

Presented by Edward Chandler, Writer, Edinburgh.

Disp. by Earl of Rosebery, with consent - To the Commissioner of H.M. Works and Public Buildings.

I, The Right Honourable ALBERT EDWARD HARRY MAYER ARCHIBALD, Earl of Rosebery and Midlothian, D.S.O., beneficial owner of the subjects hereinafter disposed, being desirous of preserving and improving the amenity of His Majesty's Palace of Holyroodhouse, with the consent of THOMAS SKENE ESSON, Writer to the Signet, Edinburgh, the surviving disponee under a Disposition of said subjects granted by Thomas Lennox Gilmour of Three Elm Court, Temple, London, Barrister-at-Law, with consent of The Right Honourable Archibald Philip, Earl of Rosebery and Midlothian, in favour of George Dalziel, Writer to the Signet, Edinburgh (now deceased) and the said Thomas Skene Esson and the survivor of them dated Fourteenth June and Fifteenth July and recorded in the Division of the General Register of Sasines applicable to the County of Edinburgh the Seventeenth July all in the year Nineteen hundred and nine, as being ex facie heritably vest therein, and I the said Thomas Skene Esson for the right I have as being sole survivor so vested, DO hereby, for the foresaid purpose free of all payment or consideration whatsoever other than that we should be relieved of all feuduties and other burdens exigible from the said subjects from the term of Martinmas Nineteen hundred and thirty-three, and without further consideration, GIVE, GRANT and DISPONE to The Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, heritably and irredeemably, ALL and WHOLE the subjects now or lately known as Numbers One, Three, Five, Seven, Nine and Eleven Abbey Strand with the back court or back green and whole other rights pertaining to said subjects all delineated and coloured pink on the plan annexed and signed as relative hereto, which plan is not warranted by us but is descriptive only, being ALL and WHOLE the subjects and others with the pertinents thereof lying all contiguous on the north side of the Abbey Strand, Holyrood, in the Burgh of Edinburgh and County of Edinburgh described in the titles as follows, videlicet:- (Primo) ALL and WHOLE that great stone tenement of land back and fore under and above formerly possessed by David and Margaret Lindsay and others covered with skailie slates, as also that small laigh dwelling-house and shop and garret above the same sometime possessed by Patrick Rattray, Merchant, and David Main, and afterwards by James Walker, Brewer in Canongate, lying on the foreshore and at the south-west corner of the said great tenement, and also that laigh still house sometime possessed by Widow Symington afterwards by Mally Seaton, measuring thirteen feet six inches from south to north and fourteen feet six inches from east to west lying on the back side and at the north-east corner of said great tenement with the coal cellar /

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cellar below the forestair at the south-east corner of said great tenement, and a right of common property in and servitude upon the foresaid stair itself by which there is access to the said great tenement as well as to Gavin Thomson's other tenement to the east thereof, and also a right of common property in and servitude upon the whole of the back close lying behind the said great tenement with liberty to my said disponees and their foresaids to erect such buildings as they may please on that angle of the back close lying bewest the still house and on the north by the said great tenement such new buildings noways encroaching upon the entries to the said Gavin Thomson's other back lands, together with free ish and entry to the whole of said subjects and haill other pertinents and privileges thereto belonging lying the whole of said subjects contiguous at the foot of the Canongate of Edinburgh and within the precincts of the Abbey of Holyrood House, bounded by the King's Highway or Abbey Street on the south, the lands sometime belonging to Alexander Hunter thereafter to Alexander Piers afterwards to the Heirs of George Wilson, Mason, on the west, the foresaid common back close and the said Gavin Thomson's back lands on the north, and the lands sometime belonging also to the said Gavin Thomson on the east parts; (Secundo) (first) ALL and WHOLE a small tenement in Thomson's Close Abbey now or formerly possessed by Thomas Meek and others described in the titles thereof as follows, videlicet:- ALL and WHOLE that dwelling-house consisting of two storeys and garret with the cellar thereto adjoining situated in Thomson's Close within the precincts of the Abbey of Holyrood House and County and Sheriffdom of Edinburgh, bounded by the said Close called Thomson's Close and by the property sold by Alexander Home, Writer in Edinburgh, to Ebenezer McGeorge, Messenger in Edinburgh, on the east, also bounded by the said Close called Thomson's Close on the south and by the property belonging to John Carmichael, Candlemaker on the north and west parts, as the said house and cellar were formerly possessed by James Marshall, Christian Hodge, James Arkley and Thomas Clark; and (second) ALL and WHOLE that laigh house lying within the precincts of Holyrood House as formerly possessed by James Wilson and Thomas Duncan, consisting of five firerooms and kitchen bounded by the High Street on the south the house adjoining to the Physic Gardens belonging at one time to the Duke of Hamilton and sometime possessed by Peter Hendrie, Gardener, on the east, the subjects of Joseph Brown Esquire of Annsmills, sometime in /

