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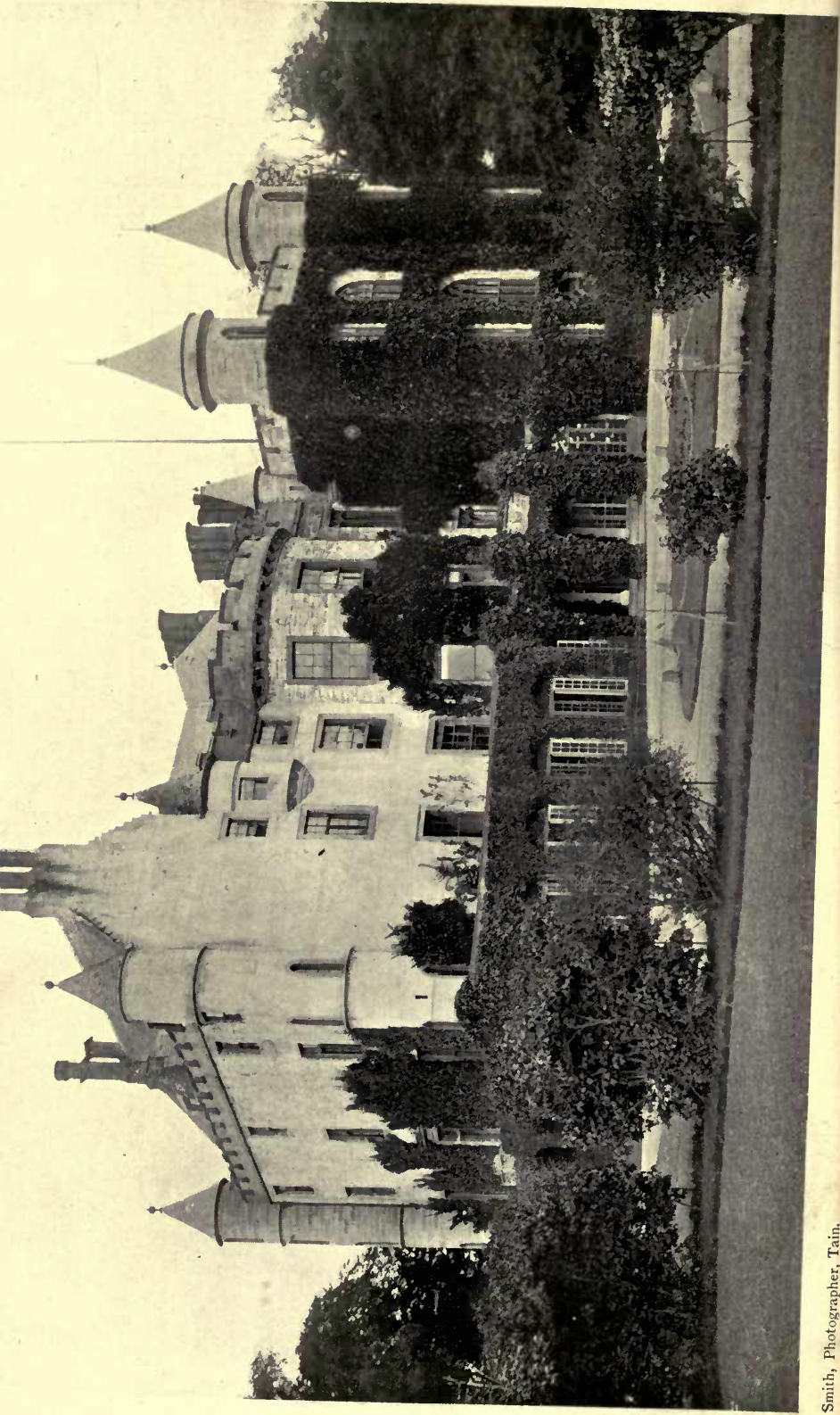


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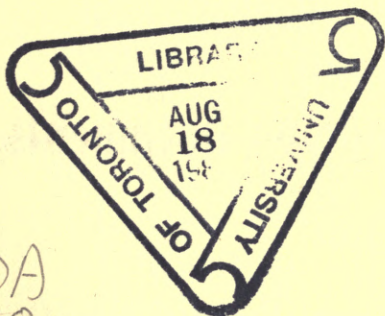
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## ADDENDA ET CORRIGENDA.

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- Page 1, line 14, read " Antiqui infeofamenti " (as in MS.).
- No. 14, line 5, after " ferne on yat " add " ane pairt and ane honorabill man Alexr. Innes of Plaids, on yat uther pairt," &c.
- No. 37, l. 13, " a fortnight afterwards," &c.
- Page 25, line 20, omit repetition " to be held on the Lord's Day thenceforward."
- No. 56, l. 8, " minister," and No. 134, l. 4, " dochter."
- No. 136, l. 9, page 108, l. 33, and page 111, l. 28, after " bannock "—note—[servant's fee or perquisite paid in kind.]
- Page 65, l. 16, after " shane dance "—note—[still applied locally to a dance or set of dances in which the steps are those of the *shecan trubhais*, or chiefly so.]
- No. 236, l. 22, after " salmon "—note—" or night-poaching. For places, see old map facing p. 36."
- Page 126, l. 1, after " rubbures "—note—[oak casks or tubs], and No. 337, l. 6, after " latron "—note—[desk.]
- Page 129, top, and p. 167, l. 46, after *muttie*—note—[about half a stone of meal.]
- Page 129, foot, after " speeke wheills " note [with spokes], and page 130, line 6, should be £4912.
- Page 133, l. 23, after " clockback with two pilgets," and in page 135, l. 3, after " clogbag trunk for lady's linnens," and No. 358, l. 10, after " Clockbagg with ye papers and chartors "—note—[cloakbag or portmanteau fitted for carrying on horseback. The *pilget* is said in " New English Dictionary " to be " apparently equal to *pillion*," but seems in above rather to belong to the cloakbag.]
- No. 358, l. 10, and page 140, l. 6, after " demipick (or -pike) saddle "—note—[*half-peaked*, i.e., with the peak half the height of that of the old war-saddle.]
- No. 332, l. 3, No. 348, l. 5, and page 138, l. 17, after " Lung-sadle " or *langsaidle*—note—[folding bed or long wooden stool.]
- No. 349, l. 38 in note, after " stells " add " or props."
- Page 137, l. 23, after " deak for a laidn horse," and No. 775, l. 17, after " horse daik "—note—[The word in this use does not appear to occur elsewhere. The first passage shows it has no connection with *daik*, to ornament or trim. It was clearly a part of the harness or trappings on which arms could be stamped, and was different if the horse was



- laden. In 1731, owing to defect of roads, burdens were still generally carried on the horse's back, and the deak may have been the part which held up the panniers or the shaft of a vehicle.]
- No. 368, l. 13, after "cuittikins stokins"—note—[worn as gaiters.]
- No. 379, l. 5, *pantoufles*, and No. 386, l. 7, *resoudé*, and l. 8 for [osselet] put [see Appendix, 386.]
- No. 415, end, after "Engadill"—note—[but see *Ingadill* in old map.]
- No. 453, l. 4; 462, l. 6; 463, l. 32; and 827, l. 13, after "last"—note—[12 barrels of herring, &c., or 13,000 herrings.]
- Page 216, top, SECTION VI.
- No. 546, end—note—[John, 2nd of the Earls of Kinghorne, now Earls of Strathmore.]
- No. 554, l. 9, *prejude*, and No. 627, l. 14, *prosecution*.
- Page 248, top—*No. 628*, not 228; and page 251, l. 9, insert "397 after 981," "404 after 988." In l. 10 insert "524 after 962."
- No. 673, l. 14, after "peper" insert "ane pund of masis [mace], halfe pund off saferen [saffron], ane pund off nuytmeks [nutmegs]."
- No. 684, end—*negotiations*, and page 274, l. 19, after "nakat"—note—[*wicked* or *precocious child*, cf. Aberdeenshire "nickum"; but *handy* or *clever* is the sense here.]
- No. 731, l. 17, after "London"—note—[massive silver vase and salver, each inscribed:—"Presented by the Two Assurance Companies and Merchants of London to John Lockhart, Esq., Captain of His Majesty's ship Tartar, for his gallant service in protecting the Trade of the Nation by takeing many French Privateers in the years 1756 and 1757, and a large salver of solid silver with the same inscription and an engraved sea-piece with figures."]  
After "and Bristol"—note—[a vase of solid gold, inscribed, "Presented by the Society of the Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol to Captain John Lockhart, Commander of His Majesty's ship Tartar, for the important services he rendered to the trade of that City by ably protecting her merchantmen and Distressing numerous French privateers."]
- Page 299, l. 13, in *CALROSSIE* put "289" instead of 162, and in No. 793, *DINGWALL*, insert "956"; in page 318, l. 2, insert "352"; in No. 816, l. 38, insert "676"; in page 333, l. 28, insert "997"; and in No. 933, after *Strathconan*, "256, 815."
- No. 800, l. 19, after "calke is no sheyres"—note—[proverb, from tailor-work, "Chalking the cloth is not cutting it"; "Planning is not executing."]

# OLD ROSS-SHIRE AND SCOTLAND

AS SEEN IN THE TAIN AND BALNAGOWN  
DOCUMENTS.

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## INTRODUCTION.

IN the County and Municipal Buildings in the ancient and Royal Burgh of Tain there are stored a very large number of documents of the Courts held there and in Fortrose and Cromarty for nearly four centuries, also a smaller number of parchments belonging to the Burgh, but till now there has been no systematic examination of them for historical purpose and publication. Under the present custodians, the Commissary Clerk Depute and the Town Clerk—to whom grateful acknowledgment is now made for the facilities afforded—the documents have been excellently kept. But in the collection there is only too clear evidence of deplorable loss and damage suffered in past centuries. That fire and sword were among the causes is shown in Royal Charter (No. 42):—“*quamvis eorum antiquaa infeofamenta et cartae per barbaros et quosdam rebelles subditos hyberniae prout nobis manifeste constat crudeliter per incendium consumptae fuerunt prout in attenticis testimoniis coram nobis productis continetur.*” That careless custody was another cause is shown in a letter of 1778 from an ex-sheriff-clerk to his successor:—“I as well as my predecessor were obliged to take them (i.e., the documents) as we found them without any inventory. They appeared to me to be in perfect confusion lying in an old broken house that was not watertight.” They were put into better order recently, and papers of the 19th century are well separated from those of the 16th, 17th, and 18th. As these latter proved enough to fill a volume of any feasible size, the examination was practically stopped with the end of the 18th century. One paper, of 1809, however, was part of a memoir by Thomas Suter as to a collection of documents he had sorted and put into two boxes, a trunk, a chest, and a cabinet at Balnagown Castle. On this paper being placed before Sir Charles Ross, he said he knew of a trunk, a chest, and one box only, and had them opened.

They were filled with 16th, 17th, and 18th century documents, but disturbed and in confusion. Grateful acknowledgment is due to Sir Charles for at once granting full facility of examination. They prove quite equal in interest to the Tain documents, and the two collections are largely supplementary and helpful to each other. Throughout this work documents found at Balnagown are distinguished by B before the number. The whole proved to be of such variety and range of subjects illustrated as to suggest the arranging of them under the heads of subjects illustrated. It is hoped this may make the work more interesting to the majority of readers. Latin texts, Lists, Rolls, etc., are placed in an Appendix. For the sake of condensation, all legal verbiage, repetitions, and well known formulæ are omitted, and everything else of no apparent importance. Omission of a few words is indicated by . . . ; of a line or two by . . . ; and of more by . . . . For further condensation, figures are sometimes used instead of the lengthy spelt-out numbers, and initials for names when repeated in the same paper. Also in charters, N., S., E., and W. for the directions.

Documents are numbered, are printed under the subject they first or chiefly illustrate, and for other subjects are referred to by number. Parts wanting, through tearing, fading, rotting, or obliteration, are shown by ( ), but if the missing words can with fair certainty be supplied, they are printed inside. Language and spelling of English, Scots, and French papers are reproduced, also such contractions as can be conveniently represented in ordinary type. Lastly, all notes, explanations, or remarks—everything that is not of the actual text or literal translation of a paper—is placed within square brackets [ ]. These conventions will save much repetition of notes; and so will the following note of frequently recurring contractions:—y for th, as in yt. for that; ym. for them; yr. for their or there; Suyrland for Sutherland; uysr. for others, etc.; q for wh, as in qn. for when; qm. for whom; wt. for with, and wtin. for within; q or qu for wh, as qlk. for whilk; q also for con., as qtract for contract.

SECTION I.—CHURCH AFFAIRS.

[No. 1, 1486.—Charter (Latin) on parchment, framed, and shown in Tain Council Chamber. One corner had faded and been retouched. As the first Charter it may be given somewhat fully.] To all who shall see or hear this Charter, Sir Thomas Monelaw perpetual vicar of the town of the bountiful Confessor the blessed Duthac of Tain, and indweller of the same, greeting . . Know ye me to have granted . . . with consent of the clergy and indwellers of the foresaid town of Tain to my beloved cousin Donald Monelaw two tenements of lands and garden sloping up from them with pertinents, lying within the foresaid town of Tain in the west part of the same within the common burn on the east side and the lands of Donald Robertson on the west and the lands of Kristin son of Patrick and of Mariota ( ? ) on the south side and the King's high way on the north side—along with a certain piece of arable land in the south part . . between the common ground and Knockanmehr on the east side and the common lane and the lands of Donald Reid son of Michael on the west side also between the moor on the south side and the lands of the foresaid Donald Reid on the north . . . Reddendo . . four shillings yearly to the clerics of the same town . . Munro and Farquhar . . . will . . warrant . . Donald against all men and women . . . and if . . Donald depart this life without heirs . . . to Katherine Money-law, sister of . . Donald . . . if . . fail . . to Andrew son of my brother . . I have affixed my seal and have got affixed the seal of the communitis of . . town of Tain . . witnesses Sir William Monelaw vicar of Alness John Monelaw Chaplain of Cambuscurrie Donald Morrison Chaplain of Morangie Finlay Ken( ) Chaplain of the foresaid Blessed Duthac Donald Reid son of Thormot Donald Reid son of Killerewack Thomas Johnson Thomas Forrest and William the priest's son indwellers of the forementioned town of Tain with many and various others on the 16th day of the month of May in the year 1486. Now after my giving of these tenements . . . Donald Reid son of Thormot co bailie of the foresaid town personally going &c. . . on the 20th of May 1486 . . . [There is here a glimpse of the older constitution of the Church of Tain—vicar and chaplains—those of Cambuscurrie, Morangie, and Duthac, those of Dunskeath and Tarlogie not mentioned. The Vicar himself held the remaining chaplainry—Newmore, to which he had been appointed for life when it was founded in 1482—Reg. Mag. Sig. 1. 10, No. 50—yet the year after this deed, 1487, he was deprived. In the



foundation there was a doubly significant clause—"concupinam publicam nec focariam non detinent . . . quod si publice notum fuerit . . . dicta capellania vacet"; in short, these priests were hardly even expected to respect the seventh commandment, but rather the eleventh, "Thou shalt not be found out." Significant also, in view of the above transfer of property to Moneylaw's "cousin," is the fact that it was only a year before the Bishop of Ross changed the constitution of the Church in 1487 and appointed a new head, as we see in

No. 2, 1492.—Papal Bull, mounted between sheets of plate glass to show both sides; lead seal perfect, and attached by original silk cord, in which red strands are mingled with the yellow to show that it contains matter of justice as well as of grace. Along one fold the parchment has been rotted or blackened, leaving some gaps, but by lenses many letters in the discoloured part have been made out, and by help of the bishop's letter and readings of other bulls it is practically restored.] Innocent, bishop, servant of the servants of God, to his dear son William Spine, provost of the Church of the blessed Duthus of Tayne, in Ross, deacon, greeting and apostolic blessing. When what is asked of us is just and honourable, the strength of right as much as the line of reason requires that it should be carried out to its due effect as a consequence of craving our interposition. Indeed, the prayer brought before us on your behalf recited that our venerable brother Thomas, bishop of Ross, with consent of the chapter of the Church of Ross and of others whom it concerned, and for the advancement of Divine worship, raised the said Church of the blessed Duthac into a collegiate one, and in it set up one provostship, five canonries, and as many prebends, two deaconships or sub-deaconships, one servitorship, and three clerical scholarships [or boy choristerships], and for the fitting endowment of all these, the provostship [&c., &c.], he assigned certain dues, rents, and profits piously set apart by certain of Christ's faithful ones. And when thou hast attained the said provostship, which therein stands the chief dignity conferred on thee, yet in some measure lacking apostolic authority, thou hast asked it to be fortified by us with the apostolic bulwark. We therefore, being influenced in this direction by thy prayers, do confirm and strengthen with the defence of this writ, the things done and carried out, just as if they had been properly done by apostolic authority. Therefore let none at all break through this our writ of confirmation and defence, or with rash daring transgress it. But if any shall take upon him to attempt this, let him know that he will incur the wrath of Almighty God, and of his blessed apostles, Peter and Paul. Given at Rome, at St Peter's, in the year of the Lord's incarnation, 1492, on the 17th of July, in the 8th year of our







pontificate. [The "tres clericatus" are referred to in the bishop's deed as "tres pueri in puerili voce cantantes." Including them the whole staff numbers 12, and we have "deacons or sub-deacons," so the hiatus "a( )" must be filled "aut," not "ac." The hiatus after "fuisti" is the only outstanding one, and from the sense it seems to be unimportant, merely pronoun, or connective, or both. The chief signature is A. Farnesio—Cardinal-Secretary Alessandro Farnese—who 42 years afterwards became Pope Paul III. He was noted for elegant scholarship alike in Latin, Greek, and Italian, and from the elegant Latin of this document it may be set down as his composition. Pope Innocent VIII. could have no share in it. He was then very near the end of a long and painful illness, and died eight days after its date, so it may have been the last of his reign. William Spine, first provost, does not occur again in these papers. In 1514, according to the *Origines Parochiales*, he witnessed a mandate of the Dean of Ross. In the next document, however, there appear another of the Spyne family, showing its importance, a Moneylaw, and a priest who afterwards became provost.

No. 3, 1538.—[Parchment Charter in Latin] . . . Sir Donald Henryson Chaplain of the Collegiate Church of Tayne . . . sold to Sir Alexr. Gray Vicar of Far a croft of four bolls bear sowing in the west part of Tayne lying close between the King's high ways that lead to Bengarrik and Talrogy on the south and north, also between Tablair and Croft Salne on the east and west . . . Reddendo to the clergy of the the blessed Duthac the usual and wonted annual rent . . . witnesses Andrew Forres, Thomas Levystone Thomas Monilaw Thomas Andresone Donald Makfynlaye, John McDonald bragoch [i.e., "boaster"] and Thomas Dingwall, Maro . . . Alexander Spyne bailie of Tayne . . . [From Orig. Paroch. there appear to have been many changes of Provost after above date—Sir Donald Munro vacating in 1541, George Ogilvy in the same year, Sir Magnus Vaus 1542, Sir Hugh Gray in the same year. In 1544 Sir John Thornton as Provost assents to the transfer of Dunskeath lands, and in 1549 there is a presentation when the "provostship shall be vacant by demission of Sir Alexander Gray," who therefore held it between 1544 and 1549. He was son of a priest, and he was already, as we see above, owner of property in Tain. The presentation was in favour of Sir Nicholas Ross, Chaplain of Dunskeath—son of a priest, also Chaplain of Dunskeath. In 1543 he got himself legitimated by royal letters, and in 1544 got his own four sons legitimated. The celibacy of the clergy was a farce. The Dunskeath lands were then conveyed to his eldest son, as above. Nicolas had also secured the presentation to the Abbacy of Fearn, and as Abbot he first appears in these papers.]



B. No. 4, 1558.—Paper (Latin) with contemporary docket.] Ane seising gevin to Abbot Nicholas . . . [begins] In the name &c. . . . in the year 1558 . . . May 27th . . . . Alexr. Ross of Balnagown feudatory of the lands of Wester Ferne and of the fishings of the water of Bonach within the Abbacy of Ferne . . . of his own free will on account of very many favours and benefits done by the venerable Nicolaus Ross present commendator of Ferne and on account of . . . . certain sums of money . . . paid . . . to the said Laird of Balnagown in his very great need . . . makes . . . assedation . . . sasine in life-rent . . . to the same Nicolaus. . . . Witnesses Donald Ross Hutcheson in Ballamuchye, Donald Ross Williamson in West Ganye, Wm. McTormot, John Denunc McGillivray; Alexr. Donaldson Walterson . . . . [He is indicated, though not named, in 1557 in a receipt—“I Maister Thomas McCalzane of Cliftounhall . . . ressavit fra ane venerll. fader in God ye Abbot of Ferne in name of ye Laird of Balnagown . . . ten merks [£6 13s 4d Scots, or one-twelfth of that, 11s 1½d sterling] for my pensiou . . . of the yeir . . . . [Next we have him in both offices—

No. 5, 1559.—Sasine (Latin), parchment, well written and preserved.] In the name of God Amen . . . . on 8th Novemr., in the 5th year of the pontificate of Paul . . . . fourth Pope [Paul IV. was elected in 1555; previously he was Cardinal Caraffa, “the lazy hypocrite who makes a matter of conscience about peppering a thistle,” as Aretino calls him, and a great stickler for minutiae of faith and authority. This trait was momentous in English history, for there was a point at the beginning of Elizabeth’s reign when she might have made her peace with Rome, and messages passed, but Paul’s rigid answer, that first of all she must “submit her claims to the decision of his judgment,” turned the scale] . . . . in presence of me notary public . . . the honourable Thomas Ross son of the venerable and distinguished Nicolas Ross provost of Tayne [note that Nicholas the Abbot conveys to the son not of Nicholas the Abbot, but of Nicholas the Provost] on the ground . . . . of Meikle Rany [Meikle Rhynie], Ballablaire with brewhouse of the same also of the crofts commonly called Dowcot Croft [Dovecote], Brighthouse Croft, Mill Croft of Fearn and . . . . the Witlandis . . . . holding in his hands a charter . . . by . . . Alexander Ross of Balnagown . . . . whose tenor follows . . . . for services rendered . . . by the said Thomas also for a certain sum paid to me in my pressing need . . . grant . . . . to the said Thomas Ross and his heirs . . . . whom failing to Nicholas Ross brother of Thomas William and Donald Ross . . . . Meikle Rany &c. . . . The said Thomas . . . paying yearly to the said . . . Nicolas present commendator of the monastery of Fearn and his successors abbots or commendators . . . .

two chalders twelve bolls three firlots of victual [i.e., grain, usually bere] three pounds Scots money, four shillings, four dozen capons, four sheep-carasses, four bolls of oats four loads of turfs . . . a hundred loads of fuel commonly called "peitis" yearly, leading and carrying from the mosses of Fearn and delivering into the monastery at the wonted places to be divided by equal portions between the Abbot and the brotherhood . . . yearly for . . . Ballabhair three pounds thirteen shillings and four pence and for the dues of ploughing and carrying, and rent augmentation of Mekle Rany five shillings yearly and . . . of Ballabhair three shillings . . . for the brewhouse . . . twenty shillings . . . for the augmentation . . . twelve pence . . . for Dowcot Croft twenty six shillings and eight pence . . . for Brighthouse forty shillings and for augmentation &c. . . . twelve pence. For the Mill Croft of Fearn six shillings and eight pence . . . for Witlandis twenty shillings . . . and for augmentation &c. twelve pence Scots . . . . If Thomas Ross . . . happen to fail in delivery of muttons and capons . . . instead of each mutton, four shillings, and . . . each capon, eight pence . . . . bailies John Macculloch of Mekle Terreil and Jesper Vaus of Lochslyne . . . . witnesses Hugh Ross of Tollys, Alexr. Ross of Little Allan, John Guthery, Master Andrew Broune &c. [The time of this deed was a critical one, and Nicolas, we may be certain, had been keeping note of the events in the South—the "band" of the Reforming leaders in 1557; the retort of the bishops in burning the good old priest, Walter Miln, for "heresy"; the revulsion of feeling this aroused, and the popular outbreaks and smashings of images at Perth, Cupar, and St Andrews in May; then the occupation of Edinburgh by the Lords of the Congregation in June. He might have heard of its second occupation on 15th October, 1559. Just then he gets some of the best lands of the Abbey transferred to the safe hands of his own son. Numerous ecclesiastics, apprehending the end of their system, were acting similarly. Alexander Ross of Balnagown was the most powerful man of Easter Ross. From him in the same year Nicholas gets a charter conveying Easter and Wester Geanies to another son, William. Still further, Nicholas effects a regular band or alliance with Balnagown, which we have in

B. No. 6, 1559.—Bond and obligation.] Be it &c . . . me Alexr. Ross of Balnagown forsameikle as I am infett . . . lands of Myd Gany, Petkare [Pitkerry] Ballomowquhy [Balmuchy] Wester Ferne . . . fischings of Bonach . . . part of Mains of Ferne . . . be . . . Nicholas commendator of Ferne . . . and for mony uysr. . . guid deids . . . I obleiss me and my airs and assignais faytfullie in ye stratest . . . forme . . . yt. can be devisit . . . . to mantene and defend ye said Nicholas . . . contrar all mortal, ye autorite

[King] beand except . . . . nevir to heir, sie, nor wit . . dampnage nor skayt [hurt] . . to his body . . lands or guids, bot I sall advertyse him yrof and keip him skaytless at the utermost of my power . . . I sall use ye counsell of ye said Nicholas in all effars perteyning to my hous kyn and freyns induring my lyf tyme . . Notwithstanding ye said commedator hes astrickit in . . charter made to me . . . in case I falzie in . . delyvering merts, mutons, Reik hens . . to pay for everie mert forty shillings . . muton 4/ . . capoun 8d . . hen 4d yt. beis not delyverit . . in dew tyme . . . . becaus ye commendator is guid freyns to me and be rescoun I am to be divers tymes wt. hym in Ferne upon his expenses . . . . I am contentit yt. . . . for all days of his lyf [he] as tenent to me intromitt wt. . . airages cairages of . . . lands . . to me in few of . . . abbacie of Ferne . . . to input and output tenents . . and yat for helping to hald up his hous and place of ferne provyding yat ye saids tenents know me as yair maister and ansr. me in my courts . . . unlawis and amerciaments . . to be applyit to ye said commedator's use . . . . In case—as God forbid . . I . . contravene and againecum . . contract . . . . I overgevis [give up] all rycht, titill . . . . to ye lands . . . and ye charters . . be null, cassin, and of nayne avail . . . . we obleiss . . . to pay all . . money &c . . . . under pane of tynsall [loss] of oure fewis . . . to serve ye said Nicholas wt. my kyn and freyns [usual way in these papers of expressing what we now call "his clan"] . . . wtin. ye bounds of Ross . . . at oure alleyne [sole] expens . . . . att Ferne ye aughtein day of November 1559 . . Witness Johne Ross Malcomson, Robert Simsone in Ester Gany . . Sir John Nicolsoun vicar of Lagane, Alexr. Pedder vicar of Urray . . Alexr. Ross of Balnagown. [His seal is also affixed. Such a band may well have encouraged the astute ecclesiastic to look with more confidence to the future, and he must at once have begun to negotiate for an extension of his Tain property, for it was settled by May, 1560, in the charter.

- B. No. 7, 1560.—Parchment (Latin), seal of Bailie Andrew Ross remaining.] . . . . me Andrew Ga( ) . . . in my urgent necessity . . . with consent of Cristine Ross my spouse . . . sell to the venerable Nycolaus provost of Tayne one tenement with buildings and garden . . in the south part of Tayne between the stream-gully [cavum torrentem] on the west the common lane on the east and the tenement with buildings of the said Nicolaus on the south and the lands of Donald Glas on the north . . for a certain sum . . . . Reddendo . . sixpence yearly . . . to the church of the blessed Duthac . . . . Witnesses Sir John Nicholson vicar of Lagan Sir Geronimus Paip Alexr. Corbat Donald Henryson and Andrew Reid . . . . [For notice of the persons and topography, see No. 936. The curious result is to

plant the old priest in the site now occupied by the F.P. Church. By this time there had come the defeat of the Catholic party, supported by the Queen Regent and French troops, at the hands of the Reforming party, supported by English ships and troops; also a fresh bond of the Reforming Lords, soon followed by preparation for a Parliament the most momentous in Scottish history. The Council advertised all who had by law or ancient custom the right to attend. Among these was Nicholas, as Abbot of Fearn, who resolved to attend, and just before setting out made the most significant of all his preparations—seen in

- B. No. 8, 1560.—Paper, perfect except a small hole in the signature, and with contemporary docket] Ye Laird of Ballanagones obligation maid to Nicholas Ross upon ye relequies of tane. [Begins] I Alexr. Ross of Ballanagone grantis me to haif ressavit realie and wt. effect fra anc venerable man and my speciale freind Nicholas Ross commendator of Ferne and provest of Tayne in keping wtin. my house of Ballanagone yir [these] reliks followand viz ane hede of silver callit sanct Duthois hede his chast blede [breast-bone] in gold and his ferthyr [case, or portable shrine] in silver gylt wt. gold. And therfor binds and oblis me my aiers, exres. and assignais that ye samyn hede chast blede and ferthyr salbe furecht cumand [forth coming] to ye said provest and college of Tayne and to all uthers heffand entres [having interest] yrto be just titill, and binds and oblis me . . . to freicht [free] releis and keyp skatless [uninjured] ye said Nicholas . . . and all uthers quhome it efferis [concerns] for . . . hede &c . . . at all hands and persones havand entres yrto under ye payne of tway thosand merks . . . to be pait be me my . . . to . . . Nicholas . . . and to all &c . . . for yar cost &c . . . bot [without] any exceptiones in ye qtrar in ye maist ample form of obligatione yt. can be devisit. In witnes of ye qlk I . . . hes subscrivit yir presentis wt. my hand and for mayr verificatione hes causit Sir Jhone Nicholsoun notar public subscribe ye samyn at Bellanagoun ye xvi day of Julii . . . Ia] Vct thrie score zeris before yir witness George Ros my broder and Duncan Grant alias roy . . . [Here at last we have a full statement of the "properties" by which for generations the Tain priesthood drew troops of pilgrims, only the famous shirt having been known as yet. The writing is large and careful—the same hand as in 3 others of Nicholas's papers; it is also carefully and stringently worded, evidently drawn up or inspired by Nicholas, and it looks as if he delivered the treasures in person. Clearly he dared not go away and leave them in the Shrine in Tain. Tain had no faith in their sacredness, nor had Nicholas—the word "callit" is significant. Nor was he a Hezekiah to call them Nehushtan and break them up publicly as idols. No, he commits them to the strongest



custody to await the turn of events, and takes security for their bullion value. Meantime, within a few miles' distance and one week's time, we have another great ecclesiastic looking very sharp after his "temporalities."

B. No. 9, 1560.—Receipt] I Maister Henry Sinclare Deane of Glasgow postulat. of Ross and donator of ye temporalitie of ye same . . . ressavit fra . . . Alexr. Ross of B. [will be used for Balnagown after this] . . . threttie thre pundis auchtein schyllingis ane peny and ane fardein for ye termis of Martimes in ye yeir 1559 and Witsunday . . . 1560 of ye few maillis of ye landis quhilk . . . hes in feu of bishopyrk of Ros. Providing alwayes yat gyf [if] . . . Alexr. awith [owes] to pay mair nor ye foresaid . . . yat he pay ye same . . . conforme to his infetment . . . Off ye qlk soume of . . . discharges . . . Alexr. for now and ever . . . subscryvit . . . at Cromerty ye xxiiij of July 1560 . . . Witness Master David Rollak of ye Powis Schir Marc Jamesone and Thomas Alane Hen. Sinclar. [That "ane fardein" is good, especially remembering it is Scots, i.e., 1-12th of a farthing sterling. So is that "awith to pay mair." Maister Henry wasn't going to be cheated of one farthing, or the chance of one. In this, along with the legal precision of his description of himself, we see his double capacity, for he was a lawyer as well as a priest, and became Lord President of the Court of Session. But the finishing touch is supplied by another receipt, which seems to show that so far from "awing to pay mair," the Laird had been "done" into paying one half year's dues twice over.]

B. No. 10, 1560.—] I Sir David Barchane chalmerlan to ane venerabill man Maister Henry Sinclar &c . . . resavid be ye hands of Alexr. Ross in name and behalf of . . . Alexr. Ross of B. sextein pundis auchtein s. v d for ye mertymes mail of ye few lands . . . Alexr. Ross . . . hes of ye said bishoprik . . . compleit payment of ye mertymes last precedand ye dait heirof . . . . at ye Chanonry of Ross ye twentie day of Janiir ane thousand fyve hundreth and thre score . . . Witness Thomas Ross persoun of Alness and Willam Rollak . . . [The peculiar position of Sinclair just then is alluded to by Knox, who says of the letters from the Reforming Lords craving Calvin at Geneva to send Knox back to visit Scotland—"These letters were delivered by the hands of Master John Gray . . . Novr. . . 1558, who at the same time passed to Rome for the expedition of the Bowes of Ross to Master Henry Sinclair." So the latter was awaiting the Pope's bull to complete his title. Knox calls him "a perfect hypocrite and a conjured enemy to Christ Jesus, whom God after strake according to his deservings." Both Nicholas of Ferne and Henry Sinclair got to Edinburgh in time to be so entered on the sederunt of that Parliament. On the great day, the 17th of August, Nicholas, and Robert Munro of Foulis, representative of

the barons of Ross, voted with the overwhelming majority for the abolition of the Mass and the Pope's supremacy and the adoption of the Protestant Confession. Knox says, "The papistical bishops spake nothing." The next paper as to Ross-shire concerns Fearn, and may be preceded for illustration by a later one.

B. No. 11, 1529, &c.—[Inventar of the Laird of B. his wreattes [writs] of the Abbacie and lands of fferne:—Imprimis ane confirmatione by . . . Pope Clemens confirming the hail . . . to the Abbot and convent Rome 23d Junii 1529. 2nd: Chartor . . . be James Cornecors Commendator of fferne . . . to Alexr. Ross . . . dispone . . . wester fferne, Dounie . . . Allane in Assent . . . fishing at Bonach . . . 7th May 1550 . . . 4th, Charter [same to same] . . . Balleblair . . . Mulderg . . . Brighthouse or Brigend . . . Knockandow . . . Miltoun, Ballamuckie . . . Gainie . . . Pitcarie 7th May 1550. 5th, Saising . . . to Alexr. Ross . . . of Invercharron . . . upon chartor be Nicholas, abbot . . . 15th Feb. 1557 . . . 6th, Chartor [same to same] Easter and Wester Geanies . . . Bellablair . . . Dowcoteroft . . . Brighthouse . . . Ferne and Weitland 6th May 1559 . . . 8th, Charter [same to same] . . . part of ye manor place of Ferne 8th May 1559 . . . 10th [is the Charter given as B. No. 5.] 12th, Charter [same to same] Kirklands of Little Rainnie . . . Easter Ferne . . . qlks Jaspert Vaus of Lochslyne resignit 20 Junii 1568. [Above let us see what Nicholas was giving for the Laird's alliance. But in spite of all, and apparently in his absence, mischief was brewing, as we see in the next, when the Laird may have grounded his action on writs 2nd and 4th given above.]

B. No. 12, 1562.—[Paper (Latin), well preserved, with Scots docket] The Instrument gr. ye Channons revokit yr. subscriptiones qch. the laird compellet thame to subscriyve. In the name of God Amen Be it known to all by this present public instrument that in the year 1562 15th of February . . . in the 4th year of the pontificate of the most holy father in Christ Pope Pius by divine providence the 4th, in presence personally of me notary public and underwritten witnesses the underwritten religious men viz David Reid, Donald Bayne, and Andrew Dawson canons of the Monastery of Fearn appeared in presence of the commendator Nicolas Ross abbot of Ferne and lamentably complained and set forth that Alexr. Ross of Balnagown on the day of the Lord's circumcission [1st of January] in above year, by threats and force compelled the same men against their will to subscribe a certain pretended charter made and subscribed as he asserted by James Carencorse once commendator or abbot of the same concerning lands of the said Abbacy set in feufirme to the said Alexander. Because of that the said David &c. have revoked their foresaid subscriptions made of no effect and have protested that the said subscriptions be holden of no effect and void

for the future, inasmuch as they signed the said pretended charter on account of fear in terror and against their will and their commendator Nicolas has protested for remedy of law at suitable time and place and that the said subscriptions should not fall to his or his monastery's prejudice. On all and each of these the said Nicholas commendator asked to be made by me Notary Public one or more instruments. These things were done in the monastery of Ferne about the 11th hour A.M. present John Nicolson vicar of Lagan and Sir Jeronimus Pape. [We may note that here, two years after the Reformation Act, the date of the Pope's reign is still officially used by the notary, and there are still monks and abbot at Ferne as before. The logical consequences of the Reformation came only by degrees. The next glimpse of the Abbot and the Laird is in a paper of 1564, when they are conjoined in an appeal to the Court of Session against the Commissioner of the Cathedral Kirk of Ross, who had demanded a payment of £403 out of their lands. While Nicholas the Abbot was thus fighting against Laird or Commissioner, Nicholas the Provost had to fight the Town of Tain, as we see in

[No. 13, N.D.—Paper (in Scots), very dingy and somewhat abraded, but complete; docketed] The copie of ye ansrs. giffin in for ye pairt of ye lord of Ferne, contrar ye sumons of ye pretendit bailzeis of Tayne. [Begins] I Nicolas Ross provest of Tayne answeris peremptorie to ye pretendit summones and charge persewit agains me be [by] ye allegit bailzeis and communitie of ye toune of Tayne . for ye delivering of ye sele firloit and evidents producit and libellit yt. I aucht to be assolzeit [acquitted] therefrae simpliciter Because I ame as I haif bein ye divers zeiris [years] last bypast ondouttit provest of ye Colledge Kyrk of tayne and I and my predecessors provests yrof [thereof] be ressonne of ye said provestery war alswey [also] provests of ye said toune swey [so] reput and haldin past memories of man and ye haill coirts of ye samyn [same] induring ye space foresaid fensit in my predecessores names as provests yrof and ye bailzeis of ye said toun zeirly induring ye samyn space chosin and elect be me and my predecessores provests foresaids and ye haill eschets [forfeitures] of ye curt of ye said toune be erection and fondation appertaining to ye said provest and seing I and my predecessores not only ar provests of ye said Kyrk bot alswey provest of ye said towne and principell persones tharof and ye haill towne and halding of ye said Kyrk of tayne lyk alswey as ye crofts and feild lands yrof ar haldin of ye samyn and ye haill inhabitans of ye said toune and occuparis of ye crofts and feild lands, and pais yis yar [their] dewets [duties] to ye Kyrk and clerks of ye colledge Kyrk forsaid as superiore of ye samyn and ye heretabill possessrs yrof astrict [bound] yrto as ye charters and instrumenttis yrof being in yar



hands maist fullylly proports and not haldin in fre burgage nor zeit [yet] pais no dewets of burgage to queins grace nor answer yrfor to ye checker [exchequer] as all fre burghs wtin this realme dois nor callit in parliament as buros and ye wrytings quhilk ar in my hands productit beffore yor lordshyp [in MS. 'lordshypps' is written on the line, but crossed out and 'lordshyp' put above. The former would have meant the Lords of Session, the latter may mean the Sheriff of Inverness] is only ane confirmation granttit to ye college Kyrk of sanct Duthaco cheiplanes [chaplains] and clerks yrof and Inhabitants of ye toune of tayne gyffin be King James ye thrid of gud memor ratifiand and apruvand [approving] ye gifts and infeodationes gyfin to ye said Kyrk cheiplanes clerks ther, and ane inquest fyndand yt ye inhabitantes of ye imunitie of tayne war onder ye special protection of ye seid apostolique [apostolic see] as ye samyn at mayr lencht [greater length] proports ye quhilk confirmatione is principally to ye Kyrk of tayne and cheiplanes and clerks yrof and ye said retoure in favor of ye imunitie yrof of ye qlk Kyrk and immunitie I ame ye principell hede and I and my predecessors provests forsaid past memor of man hes hed ye keping and using of ye said confirmatione and retoure as provest and heid above mentionat bait [both] of Kyrk and imunitie and yrfor in respect yat ye samyn ar giff and granttit in maner forsaid and yat ye persewars never libellis yame [them] to haif had possessione of ye samyn of naywais [in no wise] aucht to be deliverit again to yame bot keipit be me and my successors in respect yat yai ar vassalls on to me and my predecessors provests forsaid and kyrk of tayne. As to ye seill acclemyt ye samyn is ye proper common seill of ye Kyrk of tayne and I and my predecessors provests forsaid cheiplanes and Kyrk of tayne hes bein, lyk as I ame, zeit in qtinewell [continual] use and possessione of ye samyn be seling of ye haill infestments of ye lands haldin of ye provest and Kyrk of tayne lyk as ye auld infestments of ye toune of tain [so spelt here] infestments of ye crofts yrof feild land biggings and tenements of tayne, lands of Cambuscurry, Terlogi, Morange, Newmore, Dunsket and oders ar selit wt. ye samyn and be using of ye samyn at or. pleasure ye inhabitants and heredebell possessors of tayne haiffin [having] yar auld infestments seilit yrwt [therewith] and swey ar acknoleging ye samyn to be ye superior sele and swey in respect yrof and yat yar is ney [no] possessors qualifeit be ye saids inhabitants ye samyn on ney wais shuld be deliuerit on to yeme ne in respect alswey yat ye said inhabitants libellit not quhat use yai wald haif ye samyn qsidering yai wer never callit to in parlement nor chiker compt [exchequer account] bot alanerlie [only] to ye provest and college Kyrk of tayne to pay ye dewets as said is, as indeed yai cannot apply ye said seill to ony use in saser as yai noder [neither] haif lands nor tenementes properte nor commonte to set



yrwt., bot ye haille lands and biggins of tayne ar haldin of ye said Kyrk of taynes provest and his predecessors and in yis case it is lyk yat ye vassell will seik ye superior sele and als I and my predecessors provests as heds of ye Kyrk and imunitie abuif wrytin hes peacably bruikit josit [enjoyed] and bein in possessioun of ye sele and fyrlot be setting yrof and uptakin of ye profitt yrof zeirlie to our awin utilite and profitt in all tyme bygane past memor of man wtout impediment as properte and pairt of ye patrimony of ye said provestery ye saids inhabitans of ye said toune and yair predecessors being pnt knew ye samyn and not opponand [opposing] And yrfor I aucht and shuld be assolzeit frey ye persewers sumones forsaid in respect alswey yat ye saids persewers in nay wais hes ony man of possessions eder of wrytis [title deeds] sele or fyrlot nor zeit schawis titill quhairby yai may preif [prove] any erectioun of ye said toune burgh and yat ye titilles productit maks mayr for ye defenter nor ye persewer and in respect yat yai libell ney rycht nor titill yrto nor possessioun of ye samyn. And yrfor in respect of ye premyss and yat I qualife sic possessioun as I may induce prescriptioun of ye kyrk e contrar laicos and yt. ane pairt of my exceptiouns is to be previn be wryte as I offere be thir putes [these presents] to preif ye samyn I aucht and shuld be assolzeit frey ye said sumones. [On the face of this document—hitherto unknown—we have bailies, on behalf of the community, demanding from the Church delivery of the seal and firlot and evidents, or charters, all which the paper itself shows to mean the superiority or power of “setting” the lands and heritages and of upifting the feudal dues. We see Nicolas as a haughty ecclesiastic—he is in the title “lord of ferne,” he scorns the bailies and their summons as “pretendit” and “alleged,” and reiterates “I am the provost, head of both Church and town.” There is no date in any part of the paper, but the question would arise after the Reform Acts of 1560—likely 2 or 3 years after—and must have been before 1567, when Nicholas resigned the provostship. But Nicholas had a third dispute in hand, going on since 1556, of which the settlement occurs. We may suppose the emergence of the dispute with the town to have made him anxious to settle the other, and we put the undated paper first. That older dispute was with Alexander Innes of Plaids—now only a portion of a farm, just across the river from Tain, and in recent years a favourite site for Volunteer camps. Then it was an estate of much more importance, for Innes was the hereditary bailie. The Sheriff Court records of Inverness show a decree he obtained there in 1556 against Nicholas and the bailies of Tain, finding him entitled to the unlaws, or fines, and escheats, or forfeits of the courts of Tain, and to the following curious list of “casualties”:—“tollpenny and seisin silver 40 pennies ilk seisin in the towne and lands of Tayne with



Nicolas p'vest of tayne & commendator of ferne (No. 14)

Sir Nicholaiss Ross p'vest of tain  
and commendator of ferne w<sup>t</sup> my hand (No. 902)

Alex<sup>r</sup> Innes of Plads w<sup>t</sup> my hand (No. 902)

Mr Thomas Ros persone  
of Alnes w<sup>t</sup> my hand }  
Thomas commendator of ferne } (No. 29)

Joannes Eps Rossen. Ss.<sup>t</sup> (subscripsit No. 14, 15)

Mr George Munro chancellor of Ross and com-  
missionar to the Kirks w<sup>t</sup> in the dyocie (No. 44)

Colyne M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie of Kyntaill (No. 745)

Kenneth MacKenzie of Kintaill (No. 746)

Barbara Forbes  
(Countess, No. 751)

your affectionat Couseing  
Seaforth  
(2nd Earl No. 553 & 547)

The M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie  
(4th Earl, No. 198)

Seaforth  
(5th Earl, No. 756)

Frances Seafort  
(Marchioness—wife of 4th Earl, No. 753)

Kintaill

(afterwards 1st Earl No. 458)

1610 Andro Munro of Newmoir (25, 876)







the spice ale and salt, viz a boll of every unfree trafficker or crew or ship that trafficks to the said town; a plack or a pint of ale of ilk brewst brewed and sold within said town; a day's shearing of a hook in harvest out of every reek [house with chimney], a day's leading of peats with a horse a man and a slade [sled] of every inhabitant that has them for the bailie darick [darg, day's labour] of stacking and loading of peats—a tailzie [cut] of beef out of every nolt [ox, etc.] slain or sold—a pennyworth of fish of every fish boat thereof viz 12 small fish for a penny or scate for a plack, ilk codling or ling 2 pennies, with the service of the said inhabitants at their own expence in hunting and oisting [hosting, i.e., mustering for war] or other casualties all except the toll-penny of the lammas market called Brachmas and the unlaws of the law thereof reserved to the provost and bailies of the said town who are moreover condemned to a fine of 40£ Scots costs and damage." These ordinary bailies were two in number, for we have, in No. 1, a "co-bailie," and in charters of 1536 and 1537, "Alexander Spyne ballivus inferior." Nicholas asserts, in No. 13, that they were chosen by the provost.

No. 14, 1566.—Paper, well written and preserved.] At the chanonrie of Ross ye twenty day of Junii ye zeir of God Iai Vc sextie sex It is apoyntit agreit compromittit and finalie endit betwix ane venerable Nicholas provest of tayne and commendator of ferne on yat uther part in maner forme and effect as efter followis That is to say forsamekle [forasmuch] as ye said venerable hes obstenit our soverane Lord and Ladies lres [letters] chargeing ye said Alexander Innes as heretable baylze of ye toun and immunitie of tayne to hauld court and courts als oft as neid beis and salbe requirit yrto be ye said provest wtin ye bounds of ye said toun and immunitie of tayne as alreddie ye said Alexander hes ( ) charg( ) yrto wtin iv. dayis under ye pane of horning and yat for justice to be ministrat in ye said [forasmuch] as ye said venerable hes obtenit our soverane Lord and ladies lrs. and executioun yrof. Alsoe ye fornमित parteis for eschewing of cummers [avoiding of troubles] extinctioun of pley [lawsuit] amitie and concord to be had betwix yame in tyme cuming hes compromittit yame in venerable men yat is to say Maisteris Duncan Chalmer chancellor of Ross Andro Leslie persoun [parson] of Snaw and George Dunbar persoun of Kilmuir juges arbitrators and amicable compositors, givand, grantand, and admittand to yame yair full plaine power to cognosse and decern upon ye haulding and fensing of courts wtin ye said Immunitie and sikk [so] anent ye eschats and quhyt unlawis [fines] yrof quhilks [which] parteis forsaidis being first sworn to abide at ye decrete and deliverance of ye fornमित juges arbitrators and amicable compositors acceptand ye burden of ye said debatable actionis upon



allegationis be ye forsaid juges haid considerit and yrwt. [therewith] replic advisit in pns. of baith ye saidis parties and of yair consent, Be yis yair . . . final sentence ordanis . . . That ye said Alexander . . . sall hauld courts and fenss ye samyn in oure soverane Lord and Ladies and in ye said provests name as use hes bene in tymes bigane als oft as neid beis and sall happin him to be requirit be ye said provest and foryr [further] ordains . . . yat ye said Alexr . . . sall . . . creat . . . and ordinat his deputs and membris of court be ye advise and counsell of ye said provest as . . . in tymes bipast and quhen ony eschats of courts happins to fall wtin ye said toune . . . ye said bailzeis officar sall concur and assist wt. ye said provests officar and inbring ye twa pairt [two-thirds] yrof to ye utilite and profeit of ye said provest and ye thrie pairt to the said bailze for his suite and executioun of his office of bailzery . . . provideing always yat all quhyt unlawis yat sall happin to occur wtin ye said Immunitie be reservit to ye said provest in tymes cuming—Quhilks ye saidis juges Reservis be yir pnts. And ordanis yis pnt decrete to be observit and keptit be ye saidis parteis . . . for all ye dayis of yair lyfetyms and . . . yis pnt. decrete to be registrat in ye Commissar buiks of Ross and have ye strenth of ane act . . . quhairthrow [through which] process may be had yrupon contrar ye brekars yrof under ye panis of horning In witness of ye quhilks ye fornarnit juges and parteis . . . hes sub'vit [subscribed] . . . wt. yair hands . . . before yir witness Donald Ross in Sandwick, Alexr. Ferne portionar of Petcalzean Sir Johne Greveson servitor to ye said commissar of Ross Sir John Nicholson vicar of Lagane Sir James Buchart and Sir Alexr. Puller notar public

Maist. Duncane Chalmr. wytth my hand  
Nicolas p'vest of tayne and com'endator of ferne

[This paper has the signature of one who may be called Tain's Historic Old Man, and he spells himself Nicolas. The handwriting differs entirely from that of Chalmers above it, and both from the body of the paper. The handwriting of No. 13 is very like Chalmers's. The paper is torn off close under Nicholas's signature, and has not those of Innes and the arbiters. For a previous attempt at settlement, see No. 902. This paper comes in just when Mary seemed about to succeed in restoring Popery. Nicholas's strong lever was the royal letters, and it is easy to see how he could get them. His bishop was John Leslie, Queen Mary's staunchest friend and most trusted adviser, who for that very reason was obliged afterwards to leave the country, but he was still in Ross, as appears in

B. No. 15, 1568.—Receipt, holograph, and handwriting very neat.] We, John be the mercie of God Bishop of Ross . . . resavit fra . . . oure gude freynd Alexr. Ross of B. . . twenty

punds . . compleit payment of ye salmon fischings of ye yair of Kincardin of yis yeir. . . . At ye Chantrye of Ross ye xxiiij day of Junii . . . ane thousand fyve hundreth and saxtie aucht . . . Witnesses Mr Thomas Ross persoun of Alness Archibald Broun of Inverkessie . . . Joannes Eps. Rossen. ssr. [Nicholas craftily uses the letters to force Innes into an arbitration in which all the judges are priests, and give a decision very largely in his favour, which Innes has bound himself to obey. Surrounded on three sides by laird, hereditary bailie, and town, Nicholas was fighting sturdily for the old privileges of the old order. But the times were against him. Next year saw the murder of Darnley, the abdication of Mary, a Protestant Regent in power, and Catholic lords routed. In that year we have the last notice of Nicholas in these documents—an item in a list of charters:—“Ane process of Clare Constat grantit be Nicholas Ross Abbot of Ferne to Thomas Ross brother and air of umquhile Wm. Ross of Easter Garies ffor infesting him October 1567.” It must have been among his latest deeds as Abbot, for before the year was out he gave in, and resigned both abbacy and provestry. He lived on for two years, and died 17th September, 1569. He has been written of as a Reformer, on the sole evidence of his vote in Parliament, but that does not carry us far, for in a fierce assembly, where even the Archbishop was threatened with death by his own brother if he withstood, it was not likely Nicholas would withstand. The additional evidence now presented is quite against crediting him with any Reforming faith or zeal. It is another curious coincidence that in the same year when these documents bid good-bye to Nicholas they first introduce the Reformed Teachers, thus—

B. No. 16, 1567-9.—Receipt, holograph.] I Farchar Reid exhortar at Kincardin grants me weill qtent and payit of xl merks monye in compleit pament of my stipent for ane yeiris service maid and usit at ye Kirk of Kincardin and Eddertane and yat fray hallowmess in anno lx sevin to hallowmess in lxviii zeiris and yis of ye fructis of lxvii zeiris Be ye hands of ane honorabill man Alexr. Ross of B. and discharges . . . subscriyvit . . . at Balnegowin ye xviiij day of Marche . . . Im Vct lx aucht yeirs . . . and yis said mony beand of ye fructis of Kincardin . . . Als I . . . oblisis me my airs . . . to refund and pay ye said Alexr. xl merks . . . gyf so beis yat ye samin will not be allowit to ye laird be thame yat haif ryt to ye third off ye benefice of Kincardin. I Farquhar Red &c. [The exhorter was an evangelist, more advanced than a reader—No. 20—but less so than a minister. All were needed to cope with the ignorance and superstition of the people. The postscript which the Laird made Reid add shows that the arrangement for their support was so recent that there were doubts as

to its continuing. From 1561 to 1567 the Reformed preachers were very ill and irregularly paid; not half of the third part of the benefices reached them, and the Comptroller, Wishart, was made the butt of a proverb—"The gude laird of Pitarrow was an earnest professor of Christ, but the meikle devill tak the comptroller." After 1567 the stipends were secured and "allowit," as we see in

B. No. 17, 1571.—Receipt.] I Farquhar Reid &c . . grantis me part of ye soume of viii<sup>xx</sup> xiiij lib sex s. viiij d [i.e., eight score and thirteen or £173 6s 8d] . . compleit paiement of my stipent and yat for lxviii, lxix, lxx, and lxxi yeiris conforme to ye allowance gevin be Patrik Davidstone collector to ye Kirkis in Ross and yat be ye hands of . . Alexr. Ross of B. . . . Subscryvit at Kincardin ye x of Februar . . . lxxi yeirs. Farqr. Rede Exhortar at Kincardin and Ethertane. [Ten years after we have a minister, in

B. No. 18, 1581.—Receipt.] I Hucheon Ross minister at the Kirk of Kincardin . . resavit fra . . George Ross of B. fourtein bollis beir in full and compleit paiement of my stipend . . . of the croppis . . fourscore ane . . twa . . and thrie all yeiris sen my entres to service . . . subscryvit . . fourscore four . . Witnesses Lachlan Ross, Alexr. Sutherland and Jas. Sutherland. [At the price of that period—see No. 429—the above came to less than £19 Scots a year. For the other parish we have both the old priest and the new teacher.

B. No. 19, 1568.—Receipt.] I Maister Mungo Monypennie Dene of Ross and factor to Maister Wilyame Strachin perpetual viccar of Ethertene . . resavit fra . . Alexr. Ross of B. tacksman of ye fruitis and emolumentis of . . vicarage twelf merkis compleit paiement . . yeir 1568. Witness Gavin Dunbar persoun of Roskene.

[B. No. 20, 1579.—] I Donald Symson Reidare [i.e., reader of the Scriptures for those who could not read—the great majority in those days—inferior to an exhorter or a minister, but still an instructor] at Ethertane . . resavit fra . . George Ross of B. . . saxtein pundis in compleit paiement of my stipend . . . assignit to me be ye lordis of ye counsell and letters yrupon . . . of ye teind mailis . . crope Iai Vct lxxix. [In another parish we have

B. No. 21, 1577.—Receipt.] I Donald Reid reidare at Logy Ester grantis me weill payit of the handis of Katrene Mackenzie lady of B. . . nyne punds vi sh viij d for my stipend of Iai Vct thre score sevintein and siclyke [likewise] payit for my stepend of ye Kirk of Logy of all yeirs preceding . . . [implying at least three years, so that by 1574 or earlier there was was an instructor there. A reader in



Tain also occurs, but the first minister mentioned in these papers is—

B. No. 22, 1580.—[ I Mr Johne Ross minister at Tayne . . ressavit fra . . George Ross apeirand [heir apparent] of B. . . auchteine merks . . compleit paiement of the soume of threttie merks . . for ye teyndis mailis of ye subdenrye of Ross . . of ye crope and yeir . . Iai Vct four score . . my stipend according to the assignation maid to me and conforme to the Kings letters purchessit thairon . . . . subscriyvit . . at Newnakle [Nonikiln] the sixt day of Maii Iai Vct four scor tway . . Witness Finlay Manson minister off God's wourd Walter Ross Donaldson of Ballemuchie Jasper Moresone and Androw Monro Umquhyle [late] in Nig. [He had had to go to law for the payment, and must have been appointed in or before 1579. See No. 50.]

B. No. 23, 1582.—Receipt.] I Walter Ross minister at Tayne . . resavit frae . . Alexr. Ross of B. . . twenty ane merkis and yt. in compleit payment for the teindis of Kammiscuirie of ye paische and lammes termes of ye crope four score ane and ye yeir four score twa for ye qlk ye said Alexr. Ross wes chergit be George Muirsonne messenger be our soverane lordis letters at ye instance of . . Walter Ross . . . . At Tain [so spelt] ye xxv December 1582. [The revenues of Cambuscurrie, as we have seen, were held before 1487 by a chaplain; after that by one of the canons of the Collegiate Church. Now they have fallen vacant, and are assigned, or at least partly, to the Reformed minister, but he has to go to law to secure them. So had Mr Robert Williamson, minister of Cromarty, for of date 1583 there is the Council's charge to the whole heritors to pay to him the teinds, etc., of the vicarage, under pain of "warding in the Castle of Blackness." A successor to Nicholas in both his offices first appears in

B. No. 24, 1569.—Receipt, holograph.] I Thomas commendator of ferne and factor to ye suddanrie [subdeanery] of Ross . . resavit fra . . Alexr. Ross of B. . . xx lib . . in pairt payment of iij<sup>xx</sup> iij lib xij s iij d [£64 13s 4d] restand ffor ye teinds of . . suddeanrie precedand ye crope of thre score sax [1566] and als I . . resavit . . . . for ye rests [arrears] of meikell Daan of 1566 and 7 yeirs crope sevin marks . . . . subscriyvit . . at ferne twelt Februar 1569. Witnesses Dond. Ross of Sandwick, Alexr. Ferne portioner of Nig . . Thomas Commedator of Ferne. [His writing is remarkably neat. He lost no time in calling up arrears. His full name and both titles are in

No. 25, 1570.—Sasine (Latin), on parchment, rotted on middle line.] . . . . in the year 1570, 23rd of March . . . . Wm. Munro Hucheson procurator of . . Andrew Munro of

Newmore . . having . . charter . . . . in favour of said Andrew . . seal of Master George Munro and . . privy seal . . signatures of Matthew Earl of Lennox Regent of Scotland of Quintigern Monypennie Dean and Vicar General of Ross and of Thomas Abbot of Ferne and provost of the Collegiate Church of Tane . . . . of the lands of Newmore . . Mill of Inchedowne . . . . Roycorath of Newmore Strath of Aldnafrankyth and Royclasnava, Ballichur-Resaurie and Killimore . . . . Seals and subscriptions of [etc. . . ] affixed at Striveling on the 10th and 28th of February respectively . . . Witnesses John Cunninghame of Tomiquhat and Finlay Manson . . . possession . . by delivery of stone and earth . . and hopper and clap of said mill . . in presence of Wm. Mc Ormc., Finlay More, . . Donald Paterson in Chanonry . . . [Signed at Stirling because Edinburgh Castle was held by Kirkcaldy of Grange for Queen Mary; and by the Dean because the Bishop, Leslie, was banished for his adherence to Mary, and was in England acting as her "ambassador." Master George Munro was eldest son of Andrew Munro, V. of Milntown, and held the prebend or chaplainry of Newmore. In another parchment a confirmed charter, unfortunately in mere fragments, relating to the same subject, and similarly mentioning Thomas Ross, he makes a curious statement.

No. 26, N.D., but near above.] ( ) Altnafrankyth Aldnaquhoraloch and Rewclasnava ( ) resigning for the following cause and reason ( ) the dearness of the same (lands) he has suffered manifold loss and damage in his estate ( ) below the just value of the same. And in this respect that the total yearly revenue of the said prebend or chaplainry is only £30 Scots ( ). [In the scraps of the description and boundaries the following additional place-names occur] Buddichonchar, Ardrathie [arable lands], Glascarne [a cairn], Knockvasterine [a hill], Aldnachron [a burn], Correy Ewen, lands of Auchnacleyth and Badcalles, ford of Ahanenalang, and a spring called Narbuitbaithst ( ). [Then in last part] . . . Privy seal ( ) seal of (Tho)mas, Abbot of ferne and provost of the Collegiate Church of the blessed Duthac ( ). Our cousin and councillor James Earl of Arran Lord Avon and Hammylton and John Maitland of Thirlstane ( ) at St Andrews 8th August ( ).

B. No. 27, 1573.—Receipt.] I George Dunbar of Avoch . . resavit . . fra Alexr. Ross of B. fiftie pundis . . in behalf of ane venerabyl Maister Alexr. Leslie persoun of Kyncardin for the Pasche terme . . 1573 . . Witness Maister Thomas Ross commendator of Ferne, Jhone Ross his brother. [Note his brother John; also, by comparing with B. No. 18, that the old priest was drawing £100 a year, but the new presbyter only £19. There is a like receipt of 1579 for 100 merks teind silver. We seem to have both Thomas and his brother at an earlier stage in

B. No. 28, 1568.—Receipt.] I Maister Thomas Ross . . . resavit fra . . . Alexr. Ross of B. . . tene pundis monye . . . in behalf of Jhone Ross my brodyr in compleit payment of . . . fee of ye Stall of Logy . . . year 1568 . . . Witness George Ross . . . air to . . . Alexr.; Dod. Ross of preistishill . . . at Ferne . . . Mr Thomas Ros persoun of Alness.

[B. No. 29, 1566.—Receipt.] I Maist. Thomas Ross persoun of Alnes . . . resavit . . . fra Alexr. Mc Cowane in Badefarne at ye command of . . . Alexr. Ross of B. in borroit monye . . . twenty twa pundis . . . qlk . . . I . . . obleist me faytfully to . . . pay . . . apon four dais warneyng . . . at Nig . . . Feb. 1566. Witness Alexr. Ross Hutchesone in Pytcalline Sir Andrew Davidson and Fynlay Manson. [Thus in 1568 he was at Fearn as "parson," but that might be because, like Sinclair, he awaited confirmation of title, and there is no later writ as "parson." The handwriting of parson and commendator ought to be conclusive, but neither is quite uniform, though on the whole they all look the same. The phrase, "after his father's death," in the "Statistical Account," implies that he was Nicholas's son, but against that he had, as above, a brother John, and there is no notice of any John, son of Abbot Nicholas; also there is in Reg. Sec. Sig. xxxviii., fol. 101, "Gift to Isobel, relict of Thomas Ross, of the escheat of the late Thomas Ross son to — Ross Abbot of Ferne . . . 10th July 1571," and this was apparently the Thomas of paper No. 5. The Comendator is next found in

No. 30, 1575.—Paper, well written and preserved, copy of tack.] Be it kend till all men Me James Thorntoune subdene of Ros for divers causes and considerationes moving me towards ane venerable man and my loved freind Mr Thomas Ros Abbot off Ferne, and for guid deeds and soumes of money . . . with consent of . . . Alexander bishope off Ross and Channones of his Cathedrall Kirk off Ros . . . to have set and in assedatione for teind silver latten [let] to ye said Mr Thomas Ros Comendator off Ferne . . . my teind schaeffes [sheaves] off ane quarter and ane oxgang [somewhere about 150 acres] . . . off ye towne and lands off Tayne pertaining sumtyme in tak to Michael Furd and siklyke my teind schaeffes of ane uther quarter off ye twa Morinsches perteing to me as off my subdenrie . . . for . . . nyntein zeires . . . payand thairfor zeirliche . . . ye sowme of fourtie thrie pounds six shillingis aucht pennies and for ye teind schaeffes of Morinsches aucht poundes . . . witness George Dunbar of Awoch Mr Archibald Lyndsay persone of Kingussie Mr Hendrie Thorntowne Michel Fuirde . . . Sic subscribitur Alexander Eps. Ross. Mr Mungo Monypenie den of Ros Mr georg Munro Chancellor Dod. Adamsonne persone of Urray, Mr Thomas Mairioribanks persone of Kirkmichael James Thornetowne



subden of Ros, Mr Johne Robertstone thesaurar of Ros Robt. Grahame archidene of Ros David Dunbar persone of Culicudin William Ros persone of Rosskein George Dunbar persone of Kilmuir. [Later we shall see that Reformed ministers received some of these Cathedral titles in order to draw the revenues attached. Next are

- B. No. 31, 1577.—Receipt.] I Maister Thomas Ross Commendator . . fra George Suyrland of Ruiffs [Rhives] servant of Katrein Mackenzie lady of B. . . £12 . . suddeanrie . . . at Tayne . . witnesses George Manson and Alexr. Clunes.
- B. No. 32, 1579.—] I Thomas &c . . fra Walter McCulloch on behalf of . . Alexr. Ross of B. . . £8 . . to guid compt and reckoning . . . at Ferne . . [That Thomas clung tenaciously to his powers as Abbot and as Provost over the temporalities appears in
- B. No. 33, 1582.—Paper, docketed] Lres againes the Abbot of Ferne for reffusing. [Begins] James &c . . . showin to us be George Ross of B. that quhair James Scrymgeour of Dudhope, Constable of Dundie . . . apprysit . . Inverquharron and fishing of Bonach, Douny, Mains of Ferne, Middilgeny, Mulderg, Pitcary, Knockandow . . . haldin immediatly of the Abbot of Ferne in few ferme and heritage fra Alexr. Ross his fader . . . and . . George . . obtenit infeftment and for gret soumes . . for redemptioun . . . Thomas Commendator immediat superior . . . . wrangouslie reffusis . . . to ressave said complener as . . tennent . . and to infest . . . . Our will is . . command the . . Abbot . . to ressave the said George . . infest him be charter and seasing . . . 21st Jany. [Then on same day and in like terms comes another decree of the Council:—
- B. No. 34, 1582.—] James &c . . . . showin to us be . . George Ross . . that quhair James Scrymgeour of Dudhope Constable of Dundie . . . apprysit . . myln of Morenchie and the lands of Cambuscurry . . . haldin immediatlie of the Sacristane of Tayn in few ferme . . fra Alexr. Ross . . his fader and . . complenar as air . . . [Scrymgeour] for . . money . . pait be . . complenar . . in vertue of ane decreet arbitrall of redemption . . hes grantit the saids lands . . . . Nevertheless . . sacristane . . . wrangouslie reffusis . . . and differris to resave . . complenar as immediat tennent . . and to infest . . be charter . . . . Our will is . . ye . . command . . sacristane . . as superior . . to ressave &c . . . . or ellis compear before us and our counsale . . . schaw caus quhy the same suld not be done . . . . [Thus, by 1582, though Thomas still had the temporalities, the title of Provost of the Kirk had been abolished, and he was simply Sacristan. The further results of this defeat of the Abbot by the Laird are seen in

B. No. 35, 1582.—Band.] . . me George Ross of Balnagown . . . bindis and obleiss me my airs &c . . be the fayth and trewth in my bodie leallie and trewlie to ane venerabill fader in God Thomas &c . . that forsameikle as . . Thomas hes maid to me &c . . ane heretabill letter of bailyarie of all . . ye landes . . of his lordschipe and abbacie of fferne for ye qlk I . . suld have yeirly . . fourtie pundis . . bailye fie . . to be taken . . of ye . . rediest . . maillis . . . I faytfullie bindis . . that not I nor my airis sall not molest trubill nor inquiet said venerabill nor chamberlains . . . during his lyfetye . . use . . bailyarie conforme to his lres . . . gyf . . ony impediment to him . . said lres sall be null . . . Subscryvit at Elgin . . October Iai Vct lxxxii yeirs . . Witness Donald Ross in Ballemuckie Jon Ross in Litill Allane Huchone Ross of Aldie Anthone Stronoch in Elgin . . George Ross of B. [Thomas has had to retire to Moray and leave his courts to the Laird, but has the life-rent of his abbacy and provostry. In 1587 his factor grants receipt for "feu maills" of Dounie. In 1591 he sues Balnagown for 9 years' arrears of dues for Easter Geanies, and next is

B. No. 36, 1594.—Receipt.] I, Maister Thomas &c . . . fra . . . George Ross of B. . . twentie tua lib . . . compleit payment of his pairt of ye taxatioun of Douny and Wester Ferne of ye taxation of ane hundreth thousand taxt for . . ane thousand fyve hundreth fourscore fortene yeirs . . . . . subsc. at Taine . . . Tho. Commendator . . [Here he is back in Tain, and the handwriting shows decided signs of old age. In the same year, in a list of deeds is a "Charter by Thomas Ross Abbot of Ferne, superior, to Alexr. Clunes in Culbuie—of Easter Geanies." His next and last appearance in these papers is at once peculiar and pathetic.

B. No. 37, 1595.—Receipt.] I Maister &c . . . weill content payit be . . Geo. Ross of B. of ye feu custumes and dewties of Wester Ferne, Douny, Easter Drum of Ferne and salmond fisching of Bonach . . Witsunday and Mertimes . . 1595 . . and all maills &c . . preceding yis dait . . . . . In witnes qrof seing my greite infirmite will not permit me to writ I haif causit Robt. Innes N.P. to subscryve . . promitting faytfullie in pns. of God never to contravene ye samin nor resill therfra At Tane ye last day of Januar 1595 Witness Wm. Ros burgess of Forres Walter Ross of Morynche Huchone Ross apeirand portioner of litill Kinteis . . . . [He signs] wt. hand led . . being impotent . . [and exactly a fortnight after he died. The second witness was his son, and was appointed his successor, and was the last titular abbot. The chaplainry of Morangie had been granted to Walter to sustain him while being educated for the ministry. Another son, William, chaplain of Balnagown, signs a receipt in 1614. Others of the old clerics appear in

B. No. 38, 1580.—Receipt.] I George Dunbar persoun of Kilmuir . . . £17 6s 8d . . . Witnesses Robt. Graham Archdene of Ross Andrew Munro of Newmore and George his son

[No. 39, 1580.—Transfer of teind sheaves from one tacksman to another—signatures] ( ) Adamesone sub-chancellor, Wm. Munro persoun of Culicudin, Mr George Munro Chancellor, John Robertstone Thesaurar, George Dunbar persoun of Kilmuir, Robert Graham, Archdene, ( ) Marioribanks persoun of Kirkmichael, Wm. Makqueen subdene. [Some of these we shall see as active and important ministers. Meantime the question raised between Nicholas and the Tain bailies was not settled in 1579.

No 40, 1579.—Charter (Latin), mostly obliterated, but beginning and reddendo legible.] Donald Monylaw indweller of the town of the Confessor the blessed Duthac ( ) Reddendo to the order of the Collegiate Church of Tayne to the clerics of the blessed Duthac the usual and wonted annual rent.

No. 41, 1596.—Charter, Latin.] ( ) Master Walter Ross of Litill Easter Allane . . . Lands . . . within the territory of Tain in the west part of Dyk M'William McFinlay ( ) common moor on the south . . . Reddendo to the collectors of the common good of the burgh of Tayne the sum of 23 pennies yearly reckoning 4 pennies from each boll's sowing . . . [All charters earlier than No. 40 have the payment to the clerics, all later than No. 41 to the burgh. Thus the change occurred between 1579 and 1596—but when? The answer seems to be in

No. 42, 1587.—Royal Charter (Latin), on parchment, well preserved.] James &c King of Scots . . . Know ye that after our full and legal age and general revocation . . . understanding that our burgh of Tain . . . was constituted by our . . . ancestors . . . with all and sundry liberties . . . markets and other immunities . . . and although their old infettments and charters were cruelly burnt in a fire caused by savage and certain rebellious Ersch subjects [The Latin is "Hyberniae," and has been carelessly translated "of Ireland," but it is merely the scribe's Latin equivalent for "Ersch," or as in later times "Irish," the word used for the language and race of the Highlands. The "Ersch subjects" were a band led by the Laird of Freswick, who in 1429 defeated another led by Macneil of Creich, then, as the latter took sanctuary in the old chapel of St Duthus, drove them out by setting fire to the thatched roof. For nearly half a millenium those old walls have stood grim and gray and roofless, and are now a most picturesque centre for the cemetery of Tain. The charter proceeds] as has been made clear to us and as is contained in careful

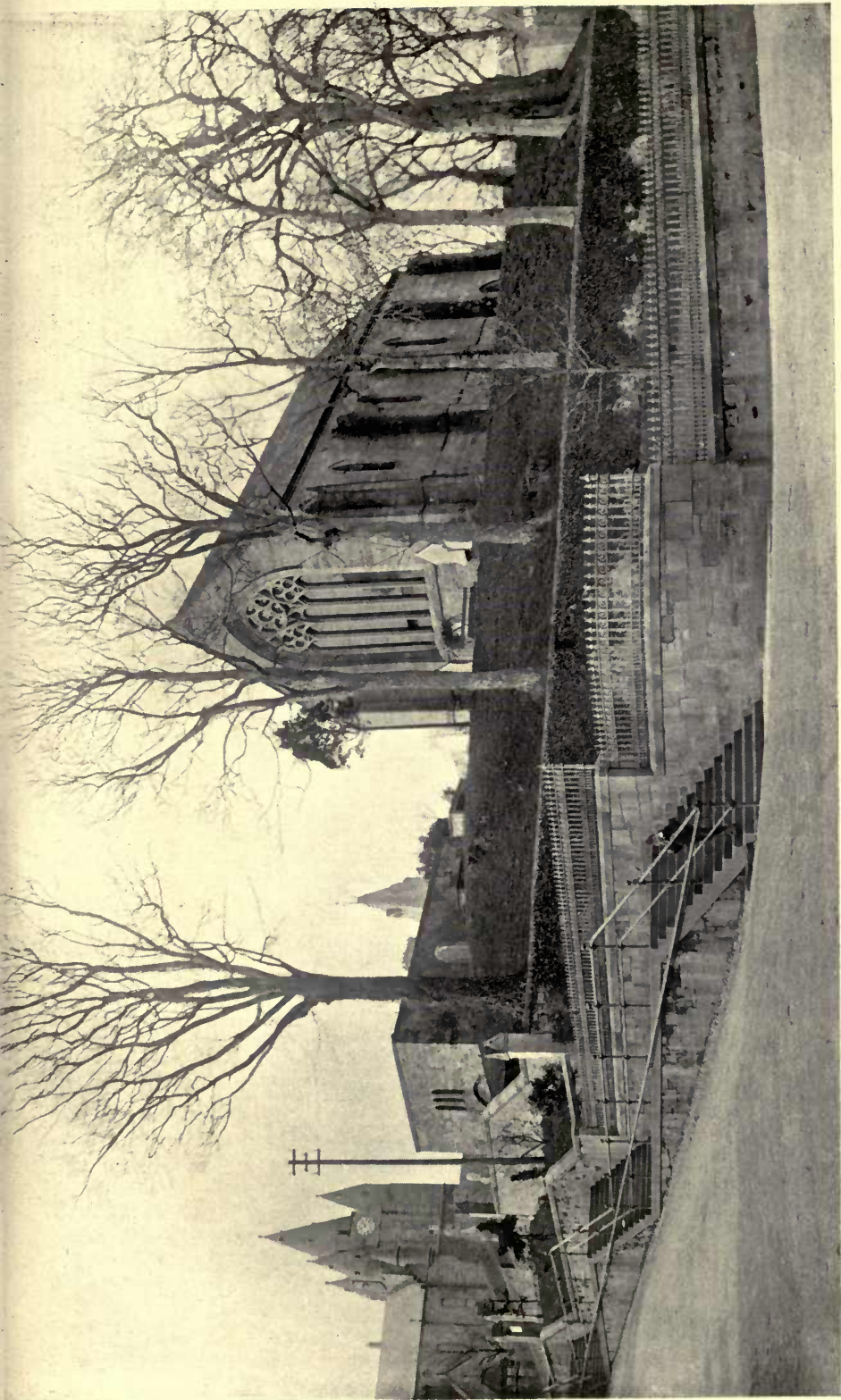


evidence laid before us. Nevertheless the provost, bailies councillors burghers and inhabitants of the said burgh in times long past have kept . . . the old freedom of our free burghs on the rolls of our free burghs by keeping, for their part, the meetings of our general parliaments and conventions . . . of free burghs [All this, it will be seen, is in direct contradiction of Nicolas's statements] . . . . Therefore we . . . . confirm all the old privileges infestments and rights granted by our predecessors . . . . and anew grant . . . with all houses, buildings, churches, commons, fishings, lands, moors, mosses, . . . . enjoyed and perambulated yearly . . . . with privilege of the free markets following . . . Mydsomer or Feast of St John, Saint Barquhan's day which is the third day after the feast of Peter ad vincula called lambes [where Scotch words are inserted they are reproduced], the feast of Saint Duthosius . . . and the feast of St. Makharboche which is before our Lord's nativity. And also by the tenor of the present charter we change the market of . . burgh which always before was held on the Lord's Day thenceforward . . to be held on the Lord's Day Lord's Day thenceforward . . to be held on the Sabbath Day called Setterday [Markets every Lord's Day! while Glasgow bailies scoured the streets to see that none were even absent from sermon, and "Sabbath" is kept to its proper meaning. Charter proceeds] . . . with power to the said provost bailies and councillors . . . of electing provost bailies dean of guild treasurer councillors and officers . . . of holding courts as often as to them shall seem good . . . . and with power of importing and selling wax wine linen and other kinds of wares . . . of collecting and transporting stapill guddes pak and peill and petty customs . . . just as if the infestments of said burgh had not been destroyed and burnt . . . . witnesses . . . John Lord Hamilton commendator of the monastery of Aberbrothok, Earl Archibald Angus Lord Douglas Dalkeyth and Abernethy and Lord John Maitland of Thirlstane, our Chancellor and Secretary, the most reverend and venerable fathers in Christ Patrick Archbishop of St Andrews, Walter prior of Blantyre keeper of our Privy Seal, our beloved Privy Councillors Alex. Hay of Eister Kennat clerk of the council; Ludovic Bellenden of Auchmoule knight—clerk of Justiciary, and Master Robt. Scott, Director of our Chancellery . . . at Holyroodhouse 10th Jany. 1587. [Here are all the points in the dispute with Nicholas settled in favour of the burgh. In No. 34 we have seen the clerical provost become a mere sacristan; now we have the power of electing civil provosts—for the first use of it, see No. 940. At the very same time we have the first notice of the new authority in the Church.

B. No. 43, 1588.—Decree of Council.] James &c . . . showin to us be our lovtis Mr Thomas Craig procurator for the Kirk Mr John Robertsoun Commissionare of the Kirks of

Ross and Mr Johne Ross moderator of the presbiterie of Tavn and remanent brethrene of the same that quhair the chaptor [chapter-house] of the colledge kirk of tavn being a place dedicat properlie for conventioun of the commissiounare and brethrene of the said presbiterie . . . to yr. synodall assemblies and ordor tacking wt. disobediand persones of the discipline of the Kirk for committing of vice worthie of puneishment contrar to the word of God and uyrre necessar causes . . . . qlk place the foresaidis brethrene . . . pntlie occupeand that roume [place] ar gratelie frustrat and hinderit in yr. calling and libertie thay aucht to have . . . wtin the boundis of the presbiterie anent the premises Becaus Alexander Ros of Balnagown hes withhalden and retein it the said Chaptor this lang tyme bygane lyk as he yit withhaldis . . . the same and maks his girnell and ladner hous yrof wt. uyr. prophain usis and keipis . . . to that effect and will nocht deliver the same to the saidis complenaris as proper and convenient place . . . . And siclyke their being foundat besyde the said colledge Kirk and Chaptor ane hous of auld dedicat for a scuillous callit the boith [with mark of abbreviation, i.e., bothan or little cottage] is alsua occupat pntlie be Johne Ross of Littill Allane . . . . a certaine tyme bygane and albeit yt. the same be maist necessar for upbringung of the youth in edificatioun of verteu and gude letteris he aluterlie refusiss to deliver . . . bot . . . deteines the same to his prophane usis and sua the zouth is greitlie frustrat of learning and has na uyr. commodious place . . . to yr. grite hinder and skaith gif sua be as is alledgit. . . . therefore . . . we charge you straitly . . . ye charge the saidis Alexr. Ross . . . and Jhone Ross . . . ceis from furder occupeing, lauboring . . . . of the said chaptor and scuillous and red [clear out] thame-selfis guids and geir yrfra . . . to be occupat for the use and exercises that the same wer dedicat to of auld . . . . under pane of rebellione and putting . . . to our horne. Or els . . . compeir . . . before . . . our counsale . . . and schaw reasonable caus why the same should not be done . . . at Edinburgh fyvetene day of August 1588 . . . [Here are ministers, presbytery, moderator, and not a bishop, but a commissioner, an office necessary for the passage from the old order to the new, but to be discontinued later on. The old "chaptor" still stands a few yards apart from the old church—roofless, but with its walls still good. The school-house has entirely vanished. Both may have lain idle for a time in the interval between the abolition of the priesthood and masses and the incoming of exhorter, reader, and minister, and meantime been occupied by these lairds on some pretext not stated. The case of which above is the decision must have been pending for some time. The old school stood till early in last century at the western wall of the burying ground, close to the present entrance. Next year there was a change of commissioner.]





Smith, Photographer, Tain.

CHURCH AND CHAPTER-HOUSE, TAIN (TOWER IN THE BACKGROUND).





B. No. 44, 1589.—Receipt.] I Maister George Munro Chancellor of Ross and Commissioner to the Kirkis within ye diocie yrof . . . ressavit fra . . . George Ross of B. . . twentie pounds . . . in part payment of ane hundred pounds assignit to me outt of . . . ye twa pairt of ye bishoprik of Ross for my commissioner fie of yis crope and yeir ane thousand fyve hundred fourscore nyne . . . . At ye Channorie of Ross . . . . Witness Andrew Myll minister at Avache Maister Andrew Crambie minr. at Kylmuir Wester . . . [He signs in full as above; writing very small clear, and neat. He is next in

B. No. 45, 1590.—Copy of decree or letter of Council.] James &c . . . showin to us be our lovitt Maister George Munro minister at Tarbatt and Ferne appointit . . . at ye said kirks and for service at the cuir yrof thair is assignit to him . . . dewties of ye Erle of Gowries tack . . . Kirk of Tarbatt quhairunto he is newlie provydit . . . twa hundred pounds out of ye auld assumptions of ye bishoprik of Ross . . . fra ye laird of B. twal bollis beir . . . Innes of Inverbrakie sax . . . out of ye teyndis of ferne in . . . Tarbat twa chalderis 14 bollis and ye third of ye cheplanrie of Rarichies . . . twa bollis . . . out of ye personage of Kylmuir Ester xx libs wt. ye manses and glebis of ye saids Kirkis . . . . We chaarge the Erle of Gowrie and Dame Dorothy Stewart ladie Gowrie his tutrix . . . the bishope of Ros Chamberlaine . . . George Ross of B. Walter Innes of Inverbreakie, Mr Thomas Ross Commendator of Ferne . . . ye Cheplane of Rarecheis and persoun of Kylmuir . . . that they . . . mak thankfull payment . . . to . . . complener . . . under ye payne of . . . horne . . . . Merche, 1590 . . . . [Here we see one of the most notable figures of the transition time in Ross. He was 3rd son of George Munro, IV. of Milntown, brother of Andrew Munro and uncle of Master George Munro, both in No. 25. He studied for the Reformed ministry, and was presented to the Chancellorship in 1570, but, we see above, was a man of many offices—minister of Tarbat, Ferne, Suddie, and Kinnettas, besides Commissioner with a general superintendence. In 1581-2 he was employed to organise the erection of presbyteries, Tain amongst them, in the three counties. We see in No. 45 that he was as determined in exacting his dues as the old Abbot; in fact, he makes both Bishop and Abbot pay their shares. Next we see him in

No. 46, 1597.—Letter of Collation, complete and well preserved.] Maister George Munro Commissioner off ye Kirkis wtin ye dioces off Ross and Maister John Mackenzie Moderator of the presbiterie of ye Chanonrie thairoff—To our lovittis ( ) or to ony minister within the said diocie . . . Grate mercie and peace from our Lord Jesus fforsameikle as the thesaurie of Ross is now vacand in his hienes hands be deceis of unquhile [late] Mr

Johne Robertsons last thesaurar and possessor thairroff and now our soverine Lord hes pntit [presentit] unto us be his hienes letters of presentatioun under the privie seill Robert Munro minister at Urquhart and Logy to be resavitt and admittit to the said thesaurie with all teindis emolumentis rentis and dewties thairroff to be brukit and possessit be him in tyme cumming during his lyftyme and to ye ministrie of ye Kirkis thairto apertening. According to ye tenor of ye said presentation and of our offices in that pairt hes takin tryell off the doctrine literature and guid conversatioun off the said Robert Munro and finds him apt and able to serve in ye chairge and cuire off ye ministrie within the Kirk off Ros and indewit with sik graces and qualities as ar meit for the said functions and willing to travell [labour] as of befoir yrintill Thairfor be yir pntis [by these presents] dois resave and admit him to ye said thesaurarie and cuire off the ministerie yroff with all and sindrie commodites and dewties apertening thairto dureing his lyftyme. And hes resavit the professioun of his faith his aith acknowledging and recognoscing of our soverane lord his autoritie Quhairfor we request you or ony ane off you being heirto requyrit that incontinent efter the seicht heiroff ye ( ) with ye said Robert Munro or his procurator in his name to the cathedrall Kirk off Ros or to ony uther Kirk place or places neidfull and there enter him or his procurator in his name to ye reall and full possessioun of ye said thesaurarie with all and sindrie teinds fruttis profeytis and emolumentis deweties and pertinentis yroff quhatsumever Be delyvering off ye buik of God in his hands . . . according to ye order usit and observit be the reformit Kirk to ye admissioun off benefices Provyding allwayes that the said Robert Munro sall in his awin persone visite the Kirk of the said thesaurie tak ye oversight thairroff and teitche the word off God and sa'l be subiett to ye generall assemblee of ye Kirk in all thingis concerning his dewties and office in the said thesaurarie Requyring thairfor the Lords of Counsall and Sessioun to grant and giff letters in all the four formes . . . In Witness . . . to thir our lres off admissioun and collatioun subscriyvit with our handis our seill is affixt . . . the xvi day of Junii the zeir off God Iaj Vct fourscoir seventene zeirs befoir thir witnesses John Munro off Pithonochtie, Nicoll Cleapane burgess of Bruntyland, Mr Walter Mowbry burgess off Edinburgh, Farquhar Munro portioner of Litill Kindeiss, Mr Johne McGillechallum maister off ye grammer skuill of ye Chanonrie of Ros, and Mr James Lauder writer heiroff. [Here is further development, we may say the high-water mark, of the First Presbyterian Period. The King presents to the vacancy the Commissioner and Moderator of Presbytery, judge of fitness—in fact, have the old bishop's power—and the minister becomes bound to



be subject to the General Assembly. There is a hint as to worship in

No. 47, 1596.—Paper, precept and inhibition.] George Dunbar persone of Kilmuir and commissar of Ross . . . for sameikle as it is humelie meanit and schawin to me be my lovit Robert Ross minister at Alness and persone and vicar yrof yat quhair he is lauchfullie provydit to ye said personage and vicarage with all and sindrie the rentis . . . teindis teind-scheaves . . . kaines [payment in kind] . . . hes bein . . . in peciable possession of ye samyn thir divers yeiris bygane yet nochtyeles the fewaris . . . tacksmen . . . occupiaries . . . intendis at yair awin handis to intromitt [deal] with ye teind-scheaves and teind (vicarage) . . . of ye instant yeir and crop 1596 but [without] permission . . . I charge you [i.e., the officers] . . . ye pas to ye parochie Kirk of Alness quhair ye said . . . collectors lyes and yair upon ane Sunday befor nune in tyme of preitching or common prayeris . . . inhibit and forbid . . . the fewaris fermoraris in generall and be yr names . . . that nane of yame presume . . . to intromitt affixing ane attentive copie heirof upon ye maist patent door of ye . . . Kirk . . . If they will not . . . suffer . . . Robt. Ross . . . to dispone at his pleasure . . . thai sall be persewit before ane juge . . . [Here are: a parson who is also a judge and a minister, also parson and vicar; the use of the church for legal notices on Sunday; and the common prayer or liturgy. Robert Ross of Keandloch was second son of D. Ross, 2nd of Shandwick; his son William was minister at Kincardine and Fearn, and inherited Shandwick. Another son, Thomas, was minister at Alness and Kincardine.

B. No. 48, 1602.—Receipt.] I Hucheon Ross persoune and minister at Kincairne . . . receavit fra . . . George Ross of B. ane hundreth punds complete payment . . . personage and vicarage . . . Witness Alexr. Ross of Invercharron Robt. Ross minister at Alness. [See No. 18. This stipend has greatly advanced; he has got the revenues along with the titles. Two years after comes

No. 49, 1604.—An 18th century copy of submission for an arbitration between feuars of the Abbacie of Fearn] . . . Geo. Ross of Balnagown for Easter Drum of Fearn and Mr George Munroe Minister of Tarbat heretable proprietor and feuar of the miln, kiln, and girnel of Fearn immediate tenant of His Majesty and in that part successor of the Abbots of Fearn . . . Judges . . . Honorable Geo. Sinclair of Moy, John Monroe sub-dean of Ros and John Ross parson of Logie. [In No. 22 we have had John Ross as minister of Tain. He was translated to Logie in 1581. He is next in

No. 50, 1608.—Paper—Obligation.] I George Ros of Balnagown be yir pnts. confess me reallie and wt. effect to haiff

recavit in freindlie borrowing frae my belovit kinsman Mr Jon Ros persoun of Logie . . sex hundreth merks usuall money of North Britane . . . Witness Walter Ross apeirand of Invercharron, Alexr. Denune portioner of East Drum of Ferne. [John Ross was son of Alexander Ross, 1st of Little Tarrel, legitimated son of Walter Ross, 8th of Balnagown, thus George's kinsman. He inherited Little Tarrell about 1581, on the death of his brother Alexander.

B. No. 51, N.D.—Mr John Ross minister at Logie his petitione of . . George Ross and his perticular ansrs. to ilk head wt. ye ressons seing his chise is, as the Lorde knawes, to agrie wt. ye laird but [without] onie kynde truble . . . craves ye laird to lat him heff possessioun wt. his hartlee kyndnes off ye haill teind schaves off Glastulich Drumgillie Meikle Meddat, and Pitmaduthye be resoun ye minister yr. may heff to leiff on reasonable or els no pastor yr. as alsua he onlie hes guid tytyle yroff and ye laird nane . . . Mair . . . desyrs ye laird to gif him iictlxx merks as he quha is hair to umqll. Alexr. Ross of Balnagown seeing my brother umquhill his hairs was constranit to pay ye samyn to George Sinckler be resoun of ye cautionary my umqll. father became for ye sd. umqll. A. Ross . . Item desyrs ye laird to find me cautioun for redelyverie to me off ye soume of iii ct l merks . . gifin to Margaret Monro my umqll. brother's relict and to be bruiket be hir during her lyftyme . . . Item I desyr ye laird to caus his servands Dod. Reoch and his compleces repare sic wranges as was done to me in Esbolck seing my servands was dung [knocked about] my geir spulzeit my guidis slane [cattle killed] durrs upbroken and guest inconveinent . . by and attour ye geir I was compellit to pay for raising his ma'ties lres and putting ye samyn to execu-tioun. [After friendly borrowing came strained relations between kinsmen. The parson's resentment makes him rather incoherent. In No. 49 we have had John Munro sub-dean; next he is in

B. No. 52, 1605.—Contract.] . . . I Geo. Ross of B. . . sellis to my luiffing freind Mr Jon Munro subdene of Ross . . fiftie bollis . . victual . . ye full pryce receavit . . to delyver 25 bolls of the crope 1605 wtin the burgh of Tayne . . Merche 1606 and other 25 . . Merche 1607 . . . [He was also minister of Tain, and was one of the 19 who in the above year held a General Assembly at Aberdeen in defiance of the King's interdict. For this he was sentenced to imprisonment and banishment to Kintyre, but escaped home and resumed his ministry for 3 years, when a Privy Council letter ordered the Tain Magistrates to imprison him. What followed has not been known, but seems to be implied in

No. 53, 1612.—Paper, some holes and abrasions.] The number of all the bollis beir sowings wtin ye brughe of

Tayne and tenements yrof Beinge stentitt [taxed] for ye reparatiōne of the Kirk in the yeir of God 1612. Item in the first Robert Munro of Assint 4 scoir 4 bollis 2 tenements, Hector Douglas 3 scoir 4 bollis 10 tenements [and so on, 35 other names, a few of which only need be given.] The mill of Aldie, McGilandreis bairns, The tutor of Foulis, James Innes of Inverbrackie . . . [Next page is headed] The tenements and hes no land [a list of 34, among whom are:—] Mr Johne Ros 3 tenements, Andrew Mitchell 1 tenement, Helene Petter 1 t., Alexr. Denune of Pittogertye 1 t., The Laird of Balnagowne 1 tenement . . . Summa the holl—nyne scoir 4 tenementis, xxxiiij scoir v bollis stentitt at vi shillings the boll and 3 sh. the tenement—the scor bollis at 6 lib. Walter Ross. [The signature shows the paper ended here, but we can finish the calculation, and see the total cost of repairing the Kirk was £227—a very large sum for those days. It must have been neglected and in a bad state. Mr John Ross being mentioned without any other designation seems to show he was then minister, and that Munro had been deprived. On the same paper as No. 52, on the other side, and in quite different handwriting, is

No. 54, N.D., but after George's death in 1615.] Geo. Ross of Balnagowne gafe to Issobel Mackintosche his spowes ane tack of the miln of Balnagowne without my consent . . . and the said Issobel maries Mr Jhone Munro minister at Tarbet . . . quho refusis to possess himselfe wt. the said miln and siclyke . . . the tenentis . . . schukiners . . . cumis to it and offeris . . . to the miller . . . multur and kneifschip . . . and the miller refusis becaus he hes nather warrand of me David Ross now of Balnagown nor of Mr Jhone . . . Item the said umquhill George gave to hir . . . livrent tack . . . certaine . . . widis of oak birk fir &c . . . querie—gif the said Issobel or . . . Jhone may sell . . . the saidis Widis [woods] to mak irone or uther use . . . said Mr Jhone desyrs me ayther to renunce in his favor . . . or consent to his effect . . . [and so on, a set of queries to a lawyer as to the complications concerning property between David and his clerical step-father. Next is

No. 55, 1613.—Paper, docketed] Band to caus the Laird of Balnagowne elder to resave Mr Johne Monro tenent to him of the lands of Balnasirach . . . . Understanding that George Monro of Mekill Tarrall being heretabill proprietor of . . . Balnasirach, Culln, Ester Leweldgowne, McCoaltes Croftis and McCroreis Croftis and the Meinyis . . . hauldin be him of George Ross of Balnagown . . . said George Monro hes maid alienatiōne . . . of said lands to Mr Jon Monro of Ferne . . . binds . . . to resave &c. [Witnesses not entered. In 1616 there is an obligation by John Ross, persoun of Kincairne, to Mr John Munro, minister at Tarbat, witnessed by Mr Robt. Ross, minister at Alness, and then



- B. No. 56, 1617.—Letter to David Ross of B.] Ryt. honl. sir Pleis according to our last communing to receive ye heids qlks I desyr to be performit to me but [without] ony forther delay failyeing qrof I will tak . . as ane refusell. I have stayid lang on your promise . . I will not continow . . langer nor Wednesday at Eddertane . . Mr Jon Monro. Tarbat 1 Sepr. 1617. [In these 3 papers we see another and contemporary John Monro, minister. He was 3rd son of Andrew, V. of Milntown, and, as we see, was John Munro, I. of Fearn. The Tain minister was 3rd son of Hugh Munro, I. of Assynt. As to the cause he strove so boldly for:—
- B. No. 57, 1606.—Receipt.] I Andra Moresoun collector deput and factor to Mr David Lindsay Bischoep of Ross . . resavit fra . . Geo. Ross of B. twelf bollis beir for the fermes of the mylh of Kincardine . . . Witness Wm. Ross appearand of Invercharron . . Alexr. Denune portioner of the Drum of Ferne. [King James had got the General Assembly for a time suppressed, and bishops appointed, one of the first being Lindsay. He had been a priest before the Reformation. In same year:—
- B. No. 58, 1606.—Receipt.] I Androw Freser minister at Boleskine . . on behalf of Katherine Finlayson relict of John Freser umql. persone of Roskene . . fyve merks . . fra David Ross of B. taksman of teind sheiffis of Culcarne...
- [No. 59, 1611.—Entry, January 19, in minute book of Consistorial Courts held at Chanonry, 1610-1616.] In pns. of James Dunbar of Newton compearit Wm. Lauder . . for Mr Johne McKenzie Archdene of Ross by whome Rorie McKenzie of Coygach Mr John McKenzie minr. of Dingwall Adam Finlay in Ochterneid, Hutcheon McGillichrist in Inchvannie and Wm. Dingwall portioner of Meikle Ussie . . . . war summonit for spulzeation . . . . withholding . . . . teynd scheaves . . in the parochin of Fodderti . . [Decree was given against all. Next year we have:—
- No. 60, 1612.—Parchment, Latin.] To all . . . Robert Grant burgher of Chanonrie ( ) by a decree in arbitration pronounced by Mr John Mackenzie minister at Dingwall, Mr James Mackenzie Archdeacon of Ross, Mr Thomas Urquhart minister at Arderseier, and Mr James Lauder minister at Avoch as judges. [Rest is illegible. In these we have the minister of Dingwall summoned to pay the Archdean, and next year acting along with the Archdeacon. In a paper of 1618 we have him as witness, with the title Rector of Dingwall.
- No. 61, 1626.—Receipt.] I Mr Gilbert Murray subdean of Ross and minister at Tayne . . receavit fra Mr Thomas Ross son to Walter Ross of Morinsches the hail teynd scheaves . . aucht pundis . . money . . crops 1623-4-5-6. [We have Lauder again in the first augmentation case in these papers.

No. 62, N.D., but from words "Earl of Seafort" must be after 1623, when title given.] . . John Dunbar of Bennetsfield, Duncan Bayne of Logie, Alexr. Clunes in Cromartie, Alexr. Wryt of St Martins of Fferburne, John Bayne of Tullich, Thomas Fraser of Strowy [Struie], Alexr. Mackenzie of Gearloch, Subcommissioners of ye presbiterie of ye Chanourie of Ros, and Robt. Innes yr. our convener . . . our soverane lordis letters at the instance of Mr James Lauder minister of Avoch . . . . we ar commandit . . to meit . . . and direct our preceptor . . . to value the lands . . . and mak report . . . therefoir . . . summon . . . the heretores . . . Coline Earle of Seafort, Lord Bruce of Killoss, Blakibour of Enziewen, Alexr. Brodie of Killoss ( ) to heir and sie the trew worth of ye landes . . . . to the effect the said complener may be provydit to ane ampeler stipend &c . . .

[No. 63, 1630.—Paper.] I Maister Robert Ross lawfully provyded to the parsonage and vicarage of Alness all ye haill dayes of my lyfetye . . and seing for ye pnt. thro. aige and infirmities I am sumquhat waikende so yat I am not so able to discharge ye ministeriall office . . as ye pnt. necessitie . . requires Yet being most religiouslie disposed for ye propagatione of ye gospell . . wtin ye parochie of Alnes thairfor I . . . . have resigned . . ye parsonage . . . in ye hands of . . . Patrick bysshope of Ros undoubted patron of ye said church and yat too in special favour of Maister Thomas Ross minister at Ferne requiring yr. Lp. most humblie to transport from yat kirke to Alness. [But in 1648 he grants receipt for stipend for all years, 1632-47, showing great delay.

No. 64, 1633.—Paper, well preserved, with Bishop's and other signatures.] To all and sindrie whom it effeirs . . . Wit ye me Patrick . . bishop of Ross, forsameikle as Mr Wm. Ross last minister at Kincardine is now transportit yairfra and plantit at ye Kirk of Nig vacand be ye deeces of umquhile Mr George Corbet . . the said kirk is one of ye propper kirks of my bishoprick whilk I am bund . . to provyde with ane sufficient stipend . . . . thairfor . . assign . . . . the stipend whlk wes assignit be ye lords commissioners of parliament to ye ministeris at ye said Kirk . . . vicarage . . estimat to fourtie lib. . . . 4 chalders bere and XL lib. money furth of the personage teyndis . . to be locallie payit furth of the reddiest of the teynd scheaves . . proportion following . . . Culderarie and . . . Pitkalzean 34 bolls . . Eister Rarichie 7 bolls 2 firlots ix£ 14s money . . . Wester Rarichie [same] . . . Culless 2 b. 2 f. and £3 12s money . . . Litill Kindeass 2 b. 2 f., £4 17s . . . Pitcalnei and Culnaha 4 b. 1 f., £3 12s 9d . . . Nig 4 b. and £4 17s . . . . Mekle Kindeass 2 b. 1 f. and £3 12s 1d . . . . and whatever augmentation . . be ye lords commissioners . . . .

for modification of stipends and plantation of kirks . . . .  
 31st Marche . . . Witnesses Mr James Lyndsay my sone  
 Mr Patrick Durhame dean of Ross Mr David Ross minister  
 at Logie Ester . . . .

[No. 65, 1633.—Paper, abraded in some parts.] At the  
 Kirk of Nig the xiiij day of Apryle . . . . In pns. off me  
 notar publict . . . compearit . . Mr Wm. Ross minister at  
 the Kirk of Nig and presentit to Mr Patrick Durhame  
 deane of Ros and minister at Rosemarkie ane gift and  
 presentatioun . . . grantit be . . . Patrick Bishop of Ros  
 undoubtedt patrone . . . to . . . then admittit to serve the  
 cuire at the said kirk. . . . requyring the said Mr Patrick  
 Durhame to pass with . . Wm. Ross to the kirk . . and  
 there . . give institution and . . possession . . be delyvering  
 to him . . . of the buik of God callit the bybill . . . .  
 desyring him to exerce himself in the said functions . . . .  
 whilk he promittit faithfullie to do . . . witnesses Donald  
 McHomas moir portioner of Pitcalzeane, Magnus ferne  
 also portioner of Pitcalzeane, Magnus Davidstone in Nig,  
 Walter McCulloch in Sandwick . . . [In No. 62 the Presby-  
 tery is still mentioned, but not so in next three, in which  
 we see fully the change in the First Episcopal Period. For  
 many years no receipts for stipend occur, and next is

B. No. 66, 1642.—Printed copy of intimation.] John Earle  
 of Loudoun . . High Chancellour . . having special warrant  
 . . . to sell and annalie the annuities of teinds to such . . .  
 as will buy the samine for payment of ten years' purchase  
 with the by-runes . . resting unpaid . . ordained . . pro-  
 grams be affixed upon every paroch kirk appointing to the  
 Heritours . . anent the buying . . . . [entered in writing,  
 with signature] parochin of Aderteine. [The Covenanted  
 Government, in sore need of funds, is trying to raise them  
 by selling "heritable rights," purchasers being free of  
 liability for augmentation till the liability of others was  
 exhausted. The arrears were thrown in as an inducement,  
 and seem to have been considerable. Next paper occurring  
 is a very long and important one:—

No. 67, 1649.—Paper, 3 folio pages of small and neat hand-  
 writing.] At Reintair in Carbisdaill [Culrain] 1st August  
 1649 According to the appoyntment and ordinance of the  
 commissioun of the Genll. Assembly mett at Tayne in  
 Sept. last 1648 and thereafter renued and forder pressed  
 by the said Commissioun mett at Aberdene in January . . .  
 for taking speciall notice and serious inspection into ye  
 condition of ye parochin of Kincairne [Kincardine] wtin  
 ye presbyterie of Tayne and parochie of Creich wtin the  
 presbyterie of Dornochie which were formerly known to  
 have been . . slighted through the extreme remoteness of  
 long distance of places included . . . . and ordaining ye  
 presbyteries to use possible diligence . . visiting ye bounds



of each . . . and after search and exact tryall . . . to resolve a possible way for better accommodation of the people . . . according to which ordinance, sederunt Maister Hector Monro minister at Eddertayne, Mr Robert Monro . . . Roskein, Mr William Ros . . . Nig, Mr David Ros . . . Logie, and Mr Hector Monro . . . Kincairne, brethren of the presbyterie of Tayne; Wm. Gray . . . Clyne, George Gray . . . Dornoch, Andrew Anderson . . . Kildonan, brethren of the presbyterie of Dornoch . . . prayer . . . Maister Hector Monro is chosen Moderator by ye unanimous consent of all . . . and maister David Rosse . . . is chosen Clerk. Maister George Gray desyrit yat in regard Mr John Hossack his presence might not be insertit as ane actuall minister by reasone off his suspensioun yet seing himself is moderator off the presbyterie off Dornoch desyrit to be present . . . speciallie concernit . . . for clearing and manifesting his willingness to have much of his paroch cutt from him by ane new erectioun . . . brethren willinglie condescendit. . . . The moderator inquiring iff all the heretors in both paroches were advertised and desyrit to be present . . . ansred by Mr Geo. Gray minister of Dornoch yt. finding all the heretors yrin convenit in his church last Lord's Day except Robert Murray of Spanyiedaill and Alexr. Gray of Creich he made publique intimatioun . . . out off pulpit and desyrit ym to meit . . . all of ym promised to keipe the meiting. The . . . presbyterie of Tayne said the heretors . . . were tymouslie advertised . . . yet were forced to be absent by ane comittee this day mett at Dingwall for settling in quarters ye troupe of Colonell Ads oyrwayes . . . would have all beine present . . . Comperit off the gentrie wtin ye presbyterie off Suyrland Robt. Murray off Spanyiedaill and Johne Suyrland off Clyne . . . in the interim yr. comes ane letter from Robt. Gray off Skibo . . . showing they were all of intention to have come . . . but were unexpectedly detained by publique order . . . from the Earle of Suyrland in name of the Parliament by Captain William Gordoun . . . this day to meit at Dornoch desyring withall nothing might be done to yair prejudice . . . ordained that . . . sall goe on faithfullie as if all were present as . . . most expedient and conducing to ye glorie of God and weill of ye people, and yrefter intimation to be made . . . to all having interes. Anent ye necessitie of erecting . . . a thrid paroch furth of . . . Creich and Kincairne . . . without ane new erection it will be impossible for ane minister to use . . . ministeriall entres [interest] towards the paroch of Creich being in length 20 myles, the lyke of the paroch of Kincairne by and attour [besides] many great and impassible rivers intersected in each paroch And both the ministers . . . being askit . . . anserit it was a worke they longed for . . . that to yair grieve they confessit the moist they could do unto . . . remote places was to administer baptism and marriage . . . both

the ministers . . . anser they are able to give a . . . rentall off their whole bounds . . . to make upe ane thrid stipend . . . Notwithstanding . . . they desyre the Brethren may take yair meane condition to consideration and sie them rayr. augmented than diminished . . . The Brethren . . . yair judgement is yat from ye present parochie off Creich . . . be sequestrated the whole lands betwixt ye water of Shin at ye east and Lochalsh at ye west . . . 12 myles . . . comprehending the lands of Inveran, Liinsade Croy, Liinsade moir, Little Altas, Meikle Altas, Achines, Inverchassley, Knockan, Tuittum Tarvach . . . of yeirly rent . . . at leist 2760 merkis and consisting off 500 yat may be able to communicate provyding they were instructed . . . yair remains bounds for the parochie of Creich betwixt Auchinduich and Pulrossie . . . nyne myles . . . sexteine davoch lands having also 500 yat may be made able to communicate. From Kincairne . . . may be sequestrate . . . in Strathcarron . . . Glaschylle, Tormichell, Achnacullen, the thrie Letters, Drumvaich, Corriemulzie—those in the barronie of Strathcarron. Nixt on the water side off Oikell . . . from the water off Reinteir at ye east and ye Amaitt at ye west . . . 13 myles . . . comprehending . . . Reinteir, Rilonie, Achnagart, Baddarrach, Achnaheannoch, Kilmachalmok, Eastir and Weastir Achnachannachie, Ochtiv Insnadew the Doun the Brealangwell, Strathokkell . . . rents they found to be 2110 merkis by and attour ye fishings and to consist of 250 yat may be able to communicate . . . remains . . . bounds for ye parochie off Kincairne seavin myles . . . and 500 yat . . . communicat. Hence the new erectioun . . . 4370 merkis . . . 750 communicantes . . . 12 myles on ye north syde off . . . Oikkell and 13 on the other ye paroches off Creich and Kincairne being large enough after . . . The moderator enquiring . . . the most commodious place for ane church . . . all . . . found the lands of Inverchassley to be ye absolute best . . . on ye north syde . . . and the greatest pairt of the people . . . It is appoynted that the whole heretors within both the Presbyteries be advertised to meet with ye presbyteries . . . acquaynt them of this day's proceedingis . . . at Dornoche . . . at Tayne . . . that their judgement and thoughts may be expressed . . . ordaines ye presbyterie meet at Eddertayne . . . so with prayer ye meeting dissolved. [Here is the Second Presbyterian Period, and at an interesting juncture. Since 1638 Covenanters have shaken off Episcopacy, and, allied with English Puritans, have fought and beaten Charles. Independents have executed him, and the alliance is broken, but Charles II., though proclaimed, has not yet come to terms with the Covenanting Parliament, which rules Scotland. Meantime Montrose is on the march from the far north, on that last expedition of his, which is to end in the bloody fight at Craigchoinechan, his flight, capture, and execution. And here at Ruicantaoir, within a mile of







ROSS-SHIRE.—Part of Map, one of the series published by Jan Blom  
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with descriptive matter in Dutch, for extracts from which see other side.  
236, 262, 692, 716, 769, &c.





