

Thomas Telford SC70/1/53
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Inventory of Thomas Telford, 1835
At Edinburgh the seventh day of September
11th September 1835
Eighteen hundred and thirty five years the
following Inventory of the Personal Estate
of Thomas Telford deceased and Deed relative to
the disposal thereof were presented
by Mr James Hope Writer to the Signet

Inventory of the Personal Estate & Effects which belonged to the
deceased Thomas Telford Esquire Civil Engineer who died at
his house in Abingdon street, Westminster upon the second day
of September Eighteen hundred and thirty four made and given
up by John Dickinson Esquire of the House of Commons
and Alexander Milne Esquire one of His Majestys Commissioners
of Woods & Forests &c. being the two acting Executors nominated
by the Defunct in his Last will & Settlement dated the ninth
day of June Eighteen hundred & thirty four & duly proved in
the Prerogative Court of Canterbury the seventh day of Novem-
ber in the same year.

Imprimis Sum due to the deceased upon account kept by him
with the Bank of Scotland
1 Balance due to the deceased at 31 Decr. 1833 £1190. 16. 5
2 Sum deposited by him 7 April 1834 23. --. --
3 Do. Do. 6 June 1834 1300. --. --
£2513. 16.5
4 Interest upon these sums to 2 September 1834 23.11.--
2537. 7. 5

2do. Sum in Bond by the Proprietors of the Edinburgh Ency-
clopedia (being granted by their Committee of Management
acting on their behalf) to the deceased dated 10 Novem-
ber 1815 £2625. --. --
Arrear of interest due thereon from 11 Novr.
1831 to 6 June 1834 – 2 years 207 days 336. 18. 8
2961. 18. 8
Deduct sum received to account upon 6 June
1500. --. --
1461. 18. 8
Interest from 6 June to 2 Sept 1834 – 88 days 17. 12. 2
£1479. 10. 10

The deceased having been a partner holding four
shares of the Stock of the Encyclopedia
Company and as such liable along with the

other Proprietors according to their amount of stock for the debts of the Company, - and as upon the final winding up of the concern it is estimated there will be a deficiency to be made up by the Partners of £100 per share to meet the engagements of the Company – Ergo deduct from the deceaseds claims against the Company his share of the deficiency which will thus fall to be made up by them to pay off their debts.

Four shares of stock estimated as aforesaid at £100 per share 400. --. -- 1079. 10. 10
3tio Ten shares of the Capital or stock of the Edinburgh and Glasgow Union Canal Company valued at £56 per share £560. --. --
one years Dividend due thereon at £2.6/ p share 23. --. -- 583 --- ---
4to Sum contained in Promissory Note granted by James Jackson formerly Tenant at Shankend in the County of Roxburgh in favor of the deceased, dated 19th February 1829 payable one day after date duly protested & the Instrument of Protest recorded in the Books of Council & Session the 23rd day of Feby same year £1000. --. --
Interest due thereon to 7 April 1829 when Debt was ranked on Mr Jackson's Estate 1. 15. 1
1001. 15. 1
Interest of £1000 of Principal to 18 Sept 1830 when Dividend was received. 1 year 164 ds. 72. 9. 4
1074. 4. 5
Deduct Dividend at the rate of 5/ per pound then received on the above sum of £1000. 15. 1 from Mr Jackson's Trustees £250. 8. 9
Less expense of remittance 13. 10
249. 14. 11
Interest to 2nd September 1834 3 years & 249 days 163. 1. 16
Balance due of £987. 11. 4

As the Debtors Estate is Bankrupt and as the prospect of any further Dividend depends upon the sale of any certain property over which there exists an heritable security this claim is valued as reported by the Trustee on Mr Jacksons Estate at one shilling per pound upon the amount of the original debt of £1000 50. --. --

5to Sum due to the deceased upon account Current between him and James Hope writer to the Signet ending 2nd September 1834 171. --. 1

6to The following Book Debts
1 Broomielaw Bridge £87. 12 –
2 Dundee Ferry over Tay 32. 11. –

3 Lower Forth Ferries 12. --. -- 132. 3. --
1. 4

Memorandum. The deceased died possessed of Personal Property situated in the Province of Canterbury in England which was duly given up when the will was proved & sworn under £35000. The deceased also died possessed of certain other personal Property in the Province of York to which the Executors are in the course of administering

signed Jno Rickman
J P Burrell J. P.

