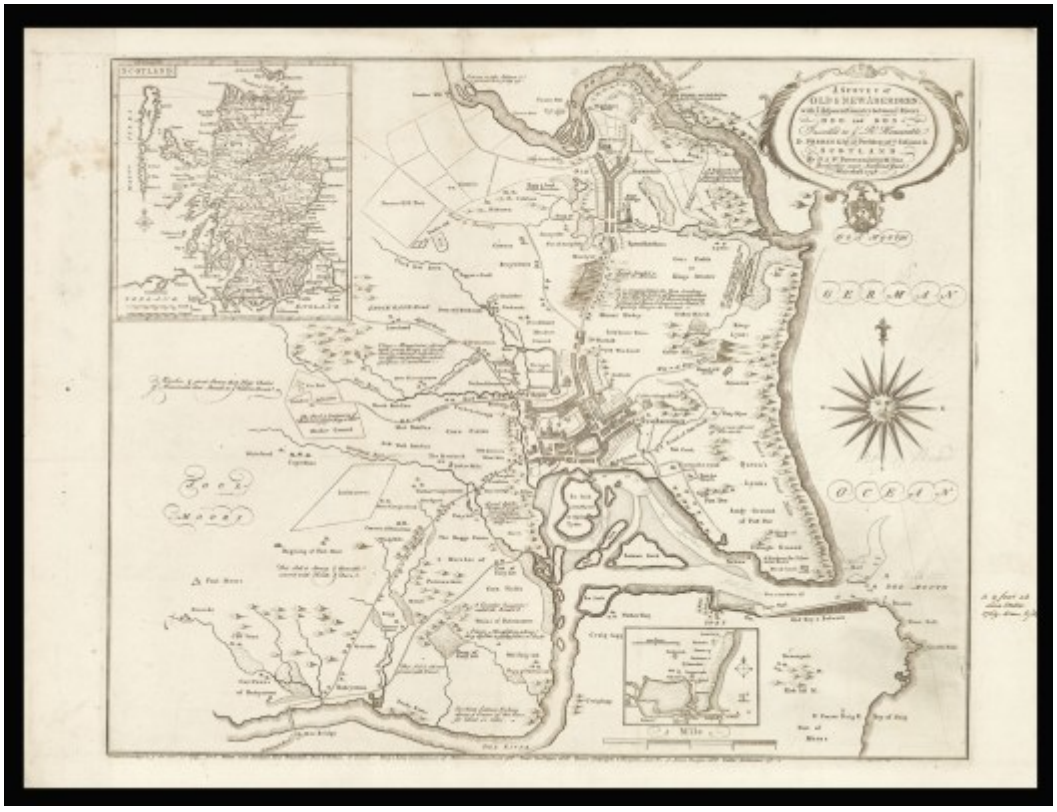


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The present plan has numerous annotations pertaining to the local geology, hydrography and farming conditions, including where best to grow pot-herbs and fish for salmon. Other areas of interest depicted include: Gallows Hill’s gibbet, which remained until 1776; Silverton Hospital, which was established by wealthy merchant Robert Gordon in 1732 and later became the college bearing his name; and Fut Dee Port (now Futtie Port), which marked the boundary between the burgh of Aberdeen and the fishing community of Fittie, and was demolished in the late 18th century.

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