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William Fleming, Commissary Clerk of Glasgow

Testament Dative, confirmed August 1637 – partial transcription and summary

Glasgow Commissary Court, CC9/7/27, images 710–711 (folio numbers 710 and 711)

Item	Detail
Deceased	William fleming, "Comissar Clerk of Glasgow", who "deceist the [?] moneth of September" of a year written as "Jaj vj^c threttie [sax?]", i.e. September 1636. The day is not legible.
Type of record	Testament dative and inventory (marginal heading "Flemyng").
Executor	Mr Archibald fleming of ferme, executor dative by decreet of the Commissary of Glasgow of "[?] day of December 1636". His relationship to the deceased is not stated in the words I could read.
Confirmation	At Glasgow, "[?] day of August 1637", by the Commissary of Glasgow, whose name I could not read reliably ("John [?]"). An act was made upon the caution.
Cautioner	A Mr John Robertsoun [?], notary [?], appeared for the executor and found caution; the writing is too cursive for me to give details with confidence.
Inventory	Household goods ("insight & plenishing") and the deceased's clothes ("abuilyement of the defuncts bodie"), estimated at "Ane hundreth [?]" pounds. No livestock or grain is listed in the part I could read.
Debts	A list of debts owing to the deceased, including one by a Cunninghame of [Drumquhassle?], and a smaller list of debts he owed. Sums are largely illegible.
Not Fleming material	The top of image 710 ends the confirmation of an earlier testament (a Cauldwell [?], merchant burgess of Glasgow, as executor).
Conventions	Original spelling and line breaks kept as far as possible; abbreviations not expanded; [square brackets] = doubtful; [?] = word or figure I could not read. This is a very rapid secretary hand: the transcription is partial and should be checked against the images.

1. Summary

What this is. The testament dative and inventory of William Fleming, Commissary Clerk of Glasgow, who died in September 1636. The goods and debts were given up by Mr Archibald Fleming of Farme, appointed executor dative by decreet in December 1636. The Commissary of Glasgow confirmed it in August 1637, and Mr Archibald found caution.

Executors, legatees, debts

- **Executor:** Mr Archibald fleming of ferme, executor dative.
- **Cautioner:** a Mr John Robertsoun [?] seems to appear for him; the details are not reliably read.
- **Legatees:** none; a testament dative has no will.
- **Debts owing to the deceased:** a list of persons with bonds, including a Cunninghame of [Drumquhassle?]. Also a short entry referring to the years 1634, 1635 and 1636 and a "Johne fleming notar in Glasgow" [?], possibly fees or rents due over those years.
- **Debts owing by the deceased:** a short list at the foot of image 711 before the ratification; individual items illegible.

Identifying the deceased and the family

- **Commissary Clerk.** He held the clerkship of the Commissariat of Glasgow. His son (if the executor is his son, as you understand) Archibald was himself Commissary of Glasgow (Cokayne gives 1637), so the post of Commissary appears to have passed to the family at about the time of this confirmation.
- **Archibald already "of Ferme".** The executor is styled "of ferme" in December 1636 and August 1637, so he held Farme before his father's death or on it.
- **Relationship not confirmed here.** The word describing Archibald's relationship to the deceased (such as "son" or "nearest in kin") is not legible to me. Your identification is plausible given the Commissary connection and the surname, but this record does not prove it.
- **Date.** The death is September 1636 and the confirmation August 1637, so the "1637" of the catalogue is the confirmation date.

2. Contents and values

Item	Particulars	Value (Scots)
Household goods and clothes	"insight & plenishing of the hous", domicill, with the abuilyement of the defunct's body	"Ane hundreth [?]" pounds (estimate)
Summa of the Inventar (part)		[illegible]
Debts owing to the deceased	Several persons; sums not legible	Total begins "vij^c [?]" (very uncertain)
Total, inventory and debts		[illegible]
Debts owing by the deceased	Short list; items not legible	[illegible]
Rest, free geir (after debts)		[illegible]

No values are given as firm figures: the numerals are very hard to read in this hand and the totals should be checked against the images.

3. Images and transcription

Reading order: image 710 (end of an earlier estate; heading and inventory of the Fleming testament; debts begin), then image 711 (debts continue; totals; ratification; act and caution). Line breaks are approximate.