## EXTRACTS.

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Where Ross faces the Murray Firth although frequently it rises into mountains, yet towards its shore and river-margins (which are many) it is wonderful how luxuriant it is in crops and these the best. Here neither wheat, rye, oats, peas, beans, vegetables, nor fruits are wanting, beyond what we might expect of the climate. . . . Where the Farrar river flows into the bay of its name begins the district of Lovat and there is an old castle the seat of the barons Fraser powerful in these places. . . . Next is Cromartie, a little town at the beginning of the bay of the same name, concerning which it may be said that no harbour equals it from the Orkneys right down to Kent, for it is the easiest of approach to ships and within, it is the safest, very large, and free from sandbanks, shallows, or islands. . . . The Firth called from the town on it the Firth of Tain is a bad harbour on account of shallows. The town, with fertile soil around, was called in the old language Baile Guich or Baile Duich from Dothes or Duich the Saint, whose church with old right of asylum is there, and to it pilgrimages once were made. . . .

The map has for title "EXTIMA SCOTIAE," &c., and beneath, "R. Gordonius à Strathloch collegit et descripsit."





the scene, and within nine months of the time of that fight, are these presbyters pushing their missionary plans for the wild straths, though the heritors, who ought to be with them, are called away for warlike preparations. And these plans were not fruitless, for after a time the Mission Church at Rosehall was established, though not the proposed new parish—see No. 112. The places are named in geographical order. The Moderator and others appear in

No. 68, 1651.—Receipt.] I Master Andrew Fairfull minister at the North Kirk of Leith heretable proprietor of the lands of Alnes, grant me to have received from Mr Jon. Munro minister at Alnes . . . ane boll beare . . . ferme . . . of thrie riggs of the lands commonly called Rincluach lyand between the two highways, occupied and laboured be the said Mr Johne . . . Witnesses Mr Geo. Monro minister at Rosemarkie, Mr Hector Monro . . . Eddertayne, Mr Jon. Dallas . . . Tayne, Mr Wm. Lauder . . . Avach. [No other paper on religious matters till

No. 69, 1659.—Notarial instrument.] At Tayne the 3rd of June 1659 . . . comperit Jon Clerk ane of the Lord Generall Monk his guard off horses ane of the commissioners commissioned be the trustees of Exchequer . . . to the presence of William Ros Angus McCulloche yor. and Walter Hay bailzeis and thair declairit forasmuch as the provest and bailzeis . . . of Tayne was ordenit be acts of Parliament holdin at Westminster the sevintene of Septr. 1656 to . . . conveye all persones convict or suspect of popisch recusancie and give the oath . . . for abjuratioun of the said idolatrous principalls at thier severall quarter sessiones . . . and becaus they did not emitt such citationes at their courts and the . . . bailzeis ought to be lyabill to the . . . particular fynes . . . for thair neglect. The said William Ros [&c. . . ] replyt . . . they had emittit yr. order in maner prescryvit . . . the 1st day off May one callit Hew Fergusone . . . onlie suspect . . . quho comperit and thair judicillie abjurit poperie as . . . requyrit . . . be ye justice of peace and minister of the place . . . and sall report the same . . . to the exchequer . . . said Jon Clerk and bailzeis askit instruments . . . [Here is the military rule of the Commonwealth even in religion. That rule had been falling to pieces in England since the great Oliver died, nine months before, but it was sternly upheld in Scotland by Monk, till Monk himself, the one strong man, became the arbiter of Restoration. How soon came the change to the Second Episcopal Period will be seen by comparing the next two:—

B. No. 70, 1660.—Certificate.] Thes are to testifie that Mr Andrew Macculloch student of divinities is a worthie and godlie young man. He waited on our presbyteriall meetings and exercised before us . . . and preached in the most



eminent places of our presbitrie to the great refreshment of his hearers . . . At Aberdeen . . . Al. Mercer moderator of presbytrie W. Melvill clerk.

[No. 71, 1662.—Parts wanting.] Presentatione and precept of Institution . . . John bishop of Ross . . . Mr John Mackenzie . . . Archdeaconrie of Ross ( ) Kirks of Killearnan and Fodderti ( ) inasmuch as he has suffered deprivation and banishment for his loyaltie . . . [This was a natural son of Roderick Mackenzie, Tutor of Kintail. In 1662 and 1668 there are receipts from Thomas Ross, minister at Kincardine, and one in 1661 from Jas. McCulloch at Kilmuir Easter.

No. 72, 1677.—Institution.] Within the Church of Ferne in pus. of the parishioners . . . conveened for the time efter sermon, Maister Donald McLennan, student of divinitie presented to Maister Wm. Ross minister at Edderton ane letter of presentation by . . . John bishop of Ross. [Letter also occurs.

No. 73, 1677.—] Be it kend . . . me John bishop of Ross . . . being sufficiently known to the literator guid lyf and conversation of Mr D. McL. . . already ordained a minister of the gospell . . . has taken the oath of allegiance alsweill as the canonick oath . . . We have nominat &c . . . [Form and practice varied somewhat.

No. 74, 1678.—Beginning torn off.] ( ) and congregation ( ) Maister Bernard Mackenzie (presented) to Maister James Hourston minr. at Kirkmichell who preached . . . in the said Kirk (of Cromartie) . . . presentation . . . granted 2nd July 1678 be John bishop &c . . . undoubted patrone of Cromartie . . . teyndis parsonage vicarage, manse and glebe vacand be deprivation of Maister (Thomas) Urquhart . . . to the said Bernard . . . granted precept of institution . . . did induct . . . be delyverance to him of the book of God callit the Bible . . . key of the kirk door and earth and stone of the said churchyard . . . in pns. of Andrew Fraser of Bannans, Thomas Lyndsay in Cromartie, Harie Urquhart in Neilstone . . . [As to Bernard previously, see No. 158. As to Thomas Urquhart there is a decree with letters of horning obtained by him against Clunes of Dunskeath for 500 merks mortified for the poor and lent to Clunes. The bishop was John Paterson.

No. 75, 1665.—Council's warrant of apprehension.] Charles . . . King &c . . . showin to us be Mr John Dallas minister of Tane and Walter Hay . . . collector . . . that the persones afternamed war . . . denounced rebells and put to the horne . . . for not payment making to him . . . of the soumes after-specifyit . . . viz. Dam Elizabeth Leslay, The Laird of Mey [Sir William Sinclair], Alexr. Duf chamberlaine to the Ladie Mey, Andw. Ferne of Laugh Shin of

£141 4 sh. Scots, David Fearne off Tarloggie £72 12s, Jean Stewart life-rentrix off Morensche, Wm. Smert and Hew Baine possessors yroff . . £27 11s, Robt. Ross ( ) . . £14 6s . . Richard Gray tacksman of Kirkshaith £13 4s . . Angus McCulloch in Bellacuith [Balkeith] and Pitnilies £56 19s 10d . . Catharine Ross liferentrix off Patagartie £36 8s 4d, James Corbet off Belnagall and John Ross tacksman yroff £59 8s 4d, Hew McLeod of Cambuscurrie Finlay McLurgie and John Keill . . £43 16s . . Rorie Dingwall of Lower Cambuscurrie £36 6s . . and that for building and repairing off the parische Kirk of Taine and kirkyeard dyke yroff conforme to ye act of parlt. lres of horning . . charge given . . and stenting . . and stent roll [for similar roll, see No. 144] . . horning and executione . . . . Under ye whilk horne ye fornamed persones, rebelles have conteanuellie lyen and abidden since and yit daylie hant . . . and resort to kirke mercats and uyr privat and publick places . . as iff they war ffrie subjects . . . in . . contempt of our authoritie . . . . we charge you . . . the sheriffs, provest and bailzeis . . . . seek tak and apprehend the fornamed persones . . . to keep . . . . within the tolbuith and . . . remain upon their own proper charges . ay and till they . . obay . . iff neid beis ye mak sicker [sure] and lockfast doors and use our keis yrto . . . . At Edinburgh the 20th of Jany. 1665. George Dallas. [Unluckily there is no paper to show whether this goodly company of passive resisters paid up or were entertained "at their own expenses" behind "lockfast doors"—the King's Council do not seem at all sure about Tain locks and keys. In the same year Robert Ross, minister at Tain, sues for teinds from Corbat of Balnagall and Innes of Inverbreakie, and next year we have:—

No. 76, 1666.—Paper, 8 leaves stitched, 5 of them written.]

Charles Rex His Majestie authorizes and injoynes these following instructions contained in 5 leaves attested and subscryved be two of the lait commissioners of Edinr. for regulating the proceedings of the commissrs. in their respective courts. Att Oxford 4 Jarii 1666 . . By His Majestie's command. Lauderdaill. [Owing to the plague, King and Court had left London.] Instructions and rules set down and appoyntit by the reverend fathers Archbishops and Bishops in this kingdome—To the Commissars clerks pror. fiscalls and other members of court of the whole ecclesiasticall judicatories having commission from the said reverend fathers. Yee ar . . . to decyde in causes concerning benefices and teyndis, in maters of scandall, confirmation of testaments . . . . all causes testamentar and in all other maters wherein the oath of parties is required if the samien doth not exceed fourtie pounds, and in . . . causes where the parties submit themselves to your judicatorie. Yee ar . . . all declarators of nullitie of marriage for impotence . . or on other grounds whatever. All actions of devorcement

for adulterie or on other grounds, all actions of bastardie and adherence when the samen shall have connexion with the lawfulness of marriage or adulterie—all which are reserved to the Comrs. of Edinr. and doe belong to their jurisdiction privative But when adherence is persewed upon account of malicious desertion and when ther is no question of nullitie &c . . . the inferior commissars may decyde. [Here the bishops get back the old power of holding courts and commissioning judges distinct from the "temporal judges" or "Commissars of Edinburgh." There follow lengthy rules of procedure as to dispensing with libelled summons in cases under £40, but using it above; keeping records of cases and of testaments separately; dismissal of agents, etc., for falsely representing a summons to have been executed; power to summon witnesses, etc. The following quotations may be given:—] "Yee shall suffer non of the advocats . . . to use frivolous alledgiances [allegations] and if they do, sharply reprove them . . . in case of not amending proceed to pecuniall paines, and if he persist to depryve him. Yee and your clerks shall receid [reside] in the place of your commissariot under the paine of deposition except by bishop's licence upon grave occasion. Ye shall . . . compeir before the bishop twice every yeir to give compt of your intromission with the quotes [dues on wills] . . . and also for payment of the contribution silver to the Commissars of Edinr." [Then come lengthy rules for confirming testaments. This one is significant.] Yee are all of you both commissars, clerks, and fiscalls to serve the liedges thankfullie at the raits and pryces qch are to be settled by the bishops . . . [Signatures] Sct. Andrews; Alexr. Glascuen; Ja. Gallovidien; R. Sodoren [i.e., of the Isles, preserving the old Norse name Sudereys]; Pa. C. Caithness; Pat. Bp. of Aberdeen; Geo. Edinburgen; Jo. Rossen. [Under the Commonwealth, part of the above jurisdiction had lain with the majors-general, for several wills occur, confirmed by Fitch, the military governor of Inverness. In matrimonial cases it was divided, as in

No. 77, 1653.—Only divorce case occurring.] At the Chanonrie of Ros . . . 1652 in pns. of Alexr. McKintoshe of Connadge deput to Kenneth McKenzie of Coul ane of ye shreffis prinll. of Inverness . . . divorcement . . . instance of Rorie McKenzie indweller in Lewes against . . . his spouse . . . married be Mr Murdo McKlennan then minr. at Stornuay . . . product . . . ane act of presbiterie . . . at Snisort . . . Mr Arch. McQueen clerk . . . did find . . . guiltie . . . In respect qrof the judge pronuncit his decreit . . . [The Presbytery tried the case; the Sheriff's depute gave decree. We have the last-mentioned of the above bishops again in

No. 78, 1680.—Instrument of Institution.] . . . John Lord Bishop of Ross . . . patron . . . Mr Rorie Mackenzie some-



tyme minister of Moy . . . to the Kirk of Kilmuir Wester [now in Knockbain] vacand be decease of Mr George Dunbar . . . . [Plain "bishop" is no longer enough. He was a persecutor, and we have, without date, but, by script and language, of the same period, portion of an indictment running thus:—"Notwithstanding, the hail persones, defenders, shaking off ( ) of the said laws and acts of parliament appointed for church discipline and for frequenting of the publick ( ) divine worship and administration of the sacraments and for preventing of rebellious and se(ditious meet)ings such as house or field conventicles ( ) are guilty of the foresaid crymes ( )." Though a mere fragment, this is given as being the sole reference in the whole collection to the persecution of Covenanters. Such cases went usually before special commissioners or justices. Other bishops are in

No. 79, 1680.—] Contract matrimonial . . . At Aberdene . . . betwixt Mr Roderick Mackenzie of Kilquhilladrum and Katherine Scougall relict of the deceist Patrick lait bishop of Caithnes . . . £3000, quhairwith the said Katherine is provydit . . . yeirlie be virtue of the contract mat. past betwixt her and umquhile William bishop of Argyle her first husband . . . [Surely a unique record, a bishop's daughter has two bishops for husbands and then a laird.

No. 80, 1685.—Paper, first half wanting, endorsed] List of heretors, wadsetters, liferenters and others wtin ye shyre of Ross who did subscribe ye test in ye moneth of Decr. 1685 and reported . . . to the privy Counsell . . . . [At the foot] Nota, Mr Robt. Ross of Ballone, minister at Tayne, and Mr Kenneth Mackenzie of Lettle Rayne compearit personallie and declarit that they subscribed the test formerly as ministers and humbly conceived that they were not obliged to renew it on this occasion. [James VII. had succeeded, and tests were still more stringently exacted of all property-holders. In some parishes at least during this period minister and session seem to have gone on much in the former way, and to have had enough ado in looking after the morals of the parishioners, as in

No. 81, 1680.—Paper, writing both sides, small, close, and parts blurred; money column at side, but here printed consecutively.] List of the persons that wer fined be the minister and elders of the session of Fearnie since ( ) 1674 for the causes after specifiet:—Item Katherine ( ) for scandalizing, 5 lib. Alexr. Stronach for fornicatione, £5 . . . Item David Ross alias Pock in Pitkearie for scandalizing, £5. Alexr. Duff yor. for relapse for forn., £6 13s 4d. Jon. Roy in Fearnie . . for Sabbath breaking, £1. Kathrine M'Inteir for [do.], 13s 4d. Don. M'Hutchey voir, Don. Gow in Meikle Allane, Katherin M'Leod ther . . . falling in forn. . . . £7. David Ross in Litle Allane for relaps . .

fyve firlats victual the pryce is £5. Jon Monro portioner of Meikle Allan for sabbath breaking, £2. Colline Hendrie, Androw Monro alias fiell [do.] £2. Charles Gray for his contumacie not ansring, £4—summa £47 6s 8d. Don. Urquhart Session Clerk. [On other side] We, minister, &c. . . . for certain onorous causes and good deeds done to us be David Forbes in Ganies—Witt ye us to have assigned . . . to D. F. the hail within written soumes of money due to us . . . . with full power . . . to persue . . . before any judge competent . . . [This further step is seen in

No. 82, 1680.—Decreet by Commissary at Chanonry.] . . . Jas. Davidson Arcanduith thesaurer and Rorie McKenzie minister of the Kirk Session of Avoch . . . . crave decree for . . . £20 Scots against Joseph Williamson in Wester Culmorie as penaltie imposed by the . . . Session for adulterie and . . . . £10 for ilk Sunday he fails to satisfy the Kirk and session. [Decree was given. Here the session themselves recover the fines, and Fearn did not always take the curious method of assigning or farming out the fines, for we have:—

No. 83, 1701.—Paper, precept.] Wm. Ross of Easter Fearn Commissar of Ross . . . . Robert Ross Catholl thesaurar of the Kirk Session of Fearn . . . . obtenit decreit against Geo. Fraser in Portmahomack for the fyne of £10 . . . . for adulterie with Catherine Mathesone with 30 sh. expenses . . . . against John McQueen . . . £10 . . . for relapse in fornicatione with . . . [And so on against 7 others for the same thing] . . . ordains . . . to pay . . . in 15 days under pain of poynding. [Another glimpse of the state of things in Fearn, and also the first glimpse of the next change, at the Revolution, to the Third Presbyterian Period is in

B. No. 84, 1691.] Unto the Right Reverend the Commrs. of the Generall Assembly for the visitation of the Church of Scotland in the north now at Elgine:—The humble petitione of the heritors and oysrs. in Fearn paroche, sheweth That your petitioners being now sensible of their sad condition for want of the powerfull ordinances of the gospell in purity and besides, the pnt. incumbent being scandalous and not edifying to the people as shall be instructed upon tryall . . . please to take tryall of his sufficiencie and deportment . . . your dyets shall be attended by . . . supplicants [Signed] David Ross of Balnagown, Jo. Munro of Wester Alane, J. Stronach portioner of Litle Alane, James Rosse of Easter Allan, William Ross of Aldie, Gilbert Paip portr. of Meikle Rany, J. Davidson of East Rinie, Andw. Ross in Litle Alane.

[No. 85, 1705.—Letter from John Lord Macleod—see No. 771 —to Alexr. Ross, Pitkerie, Sheriff-Depute.] Tarbat 18th Jany. 1705 ( ) paroch of Tarbat ( ) minister called ( ) conjunct letter to Mr Daniel Mackenzie residing in Murray

who came and presented himself to the presbytery of Ross who upon frivolous pretences did obstruct his settlement . . . pretended that no probationer without the appointment of the General Assemblie or Commission can have a call . . . It's true I have a particular interest in Mr Mackenzie but the sense I have of the desolate condition of the paroch makes me more concerned . . . Your affectionat Cousin Macleod. [We see the change is gradual; there is as yet only one presbytery in Ross-shire. A few years later we see others.

No. 86, 1711.—Paper, headed] Ane extract of the Admission of Mr John Morrison . . to be minister of . . Geirloch. At Kiltiern 1st March 1711 . . the united presbyteries of Dingwall and Chanrie . . did proceed to the admission . . Mr John Fraser having preached in both languages Irish and English . . called Mr Morrison and interrogat anent his acceptance . . . having openly accepted and Mr Fraser having charged him with the care of their souls and taken him engaged . . . as to his subjection to the judicatorie of the church and performing all duties . . . Simon Mackenzie Commissioner from the paroch of Gairloch . . . did come forth taking . . by the hand . . in name of the heretors receive and welcome him as their minister . . exhortation . . close . . with prayer and singing of salms . . Thos. Chisolm cl. presb. [They dared not meet at Gairloch. The laird was a child, but his powerful neighbours, Seaforth and Coull, were Jacobite and anti-Presbyterian; in fact, when Morrison was going to Gairloch, Coull's men kidnaped him and shut him up 3 days. There is a paper of 1715 with contract matrimonial between him and Christian, daughter of Alexander Munro of Killichuan. Further see No. 89. For the change on the other side there is

No. 87, 1696.—Letter, addressed] Master Simon Mackenzie of Allangrange. Suddie Febii. 2 1696 Sir If ye had been so kind as to have called heir . . you . . reasone to have forborne . . cite mee to . . Dingwall . . . not yet in a condition of health, besides . . wholly needless the old man acknowledging all that I could wittness, viz that I saw him have a blank bond of Lovats of ane old dait . . . I have much adoe to keep Kenneth from doubting your friendship . . . all he did was to put that paper in his grandfathers hands . . . Will. Moravien. [i.e., William Hay, Bishop of Moray, ejected with the rest in 1688. Kenneth Mackenzie of Suddie's mother was a daughter of John Paterson, Bishop of Ross. Hay was the only bishop who remained in the north, and he continued his ministrations among Episcopalians. There is a Latin Retour of an Inquest at Fortrose in 1717 referring to the "common way towards the croft formerly belonging to the Bishop of Moray." To this apparently Hay retired at time when on circuit. A new trouble soon faced the new presbyteries:—



No. 88, 1712.—Notarial protest.] I Sir Kenneth Mackenzie of Scatuall undoubted patron of the parish kirk of Avoch understanding that this presbitry now mett at Rosemarkie intends to admit one Mr Alexander McBean a probationer to be minister . . . without any presentation . . . by me Notwithstanding my right is restored to me by ane Act passed in this session . . . Act for restoring the right of patronages . . . therefore I doe protest that anything done . . . shall be of no . . . effect and that the said Mr McBean . . . shall have no right to . . . church . . . or stipend . . . it shall be lawful to me . . . to present a qualified person.

No. 89, 1712.—Protest.] Att Rosemarkie . . . Sir Kenneth Mackenzie of Scatuall procr. for . . . Earle of Cromarty patron of the parish of Alness . . . personall presence of Mr Hugh Campbell minr. of Kiltearn moderator, Mr Thos. Chisholm, minr. of Kilmorack, clerk, Mr Geo. Gordon minr. of Cromarty, and Mr Robt. Finlay minr. of Rosemarkie, sitting in presbitry in the church of Rosemarkie, and protested that noe call . . . by . . . Alness paroch . . . nor commission . . . by the presbitry . . . particularly two calls . . . to Mr Wm. Smart . . . Inverness, presented by Hugh Munro of Teaninich and the oyr to Mr John McGilligan . . . by Geo. Munro of Culcairn . . . prejudge . . . right of patronage . . . might hereafter present any minr. legally qualified . . . [The Presbyteries did not always resist, or resist successfully. There is in 1717 a presentation by Kenneth Mackenzie of Assint, “protestant heir of the deceased Isobel Countess of Seafort—as patron—to the Kirk of Gairloch, of Mr George Munro present minr. at Nig, in succession to Mr John Morrison translated to Urray.” In No. 86 there was no mention of a presentation. As to the older patronage “restored” in 1712, we have:—

No. 90.—Paper, no date, but script and language are of the Restoration period.] The Kirks of Murray grof the Lord Spynie being patron, be whom a part of the patronage thereof were disposed to the persons afternamed with the reversions and exceptions after mentionat:—Deanrie consisting of the kirks of Aulderne and Nairne to Alexr. Dunbar of West Grange [details of the teinds follow], Chantorie consisting of the kirks of Alves and Lanbryde the patronage disposed to the Earl of Murray . . . Archdenrie . . . kirks of Forres and Edenkillie . . . Earle of Murray . . . Thesaurie . . . Kinnedward and Estill . . . to Alexr. Innes of Coull . . . Chancellarie . . . Kirmichell Inveroimine Knockand Urquhart and Glenmoristoun to Lord Kintail . . . Knockando and Inveran . . . to Laird of Grant . . . Subchantorie . . . kirks of Rafford and Ardclath . . . to laird of Grant, [Heritors had troubles also about teinds, as in

No. 91, 1708.—Paper of four closely-written folio pages.] Memorandum from Mr George Douglas advocate. George

Munro of Newmore, George Munro of Culrairie, Robert and Alexander Grays of Over and Nether Skibos, Ross of Inverchasly, Gordon of Ospidale, Mr George Gray of Creich and others having been pursued at the said Mr Douglas's instance in a process of spoulzie of teynds before the Lords of Session for the teynds of their lands . . . in . . . Creich, Lairg and Dornoch . . . like wise Monroe of Little Altis . . . Capt. Mackay of Scoury, Sutherland of Evelock, and Sir John Gordon of Emboe, all of them being the late bishop's vassals. [In a long statement and calculation from 1576 down, he reminds them that their tacks of the teinds have expired, and must be renewed at the expense of £60 Scots, and a number of documents and declarations sent in. As he says, no one but Newmore paid attention to his first demand, it was clearly unwelcome. Other difficulties of this transition period appear in

No. 92, 1718.—Decree of Presbytery.] At Dingwall . . . Hugh Campbell minister of Kiltearn Moderator . . . the office of ministry at Dingwall having been vacant from the year 1704 to . . . 1716 . . . apportion the vacant stipends . . . to pious uses . . . repair the schoolhouse . . . church utensils . . . rebuilding of the churchyard dyke . . . to augment the schoolmaster's salary . . . the reparation of the steeple which is in a damaged and ruinous condition . . . and the payment of salary to a catechist . . . John Bayne minister of Dingwall, clerk.

[No. 93, 1718.—Minute or decree.] The under subscribed ministers of the Presbytery of Taine . . . forasmuch as the Earle of Cromartie, heretable patron . . . by his mortification of date 20th Sept. 1708 taking into consideration the great need . . . parochs had . . . to be instructed . . . patrons are empowered to dispose of vacant stipends for pious uses . . . to mortifie in our favour as trustees the vacant stipends of . . . Rosskeen, Logie Easter and Kilmuir . . . till they amount to £5000 in each . . . as stoack . . . for salary to catechists. [Thus, pulpits could not be filled, the stipends were in danger of going into the pockets of the heritors, and the presbyteries strove to secure them for catechists. Why some pulpits werè not easy to fill appears in No. 863 and in

No. 94, 1719.—Summons.] . . Instance of John McArthur minister at Killearnan, ordained 7th March . . . manse and office houses not fit to dwell in . . . visit of the presbytery . . . skilled workmen . . . appreciated the expenses of reparation to £792 2s Scots . . . to be stented on the heritors . . . In faith of which decreit pursuer caused workmen to finish . . . yet upon the 10th inst. Roderick Mackenzie of Redcastle without regard to ( ) order . . . did violently in a furious manner throw down the said manse by tiring [stripping] thereof breaking down the timber and parti-

tions ( ) which thatch was yrafter carried away by his men and applied to their own use. [Next comes a long vacancy at Edderton, as to which there are two papers:—

No. 95, 1730.—Letter from Colonel General Ross of Balnagown.] London March 21 1730. Sir, I have yours of 6th and must owne myself much surpris'd at some . . proceedings of the presbiterie who mett at Edertain to place a minister there . . John Ross and some few of my tenants have . . prevailed with the lowest degree . . and most ignorant to vote for Mr Ross. The whole heritors and most considerable parishioners were for Mr Robison . . . Now I desire the presbiterie to consider . . my behaviour since the Kirk of Nigg was vacant I . . . let it fall into their hands I concurred heartily in Mr Balfour's transportation . . recommended Mr Robison as his successor to . . Logie but finding . . Lord Tarbat the patron was engaged for another rather than . . occasion animosities . . I consented to Mr McArthur being placed there and recommended Mr Robison to the presbiterie to succeed Mr Fraser in the parish of Edderton. Now the mean and ignorant being . . in opposition to a minister . . of his sufficiency and unspotted character is a reason . . presbiterie . . will think my recommendation the most proper and that inferior tenants ought not to be encouraged to insult their master who pays more than half the stipend . . otherways you must appeal to . . General Assembly and take the names quality and time of abode in the parish of every man qt. votes for or against Mr Robison . . . advise in every step with Culcairn who will attend the Synod . . . Ch. Ross.

[No. 96, 1738.—Petition.] Aeneas Morrison minister of the Gospel in the diocese of Ross now residing at Polyle of Strathpeffer . . as husband of Ann Mackenzie daughter of Don. Mackenzie of Loggie to uplift the rents of the lands of Derrnimack [in Lochbroom. By the wording he seems to be an Episcopalian minister. In the same year, Colin Mackenzie, minister at Fodderty, is appointed to uplift the stipends—£300 Scots a year—since the death of Hector Mackenzie. The remaining Church documents will be best taken by parishes.

No. 97, 1743.—Letter—Lord Rosse, father and tutor of Hon. Charles Ross of Balnagown—see No. 722—to William Baillie, factor.] . . . You are verry right about ye church of Fearn for if ye old church walls are sufficient for a new roof and that it can be done as cheap as building a new one it is . . better and will have a better appearance. I got a letter from Mr Donald complaining of ye opposition to ye presbiterie's sentence . . . if ye walls . . . are insufficient they might be made sufficient by lowering them . . if they are sufficient . . . ye roof should be put on as soon as possible . . .



[No. 98, 1744.—Letter—Roderick Mackenzie, Tain, to Baillie.] . . . As I hear that the demand on the heritors of Fearn for ane additional sum of money towards building the new kirk . . . . I take the trouble of signifying I do not agree to any scheme of giving more money than is already allowed . . . [In October, 1742, lightning struck the church during service, and the heavy flagstone roof crashed down, crushing beyond recognition 40 worshippers, killing others, and wounding many. Among the latter was the minister, Donald Ross, whose life was only saved by the sounding board. Here, two years afterwards, it is not even decided what the heritors will do. A new kirk was built in the cloister yard, but Mackenzie's views seem to have prevailed, for it was ridiculously small, and to get even it paid for, the minister resorted to sharp measures.]

No. 99, 1745.—Letter: the Laird of Cadboll to Baillie.] . . . I'm at a loss to know what to doe with the parson . . . notwithstanding . . . that the presbitery expressly appointed he should get ane absolute right from my Lord [i.e., Lord Rosse] that no more than two thirds should be payed till the kirk was finished, comprysed [valued], and adjudged worth the value advanced, that you would not pay a shilling and I think a third or a half in victual, nevertheless . . . he raised caption [action for arrest] against the whole heritors and levyed the money of some of them. I have no doubt it will be my fate to be afronted by this Fellow a second time and will be obliged to consign the whole . . . tho he may not offer to afront you I cannot expect the same exemption and I little incline to be in such a worthless creatures reverence [fear] . . . Rod. Macleod. [Cadboll was Episcopalian, and tried to resist paying the stent. Next, as to Fearn:—

No. 100, 1771.—Item in a list of papers made up by Thomas Suter for Balnagown in 1809.] Estimates for the Church of Fearn 1771. Decreet of Presbytery in favour of Balnagown against the heritors of Fearn for £200 for the church of Fearn.

[No. 101, 1772.—Letter: Captain John Ross of Balnagown to factor.] . . . I returned yesterday from Skibo . . . inclosed I send a letter for Mr Robertson [see No. 110.] . . . I have answered and approved the method he has taken . . . I hope by his good advice to his people he may put a stop to this Emigration. We have the old kirk of Fearn unroofed and Keith wishes the timber was all sent down . . . tenants . . . with a petition . . . told them not to be dispirited . . . one bad season . . . [Thus, after standing a ruin for 30 years, the fine old Abbey Church was repaired, Balnagown doing the work, getting the timber from Balnagown, and recovering the cost from the other heritors. It stands a fine parish church to this day. The tiny kirk, which could not

serve any longer, was demolished and its materials used. No trace of it now remains.

No. 102, 1775.—Petition to Sheriff recites] . . . in 1771 Mr Donald Ross minister of Fearn was incapacitated . . . Mr W. Keith appointed to assist . . . in 1775 Mr Urquhart successor, settled . . . but has been kept from entering the manse by Mr Ross's daughter widow of Mr Sutherland minister of Tain . . . . [Next is

B. No. 103, 1800.—Letter to Sir Ch. Ross, M.P.] Allan, 4th Decr. . . . When the parish became vacant by death of Mr Urquhart . . . residenters expected . . . no successor . . . fixed without . . . asking whether . . . agreeable . . . . underhand dealings by Mr Baillie . . . a presentation has been obtained through you to a person highly disagreeable to . . . heritors . . . body of the people . . . detestation in which this Simpson you have thrust upon us is held by all ranks . . . secession of the whole parish . . . if he is settled . . . an investigation . . . not to his honour . . . some satisfaction that we are not held in contempt by our representative as by his factor . . . Charles Munro. [What was thus threatened had actually occurred long before in the next parish, as to which we have:—

No. 104, 1755.—Petition by heritors of Nigg.] . . . To the Court of Exchequer of Scotland, David Ross, Invercharron, Duncan Ross, Kindeace, Jas. Ross of Culisse for self, Kilravock and Cadboll, Abner Gallie for Pitcalnie, Thos. Gair of Daine for self and Pitkylian . . . parish . . . vacant 2 years . . . that the stipend . . . be applied to repair the manse which is ruinous . . . [This was granted, and next comes

No. 105, 1758.—Paper, endorsed] Copy writ of Attolérance to Mr Buchannan and his people by Inverchasly. I David Ross of Inverchasly, Whereas Wm. Gair my tennant in Balchraggan of Ankerville has granted an attolérance to the Elders and other serious pious people in the parish of Nigg who have seperated themselves from Mr Grant the legall settled minister of Nigg to build a meeting house for worship and a house to Mr Rodk. Mackenzie their minister upon the bounds of the said lands of Balchragan and which is executed accordingly I therefore promise not to quarrel or impugn the same during the currency of the said Mr Wm. Gair's tack from me. Subscribed by me at Ankerville the 2nd day of Novr. 1758 David Ross [2nd of Inverchassley.] I Mr David Ross younger of Inverchasly advocate, fiar of the lands of Ankerville, do hereby homologate the above attolérance till the expiration of the above Tack in witness whereof I have subscribed these presents written by Robert Donaldson, Dunskeathness, at Tarlogie the 29th day of April 1761 before these witnesses Mr Donald Ross minister at Fearn and Robt. Donaldson—David Ross [3rd of Inverchassley, afterwards Lord Ankerville. Mr Grant

was presented, but very strong objections were urged, and the Presbytery would not take any steps to induct him till compelled by an ordinance of the General Assembly, who had decided that enough had not been proved against him to prevent it. The people then left almost in a body, and formed a Secession Church under the Presbytery of Perth. On the expiry of Gair's tack at the end of the century, the laird, being free from the above writ, claimed site and building, and took the stones to build Shandwick House. The wall, however, did not hold, and it was abandoned—a judgment, said the superstitious, on the sacrilege. The old church site was marked till 1906 by a clump of trees, and then by a patch of tares! Another church was built, and still stands, at Chapelhill, close by. As to the Mr Grant so strongly objected to, there is:—

No. 106, 1788.—] Nigg Manse 19th March. At a meeting of the creditors of the deceast Mr Patrick Grant, minister . . . produced the following grounds of debt [include bills, 3 due to widows, one to another minister, one to an Edinburgh writer, open accounts to 4 merchants and a shoemaker in Cromarty, one merchant in Dunskaithness, and one in Nigg] amounting to £401 stg. . . while sundrie persons . . . had neither attended nor sent lists . . . whole furniture and stocking to be sold . . . [A still earlier trouble over patronage in Tarbat evoked this excellent non-intrusionist letter:—

No. 107, 1749.—The Laird of Geanies to Baillie, factor of Balnagown.] . . . I am fond to know by a letter from the Master of Ross [then Laird of B.] that he's weel as there is no man I have a greater regard for. . . . I have such a confidence in his friendship that I am convinct whatever comes of our settlement it will not diminish it and I am sorry I cannot agree to have our parish settled in ye way he proposes. The first time he spoke to me of Mr Robertson [see No. 110] I told him my sentiments freely . . . I know what effects interest will have . . . I take ye settling of a kirk to be a matter of conscience not of compliment and ye more so when one has his only residence in it and proposes . . . he and his family shall be constant hearers. . . . I and those who join me have no other motive . . . but ye good of ye parish . . . . we'll have less reason to expect great edification by ye ministry of any who is forct on us . . . and for ye odds of stipend . . . I do not think Mr Robertson will incline to leave his charge and be settled here in such a way . . . besides I find some of ye elders and people says if he's settled in ye way proposed they'll leave ye parish . . . not expected that ye Master of Ross or his friends . . . . would be active in forcing either . . . on us when we are very sure we can be settled otherways much more . . . for our edification and happiness. . . . I shall be fond to know



your sentiments . . . and will . . . intreat you write ye Master of Ross . . . Hugh Macleod . . . [The Master of Ross's reply also occurs:—

No. 108, 1749.—Letter, probably to Baillie.] . . . I proposed to Geanies to make Mr Robertson minister of Tarbat, that Hugh Ross might succeed him in Kincardine . . . superiors being entitled to the lands of their vassals forfeited by rebellion . . . [After this allusion we may take Kincardine:—

No. 109, 1749.—Fragmentary letter to Baillie, apparently from a foreman.] . . . The oats at Biall . . . 142 bolls of which white oats 13 bolls which is not bad produce. The price allowed me for lime is a mark each boll. I am satisfied you'll commission 300 bolls for the Kirk . . . I have been looking to find a roof for the kirk among the timber . . . I think Glenamag the . . . place. [Thus the kirk was to be re-roofed and largely improved. Mr Robertson remained in Kincardine, as we see in

No. 110, 1772.—Copy letter: Laird of Newmore to George Fraser, Ardgay.] . . . Captain Ross told me that Mr Baillie told him that Mr Gilbert Robertson minister of Kincardine preached . . . that God Almighty has opened doors to the farmers where they are oppressed to go to America . . . by far a better country . . . as they were all oppressed here . . . Mr Mathieson was Mr Baillie's author . . . I heard Mr Robertson in his own kirk both in English and in Irish exclaim against emigration . . . and that the people did not know what they were about. Capt. Ross is very angry . . . Wm. Ross.

[No. 111, 1772.—Letter: Gilbert Robertson to Captain Ross.] . . . I am very uneasy to find that I have been represented to you as an encourager of emigration . . . Being innocent of the charge I was much alarmed by Newmore's letter . . . copy . . . sent . . . I have not been able to preach almost these three months, and nothing could be more unjust than to allege ( ) that I ever spoke with approbation of the emigration ( ) on the contrary I . . . look upon it as a hurtful practice that ought to be discouraged by every lover of his country. What is a country without inhabitants what are lands without people what is . . . a minister's charge without parishioners? As nothing could give rise to this report but some mistake I hope you will accept this vindication . . . Gilbert Robertson.

[No. 112, 1770.—Presentation.] . . . to be minister of Creich, Mr George Reanny . . . presently itinerant minister in the Itinerary or Heights of Kincardine. [Gilbert Robertson was a grandson of the third Robertson of Kindeace, and, through his mother, of a Douglas of Mulderg (see No. 945). His wife was a daughter of Mr John Bayne, minister of

Dingwall (see No. 92), and, through her mother, granddaughter of Sir John Munro of Foulis. The Itinerary is the Mission Church (see No. 67). Mr Reanny married a daughter of Gilbert Robertson. Their son was Professor Rainy, who held the Chair of Forensic Medicine in Glasgow, and his son—Reanny's grandson and Robertson's great-grandson—was the late Principal Rainy. Thus we have a historical connection between those anxious presbyters sitting at Lamentation Hill in 1649 and the great U.F. leader of the opening 20th century (see also No. 945).

No. 113, 1774.—Letter: Mr George Rainy to Baillie.] . . .

The Kirk of Creich is in a bad way for want of thatch and dangerous to sit in . . . [Truly his environment and his troubles were alike humbler than those of his grandson. In 1791 again we have "Mr George Rainy," minister of Creich, as pursuer in an action against Walter Ross, Ochtow. Returning to Edderton:—

No. 114, 1742.—Petition to the Earl of Cromartie.] The

heritors of Edderton . . . after a long vacancy . . . Mr Joseph Munro appointed minister . . . half a year's stipend due him : . . . petition that the rest may be applied to repair the manse and the remainder to a road from Tain to Strath Oyke. [That this was an unhappy settlement appears in many papers:—

No. 115, 1765.—Letter: Munro to William Baillie.] . . . .

My complaints are known to everybody . . . all that hear of my usage think it cruel . . . payment of stipend in mixed meal . . . in trifles . . . part of it due for some years . . . nor do you seem to know me well yet when you would desire me to be informer for bringing poor people to distress . . . . your causing me pay double multers [milling dues] under pretence of my possessing a farm from Balnagown . . . . I cannot buy peace to the evident hurt of myself and numerous family . . . . You desire me to write no more on these subjects . . . . [It was a 30 years' war with the factor.

No. 116, 1773.—] . . . I want payment of my stipend and

unless you order Wm. Ross in Lidstone or others that have unmixed meal to pay in my meal I will be obliged to execute a horning against you. . . . I will not take meal out of your ginals. I will prove it mixed with rye . . . how many vexations and distractions by your treatment these 30 years. [Nor was he much happier with other ministers. There is a long minute of Synod meeting at Cromarty in 1748 to compose a bitter quarrel between him and Daniel Munro, minister of Tain. As to Logie, we have

No. 117, 1746.—Letter: Mr Patrick Grant to Baillie.] . . .

to get cheese and winter beef . . . an ox became unmanageable among the cattle. It was owing to a kind Providence

they did not tumble down the precipice below the glebe. [Kirk and manse were then 2 miles farther west than now, and in a rough tract.

No. 118, 1763.—Letter: Capt. Forbes of Newe, commissioner on the foreited Cromarty estates.] Beaufort 9th April . . . I will comply with your desire both as to the Kirk of Logie and the roads. To be sure the kirk should be removed to a more convenient situation and care . . . to get a proper undertaker [contractor] . . . The treatment the minister met with as to his manse was cruel beyond measure [i.e., owing to delays he had been obliged to occupy a manse ruinous and dangerous to health. Rest of letter as to roads, see after No. 536. In Kilmuir Easter, Daniel Forbes, minister in 1688, brought an action for his stipend—4 chalders bere and 4 of meal, and in 1711 his successor, Daniel M'Killigan, had to do the same. Also see Nos. 180, 772, and 738. Lastly, as to Tain we have:—

No. 119, 1726.—Will of Charles Manson, town clerk.] . . . to be buried within the old parish church of Taine, commonlie called St Mary's Church . . . [It is not so called in any other of these documents. In 1725 is a discharge by Jean Munro, daughter of Hugh Munro, minister of Tain.

No. 120, 1750.—Paper, headed] Reasons of appeal for the Presbytery, Burgh, and Parish of Taine from a sentence of the Synod of Ross affirming a sentence of the Presbytery of Chanornie refusing Mr Alexr. Fraser, Avoch, to be minister of Taine. . . . Taine is beyond all question more important. . . . It is head burgh of the shire, the generall convocations of the shire allways meet there . . . place through which pass nearly all travellers to and from Sutherland Caithness and Orkney . . . three times more populous than Avoch . . . Mr Fraser is a master of the Irish and Tain is so far a Highland congregation that Irish must continue to be preached every Lord's Day. In Avoch Irish is never preached . . . Taine agree on Mr Fraser . . . could not agree on another. [This appeal was not successful, for the Town Clerk writes of their disappointment.

No. 121, 1751.—Letter from Lord Rosse.] . . . I had a letter from my Lord Advocate earnestly recommending one Mr Patrick Grant . . . to ye people of Tain. I wrot . . . if he was agreeable to ye parish I should easily give my consent but I was unwilling to press any man on them. [But in No. 725 (1749), the Master of Ross says: "The opposition to Mr Sutherland need not give any anxiety to him or his friends." He was appointed.

No. 122, 1754.—Paper of 6 pages, headed] Memorial for the Heritors of . . . Tain . . . by John Robert and James Adams, architects, Fort George. According to the information given us by the Rev. Mr John Sutherland the present state



. . . is . . . the walls are built with ashlers or cut stone both without and within . . . supported with buttresses . . . notwithstanding . . . one of its side walls hangs in the middle about 9 in. over its base though the two angles seem perpendicular. At one end there is a circular window where there has been a settlement . . . the uppermost arch stone has dropt down . . . and has occasioned a fissure. In a wall that has formerly divided the church from the vestry there is a door imagined to have been cut out after . . . only lintled with a piece of timber . . . decayed . . . by which it is thought the rent has been occasioned. The church does not exceed 24 feet in breadth within walls . . . timber roof . . . very thick heavy slate and tho the couple feet are believed to be fixed . . . with some beams that lie across the church yet it is feared a push of the roof has happened. . . . That the church is situated upon a steep bank or precipice on one side and the wall next to that is what has given way . . . . What occurs to us . . . overhanging ought . . . to be plumbed . . . . slates should be stript off . . . . and put on a covering of Easdaill scallie . . . lighter . . . more durable. [As to new roof, see No. 975. There follow minute directions as to testing the timbers, slating the roof, and recommending a wall against the face of the precipice. Sutherland next occurs in a letter to him

No. 123, 1758.—From Sir David Dalrymple, Edinburgh.]

. . . . my opinion is asked if the act in relation to jurisdictions has rescinded the former good laws appointing one-half of the fines of delinquents to the poor of the parishes. To which I answer . . . . all fines formerly put into the pockets of the sheriff are now returnable . . . . one third to the King one third to the fiscall and one third to the clerk. But some fines are appointed by Scotch Acts of Parliament to be totally employed upon pious uses within the parish. These the jurisdiction Act hath nothing to doe with . . . . Of this kind is salmon fishing on the Sabbath Day . . . salmond fishers were tryed before me as Sheriff of Aberdeen and the fines levied. I ordered the fiscall to inform the Presbytery of the pious use to which I appropriated said fines. . . . By order of the Presbytery ane excellent sermon was preached . . . against this sinfull . . . practice . . . by a deserving young man and upon the minister of the parishes attestation the fiscall paid the probationer the whole fines. . . . Where the fines are divided . . . half ought to be paid for the use of the poor of the parish. [Mr Sutherland looked into things, for

No. 124, 1753.—] Decreet by the Presbytery of Tain . . . against the . . . burgh £1057 12 Scots . . . repairing the manse . . . appoint stenters. [Sutherland died in 1769, as mentioned in a letter of Captain John Ross's.

No. 125, 1766.—First of several papers in a case.] Unto the . . . magistrates of Tain The petition of Mrs Christian

Ross relict of Mr Hugh Munro late minister in Tain . . . in the year 1762 George Urquhart Treasurer of the Kirk Session of Tain commenced a process before the Lords of Council and Session . . . against petitioner for not payment of . . . £400 Scots and . . . £50 . . . expenses . . . Decree in absence . . . letters of horning . . . arrestments . . . credibly informed Mr Sutherland was the prompter and instigator of the processes . . . invented by him to prevent his paying the rents of the lands to the petitioner yearly . . . an old woman distressed in body and mind . . .

[No. 126, 1775.—The other side.] Before Capt. John Ross provost, John Reid, George Miller and Hugh McFarquhar Bailies . . . George Urquhart . . . for use and behoof of the poor of the burgh and parish . . . Decree against Mrs Christian Ross . . . and the now deceased Andrew Munro merchant in Cambridge eldest son . . . £400 Scots . . . due by an Act of the Kirk Session or minute of Sederunt . . . Decr. 1742 and signed by Hugh Munro . . . item £26 Scots . . . drawn upon and accepted by Hugh Munro . . . [There is next a submission to arbitration, and then the decree arbitral:—

No. 127, 1776.—] I, Charles Robertson of Kindeace sole arbiter . . . Find that . . . Hugh Munro stood debtor . . . 1738 . . . £400 Scots . . . two small accepted bills . . . Kirk Session obtained decree . . . did possess six bolls' pay of . . . Hugh Munro's burgh lands . . . after deduction of rents . . . £304 16s Scots . . . still due . . . and for the claim . . . against . . . Sutherland separately for . . . husbands burgh lands possess by him . . . ordain him to pay £26 16s 9d and two thirds of a penny sterling &c. [As to Hugh Munro:—

No. 128, 1725.—Discharge.] . . . Me Jean Munro only child of . . . Master Hugh Munro of Kiltearn minister . . . at Tayne and Jean Thomsone my mother; and now spouse to William Munro of Teannaird . . . by contract of marriage . . . provide £3000 Scots of his own means . . . equal half of all lands heritages . . . to me £1000 Scots . . . Exoner and discharge . . . Witnesses Hector Munro elder of Novar, John Munro younger thereof, John Munro chirurgion in Kiltearne . . . [So that Hugh Munro was a man of means, and was twice married. His widow, the above Christian Ross, was the first beneficiary of the then newly established Scottish Ministers' Widows' Fund. Another sign of Mr Sutherland's activity is:—

No. 129, 1765.—Minute.] Joint meeting of the Kirk Session and the Council of Tain . . . rebuilding of the common loft in the church . . . expense to be divided among the heritors . . . people of the town to bring up the timber from the

shore . . . six stone salls for pillars for supporting the principal joists . . . rafter holes in the side walls . . . [Later as to the loft is

No. 130, 1780.—Petition to Sheriff.] The Trades of Tain . . . are possess of a loft [see also No. 524] in the east end of the church called the Trades loft . . . Alexr. Baillie of Little Tarrell proprietor of Knockbreack . . . claim to that part of the church . . . between Lord Ankerville's [see Nos. 170 and 171] seat and the loft . . . for his lands, and began to erect a loft on the said space. . . This loft will eclipse their loft and prevent their hearing the minister. [Interim interdict obtained.

No. 131, 1780.—Baillie's answers.] . . . predecessor, Ross of Auchnacloch, obtained from the heritors and Council leave to build a loft of the same height and depth with the fore pew of the trades loft and in length from it to the easter corner of the seat of Morangie and in breadth what will make a square seat with a table, with a privilege of entry in at that part of the window next and immediately west of the entry to the Trades loft with the privilege of building a stair thereto and supporting it by two pillars of timber to stand on two stones sunk 5 feet in the ground and fixing the joists . . . in the south wall. [In these papers and No. 122, we see some striking changes the building underwent—a loft across the east end; the fine Gothic window there filled up all but a circular opening; a door cut out below, marks of which are still there; the south-east window converted into doors, with ugly outside stairs up to it. From what is remembered by old inhabitants of the church's appearance after it was abandoned in 1815, it is known that further changes were made—galleries along the north and west, access to them by doors made in the west window, and stone stairs outside; lastly, under the steps a door cut through the gable for access to the body of the church. These excrescences were necessary when it was the only church for a population greater even than the present. They were all swept away in the thorough restoration of 1877, which not only made it a thing of beauty, but fitted it for occasional service.

No. 132, 1762.—Letter: D. Gorry, factor for Inverbreakie, to D. Ross, commissary clerk.] . . . Cause one of your officers to read the enclosed notification at your church next Sabbath: "If you want any horses, oxen and cows young and old you cannot be better served than at Newhall, and if you know any of your friends that want such acquaint them of the Roup." [There are also very many cases of legal notices, citations, etc., to be given in the parish kirks at the time of service (see No. 47), but if such notices as the above were equally frequent, traders would have strong inducement to be regular attenders at the



means of grace—and gain. Again, there is a minute fixing the election of Magistrates in Tain for Sabbath, 30th Sept., 1793. Then, with date torn away, but somewhere about the same date, being addressed to A. R. Suter, sheriff-clerk, is a curious letter:—

No. 133, N.D.—] . . You will oblige me by causing one of your clerks to prepare a petition for the poor Lewis fellows . . . praying for alimant from the County rogue money. They are not rogues, mind, but decent honest fellows who thought themselves in conscience bound to raise their voices against a parsonical proceeding which they consider an abuse of a holy ordinance. Your jail will be honoured by such inmates, and their prayers may in some degree benefit Sinner Suter himself. If you presume to make any charge for the petition I shall do myself the honour of breaking your head the first time I have the pleasure of seeing you. . . . With my best respects to the Lord Ross . . yours  
J. Beaton.

SECTION II.—EDUCATION, LANGUAGE,  
MEDICINE.

[There is no direct mention of education in the pre-Reformation documents. Some inferences can be drawn from signatures. In No. 670, 1446, Margaret Stewart, Lady Balnagown, cannot write, nor can Thomas Monylaw, a Tain laird, in 1541, No. 936. In No. 673, 1553, both the laird and the shipmaster write, and in No 925, 1571, both the Laird of Skibo and his wife write; but in 1558, No. 674, the Countess of Caithness cannot. In 1613 Ross of Inverethie, and in 1630 Ross of Priesthill, cannot. In No. 681, 1592, Balnagown's daughter cannot, nor in 1687 can Margaret Mackenzie, relict of Farquhar M'Linan, Archdeacon of the Isles. Examples of ability and inability to write are in

B. No. 134, 1561.—Contract matrimonial.] At Calrossie . . . Alexr. Ross of B. . . . for his brother germane Huchone Ross in Achintoill . . . John Innes of Inverbreakie for his docter Jonet . . . solemnizat on ye dait of ye Assumptione of our Lady . . . Alexr. to infest . . Huchone and Jonet in . . half davach of Mulderg . . . Innes . . pay to . . Huchone 12 score merks . . . Alexr. Ross of B. [signs] Jhone Innes wt. my hand at ye penn lede be Sir Jhone Nicolsone . . Huchone Ross [the same.

B. No. 135, 1563.] At Culles . . It is . . agreit betwix ane honorabil woman Barbara Greme Lady of Comistie and Nycoll Caryncors procurators to . . Robert Caryncors of Comistie . . . and Andro Munro in Nyg . . . lattis to said Andro . . . Wester Rarichies . . myllne of Culles . . . Barbery Grame wt. my hand Nycoll Carncors [do.] Robert Carncors [do. This is the earliest writing by a lady in these papers.

No. 136, 1602.—Decreet arbitral, first half wanting.] ( ) to set ye samen . . . Ovir Millis of Aldie in feue to ye said War. Innes . . . payment of xl sh. . . and ten sh. as augmentation decerning . . said thrald suckeners [bound customers] to pay onlie ane peck shelling [partly ground corn] as multir furth of everie sex firlatts with ane lipie as knaveschip out of ilk boll . . fees . . out of all beir and peis . . to grind wt. ane heipit peck of roche meill as bannok . . out of everie chalder aits . . . for everie twa bolls malt . . . to grind within the immunitie of Tayne . . . twa sh. at the myll . . . ordainis four firlattes of the measur of Leith to be in everie boll . . four pecks in everie

firlatt and thrie lippies allenarie in everie pek . . . in all tyme cuming. It sall be leeful to . . . War. Innes and servantis to confiscat . . . the hors, sek and cornes . . . passing to uther millis . . . and to halilie apply ye samen to yr. awin uses . . . we haiff subscrt. this decreet . . . wt. our hands befor yir witnesses War. Fraser N.P. and War. Ross burgess of Forres . . . and signed Alexr. Ross provest of Tayne Johne Fergusone bailyie Dod. Tailyeor ane of the bailyeis, David Fergusone, Johne Cuik and War. Clunes thrie of ye counsell wt. our handis led at ye pen . . . becaus we can nocht writ. Ita est Wm. Fraser N.P. per dictum ballivum et tres personas consilii scribere nescien . . . Johne McCulloch ane of the counsell Hector Douglas [do.] Alexr. Denune [do.] Wm. Innes of Calrossie wt. my hand Walter Ross decernis Alexr. Hay [do.] Walter Ross [do. Here the arbiters and the provost and a bailie write, but a bailie and at least three councillors cannot. The wording is not clear whether the next three can write. From No. 496 it will be seen that in 1622 only two out of twelve tanners in Tain could write. The earliest direct notice of education is

B. No. 137, 1566.—[Account and receipt.] The savintein day of Februar ye year of God Iaj Vct sextie sex yeirs I Androw Watsoun, Stewart in ye New College of Sanct Androw, grants me to have resavit fra . . . Maister Thomas Ross . . . on behalf of Alexr. Ross of B. for ye thrie quarters boyrd of George Ross his son . . . twentie sevin pundis . . . witnesses George Ross, Johne Chalmers and James Tago . . . [on other side is] Heir followis ye money yt. said Thomas Ross left wt. Androw Watsoun . . . Item to buy tway sarks wt. ij neipkynis xxxiv sh. Item to by ij pair shone ane pair gluves and ane coird to ane bonat ix sh iiijd. Item for ane pound of candill xvi sh. [In New College, also called St Mary's, the Steward looked after wardrobe as well as board of students. In No. 43, 1588, we have had the schoolhouse of Tain, then old, and in No. 46, 1597, the Grammar School of Chanonrie. Next comes

No. 138, 1642.—[Part of process before the Commissary of Ross.] Hugh Munro of Teanrivane as executor . . . for his father . . . Andrew Munro of Teanewre . . . payment of 800 merks Scots for the said Andrew intertinent and close furnished to him be the said Hugh Munro . . . in his own house and out of the samyn at schooles in Alness, Tayne and other places and als for the quarter payment payit to schoole maisteris for the yeirs of God 1642-3 [etc., to] 1650 . . . It is referred to the said Andrew his oath of veritie . . . [This works out at close on £60 Scots a year, or £5 sterling. Money was more valuable then, however, and if we take cattle as the standard, we have in another paper the price of oxen and cows at Davochcartie in that neighbourhood, and in one of these years, 1653,



given at £14, of horses at £25, and of sheep at £2—all Scots. Even supposing that £1 Scots would go as far then as £1 sterling now, the amount for schooling, after paying the rest, must have been small.

No. 139, 1646.—Receipt.] I Mr Patrick Farquhar school-master in Taine grants me to have received from Walter Hay burges and collector . . . for my service done at the grammer schoole theirof the soume of fourtie libs. . . Scotis . . . for the terme of Lambas and Mertimas Iai Vict fourtie sex yeares Quhairof I hold me weill content as also off all uther termes preceeding . . . subscribed before witnesses Jhon McCulloch sone to Jhon McCulloch burges of Taine and Jhon Monro sone to Mr Hector Monro [see No. 67] Minr. at Eddertaine. [The handwriting is clear and very neat, and the signature shows it is Farquhar's own. The signatures of the two boys, who are clearly elder pupils, are equally fine. Farquhar's salary of £80 a year would be supplemented by fees (No. 138).

No. 140, 1648.—In] Accompt of my advancement for the towne . . . Item for horning upon the schoolmasteris stent Item for chargeing the heretors £3 11s 8d . . . Item advancit to the schoolmaster for making up his salary—xx lib. . . . This £20 compleits Witsundayis terme 1649—Item mair advancit to him 5 lib. 8s—awine xxv lib. vs iiijd. [Thus the town was in difficulties, and the heritors were refusing to pay a share. Other items of same paper after No. 565. This dispute went on, as in

No. 141, 1657.—Extracts from fragments of Tain Council minute-book [for rest, see after No. 950.] Att Taine the twelt day of Apryle . . . it is ordanit that the haill heretors be written to anent the giving of ane call to ane scholemr. at Taine . . . and to send pen ink and paper wt. the bearer to receive ane return [i.e., as the only way to get an answer] . . . thrid day of May . . . said provest bailies and counsell . . . ordanit for the . . . speidier call . . . to cause extract the rental . . . that the heretors . . . pay yr. proportione of his stipend [but they would not, for we have

No. 142, no date.—] Heads and articles of protestatione of the heretors . . . in the electione of ane scholemaister and imposing . . . school stent . . . can not be lyable becaus all brughs royall are obleist to uphald ther owne school and seminars of learning upon their owne proper charges. [Next is a good glimpse of education in Edinburgh.

No. 143, 1667.—Factor's account book.] Accompt of the rent 1667 be charge and discharge of Stainbyres [in upper Lanarkshire. Educational items given here, relating to Sir William Weir's children,] Jas., Wm., George and Nan Weirs—Fetching of Nan from Edinr. £2 6s For her hors £2 mending twa saddles and crossing at the Crocefurd boat

[over the Clyde] £1 17s By the way at the Carloupes £2 9s 8d. [Thus it cost £8 13s 8d to get her home.] Hors hyres to Edr. when Jas. and Wm. went in and to Carstairs with George £4 17s 4d. For fyve hors at Edr. and twa lads supper and bed £2 12s. Spent in Jas. Gaines when they first went and before they went to ye quarters £5 14s. For ane coffer [box] to them . . . for transporting the coffer to the regent [professor] and Janitor 18 sh. For ane key to the chamber door in ye Colledge and mending of shoes £1 1s 4d. Twa night coppes and ane comb and to ane woman for sweeping there chamber in ye Colledge £3. Coals and peits to [do.] and to the chamber at home £13 14s. To Marie for halfe yeir's buird of James, Wm. and Mr Thomas [apparently a tutor] from 7 Decr. 1768 to 17 June '69 and for Nan's being with her when she waited upon James Borthwick [evidently for some special lessons. Thus the lads had a room in the College, but apparently for study only, and boarded outside.] To the Regent and Janitor £55 To Mr Patrick Johnstoune and the doctor for half year . . . £17 8s. To Mr Thomas Fergusone his fie all ye yeare £12. For Ridderow's Dictionar, twa Horaces and Mr Binnie's Book £3 14s Thrie pair of stockings and ane ink-glasse 14s Twa Greek Grammars twa paper buiks and Buchanan's Chronicles £7 12 For twa Issocratisses £4 16s For Janua linguarum and Nomenclator 14s For Syntaxis grammatica and twa scholaludus £7 Issop's Fables and ane sword £6 4s To the Bibliothece for 4 buiks £30 To Jas. Miller ane compt of buiks £18 [£78 for books whose names indicate the first year studies] Twa sune dyells twa sword-belts and ane pair of spurres; and twa under petticoats to Nan £7 3s For candles to the classe and for ane sandglasse £2 For ane scare [sheath] to William's sword 18 sh. Ane sword staffe to James £1 4s [probably these were both for protection and for fencing lessons; the two sundials more likely for time-keeping than for astronomy.] To the Janitor and his man and the Regent's man on New Year's Day £2 18s To the woman that kindled the fyre in the Colledge £1 4s. [Then last, but not least significant of their College expenses] to pay ther mulcts in classe £2 To Jas. and Wm. for seing the puppie [puppet] play 6 sh. For suggar candie when they had the cold 12s For conserva roses and wine when they were seik £1 5s Physik to them £9 18s Going with them to Fyfe 3 days and for clarified whey £6 5s Twa suits of cloathes, hats, and stockings £111. Buckles to their shoes and gloves £1 8s. Twa bibles, ane pen knife and ribands to yr. gravats; and night mutches [caps] to Nan £10. To Mr Archibald Porteous for ane years buirding of Nan £147 For making gounne and petticoat to Nan £7 12 For hors to take out Nan £1 1s Cloath for shirts to Nan £5 5s For virginalls to Nan £36 [corresponding to the modern piano] For raisines to her £1 Skerffe and hoods and holland to be bands to Nan and

drink money to the servant woman £12 18s. For Linnie to Nan and George £16 7 Till Wm. Limpitlaws wife for sowing of shirts to Jas. Wm. and George £1 12s To Mr Wm. Wilson for ane years quarter payment for George £6 To Margaret Vessie for ane year's buirding of George £80 For drink money to the lass wher George was buirded at Carstairs £1. [He attended Mr Wilson's school in Carstairs, apparently not a boarding school. In 1669 there is mentioned as pursuer in a process Donald Urquhart, schoolmaster of Cromartie, and then comes what reads like a seventeenth century School Board meeting.—

No. 144, 1671.—Endorsed] Ane Act of provisione for the school of Kirkmichell . . . Sir Jhon Urquhart . . . patron of the united parochs of Kirkmichell and Culicudin, Alexr. Urquhart of Newhall, Jhon Urquhart of Kinbeachie, Mr James Hourston minister of the parochs . . . Walter Urquhart in the Ward, Robt. Urqt. in Sant Merteins, Collen Dunbarr in the Birks, Hew Ross in Balcherie wt. divers others of the elders in session . . . taking into consideration the great desolatioun for want of ane scool . . . and that in . . . 1663 the . . . patron with consent of minister and elders established some competent maintenance for ane qualified schoolmaister . . . it was ther will . . . that the former act be renewed . . . everie dauch in the parish should pay one boll victual . . . viz. [the details may be given to show the relative values of the estates at that time] . . . mikle and litle Breyes 1 boll . . . Cullicudden 10 firloittis . . . Sant Merteins 2 firloittis . . . Drumcudden 1 boll . . . Kinbeachie 2 fir. . . Craighouse 1 fir. . . Woodhead 1 fir. . . Easter Culbo 2 fir . . . Waster Culbo 1 boll . . . Rostabrightie 1 boll . . . Davach of the Croft 1 boll . . . Breylangwell 1 boll . . . Ardach 2 fir. . . Ferritoun and Achmertine 2 fir. . . Waster Belblair 2 fir. . . Easter Belblair 1 fir. . . Risolas 1 fir. . . Bellcherrie 2 fir. all making twall bolls with 3 from . . . patron . . . ordered that the scool should be erected in some convenient place . . . finding that Maister Alexr. Mathow is able and qualified . . . do admit and present him. [From No. 432 the fiars' price in Ross-shire for 1672-3 was £4, which was about an average, so his 15 bolls equalled £60 Scots, and he had fees, as we see in

No. 145, 1673.—Portions of a minute-book of the Council.] . . . 20th June . . . magistrats and ( ) counsell with ( ) have condescendit ( ) David Stuart exerce to be schulemaster to teach reading and wreeting, vocall musick and arithmetick ( ) Reader, breifer within the church and clark to the session (for) qch offices the said . . . is to have . . . 12 bolls victual to be his maintenance with £40 Scots . . . cellerie betwixt the counsell and sessione by and attour his insident casualties . . . for proclamations . . . of marriage and qrtter payment from the children he learns. [Thus David's many offices brought him somewhere about £100



Scots. The office of reader in church shows the limited extent of education even in 1672. Other notices of school and college:—

No. 146, 1675.—Assignment.] . . John Bishop of Ross . . of sums owing by Ladie Meg Liferentrix of Cadboll and others to Robert Patersone Regent [professor] in the Colledge of New Aberdein . . . witnesses Jo. Gallovidien and Wm. Paterson Regent, Coll. of Edinburgh . .

[No. 147, 1680.—Receipt.] I Andrew Ross delyver to Maister Walter Ross . . £20 Scots in the first end of his skool fies . . . At Tayne . . . Johne Ros, Baylie . .

[No. 148, 1686.—Receipt.] Mr Robert Forbes Canonist in the King's Colledge of Aberdene . . factor . . appointed by the principal maisters and indwellers of the said Colledge and the Marisshall of the said burgh . . from Francis Gally and Robt. Robson in Neilstone of Cromartie 13 bolles bear . . part of the vacand stipend of Cromartie . . Witness Kenneth Mackenzie, schoolmaster Cromartie.

[No. 149, 1689.—Petition.] Mr Wm. Innes schoolmaster of Tain as procurator for his father Jas. Innes at the Ness of Inverbreakie [now Invergordon.

No. 150, 1693.—Paper, signed in Tain.] Oath of Allegiance to William III. . . by David Stewart Maister of the Musick School Mr Walter Ross late minister in Kincardine . . by the Provost, Magistrates, and Council [and next year there is David Ross, schoolmaster of Tain, as a witness, so, from the difference of titles, there must have been at least two schools in Tain by that time. In 1702, Ann Gray, widow, Delny, writes a neat note to the Laird of Diple, which, with three other ladies' letters of the period, may come in here as indications of the amount of advance of female education:—

No. 151, 1707.—] For Alexr. Balie Town Clerk of Chanrie these. Dear Uncle I recd. yors annent the Time I came out of my broyrs. house Limlair and it was . . the year 99 Mertimes last . . neice flor. Munro Castle Leod 7th Jan. [P.S.] Rorie is beter bless be God. I could not . . writ all I wood wish because the Lady ffindon was in the house . .

[No. 152, 1722.—Docketed "Lady Ankerville." She was wife of Alexander Ross, proprietor, 1721-1743.] Ankerfidl . . Sir I thought very strange ye did not send that stays hom when ye was at invernness . . . so if they be forgotten in A Chop . . do mc the faver as to send word by post and . . . som fine holand nidles on doson; and on doson of a courser sise . . . som fine whit threed that . May Mak my Chois and a peipor of prins . . . your freind Sipha Ross. [She was Sophia French. On back is] For Mrstr. Alexr. McKingie . . Blackhills.

[No. 153, 1729.—Scrawly letter to] David Ross of Inverchasley Sir pleas send pr. berer an quarter cask brandie and I oblidg myself to pay . . your brother is not woars he just now going to take a vomit otherwis woud have writon himself . . sister, Janet Macloud. [On back is a receipt, good signature] Alexr. Ross servant to Cambuscurry Macleod. [Thus the writer was aunt of Lord Ankerville and wife of Macleod of Cambuscurry. Ladies' letters quoted in other sections will afford many other specimens.

No. 154, 1704.—[Letter] For Mr Alexr. Ross of Pitkerie . . . I asked Mr Ross as to your son if he be readie for colledge to enter a semie and not com in this year tho it be against som statutes of our visitation yet it is winked at when frends are concerned so if ye have not resolution write a letter to me desyring your son of such a naim may be matriculat in ye first classe this year. This will com in tyme befor ye 15 of June, ye day of graduation. . . I am Sir your trew frend and servant Ro. Paterson. Aberdeen 29 March 1704. [P.S.] Mr Alexr. Mor hes the first classe who is a verie good man . . as for ye Colledge dewes they are the sam as when ye was ther. [Apparently the Regent in No. 146. He is ready to enter the youth in March, and reckon a semester without real attendance. Keeping to the same subject:—

No. 155, 1707.—[Receipt.] I William Dallas, minor, of Cantray . . to John Dallas of Bannans my uncle and curator for Seven libs. threteen shillings Scots as pryce of four elnes and ane quarter of cloathe recd. be me . . item £30 . . given be Robert Rose, Sackie, Baillie of Inverness, when I was going to Aberdeen Colledge . . and £8 14 sh. he sent me to Aberdeen . . item £29 I gote . . from . . tennants . . and penniworth of cloathes and necessaries . . 3 bolls victual sold by . . my tennant . . for paying cloathes and furnitour [furnishings] I got . . in sumer . . 10 bolls . . for some Colledge and regent dues ther . . 8 bolls 2 firlots . . for my maintenance before my going to ye Colledge . . 10 merks 5 sh. [£6 18s 4d] payed to me in my south going to Edinr. for my further education . . 35 bolls ferme victual . . for education and subsistence at Edr. . . half boll to ye taylor. . . Written be William Dallas son to Hugh Dallas of Breacklie. [Endorsed] Of money £82 13 8 of victual £57 0 0. [Another paper gives the fiars' price for 1706 at £2, so that the whole works out at close on £200 Scots for a young laird's year, of which education takes £20 at Aberdeen, and some of the £70 in Edinburgh. More definite are the next two:—

No. 156, 1718.—[Some items from] Accounts twixt the Laird of Newmore and Daniel Forbes writer in Edinr. June 16 To a quarter's board and school dues to Mr Jo. Forrest the schoolmaster of Leith £53 8s [Scots.] To Gordon's Geographical Grammar given him £3 6s . . £65 13s 4d for

another quarter's board and school dues . . . To cash given him to the cock fight . . . summa £25 .. 4. [The other items are of dress and travelling. In Forrest's receipt the youth is named—John Munro son of Geo. Munro of Newmore. His mother, Lady Newmore, was sister of Lord President Duncan Forbes of Culloden. He occurs next in

No. 157, 1719-1720.—Account, 2 folio pages with money columns, but here written consecutively to save space.] Ane transcript of the accompt sent to Newmore August 15th 1720. Old Aberdeen 12th 1720. Ane account of money disbursed since August 3rd 1719 for the use of John Munro younger of Newmore. Imprimis to five moneths board at the Colledge table at 100 merks per quarter inde £111 2 4 [here, and throughout, money in Scots, unless otherwise stated.] Item to Seavin moneths board in Alexr. Milns at 44 lib. per qtr. £102 13 4. It. To ane year's bedding at 3 lib. 6 shill. 8 ds. per qr. chamber meall [rent] 6 lib. and for ane iron grate to it £19 16 8. For cloathes as follows:—8th Oct. 1719 To 3½ yards drab cloath for a big coat at 10 shill. Stg. per yrd. with furniture to it £29 15 0. To ¾ yd. of cloath for breaches at 8 sh. stg. per yd. with furniture £5 6 6; 24th May 1720 To 14 yds. drogat at ½ crown per yd. with the furniture for a summer suite £38. [The half-crown must be sterling.] To four pair stockings £9 15 6. To nine pair shows [shoes] £19 3s 0d 4th Agst. 1719 To a night gown and worsat cape [cap] £15 10. 4th Novr. 1719 To sex yds. freeze for a reed gown with furnitur £10 6 4. To 3 pair gloves 1 lib. 18 sh., and 2 napkins 1 lib. 16 sh. To ane hat at 2 shill Stg. ane wigge at 13 sh. Stg. a pock to ane other at £2 8 sh. Scots, £16 16. For making the said cloathes and for other taylor work throughout the year £10 2 6. For linnens as follows 4th Agst. 1719 To 4½ yds. holland and for necks and sleeves £10. To ½ yd. muslin for cravats £3 12. To 1½ yd. for stock to the cravats £1 12 10. 12th July 1720 To 18½ yds. holland for shirts at 2 lib. 1 shill. per yd. £38 8 8. To 18 yds. linnen for shifts at 13 shill. 9d per yd. £12 0 0. To making the sd. linnens £6 19 6. To washing the sd. linnens throughout the year at 2 merks per qtr. £5 6 8. To the barbar for shaving and powdering at ½ crown per qtr. £6. To Masters as follows:—To the humanist and his subdoctor for ane quarter £4 10. To the Greek regent £31 10. To the fenceing master for three moneths £12. To the danceing master for two moneths £10 16. To the danceing master's servant for playing at the danceing and for teaching to play on the fluit £4 10. To the french master for three months £5 8. To incidental expenses and for clubs and balls £13. To books, Latine Greek and English and for sex maps and securing them with mullars [frames] £60 9. To Mr Munro at severall times for pockat money £27. To fire and candle for the whole year £22 10. To the Colledge servants, the porter, cook and what given



to the oeconomous when all the masters din'd at the table and to the boys that served Mr Munro in ye chamber and at table £17 2. To paper quills wafers and ink £3 6. To postage to letters to and from Newmore £2 14. To the servant the Lady sent to carry his charges home £6. To sugars &c. to Mr Munro when his throat was sore of ye cold 11 shill. Summa [of the page] £697 7 0. [Next page is headed] Additional Account since August when the within written was sent to Newmore, [but only those items which afford more information need be given:—] To nine weeks' bed and board £35 10. To the Greek Regent for the summer time £25 4. [The fencing, dancing, and French masters two months each.] To ane cover to the french bible 12 shill. To the dancing master for Mr Munro's shane dance £1 4. To expenses to Mr Munro's shane dance £2 8. To 2½ pnds. candles and 2 loads peatts 16 sh. 6d. To ane year of the newspapers £5 12 6d. To a pair leather hose a pair spurs and a whip £1 12. Given to Mr Munro to bear his expenses hom £18. To fee to Mr Barron for 14 moneths £120. Summa of the heall account £968 7s. Subscibitur Jo. Munro . Will Barron. [Munro evidently as agent of Newmore, who "debursed" for everything down to "sugars"; Barron as College agent, probably oconomus. We note—Board and lodging given in the College, but outside also, and cheaper there; an iron grate is an extra or luxury, and peat the only fuel. There is a summer session, and students wear red gowns. Munro could get a thoroughly all-round training in Aberdeen of two centuries ago, in Latin, Greek, English, French, music, fencing, dancing, with current literature and politics from his newspapers—the "Edinburgh Courant" had been started in 1705—besides golf or hockey and riding for recreations. He was noted for physical strength, was member of Parliament in 1733-4, and succeeded to the estate in 1737. Further, see Nos. 628, 629.

No. 158, 1708.—Petition] Unto the most noble prince, William Marques off Seafort . . magistrates . . community off . . Fortrose . . . that Colin . . . your lo/ps great grandfather did piously mortific . . ye soume of 4000 merks Scots remayning in ye family hands . . . for ye scooll and successive scoolmasters off Chanonrie now callit Fortrose . . . including the threttie punds Scots yeirly . . . due furth of the . . lands of Broomhill to be constantly payed by ye said noble familie representative . . . still payed yrefter and synce, yeirly, to ye presented scoolmaster particularlie in and during ye incumbencie off Mr Wm. Reid in Fyvie Mr James Greym minr. in Orkney, Mr Donald McRae minister in Kintail Mr Bernard McKenzie minr. in Cromertie, Mr Kenneth McKenzie preacher of ye Gospell broyr. to Kinnock Mr Kenneth McKenzie broyr. to Gruinyeard Mr Robt. Dallas [?] wyter in Edr Mr John Robertson son to Davoch-

cartie Mr Robt. Calder minister off ye Gospell and yrefter Mr Kenneth Mackenzie broyr. to Kinnock lately scoolmr. yr. (?) in demission. Therefore most noble prince as is ye earnest wish of all those desirous of prosperitie to . . . your familie . . . earnestlie implore . . . authoritie favour . . . and inducements to your . . . noble . . . moyr. Frances Marchioness of Seafort . . . to prevent ye ruine off ye sd. scooll . . . presentation to ane fitt and qualifiat . . . homologation and approbation of ye mortification . . . inevitably intailing a providentiall familie blessing . . . [The Seaforth estates, to which William had succeeded in 1701, were in difficulties owing to his father's adherence to the Stuart cause. The change in Church affairs was encountering great opposition in West Ross—see No. 86. For these or other reasons, Seaforth apparently intended to keep back the payment of the school endowment. The list of schoolmasters is most interesting, as showing how often the office was held by young ministers waiting for a church. Of these, Donald McRae occurs in a case against reivers who had stolen his cattle at Kintail manse in 1698. Bernard Mackenzie (see No. 74) left the school in 1678. He was deprived in 1690, but lived till 1710, and in 1691 there is a receipt by Hugh Anderson, as minister of Cromarty. We note also that of the ten schoolmasters, four at least were of lairds' families.

B. No. 159, 1717.—Presentation.] . . . Me Kenneth McKenzie of Assint protestant heir of Issobel Countess of Seafort and . . . sufficientlie informed of the literature . . . good life and conversation of Master Alexr. Macrae, son . . . John MacRae in Achyyark . . . with consent of Collonel Alexr. Mackenzie brother to the deceast Earle of Seafort my uncle and curator . . . nominate and present . . . to be schooll master and teacher of humanity within the humanity school of the Chanonry of Ross . . . [Both sign, and witnesses] Henry Rose Wryter in Inverness, Gilbert Fraser in the ferrietoun of Brahan, Colin Mackenzie of Kincaig.

[No. 160, 1717.—Minute.] At Kiltearn . . . met Sir Robt. Munro of Foulis, Geo. Munro of Culcairn, Geo. Munro of Limlair, John Munro of Milntown and David Bethune of Culnaskea, heritors . . . did call Robt. Robertson student of philosophy . . . to be schoolmaster . . . [At Tain in the same year occurs Mr Archibald Douglas, schoolmaster, and in 1730, in a fragment of burgh accounts, "Schoolmaster's salary £66 13s 4d; then

No. 161, 1752.—Receipt.] I Samuel Papy master of the Grammar School of Tain . . . from Mr George Miller . . . Treasurer . . . £80 Scots with £20 more as rent of the upper rooms of the School house possessed by him which compleats the sum of £100 . . . salary payable to my wife and me. [The schoolhouse had two storeys, and the wife seems to have taught also. In a sheet of burgh accounts, 1761-2,

are:—Wm. McKenzie schoolmaster £24 and David Munro Session Clerk as teacher of the English School 3 years, £5. Both are sterling, and equal £96 and £20 Scots a year. There is a steady rise from 1730:—

No. 162, 1766 to 1768.—Items from sheet of accounts of George Miller, Treasurer, Tain.] David Munro schoolmaster 1766 and 1767 . . £5 . . . Mr Cameron schoolmaster salary 1767 and 1768, £22 4s 5d . . David Munro salary 1768 £2 10 . . paid the Miss's Lutitt schoolmistress £3 . . paid Miss Ann Lutitt schoolmistress £7, Paid Calrossie for timber for school £1 10.

[No. 163, 1774.—Receipt.] I Miss Ann Lutitt schoolmistress . . Town Treasurer £14 for salary. [So, by 1766 there are two masters and a mistress.

No. 164, 1759.—Petition.] . . In 1755 the Session did install David Munro as session clerk and precentor . . . Magistrates desyred him to take up the . . English School . . smallness of salary and uncertainty of emoluments he would not accept . . enjoined to officiate till his demand be determined by . . Council . . . May it please your honours to grant, &c.

[No. 165, 1751.—Sheriff's warrant.] . . . That whereupon information Wm. Ross son of Alexr. Ross in Dalnaclegagh, now prisoner in the Tolbooth of Tain, has been taken up and incarcerated for wearing and using the Highland dress and arms . . contrar to and in defiance of the Act of Parliament . . . summoned Hugh Rose teacher of the grammar school at Kilmuir Easter, and Donald Ross, Roderick Ross and Alexr. Mackenzie, students at the said school . . . to bear leal and soothfast witness . . as they shall be speired at . . . [This shows an advanced school.

No. 166, 1744.—Letter: Katherine Ferguson to William Baillie as to his son.] . . His every-day coat will serve till the month of Feberueiry . . . against Candlemas he is to deliver a Latin oration before several members of the presbitrie and some heritors of the parish . . .

[No. 167, 1749.—Letter: Hector Lindesay, Glasgow, to Baillie, as to his son returning from Glasgow College.] . . . You must have a carefull eye on him that he be not idle and above all do not suffer his mama to indulge him. . . . He should read Buchannans History in Latin, Horace, Greek Grammar, Cebe's Table of the New Testament and Homer . . . [It is professor versus mama. In 1751, James Munro, Elgin, writes that a pupil has read 12 books of Justin and the 3rd of the Metamorphoses.

No. 168, 1763.—Items from] Accompt Duncan Ross of Aldie for cloaths and education to Donald Ross Writer in Edinburgh. Oct. 31. To paid Mr McLure writing master for a month's tickets for writing and arithmetick £1 1. To paid



Downie Dancing Master as first quarter and servant £1 11s. To incidents with him 12/. Novr. 15 to paid Angelo Trimmond for a month's dancing and incidents £1 14s 6d. To paid for some necessarys at Angelo 10s 6d. Decr. 13 To cash given you to be given Messrs Angelo for 2 course of tickets to the fencing £1 10s. 1764 Jany. 9 To cash to be given to Angelo £1 1s. To room, rent, and washing, at Bruce's for 13 weeks £2 19 11. To paid Robert Clydesdale for silver watch £6 16s 6d. May 15 To paid Mr McLure for Bookkeeping and sett of Books £2 8s 6. To paid John Downie Dancing Master £1. Tickets for Downie's Ball £1 . . for pocket money [in all] £5. For use of pinchbeck watch his having been stolen at a review 6s. [Then comes the sudden eclipse.] Consultation to Doctor Cullen £1 1 . . . Duncan being dull with confinement . . removed to a fore street room to see the people . . £4 7s . . medicines and attendance £7 19s . . . Coffin and mortcloth for buriall £11 13s . . . [A brother went to Glasgow:—

No. 169, 1751-2.—] Account of debursements for David Ross son of Simon Ross of Aldie deceased by ( ? ), W.S. Paid to the Inverness post for carrying £20 stg. from the north 1/ stg. Ticket to the Stage-coach to carry him to Glasgow 11/1. Cash remitted to Geo. Ross professor in the University of Glasgow to be paid by him to the overseer of Provost Acton's ffactory yr. for teaching the said David Ross the art of weaving £11 11s. Cash paid on my acct. to Andrew Robertson residenter in Glasgow for board and furnishings . . . £7 8s 10d. Cash for teaching him writing and arithmetic 14s 6d. For shoes 4s. [We have seen (No. 158) at the beginning of the century Highland lairds' families taking to the Church and school; now, by the middle of it, they take also to trade and manufacture. The reason comes out tersely in a fragment of a letter by the above youth's uncle, David Ross:—"My nephew David . . the boy's funds are but scanty"; and the funds were scanty in Ross as usually as the families were large. Others took to law, and many letters from or to such will occur; but, in the very same year, there is:—

No. 170, 1751.—Letter, endorsed "Inverchassley younger" i.e., David, 3rd, to Baillie.] Edinr. . . . it will be necessary for me to studie with closer application before I pass. I have resolved to retire for three months to a country house . . with one companion in the same course of studie where we shall meet with no avocations [original and true use of the word for things that *call away* and *distract*] . . . The distinction which Forss makes between the English Bar . . and our Bar I humbly think has little foundation . . . Your friend the Master of Lovat has been in close confinement . . he is offered a very good opportunity of going to London in Mr Makdougall's coach . . . David

Ross. [He writes in order to decline a tempting invitation. He took his studies seriously, and to good purpose. In No. 105 we have had him as an advocate, and fiar of Anker-ville, which his father had acquired. Then see No. 728. He afterwards rose much higher, as we see in

No. 171, 1783.—Letter, docketed] Lord Anker-ville. Edinr. 12 Novr. . . I arrived here this morning with my two younkens . . . no need of me for a quorum the Court having mustered 13 exclusive of Lord Gardenston and me. Soon after . . . I had a visit from Lord Macleod and his brother. . . . Sir John Ross's [Balnagown's] eldest son came to town to-day. . . . I found a letter here from Sir Hector Munro and another from my brother . . . application to Lord North for a favour . . . a pardon to the culprit Makdonald . . . upon the application of Provost Robertson in name of the town of Dingwall. . . . From what I saw of poor Kindeace [i.e., David, 4th, who alienated the estates] whom I met at Novar Inn . . . affraid . . . hear bad accounts of the state of his mind. . . . I am alarmed at the immense arrearage . . . fallen due upon my small estate . . . David Ross. [Thus he became a judge of the Court of Session, and took title from the "small estate." For foreign schools, see No. 479 after 819. Other sidelights on education are afforded by lists or notices of books.

No. 172, 1670.—Petition to Cromarty Magistrates.] . . . I Alexr. Winsone . . . humblie complaines upon Hendrie Urquhart . . . in keiping from me my great byble this long time by past. [Then, in 1678, in the inventory of effects of Kenneth Earl of Seaforth, we have: "Item the defunctes librarie and bookes estimat to Lxvi lib. xiiis iiijd." The first regular list found is in

No. 173, 1711.—] A list of bookes belonging to the deceast Mr John Bethune leat scho'mester at Taine. [It is subscribed] The above writtin bookes wer seen by me in . . . chamber 21st Nov. 1711 Thos. Ross. [But Thomas was evidently unfamiliar with such literature, and, as will be seen, he copies the titles with many errors.] Comm'riis Justiniani in folio, Rubrice de gesti novi in folio, a Grik book of plutarch in folio, a history of the french king in folio, ane old Latine bible, ane History of the leif and death of Hector, Comentaries on Aristotles Logics in quarto, ane Hebrew book in quarto, ane old book of Mathematicks in quarto, . . . epistolae ecclesiasticae and theologice in quarto, a book in Greek and Latine of Aristotles, a brief accompt of the nature reis and progress of the societies of the Reformation of manners, Institutionis Theophilo anteresone in Greek, Aristotles Ethicks in Greek and Latine, Summa consiliorum et pontificum, Ane french psalm book, Aristotles augustations de naturalibus, Ane other book of Aristotile's in Latine, Tractateo de poligamia in Greek and Latine, De morbis artificum, Senice Thebais in Latine, A

book of Erasmus in Latine, Aristotilis de Anima, Christiano Theologe, A french book on Ariane, Joanis Rabise in Latine, Disputatio logica phisica &c., Grammatica Syra, The Historie Astrea, A litle Greek book covered in parchement [and others described in this fashion], Alexandre ab Alexandro, A litle book in Latine of Martine Luther Alberti magni de secreti mulierum, Valerius maximus in Latine, A french book in parchement, Passiones animae, The discoveries of Captn. John Smith in Virginia, Ane answer to Scots presbyterian Eloquence, A litle book on faith and religion in Latine, Ane treatise in answer to Mackenzies Criminals. [It is worth rescuing from oblivion the fact that Tain had such a scholar two centuries ago. Next is:—

No. 174, 1719.—] Ane Inventar of books belonging to John Ross younger of Aldie:—Stair's Institutions of the Laws of Scotland valued £4 0 0 Spotswood Present State of the College of Justice—£1 4s Nisbet, Doubts and questions of the Laws of Scotland £3 Mackenzie upon the Acts of Parliament £3 12s Burnets Abridgment of the Reformation £1 16s Vita Josephi £1 10 Ane old French Dictionary 6s Index of the Acts of Parlt 8s Plutarch Lives 18s Ane old Greek Grammar 12s Method of Preaching by Blackwell 12s Ross upon Sir Walter Rallie's History 8s, Apology for Mr Rind 6s Jocori et serori [?] tomus Ovid's Metamorphose 8s Forbes upon Tithes £1 4, Nys art of gunnery 6s. McKenzie Institutions 12s Institutiones Imperiales 6s Rollock upon the Collossians 6s Calderwood, History £9 Gray upon Homage 12s Isocrates Orations 6s Horace with Mendlius notes 12s Buchanan's Psalms 8s Idea Phisophie [sic] 12s Virgil 10s. Gordon's Geographical Grammar £2 2s. [There follow on same paper:—] Three sutes of cloathes £60, a Wigg and Hat £18, Ane watch £18, silver buckles £3. [The money is, of course, Scots, and in the list we see not only the value of the books, but their comparative value with various articles. John was a young lawyer or student. See next, Culrain list, 1724, in No. 352, and then we have, also with values, an advocate's books:—

No. 175, 1741.—Folio pages 3 and 4 only, of Inventory subscribed thus] . . this and the 3 preceding pages written by Kenneth Mackenzie Town Clerk of Fortrose contains the whole executry moveables . . silver plate household furniture and books . . to the late Sir Collin Mackenzie of Coull . . . subscribed by me Sir Alexr. Mackenzie now of Coull . . . amount . . £149 15s 9d Sterling . . . Ciceros works 6s Duffendorffs History in French 4s The Compleat Statesman 2s Tacharts Dictionary French and Latine 2s 6d Institutiones Theologicae £1 Justus Lipsius 2s 6d French New Testament 3s A Book of Mapps 10s Sanderson's Sermons 3s Mythography by Heginus 1s Festardus de natura et gratia 2d, Orationes Isocratis 2d Theologia Reformata



2d Corvini Elementa Juris Civilis 2d Moral Philosophy 1d Josephus' Jewish Antiquities 1d Forbes on Bills of Exchange 2s Institutions of Metaphysick 3s Les œuvres de Rabelais 2s Rosins Roman Antiquities 2s 6d Amesius de conscientia 2d Calvin's Institutions 1s Pyle on the Pentateuch 6d. [Sixty-four books without those on the missing pages. Only representative specimens are given. The number on theological subjects is notable. Sir Colin held an office in the Exchequer, Edinburgh, and lived to 67. A little later, also with values, there is:—

No. 176, 1748.—] Inventory of . . . Mr James Baillic of Migdale . . . in his dwelling house at Milntown of New Tarbat . . . on the petition of Marjory Dunbar his relict, made up by Arthur Ross of Priesthill Mr John Gorry factor of Invergordon James Rose of Cullisse &c. . . . Tilletson's Sermons 7s 6d A Dutch Bible 5s Ane English Bible 13s 4 Burnet's History of his own Times 6s Dunlop's Sermons 2s 6d, Doctor Sharlock's Works 2s Powers of Justices of the Peace 1s; Tatler, Guardian, Spectator [volumes of each] Confession of Faith 1s 6d Trap in defence of the English Church 6d Dryden's Virgil 1s Calderwood's History of the Church 2s 6d Wilson's Catechism on the Sacrament 6d Common Prayer with the New Testament 2s Ten books in the Dutch language [34 books in all. Their nature indicates an Episcopalian, and the title Mr, a minister. The house, according to tradition, was the best in the place. It was demolished about 75 years ago, and there are still traces of it. For the furniture, see after No. 360, and for books, 1724, see No. 352. Then comes an account for new books:—

No. 177, 1725.—] Laird of Newmore Dr. to Mr Wm. Munro . . . Eachard's Gazetteer 4s 6d Roman History 5 voll. £1 5s Danets Dictionary 10 sh. A Club 1s 2d Buchannans History 2 voll. 13s Corpus Juris £1 1s Justiniani Instit. 2s 6d. Perezii Erot. 3s Dyck's Spelling Book 1s 2d Tursellin 4s 6d Huberi Praelect. 3 vo. £1 1s Kennets Antiquitys 6s. [Below is] . . . Received from Mr Albert Munro of Coull the above account in full. [William Munro was an Edinburgh bookseller; the Laird was George of Newmore, as in No. 157; Albert seems not previously known.

No. 178, 1768.—Letter: George Schevize, Inverness, to David Ross, Sheriff, Tain.] . . . Executry of Mr Chisholm minister of Kilmorack . . . list for behoof of creditors . . . books are old . . . advised to bring them to town to be sold by weight for snuff wrappers. [Later, in 1779, there is a long inventory of books of William Baillie at Ardmore, including history, travel, and general and periodical literature. In 1793 a still longer list of 180 vols., the library of David Ross, town clerk of Tain, with all these classes and also many books on military subjects, but the books of these times are

comparatively modern and well known. There is a curious reference in

No. 179, 1748.—Letter: Dan Forbes, writer, Edinburgh, to Baillie.] . . I send you a curious pamphlet done as it is said by Chesterfield. . . It was suppressed at London but one has been so bold as to reprint it here.

#### LANGUAGE.

[There is no paper in Gaelic, and only one complete sentence, but it is unprintable, and occurs in a case against a woman in Dingwall in 1762. She followed and attacked the minister, Mr Adam Rose, and his wife, Isabel Betoun, "with the most awfull and hideous curses and imprecations," some English, some Gaelic, "till they were afraid to go out over the doors." Many tee- or nick-names occur, such as Cathanycht, Muldonycht, Bragoch, Skianach, McThomas Moir Vic Urchy oig, Anna Nein ean, Nein Gibbie Gow; and other words, such as larach, menach, swirrach. We have seen (No. 120) that Gaelic was in 1750 preached in Tain every Sunday, but not in Avoch. Later, as to the prevalence of Gaelic speech, we have:—

No. 180, 1792.—Petition to Sheriff by Alexr. Fraser, kirk officer of Kilmuir Easter, against Rev. John Matheson and the session.] . . . Complainer was dismissed . . . the heritors must join and consent before . . . legally . . . heritors are willing he should continue . . . libel against him was read before the session in English, but nine out of the ten elders did not know English . . . Complainer had signed a confession but he knows little English and did not know exactly what was in it. . . [The proportion of the general community who had no English would be at least as high as that of the session.

The language of the educated as seen in letters, and of the officials as seen in documents, of the 17th and early 18th centuries in the North was Scots. There are often found such words as stent, thir, meikle, by and attour, pock, theik, ravill, creepies, chappin, drouth, graith, blae, the morne [the Earl of Sutherland says that], fornenst [in front of], brewing looms, watter stank, tocher, horse with lug cuttit thorow, cow colloured lyart with horns bowed inward, scart, speir, laich, prins [for pins], geir, goucks [sillies], thrapple [throat], yett [gate], sowen kitt, flats [saucers], lippen [trust], knock [clock.] In 1667 Fairburn asserts his right "past memorie of man and ay sen syne to the ferrie of Scuddell on the Conon."

There will be noticed many words used in a sense now obsolete, such as undertaker for contractor; discoverer for discloser; famous witnesses, i.e., of good fame; labour and labourer for cultivate and cultivator; "but any let" for

“without any hindrance”; literally summoned, i.e., by letter. In 1751 Fraser of Balnain writes: “It is ridiculous a humorous woman should be allowed such sway,” i.e., full of humours or caprices.

As to SCRIPT, there is a gradation from mediæval to modern, so that it is usually possible to tell by its style, within certain limits, to what period a paper belongs. But in the transition period—16th and 17th centuries—the script common in these Northern Counties was about half a century behind that of the South. A paper of the Commonwealth time from London is fairly modern and readable; one from Edinburgh with more difficulty, and one from Ross-shire unreadable by a person unaccustomed to old script.

Spelling, being so much by sound in those times, often gives a clear indication of a pronunciation by the upper classes like that now current in the South of Scotland. Thus, in an inventory of Ardmore, 1779, we find “cups and flats” (saucers), and a book on “The art of Hatching and bringing up Domestic *fools*”; and Kenneth Mackenzie, Lord of Kintail, in 1601, writes “wechtie” (see No. 764). There is a letter from Walter Ross, Provost of Tain:—

No. 181, 1689.—Addressed] For Mr Alexr. Ross of Pitkerie these [begins] Affectionat loving Cusyne, yors I received, as for anser, David Clerach brought no news, only ye nomination of ye officers of Steat, I desyred the berer to call for the post to see give [if] he head any lres. for you . . . I expect to geat the news from you how shine [soon] yor lres. comes . . . receive five rex dollers from ye berer. . . This with my servies to yor discreit bedfellow [a common expression of greeting to a friend’s wife at the period] I wish you and yor famely a ‘guid’ new year. Adew. [In a letter of 1704, soon is spelt ‘shoon,’ indicating somewhat the same pronunciation; and in a letter of 1697 and others, we have ‘Wedsenday,’ indicating a local pronunciation that still obtains. Many letters express the hope ‘you are weel.’ In an inventory there is a shewed (sewed) cover. A letter of Geo. Ross, writer, to “Mr Johnston, Town major of Edinburgh,” in 1677, begins “Affectionat billie,” and ends “Your affectionat billie and servand,” and the same occurs in many letters of that period. Still more curious is its use along with ‘Reverend’ and ‘Mr,’ apparently as a joke, for ‘Mr’ in the 17th century meant a University man:—

No. 182, 1665.—Letter, addressed] ffor the Reverend and most affectionat comerade Mr Androw McCulloch attendant to the Laird of Balnagown. Reverend and affectionat billie I have sent the bearer to know if the Laird be pleaisit to delyver to him the dun pony conform to the lairds promise . . . I have none . . . oft I travell on my owin hors in his



company . . . . Your affectionat billie and servand Alexr. Ross. Taine 30 Jully. [In the following two letters by Mary Sutherland, Lady Kinminity, who had that property in Keith parish, and Pulrossie, Acharry, Newton, and Spanziedale in Sutherland, we see something as to both female education and pronunciation:—

No. 183, 1749.—To William Baillie.] I received yours last wick with . . the other pipers [papers] and I shall wret to thos pipill he nems . . . . I hop you . . will writ Mr Forbos to settell every point with Mr Lockerd . . . . I heave ben at Pens to get Mr Gray to pay me the 500 B. of Ber . . a Bill pebill at Edn. which he ashours me will answer . . . . I shall deliver 150 Bolls Mill from ther and Pollrose [Pulrossie] . . more . . when you have sown my crop at Clyn will be 'thrasun' out . . . . I most beg the Faver of you to seqr. Simson and his big bot for Ceren [carrying] it . . I most get the 'len' of 'secks.' . . Ther is severoll Tenents that shoud pay Ber oferem me mill let me cno which I shoud chous . . . .

[No. 184, 1749.—] . . . . P.S. I beg you for God seak wreat every person that can dow any serves and let me cno . . and cip Inverchastle in mind . . . . for my pert I have lost my cureg heavin so powerfull enemis . . . . I am vere ounese to her how pour Peter dos I hop he is recoverid. Adow.

#### MEDICINE.

[B. No. 185, 1588.—Receipt.] I James Davidson ypothingar and burges of Edinr. . . resavit fra George Ross of B. . . payment . . . teind silver . . . [So the apothecary was also a farmer of tithes. Others were money-lenders, for there is a bond by Rorie Mackenzie of Dauchmaluak in 1665 to George Stirling, chyrurgeon apothecarie, Edinburgh, for money lent; and similarly, in 1683, to Daniel Macdonald, chirurgeon apothecary, in Culrois:—

No. 186, 1688.—Action for payment of bond.] . . . Roderick Mackenzie sometime chirurgeon to the regiment of horse under ye command of Major-Generall Grahame of Claverhouse . . . bond for 1000 merks . . his sister Margaret, spouse of Robert Ross Williamson, Baillie of Inverness.

[No. 187, 1672.—Criminal process for assault.] . . . informed be Hector Munro of Obstell that the said Donald must have a phisicane to tak away the brust blood be skarifeing him and sindrie other wayes. [Suggestive of rough surgery, such as seen in

No. 188, 1687.—Petition] To ye provost and magistrates of Tayne . . Donald Smith in the Hill . . . against Thomas Ross chirurgeon in Tayne . . . for cuting of ye vaines with sheirs and heling it with ane yron botikin which put him to

nought by casting away herbs yt. made [did] him good and when ye said Thomas was reproven for ye same said yt. . . . he woud put ane plaister to his foot and ( ) ye goucks to look to him because they refused to give him payment . . . made ym more of skaith than of good . . pitie ye poor lads condition and how he was handed. [So we are not greatly surprised at

No. 189, 1699.—Protest in] Ane list of the persons within the Burgh of Taine lyable in payment of Pole money Be act of Parliament dated the thretty day of August 1698 . . . I Thomas Ross chirurgian in Morinshie tho served prentiss to that facility of Chirurgiarie and that I and all such of that Employment are poled in twelf pounds Scots yet I heirby declare that all ye benefit I have hade yeirly this eighteen yeires, nor yet have, as I now live in the world, nor any substance to the value of ane hundreth pounds Scots nor can I make the double of my pole in the yeir of my employment and therfor is reducit to labour eight bolls' pay of land for lyvelihood. [Rest of paper after No. 964.

No. 190, 1711.—Letter from Doctor Mackenzie, Kinnock, addressed] To the much honered Mr Alexr. Ross of Pitkery. . . I had gon south had the want of money not stoped me . . . Newtoun assured me of money but I have heard nothing of him . . . oysr have treated me ye same way . . .

[No. 191, 1709.—In chemist's account] . . . A large strengthen- ing plaister for your wife's back . . . a glass of the elixir of propertys . . . a glass of oyl of whyte lilies . . . a cordial julep to your wife.

[No. 192, 1712.—] Accompt resting be the deceast Andrew Ross of Balblair To George McKilligin Chyrurgeon Apothecary in Inverness [quantities and prices omitted] . . . purging pills . . . green- and yellow-plaister . . . ane large glass to gargarisin . . . laud. liquid . . . mercury dulc. prepared . . . materials to bitter decoction . . . emetick wine . . . electuary and pott . . . Sal Volat. corn ceroi . . . Ung. apostolorum . . . mercur. precipitat. rubr. . . rezin of jallap . . . Empl. de ranis cum mercurio . . . Empl. diachelon . . . causteck. [Similarly in 1718 we have "quieting pills . . . pectoral and carminative powder," and in 1741 "syrup of white popies" and "snake root."

No. 193, 1705.—Medical certificate.] I, John Munro chyrurgeon in Teanourd doth hereby testifie and declare that Sir Robert Munro off ffoulis hath received a contusion on his left knee by ffalling off his horse wt. him . . . the ffrost being then verie hard, . . . not yet been in condition . . . cannot now hazard to goe to Dingwall or Fortrose without endangering of his lyffe . . . and this I declare on soul and conscience before thir witnesses James Munro Tuttor of Ardulzie and John Munro son to the deceisit Major David Munro. [In a

paper of 1717 occurs "Alexr. Mackenzie of Sandilands Doctor of Medicine Fortrose"—first in which full title is used. Then in a Tain Latin charter of 1732, "terras Jacobi Hay medicinae doctoris." In 1718 Jean Urquhart, daughter of Sir John Urquhart of Cromarty, at Kinkell Castle makes over to Dr George Mackenzie of Fortrose a bill accepted by Colin Mackenzie of Kincaig.

No. 194, 1748 to 1758.—Accounts entered by Hugh McFarquhar, surgeon, Tain. (A) in fragments of a process against the heirs and executors of Gustavus Munro of Culrain.] . . . To fourty days closs attendance at Newmore in dressing the above issue and administrating a course of medicines had from Professor George Haddow at St Andrews at 3 sh. 6d per day . . . is Seven pound. April 12th To going to Newmore 7 sh 6d ( ). To a pot cleansing oyntment for ( ). To 3 doses phisick 1 sh. 6d To 4 ounces melilot plaister 1 sh. ( )d To a box anti-scutbutick oyntment ( ) To ( ) given and left for his brow it being broke by accident 2s 3d . . . Deer. 10th ( ) and drawing out Culrain's case for advice ( ) ( ) To two boxes pectoral pills per prescription of Auchnagairn 4s 7d. To a vomit ipecacan tincture 1s. ( ) To a bottle Hungary water 1 sh. To a box pomat for the lady, a sixpence . . . a glass spirit of hartshorn for Colonel Munro. . . The following Articles were administrat to Culrain in Death bed sickness To a glass Hung(ary) water 1 sh. ( ) To nine Lemon ( ). [Money is sterling. A wounded man in an assault case is charged only 18s 6d stg. for 6 weeks' medicines and care. (B) 1754, in executry case for Mrs Grizell Forbes, Lady Kindeace, mother of Duncan Ross of Kindeace.] Tincture of Rhubarb . . sp. Lavender . . Mendereris Spirit, a muts-kin Antemetick spirit, Camamil flowers, oyl of mace, Large glass Sacred Tincture, a vial tincture of castor, Spirement water, Cepholich Drops, Quiting Drops, Cooling Diuretick Salts, Cere Cloath and trimming ye body, £5, 13 visits and long attendance £10 10s. [The earliest notice of medical officer is :—

No. 195, 1749.—Letter: William Ross, Master of Ross, to Baillie.] . . I received the yearly salary of £100 to a surgeon in our town Lord Fortrose had proposed a Mr Stevenson and Sir Harry Munro mentions objections that he is too young and fond of drinking . . I think him as fit for our purpose as any we could get on these terms. [Lastly, as showing a great want in the medicine of those days, we have in 1765, in a letter from Fraser of Balnain: "Our lovely boy was quite healthy and strong when all of a sudden . . small pox . . carried him off . . no sooner buried than another a fine healthy little girl was seized and she died yesterday."



