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# Transcription

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# Alexander Fleming of Barochan

## Testament Dative, confirmed 1 February 1623 – partial transcription and summary

*Glasgow Commissary Court, CC9/7/19, images 210–215 (folio numbers 210–215)*

| Item | Detail |
|---|---|
| Deceased | Alexander Flemyng of Barrochane, "within the parochin of Killellane" [Killellan, Renfrewshire; reading doubtful], who "deceist in the moneth of September" of a year read as "Jm vj^c and twentie tua" (September 1622). |
| Type of record | Testament dative and inventory (marginal heading "Flemyng of Barrochane"). |
| Executors | Patrik Flemyng, "fiar of Barrochane" [reading of "fiar" doubtful], with [Lachlane? / Anna?] Flemyng, "lawfull bairnes to the defunct", decerned executors dative by decreet of the Commissar of Glasgow in January 1623. The exact wording and the names of the other executors need checking. |
| Commissary | Mr James Hamiltoun [of Westport?], Commissar of Glasgow [reading doubtful], who ratifies the testament. |
| Confirmation | At Glasgow, "the first day of Februar 1623" (catalogued 1 February 1623; the clerk's year may be Old Style, 1622/3). |
| Cautioner | A bond of caution follows the confirmation (top of image 215). The cautioner's name is not legible to me. |
| Total of inventory | "Summa of the Inventar": figure not legible. |
| Not Fleming material | The foot of image 215 begins another testament (margin note probably "Glasfurd"), for a burgess of Glasgow; not transcribed. |
| Conventions | Original spelling kept; abbreviations not expanded; [square brackets] = doubtful reading; [?] = word or figure I could not read. This is a very rapid secretary hand and many words and nearly all figures are not reliably legible: the transcription is partial and line breaks are approximate. |

## 1. Summary and identification

**What this is.** The testament dative and inventory of Alexander Fleming of Barochan, who died in September 1622. His goods, debts and money were given up by Patrik Flemyng, apparently his son and heir apparent ("fiar"), and others of his children, appointed executors dative in January 1623, and confirmed by the Commissary of Glasgow on 1 February 1623.

### Executors, legatees, debts

- **Executors:** Patrik Flemyng, fiar of Barrochane, and [Lachlane? and Anna?] Flemyng, "lawfull bairnes to the defunct".
- **Legatees:** none; a testament dative has no will.
- **Debts owing to the deceased ("Debts awand in"):** a long list, mostly small sums for grain and for rents and services for the terms of 1621–22, from tenants and neighbours around Barochan, together with larger bonds from lairds. Names include (all partly doubtful) Cunninghame of [Cloberhill?], Stirling of [Glorat?], a Semple, a Maxwell, a Hamilton and a Lady [Cumbernauld?]. The list runs from image 211 to image 213.
- **Debts owing by the deceased ("Debts awand out"):** start on image 213 and continue on image 214: the minister's stipend [Mr Johne Hay, minister of Killellan?] for 1622, tack-duties and rents to several named landlords, and a sum to a James Flemyng for lands of [Bonytoun?]. Sums are largely illegible.
- **Division:** after "Rest free geir", the clerk divides the free estate ("To be devydit in …" and "Deids part"). Figures not legible.

### Identifying the deceased

- **Barochan.** Barochan is in Killellan (Houston and Killellan), Renfrewshire. This testament is for the Flemings of Barochan some twenty years before the testament of Patrick Fleming of Barochan (September 1642, CC9/7/28). If the executor Patrik Flemyng, fiar of Barrochane, is the same man as the Patrick who died in 1642, as seems likely, Alexander was Patrick's father. I infer this from the dates and the matching name and designation; the record does not say so.
- **Other Flemings in the record.** Mr Robert Flemyng [in Blanerhe?], George Flemyng [in Cardonald?], Wm Flemyng and James Flemyng (a creditor for lands) appear among debtors and creditors, which suggests a connected Fleming kindred locally. Their relationships are not stated.
- **Date of death.** September 1622 is read from "Jm vj^c and twentie tua". The decreet is January 1623 and the confirmation 1 February 1623, within five months of death, which was prompt for Glasgow testaments of the time.

## 2. Contents and values

Scots money. The clerk writes figures in numerals (j^m, ij^c, vj^c etc.) in a very cursive form and I could read almost none reliably, so no individual price or total is given. What I could read is the kind of item, and the prices are "the price of the boll", "the price of the peice" and so on.

| Item | Particulars | Value (Scots) |
|---|---|---|
| Horses and mares | Entries "price of the peice", with a mear or two [?] | [illegible] |
| Oxen / nolt and kye | Livestock in Barochan; entries "price of the peice" | [illegible] |
| Sheep ("ane [?] flock of sheep in Barochane") | Image 211, top | [illegible] |
| Bear, oats, malt [?], with fodder | "Item … bolls … price of the boll with the fodder", in the barn and on the ground at Barochan [?] | [illegible] |
| Household plenishing and clothes | "the insight of the house … abuilyement of the defunct's body, estimat to …" | [illegible] |
| Summa of the Inventar | Image 211 | [illegible] |
| Debts owing to the deceased | Long list (images 211–213) | [illegible] |
| Summa of the debts in; Summa of Inventar and debts | Image 213 | [illegible] |

| Item | Particulars | Value (Scots) |
|---|---|---|
| Debts owing by the deceased | Stipend, tacks, rents (images 213–214) | [illegible] |
| Summa of the debts out; Rest free geir; Deids part | Image 214 | [illegible] |

Please check all totals on the images (211, 213, 214).