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in Chessils Court Canongate formerly Baker in Canongate possessed by sundries on the west and north parts with the privilege of the well adjoining the said subjects and the whole other privileges parts and pertinents thereto belonging (Tertio) ALL and WHOLE that small tenement of dwelling-houses two storeys in height situated within Thomson's Court Number nine Abbey Strand, Edinburgh, and bounded as follows videlicet:- on the south by Thomson's Court, on the west by the property of Robert McBean, on the north partly by the back green pertaining to the property of William Blackwood and partly by the back green mutual to the subjects hereby disposed and to other subjects in Thomson's Court and on the east by the property now or formerly of Miss Henrietta Allison, with right in common with the proprietors of said other subjects in Thomson's Court to the said mutual back green on the north and walls enclosing the same and right of entry to the subjects hereby disposed and to said mutual back green by the stairs and pends leading thereto, together also with the whole parts privileges and pertinents of said subjects hereby disposed, which said tenement is coloured pink and which mutual back green is coloured green on the sketch or plan annexed and signed by Mrs Helen Christie or Kerr, Widow, residing at Number Eight Brandfield Street, Edinburgh, as relative to Disposition by her in favor of Henry Snow, Butcher, Leven Street, Edinburgh, dated Fifteenth and recorded in the Division of the General Register of Sasines applicable to the County of Edinburgh on the Sixteenth both days of March Eighteen hundred and ninety-three and which subjects and others hereby disposed lie in the Parish of Canongate and County of Edinburgh; (Quarto) (First) ALL and WHOLE these tenements of houses great and small back and fore under and above all lying contiguous at the head of and within the Close called Thomson's Close lying within the precincts of the Abbey of Holyrood House and Sheriffdom and County of Edinburgh bounded by the subjects disposed by Gavin Thomson late Surgeon in His Majesty's Navy, afterwards in Edinburgh, to David Lindsay and his spouse afterwards belonging to Thomas Sommers, Vintner in Edinburgh, and the house and garden sometime belonging to George Wilson, Mason, afterwards to Mrs Colville, Candlemaker, on the west and north parts, by His Majesty's Gardens and House possessed by James Walker, Vintner on the east and by the King's Highway or Abbey Street on the south parts as the said subjects were sometime possessed by James Garrety, Porter of the Abbey, and others, tenants of said subject with free ish and entry to the same and whole privileges and pertinents thereto belonging, but always with and under the exceptions /

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tions, real burdens, provisions and limitations (if any existing) specified in Disposition by William Black Alexander and James Allison as Trustees of the deceased Miss Mary Miller, Number Nine Abbey Holyrood, Edinburgh, in favor of Alexander Walker, Writer, Edinburgh, and John Walker, Brassfounder, Perth, dated Fifteenth and recorded in the Division of the General Register of Sasines applicable to the County of Edinburgh, Seventeenth November Eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and specially excepting from the foresaid subjects and boundary that laigh house and pertinents described in a Charter by the Bailies and Treasurer of the Burgh and Regality of Canongate to John Dundas, Esquire, Writer to the Signet, of date the Eighth day of May Eighteen hundred and four years, then or formerly belonging to Bailie Joseph Brown Baker in Canongate, with these back houses since acquired by the said Joseph Brown from the deceased Alexander Home Esquire, Writer in Edinburgh, only son of the deceased Henry Home Esquire, Writer to the Signet, and also that ground flat and pertinents described in another Charter by the Bailies and Treasurer of the said Burgh and Regality to Richard Garrety of date the Twenty-sixth day of March Eighteen hundred and six, as also excepting from the foresaid subjects and boundary the subjects contained in a Disposition dated the Eleventh day of January Eighteen hundred and eight years granted by the said deceased Alexander Home with consents therein mentioned in favor of Lewis Williamson formerly Stephen, Widow of Robert Williamson, during her life and after her decease to and in favor of Patrick Murray and George Gordon in trust being the subjects second hereinafter disposed, and (Second) ALL and WHOLE that lodging or dwelling-house within the precincts of the Abbey of Holyrood House consisting of six firerooms garrets and other conveniences, as the same were formerly possessed by James Garrety and afterwards by Mrs Maria Stewart bounded by the King's Gardens on the east, by that large tenement formerly belonging to Thomas Sommers and by Thomson's Close on the west, by the said Thomson's Close on the north, and by the King's Highway or Abbey Street on the south parts, as also ALL and WHOLE these three cellars situate to the northward of said dwelling-house formerly possessed by Mrs Harrison with the whole privileges and pertinents thereof and under the exception specified in the Instrument of Sasine in favor of the deceased John Miller sometime gardener at the Abbey of Holyrood House, Edinburgh, dated the Sixteenth and recorded in the New /

