



PORT Mc ADAM, GATEHOUSE-OF-FLEET IN 1908.

PORT McADAM took its name from DAVID McADAM of Gatehouse-of-Fleet (born 1782 - died 1872) who with the aid of his three sons actually constructed the Port of which he became Harbour Master, having previously been Harbour Master at the old harbour at Boatgreen.

The following is an Extract from a letter from him to Alexander Murray of Broughton and Cally:—

“ Having had your permission to construct a commodious harbour for the benefit of Shipping I selected a common swamp piece of ground on which a human being could scarcely tread, and have now, after a great deal of labour and expense, rendered it so convenient and conducive to the purpose, that ten cargoes of timber could be accommodated for exportation, and there is sufficient berths for four of the largest vessels that enters the Fleet”.

2,200 Cart loads of stone, rubbish and gravel were thrown down to bring the harbour up to proper level and put in a secure foundation.

The harbour was 200 feet long, superseding the old one at Boatgreen, imports to which in 1794 were stated to be ale, porter, wine, grocery goods, raw hide, tallow, timber, lime, cotton, wool and coals, and exports were cotton manufactures, tanned leather, soap, grain and potatoes.

The construction of Port McAdam and of the Canal enabled larger ships to come and go freely.

The abstract from the records for the year 1838 reads:—

	Vessels	Tons	Men
Inward	83	1876	197
Outward	31	991	92

With Best Wishes for Christmas and New Year

from

Mrs. Murray Usher

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Gatehouse-of-Fleet