

Acts, orders and resolutions of the council general of the Company of Scotland Trading to Africa and the Indies, 1696-1707



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background In April 1696, it was agreed that the Company of Scotland would be managed by a court of directors and a council general. The council general was to be a larger body than the court of directors, comprising both the directors themselves and representatives of the remaining subscribers, with one representative for each £10,000 of stock.

Whilst the court of directors was responsible for the day-to-day running of the Company, the council general was convened to discuss major decisions, such as capital-raising, the election of future directors and the payment of dividends.

document The council general's decisions are recorded in one volume, covering June 1696 to February 1707; 84 meetings in all. The volume begins with a copy of the constitution of the Company and details of the first meeting of the council general, and ends with its last meeting before the Company was wound up.

The council general was only convened as and when there were matters to discuss, and therefore meetings were not held at regular intervals.

physical description 282 pages, conserved and re-bound. Handwritten in ink on paper. Dimensions: 42 x 26.5cm.