# 3. Images and transcription

Reading order: 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215. Line breaks are approximate. Where a whole line or run of names is too faint to read, the transcription says so.

## Image 210 – Page 210: heading and start of inventory

1623 Flemyng, Allexander (Wills and testaments Reference CC9/7/19, Glasgow Commissary Court) Image 210 Last image 215
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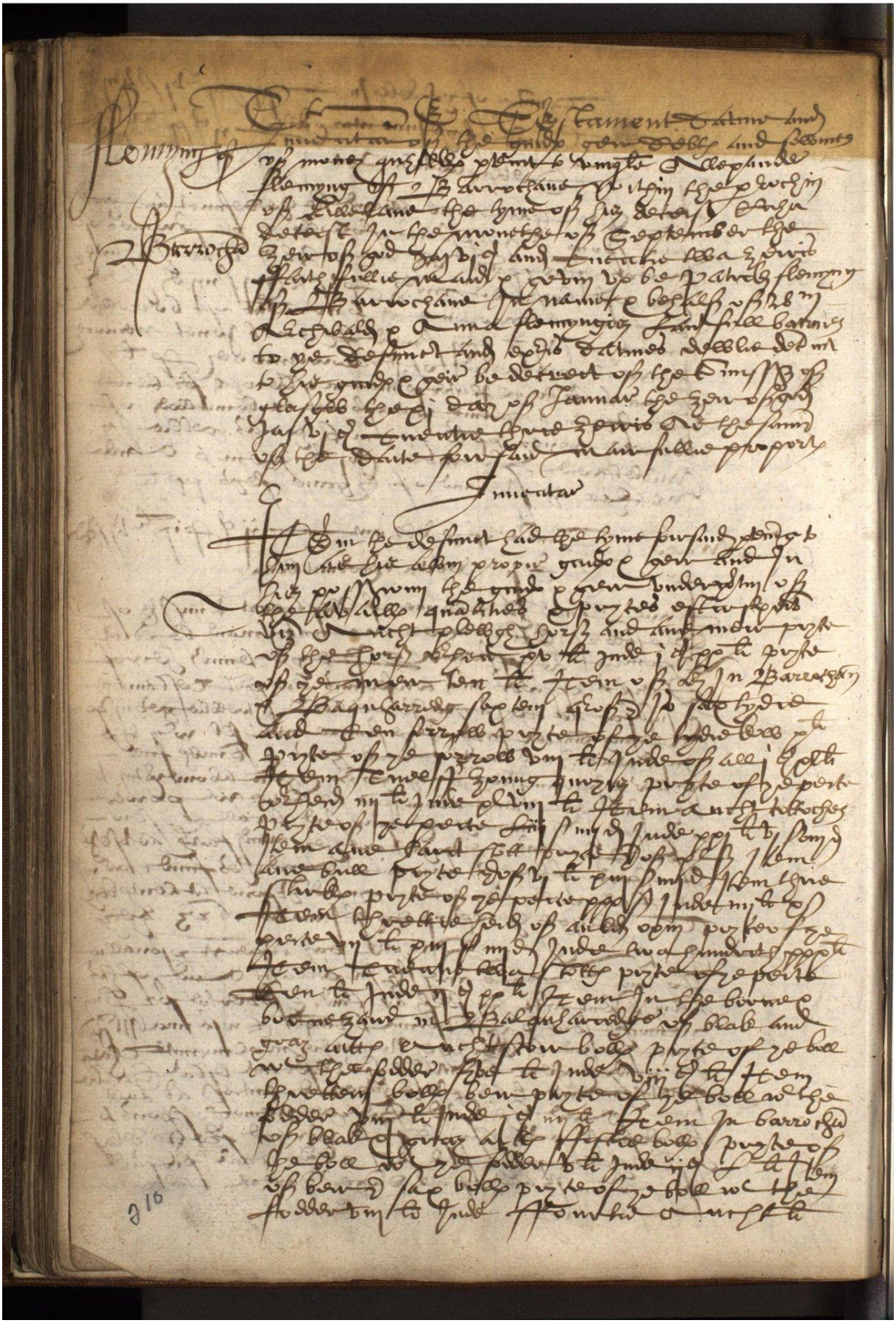


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## Transcription (partial)

[margin: Flemyng / of / Barrochane]
The Testament datiue and Inventar of the goods geir debts and sowmes
of money quhilks pertenit to vmqle Alexander
Flemyng of Barrochane [?] within the parochin
of [Killellane] the tyme of his deceis Quha
deceist in the moneth of September the
yeir of God Jm vj^c and twentie tua yeirs
faithfullie maid & gevin vp be Patrik flemyng
Lord of Barrochane [in nameit?] ~~[Lachlane?]~~ & behalf of ??? heritably & Anna flemyngis
[lawfull?] bairnes
to the defunct and ~~being decernit~~ executors ~~datiue~~ Dalnes Dell ??? ??
to his guide and ??? ~~to the goods geir~~ be decreit of the Commissar of
Glasgow the xj day of Januar the yeir of God
Jm vj^c and twentie three yeirs as the same
of the dait forsaid in ane [?] proport

