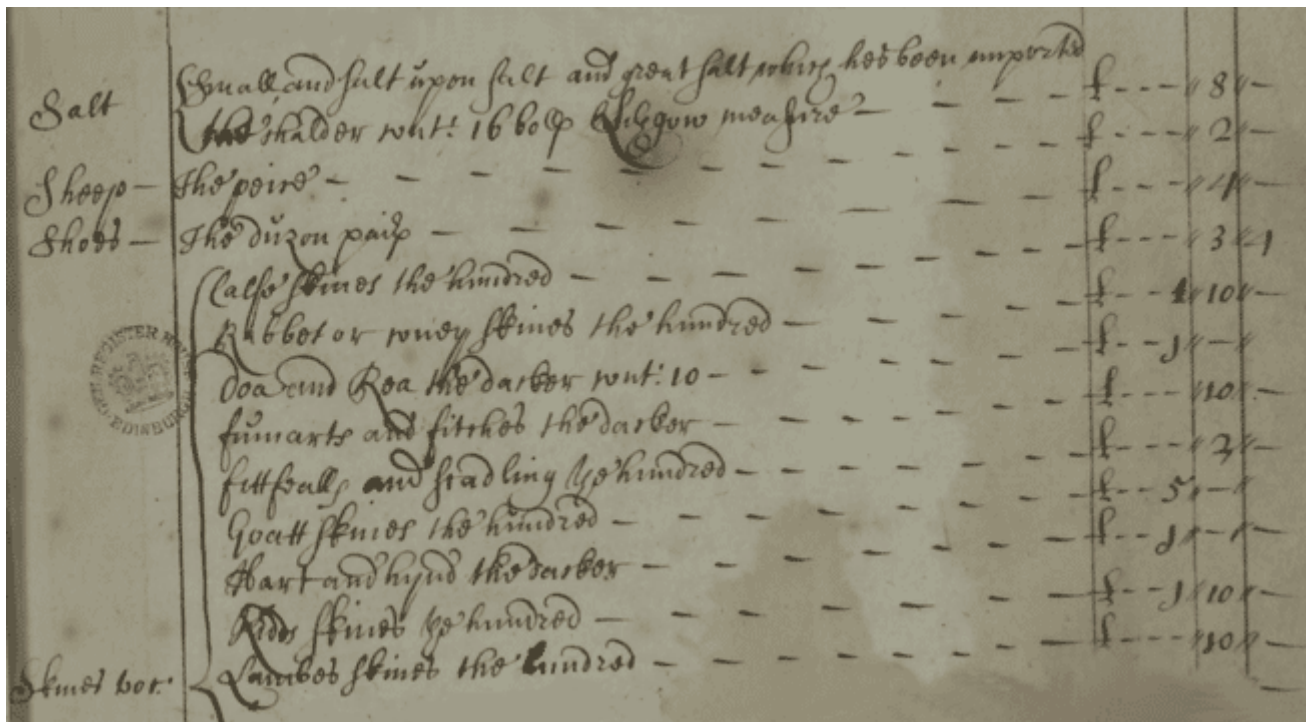


Weekly Poser (287) – Book of Rates, 1669

This week's poser is taken from the Book of Rates within the Exchequer Records and is part of the tables of inward and outward customs, compiled about 1669 (National Records of Scotland, E76/6/41).

The list contains the name of each type of commodity, the specific quantity and physical qualities of the goods and the custom duty.

The spelling of certain words may require a bit of imagination to make sense of them! You may also need to look up some of the more archaic names for particular animals and measures used here. There are links to the Dictionary of the Scottish Language and SCAN websites given below which may help. Watch out for contractions of words and some interference between lines of text.



Commodity	Quantity	Duty
Salt	Small and salt upon salt and great salt, which has been imported	£ 18/-
	the shalder wnt: 16 boep	£ 2/-
Sheep	The poird	£ 1/-
Sheep	The dizou pairp	£ 3/-
	Calfo skins the hundred	£ 10/-
	Rabbit or wney skins the hundred	£ 1/-
	Oo and Roa the darbor wnt: 10	£ 10/-
	fimmarts and fitchob the darbor	£ 12/-
	fittball and fradling the hundred	£ 5/-
	Goatt skins the hundred	£ 2/-
	Hart and hynd the darbor	£ 10/-
	Rids skins the hundred	£ 10/-
Stinet bot.	Lambob skins the hundred	£ 10/-

This week's question: which items have a duty of more than 11~ (one pound)?

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Answer: Items with a duty of more than 1l~ are: rabbit (or coney) skins, deer skins (doe and roe/hart and hind); goat and kid skins;

Transcription

Salt

*Small and salt upon salt and great salt which hes been imported
the chalder cont[aining] 16 bolls Li[n]li[th]gow measure, 8s~*

Sheep

The piece, 2s~

Shoes

The duzon pairs, 4s~

Skines voc[at]

Calfe skines the hundred, 3s~ 4d~

Rabbet or coney skines the hundred, 1l~ 10s~

doa and roa the dacker cont:, 10 8l~

fumarts and fitches the dacker, 10s~

fittsealls and scadling the hundred, 2s~

Goatt skines the hundred, 5l~

Hart and hynd the dacker, 8l~

Kidds skines the hundred, 8l~ 10s~

Lambes skines the hundred, 10s~

n.b. a 'dacker' or 'daiker' is a set of ten hides

This week's poser was devised by Dr Kirsteen Mulhern, archivist and professional researcher from Edinburgh.