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New Particular Register of Sasines, Reversions, et cetera for the Sheriffdom of Edinburgh et cetera Eighteenth October Eighteen hundred and ten, ALL and WHOLE that area or garden with the Still House and Stable built thereon lying at the foot of the Canongate of Edinburgh within the precincts of the Abbey of Holyrood House and bounded on the east and north parts by the said garden belonging to the King on the west by the yard belonging now or formerly to the Heirs of George Wilson, and on the south partly by the cellars before described and also by the property disposed by the said Alexander Home to Ebenezer McGeorge; Together with the parts pendicles privileges and pertinents of the said subjects hereby disposed but always with and under the real burdens, provisions and limitations (if any existing) specified or referred to in Disposition by William Black Alexander and James Allison as Trustees of the deceased John Miller Gardener at the Abbey of Holyrood House, Edinburgh, in favour of the foresaid Alexander Walker and John Walker dated Fifteenth and recorded in the Division of the General Register of Sasines applicable to the County of Edinburgh Seventeenth November Eighteen hundred and seventy-five; and (Quinto) ALL and WHOLE the ground flat of the house formerly belonging to Gavin Thomson, Surgeon in the Navy, lying within the precincts of the Abbey of Holyrood House consisting of three rooms kitchen and cellar as sometime possessed by Thomas Fraser Change Keeper bounded by the High Street on the south, by the house sometime belonging to James Garrety and afterwards to Joseph Brown on the east, by the house belonging now or formerly to Thomas Sommers, Vintner in Edinburgh on the west, and by the Close leading into the other subjects which belonged to the said Gavin Thomson upon the north parts, with the pertinents, if any, of the said subjects and others together with our whole right title and interest present and future in the said several subjects and others above disposed: WITH ENTRY as at the term of Martinmas Nineteen hundred and thirty-three notwithstanding the dates hereof: AND We assign the Writs: AND We assign the rents: AND We bind ourselves to free and relieve our said disponees of all feuduties and public burdens due in respect of the period prior to the term of entry: AND We grant warrandice but from our own facts /

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REGISTERS & RECORDS OF SCOTLAND.

H.M. CHANCERY.

Edinburgh 23rd May 1914
This Deed is
intituled, and
(with plan) lodged.
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Alvin S. Keith for Registrar

facts and deeds only: AND We consent to registration hereof for preservation: IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents consisting of this and the five preceding pages are, together with the plan annexed hereto, subscribed as follows:- By me the said The Right Honourable Albert Edward Harry Mayer Archibald, Earl of Rosebery and Midlothian, at Leighton Buzzard on the Twenty-first day of April in the year Nineteen hundred and thirty-four before these witnesses Alexander Ross, Butler, Mentmore, Leighton Buzzard, and Frank Stanley Benfield Brown (subscribing "F. Stanley Brown") Private Secretary, residing at Fifty-nine Upper Richmond Road, Putney, London, S.W.15; and by me the said Thomas Skene Esson at North Berwick on the Twenty-eighth day of said month of April and year last mentioned before these witnesses, Christina Stewart, Laundrymaid, and Elizabeth Colquhoun, Tablemaid, both at Windygates, North Berwick.