Inventar

Item the defunct had the tyme forsaid [?] pertening to
him as his awin proper goods [?] and in
his possessioun the goods & geir vnderwrittin of
the [availl?] [quhilks?] [?] efterspeiking
viz In the first [?] pledge [?] hors and ane [?] mear pryce
of the hors [?] [?] the peice j^c [?] lib pryce
of ye [?] mear [?] in Barrochane
& [Bagarrow?] [?] [?] ... ane hundreth [?] [?] [?]
... [?] [?] pryce of ye [?] ... [?]
... Item [?] ... [?] ... [?] [?] ... Item [?]
... pryce of ye [peice?] ... [?] ... Item ane [?]
... Item [?] ... [?] ... Item thrie
[?] pryce of ye [peice?] [?] ... [?] ... Item
... [?] ... Item in the barne
... [?] ... in Barrochane of beare and
... aits with [?] ... bolls pryce of the boll
with the fodder [?] ... [?] ... Item
thretteine bolls beir pryce of the boll with the
fodder ... [?] ... Item in Barrochane
... [?] ... bolls pryce of
the boll with the fodder ... [?] ... Item
... of beare ... bolls pryce of the boll with the
fodder ... [?] ... Item [?] ...

## Image 211 – Page 211: inventory ends; “Summa”; debts owing to the deceased begin

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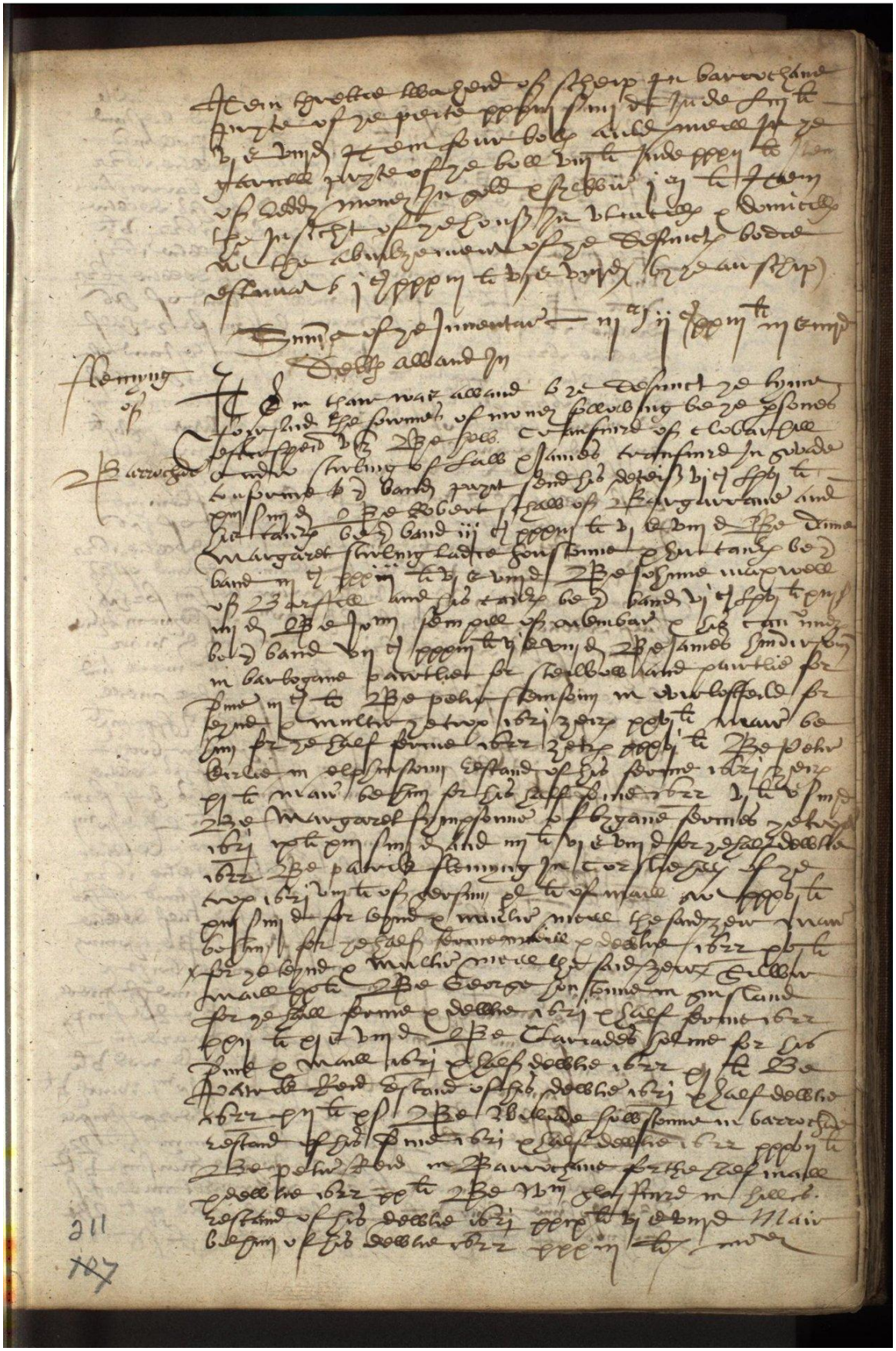


