

Summary

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GD122/1/658

Decree at the instance of John Flemming of Carwood, 8 Jan 1625

Record details

Reference	GD122/1/658
Collection	GD122: Papers of the Gilmour family of Craigmillar and Liberton, Midlothian (1338-1899)
Repository	National Records of Scotland
Date	8 Jan 1625
Level	File
Access	Open; held off site, so it needs to be ordered in advance to view
Catalogue record	https://catalogue.nrscotland.gov.uk/nrsonlinecatalogue/details.aspx?reference=GD122%2f1%2f658

What it is

A decree (decreet) of a court held before John Andersonne, sheriff, in a debt-enforcement action of poinding and apprising. This was the process by which a creditor seized a debtor's moveable goods and then had his land valued and made over in satisfaction of the debt. It was brought at the instance of John Flemming of Carwood, following a Crown precept.

The underlying debt

A bond of 31 May 1611 for 1000 merks, involving James Dalgleish, merchant. The parties bound were:

- the late (“umquhile”) Patrick Carketell of Over Liberton
- Alexander Atchesone of Gosford
- Andrew Logane of Coitfield

Endorsement

A note on the back refers to a precept of the Lords of Council and Session for infefting John Fleming of Carwood in 18 husband lands of Markill etc., dated 2 June 1629. So four years after the decree, Fleming was being given formal legal possession of the land, presumably as the outcome of the apprising.

Points the catalogue leaves unclear

The catalogue wording is compressed and slightly garbled, so two things are unclear. Only the original would settle either point.

- **Fleming's role in the debt:** it doesn't say whether he was assignee of Dalgleish's bond or acquired the right some other way.
- **The endorsement:** it could describe this document or record a later, separate precept.

Details that may help identify this John Fleming

- the designation “of Carwood”
- the two dates: 8 Jan 1625 and 2 June 1629
- the lands of “Markill” (18 husband lands)
- his associates, Carketell of Over Liberton, Atchesone of Gosford and Logane of Coitfield, which place his dealings around Edinburgh and the Lothians

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