SECTION III.—LAW AND ORDER, POLITICS,  
REVENUE.

In note to No. 13 we had had a Ross-shire case going to the Sheriff at Inverness in 1556. The separation of Ross came not long before the new century.

No. 196, 1601.—[Portion of a charter] . . . granted by William Ross of Priesthill to Donald Ross his son and Agnes Innes his spouse for fulfilling of a matrimonial contract . . . towns of Wester Pollo and Balintraid in the newly erected county of Ross. [In the opening of No. 47 we have seen George Dunbar, "persone of Kilmuir and Commissar of Ross," dealing with teinds in 1596, under bishop's jurisdiction, as also seen in

No. 197, 1610.—[Opening of vellum-bound narrow folio book of minutes of Court.] Ane consistoriall court halden within the Chanorie of Ross and consistoriall place yrof the xxvii day of July 1610 be James Dunbar of Newtoun Commissar of Ross. Comperit Alexr. Nicolsone Commissar clerk of Ross be vertew of his commissione gifin to him be ye reverend fayr. in God David bischope of Ross . . . during all ye days of his lyfe-tyme wt. power to depute clerks . . . of dait 1609 . . . his depute Jon Nicolsone his sone . . . [The book goes on to February, 1616. In 1611 there were several depute commissars, and after 1611 Alexr. Mackenzie. In separate papers many wills have confirmation, like this of 1678, beginning: "Wee Maister George Pater-son of Seafield and Alexr. Grahame of Drynie Commisrs. of Ross speciallie constitute for confirmatione of testaments." Many Sheriff Court summonses, decreits, etc., begin like this in 1674: "Kenneth Earle of Scaforth Lord Mackenzie of Kintail Shreff prnll. of the Shreffdome of Ross," etc. A petition of 1670 begins: "Unto the Right Honorable the Shreff of the Shreffdom of Cromertie and his deput," where we have both a depute of a sheriff and the separate sheriffdom of Cromarty. Principal and depute are joined also in a remarkable petition to the Lords of Council in 1674 from the above Seaforth and Roderick Mackenzie of Findon, reciting that "there are a great number of actiones qlk actiones and causes we can no wayes sitt, judge nor cognosce be reason of the present vaccans [vacations] feriot [close time] and losse tyme . . . crave that wt. yor speciall licence we may . . . hold courts ane or mae as often as need beis . . . wholl tyme of this vaccans it will please yor lops. may be valid and effective." Notable as an instance of officials petitioning against having too many holidays. In the same connection is

No. 198.—Letter, N.D., but addressed] ffor his honered Loving Cousing Mr Rorie McKenzie of ffindon—These. [therefore date between 1672 and 1692, while he was sheriff-depute] Honered Cousing These wt. my bespects Sir I hope yt. ye sall cause give this poore man my servant peayment for Dunckan Mackeaine Vaieue who is now your prisoner for he is resting him thrie ells linning . . as yet unpayed and I know sall be except ye sall healpe him . . I hope yt. that fellwe I ame ingaicht for meay be releist and I oblight me yt. he sall in tymes to cume be fund as leall as any in the countrie so in hopes yt. ye poore man sall geat satisfacione in his ouene of Dunck, I rest &c The Mackenzie. [The letter is holograph, writing small and neat. He writes as chief to the Sheriff, who is of his clan, and since Kenneth More, 3rd Earl and Sheriff Principal, above mentioned, died in 1678, this letter is in all probability by Kenneth Oig, 4th Earl. For another letter about a pending case—the only breach of promise case—see No. 933. Principal and Depute appear in another correspondence:—

No. 199, 1699.—Letter, holograph, addressed] ffor the much respected Wm. Ross of Easter Fearn shireff deput of Ross. 18 Dec. 99. Much respected Cousing—Ther is a most just action of meales and dueties pursued befor you by my Cousing Dachmaluach agst. Seafort's tennents for his releist of ane ingaidgement for paytt. grof he is forced to sell pairt of his lands and is lyk to sell more it is ane verie expensive pursuit in respect of distance of the tennents besyds the power of the deffr. [defender] Therfor I intreat ye give him speedie justice and admit not of dilators to postpone .o just a releist. I know your prinll. [principle] of justice will induce you to this not the less that it is recommended to you by . . yor. affectionat cheiff and freind David Ross off Balnagowne. P.S. I intreat you hold court according to the dyet of his citatione pro re nata—Vale. [David Ross also writes as chief of the clan to influence the Sheriff. Later, as Sheriff Principal, he issues this:—

No. 200, 1702.—] I David Ross of Balnagown shreff prinll. of Ross hereby discharge and prohibite my depute . . to sustaine process before him at the instance of Bracklach, broyr. to Applecros or any oyr. factor to the Countess of Seafort for recovery of any part of payment made be any tenent decerned be my decret . . at the instence of Mr Alexr. McKenzie yor. of Davachmaluak grupon they were stressed with horning and caption seeing Law forbids double poinding and should my depute for whom I am anserable decern the same persons to pay to anoyr. creditor whom I decerned to pay Davachmaluak it were great injustice for which the depute and his prinll. would be punishable And the oyr. creditor might suspend And now after payment they ought to insist on a reduction of my former decret and obtain a new sentence before the Lords or the tenents who

are decerned and make payt. can be pursued. Let this warrand be obeyed by my depute and my clerk upon yr. peril . . . And discharges all the saids defrs. to compeir except Davachmaluak to present this warrand and to protest yron—by these att Balnagown . . . [In 1696 there is an assignation to the above Davachmaluak by his father, of Fairburn, Auchnasheen, Alladale, and Ledgown, and in 1701 there is a wadset and sasine to Kenneth Mackenzie in Achintie and his spouse Florence, of the "lands of Avachnasheen comonlie called Leanoch in the parish of Contane and lands of Attadill commonly called Culdrein." Another case of writing to influence a sheriff is in

No. 201, 1663.—Very neat little note, addressed] This ar for the goodman of Knokbane schirref depute at Fortrois. Sir This pur voeman schawes me that schee is sumonit agane befor zur court gif it be anent that pley that vas betwixt hir and hir nightbours formerlie hard of in zor. court I hald it my deutie to gif you the true information yrof qlk vas eftir this maner this voeman haffing spoken some vourdes qlk did riflect upon hir nightbours honestie, he his mother and vyf [wife] fell upon the pur voeman the nixt day and abusit hir pitifullie qlk I did sie wt. my eyes. It was littel shee could doe against thrie and gif shee gaf anie of tham a scratche as I kno not what schee did it being in hir owin defence, is excusabill as I think in law sua to zor juditios consideratione I take leive and am zor affectionat freind at command. R. Leslie, Ethie 20 Novr. [In 1734 Hugh Miller of Over Ethie is summoned to appear at Tain at instance of John Beatty, Fortrose. As to the higher jurisdiction of the Lords of Council and Session there are decrees in Nos. 33 and 34, and order in No. 75. There are forms, 1st, of summons; 2nd, of "horning" for disregard of decree; and, 3rd, caption, for disregard of that.

No. 202, 1668.—Execution of summons.] I . . . officer . . . . summoned . . . Mr Jon Dallace Dean of Ross and Jon Ross of Auchnacloch to compear before ye Lords of Counsell bringand wt. them ye band . . . to here and sie ye samen reducit . . . I past to ye mercat cross of Taine head burgh of ye shreffdom of Ross and yrat efter crying of thrie severall oyesses I . . . summoned and chargit all parties having entrest in ye actione to compeir . . . and efter saids I left ane just and authentick coppie at ye mercat crosse and at the defenders ther respective dwelling places becaus I could not apprehend them personallie efter knocking six severall knocks at their most patent doors . . . .

[No. 203, 1669.—] . . I Jas. Anderson messr. at command of ye within written letters of horning . . . chargit Andrew Munro and Jas. Corbat personallie apprehendit and Master John Gordon minister of Kiltiern Andrew Macculloch of Glastullich and Jas. Fraser of Pitcolian by leaving coppies



in ye lock holes of ye most patent dores . . . to mak payment to ye said complener . . . . And becaus [same names] hes most contemptouslie disobeyed I past to ye mercat cross of Dingwall one of ye head burghs . . . and thereat efter thrie severall oyesses . . . I denuncit [same names] . . his majesty's rebels and put them to his hynes horne be thrie blasts of ane horne . . . all their moveable guidis and geir to be escheat and inbrought for his majesty's use . . . . [Such escheat could be granted or assigned to another person, who could grant discharge on sufficient payment, as in No. 81. Failing payment, he could get a warrant of arrest, or "caption," as in

B. No. 204, 1605.—Letter of Commission, signed "James R.," and reciting that in 1603] . . . Johne Vaus of Lochslyne wes orderlie denuncit rebell and put to our horne . . . at the instance of David Ross appeirand of Balnagowine for not paying to him as donator to the gift of his eschate . . all his escheitit guidis and geir or the availl yrof . . . said Johne . . . takand na regaird . . . . frequentis . . publicklye . . in all pairtis of of oure realme . . . Quhairfor we givis and grantis . . . commissioun . . Sheriffs of Edr., Fyffe, Forfar, Kincardin, Abdn., Elgin, Inverness the provosts and bailies of Edr., Bruntlyland, Kinghorne, Perth, Dundee, Coupar, Abdn., Elgin, Banff, Inverness, Tayne, and Wm. Ross appearand of Invercharron . . . . to convocat our leigeis in armes . . search seik and tak . . Johne Vaus . . our rebell and . . hald . . him in . . captivitie [&c., reciting that if he resists he may be slain, and that any assisting or hiding him are rebels. Yet not only did the ceremony of "denouncing rebell" with its picturesque "three several oyesses and blasts of ane horn" sometimes fail to overawe, as in above and in No. 75, but even the pains of "caption" were sometimes defied:—

No. 205, 1731.—Complaint] Unto . . the sheriff . . of Sutherland, Alexr. Sutherland messenger at arms . . That being employed to execute letters of caption at the instance of Hugh Sutherland sometime chirurgeon apothecary in Dornoch now in . . Kirkwall . . against Andrew Macculloch late baillie now thesaurer of Dornoch for payment of three pounds sterling . . . with foresaid letters . . in my hand and blazon displayed on my breast I adress . . . and after touching him with my wand of peace [for this, see also No. 522] told him he was my prisoner . . . notwithstanding whereof and in open contempt . . . Andrew Macculloch having a ponderous Iron Key . . . of the Tolbooth . . . of Dornoch . . bid me go and kiss the King . . and wipe . . with the Caption and with . . key struck me over the head and face . . . assisted by John Mackay by the hair of my head forced me to the ground . . and kicking me . . . Having the blood washit off . . . I went with a reasonable concurrence [force] to the house of the said Andrew . . . .

was mett in the entry by him and he at the same time unsheathed ( ) [Paper torn off, and story ends, like a penny number, at the exciting point. If the bellicose bailie, in spite of the claymore, or dirk, he unsheathed, was locked up with the key that he put to so strange a use, he would have to remain "at his own charges"—see No. 75—unless he got something out of the rogue money—see No. 133. Beside all the preceding, was the heritable jurisdiction of the landowners. In No. 14 we have seen a hereditary bailie even in Tain in 1566. Usually the landowner commissioned a bailie; ladies necessarily did so.

No. 206, 1640.—Commission by the widow of John, Master of Berriedale, son of Lord Berriedale, son of George, 4th Earl of Caithness. She was a daughter of Colin, 1st Earl of Seaforth.] Be it kend till all men be thir pnts. Me Dame Jean Mackenzie relict of Johne Maister of Berriedaill and Lyferentrix . . . to have maid constitute . . . my belovit cousing germane Rorie McKenzie of Reidcastle my verrie lawfull undouttit and irrevocable Bailzie of . . . landis lyand within ye parochs of Week, Wattin and Bower . . . with special and full power . . . court or courts upon ye ground of my saids landis to sett . . . hald and continow als oft as neid beis, clerkis serjendis dempsteris and all utheris memberis and officieris to . . . create and ordaine and caus be sworne for quhom ye said . . . sall be holdin to ansr. Suitis of ye tenentis and occupieris to call . . . sua oft as they may of reasone absentis to amerciat herezeldis bluidvickis unlaws of court to uptak . . . and if neid beis to poynd and distrenzie all actiones to heir and decyde . . . dayes and places to pairties complemand to . . . sett. To sett and rais my . . . landis output and input tenentis . . . receave the maillis, fermes . . . dewties . . . and generallie all and sindrie . . . in ye said office of bealyerie . . . the said Rorie to be . . . holdin and astrictat to mak just count reckoning and payment to me . . . [Then as to the actual practice:—

No. 207, 1672.—Minutes.] Att ane barrone Court holden att Inverbreakie . . . be John Ross burgess of Tayne baillie to Walter Innes of Inverbreakie . . . compeired not . . . decerned and amerciat . . . [several tenants were] decerned for . . . firlots of bear [rent of arable land] . . . grassings [rent of pasture. Others were] decerned to mak payment of . . . for multur [dues for grinding at the Laird's mill, a fertile subject of evasion and dispute—see No. 419] . . . Donald Finlay in Inverbreakie was fyned for comiting a bloodvick on Angus Miller yr., he confessing the same fyned in ten pounds Scots. [Various tenants] ordained to pay . . . pecks of bear in which they were addebted . . . Miller . . . ordainit to pay . . . the craftsman for making of miln graith . . . The bailzie ordainit all ye tenentis within ye bounds of Inver-

breakie to come and thresh the bear [i.e., the laird's] the morrow under the pane of 40 shillings the peice . . . [See also No. 289. The formalities of baron courts are detailed in

No. 208, 1709.—] The Court of the lands and Barrony of Balnagown . . . holden . . . within the yaird therof be Arthure Ross in Edertoune as Bailly lawfully constitute . . . Alexr. Ross notar publict clerk to the Court . . . The Court lawfully fenced and affirmed and suits called be Donald McKina officer . . . who being all likeways sworn de fideli administratione . . . compeired Andrew Young in Balnagown as pror. . . for Wm. Fraser, merch. in Inverness . . . Bill . . . for ane hundreth bolls . . . bear . . . accepted by the said David Ross . . . likeways . . . his order and directione to convene the tenents and possessors for making payment to . . . Wm. Fraser of so much of the said bear as they were duly resting . . . as ferme duty. [Names and quantities follow] . . . and the said Bailly decerned and ordained each . . . to make payment. . . . [Another Balnagown baron court:—

B. No. 209, 1663.—] At Dounie in Strathoykell . . . holdin be . . . David Ross of Balnagowne . . . Malcolm Ross of Kindeis bailzie . . . Alexr. Ross clerk John ( ) the ordinar officer and dempster . . . assessors John Ross of Little Terrell, Andrew Ross bailzie of Tain James Ross portioner of Meikle Rany Alexr. Ross bailzie of Strathoykell Alexr. Ross in Pitmaduthie Robt. Ross in Kincardine John Ross burgess. . . . It is statute and ordainit, seeing ther wes severall persones within the Strathe which hes been absent from David Ross of Pitcalny his burriell efter advertisement . . . within the Strathe therfor each . . . fynit conforme to . . . list maid yranent . . . for tymes to cum . . . if any . . . betwixt sex and sextie . . . absent themselves . . . to meitt aither at court, buriell or other publict place . . . sall pey ( ) Scots. . . . Als . . . no person sall cut timber in the wood of Glendinnack without . . . forester his knowledge . . . he is to keep yr. aixes if any . . . is found in the wood without his knowldege . . . [Same year a baron court] at Ardmuir . . . by D. R. of B., Alexr. Fraser of Eddertane provest [i.e., of Tain] his bailzie and assessors [5 named] . . . grievance against the brewsters of the paroch for ther exorbitant taking 20d Scots for the pint ale . . . therefor ordainit each brewster . . . sell the pint for 18d . . . under failzie of confiscation of each brewst. . . . [After rules forbidding to use any but the parish kiln and mill, comes] . . . that if any . . . sall find swyne cutting or casting greas [grass] or land [i.e., grubbing] upon yr ground they sall have full libertie to kill ym offhand bot remead [without remedy] . . . each sall keep his owin swyne upon his owin portion . . . Anent the shewmakers wtin the paroch of Westray for ther exorbitant pryces . . . for schewes [shoes] . . . each sall



sell compleit mens schewes for ten shillingis Scots the paire and for each women schew 6 sh. 8d and each young boys schew . . . same pryce . . . if any shewmaker sall sell barkit hydes furth of the paroch to markatts or faires . . . lawfull to any who sall apprehend the same to confiscat and mak yr owin best use off it . . . none sall tak in a suspectit horse aither with skaikle or mortershyne [glanders] to the Strath without . . . tryal be his neighbours. [In another court in Strathoykell] . . . Compleints . . . concerning the universall thift and roberie . . . throwout the wholl strath . . . ordaint yt. . . sall go four tymes a yeir . . . and give ane great oathe to each inhabitant that he suld delate [report] all such thift &c. . . .

[No. 210, 1724.—] Ane Barron Court at Arbol, held by John Haldane bailie constitute by Alexr. Urquhart of Newhall and his phiscall . . . tenant . . . drawing his dirck upon . . . fyned £20 . . . paid the same. [And in 1728] Baron Court held at Newmore . . . [20 names given] confessed to be guilty of cutting green wood . . . and fined. [For another Baron Court, see No. 414. Many other prosecutions for wood cutting occur—often before a Sheriff, as in

No. 211, 1615.—Summons to appear before the Sheriff at Dingwall.] . . . that wher by the fourscore fourt act of the sixt Parl. of King James the Sixt against the destroyers of planting hayning and policee . . . whosoever destroyis green wood if not taken reid hand shall be persewed before the shirreff and if convict shall pay to the owner of the wood the avail [amount or value] of the skaith [damage] together with £10 for the first fault and £20 for the second . . . and siclyke by the fourtie one Act of the 1st session of the 1st Parl. of King Charles II. of ever blessed memorie . . . whoso shall cut or break any trees planted or enclosed by any heretor shall pay £20 for every tree . . . John Finlayson, Alness . . . got leave of the heretor John M'Gilligin to to cut ane alder tree . . . did cut two . . . should be decerned to pay £20 and a merk Scots as avail.

[No. 212, 1685.—Summons and libel.] . . . Wheras by the 39th Act of the 1st Session of the 1st Parl. of King James the Sevent. No one shall destroy a tree under ten years of of age under paine of 10 pundis Scots or above ten years . . . paine of £20 Sc. . . . If he be insolvent he shall work for his fyne at half a merk a day to the heretor . . . tennants and cottars shall preserve . . . plantings on their holdings and be lyable for their households. [A case of acquittal is

No. 213, 1670.—] At Cromartie . . . in pns. of Alexr. Urquhart of Newhall, Sheriff-deput . . . comperit Thos. McEnteir in Little Farnes . . . accused for . . . destroying of green wood . . . the judge fand defr. free of the fact, because . . . referred to his oath of veritie . . . deponed he cut no green wood the tyme foresaid except some scroges [underscrub]

and sneadings [loppings] he gat from the Laird his forester . . . forester deponed lykewise. [In 1656 there is a summons against over a hundred to appear at one court at Chanonrie for wood-cutting at Craigs Wood, Chanonrie, at Avoch, and at Pittonachtie. Again in 1665 about as many were fined in one court at Dingwall for the same. In all the above we see a country denuded of trees, wood or peat the only available fuel, and poor people driven to desperation for want of it, while the lairds are intent on replanting and protecting their plantations. The end of the Baron Courts and hereditary jurisdiction is mentioned

No. 214, 1748.—Latter part of letter: David Monro of Allan, from Edinburgh, to William Baillie.] Our Court of Session have not yet finished the affair of the jurisdictions . . . their Lordships gave £164,000 for the whole—it's whispered that sum is to be deminished. The division is not yet made. [Compensation to the above amount was voted to the landowners when their hereditary jurisdiction was abolished in the above year. We see yet another jurisdiction in the county in

No. 215, 1665; parts torn out.—] The Justices of Ross convened in Quarter Sessions have inacted that all persones who are not put to actuall service shall wtin aught days after the promulgatione of this pnt. act tak ym to actuall service wt. a maister wt. certificatione any justice of the Peace wtin ye shyre is heirby appointed to cause imprisone all such lose persones till the next Quarter Sessions, at leist till such persones ty themselves to actuall service or find securitie ( ) ( ) Everie foirman fie in the shyre shall be 10 merks ( ) ( ) of gray for ilk half yeir ( ) pair shoone and for the woman 40 sh. ( ) guidwill of cloathes ( ) the boll ait meill or beir at 5 merks ( ) the pryces of hydes to be 5 merks for ilk sufficient ( ) pair mens shoes and the pair women's shoon as also that no persone presume to carie or convoy any barkit hydes furth of the shyre under the payne of 4 libs. Scots for the hyde qrof half to the discoverer [in literal sense of *discloser*.] Inacts that everie shearer have a harvest for his shearing from ther entering to shearing till the shearing be com in to ilk man ane boll of victual and to ilk woman 3 firlots and whoso refuses or craves more to be imprisoned. And it is declared yt. no persone is to give or promise more yn is above set doune under the paine of 12 libs. Scots qrof the half to the discoverer. Inacts that till nixt Quarter Sessions the pryce of the aile sall be 14d for the aile and 16d for the beir and at the mercats or faires 16d for the aile and 18d for the beir the aile and the beir being guid and sufficient and approven by the Cunsters [literally *knowers, ascertainers*] to be appoyntit in ilk parroch and quho ever does in the contrar sall be fyned 3 libs. toties quoties qrof the third to the discoverer ( ). The justices appoynt to

meet at Kilmure, Fortrose, Dingwall, and Bridgend. [Short work these Ross-shire Justices made of some problems that vex us now—unemployment, strikes, and adulteration. Then for special needs special authority might be given to lairds as justices:—

B. No. 216, 1638.—Paper headed with written signature, "Charles R." . . . Forsameikle as the crimes of theft, cutting of green wood, killing of blackfish, deer, and roe, and sorning upon our good subjects is become verie frequent within the bounds pertaining to David Ross of Balnagowne . . . we understanding . . . disposition to retane his owne tennents under our peace . . . constitute him and his baillies our justices in that part . . . our full auctoritie . . . all persones . . . being tennents or servants . . . delate guiltie of the said crimes . . . tynes . . . half to our use, half to our said justices . . . commission for ane yeere . . . given at Stirlin 15th Febii. 1638 [seal and signatures] Sanct Andrews Cancells. Elphinstone Ja. Carmichaell Wal. Brechinen. [Here are two bishops on the Council. That the laird or chief was responsible for malefactors within his bounds is seen in

B. No. 217, 1643.—Letter to Balnagown.] Right Honl. and loving Brother, my wyffe after hir returning . . . hath informit me that you have promisit to meitt me and Donald McCloud anent these horses which Donald McTormatt hath stollen out of this countrey . . . resolvit to meit the morne . . . be twelf a clocke on the Ness on this side Portincouler [now Meikle Ferry] seing McCloud doth alledge the man who is rebal to be on your bounds in the hight of Strath-hokell about Feachirnie . . . you should be mead countable for him . . . hoping you will keipe the said dyett els I must creave your pardone to prosecut the lawes . . . Your most affectionat brother to serve you J. Southerland. Dun-robin 20th Appryle, 1643. [See also No. 683.

Turning now to the burghs, their magistrates had jurisdiction in civil as well as criminal matters (see Nos. 125 and 126, and many after this), and they held jury inquests as to heirship of property, the earliest example being:—

No. 218, 1561.—Parchment (Latin), badly faded, and many words illegible.] This Inquest was made at the Mercat Cross, called *decarlie* in Tayne . . . before the honourable Alexander Davidson at that time bailie of the said town sitting in judgment at the instance of Arthur Glas, by good men of the said town Alexander Ross Andrew ( ) John Johnsons Andrew Corbat, Thos. Fides and so to the number of 15 who . . . gave judgment that . . . nearest heir of his father Donald . . . in . . . Croft Crenan . . . in the north part of Tayne . . . also a piece of land with huts [cameris] in which the said Donald lived . . . also to two riggs extending to 3 firlots' sowing of bere in the south part . . . Witnesses



John Vaus of Invereahie, Robert Vaus, Magnus Vaus, Donald Davidson, Donald Jhonson. [As to the officers through whom burgh magistrates kept order:—

No. 219, 1669.—Entry in fragments of minute book of Tain Council.] The qlk day it is ordainit that ther be four constables ordainit to be within the burgh viz. ane constable in each port of the ( ? ) for takeing notice of any inormities that sall happen to be comitit within the same in maner following James Mansone is ordainit to be constable for the west end of the toune, Jon Ros Nicolsonsone . . . for the nether end, Wm. Ros last Dean of Gild . . . south quarter and Hugh Fraser . . . for the eister quarter who are to tak notice of all idle persones in each of yr. qrtrs and saise upon be vertew of thir pnt. lers. and . . . conforme to the instructiounes . . . [another entry.] The qlk day be a pluralitie of votes Jon McLey is commissionatt to remaine in the laich Counsell Hous during the day tyme allenarlie [only] with certificatione to him that in case he sall be found to goe one foot lenth without the shreaf heall [sheriff hall] door of the said Tolbuith he sall not onlie be laid up in strait prisone but his wholl substance forfeit and confiscat . . . [“Jon” seems to be some sort of watcher, and a slippery one. There was a grimmer official:—

No. 220, 1751.—Entries in] account of Cash Recd. and laid out by George Miller upon the Town’s acct. as Treasurer . . . To Cash given the Hangman when he engaged 1s 1d. To cash given the hangman 3s 6d.

[No. 221, 1735.—Entry in] Roup of Tain Burgh Customs . . . Hangman’s Croft £9.

[No. 222, 1762.—Letter from Inverness, sender’s name torn off.] To D. Ross Sheriff Clerk Tain. I received yrs. just now with the letter to our magistrates concerning the use of our Executioner which I delivered to them and they very frankly agreed to the request as a neighbouring burgh for which they have great regard. A person of the executioner business is not easy to deal with as they are not easily got and the magistrates and I thot. it best for your town to settle as to his demand. He said he wd. take not less than £5 stg. but . . . we got him to agree to take fifty shillings and his expenses back and fore . . . [As the sequel, we have in burgh accounts of that year: “For erecting a new gibbet and to executioner from Inverness and execution of Katherine Ross £7 6s 3d.” With so many jurisdictions there was occasional clashing:—

No. 223, 1664.—[Sheriff Court at Tain.] Alexr. Bayne of Knockbayne Comr. Depute . . . requirit Alexr. Forrester Provost and Wm. Ross Bailie . . . to produce Neil Roy a prisoner in Tolbuith . . . They being personallie present refusit alledging they wer judges competent and wer in use

to judge all malefactors delyverit to them . . . Alexr. Bayne ansered yat they were no wayes judges competent becaus the said Neil did not comit the alledgit crimes wtin there burgh and was not apprehendit wtin the burgh. [The result does not occur. The last part of the 17th century was marked by disorders in Ross-shire, as shown in several papers following.

No. 224, 1682.—] Instructions The Commissioners of justiciary wtin the shires of Ros and Cromartie to the constables within the revixe [respective] paroches . . to be read at each parochie kirk. You are to search and apprehend all persons guilty or suspect . . of theft . . resett, robbery, . . sorning, exactione of blackmail, communing with intercommuned persons, harbouring . . outlaws . . murtheris . . present ym befere . . . next justice court . . . seiz upon . . all persons travelling and carrying fyrearmes sevin miles . . from . . ordinary residence . . wtout a pass under the hand of some lawit man . . . to bear a date and continue only for that jurney . . seiz all . . wanting passes as . . vagabonds till they find caution . . Seiz all . . nightwalkers . . sturdie begers, Egyptians . . arest all ye know to have no means to live upon and will not betak ym to any trade or occupatione . . . you ar to requyr . . neighbours to assist . . if any sall refuse . . imprisonit . . . abide every justice court . . give information of . . breaches of the peace . . no wayes to hyde or cover . . . [Here is one of the "passes":—

No. 225, 1684.—] To all and sindrie qm these pnts. may concern.—I doe hereby testife yt. ye bearer hereof Alexr. McElister vic Urquhart is in repute ane honest man qr. he lives qrfor he should not by any means be impeded or molested in passing and repassing with two work horses the one qrfor is wholly yellow and the other black . . wt. my hand at Cunlich . . . Roderick McKenzie.

[No. 226, 1679.—] Informatione against Donald Ross in Leik Clavack, Alexr. Munro alias McCarlich John Munro son to Sir Geo. Munro of Culrain and his accomplices . . . The said Donald Ross being apprehended be Murdo McKenzie of Ardross and his partie be . . . ane order . . be ye Earle of Seafort shreff prinll. . . did confess that he did wound Neil McKenzie his head wt. a naked broadsword as will be instructed be Hugh McKenzie Davachmaluachs broyr. . . Alexr. Munro being apprehended . . . did confess . . cutting Thomas Gow's head proven be Hugh McKenzie and Duncan McKenzie . . . It will be proven that the said Neil was quarreled for having gone to ye good-wife of Ulladaills house [Scotsburn] to apprehend Mr Walter Denune and . . Thomas Gow was wounded for no cause except yt. he helped to carie Neil to ane house. The sd. John Munro . . . with accomplices to ye number of twa or

three score part on horse, part on foot, wt. guns, pistolls, swords . . . great staffs and flails, did invade the sd. Murdoch . . . and his companie quho to ye number of 8 men were going alongs wt. prisoners to be delivered to ye magistrates of Fortrose . . . did strick Murdoch and Wm. McKenzies, wound John McLey . . . give armes to ye prisoners, refuse to read ye shreff's order, vilipendinglie said they did not vawle it a fart . . . did deforce . . . and take away the prisoners . . . The sd. day Thomas Urquhart ferrier on Inverbreakie ferrie vowd not to crois [take across] the sd. Murdoch, prisoners and gaurd, tooke ane great axe . . . offered violence . . . gave ane sword to . . . ane of the prisoners the sd. prisoner being hurled . . . be ye croud into the sd. Thomas's house. Upon the morrow . . . Urquhart confest yt. all the boats were secured before . . . McKenzie, prisoners and gaurd were the lenth of Rosskeen Kirk, and . . . being afloat from the shoar he would let none of ym be brought to it for fear the sd. John Munro and accomplices and Mackenzie and his companie would kill one anoyr. the one partie striving to put in ye prisoners, the oyr. to hold ym out. If . . . had stayed ane quarter of ane hour farder at the ferie there would be twa hundered . . . of yr enemies about . . . did see considerable companies of men convey wt. some weapon or oyr. . . [At foot the scribe adds:] O tempora O mores! [Note that this fight began with the attempt to arrest a minister, also that on one side were Mackenzies and on the other Rosses and Muuros. Sir George Munro, though actually commissioner for putting down conventicles, had no illwill to the covenanters, and let them slip whenever he could. His lady was wholly on their side, and gave them warning. Her son was ready to fight for them, against another clan. There is no paper giving the sequel of the affair. Soon after come two cases tried by John Ross of Auchnacloich as Sheriff of Tain:—

No. 227, 1691.—First case.] Kenneth Mackenzie and others . . . following the said Jon Ouin [Ewen?] . . . in great wrath to the field with drawin dircks and paguets [bayonets?] with intention to kill . . . fyned £100 . . . outlawed. [Second case.] . . . John Chisholm and Ronald McCurchie as comandars of the partie and about 40 more . . . came to the Brey of Streatcarrone and Glenmore of design to carry away all the bestiall they could find in Balnagown's country . . . and yr. in body raised a spreath of the lands of Ragg( ) in Strathoykell . . . consisting of horse sheep and goat . . . [accused] came from Contane, Lochcarron, Kilin Leadgown, Garbal, Auchwald, Reogie, Garve and Corrievulzie . . . [To meet such disorders a special tribunal was set up:—

No. 228, 1694.—Printed notice.] Edinburgh April 5th 1694 . . . Council being informed that the day appointed for the first meeting of the Commissioners nominat by their



Majesties for security of the peace of the Highlands is elapsed and that they have not met . . . hereby assign . . . the first . . . meeting . . . to be . . . 22nd . . . May . . . at . . . Inverness and not at Inverlochic.

[No. 229.—Case before these Commissioners.] John Chisholm of Knockfin, his brother . . . and others . . . for having convocat 500 men with guns swords hagbutts and oyr. forbidden weapons under command of captains lieutenants and oyr. military officers and marched in warlike posture to the lands of Urquhart then pertaining to Rorie Mackenzie of Findon and furth thereof . . . reive . . . 8 cows and 3 oxin belonging to the pursuer John Gordon, viz. 4 black, 1 read, 1 speckled, 1 large brandered, 1 prickhorned white and 1 black cow with ane considerable great heirship plunder and booty . . . off the land of Ferintosh pertaining to the Laird of Culloden. . . Gordon followed entreating they might be pleased to make restitution of his goods considering the place of his residence was not within the limits of the Commission they alleadgit they had from the Commander-in-chief of the late King James for weasting and plundering the lands of Ferintosh . . .

[No. 230, 1698.—Before same Commissioners.] . . . Thretty men armed with guns swords, hagbutts, durks . . . did repaire to the toune and lands of Laddie and . . . rob and away-take 13 cows 1 bull 15 goat and 60 sheep. . . . [In same year, John Chisholm, laird of Comer, puts in a claim for £552 for price of stolen cattle, but there are only three Commissioners, “not a quorum.”]

No. 231, 1696.—Complaint and petition.] . . . Rorie McLeod of Cambuscurrie . . . whereas Charles Ross and accomplices did under silence of night goe to my lands of Leaballnagowine . . . sease Wm. Munro one of my tenants . . . carry him prisoner to Tayne and have sinistrusly and unbeknowin to him putt money in his poceat of a design to make him shouldier . . . [Reiving of men also. The state of suspicion caused by reiving is illustrated by]

No. 232, 1684.—Certificate.] I Robert Gray of Migdale . . . the grey horse which the bearer George Munro in Migdale hath brought with him to the mercat of Tayne is his owne and that he may sell him to any person. . . . Also similar certificate for Hew McAchrossich in the parish of Alness. These Commissioners issued:—

No. 233, 1694.—Proclamation.] . . . For suppressing of theft receipt of theft and other crymes ordinarlie committed in the Highlands . . . it is statute and ordained that all heretors, life renters, wadsetters, heads and chieftains of clans shall find caution for the vassals men-servants and servants indwellers upon the lands . . . ane list to the Commissioners of Justiciary for securing . . . [Several of these lists occur, and

will be taken under the head of "Population"—No. 403. But in the disturbed state of the country up to the '15 and after it, special commissions and other Government measures failed to put down marauding, and the proprietors took measures for themselves, as in

B. No. 234, 1723.—Letter, address wanting, but most likely to Balnagown.] Fferintosh Apryl 26 1723. Sir, . . you were to have a meeting this day at Inverbreaky annent the settling of a watch for securing the country . . our meeting . . resolutions . . You have a scheme enclosed . . with such additions as we thought proper . . communicate to those concerned in the Eastern Division of Ross . . . meet at Dingwall . . to concert with the undertakers for the watch . . attended by a certain number from this side. The voluntary stent for so necessary a work . . no extraordinary burden devided betwixt masters and tenants and the frequent attempts made of late on the low country peoples cattle . . necessary for the watch to continue for a year. . . . If your neighbours do not relish the proposal we may look to our own safety. [Signatures] Will Mackenzie Alexr. Matheson Alexr. McKenzie Ken. Bayne Ken. Mackenzie Al. McKenzie Ken. McKenzie Rod. Mackenzie Will Mackenzie Alexr. Mackenzie Jas. Fraser Don. Mackenzie. [The sequel is fortunately preserved in

B. No. 235, 1723.—Letter to Balnagown from his factor.] Ey 10th May 1723 . . . Many gentlemen of the Mackenzies and as many Rosses Munros and oyr. of this end . . met on settling a general watch for the shyre . . . But the undertakers would give no bail nor . . . bind themselves for more then to deliver the cowes the theives or the ( ) leaving all yt were plundered to . . prosecute. This was sua uncertain and insecure that non in East Ross would agree to it and we parted. Severall . . were for a separate watch but Sir Robt. Munro Culcarne . . for a generall watch. Culcarne went to the Generall Assembly. . . . There was a meeting yesterday of all heretors be-east Alness . . . Six men on watch in Strathcarron from ye middle of March to 27 Apl. . . 8 men added and at their posts still . . if not ther would not be a cow left in the countrie . . Invercasley's cowes . . taken lately . . watch and many oyr. followed hot after them to Lochbroom . . they fled and left the cowes . . . protection of the poor people yt. are every minut in hazard of being plundered and murdered by Rebels and Robbers . . hard if ye law does not protect if men be not allowed self defence. [Still earlier, a watch as well as depredations are noticed in a letter from D. Ross of Inverchassley to Balnagown, dated 19th July, 1700:—"I have hard making money when my small stock is settled in highlands . . for the most part waist. I cannot wait upon your Honour having a watch in the braes to observe . . . Inveran and the tennents' of

Duchellie have w'out your ho: order cutt about 400 birk cabers in the wood of Croick . . he and Culrain's tennents . . constant cutting . . . if yr. be not a restraint . . . these lands will be lye." There is a list which, though not coming under the above order, illustrates a curious state of things:—

No. 236, 1675.—Paper, endorsed] John Innes Donald McInteir and Alexr. finlaysone officeris you ar heirby warranted to poynd the reddiest goods of ilk ane of the delinquents withinwritten guiltie of blackfish and wood to the avail of ten pund Scots this last day of May 1675. [it is headed] a List of yr. names in Lochbroome. [There was a signature, but it was carefully blotted out. The names are arranged under their localities as follows:—] Inveirvenie [3 names], Cambusgarrich [6], Meikle Gruinart [9], Munastill [3], Ariegollach [4], Reilecke [2], Craigour [2], Strana-sealge [3], Auchnivie [4], Badlocherach [3], Deirnamuck [3], Strome [10], Auchdashaldnuisk [15], Keapach [8], Kildonane [4], Reischeoch [3], Airdalline [3], Logge [5], Leterchlachane [2], Bracklach [11], Auchdadonill [11], Leackmelme [11], Ardkearnich [5], Inverlavell [21], Kirktowne [4], Ballone [12], Auchiglunichane [15], ffoech [6], Auchdascart brea [9], Stassicanich [5—in all, 202 men in one part of Ross condemned to a fine, and then pointed. In the same year a large number were summoned to a Sheriff Court at Auchoisik, in Kinlochewe, on a charge of "eating of blackfish," or "killing blackfish," apparently what is now termed taking unclean trout or salmon. One other reference to Kildonan occurs. In 1765 is a summons against Frances McKenzie, relict, and James, Alexander, Simon, Katherine, and Janet, children of Simon McKenzie of Kildonan. There is also one other reference to Kinlochewe in 169., when R. McKenzie writes from there to Master Geo. McKenzie of Balmuchie, with disposition or transfer of a cow, value ten merks, "since your own cow was stollen"—a frequent case in those days. In a fragment of a paper of about 1666 appear Auchtaskeald, Auchalunachane, Craigour, Strathnasalg, "as samen were possesst be Rorie McKenzie of Coigach lyand in Lochbroom." Another summons, with date and some other parts torn off, but appearing, by script, &c., to be about same date as above, recites that "by Jas. 5th parlt. 4th cap. 12 page 204 it is statute and ordained that if any maner of persone be found puting ther goods in pasturing to the King's fforest that they be taken and brought to the King's grace prison and the goods [cattle, &c.] found in the said fforest escheat to the keeper yrof." Sometimes the drawer of an indictment of that period makes it a field for display of rhetoric, thus:—

No. 237, 1695.—] At Tayne before Walter Ross provost, Alexr. Hay and Alexr. Ross bailzies . . Wm. McColl in



Invereahie did aproch to the said Margaret McKay her house and entering her most secure room having ane staff in his hand . . . did beat . . . the persone of . . . at the side of her ordinar resting bed till the sd. staff braik . . . rendering her . . . not able to travell her own lenth from the said bed qr. she now is bedfast sorely tormented . . . [The burghs had the same problems as Nos. 215 and 224 have shown in the shire, thus:—

No. 238, 1660.—Two pages of Burgh Court Minutes.] At Tayne 27th Feb. 1660 . . . comperit Wm. Ros . . . as cautioner and soveritie for Margaret ( ) . . . apprehendit as ane scandalous persone . . . to remove hir of this toune at Whitsunday next under payne of ten punds Scots. . . . The above written act is fulfilled yrfor assoilzies . . . Wm. Ros for his cautione . . . Comperit Alexr. Hay . . . band and obleist for Agnes Gordoun in Miltoun to remove furth of this burgh the morrow . . . . Comperit Donald Suyrland . . . obleist for Margaret Tui that she remove of this burgh presentlie and if she be fand here . . . cautioner or any other receptor sall pay £10 . . . David McCulloch of Kindeis . . . cautioner for Wm. ( ) of Voirach . . . remove at Whitsunday . . . Siclyke . . . Catherin McKeowne . . . remove immediatly furth . . . iff she be fundin or any persone to receipt her except in time of mercat . . . ten punds . . . Issobel McCallan is ordanit to remove . . . and not be seen heir except to pass and repass wtin 48 hours . . . Marion bane accusit for want of service is orddenit to remove or tak on service under all hiest paine . . . Jonat Talyeor . . . to keip her service as formerlie . . . and find cautione to be frie of skandell . . . Ordaines Nein [daughter of] Gibbie Gow to be wardit and Andrew Galdie also wardit for receipting of her till he pay £10 and Andrew McKeanes doughter and her doughter and ordaines the receptoris to be wardit. . . . Jonat Tailyor to remove . . . or find Cautione for hir civill deportment. . . . Elspet nein Gaane is continowit 15 dayis to tak on service or els remove . . . 29th March 1661 Ordanis all theis quha hes not houses sett to ym to be convenit heir in ward Monday nixt yrefter expellit and all theis not qualifyit wt. ane civill deportment is ordanit to remove preseiislie at Whitsunday . . . all quha sall herefter receipt any of yr. persones sall pay £10. [The burgh made short work of the unemployed, hustled them out, and unless they could go by sea they would fall into the clutches of the shire constables—see No. 224. The whole is a picture of dire distress and the weakest going to the wall. Naturally, along with this, we see crine and ruthless punishments. Further extracts from this paper after No. 396.

No. 239, 1648.—Case] Before Walter Ross provost and . . . bailies of Tayne . . . ane vagabond Donald McCurriche . . . for breaking Wm. Ross his kiln and therby entering his

merchant buith under cloud of night and stealing ane silver dish weighting sex unce of money, four pair single soled showes ane stene and quarter weight of butter 5 elns plaiding ane roll of tobacco weighing twell pund ten peices of beefe ane stene weight of wool and yarne. [He was remitted to the Sheriff, and evidence given that] he was nyne months or thereby in the prison of Inverness, but upon ane certaine night wild Highland men cam and brak up the dore. [The paper is torn off there, but is endorsed] "decernit to dy."

[No. 240, N.D.—Indictment before Hugh Rose of Kilravock as Sheriff, opens with a disquisition on property, and then recites] by leg. burgorum cap. 121 it is said if a thief be taken with bread worth a farthing and from one to four he shall be scourged . . . worth 4 . . . he should be put in the jogs or banished . . . 4 to 8 he should lose ane ear, and if the same thief be taken with . . . 32 pennies and farthing he may be hanged . . . one defamed for theft if he cannot find caution should be hanged.

[No. 241, 1675.—Case at Fortrose] . . . for stealing 1 boll 2 pecks bear from . . . barn . . . to be scourged publickly the morrow betwixt 11 and 12 of the cloack . . . from the west end of the toune to Culloddon's Hill by the executioner and immediately yreftr to be bannished the shyr . . .

[No. 242, 1741.—Case of robbery at Knockbain, tried at Tain. Accused] . . . took 4 horses out of the stable and a musket . . . . The Sheriff ordains that for the Musket . . . he be taken from prison to the bridge at (Little) Tain and there by the hands of the common hangman to receive 7 lashes of the common whipping cord upon his naked body—thereafter 7 . . . opposite to the house of Bailie Manson . . . 7 at the Cross, lastly 7 at the bridge in the upper end of the burgh and then to be dismissed . . . For the horses . . . carried to the common place of execution . . . hanged . . . till he be dead dead . . .

[No. 243, 1697.—Criminal process.] Tayne . . . in pns. of Alexr. Hay bailzie . . . Jannet Sanderson . . . accusit for going to . . . Jannet Ross's house . . . making her believe . . . money under ground . . . shee drank to the value of £3 worth of aill and beir . . . . In respect the said Jannet . . . committed . . . base acts in Inverness and Elgin decernis that shee be scourgit by the hangman from the west end of High St. till she be put out at the east end Also that Jannet Ross keep her cloathes till payment of the liquor and that the planket she hes be given to the executioner.

[No. 244, 1675.—Paper, torn and end wanting.] At Cromertie . . . in pns. of Sir John Urquhart shreff pnll. of . . . Cromertie and Alexr. Urqt. of Newhall his depute . . . indytements against Margaret Tode alias Davidsons . . .

stealling of one sheep . . . . hideing in the Den of Newtoun  
 . . stealling one lamb from Donald Davidstone Newtoun  
 . . . . stealling ane wadder . . . a sheep from John Jewner  
 . . comiting adulterie with Alexr. Dunbar and in . .  
 examination perjured yourself . . . fled to anoyr cuntrey . .  
 apprehended and sent back ( ) . . were ordeined be the  
 sessione to maik your repentance . . . . confest [rest wanting.

No. 245, 1676.—Before same at Cromarty], Andrew Forbes  
 Kaird [Tinker] . . accuseit for . . dailly stealling of corne-  
 stacks in 3 or 4 places . . . breaking Jon Urquhart in Crom-  
 ertie his booth and stealling 20 merks . . stealling the  
 communione cup of the Kirk of Tarbet . . breaking of  
 Thomas Gaire his booth and stealling merchant waires . .  
 stealing timber from the bulwark of Cromertie . . false  
 cunzieing of money and making of ill half crowns by laying  
 on ym of quicksilver . . comitting adulterie with Marjorie  
 Denune in Inverness and poysoning his own wyffe and for  
 perjurie yranent . . For which crymes he was secured in  
 the pit of the castell of Cromartie and on the 28th of May  
 being Sunday made ane passadge throw the prison wall  
 being eleven feet thick and made his escap and stealed and  
 away took ane pewter stoup and ane pair of blankets he  
 had in the prison . . . brocht to the gallows at the Ness of  
 Cromertie and hangit yron be the neck to the death and  
 his bodie cut down and intered at the gallows foott . . .

[No. 246, 1675.—] At Ballone, Avoch, Donald Doune in  
 Loggie . . for stealing severall cows and sheep, and being a  
 notour thief . . . . be taken to the muir be west Ballone . .  
 hangit to the death and not taken down before Tuesday  
 nixt 1st of June.

[No. 247, 1667.—] At ane Sheriff Court Dingwall on 1st  
 Apryll . . . Alexr. M'Kenzie and Don. McConnach—vaga-  
 bunds [there is no other distinct charge mentioned] . . . .  
 to be taken to Knockvroill above fairburn and hangit to  
 the death . . to be left in the gibbets till last day of  
 December. [If Knockfarrell were decorated in this weird  
 fashion this season, would there be fewer sight-seers there?

No. 248, 1698.—] At ane Shreff Court haldin at ye Tolbooth  
 of Fortrose . . . . Margaret Moore . . . for the cryme of  
 murdering her own child, adultery and incest . . . ordaines  
 she be brought to ye ness of Fortrose being ye ordinar  
 place of executione . . . and yr. to be strangled and yrefter  
 hangit to the death and forder ordaines her right arm be  
 cut of from the elbow and put on a pole on ye top of ye  
 hill above Fortrose and the west and highest end yrof . . .  
 which was given for doome.

[No. 249, 1674.— At Cromarty after conviction of Donald  
 M'finlay, tuannach, for thefts, the Sheriff] ordeins that  
 ther be ane giebet set up in the Mulbuie be west the hill



callit Knocknahowllay and yt the sd. Donald be . . hangit . . . tuesday nixt and his bodie hing for eight days. [In this and three preceding we have the old preference of headlands and heights for executions and for gibbeting, to be widely seen and strike terror. The papers about hanging for theft are numerous, but the hangman was kept busy in other ways:—

No. 250, 1667.—Sentence by Sheriff at Dingwall] . . Donald McBane McOnell you are convict of the slaughter of Neil Munro by drawing yor. durk and stobing him in the smal of the back . . . brought to the place of Knockchastell in Alness and suffer death by separating yor head from yor souldiers.

[No. 251, 1698.—Jury trial at Fortrose] . . Wm. McPhail and Christan McRyrie . . stealing 6 firlots oats, breaking up . . pantry and stealing 6 firlots maile and brane and Margaret McAy . . reset of theft . . . Ordaines [1st and 2nd] to be brought to the mercat cros of ffortross . . then and there both yr. right eares to be nailed to the post . . . and ther to stand for ane hour's tyme . . thereafter to be banished this toune and shyr and never to return againe . . said Margaret to be scourgit thorow all the streets of this burgh . . 48 strypes qrof 12 in each street . . .

[No. 252, 1687.—] Taine . . in pns. of Walter Ross provest Angus McCulloch and Alexr. Ross bailzeis and the hail members of Counsell . . Indytement Andrew Baine tailzeor and certain uthers . . and the pror. phiscall . . against Donald Pender as a comon notorius theife . . . did under silence of night—being ane Lord's Day . . com to Andrew Baine his dwelling . . did win in upon ane window efter breaking and casting down of the said . . it being filled up with clay and ston . . efter yor. entrie to ane chalmer whair the most of his keiping lay . . and you about . . 8 efternoon . . . drinking with the sd. partie grived, and his spouse, did learn and track out qr. the keyes of his kist lay . . . and the sd. night . . saisit the sd. keyes and did oppen . . . and hes stollen . . . 80 merks. [Part with evidence and verdict torn off, but sentence on back, thus] . . . Ordaines you . . . to suffer . . punishment . . . instantly upon . . dait herof . . to be convoyed be the hangman to the meikle tree standing at the gavill of the schoollhous [see No. 43] . . . and yor ear to be nailit with ane double plenission nail be the hand of the hangman and also decerns you to mak payment to the sd. Andrew conforme to the lybell . . . [We may in imagination fill in the picture of the effect on the scholars of such a scene at their "gavill," and the "meikle tree," which was doubtless their gymnasium. Note that the whole Council assist in the trial, besides a jury, for the words are:] The *judges* having considered the *foresaid verdict* convict the said malefactor . . . and efter

due *advysement with the hail counsell* decerns and ordeins [&c., as above. There is another punishment in

No. 253, 1706.—Tain Burgh Court.] . . . Alexr. Reach . . . bloody Alexr. Ross and casting him in the heart of the fyr and for casting Alexr. Ross's wife Muriel Forrester on her back in the dubs and trampling on her . . . fined £70 . . . lie four hours in the stocks at the Mercat Cross and to be in prison till payment of his fine and his continuance in the said stocks to be during said Muriel's pleasure. [It seems doubtful whether this allowed Muriel to prolong the durance vile beyond four hours, or only to shorten it if she took pity, or saw the fellow badly pelted, as men in stocks often were.

No. 254, 1743.—Same Court.] . . . Denoon carrier confessed that he received a cask of spirits to convey to the ferry of Cromarty to be shipped to London . . . at the Sands of Nigg he and accomplices pierced it with a gimlet and embuzled 10 or 12 Scots pints. . . . The bailie ordaines him to be in prison 8 days then stand for an hour at the mercat cross with a paper on his breast inscribed "For Breach of Trust." [See likewise No. 854.

No. 255, 1724.—Sheriff Court at Fortrose, one leaf rotted and illegible, the other has:] The Sheriff having considered . . . . and defenders' absence last dyet, holds them confest . . . breaking down, cutting, . . . spoiling green woodland belonging to Ord . . . therefore fyynes and amerciati [6 men] £20 Scots each . . . pay £20 each to the goodman of Ord . . . remain in prison 8 days and till they find caution . . . carried to ye mercat place . . . . be stript of yr clothing down to the breeches and a rope about yr necks . . . be led 3 times up and down ye mercat place be ye hangman with a paper on the breast of each and these words This is for my first fault in cutting . . . and I promise I shall not do ye like under ye paine of being whipt once every moneth of 3 moneths . . . .

[No. 256, 1690.—Criminal process, Fortrose—last page only found.] . . . Whilks persones of assize find the said Neill guilty of stealing ye bear lybelled upon the Sabbath Day . . . . als also the said Duncan of the same . . . said Jon McGillicallum guilty of the hail crymes. . . The Sheriff depute . . . . ordaines Neill Skianach . . . to be brought to the mercat croce . . . this 25th of Jany. to be fixt in the jogs and his left cheek to be brunt with the tolbooth key till it bear the impression and that by the hand of the hangman and yrefter the said Neill bag and baggage to banish himself and all his familie furth of this shyre within 48 hours under payne of hanging in case he be fand yrin . . . said Duncan . . . to ye mercat croce his ear to be nailed to ye post . . . and to be brunt with a hote key on his left shoulder

and yrefter to banish . . . and not to be seen this side of the hight of Strathconnon under paine &c. . . . the sd. Jon . . . his right ear to be nailed as said is for the space of 3 hours and the lap of his ear qr. the nail is, to be severed from his head . . . banish [&c., as before. Truly Tolbooth keys were put to strange uses. In many of above "dooms" banishment from the shire or burgh has been noted—evil-doers or undesirables being thus passed on from one district to another. It is also noted in several cases that an offence was "on the Sabbath Day," and a heavier sentence, apparently, passed. With the drain of men for the great foreign wars under William III. and Marlborough, came a new punishment, as well as the kidnapping seen in No. 231.

No. 257, 1705.—Petition.] . . . prisoners in the Tolbuith of Taine . . . have been adjudged vagabonds by the justices and to be handed over as recruits for Colonell Poenck's regiment [one pleads] . . . was not and could not be guilty of fornication as was charged [another] he was in regular service [a third] he was paying rent. [Clearly the system was open to abuse; but there was sometimes a remedy, for we have:—

No. 258, 1709.—Sentence in trial at Inverness before Lord Adam Cockburne of Ormistoun and a jury.] . . . Sir Kenneth Mackenzie of Fairness sone to the Earle of Cromarty Mr Bernard Mackenzie of Sandylands, John Clunies of Neilstoun and Robt. Mackenzie of Navity, Commissioners of Supply . . . did grant warrand for seising and apprehending . . . Evan M'Grigor and Alexr. Buy, adjudged as recruits . . . and sent prisoners . . . to Inverness . . . notwithstanding M'Grigor was a fied servant . . . in Newmilne and . . . Buy was a tennant, paying farm . . . . guilty of oppression and wrongous imprisonment. . . . Court decerned . . . said . . . pannels in the americiament of one hundred pounds Scots for the use and behoof of . . . parties grieved . . . and be detained prisoners . . . till they pay . . . . [Later papers have sentences of "transporting to His Majesty's Plantations in America," in connection with which there is one curious petition:—

No. 259, 1767—to the Sheriff.] . . . Donald Macdonald . . . Island of Lewis . . . that upon information . . . by Rev. George Balfour minister of Tarbat that I was guilty of bigamy . . . I was committed prisoner to the Tolbooth of Tain . . . under extreme hardship for want of subsistance. . . . I am willing and desirous . . . to be banished . . . . will save the Court trouble and expense. . . . Since petitioner at the bar acknowledges the petition . . . fiscall . . . personally consents . . . Sheriff . . . decerns the said Donald . . . to be transported . . . to any of his Majesty's plantations in America.



. . . If he shall return . . . to Ross or Cromarty . . . be put in the pillory and scourged . . . and recommitted to gaol till . . . occasion . . . transporting him again. [Above being examples of all the punishments occurring in the papers, we pass to

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No. 260, 1665.—Petition] . . . To Kenneth Earle of Seafort, his depute and hail barrones and freeholders . . . Mr Jon M'Kenzie of Inverlaoll . . . Upon the 2nd . . . October 1664 I was chosen Commissioner be plurality of voices . . . to the Conventione of Estates . . . I went . . . August 1665 . . . I wes going and coming back . . . be the space of 26 dayes and hes not as yet gotten any charges from the said barrones . . . desyre . . . course be taken in stenting my charges . . . at fyve pundis Scots ilk day conforme to the act . . . [At foot of paper:] The barrones . . . finds the desyre . . . reasonable . . . full power to Hugh Baillie shreff clerk to proportione the charges . . . upon the heall barrones, freeholders . . . and fermers holding ten chalders victuall immediate of his Majestie. [Without date, but about same as above, and quite likely in connection with it, is

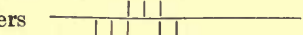
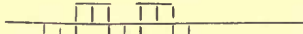
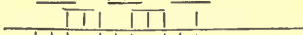
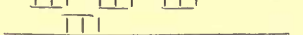

No. 261] The Rentall of the Barrons and freeholders of the shyre feu of Ross as weel holden feu of the King and wch. is the stent roll for payment of the commissioner's charges that did attend his ma'ties parliament and that according to act of parlt. [31 names—see Appendix. On the other side is] a list of such as did not pay the Commissioner charges [17 names. As to members, soon after there is] Search of the Rolls of the members of Parliament for the shire of Ross . . . 19th October 1669 Mr David Ross of Balnagown and Sir George Mackenzie of Rosehaugh. 2nd July 1670 [the same]. 12th June 1672 [the same].

No. 262, 1685.—Letter, addressed:] For Hugh Dallas Shreff Clerk of Ros Thes. heast—Affectionat freind I find that my lord Reger. blames the barons of the shyre for choysing Tulloch commr. in his vice [place] to the parliat. because he says it is against law and forme to change any commr. from one state of Parliat. to another during this currt. Parliat. . . . Rodk. Mackenzie. [In No. 260 we have, in the old Scottish Parliament, payment of members by their constituents, as a regular thing. The rate is very modest, 8s 4d stg. a day, and the session is only 26 days. Now we have the Ross constituency, apparently dissatisfied, dismissing their member and electing another during the Parliament. The constituents long remained few.

No. 263, 1765.—] Baron Roll [44 names, see Appendix.] What is contained on this and the preceding page is the Roll of Freeholders as made up at the Michaelmas Head Court . . . [For 1690-97 there is a paper giving a "list of the hail . .

heretors wadsetters Lyferenters and oysrs. having lyfrent ryts in Ross," and it gives 193 names, but only the heritors would be in the voting list or Baron Roll. For list, see Appendix. The earliest account of an election is in

No. 264, 1697.—Letter, addressed] Hugh Bailzie Shreff Clerk of Rossshyre. froulis Octr. 16 1697. Sir, ye may be remembered that you promised ( ) at Dingwall to send me extract of what past at Tain Wednesday the 29 from the Ness of Inverbreakie . . and I expected . . I have sent this express . . to send the sd. extract withal . . . I told you that my cousin Lemlair holds the lands of Clynes of me and that I hold them of the regalitie of Speynie for ye told me that it was the unclearness of the enformation you hade of the holding of that land was the cause of the stop of Lemlair's Retour qch I hope ye will now exped . . . your cousin and humble servant R. Munro. [The writer was Sir R. Munro of Foulis—see No. 834. The letter is on the 1st page, the "extract" asked is on the 2nd and 3rd, and begins with a diagram, thus:—

Balnagouns offers		8
Garloch		14
Scatwall		16
Coule		7
Allangrange		1

[The Clerk is evidently giving an exact copy of the record or minute made by the presiding officer when taking the votes, and it shows the total votes cast to have been only 46. Below he writes:—] Its objected that the preses Kilravock ought not to vote except in the caise of Equalitie in voteing. Its ansered that ye laird of Kilravock tho preses ought to be received in respect yt. qn. the objections hinc inde are decydit by ye comittee for controverted elections Kilravicks vote agt. ym yr. is no objection may cost the ballance. The Laird of Balnagown protested is not a free election in respect that many of the barrons were imposed upon by letters antipiciating [? for anticipating] the election and oyr. methods takin to keep barons from being pnt. to vote qch are contrar to law and that therefor comissiones may be signed separatim and every baron to signe according to his vote. . . took instruments . . Its ansered in genere that it is derogatory to the pnt. meeting and election we being all free barrons come thither in obedience to the conveeners call and did vote according to our judgement and conscience . . . without being solicited by statesmen or kirkmen and since the votes . . orderly sought and given . . no protestatione . . ought to be sustained . . votes being fare unequall major votes ( ) a comission to . . persone elected .

[end illegible. Scatwell, here having the majority, was Sir Kenneth, Baronet of Nova Scotia, cousin of Sir George Mackenzie of Tarbat, first Earl of Cromartie. They favoured the Stewarts and Episcopacy. Balnagown (see No. 200) was Sheriff Principal, and stood for the Revolution Settlement in Kirk and State. His protest must have had effect only so far as to upset Scatwell's return, but not to secure his own, for next year he writes this

No. 265, 1698.—Letter, holograph, addressed] ffor Hugh Bailzie Shirreff Clerk of Ross, these. [and beginning] Assured freind, ffaile not by this express to send me ane extended protestatione containing all the objectiones against ffoulis and such as elected him Omit nothing but be faithfull ye know Morinschie and Ahanacloch, gave therin, in name of all ye barrons who voted for me qn ye roll wes called lest election and be doing so markit accordingly dispatch ye bearer in heast yt. he may be heir yis night as ye would oblige yr. assured freind David Ross of Balnagown. Acquaint me qt. ye know of ffoulis his dyet 7th Jullie 1698. [The Laird of Fowlis thus mentioned as elected was Sir Robert Munro, 5th Baronet, nephew to Hector of Drummond. Next, in 1702, is a meeting of the electors—"barrons"—of Ross, to adjust the roll. There are only 30, yet objections, very technical, are urged against 10 of them, including even Balnagown, and the same tactics are seen again on a larger scale in an election minute:—

No. 266, 1741.—Pages 3 to 10, inclusive, of minute of Ross-shire election to Parliament; date wanting, but shown by allusions and by letter, No. 268. Page 3 begins:—] To which it was answered by Lord Roystone that by the Act . . . 1681 . . . appearand heirs being in possession . . . shall have right to vote [long statement follows.] Replied by Captain George Munro of Culcairn . . . This Sir Alexr. Mackenzie his father viz. Sir Colin never having produced any right of infeftment and the question being put to the barrons by the preses they refuse by a vote of eighteen against fourteen to admitt the said Sir Alexr. Mackenzie. Thereafter compeared Duncan Fraser now of Seafield . . . produces charter of confirmation dated 13th March 1700 . . . the barrons admitt . . . Wm. Ross of Little Dahan and Duncan Fraser . . . were qualified to his present Matie. by takeing swearing and subscribing the oath . . . John Davidson of Whitehouse did present a charter of sale . . . Ankerville or Little Kindeace . . . formerly produced at a Baron Court held here Michaelmas 1739 . . . Court approves of his former enrollment [this shows date.] . . . George Ross of Pitkery did produce the charter . . . was enrolled . . . Hugh Macleod of Geanzies [see No. 107] . . . charter and seasine . . . Objected by . . . Kilraock that part . . . are the property of Rodk. McLeod of Cadboll viz. Hutcheons Quarter or Mid Geanzies . . . produces charter under great



seal to his father Captain McLeod . . did vote at former elections [long argument, but he is enrolled.] Hugh Ross of Geddess . . . objected against by Geo. Ross of Pitkery that he possesses his land pro indiviso with Hugh Rose of Kilravock his father . . . a voluntar division . . . may be collusive . . . objection was past from. . . Charles Ross of Balnagown . . . is objected to by Kilravock . . that being under age . . though the objector is not at present possessed of the vouchers to verify yet . . word to himself by Lord Ross Balnagown's own father . . Answered . . he is of age and suppose he were not no regard can be had to the objection . . not being . . proven . . votes went in favour of Balnagown 23 against 2 . . was approved. Thereafter the oath of bribery was tendered and sworn by Pilton Mouteagle Reidcastle Newmore and Fairburn, Pitcalnie and Allangrange as insisted for by some of the electors. Kilravock objected against John Urquhart of Mouteagle that the lands of Eye now called Mouteagle were part of the barony of Balnagown till splitted therefrom in 1708 . . not of £400 valued rent and cannot entitle the proprietor . . Answered by Sir Wm. Gordon Invergordon for John Urquhart of Mouteagle . . he did vote at former elections without objections . . objection repelled . . . Kilravock objected agt. Pilton as not having lands . . to valuation required. The lands of Mulderg Wester Drum of Fearn and Easter Ballnasirach being held of Balnagown Wellan and Fishers Aikers held originally of Sir Sinclair of Mey and now of the Earl of Cromerty as come in vice of Sir Wm. Sinclair . . which lands being abstracted . . he has not the extent . . . Answered by Captain George Munro of Culcairn that . . Mulderg &c. . . with Bridgend of Fearn hold of the Bishop and is of valued rent £953 . . his father Mr James McCulloch . . infeft under the great Seal . . this Pilton was on the roll and has voted at all elections since 1708 . . this objector does not verifie his objections and is therefore liable to penalty . . objection repelled 22 against 6 . . Kilravock protests . . Thereafter the question being put who should be member . . . vote went as follows [20 names] did vote for the said Charles Ross of Balnagown . . . [14 names] did vote for Hugh Rose of Kilravock . . whereby the said Charles Ross is elected by a majority of six voices and therefore [page ends, but enough is preserved to give a good picture of an old election. It is further filled in by two letters from the young member's father:—

No. 267, 1740.—Lord Rosse to W. Baillie.] I recd. yor last ye reason for ye gentlemen not writing to Charles at this time is verry good and since he is to see them so soon there was ye less use for it. By my last letter you would know that things were made easy here and that I have no manner of doubt of Sir Robt. Munro [son of Sir Robert in No. 265] even if it had been more difficult for him than I hope it will be now. Any alteratione proper to be made in ye

Council of Tain will be easily adjusted both Charles and I are very much obliged to our good friends there for their steadiness to him and since ye change of ye provost is now necessary it is very lucky he is there at ye time I hope he will always be a firm friend to ye town I am verry glad to hear ye Ross gentlemen may be of some use in Sutherland. I hope it will help to secure Sir Robert Munro in ye towns. I wish ye town election in Tain may not keep Charles too long in ye country since he is oblige to be with ye regiment next month and they are at Bristoll . . . Yours adieu Rosse. Melvill Sept. 18.

[No. 268, 1742.—Letter—same.] Since I came here I have often been reflecting on what you mentioned . . . about Charles' constant way of voting with ye Opposition I see it will loose his interest in ye shire since ye other man you know has taken a different way and votes for them I see ye boy is so far engagded that anything I could say to him has had no weight ye others interest with ye help of ye Crown will certainly put it out of his power to be chosen again . . . to disengadge him from those he is embarked with, I have often heard him say that he should think himself obliged to act according to ye opinion of his constituents . . . If therefore you could get at his friends to joyn in signing a proper letter to him . . . their desire that he should . . . support ye King's administration which they think would tend to ye peace of ye nation . . . and some things to that purpose . . . also . . . thought themselves obliged to ye King's ministers for preventing his going to ye West Indies and with credit to himself Advise with Inverchasley . . . I believe it might have some weight . . . If he goes on at this rate ye interest of ye shire will be entirely thrown in to ye other people . . . I fear our people will not soon be able to retrieve it. . . . London Jany. 23. [The electioneering methods are further shown up in

No. 269, 1745.—Letter from Edinburgh lawyer to W. Baillie] I had yrs. . . with warrant and service agt. the Mackenzie barrons who turned some of the other barrons off the roll . . . We are now begun in earnest to object to the barrons on both sides . . . herewith a copy of objections I have made to . . . West Ross gentlemen which were laid before [7 advocates named] . . . All the complaints given in to the Lords . . . are now classed among the 14 Lords . . . Ross to . . . my Lord Drummore . . . and its when these objections are answered that the sport begins . . . I am exhausted of money so youll need send me a recruitie . . . You should call your barrons frequently together to let them know what passes that they may the more willingly make contributions . . . send out your recruiting officers else the army will not take the field . . . I am . . . Jo. Davidson.

[No. 270, 1747.—Letter to William Baillie from Alexander Brodie of Brodie] . . . Supply good marled beef . . . I have heard of the Sutherland election that there is room for litigation . . . I wish George Mackay had not been so barefaced as to keep Ardoch off the roll if he could have carried his election without it . . . I hear the Master of Ross and his sisters have gone to Balnagown.

[No. 271, 1702.—] Barrons' Court . . . Tulloch younger protested to be in the sute roll . . . Coline McKenzie of Findon protested in like cause becaus his lady is publictly infest . . . but the said gentlemen being perlie. pnt. [personally present] were admitted and added to the sute roll . . . Drynie was objected against . . . not being publictly infest and his elder brother alive . . . Drynie alleges ye contrar. [There is a summons, N.D., but before 1699, reciting that Graham of Drynie's widow married Capt. McIntosh and kept the house and refused her son Colin the writs and arms, but he gathered a band and stormed the house and took them by force. In a "Suit Roll" of Ross for 1670 there are only 22 names, and of these only 4 attend and answer, 4 are excused, and 14 are fined £50 for absence. Another election minute is

No. 272, 1761.—[Twelve pages, but much rotted.] Att the Burgh of Tain head burgh of the shyre . . . Court held by Hugh Rose of Kilraick . . . Deputy Sheriff . . . meeting of the freeholders convened for electing a member . . . clerk . . . read . . . act . . . for preventing bribery . . . called over the roll and there did compear [22 names] . . . moved the question ( ) preses to this meeting . . . David Ross younger of Inverchasley [see Nos. 170 and 105] was elected preses and . . . Alexr. Ross . . . clerk . . . Compeared . . . (Captain John Ross) of Balnagown who represented that the now decest Major General Sir James Ross . . . stood infest in title deeds . . . now presented viz. Retour . . . dated 23rd Feby. 17( )6 . . . precept from the Chancery for infesting . . . Sir James . . . sasine . . . valuation . . . £4286 16s Scots . . . craved to be enrolled . . . meeting unanimously ( ) and appoints the said Capt. John Ross . . . Hugh Rose of Geddes . . . for . . . equal (share) . . . Wester Rarichies and Culliss . . . unanimously admitt . . . Alexander Gray . . . Milntown and Culmalachie . . . admitt . . . James Culbert of Miln ( ) ( ) Tolly in Strathrusdale . . . admitt . . . Charles Robertson of Kindeis . . . ( ) Kearnive and Strathroy including ( ) Torranlea . . . admitt . . . David Monro of Allan writer to the Signet . . . Meickle Allan and Ballinroich . . . and part of the lands of (? Culcr) aigie in . . . Alness . . . [In another paper of 1701 there is a sasine of it with Craggan and Bellachastell to Jon Munro and spouse] . . . Make up the roll . . . being called over . . . unanimously declare the honble. James Stewart Mackenzie of Rosehaugh to be Knight and Com-



missioner . . . [In another paper, of 1766, Rosehaugh, as member for Ross, accepts the office of Keeper of the Privy Seal in Scotland. In another, after 1749, it was decided that George Mackenzie of Allangrange was disqualified] in respect that although he had not heard sermon [*i.e.*, in the Parish Church] he had heard prayers in his own house by a non-jurant [*i.e.*, Episcopal] clergyman. [See also No. 733, 1775, for Reform. Another electioneering practice is seen in

No. 273, 1747.—Letter from a political agent to ?] . . . After parting from you I stayed some days in Sutherland and found the Mackays would oppose Sir John Gordon . . . Leaving Embo Rearchar Pronsie and flod in the mercat to the best bidder and coming to the countrie I saw Forss and Langwell who are determined to accept of no qualification . . . I have seen Freswick . . . giving a bond of £500 to get a qualification of 300 merks.

[No. 274, 1747.—Letter: Lord Rosse to Baillie.] I send you enclosed my disposition to my son of ye house and lands in Tayn to qualify him for ye Royal burroughs—get him regularly infest . . . Lord Reay is the oldest acquaintance I have anywhere . . . [Votes manufactured by both sides.

No. 275, 1754.—Letter: Alexr. Gray, Clerk of Session, Edinburgh, to William Baillie.] I had some time ago a letter from George Ross with Mr Cunningham's account for our Ross-shire politicks which he charges to the last Lord Ross Sir H. Munro, you, George, David Ross and Genzes in consequence I suppose of the information he has somehow had of the engagement you six came under. Alongst with this acct. I had . . . receipts for £20 George gave to Sangster and 10 gs. to Kiltearn . . . a note of the whole . . . amongst the subscribers . . . each comes to 20 guineas . . . as it was a losing game I did not incline to charge further. [So that election cost the losing side 120 guineas. We see "nursing" expenses in

No. 276, 1760.—Letter: Sir Alexr. Grant of Dalvey to W. Baillie.] London 27th ( ) . . . I much approve of our friends having a meeting every week or as often as they think necessary to remember us and keep them well with one another—for the defraying of which expenses till I come down I send a bank not of £25 inclosed . . . [In 1762 he writes as one newly elected, promising patronage for his supporters, and—

No. 277, 1763.—Letter as above.] London 7 Oct. . . . I will endeavour to introduce your son into a more lucrative way of life in the West Indies . . . As to Fortrose . . . I have a letter from Baillie Houston . . . their having turned out Dr John Mackenzie on the generall resolution they had fixed of admitting none but people of property in or near con-

nexions with the town . . . I gave you unlimited commission to purchase Ardoch's property . . . you was then pleased to offer me yours . . . if you can . . . spare it at your own price . . . convey it . . . and draw for your money . . . Great disorder discontent and tumult rages here without their being able to say what offends or what would please them . . . Treason massacres and rebellion to all government is not only countenanced privately but openly . . . Capt. John Grant is a very brave and agreeable man but fitter for a souldier than a statesman . . . [Baillie had property and influence in Fortrose, one of the Inverness Burghs.

No. 278.—[Letter: same.] London 25 Nov. 1766 . . . reed. letters from Fortrose Nairn and Inverness. Sir Ludovic Grant dined here yesterday and loads me with caresses . . . The elegant and polite letter from Fortrose I showed to Lord Seaforth who . . . accepts of the incense I offer at his altar as if all arose from his benevolence to me. I return Mr Houston's letter . . . I was present and kissed the King's hand a little before Lord George S— and I strictly observed what passed. Some ardor and embarrassment appeared on both sides . . . it impressed His Majesty with a seriousness he had not before . . . Lord George will come again . . . with such Blazing Luster . . . He will ill deserve the name of Scotsman that does not support him . . . [As to Nairn, there is in 1745 a marriage contract between Kenneth, son of Bailie Sutherland of Nairn, and Christian Sutherland of Clyne. Next are letters, &c., relating to the Northern Burghs:—

No. 279, 1709.—[Part of minute of Election.] Att Tayne . . . mett Robt. Ross baillie of Tayne commissioner for Tayne, Kenneth Bayne . . . for Dingwall, Mr Robt. Gray . . . for Dornoch, ( ) Sutherland for Week . . . Robt. Douglas broyr. to ye Earle of Mortoun . . . for Kirkwall . . . to elect a burgess to represent . . . in place of Lord Strathnaver who was found incapable . . . as a Peer's eldest son . . . unanimously make choice of ( ).

[No. 280, 1727.—Minute of Election.] Att Tain . . . as the proceeding burgh . . . for election . . . Compeared the Honourable Charles Ross of Balnagown late provost of Tain, ( ) commissioner for Dingwall; John Sutherland of Torboll . . . for Dornoch; George Manson of Bridgend for Wick, and John Covingtrie of Newark provost of Kirkwall . . . Charles Ross as preses put the question who should be chosen . . . they did elect ( ) [name wanting, but beneath is] C. R. M. | | | | | [which, as in No. 264, was the mode of marking. Here come in three letters:—

B. No. 281, 1726.—[Letter to Col.-Genll. Ross.] Sir I wrote to Charles ye reason why your proposal would not doe at this time Mr Hope and . . . improvers are fond of having ye excrescence applyed to manufacture and trade . . . Duke of

Argyll enquired very kindly for you . . . greatest friendship and regard . . . said he had a great value for Mr Wade for ye friendly and handsome way he had expressed himself of you to ye King . . . . If you have any inclination that ye postmaster of Tayn should be changed and Donald Ross put in his place . . . cause . . . memorial . . . I shall sign it to Cavers . . . I have drunk your health with ye Apostle . . . you outdoe all this country with your melons . . . We have got a penny down to Tain in ye tax roll . . . Servant and nephew . . . G. Rosse. Edr. July 14 1726. [He was then Master of Ross, and succeeded as 13th Lord Rosse in 1738. Along with above is the uncle's answer in a copy made and docketed by himself:—

B. No. 282, 1726.] Balnagown July 21st. I am very sorry dear nephew to find yt. you and others have been so easely amused wt. a taile of a Tub. The surplus of the malt tax will not amount to less than £30,000 stg. yearly. All must be sensible of the depreciation of our victuall since it began . . . £100 out of my victual rent . . . when will the colledge of Gresum make it up to me by improving my moors? I doe remember when the directors of the South Sea Company were draining the nation . . . told the country puts [clowns] land would sell at 100 years' purchase . . . but like Longeull's pistols it evanished into smoake . . . Keep this by you till you see whether I am a true prophet . . . greatest personal respect for the Duke of Argyll . . . not in the power of the ministry to make me a recompense for the injuries they have done me . . . had they not poysoned the King's ears . . . my services would have been acceptable . . . verify this in a seven years' Parliament . . . I was kept out of this notwithstanding my just right . . . remembrance of these things make me end my days wt. great satisfaction as to what concerns myself. [Two years later the old General is again at his Parliamentary duties—very hard:—

B. No. 283, 1728.—Letter: address wanting.] London March 28 1728. Sir . . . . We sat in the house from six last night till four this morning and this day on the Dum-barton Election till ten this night . . . . Ch. Ross.

[No. 284, 1757.—Letter: Sir John Gordon, candidate for Burghs, to Baillie.] . . . You always show your alertness . . . feel the benefit in my political canvassings . . . The nihil novit you mentioned as to Col. Scott in Tayne is very encouraging . . . I understand Fairburn and most of ye clan disapprove of Kilcoy's preference of Col. Scott . . . both Tankerness and Baillie Riddoch will be wrote to . . . with respect to Kirkwall . . . I write Ulbster . . . ye person he mentioned . . . is on my recommendation to be appointed postmaster of Wick . . . Dornoch is not certain. . . . Your back was hardly turned in London when . . . falsehoods . . . renewed by my Competitor and his Friends . . . that he was



sure of Tain . . I was occasioning unprofitable expence . . by persisting in the Dingwall process.

[No. 285, 1759.—Letter: same to same.] . . . I shall not trouble you much about Baillie Alexander of Dingwall . . I was determined never more to have to do with that wretch . . untill his actions showed him a real convert to Honesty Truth and Plain Dealing . . . proceedings with respect to the corruption of Dingwall . . . warrant for restoring ye burrow . . believe it will not come in time enough to give Dingwall any voice at ye next General Election . . They will have themselves and Baillie Alexander to thank . . Such a profligate and abandoned fellow . . Tain will have ye double voice in virtue of its presiding in case two for me and two for Colonel Scott . . .

[No. 286, 1765.—Same to same.] . . . I have put both Sir Alexr. Grant and his son into . . Commissioners of Supply for Cromarty . . likewise every person valued above £20 . . . 12 new Commissioners . . Seafort, Poyntzfield . . Belnain, Inverchasley, Robertson of Kindeace, Bailie Alexanders Son of Dingwall . . 3 to whom Cadboll is to give . . qualification.

[No. 287, 1766.—Letter: Alexr. Gray of Skibo, Clerk of Session, Edinburgh, to Baillie.] . . . Our political system has undergone an unexpected change . . the Government's plan was to repeal the Stamp Act in America but they were over-ruled in all the preliminary questions, both in Lords and Commons. . . Lord Bute in a speech . . justify'd the right of Parlt. in taxing the Americans . . his own sentiments though he had reason to believe . . different from those of his Royal master . . In this way the King's wishes of having the law repealed came first to be known. [Here and in many papers politics and revenue are both involved, and we may take next papers relating to

#### RENTS AND REVENUE.

No. 288, 1542.—Paper, well written and preserved, but end torn off; endorsed] Copie decret A. Innes [apparently of Plaids—see No. 14 and note in 13.] At Edr. the ellewynth day of Merche anno 154ii yeirs the lords of counsaill underwrittin they ar to say . . . In ye action and caus persewit at ye Instance of Andro Monro of Newmoir principall mair [steward] of ye Earldome of Ross against Andro lord Dingwell, Mr David McGill of Cranston riddell advocat to our sov. lord, Sir Wm. Keyth of Delny, Knight, David Seatoun of Parbroth his ma'ties comptrollarie and all and sindrie fewers, fermorers [rent-payers], tennentis, tacksmen, cotters . . . of ye Earledome of Ross lands, rowmes, fishingis and all uthers havand or pretending to have entres . . . ye said persewer is infeft . . in ye office of ye prin'll mair-

ship . . . lyk as umq'll [late] Andro Monro his grandfyr haveing of auld ye sd. office disponed to him and ane air off him wes yrefter heretablie infest . . . our sov. lord deirest grandfather King James ye feird [fourth] . . . wt special and full power contened in ye sd. infestment . . . to substitute and mak deputis . . . and lift and resave . . . fies casualties and dewties . . . as in ye infestments . . . to . . . granfyr and fayr . . . and . . . the heretabill office . . . wes disponed generally with all fies and dewties . . . ye sd. umq'll granfayr umq'll fayr and he himself hes bein in possessioun uplifting be themselves, yr. deputis and servands of all casualties under specifeit continually sen ye . . . infestment . . . that is to say first allocat yeirly . . . to ye mair of ye Erldome of Roses ordinar fie yeirly deduced to ye chalmer lands [lands of David Chalmers forfeited to the King] in their comptis x£ vi sh. 8d. Item for ye mairs corne and winning of ye fermes [getting in the payments] of Ross . . . out of ilk sek full of corne brought to ye shoir sey [sea] syde and delyverit to shipis ane gopin [lit. what can be scooped with joined hands] estimat to half ane lipie [about a quart] and out of ilk chalder victuall [from 8 to 11 quarters of corn] delyverit to ye mair tuo peckis victuall. Item for ye said mairs travell [labour] taken in outputing of ye cruvis [salmon-traps] upon ye water of Connan [now Conon] . . . weikly fra the first Janr. to ye first of August as mairs fishe qlks wer weikly delyverit be ye kenars of Conon of ye reddiest fish slain yron weikly thrie salmond fishe. Item fra everie cordinar [shoemaker] usand [using] ye office of cordinarie dwelland on his ma'ties awin propertie tuies [twice] in ye yeir ane pair of shoone or yr pryces . . . siclyke for ilk wobster ane skenzie [skein] for tua pair of girds [beams] or yr pryces. Item fra ilk husbandman on his ma'ties propertie as bannok yeirly fyve pennies and sua ilk cotter thrie pennyes yeirly. Item fra ilk husbandman duelland tennent or subtennent . . . within ye baronies of Brey [Brae] Ross and Delny ane hen yeirly. Item out of ilk reik house [house with a fire-place] . . . within ye baronie of Ferindonald [Alness and Kiltearn parishes] . . . yeirly ane hen . . . Item fra ilk husbandman whois dauchter is married within ye barony of Brey, Ross and Delny ane wedder or ye pryces and in ye barronies of Ferrindonald and barony of Delny fra ilk husbandman whois dauchter is married fyve shilling sex pennies. Item for ilk quhyt unlaw [fine] decerned in ye baillie courtis iv d. Item fra ilk smyth on ye proper lands of Ross ane gang of gerss shorn [load of grass cut] or yr pryces estimat to 8 sh. ye gang. Item fra ilk husbandman tennent or subtennent ane darg [labour] of ane plough as they gang to themselves yeirly to labor ye mairis lands, duelling on his hienes propertie. Item out of ilk oxingait of land . . . callit of auld ane ploughgait for ane day tuo hors labour yeirly for ane day to all kynd of labour as they sall be

required, tuis in ye yeir allanerly [only.] Item out of everie hous of ye Kingis propertie bath fra cottar and husbandman ane shearer to sheare ye mairs cornes and als out of everie hous not only of ye properties bot als of tennendries and specially out of ye abbacie of Fearnie chaip-plantries barony of Pladds [Plaids] Catboll and suburbis of Tayne callit ye Thanis; for warneing his ma'ties oist retynie [summoning H.M. vassals] of warre, out of ilk reik hous yeirly ane penny And lykeways out of ilk bluidwik convit [conviction for bloodshed] in baillie court for ilk bluid unlaw [fine for bloodshed] to ye mairs fie 5 sh. 6d. and ye escheit of . . . everie ane convict ayr [either] in justice of air ye escheits following and specialle in ye abbacie of Ferne viz. all thingis fra ye cruckbou [crook-crane] within ye fyre and ye cruik [socket] itself. Item all ye plenishing of ye hous. Item all sheip gait [goats] or suyn [swine] being within ye number of 20 heid. Item all broken mowis called culledges or stakes of corne being in ony wayes broken by [beyond] yr first estait qn they wer first bigit. Item all young ky [cows] yt ye bull nevir lap [leaped on.] Item all young oxin nevir yoked nor wrought in plough. Item all young mers [mares] nevir coverit be ane curser [courser: stallion] or nevir helterit [haltered.] Item all young ky whois lugis [ears] ar longer nor yr hornes whedder they be young or auld [sic.] Item all young foillis [foals] never helterit. Item all young lambis and kyds of an yeir old. Item thrie mairs croft wt. ust [usual] rowme to big ane hous yron for ye dwelling of ye under mairs for executione of yr office to wit ane yrof in ye toun of Delny callit Croft Inversenoich [? sevach] and ye uyr in ye toun of Balcony, and ye third in ye waired of Dingwall in ye wester part yrof under Kinnardy. Item wt power to seik forth and apprehend trespassers, committers of theft, slauchter, mutilation, bluidshed, foraying or oppression and to present to ye justice. Notwithstanding qrof ye fewers . . . sall answer and obey and mak payment to ye sd. Andro Monro of Newmoir of . . . ye fies and casualties . . . pertaining to him as prin'll mair . . . he and his predecessors hes been in possessione in all times bygane past ye memorie of man . . . Therefor persewers compeirand Mr Jon Sharp his pror wha past fra [withdrew the action against] Shir Wm. Keyth of Delny qrupon Mr Jas. Donaldson askit instruments and ye said Andro lord Dingwaill compeirand be Mr Jon Skene his pror and Colene McKenzie of Kintaill ane of the saids fewers of Ross compeirand be Mr Thos. Craig his pror. and Wm. Ross and Wm. Innes uther twa of ye saids fewers compeirand be Mr Jon Dempster yr pror and ye remaneing defenders . . . not compeirand . . . richtis ressones and allegationes togedder wt ye depositiones of divers famous [of good repute] witnesses resaved wt divers writs . . . The lords of counsaill assoilzies simply ye possessors and



occupiers of ye said erledome of Ros . . . fra all ansering obeying and payment making to ye said Andro Monro and his forsd. of ye particular dewties as specifit viz. "ilk cordiner fra payeing ye shone or pryce forsd., ilk wobster fra payeing of any skenzie, ilk husbandman or tennent fra payeing any wedders." [Though the rest of the paper is wanting, it evidently went on reciting the claims and refusing each. After 1476, when James III. declared the Earldom of Ross forfeit for treason, and assumed it himself, the maors acted for him as Earl. Pursuer's "grandfather" was known as "Black Andrew of the Seven Castles." One castle was at Newmore, but the chief one at Milntown, at the site of the Countess of Cromartie's present mansion of New Tarbat. He was one of the greatest ruffians in Scottish history. He had a gallows for men, and a pit for drowning condemned women, near the present U.F. Manse of Logie-Easter. Many human bones were found when a cutting was made there for the Highland Railway, and a cart-load taken from beneath his castle dungeon in 1849. He murdered with his own hand eight of his tenants, heads of families, who had incurred his ill-will. He caused an old woman to be buried alive, head down, in a deep pit. His end was dramatic and fitting. It was harvest, and the women of the estate came to fulfil the above requisition of "ane shearer out of everie," &c. He ordered them to work stark naked; and while coming down the stone steps, after heavy feasting, to see this atrocity carried out, he fell and broke his neck. That was about 1520. He was succeeded by his son, George Munro, father of the Andrew in above paper, as to whom see, further, Nos. 874, 875, and 876. Andrew is styled "of Newmore" because George gave him that castle. He avers that the whole list of dues had been exacted, and doubtless they were, by Black Andrew. There turns up another paper of a century and a half later, in which are claimed most of the same dues, but converted to money value:—

No. 289, 1676.—[First part of process.] Kenneth Earle of Seafort . . . sheriff prin<sup>l</sup> . . . and John McLeod of Milntown shreff depute . . . shawin to us be Sir Geo. Mackenzie of Tarbet heretable mair of fie within the Earldome of Ross both as to propertie and tennendrie all be east Kinairdie and Dingwell . . . obtained ane decret of interposition before us and our deutes against Donald ffouler of Meikle Allan, Rorie ffouler his son . . . John Monro portioner of ane quarter of the same, David fferne of Tarloggie . . . proprietor of . . . Calrossie, James Mackenzie of Drumeddat, John Monro . . . of Drumgillie, Murdow Mackenzie of Ardross, Janet Mackenzie his moyr, lyferentrix . . . Coline Mackenzie of Kinraig, Coline Robertson of Kindeis . . . proprietor of . . . Milcraig, George Suyland

of Inchefuir, Donald Ross of Knockgartie proprietor of . . Killrichie, Alexr. Bayne of Ruiffes [Rhives], John McColter of Knocknapairk, William Innes of Achintoull, Jean McKenzie lyfrentrix of Balconie and Jas. Grant her spous, Donald Aird in Culkenzie and Donald Mctornett tennent yr., decerning . . . ym . . . as heretors . . of Delny . . . to mak payment to sd. compr. as mair . . . of the sums underwritten . . . 6s 8d for ilk darrack [day's labour] . . of two horses . . yearly . . 1666 to 1675 ten years—extending yearly . . . to the number of 12 horse darracks each dayes service of the number of seven dayes viz. ane dayes leading of peats ane dayes leading of turfes ane dayes leading of divotts ane of faille ane dayes harrowing ane dayes mucking ane dayes leading of cornes—Two merks . . . pryce of ilk plough darrack of six . . yearly the heall yeirs abovewrittin and of . . eight merks as liquidat pryce of ane boll tuo pecks victuall resting . . . each yeir . . . for pecks of victuall and goupins . . . and of 4 merks 6 sh. 8d. for the mair fie, and ten merks nyne shill. for the mair bannock, and sex shil. eight pennies as . . pryce of ilk shear darrack [day's work cutting] of threttie sex shear darracks . . . each yeir . . . above mentionat . . and also of the soume of thrie shill. four pennies . . pryce of ilk henn of ane hundred and twelve hennes and yt for tennent hennes and rick hennes yearly. The said Jn. Munro twenty sex merks for pleugh darracks, and 14 merks for horses darracks and 20 merks for pecks . . and goupings, 5 merks 2 sh. for mairs fie and bannock, 26 merks for shear darrack, 8 merks for tennent and rick hennes . . [Rest wanting. The earliest case of tax paid to the King, but partly old Church revenues, is in

B. No. 290, 1573.—] I Patrick Davidsoun Rossherald collector wtin ye boundis of Ross grantis me to have resavit fra ye handis of Alexander Ross of Balnagoun the soume of ane hundreth twelf pundis . . . in parte of paiment of the griter soume speacift in the compt befoirwrittin . . . and reckening of his few mailles custumis and uyris dewties . . . at Balnagoun of Jnrri anno Iaj Vct lxxiij yeiris . . Witnesses Sir Androw Davidsoun Williame Ross Alexander-soun and Walter McCulloch . . Patk. Davidsoun wt. my hand. [The "compt" is] Memorandum the silver restand on the Laird for ye myln of Kincardin . . . xii bs. [bolls] and for ye myln of Terbat ij bs. . . croppis lxxvij to lxxij and for ye teyndis of Dunskey<sup>t</sup>, teynd silver and muttun of ye lxxi and lxxij zeiris xvij bs. . . cum ij muttun and yis convertit in money . . . extends to Ict xxv lib xvs . . . The restis of ye lairdis custumis croppis anno lxxvij—lxxij yeirlie ij mertis [beef killed at Martinmas and dried] 1 qrt merte, takand iij£ vish. viijd. ye merte . . . liiij£ iijsh. iiijd. Item . . . custum muttun zeirlie xiiij . . . extends . . . to lxxj muttun . . and sald for vi sh. viijd ye peice inde xxiiij£. Item his custum kyddis . . yeirlie xij

kyddis and xiiij<sup>xx</sup> [i.e., 13 score] egs, extendis to lxxviiij kyddis sald at ij sh. . . in money vij£ xvi sh. Item his custum caponis . . yeirlie iiij doson vij caponis half capoun . . . exten. to xxiiij dos. 1 capon half capoun sald for viiij the peice . . ix£ v sh. [That half capon is good.] Item his hail custum pultrie . . yeirlie iiij dos. vij pultry half pultry . . xviiij dos. 1 pultry half pultry sald for iiiijd ye peice 3£ xiis vjd. Item his hail custum aitts . . . restis xix bs. . . xiiij sh. iiiij ye boll . . 12£ 13s iiijd. [This was under the sway of the Regent Morton, who kept a heavy hand on the lairds (see No. 677. Next year we have an example of the dues paid to the lord on the death of a vassal or tenant:—

B. No. 291, 1574.—] I Alexr. Ross of B. . . resavit fray George Suyrland . . xx merks . . . ten merks for Dod dowis heriall horse and ten merks left be ye said Dod in his last will to me. . . [Next occur lists of feudal dues and taxes:—

No. 292, 1612.—Sewed pamphlet of 7 leaves, 4 written; first headed] The names of the hail chaplanries within the dioceſe of Rosse and of yr yeirlie dewtie—Chaplanrie of Raricheis according to the first rental extends to viij bolls bere . . Saint Laurence in Ardafallie . . . xv lib. . . Prebendarie of Tayne . . xiiij lib. . . Obstuill [Obsdale] . . . xx lib. . . Sauchmonaries in Apilcros . . xxiiii lib. . . Inchrarie . . . v lib. . . Ballnagoun . . iiiij lib. . . Sanct Regule . . . x lib. . . Newmoir first rental . . xxx lib. . . Tarlokie . . xx lib. . . Dunskaith . . xiiij lib. . . Drynie . . . viij lib. xiiij sh. . . Catboll . . xvi lib. . . Priesthill . . . x lib. . . Sacristorie of Tayne called the milne of Moransche . . xiiij lib. 6s. 8d. . . Tollie . . viij lib. . . Mullochie . . iiiij lib. Tua chaplanries of Clynis perteing to Wm. Douglas and Jas. Spens . . xx lib. . . Alnies . . vi chalders xii bolls. . . The vict. [victual] of the milne of Kessok sumtyme perteing to the freires of Inverness . . . xiiij bolls . . The victual of the chap. of Navetie . . . ij chald. iiiij bolls . . Cambuscurry ( ). [In the Exchequer Rolls, Nos. 227-229, years 1457-9, there are entries of the year's revenue from Dunskeath paid to the chaplain, £6 13s 4d each year, so that by 1612 the value had risen by 110 per cent. Second part, headed] The auld blenches of the Shrefdome of Inverness payit forth of the lands following viz. Glenroy and Strathmoir 1d stirlingorum. [The rest have the name or title of the landlord prefixed] Innes-Balnagall callit sumtyme Auchnaball 1d argenti [a silver penny.] Huntlie-Badonoch and Lordship yrof 1d arg. Idem—Invernochie, 1d monetæ [a penny Scots.] Monro-Tulloch of Delny, 1 lib. cere [a pound of wax] 10s. Raakmoir, 1d mon. Stewart-Kincardin, 1d arg. Ross ballnagoun - Meikle Dollas, 1 par chirotecarum 3 lib. [pair of gloves, £3.] Lovet Eister and Wester Ageisse [Aigas], 1d arg. Huntlie—office of Shreffship and castell lands of



Inverness, 1d moey. Ffaullis Monro Half lands of ferincoskie, 1d moey. McKy Straithalladill, 1d mo. Innes-Inverbreckie, 1d arg. Kintail Ussuy, vid arg. Ross-Balnagelbir, 1d arg. Idem Pitmada( )by, 1 lib. piperies vel cuminis, 13s 4d. Idem Westray, 1 par chirothec. 3 lib. Idem Eister Litle Allan, 1d arg. Kintail foddertie, vjd moe. Blenches of comprysit lands—Dallivert and Kinrara pertaining to War Lauchlan xlii sh. Coulcowy pertaining to Jon Grant xxx sh. Thes ar the blenches qlk ar now usit to be payit and qrwit the shref is chargit yeirle in the exchequer as follows viz. sextein pennies moe fyftein silver pennyes pret [value] of ilk silver penny twelf pennyes money ane pund valx [wax] pryce x sh. ane pund peper pryce xxx sh. Twa pair gluifis pryce of the pair 3 lib. [Third part, headed] Taxt Roll—At Inverness 14th Decr. 1612 In pns. of the richt hon. Johne Gordoun of Bucky shref deput . . with the concurrence . . . of . . Symon Lord Fraser of Lovat richt hon. Johne Grant of Frewchie David Rosse fiar of Balnagoun, Lachlan McIntosche of Dum-nachtan Thomas Urquhart of Cromertie, Rorie McKenzie of Coegache tutor of Kintail Johne McKenzie of Gerloch Rorie McKenzie of Ardallie\* Duncan Bayne of Tulloch and Johne Cuthbert of Auld Castell Hill free barrones . . The Taxt Roll of the retourit lands haldine Ward releis and blenches . . . beand revisit . . . They ordaine be yr putes. the samen to be in all tyme cuming the just and true stent and taxt roll of the shrefdome:—The Erle of Caithnes auld retourit lands tenent and tenendry ii<sup>t</sup> lib. [£2000] land His Lo/ land of Clythe and greinland xxxix lib. 6 sh. 10d. His Lordships comprysit lands in Cathnes xxiii lib. 6 sh. 10d. Berridell pertaining my Lord Oliphant in Cathnes xxx lib. land. Eirlmerschells lands in Cathnes xxx lib. land. Laird Dumbeths land in . . x lib. Laird Freshweeks . . x lib. Eirdome of Suvrland tenent and tenendry ii<sup>t</sup> lib. His Lo/ lands of Strathulzie xxxvi lib. L. Balnagounes lands tenent and tenendry ii<sup>t</sup> lib. Lo/ of Lovat . . ii<sup>t</sup> lib. McCleod Lewis and haill lands yrof xl lib. [Two copies, one puts McCleod with Lewis, the other here.] Vatternes xviii lib. 13 sh. Kintail and barrony of Ellandonane xx lib. Lochalsche and haill lands yrof xxvi lib. 13 sh. 4d Lochcarrone and haille barronye yrof xiii lib. 6 sh. 8d Kissurin . . 8 lib. 13 sh. 4d Assint . . v lib vi sh. 4d. Cogach . . v lib. 6 sh. viiid Coultealond and Glen-skeuche iiij lib. xiii sh. 4d Lochbroome . . xxiii lib. Gien-garie Laggan Auchewbrome Killmane and Invergarry xiii sh. 4d foddertie mulvaane ballamuckie litle and meikle Usses v lib. Incherorie Davachnuclear and milne yrof iiij lib. Dunveggane and Glenelge xxvi Lib. v s. fiar of strathnaverne and barrony yrof xiiij lib. vi sh. Strathordell and Moynes xxxiiij lib. vi sh. Ardnamurchin

\* Ardafallie.

and lands yrof xx lib. Moydoirt and Arrassack xx lib. Knoydoirt . . xx lib. Ardgour viij lib. Locheil . . x lib. Lands of Lochabir pertaining to my Lord marques of Huntly xx lib. Lands of Gleneves in Lochabir . . v lib. Loch Als v. lib. Lands of Lochabir pertaining McLean of Dewart 26 lib. Lands in Lochabir pertaining McIntoshe 80 lib. Gerloch and lands yrof viii libs. ffreuchie . . xxiiij libs. Inverallane . . iiij lib. Cromdaill . . vi lib. Kincardin and barrony yrof vi lib. Spanizedaill and polrossy xiiij lib. 13 sh. qrof beghouse payes 8 lib. Lo. of badeonach—blensche—100 lib. Castell lands of Inverness and office of Shrefship xvi lib. 13s 4d. Superioritie of Strathnairne xl lib. Culmoris and lands yrof iiij lib. Lairges and barrony yrof iij lib. Cullodin and barrony iiij lib. Culcabock and Knockinteanall iij lib. xv sh. Killen and Pitfuire xxx sh. Durris and barrony v lib. Moneack tullieh and elrick iiij lib. Drumchardonie and barronie vii lib. Comer and barronie vi lib. ffoulis haill barrony and retorit lands xxiiij lib. Mekill tarrell liij sh. iiijd. Inverbreikie xlvi sh. 8d. Lochsline and Newtoun yrof xxx sh. Pitneilzies pitogartie and ballacuithie iiij lib. Eister Aird iij lib. vi sh. Arkboll being thrie thirds iiij lib. vi sh. viiid. Plaids and barrony yrof vii lib. Glengarry and Moror xxi lib. vi sh. viiid. Moror wt. Coul xx lib. Kingarloche in Moirverne 4 lib. iij sh. iiijd. Keandruise and Strathvory xl sh. Brey viii lib. viiis. iid. Cromerty and shreffschip yrof xl lib. xii sh. viid. Dauchcarty vi lib. xiii sh. 4d. Drynie iiij lib. vi sh. 8d. Auldcastelhill liij sh. iiijd. The barrony of drumchardony being 12 pleuches is 7 lib. qrof drumchardony 6 pleuches ii lib. 12s 6d Belladrum 6 pleuches ii lib. 12s 6d Eskedell 17 sh. 6d Kineres 17 sh. 6d. [The figures are reproduced as in original to show the complete mixture of Roman and Arabic notations. For one of the above chaplainries a receipt occurs only two years after, and for the amount stated in the list:—

B. No. 293, 1614.—] I Wm. Ross sone laull to umq1 Mr Thomas Ross Commendator of ferne, and Chaplane of Balnagowne . . receavit . . for ye kirk lands of Balnagowne and feu lands of Tarbat . . four pundis . . witnesses David Ross of B. younger War Ross appearand of Invercharron War Ross his son and John Forrester notar. [All sign as well as the chaplain. Next we come upon receipts for feudal dues and specialtaxes on burghs:—

No. 294, 1627.—Latin: certified extract from Exchequer Rolls.] The account of the bailies of the burgh of Tayne given in at Edinburgh, by Robt. Wynrame Writer to the Kings Signet in name of the same, on 12th July 1627 . . of all their receipts and expenses on account of burgh feu duty of the said burgh from 25th July 1626 to the day of this account and it is made in this account for two terms . . Likewise he acknowledges £5 money on account of &c.,

according to the settlement of our lord the King made in the feu charter to the community of the same from of old as to the terms of reckoning . . . . .

It is to be noted that no wine is set forth within the said burgh from 1st Novr. 1625 to 1st Novr. 1626. [For the charter with the £5 reddendo, see No. 942. The last sentence implies customs duty on wine.

No. 295.—Receipt, 1635.] I ( ) ane of the collectors . . . grant me to have receavit fra David Forrester . . . Twenty sevin pundis twa sh. and nyne pennies . . . extraordinarie dewtie of the burgh of Tayne due out of the annual rentis for ye Whitsunday 1632, threttie fyve pundis sax sh. aucht pennies . . . 1633 and £2 4s 6d . . . 1634 conforme to ye inventar given in yranent extending to £156 6s 3d. In lyke manner I have received . . . £27 15s 9d for ye second toune taxation grantit be ye lords of session for . . . mertimas 1634 . . . . [The rise from £27 to £35 in 1633 is remarkable, but Charles I. was in the midst of his attempt to govern without Parliament, and was already in great straits for money. This was not the only burden on Tain, for we have next

No. 296, 1639.—Receipt.] I Alexr. Aikinheid generall agent for his majesty's frie royall borrowis grant me to have receivit fra Thomas McCulloch commissioner for ye burgh of Taine the soume of aughtene pundis money and that for the said burgh's part conforme to the taxt roll of ye soume of ane thowsand twa hundreth thriescoir thrie pundis sex sh. iiijd. . . . and of ye soume of twa hundreth pundis grantit to the burgh of Lanerik and . . . of ane thousand pundis grantit to the burgh of dumbarton and . . . of twa hundreth pundis . . . Inverkething and . . . ane hundreth merks . . . to Alexr. Makvartnay and of ye clerk and agent's fies conteinit in ye generall missive direct be the burgh of Dunfermlyng yranent in respect the said burgh refuses to pay yr pairt of ye soumes of money addebtit to the agent at court and to Robt. Stewart . . . at Dunfermlyng fourt day of July 1639. [This tax was levied by the Convention of Royal Burghs. The first and largest sum would be for their general purposes, such as defence of trade interests, as when, according to a discharge of 1657, they raised an action against payment of tax on "bay salt." The other sums show that the Convention made grants to burghs in special need—in fact, it bound the Royal Burghs together as a mutual benefit society, only both membership and payment were compulsory.

No. 297, 1661.—Summons.] I John Daile messenger . . . be vertew of letters of horning raised at ye instance of Wm. Broun generall agent for the royall burrows of Scotland . . . command and charge you Andrew Ross commissioner for the burgh of Tayne, to mak payment . . . of 10 lib. 1 sh.



Scots . . . proportion of 2008 lib. 6 sh. 4d of missive dewes for . . 1660, and . . 14 lib. 3s . . for . . 1661. [The Excyse, as the tax paid to the Government was called, was no lighter under the Estates in the Civil War or under the Commonwealth, as we see in

No. 298, 1649.—] I Hugh Ross in Bellecherry binds and obleis me . . . to pay Neil Munro of Findun . . 20 lib. . . for the excyse of the parochs of Kirkmichael and Cromertie monethlie.

