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Card 4

Seal 4

Arms of Clan Graham



Card 5

Glassford of Clohyderick

John Glassford (later of Douglaston) (1715 – 1783)

Tobacco merchant in Glasgow



Card 6

Seal 1

Glassford of Clochoderick and Douglaston

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Card 6

Seal 3

Glassford Ut Ante



Card 19

Seal 3

'Farquhar Gordon Esq. W.S. Edinr'

James Farquhar Gordon WS

19th December 1794.

Writer to The Signet, apprentice to John Gordon and Adam
Roland



Card 23

All 3 seals -

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Card 31

Seal 1

'Henry Gordon Esq.'

Henry Glassford Gordon , Brother to James Gordon, inheriting
the esate of Douglaston in 1847



Card 33

Seal 3

'Cunningham Graham of Gartmore'

Robert Cunninghame Graham of Gartmore
(1735 – 11 December 1797)

Lived in Jamaica from 1752 - 1770, where he owned and ran a
plantation.

Rector of Glasgow University 1785 - 1787



Card 78

Seal 3

'Town of Glasgow'

Seal features the Arms of Glasgow and the motto 'Let Glasgow
Flourish'



Card 135

Seal 2

‘Glendonning of Glendonning’

Glendinning of that Ilk

Motto on seal – ‘Virtus Fide’



Card 187

Seal 1

‘James Glassford Esqr. Sheriff of Dumbartonshire’

James Glassford Esq. of Douglaston

(1771 – 1845)

James Glassford was a Scottish legal writer and traveller. Son of John Glassford of Douglaston, he was admitted a member of the Faculty of Advocates in 1793, and became sheriff-depute of Dumbartonshire. Glassford was one of the commissioners of the Royal Commission of inquiry into the state of education in Ireland, visiting Ulster, Leinster, and Munster in 1824, and Connaught in 1826.



Card 189

Seal 2

‘Gordon of. The Kenmure Family’

Captain John Gordon, 7th / 10th Viscount of Kenmure
(1750 – 21 September 1840)



Card 199

Seal 3

Embossed paper seal

‘Gunning Sir Robert Gunning Bt. K.B. died 1816’

Sir Robert Gunning, 1st Baronet GCB

(8 June 1731 – 22 September 1816)



Card 201
Seal 3
'Gordon'



Card 275

Seal 2

Genoa, Republic of 1816

Copy of a coin or medallion dated 1816 from Genoa, with emblems of the independent city state.

In 1815 Genoa was annexed to the Kingdom of Savoy, and later became part of a united Italy.



Card 290

Seal 3

Geddes Esqr.

Motto: Capto Majora (seek greater things)



Card 295

Seal 4

‘Gray’



Card C

Seal 1

‘The Right Hon. George, Earl of Glasgow’

George Boyle, 4th Earl of Glasgow, GCH, FRS

(26 March 1766 - 6 July 1843)

Representative Peer for Scotland 1790-1815, Lord Lieutenant of
Renfrewshire 1810-20, and of Ayrshire 1820; Lord Rector of
Glasgow University 1817-19



Card H

Seal 2

‘Sir John Graham of Braco Bart.’

The Graham of Braco Baronetcy was extinct by 1700, and this is most likely the seal of ‘John Graham of Grenada’ whose business partner was David Graeme of Braco Castle (1716 – 1797)