At the Police Office Westminster the fifth day of September Eighteen Hundred & thirty five years In presence of John Palfrey Burrell Esq one of His Majestys Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex Commissioner appointed by the Honorable the Commissioners of Edinburgh appeared John Rickman Esq of the House of Commons one of the Executors nominated & appointed by the said deceased Thomas Telford Esquire & who being solemnly sworn Depones That the said Thomas Telford Esquire died at his House in Abingdon street Westminster upon the second day of September Eighteen hundred and thirty four and that the Deponent & the said other acting Executor above named have entered upon the management of the deceaseds personal Estate under the will or Settlement executed by the deceased dated the ninth day of June Eighteen hundred and thirty four and duly proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury upon the seventh day of November thereafter the Probate whereof is now exhibited and signed by the Deponent and Commissioner of this date as relative hereto and that the Deponent does not know of any other Settlement or writing relative to the disposal of the deceaseds personal Estate & Effects or any part of them than the said will or Settlement. That the foregoing Inventory each page of which is signed by the Deponent & Commissioners relative hereto is a full and true Inventory of all the personal Estate & Effects of the said deceased Thomas Telford Esquire which are situated in Scotland, and that there is besides personal property of the deceased situated in the Province of Canterbury in England which was duly given up when the will was proved & was sworn under Thirty five thousand pounds & that the deceased also died possessed of certain other personal property situated within the Province of York in England to which the Executors are in the course of administering & which comprises the whole personal Estate & Effects of the

said deceased Thomas Telford Esquire wherever situated belonging or due beneficially to him at the time of his death and that the said Estate & Effects situated in Scotland are of the value of Four thousand pounds sterling and under the value of Five thousand pounds sterling All which is truth as the Deponent shall answer to God and of which Confirmation is required signed Jno Rickman J P Burrell
J. P. Comrs.

Unto the Honorable the Lords Commissaries of
Edinburgh
The Petition of John Rickman Esq of the House of
Commons & Alexander Milne Esq one of His Majestys
Commissioners of Woods & Forests &c.

Humbly Sheweth

That the Petrs are nominated Executors in
the Last Will & Testament of the deceased Thomas Telford Esq
Civil Engineer who died at his house in Abingdon street West-
Minster upon the second day of Septr. 1834. That the Petrs
have made up & herewith produce an Inventory of the deceaseds
personal (Estate) property to which they are ready to make oath
but as they reside in London it is inconvenient to attend before
your Lordships personally for that purpose

May it therefore please your Lordships to grant Com-
mission to the Lord Mayor of London or to any of the
aldermen thereof, or to any of His Majestys Justices
of Peace for the City of London County of Middlesex
to take the oaths of the Petrs or of either of them
to the verity of the said Inventory & to report

According to Justice

Dn. by Mr Alex Smith

R L Dymcock

Edinr. 14 Augt. 1835 The Commissaries Grant Commission as
Craved to be reported within one month from this date

Signed Cha Ross

Follows Probate of the Will of the Defunct.

I Thomas Telford of Abingdon Street Westminster being desirous
of testifying my sense of the Good Will and Kindness which has sub-
sisted between myself and those with whom I have been most
intimately connected through life, and being of sound mind this ninth
day of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty
four, do make this my last will & Testament that is to say,
it is my desire that after my just debts are paid and the ex-
pense of a decent funeral in a place to be selected by my Execu-
tors that the remainder of my property shall be disposed of in

the following manner. The expense of the publication describing the works in which I have been engaged from my earliest years to be defrayed under the direction of my Executors.

To each of the children of the Revd. Archd. Alison of £ S D
Edinburgh Two hundred pounds 800 -- --
To James Hope W.S. Edinburgh Five hundred pds 500 -- --
To his son John Hope W.S. Five hundred pds 500 -- --
To John Rickman of the House of Commons Five hundred pds 500 -- --
To his son William Charles Rickman Five hundred pds 500 -- --
To Alexr. Milne of the Land Revenue Office Five hundred pds 500 -- --
To Col. Pasley of the Royal Engineers Chatham Five hundred pds 500 -- --
To Robert Southey Poet Laureate Five hundred pds 500 -- --
To Thomas Campbell Poet Five hundred pds 500 -- --
To Thomas ?Stanton Ellesmere formerly my Clerk Four hundred 400 -- --
pds
William A Provis Do. Do. Four hundred pds 400 -- --
To Joseph Mitchell of Inverness Do. Do. Four hundred pds 400 -- --
To George May of Inverness Do. Do. Four hundred pds 400 -- --
To Alex Gibb of Aberdeen Do. Four hundred pds 400 -- --
To William Anderson Paddington Do. Four hundred pds 400 -- --
To John Pollock Road Surveyor my Deputy Four hundred pds 400 -- --
To John Macneel Do. Do. Four hundred pds 400 -- --
To George Turnbull my present Clerk Four hundred pds 400 -- --
To the widow and family of the late John
Mitchell of Inverness my Deputy on Roads Four hundred pds 400 -- --
To the widow of Thos. Dawson Do. Do. on
Canals Four hundred pds 400 -- --
To Alexr. Easton Four hundred pds 400 -- --
To Sir Henry Parnell Bart. Four hundred pds 400 -- --
To Dugald Bannatyne Glasgow Two hundred pds 200 -- --
Dr Clelands Do. Two hundred pds 200 -- --
To James Jardine Civil Engineer Edinburgh Two hundred pds 200 -- --
To William Playfair Architect Edinburgh Two hundred pds 200 -- --
To W C Adam Barrister London Two hundred pds 200 -- --
To Tycho Wing Thorney Abbey Two hundred pds 200 -- --
Thomas Eyre Lee Birmingham Two hundred pds 200 -- --
John Freeth Birmingham Two hundred pds 200 -- --
James Walker Civil Engineer London Two hundred pds 200 -- --
William Cubitt Do. Do. Two hundred pds 200 -- --
Edward Turrell Engineer Do. Two hundred pds 200 -- --
To Thos. Casebourne Civil Engineer Two hundred pds 200 -- --
To the President for the time being of the Civil Engineer
Institution in trust the interest to be expended in annual
Premiums under the direction of the Council Two hundred pds 200 -- --
To the Minister of the Parish of Westerkirk in the County of
Dumfries in trust for the Parish Library the interest
to be annually expended in the purchase of Books
under the Direction of the Committee of Management