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Item [?] ... [flock?] of sheip in Barrochane
... pryce of the peice ... [?] ... lib [?] ... [?]
... Item [?] ... bolls aits [?] ... pryce of ye
boll ... [?] ... Item the [?] ...
... of [?] money [?] ... [?] ... Item [?] the
[insight?] of the house in [vtensils?] & domicill with
the abuilyement of the defunctis bodie
estimat to [?] ... [?] ... lib [?] ...

Summa of the Inventar — [?] [lib?] [?] [?]
Debts awand in

[margin: Flemyng / of / Barrochane]
Item thair wes awand to the defunct the tyme
forsaid the sowmes of money following be ye persones
efterspeit viz be [Johne?] Cuninghame of [Cloberhill?]
[Andro?] Stirling of [Hall?] [?] [transferrit?] ... [?]
[?] ... [?] ... be band ... [?] [?] ...
... [?] be Mr Robert Stirling of [Bargarran?] and
[?] [heritours?] be band ij^m ... [?] ... the tyme
... Margaret Stirling Ladie [Johnstoun?] ... be
band [?] ... lib [?] ... be Johne Maxwell
of [Barscobe?] ... and [?] be band [?] ... lib [?] ...
... be Johne Semple of [Dumbar?] ... [?] ... [?]
... band [?] ... be James [Henderson?]
in Barlogane [?] ... [?] ... for [?]
... be Johne Stevensone in [Brewfield?] ... for
[?] ... [?] ... 1621 yeirs ... [?] ... be Johne
Cirkie in [Kilmarnock?] ... [?] ... [?] ... [?]
... be Margaret [Hamiltoun?] ... [?] ... [?] ...
1621 ... be Patrik Flemyng [in?] [?] ...
... 1621 ... for [?] ... [?] ... [?]
... be George [Hamiltoun?] in [?] ... [?]
... be Claradeb? [Semple?] ... [?]
... be [?] ... be [?] ... [?] ...
... be Patrik [Boyd?] in Barrochane ... [?]
... be [?] ... [?] ... [?] ...

## Image 212 – Page 212: debts owing to the deceased continue

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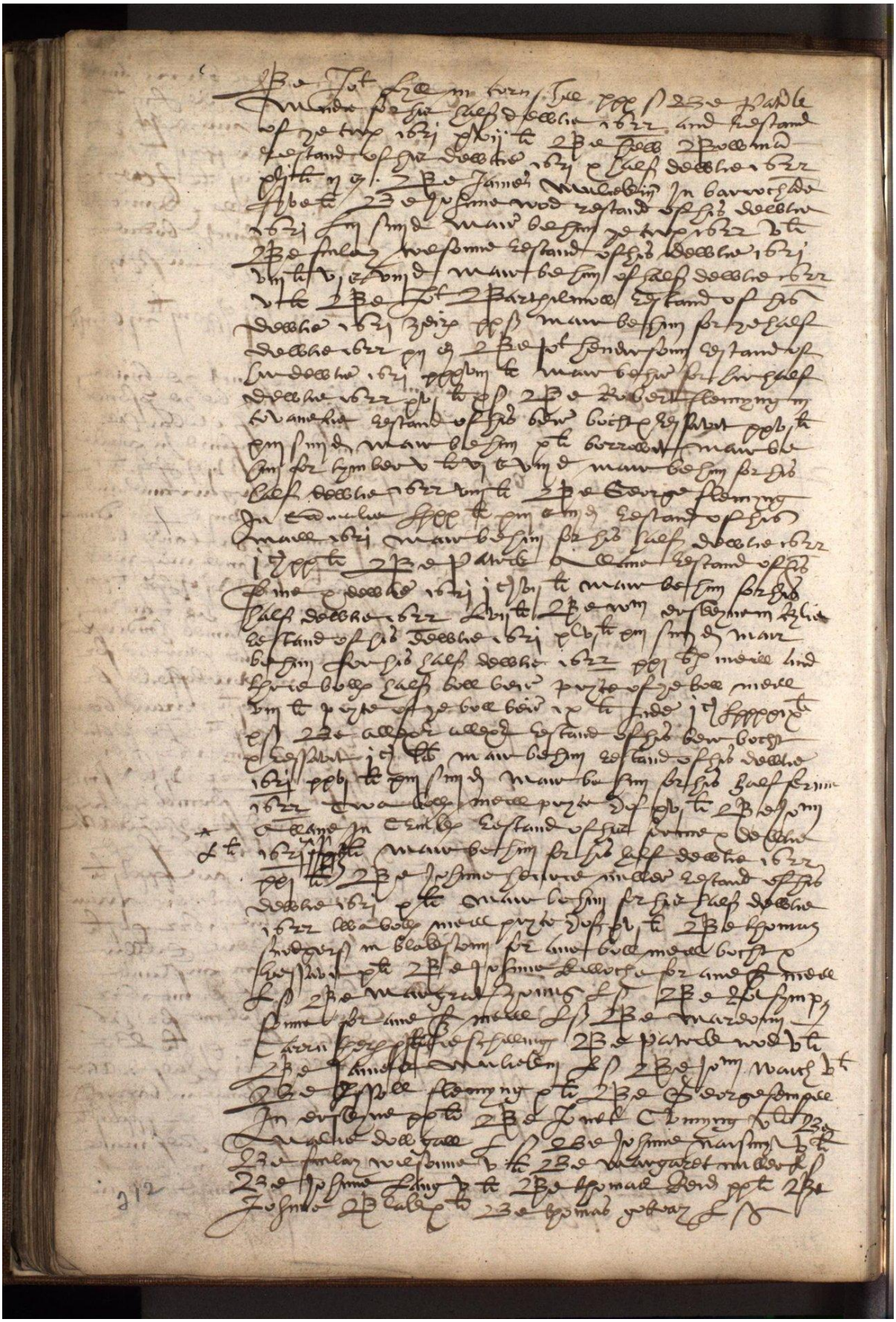