Image 710 – Page 710: end of earlier estate; heading and inventory; debts owing begin

1637 Flemyng, Williame (Wills and testaments Reference CC9/7/27, Glasgow Commissary Court) Image 710 Last image 711
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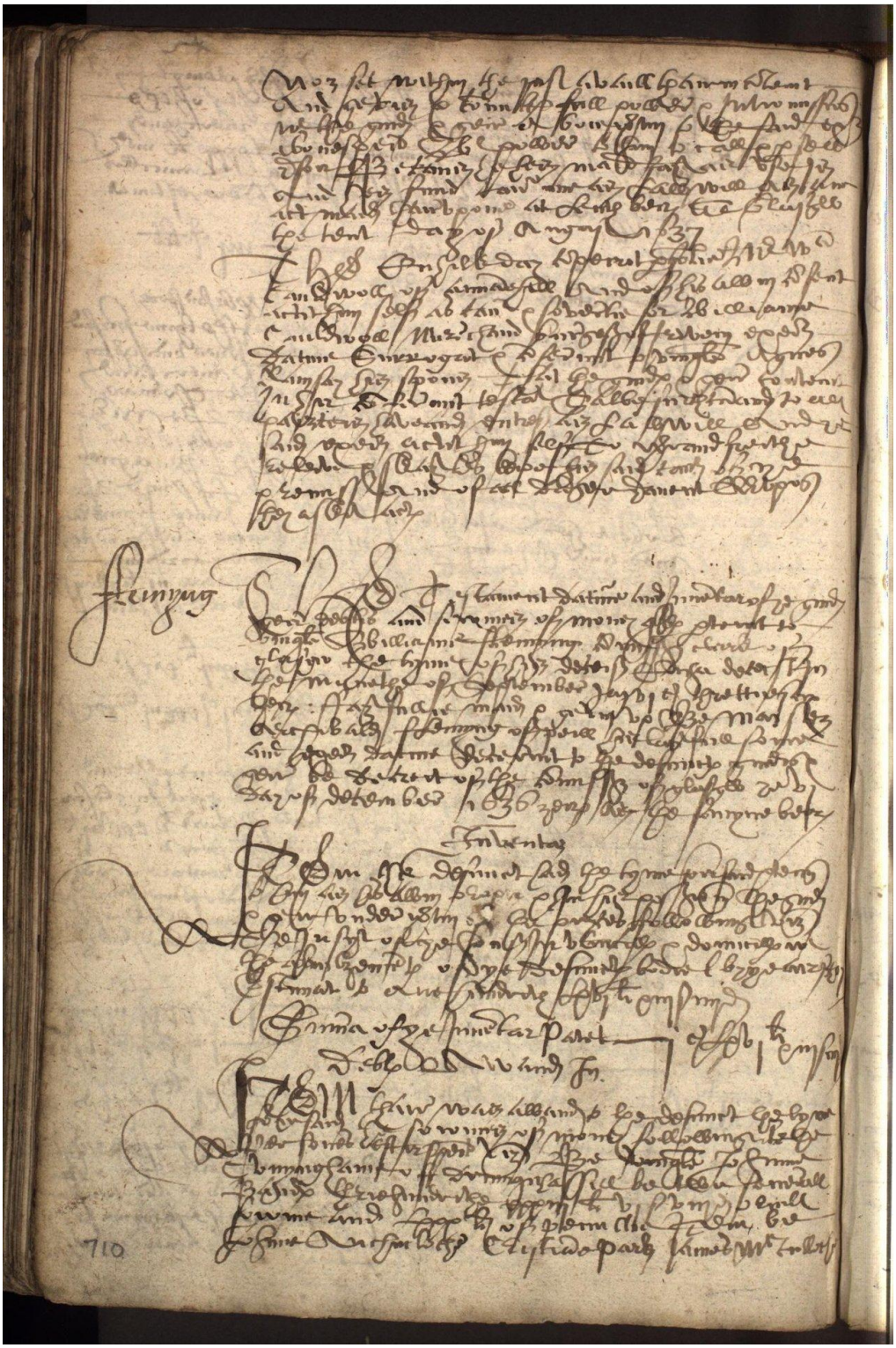


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Transcription (partial)

[Top, other estate: the end of the confirmation of an earlier testament; "... Cauldwell ... merchand burges of Glasgow Exr datiue surrogat ... that the goods geir contenit in the pnt testat shall be furthcumand to all parties haveand Interest as law will ... [?] ..." Not transcribed.]

