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Finance Committee of the Trustees of the Harbour of Dundee, 20 June 1844

Letter from Mr Robertson, Collector of Shoredues;

"... a vessel belonging to Aberdeen called the  Prince of Wales of 582 tons register has arrived from Africa with a cargo of Guano: has anchored in the River opposite the South Ferry, and has commenced to tranship her cargo into small vessels for other ports without having paid shoredues, or even entered at this office. The South Ferry passage boat went alongside of said vessel today ; received about 14 tons Guano came direct up and landed same at the Craig slip for Peter Dalgairns & Co; it was carted up to their warehouse west shore, weighed and sent away to the country. Mr John Low Jun is acting as agent for the vessel; and it is reported that the whole cargo is to be discharged as above, and without paying dues on ship or cargo . Being a novel case I am at a loss how to proceed..."

There follows page upon page of reports and deputations to Edinburgh on this case.