[No. 299, 1655.—Discharge.] Johne Forbes in Ganyies taksman conjunct with Alexr. Hay Matheson of . . Excyse conforme to the tak sett conjunct to us be John Forbes Provest of Inverness than prin<sup>ll</sup> excyse taksman of ye excyse of ye schoir [shore] of Inverness and Ross and seeing the said John Forbes has sett ane tak to us of the excyse of the parochins of Tarbat Fearn and Nig . . . Alexr. Hay has made payment . . . I discharge the said Alexr. Hay . . . [This shows a system of farming out these revenues, as does also No. 947, and

No. 300, 1659.—Notarial Instrument.] At Inverness in pns. of me notar pub. . . Patrick Ruthven merch<sup>t</sup> burges of Inverness . . Jon Bradshaw sub-collector of the excyse of foreign salt . . ( ) ticket or bill under the hand of Samuel Atkins farmer of the excyse of foreign salt . . evidencing that Pat<sup>k</sup> Ruthven payed the dewtie 800. bolls salt imported in the "Ton" of Dundee . . . be vertew of which ticket Patrick Ruthven desyred . . . ane bill of transfer . . to pass the said salt without molestation . . . [Endorsed] The law requyres the dewtie to be payed be the first buyer. Bradshaw alledges Ruthven had not so much salt in his hands at that tyme. [In the same year there is a case, too lengthy to give more than a summary of, in which the Commissioners of "Excyse" at Inverness seized 100 bolls of salt. Owners alleged they had paid duty, and the officers said if £10 security were consigned they would re-deliver the salt. The £10 was consigned, but yet the officers refused. They required bond that the salt was for fish-curing only. All which is the old story—a vexatious tax, attempts to evade it, rigorous enforcement, in some cases injustice, and exception made where the tax might kill trade entirely. After the Restoration the burdens were still heavier, as in

No. 301, 1660.—Parts of Council minutes of Tain.] Ane stent to be imposit on the hed of the burgh of Taine consisting of aucht hundreth pundis Scottis money Monday next 2nd day of Julij be the stenters, to wit Johne Ros of Aldie Jas. Hay and Angus McCulloch bailzeis, David McCulloch of Kindeis Wm. Ross lait bailzie Alexr. Hay Walter Hay Donald Mansone in Litle Tayne . . . are appoyntit to meet . . and impois the said stent . . . ilk

persone under the paine of ten pundis Scottis money quha sall happin to be absent day and place be sevin hours in the morning . . . 2nd July . . . necessar absence of some . . . continowit till . . . 5th be sex hours of the morning. . . That day . . . fund absent and thryse callit and for absence of them . . . continowit till 12 hours. . . . [At last they got a meeting and] appointit collectors to collect within ten dayes for ye tred stent and for ye land stent.

[No. 302, 1670.—Receipt.] Recevit be me Johne Davidson in Priesthill collector deput to Sir John Munro of froulis appointed be ye rest of ye Commis<sup>rs</sup> of ye est parochs of Ros for collecting ye excyse from ye magistrats of ye towne of Tayne the soume of threty sevin pund sevin shillings Sterling for ye wholl yeir's excyse to witt from ye sext of May 1669 yeirs payment. [No wonder the "stenters" were unwilling to face the odious task of levying such a sum as £800, which was a grinding imposition even if it included all dues. But what happened if it were not raised?

No. 303, 1668.—Letter, addressed] ffor the hounrable the provest balzies and Counsell off Tayne, these present Very hono'ble yors I received, for ans<sup>r</sup> I should be content to receive yor money and lett yor selves debeatt with the gentlemen of the gaird for ye know the ack of counsell and my exposition yrupon is y<sup>t</sup> any collector ye delyver yor money to y<sup>t</sup> is responsall will be ane sufficient warrand to the partie not to trubell you any farder grupon the captan and I coust out and finding by yor friend and neibour Mr McCulloch y<sup>t</sup> you had rather agrie with the partie nor stand at debeatt w<sup>t</sup> them . . . geatt ane continowation till I pay the shyres money, w<sup>t</sup> all if you doe not agrie heast away yor money with all expedition and iff you want off . . . yor Excyse money . . . I will advance it and tak any thrie of yor magistrats tickoatt or boand for it till the ten day of May nixt which with it and the excyse most be ponqualie [punctually] payed at the forsaid day All the best I have to sáy I leave to the bearer and am ever . . . Thomas Watsoun the 9th of March 1668 [P.S.] ye may be sure I will have non off yor money anent ye assess wch was left at Chindise [Kindeace] sence I see ye ar to grie with ye partie. [So Tain had failed to pay in time, and a "partie" of soldiers were quartered on the burgh till it should pay, and this benevolent collector will help them on a bond by three magistrates, doubtless bearing interest. A like case, the next year, is

No. 304, 1669.—Notarial Instrument.] At Fortrose 29th September . . . in pns. of me . . . Sir Mungo Murray commander of this partie of His Maties lyfe gaird of hors in Ross hes received from Wm. Monipennie provest of Fortrose conforme to ane precept drawn on him be my

lord Tarbat . . £13 10s Sterling . . as the defect of the  
exceise of the eistern pt of Ros shyre for the moneths of  
Novr. Decr. 1666 and Jany. 1667 contained in ane band  
grantit be the Earle of Seafort the lairds of Balnagown and  
foulis thrie of the commissioners of the shyre to umquhile  
Cap. John leivingtoun and the partie under his command....

[No. 305, 1671.—Discharge of Collector.] . . . Excyse for  
Dingwall burgh and paroche £137 5s . . . Contin £68  
Lands of Urquhart £19 5s Chanourie and Rosemarkie  
burgh and paroch £85 7s 6d Kirkmichael £26 12s 10d . .  
Kilmuir £38 13s 2d . . Killearnan £63 17s 4d Suddie £44  
8s 10d . . Fodderty £65 19s 6d . . Island of Lewis and five  
paroches of Kintail Lochalshe Lochcarrone Garloch Loch-  
broome £328 2s 6d quarterly.

[No. 306, 1672.—Discharge of Collector.] . . . Excyse for one  
whole year for that part of Invernessshire be north the  
ferrie of Kessock £4320 Scots. [In these we see the com-  
parative valuation of various parts of the north at the  
time. The actual rate appears in next two:—

No. 307, 1657.—Minute of Tain Council.] . . Wm. Ross bailzie  
and Alexr. Forrester for the heretors and Walter Hay for  
tredsmen wer appoyntit to impose the soume of fourscoire  
pundis in this burgh to continow for sex moneths . . find it  
12d per boll of rent. [From No. 432, the fiars' price for  
1657 was £4 per boll, so this rate under the Commonwealth  
was 1-80 or  $1\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. for 6 months, or  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. per  
annun, and the valued rent of Tain £6400 Scots, or £534  
stg. Now, two and a half centuries later, it is over £7000.

No. 308, 1676.—Discharge.] Excyse for West Division of  
Rossshire £403 being threttie twa shillings in the £100 of  
valued rent [or 1.6 per cent. for half year, against 1.25  
under Cromwell, and the rental of West Ross, £25 18s 7d.

No. 309, 1710.—Receipt.] . . . Two months' supply due by the  
county of Ross £204 15s 11d sterling. [Therefore, for the  
year, £1228 15s 6d stg. As to collectors:—

No. 310, 1680.—Petition.] . . John Macleod of Milntown  
heretable proprietor incarcerat in the tolbuith of Edr. for  
being in arrair with his intromissions with the excyse as  
collector at the instance of Sir Geo. Mackenzie of Tarbat,  
Sir Geo. Munro Culrane, Hector McKenzie of Assin, Mr  
Geo. Paterson Seafield, Alexr. Sutherland of Inchfuir and  
Walter Ross Provost of Tayne Commrs of Ross and excyse  
yrof. [As to another tax:—

No. 311, 1681.—Discharge.] I John McLeod collector off  
the excyse of Est Rosse grant me to have received from  
David Rosse burgess of Tayne the soume of nyne pundis  
nyne sh. sixpense English money and yt for the brewing of  
the toune of Tayne from the 1st May 1680 to 1st August



prof. [Referring to No. 302, it will be seen that this is almost the same as the town paid of direct tax in 1670. In those days people brewed for themselves, but were bound by law to give notice and pay the duty. So we need not be surprised to find what happened:—

No. 312, 1711.—Summons, docketed] Brewers . . . [44 names, all of Black Isle] to compeir at Fortrose . . to answer for deficient in pay<sup>t</sup> of Excise.

[No. 313, 1742.—Information: 11 names] . . . in Taine . . brewing ale w<sup>t</sup> notice . . malting w<sup>t</sup> notice—ale found brewing in a High Room . . in a bed room . . in an Upper Room . . in a garret . . in a closet . . [And in 1746 there is a similar information against 50 persons in Tarlogie, Rhynie, Pitkerry, Pitcalnie, Nigg, and Cadboll for] brewing in secret places without entry. [Also, in 1749, against 18 persons in Milntown, Pollo, Rosskeen, and Drummond, for defrauding the Excise by brewing or malting] under a bed . . in a wastehouse . . in a pantry under peats . . under clothes. [Also, in 1742, against 31 persons in Tain for brewing in] a garret . . a byre . . a loft, and refusing the keys . . in a cellar . . in a dark room . . [in one man's house the ale] was run away with by his daughter. [More serious are:—

No. 314, 1744.—Complaint to baron bailie] . . . Alexr. Simson Tacksman of Wester Ardgay and others . . against Alexr. Munro kirk officer of the parish of Kincardin and others . . . Notwithstanding that orders were issued . . to suppress them from brewing and selling ale and aquavitae [whisky] . . still persist . . . these little by-Brewers so much haunted [have so many customers] that complainers can make little of it . . . [On back of paper] . . Before Wm. Bailly of Ardmore baron bailie of Balnagown . . acknowledge to brewing and retailing . . fined £20 Scots each. [Another official of the Kirk figures in

No. 315, 1746.—Information] . . Frauds on the Revenue in Tain from 24th June to 21st August . . [4 names] brewing or malting without notice and casks concealed [2] concealing 7 gallons in a chest [16] concealing under heather . . shoemaker in his barr . . in a cow byer . . under grain in an outhouse . . in his bed room . . behind the ffat [vat] . . at the bed foot . . in an outhouse and keys lost . . the presenter was twice caught . . the violer for concealing behind a press . . barking leather without entry. . . [The above is the first mention—and in a disreputable connection—of a precentor in these papers. As to this outburst of smuggling cases, nothing about the Union of 1707 raised more violent opposition in Scotland than the inevitable raising of the duties on liquor to the level of the rates imposed in England, and the appointment of Englishmen as Excise officers. Other duties are in

No. 316, 1711.—Information by Collector against 20 persons, all in Black Isle] . . failing to make declaration what hides or vellum they have in their possessione, what places they use for barking and to give notice to the collector two days after taking out of wooze.

[No. 317, 1758.—] Account of the dutys on Windows and Lights in the Burgh of Tain . . from Whitsunday to Martinmass [columns headed] Inhabitants' names . . . Total 28 houses. No. having 10 to 14 Windows—6 [one 12, the other five, 14.] No. having 15 to 19 windows—4 [one 16, two 17, one 19]; above 20, none. Surveyor's Charge [this is set down for each house. All are charged 6d. To this is added 3d per window for those having between 10 and 14, and 7½d per window for those between 15 and 19.] Total charge £3 17s 7½d. [This was another odious tax, because the previous year there is a Government circular from Edinburgh, signed Ro. Dundas, to local authorities enjoining upon them to levy it, and threatening compulsion if they do not.

No. 318, 1751.—Letter: Col. Geo. Mackay, M.P., to Wm. Baillie.] . . . Concerned I am . . poor Bighouse's son's death . . . I have bought . . lottery ticketts. The price is £11 11s . . . Consideration of the Counsell to the P<sup>s</sup> of Wales in the event she should become Regent . . . consequence will very probably be the fall of the D. of B. and Ld. S—th [Duke of Bedford and Lord Sidmouth.] There is a bill brought into our House for making the Dutys on Tobaccos more effectual in which its proposed to have a line drawn as it were twixt Scotland and England so that no tobacco can come . . . without a Land Permitt. This allarms the traders in Scotland very much as it would entirely ruin the tobacco trade in Scotland . . the putting of Scotland on a separate footing in any point of Trade is thought contrary to the Articles of Union . . . The tobacco traders in England have been insisting with the M—y . . . out of envy to the progress the towns of Glasgow and Montrose . . in that trade . . . After what happened to S. R. W. [Sir Robert Walpole] no M—y will propose an Excise. [The use of dashes and initials, even in a private letter, shows the uncertainty as to the post, and whether the letter might not be seen by others than the addressee. That there was need to make duties "more effectual" will appear in the following:—

No. 319, 1740.—Information in Notarial Instrument] James Munro Land waiter did sease in the sellars of Alexr. Mackenzie Dingwall . . foreign Salt together with 40 dozen English quarts or Scotch choppins full of french wine and two hogsheads . . . on a search in a ruinous fail [turf-built] house he made seasure of 48 barrs foreign iron concealed under . . rubbage . . he lodged the seasure in the

gaurd house of Dingwall under care of a companie of Lord Crawford's regiment . . as no boat . . . within severall miles . . repaired to Inverness . . he returned . . . with a boat and found the seasure abstracted . . . 40 bushels were discovered . . at different places in the town. . . The said Alexr. Mackenzie did masterfully concuss the sentries . . to wink at abstracting the salt and wine . .

No. 320, 1749.—[Letter to Wm. Baillie.] Salcoates 7th April . . At desire of Provost Wm. Somervell of Renfrew I have shipt . . . 4 casks Glasgow refined sugar . . I have also . . with great difficulty got shipt 44 loads of coals . . to safe you the coast duty I have placed to the Provost's debitt. I hope you'll take care to have the coals landed without your custom-house taking any nottice of them as it might be a reflection on the officers here for their being shipt without their knowledge . . .

[No. 321, 1748.—Part of letter from Bailie Andrew Munro, Inverness.] . . After the 1st Dec. the duties on foreign corn in Noroway is to be farmed and by that means no duties will be saved. The exportation of bear and meal to Noroway would not have been half as much as it was in former years were it not for the savings on duties which will not now be practicable when duties is in privat hands. [This plainly points to regular bribery of customs officers, so that in above three papers we have had a provost, a bailie, and merchants of standing, all concerned in smuggling transactions. Smuggling was thought little of, and the popular feeling is shown in

No. 322, 1736.—[Complaint before Tain Magistrates] . . . by Margaret Lilly that Matthew Millar officer of Excise has slandered and aspersed her . . that she was an informer against her neighbour . . concealed ale . . qrby the said Margaret is highly reproached . . . [That such an action should be brought at all, shows that the feeling even of the magistrates was not favourable to the Revenue. In the case noticed under No. 179, Language, the woman accused the minister of giving information about her "illicit spirits," and the minister indignantly denied doing so. Lastly, in 1776, George Mackay writes from Bighouse to David Ross, Tarlogie: "On my coming here I enquired into the manner the Custom-house yaupt people brock oppin my keepings at Scoury . . inclose a letter from Capt. Brown . . account how his people used freedom with my keepings . . . [Even lairds were suspected.



## SECTION IV.—SOCIAL MATTERS.

## 1. HOUSES AND FURNITURE.

In charters conveying very large property in Tain, possession of the principal dwelling-house was given "by handing over of hesp and staple," or, as it is expressed in a charter of 1622, "the hesp and steppul of the door of the house," pointing to a time when such was the usual fastening, even in the best houses in Tain; but in No. 465 there are 5 locks for Balnagown in 1607.

No. 323, 1610.—Tack.] Robert Grant provest burges of Chanonry . . . tack Archdeacons manse with yairdis chalmers geilhouss [brewhouse] keitcheis, stabills, and hail closs. [And in portion of old register of sasines, &c., there is a tack by Barbara Countess of Seafort to Thomas Forbes, writer, Fortrose,] principal . . . hall of the subchanter of Ross his manse . . . loft above the hall, laich chalmer, celler, kitchin, loft above the kitchin, and two laich houses built in the close, [and they are conveyed] by delyvering hesp and steple of the door of said house. [As to roofing, we have seen, in No. 98, flagstone in Fearn Abbey, and, in No. 122, slate in Tain Kirk, and in 1751 David Ross of Inverchassley writes from Tarlogie, "sarking of my house which is a-slating." Much earlier, a very extensive roofing with slate in or near Inverness is shown by

No. 324, 1659.—Notarial Instrument.] Att the shoar of Invernes . . . compeared Charles McLeane merch<sup>t</sup> in Inverness having . . . ane contract past betwixt George Andersone merch<sup>t</sup> in Cromertie . . . and him . . . George . . . sold and disponed to him twelve thousand good and sufficient sklait of the ground and myne of Murkle in Caithness [in 1685 a petition has "Dame Jean Stewart Lady Murkill relict of Sir Jas. Sinclair"] qlk number reckoning sex scoir to ilk hundreth . . . band and obleist to delver . . . at the shoar and herborie of Inverness . . . [But other references earlier than 1748, No. 328, are to thatch, as in

No. 325, 1660.—] Ane Roll of theis appointit to pull hethir for the Tolbuith 22 Sept. 1660. [There follows a list of 70, of whom 23 are women. One entry is] W. McIntagirt his children, [and at foot is] The hail persones above written are to be at the Muire to pull hether Tysday nixt tymelie be 8 hors, ilk persone under the pane of 40 sh.

[No. 326, 1660.—] Ane Roll of theis y<sup>t</sup> ar to lead hethir for the use of the Tolbuith fabrik Androw McCulloch provest 4 horses, Jon Ross of Aldie 4 horses, James Hay bailzie 4,

Angus McCulloch bailzie 4, Wm. Ross lait bailzie 4, David McCulloch Kindeis 4, Androw Denune 4, Wm. McGull 2, [and so on, 55 names and 119 horses. Thus, when the Tolbooth needed a new roof, it was thatched with heather, and we may infer that all private houses were also thatched. The large number of the horses would arise from the bundles of heather having to be carried on their backs.

No. 327, 1732.—Account.] This day ended the Thatching of the house possess by Hugh Ross merch<sup>t</sup> in Taine and it is as follows To 32 Load heather £3 4s item to 50 load clay £1 5s to viii load devots 12 sh. The Thatcher at 12s per day of nine days £5 8. To thrie thatchers at 5/6 £7 8s 6d inde £17 17 sh. 6d. [So this merchant's roofing cost £17 17s 6d Scots, or £1 9s 9½d stg., and 4 men were nine days on the job. Balnagown was thatched in 1763, see No. 441, and Knockbreck, see No. 960.

No. 328, 1748.—Letter to Wm. Baillie from Mr Alexr. Ross, W.S., Edinburgh, Solicitor of Appeals, London, and proprietor of Little Daan.] . . . I am obliged to you for visiting Little Daan and for account . . . of the building from which I observe some part of the walls are carried up higher than I intended . . . expose it to the great winds which blow there . . . that height of wall requires a still greater height of roof except I could find slate at a reasonable rate . . . or if I could find oaken splinters or spoors as they are called [Balnagown Castle was so roofed in 1668, see 483] there, such as the Kirk of Tayn is or was covered with. [This is inconsistent with No. 122, unless referring to a much earlier time.] . . . But a covering of divots, heather or ferns will not . . . be able to resist the fury of the winds in that place and repairing of such . . . is endless work. [No mention of straw for thatch.

No. 329, 1733.—Builders' account; one edge torn, and most of the detailed prices consequently awaiting.] At Nether Cambuscurry . . . the bigging of s<sup>d</sup> place being completed by [6 names] The Hall:—Elevin jeast 16 sh. each, Five doors whereof two double, Five pair bands two locks and stantials two small presses . . . Two doors with bands 2nd Story . . . The Roof 13 cupples 120 laths. The roof of the Jamb. The New Outer House:—Four doors £6—one lock . . . a muckle and little door . . . a window and bands, 3 naked cupples 2 crooks; The yett. The Kiln:—In the lom 6 cupples. —ne summars and shackles . . . Partition and single door. Three large doors and 2 short . . . The Stable . . . Alexr. Simson's house . . . 100 cabbirs . . . The mickle Barn:—300 cabbirs . . . The little Barn . . . The Big Byar . . . another big Byar . . . Hugh Oig's house . . . The Sheephouse . . . The Washing-house . . . Alexr. McFarquhars house. [The Hall—the Laird's residence—had 2 storeys, a spacious roofed fireplace or Jamb. The ceiling was of lath—thin wood. All the doors, and

the only window mentioned, turned on pin and socket. The Outer House was probably a wing. The other houses were apparently for servants; the cabbirs indicate thatched roofs. The whole cost is given at £383 Scots. This establishment stood 3 miles N.W. of Tain; its site, now occupied by a clump of trees, a heap of stones, and the railway. For Furniture, there are Inventories, wills, and accounts to quote. In the 17th century, except in case of lairds and burgesses, a detailed list is scarcely ever given. Thus, in 1664, the Inventory of Murdo Moir McConchie vic Curchie at Kililan, in Kintail, has merely "outincell and domicells 111 lbs. Scots"—i.e., utensils and household furniture were worth £9 stg. Similarly, in 1686, James Davidson, merchant, Fortrose, £40 Scots; and in 1684, Donald Baxter, Downie of Westray, i.e., Downie in Kincardine, had got through life with furniture worth just £4 Scots, or 6s 8d stg.

No. 330, 1638.—Inventory.] The Uis [things used] y<sup>t</sup> ther wes in the hous and principall biging off ester ferne pteins Umq<sup>ll</sup> Isbell Ros and George Munro [of Tarlogie, her husband] for his entres [interest] at the tyme off hir deceis being the 2 off Jar 1638 as followis Item ane hie boird w<sup>t</sup> the boardir and furnis [table on trestles with forms] Item ane syde boird w<sup>t</sup> the boardirs and furnis Item ane fair Cop almrie [cupboard] haiffing tua keepings [drawers or boxes] w<sup>t</sup> ther loks and keyis Item tua standard beddis in ye Wester Chalmer Item thrie kistis w<sup>t</sup> yr locks in ye pantrie as I alledge full off clais [clothes] Item ane meill girnell to hald xxx bo. meill w<sup>t</sup> sundrie uther plenissing of tinn pottis Item tua pannis Item stoppis and coppis [stoups and cups] Item thrie ffatis [vats] for salting off salmond fische. Summa the premisses estimat at leist to iii esteir [sterling] pundis or yrby. [The paper is docketed] Tarlogies Memorall to ye Commisar. [Easter Fearn was a laird's house and, we have seen in No. 199, was afterwards a Sheriff's abode, yet the style of living appears from the above very primitive. Soon after is

No. 331, 1641.]—Testament Dative and Inventar of ye guidis and geir . . . umq<sup>ll</sup> Johne Denune merchant burgess of Tayne . . . faithfully maid and gevin up be Robert Smith and Andrew Aberdeine merch<sup>t</sup> burgesses of Aberdeine exec<sup>rs</sup> creditors . . . be decret of Mr Alexr. Mackenzie of Culcowie [Kilcoy] Commissar of Ros . . . in ye inner chalmer within his dwelling hous in Tayne ane standing bed pryce yrof iiiii lib. [word *pryce* or *estimat* omitted in the rest.] Item ther ane candill kist xx sh. . . ane lang saidle [a kind of bed] xl sh. ane old kist with lock and bandis xl sh. ane falding taissill liiii sh. Ane Aquavitae seller [spirit stand] with fyve glesses iiiii£ fyve cheires . . . all iiij£ ane sword iii£ item in ye said Chalmer sex fedder bedis . . . Item in . . . hall Ane hall buird with



the tress and tua furmes to vi£, item ther ane meat almrie viii£ . . tua buffet stoollis xxiv sh. ane dussane of cuschionnes estimat viii£ ffourteine pewter pleattes twa saceris [sauacers] fourteine pewter trunschouris [trenchers] all weying tua steanes twa pund twelf unce at ten sh. ye pound inde xviii£ Ane brasin bassin v£ four chandleris viii£ . . 2 pans . . Ane great speit and midling speit xxvi sh. ane pair of Raxes [racks] xxxvi sh. . . . 6 stoupes all weying seventeine pounds . . viii£ Ane grein buird cloth vi£ xiii sh. iiiid . . Ane mortar and pistoll [pestle] xl sh. ane lance or spear xx sh. sex bowsteris [bolsters] sexteine lib. tua new stand of courtingis with ther pandis [narrow curtains from top] of ye stufe callit the burdis eye vi£ Item in the chalmer w<sup>in</sup> the hall chimney ane fir kist iii£ xiii sh. iiiid item yair [there] ane kist of aik xl sh. . . . within ye saidis kistis fyve par of bed plaidis extending to xxv double elnes [ells] at viii sh. iiiid ye elne inde vi£ 13s 4d . . fyve pair of blankettis xx£ ane pair of scheittis schewit with blak silk in both endis sex lib. Ane other pair of cut work iii£ Ane pair with pearling v£ . . sex bed coverings qrof twa not lynid and four lynid . . all xvi£ item yr twa codis w<sup>t</sup> ther waires [pillows and covers] schewed with worsset vi£ . . twa codis in cut-out wark and twa wit ribbenes iii£ . . . ane dornick [coarse linen] boord cloth viii£ . . ane watercloth [answering to waxcloth or oilcloth] xxxvi sh. Ane new round boord cloth xxvi sh viiid. Four dussane of servettis . . thrie hand towellis xxx sh. Three drinking clothes iii£ . . . Item in the defunct his dwelling house in Pittogartie Ane copbuird with three keeping roumes [places] and lockes viii£ Thair twa boordis with thair furmis v£ Tua standing bedis with ane drawing bed vii lib. Summa of the inventar iiictxxii lib. xvi sh. viiid [£322 16s 8d. We note, in both, the hall or dining-room, with the household dining at movable boards and sitting on forms. With these take

No. 332, N.D.—Fragment of Inventory, about same date as above.] Item in ye little pantrie within ye fyre ane pres ane lang saidle, ane aquavita celler with ye glesses twa cultors, tua sockes [ploughshares] marchant weightis with brods and balk [beam,] ane aix, ane eitch [adze,] thrie vomiles [augers] ane little quarter buird all £14. In ye pantrie be eist ye hall dore . . ane mikle meat almrie . . . ane brewing fatt ane wirt steane troch four standis aucht barrellis sex tubs smal and great ane girnell of aik tua little girnells of fir twa new pair of wheelis all £32 item . . scheitis [&c., as in preceding,] sex board clothes [table cloths] towellis servitis, &c., Tua tunn salt fats Tua tinn chandleris [candlesticks] pewter [as in preceding,] four yrone pottis with ane little baisin pott Ane aquavita pott with the graith [whisky still and appliances] ane brewing caldrone five braisin pannes ane pair of yron raxes tua speittis ane guise pane [goose-pan] tua toanges three aquavita rub-

bures all £63. [We note the chimneys so ample that there is a "chalmer" or a "pantrie" within, holding bulky articles. First mention of silver vessels is in

No. 333, 1639.—Parts of Inventory.] George Munro of Tarlogie . . . work naiges xxiiii lib. twa riding naiges xxvi.£ 13s 4d sevin drawing oxin £33, 4 yeild ky xl.£ 2 yeir-auld steirs viii.£ scheipe threttie twa heid xxxii lib. fyve scoir sex bolls beir ( ) ( ) twentie pewter pleats ( ) ane dussin of pewter for trunchors nyne silver spoons twa brazin chandlers 3 pottys ane speit twa pair of raxis [racks] ane pewter bassin ane silver tasst [beaker] 3 chairs . . . . [The earliest inventory of a small farmer or crofter is

No. 334, 1649.—] The meanes qlk vas leaft be Dod Moir in the Inver Easter his death the xx day of Janvar 1649 as efter followes Item in the first ther is comprysit in the house ane greitt kist . . 4 merks Item the litill coffer 13s 4d, ane pott 4 merks ane cow x lib. ane stirk £4 6s 8d . . ane horse x lib. Their vas in the hous iii merks money. [Apparently he slept on the kist, sat on the coffer, and cooked everything in "ane pott."

No. 335, 1649.—] Testament . . Donald McLey Alness . . . ane mortcloth estimat to 200 merks [£11 2s stg.] 5 horses . . 100 merks . . 7 oxin . . £10 the peice twa year-old stirks 5 lib. remaines of my crop 40 bollis beair 400 merks Tuntie sex bollis eates [oats] sevin score and sextein merks, sex sillver spounes . . 10 lib. sevinteine pewter plattis . . aucht pundis Thrie pottis . . ten merkis . . two old cannes 40 sh. Thrie halle bowrds . . sevin pundis Twa chandlers sex pundis. . . . Witnesses Robert Munro of Obstell, Hector Douglas, John Munro minister of Alness. [From the mortcloth or pall, Donald seems to have been a beadle or sexton.

No. 336, 1649.—Inventory, entered in action against Walter Ross, Nownkill, as executor for "unquhill Alexr. Ross of Cunlichze"—i.e., Cuillich in Rosskeen.] Item Sex great ky and ane ox at xvi lib. ye peece Twa bolls bere sawin estimat to ye fourt cuirne [i.e., a growing crop expected to yield fourfold] inde aucht bolls at viii lib. the boll [prices after this omitted, or put in modern figures for brevity] &c., as before,] ane timber quart stoup 6/8, sex timber plaites 23/, twa water potis £3, bedds £8, sex chears £8, Four great kistis £8, twa litill kistis 40/, brewing fatts [&c., as above,] twa crommies, 3 skeills [scales] 4 great tables, wt yr branderies and furmes, twa backing stools [baking,] Ane pres wt ane drawing bed, ane meat almrie [safe for fresh,] Twa met [measured] firloottes, Twa met pecks . . . Resting [owing] to defunct 24 bolls . . for the fermes of the eister quarter of Nownakill with aucht rick hennes [hens from a house] 32/ . . . . [In Nos. 331 to 336 we have the apparatus for salting salmon and meat, for

brewing and distilling, for candle-dipping, and for baking, all as home industries.

No. 337, 1665.—] Testament Dative quâ creditor and Inventory of . . David Ross sometyne Town Clerk of Tain . . . . Two old hors and ane mair £30, 1 young cow £10, penther straps . . ane silver tyster £6, 2 pots, 2 little pannes, crook [to hang pots] and ladel . . . . bedds, [&c.] . . ane sea [small tub] ane fatt . . 2 barrels, 4 kists, ane latron . . kists . . 2 charns and ane stand, ane little tessel wt ane oyr board wt the brander [trestle] yrof . . water stoup, sword, paper book £2—Total £97 13s 4d. [This does not seem luxurious style, yet it contrasts with that of Mr Don. Ross, minister of "Contane," two years later, whose "outincels and domicels" are set down at £20.

No. 338, 1679.—Inventory, abridged, without usual marks] . . deceasit Kenneth McKenzie broyr german to my Lord Tarbet [Sir G. M., No. 289] tockin up be Mr Andro Ros minr of Tarbat Alexr. McKenzie in Mickle Tarrell . . . pendula knock belonging to Thos. Ogilvie in Elgine, Leather cheires 8, 4 being new . . . £13 6s 8d, searge bead with shelonigs on it £12, a reid bead [red bed] with silk leis on it £10, ane blew curtein bed with leis or freinsch [fringe] at £4 . . [beds, linen, pewter, &c., as in previous.] 2 looking glasses, 2 leather trunks, 1 Leish [stout] trunk, poitts, leame [earthen] poitts, speit . . . pans, copps . . ane dussane silver spoons belonging to the ladie Colingtowne, silver salt fat, 3 aill barrels, 2 baskets, bassines pewter and leame, brewing caldrone, and fatt and stands, two dussin trinchers, a caise of draers and dressing box two standerts a mirror gals £80 . . . . Tuo coats £80.

[No. 339, 1672.—Inventory.] John Done, officer in Tayne . . . fatt, tub, chest, pot, pan, cruik, tongs [all old,] ane kuirne [querne,] axe, spade, rake, all estimat to 21 lib. 12s 4d Scots. [Apparently he was as old and poor as his furnishing, and laboriously ground his corn in his querne or hand-mill to save the miller's dues.

[No. 340, 1679.— Part of] The Testament Dative and Inventar . . . Kenneth Earle of Seafort . . . who deceist 16th December 1678 . . given up be Kenneth McKenzie yor of Suddie Execr . . . be decret . . . for payment . . . of . . three thousand merkis . . . in ane band granted by the said . . . Earle . . as principall and the said upgiver as cautioner . . . to John Neilsone mercht burgess of Edr . . for which the said Kenneth was distressed as cautioner . . . . ( ). INVENTAR . . said defunct had in his possessione . . . Twentie drawing oxen estimat to twentie merkes the peice inde iictlxvi lib. xiiis. iiiid. Item ten work horses at Twentie punds the peice inde iict. libs. Item thrie sadle horses all . . iictlxvi lib. xiiis iiiid. Item in the barne and barne yairdes yt grew on his labourings in Brahane and



Chanorie crop 1678 four scoir ten bolls victuall of sev<sup>ll</sup> species . . fyve merkes the boll inde iictlx.£. Item the cupboord off plate estimat to ii aj ct lib. [£2100.] Item sex cabinetes all estimat to iiiict lib. Item ane table knock estimat to lxvi lib. xiiis iiiid. Item twa pendula knocks both estimat to iictlxvi lib. xiiis iiiid. Item the whole pewter dishes pleats and stowpes estimat to iict lib. Item ane dossone damask and dornick table clothes and twelff dossone nepkines estimat to lct lib. Item the furniture or furnishing off my ladies Chamber estimat to vict lib. Item the wholl furniture off the grein chamber . . Iai & iict xxxiii lib. vis viiid. Item the wholl furniture of the blew chamber . . Iai & iict xxxiii lib. vis viiid. . . . drawing roume . . iiiict lib. . . . reid chamber iict lxvi lib. xiiis iiiid . . . . broune chamber lct xxxiii lib. vis viiid . . . . of the oyr sex chambers in the castell off Brahane . . iictlxvi lib. xiiis iiiid . . . . off the hall my ladies chamber the Broune chamber the trance [passage or lobby] chamber and Calzie chamber in the castell off Chanorie . . iict. lib. Item the defunct's librerie and bookes iictlxvi lib. xiiis iiiid. Item the grein Bed in Chanorie with its furniture . . iictxxxiii lib. vis viiid. Item threttie paire off holland and Linning sheites estimat overheade to fyve merkes the paire Inde lct lib. Item the caldron Brew loomes speits raxes and potts lct xxxiii lib. vis viiid. Summa Inventarii—9493 libs. iis viiid. [The Earl in above was Kenneth Mor, third Earl. The financial straits arose during his imprisonment and forfeiture, with fines levied under the Commonwealth, then expense during his residence at the Court of Charles II. after the Restoration. We see his clansman and distant kinsman becoming surety for him to an Edinburgh lender for £2000, and getting distrained for it, but waiting the Earl's death before taking steps to recover it from the property. The paper also mentions that the Earl's "broyr germane Mr Roderick Mackenzie of Kanchulladrum" became cautioner for another 3000 merks. Above Inventory is clearly a selection only. Executor-creditors only included property enough to cover amply their claims. This is illustrated by the next two cases, in which two or more differing inventories are found of the same estate by different creditors.]

No. 341, 1703.—] . . . deceist George Ross of Morangie [he was great-grandson of Thomas the Abbot] given up by Alexr. Murray Tayn . . . butter kerne, 4 coggs 2 flaggatts, timber plate, sowen kitt [mug for *sovens*, a dish made from oatmeal siftings,] 2 sheills all 30/, 4 breids [widths] of old hingers, quarter weight of wool, 12 little harn clues, 12 harn [flax] clues . . cods, [ &c. ] . . wall-bagge, harne connas [hemp sieve,] 4 fying combs, . . knife for cutting hemp, . . . 3 pitchers wt a case, pewter sugar box . . . sex half mutchkin glasses . . . chists . . wheels little and mickle . . clipping sheirs . . straw miln, peper miln, firlots

. . miln peck and muttie [measures] . . . harp for dressing  
 bear, lining [linen] lyeing in Rosemarkie wt ye webster for  
 working it . . . gavilock [crowbar,] ane hunder hewin stons  
 at ye miln dam of Morangie £5 . . . ane heckle 10/. [Much  
 flax and hemp manufacture. There is another Inventory  
 of same estate and date, but quite different] . . . 16 oxen  
 . . . £16 each, 16 cows . . £12 the peice . . . 8 garrons . . .  
 In barnes . . in Inverbrecky of bear . . . 73 boll £4 the  
 boll . . . oates 30 . . . 4 merkes . . . peis 4 bolls . . £4 . .  
 In girnell [wooden receptacle] 12 bolls meall £4 per boll . .  
 . . Sawin off Bere at Inverbreaky . . . 20 bolls at the fourt  
 corne is 81 bolls qrof to be deduced . . ferme to the maister  
 off the ground 71 bolles so restes 11 bolles . . . sawin of  
 oates 66 bolles at the third corne is 138 bolles estimat twixt  
 chaff and strae to 4 merkes per boll . . . sawin of whyte  
 [wheat] 1 boll 2 pks. . . 4½ bolls pryce £5 per boll . . . in  
 girnells at Inverbreaky of ferme beare . . . 117 bolles . . .  
 Item damize [damask] table cloath . . and naprie . . £48  
 dornick neaprie . . £12 . . . [bedding as before] . . .  
 coverings and . . ane calligo [calico: early mention of  
 cotton, and note the dearness] £5 . . ane English blanket  
 £6, ane stand . . courteines . . doune bedes [&c.] feather  
 beddes . . . chaff bed with harne tyke [coarse tick,] hall  
 table . . . two oyr . . . 2 henfoot ffoldding tables . . . ane  
 stented bed with pleis nailes . . . 2 pair off skringes £13,  
 17 ( ) cheives . . £13 13s 4d . . . seavin brazin candlestickes  
 £10 15s . . . 4 cheires covered with blew . . 2 with harne  
 . . leame pleats and trunchoris, 30 gless botles . . 7 pair  
 tongs and 3 fyre stooles . . pewter and timber trunchors  
 [&c., as above] . . dropping pan and flesch hooke . . tin  
 bed pan . . copper caldrone . . beetles [beaters, mallets,] . .  
 ane carpet table-cloth . . stopps . . copper tanker . . silver  
 server and silver tumberis and saltfat and spoones, ane  
 litle silver mugg, all £266 . . . ane dussone Rushie leather  
 cheires ane armed . . ane dussone of hand-cheirs whereof  
 one armed and sex shewed all £610, the defunctes hous  
 knock [clock] £70, ane cairt or mappe with its mullers  
 [frame] £10 . . ane long table in the hall two furmes . . .  
 girnells in the milne . . great girnell in the house . . .  
 sawes . . . harrow . . axes ( ) ploughes and plough  
 graith ( ) barrows . . ( ) blew linnings in the large hall  
 . . . item in the mistris rounge ane bed hing with broune  
 courtines ane colloured press and the rounge hung with  
 broune stuff all £40. Item the blew hingings in the heigh  
 blew rounme with the bed courteines and looking gles with  
 ane tollet and one ( ) bed soote. Item in the chamber  
 next to the said blew rounge ane standing bed with cloth  
 colloured serge courteines and painted press . . aquavitae  
 pott with its fleake [worm] and stand, ane pair great speeke  
 wheills all shod with iron with two pair lesser speeke wheills  
 . . . cairt paddockes . . iron gavillocks £4, ane great sheill

balk [scale-beam] with 50 lb., 25 lb., stone, half stone, 4 lb., 1 lb. weight. Item sextie aucht musketes and gunes sex pistolls and four halbertes all £60. Item the defunctes watch £36, item ane strae milne with its irons and oyr furnitur. Summa of the Inventar iiiii<sup>tt</sup>viiiictxii libs. xis iiid [£4922 11s 4d. The quantity of firearms is remarkable, but so is the amount of wealth and valuable goods, and we have seen—Nos. 226 to 230—that a few years before George Ross's death reiving and thieving were rife in the county, so he may well have found it necessary to keep his servants well armed and trained to defend his possessions. So in 1689 the farmer of Requill, Edderton, leaves his sword, pistol, targe, and dirk. The next example of double inventory is

No. 342, 1711.—] Inventar of goods . . . deceast David Ross Laird of Balnagowne, given up be Wm. Ross Bailly of Tayne . . . twenty one stone fyftein pd weight of peuter vessell and furnitur . . . 8 sh. Scots per pd . . . £140 8s. Item 26 bolls bear upon the mains of Balnagowne . . . £4 Scots per boll . . . £104 . . . 40 bolls oats at £2 3s 4d inde £86 13s 4d . . . Ane pendili knock in ye principle dyneing roome . . . £48. [Another inventory is] given up be Hugh Ross of Brealangwell . . . creditor . . . for £5000 Scots as the pryce and hyre allowed by the said defunct for cutting barking and transporting 2500 trees . . . Two old rydeing horses . . . £50. Item . . . ane gold medle estimat to £100. [A third, also by Wm. Ross, is in fragments, so, instead, we may select from David Ross's widow's inventory:—

B. No. 343, 1719.—] Inventar . . . deceased Lady Ann Stewart given up by Hugh Ross of Braelangwell Mr David McGilligan minister at Alness and Mr Alexr. Reay min<sup>r</sup> at Avoch trustees . . . Crimson Room . . . Arrashings . . . sex linen window courtings with 3 pandes Crimson moy hair bed wt embroidered white satin mounting Towerdelute of Caligo . . . dozene kained chairs . . . fyne looking glass &c. all £200 Scots. Purple Room:—Olive wood table wt 2 stands . . . purple serge courtines, . . . iron grate, 6 Big pictures and 3 small . . . £40 . . . Big dining Room . . . a pendelum knock . . . Tables 1 marble 1 big wainscot and 2 lesser . . . 7 pictures £100. Outer Dyning Room:— . . . cupboard, eight leather cheares . . . old clock, map . . . £12. Black Room . . . sex armed cheares, easie armed cheare, sex little cheares . . . big looking glass . . . bedstead wt old black hangings . . . £30 . . . White Room and closet . . . £3 . . . Little Room . . . £2 . . . Green Room . . . eight pictures . . . little by bed . . . silk quilt £18. Brown Room . . . £6 . . . In Wardrobe . . . chests . . . candle chest . . . boxbroads wt weights £12. In Spicery . . . milk cea . . . posset lame and lame dishes . . . £3. Kitchen 2 large pots 2 less . . . dripping and 2 frying pans, speits, raxes, salt chest, brander . . . £16. Brewing Lomes:—fat, . . . tub, . . . cea [or sea, small tub] . . . stands . . . 28 barrels



.. Pewter vessels . . 21 stone . . £112, Brass work 20 lbs. . . £20 . . Copper brewing and tea kettles Aquavita pot preserving pan, tanker . . £72 . . Old Fern Watch in shagreen case . . £6 . . Ane lignum vitae box containing a large gold meddal £242 . . green box w<sup>t</sup> lesser meddal £192, silver work . . all £1200 . . silver headed caine £9 . . Bible £1 10s, silver inkhorn £3 . . Little gold buckle . . £10, Two ear pendulums . . £6 . . Two bracelets of Bristo stones and two earrings of 8 Bristo stones set in silver £3 . . String of 13 old lamber beds [amber beads] 12 sh. . . Hair ring Cepered £7 . . . Bracelet with rubies £6 . . . Lockat for a necklass of gold £6 . . . Gold watch £300 disposed to Stewart of Kinrara . . . 19 Feather beds . . bolsters . . pillows . . cods &c. . . Table cloths and servites of damask and dornick and hagabag servites, sheets, &c., £521.

B. No. 344, 1719.—] Disposition by exec<sup>rs</sup> of Lady Ann Stewart to General Ross . . . The hail plenishing, goods, geir . . . for 1888 pounds Scots [annexed is a very neatly written list, which says of the "medals"'] weighting by weights of Tavn 12 ounces supposed to be worth £3 the drop is £576. [It is signed by the trustees. For comparison with the foregoing great houses, take a substantial farmer of the same period:—

No. 345, 1698.—] Inventar of . . decaest Thomas Simsone sometimes labourer [husbandman] in Inverbreckie which laboured eighteen bolles pay who died . . 1697 . . Soven of oats that year 18 bolles, of bear 12 bolles . . 4 horses with their double graith, 20 head of nolt, oatmeall 3 bolles . . saicks new and old 12, two cannases [sort of sifters, see No. 348] ane great another little, 3 pair white plaids ane pair blankets and a plaid being ane indifferent good tartane, 9 elns linnen and 3 of grase cloath, ane great towell for a table, 2 hand towells, and ane half doz. naprie, ane brazen candlestick, nine chists . . one bolster 2 cods, a standing bed . . . crook [&c, for fire,] 3 chears, 2 buffet stools, 2 little tables, great brewing fatts [&c.,] Two firlots one peck and a small press w<sup>t</sup> stoups, cogues, pleats, and spoones conforme. 1 Itch, 5 womells; spades, flaughter [for paring turf] and peat; muckhack [and usual implements] . . . Of money . . in the house . . 3 rex dollars and 3 mark peices. Of necessaries spent at the funerall 4 gallons of ale and  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon aquavitie . . for transportation of the corps over the ferrie, 2 fourteens w<sup>t</sup> a fourteen to the man who made the grave . . . [A list of his cattle begins] one black ox called Stokii £12, ane broune ox called Stauman £10 13s 4d [and it ends] tuo old black coves left to his funerall before Mr Wm. Mackenzie min<sup>r</sup> . . and Mr Archibald Douglas schoolm<sup>r</sup> £17. [On the back there is a column of sums, apparently the amounts of the above, and totalling £996. In connection with No. 340 comes

No. 346, 1706.—] Testament dative qua creditor and Inventar . . . Maister Rodorick Mackenzie off Kanchulladrum in the parochine off Urray . . . who deceit . . . March 1706 . . . given up be Donald Davidsons yor glover burges off Fortrose . . . band £97 9s 8d . . . £494 19s 2d debursed for medicamentes and funeralls . . . £97 servants fies due . . . Inventar—3 cows, 1 ox, 5 stirks, 3 calffes . . . £66, horse, 3 meirs, 2 ffoles all £20. In the barne, beare 7 bolls £22 . . . small black oates 31 bolls 30s the boll, rye 3 bolls 3 firlots £11, . . . £6, ane caiss off pistolls ane suord and ane gun all £26 . . . beddes [&c., as usual,] tables, cheirs, chistes, cabinets, potts, pannels, towalls, servites, cartes, harrowes, ploughs and greath. . . . overhead £200. [This laird of Kincaldrum was—see No. 340—brother of Earl Kenneth Mo, and son of George, second Earl of Seafort; and in No. 79 we have seen he married a lady who was a bishop's daughter, and had had two bishops as husbands. From the title "Maister," he was learned, probably a lawyer. We have seen—No. 340—that he became cautioner for his brother for £3000, which may account for his difficulties at the last. There is, in 1700, an inhibition by Wm. Duff, Provost of Inverness, on Kinchulladrum, Kiernaik, and Teanafield.]

No. 347, 1712.—] Inventar . . . John Manson merchant Tain . . . be Charles Ross of Eye as factor for Mr Aeneas Macleod of Cadboll . . . [Contains all the usual run of furnishings, but there are many peculiar items to be quoted] . . . 2 large kinkies £2 . . . ane silver dish £4 . . . beacking [baking] stool . . . bisamer and stand of great weights small weights . . . 2 little and ane mickle spinning wheels and 2 pair cardis £7 . . . harne yarne ane large canas and 3 leiks, . . . 100 lead of peats and turrvs of old fire £12 . . . Summa £218.

[No. 348, 1713.—] Inventar . . . Andrew Ross of Ballablaire given up be Alexr. Ross Nottar Public in Tayne . . . for payment . . . of debts . . . pair of iron raxes and pair of stone raxes, bed, of timber and ropes, bed with iron rodd . . . lungsadle . . . feather beds [&c., as before,] . . . in mid room . . . aquavitae pot 32 lbs. weight and old caldron 50 . . . copper kettlelet 8 . . . at 13/4 per lb. . . 36 lbs. weight of tinn . . . pleats . . . trunchers and stoups . . . mortar . . . copper skellett . . . pannels . . . his equipage consisting of 3 coats 3 vests 2 old periwiggs and 2 old hatts one pair buits all £23 . . . chests . . . 2 armed and 4 cained chears . . . bottie . . . In hall . . . table and 2 forms . . . tablecloths . . . servits . . . candlesticks . . . potts . . . silver tanker 1 oz. 6 drop . . . Brewing [as before]; oxen, horses, [&c.]; gun . . . sword . . . kellachie carts . . . ane connace or hair cloath for a kilne. Bible, house bible, little bible, and severall oyr books £10 . . . Sown crop 11 bolls bear, 40 of oats, firlot of peas and wheat.

[No. 349, 1727.—] Inventar of . . . Charles Ross of Eye [now Mounteagle] . . . given up by Margaret Sutherland . . . relict . . . and Hugh Ross, brother . . . 6 broth plaits, 4 rost plaits . . . 16 peuter trenchers—12 shallow and 4 deep,—stoups, flagons, tankers, pewter spoons, server, basone, and potinger, and salt fatt, little silver mugg, 8 timber trenchers . . . table. In the Easter Room, chists, beds—standing and box and weir press. In the studdie of the said room 2 small beddes for children and skelfs [shelves or leaves] round about; timber cupps 1 large 3 litle and 1 queach, Sex plaids and ane litle fale [bedding, linen, and napery are much as in No. 341.] In the back cellar . . . Chists . . . barrels . . . 3 boties one with old naills . . . 2 Ceas 1 tub . . . 1 timber and 1 white iron tinowall with 5 skelfs . . . In the Easter Loaft . . . press with naperie and peapers sealed . . . chist of drawers sealed containing peapers . . . Letron or counter with brander containing peapers sealed . . . bedding . . . Standing towed [roped] bed with iron roods with ane inner pand ruffled with orange and black courtines and ane timber muller without . . . 8 florantine botles, ane possate lame [earthenware dish for drink of boiled wine and milk,] lame trenchers . . . In the Easter Closet . . . 23 books bigg and small . . . ane clock-back with two pilgets, ane pair pistolls with cases and hose, Round litle table with 2 litle skelfs . . . In the South room . . . folding table, . . . bed in the garret . . . cheese creel, 2 new bee scapes, a woman's sadle. In the Hall 3 folding tables, cheese chist, 16 chairs, 2 gunns, white iron lantron, . . . 2 broadswords 1 small sword, case of pistols, hounting stock, 2 sadles that went not on since the horse were scabbed. Saw, itch, 4 aumells, 2 chisells, syths . . . spades, 2 cabbies . . . In kitchen or brewhouse [the usual, and] botie with 3 iron girths and cea with one . . . keill knife . . . In the Skool house Room . . . beds . . . chair . . . cradle . . . weavers' stakes. In the timber house 7 pair new wheels new slade [sledge] trames . . . 5 scoir seven fir cabeirs . . . 12 in the barne of Eagle hill, ane litle leather for hanging of cheese . . . ploughs with their stells [handles] Double hakes [hooks for sheep] . . . Calachie cairts [small, with solid wheels] . . . Crooksadles . . . mucking creels . . . lint-ripping tree with two gang of irones . . . Of timber, new wane [of wands: basket-work,] cheese creel wt ane lidd, bigg birk, fatt stings [vat plugs] . . . axle trees . . . rungs . . . crooksadles . . . hemms . . . 100 widdies [osier rods,] 12 bows for binding catle, 36 cairt bows . . . trees for horse-plough . . . old fatt with tuo stings [plugs.] Trees [kegs]—8-gallon, 20-pint and 10-pint . . . waned lidds for stands . . . 2 pair head stooles with irons for ryding horses, 6 new yokes, girnells . . . In the Kiln . . . firlots . . . pecks . . . lipies wt iron girths . . . warping fatt . . . In the litle Barne . . . wheels . . . carts . . . 11 pair hemms wt their irons, slade cairt . . . chaff creels . . . In the barne of Eagle hill, 16 slade trames . . . litle fatt for draff.



In Donald Roys house in Leaielnagowne . . . twenty pint anker. In Donald Denoon's relict's house in Rarichies . . . 6 table knives with forkes . . . 6 horses . . . 15 labouring oxen and 20 head of cattel now at the high lands at grass . . . ane tartan new plaid . . . . 60 sheep . . . 5 milk and 3 yell cowes. Waned [basket-work] chair in the chamber . . . stools . . . knocking stane with ane tree belonging . . . large timber fork . . . . [In No. 266, 1740, we have had "the lands of Eye now called Mounteagle," showing a change of name between 1721 and 1740, and from above we see it arose from an "Eagle Hill" which was part of the estate. The adjoining loch keeps the old name. A previous Ross of Eye appears in

No. 350, 1663.—] . . . Me Walter Ross of Ballamuckie . . . compt betwixt me and Andrew Ross my broyr in Ballnagowne in pns. of David Ross our uncle in Priesthill . . . . sevin hundred and sevintie eight pundis . . . and now my verie loving freind James Ross of Ey hes . . . payit . . . certain soumes . . . I have maid . . . the said James Ross . . . cessioners and assignayis . . . .

[No. 351, 1722.—Pages 5 to 14, and a supplement, of Inventory of Newmore House.] . . . Small oval picture of the Chevalier de St George . . . chairs leather bottomed and . . . rush bottomed . . . callico curtains . . . In the High Dining Room—Pier glass . . . with finiered [veneered] frame . . . chimney glass wt mahogany frame; Clock made by Thos. Kilgour. Sofa couch and bed . . . . Pictures of General Chas. Ross, Col. Munro of Newmore, Inverchasley [son-in-law,] President Forbes [brother-in-law.] Prints—Scripture cartoons, and Alexander's Battles . . . gilded leather screeu . . . Silver Plate—Shagreen case with 12 spoons 12 knives 12 forks—Tankard with Newmore crest and motto, hand servers, drinking muggs, salts, salt spoons . . . table spoons and dealer spoon all with do., punch ladle, tea spoons. All . . . is old. In the Yellow Room—Folding Table . . . Looking Glass Walnut frame . . . Pewter bason and walnut standish . . . Pictures of Lady Calrossie and Lady Aldie . . . In the Brown Room—Fir table . . . chairs and bedstead, Ragged curtains and feather bed. In Mrs Anne's Room [daughter] old fir box bed and tent or field bed wt old worsted curtains. In the Red Room, Pier glass, easy chair . . . callico cover, Four-leaved red screen wt cloath paper, fir bedstead, red Turk upon Turk curtains, cotton bolster. Tea tables—2 Mahogany and 1 Dutch Japan, 6 old beechwood chairs, old armed chair, Lime [earthenware] bason and walnut standish . . . In closet 2 old beds. Follows Inventory of Stoneware &c. Tureen, 46 plates, butter bote and plates, Copper tea kettles—one with a Salamander coffee pot, chaquelet pot, skelat and tankard . . . 6 breakfast knives with silver, and 6 knives and 6 forks with ivory handles . . . . Things of China—Punch bowl . . . bason . .

milkpot . . . teapot . . . plates . . . cups . . . flats [saucers.]  
 Glass Decanters—Water, ale, sweetmeat and wine glasses.  
 In the White Closet . . . mortar, smoothing irons, clogbag  
 trunk for lady's linnens [&c.] In the cellar . . . barrel for  
 weighing Meal wt a balk and 2 weights of 4½ stons, Ale  
 hogsheads . . . churn [&c.] In the Kitchen, Coffee miln,  
 Letterment table [others as before.] The Petitioners and  
 Miss Chirsty Urquhart represented that . . . linen was  
 dirty . . . in disorder . . . willing to gather and ( ) up . . .  
 [There is the first part of another inventory of these] . . . 49  
 pair blanquets—36 new 3 English 3 new in the loom 5  
 coarse servant . . . plaids . . . bolsters . . . sheets [&c., much  
 as in others. For farm inventory, see after No. 427.

No. 352, (?) 1724.—Paper, 4 pages, rest wanting, headed]  
 Inventory of George Munro of Culrain's furnitur. In the  
 room bewest the laigh dyning room at Culkairn. [The date  
 is not stated, but the George Munro who was "of Culrain,"  
 and lived at Culcain, died there in 1724, and the script  
 and language exactly agree] a resting bed with course  
 bolster 2 sh. stg. . . . looking glass with black muller . . .  
 Glasgow plaid. In the Closet a cabinet on a standart 5 sh.  
 . . . chest of drawers . . . pair of boots 4 sh. Books in ye  
 Closet a large Bible in folio . . . calff skin cover 10 sh. . .  
 Bible in quarto . . . Stair's Institutions, Blomes Geographi-  
 call descriptions, Jaques de Laverdin's History of Scander-  
 beg, The Parable of the 10 virgins by Thos. Shepherd, A  
 Confutation of ye Rhemists by Thos. Cartwright . . .  
 Quartos Dictionarium Historicum Geographicum, Lithgow's  
 19 years travills . . . a review of the queries to ye presbitries  
 of Scotland, Morning exercise against Poperie, Certain  
 select ( ) by Thos. Goodwine, ( ) Octavos The independent  
 Whig . . . Christ Crucified or ye maners of ye Gospell by  
 Mr James Durham . . . De Divina Providentia Studiis  
 Samuelis Rutherford, Confession of Faith, The English  
 Rogue, Abridgment of Acts of Parlt, Hugo Grotius on  
 War and Peace . . . Tacitus History in Latin, Mount  
 Pisgah . . . by Thos. Case, Le devoir generall . . . par C.  
 Chappuzeau, History of Henry 4th of France, Treaty of  
 Nimiguen, The Pourtaictur of K. Chas 2nd, Melius  
 Inquirendum, The Estate of the Empire of Germany,  
 Faithfulness of God fulfilling ye Scriptures . . . . The  
 Kings dect arbitrall twixt ye merchts and craftsmen of  
 Edinr 1683, Erasmus, Heaven upon Earth by Mr Durham,  
 Adelphi Brachelii Historia sui temporis, Earthquakes  
 Explained by Thos Dolittle . . . . Vindiciae Joannis Dallei,  
 Cicero, Calvini Commentar in Epistolas Pauli, Opus Chrono-  
 logicum . . . Calvini Praelectiones in Jeremiam Questiones  
 proemiales pro dialectica, Cartwrights Homilies on Eccles-  
 iastes, Reglemens et ordonnances du Roy pour les gens de  
 Guerre Polibii Historia . . . Pro Divina Gratia contra  
 Jesuitos. In ye Dining Room 12 course chairs at 1 sh.  
 and 2 armed at 1 sh. 8d . . . folding tables, looking glass,

pendulum clock, pictures . . Wallace and Sir Fredk Hamilton, 5 maps 6 copper plates . . . Silver flacket wt a fixed head 15 oz. 8 drop; 2 sugar boxes 13 oz. and 2 oz. silver salt and servers and tumblers and dram jugs and drinking jugs and dishes and ( ) watch in Geo. Robertson's custody, Silver tankard 32 oz., old salts and 28 spoons and forks and marrow spoon and 2 dealling spoons, 10 wine glasses . . . geill [jelly] glass . . . In Lady Culrain's Room 6 chairs at 1/4 each, wainscot table . . bed with yellow hings and twilt covering at 6 sh., Cabinet on a Standart . . 12 coper plates 3d each, 6 smaller 2d . . looking glass wt black muller, a Viol of Gambo wt brigg or bow . . . In ye Dining Room above stairs 12 chairs twilled cushions, looking glass wt gilt muller and branch cristall at ye glass . . window curtains old floured silk . . . In ye Easter Room 12 chairs, bed, tables, glass [&c. This George was younger brother of John, the hero of the raid in No. 226. He got Culrain estate from his father, Sir George of Newmore, and was first of the Munros of Culrain. For comparison, we may take a small farmer of the period:—

No. 353, 1720.—Inventar . . Andrew Munro in Foulis . . .  
 5 cows . . 2 calves . . 2 oxen . . 2 horses . . 5 sheep . . 1  
 lam . . 1 sow . . 2 beehives . . 3 brewing stands, 1 gallon  
 tree 6 anker penes 7 stopes 2 of peuther, 2 presses, 7 chistes,  
 4 beds and cloathing, 4 chairs 2 tables 2 dusson nepery, a  
 sword, pots and pans. [Next of the great houses is

No. 354, 1731 and 1732.—Three sheets of a paper subscribed]  
 The above consisting of 8 sheets is the Inventory of the  
 deceist John Earle of Cromartie Given up by us, Cromertie  
 and Mr William (Mackenzie) ( ) lawful Sons and Execers  
 . . . 5 horses . . an old coach with carriage [old sense—  
 things carried] £180 . . work horses . . cows [&c. The other  
 sheets have] 15 peuther dishes . . . £18 . . . 24-gallon  
 copper kettle . . . large ale cooler . . large girnell . . .  
 2 large and a small silver salver 72 oz. 2 dr. . . inde £230  
 16 sh. . . 17 silver knifeshafths . . 16 silver forks . . 15  
 silver spoons . . 3 silver casters and 4 salts . . saddles . .  
 pistols . . Bell. [Next are 4 middle pages of another  
 inventory of same subject] . . old arras hanging ( ). In  
 the Nursery . . 3 old beds and chair . . In the School Room  
 . . 3 beds, trunk . . 7 armed chairs all very old . . In Lady  
 Amelia's Room, Looking Glass . . chest of Drawers . .  
 chacolat [chaquelet in No. 351.] copper pot . . wainscot  
 Table . . standing bed . . closs box . . tongs. In Miss  
 Fotheringham's Room [same with 6 pictures.] In Mrs  
 Strachan's Room . . Chest of Drawers . . presses . . trunks  
 looking glass . . Item given up by Mrs Strachan [evidently  
 housekeeper] . . 31 pair sheets 8 half sheets 14 pillows 66  
 Dornick naperie and 21 old . . 20 dornick table cloths and  
 2 damask 13 pair coarse blankets . . In the Closet where  
 Macleod lyes Standing bed with coarse Stript hangings



feather bed and oyr furniture . . Large looking glass wt gilt muller . . Small wainscot table, broken . . weather glass out of order . . prints . . arm-chair . . small chair. In the Stript Room stript ( ) cornises and feather bed ( ) carved and gilded corniss ( ) Large mirroure with Japann muller . . Chimney glass—broken . . fine picture at half length with gilded muller £188 . . . Two pieces fine Tapestry . . Wainscot table, Iron grate . . A Scripture [escritoire] . . . closs box . . . tongs . . bellows . . large looking glass and table. In the Gallery:—9 pictures without frames and one with . . 4 Maps Africa Europe and America and Flanders . . 10 old maps and prints on past-board . . eight old pictures of the Scots Kings in bad case 3 large square looking glasses £60 A mirroure £48, 2 old cabinets . . a pair broken playing tables . . 8 old Chairs covered with blew stitched silk and old bigg resting chair ( ) . . . a wand cradle . . copper tea pot . . crimson velvet bed and haille furnitur . . Picture of Geo. Earle of Cromertie . . . picture made for Sir Kenneth Mackenzie of Grandvile . . other pictures . . 2 oval sconces . . copper-plate pictures . . leather painted chimney peice . . 2 dozen lame plates and a posset can . . . large old picture of the figures of men and women . . old deak for a laidn horse. In the Ministers Room:—an old bed with very old hangers . . peuther pott . . 4 old chairs. [Other rooms were in missing pages.

No. 355, 1731-32.—Account by William Ross, merchant, Fortrose, against the deceast John Earle of Cromertie and his executors. Among items are] one pound superfine bohea Tea at 14 sh., eight yards blue Calimanka at 2 sh. the yard, a pair fine gold knee band and buckles at £1 5s; To 2½ ounce threed, half ounce silk and 1½ yards buckram is 3s 1½d . . . To 2½ yards supperfine blew drabat at 15s 6d the yard . . To 18 fine coat buttons and 6 small do. at 2s 1d. To half ounce fine hair . . . To 1 ounce reid threed half ounce hair, 2 drops silk all at 2 sh 3d. To cash paid for mending my Lords sword 3 sh. . . To a firkin box dansick soap at 24 sh. . . To 30 yards red and white galloon at 3d per yard . . To a quair fine gilded paper 2s 6d. ( ) ( ) fine christall decanters weighing 8 lb. at 1s 6d per lb. . .

[No. 356, 1738.—] Inventory of the household furniture . . . David Ross of Kindeass made up by Mrs Grizell Forbes . . relict . . and Wm. Ross her eldest son and David Ross of Inverchasley his sole curator . . . Silver tankard . . 3 mutchkins . . 2 silver jugs . . 1½ gills . . Kindeiss and lady's names cyphered . . 2 silver salts and dealling spoon marked D. F. and G. R. . . 12 silver spoons . . 6 ivory hafted knives and do. forks . . 6 brasill hafted do. . . 4 dozen peuter pleats . . 6 roast dishes [covers] 2 broath do. and 4 ashets . . flagons . . candlesticks . . In ye blew room . . Standing towed bed . . cain chairs . . looking glass 20

inches . . . In the reid room [similar, but] press and 18 pair sheets . . . dornick and damask napery. In closet . . . bed . . . table . . . In the New Hall, Punch Bowl and Spoon both Japannan . . . Cristall decanters . . . crewet . . . wainscot folding tables . . . 12 new fashioned chairs wt Russia leather bottoms . . . New Eight day Cloak Dunlops make, walnut tree case . . . weather glass, 14 peices large Indian painting . . . 4 mapps . . . a make of the Glob, . . . map section of a first rate ship . . . Large house Bible wt mapps and copper plates Edit. 1708 and seall skinn cover. In the new bed room New-fashioned standing bed . . . green stampit hingings . . . 6 new ash Chairs wt Point d'Angle sewed backs and seats . . . mirror . . . Strictore [escritoire] wt drawers under sealls and Kindeass papers . . . grate [&c.] . . . beds [&c.] In the laigh Dining Room:—furr folding tables square and oval . . . 18 chairs. In the Lady's bed chamber Standing towed bed . . . box bed . . . longsadle bed . . . . a parrat weir cage . . . Kitchen [as in others.] In the Children's room in the Girnell house . . . beds [&c.] . . . Brewhouse [as others] . . . Garrets of the new house . . . beds, chests, &c. [Sum of value of above] £861 Scots. . . Cattle &c. 30 oxen . . . 3 stots . . . 3 milk cows 13 horses all £616.

[No. 357, 1740.—] Inventory of Lady Novar's silver . . . 12 spoons . . . a dealling spoon . . . Two dram piggs marked N. . . . Three-luged cup mounted wt silver . . . 8 tea spoons . . . drainer, small tea tongs.

[No. 358, 1742.—] Inventory of the Lady Skibo's household furniture . . . 12 silver spoons, dealling spoon 2 salt keepers 2 jugs server all £18, 2 presses, 4 chests of Drawers, 4 Looking glasses, 5 beds standing or box, and bedding, 1 house clock and Bible, 4 kane and 5 timber chairs, 8 tables, Tea-pot 9 cups 6 flats of Delph 3 flats, 1 cup, bowl of China, Gold watch chain, Seal, Diamond Ring, posset can, 1 basin and 3 pots earthenware, Aquavitae Stell pot, Balk broads and weights, Suit of blue velvet Sadle furniture wt silver lace and leather slips, Clogbags and demipick saddle, Ten firelocks, 5 chests, a small guilted chofer, Small cave wt 8 small wotles with tin fizeing heads; Of Pewther—12 deep and 24 shallow plates, 2 broath and 2 rost dishes, 2 ashets 2 flagons 2 small spinning wheels, 6½ dozen napkins and 9 table cloths of dornick, 15 napkins and 1 table cloth of damask, 2 Marking Irons G. G. and I. M. [Geo. Gray and Issobel Munro. Kitchen and brewhouse much as in previous. As the rooms are not given, the list is abridged by summing up Nos. of each article and omitting values.

No. 359, 1751.—Assignment] . . . Me Hugh Ross of Braelangwell . . . . to make . . . Elizabeth Ross my spouse . . . and Children . . . my cessioners and assigneys In all . . . . goods, gear . . . . nine oxen two pleughes four harrows with iron naills five old garrons two rideing horses, 2 saddles, 4

bridles, 20 milk cows, 15 yell cows, ane young bull. Item silver tanker and suggar box, two silver salts, a dozen silver spoons, dealling spoon and Brandie mugg, two tumblers lyned with silver, ane tortieshell dish with silver boull, silver snuffbox, pair of silver buckles, silver salver, Large gold ceoup, 100 sheep wadders and lambs, 24 goats Table cloaths twixt Daines and Dornwark 17, and servits 8 dozoun, seven lining table cloaths 18 lining servits, Course Table-cloaths 6, hand touells 12, Servits 12; Sheets Holland 2 pair, lining 18; Codwars 4 holland, 9 lining; 37 pair of plaids 8 of blankets, 7 feather beds, 15 codd's 12 pair bolsters . . one bed . . chaffe; 5 standing beds with curtains . . 2 looking glasses; 3 presses, one fronted with war, 3 chists of drawers, a little cabnet . . 5 tables whereof 3 round; 42 cheirs 3 armed and one of wane [basket work] . . 6 Broth 10 rost Tinn plats; 44 Tinn Trinchers, flagon, 2 pint stoups, chapin stoup, tanker, salver . . washing basin . . mitchkine copper tanker, 2 ale copp's set about with silver . . 7 candlesticks 3 snuffers, 3 dressing-irons, Books, guns, pistoles, swords . . aquavitae stell, 2 masking vats . . Tea catle, pot, and 8 cups 16 dishes 3 lyme plates and 12 trenchers, 1 posates can, bowl, tanker, and porringer, glasswork decanter 1 wine glass 1 brandie glass, 2 saltfats and brandie-caves. [Kitchen, brewhouse, &c., as in others. Next is a remarkable inventory of a remarkable man :—

F. No. 360, 1747.—] Testament qua creditor of Duncan Munro of Obsdale . . given up by Sir Harry Munro of Foulis, Bart. [nephew, who succeeded his father, Sir Robert, in 1746.] . . . Two Diamond Rings . . £840 Scots, 3 gold mourning rings £18, Gold ring resembling a rubie and sleeve buttons each £10 . . Gold Ring . . earrings sleeve buttons all with Bristol stone and value £30 12s . . Small headed gold cane £25 . . Silver hilted small sword £31 10s Ditto Cutlass £18 . . Brass hilted small sword £3 . . 2 servers 3 castors . . mugg, 4 salts, dealing spoon, 18 Table spoons, 6 tea spoons, drainer, tea tongs, and hafts of 12 knives and 12 forks all silver . . . £501 18s Brass silverized Coffe Pot, Tea Kettle, lamp, £2, Drinking juggs, milk pot, 4 candlesticks, 2 servers . . 13 spoons castor-frame 12 knives and 12 forks [all £56 0s 2d] . . Black hafted and ivory hafted knives and forks . . 24 China cups and saucers, tea-pots, coffe-cups, punch bowl £25 4s, 3 mirror scones wt gilded frames 2 japanned . . House Clock £60 Japanned press- and box-beds Bedstead . . £57 . . 50 yds. yellow damask curtains . . £60 . . Mahogany press, tables, 12 chairs and one big, 13 with leather bottoms [all £71] . . . 4 leads for Lights . . . 8 yds dapier for 4 Tablecloths £9 12 sh. [many other pieces for napery] . . suit of pictured Damask napery £36 . . [sheets and Holland and linen] 24 yds. tweedling 1½ yd. broad £43, 48 yds. Indian Callico £14, 16 English Blankets £96, 12 pair cotton stockings £18, 8 yds. blue German Searge £14 . . 4 decanters, 4 salts, and



2 mustard boxes—all glass—ale glasses; Pewter dishes . . muggs . . pots . . spoons . . salvers, whole weight 116 lbs., value £69 18 sh., 96 pewter plates £57 . . . a Jack with all appurtenances . . Brass kettle £16 . . Fish kettle, coffee pot, saucepan, tea kettle—all copper—£21. Copper pots and oven . . [numerous utensils follow.] Demipike saddle, bridle, and pistoll cases—£31 Scots money. [Good evidence in above of wealth and refinement. There follow the farming items and then the sums owing to him, among which the following shows the extent of his farming:—] £3840 Scots as the price of 6400 stones oatmeal of crop 1643 and 1644 sold to John Graham of Dougalston and Lachlan McLean merchants in Glasgow. [He was highly educated, widely travelled, skilful as a doctor, and eminent in piety. He was killed at the Battle of Falkirk when trying to assist his brother Sir Robert, who was also killed. Next is the completion of

No. 176, 1748, furniture, &c., of James Baillie of Migdale ] In Dining room of house at Milntown 2 mahogany folding tables . . . 8 rushbottomed chairs . . silver spoons . . handled knives and forks—12 each—salts and tankard . . House Clock with Japan case Liptrott maker. [Many prints and maps—rest ordinary.] . . . In low bedchamber . . . Scriptor fineered with brass mountings [many maps, rest as usual.] In two high bedchambers [all usual, and] Calligo Window-hangings and prints of Solomon's Temple, Marlbrugh's Battles &c. In the Celler [as in brewhouses.] In Closet, books [see 176.

No. 361, 1752.—Paper, docketed] Aldy's house furniture, [and headed] "Furniture in the House of Balnagall." Bed and Table Linning [as in previous.] Dining Room—A new House Cloak mahogany case . . . tables, 24 chairs . . Easter Lower Room Fineered Cabinet 8 old chairs . . High Wester Room Beds [&c.] 12 Beechwood Rush-bottomed chairs . . . Old wainscot Scriptor . . . Easter High Room . . Beds . . 8-corner wanescot table . . . In High Back Room Old Tent Beds [bedding, &c.] Wester Garrett Curtains . . looking glasses . . tea board . . Meikle and Little Spinning wheels . . Check reel meikle sae [tub] with cover Balks and broads [beams and boards] with English and Scots weights . . . Cellar, Brewhouse, Kitchen [much as in previous. Next a West Coast farmer in

No. 362, 1757.—Inventory.] . . Roderick Mackenzie Tacksman of Tornpress [Tornpreas in Lochcarron] . . given up by Alexr. Mackenzie Tacksman of Culintore execr qua creditor . . . 17 cows . . 1 bull . . 5 horses . . 8 large sheep . . 20 lambs . . 17 large goats . . 5 kidds . . 8 chairs . . 1 table . . 2 presses . . 2 chests . . 4 potts . . 4 pair of blankets . . 4 milk cheises . . 3 cogs . . peuter dish . . 6 plates . . 2 harrows with timber nails . . crook and crook sadles . . . a boat

. . . 2 herring-nets . . . 4 hooks of long line . . . 2 old Wimbels [augers] . . . axes . . . butter kern . . . herring cask for packing beef . . . 16 horn spoons . . . Quern Sheet . . . Kelt large coat at 1s 6d stg. 2 pair of breeches 1 sh. [!] shoes and stockings 6d . . . 3 shirts and a bonnet 4 sh. . . shearing hook and flaughter and peat and delving spades . . . short coat of kelt . . . 4 sh. . . Stuff vest-coat 2 sh. Sum £51 stg. [Here we see a certain backwardness in that remote part of the county; also the combination of fishing with farming. The series of Inventories already given is enough to give a view of the style of living in various parts and at different periods. Subsequent inventories are too nearly modern to call for much quotation, as in

No. 363, 1779.—] Inventory . . . Wm. Baillie, Ardmore [furnishing full, so that only things not previously occurring are quoted.] In Garret Room—Wainscot Drawer. In Green Room—Leather Gilded Screen, Printed Window Curtains. Dining Room—Corner Cupboard and Stand, Baromiter, Mrs Baillie's Organ, a Begamone Broad [backgammon board,] Chess Table with men [only room without a bed, and it will be remembered that Princé Charlie could find only one house in Inverness that had a furnished room without a bed.] Yellow Room—Mattrass, Mrs Baillie's Spinat. Red Room—Check Cover and curtains. Mid Room—Clothes screen. Laundry—Calf bed [chaff—showing the Scottish pronunciation,] Spinning wheel and Jack reels. Garret—Candle moulds. Brew-house—Slaughter hatchet, Brass Cock. List of China:—Chacolate cups, 18 Syllabub and gillie glasses. In Kitchen—Milk syers [sieves.] In Green Room Closet—Strong box. [There is a separate inventory of Rosehall] Chentez [chintz] Room:—Stained bed with Chentez Curtains, Phaneered Drawers . . . Mr Baillie's own Room:—Mahoganie Bureau . . . In Parlour Settow bed . . . Garrets above Mr Baillie's Room . . . and Chintz Room . . . Nursery . . . and Laundry, Kitchen and Dining Room [all somewhat as above, but less plentifully than Ardmore. For farm stock and implements, see after No. 427, 3rd par. In conclusion, as the only case of two Inventories of the same place at widely separated times, we may take for comparison with No. 333:—

No. 364, 1786.—] Inventory . . . Tarlogie. Breakfast Parlour—6 green chairs, settee bed . . . Escritore, Mahogany tables and bason stand with slip looking glass, carpet, grate, 9 Indian prints. Dining Room—17 chairs, 2 tables, wine croper, dumb waiter, &c. Low Bed-Room—Green Stuff Bed &c., Small field bed, 2 tables, 4 chairs, Glass &c.; House-Keeper's Room, 5 chairs, 2 tea-cupboards, table clock, &c. Drawing Room—12 Mahogany Chairs and 2 tables, settee bed with blue and white cheque covers, card table, steel grate, weather glass. Green Bed Room—Green damask bed, &c., 6 chairs, Dressing and pier glasses, 19

prints, &c. Red Room—Red and white cheque bed, 5 leather bottomed and 2 large Chairs, Mahogany Chest of Drawers and small fly tables, &c. Library off the Drawing Room—3 chairs, chests with papers, &c. Stair Case—Eight Day Clock, 21 prints. Blue Room—Blue and white tent bed, &c., Dressing table and Glass, Chest of Drawers, &c. Green Room—Green bed, &c., 3 chairs, &c. Nursery—Yellow bed, small field bed, &c., 5 chairs, &c. Men-servants' Bed Room—3 beds, 3 chairs. Mr Charles Ross's Room—Tent bed, table, basin-stand, dressing-glass, and in Closet Chairs and field bed. [As to DRESS, we have had the earliest allusion in No. 137, many interesting details in No. 157, and some in No. 143—all of young folks at school or college—and another is

B. No. 365, 1611, headed] Memorandum yt ye Laird caus provyde for clayse to his oye as efter followis Item aue stand of fyne Inglis stemein or kim cheir clayt [cloth] wt aue dowblatt clock and twa pair of schanks [trousers] wt aue hatt and lat ye tailyeor mak ye clays resonabill wyde and syse not so meikle for ye pnt as for tyme comin. [There is a note on back, " £33 10s 8d boy and all complit." We have here three old words—two for sorts of cloth, and one for a garment. Oye, grandson, perhaps David.

B. No. 366, 1642.—] The Laird of Balnagown his ecempt Johne Lauder . . Item iiij ells iij quarters halfe, fyne greinische spainis clothe to be your Hor clock and cleais, lxviiij lib. Item vii ells i naill of fyne licht greinische pane vellum all to lyne your Hor clocke i ct ii lib.; Item vi quarters halfe of mixt greinische spainis taufatie xiiij lib. Item iiij dussone of silver pleatit buttones iij lib. Item, ij once viij drope of silver cupine to be v hallfe poyntis xviiiij lib. Item for horninge thir v dussone hallfe poyntis xviiij sh. Item 1 lange taill buttone wt silver head and eyie to your clock 1 lib. vii sh. Item v quartors of frence buckrame to thes worke Item ij drope hallfe of waukings to border wt, v sh. Item 1 fyne silver hatt band to him of the newest fashion vi lib. Item 1 silver and gold borderine bellt to your Hor xxiiiij lib. [We would give much for a colour photo of the auld Laird in this grand garment, and of himself and his lady in those shown in another account on the same sheet, and dated 1641.] . . . v ells fyne well collored Spaneisch cloth to be yo<sup>r</sup> ho. clock clais and schanks [cloak, clothes, and trousers] lxxi lib. . . iiiij ell . . . devon schyr bais [baize] to lyne them wt . . . ii dussion greit silver buttons to the cott . . . iiiij lib. . . 1 langtailed buttone wt a silver heid and eye . . . xiiij dussion of silver buttons to the clothes [beats the boy in Pickwick who " had measles, and broke out buttons "]. . . . viii ells silver ribbanes to the breiks . . . ii pair of Sueit [sewed?] gloves to your ladie iij lib. xii sh. . . ij pair of Englische schifrones [kids?] to hir i lib. xvi sh. ii sewerger loves weying vii lb. viij lib. . . xix



ells black pinkit satin to be yor ladie a goune . . . iiiij oz. silver pearlen to it . . . halfe ell of puldruie [?] to it . . . silk round and small . . . silver lupen . . . frenche buckrome . . . viij ells of balen [whalebone hoops?] . . . v quarters of blew Spanis talfatie [taffaty] . . . ii ells silk and silver ribans to be a belt [all] to it [i.e., for making up this wonderful gown. Then in next account with same merchant:—

B. No. 367, 1647.—] . . . 3 ells of Scarlatt cloth to be you a clock . . . £45 [note that Roman notation was used in 1642, Arabic now in 1647] Scarlatt french searge to it . . . 20 ells of buf collored cloth to be clais to your man Jon Rose £13 . . . 4 dusane of silver plett buttons to them . . . 34 ells of mixt talfatie ribbans to be his poyntis [so the man is gorgeous in buff as the master in scarlet] . . . 4 ells of French Searge to be two bairnes cottes £16 . . . half unce of red silk to them . . . 2 ells of red callico to them [the first mention of a cotton stuff in these papers] £2 4s . . . 4 ells of blue taffatie ribbans to them. [Then another account with an evidently very important draper, an Edinburgh bailie, as we see in No. 389:—

B. No. 368, 1661-3.—] The Laird of Ballangown his accompt from George Suttie yor [very long—part only given, omitting repetitions] 4 doson of Frainch brist buttons 13s 4d . . . 5 unce of gold leace £30 6½ dosin of mandel button £10; ane pair Issobela collort silk stockinges £14; 4 drop gold louping and tressing [apparently for tying the hair] 30 sh. . . . Ane fyn hatt w<sup>t</sup> taffatie pok [for lady?] £24; 2 unce 12 drop of contrefitt [counterfeit] leace £2 12 sh.; Mr Andro ane fyn smooth hatt £27 . . . Taffatie rubans red blew and lemon £36 . . . Gold silver and silk rubans £10. Macking 2 bands and hand coffes to yor sister 30 sh. . . 20 qrtrs. changeing collort taffatie £18 Makinge of 4 half sarks £4 . . . pair . . . cuittikines stokins 30s . . . 5½ ells of dolobel hair turk £25 . . . 4 perel nekleaces 48 sh. 2 pair of woman stockinges £7. [At same time there is a very long account from which selections may be given:—

B. No. 369, 1661 to 1670.—Receipt on back by] Thomas Watson tailzeor in Edr. Accompt for the Laird of Balnagown . . . Stenting brists and nek to to the Lairds floured tabie suitt, making coat suitt, gairters, hatband and shoustnings—making . . . holland stokings serg stokings and grytt stokings and two pair tops . . . dressing ane doublet and making litle slevis to it . . . making ane sad turk cloak . . . ane shag coat of barrogone . . . half pund of fyn tobacco . . . Lairds silk drogat suit . . . grett coat wrought with silver laice . . . pullen breeches and cloak to the paige . . . stenting to ane silver cloath doublet . . . ryding brechis with kneting and pys . . . Stenting and balling to your sisters gown . . . making a goune and piticott [tailor-made costume!] culiting and making your ladyes mantle . . . your longcoat,

breeches and susticor . . . [Many obsolete or local terms used in this and other accounts and inventories seem to be unknown to literature, and their meanings to await investigation.]

B. No. 370, 1665.—Letter, addressed] Ffor my special frends Charles Mc InLeane and Robert Barbour mcht<sup>s</sup> in Inverness These in heast. Loving freinds Thes are showeing you that I am advertaised that it heath pleased God to call my Brother out of this lyfe to his glorie and I am necessitat to tak offmourning cloathes . . . ye call for Fredreek freaser taylor qho hes my measour and goe with him to Balzie Dumbair and tak from him as much blak cloath as will mak me ane sute Let them be pleane without ribbines . . . feall not to send in all heast . . . to my uncle's house to Tomach . . . David Ross off Balnagowne. Send to Tomach both the Rifield gunnes to be brought to me. [There is another P.S. on the outside, as if added after the note was sealed] . . . Let the Cloath be cheap and send me blak stockings. [In the same year we have, in a shoemaker's account,] a par off black shewes £2 8 a par off oring slippers £2 2 a par off boots fitting £2 8. [Then comes a letter, apparently from an impecunious dandy:—

No. 371, 1682.—] Ester Ard 8 June 1682. Misteris, Let thes present my best respects to yor self and to yor husband I hop you will pardon me for not sending ten merkes I owe you truly it is not forgetfulness y<sup>t</sup> is the weit [wyte, blame] of it . . . . With all be pleased to advance five merks more with the former . . . the shewmaker . . . to make a pair shewis good strong and handsome . . . gray laeder . . . stokins . . . first occasion for I am to pass a visit wher I hop to gaine 5 or 6 hundreth merks [gambling?] . . . yor affectionate cousine Alexr. Ross. [On back] ffor Hellene ferne, thes.

[No. 372, 1700.—Account, headed] May 1700 Compt Leard of Gerlich [Gairloch; the then laird was Sir Kenneth Mackenzie, and just about this date his son and heir, Alexander, was born.] An head dres with an box £14, 2 elns and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of holland £6 18s 6d, 7 quarters  $\frac{1}{2}$  muslin . . . £5 5s, 2 el half Lou £3, 2 dozon buttons 8 sh., macking 2 sutts holland £1 8 sh., 4 el blak ribin £2 13s 4d, 5 el allamod £20, an el of Rollan £3, 5 quarters Rollan muslin £3 15s, 5 buttons 5 sh., macking neck ruffels 8 sh. [sum] £61 11s 10d. . . .

[No. 373, 1702.—Letter.] Affectionat freind—I have sent the bearer express for fyve elnes Kelt [undyed woollen cloth] as I spoke to you at Cadboll . . . and als much stuff as will be ane justicoat with silk and thread lykewayes tuo elnes ordinar good linnen for necks . . . Mertmes mercat . . . ye shall be payed . . . . Your most humble servant Ro: Bayne, Dingwall . . . [On back] To And<sup>w</sup> Henderson mercht Inverness.

[No. 374, 1705.—Torn piece of page of merchant's account book; writing and spelling bad, part faded.] ( )ntes of Seaforth in the yeir of God 1705. ( ) sent to Brain [Braham] . . . ( ) dussane dry killin and for hadowes £3 5s . . half dussane killin . . £1 10. To your ho: when ye went last south four pairs of does with ane taned skin to Mr Clark and Hyds hatt bee your lord dessyre £4 Mor ffor dressing the barrill that went with the butter and chise and putting it aboard in the shipe. Mor for the fyve parcels carriage to Inverness that went with the Skipper Whyt £1 18s For ane letter that cam from Thos. Wilson with that transferrie, 4 sh. For tuo shets . . £1 4s Givin to the miller and milboy for the booll vye [wheat] grinding 15 sh. Mor for ane peck of mustard seid 4 sh. To Maister Hyd at severall tymes three pairs gloves with ane pair to Robert Younge the Coke £1 Givin to the waitter for want of ane tranfeirrie [tipping a Customs officer] for the things yt came north with raff [Ralph?] broune £3 . . . Pait ye ii Jay . . To Miss Jean Urquhart quhen she cam last north ane pair ryding gloves and a pair whyte ( ). To you at Bankhill ane pair to yourself and two pairs to the lassis and a pair but [without] fingers ( ). To you at Chanry two pairs little gloves ( ). To maister of the superplus of the 5 hydys dress ( ). Mor 2 pairs staigs [? stag's skin] and one pair chivinings £2 7s. To maister Mackenzie two pairs plain gloves with ane pair but fingers 16 sh. To you at Chanry [same.] To you a lairge muff and ane little mouse £1 10 sh. To you a pair staigs 14 sh. To you of stuff nintin else [19 ells] . . . To you 3 pairs whyt gloves 12/. To you at Brain a pair chiv. and a pair surgell Staigs. Be your dessyre to Jane Menzies 4 pairs chivinings ( ) ( ) I recevit ane kairt [card] of gilt ( ) Maister Clerk for drussing ane hyd ( ). [The account is apparently against the Countess-Dowager Frances. The merchant is clearly a glover and furrier in Inverness, but the paper shows the very miscellaneous odds and ends of business a merchant of those times would undertake, to oblige customers. The single boll milled in Inverness shows wheaten flour a specialty, only for the few.]

No. 375, 1710.—] Inventory of Patrick Rose officer of Excyse . . Ane jockee coat and ane oyr coat estimat to £10 Scots each. Ane vest £3 12 ane pair breeches £2 10 ane pair Gamaseons [loose outer drawers or stockings] 12 sh. ane pair stockins £1 ane handkerchief and gravat £1 4, chest £2 sword belt 16/; pair shoes with bukles £1, gray horse £24.

[No. 376, 1718.—] Unto . . Wm. Ross of Easter Fearn, Commissary . . the petition of Jean Urquhart lawful daughter to the deceist Sir John Urquhart of Cromarty . . . When resident in the fortalice of Kinkell Klairsich, had the neces-



sary habiliments . . . viz. 10 fine small linnen smoaks 2 holland new smoaks never made use of, 11 small linnen aprons, 4 muzzlin aprons whereof 3 flourished, 13 handkerchiefs of . . Scots Cambrig, two boxes with head cloaths, all starched some plain cambrik and muzzlin some laced and hedged, a box with gloves, ribbons and new laces 2 salt bottles with silver heads—in Lady Kincairg's custody, a feather bed and 4 pillows, a brass mortar, a bigg pan, a ryding sadle, a dumety [? dimity] petticoat and severall other things . . . all now amissing and indispensable . . . convey before your Lop such persons as . . . are in knowledge how they are disposed of . . . [In the trial] Mary Roy . . . being deeply sworn . . . depones . . . ye petitioner had [same list, but adds] petticoat lately given by Wm. Fraser's wife item a baptism suit, and 9 pair of sheets one of which is now in Donald Gealmach the gardener's and that . . . Gealmach on account of getting a citation, took her [witness] by the breast and endeavoured to thrapple her . . .

[No. 377, 1713.—Summons] . . . at the instance of Kenneth Mackenzie son to the Laird of Aplecros and Accompt of Necessaries Given to Mrs Jean Mackenzie daughter to the Laird of Reidcastle by her Father's orders. [Repetitions omitted.] Novr. 1712 To 22 $\frac{3}{4}$  yds. fine silk stiff £11 13s 3d 6 ells fine brod striped muslin £1 13, . . . To 3 ells scarlat riban 3s 9d, 6 ells fine lace £2 2s To 2 fine Silver belts 9s To 4 ells edging 6s 1<sup>o</sup> 7 ells fine Holland £1 11s 6d, To 2 crowns 3s, 6 ells silver riban £1 10s, To 3 pair fine gloves at 24s [Scots] 6s [stg.] To 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  ells buik muslin 7s 6d . . . To 2 weers for headress 1s 6d 2 ells boffaine [coarse cloth] To 2 silk nepekings 8s, ane fine ffan 4s . . . ane quair [? square] ell bucurun [? buckram] . . . ane night cape [cap] To old lady use 8 ells Scots Holland £1 4s Two silk aprons with silver lace Total £32 . 9 [but, it will be seen, that does not include everything necessary in dress. In a paper of 1723 there are "Shifts, ruffles, and stocks for Newmore."]

B. No. 378, 1718.—] Inventory of Hon. Generall Ross's goods . . . by John Davison:—One plain Coulered cloth coat and britches with a brocade westcoat . . . ane suit of light coulered cloth trim'd with silver. Ane druget suit trim'd with gold. One grey coat and britches trim'd with gold. One blew westcoat One silver Camlet westcot without buttons. One Camlett riding coat and britches . . . pairs of scarlett stockings, grey, Light coulered and Thred . . . 3 hatts 3 wiggs . . . boots . . . spurs . . . gaiters . . . boot stockings, 8 new and 11 old ruffled shirts 12 new cravats . . . 5 night caps 2 shaving cloths 26 napkins, 1 silver tea pott . . . sugar box . . . tea cup . . . saucer . . . bason . . . ewer . . . knife . . . fork . . . spoon, Sadle . . . velvet hoosing and baggs trim'd with gold, hunting saddle 2 snaffles 2 collars 2 case of pistols, sword and belt . . . 30 lb. chocolat 4 lb. tea, one pott of snuff, 27 bottles claret . . . Two trunks . . . Livery coat . . . hatt . . .

westcoat. [These last for a valet or servant. The whole is a view of the outfit of a bachelor officer of the period. A little later, while he was abroad :—

B. No. 379, 1720.—Account.] Livrés pour monsieur le général Rose par Bagnol cordonnier :—22<sup>me</sup> Janvier une paire de souliers o liv. 7 sol. [8 other like items.] 22<sup>me</sup> Mars une paire de peron aves [avec?] les garniture 4s. 13<sup>me</sup> Juillet une paire de pautouffes avec des carties 10s. [total] 3l. 15s. [See Appendix.]

[No. 380, 1724.—Account, parts rotted.] The Laird of Newmore Dr to John Hossack . . . To a pair muffles 15<sup>d</sup> sterling . . . Cash given to Miss to buy needles ( ) Do. given her at a practicing. [This Miss was Mary, sister of John Munro, see No. 156, and she appears as Lady Newmore in Nos. 383, 384, 885, and 886.] . . . 1 yd. flowered santine ribbon, A fine straw Hat 30<sup>d</sup> . . . Cash given Miss to buy shoes 30<sup>d</sup> A paper patches 5<sup>d</sup> [so the strange fashion of sticking patches on the cheeks, &c., had penetrated to Inverness—and Miss was grown up] . . . To a Sizzars 3½<sup>d</sup> . . . worsted stockings for Miss at 30<sup>d</sup> . . . fine white gloves 16<sup>d</sup>. Cash given her at a Ball 30<sup>d</sup>. ( ) Whalebone 2s 9<sup>d</sup> To 1 yd. stentline [? faded] to mend a hoop [so the hooped petticoat had also come north] ( ) . . . To a half quire paper for a flute book 4<sup>d</sup>. A Belt Buckle 6<sup>d</sup> . . . A paper patches 3<sup>d</sup> [she had the patches June 2<sup>d</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup>.] Mending Miss' shoes 2½<sup>d</sup> To 1lb. white powder for Miss [so the fashion of powdering had also arrived] . . . ⅛ yd. cherry persian 6½ [coloured cord] . . . a pair Teiking shoes for Miss 3s. 6<sup>d</sup> Silk bynding for a tyer [head-dress] paid fireing for Miss at Edwds School . . . a pair Pattens for Miss 14<sup>d</sup> . . . a bone comb 6<sup>d</sup> a horn comb 2<sup>d</sup> a musick book 6<sup>d</sup> . . . Wool to twill a petticoat 4<sup>d</sup> . . . A fine fan 30<sup>d</sup> . . . Cash to pay her musick . . . a pair mourning buckles . . . silver ribbon . . . 14 yds. Callimanco . . . A powder box and pluff 9<sup>d</sup> . . . Paid for stirrup leathers . . . [From other papers we learn that John Hossack & Co. were leading merchants in Inverness at that time. So the future Lady Munro was finishing her education there, and specially music, at Edwards' School. Her only instrument apparently was the flute.

No. 381, 1745.—Note, addressed] for Baillie Nicolas Ross merchant in Taine—Sir, you'll give the berear three yeards tartine and I beg you see it be of good cloith and I intreat be as reasionable in your price as you can and as he tells me he will need six quarters more . . . place the same to my accompt . . . If you have any woman's stockings send a sight . . . to my wiffe . . . David McCulloch. Mulderg Augt. 5. [The paper is docketed "Letter, Piltown." Next is a mantua-maker's account :—

No. 382, 1755.—] Lady Piltown at Milderick to Katherin Morrison for Necessarys for Piltown's funeral [prices

omitted]—To making a black cloath weed—black flanning gown—2 cloath petticoats—a scarlet cloath plaid—2 flanning aprons—a pair of pockets—a black velvet cape and hood—two short-gowns with  $6\frac{1}{2}$  yds. cheque lining—hemming 2 black napkins—making 6 shirts—6 pair long riffled slieves—6 suit double mobs [caps?]-6 lawn hoods—6 pair weepers. [Along with this may be taken the last part of inventory of same date.] Deceased David M'Culloch of Mulderg . . . 29 yards green linnen— $4\frac{1}{2}$  yds. coarse dornick—a pair woolen cards—a pair tow cards—a spinning wheel—12 slips linnen yarn and seven clews. [Such items of spinning and weaving machines, stocks of raw flax, of wool, of yarn, and of finished cloth, in this and many previously given inventories, all illustrate the Home Industry then carried on by the women, even in large houses. Beds, tables and chairs, as in others, but] Item Piltown's Election chair at 3 sh. Fir Press with drawers—Chist of drawers . . . baking trough and sheall knife . . . sum of moveables £24 3s 9d sterling.

[No. 383, 1761.—]Defences for Lady Newmore in the process against her at the instance of Hugh Macfarquhar Surgeon in Tayne for payment of . . . £4 18s 7d stg. . . . This pursuer had, for 3 years cattle grazed with her milk cows . . . at 15 sh. Sts. yearly . . . he received a supply of beeswax at 14d per lb. and . . . lard at 2d from . . . Newmore . . . money, meal, bear, barley . . . from the defender a Kob and petty-coat of her daughter's . . . a suit of superfine blew cloath belonging to her son, with a fine beaver hat trimmed with a gold lace with a Bag Wigg, little used by either daughter or son . . . for which articles he has not hitherto given credite . . . [For more about the lawsuits, see No. 886. All Lady Newmore's troubles ended not long after, for we have

No. 384, 1763.—] Inventory of the Body cloaths that belonged to the deceast Lady Newmore. A suit of blue riding cloaths with a black satin vest and scarlet Joseph [riding habit, with buttons down to the skirts] a black velvet cap and neck. A Black silk negligee and petticoat. A gray silk night gown, a black mankie petticoat Four Demity and three flannell Smoak Petticoats and a red frieze. Two sleeping Demity Jackets, 19 shifts 'twixt coarse and fine, 4 Riding Shirts Six suit of night cloaths very bad. 6 Camberick caps very good and 8 quite old. Two lawn and one muslin hood. A Black gauze sewed hood. 3 pair double ruffles . . . 8 neckcloaths . . . 6 coloured pocket napkins and 2 white. Two Black satin cloaks and a hat. A white silk shoulder cloak. Seven pair Threed and three pair cotton stockings, 2 pair black lasting shoes. A silver mounted shell snuff box. A pair gogles A gray fur muff and tippet. 7th April J. Gorry. [Thus, a lady riding in a scarlet "Joseph," a girl in a bagwig, and a young man with a beaver hat trimmed with gold, were among the fashionables



of Old Ross ; but these pale before the glories of male attire—coats, vests, breeches, of red, brown, yellow, and green, gold buttons, and feathered hats, of that period, as seen in

B. No. 385, 1736.—French tailor's account against Sir Wm. Baillie of Lamington while staying abroad. Translation in Appendix. Repetitions are omitted. Each item ends "nettoyé," and the charges are in livres and sols, equivalent to 10d and  $\frac{1}{2}$ d.] Mémoire pour Monsieur Chevalier de Belly [the Frenchman's attempts to write Baillie are funny] que Lahay a fait en ouvrage et nettoyé . . Un habit rouge de gallons d'ors et une veste, à 6 ; Deux habits noirs et une veste, 6 ; un chapeau avec la plume, 3 ; Un habit damas brun et la veste, 6 ; une veste jaune, 2 ; une veste d'été, 4 ; une plume nettoyé et tourné un bontespagne, [?] 4 ; veste verd, 2 ; habit gris d'été et les culottes, 4 ; habit brun deboutouniers d'ors, 8 ; Pair de bas blanges . . et levé le mailles, 1 ,, 10s ; une veste rouge, 2 ; pour brossés les chapeaux et fournir de cordons, 4. [The tailor's and the other tradesmen's French—not unimpeachable—is given as it stands. A porteur or chairman's receipt for 401 livres 15 sols is dated Lunéville 1<sup>er</sup> Juin 1736, as is also a farrier's account, which had better be given here, but writing is bad and words doubtful:—

B. No. 386, 1736.—] Mémoire de ce que dofinct maittre marchal ferant à Lunéville a fait et fourny pour les chevaux de monsieur le chevallier bellille de l'anné 1736. Sçavoir avoir fourny quarintes huit fers de chevaux tant fers que relioné [?] a raisons de dix sols par chaques fers . . 24th. De plus avoir fourny trois liens de roux 30 sols . . Avoir resondé une bande de roux J'ay fourny deux cloux de roux 12 sols . . . . fourny une osse [osselet?] 4 sol . . . avoir pensé le cheval gris que estois blessé 40 sols . . une esgrous [?] neuf 5 sols. [Lastly, for same year, is

B. No. 387, 1736.—] Mémoire de ce que Desjardin a deboursé pour M. le Chevallier Belly—Sçavoir—pour une langue de porcq 9 sol 3 Une bouteille pour mettre du tabac 12s. Donné à un pauvre 2s . . Quand monsieur a été à la chasse à Einville 1l 12s . . au Postillon au Parc d'Einville 12s . . à la chasse à St Clement 16s . . donné un masson à Casabelle pour un siffelet 9s . . Un pot pour mettre son tabac 12s. Pressé à la cour le Mardigras 10s . . Pour un soldat qu'il a engagé à Moniel 12s ; à un pauvre 4s ; à la maison sur la levée pour eau de vie 10s Pour du tabac à fumer frizé 6s Pour deux pipers fines 2s. Pour deux œufs de canards 3s Pour deux vers cassés aux gardes 4s ; pour deux goblets 4s [apparently also smashed at the Guards' mess.] Pour du sucre que j'ai achepté pour prendre du caffé avec M. Brochainville 8s. Donné pour avoir changé un Louis pour quatre gros écus 4s [about 1 per cent.] Quatre bouteilles de Bièrre ché Launay et retiré le cachet de M. Blaine 24

sol. . . Trois massons ché Launay 27s. Pour une etrille 14 sol. pour un paigne 10s pour une éponge 10s . . à un soldat qu'il à trouvé sur la levée 26 sol. [Several like items—"Old soldiers" seem to have beset his path.] Donné à M. le Chevallier devant le Sauvage à trois heures après midi Deux gros escus 15ll 10s . . Donné encore deux gros escus . . pour Parroy [near Lunéville, like the other places.] Octr 6<sup>me</sup> Donné un petit escu à M. le chevallier etant à la promenade aux bois de Vitrimont avec des demoiselles 3ll 17s 6d. 7<sup>me</sup> Octr donné . . un gros escu et demi etant avec les mêmes dames à Rosières 11ll 12s 6d. 4<sup>me</sup> Novre . . un Louis et demi etant au Sauvage à Nancy 46ll 10s. 29<sup>me</sup> Novre . . pour le vallet d' écurie 16s . . En revenant de Parroy . . etant à Henamenil . . pour les chevaux avec Tirotte 3ll 17s 6d. 11<sup>me</sup> Janvier 1736 . . à un Palfernier de la cour qui a fait le Crain au cheval 2 massons 18s 6d . . Je Certifie d'avoir reçu . . 823ll 9s 3d . . Marque X de Desjardin . . Will Baillie. [There is a separate account for rooms and liquor, the latter 150ll., and altogether it will be seen how a "chevalier" could have a time of it in Lorraine of two centuries ago. Along with these:—

B. No. 388, 1736.—] Memoire . . Dumarest . . Une épée d'argent 100ll . . trois foureaux et trois bout d'argent 12ll . . une lame doré et un foureau de chagrin, redressé la branche et remettre l'épée toute en neuf 3ll . . Reçu . . Luneville . .

#### FOOD AND DRINK.

[See note as to oatmeal in No. 416, then

B. No. 389, 1661.—Note-book of Balnagown's expenses, apparently kept by a steward.] Upon the 29th day of October, 1661 . . we came to the toune of Edr. to John Anderson's house . . . To the first of November yr is resting nyne poynts of aill, item of wyne ane chapine and ane mushkine of Frenche wyne ane mushkine of seck . . . Saturday 3 poynts of aill . . Mononday 7 poynts . . Item after the fitting of compt [squaring of account] . . resting twa gallones of aill and ane quart and schoe [so] is to receive ticketts in tyme cuming. [Evidently the drink account—and perhaps the steward also—had got rather muddled, for this part is confused. The succeeding weeks show 3, 6, 8, and 13 gallons of ale respectively.] Item given to Bailzie Suttie for reteiring of the Laird's bond £300 [so he was the draper in No. 368.] Item for suetties [sweets?] 12 sh., for wine 19 sh., lost at play 12 sh., . . to the poor £1 9 sh., . . to ane poor scoller 3 sh., Item peyd at Libertoune q<sup>n</sup> we went to heir sermon qt betwix givin to the bedler at ane drink qch we took yrin 19 sh. . . . Item givin for puther and lead £3 . . . givin to the bedler on Sunday in the trone kirk 12s [repeated 3 times after, the

last "finall money."'] Changit for to make small money 3s. Item givin to the barbar for to pole ye laird's haire 12s. To Mr Jon Cunningham q<sup>n</sup> the Laird went to consult wt him £25 [and many other legal expenses and many "chopins of wyne," one with the Laird of Mey.] To the osslower [hostler?] his man q<sup>n</sup> he cam wt lres 12 sh. . . To the lass y<sup>t</sup> caried doune the lairds new bands 6 sh. . . Ane caice to ye Lairds gun 13 sh. . . for helping [mending] of the twa gunes of the Laird 12 sh. To Alexr. Ross post for carying south ye Lairds gunn 16s [an ancient parcel post!] . . Givin in Alexr. Heyes hous quhen the Laird took his morning drink q<sup>n</sup> the service wes to pass in the Cannogaitt, 12 sh. [One day's boarding account is given thus:] Item first for drink £1 3 Item for bread 12s . . Sucer and dubaces [sweets?] 4 sh. twa dish of broth tailzie of boof and rost £1 10 . . Wyne 13s item for ane uther £1 3s item to ye landlady for mail of the chalmer £22; item for the Lairds pistolls as we cam away 12s Item givin to my lord Caithness Cotchman £1 18 sh. item to the litle boy in David Newlands Stable . . the smithe for schewing of our horses £2 6 sh. . . [For expenses on the way home, see after No. 529.]

