

Testament Dative and Inventory of Robert Burns
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Transcript of the Testament Dative and Inventory of Robert Burns, 1796

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The Testament Dative and Inventory of the debts & sums of money which were justly owing to umquhile Robert Burns Officer of Excise in Dumfries at the time of his decease vi[delicet]z. the ____ day of July last, faithfully made out and given up by Jean Armour Widow of the said defunct and Executrix qua Relict decerned to him by

decreet dative of the Commissary of Dumfries dated the Sixteenth day of September last

There was justly owing to the said defunct at the time of his decease aforesaid the prin[cipa]l sum of five pounds sterling contained in a promissary note dated the fourteenth day of July last, granted by Sir William Forbes & Company, Bankers in Edinburgh to George Thomson payable on demand, which Note is by the said George Thomson indorsed payable to the defunct Item the principal Sum of Ten pounds sterling contained in a draft dated the fifteenth day of July last drawn by Robert Christie upon the Manager for the British Linen Company in Edinburgh in favor of James Burness or order Which draft is by the said James Burness indorsed payable to the defunct

Sum of the debts owing to the defunct £15_:_:Sterling

Thomas Goldie of Craigmuie Commissary of the Commissariat of Dumfries specially constituted for confirmation of Testaments within the bounds of the said Commissariat understanding that after due Summoning and lawfull Warning made by public form of Edict of the Executors Testamentary Spouse bairns if any were and Intromitters with the Goods & Gear of the said umquhile Robert Burns and all others having or pretending to have interest in the matter underwritten to have appeared before me in the Court house of Dumfries on a certain day now bygone to have heard & Seen Executors decerned, given in admited and Confirmed by me in and to the said defunct & in and to all & Sundry horse, nolt, sheep, corns, cattle, Insight, Household plenishing debts & sums of money and others moveable Goods & Gear which belonged and were owing to him at the time of his decease aforesaid, or else to have alledged a reasonable Cause why the same ought not to have been done with Certification as effeirs, as the said Edict duly executed & indorsed bears I decerned therein as my decreet dative of the date aforesaid in itself more amply proports, conform whereunto I in His Majestys Name & Authority, Make, Constitute, Ordain & Confirm the said Jean Armour Executrix qua Relict to the said defunct And in and to the debt & sums of money abovewritten with full power to her to uplift, receive & discharge the same, if need be to call & pursue therefore according to law And generally every other thing thereanint to do use & excree thereanent which to the Office of Executrix qua Relict is known by law to pertain providing always she make just compt & reckoning of her Intromissions when & where the same shall be legally required of her Whereanent and that the debts & sums of money abovewritten shall be made frie and furthcoming to all parties having interest therein as law will William Wallace Writer in Dumfries became Cautioner as a Bond given thereanent bears Given under the seal of Office of the Commissariat of Dumfries and Signed by one of

the Clerks of Court at Dumfries the Sixth day of October One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Six years.