Alexander Ross, Witness

F. Stanley Brown, Witness

Christina Stewart, Witness

E. Colquhoun, Witness

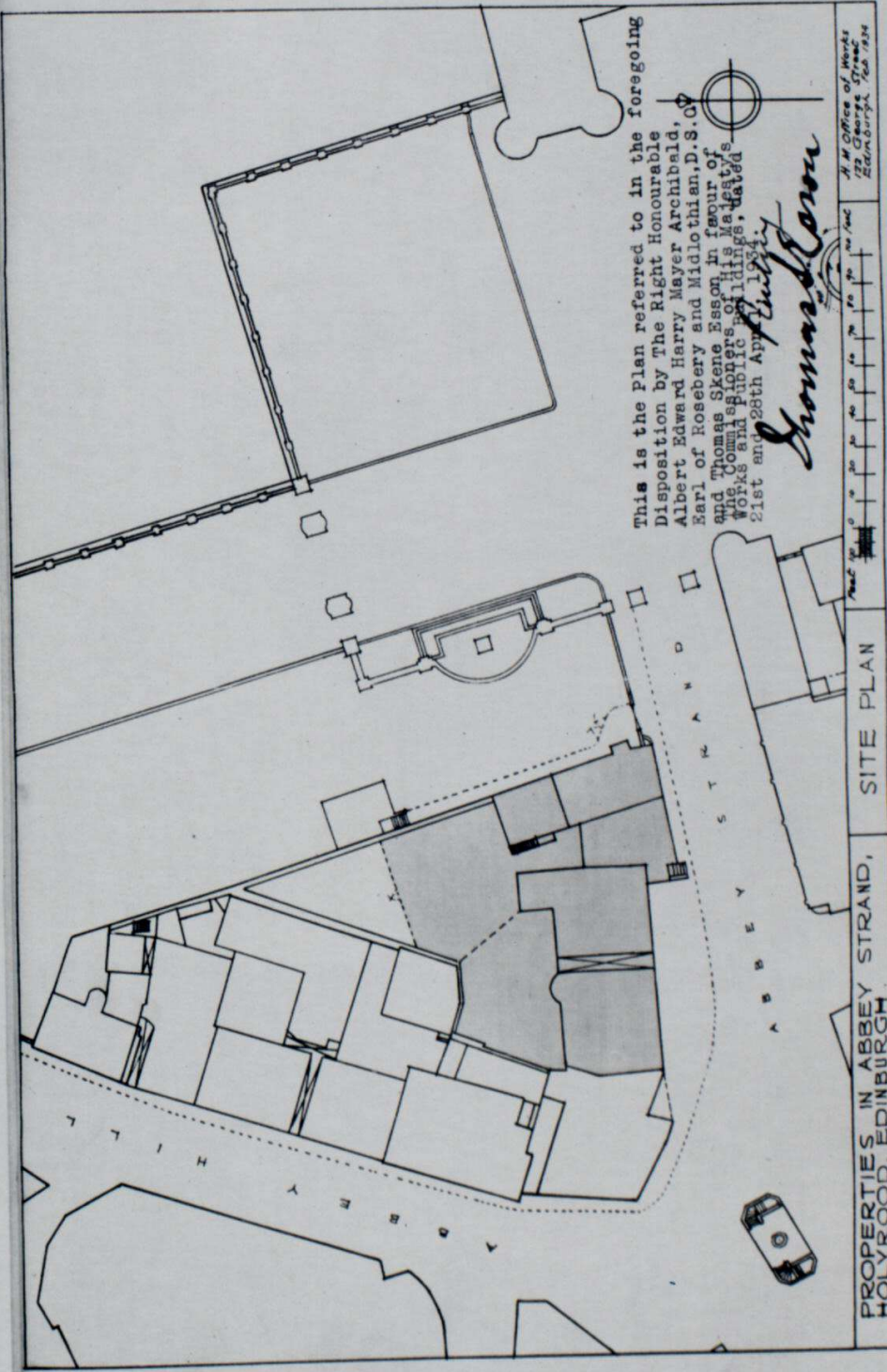
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Registered on behalf of the Commissioners of the Property, Works and Public Buildings within assigned in the Register of the County of Edinburgh,

Walter ...

Edinburgh Agent.



This is the plan referred to in the foregoing Disposition by The Right Honourable Albert Edward Harry Mayer Archibald, Earl of Rosebery and Midlothian, D.S.O. and Thomas Skene Esqon in favour of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, dated 21st and 28th April 1934.

Howard Ross

H.M. Office of Works
22, George Street
Edinburgh, Feb 1934

PROPERTIES IN ABBEY STRAND,
HOLYROOD, EDINBURGH

SITE PLAN