

RESERVING, however, in all respects, the foresaid fishings and lands with their pertinents to the persons who at present have the same respectively in lease, while the years and terms of their lease are still to run. Saving and reserving also to our foresaid supreme lady, the Queen, and to her successors, the annual feu duties, burgage services thereon due and customary. And we, the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of Aberdeen and our successors shall warrant, acquit and for ever defend all and sundry the fishings and lands above set forth, with their profits, pendicles and pertinents used and wont, for our foresaid fellow-citizens above-named, their male heirs and assignees aforesaid, and for no others, in all and through all, in like form and effect as aforesaid. IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have caused our common seal to be appended to these presents, strengthened by the subscriptions of the greater part of our commissaries for the time : at Aberdeen, the twelfth day of the month of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and fifty-three, before witnesses : Sir James Barclay, Master Edward Menzies, chaplains ; Masters Andrew Harvey, Thomas Young, Gilbert Murray, John Nicholson, and John Kennedy, Notaries Public, with divers others."

Which charter, feufarm and gift therein contained, in all its points and articles, conditions and forms, and circumstances whatsoever, in all and through all, in like form and effect as aforesaid, with advice, consent and authority of our said most dear cousin and tutor, we do approve, ratify, and for us and our successors for ever confirm : reserving to us and our successors our feu-duties, rights and services of the said lands and fishings with their pertinents, due and customary to us before our present confirmation. MOREOVER, with advice, consent and authority of our governor aforesaid, of our own queenly power and royal authority, we will, grant, and for us and our successors decree and ordain, that this our present confirmation shall be of as great strength, power and efficacy for the fellow-citizens above-written of our said burgh, their heirs and assignees aforesaid, and any one thereof, as if the same had been given and granted by us under our great seal in greater form to them and each of them before the sasines taken by them on the foresaid fishings and lands respectively, notwithstanding that the sasines were taken by them thereupon before our present confirmation. IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have ordered our great seal to be appended to this our present charter of confirmation. WITNESSES : The most reverend father in Christ, John, Archbishop of St. Andrews, our Treasurer ; our beloved cousins, George, Earl of Huntly and Moray, Lord Gordon and Badenoch, our Chancellor ; Archibald, Earl of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne ; the venerable father in Christ, George, Commendator of our Monastery of Dunfermline, Keeper of our Privy Seal ; our beloved familiar Masters Thomas Marjoribanks of Ratho, Clerk of our Rolls, Register and Council ; John Bellenden of Auchnoule, our Justice Clerk ; and Alexander Livingston of Donypace, Director of our Chancery. At Edinburgh, the fifteenth day of the month of September in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and fifty-three, and of our reign the eleventh.

APPENDIX IV.

DESCRIPTION OF MARCH STONES.

All Stones are lettered "A B D" with progressive number ;

* signifies that original saucer stone is still in place beside lettered stone ;

† signifies that stone is also marked C R (City Royalty), which mark applies only to stones upon the Inner Marches.

Stone Numbers.	As Existing and Situated in 1929.	As Described in 1698 (from <i>Kennedy's Annals</i>).
A.†	At the mouth of the Ferryhill Burn on the Dee, opposite the Old Ford Road.	
	<i>Note.</i> —This stone is the starting point of the Inner Marches on the South.	
1.†	At the north gable of 81 Hardgate, a house now belonging to the Corporation.	(1) <i>At an march stone on the south side of the Justice Mylne burn forment the nook of the Coble's Croft contigue to the east side of the King's gate called the Wain gate, on the south side of the new bridge, where there is ane great stone, marked with an sauser, at the north west nook of the houses lately built by Ferriehill.</i>
	<i>Note.</i> —This stone marks the junction of the Inner and Outer Marches on the South. The original lettered stone, which is broken in two, is laid in the floor of the cellar of No. 81 Hardgate. 1525 <i>Description</i> : "The first Marche was fund one the wast part of the town, on the south part of Rublaw, ane gret grey stane, with ane sawssir abov the Halfmyll Croce."	
2.	At the Police Station where Hardgate meets Fonthill Road, near the Branch Reading Room.	(2) <i>Therefrae, ryding in the Hardgate to the house called the Halfpennie house, where there is an march-stone, with an sauser, at the north-west side of the said house, on the brink of the burne.</i>
	<i>Note.</i> —This stone was missing at the Riding of the Marches in 1889, but has since been replaced.	
3.	At the North end of Nellfield Place, adjoining Nellfield Cemetery.	(3) <i>Therefrae, north-west to the houses at Couperstown, where there is an sauser stone, two ells or thereby from the south-east gavel of the westmost house.</i>
	<i>Note.</i> —The top of the former stone was above ground in 1889, but is no longer visible.	