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[?] ... [?] ... [?] ... the [?]
... of ye terme ... [?] ... [?] ... Mertimes 1622 ... and ...
... [?] ... [?] ... be James Malcolme in Barrochane
... [?] ... Johne Wod [?] ... Mertimes 1621 ... [?]
... be Findlay [Wesoune?] ... [?] ... 1621 ...
... [?] ... be Mr [?] Bartholmew ... [?] ... 1621 ...
... be Robert [Henderson?] ... [?] ... 1621 ...
... be Mr Robert Flemyng [in Blanerhe?] ... [?] ...
... [?] ... be George Flemyng ... in [Cardonald?] ... [?] ...
... be Patrik [Boyd?] ... [?] ... be [?] ...
... be Wm [Cuninghame?] ... [?] ... be Alexander
[Allane?] ... be James [Wallace?] ... [?]
... be Johne [Cuninghame?] ... [?] ... be Thomas
[Rodgers?] in Blackstoun ... [?] ... be Johne [Dilworth?]
... be Margaret [Hynying?] ... be [?] ...
... be Patrik [Wod?] ... be Johne Maxwell ...
... be Mr [?] Flemyng ... be George [Semple?]
in [Dunsome?] ... be Jonet Cuning[hame] ...
... be Johne [Hamiltoun?] ... be [?] ...
... be Findlay [Wesoune?] ... be Margaret [Anderson?]
... be Johne [Laing?] ... be Thomas [Reid?] ... be
Johne [Blakie?] ... be Thomas [Gaitar?] ...

## Image 213 – Page 213: debts owing continue; totals; “Debts awand out” begins

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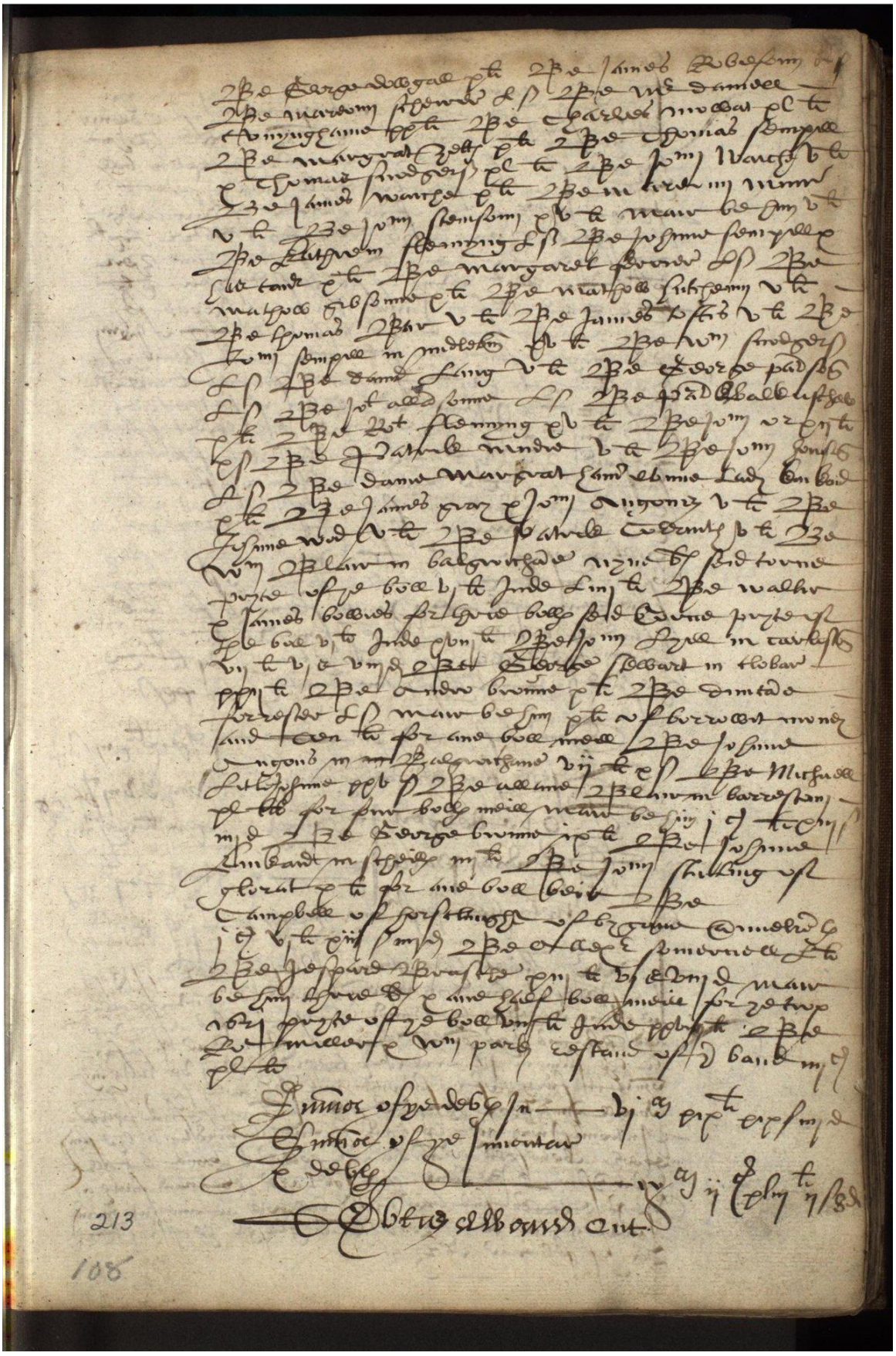