for the time being one thousand pounds 1000 -- --
To the Minister of the Parish of Langholm in trust for the
Library the interest to be annually expended in the pur-
chase of Books under direction of the Committee
for the time being one thousand pounds 1000 -- --
If the property disbursed should be more or less than the before
mentioned amounts the appropriation to be increased or
diminished accordingly and if the persons herein named
shall die before me and I do not alter my will then I
direct that the sums opposite their names or in that proportion
shall be paid to their heirs after my decease. All my scientific
Books Bookcases prints and such Drawings as my Executors
shall consider suitable are to be delivered to the President
of the Civil Engineer Institution for its use and benefit on
condition that all those articles as well as the Books prints
and Drawings already presented by me shall in case of the
said Institution being discontinued be delivered to the Royal
Society Edinburgh for its use. All the household furniture to be
sold and its value applied to the before mentioned purposes.
My Clerk and servants at the time of my decease each
to have six months (extra) wages extra, and my man
servant to have my wearing apparel. My Executors to
divide amongst themselves or destroy all such Books
Prints Drawings and papers as are not in their opinion
suitable for the before mentioned Institution. And I hereby
appoint the before mentioned John Rickman James
Hope and Alexander Milne to be the Executors of this
my Last Will and Testament and which I substitute
in place of all others before the date hereof Thos Telford

Appeared personally Edward Matthew Reid of No. 16 St
James St. in the County of Middlesex Gent, and James
Milner of No. 16 St James street aforesaid Gentleman and
jointly and severally made oath that they knew and were well
acquainted with Thomas Telford late of Abingdon street Westminster
in the County of Middlesex Civil Engineer deceased for several
years before the and down to the time of his death and having
frequently seen him write and also write and subscribe his
name are thereby become well acquainted with his man-
ner & character of handwriting and subscription & having
now carefully viewed and perused the paper writing
hereunto annexed purporting to be the Last will and
Testament of the said deceased the same beginning thus "I
Thomas Telford of Abingdon street Westminster " ending thus
"and which I substitute in place of all others before the date
hereof" and thus subscribed "Thos. Telford" and having per-
ticularly observed the name "Jardine" written on an erasure in
the last line of the first side thereof they say that they verily
and in their consciences believe the whole body series and

contents of the said will beginning ending and subscribed as aforesaid and the said name "Jardine" to be of the true and proper hand writing and subscription of the said Thomas Telford deceased. E.M. Reid ___ James Milner___ on the 5th day of Novr. 1834 the said Edward Matthew Reid and James Milner were duly sworn to the truth of this affidavit before me J Addams Sur_____ Pt. Malcolm Orme Notary Pub

William by Divine Providence Archbishop of Canterbury Primate of all England and Metropolitan do by these presents make known to all men that on the seventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four at London before the worshipful William Robinson Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Honorable Sir Herbert Jenner also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper of Commissary of our Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted the Last will & Testament of Thomas Telford late of Abingdon street Westminster in the County of Middlesex Civil Engineer deceased hereunto annexed was proved approved and Registered, the said deceased having whilst living, and at the time Of his death Goods Chattels and Credits and also the auditing allowing and final discharging the account thereof are well known to appertain only and wholly to us and not to any inferior Judge and that administration of all & singular the Goods chattels & Credits of the said deceased and any way concerning his will was granted to John Rickman and Alexander Milne Esquires two of the Executors named in the said will they having been already sworn well & faithfully to administer the same and to make a true and perfect Inventory of all & singular the said Goods Chattels and Credits and to exhibit the same into the Registry of our said Court on or before the last day of May next ensuing and also to render a just and true account thereof Power reserved of making the like Grant to James Hope the other Executor named in the said will when he shall apply for the same. Given at the time and place above written and in the seventh year of our translation sgd Chas Dyneley John Jyqulben W F Gostling Deputy Registers LS
Westminster 5th September 1835 This is the Probate of the will of the late Thomas Telford Esquire Civil Engineer of Abingdon street Westminster referred to in my deposition on the Inventory of his personal Estate of this date sgd Jno Rickman
J.P. Burrell JP