[margin: Flemyng]
The testament datiue and Inventar of the goods
geir debts and sowmes of money qlk pertenit to
umqle William flemyng Comissar Clerk of
Glasgow the tyme of his deceis who deceist the
[?] moneth of September Jaj vj^c threttie [sax?] yeirs [?] faithfullie
maid & gewen vp be Mr Archibald flemyng of ferme
[?] and Exr datiue [?] to the defuncts goods geir
be decreit of the Comissr of Glasgow [?] [?] [?] day
of December 1636 yeirs as the samen beirs

Inventar
Item the defunct had the tyme forsaid [?]
[?] pertening to him as his awin [?] the goods & geir
vnderwrittin of the pryces following viz [?] [?] [?]
the insight & plenishing of the hous [?] domicill with
the abuilyement of the defuncts bodie [?] [?]
estimat to Ane hundreth [?] pundis [?]

Summa of the Inventar part — [?] ??lxvj li xiij s iiij

Debts awand in
Item thair wes awand to the defunct the tyme forsaid ye
sowmes of money following viz [?] [?] [?]
Cunninghame of [Drumquhassle?] [?] be [?] [?] [?]
[?] ... [?] [?] [?] be [?] [?] ... be
[John?] [Archibald?] [?] [Clydesdaill?] [?] [?] [?] Mr [?]

Image 711 – Page 711: debts continue; totals; debts out; ratification; caution

1637 Flemyng, Williame (Wills and testaments Reference CC9/7/27, Glasgow Commissary Court) Image 711 Last image 711
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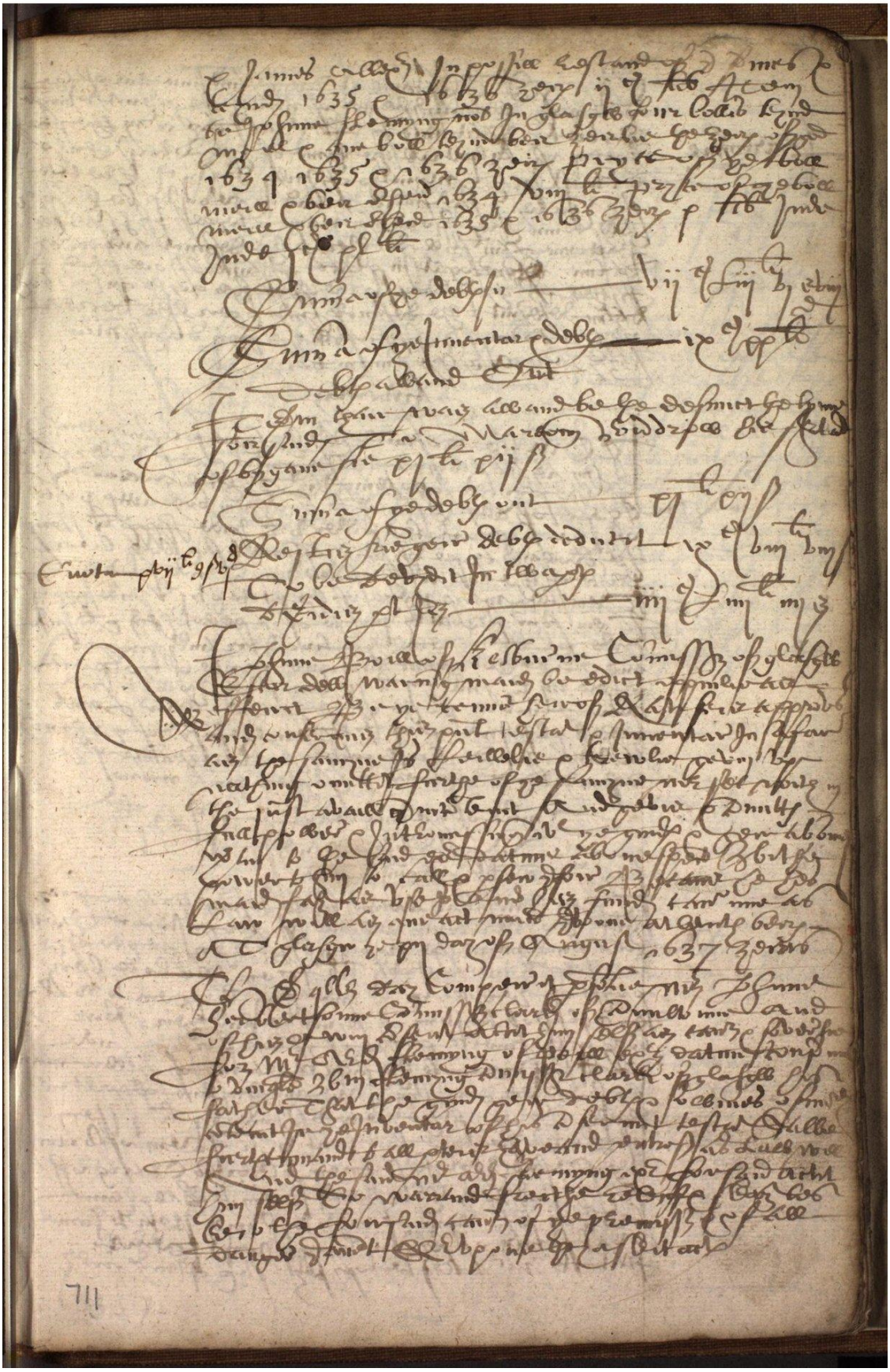


