

van exhibuit et presentavit dicto Adamo Duff vicecomiti antedict. cumque rogavit quatenus ad executionem dict. precepti sasina secundum tenorem ejusdem procederet QUEMQUE ROGAVIMUS dict. vicecomes percipiens esse justum rationique consonum. dictum preceptum sasina in manibus suis recepit et mihi notario publico subscribenti perlegendum publicandum et testibus astantibus in vulgari sermone explicandum tradidit quon feci et ejus precepti sasina tenor sequitur et est talis :

His Majesties
Royal
Precept for
giving Seisin.

Guilielmus QUARTUS Dei gratia
Britanniarum rex fidei defensor vicecomiti et
balivis suis de Edinburgh Salutem. Quia per
inquisitionem de mandato nostro per Georgium
Tait armigerum vicecomitem substitutum
vicecomitatus de Edinburgh tanquam vice-
comitem ad eum effectum specialiter consti-
tuit. virtute commissionis sub testimonio sig-
illi mihi specificat. factum et ad capellam
nostram retornatam compertum est Quod
quondam Dominus Willielmus Alexander
de Mentrie miles primus Comes de Stirling
atavus prebendorabilis Alexandri Comitis de
Stirling et Dovan Vicecomitis de Stirling et
Canada Domini Alexander de Tullibodhe et
cetera latoris presentium obit ad fidem et
pacem regiam ultimo vestit. et sedit. ut de
feodo in omnibus et singulis terris continen-
tibus et insulis situat. et jacen. in America
intra caput seu promontorium communiter
Cap de Sable appellat. jacen. prope latitu-
dinem quadraginta trium graduum aut eo
circa ab equinoctiali linea versus septen-
trionem a quo promontorio versus litus
maris tenden. ad occidentem ad stationem
navium Sancta. Marie vulgo St Mary's
Bay et deinceps versus septentrionem per
directam lineam introitum sive ostium mag-
ne illius stationis navium trajicien. quae ex-
currit in terrae orientalem plagam inter re-
giones Suriquorum et Stecheminorum vul-
go Suriquois et Stechemines ad fluvium vul-
go Sancta. Crucis appellat. et ad scaturigen-
nem remotissimam sive fontem ex occiden-
tali parte ejusd. qui se primum praedicto
fluvio immiscit unde per imaginariam direc-
tam lineam quae pergere per terram seu cur-
rere versus septentrionem concipitur ad
proximam navium stationem in fluvium vel
scaturigenam in magno fluvio de Canada sese
exonerantem et ab eo pergen. versus orien-
tem per maris oras littorales ejusd. fluvii de
Canada ad fluvium stationem navium portum
aut litus communiter nomine de Gathepe
vel Gaspé notum et appellatum et deinceps
versus curonotum ad insulas Bicalaas vel Cape

to the said Adam Duff, Sheriff foresaid, and desired him to proceed to the execution of the said precept of seisin, agreeably to the tenor thereof; which being the said Sheriff finding to be just and reasonable, he received the said precept of seisin into his hands, and delivered it to me, the under-signed notary-public, to be read, published and explained, in the common speech, to the witnesses present; which I did, and of which precept of seisin the tenor follows in these words:

William THE FOURTH, by the
grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the
Faith, to the Sheriff of Edinburgh and his
Baillies, Greeting. FOUND AS it is found,
by an inquest made by our command, by
George Tait, Esquire, Sheriff-substitute of
the sherriffdom of Edinburgh, as Sheriff for
that effect, specially constituted, in virtue of
a commission under the testimonial of the
seal, therein specified, and retoured to our
chancery, THAT the deceased Sir William
Alexander of Menstrie, Knight, the first Earl
of Stirling, great-great-grandfather of
the Right Honourable Alexander Earl of
Stirling and Dovan, Viscount of Stirling and
Canada, Lord Alexander of Tullibodie, &c.
bearer hereof, died at the faith and peace of
the King, last vest and seised as of fee in all
and sundry the lands, continents and islands
situate and lying in America, within the head
or cape commonly called Cap de Sable, lying
near the latitude of forty-three degrees north
from the equinoctial line, or thereabouts, from
which cape towards the sea-coast verging to
the west, to the naval station of St Mary,
commonly called St Mary's Bay, and there-
after northwards by a straight line passing
the inlet or mouth of that great naval station
which runs out into the eastern tract of land
between the countries of the Suriquois and
Stechemines, to the river commonly called of
St Croix, and to the furthest source or foun-
tain head thereof on the western part, which
first unites itself with the foresaid river,
whence, by an imaginary straight line, con-
ceived to proceed overland, or run north-
wards, to the nearest naval station, river or
source discharging itself into the great river
of Canada, and from it proceeding eastwards
by the coasts of the said river of Canada to
the river, naval station, port or shore common-
ly known and called by the name of Gathepe
or Gaspé, and thereafter towards the south-
east to the islands called Bicalaas, or Cape