

Testament of James Dalrymple, Viscount Stair
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James Dalrymple CC8/8/80 [p.481] [In margin] James Viscount of Stair v apryll 1679
[main text] The Testament Testamantar and Inventar[y] of the debts pertaining to
umq[ui]le James viscount of Stair Lord President to the Sessione the tyme of his
deceise who deceist in the moneth of J 1695 yeirs Faithfullie maid and given up be
himself upon the first day of nov[emb]er 1695 In sua far as concernes the
nominatione of his executrie and Legator And given up be John now Viscount of
Stair eldest law[ful]l sone to the s[ai]d defunct In sua fas as concernes the ? of his
debts awin to him quhom he nomiat his exe[cuto]r and legator In his last will and
testa[men]t ? of the samin of the dait for[e]s[ai]d wri[tte]n and sub[scrib]ed with his
owne hand mair fullie beirs In the First there wes Restand awin to the sd umqle
James Viscount of Stair the tyme of his deceis forsd be david Crawfoord of drumsey
by bond daitit the 9 day of octo[be]r 1695 the soume of ijm ijC xxvj [2,226] £[ibra]
Scotts of prin[cipa]ll containing iijC £ of penaltie Summa of the debts awin to the
dead ___ ijm ijC xxvj £ [in margin] Ed[inbu]r[gh] the 10 day of may 1700 Eik maid
ther[e]to as followes To witt be david Crawfoord Drumsay the soume of vC £ Scotts
vC £ Scotts for twa yeirs and ane halfes tak deutie of ? lands let be the defunct to
him by tak daitit the J day of august 1692 And ? the terme of martinmes 1695 Item
be James Neilsonne In daryavell and Ro[ber]t Nelamloch in ? by bond Granted be
them to ? [main text] [p.482] To be devyded in 2 p[ar]ts deads p[ar]t Is ___ im ijC xiiij
£ Followes the deads Legacie and Latter will I James Viscount of Stair being afflicted
with mutch desease sik threatine death doe hereby mak my latter will as follows –
First I trust in the frie favor and mercie of my god for pardoun of all my sines and
acceptance of my persone in the Covenant of his grace I doe Recom[m]end my
bodie to be buried with a cumlie order without pomp or vanitie I doe alsoe nominat
my weil beloved first borne sone Johne m[aste]r of stair my sol[e] exe[cuto]r and
Universall Legator And that I may leive no controversie or debait amongst my
children as to any Int[er]est in my moviable estait I did by the contracts of mar[r]iage
provyd them all except Thomas In full satisfacione of all they could ask or cla[i]m by
my deceise or the[i]r mothers soe Thomas ? my only imforis familiar chyld to whom
the half of my exe[cutry] wold befall as the ? pairt but because[e] it is both ? and
capacitie to have his portione in money Rather then land I maid a bond of provisione
to him of twentie thousand pounds Scotts and I apoynt him to gait my Readie money
if it be les then that soume I apoynt my exe[cuto]r to pay the Rest of it that he may
have no shair of bygone @ rents or @[nnual] rents or byr and boll provisions or
plenyshing or store John Mongomry haith ben verie kyndle and afectionat to me I
leive him the shaire of the Contrabutione money be falling to me dureing his service
and to be maid up for the yeir 1694 yeirs whill I wes in England and after dureing his
service I gave him ijC merks at Candlemas Lambas that yeir of the minut book
keepers money dew to my servants I leive him farder iijC merks I leive to Hew Rosse
who hath ben a kynd servant ij merks and the contrabutione money till Lambes 1695
at Sik kynd on som Representatione of the Lords I parted ? him as a domestik
servant I has advantage by ane assinatione from umqle J to a soume deu to him by
the ? I leive his son david jm £ on that accompt the particulars I have forgotten
ther[e]of I have writtand sub[scrib]ed this pr[esen]ts with my hand at Ed[inbu]r[gh] the
first of nov[emb]er 1695 Subcri[be]d Stair 24 Novem[be]r 1695 I apoynt jm merks to
each of my grand Childrein of the names of James and of the names of Margaret
that is or shall apoynt iijm merks for building ane bridge at the stair and for

completing the kirk and manss or if anie of the sd soume be left it is to be bestowed upon the poore and all upon conditione that the erectione stand at Stair Mr James Elphingstoun & Understanding Now decerned & thereupon John dalry myle wryter in Edinburgh Becam[e] cau[tione]r as ane act maid thereanent beirs [in margin] bond taken for the ? In knok daitit the 19 day of august 1678 the soume of iijC xij £ Scotts of prin[cipa]ll with certiane bygane @ rents preceding the sd terme of mertinmas containing jC £ of penaltie To ? severall soumes the sd umqle James Viscount of Stair had Right by assignatione daitit the 30 day of may 1679 Extending the sds two soumes to viijC xij £ Scotts Q[ui]lk being devyded in 2 p[ar]ts deads prt Is iiijC vj £ money forsd ? and committs thereupon John dalrymple wryter in Edinburgh Becaim caut[ioner] as ane act beirs