN ANDERSTOUN.

Know all men by these presents That Wee James Sym, Archibald Anderson, Michael Murdoch, John Horn, Andrew Campbell, John Jameson, Robert Hamilton, John Murray, John Paton, James Paton, Thomas Scott, James Gemmill, James Fleeming, John Kerr, James Holdin, Matthew Baird, Wm. Anderson, Wm. Scott, Jno. Taylor, Wm. Steven, Jno. Campbell all Weavers in Anderstoun and Robert Marshall Dyer there, Considering The good & weell of the poor And the other many good & worthy Consequences Which Attend freindly association, Have associated and hereby associate our Selves into a freindly Community, And bind & obleidge us & each of us strickly to fullfill and perform The Rules & Articles underwritten, Which Wee have Calculated for the order of our sd. Community viz.: That there be ane oversman chosen yearly upon the first fryday of November by voice of the Whole Society: That there be Six Masters chosen yearly upon the said Day—Three by the oversman And other three by the Community, Who, with the oversman are to Represent the whole Community; That there be a Collector chosen yearly upon the foresaid day by Voice of the whole Society. That none be admitted freeman but by Authority of the oversman and plurality of the Masters. That each freeman pay into the Common box one shilling sterling at the times and by the proportions following, To Witt; Three shilling scots quarterly begining the first quarters pay' upon the first fryday of Feberuary next And so to Continue upon the first fryday of each Third moneth. That each freeman Shall pay into the Common box one Shilling Sterling for Each apprentice he have. That each freeman pay all his quarter Accounts at the expiration of each year Otherways to be classed by the oversman and masters. That no freeman Give or Lend his help or assistance to any Weaver With respect to Weaving only in Anderstoun, or hereafter to Live there Not being Entered with the Community, Otherways the Member giveing or Lending such help & assistance shall either be fined or Classed at the Option and Direction of the oversman and his Masters. That no freeman Curse or Swear in presence of the oversman and Masters Under the Penalty of Six pence Sterling to be

paid into the Common box for each transgression. That whoever be chosen oversman The Common box Shall not be Removed or Taken from Anderstoun. That any Oversman to be Chosen at any time hereafter shall be a Resider and Dweller in Anderstoun. That a Clerk and Officer be Chosen yearly by Voice of the whole Society. That what Indentures betwixt any of the Members of the Society and Apprentices & Journeyman Shall be wrote by the Clerk of the Community: Consenting to the registration hereof Ad futuram rei memoriam in judges books Competent And for that Effect constitutes

Prors

In Witnes Whereof wee have subscribed thir presents wrote by William Wardrop Writer in Glasgow Att Anderstoun The Third day of November one thousand seven hundred and thirty Eight years In presence of the said William Wardrop witnes Called thereto

(Signed)	JAMES SYM
(")	ARCH ^d . ANDERSON
(")	MICHAEL MURDOCH
(")	JOHN J H HORN, his mark
(")	ANDREOU CAMPBELL
(")	JOHN J J JAMESON
(")	ROBERT HAMILTON
(")	JOHN MURRAY
(")	THOMAS SCOTT
(")	JOHN J G GEMMILL his mark
(")	JAMES FLEMING
(")	JOHN KERR
(")	JAMES HOLDEN
(")	MATTHEW BAIRD
(")	WILLIAM ANDERSON
(")	WILLIAM SCOT
(")	WILLIAM STIVN
(")	JOHN CAMPBELL
(")	ROBERT MARSHALL
(")	JAMES PATON
(")	JOHN PATON
(")	JOHN TAYLOR
(Signed)	WILLIAM WARDROP <i>witnes</i>

Att Anderstoun The Third day of November
J a j Vii C and thirty Eight years

The Same day In presence of the Oversman Masters and whole Community It was Enacted and hereby is Enacted That whoever shall hereafter Enter freeman with the Community Shall Pay of freedom fyne Eighteenpence Sterling at their admission.

(sig^d) WILLIAM WARDROP Clk

2nd February 1739

The Same Day William Anderson One of the Masters being Convict of Swearing in presence of the Oversman Masters and most part of the Society He refused to pay The fyne Stipulated by the original Charter therefor, Whereupon, By the Voice of the whole Society assembled without Contradiction, He was Excluded the Society And is hereby Declared to have lost all part or priviledge therein.

(sig^d) WILLIAM WARDROP Clk

2nd November 1739

The said day The Collectors accotts of Charge and Discharge were publickly Read and approven. The Charge amounted to four pound Sterling, And the Discharge to one pound Twelve and Six pence Sterling, whereby there is a ballance in the Collectors hand of Two pound seven and sixpence, which he has paid in to the present Collector and therefore Matthew Baird the old Collector is hereby Discharged of his haill Intromissions.

(sig^d) WILLIAM WARDROP Clk

2nd November 1739Act in favours of
the oversman

The said day In presence of the Community They have Enacted and hereby enact That the oversman in all time Coming Shall have power of himself To give to any object of Charity he thinks fitt A Six pence Sterling, And to Drawprecepts on the Collector for the same.

(sig^d) WILLIAM WARDROP Clk7th November 1740Act ament
Charity

Conveened the oversman Masters and most part of the Community Who by one Consent Enacted that for the future no freeman shall be entituled to Charity for the space of Three years after his entry.

(sg^d) WILLIAM WARDROP Clk6th November 1741

Box Masters

The said day John Buchanan & Archibald Anderson were chosen Box Masters and the Keys thereof Committed to their care.

(sg^d) WILLIAM WARDROP Clk7th May 1742Contraveners
fined

The sd day James Fleeming and William Stephen were fin'd for Assisting Unfreemen.

5th November 1742Act ament
Clerk's salary

The said day The Community unanimously appointed the clk to have five shilling Sterling for the Ensuing year.

(sig^d) ANDREW GARDNER Clk