

**Weekly Poser 389 – poll tax for Largs parish, Ayrshire, 1698**

This week's poser is the first of two taken from the poll tax records and relates to the parish of Largs in Ayrshire (National Records of Scotland, E70/1/2 page 1). It dates to 22 November 1698.

The poll tax was collected to pay off the debts and arrears of the army and navy in 1694, 1695 and twice in 1698. Payment was graduated at the rate of 6 shillings and upwards according to rank and means. The poor and children under 16 were exempt.

Largs parish within the shyre of Ayr

A true List of the poleable persons within the parochie of Largs taken up by the Laird of Kelburne dated the 22<sup>d</sup> of November 1698



	£	s	d
The Laird of Bishopstone's portion including his father's portion annuity 1000 lib of value nee and upwards	24	00	00
The Laird of Third point including his moyses portion 200 lib of value ren and within fyve	09	00	00
John Kyle in Largs 2000 mks of stock p w <sup>t</sup> in 10000 mks	04	00	00
David Wallace in Largs 5000 mks of stock p w <sup>t</sup> in 10000 mks	04	00	00
Archbald Wilson in Largs 1000 mks p w <sup>t</sup> in fyve	02	10	00
Robt Barclay in Largs 1000 mks p w <sup>t</sup> in fyve of stock	02	10	00
Archbald Dusk in Largs 1000 mks of stock p w <sup>t</sup> in fyve	02	10	00
Theophilus Rankine in Largs 1000 mks of stock p w <sup>t</sup> in fyve	02	10	00
James Crauford's 1000 mks of stock p w <sup>t</sup> in fyve	02	10	00
John Crauford in whistly burn 1000 mks of stock p w <sup>t</sup> in fyve	02	10	00
John Dunsmeare old of Craughhill 1000 mks of stock p w <sup>t</sup> in fyve	02	10	00
Mr John Bellone maid of Largs 5000 mks of stock p w <sup>t</sup> in 10000	04	00	00
James Boile broder to Kelburne 20000 mks p w <sup>t</sup> in 30000 mks	15	00	00
The Laird of Kelburne 1000 lib of value nee & above	24	00	00
Archbald Barron in Largs 1000 mks of stock p w <sup>t</sup> in fyve	02	10	00
	104	00	00

**This week's question:** what was the name of the minister of Largs parish and how much tax did he have to pay?

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**Answer:** The minister of Largs was a Mr John Wilsone and he paid four pounds scots.

**Transcription:**

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John Kyle in Largs 9000 m[er]ke of stock & w[i]t[h]in 1000 m[er]ks	04	00	00
David Wallace in Largs 5000 m[er]ks of stocks & w[i]t[h]in 1000 m[er]ks	04	00	00
Archbald wilson in Largs 1000 m[er]ks & w[i]t[h]in fyve	02	10	00
Ro[be]rt barclay in Largs 5000 m[er]ks & w[i]t[h]in fyve of stock	02	10	00
Archbald Dark in Largs 1000 m[er]ks of stock & w[i]t[h]in fyve	02	10	00
Theophilus Rankine in Largs m[er]ks of stock & w[i]t[h]in fyve	02	10	00
James crauford th[er]e 1000 m[er]ks of Stock & w[i]t[h]in fyve	02	10	00
John Crauford in Whitelyburn 1000 m[er]ks of Stock & w[i]t[h]in fyve	02	10	00
John dunsmoore eld[er] of brounhills 1000 m[er]ks of Stock & w[i]t[h]in fyve	02	10	00
Mr John Wilsone min[iste]r of Largs 5000 m[er]ks of stock & w[i]t[h]in ten	04	00	00
James Boill brother to Kelburne 2000 m[er]ks & w[i]t[h]in 30000 m[er]ks	15	00	00
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