The Mood in Edinburgh

Transcript of a letter from Henry Maule to the Earl of Mar, dated 1 May 1707 (NRS reference GD124/15/549/2)

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My Lord

I had one this morning from
Mr Rait for sending of 12 dozen of Botles of wine for
your Lo[rdship] use by Land, there’s none of the Cariers here just
now, but how soon they come, the wine shall be ready to
go with them.

Yesternight there came by the packets 5 Letters for
the Eng[lish] Gentlemen come downe to assist in manageing
[th]e custums, which were deliverd them in The E[arl] of Glasgows
logings how soon the packet arrivd.

The Towne has been full these two days of your Lo[rdship] &
the Earl of Loudouns being made Marquesses; and your
Lo[rdship] Keeper of the Signet during life and the Duke of
Queensberry Chamberlane of her Majesty’s houshold
in place of the Earl of Kent, what has given rise
to these I do not know.

There is nothing so much taken notice of here to day
as the Solemnity in the South part of Britain
and the want of it here. The first tune of our
musick bells this day was Why should I be sad
on my wedding day.

There being a printed account of the whales come
ashoar at Kirkcaldie I send it inclosd to your Lo[rdship]
There’s hereunder one from My Lord Grange from
Duplin. I am in all duety

My Lord

Your Lo[rdship] most obedient
and most humble servant

Harie Maule

Edin[burgh] 1st May

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