B. No. 390, 1663.—] The Laird of B. his accompt 12th to 18th July 1663 . . Item for bread . . betwixt loaves and rolls £1 16s. Item 3s. ail and beir 7 poynts . . with 3 ounce of succor . . 8s 6d. [Sugar sold by the ounce at 5s for 3 oz.] . . Our dannar Wednesday . . broth, rostit muttone and soddin £1 4s . . Thursday twa dische off fische and ane rost of muttone £1 6s. . . Saturday [do.] and ane half dussone off herrene 4 sh. . . So y<sup>t</sup> we begude wt our new accompt on Sunday . . ane rost off mutton, rabbats, and ane dische off rost quytines [whitings] . . 18s. Item at Super in the Efternoon . . ane rost sulder off muttone ane tailzie off boof and twa chickines £1 18s [special diet and early hours.] Item on Monoday . . ane sulder off muttone and ane dische of brothe 14s. Item on Tysday twa dische of brothe ane tailzie off boof and ane toast callit spare and 2 herrin £1 10. Item at night back ribs rostit 5s . . Thursday the Laird being absent twa dische of broth and backrib and 2 herrin 7s . . . At super on Fryday ane dische of collips 10s. [Nothing new till] Tysday . . . ane dische of peis and 4 herrin. [Two years further on we have account for a larger company:—

B. No. 391, 1665.—] Upon Saturday the last day of Decr 1664 I fitted compt with the landlady and Jeane Scot £25 17s. . . First we haid on Sunday to danner twa dish of broath biscat and back ribbs of mutton ane guise and ane suldre of muttoun £2 16s; mair we haid . . at night ane pair of rabbatts £1; mair, of bread the first day aucht loaves 8s. We haid nothing upon Monoday becaus we dynit down in the Canongate, except 3 loaves, 3s. Nota y<sup>t</sup> the ticketts is



once run out. [Recurring words and items omitted after this.] . . Tysday . . ane tailzie off booff wt Capadge ane jeikat off muttoun and ane pair off rabatts £2 12 . . 7 loaves 7s . . Wednesday tua disch off broith ane tailzie of booffe and ane streak off muttoun £1 12 . . to supper ane biscat off muttoun 5s . . . . ticketts thryce run out. . . . Tysday [10th] ane disch of fisch . . at night ane back ribes builziet 5s . . . . Nota yt the laird dynit in Maister Tomaes hous wt Argyle . . . . for spealding fisch 2s ; 6 gallons off 3 penny ail and 3 gallons off 2 penny ail £9 12 . . . . Nothing on Monoday [i.e., 16th Jany.] except ane disch off steacks 10s being at my Lord Ross ladies buriel . . . . ane ill dresstit disch off fisch . . . . on Sunday to supper ane capon . . . . On Fryday and Satv at night tua haddocks 2s . . . . 12 gallone off 3 penny aill and 6 gallons off 2 penny ail £9 16s. Summa to end off Febry. £98. [The above is enough to give an idea of the fare obtainable by a magnate like the Laird at a seventeenth century inn or boarding-house in Edinburgh. There are many accounts of funeral expenses which give light on several matters:—

B. No. 392, 1711.—] Ane accmpt off the Laird of Balnagowns funeral charges . . 29th May William Duk carpenter New Tarbat for coffins &c. £180 . . Wm. Kerr painter in Nairne for Scuthins and Brauches, £306. William Strogg chirurgeon in Miltown . . imbowellung . . and sheer cloath £120. Thomas Fraser Inverness baking cookery . . flour . . turkis £126 . . T. Robertson Inverness . . Clarett, Brandies and bottles £386 . . half hodged of sack £96 . . John McKay Inverness . . spiceries sweetmeats &c. . . £253 . . Murnings from Edinburgh 204 . . . . paper, wacks &c. for writting funerall letters £35. Given out by Jean Stewart one of the servants for murnings £291 . . . . Alexr. Baine, Taylor . . . . £18 . . . . Andrew Munro litster in Alvie . . his work . . £42 . . . . Mr George McKiligan Apothecary chirurgeone at Inverness . . . . £31. [Clearly a great occasion. Another was

No. 393, 1692.—] Accmpt expended on the corps and funerals of the Lady Mey dowager payit and layd out be John, Master of Tarbatt—ffor ane schar cloath for inrolling of the corps £33 ; 24 ellns of fyne linning ( ) ; 5 ellns of musline ( ) ; 12 elns of black ribban £6 ; 2 unces of white thred, 16 sh. ; ane pair of white gloves 14 sh. ; sex quaire of paper £2 8 sh. ; 4 sticks of black wax, 14 sh. ; 8 boxes of lambleck £2 16 sh. ; halfe pund of glew, 6 sh. ; 5 lb. of cutt tobacco, £4 ; 12 dozen of pypps ( ) ; 1 dozen of drinking glasses ( ) ; two stane of candle, £8 ; Ane boll of floure, £8 ; Timber, naills, bands, handles, and making the coffin, £30 ; opening of the tomb and grave, £4 ; 50 elns of broad white tape, £2 12 sh. ; wrapping in sheer cloath, oyls, poulders, and perfumes and the chirurgeon attendance, £24 ; ffor ane gross and halfe of pypps dureing the likewake

[literally, body-watching] and 10½ lbs. tobacco, £10; 4 stone of tallow, £13; ane stone of butter and ane peck of great salt, £4; 2 sugar loafs, 6 lb., and some white bread, £7; 30 gallons of aile, £16; sex gallons and ane chapen of aquavita, £39; 3 wedders, £5; ane cow, £12; sixteen dozen of foules, £16; tuo bolls two firlots oatmeall £12 10; 3 meu servants and ane woman attendance 25 octr to 21st Novr £20; hyre of ane boat and express of ane servant went to Murray and horse hyre betwixt Elgin and Findhorn, £8; Ane stone of iron for the coffin, £1 16 [nails, bands, and handles are already entered; what was this for?]; servant's expenses that went to Inverness and tuo carriidges men [carriers or carters] and tuo horses, £3 10; 1½ stone raisens, £8; ( ) 4 lb. of rock almonds ( ); 19 lbs. 10 unces wegh of sugar ( ); ane pound preserve orange pills ( ); 2 lb. cordecitron, £3; sex papers confecte carvie [carroway seed sweetmeat], £2 14s; 4 unces of maces, £3; 3 unces Cynamon, £1 16; tuo unces of cloves, £1 6; 10 unces nutmegs, £3 10; Clarat, £72; 3 gallons of Seck, £43; 11 poynts of brandy, £16; sex bolls malt . . . £30; for writeing of the buriall letters, £1 8; given severall men that went with the buriall letters, £3; summa £556 15s 4d. [The money is Scots. Among other matters here, we may note the custom of "waking," the liberal provision for feasting, smoking, and drinking during it, showing the great number of guests; the long time it went on, shown by the 4 weeks of extra servants; the high price of sack and brandy, 36s a pint; the ingredients of the "funeral baked meats." On the other hand, a paper of 1735 gives the funeral expenses for John Munro of Novar at £38 11s 7d only, and a paper of 1755 gives those of David Macculloch of Mulderg at £100. There are details again in

No. 394, 1755.—Part of a process in action by] Dr Duncan Ross of Kindeace against nearest of kin of deceast David Ross of Kindeace and his wife Grizell Forbes—viz. their daughters—Mary, spouse of Barnard Mackenzie of Kinnoek; Grisell, spouse to Don<sup>d</sup> Mackenzie of Blackhill; Elizabeth, spouse to Kenneth Miller, land waiter in Dundee; Jean, spouse to Rich<sup>d</sup> Harrison, supervisor, Perth; Ann, milliner in London, and Katharin . . . Debursements upon his mother's funerals . . . 2 cows slaughtered £4; 2 ankers Aquavita £2 14s; 3 bolls malt £1 10s; 3 bolls oatmeal £1 10 sh.; 3 bolls oats for horses £1 4s; 4 wedders 16 sh.; to Achanies servant carrying venison 5 sh.; Bellman of Fearn for grave and Bell, 12s 6d; the mortcloth of Fearn and little bell 8 sh.; to Culcairn's cook for his trouble £2 2s; to James Shan, cook, £1 1 sh.; 2 expresses for Inverness 4 sh.; 4 servants with buriall letters 4 sh.; to Ann Davidson his mother's principal servant to buy mournings £1 1 sh., and for wages and shoes £1 5 sh. . . . Hugh Murray for mair-fowl &c. 5 sh. From James Rose merch<sup>t</sup> Inverness:—1 sute Fine grave flannells £2 16 sh.; 1 pr. white gloves for

the corpse; 5 yds. black cloth £4 15 sh.; 6 yds. Shalloon; 2 yds. Buckrum; 2½ yds. fustian; 2 yds. wedd [wadding] . . . 5 large Shamboe skins for lynning breeches and pockets 7s 6d . . . 1 pair hair cloths . . . 15 yds. Norwich crape £1 10s 6d; 6 yds. tammy 10 yds. mankie; . . . mourning buckles . . . Sugar biscake . . . plumbcake . . . seedcake . . . almonds, cinnamon, mace, nutmegs, raisins, currans, carvie and anise; confected carvie, lemons, &c.; 3 mutchkins white wine 2 sh.; 6 pair sleeve buttons; womens stockings with silk clocks . . . black mantua silk; 2 yds. ferrett; cash for Walet 3 sh. . . From Daniel Sanderson, wright in Cromerty, a winscot cofine, 8 handles; silver leaf for currie [?] corner bands and below the hands . . . 30 standers for the table 7 sh. 6d . . . blacking the carriage [bier] 6d; Making up the table with stricking down; Do. with attendants 5 sh. 6d; half a sash with glass . . . 4 losines [panes] 9½ by 9, 2 sh. 4d; 3½ stone Chalk and 3 lb. glew for whitning a Room . . . for use of the new mortcloth of the corporation of Cromarty 11s 6d. [Apparently she was buried at Fearn, and the Fearn mortcloth had to be hired, but the finer new one from Cromarty actually used. Note also that the rooms of Kindeace were whitewashed. For farm stock, see after No. 425. In the same paper comes an old account of Lady Kindeace's with W. Forsyth, merchant, Cromarty. The money in both is sterling.] . . . Two double flint wine glasses 1/2; [includes also] ginger, anise, pepper, nails, nutmeg, salt, mace, and cinnamon . . . 8½ lbs. refined sugar 9/11; half pound best tea 4/; half pound coffee 10d; 1 lb. hops 1/6; 4 bottles claret and 2 sherry 9/; 6 bottles claret and 4 sherry 15/ [1/6 per bottle each]; 6 bottles Malaga 1/6 [rest wanting. From two accounts, soon after, a few new items may be given:—

No. 395, 1757.—] Lady Aldie at Balnagall Dr. to John Ross merch<sup>t</sup> in Tain . . . pair shoes 2s 6d; pint rum, 3s 4d; do. vinegar, 1 sh.; Misk 1 sh.; 2 doz. horn spoons 2 sh.; 1 lb. snuff 4d; one fine chisars 8d; one paper tuffany pins 4½d. An account of ale sent to Balnagall for Lady Aldies funeralls:—12 gallons Twopenny ale 16 sh.; 22½ ga. Three-penny ale £2 5 sh. To the clangers of the Chapple 4 pints Twopenny 8d; Two pints to the baker . . . a Dram given to the kirk officer when making the grave; Two pints to the Town's Officers for their attendance at the Chaple when the Corps was a Burying; 8 pints barm, ½ Lippie salt and a penny candle to the baker when beaking the bread. [As to drink, &c., on other occasions, we have:—

No. 396, 1741.—Part of paper docketed] Ane account . . . laid out by Clava's trustee . . . 3s Scots to a Boy for letting me see the road to Kincorth, 3 sh.; supper at Kintesock 4 sh.; brackvast at Gateside 4 sh.; Att Elgin . . . Dinner and waivers 4 sh. 6d; . . . for my commorad's supper 5s; for a dram that morning and crossing the Spey 4s; for brackvast



at Fochabers 9 sh. ; for dinner at Portnocky 9 sh. ; pint ale at Sanend when we met Inverness men 3 sh. ; supper at Portsoy 9 sh. ; Dinner at Collun [Cullen] 9s ; Supper at Portnocky we being with Inverness men could not be less in a manner than what they were 16 sh. ; for the Earnest of a boat 12 sh. ; Drink to the boatmen £1 10 sh. ; Our drink at brackvast dinner and supper 9 sh. ; 3 drams to the Waiter 7s 6d ; drink that day 9 sh. ; drink next day 9 sh. ; 3 pints ale and a dram to the waiter 11 sh. 6d ; drink next day . . [Rest of paper wanting. No meals entered for 3 days by this thirsty trustee. A great social occasion or celebration is pointed to in

No. 238, 1751.—Further extracts.] To 4 yds. best ribons with weavers to ye gentlemen that came with the Master of Ross their tickets, 2s 10d ; To 2¼ yds. ribons and wafers for Wm. Ross Easter Fearn and Son's Ticket and the oyr 2 gentlemen wt him 2s 1d. To cash paid Reid & Fearn for Ribons to Fraser of Relicks Ticket ; To 2 yds. silver ribon for tickets to Mrs Baillie and oyr<sup>s</sup> with her 2s. Express to Ardmore [and other 8 similar entries.

No. 397, 1761.—Extracts from sheet of Tain Burgh Accounts] . . By Tavern Bill at making Balnagown his Brother and Mr Kirkpatrick burgesses £5 ; By cash for drink to the men who paced the Town's Bounds in the Hill ( ) ; By Tavern Bill at celebrating the King's Coronation £2 1s 3d ; By Tavern Bill at the annual election of Magistrates and Town Council £6 12s 11½d ; Tavern Bill at admitting Mr George Innes surveyor of Stamp and Window duties £1 . . . Ebenezer Munro ( ) . . . Alexr. Macrae, 8s 1d ; Tavern Bill at a meeting of the Township anent repairing the Commons' loft in the church £1 3s. [These entries are from May, 1761, to September, 1762. In 16 months the Magistrates *moistened* 8 events, and paid somewhere about £17 of the burgh's funds in doing so. Other items after No. 981. Later, in the same line, we have :—

No. 398, 1774.—] Acct of Tavern Bills paid by David Ross Treasurer of the Burgh of Tain to John Sutherland Vintner there . . Wine and entertainment at setting of the lands of the Hill 18s ; Entertainment to Mr Aitken when measuring the Town's Moor 11s 1½d ; Drink to the Comprisers of the houses on the hill 4s ; Drink at a meeting of the Council for admitting Capt<sup>n</sup> Scot Burgess 10s ; Drink given to the populace on the appointment of our present Sheriff 12s ; Do. at a meeting of the Council at the Head Court and admitting Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rosses and Scobie burgesses £5 13s 10d. [Far more to *moisten* two burgesses than a sheriff.] Do. at Choosing a Delegate for ye Election 17s. [Lastly, in one case only have we the details of the municipal tipple :—

No. 399, 1763.—Acct.] The Magistrates of Tain on making a Burgess of David McFerchar 3 bottles single rum in punch,

with sugar and lemons, 15 sh.; one bottle double rum [do. do.] 6 sh.; Two bottles porter 8d: total £1 1s 8d.

[No. 400, 1765.—Account sued for] John Duncan merch<sup>t</sup> and Provost of Aberdeen against the heirs of Mrs Mary Munro of Newmore 9 loaves of sugar 100 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs. at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per lb., £4 14s 6d one lump sugar 35 $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs. at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  per lb. £1 11 sh. 3d.

[No. 401, 1772.—Two letters: 1st from Mr Gorry, factor of Invergordon, to David Ross, sheriff-substitute, Tain.] Sir John Gordon expects you'll call on him . . . he does his business before 12 tho' that is not to hinder you to stay with him and dine at 3 o'clock which is his hour . . . [2nd from William Robertson of Kindeace to same.] . . . Best thanks for your present of fine fish. Ling is a very rare fish in this country . . . The roans [roes] are extremely good and a very great rarity. Mrs Robertson and child are both doing well.

[Allusions to GAMES are rare (see Nos. 157 and 177). The only certain allusion to Golf is in

No. 402, 1777.—Letter:] Mr John Barclay writer Tain to Mr David Ross, clerk to Lord Ankerville, Edinr. . . . poor Calrossie's [he was Lieut.-Colonel Alexander Ross] misfortune and I perswad myself you and several others feel more for him than he does himself . . . Supposing the proof to come out noways worse than is taken down in the precognition, the murdering of Gordon is clearly proven and that he was the author of it . . . What then will be his fate. As to the provocation given him when he went to the prison . . . none at all, I fear. I wish he had made his escape . . . he would be safer with a jury at Edinr than at Inverness . . . You will see a bony squad of the Tain folks go up to Edinr., Meikle John &c. . . . Havana says murder has been his Bain this year. White killed the mare and Calrossie Gordon, which has put a stop to all the dinners he was to have had . . . Havana himself was like to do Hugh the Laird's business. They went one evening both of them to play Golf. Hugh stood rather too close to Havana's side and drawing his club with full force he hit Hugh in the brow. Hugh fell like . . . dead . . . is even now confined to his room. Glastullich came by an accident . . . went down to Balintore riding his black ston'd horse. The horse spying a mare would have at her, and he endeavouring to keep him back the horse stood stright on his hind feet and down comes Glastullich head foremost . . . We can get no snuff here I wish you brought me a pound or two of Rapee in the box of the coach. No doubt Tam Manson will come alongst with you . . . [In No. 156 we have seen schoolboys attending a cock-fight, and in a Tain ironmonger's account of 1763 there is "A saddle and bridle for young Geanies for the Race." Next we may take papers bearing on

## POPULATION.

No. 403, 1694.—Several of the Lists referred to in No. 233 as exacted by the Commission for securing the Peace of the Highlands.]

List of men on the lands of George Mackenzie of Gruinart—Udrigill [9 names], Sand [6 names], Drimcork [16.] Subscribed at Polew.

List of Aplecros's men [headed] A list of ye men, tenants and servants and oyr<sup>s</sup> living upon Aplecros ground in ye parochin of Loch Hurin [142 names.]

List of tenants of Bracklach and Auchtadonill given up be Kenneth Mackenzie of Auchtadonill to the Commissioners of Justiciary at Dingwall [27 names.]

A List of the tennants neams belonging to Alexr. Mackenzie of Balloan [69 names, of which the following, having place names, or descriptive names, may be given:—] Keneth Mackenzie in Rilick, Rorie Mackchenich in Craigowir, John McCurchie buy [fair-haired], Agnes fraser in Oldtown-straniselg, John McKenzie hir griev, Dugall Meffinlae vic Cuil, Dugall Meffinlae hir storman, Ferqr McCrae hir buyman [herd], Alexr. McKenzie alias mc eau ve Curchie in Larichvaithvoir, Rorie Bayn McCoil vic ferqr., John Makreyrie in Stroin, ( ) Makbrebiter in Stassanich, John McConchie vic Coil oig in achtascald brea, Evander McChenich, Murdo McWilliam Rioch, Rorie Makalister vic ean ny voir, Keneth MakConil vic quinlae, Duncan Mc Ean Wayn, Alexr. Wheyt [only English name], ferchar Roy in achlunichan . . . .

This is an exact list of all the men-tenants and servants neams living one my lands in Lochbroome qch I doe by these attest . . . . Al. McKenzie.

[For Gairloch, see No. 415.]

List of men above 12 years in Assint [24 names]; in Boath [26 names]; in Kenloch [4 names.]

[In No. 67 we have the statement, adopted by the two Presbyteries, that in Creich parish were 1000 persons who could communicate if instructed. Taking the age-limit of communicants at 16, these would represent a population of at least 2000 for Creich in 1649; now it has only 1835, and in 1801 had 1974. Similarly, in 1649, Kincardine had 750 possible communicants, or a population of about 1500; now it has only 1417, and in 1801 had 1865. A century later we have:—

No. 404, 1795.—A List of the Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of Tain liable for Statute labour [361 names. Among them are forbears of some now in Tain, see Appendix. These being all men, neither too young nor too old for work, would represent a total population of at least 2300. Six years after, at the first census, the town of Tain had 2277; in 1901 it had 1645. As to causes of decrease in the North,



we have had, in Nos. 67 and 68, a minister accused of approving emigration to America, and indignantly denying the charge as if it were one of heresy. On the opposite side we have

No. 405, 1772.—Letter from General Alexander Mackay, M.P. for the Northern Burghs, to William Baillie; parts torn or rotted.] . . . I cannot understand or comprehend what can make any person say or imagine I am neglectfull of my burrows. If it is from my not visiting them, that has been and ever will be with every representative, but I am sure I never neglected any one thing I knew they desired of me where their interest was concerned, so that accusation is absolutely without foundation . . . There will be people trying them . . . fresh assurances are often preferable to the most reall services . . . I see numbers of people are going from all our northern parts to America. For my part tho' I'm sorry for the loss of people as it is a national loss yet I see great advantages to arise from it in time as I think it will establish ( ) a new system which is very much wanted ( ) happen ( ) our Country will be the same ( ) hundred years to come as it was a hundred years ago ( ) the ideas of most men I have heard are contrary to human nature, wanting to force in a country what is allmost impracticable. The Highlands is a grazing country by nature and not for manufactures, there is no firing for villages or towns. Large ( ) ( ) few hands can manage ( ) ( ) tennanted as ours can never prosper ( ) all eternity be poor, their very existence ( ) depending on the season as they never can ( ) to act upon a rational certainty ( ) but the south sheep country ( ) about 60 or 70 years ago by changing their system they are now happy and wealthy. Matters were overdone in many places but time and experience which allways finds the true standart is bringing things to what it should be. Happy will I be to see the Highlands approaching to them tho in place of three and five hundred pound farms I woud be glad to see ten twenty and thirty—the consequence would soon show itself. Mrs Mackay joins me in kind compliments to Mrs Baillie you and family . . . Alexr. Mackay: [The General's argument against introducing manufactures in the Highlands leads to the next section.

SECTION V.—INDUSTRIES, COMMERCE,  
COMMUNICATIONS.

Most of the terms relating to AGRICULTURE that are common in the older charters occur in

No. 406, 1571.—Parchment, Latin Charter] . . . Andrew Ross at that time one of the bailies of Tain . . . that Finlay son of the late Donald Finlay resigned in my hands a piece of land extending to 8 bolls' sowing of bere or thereby . . . lying in the south or west part of the town of Tayne . . . common pasture or moor on the west side and the place of a barn holding the reaping of three yoke of oxen, with two sills [threshing floors] lying between the common lane or lands of William McTyr on the east the kiln or lands of John Finlay on the west and the buildings of Magnus Moir on the north . . . [In No. 3, 1538, we have had "a croft of four bolls bear sowing," and so in every one of the 30 parchment charters belonging to the burgh of Tain where land measure is given, except one:—

No. 407, 1613.—Latin; faded and many words illegible.] Thomas Ross Inverethie . . . for a certain sum in my hand by Walter Ross of Morangie in name of his son Hugo Ross . . . my two tenements ( ) lying . . . one between the lands formerly of Finlay McGildonich, Sir Alexr. Henderson ( ) Hector Douglas, Andrew Mitchell, and Thomas Manson to the east, the lands of the late Mr Alexr. Dingwall now Malcolm Ross's to the west the common road to the south . . . ( ) extending to 23 roods of lands . . . between the lands formerly of Sir Donald McCulloch Archdean of Ross . . . at the east . . . common road to the south . . . lands now of James Corbat and Donald Ross carpenter at the north . . . [Signed] Thomas Ross wyt my hand at ye pen led by ye notar . . . becaus I can not write it Johnne McCulloch bailzie hereto wyt my hand. [We have seen in No. 5, 1559, the first and heaviest item of the dues payable to the Abbot of Fearn is in "victuall," viz., bere, ten times as much of it as of oats. In No. 292, 1612, we have the rentals of the Chaplainries of Rarichie, Alness, Mill of Kessoek, and Navity in bolls of bere, and No. 53 the Tain valuations for "stenting" in the same. So in No. 144, 1671, and No. 155, 1707, and many other papers. Bere was far and away the chief grain—the "victual"—in these counties in the 16th and 17th centuries. It ripens early, and best suited their rough farming. In Tain at least the quantity of it needed to sow was practically the only land measure. As illustration, not only of this, but of the price of land, we have:—

No. 408, 1613.—Registration of Contract.] . . Walter Ross of Morinsches [son of Abbot Thomas] of the ane pairt and Andrew Ross burgess of Tayne and Marion Ross his wife of the other . . paid £1000 money of North Britane to Walter Ross . . who . . sold to them . . . 35 bolls arable land in the south part of Tayne; In aine field callit Gallichmore 6 bolls 1 firloft; In twa Comings [Cumming's] Croftis and croft moir 10 bolls 1 firloft; In twa deamis croftis 11 bolls; In Dyke Hendrick, 6 bolls; In South pairt contiguous betwix ye hie gaittis [highways] at the East and west pairtis, the said Walter Ross his barne, corne yeard, truss-stack-laroch [site for stack] and byre at ye north and . . ye lairld of Moy and Mackgillandreis at ye South . . . . A definite price of land within half a mile of Tain occurs in

B. No. 409, 1593.—Receipt.] I Dod Moir burges of Tayne grantis me to have recavit fra Gillimichell Roy in Leich-toune . . fourscore libs. in haill and compleit payment of ane Croft . . south of Tayne contenand ten firlofts beir sowing callit Croft Croy . . as chartor . . . will declair . . . . Witnesses Wm. Ross, Alexr. Hay, Dod Talyeor . . burgesses . . Dod Moir wt my hand at ye pen led . . becaus I can not wreit . . . . [Prices also occur in

No. 410, 1610 to 1648.—Paper, docketed] Memorandum anent the lands of Coull and utheris [A] Be contract daited 8th May 1610 twixt Kenneth Mackenzie of Kintail and Alexr. Mackenzie his brother and Christan Munro his spous the said Kenneth for the sowme of 5500 merkes [each 13s 4d] Scots, then advanced be the said Alexr. dispones . . the wester half davach of the lands of Coull with hous biggings yairds &c. teynd sheaves of the haill davach lands of Coull Miln . . miln croft . . ailehouse and ailehouse croft . . salmond fishings on the lin of coull or . . Reogie and uther fishing on the waters of Rasay and Conan all in . . Breaross and . . half of the lands and grassings of Corrieulzie . . two sheallings and grassings in Strathderie called Riech-rosk and Feoleorach and . . . half of . . Stravaich . . in fee blench . . ane pennie yearly and . . to the King's ma'tie 5 merks . . and 2 bolls victual . . . . [B] John Mackenzie of Lochsln . . contract . . 1630 . . . for the soume of 2000 merks . . . disponed to Alexr. Mackenzie of Coull . . lands of Easter Achiltie . . hous biggings and salmond fishings Contract daitit . . 1636 . . [C] George Earle of Seafort . . for the soume of 21000 merks . . . disponed to Alexander Mackenzie of Coull the haill davach lands of Coull . . mul-tures . . ailehouse . . lands of Kinellan . . Easter Achiltie . . fishings on Rasay [Blackwater] and Conan half of . . Stravaich two sheallings in Straderie called Fechrose and Ffealowrach . . half . . Corrieulzie . . . Contract . . daitit 1642 . . [D] George Earle of Seafort for the soume of 2000 merkes . . grants Tack to Sir A. M. of C. . . . of haill lands of Ardachack, Knock, Teanindoire and Badintrinan as



pendicles of . . . Kinnellan . . . and that for . . . 19 years and till the <sup>sd</sup> soume were repayed . . . . [E] The deceast Kenneth Earle of Seafort be his disposition of . . . 1606 [all above lands] heretablie and irredeemablie to Kenneth Mackenzie of Coull . . . . Be contract . . . daitit 1642. [F] George Earle of Seafort for 4000 merkes . . . dispned to Coline Mackenzie of Tarvie . . . yeirly arrent of £213 . . . furth of . . . Kinnellan . . . . [G] 1648 George E. of Seaforth for the tocher and provision dew be him to Margaret Mackenzie daughter to Jon Mackenzie of Lochslin then spous to Normand M'Leod of Berneray . . . 10500 merks dispned to said Normand . . . lands of Craigskorrie, Keannahaird, pendicle Teainhair . . . lands of Dunglass, Balblair . . . Knocknatead, quarter lands of Ballinain . . . Sir Normand dispned the wadsett to Ffindon and Ffindon . . . to Mr Jon M'Cra and M'Cra disponit Kennahaird and Craigskorrie to his son Alexander and he . . . to Coull . . . Tarbet Cromartie and Reidcastle as having right to the thrie pairts of the apprysings [three-fourths of the foreclosures] against the estate of Seafort . . . for soumes of money dispone all right of propertie . . . and the fourt pairt remains with Sir Alexander himself. [From the above, only this vague idea of value is obtainable, that estates covering some 9 to 12 square miles were by the first three contracts transferred for less than £20,000 Scots, or £1600 stg. No document gives dimensions of the same ground both in bolls and acres, and the nearest approach to giving in bolls an area now definable is in

No. 411, 1549.—Parchment, Latin ; Charter] . . . Donald Glas burgess of Tayne . . . conveyed to my spouse Elisabet Vaus . . . one tenement with garden, lying between . . . Hugo Ross Davidson on the West, the common lands on the East, the common road on the North, and lands of Ranald Goldsmit on the South ; one hut adjacent . . . . Certain arable lands lying within Tayne viz. . . . Croft Crenan between the lands of William McGull and John Bayne on the East . . . Robt Munro . . . West . . . Andrew Spyne . . . South . . . Croft Croy lying between . . . Wm. McAne Rossich on the South . . . . Andrew Spyne . . . west. Also certain arable lands extending to four bolls bere sowing or thereby near the shrine [Lat. *prope sacellum*] of the blessed Duthac and ( ) Polkalk, lying in diverse places, as is more fully contained in my charters . . . . Reddendo to the exactors of the Collegiate Church of the blessed Duthac of Tayne, four pennies once a year . . . . Witnesses Eugnesius McTore, Wm. McGill, Paul Duf, Wm. Peddison Maro [marrow, match or twin] . . . . [The area containing the four bolls is almost exactly defined—on the west by the “sacellum,” which still stands roofless and detached from the old Church of St Duthus, and the line of the Cemetery bounds, which cannot have greatly varied ; on the south by the High

Street, then a way; on the east, as the charter implies, by Polkalk. To be "near the sacellum," the north limit could not be far beyond the foot of Station Brae, where at that time Polcalk Burn merged in Matach. The area is thus about 3 acres, and 4 bolls' sowing did not take up the whole, yet could hardly take less than 2 acres. This accords with the estimate given by farmers of the district, that on rough and poorly farmed ground 2 bolls to the acre would be the sowing, and we shall assume that. Applying this value in No. 406, we find that in 1613 land now forming part of the Burgage Farm of Tain, or the streets close to it, sold for about £57 Scots, or £4 15s sterling, per acre; also that Croft Croy, in No. 406, sold for about £64 Scots an acre. As to RENT of land:—

B. No. 412, 1563.—Receipt.] I Katharine McKenzie, ladie of Balnagown, grants me . . . resavit . . . Balmochie, £8 money, 2 muttonis, threttie twa caponis, tway bollis aittis . . . for malis, customes and dewties . . . Alexr. Sutherland wt my hand at ye ladies command. [The maills were the money payment, the customs and duties payments in kind.]

No. 413, 1672.—Receipt.] I Colin Dunbar of Birks [near Resolis] . . . received from Geo. Phinnie . . . Rostabrightie Milntown, 5 bolls 2 firlots victual, 10 merks money, 14 fowls, 20 loads of peits, all I can ask or crave from him . . . fermes customes and service for crop 1670.

[No. 414, 1678.—Minutes,] Baron Court held be William Elphinston in Milntown as Bailie to Newhall and Lilius Dallas, Midfearn . . . for ane half davach land [uncertain—a davach was some hundreds of acres] John Oig pays 23 bolls bear and two hens yearly [at fiars' price for that year—£84 6s 8d Scots], and for the pendicle called Little Coull, ane wedder; Alister McDonald vic Alister for ane half oxgang pays 6 bolls [£22 for about 7 acres] and hes the ailhouse qch suld pay ane stone tallow—but not obleised—and sex foulles. Dond M'Alister ane half aiker of Torfaill, 5s 2d; Two hens for ye aiker callit Craskaicluik. John Grassich in the Strath of Mid Fearn pays for the grassings yrof 40 merks and one kid. [There seems to be a great disproportion between the rates of the first and second, and between third and fourth, but "aiker" may be used in its root-sense of "field."]

No. 415.—No date, but other papers in same handwriting—a very peculiar one—are from 1660 to 1670.] A List of the tenendrie of Gairloch and yeirlie rent. The Lands of Dibaick:—Murdo McEachin vic ean vic eachin and under him 3 cottars or rickes [house with fire-place], £66 13s 4d. Alexr. McKenzie Hectorstone and under him a bowman at 20 mks. and a tennent peyng 20 . . . Mealvildearg:—Keneth McEachin vic ean vic Alister and 3 maillers peyng a little dewtie £146 13s 4d . . . Erradill:—Alexr. McKenzie

Alexrsone and one cottar £66 13s 4d . . Badchro:—Hector McEan vic Eachin and under him tua rickes £93 6s 8d . . Sheildaick:—Rorie McKenzie and under him 'twixt cottars and tradsmen 6 rickes £140 . . Drumroy and Andrarie:—Dod Loban, Finlay Roy, Dod McFinlay Roy and one cottar £80 . . Chainbeg:—Dod McGillichuan and Jon Loban £26 13s 4d . . Engdadill more:—[Similarly names of 7 tenants and 3 cottars, total] £106 13s 4d . . Engdagill glas:—Dod Bayne notar £26 13s 4d, Tormat McEan £13 6s 8d . . Aucharne:—[1 tenant, 2 cottars] £133 6s 8d . . Mioll [3 tenants, 6 cottars] . . Udrall:—1 tenant, 3 cottars, £53 6s 8d . . Sand, Little and Meikle [3 tenants, 6 cottars] £213 6s 8d . . Erradill:—Hector McKenzie the laird's uncle and 3 cottars £66 13s 4d . . Aldgrisine [2 tenants, 2 cottars], £66 13s 4d . . Melvaick [2 tenants, 5 cottars] . . Inveraspidell [1 ten., 3 cot.] £133 6s 8d . . Naist [3 tenants, 1 cottar], £60 . . Clive [1 t., 1 cottar], £113 6s 8d . . Tollie [9 tenants], £106 13s 4d . . Slatadill [2 tenants, partiers], £40 . . Telladill:—Dod McConchie, wright, and Rorie his broyr, £53 6s 8d; Garveck and Uyr 5 pecks of Telladill, £103 6s 8d . . possess be [no name, and here the paper ends, perhaps incomplete. As it is, we have 103 cottars or tenants, and a total rent of £2236 13s 4d Scots. Of the place-names, all except perhaps Engdagill, Engdadill, and Udroll are still known.

No. 416, 1700.—Paper faded and torn, headed] A Note of Cadbolls bear rents crop 1700:—The lands of Cadboll and Little Kilmuir and pendicle of Geynies 238 bolls [to turn this into money—the fiars' price for 1700 does not occur, but for 1697 it was £5 13s 4d, and for 1703, £3 6s 8d, so we may assume the mean between, or £4 10s, and the rent is £1071 Scots] Teynd yrof 43 bolls . . . Tack of Lochsline 379 bolls [equal to £1705 10s] . . Payable out of Arbo 40 bolls [£180]; Pitcalnie stock and teynd 124 bolls [£558]; Quarter of Nigg stock and teynd 42 bolls [£189] . . . Disposed of as follows:—Shipped . . . 600 . . To Mr Robert Ross late minister at Tayne . . . 10 . . To Mr Archibald Dunbar as Tacksman of the bishopric of Ross out of Nig rent, 28 . . To Mr Hugh Munro late minister at Tarbat ( ) ( ). Rent of Plaides . . . 17 bolls [£76 10s] . . . Advanced to Wallace Sky for virginall fraught and gratuity 1 boll [£4 10s—apparently a very cheap instrument, but as no stops are used in the paper, it may be only for freight, &c.] Item Robert Ross David McCalson's son as also Wm. McAliser's son in Geynies having his crops pitifully blasted and having no effects to pay but the products of the ground whether good or bad I was necessitat to uplift of what stufte they hade eight bolls qch as yet wes in Bellamuckie girnell wt 10 bolls more qch by no means I could get disposed of unless Cadboll consented to take malt . . . 18 bolls. [A hard case, even in the eyes of the factor who writes, but apparently he has to take the poor man's " stufte " though



he cannot sell it.] Item payed in Mr Alexr. Ross hands for the Minor of Cambuscurrie's boord from Sept. 1700 to Sept. 1701—10 bolls [£45 Scots, or £3 15s stg. a year for a young laird's keep!] Item sent south for Cadboll's use of oatmeal 4 bolls [about 8 bushels. Oatmeal was clearly a large part of the diet of the laird and his household "in the south."] Item the rests [amounts owing or unpaid] of tennents part whereof they voluntarily kept . . . and the rest no factor or merchant would medle wt 5 bolls 3 firlots [a tale of misery—poor men, to avoid starvation, holding to a little of a blasted crop, not worth pouding or selling for rent.] The minister of Tarbat being so very ill to please qt he receaved not useit ( ) he took a random out of ( ) barns and the tennents gave compt in their receipts [he refused the poor stuff offered for his stipend, and helped himself. There are many items illegible or unimportant, and names of 20 tenants occur, not as paying, but as in arrears, or actually receiving small quantities.

No. 417, 1714.—Three Tacks.] At Belnagowan . . . it is . . . agreeit betwixt . . . Ladie Ann Stewart lyfrentrix . . . and Alexr. Symson . . . in tack that pairt . . . of the baronie of Westray called Easter Regoull . . . for . . . thrie yeares in caise . . . Ladie Ann . . . shall . . . live so long . . . Symson binds . . . to pay . . . forin [14] bolls ferm victuall, half of good beare and half of good oatmeall under the fealie of eight pundis Scots for ilk undelyvered boll . . . with two wadders under fealie of thrie merks for ilk wadder . . . with ten hens . . . 3 sh. for each . . . [The fiars' price for 1714 does not occur, but for 1718 it was for bere, meal, and rye £2 13s 4d, and for oats £1 10s, and, as in No. 332, for 1703, it was £3 6s 8d; so the "failie" was fixed very high, and can scarcely be taken as the rent. Taking the mean £3, and the given values of the sheep and hen, the whole rent was £47 10s. The second tack, date 1714, begins as above] . . . to Colin Henderson . . . Miltoune of Westray . . . for . . . thrie yeares . . . pay foure bolls [&c., as above] . . . fealie [as above] with ane wadder under fealie of 3 merks . . . ane lamb under fealie of 60 sh. . . sevin hens . . . 3 sh. for each. [Reckoning as above, this rent comes to £18 1 sh. The third tack, date 1714, begins as above] . . . to Wm. Symson . . . Leaquillick . . . thrie yeares . . . yearly eight bolls . . . tuo wedders, tuo lambs, sex hens thretie eggs with ane half face of peats of the length bredth and hight as the rest of the tenants of the baronie of Westray used to lead . . . victual rent to be receaved . . . within . . . his barn . . . measured wt ane sufficient firlat . . . transported be him . . . 3 myles . . . fealies [as above, but] sextein shillings for each lamb . . . tuo merks for the said half face of peats . . . [Reckoning as above, the rent is £31. Each paper is signed by Lady Ann—see photo. It will be seen she spells it "Stuart"—w and u and v being easily interchanged in those days. The handwriting is what we should expect of a shrewd business-like lady, as the terms

of the leases and what else is known of her history show her to have been. The first tenant signs, the other two "can not wryt." There is also a receipt, 1693, granted by John Dallas, writer, Fortrose, agent for Balnagown, to Andrew Ross, tenant of Little Alane, for] 25 bolls bear victual 15 boll oats victual together with six pundis silver duty ane duzzen cappones and ane duzzen hennes. [As the fiars' price for 1693 was £3 13s 4d, taking the hen at the price above, and the capon twice that, the total rent would equal £158. Another way of fixing rent, different from any of the foregoing, is in

No. 418, 1755.—Tack by] . . . Simon Mackenzie of Scotsburn . . . to Robert Aird tenent in Teanriven and Wm. Aird tenent in Calrichie . . . jointly . . . mains, town and lands of Ulidale with the largest barn, oxen and cow byres and a stable . . . two third parts of the grass parks and other summer grassing . . . ( ) be devided and taken up by him and his foresaids by every third stuck or sheaf as they should ly upon the ground after being cut down and stucked, he having always the option of beginning at either end of the field he pleases, and thereafter to proceed regularly and gradually till his hail devision is drawn. . . which devision . . . Airs bind them . . . to load and bigg up in the barn yard of Ulidale and . . . cover and secure . . . and that in full of all farm rent, dutys or exactions . . . to uphold said byres and biggings, and if deteriorate to pay such deterioration to . . . Simon Mackenzie . . . in full extent, the same to be ascertained by comprisings to be now made and at the time of their removall by four honest neighbouring tenents two whereof to be chosen by each party . . . and for further encouragement . . . said Simon . . . assigns to them the hail carriages and services . . . to be performed by his hail tenents and cottars by ( ) ploughing, harrowing, mucking, shearing and leading of corns . . . [This is the only tack found in which the rent is a fixed proportion of the crop, or in which arbitration between landlord and tenant is arranged for. Other dues levied with rent appear in

No. 419, 1769.—Four folio pages of accounts kept by Wm. Baillie, factor for Balnagown.] Don. Seer in Reguile Dr. To 5 bolls arrears crop 1769, £40; To arrears att Martis. 1769, £52 18s; Entry money anno 1770, £9 6s 8d; Vicarage, £1 12s; School fees, 18s; 2 wedders, £3 6s 8d; 2 winterings paid in kind —; wool not delivered, £1; [Total] £109 1s 4d. Alexr. Rose in Little Dallas To 2½ bolls arrears, £20; To arrears at M. 1769, £10 4s; To 1 wedder and 1 lamb, £2 6s 8d; Wood not delivered, 10 sh.; Vicarage and school fees, £1 7s; To ½ boll horse corn, £1 10s; 1 pd. hemp, 7s; 10 firlots oats; ½ boll bear. [These last 4 items look like goods supplied. There are 11 accounts like above, and in 8 there are arrears of rent, in all of them the charge for school (as to arrears, see also No. 207). In a letter, signa-

ture and date wanting, but in which the date 1765 occurs, there is the sentence: "They declared that according as land lets now in the Lothians 15 sh. an acre for the whole which now consists of 300 acres would be an equal [equitable] rent." Another class of impost has been seen in No. 136, where the landowners, in that case the burgh of Tain, let a mill at 50s a year, and have a number of tenants "thrald"—or "thirled," as the word was often spelt—to that mill, i.e., obliged to take their grain there, and there only, to be ground, under pain of confiscation. They also fix dues to be paid to the miller, amounting to about one-tenth of the grain, as "multir"—later "multure" or "multure." We have had mills in many other papers. These multures were originally, and in many cases all along, of the nature of payment for good services rendered, and the setting up of the mill was a great convenience, as is seen in

No. 420, 1678.—[Ane note of dammage susteined by Cullisse in demolishing his miln draughts . . . The breaking cutting and spoyling of sevin scoir double fir dealls . . . of miln dams and water works qch were 20 days' work daillie for forty men and 40 horses . . . The miln was layd weist . . . not as yet repared and therefor the suickeners yrof wer necessitat to go to oyr milns . . . wt all the toyll and trouble . . . of going over the sands to the milns of Morvie and Milntown.

[No. 421, 1679.—Contract] George Ross of Morangie . . . with John Angus a master miller . . . for 3 years, to grind all corns for outshuckiners and Inshuckiners . . . to exact ane peck of . . . roche meall as graveship or bannock happer out of each Chald r of eats together with the miln and servants' dues and for his encouragement . . . to receive 2 sh. out of every 20 sh. received for any meall ground in the miln . . . [George was succeeded by his son, Wm. Ross, writer in Edinburgh, in 1726. But if the landlord were too grasping, as in

No. 422, 1740.—[Petition.] Don<sup>d</sup> Mackenzie of Kilcoy . . . against John Grant, miller, who had . . . tack of the mill of Munlochy for 5 years, but . . . 2 months or so after . . . under silence of night . . . departed with all his goods and deserted the said mill whereby the suckeners . . . for want of service abstracted their corns . . . to the great loss of the said Don. McKenzie . . . [Grant did not "compear," and the Sheriff gave an order to "carry him back." Like other monopolies, the law by which tenants were "thirled" or "astricted" lent itself to abuse, and so to disputes and quarrels. No. 136 was an arbitration to settle such a dispute, but it did not.

No. 423, 1606.—[Paper, docketed] Coppie Suspensione, burgesses and inhabitants of the burgh of Tayne. Charles King, &c. . . shoven to us be . . . Farquhar Reid, Alexr.



Taylor, David Fergusone, Androw McCulloch, Walter Denoone, Adam Hay, Andrew Mitchell, Donald McGillchrist, Thomas Reid, Merchandis; Walter Strachin, Gilbert Anderson, Litsters [dyers]; Robert Monro, Andrew Monro, Androw McCulloch elder, John Chrystie, Alexr. Hay, Gilbertsone, Wm. McGill, Wm. Cuik, Donald Reid elder and yor., Thomas Adamson, Tyloures; Kenneth Grassich, Walter and Donald McAndrew, Donald McIndonich, Jas. Thomson, Tho. Wilson, Donald McThomas Moy, cordiners; Alexr. M'Farquhar, Thos. Manson, Dond. McWm. beig, Androw Manson, maltmen; Gilbert Hay elder and yor., John M'Ane glas, John Durrham, Thomas McAne ruy, Donald and Alexr. McFinlay dowy [5 others] all burgesses and inhabitants . . of Tayne—that Walter Ross of Moranschie, Alexr. Hay, Hector Douglas, James Corbat, Andrew Urso, John Forrester, John McCulloch, John Ferguson, Wm. Thomson, and John Cuik alledging them to be heretors and fewers of the myln of Over Aldie and the saids complainers . . . wer in use to gang to the mylne of Over Aldie sometyme pertaining to Wm. Innes of Calrossie and grund ther cornes and payed ther multures . . The said And. Urso and John McCulloch hais . . by [outside] all orduor . . usurpit the office of Bailzirie . . . for this yeir but [without] any lawfull warrand or electione they and the rest . . hes aquytit to themselves the ryt and title . . set doune . . pretendit . . statutes . . to bring cornes to ther said mylne and to pay certaine extraordinarie thirle and . . multures . . and set doune certaine unlaues in cause they bring not . . . maist wrongouslie . . nane of the . . inhabitants . . wer astricted . . neather is the samyn ane mylne properlie perteyning to our burgh of Tyane but the use was . . to come or not att ther pleasure . . . All the saids pretendit acts . . and should be suspendit simplr specialie in respect that the sd<sup>s</sup> compleiners hes instantlie found cautione that they shall bring all their cornes to . . Over Aldie . . and pay multures give it be found be the saids lords that they ought. . . Our Will is therefore and we . . charge the sd John McCulloch and Andrew Ross and . . collegis . . to compeir before us . . . and discharge the said bailzeis . . judges and officeris from all chargeing and poynding . . [The final decision is not found. We see that merchants, dyers, "tylours," cordiners or shoemakers, maltmen, all farming and raising crops. In fact, many of the very names recited occur in charters of the period as holding arable lands. In 1779, an action for multures, claiming a "muttie to the boll," brought by Mrs Fraser of Pitcalzein against Hugh Ross of Aitnoch, was resisted on the ground that the mill often wanted water and could not grind. See also No. 888. Another milling case is

No. 424, 1672.—Paper, docketed] Lybell, [and beginning] Kenneth Earle of Seaforth . . Shreff Prnl. . . showin to us be . . David Murray in Meikle Tarrell that he and Walter

Miller in Ballone of Tarbat wer multerers copairtners of the milne of Ballone . . . to be equall sharers . . . the defender appropriat . . . 5 firlots bear meal taiken out at ane window . . . of the persewer's multer house . . . persewer being . . . att midsummer mercatt in Tayne item 15 books oatmeall and 2 bolls of prane . . . furth of . . . his multer chist . . . he did break up the multer house doore and take of the s<sup>d</sup> chist, persewer being . . . at Reidcastell market . . . said persewer and defender wer . . . tennents in the lands called Lopannach Auldtonne and the Delving feud . . . defender . . . wrongouslie detained sex bolls oats . . . and came w<sup>t</sup> his wyfe and his brother to . . . persewers kill . . . maisterfullie away took sex bolls . . . malt and bear . . . and als his sheep and oyr bestiall did eat and destroy fyve threves oats comprysed to ten firlotts and two threves bear comprysed to ane boll. [Thus the thraive, originally the produce of 12 sheaves, was half a boll, and we see the force of Burns's lines, "A daimen icker in a thraive's a sma' request." The original meaning occurs in a fragment of an account of 1731—"Eight threaves straw £1 12 sh."; and another measure occurs in a fragment of a summons, 1674—"Ten punds price of ilk botle of beare"; also in the old Scots rhyme—

Feberwary fill the dyke,  
 Fill't wi' aither black or white;  
 Gin ye fill't wi' nane o' thae,  
 Fill't wi' a buttle o' bere strae.

There is a paper of two pages, beginning and date wanting, but about 1720-30, in which the Sheriff decerns the "fewars and possessors of Geanies Pitkerie Ballamuckie and Meikle Rainy to bring their cornes to the Mill of Fearn for grinding" from October to June inclusive—to use querns only in July, August, and September, and to bring their querns into the girnell of Fearn before 10th November, and to have them "confiscate and broken" if used in the other months. Evidently these laborious hand-mills were used to evade multures, and the mill had not water to drive it in summer.

As to METHODS and IMPLEMENTS of agriculture, we have had, in No. 218 and several others, reference to "riggs," a style of cultivation even yet not unknown. We have had lists of farm stock and stores of grain in Nos. 333, 335, 336, 340, 341, 345, &c.; also lists of implements and appliances in 341, 349, &c.; others are:—

B. No. 425, 1606.—] Testament . . . of Alexr. Ross Johnstone  
 Easter Rarichie . . . viij oxin great and small, pryce of ye  
 peice x lib. . . twa ky viij lib. ye head . . . four hors . . . x lib.  
 . . . twa litill steris of yeir auldis . . . xl sh. . . xxxv scheip . . .  
 xx sh. . . auchtene lambes . . . 10 sh. . . thretteine guise . . .  
 3 sh. 4d . . . ane brewing caldrone xl lib. . . fat iij lib. . .  
 twa pleuchis w<sup>t</sup> yr ironis . . . iij lib. . . four iron harrows . . .  
 iij lib. . . twa Chandlers . . . xxiiij sh. . . Dettis . . . land

dewtie twa yeiris iijclv [355] merkis . . . twa bollis teind [1596] xiiij£ 6s 8d . . thrie bollis ferme [1605] xxiv£ . . . ane boll tak aitis . . iij lib. [And so on, with fermes and customs to the Laird and teinds to the collector, £340 are due out of an estate of £360, and the son gets "twa auld hors and four bollis aitis."]

No. 426, 1636.—Inventories; three women farmers:—I.] 9 drawing oxin xii lib. a piece, 3 three-yeir-aulds estimat to vi lib. each; 3 yeld ky . . x lib. each; 2 two-yeir-aulds . . v lib. each; 2 stoits v lib. each; 4 wark hors, £13 6s 4d each; 30 schepe 2 merks each inde xl lib.; 12 lambs all viii lib.; threttie goats litill and mekill x sh. each. [Goats were largely kept—see No. 362. II.] Jonet Ros, Kincardin . . . 4 oxin, xii lib. a piece; 6 wark hors, xvi lib. a piece; 20 ky at xii lib.; 6 year-aulds at iv lib.; 40 heid of sheip wt yr lambs at xxxiii sh. iiiid each; eatts, xx bolls xiii sh. iiiid a boll. [III.] Florence Munro of Teaninich: 15 oxin, £10 each; 13 great cows, £10; 14 young stots and queacks [queys], £6; 7 wark horses young and auld, 20 merks; 76 heid of sheip, 20 sh. each.

[No. 427, 1685.—] Testament Dative and Inventar . . . David Ross in Belnagall . . . faithfullie . . given up be . . Katherin McCulloch his spouse upon oath . . . sextein drawing oxen and ane bull . . ten lib. the peice . . . nyne milk kowes wt yr calfes . . twelve lib. . . ane yeild kow, x lib.; ten head more 'twixt oxen and kowes . . four old garrons and two meares and ane floale, all . . lxxx lib. . . fourtie head of sheepe . . xx sh. the peice . . sawin of beare . . nyne bolls at the ffourt corne [expected to yield fourfold] is threttie sex bolles . . sawin in Pitnelies [using modern figures], 6½ bolls fourt corne, 26 bolls; in baith 62 . . pryce of the boll with chaff and stra £5, inde £310. Sawin of rye in the Blackhill of Lochsline 6 fir. . . is 6 bolls, pryce . . £5, inde £30 . . Sawin of oates in Belnagall 18 bolls at the third corne, 54 . . 50 sh. . . £135 . . Oates in Pitnellies 16 bolls 3 pks. . . 48 bolls 9 pecks . . £121 8 sh. . . Oats in the Blackhill, 10½ bolls at 3rd corne is 31½ b., £76 . . Item the outincells and domicells . . £100. [Here see farming part of No. 341.]

No. 351, 1722.—Farming part of inventory of Newmore; values not given in MS.] . . 9 working oxen, 2 three-year-olds, 11 load cows, 18 yell cows, 7 stirks, 2 bulls, 3 garrons for labouring, 2 chaise horses, black horse, cutt of the mortar chain, chaise, 2 Kellachy carts, 1 plough with 4 yokes and 2 Iron soames, 2 Harrows, 2 Crook saddles, 2 Hems, 4 Thets, 3 spades, 2 shovels, a cabbie.

No. 394, 1755.—Farming part of inventory of Kindeace] . . 14 labouring oxen, £252 Scots . . . 7 horses . . 2 cows, 2 two-year-old she cattle and a shagy bull, all £15 13 sh. sterling . . . Kindeace the crop . . 1754, of bear 62 bolls 3 firlots, of



pease 11 bolls 1 firloft 1 peck 1 lippie ; Oats—86 bolls 3 firlots . . . amounts to £718 15s Scots. [For cattle on Kindeace in 1738, see No. 356.

No. 363, 1779.—Farming part of Inventory of Ardmore] . . 33 milk cows, 15 calves . . 5 bulls, 19 last year's calves, 14 plow oxen, 2 stotts, 10 old working garrons, 2 plows with yokes and iron looms for oxen, 1 do. with Thetts for horses, 9 harrows with 9 thetts, 7 English plows without irons; 9 pair wheels, 8 of them shod with iron; 5 pair tumbling do.; 10 runked carts for peats, 4 cope boxes, 6 Callachie carts, 2 iron mattocks and 2 iron cromies, corn firloft and peck, meal firloft, 10 crook saddles, 1 do. for a cope . . 10 iron hems, Baulk broad and barrel for weighing meal [also the ordinary gardening tools. Next is

No. 428, N.D., near the end of 18th century; parts rotted.—] Account of the Stock of the Farmers residing in the Parish of Tain:—

	Horses.	Cows.	Sheep.	Figs.	Barley.	Oats.	Potatoes.	Carts.
					Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	
John Barclay Esq.....	3	20	3	—	—	—	—	—
Jas. Ross Blackhill.....	5	7	8	—	8	6	1	4
Jas. Gaw do. ....	5	6	10	1	8	4	2	4
Wm. Cock do. ....	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	1
Hugh Roy Fendum .....	3	3	—	—	4	—	4	3
Donald M'Iviar do. ....	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Wm. Bain do. ....	5	9	4	3	10	—	3	4
Donald M'Eachan do.....	4	9	—	—	6	—	—	4
Hugh Bain do. ....	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Alexr. Clark do. ....	1	1	—	—	1	1	1	1
Donald Ross do. ....	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Charles Ross do. ....	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	1
Duncan Cameron do. ....	6	7	12	1	6	3	2	3
Wm. Polson do. ....	5	15	—	—	14	3	2	3
Alexr. Roy do. ....	4	10	—	—	13	3	1	4
David Roy do. ....	2	4	10	1	1	2	—	2
Alexr. Urquhart do. ....	1	1	—	—	1	1	1	1
Alexr. ( ) Aldie .....	4	12	—	1	3	0	3	( )
( ) ( ) Inver .....	1	1	14	—	1	1	3	( )
( ) ( ) ( ) .....	2	4	—	1	2	2	1	( )
( ) ( ) .....	2	2	—	—	2	1	1	2
( ) Roy .....	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	1
David M'Andrew .....	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	1
John Murray Hilton .....	1	3	—	—	1	1	1	1
Wm. Johnstone Morrangie..	2	2	—	—	2	2	2	2
Alexr. M'Eachan Fendum...	6	12	24	—	9	3	2	6
Hugh Ross Upper Aldie....	5	7	2	—	6	7	5	5
David Munro Balogarty....	4	8	4	—	8	—	1	3
Alexr. Dingwall Balnagall..	2	4	—	1	2	—	2	2
Jas. M'Andrew Balogarty...	4	6	—	2	7	6	1	4
David Ross Morrangie .....	3	1	—	1	1	1	2	2
Alexr. Tain do. ....	3	1	—	—	1	1	1	2
Jn. Siddera Hill of Tain...	5	10	—	1	3	3	3	4
Jn. Taylor Aldie .....	5	7	—	—	4	6	2	4
John Munro do. ....	2	4	—	—	2	0	2	2
Andw. Roy do. ....	3	4	1	—	2	2	2	1
Donald Munro do. ....	3	3	—	—	2	2	—	—
Donald Ross Roy do. ....	3	3	—	—	2	1	—	—
Robt. Bain do. ....	—	1	10	—	—	—	—	—
Janet Ross do. ....	2	1	5	—	—	—	—	—
David Shandon Morrangie..	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—

Columns for wheat and beans have no entry, for peas only one acre, for rye only two acres, and of waggons only one. Next, as to VALUES of produce, there have already been several references. The earliest is

B. No. 429, 1587.—Decree of] George Dunbar persoune of Kilmuir and Commissar of Ross . . . Lachlan Ross in Douny Westray and Thomas Ross in Petcowy . . . for fermes . . silver mails, and teind silver . . to Geo. Ross of Balnagowne . . . xxxvi bolls ferme victual . . of ye yeir Iaj Vct lxxxvii [1587] . . pryce of ye boll iij lib. Vi sh. viijd . . of ye yeir . . [1588] . . pryce of ye boll liij sh. iiijd . . of ye yeir . . [1589] . . pryce fiftie shillings. [Here is a tendency downward of price; the next is much higher.

No. 430, 1603.—Paper; wadset or assignation—middle part only—begins] ( ) in this instant yeir of God Iaj Vi ct thrie yeiris and swa furth during the non redemptione of the samyn be vertew of ye reversioun undermentionat the said Jon McIvir payand yeirlie to ye sd Don<sup>d</sup> Hessow for ye saids vi schafis lands of Culkenzie . . sevin bolls twa fir. beir ( ) guid and sufficient merchand wair weill numbrit and dicht to be delyverit w<sup>t</sup> ye ( ) mett and measure of Leht<sup>t</sup> [Leith] betwix ye feist of Candilmes and Pasche yeirlie at ye sands of Nig or port of Obstule [Obsdale] q<sup>r</sup> Crearis usse to ressave victuall, and failling . . said victuall . . Johne McEvir . . . pay for ilk boll . . the soume of aucht pundis . . not as panes but as pryce . . . Jon McEvir understands perfytlie if ye sd Dod Hessow beis not payit . . at ye days above rehersit he will be forder dampnifeit . . than ye . . aucht pundis . . by and attour the exorbitant [extra] expenses . . in persuit yrof . . Don. Hessow binds . . to mak . . subscrivye to . . Jon McEvir ane le<sup>r</sup> of reversioun beiring . . that at q<sup>t</sup> tyme it sall happin to . . him to . . pay to . . Don. Hessow . . ye . . thrie hundredt merks hail and togidder . . upon ane day betwix ye sone rysing and down passing of ye samyn within ye parochie kirk of Tayne at ony patent or convenient place yrin . . . and gif it sall happin as God forbid it do the sd Dod Hessow . . fraudfullie . . to abstract . . themselves fra ye ressait of . . soume . . for redemptione and outquitting . . . it sall be leasome . . to . . consigne ye samyn . . in ye hands of ye provest or ane of ye bailies of the burgh of Tayne . . . [Besides the quaint expressions, and the price—£8 per boll—we have here the curious provision against a creditor evading repayment of the debt; but such a possibility seems less strange when we look at the rate of interest, 7½ bolls at £8, equal to £60, or 90 merks yearly, for 300 merks, that is, 30 per cent. Then we have the queer use of the church as a counting house for paying off a mortgage in the openest part of it, and in broad daylight, all, of course, to secure that the payment cannot be denied. Next quotation is from the minutes of Commissary Courts held at Chanonry, 1660-1616:—

No. 431, 1613.—Decree for] Walter Ross of Ballamuckie . . .

Johne Reoche in Balnasyrach, Androw Keil in Ranie, Johne McThomas weivir thair, Johnn Roy, aquavitae-man [distiller], war summonit . . . the judge decernis thame . . . thrie bollis twa firloctis victual of cropes 1608-1609 according to the feir . . . four pundis for twa wadderis thrie pundis for ane dussin of capones . . . thrie firloctis victual crop 1611 four pundis . . . Hutcheon Ross aucht pundis for everie boll crop 1612. [In 1610] Dond. and Wm. Forbes . . . sevin merks [£4 13s 4d] for ilk boll . . . teind viccarage of ye myln of Rosemarky crop 1609 and 1610. [In 1614] . . . pryce of the boll aucht pundis. [Thus we have had prices, for 1603 £8, 1607 £2 13s 4d, 1609-10 £4 13s 4d, 1611 £5 6s 8d, 1612 and -14 £8. In Nos. 335 and 336 we have price at Cuillich £8 and at Alness £6 13s 4d in the same year, 1649, showing the great local diversities. Many papers gives fiars' prices. Treating them as one:—

No. 432] 1657 to 1668, in order, 4, 5, £6 13s 4d, £5 13s 4d, 5, 5, 3, 3, £3 13s 4d, £5 6s 8d, 4, 3. [Another paper] 1669 to 1684—4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 8, 6, 4, 4, £3 13s 4d, do. do. £4 6s 8d, £5 6s 8d, 5, £4 13s 4d. [Another] 1685 to 1697—£3 13s 4d, £3 6s 8d, 3, £2 13s 4d, do., 4, 3, £3 6s 8d, £3 13s 4d, 4, £4 6s 8d, 5, £5 13s 4d. [Another] 1703—4 and 5, ilk boll bear, oatmeal, or malt 5 merks or £3 6s 8d, £3, £2 8s 6½d; [but in No. 341 for 1703, at Tain, we have] bear £4, peis, £4, meall £4, wheat £5, oats 4 merks or £2 13s 4d. [In No. 346, in 1706,] 7 bolls bere for £22, or £3 2s 10d; 3 bolls 3 fir. rye for £11, or at almost £3; oats at 30 sh. [Another] 1718, bear, meal, and rye £2 13s 4d, oats 30s. [Another, fragmentary paper] Fiars . . . 1723 . . . wheat 21 sh. sterling per boll Linlithgow measure, barley 20s ( ) measure usually sold ( ) contained 96 Scotch pints but ( ) resolved now Linlithgow measure contains 85 pints. [Wheat and barley are very high here. Another for 1770 has] bere and oatmeal £4 10s, oats £3 6s 8d. [Another, 1778,] wheat 16s stg. Linlithgow measure, Bear or barley 10 sh., Oatmeal 10 sh. per boll consisting of 9 stones Dutch weight, oats 8 sh. per boll Linlithgow, Pease 9 sh. per boll, Rye also 9 sh. Ross-shire measure. The measure by which wheat was usually sold in this country [i.e. Ross-shire] contained 96 Scotch pints, but by a late regulation of the Justices of Peace, wheat is to be sold by Linlithgow standard measure consisting of 85 Scotch pints, the Boll of barley bere or bigg and oats . . . contains 128 Scotch pints, and the measure by which pease and rye is ascertained contains 96 Scotch pints. [Illustrates the perplexing complication of measures then in use. The last four returns show] . . . 1799 . . . Oats 12 sh. stg. per boll, Barley 18 sh., Oatmeal 15 sh. 6d . . . for 1802, Oats 12s 10d, bear 23s 6d, Oatmeal 18s 9d per boll of 9 stone Dutch weight . . . for 1807 . . . Oats 16 sh. . . bear 23 sh. . . oatmeal 24 sh. . . for 1809, Bear 32 sh. . . oatmeal 31 sh. [Illustrates the steady and heavy rise of



prices accompanying the progress of the great war against Napoleon. The whole series in its great fluctuations illustrates the dependence of prices on the year's local harvest, while there was no great importation to equalise prices. In No. 414 we have had one glimpse of a bad year, and the misery attendant. Others are in

No. 433, 1782.—Letter:] Simon Ross, Gladfield, to David Ross, factor to Lord Ankerville, Tarlogie . . . The distressed situation I am in as to my cattle makes me apply to you again for some relief . . . Nothing now to give them. The last stack of corn which I intended for seed oats is all done after giving them the corn and straw as it grew. They must perish if I cannot get hay from Lord Ankerville. An ounce cannot be got anywhere else, let the price be what it will . . . We have a fresh storm every day and the heather is so covered . . . I believe all the cattle in our country will be lost. It is shelling sidds and corn I give my horses at night and out all day as I have neither straw nor hay. For God's sake pity my situation. [A similar letter about Calrossie's cattle says "19 out of 20 of them will die"; and in 1783, Wm. Ross, from Gruinyards, writes to the same for seed to sow, and again he writes:—

No. 434, 1783.—Letter] . . . You undoubtedly would heard of the miserable situation of this corner of the county for the bad case of the crop that neither was fit for meal or seed being damnified with the heavy storm before it was gathered . . . all I made of the year's crop was one boll one firlof oatmeal . . . I know not what hand to turn to. The few tenants I have declare they will not pay a farthing rent excepting I furnish them in seed as other masters do . . . Sorry Lord Ankerville has been disconcerted by Miss Ross being matrimonized against her parents' will. [Next month he writes] . . . I wrote to Lord Ankerville to order 6 bolls for seeding and 3 for my family support . . . A poor affair I could not get that much and Sir John Ross [i.e. Balnagown] giving seed to the poorest on his ground who shurly can never pay it. [Here is a bad year, and three *lairds* in direst straits, so we can imagine the sufferings of the tenants and crofters. We have seen, in Nos. 110, 111, and 403, that before this time emigration was beginning to be looked to as a relief; and a paper, undated, but apparently of the same period, is

No. 435, about 1780-90.—Four pages of complaint to] George Cranston . . . Sheriff Depute of . . . Sutherland . . . by George Logan of Pictou, Nova Scotia . . . in February last at the house of Mr Finlayter at Duirness was waited upon by . . . . Don<sup>d</sup> Mackay Alract . . . commissioned by tenants of that part . . . to see if he could get them a passage out to Pictou as they were all to be removed at next Whitsunday . . . did not know where to go . . . a boat came to Duirness and brought the pursuer to Erriboll where he met with a great

number of people, amongst others Robert, William, James, Hugh, Donald, and Hector Mackay and four John Mackays, Wm. MacIntosh, Alexr. Munro, Robert Mackenzie [all] Erriboll; Wm. Mackay, Pollay, and John Mackenzie, Fyoling, who with their families amounting to 94 . . empowered pursuer to procure a vessel . . . to Pictou . . . met them on 17th April . . . they granted six bills for £30 each ( ).

VALUES OF STOCK have occurred in Nos. 333, 334, 335, 345, and others. It is curious that cattle and sheep in the 17th and early 18th centuries held in Ross-shire about the same values in Scots money as they now do in sterling. If we can take cattle as the abiding unit of value, it will follow that money then was worth twelve times as much as now. More goats were kept then. We have had mention of them among stolen cattle in Nos. 227 and 230, and there are in an Inventory of Thomas Fraser, of Struy, 1759, 29 milk goats, 3s 4d sterling each; 40 sheep, 2s 9½d each; and 26 goats, one-year-old, 1s 8d. In a summons by George Mackenzie of Inschoulter, 1685, for payment of rent of small houses, crofts, and yairds in Avoch, there is "2 sh. Scots as pryce of ilk hen of nyne, sixtein pennies Scots as pryce of twa duzane eggs."

No. 436, 1681.—Ane list of such persones as keip swyne in Tayne:—Wm. Reache, Thos. Ross schoomaker, Don. Ross tailyeor, Thomas Oige. [Compare with No. 428, a century later, when there were 14. See also No. 209. Above list is scrawled on the back of a letter written by a marvellously honest horse-couper, and addressed] ffor Alexr. Davidson thes are. Sir, I thank you heartilie for your tenderness in being resolved for my eas which is indeed a thing I meit with very seldome. As for yor demand in sending a horse I would not tak it upon me to do so thoe my horses wer besyde me till you shold trust som bodie to see ym and agrie for yr pryce . . . if they pleis you or anie ye will cum heir ye sall have ym as they ar. Indeed sum of ym ar old, but I hav non to sell at the reatt you wryt of . . . yor friend . . . Hew Munro, Riarqr [Rearquhar in Sutherland. Other papers as to farming are:—

No. 437, 1702.—Letter, addressed] ffor Alexr. Mathesone younger of Benetsfield. Loving Cousigne, I understand be ye informatione of my bowmen yt ye promised ye same conditions to yours . . . My Summer graisse is not good qch oblidged me to sett my coves for sex shillings each cuple and 20 merks duty each Mertimes from everie bowman ane wather and ane load firre I giving land an peck and some tymes lesse if any of them failed in payment its in my bill to exact it as I please, your loving cusigne Simon McKenzie. P.S. If any of them wants horse I give them of myne and I divyde ye taithing in equal halfe in part of ther land. [The

writer is Simon Mackenzie of Allangrange, in whose line was the chiefship till the recent decease of his last representative.

No. 438, 1763.—Letter to] Wm. Baillie, factor of Balnagown . . . agree to engage as manager of the farm of Balnagown for £15 stg. a year, 10 bolls oatmeal, two cows' grass and fodder with their calves till they are one year old, a suitable dwelling house, peats for five, and a kailyard . . . these terms are small, it might have been £20.

No. 439, 1677.—Agreement] Jonathan Urquhart of Cromarty and Robt. Smith in the Cannagait of Edinburgh . . to be gardener and to receive yeirly three scoir and twelve pounds Scots, one suit of new cloaths and 2 pair of shews . . said Jonathan Urquhart also to entertain the said Robert in bed and board and cause wash his linnings and siclyke, to furnish two servants to him each day he has anie thing to do extraordinarie, and to furnish worklooms [tools], said Robert shall have the haill undergrowth of ye garden by and attour the furnishing of the kitchen.

No. 440, 1748.—Note and account sent to] Wm. Baillie, Ardmore . . That field near Milnhill might be sown hcw soon it is droy . . That little spote at Appitald should be sown with pease as it was under Rye last year . . . Alexr. Sangster.[ He sends account of the seeds sown in the garden at Balnagown. Omitting prices, they are:—] Onion, carrot, parsneap, leek, Spinnag, Beet, Early Turnip, yellow do., Curled Parsley, Battersea Cabbage, Savouy do., Collyflower, Radish, Hasting Peas, Windsor Beans, Spanish Turkey do.

[No. 441, 1763.—Report by John Baldrey, an English farm manager, brought to Balnagown to effect improvements] . . . not to have the oxen no longer than this year . . . four able horses in their room will do twice the busyness . . . to have 200 stots, as many sheep . . . will sow about 20 acres turnips . . . in and among all the Barley oats and wheat will sow plenty clover and treefoil in order to keep them from turnips till after Christmas . . . will sow some fetches . . . will introduce black oats and fetches for horse feed—safe the white oats for meal . . . sow some carrots—abt acre to give the horses with straw or chaff, and . . horse beans, after that shall have very fine wheat . . . some land that is very foul will sow rape, it will get it very clean . . . and that all the men will be by the year which makes great difference as by the day . . . I am well persuaded I can grow hops here . . . have Barnsacly planted in the manner dotted out. . . . P.S. The Thatcher begun this day . . . in such old shattered houses, but little to be seen with so few hands as they are oblidged to do all works . . . inward work it must be best to finish it out hand on account of getting the rooms well aired . . . [Thus the Castle was under repair, and was thatched. There is much about farming of same period in



No. 442, 1768.—First four pages—quarto—of letter, dated Mill of Pert 30th July 1768.] Dear Sir . . . glad you approve . . . my having taken a farm in this County . . . I enter at Marts . . . measures 150 acres . . . propose cultivating 30 or 40 acres and rest or pasture the remainder . . . My Father . . . could live at an easier rate in my house than by taking a house and some acres of grass in the Lothians . . . For sundry little vacant houses in Kirkliston and neighbourhood they ask for £10 to £20 rent and from 25s to 30s per acre for ordinary grass . . . I imagined the growth of the corns equally forward there as in this country where it is fully shot . . . My Father . . . writes that his crop is not half shot . . . The wheat crop has failed everywhere . . . upon the Haugh you might number the stalks. The early bear is also lost. The tenants there [Lothians] have all got into the practice of carrying dung from Edinburgh, and it costs them 3 sh. stg. before they lay it on the field, 40 cartfull is the least . . . allowed an acre which is . . . at £6 an acre, and I am told they profit by the practice. In this country they improve mostly with lime. . . In some parishes here they will annually use more . . . than in all . . . Fife where it is plenty. There are many lime quarries near to Montrose which burns 100,000 bolls yearly and that they sell at 20d per boll . . . it does not near serve . . . got into the practice of bringing lime from the firth of forth which is laid down at Montrose at 1s 4d per boll . . . at rate of 36 bolls of shell an acre . . . each acre produces to the value . . . £4 stg. per annum and sometimes £6 for many years after . . . tenants . . . bestowed money in liming in 5 years time have made very rich. [Rest wanting. Next, as to the disposal of produce, a matter which the lairds, receiving so much as rent, had to deal with. The lairds, receiving so much of their rents in kind, had to find a market for what they could neither use nor pay away in stipends, &c.

B. No. 443, 1578.—] I Allan Watsoun grantis me to hyf resavit fra Robert Ross four chalders chertteitit byr [thrashed bere] in name and behalf of ane rycht honorabill man Alexr. Ross of Balnagown . . . in pert of ten chalders sald to me according to ane Contrack daittit at ye Chanorie . . . 1578 . . . this my akowittins [acquittance] at ye barn of Coulouss [Cullisse.]

[No. 444, 1751.—Letter: Lord Rosse of Balnagown to Baillie.] I am sorry ye meal is getting so cheap in ye north. I truly think it will be a shame to Provost Sommervell [Renfrew] if he does not give at least 13d ye stone, for ye lowest price in ye west is 9½d ye peck. . . . I shall be glad to get a boll of y<sup>t</sup> Rarichie beir for a tryall heir. If ye harvest in Spain prove as bad as they say it appear to be ye beir will rise. I shall try if I can get a good annual bargain for it. I think indeed it would be better for both ye tenants in Edderton and for me to pay their victuall in

money. I can not think they will grudge nine shillings ye boll one year with another, as turning their victual into money will be an encouragement to their sowing lint which will be a much more valuable crop . . . Rosse . . . Edin<sup>r</sup>.

[No. 445, 1746.—Letter: same, from Halkhead, near Paisley, to same.] . . ye gardiner at Balnagown seems to be a sensible man and knowing in ye common methods of husbandry. . . I am sorry your fallo ( ) has not succeeded this year for it seldom fails anywhere. Our farmers are ye worst in Scotland [evidently meaning those about Paisley], doe nothing but ruin ye land as well as themselves which he is verry sensible of by seeing ye ground and their crops . . . I desired him when he returned to look to ye firr woods carefully all over to see if any profit could be made of them without hurting ye woods. [For rest of letter, see after No. 724. As to disposal of cattle at same time, take

No. 446, 1746.—Letter to Wm. Baillie, with a postmark Bradford, and dated] Skipton-in-Creaven 30th Octr. 1746. Dear Sir, I gave you . . a letter ffrom Newcastle and therein geave you ane account . . . times rather worse than better. I have sold none since . . but 30 at a poor price . . . and come to this place with the one half and left Wm. Dunbar in the East Riding with the other half . . . affraid I shall not be able to sell them all, the country is so full of their own young cattle and at such a low price as never was known. I have stood ffairs where I have seen the country steers sold ffrom 35 sh. to £3 . . . The cheef reason is scarcity of . . hay. Some say they had better cut the throt of their cattle and sell their hay . . above a shilling the stone in the spring. . . . But catle that are ffull fat and for present use begins to sell high . . . what helps their sale just now is a little demand from Holland, there was severalls bought at Leeds ffair for hay alls . . demand for Beef all the spring but . . not the least effect upon wintering cattle . . I'm at a loss whether to sell them to lose part of what was got for the cows or winter them . . like to have your sentiments . . . There is plenty of moors and cheap wintering in Creaven for such cattle as mine tho not for their own breed. But the dealers are all served from ffalkirk and Crieff. I shall never forgive myself for not catching Murdoch ffor the eight score but I thought to fix him ffor 200—the unconstant Body—at the time he was treating with me deal'd with another w'tout letting me know . . . Bellmonacks stots that were bought at 23 sh. . . . their Beef may sell in Holland . . so cheap in England that shipmasters have laid up a stock to serve themselves . . . Alexander Gray.

[No. 447, 1745.—Letter to Baillie, Ardmore, dated] Renfrew 27 Mar. 1745. Sir . . I am told . . there is not so much meall going to Ireland as was given out, and if so the price

will continue high in Ireland, so I would still buy 500 or 1000 bolls if you can get it . . . at or under £6 . . . of crop 1743 or 4 . . . Will. Somervell.

[No. 448, 1752.—Letter to Baillie from Lord Rosse] . . . . That enclosure about Balnagown may be verry useful in time, but I would have ye young man marry before he lay out any more money there . . . I believe dear grain will continue with you, except some of your own grain be returned you from Lieth where it is expected to fall greatly . . . . all ye coast towns on ye Fife side . . . are quite full of grain so that ye high prices lately . . . more owing to contrivance than reall want . . . [So that “rigging the market” was not unknown even then. Out of many letters from the Coutts’ banking firm:—

No. 449, 1748.—Letter to Baillie] . . . . Now it’s possible the price of bear may be more moderate . . . and unless it falls we are not fond of buying. We want to hear the price at which you bought Sir John Gordon’s corn . . . . John Coutts & Son . . . Edinr. 29 Nov. [So that even the great banking house, at that early stage of its career, dealt in grain.

The next important industry was FISHING, and fishing rights are constantly conveyed in charters along with the land—especially salmon fishings, as in No. 410. In No. 330 we have had as part of the equipment of the house of Easter Fearn “thrie ffatis for salting salmon fische.” There are many leases of fishing rights to men who made fishing a business, as in

B. No. 450, 1648.—Tack.] . . . Me David Ross of Ballnagown to have sett in tack . . . to my loving kinsman Johne Ross fiar of Little Terrell . . . salmon fisheing of Easter and Wester Bonar . . . and yair of Kincardin . . . sex yeirs . . . next efter . . . this . . . Iaj VIct fourtie eight . . . fishe with Cobill nett and all uyr ingeynes . . . bot any obstacle . . . . Johne Ros . . . yeirlie . . . pay . . . twell barrells salmon or grillse . . . within my awin Corfhous of the Bonar . . . furneising cask and packers for packing of the samen . . . Betwix the fyfteine day of August and the last day of September . . . or els pay threttie pounds . . . for every undelivered barrell . . . I have appoyntit sevin barrells to be yeirlie payed . . . to Lachlan Ross merchand burges of Tayne to q<sup>m</sup> I have sauld the samen be way of foirhand bargane . . . obleiss me yeirlie . . . to repaire and big the said yair of Kincardin sufficientlie befor the last day of March . . . gif . . . failzie . . . pay twa hundreth pundis yeirlie. [Money rent appears in

B. No. 451, 1584-7.—Paper docketed] Compt betwix the Lairds of ffoulis and Balnagown . . . At Ardmuir . . . anent ye mailis of Meikle Daan . . . yeirlie ten pundis xiiiis iiijd



. . . . Cobill fysching of Kyllisokell and Invershin . . . . ilk yeir twentie for merkis . . . . [Both signatures very clear. They were Robert Mor Munro, 15th Baron, and Geo. Ross.

B. No. 452, 1686.—] . . . Comprysing at Boanarness . . . seavin flats to fourtie two pounds Scots. The Corff-house to threttie three pounds . . . The Chalmber adjoynit . . . sixteen pounds, with bedds, partitiones, Locks, bands and doors. The two cobles to seavinteine pounds . . . The two ffishing netts . . . twentie pounds . . . the suings . . . ane pound. [An early notice of the trade in salmon appears in

B. No. 453, 1555.—Receipt.] I David Vauss indwellayr in Leyth . . . ressavit four Barrylls salmon fra Sir Richard Hays and als . . . twenti pownds fra Donald Ros Hocoeythsonne for udyr four Barrylls salmoun . . . part payment of ane last of salmon yat Alexr. Ros of Balnagowin wes awin me . . . David Vauss wt my hand. [Showing value £5 a barrel. Next is

B. No. 454, 1595.—Receipt.] I Johne Sinklar merchand in Edr. grants me to haiff resavit fra ( ) in behalf of . . . George Ross of Belnagown fyftein barrell salmond and thretteine barrell greilse guid and sufficient merchand wair qch the said George Ross is obleist to pay in thrie yeir. [By the middle of the 18th century this trade had greatly extended, as we see in these letters:—

No. 455, 1763.—To Baillie.] Sir . . . I would be glad of some opportunity of business to keep up our acquaintance, and thank you for mentioning the salmon to me, but at 47s they are too high. As the fishing in generall is good some may sell high. The bulk . . . must be moderate . . . I would give 42 sh. for the fish of Conan and Balnagown with discount in rebate, deliverable at Cromarty . . . Newmore's has a bad character and I would rather be free of them, but I should venture for them the 36 sh. 8d. I would renew the tack of the Bonar, but it could not do but at a much lower rent. . . . John Burnett . . . Aberdeen 9th Augt. 1763 . . .

[No. 456, 1772.—Two letters to same from James Mackie, Forres.] . . . I can now assure you of 40 Bolls salt, whereof 20 or 21 to be for cure of Salmon and the ballance for country consumpt . . . . 28th August . . . The salt shall wait you, but I have to advise that there is expected an Inspector General from Edinburgh to inquire into the salt acctts of this precinct . . . will survey the cellars . . . it would be proper that your deficiency was supplied before he comes . . . I have sold unbonded salt at 22/ . . . you shall have for 20/ salt for cure of Fish . . . sells just now at 12/6. [Here we see a cheap salt used for curing salmon, and a duty on salt, with Government interference, but there was another reason for that, as seen in

No. 457, 1740 and 1771.—Two states of accounts—I. of John Munro of Newmore with John Hossack & Co., Inverness] . . . Cr. by 37½ barrels salmon at 50/ with bounty £108 15s, and 30 bolls meal £13 6s 8d . . . Dr. to Salt, barrels, cooperage and freight £32 14s 6d [list of goods supplied] £61 6s 3d . . . [From this it appears there was then a bounty equal to one-sixth the value of the cured salmon. II. Thirty years later there is no mention of bounty in a paper headed] State of Balnagown Salmond anno 1771. 44 Barrels at Bonar and Yair [fish-lock] sold Mr Richardson at 54s per barrel, 14 at Strathoykel—58, inde £156. Deductions viz. : Fishing graith and charges £22 10s; 7 fishers at Bonar £24 10s; Kaines of the Yair £2 12s; Standarts fixed [?] £1; Charges to packers 10s; 29 bolls salt at 10s 6d; fraught of said salt from Findhorn and Inverness £3; price of 58 barrells £12 12s; Carrying these to Bonar, &c., £1; Couperage and full hooping £4 16 8d; ffraught to Cromarty, £4 16s 8d; Repacking salt 10s 6d; Incidents and expenses 8s; Fishers and Kainers of Oikle £6 18s; Repairing cobles 10s; [sum of deductions' column] £100 18s 4d; [difference] £55 1s 8d; add rent of Cassley £2 4s 6d; free, £57 6s 2d. Less than computation by £9 7s 2d. [That is, the profit was so much less than expected; and in a sheet of the estate accounts for 1772-3 there is this entry—] The salmond fishing less this year than the computation in the rental by £40 6s 10d. [The chief method of taking the salmon appears in a very interesting paper:—

No. 458, 1622.—Contract.] Att the Chanrie of Ros, sevin day of Apryle . . it is . . . agreyit betwixt ane noble lord Coline Lord of Kintail . . and Alexander Stewart wright in Sallachie . . that . . Ar. Stewart becomes bund and obleist in the moneth of Junii nextocum . . . to addres himself and his servitoris to quhatsumever woddis lyand on the watter of Ness or the Watter of Tayne that sall pleis the said noble to appoynt . . and thair cut dress and squair sa manye treyis as it sall pleis his Lp. to bye upon his Lp. expenses, or that his Lp. sall purcheis from the awneris . . . for the bigging of the work underwritten. And efter the sd treyis salbe careyit upon . . lord's chargeis to that place of the watter of Connane quhair the cruifes [salmon-traps] pntlie stands . . lykeways becomes obleist to big ane brander of the said tymmer alonges the breid of the watter of Connane with twa great kistis for taking of salmones in sick sure and sufficient maner as may or can be bigit of the said tymmer, and to place the saids brander and kistis at or in onie pairt of the said watter besyde the said crufes that sall be thocht maist meit . . . for taking and slaying of salmond . . . and sall compleit the said werk sa soone as possiblie . . efter the conveying and laying of the said tymmer . . do all . . belonging to his craft . . be eitche [adze] and aix . . said noble lord binds and obleiss . . . to content and pay . . to Alexr. Stewart . . . sevin hundreth merks Scottis togidder

with twa mairttis aucht muttouns ten stane of cheis fyve stane of butter, twentie bollis victual, malt or meall in the said Alexr's optioun . . . to wit thairof the soume of twa hundreth merks pntlie [presently, in its proper sense of "at present"] in hand quhairof . . . Alexr. holds him payit . . . Sicklyke thairof twa hundreth merks at the terme of Witsunday in the yeir of God Iaj vict. twentie thrie . . . ane hundreth and fiftie merks in compleit payment of . . . sevin hundreth merks at the compleit ending and finishing of the said work. Item aucht bollis of the said victuall at . . . his enterie to the warke this zeir and the remanent . . . at . . . enterie nixt zeir . . . Item ane of the . . . mairttis at Mertimes nixtocum and the uthar vi ct. twentie thrie . . . half of the said cheis, butter, and muttouns as the same salbe requirit at this yeirs enterie and the uthar half . . . nixt yeirs enterie . . . Siclyke . . . noble lord sall mak all kynds of careage werk for . . . transporting . . . tymmer furth the woddis quhair it salbe cuttit . . . and for inputting thairof in the watter and fortifyng of the same with stanes, clay, hether and uyers necessarie for filling up of the werk in the water, and als sall furneis dwelling and houses to the said Alexr. and his servands fra thair enterie . . . till . . . compleiting . . . thir pntis be insert and registrat . . . baith parteis hes subscrivit this pnts with yair hands . . . before thir witnesses Mr [? or Alr.] Donald McConeall of Slait, Iavor McConall his servitor, Jhne McKenzie of Apilcroce, Coleyne McKenzie in Ardefailzie . . . at the special order of said Alexr. Stewart as he asserts not knowing how to write I William Lauder, Notary public ( ) presents. [Lord Mackenzie signs, with many flourishes, "Kintail." He did not get the title of Earl of Seaforth till the year after. Four witnesses also sign. The fact that there was suitable timber near Tain and the Ness, but not on the Conon, is noteworthy. These "cruives," as we have seen in No. 288, were there before 1542, and they are there still. As to Cod fishing:—

No. 459, 1714.—] Accompt of Charges on Dry Cod in Company be My Lord Strathnaver, and Newmore [i.e., George Munro of Newmore, father of John in No. 102.] The charges advanced be Newmore as ffolowes: To livering Daniel Simpson boat with cod at findhorn 3s; To Staking on the shoar 2s; To aireing the next day being all weil and stacking again 4s 6d; To 5 seall days curing and stacking to preserve the fish from spoyling £1 2s 6d; To 1 days work to sex men at 8d per day to sort the 18 from 24 inches and ye good from the bad 4s; To sex men to carrie, 2 men to give in the fish to the officer, and other 2 to stand by the weights at 8d per day, 6s 8d; To carriage from the shoar to the ship 5s; To 2 tydemen 2s 6d each that waited the shipping officer at sorting 5s; To 3 pynts wine drunck that night with Mr Haldean and Mr Cuming 9s; To crushing and dressing Carroll's fish 3s 6d; To a watcher for 20 days at 6d per night



10s; To Alexr. Cuming as shipping officer £3; To my attendance 19 days wt my sort [?] and two horsess haveing carried £7 10s out and brought home but 10s . . being kept at findhorn 12 days by want of the affidavits from Sutherland, £7; To aue gaunie left wt Andrew frig to take caire of the rest of the fish . . 9s 6d [sum] £15 4s 8d. [Here we have two lairds, with a practical man as managing partner, in a fishcuring venture at Findhorn, and the work fully set forth in the items. For a fishing venture of his son's, see No. 457. On same subject:—

No. 460, 1718.—Holograph letter, dated] Dunrobin the 15th of June 1518. Sir, yours of the 14th I received. I doubt not but you'l find Mr Fraser a very good payer if you Incline to let them goe that way, if not I am content to risque them notwithstanding Andrew Watts misfortune Mr Watt writes to me that ships are now a pennyworth att Gottenberg So if you Incline to be concerned let me know by Express. I'm informed yt Capt. Pilmar is arrived att Cromarty; if it be so, I desire you may Seller my Salt with your own and I shall pay my proportion of the Charges. I am, your most humble ser<sup>t</sup>. Strathnaver. P.S. If you incline to venture your cod fish I'm satisfied you may have the half of my salmond. I'm willing to run equal hazard, if not you may sell our codfish to the best advantage—Yours Strathnaver. [Address on back] The Laird of Newmore to be left at Inverbreakie. [Thus, this partnership between the heir of Sutherland and the Laird of Newmore in fishcuring ventures lasted at least 4 years.

No. 461, 1714.—Letter, likely to Newmore.] . . Pleas know that they were only weighted of your cod of the best kind 24 Quintails consisting of thirty one hundred and fyve scoir . . There is also on board 3105 fish not weighted . . there lyes on the shoar fish that are scarce worth any money, the Captan would no ways let them go on board . . Andrew Engge, Findhorn. [The two papers indicate a pretty large industry at Findhorn at the period. Next as to HERRING—

No. 462, 1662.—] Power and factorie ffrom Wm. Duff and Wm. Cuthbert, merch<sup>ts</sup>. in Inverness, to Alexr. McDermit . . to be actit in Gerloch in the moneth off October 1662 yeires. Imprimis ye shall requyre the laird of Gerloch [Kenneth Mackenzie] and his Lady and servants in his absence to delyver to you in our name . . twenty fyve last of fresh herreine conforme to contract and yt in respect that yr is herreine in severall loches to which Garloch is restricked be contract. Item . . to delyver twentie fyve last of sufficient herreine tries [barrels] weill tichted [tightened] and double graithed [hooped] conforme to contract. Item . . ffourteen last and ( ) barrells herreine tries formerlie payit be us to Garloch as per accompt subscryvit be him under his hand. Item . . requyre . . what salmond he hes,

thes being all wayes good suit [sweet] and reid and the tries sufficient knapwood and just gadge conforme to Act Parliament whither as to salmond or tries, and, iff other wayes, protest for cost skaith and dammage . . . . all . . . tries to be put thre Alexr. ( ) hands that he may declare ym upon oath sufficient . . . . protest that albeit ther be no herreins gottin this yeir within the loches yat Garloch is astricked to, ye ar not lyable to tak his coves conforme to the back band . . Garloch hes no sufficient barrells to pack the coves in . . . . Item . . protest against the insufficiencie of the storehouse . . . and that the storhouse hes been brockin opin and salt, netts, hemp stolin . . which Garloch is to compt ffor . . . . [The "Laird" was then Kenneth Mackenzie, and his lady Janet Cuthbert of Castlehill.

No. 463, 1718.—Contract on stamped paper; strip at foot torn off.] Att Edinburgh the 24th Aprile . . It is agreed betwixt George Munro of Newmore and Patrick Stewart merchant in Edinburgh . . . . George Munro binds and oblidges . . . timeously to provide, fitt, and send out with men, nets and oyr necessars all his fish boats, being eight in number, and what oyr boats he can get hyred in the frith of Murray for catching herrings in the ensueing season of this year . . and whatsoever herrings shall be caught . . George Munro sells and assigns to . . Patrick Stewart . . ane equall half therof to be Delivered on the shoar of Cromarty. And to the end ther may be no delay in curing and manufacturing the saids herrings the said George Munro obliges him during . . season to . . furnish to . . Patrick Stewart sufficient convenience and contiguous stoar houses for holding his salt fatt [vat] and cask . . P.S. paying therfor as oyr merchants use to do And to provide a plot of ground at Cromarty for manufacturing of the said fish and to give . . P.S. or any . . appointed by him for overseeing . . all the assistance he can for providing and conveening a sufficient number of gutters, packers, Coupers and other servants . . . and to cause them attend upon the said work ( ) ( ) to provide a proper person for attending of the said fishing, and to pay to the fishers . . the current prices herrings shall give from time to time at . . Cromerty, the same not exceeding the sum of twenty shillings Scots [1s 8d stg.] for each barrel of mesure or mett of whatever herrings shall be so delivered and that at and upon delivrey therof As also to pay the one half of whatever premium . . G. M. shall give to . . boats . . hired more than the 8 boats . . and to . . get in readiness betwixt and . . 15th of September a good and sufficient vessel for receiving . . the . . fifty lasts royally cured herrings or what . . shall hapen to be fished . . and to pay to . . G.M. for each last . . cured and pynd . . . . five pound fifteen sh. Sterline . . again the terme of Whit-sunday 1719, and . . P. S. binds . . him . . betwixt the 1st . . July next to deliver to . . G. M. . . att . . Cromarty . . fifty lasts new herrings cask together with 800 bushells

Lisbone or Spanish excysed salt, ffor which . . G. M. obliges himself to pay . . £1·15 sh. Sterline each last of . . casks and £1 15s 8d sterline for each boll of . . . salt. And . . G. M. hereby obliges himself that the herrings to be caught by the foresaid boats and cured to his accompt shall be all cured and packed by the foresaids salt and cask . . . and the said P. S. . . obleidges himself to allow the said ( ). [This two-century-old contract might serve to-day. In it, and in Nos. 459, 460, and 461, we can see the Laird of Newmore showing in this field of industry the same ability and energy his distinguished grandfather showed on the field of Lutzen and in the Civil War. A later herring venture is proposed in

No. 464.—Letter, N.D., apparently by General Alexander Mackay, like 405, and about 1751.] My Dr. Sir, I congratulate you heartily on your change of state . . . I am sorry for James Grant's conduct . . . there is no possibility of doing any more business with him, and . . a precept of warning is sent North. I have writt in generall terms to Sir Lud. Grant in case Mr Grant should apply to him . . . I am much obliged to you for remembering me when you was at Inverness. I should be glad to do something there for I long ambitiously to enter the world of business, that I may . . show by gratitude to those who assist me in the ebb. . . . The herring scheme is I think an excellent one for Inverness, they lye as advantageously for it as most places. . . . I thank you for the hint about the subscriptions, it shall be sett about, and I doubt not to be able to gett £1000 or thereby here besides what . . in the North . . . . At Glasgow they have subscribed £13,000 and acquainted the Chamber at London . . . but they do not propose to raise any part of it or to fish till the Act is amended . . expect this session of Parl<sup>t</sup>. This resolution is owing to some mistake in the Act as to the depth of the netts and other articles of expence . . unnecessary in the seas where they propose to fish. Youll know if the Invs. people are aware . . . Glasgow peoples objections to the Act as it now stands . . if others occurs that regard your chamber . . transmit them to your members . . . It's said the Government are to purchase Seaforths Estates and that they are in terms with the Dukes of ( ) and Gordon to purchase the estates forfeited by their vassals without risking the determination of the House of Peers about the Clann Act. [As to the workers, there is in 1660 an indenture of Gaspard Cuthbert to Robt. Barbour, cooper in Inverness,] for 2 years to serve honestly and to be taught . . and entertained in meat, drink and abulziements [habiliments.] [About this time, in 1763, Hugh Falconer writes to Baillie—] Yesterday I engaged your two fishers at Nairn . . and was obliged to give each of them a shilling of dead earnest. [In a process of 1827 there is an agreement by John Couper, cooper, Portmahomack, to make 300 herring barrels for Hugh Mann, Wilkhaven, at



5s per barrel, but, if Hugh Mann advanced cash to buy wood, at 4s 10d. See next No. 996.

From Fishing we easily pass to SHIPPING, already referred to in Nos. 320 and 435. For a freight in 1553, see No. 673. Then we have

B. No. 465, 1607.—Account, with letter, addressed] ffor my much honoured and much respected frind the Laird off Balnagowan thes in hand. Sir, We Andro Cassie and James Byaine desirs . . deliver that bargan of tries and dails . . daited seventine day of May 1607 . . the skipper is Robert Stewart in Enderkaiding [Inverkeithing] . . vessel . . the Charles . . tries and dails may be verie good but . . treuth . . could a bought timber at Leith chipper [cheaper] . . skaipperis is brought in soe much timber in the costs yt . . yey most be greit lossers . . . your fyve locks is not come . . your honour shall be pleased to resave from him the King's armes, and caus hous them either with iron or timber upon the wall. [List of cargo is on other side of the paper:—] Cabanet wt Drawers 120 lib. . . four lofes of sudger [sugar] . . 13 lib. . . twa barall of tare [tar] 32 lib. . . sex bolles of bay salte . . 52 lib. . . twa baralls of small salt . . 8 lib. . . fifty ston weight of iron . . 90 lib. . . Carring . . from Edr. to Leith 1 lib. 16 sh. . . Carring to the bot at Leith 1 lib. 10 sh. . . Shoir dewes 16 sh. . . bots freight to carrie to the shipe 4 lib. Item to the Laird himself ane peic [piece] of gold 14 lib. 14 sh. 8d. [We see that at Leith even small coasting craft used boats to load. Unfortunately it is not said above on whose wall or what wall the Laird was to house the King's arms, though it reads like his own wall, but it is not the practice to fix them on any but a *Royal* Castle or building.

No. 466, 1660.—Charter of ship; some particulars left blank in paper.] . . . It is agred and contractit betwixt . . . John Alexander lait bailzie of Eister Enster [Anstruther] Master and awiner of the ship callit ( ) . . and Robert Kyll merchant burges of Dundie . . . The said J. A. . . be thir presentes, setis and for the fraught underwrt. latis [lets] his said hail ship with hir furnitor . . to the said R. K. from the shoar of Invernes qr she pntlie lyes to the port of Stronzie in Orknay and from thence to the harborie of ( ) in Noroway and from ( ) to . . Dundie, reserving only to the said master . . roome and priviledge to put . . under deck thrie dozoz dealls from Noroway to Dundie. Lykas . . J. A. . . binds . . him to cause his skipper and men—but [without] his personall presence—with all possible dilligence, wind and wather serving, God willing, to sail to . . Stronzie and to remayne . . for intaking of such victuall as said merchand pleases not exceeding 200 bolls for the space of aught workly dayes And imediatly yrefter to cause sail his said ship and loading to . . ( ) . . for livering of . . victuall . . intaking of . . any sort of goods . . . and incon-

tinent yrafter . . . with all convenient dilligence . . sail . .  
 . . for . . Dundie and to remayne yr . . for livering of her  
 loading for ( ) dayes allenarly [only], and farder . .  
 J. A. binds . . him to uphold his said ship sufficiently water  
 tight . . with skipper, pylot, mariners, anchors, cabells,  
 saills, towes, fresh water, fyre, boat and other necessars . .  
 not to suffer said loadinges . . to be wait [wet] or damnified  
 . . . during said voadges—saiffing perells or men of war be  
 sea . . R. K. binds . . to pay . . to J. A. . . fyve hundreth  
 punds Scotas as fraught . . . together with towage, rowage,  
 average pettipilotage and uther according to custome . .  
 pryngilt only excepted . . siclyk R. K. binds . . to pay to  
 J. A. the soume of ( ) . . for ilk day . . . longer then . .  
 above menoned . . both pairties . . bind . . to perform  
 . . . under penaltie of ( ) money . . . registrat in the  
 Court buikes . . . Hew Baillie wreitter in Inverness . . .

[B. No. 467, 1673.—Letter addressed] ffor my much respectit  
 freind James Broune, His Majesties Carpentar . . I have  
 not much to say at pnt. only Walter McKey skipper of the  
 Thomas of Kirkcadie safлие heir and he won his hat from  
 you for he wes heir as soon as David Boswall and hes sett  
 sail befor him . . Pay to Walter McKey his fraught con-  
 forme to . . charter partie . . he hes aboard . . . twantie scoir  
 tries and twall hunderth dealls . . . David Ross off Balna-  
 gown. [There are numerous other letters of the period  
 relating to a large trade in trees for masts and sawn timber  
 sent down the Carron and shipped about Bonar. We may  
 note the custom of wagering a hat, as well known then as  
 now. See also No. 484.]

No. 468, 1677.—Part of accounts of ship from Aberdeen to  
 Norway and back.] . . . 6 barrels malt sold at Burgain in  
 Norroway for 26 dollers . . fraught £4 7s Scots the barrel  
 . . Sold in Aberdeen 60 deals at £25 Scots, and sex barrells  
 tarre for £17 8s, fraught of ilk barrell ane rex dollar. [In  
 an account dated 1688 we have] . . 5 rex dollers or £14 10s  
 Scots [whence a rex-dollar was then valued at 4s 10d stg.]

No. 469, 1691.—Ship charter.] At Fortrose . . It is agreed  
 and finally endit twixt Alexr. Lawson, merch<sup>t</sup>. in Aberdeen,  
 and Thomas Clunes laull<sup>l</sup>. son to Alexr. Clunes of Dunskaith  
 . . . the s<sup>d</sup> A. L. settis . . . to the s<sup>d</sup> T. C. his great boat q<sup>r</sup>  
 she now lyes in ye port . . of Aberdeen, and binds . . him  
 w<sup>t</sup> ye first conveniente wind and weather that ye s<sup>d</sup> boat  
 sufficiently furnished w<sup>t</sup> skiper and mariners . . shall saill  
 from Aberdeen to ye port or ordinar harbor of Dunbeath  
 in ye countrey of Caithnes and yr remain for . . ffour dayes  
 for intaking . . . ane hundreth bolls bear from the s<sup>d</sup> T. C.  
 his factor and that betwixt and the last of Aprylle nexto-  
 come . . . and yrfra to transport the same . . to the port or  
 harbor of Invernes and ther to lye two dayes for livering of  
 the s<sup>d</sup> victual allenarly all sea hazard being allways on the

sd T. C. . . binds . . to loadin the sd boat at the sd. lyes dayes . . . pay to A. L. . . sex shilling eight pennies Scots for fraught of ilk boll compting fyve score to the hundreth and that w<sup>th</sup>in 24 hours of livering yrof at Invernes . . with towage, rowadge, anchoradge, pilotadge and oyr dues . . also . . ane half boll . . meall and three gallons of ale to the seamen . . ffourtie shillings ilk day boat . . detained after . . . both parties . . for performance . . under failzie of fourty pounds.

[No. 470, 1747.—Letter, addressee wanting.] Dear Sir . . . . thank you for . . puting in my way a beter bargain . . and for acquainting me that you have given up the management with Assint, and consequently I give up that fishing unless I get it at 30 sh. p. barl. . . if I were not in the Salmon Trade at present I woud not medle with it scarce at any price. I will write to my friend the Baron about it. I have had my thoughts longe agoe concerning a Virginia Trade in our parts, and I am sure ane anual ship from thence and keeping store in that countrey . . woud turn to acct<sup>s</sup> to the undertakers and woud be a general benefit . . as wee have several sorts of manufactor that cou'd be exported . . I found that my Townsmen ( ) no genius to be adventurers ( ) such a trade . . . I woud be verie glade of having you as a partner . . . Had Mackay & Co. steer'd steadie they were once in the true chanel of making money. The news at present is that the Dutch are verie backward, and it is the general opinion that Frasers and S—cry Muray will make an end of unfortunat L. Lovat. I am . . . Andrew Monro. [He was third son of Hector Munro, IV. of Novar, went into business in Inverness, where he became a Bailie, and, as his letters to be quoted will show, a veritable captain of industry. His daughter married Provost Mackintosh.]

No. 471, 1748.—Letter to W. Baillie, dated] Fortrose 24th June, 6 o'clock in the morning. Dear Sir . . Your express came to me to Ardnasire, but like a wise goose left your letter at Inverness . . . meal I bought from Inverchasley was at 10d per stone . . . Mr Brebner in Portsoy shipt 1000 bolls oatmeal . . which was sent for the new roads that are a-making in Argylshire, and he bought every peck of it at 5 and 5½ merks per boll of 8 stones. As I have no harn . . to make bags of, and the Norwegian harvest woud be nigh at hand before I cou'd have any oatmeal at mercat I do not intend to export any . . I have no use for John Baillie's ship, he is too small for the timber trade as are all the ships in this firth. . . . Capt. Urquhart sent me a sample of his bear . . at £5 Candlemas payment . . take pairt of the timber in payt. . . . If I can prevail with John Reid to laye the ship on the sands of Nigg . . You now have a chance to get a peny by the . . trade . . . I sent Cadbolls bear to Hamburg. The ship I freighted was bound to be in



Cromartie road in March but . . he was lockt up in Fraserburgh wt Easterly winds . . did not get up till the end of Aprile . . I lose £20 on that cargoe, had he arrived 20 days earlier I should have gained £20. If I can get the retour of a ship to carie your bark I shall engage her . . . . Andrew Munro. [In an undated paper, Geo. Fraser, Invergordon, writes to Baillie to send annually butter to Fraserburgh for Lord Strichen.

No. 472, 1748.—Letter to same.] Inverness, 14th Jary. Dear Sir, Wee . . believe that Donald Edies Ship and Cargoe will be condemned and made prize of, on account of the late Placarts published in Holland against the French . . a declaration of Warr . . . Cargoe is verie valuable circa £6000 Stg. . . will be sold in Noroway verie cheap. Therfor wee have resolved that Gilbert Barkly shall step over to Noroway to buy . . such part . . as will suit this mercat, and . . wee invite you to be one-third concerned, and to execute this project it's proper to freight John Baillie's brigg and to load her with bear . . wee will allow £55 freight and  $\frac{2}{3}$  port charges. We understand Mr Gorrie has some two-year-old bear that looks weel to the eye which may come cheap As the Norwegians are not the nicest people with respect to the quality of grain if we cannot hitt it with Mr Gorrie wee can load the ship with our own; to which you may add  $\frac{1}{3}$  of yours. If this project should misgive, the vesel can goe to Bergen and load salt . . which may sell well here as there is a scarcity of . . things here which cannot be supplyd from Holland as commerce twixt Holland and France is now shutt up . . . It will be necessary to have a credit lodg'd in Amsterdam for Barkly which Andrew Monro undertakes to do . . . Wee recommend to you to let non know of what wee have now mentioned . . . Wee are . . your obd. hum. servts. Andrew Monro. [So Andrew traded as a company. On the same subject:—

No. 473, 1748.—Letter to Baillie, dated] Inverness 14th Jany. Dear Sir . . I delivered Baillie Fraser your £120 . . The enclosed is from . . Mr Andrew Monro . . If the ship and cargoe be not-condemned till such time as I Reatch that place there most be extrodinary grate Bargans had . . particularly Rum of which there is a large quantity aboard that ship and sundry other goods much in demmand at this place. Notes to insist for £60 freight and  $\frac{2}{3}$  port charges for the ship, it will be proper you pitch on a place where wee three should meet in order to concert maters before the ship sails, as also that the intended expedition should be keep'd a dead secret in case others should step in and raise the Prices . . . . Gilbt Barkly.

[No. 474, 1751.—Same to same.] Cromarty 16th May 1751. Dr Sir . . . I hade in Vew to weat of you [wait or call on] . . but have been keepd Busey . . . I loock for a ship every

moment wt 600 bolls of salt. If you'l incline to have any . . . cann have it Varie Resonable. There is no Lemmons in Toune [i.e. Inverness] but the ship I expect hase some chists. Findrasie's Brother [Leslie of Findrassie, in Morayshire] was yeisterday at Eathie and protested against findrasy and my brother for not giving posesion of that Tack. My Brother gave for answer he was not legually warned out . . . . Your obligd servt Gilbert Barkly.

