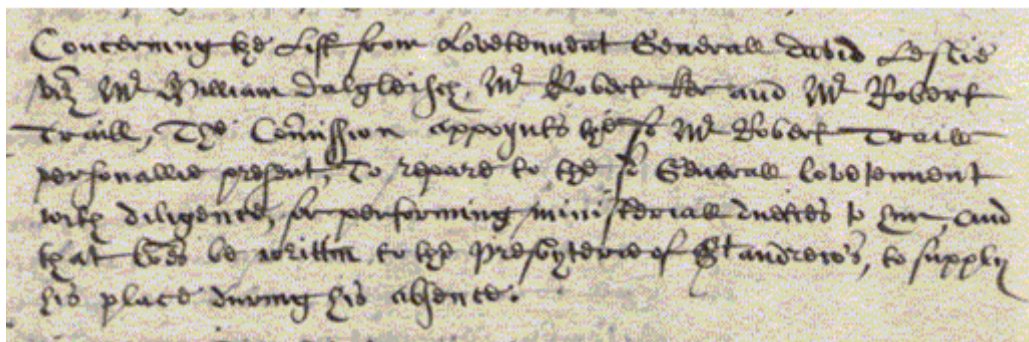


Weekly Poser 348 - Registers of Acts of the Commission of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1646-1648

This week's poser is taken from the Registers of Acts of the Commission of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1646-1648 (National Records of Scotland, CH1/3/1).

This particular entry relates to one of Scotland's most renowned military figures, David Leslie. In October 1646 he was one of the senior commanders of a Scottish army, which had been fighting in England, alongside English parliamentarians, against Charles I, who was king of the separate kingdoms of Scotland and England. The General Assembly is seen here deciding which minister (out of three candidates listed by Leslie) would be sent to act as his chaplain.

The hand here has a high proportion of secretary hand letters, but most are well formed and the clerk's generous spacing and use of commas as punctuation makes it fairly straightforward to read. Some of the capital letters and a couple of abbreviated words might slow you down.



There are three questions for you this week:

1. What is David Leslie's rank?
2. Who did the Assembly choose as his chaplain?
3. How was the resulting vacancy (in the minister's parish) to be filled?

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Answers:

1. David Leslie's rank is Lieutenant General - *Lovetennent Generall* (line 1), *Generall Lovetennent* (line 4).
2. The minister chosen was *Mr Robert Traill*.
3. To address the resulting vacancy, the Assembly commanded *that I[ette]res be writtin to the Presbyterie of St Andrew's, to supply his place during his absence.*

Transcription:

Concerning the List from Lovetennent Generall David Leslie viz Mr William Dagleisch, Mr Robert Ker and Mr Robert Traill, The Com[m]ission appoynts the s[ai]d Mr Robert Traill personallie present, To repare to the s[ai]d Mr Generall Lovetennent with diligence, for performing ministeriall dueties to him, And that I[ette]res be writtin to the Presbyterie of St Andrew's, to supply his place during his absence.

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