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be George [Dowgall?] ... be James Robesoun [?]
... be Mr Samuell [?] ... be Charles [Muirhead?] [?]
... Cuninghame ... be Thomas Semple ...
... be Margaret [Colt?] ... be Johne Wauch ...
... be Thomas Stirling ... be [?] ... be James
Wauch ... be Mr [?] ... be Johne Stevensone ...
... be [Lachlane?] Flemyng ... be Johne [Semple?]
... be Margaret [Fowlar?] ... be [Matthew?] [?]
... Mathew [Cuthbertsoun?] ... be Thomas [Bar?] ... be James [Pettit?]
... be Thomas Semple in Middleton ... be Johne Stirling
... be Dame [?] [?] ... be George [Paslay?] ...
... be [?] [Alexander?] [?] ... be Wm Flemyng ... be Johne
... be Patrik [Mudie?] ... be Johne [?] ...
... be Dame Margaret [Hamiltoun?] Ladie [Cumbernauld?]
... be James [?] ... Johne [Anderson?] ... be
... Johne [Wod?] ... be Patrik [Cuninghame?] ... be
... Wm [Blair?] in [Balgrochan?] ... [?] ... of ye said terme
... pryce of ye boll ... [?] ... be Walter
[Hamiltoun?] ... Mathew [?] ... [?] ... be Johne [Hill?] in [Tarbolton?]
... be George [Stewart?] in [Slobar?] ... be Andro Browne ...
... be Dimtado [Forester?] ... [?] ... for ane boll meill
... be Johne [Urquhart?] in [Balgraithame?] ... be [?] [Mitchell?]
... [?] ... be Wm [?] in Barrestan ... for four bolls meill ...
... be George Browne ... be Johne [Lumsden?] in [Spreull?]
... be Johne Stirling of Glorat ... for ane boll beir ... be
[?] Campbell of [Horsekluch?] ... of [Cruikston?] ... [?]
... be [?] [Alexander?] [?] ... be [Jospard?] [Brown?] ...
... [?] ... for ye tua yeirs ... [?] ... be
[?] ... [?] ... of ye said band [?] ...

Summa of the debts in — [?] [?] lib [?] [?]
Summa of the Inventar & debts — [?] [?]
[?] — [?] lib [?] [?]
Debts awand out