[No. 475, 1748.—Letter from same; address wanting.] Cromarty 21st May. Dear Sir, I have a letter just now from Lieut. Sutherland . . . that they will have above 80 Recrouts and about Tenn officers which I'm affrayed is a grater number then the ship can carry . . . I have Laid in plenty of Provisions &c. for them; the ship most goe to Inverness to take them aboard . . . noe recrouts dar be shiped at any port in Scotland Except three, Leith, Aberdeen and Inverness . . . it is the diferent officers that recrouts there men that pays for there pasage. I therefor wish we was shoure of pointed payment of there pasage or they leve this Cuntry, will you advise me to goe to Inverness and get there Bills on the paymaster. Fealling of this . . . we may be long enough out of our money . . . . Gilbert Barkly. [In this case fortunately the sequel occurs in

No. 476, N.D., but must be as above, 1748.—] A genuin acct of what pass'd twixt ye Earl of Drumlanrig's officers and the owners and master of the John and David of Cromarty. Captain Barbour contracted with th<sup>m</sup> to carry over to any convenient port of Holland a certan number of Recruits . . . not under 70 . . . to pay 17s 6d each man for 11 days, and 5d per day while they continued on board thereafter . . . Cap<sup>n</sup> B. embarked on 26th May O.S., 66 Recruits who received none of the Ship's provisions till the 27th, and on . . . the 28th 17 with 11 officers and 6 cadets, and . . . set sail. But before leaving Inverness . . . assured the officers . . . full 20 days provisions for the whole passengers . . . advised . . . to purchase from Mrs Grant, Inverness, 13 barrells English biskett . . . agreed to but afterwards declined tho' he remained in Toune full two days . . . On the 30th . . . gale . . . contrary wind . . . returned to Cromarty, and the wind seeming to come fair, the master . . . set sail . . . without . . . least mention of the want of provisions . . . nor had they [officers] the least intimation of scarcity till the 5th of June . . . told by the master . . . necessity of . . . short allowance, which . . . continued till their landing at Schevelin ( ) 15th of June, and had it not been ( ) that an English vessell came who sold the master ( ) of bread . . . consequences might have proven fatal . . . This brought the officers under necessity of hiring a fish boat . . . a league off the shoar, at . . . 30 guilders . . . for carrying them all ashore. The Allowance . . . till 5th June was to each a biskett and dram in the morning, at noon a biskett with

some cheese or butter, and the same at night. When on short allowance the biskett and dram were discontinued and first meal was a half mutchkin pottage with  $\frac{3}{4}$  lb. of butter among 8 men . . . supper a biskett with butter, cheese or small beer . . . officers provisions came equally short . . . As to the master's allegiance [allegation] of not having command of his own ship, it's manifestly false. [Signed] Capt. Daniel Barbour, Capt. John MacLeod, Capt. Donald Macdonald, Lieut. Dan. MacLeod, Lieut. James Baillie, Lieut. James Sutherland, Lieut. Will<sup>m</sup> Baillie, Lieut. Ranald McDonald, Lieut. Hugh Mackay, Ens. Daniel Gilchrist, Ens. Ja. Duff.

[No. 477, 1749.—Letter, extremely well written and expressed, to Baillie.] Dear Sir . . . your favours of the 17th . . . offer for the Bear and . . . no other Bargain . . . send you this express . . . about our victuall, and I hope you will be able to finish with Mr Berkley. I am loath to sell, as it is extremely good, under £4 10s as severalls in this country have got that price, and none . . . so low as 7 sh. except freswick . . . 3-year-old bear. I cannot think either of Candlemess as a term of payt. . . . we lose 3 months . . . The quantity is 440 bolls. If Mr Berkley would send any of the large Cromerty boats for it I could deliver 300 bolls in 2 or 3 days, and the boat could lye off Forse and Clyness . . . and we could load from both places very well; if he sends a ship to Staxigoe we must get 8 or 10 weather work lay days. . . . I must be acquainted . . . that I may prepare . . . and have it dressed. As to . . . Commissions which Mr Berkley wants . . . as I provide my Mother in Liquers . . . if he has any good sherry . . . send half a hogshead by the ship that come . . . let me know the price of his dealls and trees . . . I hope on tryall Mr Berkley will like our bear . . . may come to be fond to take of it again. If he does we certainly will think ourselves bound to take . . . for our ffamily . . . and we lye here very near Cromerty and could get . . . from thence . . . cause the ship lye of Clyness . . . . I believe some time hence we could get a ship to go to the High<sup>ds</sup> wt meal . . . advise what . . . for the carriage of each boll for I am an outer stranger to fraughts or shipmasters dues. Forse is to be at Brodie . . . I in my last gave you . . . political news. I am reckoned by one side to be very much inter(ested) that I'll make fforse ag<sup>st</sup> his ( ) . . . as you'll probably be on these subjects . . . tell him freely what you think of his situation w<sup>t</sup> respect to politicks as I know he has a great deference for your judgement . . . If the Lyon [Brodie of Brodie] gets his Touns fforse may chance to get his interest for this County . . . if Freswick gets the seat it might be throw the interest of my uncle and brothers and other friends . . . the country says he'll be neutral, but you know that wont probably please my friends if they promise to be for him . . . he should be for them for they'll say gife



gafe makes good friends . . I beg you mayn't let anybody know that ever I wrote on the subject, and if you join in opinion w<sup>t</sup> me pray talk the matter over w<sup>t</sup> forse . . that probably some good advantage to his family may be the consequence of his . . taking a right side. . . Kind com<sup>s</sup>. to your Lady and family, I am . . . Em. Sutherland. [The paper is gilt-edged, and to many of the words there still adhere glittering particles of fine sand, sprinkled to dry the ink according to the then fashion. Baillie has docketed "Augt. 1749, Ladie Forse." She was Emilia, daughter of John Sinclair, VI. of Ulbster, in Caithness, and wife of Captain John Sutherland of Forse. Three letters of his are found, two referring to the above business. As they are long, and illustrate several subjects, they are divided:—

No. 478, 1748.—Letter to Baillie, dated] March 16th . . . . Can you do me a service in finding me a merchant . . . for getting off my bear at least . . it's not a bit inferior to any in Sutherland. I try'd the weight . . 17 stone to the boll. I have 300 B. bear and 400 B. meal and have powers from my mother-in-law to sell 100 B. bear and a like quantity of meal . . . [For remainder, see after 631.

No. 479, 1749.—Letter to Baillie, docketed] Octr. 1749, Cap<sup>n</sup> Sutherland of Forse . . . Mr Barclay at last sent one of his ships . . at Staxigoe on Thursday late . . but . . he has already 500 bolls and it is all weighed and . . on board the boats that carry it to Staxigoe . . I never had so much trouble . . his baggs were execrably bad, so much was carried to Staxigoe in boats, and I was obliged to cause my people carry it from the boats to the girnell and turn it out of sacks . . and pack it in casks as he had not baggs sufficient . . I had so extraordinary trouble that I think myself well entitled to 40 pennies more on the boll . . a vast quantity of meal has gone this season from Caithness to Norway, none have yielded less than 9s per boll . . I . . shall stand by your award . . . [For rest see after No. 819. In a letter of 1751 he says:—] Meal is actually selling in Thurso for £5 ready money, and £6 is offered for Morayshire bear [i.e. Scots money, the 9s and 7s above being sterling] . . . the ship came for the 1000 B<sup>s</sup>. sold to Maclean & Finlay. I ordered Jo. Sutherland to put his meal aboard . . 300 bolls for your friend ly in my girnell . . .

[No. 480, 1749.—Letter to Baillie from Bailie Somerville of Renfrew.] . . have bought 1700 bolls victual from Lord Rosse . . am sending two vessels w<sup>t</sup> 40,000 sclates which please bespeak merchants for, or will not the new garison opposite to Chanonrie want them . . North country meal is sold now at Ayrth [near South Alloa] for 8s 6d . . .

[No. 481, 1750.—Letter to Baillie, docketed] Decr. 1750, Lord Duffus. Sir, I mett your servant and cart . . in my way to the ferry . . he had got no fruitt . . a letter from Gilbert

Barckly offering me eight merks for my oats the five firloths . . . delayed . . . till . . . your opinion . . . he would buy as much as . . . make a cargo . . . refer him to you to bargain for our joint parcells. My wife and I join in our compts to you and Miss Jennie Ross . . . Duffus.

[No. 482, 1751.—Letter: Geo. Chalmers, Edinburgh, refers to Lord Duffus.] ( ) his lordship's people either miscounted the number of bolls or plaid slight of hand in the measure which is often done especially if they measured with basketts which some use, and is not a fair way . . . Boag's cargo was measured with a larger firloft as usual at the ferry . . . John Douglas who recd the oats is a very honest man, the metter who measured, suerne [sworn] and the Firloft sealed . . . scrimp measure must have been given . . . As to the Coalls . . . I declined . . . having been treated so by severall heretors who . . . think we can get shipmasters to carrie coalls gratis, whereas . . . never . . . north but they make them come dearer than they could be bought at the place . . . Vessels . . . to load victuall in the Murray Firth carrie out coalls on their own account to Montrose, Aberdeen, Banff, and Inverness, and we get them cheaper . . . freight I paid was 8d per boll for oats, 9d for bear, and 10d when a vessell went out in ballast. Clark bought up 295 bolls which measured Stirlingshire measure 291 bolls with freight and port charges £18. [Foregoing many details of trade in produce are given as affording a study in economics—of shifts and eddies of trade in a region ruled by conditions of local harvests—also as showing the North of Scotland to have been a produce-exporting region by the middle of the century. In 1764 a skipper to the Sands of Nigg has to sail without loading fully “for fear of being neiped,” and in No. 466 a ship “lyes at the shoar” of Inverness. At Tain and Nigg vessels are still beached. In a Latin Retour of inquest at Fortrose in 1723, which declares Alexr. Shivas of Muirtown to have been vested in the lands of Kilmuir and Easter Sligo, one of the jury is a *naupegeus*, a shipwright; another a *chyrothecarius*, a glover. In a charter of 1614, and several older, we have a *faber lignarius*—CARPENTER, and detailed reference to their work in Nos. 329 and 458, and in

B. No. 483, 1668.—] Contract . . . David Ross of Balnagown and Alexr. Rosse, Carpenters in Inverness . . . all the timber work presentlie a building . . . three Loafsts, squaring of geasts, planeing ther three sydes and the dealls . . . on both sydes; make ane turned bed and folding-by bed in every chalmer, three frames of Cheares and ane table in each rowme, two tables and 12 cheares in the dining roome and to floir it with dealls planed on one side; three stools in all the window cases; all doores; to rooffe the tap house, to sark with dealls and theek with spoores [oak shingles] . . . all timber work from the found stone till the rigging stone . . . also scaffolds to the measones and ane centrie to the uper

vault . . to compleit . . wholl work betwix this and . . May 1669 . . David Ross alwayes furnishing all sort of timber . . requyered . . binds him to pay . . four bolls oat meall, two bolls malt, two stone butter, and sexteine of Cheise . . . betwix this and Junii nixt . . 130 merks . . betwix this and tent day of August . . 130 merks qn halfe of the work is done . . 140 merks on completing of the work . . 40 merks as . . expenses for ilk termes failzie . . . £100 by partie failzieing . . . . Written be Alexr. Fraser in Inverness . . Witnesses Walter Ross, chirurgiune in Inverness, Jon Guthrie, couper and burges yr. [Both parties and witnesses sign; and here may come in a contract for the raw material:—

B. No. 484, 1672.—] . . . contracted . . agreed betwix David Ross of Balnagown . . and Jeames Beanes his Ma'ties master wright . . . . yearly eight score of fire jests [fir joists] one half 26 foot long English measure and ten inches square . . . other half 28 ft. long and 12 in. sq. . . . sevin pundis Scots for ilk jest . . 20 score 20 to 26 ft. . . 7 or 8 inches square . . ilk . . £1 6s 8d Scots . . 3000 dealls . . good . . fire . . foure shorne, unrotten, and riven . . . 10-12 ft. long . . 1½ inch thick . . 10-12 in. broad counting 6 score to 100 . . 6s 8d each . . . 20 scor of sparooft . . 5-6 in. sq. 22-24 foot long . . 18 sh. each. [Both sign.] Witness, James Thomson, hat-maker, burges of Ed<sup>r</sup>. [And next year, 1673, there is a tack granted by David Ross to Finlay Buy, sawmiller in Ardmore, to cut 369 logs yearly in the woods of Strathcarron and Strathoykell, for which work he is to receive yearly a chalder of victual and 1340 deals. Another account is

B. No. 485, 1673.—] Accompt of glaiswork wrought at the fott of the Kirk Heuch in the land belonging to Ballengowne doone be Walter Scott . . In Patrick Scotts dwelling house 3 windows of the old glass taken down and sett over with new lide [lead] is 32 fotts at 30<sup>d</sup> a fott is £4. Item addet to them of new glais 24 losens at 16<sup>d</sup> is £1 12s . . 12 latches, 8s; 3 new windows, 3 pair of caiments and 2 little tap windows is 68 fotts of new glais £17 . . . [Glass was then set in small square or lozenge-shaped pieces, or *losens*, in lead frame. Of various trades we learn something from indentures:—

No. 486, 1670.—Torn.] At Reidcastle . . Wm. Mackenzie carpenter burges of In(verness) and James Fraser sone of Pat( ) ( ) for the space of thrie yeires ( ) giving heall tyme ( ) als weil be night as day and on Week day and Sabbath ( ) wt him in his service and not absent himself without his master's consent ( ) siclyke W. M. binds ( ) the said J. F. honestly in cloathes, shoes and linnen, meat and drink, and give to him at his going away ane axe, ane ( ) ruck saw, ane seming plain . . . .



[No. 487, 1689.—Indenture.] . . Hector Ross Carpenter Tain and Geo. McCulloch Little Allane . . . serve for 5 years and ane year thereafter sfor meat and fie . . . hauld and conseall his maisters privy counsell, ffoirwarne him of his prejudice and to the uttermost pairt of his power shall stop the same; no wayes . . . absent himself . . . under the payne of sex shillings eight pennies ilk day . . . no wayes be given to any vicious or ryotous games, such as carting, dyceing, night-walking, adulterie . . . . under the payne of reentering the . . . apprenticeship . . . . .

[No. 488, 1789.—Account.] H. Macleod, wright . . . . making 2 carts 3s 4d . . . making a stone cart of an old cart 8d . . . putting up a gang of stretching pelling [? paling] at Mary's Park 3 sh. . . putting in 2 exeltrees 1 sh. . . making a sloting geet [gate?] at Mary's Park, 8d. [Carpentry items from No. 329 may be given here:—] 11 jeasts 16 sh. each; 5 pair bands, 2 locks and stantials, £7 19 sh.; 5 small presses [i.e., formed in the wall], £12; Flooring and Work, £29; Two doors with bands, second story, £3 13s 4d; The bands of them, £1 10s; The roof of the jamb, £2 . . . 4 doors, 4 pair bands, and one lock, £9; Sixteen cupples, £10 10s; 120 lath, £3; A mickle and litle door, £2 13s 4d; A window and bands, £1 4s . . . The yett [gate] with bands and Crooks [as in No. 329, doors and windows were also hinged in that way]; 17 Rails, £1 14s; 100 cabbers, £1 6s 8d. [Next, as to MASON WORK:—

No. 489, 1679.—] Ane note of the comprysing of the stone work of the Kill of Knocknapark hewin layer stone and ane buriall place of asler work belonging to Jon McOtes of Knocknapark, Comprysed [valued] be Andro Ross meason in Millhill and Samuel Ross in Anckrwill faithfullie and honestlie conforme to thair subscriptiones and wrought be David Ross meason fra Cullen Aboyn:—Imprimis for the said Kiln being two reid [rood] and eight elns, each reid being 10 lib. and ane boll meal and 10s Scots the eln, is besides the meal £24. Item for two hewin dores of the said Kill £8; Item for laying of ane malt cobill . . . £1; Item for ane oven wrought to him at his dwelling, being four squar wt . . . ane heigh chimeney, £2; Item ane layer stone wrought for him at his desyre having ane full coat of armes and having name, £10; Item for his half of the buriall place w<sup>tin</sup> ye church yaird of Kilmure being all facit w<sup>tin</sup> of axler work and sex quarters all along under the ground, £13 6s 8d; Suma £58 6s 8d. Item interest or yeirly a'rent of the said soume fra the yeir 1667 being ij resting £41 6s 8d; Summa £99 6s 8d . . . [There is apparently an x wanting before the ij; if so, the interest is a little over 5 per cent.

B. No. 490, 1699.—Contract] . . . agreed betwixt David Ross of Balnagown and John Ross, Meason in Pitmaduthie . . . binds . . . himself as principall meason to caus hew as many sufficient hewin stones . . . as will serve a stone pend [arched

or vaulted passage] clost without cupples to the Bridge of Belnagowne where it is pitt [?] founded, and that the cast of the said pend shall be according to the rule of airt in hight and goodness and approven be John Ross befor the making of the centries for the s<sup>d</sup> pend and for the wholl meason work of the said bridge . . John Ross oblidges him for the laying and hewing thereof and to uphold . . in its full integritie, on his owin charges, for . . nynetein yeares after . . 1700 . . dammage if any happin to be repaired out of . . my goods and geir leaft be me . . . David Ross oblidges him . . lead stones for the s<sup>d</sup> hewen work to the bridge end . . . and to pay . . . for hewing twentie pundis Scots for each sex scoir eylers [?] and essler wark . . and to cauis build a centrie for the s<sup>d</sup> pend . . . For John Ross his care . . ane hundreth merks as master and overseer besyds his monthly wadges . . begin immediatly in order God willing to be readie for laying the 1st of March . . Laird furnising all material . . . [both sign. So there was a good stone bridge there in 1699, and apparently the approach at one end got undermined, and was to be restored by a dry arch carrying the road.

B. No. 491, 1720.—Part of letter: Charles Ross of Ey to the Laird of Balnagown.] . . I was speaking to M'Kinay about winning skleat at Ulladeall, but he says there's few . . and ill winning of them and are all flags . . his bargain with Culraine was ten merk and ten pecks of meal ye 1000 skleats . . There's a skleat quarry near Skatwell's house at Little ffindon . . Your mason Stronach his engaged w<sup>t</sup> my Lord Strathnaver to build the Castle of Dornoch before the last of August for 2300 merks for the mason work. [In a P.S.] . . . My last letter will not come to your hand . . . the Caithness runner did not get to Inverness till the bag was off by reason of the wind that stoped him at the Mikle Ferry Thursday night and Fryday morning. [In 1792 we have a "Smock Doctor" following the builder, as he still has to do sometimes. He sends in an account, declared by Alexr. Baillie, the occupier, to be unreasonable, and sues Baillie for it.

No. 492, 1763.—Letter to Baillie about Balnagown Castle.] . . many of the brigs of the vents were broke . . I ordered materials . . stones to be quarried on Scotsburn estate, and 100 double double naills . . dealls from those you have at Knockbreak . . I enclose a plan of a front of the porch which will be a considerable ornament to the house . . and the estimates . . 25 feet ground base at 8d is 16s; 16 feet handsome archatrave surrounding the entry to the porch . . is 16s; 28 feet cornice . . is £2; 170 feet polished ashlar is £5 13s; 3 pedestals and 3 globes. [Rest of paper, and plan, are wanting.

No. 493, 1789.—Missive letter, offering contract, and acceptance.] Hartfield 29th Sept. Sir, As I mean to build a

house . . . in the new extended town of Tain . . . . to be built of what is called solid mud except the corners, door, and window skimshions, Lintols and soles, chimneys and chimney heads, Sque and Wall tabeling, all of which is to be of the best quarry stones neatly hewed, the House to be 60 ft. long, 20 broad . . . length measured from the . . wall of the house you propose to build for yourself on your part of the Lott from thence up along Geanies St. for 60 ft. being my bounds . . . the side walls to be 16 ft. high and divided into two houses by a midle gable . . . each house to contain four fire rooms . . one window each room, front closet and staircase; windows . . 4 ft. high . . proportionable breadth . . . . also to make . . drains . . stones for these to be provided by me . . . . R. Murray. To Mr Hugh Rose, mud mason at Achnagarty near Lochaber. [Below is:—] Hartfield, 30th Sept. I do hereby agree . . . . only the nails for putting on the lath not to be at my expense.

BREWING and DISTILLING have already occurred frequently, as in Nos. 311 to 315; apparatus in Nos. 332, 336, 340, 341, including aquavitae pott and fleake; great brewing vat, little do., tub and sea, stands, barrels, and vats; aquavitae stell; also frequent brewhouses. In 1660, Robert Taylor, Inverness, sells to "Jon Coulson of Dundie a brewing caldrone of 25 gallons, and twa aquavytie potis the one qrof of 3 gallons the oyr of 4 gallons." See also No. 947. Of other trades, we had had in No. 288, year 1542, "cordinars," "wobsters," and "smyths." A paper of 1662 gives the "Tred Stent" of Tain, and a list, with occupations, of the persons rated. Of these, 34 are owners or farmers of land, 28 are women, 4 maltmen, 1 messenger, 4 weavers, 15 merchants, 2 skimmers, 2 litsters (dyers), 1 officer, 9 cordiners, 5 tailors, 1 customer (Customs officer), 1 saddler, 4 masons, 1 wright, 1 bower, 1 bakster, 1 peat caster, 1 smith, 4 posts, 1 snising maker (snuff miller), 1 "burne wyffe" or washerwoman. For list of 1657, see No. 950. As to Leather Trades, we have

No. 494, 1729.—] An Account Resting by the Lady Cambuscurrie Macleod to John MacRa, Shoemaker in Tain:—To an pair shoes to your daughter, £1 4s; An pair shoes to Cambuscurrie, £2 8s . . to your self, £1 10s . . to your sister, £1 10s . . . for ferentin . . . an pair shoes to Ey's daughter, £1 10s [such items repeated]; an pair Mourning to yourself, £1 16s . . . Received payment . . from Janet Mackenzie, relict of Aeneas Macleod of Cambuscurrie . . .

[No. 495, about 1700.—Part of a list of Burgh Council regulations.] . . Act ordeining every landed gentleman to pay for ringing the meikle bell on the death of any person £4 Scots; every townsman £2. The haver of the bell—see No. 394—for the tyme is not to ring the same but twyce, that is to say immediately on the death of any person and when ye corps is to be interred. ( ) Act ordeining shoemakers to



sell shoes at the following rates viz. : men shoon at 10s and womans at 7s. Act ordeining that no shoemaker within the burgh presume to sell shoon made by them 'twixt the mercat days to any landward ( ) untill first the menservants and strangers within the burgh ( ), the transgressors to pay five punds ( ). Act ordeining that the ordinary Council day be held every Munday, every absent member, unless excused by any of the magistrates, to pay £5 Scots ( ). Act ordeining that no shoemaker in this burgh sell any hydes, in respect the same occations the scarceness of shoon, and that they sell no shoon but on the ordinary day and that they keep Sunday ( ), which shoon are to be at the prices following, for men's shoon 12s, woman's 8s ( ). [See also No. 209. Apparently these higher rates were for usual trade, and the previous cheaper rate for "mercat" days. This would explain another of these curious "Acts," for "landward" outsiders might on mercat days clear out the whole stock at the cheap rate, and burghers have to pay the dearer rate afterwards. Again, it is noteworthy that, as we had in No. 42, the burghers of Tain obliged by a Royal charter to cease holding markets on Sunday, near the end of the 16th century; so, at the end of the 17th, we have the shoe trade on Sunday stopped. The hides in above were tanned, and we have seen in No. 215 a price, and in No. 316 a duty, on tanned hides.

No. 496, 1622.—[Paper, stained but entire.] Att Tayne the twentie sext day of Apryll Ia; vict twentie twa zeris. The Gentillmen underwrettin viz. Robert Monro of foullis, George Monro of Tarrell, David Ross of Pitcalnie, William Ross of Annatt, Mr Johne Monro of Ferne, William Ross of Invercharron, Walter Ross appeirand thairof, James Innes of Inverbreakie, Walter Innes appeirand thairof, Andro Monro of Culnald, Hector Monro of Clynis, Walter Ross of Morinscheis conveyand wt my lord Erskines Commissioneris anent ordour tacking for tanning of leather conforme to the lait ordor prescrywit be his Ma'tie and lords of his hienes Secreit Consell of this Kingdome [a tax had been laid on tanned hides] hes condescendit and undertackin . . . faithfullie promitt . . . To cum wt thair hail men tennents and servantis dwelland upon thair landis maist ewayis commodious and adjacent to . . . Tayne and be east the brig of Alness cume and offer thair hail leather to the underwrettin . . . tanneris to be tannit, barkit, dryit, and stampitt sufficientlie be thame and redelyverit as follows viz. : Daniell Ross McAllister in Tayne, Walter McAndro yr., finlay McCallen, Alexr. McFinlay Dowy, Wm. Hay, Johne Cuik burges yr., David McKenzie, finlay Clerach, Donald McGulliphedder, Thomas Davidsons, William Smert, and Robert Roy—Quhilkis . . . tanneris . . . for thair awin pairtis binds thame to receive the forsaid leather frae the persones offerers thairof and to bark tan and dry . . . wtin the space of twentie oulkis [weeks] . . . and to redelyver

. . . stampit . . to the awneris . . for payment of twentie shillingis Scottis money . . . ilk hyid allowand four skinne w<sup>tin</sup> twa yeir auld for ilk hyd, and siclyke as ar above twa zeir auld to be halden and to pay as hyids. And at the delyverie of the leather . . the tanneris . . obleist to find ane cautioner for the redelyverie . . sufficientlie tannit . . . upon the pryce foresaid And this condition and ordinance to indure q<sup>ll</sup> . . Whitsunday . . 1623 . . and in caice onie debeatt . . . in the executione of this bussines It is agreit that the gentillmen . . and tennents . . sall . . persewe . . said questiones befor the provest and bailzeis of Tayne and Wm. Ross of Invercharron as accessor q<sup>m</sup> my Lord Erskine hes appoyntit judges . . . subscriyvit thir pnts. . . Siclyke it is condescendit be . . . getillmen under-subscriyvaris w<sup>t</sup> consent of the saids Commissioneris that the hail leather betwix Dingwall and the brig of Alness sall be tannit w<sup>tin</sup> the toun of Alness and hes appoyntit for tanning yrof. Quhilkis tanneris above wrettin hes acceptit . . . [Foulis, Tarrel, Pitcalnie, Annat, Invercharron, Culnald, and Morinsches, also of the tanners John Cuik and Daniell Ross, sign, but the other tanners, " w<sup>t</sup> hands led at ye pen be ye notar, becaus we can not wreit." Another part of the process then followed is in

No. 497, 1739.—Part of libel or complaint before the Sheriff. Accused] . . came to the Water of Tain or stripe running below the town of Tain where the petitioner had several hydes in lime and stole two of them . . [i.e., in pits or pools adjoining the water. See also No. 374, where hides are sent from Brahan to Inverness to be dressed in 1705. We have already the wearing of wigs in Nos. 384, 378, &c. From that came anothe trade, as in

No. 498, 1708.—] Indenture . . . Alexr. McKenzie, son of Master John Mackenzie, minister at Lochbroome . . James Anderson, periwigmaker and burges of Inverness . . in his airt and vocation of periwigmaking and barborizing trade . . four years . . Murdo Mackenzie his brother as cautioner . . . be a leall faithfull and obedient prentice as well be night as day . . without absenting himself . . under the penaltie of two days service for ilk days absence without leave. His masters secrets he shall keep, his commands . . perform, hurt to his master he shall not doe, but . . hinder his skaith . . All cards, dyce or other unlawfull geames he shall not . . haunt nor the company of . . lewd persons . . neither commit the filthie fact of fornicatione or adulterie nor contract matrimonie . . under paine of serving 4 years. . . Likeas J. A. binds . . to provide . . habilziments, meat and drink . . instruct . . [Among the witnesses are another periwig-maker and a wright. In 1707, George Anderson, periwig-maker, Inverness, gets a decree against Alexander Mackenzie of Gairloch. In 1742 there is a petition to the Sheriff by Alexander Munro, wigmaker, Kiltearn; and in

1742 there are summoned to serve as jurymen in Tain Walter Ross, wigmaker, and James Ross, musician. The musician's relict is summoned in 1759 to pay "maills and dutys." In 1686, James Innes, hatmaker, is witness to a bond; and the glove-maker, or chyrotecarius, has been seen in several papers and note to No. 482.

No. 499, 1737.—[Indenture . . . Wm. son of Hugh Dallas Town Clerk of Taine . . . Henry Hook weaver in Taine . . . faithfullie serve for 5 years . . . not absent himself . . . under penaltie of 1 merk a day . . . no carding, dicing, drunkenness nor night-walking, nor defile his body with uncleanness under penalty of serving other 2 years . . . Henry Hook binds himself to instruct . . . in weaving . . . plain linning after the Dutch method, weaving woollen damask and dornick, pilking of yearn . . . laying the same out for work . . . method of washing and drying the same . . . warping . . . dressing thereof and every other part of the craft. . . . [In 1766, G. Ross, Edinburgh, writes to Baillie:—] I am glad you get so good business for your weavers . . . a bleetching field is too great an undertaking to begin so soon. [In 1798 a Weaving Company, with works at Spinningdale and at Milntown of Newtarbat, petition the Sheriff for a warrant to apprehend two apprentices who had absconded. In 1748 we have, in a summons, "James Ross, master of the linning manufactory at Milntown."

No. 500, about 1737.—[Disposition.] John Glas, flaxdresser at Rosehall, to his spouse Anne Mackay . . . tenements, houses, biggings and yards in North part of Tain belonging to John Glas his grandfather, with the Highway or Street on the South and East, the stripe or run of water on the West . . . tenements of . . . Alexr. Ross, Pitcalny and . . . Lilly Gardner on the North. [See also No. 855.]

No. 501, 1750.—[Petition to Council, &c., by John Reid, merchant in Tain] . . . being manadger . . . of that branch of the British Linen Manufactory lately called the Osnaburge now the Edinburge carried on in this Burgh . . . already . . . the spinning of the yarn with pretty good success . . . he intends now to carry on the weaving . . . to keep in employment numbers of Idlers and people . . . necessary to have . . . ground lying close by the water side for bleaching the yarn . . . There being such a spot closs by the . . . Washing Burn [see No. 965] at the south side near the east end of the Links . . . which the petitioner has already marked out by setting up poles or trees . . . a little house . . . proper utensils for boiling and keeping the yarn . . . to prevent idle cavil or disputes . . . . impower him to inclose the same with timber . . . .

[No. 502, after 1752.—Memorial or letter; first four pages only.] ( ) this that you may lay it before the Trustees for improving fisheries and manufactures in Scotland . . . .



having been pleased . . . anno 1752 to allow . . . £60 stg. for building a hecklary . . . same was done at the foot of Strath-oikle . . . navigable river extending 20 miles above Tayne . . . capitall of the Shire of Ross . . . equally commodious for Ross and Sutherland . . . Upon after application representing the extra expense of bringing flax from Cromarty and . . . yarn back . . . to Cromarty, the Trustees . . . allow £5 each 4 tons of flax . . . manufactured . . . In the neighbourhood . . . are sevin parishes none above 14 miles from the hecklary . . . there are of men, women and children fitt to work 15,000 in these bounds . . . begun to spin coarse yarn . . . Nor is there any difference between the . . . inhabitants . . . and what is supposed the most barbarous parts of the Highlands but that . . . live under masters and superiors of better disposition . . . [In 1761 a ship for Portsoy with 93 matts of flax is driven on the beach at Inver, and Harry Munro, manufacturer, Tain, and John Ross, flax-dresser, assess the damage. In 1769, Messrs Wm. Sandeman & Co., Perth, through their agent, John Montgomery, Milntown of New Tarbat, consign to George Ross, Tain, £168 worth of flax, to be manufactured there, but he fails to account for it, and an action is raised. In 1777, George Macintosh, Glasgow, writes to the factor of Balnagown that he and Mr Glassford are concerned in a new manufacture of dye-stuffs, and asks consent for having the weeds, out of which these are made, gathered on the hills and moors, in which gathering 700 or 800 hands will be employed. As to MINING, we have

B. No. 503, 1629.—Parchment, Discharge; Royal seal attached, but broken.] Charles . . . to our auditouris of our exchecker . . . we . . . forsameikle as . . . contract . . . maid . . . umquhile Thomas foullis goldsmythe burgess of Edinburgh . . . assignation of tak dewtie of the leid mynes . . . two yeires . . . extending to . . . thrie thousand merkis . . . to be employit . . . in searching and wyning of gold in the gold mynes of Crawford moore [on the upper Clyde] . . . obleist to mak . . . delyverie of the hail gold to be wyne [got] for our use . . . we understanding said Thomas . . . did interteane [keep up] at his exorbitant [outside his right] charges and expenses . . . till his deathe, and since then . . . George foullis maister of our cunzie-house [mint] . . . and Johnne Mure of Aniestoun . . . ane great number of workmen not onlie . . . gold . . . bot also . . . mony mae . . . digging ane watter-gang be the space of thrie myles . . . to the braes and places of the mynes . . . seeing . . . Erle of Mar . . . thesaurar . . . hes instantlie [just] delyverit to us the quhole parcell . . . of minerall gold quhilk wes wyn . . . we graciouslie acceptis . . . and for the better encouragment . . . works so commendable . . . with advyse of . . . Archibald Lord Naper of Merchingstoun . . . Sir Wm. Alexander of Menstrie . . . maister of our metallis and mines . . . exonerit . . . of the said contract . . . [It is noteworthy that one of the earliest British medals, as distinct from coins

and mere tokens, was one of the Regent Albany in 1524, and it was made of gold from Crawford Moor.

No. 504, 1776.—Letter to Baillie, Ardmore, and account.] Brora . . Sir, This . . delivered by . . skiper of a Golspy boat which brings you 2 tons coal at 6 sh. a ton; 6 bolls salt at 7 sh. a boll, duty 4 sh.; Tyde officers dues 1 sh.; 3 doz. sherry £2 14s, and 1½ doz. port £1 7 sh. I have taken the officer from home so as to save the duty of the coal. The salt is sent in 12 short bags . . sealed . . . The boat hire is one boll 3 pecks victual . . . Seal up the money and deliver to the skipper . . Hugh Houstoun. [The mines at Brora were then worked, the coal was sent farther than it is now; there was a duty on it, which, however, could be evaded, and it was used for making salt by evaporation, on which also there was a duty. SMELTING OF IRON was at least proposed, though the result is not in

No. 505, 1749.—Letter: Lord Rosse, Edinburgh, to Baillie.] . . ye coarce iron which turf will easily make is best . . for backs of chimneys which are much wanted here . . and as ye man proposed to go is a founder he may find other use for ye iron oar that can be melted by ye charcoal of peats . . there is much bear exported this year to Norway . . great consumption when ye King is in that country. I am extreamly glad ye manufactures go on so well . . it will be happy for them also that they have given over brandy . . . I hope ye government will . . send sufficient . . troops . . to secure ye honest people in ye highlands from depredation. I know they are verry earnest to promote industry among them . . . [Same subject at end of

No. 506, 1747.—Same, from Edinburgh, to same.] . . . you will get a good price for all straight oak trees and good fir trees . . crooked oak will sell best at Lieth . . vessel belonging to Mair is to make many trips to Inverness on Mr Adams' account . . . my only reason for trying ye peat chair is that a very sensible man here who deals in working iron assures me that it will doe, only that it takes a greater quantity than of wood chair. [Two ironworkers appear in

No. 507, 1728.—Latin Sasine.] . . . Wm. Robertson to his wife Margaret . . tenement in West part of Tain . . between that of Hugh Ross, gunsmith, to the North . . street and Alexr. Mackenzie, blacksmith, on the East, Auldmatlach on the West . . Macculloch on the South. [In an obligation of 1674 occurs "James Grant, dirkmaker in Brahan."

Under furniture inventories we have had CLOCKS, WATCHES, and SILVER goods; also in No. 168. In an account of 1663, against Balnagown, there is a "watch yt runs 28 hours, of the best mak in France, £50"; and there is a curiosity of clockwork in

No. 508, 1763.—Agreement] . . between Hugh McLeod of Geanies and Gavin Skeoch, cloack and watch maker, late in Glasgow . . . obliges himself to make . . good materials . . and workmanship . . eight day cloack . . go regularly . . and join to the same all the parts, wheels, barrels, &c., that belong to a musick cloack that will play such twelve tunes as Geanies shall appoint . . . and that by the turning of a hand it will play any one of the 12 tunes . . to note on the barrels those 12 tunes in ane exact pointed way . . begin . . February . . finished . . August . . to play one tune each three hours every day, to change itself each 24 hours and play a new tune each day of the 12 days . . obliges . . not to leave his work one day till . . finished without . . allowance . . . Geanies . . to pay . . Gavin . . Ten guineas . . 3 when the work is ended, 3 three weeks after . . 4 at the end of the year if it goes regularly . . not wrong any manner of way . . further to maintain . . Skeoch at . . Geanies while he works . . . penaltie of £2 Stg. . . . Witnesses, Wm. Urquhart, schoolmaster at Geanies, and Colin Mackenzie, son to . . tacksman of Balnacore of Cadboll. [There is next a complaint by Geanies to the Tain Magistrates, reciting above agreement; that Skeoch began, but later he and John Ross, a watchmaker in Tain, proposed partnership, and that they should finish the clock in Tain. A piece is torn out of the paper, but it appears from the next part that Skeoch got into trouble and was shut up in the Tolbooth; that Geanies demanded the clock, almost finished, from Ross, who refused, alleging that he bought it of Skeoch "while in the Tolbooth." Geanies offers to pay the stipulated price to any who has the right to it, and sues for delivery of the clock. There is no paper giving the result, nor any trace now of the clock itself, so far as known. But in a sheet of accounts of George Miller, treasurer of Tain in 1768, there are entries—"Paid Skeoch, clockmaker, £1 5s," and "Paid John Ross, clockmaker, for salary, £2 15s."

No. 509, 1787.—] . . Roup . . Hugh Ross, silversmith in Tain . . . [repetitions avoided by summing up similar lots] Silver-mounted snuffbox, 7s 6d; 3 pr. silver buckles, 28s 6d; 9 silver Table spoons 21½ oz., £5 11s; 47 silver hearts, 65s 6d [these were used as engagement gifts]; 1 gold heart, 11/6d; 11 silver rings, 15s 6d; 9 silver tea- and two sugar-spoons, 22s 10d; 5 gold rings, £1 8s 3d; 3 boxes containing precious stones, 10/3; parcel of pearls, 3s; 21 watch glasses, 1s 6d; 2 candlesticks and caster, 1s 8d; 2 Coffee Pots; 3 nutmeg graters; gold weights and Bullion weights and Bismar; a press with glass front; punch ladle, 9s 6d; 2 China bowls, 10/. [Rest is household furniture. For note as to some of the purchasers, see under Tain after No. 986. In 1773, in a letter, Wm. Nicol, watchmaker, Edinburgh, quotes for Barometer, Thermometer, and hygrometer, £2 12s 6d; Barometer and Thermometer, £2 6s 6d; Baro-



meters, £1 5s to £2 10s. As to COINED silver and gold, there is a reference to very old coinages in

B. No. 510, 1593.—Receipt.] I James Nicolsoun maister measone grantis me to have receavit . . fra . . George Ross of Balnagown . . fourtie libs. money hail and compleit payment of . . money victuall, wavers [small timber], and . . uther . . in ye Inventory maid . . concerning ye new wark of Balnagown . . . . At Tayne ye xxi day of Octr. ane thousand fyve hundert fourscoir threttin zeires . . witnesses, Alexr. Hay, Andro McCulloch, burgesses of Tayne †N. [Below, on same paper:—] I . . James Nicolsoun obleistis me to delyver ye peices of gold following to ye said George Ross . . Mertimes nixt . . for ye pryces subsequent . . ane auld ross nobill at vi merks vi sh. and viii d.; Ane dubill deucat at ten merks; Ane Angell nobill at sevin merks; Ane new angell nobill at four merks; Ane half of ane auld Ross nobill at fyve merks ten shillings; tway crownes, extending to aucht merks. In ye hail, sevin peices. [See also end of No. 465. George Ross was evidently a collector of old coins. In an account of 1688 we have “fyve rex dollers, £14 10s,” whence the rex-dollar was then 56s Scots, or 4s 8d stg.; but in No. 531 it is given 60s, and in an account of 1699 there is one rex-dollar reckoned 58s Scots. In a printed advertisement of 1746, sent by Thomas Cumming, Cork, to Col. Monroe, a quotation of £5 1s Irish money for shagg is reckoned at £4 13s 3d stg. As to FINANCE, there are many letters from John Coutts and the firm, not only as to money, but as to purchases and sales of grain, in which they evidently dealt either as principals or agents. Even their banking letters and notices usually end with news as to harvest prospects or grain prices—see one in No. 449. In 1750, one signed Coutts & Trotter intimates the death of John Coutts at Malaga, and next comes this letter:—

No. 511, 1751.—] To Wm. Baillie at Ardmore. Edinburgh 18th April. I take the liberty to advise you of my arrivall here the 11th curt. . . . My bad state of health when abroad detained me in France. . . . I take this oppurtunity . . . sincere acknowledgements for the kind regard . . . since my Father's death shown to our Interest . . . make it our study to merit the continuance . . . . Patrick Coutts. My Firm of the house here—Coutts Son & Trotter. Do. at London—Coutts, Trotter & Stephen. [The following letter has reference both to the firm and to trading by lairds:—

No. 512, 1746.—Letter: Lord Reay to Wm. Baillie.] Tongue 27th Octr. . . . As your Bill on Mr Coutts & Comp. was accepted, I send you the 2nd Bill, and as I forgot to take up Robert Mackay's Bills on you if you have keep'd them return . . taking away your subscription . . I shall be glad to hear that the cattle turns to good account; as none lost

by them hitherto I should be sorry you was the first. I have got my Butter sold at home. I thank you kindly for the use of your boat. . . My son writes me from Edr. . . . gained universal credite that the two french Vessells with the Pretender's son &c. were taken by our Cruizers . . Reay.

[No. 513, 1725.—Letter to] The Much Honord The Laird of Newmore. . . I receved from your servent . . 13 stone of Butter and 18 of Cheese all weighed at Baillie Hossack's sight, but your butter is so foule that it will allow discompt one stone. Receive wt your bottmen one half hyd of Benn lether . . . Ang. McIntoshe, Inverness. [In a letter of 1766, Alexr. Gray of Skibo writes from Edinburgh:—] John Gray of Rogart had a strange trocking with a variety of matters. When he was here he sold groceryes, wines and I know not what, and told me he had discharged a good deal of his debts. I have admired how he warped himself out of difficulties.

[No. 514, 1749.—Letter: Bailie Somerville, merchant, Renfrew, to Wm. Baillie.] . . I have bought 1700 bolls from Lord Rosse . . sending 2 vessels with 40,000 sclates, which bespeak merchants for, or will not the new garison opposite Chaurie [i.e., Fort-George] want them . . North country meal has sold now at Ayrth for 8s 6d . . . .

[No. 515, 1763.—Letters: Earl of Seafield to Wm. Baillie.] Cullen House . . My chamberlain Alexr. Grant concluded a bargain . . for transporting 100 bolls of barley to Redcastle as you desired . . . I doubt not of its satisfaction . . . I have no hope of a bargain with Findrassie but by your means . . . Findlater & Seafield. 1764.— . . Received . . order upon Coutts's House at Edr. for any sum between £800 and £1000 Scots . . . . My Lord Kinnoul generally gets a higher price than other people . . goodness of his grain . . easy delivery to the consumers in Perth . . Findlater & Seafield. [Retail trading is illustrated in

B. No. 516, 1664.—Sheaf of small notes: Balnagown and his sister to a Tain merchant, Macculloch.] Louing frend, I hop that you have bought my shous according to my brothers order, as for the stuf the pries is tunty shiligs the els . . . being in hest I rest your louing frend Katheren Ross. [On back] for Allaxander Maccloh thes ar. [Another] Louin frind, the last later was not so wel pened as it oght to have ben therfor I disyer that ye may by too per of Shous and too per Sokens ather grine or rid but if you can have them grine I loue them best. Caues by too pers of glovs on per wheet and the other en hansum coler send en sugar lof the laird informed me that did by sum linen to be my brother shartt so this is all . . . [Above are holograph, the next is not, so the politeness and spelling are both less extraordinary.] Alexander M'Culloch ye sall be pleisit to delyver to this bearer thrie pound of your best hops as als ane

peaper of prins for the last y<sup>t</sup> wes sent to me is goine by my hands and cannot cum be y<sup>m</sup> . . . At Ardmuir . . . 29th Mearch 1664 . . . [From David Ross to same.] . . . Ye sall give off as much grayes as the taylor will say my Brother will need, to be cassok and breeches . . . ye give als much irone and lead as Alexr. Ross of Pitmaduthy will call for . . . lykeways be pleasit to caus your toone smith enter to meak some halpays for me . . . Ye will give to Duncane Fraser Glassin wright ane stone of lead such as he will choise . . . 22 March 1664. [After lead—feathers; for in 1670, Alexr. Raine, Kincardine, agrees to bring to Balnagown “20 stone weight of good guise reathers for beds, at four punds Scots ilk stone.”]

No. 517, 1684.—Missive to] Thomasse Ffraser Mairgane in Inverness. Cullcairne . . . sent this Bearer . . . for ye gun . . . I desire y<sup>t</sup> it may be of ye widest . . . also . . . as much pouther and shott as will try ye gun, ane pound of lead and ane quarter pound of pouther . . . bind myself to satisfy you at Witsonday markat . . . R. Campbell. [Beneath is the account] ane gunn at £10 . . . poudder and lead 7s.

[No. 518, 1702.—Sheaf of little notes, all from [Issobel Ross, Mulderg, to Andrew Manson, mercht, Tain. Sir, Give the bearer six pounds of whit sugar and two pound of black sugar, an unce meac [mace?], two unce great Jemaka spice, ( ) of nutmegs; likways an good hanging lock [padlock], an half unce of cinamon, which is all for your friend Issobel Ross—ane quart of watters [spirits]—ane ston of tallow . . . 3 ells and half of cours cloath—two pound of sterch, an unce and half of indego, ane paper of prins, ane quarter pound of reid birsell and  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. of allm—1 lb. tobaccko—ane timber come [wooden comb]— $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. of ginger, an unce of Jamaka peper—a quart of aquavita—ane paper of prins and an bout of knittens, a pack of placairts [playing cards.] [Repetitions of the same articles are omitted. Different notes separated by dashes. All begin and end like the first, but the following are signed by Ja. M' Culloch:—] A pound of the role tobaccko ye promised to make for me . . . a quair good paper—an unce of great brown silk for buton holes. [The following quaint specimen of seventeenth century book-keeping touches several trades:—

B. No. 519, 1672.—Docketed by David Ross,] Accompt twixt Alexr. Ross and me . . . what dails I gave the laird since my entrie to the milne. I sent to Ardmuir three score single dails and four slabs qch macks of merchand dails . . . 35 . . . to the Crives 40 dails . . . to the shipe 1205 . . . at half mark the dail £807 6s 8d . . . meall I gave of this yeires crope . . . to Allexr. Simpsono Bonnyness 2 bolls, more to . . . Allexr. Reach 1 boll, m. to . . . bowman 2 bolls . . . to the wrights 2 bolls &c. . . in all is just ten bolls . . . Memorandum . . . money accompt betwixt the laird and me . . . ane tickatt as the



superplus of . . . last accompt 220 merks . . . by ane ordor qch he caused me to allow to Alexr. Ross pyper twell merks . . . m. for ane old rest qch was forgot at the laird's desyr to the coupers and packers of the fishe 12s; more upon a night in companie with Inverlawell . . . 15s; m. upon anoyr night qch Androw Ross sould pay . . . 9s . . . summa totalis 1153 merks 7s 4d of qch I am to deduce 400 merks for his years dewtie of the milne—remennes 754 merks 4 sh. ; more for 19 bolls meall . . . four score fyftein merks with 10 merks I am owing for beir qch is 105 merks, so remanes . . . 649 merks. Item . . . to pay Finlay Baine 60 merks, so remanes 589 4 sh. Item I gave at the laird's desyre to Gilbert Barclay a hunder daills at £24 qch makes in all . . . owing me 625 merks 4s. [Next in David Ross's hand, and signed] I heirby allow the above wreittin accompt and discharges . . . ferme of the meall milne . . . and 400 merks of the dewtie . . . [There are several indentures of apprentices to merchants:—

No. 520, 1667.—] Duncan McRae, sone of the thesaurar of Ross . . . to Alexr. Dunbar, merchant burgher of Elgin . . . 3 years . . . 1 year for meat and ffie . . . pay for prentissie 400 merks . . . [and in 1671] . . . Thos. McCulloch, son of umquhile Thomas McCulloch of Easter Craighouse, to Geo. Mackay, merchant, Fortrose . . . prentice in ye vocation of merchandizing . . . no carding, dyceing, drinking . . . if he commit the filthe ( ) . . . serve other 4 years . . . [Many points in seventeenth century trading are illustrated in

No. 521, 1697.—] Clame and complaint, John Rose and John Manson, Chapmen in Tayne, against Neil McKey and John Dow in Tounge ( ) Capt. Hugh McKay younger of Borley, James Roy in Lettes, and Wm. Naverach in Kintail . . . forenamed persones with two young boyes . . . did seas our persons in the mounth betwixt Lelte [Lealty] and auldnaheanie and till yt place persued us . . . after beating us with batons and offering to have our lives by keeping naked durks and bended pistols to our breast rendered us poustoreless [postureless, i.e., in no position] . . . to defend . . . seised our packs . . . and took away . . . fyne lynnyn, fyne stryp musline, bonets, tabaco, kniefs, pistoll belts, spiceries . . . other goods . . . value £200 Scots, a parcel of pearls worth thrie scoir pounds . . . pistols and other vapons . . . £24 . . . declared if they had followed the Commission we should not goe of the spot with our lives . . . affrighted . . . glad to win away with such pausture as we had . . . great hurt of our credit . . . we . . . made a bargan of Leather such as hyds, sheep and goats skins . . . with Elgin merchants at saint Benat's Fair last in Chanory . . . bought from . . . wtin M'Kay's bounds quantities of leather . . . for debts resting us and hand payment . . . to our merchants we have the failzie of ane hundreth pounds . . . severall debts . . . should have been paid were it not the said unlegall usage . . . never suffered to stay . . . and collect . . . disappointed our creditors . . . raised dilligence against us . . . Captain Hugh was the outhounder . . .

to the said wicked work . . . because . . . apprehended a Gum and prejudice against the town of Tayne upon the accompt of uncle Collonel Robt. McKay . . . crave remeid . . . [These chapmen, pushing trade into the outlying glens and moors with packs on their backs, were a thriving class. We see they meet Elgin merchants at a Chanonry market, and contract to give hides and skins which they get in payment for goods through the country. We see again the disorder of that time. In Nos. 215 and 495 and others, we have seen the minute regulation of, and interference with, trade. Trade was restricted by the privileges of the burghs over districts.]

No. 522, 1457.—[Photo in Tain of Latin Charter in Inverness.] James, &c., . . . We for the praise and honour of God Almighty and the blessed St Duthus have approved . . . confirmed the infeftments and gifts . . . by our predecessors . . . to . . . the Collegiate Church of Tayne . . . and those dwelling in the town and immunity . . . all the liberties and privileges . . . Yet so that our present confirmation do not cause prejudice for the future to our burghers of Inverness in respect of the infeftments granted to them . . . by our predecessors . . . At Inverness . . . 1457 . . . This is a true copy . . . produced . . . 1564 . . . Mr Jacobus Makgill. [Inverness had claimed exclusive right of trade, and tried to prevent shipping at Tain, which appealed to James II. This rather doubtful deliverance of his did not prevent Inverness from renewing the contest. Trade was further restricted by the privileges of burghesses:—

No. 523, 1682.—[Suspension; parts torn out.] . . . Donald McEan vic Alister in Culich in Ardrross complaner . . . is chargit be . . . pretendit lres of horning . . . at instance of Alexr. Ross, Dean of Gild of . . . Tayne, on behalf of . . . hail burghesses yrof, to desist . . . from . . . any privat mercats, fairs, stalling, packing, peilling, buying or selling of her-ring, salmond, cloath, yron, hemp, or oyr. merchandise wair and staple guids . . . to the hurt and prejudice of . . . Tayne . . . under paine of rebellione . . . have caused denunce said complener rebell . . . apprehend . . . incarcerat in the tolbooth of Tayn . . . most wrongously . . . In this same matter . . . in 1675 . . . application made of suspension . . . due intimation . . . never discussed . . . said letters ought . . . to be suspended . . . and said magistrates . . . punished . . . because any merchandising yt ever complener had was onlie small wair at publict mercat or wtin the libertie of our burgh of Fortrose grof complener is burges as his . . . ticket evidenced . . . and he has constant residence . . . Delny . . . 8 miles fully from . . . Tayn . . . testified under the baron . . . his hand . . . traiding wtin the lands yrof only . . . [Other legal pleas recited, and as the result] . . . messenger past at command of . . . suspension . . . to the mercat cross of Tayn . . . summoned Alexr. Ros Dean of Gild, Walter Ross Provost,

Jon Ros Nicolson, and Angus McCulloch bailies, to compear . . . at Edr. . . . dewly relaxit the said Donald . . . and delyverit to ( ) procurator for . . . suspender the wand of peace as use is.

[No. 524, 1684.—] Ane Dean of Gild court . . . Tayne . . . be John Manson [with a bailie and 9 councillors as assessors] . . . James Allan in Cromartie accused of unfree trading and wronging of the liberties of . . . burgh . . . confessit . . . fyned £50 Scots and . . . prison till he pay, and bind himself under ye payne of £100 . . . not . . . in tyme coming. John Urq<sup>t</sup>. in Cromartie lykways accused . . . sworne . . . deponed . . . did neather buy nor sell £40 Scots worth of staple goods since the burgh of Cromartie where he lived did give up [i.e., their charter and standing as a burgh—see No. 785.] The judge referred to the Provest. [The £100 bond is given, signed by Allan and his wife, Agnes Linsey; and on another day] . . . Alexr. Gray in Invercharron accusit . . . of unfree traiding provin be witnesses . . . fyned in threttie punds. Hew Ross in Leachclavack accusit for the lyk . . . confessit he bocht two barrels of salt and sold it out for crukes . . . fyned in £14 . . . witness . . . declared both of them gave Iron and salt for turves, strae, and uther casualities for the tope of his house . . . fyned ten pounds . . . [Rest of paper after No. 962. There was a revolt against the exclusive trade privileges of burgesses, and it was successful, for we have—

No. 525, 1685.—] Ane list of the unfree traders [20 names given] within . . . Taine and keipes oppin chopes [open shops] . . . and dayly trade . . . within and outwith the burgh to the great hurt and prejudice of the free men. Not only that but also possess the ghilderie loft and takis the preference of the same as if they had payed and kontraktit yrfor . . . everie Lord's Day sitt yrin . . . equally with the persones y<sup>t</sup> payed for making up the said loft. [24 burgesses signing] craves . . . dean of Gild order the said loft and let ilk man sitt yrin according to yr pay . . . and removal of the . . . unfree traders . . . [On the other hand, the burghs had trouble with monopolies and gifts by the King:—

No. 526, 1688.—MS. circular letter to Royal Burghs as to the meeting of Convention of Burghs of that year—19 paragraphs; par. 2:—] Item the burgh of Edr. to report their dilligence in stopping any gift that shall happen to be presented to the Exchequer in favour of any person . . . for ane monopolie or oyr. gift . . . to the prejudice of ye burrows, and that yr agent advance any money necessar for stopping yrof. [Par. 3—] The agent to report . . . anent ane act . . . for taking off ye 4 lib. imposit upon the tun of french wyne and Butt of Spanish wyne exacted be the deceist James Somervell be vertue of his gift in all ye royall burrows . . . and now be these that has y<sup>t</sup> gift . . . Lykeways for getting the tacksmen, collectors and other servents . . . majesties customes dis-



charged [forbidden] to trade during the tyme of yr charge. [Par. 8—] . . . anent the suspension . . . against Peter Brans who charged . . . horning . . . severall burghs . . . upon his gift upon the accompt of . . . selling playing cairds that were not made be him [i.e., Peter had got a monopoly of the making of cards, and was enforcing it.] . . . Petition given in be the burgh of Kilreny craveing to be expunged out of the burrows roll and frie of all bygone burdens . . . most considerable inhabitants . . . to compear . . . and answer such interrogators . . . a clear discovery . . . whether they ought to continue . . . [Par. 6—] . . . Collection towards building of the bridge of Dumbarton . . . agent . . . take security . . . shall be applyed . . . [Par. 9—] Ilk burgh to give ane exact list to the agent, of such burgesses of frie burghs . . . adjacent that are pairtners in ships belonging to inhabitants of burghs of regality and barronie and other unfree places and does not load and liver at ports of frie royall burghs . . . agent to raise . . . horning against . . . transgressors . . . fynes of 500 merks . . . [Another restriction and privilege getting broken down, and, strangely, by burgesses themselves. But the Convention could strive also for useful reform, as in par. 10—] . . . Linlithgow to report . . . what burghs . . . not conformed to the standart by taking from Linlithgow ane sett of measures for bear and meall conforme to . . . act of Convention 1683—[see No. 432. In par. 15 is a grant of 500 merks to Renfrew to rebuild the tolbooth; and in par. 16, the mean and distressed condition of Dysart. In par. 19 the total Convention dues to be raised are £5646—Tain to pay £24. The contest against trade restriction was no new one. In 1657 Tain instructed their Commissioner at the Convention] to complain against the burrow of Dornoch for not useing diligence against unfree tredderis, and in particular for Wm. Munro at Spanziedaill, as also against Weik and Thurso qrby we are prejudged; [and we have:—

No. 527, 1675.—MS. circular of Convention.] . . . To represent to the Lords of Counsell the great prejudice . . . sustained by the societie of the fishing trade through importing of all sorts of commodities—that therefor they may be restricted from importing . . . but such as are necessar for preservation of the trade under £20 ilk burgh conforme to act of Convention at Dundie 1671 . . . Tak to consideration the decayed condition of the burgh of Forteros and to reduce them to their proportion of the taxt roll . . . . Supplication of Kintore for expunging them out of the roll of burghs. [To show how persistent were some of the questions before the Convention, a few extracts may be given from a printed copy occurring of their circular of 1777:—

No. 528, 1777.—[Par. III. The burgh of Edr. to report, &c. [identical with par. 2 of 1688, No. 526.] Par. IX. . . .

Uniformity in . . . reel of worsted yarn . . . linen yarn must be . . . in cuts and hesps or hanks, each hank . . . 12 cuts . . . each cut 120 threads exactly numbered and no more . . . all . . . lint-yarn or tow-yarn only . . . no mixed . . . Par. X. . . . measures to be observed in the retail of lint-seed being the Linlithgow barley measure streaked. [The chief remaining paragraphs deal with frauds in salmon curing, with smuggling of foreign spirits and illicit distilling in the burghs. We may add extracts from one more long paper, as it relates to trade at the end of the century in Ross-shire :

No. 529, 1798.—Minute: Tain District Meeting.] . . Sheriff produced . . . minutes of the Society of Farmers established in Wester Ross . . . meeting . . . at Novar Inn . . . subject of the Total Want of market for any kind of Grain . . . within the County . . . . Resolved that altho' Sir Charles Ross their Representative had been instructed by a meeting at Dingwall . . . 1796, and . . . at Tain, 1797 . . . to watch . . . any new Bill . . . to regulate Distilleries in Scotland . . . additional circumstances . . . . As a considerable part of the Rents . . . and Stipends . . . paid in Bear, Oats or oatmeal . . . want of a market . . . prejudicial to proprietor, farmer, and clergyman . . . no market . . . these commodities . . . almost the only Staple of the Low part of the County . . . Consequent Ruin if the markets . . . continue stagnant . . . Reasons—1st Alarm of Scarcity . . . 1796 . . . and great encouragement to importation . . . . 2nd . . . Machinations of the great Capitalists in the Distillery Trade . . . to secure . . . monopoly in grain and spirits . . . 3rd . . . their operations in Opening and Shutting the Ports . . . to answer their purpose . . . Remedy . . . by Stopping . . . importation of grain till market . . . proper level . . . . Complaint of . . . great Distillers in the south . . . inundated with spirits from the Highlands . . . [A long statement as to methods of manufacture, and ascribing to the purity of Highland spirits, and asking a law to stop the use of prejudicial ingredients, and stating that if an "unsupportable duty" is put on within the North Line, as the great distillers wish, there will be a renewal of smuggling and illicit stills in the "inaccessible mountains, creeks, coves and inlets." The paper is signed by Sheriff Donald M'Leod, preses. of the meeting at Tain, and Sir Rodk. Mackenzie of Scatwell, preses. at Dingwall. Next take papers on

#### TRAVEL, ROADS, AND COMMUNICATION.

B. No. 389, 1661.—Second part.] . . In Leith for dinner . . . wyne . . . stalls for our horses £3 8s . . . To the boatt at Kinghorne £3 16s . . . yat night we wes in Kircaidie for dyett the provest being wt. us £3 . . . In Kenua [Kennoway] £3 14s . . . To the post qn he cam with the lairds hawks [hawks—an awkward parcel] to tak bak to Ross £3. At the ferrie of Dundie £2 7s. At Dundie for danner and se'all uther things £4 13s. At Breachin for ane night . . . £4 17s. At

Fettercairn for wyne w<sup>t</sup> Bowmen [cattle drovers] £1 16s [good comradeship of the road] . . . At Lumfannan £4 13s . . . guide to Muckquill [?] 18s . . . naiges in Muckill haveing remained 3 dayes betwixt the minstrells and servands. At Turray . . . dannar . . . horse . . . guide from Muckill £3 9s. [Rest wanting, but given in up journey, and a stray leaf of 1665 supplies these additions:—] . . . Coupar for hyre of a bagage hors £1 4s . . . Kingcarden O'Neil having bidden till ij in the morning £6 7s. Mair peyit at Captayne Ellies' house £2 2s. Mair givin to litle George to carie hom the dogg £1 10s . . . . Pay<sup>t</sup> at alderne for horse meat in the barrons house and givin to beggars £2 3s . . . . Peyit to the hyrer y<sup>t</sup> cam w<sup>t</sup> us fra Bruntelland thrie horses £45. [We see that even at good private houses the travellers paid something. Owing to the scarcity of good inns, or to accidents on the way, such houses would often be opened to travellers.]

B. No. 530, 1663.—] Ane particullar accompt off q<sup>t</sup> the laird spent in his jurnay as he came from Buchane. Item to Dod Ross for to buy him ane pair of schewes 12s . . . left off drink money in Lighnett £5 16s . . . in Cullen Oboyne for dinner and horses £2 16s . . . at the watter off Spey at Garmath 9s . . . peyit to guyd that cam with us from Garmath to Innes 4s 4d . . . at Elgin when the Laird mett w<sup>t</sup> George Monro, horses and wyne £3 7s . . . that nyght we wes in Nairne £4 . . . at the watter off diffron [Deveron] being great 12s . . . at the ferrie off Aird feire for sex horses £1 12s. Item peyit in Chanonrie for our dinner and horses and to the violer Johne Whyte . . . £4 16s. At Cromartie for the twa botts y<sup>t</sup> crocit with our horses . . . and ane peynt of wyne y<sup>t</sup> the laird and Dunskeith drunk £3 10s. Ane note . . . since the Lairds hom cumming . . . Item givin to the brod [for the collection] the first Sunday at Eddertoune 4s . . . to the brod on Sunday at Taine 4s . . . Ane paire off singl soled schewes q<sup>n</sup> the laird went to the hielands . . . 12s . . . givin to the smith for ane gang off schewes to the lairds horse ( ) . . . givin to the litle ferrie ( ) . . . givin at Dunrobbin to the ( ) ; givin to the servands and to my lords fittman £3 10s . . . givin to the officers in Dornoch q<sup>n</sup> the laird wes admittit burges £5 6s 8d . . . to the ferrie . . . Ospistill till Ardmoir £1 4s . . . to Dod M'Kenzyay going to Buchane q<sup>r</sup> the lairds sister wes £2 18s . . . . To the broad ye Sabath day he wes in Taine 3s . . . Givin in Balnagown for ane Coiling schyer 6s . . . Richie Melvin for thrie gun scrowes and helping [mending] of the Colling schyre 12s. For Elgin route, see also No. 396.

B. No. 531, 1664.—Parts illegible.] . . . debursit at the laird's goeing to Clavais burrial . . . peyt at the ferrie of Inverbreakie £2; Left with the lass yr £1 4s . . . schewes on hors yr 12s . . . at Forteros for wyne and bread in Anderson's house £2 8s 6d . . . to the comone stable for bread and ail to the lad and aits . . . £1 16s . . . to the ferie of Ardinseire ane dollor inde



£3 . . to buy 6 yds. black ribens 12s . . In Cathell . . to nurrs and servents and gardinar £9 12s . . at Kilreak to ye nurrs £2 . . at ye Kirk of Croy 4d . . at Inverness . . left in Mr Ritchies hous y<sup>t</sup> night the laird wes wt my lord Lowat . . £12 . . at Lovat . . to servands and 1s sterl. to my lords fittman £6 8s . . In Tomich to the servands and the lass y<sup>t</sup> washit the laird's cloithes £6 . . boattman at Lovat 18s . . Left at Tarnua [Darnaway] . . nurrs and servands £12 . . givin to change house . . at Duff house servants being yr ane night £5 16s . . Left at Innes . . peyit ( ) to Elgine qn we went to sie ( ) . . peyit at Forres . . givin to the meassone at Brodie 12s; givin to twa lame sogers at young Clava hous 12s . . peyit McKillican hous for drink wt. Clava and utheris . . at the ferrie of Ardinseir . . . at the ferrie of Inverbreakie for the passage and sending back of the boy for the string of the Laird's hatt 36s . . peyit yt night we wes at James Innes hous at the ferrie syde . . £2 . . left in Inverbreakies house being yr one night £2 18s . . Givin to Sir George Monroes meassones £2 18s. [This seems to refer to the building of the mortuary chapel at Rosskeen Church. It was close to the Laird's route from Inverbreakie to Balmagown, and, judging from the remains of elaborate carving still to be seen, it would be a work worth his viewing. From the high gratuity, and from the other entry at Brodie, it seems Balmagown had a taste for buildings—see No. 882. There is no date on MS., but "Clava's burial" fixes it. William Rose of Clava, second son of William Rose, 11th of Kilravock, was a noted man—see No. 695—in his day, and died in August, 1664, at the age of 80.]

B. No. 532, 1672.—] Ane not of yr ho. [i.e., the Laird of Balmagown's] spendings sine yr ho. com from hom [docketed] goeing to Edinr. [omitting repetitions of like items.] At Inverness for lawing [bill] night and morning £4 16s; To the boy that went hom 4s; To ane tailzeor ther £2 8s; For ane chopin wyne wt Montereiff 8s; ane pynt sack and do-ail £1 3s; For ane by girdle [extra girdle fitting round the body to hold money, for on back there is a separate] not of q<sup>t</sup> moey was taken out of the by girdle at Inverness 4s; At Darnua for horses standing and corne 7s; At Elgin, for ane wallett 8s; To the Knight for the hyre £5 10s; dyett [diet] to yr ho. and boyes £2 14s; To the boy to bring hom the horses £1 4s; At John Ross his hous for drink 6s; At Diveron syde for dyett and horse corn, 13s; at Scotsmiln £1 10s; at Lumphanan, to the poore 3s 4d, denner &c. £1 6s; At Quittisillach . . 10s; at Fetterkern lodging £2 10s; at Brechen for drink 5s; at aucht myle house . . £1 9s; at Brughtie to hyrer £16 9s, drink 4s; The passage boat off South ferrie 12s, drink and bread 7s; at Kennoa [Kenno-way] 7s; at Bruntyland, supper 12s . . ferrie 12s; at Leith, morning drink 6s, hyrer £4 3s . . Coach for coming from Leith 18s [the only bit of road where a coach comes in]; Wyn at Alexr. Hogs £1 11s; ane pair black stockens 21 sh.;

3 mutchkins wyn 15s; In the Leith Wynd in Alexr. Ross's house 12 sh. Sum £56 19s. [The time of travel appears in

No. 533, 1678.—] Accompt . . debursit be Alexr. Davidson . . For a gang of shoon and naills to my horse 15s . . ferriers of Arderseire 12s; at Nerne 6s; at Forres 5s; at Spey syde 2s; at Elgin a night 24s; at miln of Cowie 10s; at Scots Miln a night 25s; at Dee, boat 2s; at Cutties hillock 10s; at Fettercairn a night £1; at the Daine Kirk 10s; at ye four mylle house a night £1; at Dundie 15s; To Gillanders to bring back ye horse £3 3s; To ferrie at Dundie 3s; at Androw Carkadyes 2s 6d; at Cennua [Kennoway] 8s; Given be ye road to ye boyes 4s; For horse twixt Bruntisland and Dundie £2 4s; Ferry of Bruntiland 4s; Bruntiland a night £1 6s; Carrying my wallet and boots Leith to Edr. 4s . . . [A lawyer's messenger, and economical, but it costs £18 18s from Chanonry to Edinburgh, and takes six days. There is the time of post in

No. 534, 1696.—Letter, addressed] ffor the much honoured the Provost and Baillies of Tayne—heast, heast. Edr. 13 July 1696 at six of the clock at night. I received your letter by Robt. Munro post, dated 25 last, with Easter Ferne's letter and your informatione against Jas. McCulloch, only Thursday last and on Fryday night . . . his lybel . . against you, and yesterday being the Lord's Day I recd yr. letter by James Hay your post. [Thus a letter, evidently on pressing legal matters, took 14 days from Tain to Edinburgh.] Jo. Davidson. [The state of the roads, even later, is well seen in

No. 535, 1722.—] . . . Inquest appoynted at Tayne . . for perambulating the bounds [15 names] sworn *de fideli* . . . finds . . Rod to Kirkskaith . . 2 feet taken off breadth . . by them that labour Saint Duthus Rigg . . digged in holes . . in Winter and spring neather man nor horse can go through . . but makes a Rod through Cadboll's arrable land . . Causeway from Tayne to Knockbreck . . lochs of water . . by adjacent heretors cutting earth and feall for their middins . . . find a new dyck . . at the West end . . encroach upon it . . . On the west syde of the loanning from the Town to Teabreck . . two encroachments by yards . . making slapps and breitches in both sides . . by Don<sup>d</sup> Farquhar by casting feill for building a house . . houses in the hight of the loaning of Aldincardich are upon the town's commonty . . . loaning . . from Litle Tayne to the mosses is encroched upon be Alexr. Ross nottar . . cutting 200 yds. of the dyck did bring out a corn yard there 6 ft. on the road . . and did sow the found of the dyck with bear . . . Alexr. Ross enclosed . . commonty . . East of the Burn of Little Tayne and be west his yeard . . from the Bridge down to the end of the Brea . . . The Willing [willow?] Trees in the Ward . . by the washeing Burne was the march between the Ward and the Commonty . . A. R. encroached by building a dyck

six foot without the march . . . Part of the Water of Tayne are for severall years out of the old track thereof and running close to the foot of the Angel Hill . . . destroyed the said hill and grass thereof, and if not noticed . . . destroy . . . remainder and endanger lands, yards and tenements in the laigh end of the town . . . . Ane house and yeard builded by Aldy upon the King's High Road to the South from Tayne to Calrossie . . . . and declares the found of ane old dyck remaining, and ane channel be-south the same wes of old called the Queen's High Road . . . . [This old road is still seen at Rosemount and is traceable by the old "dycks" through the Calrossie woods. [In 1762, Robert Gray left Inverness on a Wednesday at noon, and reached Edinburgh on Saturday at 4 P.M., which was reckoned fast. The improvement of roads carried out after the '45 was only then reaching Ross-shire.

B. No. 536, 1733-4.—] Janv. 4 Accompt of his grace Duke of Athole, Lord Balcaras, and Lord Advocate's travelling charges. [For brevity, repetitions of like items are slumped or suppressed.] 10 horses Haddington to Copersmith—to Berwick—to Alnwick—to Morpeth—to Newcastle—to Durham—to Darlington—to Northallerton—to B. Bridge—to Wetherby—to Ferrybridge—to Duncaster—to Tuxford—11 horses to Newark—to Grantham—to Costwitham—to Stamford—to Stilton—to Huntington—to Keckston—to Royston—to Ware—6 horses to Enfield and to London—[last two stages] 15/8, [the others] 26/ to 36/ each. [At each] to hostler and boys [about] 10s; [at each] to the maid 1s, and to the Drawer 2s; [at several] to the bootcatcher, 1s to 6s; [at each] to the poor, 1s or 2s [indicates a greater or smaller crowd of beggars at the starting-place. Then at each] wine and eating, or The Bill, [from] £3 11s 9d [the first, down to] 2s 10d, [the last, stage. At Tuxford, Stamford, Huntingdon, and Enfield, The Turnpike,] 1/3 or 1/6. Total, £85 18s 6d stg. [They started from Haddington on the 4th January, early, and reached London on the 9th, late, thus taking 6 days. The turnpikes were near Newark, Stamford, Huntingdon. In 1684 a servant of Balnagown's writes that to get back from Edinburgh he went down to Leith, found no boat crossing, but one for Aberdeen, and went on board, as the wind was good, but off Arbroath it changed, so he had to land and take horse for Aberdeen. Then at Fettercairn a great snowstorm came on, and he writes thence, being snowed up.

No. 118, 1763.—Rest of letter by Captain Forbes of Newe.] . . At . . meeting . . Commissioners of Supply . . procure an order to Achilty, minister of Lochbroom, and oysr. to call out the tenents to make a road betwixt a lime quarry near Glastullick and Ardmuir . . Coygach. I do not much admire the grand plan of sailors and sogers being persuaded



—it will not easily execute . . . Mrs Forbes joins me . . .  
John Forbes.

[No. 537, 1764.—Letter: Captain John Ross of Balnagown, from London, to Baillie, Ardmore.] . . . When Lord George Beauclerk was in town I apply'd to him for his assistance of soldiers this summer to carry on the road from the water of Beauuly to Dingwell and from thence to Tain which he promised . . . memorial . . . by the gentlemen of the county . . . more ready . . . assistance . . . I drew one out and got it signed . . . gave the names of the places where the road is to be made . . . [One of many instances of good done by Captain Ross's energy and business capacity. In the same year, Mrs Baldrey, the gardener's wife, writes that she will journey from Cheshire to Edinburgh "in 12 days by the Shafeld wagon," and signs "Your umble sarvent." In 1774, John Fraser, writer, Edinburgh, says the expenses for coaches and horses are very great, and later we have:—

No. 538, 1787.—Letter: Captain David Ross, Tain, to David Ross, town clerk in Edinburgh.] . . . The great expence of travelling to London by land inclines me to prefer going by sea . . . I propose transporting myself . . . by the first smack that sails from Cromarty . . . Reay and Hood are on the passage down . . . sail for London in 15 days.

## SECTION V.—COVENANT, COMMONWEALTH, RESTORATION, AND REVOLUTION,

[A very curious memento of the period when the Civil War was brewing is in the inscription on the Dingwall Tomb at the Churchyard of Tarbat:—] H. M.K. CONIVGI CHARISSIMÆ BENE MERENTISSIMÆ HELENÆ MACKENZIE PROBATI INTERÆQVALES COMMATIS QVÆ OMNIBVS NECESSARIIS MAXIMVM SVI DESIDERIVM RELINQVENS DENATA AD X CAL: XBRIS ANNO VI NVNC EX ORBE PAX DEMIGRAVIT INITA. HOC MONVMENTO AMORIS ET MEMORIÆ IGITVR MÆSTVS MÆRENSQVE PARENTAVIT MARITVS SVPERSTES THOMAS DINGVALL . . . [The larger capitals, when added as Roman numerals, give 1640, the date of the lady's death; the clause in which they stand gives the same date, "the sixth year after the newly attained peace fled the region"—that is in the 6th year after 1634, when Charles I. falsified the soothing assurances given to the Scots the year before, and prepared the Laudian liturgy to be forced on them. After the Glasgow General Assembly had restored Presbyterianism and defied Charles, and he was bringing an English force to punish the Covenanters, we have:—

B. No. 539, 1639.—[Joint letter to Balnagown.] Our verie hon<sup>ll</sup> and much respectit Thes are to shew you that this day thair hes beine ane meeting of us the gentrie of thir fieldis heir at Dingwall for advancing of the common caus and becaus now matteris are drawin to such ane heicht that the advyse of the most sound and grave men . . is requisit for preventing of imminent danger, we desyr as you tender the . . guid and savetie of this Commonwealth that . . with yor quhole freinds that ar landit men and the ministeris about you be heir at Dingwall . . tuesday come aucht dayes . . of meiting. Quhill then and ever we commit you to Gods favour . . yor affect. freinds Ts. McKenzie [Pluscardine], H. Fraser [Lovat], Alexr. Mackenzie, Ronald Bane of Knockbane, Dunbar of Bennetsfield, J. Munro of Limlair, Hector Munro of ( ? ), T. Straychuir. Dingwall 2nd March. [The last was Sheriff of Inverness. Then from the Parliament Committee came:—

B. No. 540.—N.D., but, from the internal evidence, about the same as preceding. It is docketed "Public letter." It is . . . earnestlie recommendit . . . that yair be 400 men all with swords levied out of the presbetries of Inverness, Dingwall, Chanonrie and Taine . . . each 100 qrof there be 24 able Bowmen . . 1 ensigne to each 50 with 2 inferrior officeres . . . make thair randavouse at Elgin, efter which





Honor and Loving Cousin

Giving an appointment on Thursday or  
Friday next the thirteenth and fourteenth  
the instant, on this side of Spain, toward  
the Council of Strategy, for the work  
that had been miserably miscarry'd to  
prejudice of this cause. Hence these are  
fore earnestly to intreat you to rise  
that duty with such speed as you can make  
that you admit of this convenience for  
Council may be taken, as shall tend to the  
preservation of his cause to the good  
use of the Country and to all our safety  
which being confident you will do discreetly

from Dunottar  
the 5 of June  
1634

Your most affectionate friend

Marshall Montrose



Leslie Montrose Castle  
Wigton

Murray Thomas Roy

. . they sall be payed by the shyre out of ye first end of yair tent part which sall be allowed to y<sup>m</sup> after count . . . . item . . 300 . . out of ye presbetries of Elgin, Forress and Nairne . . . . rest of ye regement . . 200 . . presbyterie of Aberdene and Banff . . . allowed to everie man half a dollar of levieing money . . . two hundreth horsemen . . . for attending this regement and scouring that coast, as als another hundreth horsemen out of Aberdeen and Banff. [Signatures] A. Leslie, Montrose, Wigtoun, Cassilis, Thomas Hop, J. Murray, Tho. Bruce for Sterling, Jo. Irving for Dumfreis. [They are—General Leslie, Earls of Montrose, Wigton, and Cassilis, Sir T. Hope of Craighall, Lord Advocate—an ancestor of the Earls of Hopetoun, now Marquises of Linlithgow—with three other members of Parliament. See foot of photo.

B. No. 541, 1639.—Letter: E. of Sutherland to Balnagown.] Hon. and loving Brother,—I have presently received this letter from the Master of Berriedaill and am desyrit to direct it to Ross . . It is no tyme now to be sleiping. I shall have all my peopell upon the breas of our countrey watching what my Lord Reay [who was for the King] shall doe, so I wold wishe you to have these of your peopell that stae behind to be on the borders of your owen feilds also . . . immediately after this comes to your hands direct it to my Lord Seafort [viz., George, 2nd Earl] . . that will send it to Murray and from that to Kintor . . So intreating you to be cairfull herein . . your most loving Brother to serve you J. Southerland. Dunrobin the penult of Marche 1639.

[B. No. 542, 1639.—Letter to Balnagown.] Honor<sup>bl</sup> and loving Cousin, Having ane appoyntment on Thursday and fredday the thirteent and fourteent of this instant on this syde of Spay towards the bounds of Strathbogie for the recoverye of q<sup>t</sup> has been miserably miscarried to the prejudice of this Cause heere These are therefore earnestly to intreatt you to keep that dyett wit such forces as you can make, that be your advyse and concurrence such courses may be taken as shall tend to the preservation of this cause to the good and wele of the countrey and to all our safetyes, which being confident you will doe wee are Your most affectionat friends Marischall, Montrose. From Dunnottar 6th of June 1639. [Dunnottar was the castle of Keith, Earl Marshal, the first signing; the other signature is of James Graham, the great Earl, afterwards Marquis, of Montrose. It is his seal that is affixed, and it is perfect, and rather rare—see photo. By “miserably miscarried,” he refers to the success of Lewis Gordon’s wild Highlanders at the “Trot of Turriff” and afterwards. Montrose and Keith were commanding for the Parliament, while the Huntly Gordons stood for the King. In response to above, Seaforth, Lovat, Balnagown, Foulis, and their clansmen advanced to the Spey, and encamped till the news of the

pacification of Berwick set them free to return. Next year Montrose held a command in the Scottish army that invaded England, but he was in communication with the King, and suspected by the Covenanters. In 1641 he was arrested, but set free, under caution, just before Charles left Edinburgh. In 1642 and 1643 he was in England offering Charles sound advice, which was rejected till 1644, when he received a Royal commission, and with a Scotch-Irish force gained his five brilliant victories for the King. Seaforth and Balnagown vacillated, being offended because the Earl of Sutherland was by the War Committee—see No. 540—set over them, as we see in the next letters:—

B. No. 543, 1640.—[Letter to Balnagown.] Hon<sup>ll</sup>. and loving Cousing . . . being so newlie tyed to you by . . . friendship and blood . . . to acquaint you . . . any preiudice might arise . . . for laik of tymous . . . advertisement . . . knowing the disposition of some of yor seiming freinds . . . means and suggestiones . . . to draw away your hairt and affectioun . . . from these thingis which ye once enacted . . . not to give eare . . . bot to scorne Ulysses-like, to tye your affectione so with the cordis of reasone that though these Syren chairmes possess your eares . . . not desend farther to your heart. I will assure you that divisoun will stand . . . approvin by the generall his Excellence . . . again ratified by the Committees of Estaitis both at the camp and at Edr. and lres directed to Seafort to dischaarge him from calling thairof any more in questione . . . some . . . stryving . . . to brake ye divisioune . . . and to dissuade men from joyning wt my lord Sutherland . . . are taxed heir . . . and will be better censured . . . as for newis such as I hed I directit them to my lord . . . could not get a copie . . . sent to you . . . to let you sie them . . . Gordone. Edr. the ii of Decr. 1640. Service to yor ladye.

[B. No. 544, 1637.—Paper, docketed] Band of Service. Be it kend &c. . . me Hew Ross off Tollie that forsameikle as David Ross of Ballangowne be his resignatione . . . lands of Multvie . . . in favours of me, therefor and for other dewtiful respects I owe to him witt ye me to be bound and obleist . . . to truely and dewtifully and loyally serve him and [his] aires . . . upon my owen . . . chairges benorth ye watter of Spey and upon [his] chairges besouth . . . whensoever . . . lawfully premonist . . . aither in ryding with him or . . . convoying him . . . my opinion in his lawful affaires . . . obleis me . . . infest him . . . in my lands of Garvarie . . . that the same may be *de novo* . . . haldin of . . . David Ross now of Ballangowne . . . [Next is an attempt to reason with Balnagown through his wife as to the arrangements:—

B. No. 545, 1641.—[Letter to the Ladie Balnagowne.] Richt honorabill loving nice,—Being moist dissyrus to hier of your weifare . . . I intrait you that quhan ye send ain of your



servants to Edinbruch . . wreit to me and lat me know of your guid health and weifare with your husband and schildring . . . I intrait you to daill with your husband . . to leave of the dissyring of an alteratione of my lord Southerland his devisioun for . . he will nocht get it done . . . it is evine alyk betwix my lord of Rothes and me for . . he commands thrie of my frinds quhar I command one myself, and in Strathearne my lord Montrois commands all my frinds and tennents boithe . . nocht neidfull for your husband to trubill . . no moir trubill now in Scotland seing all materes gois so weill in the parlament of England and betwix the King and our Commissioners praysid be god [how little he foresaw the Civil War] . . . as . . Rothes hes of my frinds so have I sum of his . . and uther nobill men's in my devisioun . . Your most affectionat unckell Wemyss. [He was 1st Earl. The seal is preserved. Lady Balnagown was the daughter of his sister Isabel and Hugh, 8th Lord Lovat. We see the system at work in a letter from another of the Covenanting leaders:—

B. No. 546, 1641.—[Letter to Balnagown.] Honorit and loving Cusine I wishe I had knawne sooner of yor intentione in yor business before cuming from Edr. q<sup>r</sup>frae I am bot lately returnit, bot since ye have recommendit it to my Lord Seafort q<sup>a</sup> is gone y<sup>r</sup> . . some few hours before I hade yor letter . . . his travells will effectuat all yor desyres . . . I sall not be deficient as becometh ane loving freind and kinsman. As to the other part of yor letter I wes far better boddine the last yeir, but at this instant I have not 1 horse that can serve my awin privatt use, for I have put out so many horses and ryders that I have not reservit above twa for my awne sadill and having that charge of being Collonell of the holl shyre . . at this tyme of necessitie . . have me excused . . Your loving freind and cusine Kingorne . . Glamiss 4th Jary. 1641.

[B. No. 547, 1641.—Letter to Balnagown.] . . . witness my rediliness to do you service, this day I have learned y<sup>t</sup> ane partie of Sinclair's Shouldiours should goe to . . your bounds to help the Commis<sup>r</sup>. Cochren to tak up the tenth and twentie pennie . . . Seafort. Edr. 16th Merch . . herein inclosit ane letter wch ye shall w<sup>t</sup> all convenience cause all yor kinsmen subscriyve. [We see this levy of money and men by the Parliament also in

No. 549, 1640.—[Receipt.] . . Farquhar & Cochran, commissioners deputes in the North, from the Provost Thos. McCulloch, John Ross and Alexr. Ross, bailies of Tayne, for £152 16s allowit to thame be my lord Sinckler, together with £25 4s for sex sojors directit furth to General Major Munro conforme to his lre. direct to ye Erle of Sutherland . . . [Munro took his corps to Strathbogie to suppress the Gordons, and later, along with other forces, to Ireland to suppress the Catholic rising.

B. No. 550.—N.D., but the internal evidence places it with those preceding. Letter, with four addresses on back.] The Laird of Balnagown, the Laird Duffus, Hector Dowglas of Mulderge, and the Provost of Tayne . . . Richt Honll. We that were heir of the Committee for this weiks attendance finding it weil attended haif maid chois of you with Hector Dowglas yo<sup>r</sup>. . . Duffus, and the Provost of Tayne for the Erle of Sutherland's divisioune to keip the sessiones of the nixt weike heir at Invernes. We expect ye will obey tonforme to the trust put on you and the interest you haif in the cuntrey. Thus lipning to [depending on] your pns. preceislie on Monoday nixt at night we rest . . . J. Southerland, Coline Campbell, Al. Brodie of Elgin, J. Grant of Moynes, J. Belladrum, Al. Dunbar of Both, Ja. Sinclair, Robert Home, R. Gray of Skibo. [There are no letters of 1642-3, while Montrose was absent in England and Robert Munro in Ireland; but in 1643 Auchnaclloch sends to Balnagown an account of 500 merks for "muskets, pulder, lead, and lint," and £60 for "fyve double muskets by and attour the former, with staves and bandoliers."

B. No. 551, 1644.—[Letter to Balnagown.] Richt honll. . . our nichtbours have drawin themselfis to ane great heaid both horse and foott and have surprysit unawarse sum of our freindis of Aberden and certaine houses in the country . . . to mak invasion upon us . . . thinking to installe all the North to their pernicious courses and designs . . . intreat . . . as we are linkit togidder in ane solemne and mutuall covenant . . . now joyne as one man for the mantinance of our religione, liberties and laws . . . threatened with ruine . . . the comone enemie of our peace prevailing here ye and yo<sup>r</sup> freindis will heardlie be exeemed . . . To Elgin against Monoday . . . with thrie scoir guid able foott weill armit with fyftein days' loane and nyne or ten of yo<sup>r</sup> best horse, we shall tak it as ane singular favor . . . advertise all yo<sup>r</sup> freindis and folowers to draw up to a head and be in readines . . . we comitt you and yo<sup>r</sup>s to the protectione of the Almightye . . . Elgine ye 5 of Aprill 1644. [Signatures] James Grant of Freuquhye, Robert Gordon, Robert Innes of that ilk, Alexr. Sutherland, Brodie of that ilk, Alexr. Brodie of Elgen, J. Grant of Moynes, J. Dunbar of Graingehill, Wa. Ross, Thomas Mackenzie of Pluscarden, Jhon Hay, J. Campbell, James Grant of rayntyte.

[B. No. 552, 1644.—Letter: Sutherland to Balnagown.] I have receavit letters this morning from Murray showing the Marquiss of Argyle is come to Strathboggie, that Huntly hath dispersit his peopell and taken himself to the house of Achindoune and put the prissoners there to libertie . . . Seafort is come home. I am desyrit wt the greatest number of our committie to go meit Argyll . . . intreat you to make you readie . . . and to be at Tain on Tuysday morning . . . I have written to Obstell, Inverbreakie, and Hector Douglas

to this effect . . . J. Southerland . . Dunrobin the xi of Maii 1644.

[B. No. 553, N.D.—Letter to] My honbl. and loveing couseing the Laird of Balnagown . . . These are showeing that I am necessitat to change my resolution in going to Murray and to mak my course to the West hylandes, and that in respect of certaine intelligence I have reseaved leatlle showeing that Alexr. Mackdonald is comeing in upon my boundes and my neighboures in the West Iles. Whairfore these are desyring that ye meit me the morrow or howsoon possible ye com at Brahane with these under your command. So to your cair herein rest . . your affectionat couseing Seafort. Channorie this Tuesday. [In July Macdonald landed with 500 Irishmen, intending to join Huntly, and expecting Seaforth also to join, but he did not. He next writes:—

B. No. 554, 1644.—Letter to Baluagown.] Ryt honble and loving Cusing I have receavit yors and thankis you hartely for yor kyndnes qch be confident sall be repayit by my best service q<sup>n</sup> occasion serves. I have receavit ane comand from the estaitis commanding me and nighbours of this shyre to take the young Laird of Drum and his brother from the Earle of Sutherland q<sup>n</sup> he cumis the lenth of Tayne and to transport him thence to Arderseir. Since yt my owin occasions hes careit me to ye hiellands To obviat ony pejude could enshew by ye Eirishe incursions, I have given cautioune to Tarbet to supplie my place, qrfoir I intrait you to give directioun to your kinsemen and freinds to go along w<sup>t</sup> him in that service, qch as it will be ane obeying of the publict command so will it ingaig me to continow . . . cusing and servand Seafort. Brahan Agust 1644.

[B. No. 555, 1644.—Letter to the guidman of Pitcalny, and another copy to Balnagown.] . . . ye laird younger of Drum, his lady, his broyr and rest of yair accomplices are to be directit south . . . ye Earle of Suyrland to delyver yame at Taine, and ye barrons and gentrie . . . yair to resave yame w<sup>t</sup> yair full forces . . . accompanie to ye ferrie of Althourseire . . . I am chairgit be ye committie of Estaitis from Abdn. . . . It is possibill . . . advertisment from Francis Sinclair sone to ye Earle of Caithnes . . . acquaint yor hail freinds to meit w<sup>t</sup> you at Taine . . . Moniaik 6 Augt. T. Straychuir.

[B. No. 556, 1644.—Letter.] Honll. and loveing brother The day appoynted for our randezvous at Aberdin being past . . . the Estatis will long for ane ansr from us Wherefore these are desyreing you to meit me at Dornock . . . Tuesday nixt be nyne o'clocke that we may think upon ane resolut ansr to be direct from us to the Estatis . . . J. Southerland . . Dunrobin.



[B. No. 557, N.D.—] Hon<sup>d</sup>. freinds My Lord Seafort hes desyred his freinds to acquent all honest weil affected ny<sup>h</sup>boures of ye Irishe landing in Glenelg and ar to cum forward Lochaber and Badonach way and ane pt. of his lo/ bounds and my Lord Lovat, to the number of twa thousand twa hunderth muskateiris, four hundreth pickmen, thrie hundreth of our Scottis launcers that hes gathered to yem, and altho we my lord his friends ar not so obliged or his Lo/ to yis kyndnes being unsieported openly amongis you and at your Comities be zo<sup>r</sup> ny<sup>h</sup>boours if we bot gif out yis to hold our men at home when all treuth is knowin and or Cheiffs part in particular ye inventaries may have yair owin weil reward for they wil be found be tyme always according to ye covenant be in redines to assist us or my Lord Lovat or ony of us that happins to be infestit be yem, for yei ar desperat and will go quhair thei may seim to get yeir leist advantage. Alexr. McKenzie of Calcowie yis Sat<sup>y</sup>. ye 17. directit to ye gentrie of Ferindonald and Ross wt. diligence to be sent to Inverbrecky to acquent ye rest. [Here we have the campaign against Montrose, who, though victorious at Tippermuir and Aberdeen, had to take to the hills, and was now barred by the northern lords' forces, including Seaforth's, and then by Argyle's, coming from Glenelg; but in February he swooped down on the latter at Inverlochy, and cut them up. Then the Covenanting General, Baillie, was sent to Badenoch, as in

B. No. 558, 1645.—Letter to Balnagown; small, very neat script.] Worthie Sir,—Being confident of yo<sup>r</sup> good affection for promoteing the publick service . . . necessitie of ane present supplie to the forces heir especiallie . . . we are lying amidst our unfreindis befor the enemie of ane moir powerfull condition having the most part of the hielanderis daylie repaireing for thair concurrance, wha intend . . . to wearie us out—not having provision beyond the morrow—from all further pursuite . . . earnest desyre . . . with all possible expeditioun you now send furth 300 men . . . with armes and . . . 20 days loane . . . assisting in pursute of the rebells till it sall pleas God put this service to ane happie close. Yor affectionat friend W. Baillie. Dalraddie in Badyenoch 26 Maii 1645.

[B. No. 559, 1646, 11th June.—Sutherland to Balnagown.] . . . Yesterday being . . . proclamation of peace at Dornoch . . . seeme to admeire [wonder] at my disbanding so soone . . . my people bein in ye feild q<sup>n</sup> others wer sitting at home . . . the Mr of Reay did so before me . . . my people at ane head twell dayis before ye maid any motion which mak them exceiding wearie. [By this time the war was decided, and the captive Charles had sent orders to Montrose to disband. Then came questions of taxes to pay the cost:—

B. No. 560, 1646.—Letter to Balnagown.] Right hon<sup>bl</sup>. and loving Brother,—Yo<sup>r</sup> last . . . anent ye Comiss<sup>rs</sup>. desyre

proponed to you concerning ye horse levies and ye other publique due resting amongst you . . . yat I should intercede at his hands for a continuacione till you might have the estates ansr. . . . needless . . . some als of us had these same objectiones . . . bot yr was no hearing wtout present Bands or payment . . . be not hard with the estates servant bot stryve to give him all contentment . . . for in yir dayes it is dangerous to dissobey ye estates orders . . . J. Southerland . . . Dunrobin 17 Junii 1646.

[B. No. 561, 1646.—Letter to Balnagown.] Right hon<sup>ll</sup>. and loving Cusing,—Having some perticulars to communicat unto you and freinds I intreat to know how soone you . . . may meit, to the ende I may hav at you. I rander you and feinds thanks for yor behavior towards me in my absence. I wes cver disposed to acqeuete myself answerable to my interest in yo<sup>r</sup> familie, and be fullie confident y<sup>t</sup> wherin herafter I can do you or freinds any good office I shall acqeuete myself as ane thankfull retributor . . . Seaforth. Brahan 19th Junii 1646. [This Seaforth, as already noted, was George, 2nd Earl. Two months before this he had gone over from the Estates' party to Montrose. Now he is anxious to draw away, or at least neutralise, Balnagown, while just two days before we have seen Sutherland sending Balnagown pretty straight advice. The latter afterwards had to suffer exactions.]

B. No. 562, 1648.—Letter, addressed] The right worshipfull The Laird of Balnagowne . . . I ressaved yor letter concerning Robt. Gray his demanding double peyment of yo<sup>r</sup> maintenance out of yo<sup>r</sup> lands. I have written to him . . . letter enclosed that you may read it and close it and send it . . . Anything . . . serviceable to you salbe heartily performed . . . Sherburne. Edr. 5 Decr. 1648. [This exaction appears more fully in a petition of the Restoration time:—

B. No. 563, N.D.—] To the Right honorable the Lord Commissioner his grace and hon<sup>bl</sup>. Lords of Parliament appointed for Bills. David Ross of Balnagown humbly sheweth That whereas in anno 1647 Robert Gray of Arboll, Commr. of the Northe parts of Scotland, having brought ane troupe of horse and quartered them upon the Laird of Balnagowne his lands of Strahockell and therby forced some of his friends and tennents, and particularly Wm. Ross of Gruinyeard, Johne Ross of Little Tarrell, and Malcolm Ros in Knocken to grant band to him for the sum of sevin hundredth and fourty sevin pound ffor alleadgit bygane cess . . . there was no cess restand . . . out of the lands foresaid . . . and committed . . . severall outrages . . . to the heavy prejudice of the poor tennents and yo<sup>r</sup> petitioner . . . the said Robert—from malice that he bare to your petitioners fater for his loyaltie and affectione to his Majestie efter your petitioner's fater's decease in prisone in England, being takine at Worcester whither he went with his Majestie from

Scotland with his regiment—he exacted from some of the forenamed tennents . . frae the reddiest of your petitioner's rent in their hands, in anno 1654 of the foresaid soume . . That tyme albeit they offered to exhibit before him the foresaid discharge [by Balnagown] . . . Sua that having exacted double payment of the said cess from your petitioner's father first and thereafter from himself . . he should refund to your petitioner the foresaid soume . . I humbly beseech yo<sup>r</sup> Grace and Lo/s . . to summon the said Robert before you. [Next we have a remarkable testimony to the feeling of resentment against Charles I. in Scotland, as well as England, on account of the abortive expedition under Hamilton, and the loss of life at the battle of Preston :—

B. No. 564, 1648, 8th December.—Letter : John Ross, lawyer, Edinburgh, to Balnagown, beginning as to taxation of the estate, and then] . . and for newes . . from Ingland . . the Parliament and the armie intends to proceed in a verie strick way againes the King . . Prince of Wales and Duke of York are citted to compeir before the Parliament with certificatione they sall be declarit incapable of any government and yat they sall choise ane King to the people to be governed by the people. Our Commissionars are going up . . viz. my Lord Louthiane, Sir Johne Christie, and Williame Glendinning. P.S. Receave herein closit all the printit papers yat are heir, viz., a solem acknowledgment of publick sinnes and breaches of the Covenant and the Solemn League and Covenant qlk is to be renewit . . a short declaratione . . General Assemblie . . to the quholl Kirk and Kingdome . . pnt. dangers and dewtie. [The seal—perfect—shows three lions, two above and one below, as in No. 673. Burghs also suffered from these exactions, as in

No. 565, 1648-9.—Paper, headed] The Compt of the Quartering on the brughe of Tayne unorderlie but [without] war-rand since . . Decr. 1648, notwithstanding payment of hail publict dewes . . Quarterit on us . . Sept. 1648 most violentlie be Hew Ross, barron of Kilravock, then Colonell for ane foot leavie . . ane hundreth and sevin souldiours . . 4 days and 4 nychts . . 8 ordinaris at 3 sh. everie souldiour xxviiij lib. 8 sh. Item . . be Sir James Fraser Colonell his commanders at their going into Caithness . . Decr. 1648 . . 44 soldiours . . xiii lib. xv sh. [figures, for brevity, after this] . . Januarii 1649 . . ane uyr recrew going to Caithnes . . 50 sol. . . 24 hours £15. Item sex commanderis . . 6/ ilk . . £4 . . at returne 29th Jany. 42 soldiours 24 hours at 3 sh. ilk . . £12 12 sh. . . item 6 commanderis . . Locards [Lockhart's] trouperis . . 30 . . comming from Murray to apprehend Commissar Gray . . remaining 24 hours with great menacing of us . . 6/ ilk . . £19 . . horse corne £9 . . strae and stabill fee £4. Quhilk . . be the



bailies . . . in absence of our provest being pnt. commission  
—are at Parliament . . . to be of veritie . . . .

[No. 140, 1649.—Other items.] Ane compt of my advancement for the towne . . . advanced to the expeditiones, of meale 2 bolls . . . £12 . . . Tua musketts for the garrison of Inverness . . . twa picks [pikes] to the new leavie . . . boy to Dunrobin . . . anent ye regiment moneys and armes, 8 sh.

[No. 566, about 1649.—] Scroll of casting the provisione for the garisone of Inverness. Alness:—Teaninich, 3 plaids, 2 cogs, 2 plaits, 3 load peats, 1 pott, 1 pann. [Varying numbers of the same articles are given with each of the following:—] Davachcairn . . . Andro Monro of Coule . . . Culnachie . . . Assint . . . Novar . . . Swordaill . . . Kilmure Easter:—Tarbat . . . Milnes of Milntoune . . . Culrain . . . Inshfure . . . Ballnagoune . . . Knockgartie . . . Relone . . . Newmore . . . Roskein . . . Kinnaige . . . Ardroshe . . . Sir Geo. Munro . . . Tarbat:—Lady Colintoune, Seafeld . . . L. Tarrell . . . Easter Arboll . . . Pitcalnie . . . Dunbeath . . . Aldie. Ferne, Hector Douglas . . . Lady Mey . . . Eye . . . Ken. McKenzie, Raynie, Lady Moynes . . . Ballamuckie . . . Foulis . . . Piltoune . . . Pitogartie . . . Abbacie of Fearnie. Tayne:—Cambuscurrie . . . Morangie . . . Tarlogie . . . Lady Mey . . . Eddertoune:—Balnagoune . . . East Fearnie . . . Daan . . . Nigg, Culnald, Pitkylean . . . Pitcalnie . . . Alexr. and Thos. Gair . . . Mickle Kindease, Sandwick . . . Kilravock . . . Liferentrix of Scatwall . . . do. of Litle Kindease . . . Pitlundie . . . Milnes of Kindeas and Pitkylean . . . Logie:—Lilias Dallas . . . Glastulich . . . Mr Robt. Ross for Ballon and Drumgillie . . . Jon Munro . . . Liferentrix of Ulladaill . . . [Altogether these parishes supplied 122 plaids, 60 cogs, 60 plates, 114 loads of peats, 26 pots, and 26 pans. Here also may come:

No. 567, 1649.—Paper, endorsed] Copie of the order sent be the Governor of Braane to Cap. Cambell 23 Junii 1649.—Comrad. Pleis yair is certaine commissioneris come hither from Taine to me and hes promeisit to Give me contentment schortlie of these thingis demandit of them be me. Qrfor thes are desyring you to quarter none on the town . . . till . . . farder order, and have ane cair yt. yair mercat be not molestit quhilk holdis yis nixt weik . . . for . . . qt is dew to myself . . . loving Comrad . . . Will Scott. [Below is] This is just copie of the order . . . 23rd June 1643. [If the “3” is not an error, it shows the order was given then, and the copy used in 1649 to support No. 565. It is highly suggestive of what towns had to bear in war-time. While Brahan was garrisoned by the Estates, the Laird of Newmore was in Ireland fighting for the Royal cause, under the following commission:—

No. 568, 1649.—Parchment, kindly lent by Sir Hector Munro of Foulis. Such will be indicated by F.] James

. . . Earle of Ormond and Ossory, Lord Lieutenant and General Governor of the Kingdom of Ireland . . . To our trusty and well beloved Sir George Munro, Knt., Sergeant Major Generall . . . wee out of the especiall trust and confidence . . . of the singular judgement, conduct and experience in martiall affaires as of the readines and good affections of you to doe his Majestie good and faithful service . . . nominate and appoint you . . . to be Commander in chiefe of all the forces . . . employed in the present expedition . . . next and under . . . Marquis of Clanricarde . . . signed this your commission and caused our seal of arms to be therunto affixed in the cittie of Limerick the seventh of March 1649 . . . Ormonde. [Balnagown's attitude is shown in the following:—

B. No. 569, 1650.—Letter, apparently to one of the leaders in Parliament.] My Lord . . . I have hard of your nobill and charitable disposition . . . take the boldness to request you to befriend the Laird of Balnagown in ane thing that he hes adoe before the Parliament . . . he hes bene ane onest man and hes standen to his covenant . . . in the subduing of the Lord's enemies . . . ask Kornell Kar and liutenant Kor. Strachan . . . will testifie . . . he hes good following and is verie considerable . . . S. Dunbar at Brodie the 15th of June 1650. [This was the month of Charles II.'s arrival to accept the Crown—plus the Covenant—from the Scottish Estates, and next month—No. 945—there is a decree of the Court of Session in his name as King.

No. 570, 1654.—Paper, docketed] Suplicatione to (Convention) . . . humelie sheweth that the burrowes of this natione taxes the poore pettie burghs ten shillings of the hundreth, suche townes as Aberdene and Dundie being bot five pund—although notorlie knowen that one merchand . . . would exceed . . . our whole toun and that we could get no living . . . pettie burghs in ye North hes been eaten up be great burrows as ye great fishes . . . eateth up ye small . . . one of yr meittings benorth Aberdein wold never be grantit, and since thir unhappie intesting troubles fell out . . . being in the rod way . . . quartered . . . either friends or enemies . . . ordained for expeditiones and levies . . . tread was altogether destroyed and the toun dispeopled and impoverishit . . . supplicat Parliament Comm's at Dalkeath . . . Major General Deane . . . rebatit 40 sh. yearly . . . ratified by General Lilburne . . . bot now required again . . . General Morgan with haill horse and foot quartered . . . 3 nights in harvest, our cornes destroyed, poor people plundered be the soggeris . . . appoynted to be payed be the parochs yt receivit no skaithe . . . us furnishing bedding, ale and candle who are not able to furnish fyre to mak readie meat and brew drink for our selfis. May it please your lordship to order the collectors to creave bot £3 10s monthlie preceeding the quartering ( ) recovering of our losses urtherwyse we will

fall off as ane blastit ( ). [A marginal addition, cramped, faded, torn, and almost all illegible, has—"Middletoune and Sir George Munro came to Sutherland," showing the paper to be after 1654. See No. 572. The officers, &c., named are those of the Commonwealth, and others are in

No. 571, 1652.—Writ, on fine parchment.] By the Comission of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of England for ordering and managing affaires in Scotland. Whereas . . . by the Declaration of the Parliament of England in order to the uniting of Scotland with England authorised the heretors and rentallers . . . and burgesses of burroughs . . . denominated to meet . . . choose their respective deputies . . . therefore require you Mr Robert Munroe of Obstell [Obsdale], Mr ( ) Dundas, collector ( ) of Inverness ( ) burgesses and neighbours of the Burrough of Taine . . . before the end of July . . . communicate . . . said declaration . . . elect deputies . . . returu of your doings . . . to Commissioners . . . at Edinborough . . . given at Dalkeith, &c. [Signatures] Ol. St John, Ri. Deane, Robert Tichburne. [Oliver St John was Chief Justice under the Commonwealth, and cousin by marriage of Cromwell; Major-General Deane, then commander of the Commonwealth forces in Scotland; and Alderman Tichburne, of London, a member of the Long Parliament. On the back are forms for the returns, but not filled up. This was the election for Cromwell's United Parliament of Britain. There are two Cromarty Court decrees of 1652, in name of "Major Wm. Bird, Governor of Cromertie, and Robt. Munro of froulis—to which he succeeded in Decr. 1651, being previously "of Obsdale," as above. Cromarty Castle was garrisoned by the Commonwealth, Sir Thomas Urquhart having fought for Charles II. at Worcester. So was Inverness, and there are two confirmations of wills, 1653 and 1654, signed by "Thomas fitch, Governor of Inverness." To him is addressed

No. 572, 1655.—Letter from the Burgh of Tain.] It hath pleasit Collonell Morgan considdering the great losses . . . Tayne . . . and Eddertoune sufferit at his heircuming from Caithness by eatting and destroying our cornes to . . . order . . . the perroches of ferne, Nig and Tarbet quho wer frie . . . of all accident quarteringis since yor honors comeing to Inverness to joyne with us proportionallie in our loss . . . are not willing . . . desyr . . . yor ordr . . . appoynting thame to give obedience . . . J. M'Culloch provest, Waltr Hay, Js. Hay, bailzies; Alexr. Forrester for Edertoune, J. Monro for Edertone, Alr. McHomas Ros for Edirtayne. [Three different spellings of the name. Next year the complaints are renewed:—

[No. 573, 1656.—] The humble supplication of . . . Tayne to the Hon. Generall Major Morgane, Commander in Cheiff of Scotland . . . poor towne is Ruined . . . such povertie that



manie . . removit be reasone of their unabilitie to pay such heavy cesse and burdens of quartering . . . still on us, some of us having sex, some four, others two. Some that hes quartering is not in fortune 40 sh. sterling . . . the shires supply us in nothing but corn and strae . . . .