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[?] ... [?] 1635 & 1636 yeirs [?] [?] [?] [?] ...
be Johne flemyng not[ar] in Glasgow [?] [?] [?] [?] [?] [?]
[?] ... 1634 & 1635 & 1636 yeirs [?] [?] [?] ...
[?] ... [?] ... 1634 ... 1635 & 1636 yeirs [?] [?] ...
[?] [?]
Summa of the debts — vij^c [?] liij li vj s viij
Summa of the Inventar & debts — [?] ix^c xx li

Debts awand out
Item thair wes awand be the defunct to Johne
[?] [?] [?] ... [?]
Summa of the debts out — [?] xi li xij
[margin: Cautioun [?] lib [?] s [?] d]
Rest free geir debts deduct — [?]
[?] to be debursit in [?]
[?] — [?]

I Johne [?] Comissr of Glasgow
efter dew warning maid be edict [?] ...
[?] ... [?] this pnt testat & Inventar in sa far
as the samen is lawfullie & trewlie gevin vp [?]
nathing omittit furth of ye samen nor put within
the just availl thereof ... and gives & committs full power of
intromissioun with the goods geir & debts abouewrittin
to the said exr datiue ... to call & persew [?]
And hes maid faith as use is and fund cautioun as
law will as ane act maid thereupon at lenth beares
At Glasgow the [?] day of August 1637 yeirs

The qlk day Compeired [personalie] Mr Johne
Robertsoun [?] [?] ... and
[?] ... for Mr Archd flemyng of ferme [exr] datiue [?] ...
[?] [?] Comissr of Glasgow ... [?]
... [?] that the goods geir & debts contenit in the
Inventar ... in the said testat shall be
furthcumand to all parties haveand Interest as law will
And the said Mr Archd flemyng [of ferme?] oblist him
[to?] warrand ... [?] ... [?] ... [?]
... [?] ... [?] [?] [?] [?] [?] ...
[remainder illegible]

4. Readings to check

- The year of death (“Jaj vj^c threttie [sax?]”) and the day of September; the decreet date in December 1636; the confirmation date in August 1637.
- The words after “Mr Archibald flemyng of ferme” that would state his relationship to the deceased.
- The name of the confirming Commissary, the cautioner and the witnesses.
- All sums in the inventory, debts and totals; the debtor names, including “Cunninghame of [Drumquhassle?]”.
- The lines at the top of image 711 about the years 1634–1636 and “Johne flemyng notar in Glasgow” [?].