## Image 214 – Page 214: debts owing by the deceased; division; ratification (first part)

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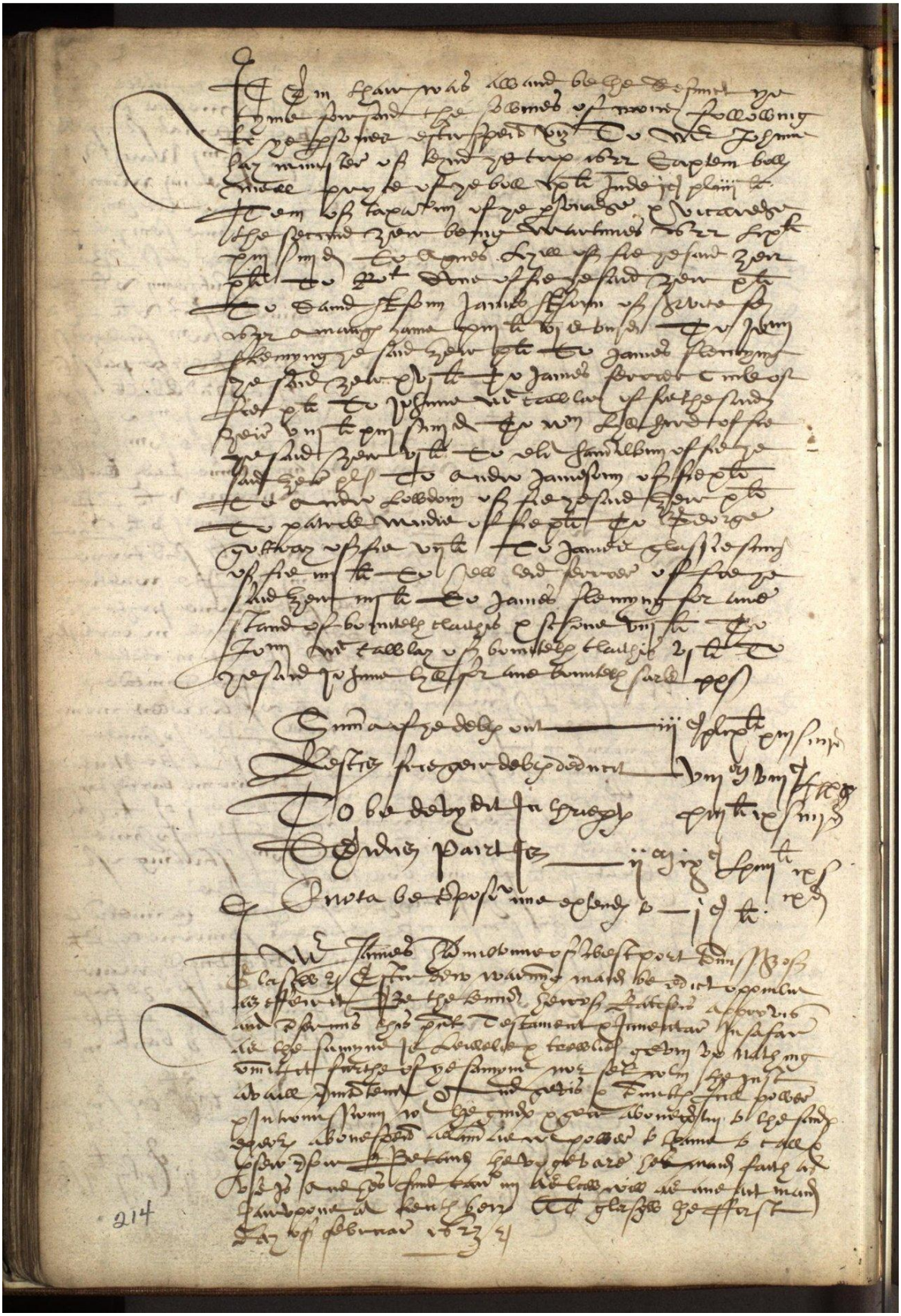


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Item thair wes awand be the defunct the tyme
forsaid the sowmes of money following to the persones
efterspeit viz to Mr Johne [Hay?] minister at [Killellane?] ... [?]
for his stipend 1622 ... [?] [?] [?] ... Item
... for taxatioun of the [estate?] ... Alexander
... the secound yeir being Mertimes 1622 ... [?]
[?] ... to Alexander [Cuninghame?] of [?] ... for the said yeir ...
... to Wm [Stirling?] ... of the [?] yeir ... [?]
... to [?] [Hamiltoun?] of ye [?] ... [?] ... to Andro Jamesoun of [?] ...
... to Andro Hallidom of the said yeir [?] ...
... to Patrik Mudie of [?] ... to George
[Cuthbertsoun?] of the [?] ... to James [Glasfurd?]
of ye [?] ... and [?] of [?] ...
... to James Flemyng for ane
[hand?] of [Bonytoun?] teynd ... ye [?] ... [?]
[?] ... [?] ... of [Bonytoun?] teynd ... [?]
... pryce of the boll ... [?] ... [?]

Summa of the debts out — [?] [?] lib [?]
Rest frie geir debts deducit — [?] [?] lib [?]
To be devydit in [thrie?] — [?]
Deids part — [?] [?] lib [?]
Nota be [expres?] [?] [?] ... — [?] lib

I Mr James Hamiltoun [of Westport?] Commissar of
Glasgow efter dew warning maid be edict [oppinlie?]
at the [Kirk?] doores [of ye?] [?] ... [?] ratifie approve & confirme
this pnt Testament & Inventar in sa far as the same is lawfullie & trewlie [gevin]
vp nathing omittit furth of the same nor [put?] within the just
availl thereof ... and gevis & committis full power of
intromissioun with ye goods geir abouewrittin to the said
[exrs?] ... [?] ... [?] ... quha hes maid faith as use is &
fund cautioun [in the] Commissar buikis [?] as ane act maid
thereupon at lenth beares At Glasgow the first
day of Februar 1623 yeirs