[No. 574, 1657.—Instructions to Alexr. Forrester as Commissioner of Tain to the Convention of Burghs.] . . . 3rd, petition for taking away our name out of the burrow rolls in respect of our unabilitie to maintain our liberties or in any quhat . . halfe of the monthlie cess . . . toune is almost totallie dispeopled . . 6, [as quoted in No. 526] . . 8, reparatione of losses done be Morganes brigade . . . [The military rule of the Commonwealth has appeared in No. 67. It is again seen in an incident given in four papers—firstly:—

No. 575, 1656.—] Double of . . letter, Taine to Mr Wm. Lauder and Jon Murray, Edr. . . . The upcasting of the Amsterdame schipp within our priviledges as admiralls within ourselves . . all broke to peices and the men all saiff except one that peryshit, and ane great deal of the guidis come to our shoir and sands, and ane troupe being in our towne they and the commander did stop our people from attaining to anie, but they . . seased all they could alledging us to haive no right . . but the steatis [Estates] onlie . . Johne Hall . . excyse maister, came . . alledging . . commissi- sione . . for searching and meddling with the hail guidis and gear that could be found . . entering to search the toune we did desyr ane sicht of his commissi- sione . . not produce . . but said . . he wold stand to his haizard . . we protested . . resolved to keip ane Admiralls Curt . . upon the shoir . . within our owen liberties . . . caused give out sitationes againes Leiftenant James Keyis . . . and . . trouperis . . compeired not but be Alexr. Wachan ane Englishman . . . tounies procurator fiscall protestit . . . Write to Major Mann, governor . . who . . alledges . . no wrak at all . . but ane enemie to the commonwealth . . going to the enemie in Spaine, ane pairt of her loadning consisting in oaken planks, great cabill towes . . maks her ane unfree bottom . . we say . . . broken to peices . . be ryght belong to us . . . skipper who was portioner, and ane Georg Arnat . . maister purser, being informed that our kirk was ruinous and our towne reducit to povertie . . . did dispone to the towne the broken shell . . planks and yr great boat . . . yet they wold not permitt us to meddle with anie of the same . . . we wis ye may stryve . . to preserve our poor people from anie troubles for alledged intromission in respect all was taken from ym. [From other papers only additional facts need be taken:—

No. 576, 1656.—Notarial Instrument.] . . . Cap. James Kaes, commanding Cap<sup>n</sup>. Spenser's troupe in Col. Wentroupe his regiment, with Corporall Ponder and the troupe . . . . generall search for taking away all the guidis the commonaltie . . apprehendit. [Another Notarial Instrument;

No. 577, 1657.—] At the Inver of Lochslyne . . . compeirit Mr Jas. Fuller, burgess of Inverness, Commr. for the proprietars of the guidis in the ship callit the Amsterdame of Amsterdame . . . presence of Alexr. Watsone in the Inver of Lochslyne, Finlay Duf yr., Wm. Roy tailyeor yr., Alexr. Kerane yr., Alexr. Dunbar yr., tennents and cadgers of fische for themselves and on behalfe of the rest of the tenents and fischeris intrometteris with the said guidis to the number of sexteine . . . lafullie requyrit, to declare thair intromissione . . . refusit absolutelie till Mr Alexr. Duf yair Mr. be present . . . Alexr. Duf, chamberlane to the laird of May . . . requyrit, &c. . . refusit . . . took instrumentis. [So we have the Inver men, with full countenance of the factor, and Tain men with that of their magistrates, helping themselves busily to the wrecked goods; Cromwell's troopers cantering over the Morrich, stopping them, searching, and recovering the goods at Tain, but not so successfully at Inver; lastly, the magistrates appealing to the Court of Session against this rough and ready military rule. There is an unfinished copy of the summons:—

No. 578, N.D.—] Oliver Lord Protector of the Commonwealthe, &c. . . and the hon<sup>l</sup>. Commrs. of Exchequer, great Admiralls of Scotland, and the Provost, &c. . . of Taine, thair deputies, &c. . . infest and seasit in . . . territorie shoirs . . . skalpes within the sea mark wrak and weare . . . [recites facts as above, rest of paper blank. The same popular notion about wreckage is seen in a letter of 1763 about a wreck at Strathnaver:—"The people there require good looking after, as they are too apt to consider such disasters a favourable cast of Providence, and secure what they can for themselves." Another Admiralty case, arising just inside the Commonwealth period, is in

No. 579, 1661.—Notarial Instrument.—] At Moortoune 16th May . . . compeired George Dunbar, couper in Forres, for Duncan Forbes, merchant burgess of Inverness . . . presence of Sir Robert Innes of Moortoune . . . having commission from Sir John Fletcher, advocat, as . . . commissione from Charles Duke of Lenox, High Admirall . . . full power to . . . uplift . . . the gold penny from the skipper or merchants of ilk ship . . . come to any place within Murray Firth lyable . . . conform . . . requyrit . . . Innes to rander and restore to . . . Forbes ane whaill alledgit baleen which come in at or neir Findhorne . . . intromettit with and away carried be him, his, &c. . . refused . . . denied . . . intromett with any creature of the sheap of a whaill . . . had right as heritor . . . commission only for . . . golden penny and noways for whaills . . . [Another case arising in the period, but settled only several years after, is in

No. 580, 1659.—] Charles be the Grace of God . . . forsameikle as it is . . . showin to us be our lovit Johne Urqhart

merchand in Ffrasersburgh, and Johne Urqhart in Ferritoun [Meikle Ferry] his factor for his entres [interests] that upon the thretin day of Apyll 1666 the said compleiners obtineit ane decret . . . against Johne Fforrester ane of the baillies of the burgh of Tayne, ordaining him to mak payment . . . of the sowme of fyftein pund eight shillings money containet in ane ticket [bond] . . . grantit be him to the said complainer daitit the eighteint day of March 1659 ; and of the sowme of twentie four punds money forsaid as the pryce of ane hundreth and twentie fyve pun weight of tobacco and that as the wairing [laying out] of the frie money receavit be the said Johne Fforrester for the number of fourtie fyve ells thrie quarters wheeling and fingering, delivered to him in Scotland for the said complainer to waire in Holland according to his commissioun and obeissment to the said Johne Fforrester to him of the dait 18th March 1659, extending in the hail . . . to threttie nyne pund eight shilling . . . with four punds for expenses of plea . . . the said complainer causit lawfully requyre and chairage the said Johne Fforrester to mak payment . . . . We chairage you [i.e., officers] that incontinent [at once] in our name . . . command . . . to mak payment within fyfteen dayes under pane of rebellione . . . [Next, the officer relates how he served the summons and letters of horning on Forrester,] personallie before thir witnesses Walter Ros, Dean of Guild of Tayne, Alex. Ross borrow officer there, etc. . . . And becaus Johne Forrester . . . hes most contemptouslie disobeyit the former chairage . . . theirfor on the sext day of June I past to the mercat croce of Tayne head brugh of the schyre of Ros . . . and thereat, efter three severall Ho! yess! oppin proclamatiounes of the within wrettin letters, in our soveraigne lord's name and autic. [authority] I deulie and orderlie denuncit the said Johne Forrester rebell, and did put him to our lord's horne be three severall blasts of ane horne . . . and ordainit his hail movable goods and geir to be escheitit . . . befor thir witnesses David Ross merchand in Tayne, Johne M'Culloch elder there, and Alex. Ross post there. [Fraserburgh is still very often pronounced in the district with the *s* in the middle. Such pronunciation is reckoned a vulgar one, but here is very old authority for the *s*, with which it is spelt each time. Another current pronunciation reckoned vulgar is *brogh* or *broch* for *burgh* in the name ; but in this very paper *brugh* is used for both towns, while *borrow* and *bruch* are also applied to Tain. The doubling of *f* at the beginning of words was a fashion or conceit prevailing from early in the seventeenth century till late in the eighteenth. The tobacco consignment betokens an import trade at Fraserburgh—most likely from one of the larger English ports. The English colony of Virginia was then the chief source of supply, and there were no Scottish ships—or almost none—fit to cross the Atlantic; certainly no harbour then at



Fraserburgh fit to take them. But in 1659 the smaller Scottish ports were profiting by Cromwell's enlightened policy of free navigation between England and Scotland. After the tobacco, apparently from an English port or colony, and the worsted, probably produced in Aberdeenshire, were sold in Tain, the free proceeds should have been laid out in getting goods in Holland for Urquhart. Two Convention of Burghs accounts of the period may be conveniently inserted:—

No. 581, 1655.—[Accompt awneing be the burrowes . . . four yeirs a'rent of 1000 merks payit to Stainhyve . . . 1650, £160 . . . ane accompt allowit in Edr. and Pearth £400 . . . . Received from Wm. Ross, commr. for ye brugh of Taine, £9 12s . . . missive dewes . . . do., do. £14 6s as their proportione of £2863. [So Tain had to pay in spite of poverty.

No. 582, 1658.—[Account of expenditure by the Convention.] To Michael Craige at the puteing of the petitione anent the bay salt £2 18s . . . To the clerks of Haddingtoun, Edr., and Glasgow for writing and directing the missives . . . £120. Borrowed and advanced for the use of the agent at Londonn, £1333 6s 8d . . . Do. do. for prosecuting ye action at the instance of Irvine and Renfrew agt. unfree men. Debursit in ye actione of contraventione at ye instance of Aberdein [other fees, &c., then] Received from Androw McCulloch, Provost of Tayne, £12 13s . . . proportione of £2556 . . . . [Many papers relating to the next period have come under Sections I., II., and III., and from Nos. 303-4-5, &c., it has appeared that the exactions and quarterings were not less then than under the Commonwealth.

B. No. 583, 1662.—[Bond of the Peace.] . . . Act of Parliament, ordaining all chieffes and landlords to secure their kinsmen, vassals and followers, men tennents and servantes to keepe his Majesties peace . . . . Me James Ross of Eye as ane of David Ross . . . his followers, and w<sup>t</sup> me as cautioner Robert Ross in Lochsline, to be bound and obleigit . . . shall keepe . . . . and that his mentennents or any whome he may stope or let shall not break the same . . . . subscribit at Mekill Reaine 21st day of March 1662 in pns. of Androw Ross brother to Walter Ross of Ballamuckie, James Ross of Mekill Rennie. [The forerunner of the newspaper is seen in

B. No. 584, 1667.—[Written paper, docketed "News Letter."]  
Covent Garden 16th July 1667. The last news of the dutch fleet wes the greatestt number to have appeared towards Evlens Port near Portsmouth. Ther be som apprehentions that they may doe mischieff upon doacwards q<sup>r</sup> divers of our Straittes schipes have putt in, that the consideratione of the almost concludit peace doe not check them. The report I wreat last of Sir Hermones taking of some of the East India Schipes appeirs now to be Captan Kempthorns

taking 5 hollands Staitsmen outward bound and loaded with East India comodities, besydes great quantitie of Holland cloth, all which they say is secured in Galloway in Ireland . . may allay our untowardly negligence at Chattin [Chatham.] No certaintie yet of Sir Jerimie Smith, tho the opinione is that he has reached Lymbrick. The French King hes returned to the army, and hes been so bold with the Hollands minister Van Binnighame that the States indirect preictises wer non sufficientlie unmasked . . . The dutch are bussie preparing to help the spainyard as is reported. The Sueddes are still quyet . . upon the close of our treaty they will either do or threattin great matter. All the hopes of the Spanish forces in Flanders is from heaven for ther strenth at the best now doe scarce venter upon anything but the remaynes of ane army that half killed the land by plague and famine. In the last attack of Courtrack the governor was killed. The duke of Buckingham on Sunday last in the evening wes sett at libertie from the towr . . . Sir Robert Holmes, Sir Tho. Ellen, Sir Geo. Captan Kempthorne to the number of 40 sail were all joyned upon the high seas. Sir John Hermones success against . . Dutch East India schipes is revived . . going to Straittes . . valued to £300,000 sterling. [The exaction of men as well as money is shown in

B. No. 585, 1680.—Receipt.] I Mr George Paterson of Seafield, Levtenant to his Ma'tie in the companie of foot out of the division of Eist Ross, grant me to have receipt from David Ross, Laird of Ballnagowne . . eight sufficient shouldiers qch is his full proportione . . to his valued rent, without armes . . obleidgt to produce them the first rendezvous day . . . Given at Scone the twentie fourt of August . . Geo. Paterson. [The Highlands were the favourite recruiting ground at the period, and the special muster made on the eve of the Revolution is seen in

No. 586, 1688.—] List of the leaders and outreckers [fitters-out] of the hundreth and sixty fyve footmen imposed be his Ma'ties privy counsell and of the militia horse or foot out of the Eastern divisione of Ross-shyre and to be sent to Stirling to be devydit into two Companys well ( ) and provydit wt. fourtie days provision under the Command of ( ) made be ye commissar and oyr heretors . . . At Tayne the 4th Decr. 1688 . . . having mett . . . that ilk leader have £200 for outreick of each man and . . £30 for furnishing and 12s Scots further of ilk £100 valued rent to be given to the commanders to defray their charges . . . immediately under paine of quartering . . . [Another paper gives a list of the foot militiamen, numbering 86.

No. 587, 1688.—Order by the Commissioners.] . . ilk heretor within the Eastern Division of Ross who are neither leaders nor adjuncts . . to pay £15 6s ou of ilk hundreth pounds

valued rent towards the outreick of officers and commanders of the 160 footmen to be sent to Stirling. [But there is a notable difference shown in

No. 588, 1688.—Letter, addressed] . . The Lord Viscount Tarbat . . My Lord, His Majesty's Privy Councill considering it unnecessary to give your shire any further trouble in bringing forth the proportion of men lately ordered to be reiked out . . by you These . . authorizing and requiring you . . to dismiss and send home your . . men, And the Councill . . . give you and . . under you their thanks for . . hearty concurrance in his Majesties service. Signed . . Perth Cancellarius. Edr. 29 Nov. 1688. [The real reason probably being that the Chancellor or the Council did not trust Lord Tarbat, and as the Revolution went on, there was great slackness about the levies.

No. 589, 1689.—Instrument of protest.] . . Alexr. Dunbar produced commission by Major Generall M'Kye . . impowring . . to receive the horse which the shires of Moray, Inverness, Ross, Sutherland and Caithness are obliged to furnish . . . to the reglement of the Estaits, as also to receive . . £15 15s from such as could not furnish . . horse . . . notice to David Ross of Balnagown, Sheriff Principal, who . . gave order for the comm<sup>rs</sup>. to meet and proportion the leavies . . and mak uplifts of leaders, but some only did meet . . not a quorum and actit nothing . . . [Kenneth, Earl of Seaforth, went into open opposition, and Brahan was occupied by Mackays and Rosses; but Balnagown made a strange compact with the officer of the latter:—

B. No. 590, 1689.—Assignment.] I Captaine Alexr. Ross for the love and favour I bear to the Laird of Balnagown my Cheiff who wes pleasit to nominate me as captaine of his hundreth men in the garrisone of Brahan . . . assign to him the pay due to the said office . . refer myself . . for what he pleases to bestow upon mee for my service . . . witnesses Hugh Ross of Glastulich, Dond. Ross of Knockgartie.

[No. 591, 1689.—Letter to Balnagown.] Inverness ye 11 Nov. 1689. I have received yors of ye 8th, and blamed you for nothing more than for not giving me notice . . I never doubted yor loyallty, but was unwilling you should put the countrey to a needless trouble when there was no enemie at hand . . . I will not pretend to give you any orders since you have the major generalls and the Privy Councils . . . when I designed to have the countrey keep a watch I warned in the herritors . . consulted most convenient wayes to lay it on the countrey they advised . . . I proposed it to be on every hundred pounds rent . . gentle-



men well-affected, but wonder a watch has not been sett . . . I will not be wanting to protect you or your country . . . Three of Grants Companies will be up this day as likewise Major McKay . . . James Leslie. [The seal is identical with that of George Leslie, 4th Earl of Rothes, of which family the writer was. In 1st and 3rd quarters 3 buckles, in 2nd and 4th lion rampant. See here No. 186.

B. No. 592, 1689-90.—Affidavit.] David Ross of Balnagowne maketh oath That he did furnish The Independent Company off foot under his command in the years Iai Vi ct Eighty nyne and nynty with compleit Cloathing and other necessars according to the highland fashione allotted by the Government—David Ross . . . Johne Ross of Achnacloath, Alexr. Ross of Litle Tarrell, Will<sup>m</sup>. Ross of Easter Ferne . . Justices . . 1709.

[B. No. 593, N.D., Revolution time.—Note to Balnagown, docketed] Fraser about the behaveour of Balnagown's men at Brahan . . Captan Alexander before he wold remove from Brahan this day he did call me up to sie the house and windows with yr leads. All that I decerniat . . of wrong done is som lossans of glaiss broken, with locks of doors . . all in keiping till they be called for . . .

[B. No. 594, not dated, but, from above, 1709.—Petition] Unto . . . Lords of . . Counsell . . David Ross . . . to evidence his zeal . . did wait upon Generall Major M'Cay . . Inverness . . present to him 100 of my men weill armed . . . in defence of the present Government notwithstanding of my neighbours' oppositione . . . General . . did make choise of ane hundred of my hyleanders with yr own arms, and having mustered ym himselve he established ym in ane independent Company . . . received ym to be under pay, 1st May 1689 . . there being no Fond . . petitioner . . on his own credit raise money and advance pay . . .

[B. No. 595, 1689.—Letter to Balnagown.] Holyrood House Decr. 17, 1689 . . . I am concerned to find . . yt our country is so much harassed . . . list of the officers of State . . . The King desired the Duke of Hamilton to take the publick management of affaires in Scotland till his Ma'tie settled the government . . . Tarbat continues still at Court . . . a governor to the Lord Melville, who does nothing without his direction . . . The Count de Mainard, second son of the Duke of Schomberg, past by here from Ireland . . . Lord Berkeley is sailed . . with 24 men of war and 4 fire ships for the coast of France, and Killebrew has orders to follow him . . . William Ross.

[B. No. 596, N.D., by script Revolution time.] Memorandum for Lieutenant Maxwell . . That you press earnestly upon the Earl of Seafort, Bellagown, Obsdale . . and freinds . . urther heritors and gentilmen . . to send in yr proportion of

meall to the garison . . put yr whole fensible men y<sup>t</sup> hes arms on foot . . and provyde w<sup>t</sup> a month's loane . . . Seafort hasten w<sup>t</sup> all speed those of . . Suddie, Kilmuir, and Killearnan that ar appoynted for the building of the trenche on the uthter side of the water . . servants and tenants w<sup>t</sup> spades and shooles . . . ensign and 4 rate of musketeirs to be employed for the . . hastening . . Ro. Lumsdane.

[No. 597, 1690-91.—Eight pages—neither first nor last found—of claims against Government soldiery. For brevity, each person, place, or article given only once; money and repetitions omitted.] To the tennents of Strathpeffer, 5 days quarters to 100 men before they entered the garrison of Castle Leod, under Captain M'Kay, 4 sh. per day ilk man [4d sterling—what would Strathpeffer charge now?] . . To Kenneth Mackenzie in Ochterneed [by same garrison], 40 bolls oats and 16 bolls bear destroyed . . 1 tartau plaid . . 6 merks, 1 brasse pan, 4 cogs, 2 dishes, 6 spoons taken—10 elns of plaiden, 1 pair pot boulds . . taken be Capt. Hugh's souldiers from . . Inchvannie . . secks from Milnaine . . . 12 bolls oatmeal taken by Capt. Geo. Gordon in Grant's Regiment, governour yr of Brahan, from Hector Urquhart in Knockbaxter . . . Resting to Viscount Tarbats haill tennents in Strathpeffer for 700 loads of peats at 3s 4d and for candles £70, and for strae to 4 horses of Cap. M'Kay; To the grieve for grass eaten by them £13. Two coves masterfully seized and killed— of the Laird of Kilcoy . . Oats . . strae from tennents of Kilcoy and Drumnamaig . . to the magazine of Inverness before Sept. 1690 . . horses taken by Ensign William Ker of Strathnaver's Regiment . . sent to the expeditione of Lochaber . . . secks and timber dishes . . to Badenoch . . tennents of Davochpollo, Davochcairne, Davochmaluach, 400 load of peats and cow taken by Capt. Alexr. Ross's souldiers . . Brahan . . . and Wester Farburn . . . horse for expedition of Cromdell . . . to Captain Lockhart's dragownes . . . horse by . . Collonel Lumsdane . . and of Ancient [Ensign] James Ker . . . Oats, &c. . . from Hugh Baillie before Jan. 1691 . . and tennants by stress of quartering and Major Wisharts order . . . meall and wedder to Livetenant Munroe in ffoules Company . . . from the relict of Suddie and her tennents . . cairts of peats at 16s [from which it appears that a cart was 4 or 5 "loads," i.e., what could be carried on the horse's back] . . Resting to George Graham in Chanonry be Capt. Gordon of Embo and Cap. Sakeld and Cathcarts dragownes . . per ticket for meat and drink . . . To David McCulloch be . . Agnew's dragoons . . . To Thomas Forbes be . . Sir Thomas Livingstones dragoons under Livetenant Cathcart . . . and per ticket by Livetenant Knightown and Livetenent Wm. Baillie. [Then lists of articles taken by soldiers, or sent to the magazine of

Inverness, and then] . . . 2 cows, 1 Bull, 1 ox, and 12 goats taken from Duncan Mcfaill in Ballivulich under silence of night . . . traced be him and . . . neighbours, yr being a new fallen snow, to the garisone of Brahan . . . and were threatened to be killed for following ye trail . . . To John Bayn in Inchrory, tacksman of ye excyse . . . souldiers of . . . Castle Leod fo 6 browst brewed and retailed . . . prof excyse 3 merks per browst . . . Owing to the inhabitants of Fortrose by Major Wishart and Captaine George Gordone and Capt. Sleick and Cap. Salkeld for meat and drink to souldiers . . . to John Macfarquer . . . to David Monipennie and Donald Davidstone late Baillies yr. . . to George Morison . . . to Margaret glasse . . . to Alexr. Speedman, Bailzie . . . John Miller, Bailzie . . . to Donald Miller, shoemaker, for shoes to Lieut. Lumsdaine [and other officers] . . . to Hugh Gollan, Bailzie . . . Donald M' Cruiman . . . Androw Shewstone [and 14 others. The place Knockbaxter mentioned above occurs only once again in a process of 1676, where Alexander Mackenzie of Ardloch, brother to Lord Tarbet, as pursuer cites a contract matrimonial of 1638 between Duncan Mackenzie, chamberlain of Tarbet, and Agnes, daughter of Rorie Mackenzie of Collis—? Culisse—with John Mackenzie of Fairburn and Rorie Mackenzie of Knockbaxter as cautioners.

B. No. 598, 1691, March.—Letter: D. Ross, Edinburgh, to the Laird of Balnagown—an example of the way lawyers and merchants in the capitals supplied their clients or customers with news.] Right hon<sup>ll</sup>. . . . There can be nothing expected from the Thesaurie of what is dew to you [see No. 592] and yr are many in your circumstance. Capt. Mackay his company is one of the 5 Independent Companys now on foot. They have got nothing of bygons more than ye, but have subsistence now paid monthly . . . yr is a great congres at the Hague . . . the common enemie is as busy as he can be . . . Sir George Mackenzie is like to die at London. Saturday's night last the Mr of Tarbet, Laird of Mey, James Sinclair a wryter, and one Ensigne Mowat being drinking late . . . in Leith, and the Mr having offered kindness to the maide, who to shun him removed, the Mr followed her, whom he having misst stept into a room q<sup>r</sup> a frenchman was sleeping, who as the Mr laid hand on his face awaked and said what for a b——r . . . the Mr struck at him in the face . . . he cry<sup>d</sup> . . . other frenchmen . . . came down w<sup>t</sup> swords and pistols . . . Ensigne Mowat ran in assistance of the Mr., and after some reaseineings [a nice euphemism] one of the french men was run throw the body . . . and died . . . The Mr is now in the Castle and Mowat in the Tolbooth. They were seized by the guard. Sinclair and Mey . . . keep off the street. All the frenchmen wer of the Kings guard . . . [Ends with timber business.



B. No. 599, 1691, June.—Same to same; after the business part] . . . The last week the Bass was manned by 4 or 5 prisoners yrin, and the officers being all furth and only a serjeant commanding w<sup>t</sup> no sentinells, 14 qrof being imployed to carie coalls from the boats . . the prisoners . . . made ymselves maisters wch they keep . . . and have provisions. There are some of Leven's regiment set allongst the coast to blocade the bass . . . The provest of Aberdeen, who had been . . before the Counsell for his accession to the rable . . y<sup>r</sup> when the Com<sup>tie</sup> of the Gn<sup>l</sup>. Assembly met, was depryved of his office . . declared incapable in tyme coming and sent to prison . . but now at libertie, and oyr thrie treadsmen of the same town are ordered to be brought to the Tron piller and to have y<sup>r</sup> eares nailed yрто upon ye forsd accompt. The M<sup>r</sup> of Tarbet is still in the Castle . . . The Episcopall ministers are to be enlarged, and those unjustly thrust out . . reponed, they owning the civill government . . .

[B. No. 600, 1691.—Paper, 4 folio pages sent to Balnagown, with copies of correspondence—Ist, Jo. Hill from Fort-William, as to Lord Breadalbane's negotiations with Highland chiefs, says:—] I find them very jealous of him and loath to trust him, [and adds] My Lord Arguile is fishing in the Sound of Mull for the Spanish money that was cast in 1588. [Breadalbane's letter:—] Auchallader 3 July 1691. I write some days agoe of my allowance to meet w<sup>t</sup> such as are in armes in the Highlands and to give safe conducts to such as come . . . the highlanders have signed a forbearance from acts of hostility till the 1st of Oct<sup>r</sup>. provydeing the lyke be done to them . . . [Hill continues that Breadalbane allowed them to send two—who, he hears, are Colonel Charters and Major Menzies—to the late King James. Then comes King William's "letter from the camp":—

B. No. 601.—] William Rex. We doe by these command and authorize George Viscount of Tarbat to treat with the highlanders . . in rebellion . . viz., Sir Donald Macdonald McClean, The Capt. of Clan Ronald, Glengarie, Lochiel, Mr Colin McKenzie uncle to the Earl of Seaforth and oyr<sup>s</sup> their . . followers . . to submit to our Royal authority and laws and secure their obedience . . treat . . by word or wryte . . by himself or oyr<sup>s</sup> . . . we secure him and these . . from all danger . . . communing with rebels . . . for encouraging these highlanders . . empower said Viscount to offer such honour under that of Earle and . . money not exceeding £2000 stg. to any chieff and tribe . . also secure them in all they possessed by law or gift from our Royal uncle King Charles . . indemnifie . . them . . who shall submit, from all accusation . . crimes preceding . . . at Whitehall 25th March 1690. [Next is a copy letter, Sir Alexander Mackenzie of Coul to the Earl of Cromarty] . . . hearty thanks for your concern and advice . . . for my

part I can freely refer myself to the Governours of Inverness their testimony, and for this present to the major himself . . . testimony I gave . . . of my countrymen . . . was that they could not joyn to make any considerable partie ag<sup>st</sup> the Government, except they were overawed by the stronger party, for when it came to tryall all those in the Low Country except one never having joyned the Earle, except by way of a complimentall visit which made his number to small . . . we could exceed 3000 men, as good as McKay commanded set besyde his officers, horse, and discipline, but instead of that he did not compleat 700, for all the noise it makes, fitter for a . . . convoy than ane army . . . he and his have all the harm . . . not their advantage to follow with any vindictiveness, which I pray God raze from among us . . . [Next from Lord Leven] Sept. 12 . . . . As for . . . the late Earle of Seaforth when he was in rebellion I doe remember that at the earnest desyres of severalls of his kindred the Earle of Melville then . . . Commissioner did grant a pass . . . either to come to Edr. or . . . to Major Genll. Mackay then in the north . . . His Lop. did render himself to that Generall . . . [Next from Earl of Stairs.] Jombleau July 12, 1691 O.S. I had a memoriall from Sir Thos. Livingston . . . wr<sup>n</sup>. wt your hand. The King has granted all he desyred. The expectation of the highlanders coming to hand made me tell you that their oyr project would doe, but ye failed . . . Then we cannot deminish but must rather increase these Companies . . . . I doubt not both Broadalbine and you are doing your best wt the highlanders, but if there come no satisfactory account of yr negotiation next week you may expect the order for the armes advancing. I can hold that off no longer tho' I fear the consequences. The first steps are easie and tempting but the sequel may be mischievous . . . adieu. To the Earl of Cromarty. [Even after Seaforth, as above, gave himself up, his strongest castle was held against the Government, and there was an expedition thither.

No. 602, 1692.—] List of leaders for baggage horse for Isslanddonnan:—Laird of Tulloch 2, Rosehaugh 1, Findrassie 2, Knock and John Miller 1, Scatwell 2, Belmaduthie 1, Mr Rorie and Arcan 1; John Mathesonne 1, Kilcoys mother and Muirens 2, Suddies haill estait 1, Drynie, Killiemoore, and Pitlundie 2; Reidcastle 2½ and Findon 3½; Aplecros, Ord, and John Tuach 1; Gairloch, Mr Charles and Mr Hector, 2; fferburne, Killchulladrum, and widdow of Arcon 2; Dachmaluach 1, Brea 1, Tarbatts in Fodderty 3, Laird of Coull, Corriemulzie, and Strathgarve 3; Knockbaynes real adjuncts 1, Dingwall 1, Marquess and Countess dowager of Seafort [she was the resident and real manager, and they are obliged to contribute to reduce one of their own castles] 3; Hugh Munro of Teaninich and Mr John McCallum 1; Kinrara's estait and Alexr. McIntosh 1; Cul-

cragie and Coull Munro 1; Assine McKenzie 1; Dachcairne, Swordell, flyress, finlay McCrebitter and Ardallie 1; Laird of Fowlis 2; Limlair, Killchoan, John Beattone 2; Balkonie, Teanaird, and Killtearne 1; Teaninich and John Munro of Teanrivan 1. The above wrn. list . . . at Reidcastle in obedience to the Governor of Inverness his order . . . Colin M'Kenzie, Simon M'Kenzie, J. Grahame. [The list and numbers of the levy seem to show roughly the relative importance of the estates. Next occurs a Proclamation showing the bitterness of the contest against France, and of the feeling against the Jacobite faction at home:—

B. No. 603, 1696.—] William, &c. . . . Statute that none . . . without express leave . . . should presume to go to the Kingdom of France after 1st . . . June . . . 1693 or . . . stay . . . therein . . . under pain of treason. Nevertheless . . . Grahame younger of Duntroone, Mr Charles brother to Lord Kinnaird, Mr Alexr. Maitland br. to the Earl of Lauderdale, Captain Dean, Cap. Ruthven, Lieutenant Isaac Threall, Lieut. Auchmouty, Ensign Alexander Innes, Lieutenants Daniel and John Banes, Ensigns Wm. Ramsay in Hodges Regiment and Alexr. Sandelands in Wauchope's, and Laurence Drummond, Captains Robert Somervail and Wm. Davidson, Lieut.'s Wm. Main and Jas. Henderson, Ensigns Robt. Southerland, Alexr. Sinclair, Lieut. Jn. Bell, and Ens. Wm. Innes and Wm. Lyon in D'Offerel's Regt., Wm. and Hugh Southerlands nephews to Major Genl. S., Walter Nisbet son to Alexr. N. of Craigintinny, Wm. Sinclair son to Sin. of Dun, Thos. Clark bro. to Wm. C., advocat; Robt. Kinloch, Mr Wm. Pearson son to — Pearson, min<sup>r</sup>. at Stirling; Alex. Cuthbert son to . . . Provost of Inverness; Captains Patrick Grahame, Robt. and Wm. Charters, John Ramsay, Jas. Adamson, John Livingston, Creighton, and Mair; Lieutenant Colonels Rattray, Oliphant, and Douglas, Robt. Stuart, Agent in Edr.; Ens. John Menzies son to M. of Monzie, Major Jn. Gordon, Sir John McLain of that Ilk, and Irwine of Stepleton have dared . . . to go . . . France or . . . remain . . . incurred . . . Treason . . . returned and lurk within our . . . Kingdom . . . . Command Sheriffs . . . magistrates . . . apprehend all . . . detain . . . within . . . tolbuiths . . . . prohibit . . . subjects . . . harbour . . . or relieve. [As to the war at sea somewhat later there is:—

No. 604, N.D., but allusions about 1702.—First part only of letter from young Highland seaman.] Dear Broyr. . . . We have been . . . Newcastle and going for Holland. I have sent to you for a Highland plaid and some linnen . . . Sir George is come home, and has sunk, taken and burned . . . 17 merchant ships and 30 men of war all french and Spaniards, for we and the Dutch does plunder the french bravely. Admiral Benbow in the West Indies has taken and burned 20 sayle, and Commander Lake his cousing



home from Newfoundland with 20 prizes . . I have been made midshipman, which is a great deal better than before mast, for my pay was but 23s per moneth, now it is 30s . . . If I was clear now and had any friendes I could buy a vessell for very little, for prizes is very cheap . . one for £100 that you cannot in peace time for £200 . . . [The difficulty as to recruits, seen in Nos. 257 and 258, continued, and we have:—

No. 605, 1709-10.—MS. letter to] The Commrs. for . . recruiting . . land forces and marines . . Shire of Ross . . . recommend . . vigorous . . execution . . act for . . recruiting . . forces . . . hope your Zeal to Her Majesty . . improve every opportunity . . no part of the shire may want the number of commissioners . . officers to be ready to receive recruits . . take care that the severall rewards and encouragements . . paid and disposed of . . absolutely necessary for carrying on the war . . Continue to send an account . . . Council Chamber, St James's 18th Decr. 1710. [Signed] Rochester, Buckingham, Seafeld, Beaufort, Mar, Dartmouth, Loudoun. [In right corner] S. Parker, Tho. Trevor, Ric<sup>d</sup>. Onslow, Berkeley. [In left corner, in handwriting of Lord Ross of Halkhead] Comrs. of recruits for ye Shire of Ross. [One of the accounts of 1709 bears that volunteers had been invited, but none offered themselves, and the Commissioners of Supply had warranted the officers to "apprehend such as came within the Act"—in short, sent a press-gang. At the same time occurs a document of the Union—a "coppie Debenter Bill":—

No. 606, 1709.—] . . £60. Equivalent Office, 16th Decr. 1709. Pursuant to an Act of Parlt. for . . . payment of the Equivalent money, the Commissioners . . doe hereby certifie tha there is due to Mr John Dallas of Bannans . . . upon the Third Class of the civill list . . Sixty Pound Stg. . . out of the Revenues of the Customs and Excise and other arising Equivalent due to Scotland mentioned in the fifteenth Article of Union. [Subscribed] And. Hume, John Swinton, Jas. Campbell, Jo. Inglis, Secretary, John Symmer, Accomptant. [As to the STUART RISING of 1715, the following gives all the leading men of Ross-shire at the time and how they stood. It is put in condensed form:—

B. No. 607, N.D., but names fix to 1715-24.] Commissioners of ye Land Tax:—ROSSES—Of Balnagown, General Charles; Pitcalny, Malcolm; Kindeace, David; Aldy, Wm. and Jn.; Invercharron, Wm.; Inverchassley, David; Easterfearn, Wm.; Shandwick, Andw.; Belnacore, Alex.; Torroy, Arthur; Braelangwell, Hugh, senr. and junr.; Tolly, do.; Kirkskeath, Robt.; Chamberlaine of Strathcarron, Robt.; Little Tarrel, Alex. and Hugh; Pitkerrie,

Alexr.; Loggy, Robt.; Calrossie, Thos.; Eye, Charles; Little Kindeace, Alex.; Little Daan, David. **MUNROES**—Of Fowlis, Sir Robt. and Robt., jr.; Newmore, George; Culrain, do., senr. and junr.; Culkairn, do.; Limlair, do.; Teachat, do.; Knockan and Kirin, Kenneth; Novar, Hector and John; Milton, John; Killichoan, Alexr. and John; Kildermory, Hugh; Auchnagart, Robert; Culcraigy, Wm.; Ardulzie, Hugh; Teaninich, do.; Daan, Hector; Lealdy, Donald; Chamberl. of Swordale, John. **MACKENZIES**—Farness, Kenneth; Royston, Sir James; Colonel Alexr.; Scatwell, Sir Kenneth and K., junr.; Reidcastle, Rodk.; Delvin, Mr John; Allangrange, Mr Simon; Belmaduthy, Alexr.; Torridon, Mr Simon; Kincaig, Colin; Inchculter, George; Davachcairn, Wm.; Highfield, Jn.; Kinock, Dr; Bishop Kinkell, Hector; Ardross, John; Broomhill, Duncan, Lord Macleod of Tarbat. **MACLEODS** of Cadboll, Aeneas; Alexr. M., advocate; of Geanies, Cap. Donald. [Of other families:—] Alex. Forrester of Cul-linald; Colin Graham of Dryny; Sir Wm. Gordon; Adam Gordon, Kilfedder; James Fraser, Seafield; Alexr. Duff, Drummuir; Walter Innes, Crumrunne; W. Robertson, Craigmiln; Kenneth Bain, Tulloch; Laird of Pilton; Mr John Macgilligin, Alness; David Beaton, Culniskea; Eldest Bailie of Dingwall. **ATTAINTED BY ACT OF PAR.**—Sir John Mackenzie of Coul; Alexr. do., Applecross; Rodk. do., Fairburn; Alexr. do., Davachmaluag; John do., Avoch; George do., Bellamucky. **IN ARMS IN SIR ROBT. MUNRO'S COUNTRY AND AT PERTH AND SHERIFFMUIR:**—Rodk. M., junr., Applecross; Wm. M., junr., Belmaduthy; Kenneth M. of Suddy; Charles M., Cullen; Alexr. M., Ballone; Kenneth M. Achterdonald; George M., Gruinard; Colin M., Dochpollo; Rodk. M., junr., Redcastle; Kenneth M., junr., Torridon; Rodk. M., Dingwall, Cambuscurry; Lachlan MacIntosh of that Ilk; Alexr. Matheson of Benagefield; Sir Robt. Gordon of Gordonstone. **DEAD**—Sir Donald Bain of Tulloch; John Ross of Auchnacloch; Murdoch Mackenzie of Ardross; John Beaton of Culniskea. [How Tain again suffered is seen in

B. No. 608, 1715.—] Ane Counsell holdin 14th Octr. 1715 Be Wm. Ross and Thos. Ross, Baillies . . . Bailli Robert Ross presented a bill [described in it as a vintner] drawn be my Lord Duffus, Commander of a considerable partie of the rebels that cam heir from the Earle of Seaforth his camp—upon the magistrats for payment to him of sex pund 5s 2d sterling . . . for his majestie King James VIII's use . . . desired . . . they should draw upon ther treasurer . . . if not . . . immediately . . . he should acquaint the Lord Duffus . . . having considered . . . judge themselves nowayes bound to honour that draught contrar to ther alledgiance to ther righteous sovraign King George, yet they resolve . . . baillies draw bill upon the Treasurer . . . out of the first and readiest

of the publict effects, and that the main cause therof is to prevent further trouble to the toune.

[B. No. 609, 1716.—] Wee Wm. and Thos. Rosses, Baillies of Taine, doe hereby testifie and declare that the Earle of Sutherland having called for Inverchasley to Tain . . . was pleased to commit him to our custodie for alleagit disobeying . . . and corresponding with the rebels . . . Inverchasley . . . offered bail of £500 sterling . . . the Earle not accepting, Inverchasley remained in prisone and about Bailly William his house sixty days with allowance of one open prission and liberty of the toune . . . and the man being aged and tender and the storme great and not sufficient wents in the tolbooth his Lyfe by close imprisonment would be in eminent danger. At the last expeditione the Earle made, the heritors being called out with their horses and armes and Inverchasley being in the list . . . it was presumed the commitment was relinquished . . . .

[B. No. 610, 1715.—Along with above, copy of warrant.] These are ordering you to secure . . . David Ross of Inverchasley . . . in your Tolbooth of Taine for . . . disobedience . . . and correspondence with the rebels . . . Sutherland.

[B. No. 611, N.D., but, from names, soon after 1715.—Paper, docketed] Copy of a letter to Mr Wade. Sir, Being informed of your generous endeavour to procure . . . pardon to the following attainted gentilmen—Geo. Mackenzie of Balmuchie, Alexr. Mackenzie of Dachmaluack, Roderick Mackenzie of Fairburn, and Roderick Chissolm of Strathglass, We think ourselves bound to encourage . . . assuring you . . . the saids gentilmen do propose to live quietly and peacably under his majesties government . . . some degree merit his Royal clemency . . . [Signatures not given; may be same date, 1717, as a petition, among Tain papers, to the Sheriff by Donald Mackenzie of Kilcoy, praying that he may “have the benefit of the general pardon for the late unnatural rebellion,” and relating that he surrendered to General Cadogan, and has been under a sentinel. His petition is marked as granted. As to the STUART RISING of 1745-6, we have:—

No. 612, 1745.—Three letters from David Ross of Inverchasley to Wm. Baillie. 1st] I've delivered my letter to ane express who promises to be at Culloden be 2 o'clock tomorrow [i.e., at Lord President Forbes's, who was therefore there] . . . Mr Balfour promises some of his brethren will go on Thursday . . . . [2nd] . . . . I . . . think we should try to make out the Company directly [i.e., an Independent Company for defence] . . . . 5th Novr. [3rd] . . . let me know the humour your people are in . . . . I had news last post . . . Highland Army had taken the field . . . . Seafort was to dispute passing cannon to E. Cro. [Earl of Crom-



arty.] Laird Donald says the President would give us ane artillery camp . . . 9th Novr.

[No. 613, 1745.—Letter, docketed “The Chissolme,” and addressed] Mr Wm. Baylie, Chamberland of the Estate of Balnigoin. Sir, I hade the pleasur of yrs of the 9th . . . Thir unlicie troubles hase putt a stop to all credite and busines in most places and verie much with us, oyrways you would not have the trouble of writting me of the peyment of the Bear you gave. Rorie Ogs Draught was not sent me, which is no ods. Rorie has yor peyment much at heart and gives you his complts. . . . Rod. Chissolm. E. 16 Decr. 1745. [The Chisholm comes also into the sad story of Nos. 620 and 621, but in order of date we have next:—

No. 614, 1746, February.—Defences of Ferrymen against claim by Cadboll.] . . . only liable in nyne moneths rent of half the ferry of Portnaculter [Meikle Ferry] . . . From the time the Earle of Loudoun with the Kings troops crossed to Sutherland about the 20th of Feby. . . . not get one halfpenny of fraught or boat hyre till Whitsunday . . . 22nd of March that the Rebells gote into Sutherland and . . . defender had to desert the ferry as he was obnoxious to the Rebells, the Lord President having employed him to get Intelligence . . . Rebells Broke and demolished all the ferry boats . . . defender ruined and raked of everything . . . pleads . . . court . . . indemnify him . . . it looks very wanton and exuberant to . . . expect redress from the poor defender for dammage done by the Rebells.

[No. 615, 1746, 19th May.—Letter to Earl of Sutherland.] Your lp. may remember that at Tarbat House I showed you a spoon and some other things received from Hugh Ross the silversmith here [i.e., Tain], particularly a locket set in gold bearing a cypher on the gold part. You directed . . . keep till . . . know if it were from the family of Dunrobin . . . [So a letter of same month, from David MURRO, Edinburgh, to David Ross, commissary clerk, Tain, says the rebels rifled his house, “carrying away back and bed cloathes,” and exacted money of Tain, “for which redress must be exacted from the rebells’ estates.” In the same month occurs a Report, badly rotted:—

No. 616, 1746.—] At Taine . . . In obedience to General Hinks direction there is sett aboard of a boat . . . sail . . . wind and weather permitts, 11 firelocks and 6 bayonets, two ( ) and 12 small swords, a new drum of Lord Loudons Royal ( ) . . . other effects marked against names who . . . delivered up ( ) discoverys made ( ) firelock, sadle and target delivered to the Government officers ( ) sealed up in two plaid bunales . . . equally certain the bed or table linen and candlesticks belong to familys in this neighbourhood . . . 2 table napkins of Mr Gordon’s . . . all

pillaged by the rebels . . . . [Then in July there is a long holograph letter:—

No. 617, 1746.—Alexr. Mackenzie of Fairburn to Baillie; begins about “Corrie’s bills”] . . . . ties of friendship and relation induce me to serve his poor representative . . . I dailly look for the Philistins approach, and I fear poor Geordy will be ruined as are all to the south of this place that were concerned in ye Rebellion . . . . Ld. Seafort, ye President, and Sir Alexr. Macdonald . . applications to the Duke for him. When Glengarry could not gett in his Clan, Sir Alexr. told . . if Barisdale was pardoned he woud gett to surrender most of those that did stand out . . got a protection of 20 or 40 days . . got 110 Knodart men to surrender their arms at Bernera and Knodart, and as yet they remain unmolested . . . . I sent only 30 good cows to that market as they are surfeited with rebel cattle . . . The army have already forestald the mercats . . Quantities already sent to England by ye Army in Fort Augustus . . . [Next month a drover writes that he sent men after 6 strayed cattle, but they were “taken up in Glenmoriston by a party of the army and nigh shot as rebels”; and next month, September:—

No. 618, 1746.—Letter from A. Gray, drover, to Baillie.] Ane idle report . . of a landing in Arisaick . . may putt the rebels in such humour as to attempt distressing us on the way, and as the companies are called in from Ruthven and Tay Bridge . . to Fort Augustus to get a command from Lord Loudoun to put us through Drumnachter and Perthshire . . . . [It will be seen here and in No. 446 there was a great trade route for cattle droves through the Highlands into England. Then in October:—

No. 619, 1746.—Letter, same to same, from Carlisle, after business part, has in a P.S.:—] Buchannan of Ardinprayar, McLean Loch Moidart, Teaindriss the titular Bishop of Carlisle, were Saturday night acquainted of a Dead Warrant for their execution upon Saturday next, and were separated from the rest of the prisoners and Chained down and layd to ane iron Gade. They are in a miserable condition . . . .

[No. 620, 1746.—Petition] To . . Duke of Newcastle . . Secy. of State . . Alexr. Grant of Shewgly, James Grant his son, and Rev. Mr John Grant, Minister of the Gospel at Urquhart, prisoners in custody of a messenger . . sheweth . . . . some days after the battle of Culloden Mr Lewis Grant of Grant applyd to petitioners . . then . . as ever since the breaking out of this unhappy rebellion . . peaceable at . . homes—for assistance to persuade such rebels . . still in Arms in . . Urquhart, to surrender to . . Lewis . . petitioners complying . . persuaded 84 rebels . . name of Grant to surrender . . which . . Lewis . . acknowledged . . .

would entitle him to merit in His Royal Highness's eye . . . desired petitioners . . . attend him and . . . prisoners to Inverness . . . Petitioners were to their very great surprise represented by him . . . at Inverness as Rebels . . . in correspondence with those in arms, and as such made prisoners by him. Upon . . . false . . . information . . . Highness confined and sent them up Prisoners . . . Undergone great hardships . . . Alexander Grant near 70 years old, and a creditor by mortgage for a very large sum to . . . Lewis . . . very ill of a malignant fever . . . Defying his false accusation they applyd to your grace for . . . bail or . . . change of their confinement at Tilbury Fort to a more comfortable . . . granted . . . into a messengers custody . . . represent . . . the Hardships . . . guilty of no crime save that of having large demands against him . . . mortgage . . . John by bond and for arrears due to him as minister . . . intreat . . . leave to return home . . . answer all charges . . . in open and fair trial. [There is also:—

No. 621, October, 1746.—Letter to Wm. Baillie from Evan Baillie.] . . . I thought it very stupid in Shewglie and not exact in his operator at London . . . to come down without a coppie of the bail bond . . . recovery of damages . . . very precarious. The Chissolme binds for no money he may lend if he inclines and Dunballochs is not a security . . . would be fond to lend on . . . I do not now see the Chissolme in 3 months, and am not at all fond of jaunting to ye corner he lives in . . . humour and caprice of Shewglie's poor family will rather add to their other misfortunes and distresses . . . danger . . . of continuing Shewglie's relick and family in their present habitation . . . imaginary. Those who superintend . . . are not, thanked be God, fond of burning . . . on slight grounds . . . I shall write to The Chissolme as you desire. [On 11th August, James Fraser, Inverness, writes:—"I am sorry for poor Shewgly's death." From above we see his family dreaded being burnt out of their dwelling, and that The Chisholm was to relieve them. That the fear was not imaginary appears in

No. 622, 1746.—Letter to Baillie from Alexr. Ross.] Near Mills of Fortwilliam, May 1746 . . . I wrote . . . about bringing up men . . . men that are here that will stay are only 16. Therefore order as many as will make up 96 [i.e., Balnagown's contingent as one of the loyal chiefs.] . . . As soon as I am informed of the Armies route I shall acquaint you . . . The Mr of Ross, he's not come as yet . . . There's no end of burning the rebell countrey and bringing in sheep, goats, coves, horses, all qch are to be devided among the armie after they traverse the whole hielands . . . pains with our people to containe till that . . . be over and that they might have their shares . . . it was hard that these coming up reapt the advantage . . . I am sure there is not a soger



in this highland army but will draw £5 stg. besides pay on the 1st of July . . . .

[No. 623, N.D., about 1747.—Fragments of Memorial in favour of a Rebel.] ( ) that the memorialist used these officers with ( ) courtesie in his power, sending them wt. gaurds ( ) night to their lodgings, and bringing them their letters and newspapers without oppening them—contrair to his orders—and sometymes conveying letters . . . from them . . . he saved the life of Capt. Anderson of Col. Lassells Regiment when a highland ( ) cutt him in pieces if the memorialist had not inter( ). Memorialist having attended Lord Cromartie ( ) Perth to Dunfermlin was ordered on ( ) gentlemen's houses ( ) mand of levie money and to seize upon ( ) did all in his power to restrain the barbaritys and abuses . . by the Highlanders . . . to Perth, found Mr Gordon of Ard( ), lieutenant in the King's service, taken in a skirmish near Inverurie . . . set himself to oblige him and the oyr prisoners. . . . After . . . Falkirk he saved ye lives of severall of the Kings troops, and was heard to challenge the Highlanders for their barbarity ( ). In the march betwixt Dunkeld and Clunie Alexr. McCulloch and two oyr ministers in that neighbourhood were seized by the rebels . . brought to Lord Cromartie . . interposed ( ) went with them to Mr McCulloch's house, and kept them unmolested till the whole highland army were past ( ), and when at that time such orders were issued by Lord Cromarty as the burning of the houses of Mr Ross of Inverchasley and Capt. Macleod of Genzies, memorialist rode to Lord Cromarty's house wt. all speed and prevailed wt. Lady Cromerty to get his lp. to recall these orders . . . to protect as many as he could of the tenantry . . from being plundered, having taken the best of their effects and cattle to his own grounds in order to be in the meantime repute his effects for shelter ( ) ( ) dwellings of the Laird of Old( )r ( ) the Lady Douager of Hempricks, Cap. John Sutherland of force and several others . . . begs that such gentlemen . . acquainted with his conduct will honestly testifie ( ) [rest wanting. The writer's name unfortunately does not occur.

No. 624, 1747.—Letter to Baillie.] London 15th Jany. . . . I squeez'd in Tuesday to the house of Peers when Lovat was brought there, the fate of his petition you have seen . . There was an immense concourse of people of all denominations to see him as if he had been a most wonderful figure. M'Leod and Mrs M'Leod are very well. Capt. Peter is oft with them . . . All McLeods friends . . seem to like my sister . . John Martin. [We have had another allusion in No. 470. A postscript to a letter of David Munro, 10th December, from Edinburgh, has:—"I am sorry to tell you that this morning the Lord President died universally regretted. His son came here last Sunday."]

In 1748, Robert Menzies, Edinburgh agent, writes:—"I talked with Lord Strichen about an allowance you crave from Rosehaugh on account of contributions exacted by the Highland Army out of his estate." In another, same year, Alex. M'Kenzie of Ardloch relates that he had an invitation to the Earl of Sutherland's, who "had drawn up an information against him as having held command in the rebel army, levied publick money, and fled for refuge to foreign countries," but cancelled the information on Ardloch paying a debt to him. In 1749, James Robertson, Aird of Coigach, writing to the Commissary Clerk, relates that in 1746 marines came to that coast and pillaged the country for their concern in the Rebellion, and mentions one poor man who had his house plundered and burnt and his sheep taken away. Alex. Ross—see No. 328—writes:—

No. 625, 1749.—Letter to Baillie.] . . . I received a little money at the treasury for poor E. Crom—y, no more than £100, tho' I was promised two some days before. But . . this will help to defray the expense of expeding his pardon before he is many days older . . .

[No. 626, 1749.—Letter: Dan. Forbes, Edinburgh, agent, to Baillie.] I acknowledge the catechist receipt for £3 10s stg. . . . Yesterday Lord Pitsligo won the plea on the wrong designation in the attainder by a single vote. For him were Dun, Drummore, Monzie, Strichen, Shualtoun, and Esdale. Against him Lo. President who got no vote, Miltoun, Elchies, Kilkerran, Murkle, and J. Clerk . . . The Lady Newmore has used me ill by a secret correspondence with her sister in Jo. Dingwals process . . occasioned a reflexion on the lady's wisdom.] Another curious echo of the Rebellion is in

No. 627, 1749.—Holograph letter: Lord Loudoun to Baillie. On back, in his hand, "free Loudoun," and in Baillie's, "Paid one penny for this letter"—Baillie was sore about that penny.] London Oct. 14. A difficulty in passing one of the vouchers of my publick accounts . . . I cleared you for a parcel of meal and some sacks . . at the same time for a parcel I had from Inverchastle both received . . in Sutherland . . fell into the hands of the rebels. Voucher is an acct. writ in your hand . . my acknowledgment of Receipt of it with Inverchassley's endorsation and James Gray's receipt for yours . . not a sufficient voucher . . . copy over the accounts and write a receipt at bottom that I may not loass the money . . . [Red tape and circumvention of it. In No. 165 we had had a posecution for wearing Highland dress and arms in 1751, and in 1759 David Munro, Fearn, for having and concealing a firelock, is fined £15 stg., and sent to prison till he can pay. On state of country, see also No. 820 and No. 757.

Next as to the ROYAL FORCES raised in the Highlands:—

No. 228, 1664.—Letter from Council in Edinburgh to Tain Magistrates.] . . . require a further supplie of able seamen . . . to serve in his royall fleet . . . you are heirby required to sett down a list of all able seamen and fishermen who reside w<sup>th</sup>in your bounds . . . if at home or abroad or where in port . . . If there be any skippers, or maisters of boats or barks . . . give under yr hands the names of those y<sup>t</sup> last sailed their ship and q<sup>r</sup> they dwell . . . any remissness or unfaithfulness . . . speciall notice . . . [An address to Queen Anne—no date—by justices of Ross-shire congratulates her Government on the victories abroad, and on the peace and security obtained in the county by the settling of Independent Companies, especially that under Lieut.-Colonel Duncan Mackenzie. Later on, the Black Watch or 42nd Regiment was formed out of these Independent Companies, and several notices of Highland Regiments occur. In 1742 Sir Harry Munro of Fowlis writes to his "affectionate Cousine Gustavus Munro of Culrain that "Lord Sempill's regiment goes for Flanders, and in a very short time we shall have a proclomation of war between us and france." In letter No. 819: "I had a letter from Torboll about a fortnight agoe that the Highland regiment does very hard duty and are sent on all commands of great danger." In 1744 also, in part of accounts of Captain John Munro's [see note to No. 157] Company of the 42nd Regiment, the following officers are named:—Captain Luis Grant, Lieutenants James Campbell and Stewart, Ensign John M'Vicar, Lord Crauford's brother, Sergeants Macgregor and James McQueen. Among the items:—To the tinker for making swords, New sheaths for 7 swords, Brass tops for rammars. See Nos. 723, 724. On January 5th, 1745, Captain John Munro writes to Baillie advising that he has drawn on him for £200, and gives power "to dispose of every four footed beast on my small farms and estate." On 26th February is another:—

No. 629, 1745.—] I have yours of 24th [note that the letter had taken 19 days from Flanders] . . . not a little confounded . . . you some years ago told me you wished I'd . . . buy a majority . . . told me . . . you would let me have . . . £300 sterling . . . and last May at Edinr. q<sup>n</sup> ye Major and I were in terms about his majority . . . you would let me have £150 or £200 for y<sup>t</sup> use . . . if ye majority does not come to me it will be apply'd to ye p<sup>y</sup>mt. of Creditors . . . My inclinations to rise and fall in ye Army is pretty weell known, but I have no ambition to be longer Capt. . . . [However, with Fontenoy came his chance, and for his bravery there he was rapidly promoted. In 1747 there is an abstract of accounts of John Munro, Lieut.-Colonel, showing the force had been at Flushing, Campheir [Campvere], and Oudenbosch. It reckons Dutch money at 5 stivers to the £. Lastly, there is a letter to him as com-



manding officer of the Highland Regiment at Breda, Flanders, from John Murray, Madox Street, London:—

No. 630, 1748, Jan. 26th.—] . . Sorry to hear of the accident—spraining your ankle . . . states of arms and accoutrements by Qr. Mr. Douglas . . surprised so many wanting . . . I showed the order to Major Grant, and he acquainted Capt. Grant, Doctor Munro, Capt. Robert Campbell, Capt. Smyth, and Lieutenant Campbell, Craigness, with it. I have mentioned to his Royal Highness . . necessary . . new sett of arms . . . All the draughts for my regt. are at Prestonpans . . no transports arrived . . [In a P.S.] The ensign to give £300, The ensign to be made lieutenant. £100, The lieutenant to be made Captain. lieutenant. £150, cap. lieutenant to be made captain. £450. [Nothing further. On the other hand, in Drumlanrig's Regiment—see No. 476—a curious case arose:—

No. 631, 1747.—[Declaration.] Whereas my nephew John Sinclair . . assignation . . securing to me . . payment of £500 mentioned . . to have been debursed by me Alexr. Brodie of Brodie, Lord Lyon, for purchasing or obtaining a Commission . . as Captain . . in Drumlanrig's Regiment . . . . pretence . . money debursed . . utterly groundless . . have delivered up . . assignation to be cancelled . . in justice to the Duke of Queensberry, the Earl of Drumlanrig and officers . . whose characters might be injured . . I neither am to pay nor have paid . . . . for . . obtaining Commission . . . . Alexr. Brodie. [There is light on this and some other military matters in a letter of Capt. Sutherland of Forse:—

No. 478.—[Latter part.] . . . . had letter from the Earl of Loudoun . . Sir Harry Munro goes over to the Regiment . . I . . to his Company at home . . . . Will you find me . . straight young lads . . tho' but 5 ft. 5 in. . . do me vast service . . allowed . . that size . . but on no pretence enlist a man concerned in the late rebellion . . . . As to the noise about . . . the Lyon . . and his nephew . . when Drumlanrig's . . raised, the Lyon got a company for Ulbster's brother . . and told him Ulbster had a young family and entailed estate . . while he had a patrimony sufficient . . live up to the rank . . field officer . . Capt. should discharge . . . . bond of provision for £500. Capt. agreed . . . . Lud. Brodie instead made out an assignation in favour of Ld. Lyon who was angry . . wrote to Ulbster it was a trust . . for his behoof . . . . Captain was sent to London . . . . cleared up the matter to the D. of Queensberry . . . . Have the officers of the Independent Companies a claim for half-pay? [Next is a soldier's letter:—

No. 632, 1748.—[John Martin to W. Baillie.] Gildrop 17th Jy. new style . . . . Some days ago our camp broke up . . . . now at different cantonments . . a very indifferent village,

all of them weavers . . . we are 21 miles from Bois-le-duc and 3 from Endhoven, the Duke's quarters . . . It was not without concern we heard of Sir Geo. Mackenzie's death. [Then an officer's:—

No. 633, 1751.—[Captain Andrew Munro to Baillie.] . . . I wish I had made choice of ane other trade . . . most disagreeable . . . got a new form of discipline . . . power lodged in the hands of the field officers . . . if they do not know how to use it makes . . . most unhappy . . . instead of the love and harmony that made us respected . . . nothing but animosities, disingenuity and malice . . . field officers are agreed with a very fashious gentleman commandant of the garrison to distress . . . officers . . . risque of . . . arrest every day . . . [In 1758 Wm. Baillie writes to Mackay of Bighouse news of Charles Baillie's death in the attack on Louisburgh in Nova Scotia, asks Bighouse to break the news to his daughter, and offers to pay for the mournings to her and her children, and adds that a New York Gazette come by Glasgow had brought the news of the terrible slaughter of Highland troops at Ticonderago. In 1772 Lieut. Baillie writes to his father that the British force is at Trichinopoly, about to begin the Mahratta war; that Sir Robert Fletcher had come out as full colonel, and Captain Munro was about to arrive, and that promotion was very slow owing to frequent supersessions from home, and that he had still 35 lieutenants above him. In 1775 Lieut. Hugh Baillie, another son, writes that his regiment is to embark at Cork for the impending American War, and "this has alarmed much our married officers and occasioned great promotion"; and latest comes:—

No. 634, 1795.—[Lieut. James Dunbar, of the F. Fencibles, to Thomas Suter, town clerk, Tain.] Blaris Camp in Lisburn . . . inhabitants are so disaffected, that only strong force is the only means . . . Last evening . . . seized 3 cannon, some hundred stand of arms and ammunition. On Sunday while our clergyman was holding forth most devoutly the Dublin Band was playing Maggie Lauder . . . parson almost stick . . . diversion of his regimental hearers. Thousands assemble to see the camp, particularly the fair sex, many of whom . . . are indeed sad b-t-h-s. My messmates . . . decent set, several . . . brethren of the quill. We have a W.S. in the ranks; my heart bleeds for the poor fellow; what could induce him to try such a trade? This goes by Capt. Munro of Culrain. [Yet compulsion was applied to make men join. In 1793 there is a summons of ejection by Cadboll on two men in Amatnatua because they would not leave home and be soldiers in the Sutherland Fencibles.

SECTION VII.—TOPOGRAPHY AND LOCAL HISTORY.

*Giving, in alphabetical order, notices not included in foregoing sections, of places, and of families connected with them.*

For Places, all references to which are already given, see the general Index of Places; "a" after a number means "in the Appendix"; † means 2nd part of a divided paper.

These second parts are 11† after 709, 118† after 536, 140† after 565, 141† after 950, 176† after 360, 189† after 964, 238† after 396, 351† after 427, 363† after 427, 389† after 529, 394† after 427, 445† after 724, 478† after 631, 479† after 819, 509† after 986.

ABERDEEN—See Nos. 70, 79, 123, 146, 148, 154, 155, 157, 400, 455, 468, 469, 475, 540, 551, 556, 570, 582, 599, 725, 964, 998. In addition, the following notices:—

No. 635, 1653 to 1655.—Receipt.] I, John Alexander, burges of Aberdeen, appoyntit collector to the town . . for uplifting of their localitie furth of the bishopric of Ros . . . from Walter Innes of Inverbreakie . . few dewties . . aucht bollis for his myln of Tarbat . . and myln of Roskeine £3 10s, and for his lands of Dibideill £1 2s 8d Scots. [In 1683, James Nicolson, merchant burges of Edinburgh, sues for rents of "a land in Aberdein, builded by Robert Watson, west side of Shiprow."

B. No. 636, 1736.—Letter to Lord Advocate Duncan Forbes.] My Lord,—By the accounts we have from Brigadier Middleton we are very sensible of the good offices done by your Lp. to our Town anent the Teinds, and now when the affair is brought such a length it will be hard if it stops at the Exchequer . . beg . . favor . . continue your goodness . . valuable assistance . . We acknowledge the many obligations our Town lyes under . . for your favours . . and shall be ready on all occasions to resent [i.e., in old meaning, *return a feeling*] in a grateful way . . . Hugh Hay, Provost; John Robertson, Baylie; Alexr. Robertson, Baillie; Alexr. Mitchell, Baillie. Aberdeen, 28th May 1736.

ACHILTY—Nos. 118 after 536, 410, 795, 867, and

No. 637, 1770.—Paper beginning] I Roderick Mackenzie of Fairburn . . cautioner for Colin Mackenzie now of Achilty, eldest son to the deceast Donald Mackenzie sometime tacksmen of Reannachrun, nephew to the deceast Murdo Mackenzie of Achilty . . . [Donald, not David, as has been stated.



ALDIE—Nos. 35, 53, 84, 136, 168, 169, 174, 301, 566, 607, 887, 944, 404a; also under Balnagall, and

No. 638, 1633 and 1634.—Two sales.] Alexr. Hay Adamson, burgher of Taine, and Adam his eldest son, proprietors of three tenth parts of the Over Miln of Aldie . . . to Andrew Macculloch younger . . . John Ferguson . . . proprietor [of same, to same.]

[No. 639, 1761.—Four pages of] Trust Disposition of lands of Newmore and Aldie . . . by Mary Munro, Lady Aldie, . . . to Trustees, Hon. Geo. Mackay of Skibo, David Ross of Inverchassley, [and two W.S.] . . . Lands of Newmore . . . and Aldie . . . crofts contiguous to the lands of Aldie, Gathing and Royfald or Priestlands, Inverachnagall alias Balnagall, half davoch lands of Pithogartie, Oxgate lands of Easter Little Allan called Stronach's Oxgate . . . [The strange character of her heir, for whom they were held, is seen in

No. 640, 1763.—Letter by Hugh Macleod, from Newmore, to Donald M'Kenzie of Blackhill.] . . . empower you to see Wm. Ross of Aldie . . . to demand pages 1, 2, 15, and 16 of the deed of settlement and trust executed by Lady Munro . . . and certain other papers it is warrantably presumed he carried away, as he was found in a bedchamber where that paper lay, reading and desiring a coppie from . . . who had it in trust . . . if he refuse . . . prosecuted criminally . . .

[No. 641, 1764.—Letter: W. Ross-Munro to Wm. Baillie, from York.] . . . the sweling in my feat is mouch abated . . . I expect soon to be eable to come to Scotland . . . and com nortch for I can not live at Edr. for the expense of it . . . . Wrait the Measour [Messrs] Coutis to give credit for £26 . . . the last mony I will seeek for more in England . . . . I will do nothing in the Aldy proses till I com nortch, and if the intrest of my sisters mony does not affect me or my estate of Newmore I will pleay [contest at law] the estate . . . . it would be no less then then opresion to meck me pey the intrest of my sisters of my sisters mony and not touching the esteat and it a deat on the esteat and I absent . . . [And so on he rambles. There is another of 3 folio pages of the same sort. Later he has an odd way of pushing a love—or at least matrimonial—affair:—

[No. 642, 1767.—Letter to Wm. Baillie.] I sent your Boul . . . to Balnagown . . . I will give you eney praise [price] . . . I expect you will send for Miss Betty this day, and talk seriously to hir yourself . . . I will dow all that is in my power . . . be so good as wrait Mr Menizes [a lawyer] and meck him offer of my compliments in the kaindest meanar . . . . I see it is proper I serve and be infetted in my Estate as I want if I prevail to have a waif [wife] infetted and secured in a jointer . . . if it be my good fortun to souxeed . . . my

gardener is not at hom . . . . [But, alas! neither parent nor lawyer could win the girl for him:—

[No. 643, 1767.—Letter, docketed W. Baillie to Aldie.] . . . for the first tyme talked to Betty . . found . . reason . . not for want of regard to you and . . offer, but . . had been under some engagement to a gentleman [see No. 654] who applyd earlier, and tho there be no finall agreement she does not think it consistent to break off abruptly . . . she expressed a true sense of the honour you have done her . . . . I shall alwise think myself under the greatest obligation . . . may . . depend on every good offices of mine . . as if Betty Baillie had been this night in your arms . . . . you have acted with honour and steadiness and generosity that must forward your future matrimoniall views . . . [&c., through 3 folio pages—a model of diplomacy for a father in a like position. Will is also in

No. 644, 1765.—Retour.] . . . Wm. Ross, son of Simon Ross of Aldie, now designed Wm. Munro of Newmore, served . . . to Meikle Dyke Nouran in the East part of Taine having Glastulich to the south, the common way or foot road leading to Teabreck and Glastulich to the east . . . Item lands in Little Tain called Teablair and Gallowcroft, with another croft adjacent to lands of Morangie . . [mentioned also] passage or highway called Cannamarru—[see No. 977.

ALLANGRANGE—Nos. 87, 264, 272, 437, 607, 749.

No. 645, 1682.—Ratification and Renunciation.] . . . In presence of David Monipennie, commissar depute . . . Margaret Cathcart spous to Maister Rodorick Mackenzie of Allans . . outwith . . husband . . own free will . . did judicillie ratife and approve . . disposition . . be . . her husband . . . to Sir Rodorick Mackenzie off Findon . . lands of Allanreich, Allanchlach, Allangrange, Bellamullich and Denmoir . . . . bailyarie of . . bishopric and Castle of Chanonrie . . lands of Auchnashellach and utheris . . . in process of apprysing . . by . . and . . Mackenzie of Kilcoy against . . . Seafort and Robert Innes of Rosskein . . . .

[No. 646, 1695.—Petition to Sheriff.] Maister Simon McKenzie of Allangrange, only lawful son to deceast Simon M'Kenzie of Allangrange and next broyr germane to umquhile Sir George M'Kenzie of Rosehaugh . . . Dam Margaret Haliburton, relict of Sir George . . now spouse to Mr Rodk. McKenzie of Prestonhall, was left sole tutrix to her son George . . but by her marriage . . . vacant . . S. M. . . . to be . . instead . . . [granted.

No. 647, 1700.—Latin Sasine, badly faded.] . . . Lands of Allanreich, Allanchlach, Allangrange, Bellamullich, Mill of Fern and Kilcoy . . . . to Symon Mackenzie of Allangrange, advocate, grandson of the deceased Symon Mackenzie of Lochslyn ( ) Reddendo 40s Scots ( ) to Roderick Mac-

kenzie of Findon and Lilius Isabella and Margaret Mackenzies his daughters and heirs portioners ( ) with that pendicle ( ) called Blair, between Drumminary ( ).  
[From Simon as advocate there is:—

No. 648, about 1700.—Letter, holograph, addressed] To Hugh Baily, Sheriff Clerk . . . Fortrose—heast. Allangrange, Monday. Sir,—I am forct to send this express againe for them ffour years fiars . . . 1695 to 1699 or 1700 . . . Rosehaughs people call for an attestation of any four honest men . . . yt the lands I sett down in ley—to witt the inch . . . and ye Broomhill—in my accounts—were truely so . . . for Gods sake despatch ye boy in all heast . . . Simon Mackenzie.

[No. 649, N.D., before 1731.—Disposition, parts torn.] . . . Geo. Mackenzie, yr. of Allangrange, to Roderick Mackenzie of Fairburn ( ) lands of Auchnasowell [in Urray], Tayreich, Midd Fairburn, Laing, Crofts of Balliloan, lands of Achihae, Altgowry and miln, Moymore with salmon fishing, Ballivraid, Ashinanachy, Ballivoggie, Balvogisky ( ) and Bunloid with houses . . . .

[APPLECROSS—Nos. 200, 377, 458, 602, 607, 749, 759.

No. 650, 1674.—Discharge.] . . . Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Grant, tutor of Grant . . . to Anna Fraser, daughter of Alexr. Fraser deceast, tutor of Lovat . . . and her husband Alexr. Mackenzie appearand of Applecross . . . [In 1684, Kenneth Matheson in Kilvorie, in Applecross, gets adjudged to him the lands of Assint, Inshculter, Bothmore, Little Both, Kenloch Briubner, pasturages of Strain, Quinaiks, fishing water of Apbrene and Loch of Lochmore. Then, without date, but by script and allusion about time of above, there is a part of a case of lawburrows raised by John McKenzie of Applecross and his sons, Roderick and John, Mackenzie of Dachmaluak, John McConchie vic Kennich, Jn. McEanday vic Ferqr, ( ) McKenzie in Dalmertine, John McRorie vic Eachin in Ardnackeek, Colin McKenzie, broyr. to Applecross, and Dugald Matheson, Dalmertine, against Alexr. McKenzie of Kilcoy and his brothers, Murdo and Finlay Murchisons, John McCollrea ( ) Donald Dow in Addie, John Roy McFinlay, Donald Bane McEancheill, John McGillophane, John McCoillie, John McAllister vic Aulay, Donald Dow McCoilliane, John McAllister vic Imlay, and Duncan Bane in Auchnashellach, for disturbing the complainers in their possessions.

No. 651, 1703.—Discharge.] . . . Margaret Mackenzie, relict of the deceast Roderick Mackenzie of Applecross, and daughter of Kenneth Mackenzie of Scatwell . . . in the contract matrimonial with her first husband, Aeneas McLeod of Cadboll, in 1703, he became bound to infest her in the barony of Lochslin, including Pitnelzies, Knockdow, Inver of Loch-



slyn, East and West Balik(eith), Plaids, and Hilton . . .  
makes renunciation . . .

[ARDGAY—110, 314, 675, 11†, 716. In a paper of 1766 we have “mercat in Novr. or Decr. at Ardgay called Leadchan,” and a “ferry at Bonar,” and in a petition to Sheriff in 1756, “a publick mercat commonly called Ladycau”—curious corruptions of “Feil Eiteachan.”

ARDMORE, after Argyle.

ARGYLE—Nos. 79, 471, 552, 557, 680, 848.

No. 652, 1682.—Receipt and list.] I, John McNaughtan, brother german to the Laird of McNaughtan . . from George Ross of Morinchie . . writtes . . . Witnesses, Hugh Rose, wryter in Edr., and Chas. Hay, wryter yr . . . Imprimis ane charter . . be Alexr. McNaughtan of Dunderaw to Donald Murray in Inveraray . . the 4-merk lands of Dunderaw . . Maner place, 3-m. l. of Auchnetray, 3-m. lands of Ellerigbeg, 6-m. l. of Ellerigmore ( ) tenents tenentries daited 15 Feb. 1627 . . Saising 12th June . . . Saising . . Margaret Waisone, spouse to Donald Murray . . sds. lands . . liferent, 14 Decr. 1638 . . Regt. Glasgow 1639, Mr Gibsone, Clerk . . Saising . . Drissag and Touriggan . . Craig . . Argownohan . . Cowill . . Drumnamakloch . . Stronbeg and uyers which follow on a charter . . be Alexr. McN. of D. . . to Wm. Stirling of Auchyle . . . Confirmatione . . be Comissioners of the Earle of Argyle to . . Stirling . . Seasing to . . Stirling of . . Kilmorich . .

[No. 653, N.D., by allusion about 1670.—Paper badly torn; upper part fragment of genealogy of the Seaforths.] ( ) sons called Kenneth and Rorie ( ) Balnagown his daughter ( ) Earle collin who left no ( ) Ogilvie his daughter on whom he begat three sons, George, Thomas, and Simon. This George married my lord Forbes his daughter . . 5 sons, Kenneth, George, Collin, Alexr., Robert, and Rorie [differs from list in the History of the Mackenzies, which has two Colins, but no Alexander or Robert.] This Kenneth . . Tarbat his daughter . . *hes alreddie begotten twa sons.* This Alexr. efter the death of his first wyfe marries Ma Coul vic Ronald his daughter, laird of Morall his daughter on he begatt Hector Carloch his predecessor. [This seems incoherent. Note “his” for “s.” Below is the only piece of poetry found in the collections:—]

#### ARGYLE HIS FUNERALL EPITAPH.

Argyle ye great most worthy of yt. name  
Flying so high upon ye wings of fame  
Admired by all for polecie and worthe  
Once fortunes darling who in thee holds furthe  
Her varying temper making ye to be  
A paterne of her great inconstancie.

Are now submitting to a dyrefull fate  
 ( ) lost both lyfe and fortune to obey  
 ( ) court of justice with them once did goe  
 ( ) doe judge he did ( ) yeares ( )  
 ( ) thy savour than y<sup>t</sup> of yr prince ( )  
 ( ) have changed the tunes and thou art ( )  
 ( ) by a reiling world  
 ( ) fates has ( ) thou shalt  
 ( ) ( )

[This evidently refers to the Marquis, executed after the Restoration as a Presbyterian leader and chief Scottish statesman through the Commonwealth time. A successor appears in

B. No. 654, 1736.—Letter: Duke of Argyll to] Duncan Forbes, Esq., Lord Advocate. Dear Duncan,—I received your letter but am not able to change my way of thinking. . . I told . . what had passed . . . Those of my friends who are so zealous for that worthless man are fair weather friends. . . Duncan, I know them and will not trust them. . . . They love you just as they doe me; they will . . take all the serving that we can doe them, they will flatter and betray. Away with them, they are not worth an honest mans spending so much time about . . . So soon as the King arrives I . . pay my duty . . . the Minister will . . send for you from your Business. I am my dear Duncan most faithfully yours, Argyll and Greenwich. Sudbrook, Dec. ye 21, 1736. [This letter is holograph, writing small and careful, seal entire, showing profile. He is, of course, the Duke introduced by Scott in “The Heart of Midlothian.”

ARDMORE—Nos. 314, 363, 516, 681, 687, 690, 695, 698, 701, 716, 733, 934, 118†. In 1780 there is a petition by Capt. Ewen Baillie, second son of Wm. Baillie, deceast, and John Barclay, his procurator, craving to be appointed executor, sole or jointly with his sister Elizabeth, wife of Major Jas. Sutherland, and denying the right of the widow to be executrix. It was this lawsuit that brought Baillie’s papers, so many of which have been quoted, into Court. Among them are the only love-letters found in the collection—of a very restrained type. They are to Baillie from Mary Mackay, and dated Tongue—see No. 993.

No. 655, 13th Nov., 1750.—] Sir,—Yours of the 9th gave me pleasure. I am obliged to you for your concern, cair and regard for unworthy me. I believe youle not reckon it altogether lost when I tell you that so anxious were my thoughts by the way that could I have done it consistent with Decency I should have sent one to know how some other person was. I hope you good sir has been very well . . . of this I wish the continuance with all my heart . . . the road was not so bad as I lookt for. I am now as happy as any Child can be in the embraces of indulgent parents

. . . [Eleven days after comes another, evidently a reply to a proposal of marriage. See No. 994.

No. 656, 1750.—] Yours of the 20th . . this morning was ane agreeable surpris. I have read it over and over again with infinite pleasure. Each circumstance of your goodness and generosity is so great that I most, for want of ability . . answer all in silence . . . was I the pen of a ready wryter I belive I could repay your nine pages with interest . . must be referred till meeting which you may beleive Ile long for . . . My having those admirers you mention most be owing to the whisper of my being evened to you . . . I daresay this letter will tyre your patience as much as the wryteing would me had it been to any other but to — . . I wish you may read this confused epistle, as I am so drowsy that nothing but the thoughts of you could keep my eyes open . . . [Fourteen years later come some models of a good wife's letters, showing also great literary advance:—

No. 657, 1764.—] The sight of your handwryteing roused my spirites not a little . . found all that my heart wished for . . certainty of the wellfare of my greatest comfort in this world . . . my dearest soul, God bless and preserve you and return you safe and sound to my longing armes. As to a chaise [chaise] I . . . against buying one, you and I both leek reiding [like riding] so well . . better some years hence when we grow old and not so cliver for reiding . . Get a good Gallowa . . . better than the best chaise in Edr. . . grudge the expence of it and a chaise at the same time. Inverchasley [David, 2nd, Lord Ankerville's father] is yet in life . . . given the most particular directions . . his funeralls . . and other particulars in his family, left the watch to his Lady . . . Yours most faithfullie while Marie Baillie.

ARDROSS, see DUNDONNELL.

ASSINT, ASSYNT—Nos. 53, 89, 159, 292, 310, 403, 470, 566, 650, 749, 805, 833.

B. No. 658, 1573.—I Johne Neil Angussone Sone and apperand . . to Neil Angusson of Assint . . ressavit . . Alexr. Ross of Balnagown . . twa hundreth merks . . part . . of fyve hundreth merks . . grantit . . in name of my thochoyr guid [portion, tocher] conforme to ane contract . . . Subscryvit at Tayne . . . yeir ane tusand fyve hunderth sexti tertye . . Witnesses Maister Thos. Ross commendator of ferne, George Dunbar, persoun of Kilmuir, Neil Angusson of Assent . . .

F. No. 659, 1605.—[Paper, copy of Latin Royal Charter of confirmation of disposition] by the late Hector Munro of Foulis to Hugh Munro of Assynt . . . and his heirs male bearing the name and arms of Munro . . lands in the barony of Fernecoskie . . Meikle Dawan . . Davoch Carbistell . . Tayninver . . in Strathcarron, Kilmachalmok, Auchna-



gart and Ochtuach . . salmon fishings on each side of the water of Kyllisokell as it ebbs and flows in salt and fresh . . Inveran . . Lincet croy . . Lincet moir, Altasbeg, Altesmoir, Inverinauld, Auchinnes . . fishings of the . . Caslay . . grassings of Glencaslay, Glenweik, Glentutle, Forest and Mountain called Ben More of Assynt . . .

[No. 660, 1610.—Receipt, long and well-written.] I Hector Munro of Assynt and . . . Issobel Dunbar my spouse . . ressavit . . frae . . David Ross appeirand of Balnagown . . sextene scoir pundis . . . payment of all byrun annual-rent of twentie bollis victual or four scoir pundis money . . yeirlie to be upliftit furth of . . Knockbane . . . Witnesses Mr Robt. Ross minister at Alness, John Munro my sone . . . James Fraser burges of Inverness, and Wm. Buchunnun [Hector was brother of John Munro—see No. 52. The signatures of the Laird, his son, and the minister are all very clear.

B. No. 661, 1612.—Paper, quaintly docketed] The coppie off ye menitt betwix me and Robertt Munro off Assin as itt selfe will reportt.—At Tayne . . it is . . agreit . . betwix . . George Ross of B. . . and Robert Munro of Assint . . George . . hes . . be contrack sald . . to unquhill Hector M. of A. ye lands of twa Rifergris, Kenvachtirach, Kenloche brebner, and Little Botha now obleis him . . to infest said Robert . . . but it sall be lowsome [allowed] . . George redeim . . within thrie yeirs be payment of 4000 merks . . .

B. No. 662, 1726.—Letter to General Ross of Balnagown.] . . . We of Alnes . . . if a storie . . of arms be true . . will be the Kirk Militant . . . Write to your freind George Clerk of Oxford anent my poor boy James who has such a spirit for letters . . . if by the help of Freinds he can be got into a settlement made by Doctor Snell . . in some of the Colledges in Oxon in favours of youth from Scotland . . . I offer Mr Charles my humble duty . . Geo. Mackenzie . . Assint 17th Augt. 1726.

[ATHOLL—No. 536 and

B. No. 663, before 1733.—Letter: Duchess of Atholl to Col. General Ross.] Blair Casle, Oct. 28. I was very glad to know from Mr Frost that you had so good a journey to your own Countrey weh he's mightly charmed with . . . My Lord Duke . . arrivall at London . . . had ye honour to kiss his Maj's hand . . and to dine with his Maje two days after . . . ye weather being now grown cold I . . go to Dunkeld nixt week, where I shall be glad to see you, who am, Your most affect neice . . M. Atholl. P.S. I thank you for ye tea weh is mighty good. [The writer was Mary, daughter of William, 12th Lord Ross, brother of the General. Holograph, like above, and in same handwriting, is

No. 664, 1752.—No address, but apparently to Balnagown.]  
 Dear Sir,—My Lord Deskfoord . . . letter from you . . . but  
 Lord and Lady Hopetoun being here . . . prevented his  
 writing . . . waiting on you had Lady Mary been in good  
 health . . . hope this will not hinder you from coming . .  
 . . speak to Mr Balie . . a little horse for our Master . . .  
 thin backed . . . know what a child should ride on . . . .  
 affect<sup>e</sup> humble servant, M. Atholl. Huntingtowre May  
 22nd.

BALINTORE—402, 745, 833.

No. 665, 1755.—] At Balintore . . lands . . Robert Ross of  
 Auchnaclloch and . . Roderick McLeod of Cadboll . . . .  
 Sheriff Substitute . . Declarator of Marches . . . . did goe  
 to the northmost part of the Green Meiring or Baulk which  
 divides . . Cadbolls Arable lands of Hilton and Auchna-  
 cloich's . . of Balintore . . did walk south to the sea shoir to  
 a point called Rounameil . . . called John Ross alias Uine,  
 mailer . . aged 80 . . sworn . . knew the point. [Then two  
 other aged men; then a measurement of the distance and  
 placing of seven march stones. In a paper of 1737 the  
 above Robert Ross was proclaimed at the mercat cross of  
 Tain as heir to his father, John.

BALINTRAIT—196, 733, 849, 906, 997, and in a process  
 of 1708, “part of Balintraid, the Little Wood, the fields  
 called Knockferrie and Kintornaich . . all lying be east;  
 the old miln Fruich at the west, the high road at the north;  
 John Ferles land to the east leading to the Kern of stones  
 below the skippers' houses, to the south-east part of the  
 shyre, and along the shoar till the old miln fortalice to the  
 south ( ).

BALLOAN, BALLONE—Nos. 80, 403, 424, 566, 607, 716,  
 914, and

No. 666, 1748.—Pages 3 to 6 only of a Sasine.] ( ) for the  
 foresaid lands of Balloan, of which . . the foresaid . .  
 Morvichwater is a pendicle . . . Item £26 Scots for . . .  
 Meikle Reinny and South half of Pitkerrie. Item £222 . .  
 by Lord Ross ( ) Abbacie of Fearn pertaining to him.

[BALNAGOWN—Most of the papers marked “B,” Nos. 4,  
 6, 8, 16, 31 to 37, 43, 49, 53, 54, 84, 95 to 101, 134, 171,  
 182, 199, 200, 204, 208, 209, 216, 227, 234, 235, 261, 264,  
 266 to 268, 271, 272, 274, 280 to 283, 290 to 293, 314, 327,  
 328, 342, 343, 350, 366 to 370, 390 to 392, 397, 412, 417,  
 419, 429, 438, 441, 443 to 445, 448, 450 to 455, 457, 465,  
 467, 483 to 485, 490 to 492, 507, 510, 516, 519, 530 to 533,  
 537, 539 to 564, 566, 569, 585, 590, 591, 593 to 595, 600,  
 607, 613, 660, 746, 768, 799 to 801, 829, 835 to 840, 843,  
 848, 852, 856, 870 to 872, 875 to 877, 892, 893, 903, 904,  
 924, 935, 985, 990, 996, 261a, 263a, 983a, 1000a; also

B. No. 667, 1707.—Paper, holograph, by David Ross, 13th of B., and docketed by him] The familie of Balnagowne descent lineally by Airs maill, 1707. The descent of ye Lairds of Balnagowne, 20 febr. 1707. Item, Hugh Earle of Ross hed two sones, William, the first, Earle of Ross, and Hugh Laird of Rarichie and Balnagowne. The sd. Hugh Ross begot a sone called William Ross, Laird of Balnagowne, and the sd William Ross begot a sone called Hugh Ross. The sd Hugh Ross begot a sone called William Ross. The sd William begot a sone called Walter Ross, and the sd Walter Ross begot a son called Hugh Ross, and the said Hugh Ross begot a son called Jon Ross, and the sd Jon Ross begot a son called Allexander, and the said Allexander begot a sone called David Ross, and the said David Ross begot a son called Walter Ross, and the said Walter Ross begot a son called Allexander Ross, and the sd Allexander Ross begot a son called George Ross, and the said George Ross begot a son called David Ross, and David Ross begat a son called David Ross who was my father. I have a nott of ther honrble marriages. David Ross off Balnagowne. [David's note was not found along with above; but it was found at the Castle, in the middle of last century, and printed along with the MS. of "Ane Breve Cronicle of the Earlis of Ross," from which scarce little book it may, for the sake of completeness, be here reproduced. The above MS., No. 667, seems not to have been found then, or in all probability it would also have been printed.] Hugh Ross first laird married Matilda—or Maud—sister to King Robert, 18 year of his reigne. Wm. Ross 2d laird married Jean Dunbar, daughter to the Earle of March. Hugh Ross 3 leard married Margrat Stewart, daughter to the Earle of Atholl. Wm. 4 laird married my Lord Livistone daughter called Christian. Walter 5 leard married Katheron McLendris, after qlk mariage Ross are called Clan Lendris. Hugh Ross, 6 leard, married the Earle of Sutherland daughter called Jennet Sutherland. John Ross 7 leard married Christian McLeoud, daughter to McLeoud of Lewes. Alexr. 8 laird married Sutherland, daughter to the Earle of Sutherland and sister to the first Lord Duffus. Sr. David 9 leard married Helenor Keith, daughter to the laird of Inverugie, being first married to the Duke of Albani's daughter. Walter the 10 leard married Marion Grant, daughter to the Laird of Grant of Freuchie now of that ilk. Alexr. 11 leard married Janet Sinclair, daughter to the Earle of Caitnes. Geo. the 12 leard married Marjorie Campbell, daughter to the laird of Calder, Sir McIntosh daughter. David 13 leard married Jean Gordon, daughter to the Earle of Sutherland, without children, then married Annabel Murray, daughter to the Earle Tullibardin. David 14 laird married Marie Fraser, daughter to the Lord Lovat. Myself is the 15th laird. [From subsequent Nos. it will appear that David's note, however interesting, needs sup-



plement or correction in some points, and it may be well to quote also the statements in Neville Reid's "Earls of Ross":—Hugh, 5th Earl of Ross, married first Lady Maud Bruce, sister to King [David II.], and had William, afterwards sixth Earl of Ross. He married secondly Margaret, daughter of Sir David Graham, and by her had Hugh Ross, afterwards first Laird of Balnagown, and Euphemia, afterwards Queen of Robert II. Hugh, I. of Balnagown, married Margaret de Barclay. Son, William, II., m. Christian, dau. of Lord Livingston. Son, Walter, III., m. Katherine, dau. of Paul McTyr, who was great-grandson of Christian, dau. of Wm., 3rd Earl of Ross, and Olaus, King of Man. Katherine was heiress of Strathcarron, Strathoykell, and Westray. Son, Hugh, IV., m. Janet, dau. of Earl of Sutherland; sons, John, Hugh, William of Little Allan, and Mr Thomas, Parson of Ross-keen and Rector of Tain. John, V., m. Christian, d. of Torquil McLeod of Lewes—sons, Alexr., Donald, Malcolm, and Andrew, burgess of Tain. Alexander, VI., m. Dorothy, d. of Alexr. Sutherland of Duffus. Issue, David, and Issobel, who m. George Munro, X. of Foulis. Alexr. fell in fight with Sutherlands at Allt Charrais, and George in fight at Bealach nam Brog. David, VII., m. first Helen Keith—sons, Walter, Wm. of Ardgay, and Hugh of Auchnacloch; m., secondly, Margaret Stewart, dau. of Duke of Albany. He died 1527. Walter, VIII., m. Marion, dau. of Sir James Grant of Grant—issue, Alexander, Hugh, Katherine, who m. John Denune of Cadboll and bailie of Tain, and Janet, who m. Hugh Fraser, 5th Lord Lovat, killed in fight at Lochlochry, 1545. Walter was killed at Tain, 1528. Alexander, IX., married firstly Janet, dau. of John, 3rd Earl of Caithness—see No. 674—issue, George, Katherine, who m. Robert Mor Munro of Foulis—see No. 829. Alexander m., secondly, Katherine, dau. of Kenneth Mackenzie of Kintail—sons, Nicholas Ross of Pitcalnie, and Malcolm. George, X., mar. first Marion, dau. of Sir John Campbell—issue, David, Katherine, who m. Sir W. Sinclair of Mey. George m., second, Issob. Macintosh—see No. 54. David, XI., m. first Lady Mary Gordon, dau. of Earl of Sutherland, and, second, Lady Annabella Murray, dau. of the Earl of Tullibardine. David, XII.—see No. 563—mar. Marie, dau. of Hugh Lord Lovat; issue, David, Alexander, who died 1665, Isobell, and Katherine, who mar. Mackenzie of Inverlael—see Nos. 696, 698. David, XIII.—see No. 706 *et seq.* With reference to Hugh, the founder of the line of Balnagown, we have:—

B. No. 668, 1333.—Two papers, Latin, seventeenth century copies of older charters. First] To all who shall see this charter, Hugh Earl of Ross greeting, &c. Let your whole world know that we have given and granted and by this present charter have confirmed to Hugo de Ross our beloved

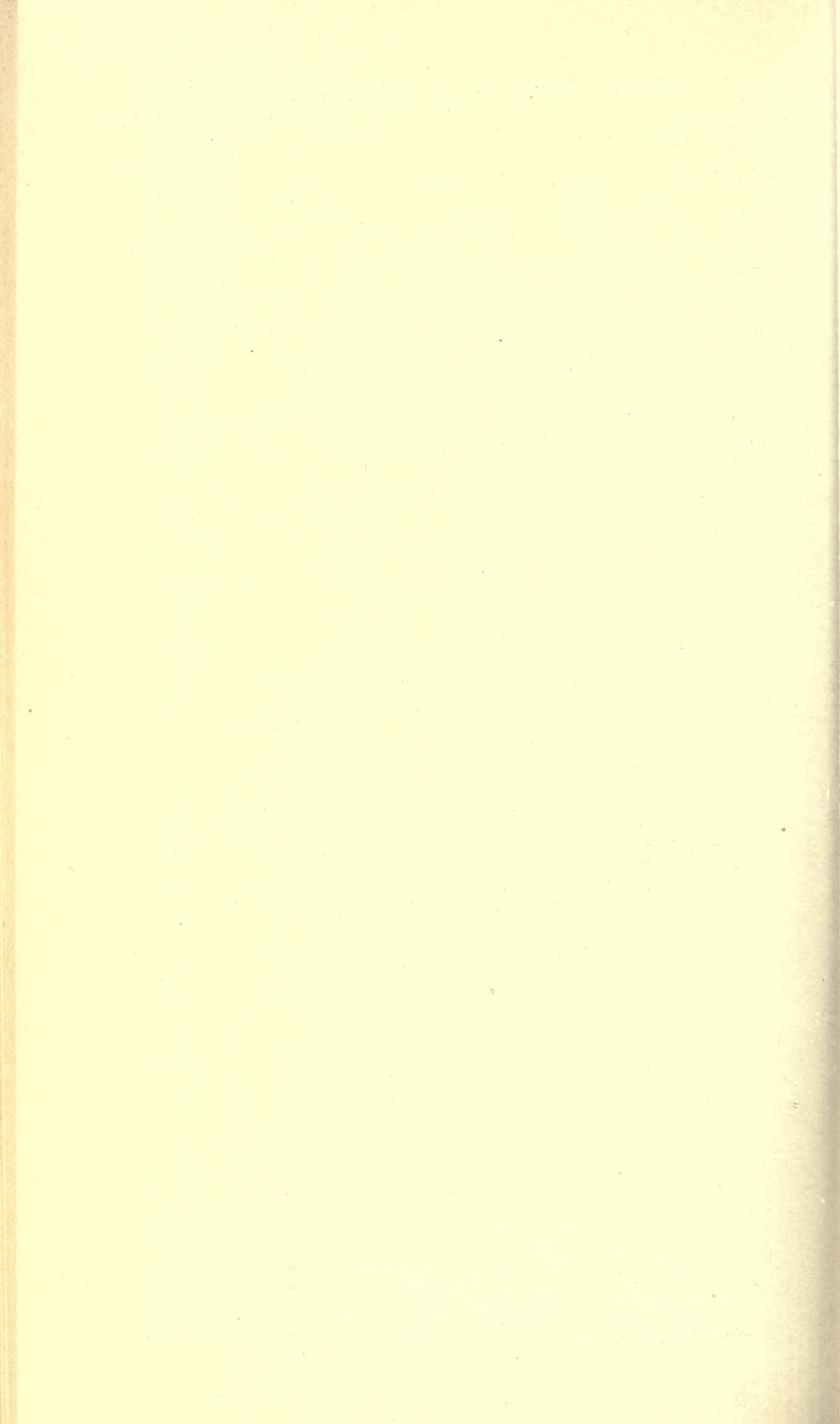
son for his homage and service our manor of Phylorth within the Earldom of Buchan with all our lands pertaining to the said manor and with the Church perquisites [Lat. *advocationibus ecclesiasticis*] of Aberdoven [Aberdour], of Tyrie and of Creichmond [Crimond] to the said Hugo and his heir begotten of his body to be held and had the said manor [&c.] from us and our heirs in perpetuity in woods, levels, moors, marshes, pools, waters, mills, pendicles, and with all other pertinents, liberties, conveniences, and privileges belonging, or in any way by law and custom understood to belong, to [&c.] By giving thence yearly to us and our heirs Hugo himself and his heirs one pair of white gloves at Whitsunday and by giving three attendances when he is called to the three head courts for all other secular service, exaction or demand, saving the allegiance of our lord the King—so far as it pertains to the said [&c.] In witness whereof our seal is affixed to this our Charter in presence of these witnesses—Wm. Ross by the grace of God bishop of Ross, Master Andrew dean of Murray, and Wm. de Lowdou Chancellor of the Church of Ross, and Wm. de Ross our son and heir, Thomas de Lychton, John de Cryhton, and many others. Given at Balconie, 10th May 1333. [Later, Hugh exchanged these for Wester Ross, Strathglass, and Ellandonan. The second paper has same place, date, beginning, and reddendo, and it grants] four davachs of Lands of Rarichies within the Earldom of Ross . . . to Hugh Ross, [&c., as above; witnesses also the same except the last] Willimo Clerico.

[B. No. 669.—Parchment, Charter of Confirmation by King Robert II.] Robert . . King of Scots, to all good men of our whole land, cleric and lay, greeting. Know ye that we have approved, ratified, and . . . confirmed that gift and grant which the late William Earl of Ross made . . to the late Hugh Ross his brother of the lands of Balnegoun, Achahanytt, and Gorty, and of the yearly revenue of four pounds from Tarbart with its pertinents in the Earldom of Ross . . to be held . . by William Ross, son and heir of the said late Hugh Ross [&c., usual form] . . . as the charter to . . Hugh thereon drawn up . . sets forth, reserving to us wardship and relief and revenues of the said lands as often as they shall fall into Ward and all our other servitudes. In witness whereof we have directed our seal to be affixed . . . Witnesses, the venerable father in Christ, William bishop of St Andrews; John, our first-born, Earl of Carrick, Seneschal of Scotland; Robert Earl of Fife and Menteith, our dear son; William Earl of Douglas; John Carrick our Chancellor; James Llyndsay, grandson; ( ) Hugh Eglinton and Robert Erskyn, Knights. At Nude in Badenoch, 10th Augt. of our reign the fourth year. [Seal wanting—see photograph, and text in Appendix. There is also a paper copy—when made is not stated, but, by script, somewhere









about 1700. It has Achahuyle and Garty instead of Achahanytt and Gorty. Two years earlier, Robert gave Badenoch to his 3rd son, Alexander, known as "The Wolf of Badenoch," whose burying place has just been found in Dunkeld Cathedral. The above £4 a year is still duly paid by the Cromartie Estate to Balnagown. Next in date occurs:—

B. No. 670, 1546.—Receipt.] I Margaret Stewart ye relict of umqll . . David Ross of Balnagoun . . grantis me to haif resavit be ye hands of Thomas Stewart my gudsone . . taksman of my conjunct fie and terce lands of Balnagoun . . the soume of twa hundret merks . . . in compleit payment of all terms bygane afore ye dait heiroy . . . In witnes heiroy becaus I could not wreit it myself I haif causit ye notar underwrittin subscribe yir pntis wt. my hand at ye pen. At Edinburgh ye twenty twa day of Merche ye yeir of God Iaj Vc xl sex, befoir yir witnes Gavan Hamiltoun my sone Walter Inicis [?] Walter Cer and James Marjoribanks notar. Dame Margaret Stewart Lady of Balnagoun . . . [See No. 667. No paper occurs as to the founding of the Castle, one of the oldest inhabited ones in the country; but one paper, dealing with the early history, is doubly interesting, as being by Sir David Dalrymple, youngest son of Lord Stair, Solicitor-General under Queen Anne, member both of the last Scottish and the first British Parliament, and grandfather of Lord Hailes, the great judge, antiquary, and annalist.

B. No. 671, 1707.—] Memoriall for William Lord Ross [endorsed] per Sir Da. Dalrymple. In the year 1333 Hugh, then Earle of Ross, granted Chartor to Hugh, his second Son, of the lands of Rarichies, with another chartor of the lands of Philorth, to both which chartors William, his eldest brother, is witness, and the said Earle being killed in the battle of Halidounhill was succeeded by the said William Earle of Ross, who made tailzie of his estate and earldom to the said Hugh Ross of Rarichies, his brother, and his aires maill. But after decease of the said Earle William, his daughter notwithstanding of the tailzie assumed the title of Countess of Ross, and having married Walter Leslie, Thane of Fife, was succeeded by Alexander her son, who left only a daughter. And the said daughter being surprised in the Castle of Dingwall be Donald Lord of the Isles, was carried away and married to him, and he assumed the title of Earl of Ross. Donald of the Isles, having thus assumed the title, fell in disgrace with the King for having, contrair to His Majesties opinion, hazarded the battle of Hardlea, and having died in his retirement, was succeeded by his son, Donald of the Isles, who was received into favour upon condition that he should surrender himself prisoner in the Castle of Edinburgh for three days and make

resignation of his estate in the King's hands; and assurance was given that the estate should be returned to himself and airs maill. The said Donald accordingly made resignation and surrendered himself prisoner, and having died before expiring of the three days the Earldom of Ross was afterwards annexed to the Crown With a particular provision not to be annailized [alienated] except that it might be given to the King's son. The aires maill constantly continued to petition the Crown and Government for asserting their right. But the revenues of that Earldom being constantly gifted to neighbours of great interest and who had the advantage of greater favour at Court, the right of the saids aires maill has hitherto been neglected . . . [For sequel, see No. 708, &c. Except No. 670, no papers are found as to the lairds between William, second, and Alexander, ninth, of the line. We have already had reference to him in Nos. 4, 6, &c., but the earliest reference is in

B. No. 672, 1548.—Receipt.] I, Robert Carnegy of Kynnard, clerk to our soverane ladies thesaurar, grantis me to have ressavit fra . . Alexr. Ross of Balnagown . . the soume of four scoir of pounds . . in full payment of ye composition made with ye lords compositors in ye north p<sup>ts</sup>. of yis realm for ane Remission grantit to him, his kyn, freyns, tenents and servands for ye tresonable Remaning and byding at hame fra . . oist and armye convenit at Gladsmuir ye xx<sup>th</sup> day of August last, for payment of ye qlk . . in my bukis under payne of rebellione . . At Edr. . . Iaj Vct and fourtie aucht yeiris . . witnesses Maister Robert Ritchison, Maist. Johne Dunbar and Ritchert Blantyre . . Robert Carnegy w<sup>t</sup> my hand. [Next is

B. No. 673, 1553.—Paper, well written, fine signature, but parts blotched.] At Edinburgh ye last day of Marche in ye yeir of God 1553 it is . . agreit betwyx . . Alex. Ross of balnegoune . . and Jhone Ross of ye toune of Dunskyt . . as followis . . Jhone Ross, wyll God, sall deliver at ye port of Cromarty to . . laird . . sa mony abbersounis [habergeons, chained mail coats] as wyll extend to ye waring [spending] of twenty pundis flemis, ye said abbersounis to be w<sup>t</sup> sclevis and byssoned festis [linen fastenings?] w<sup>t</sup> ye abersounis of ye qch abersounis tway to be fyne and thrie acreswarks ane barell of scheyms thre matts sex hundryt pundis of hemp aucht stane of corks thre fyne chandlers of gross wark ane bassing and lavyr of tyn yat is fyne four tyks of bedde w<sup>t</sup> bowsters sex pundis of peper ane pound of gynger tway stane of annetsede [aniseed?] ( ) tway laiffe cannered sucre [?loaf sugar] thrie pundis suicur cande [sugar candy] sex fyne tyned stopes [stoups] the armes is thre lyonis tway abufi and ane ondernecht [underneath] of ym, in ilk stopis [see No. 564] tway qrts tway points tway chopynnes extenand to fifty pundis flemyns waring and this to be



delyverit at ye said Jhones fyrst cumming to Scotland for ye qlk waring abuif expremit to be ( ) and delyvered as said Alexr. sall delyver and pay to ye said Jhone for everie pund flemyng waring forsaid fyve punds Scotts in salted hydys dry hydys and uther merchands to ye said Jhone w<sup>th</sup>in twenty days nyxt and immediat following yr delyvering of ye merchandis abuif expremit bot [without] fraud or gyle on the promise as sic merchands giffs in to ye contret. Ane doson of ledain bessins of ye qlk thre of ten qrts thrie of gallons thrie of half gallons and thrie of qrts. Ane Culvering yat beis ryt fyne and schotes fur four ferynks [firkins] of fine culvering poudyr thuell [12] elnes of holand cleyt [cloth] And boyt ye saids obleis ym feytfullie to fulfill ye premiss, ilk ane towerds uther, in witness of ye qlk boyt ye saids parties hes subscriyvit yis befoir yir witness Nicolas Ross, Duncan Roy Grant, and Sir Jhone Nicholsonsoun ( ) notar public . . Alexr. Ross off Balnagown Joannes Ross manu propria. [The most significant items of this interesting cargo are the mail-coats with sleeves and linen padding, and the culverin—or eighteen-pounder cannon—with powder and shot. In the phrase, "that beis right fine," we can almost hear the old Chief gloating over the prospect of it. We have next some of his family in

B. No. 674, 1558.—[Precept of Sasine, Latin.] Elizabeth Countess of Caythnes . . . I have gifted, &c., to my dear granddaughters Jonete, Margarete, and Elizabet Rosses, daughters of . . Alexander Ross of Balnagown and the late Jonete Sinclair my daughter . . . my lands of Stromo . . . namely to each of them one third as is more fully contained in my charter by names . . . In witness to these presents subscribed by the notary public because I cannot write, my own seal is affixed at Keith the 12th of June 1588 . . . witnesses Sir John Dowth vicar of Spynie, John Anderson presbyter, Harald Innes and James Guthrie . . Elizabeth Sinclair w<sup>th</sup> hand at ye pen led by Sir John Gipsoun . . . [His sharp business qualities appear in No. 673, and also in the two followng:—

B. No. 675, 1568.—[Receipt.] I Sir Alexr. Pedder, chalmarlane to . . John Bishop of Ross . . resavit fra . . Alexr. Ross of Balnagown twenty nyne punds four shillings vi d ane fardeyn for ye few mailis . . Mertimes anno Sexagesimo octavo for ye . . lands of Litill Boith, Canlochmoire, Wester and Eist Rearchars, Kandvochtoroeh, Amotnagliss, Kyn-cardin, Ardgy, ye ailhous of ye samyn, Athertane w<sup>th</sup> ye ailhous ye quarter of Terbert, Cuderere, Culnaha, Pet-cawny, Annott . . . subscriyvit at Nig . . . ye yeir Iaj Vet threscore aucht . . Witnesses Mr Thos. Ros persoun of Alnes, Sir Andro Davidsoune and Dond. Fuddes.

