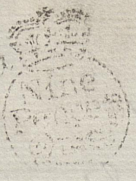



BLACKWELL, THOMAS, LL.D., brother of Dr. Alexander Blackwell, mentioned above, was born at Aberdeen 4 Aug., 1701, and after studying in the Marischal College, became Greek professor 1723. In 1737 he published anonymously an 'Enquiry into the Life and Writings of Homer,' which he afterwards accompanied with 'Proofs,' or translations of all the notes in the work. In 1748 he was appointed principal of the college, and was the first layman raised to that dignity since the patronage devolved on the Crown by the forfeiture of the Marischal family in 1716. He died at Edinburgh 8 March, 1757. His other publications were 'Letters concerning Mythology,' and 'Memoirs of the Court of Augustus,' 3 vols. 4to. All these works are written in a most affected and pedantic style. It is said that being at Cambridge soon after the publication of his 'Enquiry,' he asked Dr. Bentley his opinion of it. The doctor replied that when he had gone through half of it he had forgotten the beginning, and that when he had finished the reading of it he had forgotten the whole.



  
  
I Barbara Black alias Blackwell Relict of and Executrix  
Confirmed to the deceased Doctor Thomas Blackwell  
lately Principall of the Marischall College of Aberdeen, Grant  
me to have received from Robert and James Dodsley Book-  
sellers in London, The sum of Fifty one pounds Four Shill-  
ings Sterling money, due by them to the said deceased Doctor  
Thomas Blackwell my late Husband as the Ballance of an  
account betwixt them; Unto which sum if the said Barbara  
Black alias Blackwell have right as Executrix Confirmed to my  
said late Husband by and before the Commissary of Aberdeen  
upon the Ninth Day of May Instant, and as having given up  
and confirmed upon the same ~~of~~ <sup>aforsaid</sup> in the Inventory of my  
said late Husbands Confirmed Testament. And therefore  
I the said Barbara Black alias Blackwell for me, my Heirs,  
Executors and Successors, and for all others the Representatives of  
the said Doctor Thomas Blackwell my late Husband, Do hereby  
Reason and Discharge the said Robert and James Dodsley and each  
of them, their Heirs Executors and Successors, of the abovesaid  
sum of Fifty one pounds Four Shillings Sterling, and of all action  
Instance, Pursuit and Execution competent or that might have  
been, or can or may anyways be competent, against them or either  
of them, in and concerning the premises, Which Discharge abovesaid  
written, I the said Barbara Black alias Blackwell Bind and oblig  
me and my foresaids, to warrant to be good valid and Effectual  
at all hands and against all mortalls as Law will; And having  
herewith delivered to the said Robert and James Dodsley an  
Extract of my said late Husbands Confirmed Testament to be kept  
and used by them at pleasure; I consent for greater  
security

B. Blackwell



security, to the Registration hereof in the Books of Council  
and Session in Scotland, or in any other Register competent, within  
great Britain, therein to remain for Preservation, and if need  
be, to have the strength of a Decree Interponed thereto, that  
all Execution necessary may pass thereon in form as Effects, for  
which purpose I constitute

my Protors & Jn witnesses whereof this  
and the preceding Page, both written upon this sheet of Stamp  
Paper by Thomas Webster Clerk to John French advocate in  
Aberdeen) are subscribed by me at Aberdeen the Nineteenth  
Day of may In the year one Thousand seven Hundred and  
Fifty seven, before these witnesses the said John French and  
Thomas Webster

John French Witness  
Thomas Webster Witness

B. Blackwell

Discharge  
Mr B Blackwell  
John & James Dobson  
1757

J. B.  
Glasgow School  
1741-1757  
auth



William Lucas  
1780-95  
Poet

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Thos. Blackwell  
1701-1767  
Classical  
Author  
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WILLIAM LUCAS  
THOMAS BLACKWELL