## Image 215 – Page 215: bond of caution (first lines); next estate begins

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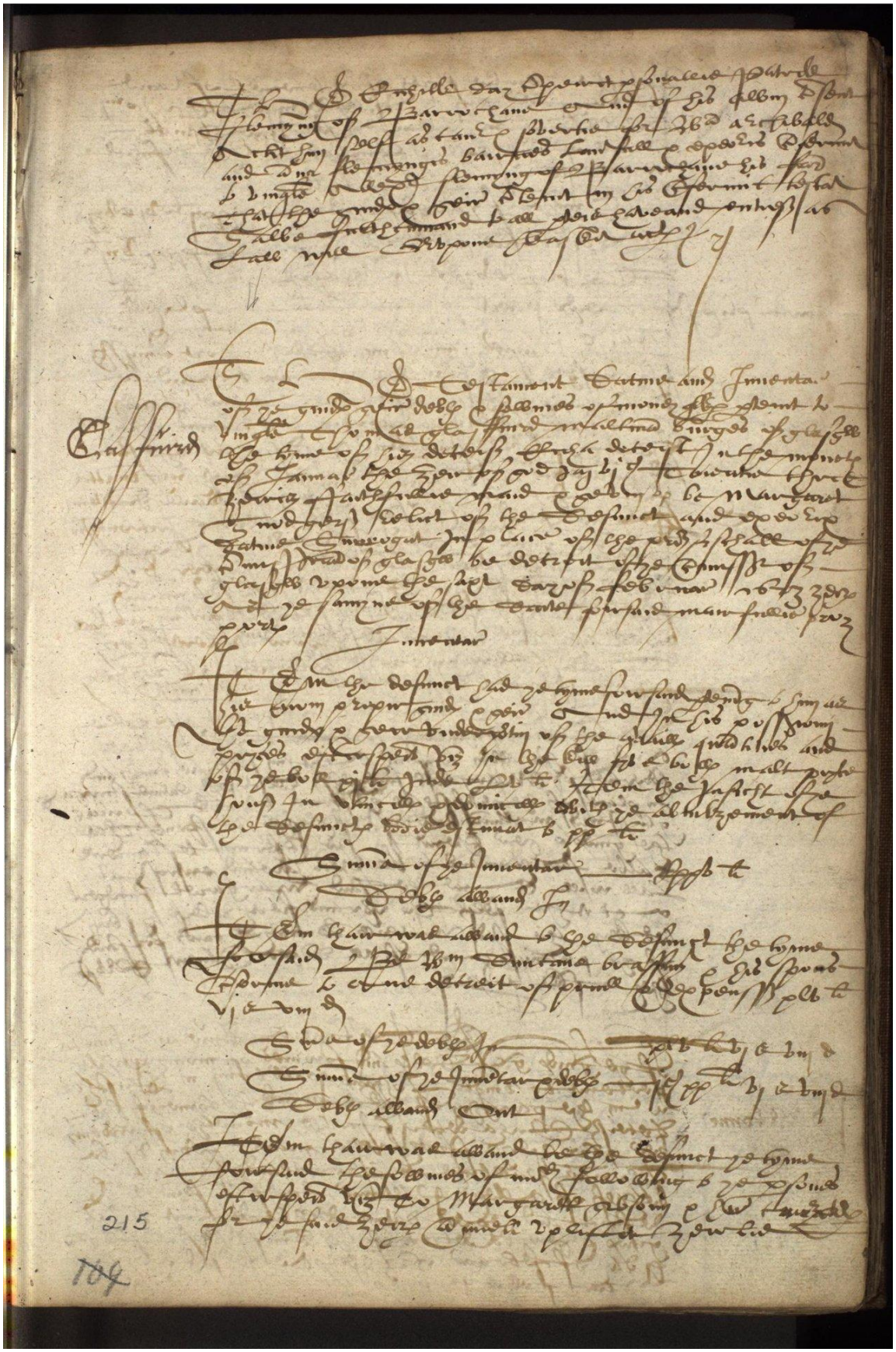


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## Transcription (partial)

[first lines, partly illegible:] ... and [?] [flemyng?] ... Flemyng of Barrochane [?] ... bund
& oblist [?] ... [?] ... [?] ... in his [executor?] testat
that the goods [?] ... [?] ... shalbe furthcumand to all pties haveand Interes as
law will ... [?] ... [?] ... [?] ... [?] ... [?]
[?]  [signatures illegible]

[margin: Glasfurd [?]]
[Next estate – not Fleming; summary only:] The Testament datiue and Inventar
of the goods geir debts & sowmes of money pertening to vmqle [Thomas?] [Glasfurd?]
[merchand?] burges of Glasgow the tyme of his deceis ... [remainder not transcribed;
the Inventar and "Debts awand out" begin at the foot of the page.]

# 4. Readings to check

- The year of death (“Jm vj^c and twentie tua”) and the dates of the decreet (January 1623) and confirmation (1 February 1623, possibly Old Style).
- The exact wording naming the executors (“Patrik flemyng [fiar?] of Barrochane … [Lachlane?] & Anna flemyngis [lawfull?] bairnes”), and whether Patrik is called the son.
- The name of the Commissar (“Mr James Hamiltoun [of Westport?]”) and the cautioner.
- All numerals: prices, totals, “Deids part”. None is given in this document.
- Every personal name in the debt lists on images 211–213 and 214; many are guesses marked with [?].