Stone Numbers.	As Existing and Situated in 1929.	As Described in 1698 (from <i>Kennedy's Annals</i>).
4.	At the entrance gate to 113 Great Western Road. <i>Note.</i> —The original lettered stone is laid into the pavement and adjoins the present stone.	(4) <i>Therefrae, south, a pair of butts where there is a stone with a sauser in an dyke belonging to the lands of Pitmuckstown.</i>
5.	In the Great Western Bowling Club's grounds at the east end of the pavilion. <i>Note.</i> —This stone was placed in its present position in 1889, when alterations took place in the neighbourhood.	(5) <i>Therefore, south-west or thereby to Collielaw, where there is an grate stone on the east syde of several other stones.</i>
6.	In the back garden of No. 11 Hammerfield Avenue. <i>Note.</i> —There is situated beside this stone a roughly-squared stone, on the flat top of which the letters "A B D" are rudely cut. In the Mannofield area this type of stone was intermediate between the saucered and the present type, and is the last survivor of the type.	(6) <i>Therefrae, south south-west or thereby, to ane great craige stone, wherein there is an sauser and four witter holes, and ane carne beside the same, above the Lands of Ruthriestown.</i>
7.	Beside No. 2 Craigton Road, near the present City and County boundary. An estate march stone adjoins it. <i>Note.</i> —Craigton Road is constructed along the line of the old Cults Road. An agreement, dated 5th January, 1610, between the Town Council and Gilbert Menzies of Pitfodels defines the Marches between stones 7 and 12.	(7) <i>Therefrae wast or thereby to Leslie's Fould, where there is a stone on the east side of the fould marked with ane P for propertie where there is a carne.</i>
8.*	On left side of Craigton Road nearly opposite Kenfield Avenue.	(8) <i>Past to the Cult gate (road) quhair at the east end of the falds of Pitfoddells there is a ston with a sauser.</i>
9.	On right side of Craigton Road about a hundred yards beyond Craigton Villa. <i>Note.</i> —This stone was missing in 1840 when it was replaced in an adjoining field.	(9) <i>Therefrae, keepand the said gate wast or thereby, quhair there is an other eard-fast ston with an carne.</i>
10.	On left side of Craigton Road, opposite Slopefield Reservoir.	(10) <i>Keepand in the said gate quhair there is ane march-stone anent Banchrise with an sauser.</i>
11.	On left side of Craigton Road, west of entrance lodge of Woodlands.	(11) <i>Keeping the said gate where there is ane great long eard-fast stone, with ane sauser anent Ardo.</i>

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12.	On right side of Craigton Road below Cults dam. <i>Note.</i> —At this point, the old road—the Landmyr—or March road—now ends, but there is reason to think that originally it proceeded much further west—probably to the west end of the Forest and beyond.	(12) <i>Frae that to the dam of Cults otherwise called the Mill-dam of Pitfoddells, where there is ane merch stone, with an sauser and four witter holes.</i>
13.	In a quarry north-west of Mains of Cults. <i>Note.</i> —1525 <i>Description</i> : "An fra than as the get (road) passis to ane gret grey stane standand on the top of the Blak Hill of the Queyptis (Cults)."	(13) <i>Therefrae to the north nook of the back hill of Cults where there is ane great stone, with four witter holes, and ane sauser.</i>
14.*	On the farm of Hillhead of Cults, north-west of the farm buildings at the edge of a field. <i>Note.</i> —1525 <i>Description</i> : "To ane uther stane standand on the top of the hill of Queyptis, with three hollis hewing in the samin."	(14) <i>Therefrae to the head of the falds of Cults where there is ane high march stone, with ane sauser on the top thereof.</i>
15.	In a field behind Baillieswells House and beside 4 dressed stones marked 1 to 4 which mark the springs of the Cults Water Supply. <i>Note.</i> —There was a saucer stone at this point 40 years ago, but it has since disappeared. 1525 <i>Description</i> : "And frathin to ane gray stane with four hollis in the quhilk thar is irne zeit with laid to the est syde of the Bellies wellis."	(15) <i>Therefrae south-west to ane great ston beside Bells Wells with three holes in the syd and ane sauser on the tope.</i>
16.*	In a belt of trees behind the gardener's cottage at Dalmuinzie, adjoining Foggieton Muir. <i>Note.</i> —1525 <i>Description</i> : "Syne northt to ane uther march stane at the haid of the north-most of the saidis wellis."	(16) <i>Therefrae keepan the nether Wellheads south-west or thereby to ane great stone beneath Craigie bog on the east syde of the eastmost Grindlay Burne, marked with ane sauser.</i>
17.	About 150 yards west of the belt above referred to in a patch of rough ground near a cairn of field gatherings.	(17) <i>On the west syde of the said Grindly Burn ane other stone with ane sauser.</i>