[B. No. 676, 1573.—[Receipt.] I Donald Ross in lytill Kyn-deis, sone to Sir Nicolais Ross abbot of fearne, grantis me

paiit be ye handis off my cheyff Alexr. Ross of Balnagowne of ane soume of money qlk contenis in ane contrak mayd betwix . . . Alexr. and me . . . subscriyvit at Ganie . . . xvi . . . Apryll . . . lxxiiij . . . and to wt. ye soume of silver qlk I have resavit . . . ye caus yairof is for ye tytill . . . qlk I hed to certaine landis of ye Abbacie of Fearne . . . Witnesses Huchon Ross in Milderge . . . Sir Andro Davidson cheplane of Dunskyth . . . for . . . lyfrent qlk the forsaied Nicolas hes optenit of ane quharter land of Dunskyth fra his broyr Nicholas . . . Donald Ross. [His masterful ways—which we have already seen in Nos. 12 and 43—and perhaps his use of the culverin, now got him into trouble with one equally masterful:—

B. No. 677, 1574.—Notarial Instrument of revocation.] . . . on 5th August 1574 . . . In pns. of me . . . comperit personalie . . . Alexr. Ross of Balnagown . . . declarit . . . That . . . James Erle of Mortoun . . . Regent . . . causit soumond the said Alexr. Ross and his allegeit complexis to . . . ane Parliament to be haldin be him and ye thre estatis . . . in ye tolbuith of Edinburgh ffor ye doune casting of ye batellit towr of Catboll and ye allegit taking and presoning of Alexander Innes of Plaids in Catboll and for allegit disobedience Soumond . . . before ye Justice generale to underly ye law yairfor . . . and be resone of his not compareance he wes denunciit Rebell and put to ye horne . . . Soumond . . . befor Regent and lordis of ye secreit counsaill . . . comperit not . . . and yat he wes and is innocent of ye dimolysing . . . and impresoning . . . and yat ye samyn war done be Huchoun McCullayt pretending . . . ryt to . . . Catboll . . . and his complices . . . quhen he was sumond . . . he wes lyand deidlie seik in Balnagown . . . and yair wes not ane minister in ye parochie kirk of Kilmure of quhome he myt haif testymonialis, and quhen he come to Edinburgh ye xi day of Merche 1573 at my lord Regentis dersyr to haif spokin his Lo. on the morne yreftir causit him entir in waird wtin ye Castell of Edinburgh and imprisonit him in ane hous yrof quhair he remainit . . . foure monethis And sen he wes deliverit of ye said Castell he hes bene and is zit continwalie in waird wtin ye towne of Edinburgh and ane myll about under cautioun . . . grite soumes of money and to saif his lyfe . . . heretage unforfaltit . . . of neid was constreinit to do all his grace wald charge . . . quha . . . causit him to mak ane contract wt ye said Alexr. Innes and Elizabeth his spouse . . . to pay . . . four thousand merks . . . had he not consentit yrto he supponit na les bot it suld cost him his lyfe and . . . his heritage injustlie forfaltit . . . did all be beand . . . presonit . . . upon fere and dredor . . . he hes bund and obleist him to big up agane sum voltis [vaults] and houses of Catboll at ane certane tyme under payne of ane thousand punds yit it is not twa zeiris sen . . . war cassin doune and . . . fyve hundret marks will repair and

mak ye samyn als sufficient as ever . . . ye said Alexr. Ross . . . in ye maist ampill forme revokis ye haill contract . . . and utheris oblegationis . . . to be null . . . [In Latin] These things were noted in his chamber for the time within . . . Edinburgh . . . present John Davidson burgess of Edinburgh, Walter McCulloch heir apparent of Meikle Tarrell in Ross, &c. [For the previous incidents, see No. 903. In 1576 there is a parchment in Scots, docketed "Reversione," that "Alexr. Ross of Little Tarrel and Elizabeth Ross my spous . . . albeit . . . Geo. R. apearand of Balnagown, fear of ye neyer halfe of . . . Multwy and . . . Badcall, and Alexr. R. of B., fayr to ye said George lyf-rentar of ye saids lands, has sauld . . . [them] to us . . . wt ye half davach land of Eddertaine . . . At quhat tyme ye said G. R. . . Alexr. R. refundis . . . for redemptione . . . fyve hundreth thrie libs . . . betwixt ye sone rysing, &c. . . . wtin ye paroch or college kirk of Tayne . . . infestment . . . annullit . . . in 1576 . . . Wituesses Geo. Suyrland in Ruiffes and Maister Jhone Ross sone to Alexr. Ross of Little Tarrel [signed] Alexr. Ross off Balnagown [but] Alex. R. of L. T. and Elis. wt. our handis at ye pen led be . . . Robert Innes, notar" . . . Next, in 1578, there is a sasine in favour of above G. R., appearand of B., for the lands of Wester Dunskeath and Geanies, from Nicolas Ross, son of the Abbot. In the next it appears that Alexander having returned had defied the Government, been denounced rebel, and had letters of fire and sword against him, while Balnagown is in the hands of his son.

B. No. 678, 1583.—] Forsameikle as the persones und<sup>n</sup>. . . Walter Ross W<sup>m</sup>sone in Tuttintarvat, Alexr. Fraser, John Rewach . . . Wm. McFinlay braik . . . Alexr. Cam the birbur's sone . . . Alexr. Ross sumtyme of Balnagowne thair Conductor being delatit . . . odious crymes . . . contemption . . . we have commandit . . . Erle of Huntlye . . . commission to Johne Campbell of Cadell, Thomas Fraser tutoure of Lovat, Robert Monro of Fowles, and George Ross of Balnagowne to convocat the liegis and to persew . . . with fyre and sword . . . [In the same year the son is in possession also of the northern properties, for there is a "compt . . . betwix Geo. Ross of Balnagown and Robert Monro of Fowlis [Robert Mor, see No. 829] anent ye maills of Meikle Daan . . . beand yeirlie ten pundis xiii s iiii d . . . cobill fisching of Kyllisokell and . . . Invershin . . . Witnesses Dod<sup>d</sup>. Ross off Ballamuchy, Hucheon Ross minister at Kincardin." In the next glimpse we have of Alexander he is again trying to recover masterfully some of his lost possessions:--

B. No. 679, 1586.—[Decree of Arrestment.] James, &c. . . . schawin to us be . . . George Ross of Balnagowin . . . in ane decreit arbitrall betwix . . . and Alexander Ross his father . . . Iaj Vct lxxxv yeiris . . . Alexander is alutterlie discharged of all titill and ryt to the mains and place of Balna-



gowin and all uyris rowmes and possessiones . . held of the bishop of Ross . . . to perteine to . . complenar . . proffeitis and dewties . . 1585 and yeirlie . . Nottheless . . Alexander . . intendis to contravene . . and lift . . dewties of . . Pitcalny, Culderarie, Amateglas, Litill Both, Twa Kenlochis, Keandochteach and reyfarqr . . . . in our name and authoritie fens and arreist . . . . ay and qll [ever and till] . . caution and sovertie be fundin . . furthcuman to the sd complener . . . . [On the back is the messenger's note of execution of the charge. In 1702 there is a sasine of Kenlochglass, Reifarquhar, with Achnagall and Belnacoull, to Nigel Munro. George again appears as proprietor of the Northern properties in

B. No. 680, 1586.—] Decreit . . boundaries of Dalnery debated between George Ross of B. and John Vauss of Lochslin . . . east end of the Loch of Badvey and ane burne . . . callit Abenaglerache . . . 3 merch stanes betwix said burne and Carron . . Fir Tode furd alias gollichewis in the north and fra ye said burne . . on ye west syd of ye samen . . . . to ane burne called the roche burne alias the Garrowalt at ye west . . to ane strype yat runs on the south side yrof narrest to the hill callit Knockasak, ane burne . . as it rinns in the Garrowalt . . perteins to ye landis of Amot. [In the last glimpse we have of Alexander, only 51 days before his death, he signs in the old style and as firm a hand as ever:—

B. No. 681, 1592.—] At Ardmoir 4th Sept. . . . matrimoniallie contractit betwix . . . Wm. Ross, appearand air to umqll Nycolaus Ross of Dunskeyth . . . Agnes Ross, relic to umquhill Neil Hutcheon Angusson of Achimmoir [near Brenachie in Logie], dochter lawfull to . . Alexr. Ross of Balnagown . . . bands . . to infest . . Wm. Ross in . . Easter Ganye . . . . Vilzeam Ros, Alexr. Ross of Balnagown, Agnes Ross wt. hand at ye pen led be W. Fraser notar . . because she could not wryte . . . Witnesses Nycolaus Ross of Pitcalnie, Mr Jhone Ross persone of Logie, Mr Walter Ross in Ballacherrie, and George Suyrland of Ruffis [Rhives. Nicolas of Pitcalnie was Alexander's son. We have had John, the parson, in No. 51, in strife with George, and a few years before, he had gone with a band of 400 men to break up a Bailie Court of the Earldom of Ross. In the next two we have George Ross on the side of the Government in their measures to keep order in the north, and even when an "untoward event" arises, King James is shrewd enough to soften the order by sending a personal letter signed by himself. See photo. of signatures.

B. No. 682, 1596.—] Officaris of armes quhatsumever executors of oure Soverane Lordis L<sup>res</sup> againis Landislordis and Cheiffes of Clannes in the Hyelandis Iles and bordiris for thair finding of Inlandismen caution for gude rule and







al = 292 off Balnagown

George Ross of Balnagown

Res. appeared of Balnagown

~~Annabell Morrison~~  
~~Behagown~~

A. Stewart

James Ross of Balnagown

Ross

Dear Mr. Gilliland

Your most affectionate  
wishes to serve you

Ch Ross

Wm Ross

Ross

Adieu  
Ross

set out for Flanders very soon, which  
do the Lord knows My Compliments  
Mrs Baillie I am Sir your most Obedt  
on Feb: 4<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>

Ch Ross

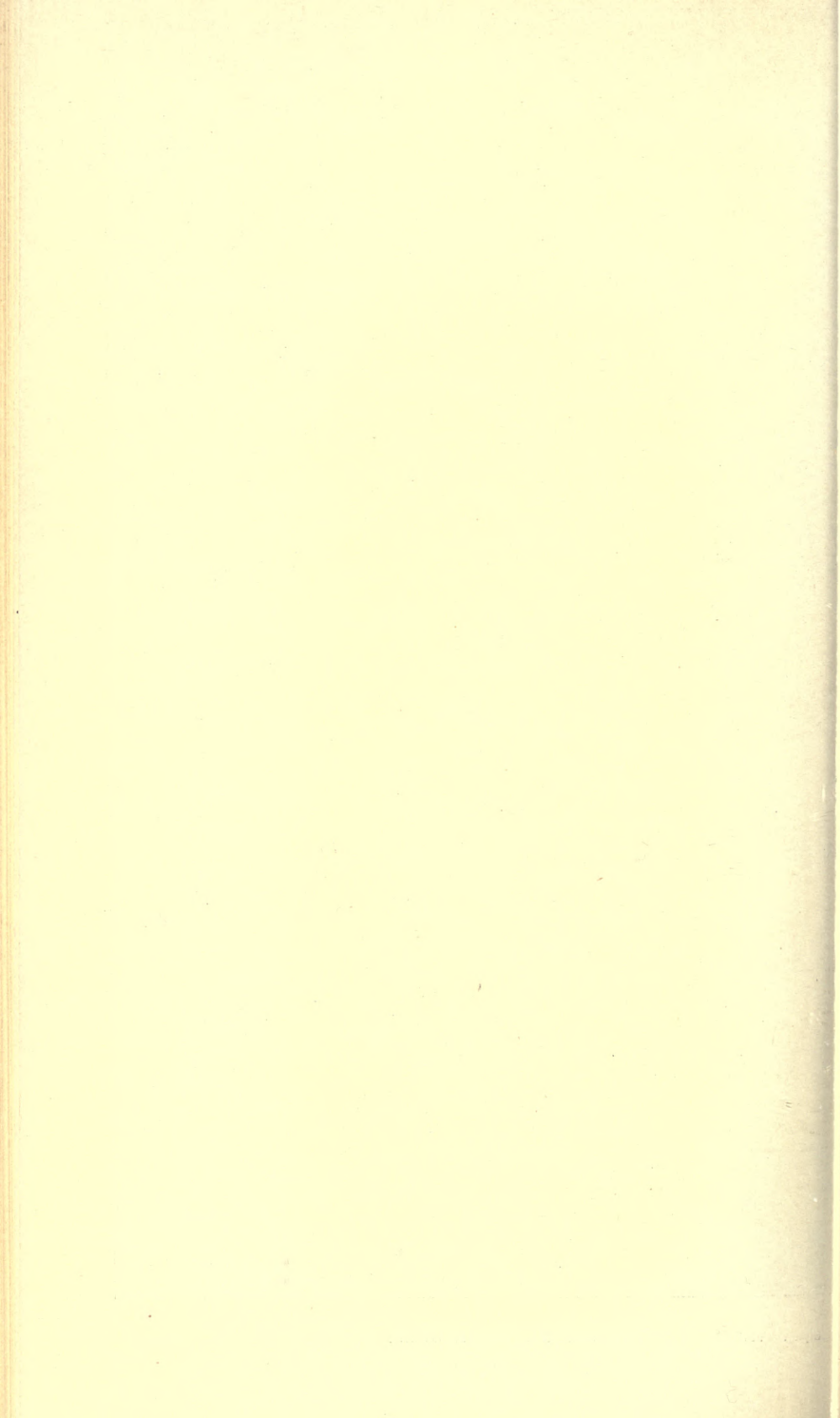
Your Humble Servant

William Ross

Blackhead Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

John Ross

Ch Ross



order conforme to the lawis and gnall. band Witt ye that I have ressavit the said caution of George Ross of Bannagowne to the contentment of his maiestie and of his privie counsell . . . Att Edinburgh the xxi day of Junii 1596. William Wylie Clerk ressaver . . .

[B. No. 683, 1598.—Royal Letter.] Richt traist freind We greit you hertlie wele having ressavit a lre from our dearest broder the King of Denmark in favor of Abraham Dewar in Hyrome wtin his bounds requesting . . . justice against certain our rebellis dwelling wtin yor bounds qlkis reft and spulzeit his schip and guids upon o<sup>r</sup> North Cost at Ross qlkis for ye maist ar yor awin tenentis . . . and in the toun qrof ye ar Provest quhais names this berer will schaw you . . . charge . . . that ye convene the forsaidis persones our rebellis befor you wtout forder delay and in pns. of this berer ayther tak order with thame for restitution of the honest mans guids or avail yrof . . . or ellis ye bring and put thame heir befor our justice . . . as ye will anser to us upon yor obeydience Sua we comit yo to God. from holyrude house ye four of Decr. 1598. James R. [George's son and heir appears in

B. No. 684, 1601.—Receipt.] We David Ross appearand of Balnagowne donatar to the escheit of Johne Vaus of Lochsclin, and George Ross . . . my fayer . . . receavit fra . . . Wm. Ross of Invercharrone . . . maillis, &c. . . dew be the said Wm. to the s<sup>d</sup> Johne for occupation of the lands of Amotnatua. [In 1601 also, George Ross, for 800 merks, mortgages Amatnatullak to his natural son, Alexr. Ross of Wester Geanies. Nogotiations for David's marriage are in

B. No. 685, 1598.—] The Laird of Balnagown's memorial send with his freinds to suyrland in february 1598 . . . 1st . . . craif sicht of the resignatioun . . . or at leist . . . copy yrof . . . or they gang over for completing of the marriag . . . 2nd that the laird haif securitie for his tocher-gear, and the same nor na pairt thairof be not allowit in na itemis betwix the laird and her preceding the marriag. [In cool bargaining for, and with, a fiancée, this would be hard to beat.] 3rd, In this matter of John Vauss's that it be specially set down in write quhat my lady dois to the Laird and he to her for her travell [painsstaking] and expenses sua y<sup>t</sup> na question may aryse efter the marriag. 4th . . . restrictioun of the tierce to the Lairdis wife qrof he menis not to defraud her. 5th . . . Lairdis escheit and lyfrent that he haif soverity thairof in the maist sure form . . . 6th, The Laird is content that the gentlewoman haif her tierce . . . but not to infett his son in his haill lands. [This alliance was carried out, but was soon dissolved.]

B. No. 686, 1604.—] Testament . . . and Inventar . . . Marie Gordone spous to David Ross appeirand of Balnagown . . . Quha decessit this mortall lyfe xxiii Junii ane thousand



sex hundreth and four yeiris . . . Drawing oxin . . . wark horses . . . sawin of aittis . . . of beir . . . fyve muttouns . . . Item outincells and domicells estimat to xl lib. . . Summa bonorum viij ct v lib. . . . Summa the debtis . . . xv ct xxxiiij lib. vi<sup>s</sup> viij d . . . [This lady, daughter of the Earl of Sutherland, seems to have had her own farm, but a poor show of household furniture, £40 Scots, or £3 6s 8d stg.; also a poor return for her farming—£728 on the wrong side. There seems at the same time to have been trouble from debt at Balnagown:—

- B. No. 687, 1602.—Notarial Instrument.] . . . Ane discrete man, Ninian Ramsay, messenger, past to the personall pns. of George Ros of Balnagown . . . in ane loft chalmer of umqll. Walter Douglas above his merchand buith in Tayne . . . soverane lordis lres . . . George Ros . . . chargit to . . . delyver his dwelling places and ye keyis yrof to . . . messenger viz., Balnagown, Culcarne, Ardmuir, and Kincardin. [George says, "Go and take them." Ninian asks how he is to be sustained with his company. George says, "With sic furnitur as is there," and "not be molestit." Ninian says he "would not go till he be advised how to receive and keep the places and keys"; that he would "consult Walter Stewart—and then went out." Yes! Ninian was "discreet." Next year, 1603, there is a charter on parchment, in Latin, signed by George Ross and David, his heir, conveying to "Wm. Ross, heir apparent of Invercharron, for great sums of money," the "western quarter of the lands of Drungillie, called Achmaglack. Reddendo to the King one penny yearly—Witness, Mr Robert Ross, minister at Alness," &c.
- B. No. 688, 1604.—Obligation.] Be it kend, &c. . . William Sinclair apperand of Mey . . . receavit . . . borrowit . . . fra . . . George Ross of Balnagown my father in law thrie hundreth pundis . . . obleis me . . . refund . . . betwix . . . dait heirof and the 20 day of November nixtocum . . . In cace . . . I sall . . . pay . . . G. R. . . betwix the dait heirof and the allevint day of Novr. wthin the College Kirk of Tayne . . . 300 merks the former part of this obligation . . . to be null . . . Subscryvit at Tayne the xxix day of Maii Iai Vict and four . . . Witnesses George Sinclair of Mey, David Ross apperand of Balnagown . . . John Forester notar . . . [The agreement of Balnagown to let him off £100 if he paid 9 days earlier seems to show great need, and other signs of difficulties follow at this period.
- B. No. 689, 1613.—Long letter, addressed] . . . Laird of B., younger. Ry<sup>t</sup> hon. Sir and brother, Pleis wit yat . . . I can not agrie w<sup>t</sup> Terrall [George Munro, afterwards of Milntown] anent Mr Jon of Ferne [see No. 56] . . . addres yorsel heir seing Mr Jon is luikit for . . . It is great soumes yat is cravit to be debtful be you and Jon of Muldarge . . . .

remembering my affection to yourself and your lady my ant  
 . . . Ro [?] Stclair of Barregle . . Edr. 1613. [The Christian  
 name is a mass of flourishes and not certain. The letter is  
 that of a lawyer, apparently a nephew of Sir Wm. Sinclair  
 of Mey, who in 1600 married George Ross's daughter  
 Catherine [No. 801.]

B. No. 690, 1612.—Summons.] . . . peremptorie . . . John  
 Erle of Sutherland . . . be proclamatione at the mercat Cros  
 of . . Edr, shoir and peir of Leith and . . Inverness because  
 . . furth of . . Scotland . . all the landes . . . George  
 Ross of Belnagown . . David Ross appearand . . . answer  
 at the instance of . . . donator of . . nonentries, mailis, &c.  
 . . lands . . Strathokell, Inverchasley, Glenchasley, Glen-  
 muck, Knockan, Tutintarvach, fishings of the twa turnokis,  
 Eskew, Kinlochew, Drumtoche, Amat, Langwell, fishing of  
 Enoche, Daillnachtyne, Doune . . . Strathcarrone, Scoll,  
 Knockmarrock . . fishings of Skeistichall and Gruinnardis,  
 Auchnacullane . . Doles . . Ardmuir, Ballinleich, Milns of  
 Westray, Litill Davane, Esbolck, Amat . . . Belnagown  
 . . . Auchowzeill, Torrenlea, and Knockartie, Pitcui, Bad-  
 call, Multowi, Culcairne and Bellinlonne . . in our handis  
 . . . be ressonne of nonentry sen deceis of Alexr. Erle of  
 Sutherland . . 1584. [A case of feudal dues forgotten or in  
 abeyance then called up, or, as in No. 691, farmed out to  
 another. In 1614 Geo. Ross gets 3400 merks from James  
 Brown, Edinburgh, on a mortgage. In 1618 a charter of  
 James VI. confirms three charters in this connection—one  
 of Doune by George and David to Brown; another, by  
 Brown, of the same; and a third, of Little Dallas, by David  
 Ross and Annabella Murray. This borrowing may have been  
 in consequence of above summons. Another money-lender  
 appears in a receipt of 1619: "I Johne McGull, Burges of  
 Tayne, factor . . to Wm. Rig, merchand burges of Edr.,  
 receavit fra Angus Denune, greive to David Ross, 15  
 chalders victual." The interest on these borrowings seems  
 to have led to default and forfeiture, as in

B. No. 691, 1617.—Draft of Commission.] . . . Me David  
 Ross off Balnagown forsameikle as I am informe that the  
 gift of my escheit and lyfrent is disponit be our soverane  
 lord to George Ross of (left blank) with quhom I am maist  
 willing to transact . . according to equitie and guid con-  
 science . . . I have given power . . to (left blank) . . .  
 yeir Ia; Vi ct sevintene . . . [Next year, 1618, is a Latin  
 sasine by David Ross to "Alexr. Ross of Waster Ganie . .  
 of the lands, pasturages, woods and sheallings of Corrie-  
 vulzie within the Forest of Freewater . . between aldchow  
 to the N.W.; Aldnabraane as it runs towards Drumvaich  
 to the N.E.; Aldknokdaw as it runs S. to the Loch of  
 Corrimony, to the S.W., and Aldnadaich as it passes  
 Southward to the water of Corrievalzie to the S.E." He  
 is also made keeper of the Forest of Freewater, and referred

to as son and heir of late Alexr. Ross of Wester Geanies. In the same year is another Latin sasine to Hugh Ross, son of John Ross of Little Tarrell, of the "lands of Esbolg lying between the lands and bounds of Invercharron to E.; Langwell and the pasture of Loanmidillich to W.; the Water of Esbolg to S.; and the Water of Feachenderdich to N.; also the lands, woods, &c., of Auchmamen between lands, &c., of Amatnihgisch called Torrendrean to E.; Kendachterrach, Badraffin, to W.; Water called Fearengort to S.; and Esbolg to N." . . . Very soon, however, David's difficulties ceased, with life itself; and his widow, as frequently happened in those times, was not long in consoling herself.

B. No. 692, 1620.—Tack.] At Tayne and Kincardin xxiii] and xxvii . . Maii Iai vi ct and twentie yeiris it is . . . agreeit betwix the richt honorabell Annabell Murray ladie of Balnagown . . lyferenter . . and William Ross of Annot now her husband, on ye ane pairt, and Allexr. Ross second son to Wm. Ross of Invercharrone . . and his father as cautionar . . on ye uther pairt . . . settis and in tack . . lattis . . . the wast halfe davach lands of Waster Ferne . . . half oxgand lands adjacent thairto . . ardchronie . . . pay . . . sixtene bollis ferme twa dussone mairths aucht watheris aucht pundis money silver mail aucht merkis for durreis buttur and cheis . . for Ardchronie . . aucht merkis . . with . . personal service . . to oistening and hunting quhen . . requerit . . Witnesses Hew Ross of Lytill Tarrell, John Forrester and Andw. Ross burgesses of Tayne [who all sign, also] W. Ross of Annat and Annabell Morray ,leday of Belnagone [the latter clear, with great flourishes at each end. In No. 54 we have seen that George Ross's widow married Rev. John Munro, and there is—N.D., but about 1618—a paper of "conditionis desyrit be Issobel McIntoshe and Mr Jon Munro:—first the lands girsingis and woudis of Auchnagullen and the three Letters, nixt the myln multeris and croftis of Balnagown," or alternatively "Inverchalsa, woods and fishingis" or "heretabill ryt of Culcairne." Then in 1619 are a precept of sasine, in Latin, on parchment, and also a charter under the great seal, and each with part of the great seal adhering, in favour of "Mr John Munro of Ferne . . . lands of Auchnagullan, Glaischail, Tormichell, also the forest of Freewater adjoining the same . . Glenmore, Glenbeg, Drumvaich, Brynletter, Corrievulzie, Knokdaill, Dovaik, Three Letters viz. Letterinay, Letternaithe, Letterietean, and Corriemoir—within Freewater . . Sheallings of Mulichs, Craigpolskavane, Gyrismissathie, Tokaths, Laikgarnay, Alladulmore, Skeathfarne, Alleddill, Namathrach and Carnehonderig, also the superiority of . . Easter bovate of . . the Easter Drum of Ferne." That Issobel kept some of these at least, and, perhaps on the strength of them, got a third husband, appears in



B. No. 693, 1628.—Contract.] Issobel McIntoshe relict of Geo. . . life reatrix of Auchnagallan . . . and Wm. McCloyde of Tallaster now her spous . . . to Hector Munro of Clynes . . . pasturages of the Letters . . . pertinents . . . arable lands of Riensalcher, feild callit the Grein . . . arable . . . be wast the Camloche, pasturages be wast Auld Neich with . . . burne . . . Auldandbea at the North pasturages from the burne Auldarsine as the sameu assendis to Lochanosprey to sheil of Elnenagouir [?] . . . West Letteris . . . as meithit in a decreit arbitral with John Munro her then present husband. [In 1629 there is part of a process reciting that a contract of marriage had been made between Alexander Corbat of Arbol and Catherine, daughter of David Ross, but she died before it could be carried out, and David claims back the “dott and tocher guidis.”]

B. No. 694, 1637.—Paper, very neatly written, docketed] Ane gift of Forrestrie . . . me Dame Ross of Ballangowne now efter my perfytt age of twenty-ane zeires . . . for ye gude . . . service . . . be Hew Ross of Auchnacloch and his predeces-soris to ye weil . . . of ye hous of B. . . . be thir pntis mak . . . . H. R. and H. R. his eldest sone and air . . . . my . . . . forresteris and keiperis of my forrest of Frewater and hail woods, gress, timber and tries, hairt, hynd, doe, roe, haulkis, and wyld fowlis . . . . nynetein yeires and forder during . . . his lyfetye . . . and H. R. younger . . . thrie yeires . . . watch . . . nowayis . . . thole . . . to destroy, burn, or away tak . . . ony pairt great or small, or to hount or herie hairtis, hyndis, &c. . . . power to mell and intronitt wt all manner of fir tries and birk tries fallen . . . or sall . . . fall . . . all otheris tries whose crops and rootes salbe found witherit throw want of sappe . . . as thair owen proper gudes and geir . . . . witnesses Mr Gilbert Morray subdene of Ross . . . . [Not signed. In 1643 there is an account by Auchnacloch to Balnagown of 500 marks for] pulder, lead and lint, and more for fyve double muskats by and attour stavis and bandoleers, £60. [In the same year the above Gilbert Murray writes to Lady Balnagown as to her having promised him a tack of Dalnachie. Next we seem to see a repetition of the money-lender and the bailiff of No. 687:—

B. No. 695, 1646 or 1647.—Letter, addressed] To his trustie and very affectionat freind Thomas Ross of Priesthill these—I think strange you are so longe in comyng hither to clear compts betwixt us . . . I heare that ye have medled with sum of my fermes crop 1645 [only date mentioned] . . . . I hear that the Laird of Balnagowne is dwelling in the house of Balnagowne and myndis violentlie to possesse himself. Ye knaw what danger he may bring himself into . . . . I expect ye will give him your best advice . . . as ye wald wish me to remaine . . . Tho. Rig. [So Priesthill and others seem to have formed a sort of clan trust for the embarrassed

house, for a curious minute of their proceedings occurs:—] At Ardmore 28 Sept. 1649. Mem. tutching qt. is adoe be the freinds at this meeting—1 . . compt receaving . . 2 . . government of the house and nomination of ane honest man . . advyse servants choisin . . . 3, Inspection of tacks . . . 4 . . . Compt of Mr Thomas Ross . . rents and moneyis thir many yeiris; 5, To learne qr. the wreittis lysis and to get inspectiōne . . if any be wanting; 6, to try all actiones . . may prejudice the Laird and take them away in the most chaipe and clere way; 7, to try if any thing be competent in the Laird's persone qrin he is wrongit . . advyse how it may be persewit; 8, to remember to put order to the Laird's forrest. Sederunt: Pitcalnie, Invercharrone, Preisthill—preses—Grounzeard, Litle Tarrel . . . hes takin notice of the plenishing . . . in the hous in tyme of the ladies deceas . . . Hew Ross . . chalmerlane, John Reoch be his footman . . his fie £20 . . Hew to furnish cooke and pantrie boys and that none uther servantis trubble the hous unless it be ane nakat to serve the cook. [Thus, mortgages and chamberlains' accounts were to be scrutinised, the timber revenue developed, and the establishment severely cut down. Next, in 1651, Meikle Dallas and Lichtstoune are sold to Andrew Ross of Glastullich, and in the same year David Ross goes off to the war—see No. 563—and leaves this commission for management in absence:—] Balnagowne his will annent government of his estate, 1651. Be it, &c., me David R. of B. forsameikle as I am God willing to goe presentlie southward to His Majesties service in his expeditione qlk is to the glory of God for religione, Covenant, King, and Kingdome, and not being certaine qn it sall please the Lord in his mercie to send me ane happie returning . . . expedient . . declare my will in ordering affaires at home . . . nominat Andrew McCulloch provest of Tayne, David Ross of Pitcalnie, Robt. Munro of Obsdail to be intrmitters wt. my hail rents of Strathoikell, Strathcarrone, Westray, and Mains of Balnagowne . . and efter the deceas of Issobell McIntosch [see No. 693] . . the rents of the Abbacie of Ferne . . Miln of B., and 500 merks of Achnagullan . . to them conjunctlie full power . . all my lands and, if . . I come not home . . power to compcne wt. such of my creditors . . . this loveing trust . . salbe noways prejudicial to them . . . and to . . Earle of Suyrland, William Ross of Clava, Johne Ross of Br(oadly) [middle smudged, but seems thus] and ( ) Fraser of B lladrum I nominate to be overseers of my affairs with them, and in caice . . mortalitie . . my second son Alexander to have efter the deceas of . . Issobel McIntoshe . . nyne chalders . . 500 merks of Auchnagullan . . ordayne Thomas Mackenzie of Inverlaell to deall faithfullie . . and secure him . . At Tayne, 21st Apryle. [In 1656 an action before Wm. Innes of Rosskeen, as Sheriff, is brought by "David Ross of B., son and air to deceist D. R. of B., and David Ross of Pitcalnie, his tutor," against

“ John Ross of Tarrel for maills and dewties ” ; but in 1657 an action for recovery of writs and evidents is raised by David as heir to his father, without mention of tutor. In 1662 he is served and retoured heir to his father. Meantime come family letters :—

B. No. 696, 1660.—Letter, addressed] To the Right Honorable and my dear brother the Laird of Balnagown thes present . . I thought to have sin you or now . . bot sine you are not leak to com this uhill I have desyred James Fraser to get that twa hundr mark to your sistr [Katherine, see No. 698] you dow alou on hir every year . . that sent . . Mertemes . . is debursed . . every farding . . I sent en hundr pund of it to Edenbroch for en gown and en petecot . . she has no riding clos nor hude nor caurss [corsets?] and many other things that is not fit to be nemed . . Lightnet the 28 Sep. 1660 . . . Issobell Ross . . My husband [he was James Innes of Lightnet, married just the year before] and your sister has ther service presented to you. [This state of things is all the stranger, because Issobel’s father, David, had given her a bond for 100,000 merks for “ helping of her to ane marriage.”

B. No. 697, 166( ).—Letter, addressed] ffor the right honrarl the Laird of Belnagown these. Much honored and loving nephew, Having occasion to send a servant of my lord’s to Catness for hawks I hope you will let me have one of your nest in Straith hokill that I may say shee is yours . . I am verrie highly dissatisfied you come not neither . . coming south nor . . going north I intreat you let me see you for I have something to impart that I will not commit to paper. I would know . . your brother Alexander . . if hee be better . . . I have gotten . . reset [receipt] . . hope it shall doe him good . . . your most affectionate Aunt Katherine Fraser. S( ) 166( ). [For these relationships, see No. 667. She was sister of his mother, Marie Fraser.

B. 698, 1664.—Two small notes, addressed] (1) ffor Alexander McCulloch, merchand burgess off Taine. These . . . ye sall give to duncane fraser glassin wright ane stone and halfe of lead such as he will choice . . . David Ross of B. (2) . . ye sall be pleisit to delyver to this bearer thrie pund of your best hops as als ane peaper of prins for the last y<sup>t</sup> wes sent to me is goine by my hands can not cum be ym. . . . at Ardmoir, 29th March. Katherine Ross. [At this date she was apparently keeping house for her brother, who was not married till 1666, and she, in 1670, married John Mackenzie, 4th of Inverlael. In 1664 David Ross of Balnagown and Alexander Ross of Pitmaduthy raise an action of law-burrows against Sir George Mackenzie of Tarbat and Dame Margaret Askine, his mother, averring, in the usual form, that complainers go about in fear of their lives. So the dame was as formidable a character as her famous son.



Perhaps it was in consequence of this that Balnagown armed his clan, as in

B. No. 699, N.D.—Paper, docketed] The names of Balnagownes freindis chargit for hagbutis, [and headed] The names of the persones . . freindis chargit and unchargit for quhome the Laird takes burding. David Ross of Pitcalnie, Walter Ross sone to Wm. Ross appeirand of Invercharron . . . Wm. Ross son natural to umq<sup>l</sup> Alex. Ross of Balnagown . . . [in all 36 names. The script and the above names indicate about the Restoration time. The hagbut was the clumsy hand-gun of an even earlier time, but evidently none were allowed to have fire-arms except those for whom a loyal chief would vouch. However, a better way was found, for there is in 1665 an agreement between David Ross “in respect of his majoritie” and Sir George, to have disputes as to meiths and marches at Milntown, Drumvaich, Coigach, and Kappach settled by arbitrators. But there was another trouble:—

No. 700, 1665.—Summons before] . . Seafort . . sheriff principal . . . [against] . . Davide Ross . . . at the instance of Kenneth Mackenzie of Coull . . . infest in . . . Glenmore and wester half of Glenbeg . . . and woods . . . Yet . . David . . . wrongrouslie . . . cuted down . . snedit [lopped] . . and away took . . . 100 great fir masts . . fourscore foot in lenth . . ilk mast estimat 200 merks . . . and 500 fir loggs 24 ft. long . . ilk . . 15 merks . . . haill 7500.

[No. 701, 1668.—Assignment.] . . . David Ross . . to Sir John Munro of Foulis . . . letter of reversione granted be Wm. Innes of Calrossie to . . George Ross my great grandfather for redemptione of the lands, grassings, and woods of Corrivallan . . dait ( ) . . soume of ane hundreth pundis Scots . . . Sub<sup>t</sup>. at Alness . . . D. R. of B. [Next year occurs the first signature of David’s wife to a small note—B.—from Ardmuir, about delivering a boll of meal to the bearer. See photo.

B. No. 702, 1670.—Parchment Charter of Confirmation, Latin.] . . . David Ross as superior . . in perpetuity confirm to Wm. Ross, son of the late Wm. R. of Invercharron, and his wife Christian . . . Glencalvie with fortalices, &c. . . . W. and E. Gruinyards with salmon fishings of Polmorell . . . apprysing in favour of Duncan Forbes, Wm. Duff, Robt. Barbour, and Chas. McLean, burgesses of Inverness. [In 1671—B.—is the will of “Isobel McIntosche sumtyme Lady Balnagown in favour of Lachlan McIntoshe”; and in 1680 a process of horning and poynding at the instance of Sir George Mackenzie of Rosehaugh, whose brother-german, Alexander, had got a decree in 1670, and assigned it to Sir George, for 200 merks, against David Ross.

B. No. 703, 1672.—] Ane note of what Balnagown debursed on the souldiers:—For crossing Bruntilland water £1; three hats £3 12s; three wallats 18s; six garavatts £3 12s; sex elnes lining £2 2s; four dayes dyett and bedd at 6s per man £9 16s; wassing and making yr linings 16s; for ane nights imprissentment in the Cannogate tolbuith £1 8s; given to the mouster master at the receipt of the men £8 19s; To each of them seavin merks and half is £15. [Balnagown, as a *Laird* holding direct of the Crown, was liable for military service. See No. 672. He seems to have had to pay not only for outfit and keep, but for the fine to get them out of gaol, where they seem to have been promptly put for some disturbance. However, he had his reward at last:—

B. No. 704, 1681.—] Charles, &c., to the Lords . . of our Thesaury . . . Considering the constant loyalty and affection to our service . . . by our trusty and well beloved David Ross of Balnagown, also calling to mind the faithfull services, eminent loyalty and suffering of his deceast father David Ross . . who in the year 1651 brought a very good regiment of foot in our service to Worcester, and after the unhappy defate . . there, was carried prisoner to London, where not only he continued in great hardship . . untill he died, but . . his estate was sequestrate by the usurpers and the profets thereof enjoyed by them for severall years . . . said estate hath ever since Lyen under such incumberances and difficulties—There having no manner of relief been given by us . . . That the utter Ruine thereof is inevitable . . . Considering how useful and steadable that family hath been . . witt ye us . . . to have . . granted . . to the said David Ross duringe all . . his life . . two hundred pounds sterling . . at . . Whitsunday and Martinmas by equal portions . . . Given at . . Windsor Castle.

[B. No. 705, 1686.—Letter, docketed] Sir Andw. Forrester . . Whitehall 11 Novr. 1686. Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> . . . the great obligations that I ow to your noble relations . . sorry . . your concerns with Balnagown are not settled . . after what past at Bedfort . . spoke very seriously to my lord your Father . . to order the payment . . the only hindrance . . upon Bannockburn's sending such a security . . as the Lord President of the Session will approve . . will pay . . . I hope you have received the printed occurrences . . during my absence from this place . . herein enclosed the Gazette of this day . . glorious success of the Christian arms against the infidells [see No. 900] . . also a lre. in French from your brother Sir Charles . . in France. Your brother Mr John is very much advanced in his exercises in Mons<sup>r</sup>. Foubert's academy . . . My Lady Mary gives you her affect<sup>t</sup> respects and service. If this shall find you at Balnagowne . . my . . service . . to my Lady your Aunt and to the Laird . . Noble Sir, &c., A. Forrester. [No addressee, but allusions indicate Francis Stewart. As to another Forrester, there is:—

No. 706, 16( ).—Assignment.] . . . David Ross of B. . . received from Wm. Duff, provest of Inverness, Wm. Duff of Diple, and deceist John Forrester of Cullinald considerable soumes for redding his necessary and urgent affaires . . . assigns . . . victual . . . out of Westray . . . yearly . . . [In 1686 is the "testament of deceist Lachlan McIntosche of Kinrara," with "bolls . . . owing to . . . deceist Lady Issobel" . . . and in 1698 is a holograph of D. R. of B. to Hew Bailzie, Sheriff Clerk of Ross, and in 1698 another—see No. 265. We come now to the period when David Ross and his wife, Lady Ann Stewart, having no issue, had to provide for the succession to the Balnagown estates. There are many letters from the family of the Earl of Moray, Lady Ann's brother, and especially from Francis Stewart, his son. Lady Ann's scheme was to get the estates entailed on her nephew as successor. This was ratified at a great clan meeting in Tain, and matters went so far that an entail was drawn out. The last of Francis Murray's letters, which ended the scheme, may be quoted:—

B. No. 707, 1705.—Letter, addressed] The right Honourable The Lady Balnagown. Dear Ant . . . since I find Balnagowne at the request of his kindred very desirous to be rid of his Taylie with me which my father would never enter into without their good likings . . . willing to comply . . . My Lord Ross is making some advances . . . generally well approven of by the whole name and . . . willing to satisfie both the Laird and me . . . hope you will concur . . . will tend so much to the repose and contentment of your future lives . . . your owne interest cannot be diminished . . . this . . . tend to relieving the Estate . . . removeing personal diligences against the Laird . . . your most affectionate Nephew . . . Francis Stewart. Pitliver Sep. 12, 1705.

[B. No. 708, 1706.—Letter to Balnagown.] . . . receive the enclosed from my Lord Ross . . . his being one of the Commissioners for treating of ane Union may retard his coming . . . but constant . . . inclination to support and improve ye interest of your family . . . D. Steuart. Edr. 16 March 1706. [From these two we see that David was turning to the Rosses of Halkhead. We have seen in No. 667 that he knew and wrote of the history of his house. This is seen again in a letter to Lord Ross:—

B. No. 709, 1707.—] My Lord . . . I have sent to Mr Simson and Sir David Forbes a wreat laily com to my hand which does cleir that William, Earle of Ross daughter [William was brother of Hugh, first Laird of Balnagown] was never married to Walter Leslie with her father consent but expressly contrair thereto, and sweares to his death never consent, far less to give his daughter and Walter Leslie the wholl Earldome as his complaint of great oppression under his seale fully beares. Nevertheless after Earle William dead the said Walter Leslie by the King's permission entered



ye possession of the Earldome, and his grandchild Eupham being his only child Allexr. of Illa [the Isles] com and married her and possessed the Earledome near a hunder yeares and without any legall process annex to the crown in King (James) the third tyme anno 1477 or therby. My Lord give yor receipt for this writ with the rest, and Sir Jas. Dalrymple will read it exactly, and greater oppression was never don to a subject as Earle Wm. suffered, his lands in Moray and Buchan was *breve manu* taken from him by the King by threats and imprisonment, and his daughter given to Walter Leslie without his consent, and after his death his haill Earldome of Ross given to Walter Leslie tho' tailyed to my predecessors, so if oppression in the annexation be a good ground of dissolution this is manefest next in the year 1537 the ij part. of James the 5th, 30 act. the Earldom of Ross particularly was dissolved from the Croune and never since annext . . . and now it remaines at her majesties disposall . . . . David Ross off Balnagown. [Further, a large number of old papers are endorsed in David Ross's handwriting, "Revised, 1692," showing that he had examined them. And there is one:—

No. 11, 1529, &c.—End of paper already partly quoted, and specially endorsed by David Ross.] Inventare of the Evidents of the Abbacie of Fearn [and this endorsement is just under the last item.] . . . . Items 21 and 22, Ane chartor grantit be David byshop of Ross to George Ross of Balnagown . . the landes of Kirketoune of Kincardine extending to the fourt part of ane davach . . milne and ailhous . . The Landes of Ardgay the yair of Kincardine, The landis of Edertane and ailhous . . . of Bothbeg and ailhous . . of Caldlochmoir and ailhous . . of Eister and Wester Referquherer and ailhous . . . of Cudvochteralbech with brewhous . . . daitit 5 Novr. 1609. Item 23, Confirmatioun . . . 1610. Item 24 . . Claire Constat be Patrick bishop of Ross to David Ross of B. . . infesting in ye saidis lands . . . daitit 1616 . . . Item 25, Ane Chartor of Confirmatioun grantit be ye said Patrick to James Lord Ross be the qlk he confirms ane chartor to him grantit to him be Alexander Lyndsay of Pitcarlie of ye saidis landis . . daitit the 15 of Junii 1622, and chartor of confirmatione . . the 10 of Sept. *anno supra*. [Thus it was the fact, and David had studied the fact, that James, 4th Lord Ross of Halkhead, great-grandfather of William, 12th Lord Ross, in above paper, No. 671, had been in possession of a wide stretch of the Balnagown estates. David would also know the fact, recorded in the Register of Retours, that in 1642 Robert, 5th Lord Ross of Halkhead, was in 1642 in possession of the barony of Balnagown. These facts, and the identity of name, their offer to free the terribly encumbered estates, and the great scheme above outlined, would supply to David ample reasons, practical and sentimental, for wishing to transfer Balnagown to the Halkhead Rosses. William,

Lord Ross, was a man of mark and power in the State—Commissioner of the Treasury, Privy Councillor, High Commissioner to the General Assembly, and one of the Commissioners for negotiating the Union between England and Scotland. Through his daughter Grizel, he was direct ancestor of the present Laird. One of his ancestors was Robert Ross, Lord of Helmsley in Yorkshire, who was sent by King John on a mission to William the Lion, King of Scotland, and, it is said, remained in Scotland, and married that King's daughter. Sir John, in 1500, became Lord Ross of Halkhead. His son, John, fell at Flodden, and that John's grandson fell at the battle of Pinkie. We have seen David believed he had the right to transfer his estates, and this was afterwards upheld in law. He believed also he had the right to transfer his pretensions to the Earldom. From Lord Ross, estates and rights were passed to his brother, Colonel-General Charles Ross. Lord Ross's family were:—George, who succeeded as Lord Rosse in 1738, and many of whose letters as such—Nos. 97, 267, 268, 444, 445, 505, 506, &c.—have already been quoted; Euphemia, who married the 3rd Earl of Kilmarnock, and was mother of the Lord K. executed for rebellion in the '45; Mary, Duchess of Athole, see No. 663; and Grizel, see No. 727. With these notes one can follow the letters next in date:—

- B. No. 710, 1707.—Letter, addressed] For Mr John Kristie, writer in Edenburg . . . I did believe Easterfearne might get between 1000 to 2000 bolls salt disposed of for victual . . . boll for boll . . . I have sent you two dozen bottles of rack . . . pound of bohea tea for my sister Kilmarnock, also . . . two dozen bottles of rack [arrack—spirits] for ye Earle of Kilmarnock . . . agree with men in the north for 5000 bolls beir . . . export it for Holland, I will go half shares with you . . . G. Rosse. [Above is not dated, but the mention of the rack in it, and the next, fixes the date.
- B. No. 711, 1708.—Letter: Lord Rosse to Christie.] . . . send ye enclosed to Inverness and delyver ye other to my Lord Pitmedden . . . Give my Lord Killmarnock my humble service . . . Rosse. [P.S., in his son George's hand] I got a letter from Baillie Ross expecting they should have fraught for 800 bolls of salt . . . by Easter Fearn's letters you find 1000 bolls can be disposed of . . . Tell Lord Kilmarnock ye rack is sent long ago . . . G. Rosse.
- [B. No. 712, 1708.—Letter, also to Christie.] London feb. 8th, 1708 . . . Send my clockbag with ye papers and Chartors yt was left at Mrs Crawford's to Newcastle immediately to Mr Cockburn's at ye signe of ye bull's head, yr to ly till farder orders . . . and remember me to all my daughters . . . Rosse. [These were Euphemia, as above; Mary, afterwards Duchess of Athole—see No. 663; and Hon. Grizel Ross, who married Sir James Lockhart of Carstairs. It seems they were all in Edinburgh in 1708.

The P.S. is about freights for salt, and at the end] Tell Lord Kilmarnock ye rack is sent long ago . . . but those I intrusted did not take bills of loading. [There was jealousy between the Rosses and Mackenzie, now Earl of Cromartie, and it came to a head in a strife for influence over Tain.

B. No. 713, 1708.—] . . . petition for the Laird of Balnagowne, present provost of . . . Taine . . . Lord Ross, one of . . . Counsellars, and Ross of Achnacloch . . . Commissioner . . . burgh in ye Convention of Burrows—and answers to representation . . . to . . . Convention by the Earle of Cromertie . . . on his rights, superiorities, and jurisdiction in and about Taine . . . complainit against the present magistrates under a spurious pretence of amity and friendship . . . . declaring of irritancies in a pretended contract . . . . As to pretended innovations and encroachments . . . it is answered . . . intirely calumnious . . . tho' of late . . . Taine made choice of . . . Balnagown . . . yr provost . . . he and his family being for hundreds of years in close neighbourhood and . . . good correspondence . . . to protect ym agt all injuries and encroachments . . . has been his care . . . Tho' there be small additions to . . . counsell whereof Lord Ross and Strathnaver, pray, what prejudice . . . men of quality and substance . . . to . . . protect ye rights and priviledges . . . for yr own interest . . . encouragement to yt place which occasions ye consumption of yr victuall and is ye harbour for export and import of all yr effects . . . we did choose Auchnacloch by a great plurality . . . displeases Cromertie . . . contrar to law . . . some counsellars, about nine, some time after in a privat house made choise of Catboll . . . . [Other side in No. 968.

B. No. 714, 1709.—[Letter] For the Laird of Balnagown. Edr. Sept. 2, 1709. Dear Father,—This comes by our worthy friend Mr Makilligen [minister of Alness—see No. 343], who has been most active here in our concerns and real deservs your thanks . . . oft demands on me for some of your debts . . . alleading by the tailie . . . I am bound . . . send me copy of all oblidgments granted by me and my son to you . . . the minute I signed at Balnagown . . . and contract betwixt you and Braelangwell . . . I admire why . . . so long delayed . . . . acquaint me when ye will pay the 2000 merks I lent you . . . son and servant, Rosse. [Same signature as No. 711, William, 12th Lord Rosse. His addressing Balnagown as father was, of course, metaphorical and complimentary. David, in his old age, gave his friends much trouble, as next year, in

B. No. 715, 1710.—[Docketed] Coppie of Balnagown's Letter, ye principall sent to Gen<sup>l</sup>. Ross att London. I rec<sup>d</sup>. yours with the papers . . . I . . . differ from the lawiers judgment . . . decline not to consent to Lord Ross tailzieing my estate to his brother in the termes I granted to his Lo/, but ane



absolute disposition is neither honourable nor secure . . . and is the way to extinguish a family not to perpetuate, such is our design by tailzeing . . . . As to the chair qch Generall Ross ordered you to provide, ther is non in Edr. can make a good travelling chair, for I employed the best and . . . neither good nor neat . . furnish at London . . Let the horses be strong, sound, and as near of colour as you can, peaceable, and about 1 year old . . . freind and servant, David Ross. 28 Decr. 1710. [He died soon after, and we have in the inscription in Fearn Abbey:—"Hic jacet Dominus David Rossius . . priscorum Rossiā comitum genuina soboles . . amplissimæ Rossiorum familiæ patriarchus"—Here lies David Ross, real offspring of the old Earls of Ross—Chief of the great family of the Rosses . . . . "obiit ille xiv Cal. Maii MDCCXI"—*i.e.*, 17th April, 1711. As we have seen, he had a taste for architecture, largely rebuilt Balnagown Castle and bridge, and gave presents to masons whose work he viewed. As above arranged, the estates were entailed on Lord Ross's brother, but next year is

No. 716, 1712.—Last part only of paper, docketed] Procuratory of resignation of . . . Balnagown by Collonell Generall Ross in favour of Himself. [First part evidently details the estates, then] . . . . In the hands of the said Superiors [*i.e.*, the Crown] and for new infeftment to . . myself and heirs whilks failing . . Wm. Lord Ross . . such descendants . . as I think fit . . my own heirs or assignees . . . . Witnesses Sir David Dalrymple of Hailes, baronet, advocat, Sir Walter Pringle, advocat, Mr William Muir. [Pringle became a judge of the Court of Session, with title of Lord Newhall. The missing list is supplied by the next paper, a warrant for a *Novo damus* in 1713, which gives:—Lands of Strathoykle ["lands" will be understood, and "f." used for "fishings"]; f. Auchnaferne and Sloggake; Inverchasley, f. Soulake, and half f. Chassley; Glenmuick; Hospisdale; Knockane; Tutimtarroche and f.; Gornatus E. and W., f. Esoykell; Kenlochalshe; Amott; Langwell and f. Enak; Dalnachten; Doune; Strathcarron; Soyell; Knockinarrow, and f. Carron with burden of 2 barrels and 40 mks. to Viscount of Tarbat . . . .; Scoutichail; Grunzards E. and W. and f.; Auchnagullan; Tormitchell; Free-water; Dounie; Westray; Dallas, Little and Meikle; Ardmore; Ballinleich; Little Daan; Eshbollack; Ammatt; Moyblairie; Balnagown; dominical or Mains and Kirklands of do.; Auchagyle; Torrenlea; Gartie; Knockgartie; Pitticowie alias Pitmadowie; Easter Allan; Badcall; Multovie; Culcain; Bellon; Easter Rarichies; annual rent of 6 merks furth of E. Tarbat, all formerly barony of Balnagown; Kirktown of Kincardin, with miln, ailhous, and f.; Ardgye, Eddertane and f., all formerly free tenandrie of Kincardine; Abbacie of Fearn, viz. Wester Fearn; Dounie; f. Bonach; Rylonie; Meikle Rany; Pitkery; Mulderg; Torrau-

dow; Wester Ganzie; Cullen; Balnasirach; Easter and Wester Drum; 4 aikers of Cadboll Fisher; Maltkiln and Miln of Fearn; half of . . . old monastrie of Fearn, lying within the barronie of Ganzies; . . . . To Lady Ann Stewart life-rent rights of Ardmuir; Meikle and Little Dallas; Leitchdown; Dounie; Kincardin; Ardgay; Soyell; Langwell, Auchnagullan, Balnagown . . . . This express provision that . . . successors . . . to . . . estate shall be holden bound and obleedged to bear . . . surname of Ross and armes of . . . Ross of Balnagown . . . any heirs female . . . their husbands shall bear, &c. . . In case . . . succeed to . . . title of like dignitie or higher and . . . Balnagown . . . conjoin the title . . . and quarter the armes of B. . . . [In No. 417 we have seen Lady Ann Stewart exercising above liferent rights in granting tacks, and, in No. 392, the magnificent funeral she gave her husband, as to which there is further:—

No. 717, 1714.—Petition.] John Rose of Broadley . . . Lady Ann . . . confirmed . . . testament and other creditors . . . themselves . . . unnecessary and superfluous charges . . . his own . . . ane inland Bill . . . on Hugh Rose of Braelangwell . . . [objections] . . . maintenance of 500 merks to the family 17th April to 15th May . . . exorbitant . . . charge for mournings . . . extravagant . . . funerall charges . . . of a piece with them . . . . [There is no other paper referring to her, but, as to her decease, there is the rest of the inscription in No. 715:—“*Illiusque conjux clarissima Domina Anna Stewart Jacobi Moraviae Comitiss Illustris Filia Tam gratiae quam naturae dotibus ornata [obiit] illa xvii Cal. Septem. MDCCXIX*”—*i.e.*, 15th August, 1719. Then the General comes into full possession, and as to moveables, see Nos. 343 and 344. He must have military precision in his affairs, and so there are posers for his lawyer.

B. No. 718, 1719 or just after.—Paper, headed] Memoriall for General Ross to Mackay, Advocat. [Too long to give entire, and unsuitable for omissions; must be given by abridgement:—He has succeeded on the death of Lady Ann, and has the house, but her goods are in and about it. Queries—What will he be liable to her executors for, if he uses the beds and kitchen things? Can he keep them against reparations he must make? Her horses and cows are feeding on his grazings; can he use and milk them against that? “Lady Ann made some salmond” the year she died, and the General has secured it by Sheriff’s warrant till caution is found; “what next must be done?” Deer stray from the General’s forests on to the bounds of another heritor, who kills them there and receives the killed deer; is he liable in the penalties for killing deer? Can the General’s baron bailie judge in cases of “black fish”? In Tain parish there are (1) Bare burgesses, (2) heritors and indwelling burgesses, (3) heritors with land, (4) do. who have disponed it—how are their rights to seats in the kirk to be

determined, and who is the judge? A piece of land with corresponding seat is divided among three persons, or six pieces, each with a seat, comes to one person; what is to be done? Can heritors claim seats according to proportion of salary they pay? Then six country heritors will have half the seats, and sixty town heritors only half among them. Can the judge take a seat from one who has too many and give it to one who has too few or none? Then comes a glimpse of industrial activity on the estates:—

B. No. 719, 1723.—[Letter to Col. General Ross.] Braelangwell . . 17 Sept. Sir,—I recd. your two kind letters . . Attendance in Glenmore . . when the water was up and on Thursday when it was down has given me melancally views . . Of 400 trees put into the water not one got to the Bona although the water was attended by 30 men . . more difficulty then I apprehended . . the greatest is not from that Rock . . . the men are a stiff-necked and turbelent people . . . they are kept from making depredation on the country . . . spirit of disaffection and idleness . . . think of letting some of the trees to cut and draw at so much a tree, but that . . must be tenderly handled among a crafty people . . . how much it is our interest in this Barbarous country to except . . . may find out a method your tennants being employed . . . Joseph Avery. [He was an Englishman sent to conduct the timber-cutting on Balnagown estates. Then a glimpse of municipal activity and generosity:—

B. No. 720, 1724.—[Tain Draft Minute.] In a full council extraordinary as well as ordinary members, Generall Ross of Balnagown, Lord Provost, of his own good will out of his concern for the prosperity of this toun and to ease the community of the load of debts they lye under, freely remitts and discharges the toun of the sum of ( ) and annual rents therof due by their bond to him and of the sum of ( ) paid by him for the toun to Alexr. Ross, writer in Edr. In testimony wherof the said Lord Provost delivered in at: the Council table the said bond and Alexr. Ross discharge, which the Council have laid in the toun's charter chist. [We have seen his election to Parliament in No. 280, the shrewdness of his views in Nos. 282 and 95, his political services in No. 283, and also in the occurrence of two South Sea Company papers, which came among his because he was one of the secret committee charged to investigate that great Bubble after it burst. Altogether, we may quote next, not only as the record of his death, but a just *resumé* of these glimpses:—

No. 721, 1732.—[Inscription in Fearn Abbey.] Carolo Rossio, Balnagownio, Georgii reguli Rossiani filius viro fortissimo De patria optime merito Qui ad summos militares honores evectus, summis dignissimus, per duo asperissima bella contra Galliam pro libertate Europæ, Auspiciis . . Gulielmi et Annæ gesta Nulli fere non interfuit Praelio . . Pacis juxta



et Belli artibus insignis ad Conventum Regni Ordinum Legantibus Rossianis missus . . . Patria tutatus jura . . . Vixit Annis LXV mensibus VI Diebus XXV, Obiit Bathoniæ Die Quinto Mense Augusto A.C.N. MDCCXXXII . . . huc translatus est pietate Georgii Rossii gentis Rossianæ post patrem principis Qui et hoc monumentum Patruo . . . condidit. [So that he died at Bath on 5th August, 1732, aged 65, and his remains were placed and the monument erected in Fearn Abbey by his nephew, George, 13th Lord Rosse. His business care and method appear in

B. No. 722, 1732.—] Inventory of Writes belonging to the deceast Generall Charles Ross . . . on petition of George Master of Ross, Tutor and Administrator . . . to Charles Ross of Balnagown his son. (1) There is a Cabinet . . . in the Closet of . . . bedchamber . . . . There is in the Chartor Room . . . Three Chests lockt containing the old writes of the estate . . . inventoried by the Generall . . . Press full of books . . . catalogue . . . Writes taken out by . . . George Ross [a few only here given]—Bond by the town of Tain to David Ross of Inverchasley, 500 merks, 1717 . . . Assigination to his son, 1724 [other bonds or bills due by Tain to Rosses of Morangie, Bains, and Mansons, transferred to the General.] This inventory made at the sight of David Ross of Inverchasley, Commissar deput of Ross . . . . Witnesses, Sir James Lockhart of Carstairs and Sir Charles Gilmour of Craigmillar. [Bold and clear signatures of these and G. Rosse and David Ross. From No. 266 we have seen that the estates were left by the old General to his grand-nephew, Charles Ross, son of George, then Master of Ross; also that Charles had newly come of age, and that he was elected in 1741 M.P. for the county. From his father's letters, Nos. 267 and 268, we have something of his political position, and in the rest of the letter No. 97, we have—"I hope Charles's cause may be before ye Lords next week . . . every consultation cost above 20 guineas . . . . I heard from Charles about a fortnight since. He was then got to ye camp with Lord Stairs . . . promised to write often, he is very slack that way." See also No. 448. There is one holograph letter from him, his handwriting very like the General's:—

No. 723, 1743.—[To William Baillie.] . . . . I had a letter from Aldy . . . his house is giving way . . . need some timber . . . let him have it. Mrs Gilmour wants some beef and fish . . . her circumstances need . . . I set out for Flanders very soon, what to do the Lord knows . . . Ch. Ross. London Feb. ye 25, 1742/3. [This has a pathetic interest in view of

No. 724, 1745.—[Letter to same.—] Dear Will,—I am sorry to be the retailer of bad news, for by two letters I had from London this morning, the one from the Laird of McLeod and the other from George Ross, I have the account of your friend Balnagown's being killed at the allied army's

attacking the French near Tourney in their intrenchments . . . repulsed with great loss . . . as the flower of the British army was engaged. Poor Lord Ross came to town this morning to waite of the Commissioner of the General Assembly, and accidentally Lord Fraser saw him and brought him into the Crown Tavern and told him that his son was killed . . . He is in great perplexity about the master for he has no accounts of him . . . written to him to ask leave and come home immediately . . . for if my Lord and he dye without male issue . . . Balnagown goes to the second son of James Lockhart, for Sir Chas. Gilmore is . . . cutt out by succeeding to Craigmillar . . . You and I have lost a friend, and I am afraid many more we know not of. They say Lord Charles Hay, Lord Tweeddale's second brother, is killed. . . . Da. Munro. [The writer was a Writer to the Signet in Edinburgh, agent there for Tain, and great-grandfather of late Sir David Monro of Allan. Another letter to Baillie, of 1745, May 18th, from Alexr. Mackenzie, Ledbeg, is badly torn, but there is: "I'm heartily sorry for Balnagown's death, which makes a great blank in the country." See also "Collins' Ode on the death of Colonel Charles Ross in the action at Fontenoy." Altogether, we see a brave and generous youth, more inclined for soldiering than business, yet in politics with a mind of his own, and no time-server. In Balnagown he was succeeded by his brother William, Master of Ross, mentioned above, also in Nos. 107 and 448, quoted in No. 108, and referred to by his father in the remainder of the letter,

No. 445, 1746.—] I own to you freely that if my son doe not marry soon and would incline sometimes to live in that country, I would grudge every expence about Balnagown . . . you know that estate has cost me much . . . and if it was to go out of my family I should be a loser by it . . . Calrossie goes this day. I heard severall complaints about ye Sheriff Court . . . I told so to Calrossie, and begged he would take care for his own credit not to be so much byassed by ye Sheriff Clerk and Easter Fearn. I see by Sir Harry Munro's letter he is very fond of Calrossie . . . and does not seem to think Priesthill will be so agreeable to ye gentlemen in ye west as one living there . . . I hope ye high price for grain . . . continue as long as so many troops are in ye north, will make up a little the losses sustained by the Highlanders . . . I hope my son will now get out of Lochbroom . . . I wish you would show him ye old accounts and learn him ye methods of manadging that estate . . . Halkhead Sept. 1. [Besides No. 108, there are three holograph letters of William's, all to Baillie:—

No. 725, Sept., 1749.] . . . about Mr Sutherland [see No. 121] . . . wrote to Mr Hamilton . . . answer came when I was with Lord Glencairn . . . I had a letter lately from Sir Henry Munro . . . very glad to subscribe himself to Mr Stevenson

. . . Pitcalny tells me he has hopes of Mr Robertson's settlement [see Nos. 108, 110, &c.] at Tarbat . . .

[No. 726, Jany., 1749.—] . . . I send . . the pattern of one of six silver cups I had made at Aberdeen as a direction to the man at Tayne . . another sett. The cause betwixt our Town and Cadboll was heard to-day. We have gained several points, he has got some . . William Ross . . Edr. [In 1751 he writes about a road, and going to Inveraray.

No. 727, 1752.—] . . . dispute betwixt us and Cadboll about the miln of Eddertoun . . anything is preferable to going to law . . . I remember . . promise to George Mackay . . trees for his house . . at liberty to call for them . . . [He succeeded also to the title of Lord Ross on the death of his father, in June, 1754, but lived only two months after. From his letters one would infer that he had much of his brother's soldierly quality and much of his father's business ability. On his death the title became extinct, and the succession to Balnagown reverted to the representatives of his aunt, Grizel Ross, daughter of William, 12th Lord Ross—see No. 712—and niece of Colonel-General Ross of Balnagown. Her husband, Sir James Lockhart, died in 1755, and her four sons succeeded him in turn:—Sir William, of whom there is no mention in these papers; Sir James, in No. 729; Sir George, in No. 730; and Sir John, in No. 731 *et seq.* Their right was contested, but was affirmed by the House of Lords.

No. 728, 1754, Decr. 14th.—Letter, docketed] Alexr. Gray, Clerk of Session. Dear Sir,—I had Mr Cunningham's account for our Ross-shire politicks, which he charges to the last Lord Ross, Sir H. Munro . . David Ross, and Geanies. Yesterday the first hearing of the Balnagown succession case . . was opened by our friend David [see No. 170], who really did it extremely well, and Drummond . . declare so publicly . . . After the debate was concluded betwixt Sir A. Gilmore and Colonel Lockhart, four other claimants attempted to mingle in the debate, viz., Pitcalny, Invercharron, Lord John Murray, and Lord Edward Murray's son, but . . not competent . . in this state . . neither . . had briefes for serving heir to George Lord Ross . . . [The case went on for nearly a year, as appears, along with the result, in

No. 729, 1760.—Letter: Robert Gray, solicitor, Edinburgh, to David Ross, Tain.] . . stampt parchment for writing Major Generall Sir James Ross his entry and sasine of his burgage lands . . . should bear that [he] formerly designed James Lockhart, second son of Sir James Lockhart of Carstairs [see No. 712], through the decease of Captain Charles Ross [see No. 724] and of George Lord Ross his father and of William . . without heirs male . . and by the late Sir Charles Gilmour of Craigmillar his having succeeded to the



estate . . of Craigmillar—nearest . . heir of entail to the said Cap. Charles Ross . . in terms of the entail executed by General Charles Ross of Balnagown—and conform to a decret . . . Session . . 26th Novr. 1755, in . . process of Declarator . . . Sir James Ross entitled . . served heir in the estate of Balnagown . . . which decret . . upon appeal . . was affirmed by the House of Peers . . Feby. 1756 . . . Pitcalnie's process . . what is your opinion, are you as clear as Colquhoun Grant that Pitcalnie will soon be Laird of Balnagown . . . [The previous year there is a summons at the instance of Colonel James Ross of Balnagown, so that he had got his promotion in the interval, and, as above indicated, taken the name of Ross. Next occurs:—

No. 730, 1763, 10th September.—Letter: Robert Menzies, lawyer in Edinburgh, to Baillie.] There are wanted for the Parks of Bonnington a dozen stots . . write to Sir George Lockhart where he is to send . . drovers . . pass within a few miles of Lockhart Hall . . remit £600 . . for payment of Genl. Ross's debts . . I have a letter from Cap. Ross . . propose to set out for Listonhall . . [It will be convenient at this point to quote

No. 731, 1735-63.—Part of Inscription in Fearn Abbey.] Here . . remains of Sir John Lockhart Ross of Balnagown, Bart., Vice-Admiral . . a younger son of Sir James Lockhart of Carstairs and of the Hon. Grizzel Ross, daughter of William, Twelfth Lord Ross . . . In 1735, in his 14th year, he entered His Majesty's Naval Service . . . When advanced to the command of a Frigate, the Tartar, of 24 nine-pounders and 200 men, he in the course of 15 months captured in the Channel with this single ship nine of the enemy's ships of war, several . . of superior force, one . . the Melampe with 36 twelve-pounders and 320 men, supposed to have been fitted out at Bayonne for the purpose of taking the Tartar. The signal service to the trade of this country by his unwearied attention to the protection of it were rewarded by the general applause of his country and by distinguished marks of honour conferred by the cities of London and Bristol . . . For several years he served in Parliament with that fidelity and honour which his constituents looked for . . In 1760 he succeeded to the estate of Balnagown . . In 1762 he married Miss Elizabeth Baillie, heiress of Lamington, eldest daughter of Robert Dundas of Arniston, Lord President of the Court of Session . . .

[No. 732, 1763, Novr. 6.—Letter from "Captain Ross," as he is generally called even after he became Sir John, about farming improvements, then] . . . our family are all very well, and the child in a very promising way, and Mrs Baillie . . much obliged . . enquiries after her and her son . . John Ross . . P.S. . . Bill of loading of things . . on . . vessel for Inverness . . most of the cases contains finest China with the Balnagown arms . . .

[No. 733, 1763, 10th Novr.—Letter, docketed] Bailie Fraser—Inverness . . . Dear Sir, . . . . Lead and Tar . . . Balintraid boat . . . goods for Tain . . . . I received all Balnagown's boxes . . . . opening No. 6 . . . leather case was mouldie . . . piece of plate got no damage . . . it's a Table vastly well execute for the purpose for which it was . . . given . . . . [Signed] James Fraser. [It was a gold vase—still at Balnagown—with inscription, from the merchants of Bristol, as in No. 731. In another letter of 12th, Captain Ross says he intends taking all the land contiguous to the House of Balnagown into his own hands, to bring it into order. In the next letter, of April 24, 1764, he has got the factor's accounts, and asks some very acute questions, and says: "The tenants are in arrears £88 and 102 Bolls. I hope you will take proper care to make them pay as the best method to make them industrious, for I am sure they are not rack-rented." The next, of October 13, is chiefly about papering and furnishing at Balnagown, "when Mrs Ross is recovered," and ends, "Mrs Baillie is in a very fair way of recovery, and her daughter, who is to be made a Christian tomorrow by the name of Henrietta, is in perfect health, as is her brother." All these are from the south. In 1771 is one from Balnagown, with a P.S.: "Mr Fraser wrote me that the Lords had adhered to the decision of the Outer House, and that Scotsburn was to reclaim, but he yesterday was with me at the killing of a fox, and said he did not intend it." The next, from Balnagown, 1771, shows him as sharp in the farmyard as on the quarterdeck:—"I have inspected the cattle sent yesterday—they differ so widely of the character you gave that . . . must have changed them since he left Ardmore. One of the cows is by his horns 14 years old, and the rest much the same . . . trash, they will vex me every time I look on them." In March, 1773, he wrote from London while M.P. as to the India Bill, and "hopes these matters will end to the satisfaction of the Company"; and in November, from Edinburgh, when "my gout is much better." In 1775 there is a minute of a P' Head Court of the Shyre at Taine, preses. Sir John Gordon, and clerk Hugh Ross." They consider a Bill of the Lord Advocate on the qualification of Freeholders; they agree that alteration is necessary for a "just and proper representation of Property"—qualification should be lowered and confined to holders, excluding that from superiorities only. Then there is a "motion by Captain Ross of Balnagown to provide a sum for destroying foxes, eagles, and other ravenous animals within this county." He and others are appointed a committee. Two years after, he is on service again, and there is a series of letters to his factor and to his grieve, Macculloch, at Balnagown, from Spithead, Plymouth, &c., the first being:—

No. 734, 1777.—Letter, docketed] Captain Ross from Plymouth. To Mr Macculloch . . . Having appointed you . . . to uplift my rents on . . . Balnagown . . . and line off the farms in . . . Westray . . . and being of opinion that . . . great service to the tenants . . . every man's farm . . . set apart and not run rig as they usually are . . . you will put such a value on each man's farm as you think they can pay . . . with judgment and impartial justice between me and the tenants . . . John Ross. [In another he had "received an account of bad usage done to Graham at Craggen, which was cruel and oppressive," and "I have wrote to Mr Baillie to have all justice done to them and me." "If Mackenzie of Scotsburn wants marches fixed, I have no objection." They show that even when absent he kept a keen eye and a firm hand on affairs at home. There are occasional references to his naval service. On November 2, he "had not the good fortune to fall in with the French fleet, but took nine of their merchant ships, valued at £10,000." On Novr. 14th, he had to sail with 13 men-of-war under his command and 200 merchant ships to convoy. On December 18th, he is detained ashore to attend the court-martial on Admiral Keppel. Meantime at Balnagown we have:—

No. 735, 1777, October.—Letter: Macculloch to Baillie.] . . . Mr Davidson of Tulloch was here yesterday dividing the Hill of Bardsloy. Captain Ross has all the Lamington Park that is in sight of the House of Balnagown, and the back of the hill a commonty, and the line below continues as formerly. [Captain Ross is next in Edinburgh, but again afloat, and on the Royal George, by August, 1779; and then in the great naval action off Cape St Vincent:—

B. No. 736, 1780.—] A List of Vessels taken by . . . Fleet under . . . Rodney . . . seen at 7 A.M. and all taken by 2 P.M., Jany. 8th, 1780. Assumption, 64 guns, Commander Augustine, Cargo arms; St Carlos [particulars in same order], 24, Ferminos, wheat, iron, spirits, cloths, and service of plate; St Raphael, 32, Don Louis Arbola, [do.]; St Theresa, 28, Don Juaquin Mendizibat, masts, wheat, cloths, flour; St Brunonis, 28, Don Miguel Guicoches, [do. and] wine and cloth; St Fermine, 16; Don. C. Sanches, [do.]; St Buesoti, 10, Don Joseph Nealde, [do.] Above belong to the Caracoa Company. Sole de Maria, 10, Don Iagnetius Idigonese, Iron, Wheat, Cloth; [Do.], 8, Juaquin Blanco, [do.]; [Do.], 6, Pedro Aldaia, Iron, tar, pitch; St Antonio, St Nicholas, St Rosa, El Pajaro, and Bigonia, all with wheat; Signora Dolosa, St Antonio, and St Geronimo, with cordage; Bilboa, 4, Joseph Suaso, Tobacco; and 2 other ships. Account of the ships . . . under . . . Commodore Don John Langara in the engagement begun 4P.M. and ended 3 A.M., Jany. 17th, 1780:—Phoenix, 80 guns, 650 men, Don Jacobo Milgargo—Taken; St Augustine, 70, 550, Don N. Doz—taken and quitted; St Eugenio, 70, 550, Don Anto. de Monte—;



Princessa, 70, 550, Don Manuel de Leon—Taken; St Juso, 70, 550, Don Joseph Narutia—; St Lorenzo, 70, 550, Don Juan de Araos—Taken; St Domingo, 70, 550, Don Ignatio Mendizabat—blown up; Monarch, 70, 550, Don Ant. Dyaroide—Taken; St Tenero, 70, 550, Don Felix Fesada—; St Julian, 70, 550, Marques de Medina—Missing; Diligente, 70, 550, Don Antonio Abernoz—Taken. FRIGATES—St Cecilia, 30, 270, Don Domino Grandellano; St Gertrudio, 28, 265, Don Hannibal Caroni; St Rosalia, 28, 265, Don Antonio Ortiga; St Barbara, Don E. Velasco. Total, 894 guns, 7215 men. [In above we see the great shipping, trade, and naval force of Spain, and the thoroughness of Rodney's victory. A fortnight later he writes from Gibraltar: "Most of Col. Mackenzie's regiment did duty on board our ships after we took the 23 sail."]

B. No. 737, 1780, March 4th.—Letter from Plymouth.] Since my last we have taken a French man of war of 64 guns, with about £70,000 on board. It was bound for Mauritius with 20 more sail . . . It was very unlucky that we did not take them all, but night came on. [In July he writes:—] The Royal George took 13 merchant ships from St Domingo, valued at £120,000. [In 1788, as Vice-Admiral he commanded the North Sea Fleet. The Inscription in No. 731 ends:—] He died in 1790, aged 68, and is succeeded in his estate and title by his eldest son, Sir Charles Ross, Lieut.-Col. of the 37th Regiment . . .

[B. No. 738, 1790.—MS. of funeral sermon by Rev. John Matheson, Kilmuir, on death of Admiral Sir John Ross.] . . . His courage, conduct, and success as a commander endeared his name to this nation . . . I often thought it a singular circumstance that he should retain such a sense of the Divine providence and such a reverence for religion . . . On occasions of mirth and conviviality, he never suffered sacred things to be made the subject of jest and ridicule at his table . . . That the poor and indigent have been often and liberally supplied from his family there are many grateful witnesses now in my hearing . . . He always spoke the truth as he thought in his heart . . . An attentive and loving husband and a dutiful parent [rest of MS. wanting. As to his successor, there is first

No. 739, 1791.—Precept.] The Honourable Sir Charles Ross of Balnagown, Provost, George Murray, Benjamin Ross, and Wm. Murray, Bailies of the Burgh of Tain . . . Sir C. R. of B. . . designs to obtain himself served . . . seised in all . . . lands . . . within the said Burgh wherein his father died . . . seised . . . to Mercat Cross . . . proclaim, &c., &c. [On the back the execution attests that this ancient ceremony was duly gone through. There is a warrant to the Sheriff Clerk to represent him on the occasion, and Sir Charles's signature on it resembles those of his forbears, Captain Charles of 1743 and the Colonel-General of 1730.

Next year there is an action at his instance before Donald M'Leod of Geanies, Sheriff Depute, against Roderick Mackenzie of Scotsburn, to have the latter ordained to concur in erecting a "feal fence and dry stone fence along their boundary on the moor on the north and west sides of the Large Wood of Balnagown" . . . [From Nos. 529 and 103 we have seen Sir Charles was member of Parliament for the county, as well as Provost of the burgh. Next—

B. No. 740, 1800.—Letter: Lord Lieutenant's Private Secretary, addressed to] Major-General Sir C. Ross, Bart. Dublin Castle . . . Lord Cornwallis has felt . . . necessity of ordering you . . . to Carlow . . . investigation the extraordinary circumstances . . . difficulty of selecting a General Officer in whom his Excellency has implicit confidence . . . in your discretion, judgment, and good conduct has forced him to impose the arduous and unpleasant duty . . . You will leave the Command at Clonmell to the senior officer . . . [He reports that a Petition against the Union had been sent by Lord Downshire to the Militia, and had been signed not only by freeholders of the County Down, but by any soldier who chose, and a great proportion were minors. Next in the series there is a copy letter of Lord Cornwallis to Henry Dundas, the Secretary of State.] . . . I have to add that Sir Chas. Ross has conducted the whole business with great ability and propriety . . . I cannot too strongly express my obligation to him . . . [Also a holograph of Lord Cornwallis to Sir Charles] . . . I enclose a letter transmitted to me by Mr Dundas . . . present my best respects to Lady Mary. . . . Cornwallis. [Next we have—

B. No. 741, 1806.—Letter to Sir C. Ross, M.P.— . . . I again venture to address my friends with less dread of being looked on as an intruder . . . Culcairn has made a present to me and my heirs for ever of a qualification over the lands of Dalmore and Obisdale . . . do not forget your having obtained for me an Independent Company . . . obtaining such rapid promotion for me . . . giving up to me 26 men recruited for your brother John . . . Taking the Volunteers of my district . . . more than 4000 they are a fine body of men . . . When I commenced inspecting . . . not 50 firelocks fit to go into action with, and at my last inspection . . . not find 50 that were not . . . serviceable . . . my circuit . . . 500 miles . . . 6 times a year for 13s 10d per day . . . congratulate you on your appointment to the 85th . . . I winter 222 head of cattle this winter, and I think I shall sell from my Farm 800 bolls of oats.—John Ross. Castlecraig, 17 Janv. [A month later Ross writes:—] . . . I saw letters from Sir George Mackenzie, Coul, that he was to stand for the county . . . you ought to be apprised . . . [Lastly, as to Sir Charles, is the inscription in Fearn Abbey:—"Consecrated by Lady Mary Ross to the memory of her beloved husband, and child, General Sir Charles Ross . . . and Elizh. Ross, A.D.

1814." As to his heir, the beginning of a process before Donald M'Leod, Sheriff, no date, but after 1814, has] . . . Sir Charles William Augustus Ross of Balnagown, Baronet, with consent of . . . Lady Mary Ross . . . Lord Henry Fitzgerald . . . Lord Robert Fitzgerald . . . Wm. Dundas, Lord Register . . . curators . . . and Wm. Murray, senior, Banker in Tain, their Factor . . . [Another of 1827 has the same. He was then a minor, and later was the father of the present Baronet of Balnagown.

BANFF—Nos. 540, 894, 964, 968; also, in 1665, in the circular of the Convention of Burghs, "Tain craved supplie for reparatiōne of ye Tolbooth and steeple; Banff for reparatiōne of yr harbor; Fortrose for reduction of cess."

No. 742, 1677.—Letter, torn and faded, addressed] Thes for Sir John Urquhart, Cromartie, Knicht. Banffe May 23 ( ) promist ane accompt of matters in hand by Lichnett . . . fyve scoir myles back and fore have I been necessitat to hyre express bearers to Aberdein, Tureff, Strathbogie, Rothemay and Fraserburghe for a messenger to chaarge my Lord Banffe bot all in vain, each shifting and refusing . . . Monday I wrott to . . . Lord Huntlie . . . send me ane messenger . . . pleased to promise . . . I sall have the lres. and executions readie . . . tomorrow the Marquis is to be heir at a Shyre meeting. I . . . kiss his hand were it only to Bob my lord Banff who yit brags my ( ) to be impossible. Airlie is not . . . residenter . . . animosity 'twixt an' my lord's cusin about moss right and peat . . . the Erle went in person to be g.eive to the casting of the Bachlanes [?] peats. On the morrow Banffe cutted them . . . It may perhaps neutralise my Lord Newtoun nixt I wish their peats had bein cassen with ane antedait. [Uses law phrases jocularly; evidently a lawyer serving summonses on Lord Banff in a peat-moss case. There is another case as to "peitis and truffis" at Kenloch in 1670.

No. 743, 1753.—Letter: Lord Deskfoord to Baillie.] . . . I have a very good account of the shelty . . . The Duchess and Lady Mary . . . providing a stable of horses for Jamie before he be fit to use them . . . The assistance you give to the manufactures in your country entitles you to the co-operation of the Trustees. If I have any merit at that Board . . . assisting those who had most need . . . at Edinr. I will certainly call for the applications from Ross-shire . . . Castle of Banff, Novr. 13 . . . Deskfoord.

[BENNETSFIELD—Nos. 62, 437, and 607; also

No. 744, 1638.—Latin Retour and Service.] . . . Alex. Dunbar of Bennedgfield, heir to his brother John D. of B. in the lands of B., the cultivated land of Kilen [in Avoch] and that patch of moor called Blainsyde—lying within the lordship of Ardmanach . . . [old name of Black Isle. Then, in 1673, is an instrument of sasine to Sir George Mackenzie



of Rosehaugh, of the "tounes and lands of Bennethfield"; do. of "Killeen, commonly called Wester Killeen and Pitfuire . . . wood commonly called the hagg of Bennethfield, and milns of Killeen and Pittonachie." Lastly, in 1749, in an Inquest for Ord's Service, is John Mathieson, yr. of Bennedgefield.

BRAE, BREY—Nos. 288, 833, 263a, 1003, and No. 745, 1667.—Disposition.] . . . Lands of Brey Meikle and Little, Sanct Martins and Manor of Woodhead, Cullicudin, Culboes—of auld called Cubusches—Little Farnes and Ballintoir, belonging to Sir Jas. Fraser of Brey in 1649, were appraised by Jas. Lauder, Edr., disposed to Major Geo. Bateman of Dalcros in 1666 . . . [who] disposed them to Hector Munro, 2nd son of Sir Robt. Munro of Foulis . . . . By minute of condescence betwixt Sir John Urquhart of Cromarty, Jas. Fraser of Brey, Dame Katharin Wemyss his mother, and Major G. B. . . . declared . . . with oysr pertaining to Sir Thos. Urquhart of Cromarty to be always redeemable by Sir John . . . now for 4300 merks Hector Munro disposes them to Sir John. [In 1664, Robert Munro of Obstell gives 4317 merks to James Fraser of Brey, son of above James Fraser, and takes an assignation of Brey, giving notice to Major Bateman. In 1740 there is a Retour of Meikle and Little Breas in Kirkmichael and Cullicudin to Walter Urquhart, as son and heir to Alexander Urquhart, Sheriff of Cromarty.

BRAHAN—EARLS OF SEAFORTH—LORDS OF KINTAIL—Nos. 62, 71, 89, 158, 159, 172, 197, 198, 206, 226, 260, 278, 289, 340, 346, 374, 410, 464, 507, 541, 542, 546, 547, 552 to 554, 557, 561, 567, 589, 590, 593, 596, 597, 601, 602, 612, 617, 645, 653, 700, 795, 804, 815 to 817, 823, 827, 828, 838, 840, 843, 866, 872, 888, 902, 913, 933, 263a, 999. In 1593 there is a Latin Charter granted by Colin Mackenzie of Kintail, under a contract matrimonial between his son, Kenneth, and Jane, daughter of George Ross of Balnagown, and in favour of Jane, of the lands of Letterfearne, Coissaik, Killin, and Garrow, for a sum paid as dowry by G. R. of B.

B. No. 746, 1601.—Letter (holograph) to George Ross of Balnagown.] Richt hon<sup>ll</sup>. Sir and father Efter maist heartlie commendations pleis I was sa ernistlie requested be his ma'tie to accompanie my lord Deuk to france that I could not refuis althoh ye same be pairtlie contrar my will . . . as ye lufe me standing of me and of yor awin that ye will tak sic cair and doing in all my affaires seing I haif appointit my freindis to be advysit you in all yr wechtie particulars as may tend maist to my weil and honor and as I would do to you . . . Sua refering all . . . to your guid will in the premiss, committis you to God. From Edr. the aucht of Julii 1601. Your sone at power Kenneth Mackenzie of Kintail. [He married Ann, daughter of George

Ross. The duke is apparently Marquis of Hamilton, D. of Chatelherault, then in high favour with James VI.

[No. 747, soon after 1611.—We Donald Clerk persone of Lochbroome and Robert Grant burger in the Chanonrie of Ross humllie meanis to Colyne Lord Mackenzie of Kyntail and his curatorres forsameikle as at ye speciall desyre . . of my umqle Lord of Kyntail in tyme of his lo. being in france we borrowed ane thousand merks fra Kenneth Mackenzie of Kilichreist which properlie apperteined to Murdo Mackenzie sone to umql Tho<sup>s</sup>. Mackenzie of Ceanlochluichart . . givin to Donald Thorntoune to whome . . umquhile . . was addettit . . . Kintaill's special freindis can . . witness . . . Killichreist keepisoure band as yett and bostes daylie to truble us for the samyn, thairfoir intrates yr lo. . . . relieve us . . seeing ye samyn wes only done be us as servandis and men readye to perrell our selffis and . . estate wth yr . . father . . lyke as we will be willing to do the lyke for yr lo. . . . [signed by] Rorie Makenzie tutor of Kintaill knaws the samyn to be the trewth, Mr Jhone McKenzie minister at Dingwell; Alexr. Makenzie off Cuill knawis ye same to be off trewth, Kenneth Mackenzie of Daumachluak witness, Robert Grant witnis, Rorie McKenzie of Ardafalie. [A good case of clan feeling towards the Chief. In 1605 there is a "contract matrimonial between Kenneth Mackenzie of Killichrist and Katherine, daughter of Rorie McKenzie of Ardaphalie," who is to get Wester Kessock.

No. 748, N.D., but between 1625 and 1633.—Paper, headed with stamped signature Charles R.; much faded and torn.] Charles, &c. . . . to all, &c. . . . Forsameikle as Katherine nein Rob Amichtie in ( ) Margratt nein Eane ( ) alias ( ) nein McIntosche, Katharine nein Phersoun alias Nau-michie ( ) within the diocie of Ross have beene this lang tyme bygane suspect and delate guiltie ( ) crymes of sorcerie and witchcraft and oyr devilish practises offensive to God, scandalous to the trew religione and hurtfull ( ) subjects as thair depositionis showin to the lords of our privie cunsell ( ) upon whom necessar it is for purging the land of such wicked personis ( ) justice be ministrat upone thame conforme to the lawes ( ) For whilk purpose ( ) constitute . . . our trustie . . . cusine Earle of Seafort and our lovitt Sir Alexr. Mackenzie of Culcowy . . our justices . . . committand . . full power . . . courts . . . and as the persones foresaids sall be foundin culpable or innocent of the cryme of witchcraft . . to caus justice to be ministrat . . . [rest torn off. This is the only case of witchcraft occurring.

No. 749, 1633.—Precept, Latin, with Scots place-names; end wanting.] John Bishop of Ross . . . It is clearly proved to us that the late Colin . . Earl of Seafort brother of George now Earl . . died . . . vested in our church lands of

Balmungie [in Rosemarkie] the Chanry lands, the Bishop's sched, The Ness, salmon fishings and ferrie boat, land of Contane, Lealdie . . . Knockfidich . . . Inch with wood and forest adjacent Baroniehill, Allangrange and the Wards . . . Allanreich . . . Drummoir . . . Allancloich . . . Auchimoir . . . Kirktown of Lochelshe . . . Lochcarron . . . Kirklands of Lochbroom . . . Little Brahane . . . a quarter davach, fishings of the Conon, Wester or Meikle Waird lying to the west of the gardens of our castle of Chanonry . . . Aplecroce . . . Gairloche . . . Lochbroome and Assint, Kinnock and secular lands of Avoch ( ).

[No. 750, 1636.—Summons.] Charles, &c. . . . at the instance of George now Erle of Seaforth . . . againes Jn. Davison portioner of Eister Heldothe . . . Alexr. Mackenzie yr. of Coull, Mr John Mackenzie of Balmaduthie, Alexr. McKenzie of Killchreist, George Grahame of Drynie, Thomas Chisholme in Waster Kessok, Murdo McKenzie of Hiltoune, Rorie McKenzie of Reidcastell, Alexr. Bayne of Tarradaill, Jon McKenzie of Fairburne, Alexr. McKenzie of Davachmaluak, Sir Johne McKenzie of Tarbet, Knicht, Kenneth McKenzie of Dewchairne, Rot. Munro of Teinver, Hucheon Munro of Ffireis, Donald McCley of Alness, Donald Taillour yr., Alexr. Kulyeir in Culchairne, Donald finlasone, Sir Jon Gordoun of Amboill, Hector Munro of Coull, Hector Munro of Culcraigie, Alexr. Urquhart of St Martins, Mr Johne Munro in Suardell, Alexr. McKenzie of Gairloche . . . to heir . . . it declarit that . . . the defenderis . . . sould big and repair the dyck of the Waird of Dingwall and to big and uphold the cruiveis of the fishing of Conone . . . and to leid tymber and stanes yrto and to dam the water yrof as ane speciall service dew be thame . . . as their predecessoris . . . of lait they have refusit . . . [Ends with summons of witnesses. In 1641 there is part of an agreement between the above Seaforth and the above Redcastle, who pays £1000 for the "lands and guising of Kasscha Kassachin, extending to ane peck of land." See next Nos. 547, 553, 554, and 561.]

No. 751, 1661.—] I dam Barbara Forbes lady dowager of Seaforth . . . to George second lawful son of deceist George . . . and me . . . set in tack . . . the subchanters manse in Chanonry for all my lyfetye . . . payand yeirly . . . 6s 8d Scots . . . tack dewtie. [The Countess's signature is remarkably fine and clear, more like print than handwriting. She was a daughter of Arthur, 9th Lord Forbes. The same signature is four times in a sheet of receipts, the first to Alexr. Davidson, notar public in Fortrose, for "ane yeir's maill and dewtie forth of that two chambers, kitchin and loft of the sub-chanter of Ross manse." The witnesses are Thomas Forbes and his brother, Arthur Forbes, writers in Fortrose. In another, Thomas Forbes is the tenant, and 5 merks the yearly rent. The dates are 1674-77.]



No. 752, 1696.—Letter to] Hugh Dallas, Commr. Clerk of Ross. Drummond 22 May . . . I have sent some queries anent . . books and rolls of the poll . . to send south [see No. 263—a disputed election] . . . Serjane Blair . . . to quarter in the Shire for . . Candlemas supply . . . I was necessitat . . give list of difficiencies . . £100 stg. . . Seaforth's estate . . most considerable pairt . . but . . got it so ordered that all the Countess payed to the Serjane was fyve dollors . . Hector Munro. [As to Seaforth, see note to No. 158. Hector of Drummond was a son of Sir Robert, 19th of Fowlis. On the back of the letter, in a quite different hand] Informatione Kenneth McKenzie of Davach-maluack and Wm. Mackenzie yo<sup>r</sup>. of Ballmaduthie in behalf of the relict of Gairloch . . to draw the contract matrimoniall 'twixt . . saids parties . . Jo. Dav. with consent of his eldest sone is to provyde for . . spouse . . 50 merks yearly. [Goes on as to teirce, issue, &c. The William Mackenzie, younger, was the relict Janet's brother. Kenneth was 6th of Davoch-maluag.

No. 753, 1711.—Letter, holograph, of the widow of Kenneth, 4th Earl, addressed] To John Dallas of Bannens and the rest of the administrators of the mortification made by the deceast Thomas Forbes, Fortrose.—Leith, the 13 September. Gentlemen,—Haveing got a discharge from you for the debt owing by the family for which some silver plate was pawned, I was content therewith in order to satisfy the Countesse . . my mother in law [*i.e.*, Issobel, widow of Kenneth, 3rd Earl], but she delayed to doe according to our agreement, and I having purged that debt . . I should get . . assignation to the plate . . . Frances Seafort. [See photo. She had the title of Marchioness as in

No. 754, 1714.—Factory.] Be it known . . us Ffrances Marchioness of Seafort as having right to the rents . . . necessary . . employ . . uplifting . . appoint Daniel Murchison . . lands and parochins . . Kintail . . Lochalsh . . Lochcarron . . . Bailly . . Barron Courts . . . at Edinburgh . . Witnesses, William, Marques of Seafort, and Mr David Couper, writer in Edr. [For long time Murchison both managed and fought so as to keep the revenues of the forfeited estate for the family. He was an ancestor of Sir Roderick J. Murchison, the geologist.

No. 755, 1716.—Paper, docketed] Nomination of Curatorie. I, Kenneth Mackenzie of Assint, Doe hereby nominat and choose Collonell Alexr. Mackenzie, son to the Earle of Seafort my uncle to be my sole curator . . minority and lessage . . at Dingwall, 20th Novr. . . . [Large and clear signature—also in

No. 756, 1738.—Two letters, holograph, to W. Baillie.] June ye 9th . . Sir . . . five head of cattle taken from . . Stravaich

. . . tennant near Braan . . . forester Balnagown undertook to return . . . two yet wanting . . . hope ye poor man . . . getting justice, and when it lys in my way to serve Balnagown or his I shall do it with pleasure . . . Seafort. [The other:—] Braan ye 3rd June 1734. Sir, According to my promise when you was last at Braan I have nominated Mr Mackenzie of Coule to be for ye Assint people, and I dont doubt but betwixt him and my friend Culcairne all differences will soon be remov'd and good neighbourhood for the future strictly maintained . . . Seafort. [These show us Earl William not only occupying Brahan, but using his old title, in spite of the attainder after the '15, but we shall soon have a later instance.

BRODIE—Nos. 270, 477, 531, 569, 631; and in 1748, October, Alexander Brodie writes that he is inclined to visit Balnagown, "tho' the Ferrys at this time of year frighten me."

No. 757, 1752.—Letter: Brodie, from London, to Baillie.] . . . hope soon . . . visit to Brodie House . . . M'Culloch's estate . . . not to be annexed to the crown . . . no passion in the Ministry for a Low Country estate nor . . . mean to include any but the estates of Perth, Lovat, Cromarty, and Locheil . . . The friends of . . . Lovat have overloaded the cart in diminishing the rent-roll, which will hurt the Master more ways than one.

B. No. 758, N.D., about 1736.—Long letter, addressed] The right hon. the Lord Advocate . . . Considering . . . late political war . . . reluctance . . . your Lp. an Epistle . . . as you . . . undertaken . . . separate pension to my mother-in-law . . . I have given her £100 yearly but never received one shilling from the Treasury . . . my utmost endeavours with Sir Robt. Walpole . . . King would give no pension to an officer's widow . . . generosity was misplaced . . . denying she owed . . . to me . . . it was due she answered to my Lord Stair and . . . Lord Advocate . . . message from your Lp. by Col. Sinclair . . . widened the disputes . . . very glad if you have better success for Mrs Sleigh than I had . . . Alexr. Brodie.

CADBOLL—Nos. 99, 104, 146, 288, 292, 313, 347, 416, 607, 651, 665, 677, 716, 726, 759, 799, 802, 902, 903, 970. In 1702 there is a complaint by two men of Wester Cadboll who hired a fishing boat for the season from a merchant in Cromarty, and brought her to "Port-in-large, the ordinary harbour of Wester Cadboll, but John Corbat did masterfully take away the sails and tows," and they lost the season.

No. 759, 1703.—Discharge and renunciation, stated by] Margaret Mackenzie relict of deceased Roderick M'Kenzie of Applecross and daughter of Kenneth Mackenzie of Scatwell . . . in the contract matrimonial with my first husband Aeneas Macleod of Cadboll in 1703, he became

bound to infest me in the barrony of Lochslin, Pitnelyies, Knockdow, Inver, E. and W. Balikeith, Plaids, and Hilton. [See 895.

No. 760, 1742—Letter to] Roderick Macleod of Cadboll. Dear Brother,—As our Brother in law Clava is now dead and it is proper we advert to the interest of his children for whom by . . . bond of provision . . . . 27,000 merks . . . we are appointed Tutors . . . during their minority . . . . Geo. McLeod. [In 1764, in an Instrument of Molestation by Cadboll, he claims from Hugh Munro of Achanie “ wood of Glenshin up to the burn of Auldtorrannareich which lies in a hollow called Clach Glass Badannagruagich and ruus North to the River Shin.”

CALROSSIE—Nos. 134, 136, 162, 402, 535, 607, 701, 445†, 776, 848.

No. 761, 1609.—Parchment, torn and dirtied.] James . . . grantit to Patrick Forbes of Cors the warde and nonentries of . . . landis . . . perteinitt to umquhile Wm. Innes of Calrossie . . . . marriage of James Innes . . . heir . . . . at Edinburgh . . . [Among the jury in No. 935, 1439, is Johannes Moir de Calrossie, and in a Newmore Charter of between 1569 and 1584 one boundary is “ lands belonging to Walter Innes of Calrossie on the South.” In 1755, Thomas Ross of Calrossie gets notice from his wife of her brother, the Laird of Piltown’s, death. See No. 382. In 1666 there is a Latin Retour that John Innes of Calrossie died vested in Suoyell—now Syell—in Strathcarron, and his son Robert is served heir.

CAMBUSCURRY—Nos. 1, 13, 23, 34, 75, 153, 231, 292, 329, 416, 494, 607, 822, 895, 404a; and a sasine in 1709 to Rory Dingwall as heir to his father, Rory.

No. 762, 1718 to 1770.—Memorial.] Roderick Dingwall of C. married, 1st, daughter of Bain of Tulloch; 2nd, in 1718, Barbara Lindsay, d. of . . . Cults . . . . made provision . . . widow and children . . . James, Issobelle, Herriot, and Barbara . . . . lands of Cambuscurrie . . . Hilton . . . and Drummedat . . . died 1738 . . . widow . . . held . . . till 1769 . . . died . . . Macleod of Cadboll got assignation of 8000 merks of Jas., Iso., and Herriot . . . Robert Gray of Creich, a man who deals much in . . . old debts, found Barbara . . . to work upon . . . grant him conveyance without any onerous cause . . . . [and then arises the case between Cadboll and Gray.

CHANONRY—See FORTROSE.

COMAR—Nos. 230, 292, 863, 263a.

No. 763, 1676.—Letter from Chisholm of Comar, addressed] Ffor John Mackenzie burgesse in Dingwall these.—Cusin I doe admyre exceedinglie that you and Orde does not take up yor particullor in a more freindlie way then to enter in



pleyes of lawe . . . expensive to you both . . . neither of you hes idle money in caishe besyde you for unnecessarie spending . . . no way ane freindlie acte . . . areisted that pettie soume in my hand . . . owe to Orde . . . my advice you will passe from yor leggell pursuite and enter in a friendlie agreement . . . yit you know beste howe yor owne affaires stands. Your freinde and cousin Al. Chissolm. Comer the 29 Apryle 1676. Excuse the scarsitie of paper [6 inches square; signature very peculiar—see photo.

COULL—Nos. 77, 86, 90, 175, 264, 410, 566, 601, 602, 607, 700, 741, 747, 750, 804, 843, 847, 867, 263a, 1002, and note especially No. 410 with acquisitions of lands; but earliest notice is

B. No. 764, 1572.—Receipt.] I Donald Urquhart, son to Wm. Urquhart umquhill of Cowyll, ressavit . . . of Alexr. Ross of B. . . thrie bolls . . . bear in compleit paiment of the halfe teind schaves of Culkynzie . . . subscriyvit wt my hand at ye pen led be Sir Andro Davidson becaus I could not wreatt meself.

[No. 765, 1655.—Bond.] I Kenneth McKenzie of Coull . . . fra Mr Do<sup>d</sup>. McKra minister at Broary in told doune money . . . 2000 merks . . . I as principall and Coline McKenzie of Reidcastell as cautioner . . . thir pnts. wreittin be Mr Coline McKenzie minister at Killearnan, at Cullinould . . . witnesses Mr Murdo McKenzie lait minister at Dingwall, Mr C. M. min<sup>r</sup>. at Killearnan . . . [Clear and good signatures. In 1666, Kenneth Mackenzie of Coull gives a renunciation of wadset “past betwixt the deceast George Ross of Balnagown . . . and umqll Alexander Mackenzie of Coull my father and Christian Munro his spous . . . of dait 1614 . . . Glenmore . . . Glenbegg . . . sheallings . . . fishings,” and again gives a very clear and good signature. In 1700, Sir Alexander McKenzie of Coull dispones to his wife, Janet Johnstoune, 1200 merks yearly furth of . . . Kinnellan and miln of Aldanabreck. In 1720 there is a complaint by “Dam Helen Murray Lady Coull”—as to whose husband, see No. 607—“that an armed party under Wm. Mackenzie of Davochcairne maltreated her servants, and carried them off to the prison of Davochmaluag.” Next there is

No. 766, 1749.—Letter, holograph, to Baillie.] I . . . will endeavour to send the money of the slate . . . not find payments . . . so well this year . . . plenty of assurances but will not risque my own . . . Alexr. Mackenzie. Coull 27 Novr. [Lastly, there are two holograph letters, same to same.

No. 767, 1764.—Coul 1st Jan. . . . you incline to turn your tack from me into a wadset of 21 years . . . tack or w. in our case differ only in sound . . . I have wrote to Delvin . . . one of the heirs in my tailzie . . . converse with him and let me know the result . . . [He was anxious, for on 30th he

writes:—] “ I long . . . to know if you got my letter . . . I have no objection to . . . wadset . . . glad to hear . . result of your conference . . . suppose . . no change . . this year . . Whitsunday being the term . . not so well prepared for a removing.

[CREICH—Nos. 42, 67, 91, 112, 113, 762, 770, 881, 890, 927, 998. Many old names, worth preserving, are in No. 768, 1740.—] Sasine . . to David Gray and his spouse Christian Macculloch . . . Newtown . . . and pendicles Clashnarainish and Inchnabaltzine . . in the parochin of Creich bounded West by the sea . . passing up lineally from the Ganochroy . . called the Red Sand to the arable land E. of Riannagiland, thence to a great gray stone lyand above Poilnadaff, thence to the weather end of Shanavelli at the E. end of Inchnabalzin, thence to Drumclashnaraanich, thence as wind and weather shears to the Skridanroy at the E. and lineally to the sea at the S. [There are also pages 37 to 40 only of proof in a peat-moss and boundary case:—] . . . firing [peats] from Braes of Ardins . . over the Burn to the Tulloch side . . . and mailler [rented] houses reared . . spot called Lenachtulloch . . always esteemed the property of Skibo . . at Skibo . . 1746 . . Hugh Munro, tenant in Tulloch . . family and tenants of Skibo used to win peats . . Muir or Blar of Milchrock . . thereafter in muir of Knockdupoulchoir . . till within 8 years of the late George Gray of Skibo's death . . then . . Clashlochurach till his death . . after Mr Mackay got . . in Blarlochanguish . . . George Gray had the tenantry of Skelbo along with his own leading from Clashlochurach . . Burn of Migdale . . March . . Tulloch and Airdins . . Lonedow on the Tulloch side.

[CROMARTIE, EARLS; AND MACKENZIES OF TARBAT—Nos. 89, 93, 95, 114, 118, 258, 264, 266, 288, 289, 304, 310, 338, 354, 355, 393, 588, 595, 597, 598, 601, 607, 612, 615, 623, 625, 653, 698, 699, 712, 713, 716, 757, 883, 888, 890, 924, 961, 263a, 999, 1003, 1004. In 1676 a petition by Alexander Mackenzie of Ardloch, brother to the Lord Tarbat, cites a contract matrimonial of 1638 “ betwixt Duncan Mackenzie, Chamberlain of Tarbet, and Agnes, daughter of deceit Rorie Mackenzie of Collis.” In 1670 there is a letter, signed Geo. Mackenzie, and half the seal remaining shows the helmet, the mountain in flames, and the motto, *Luceo non uro*, of the Tarbat Mackenzies. It is addressed to the Honorable the Laird of Balnagown, and reads:—“ I am troubled to have occasion to trouble you with such things, but I am so abusit be yor servants yt is intolerable and were not qt kindness is twixt us really I would try qt reparation law would give me but I will expect it for you know yt Polmorell never belonged to Langwell and Gruinyard is particularly infest in it. Ye business is small but it is matter of right and yett at ther owin hand your men fisht it on Monday. On Tuesday I sent my servant to

fish it and one Wm. McRobert Ross came w<sup>t</sup> ten men threatened to throw my man over the linn . . . I desyre to know your ( ) of this that it may be as publick as ye afront McRobert gave which the desyre I have to live as wee ought to doe makes mee desyre I most confess that I take this very ill but I continue in beleef you will be as angry at it as is your affectionat Cousin Geo. Mackenzie." In 1677, " Sir Geo. Mackenzie of Tarbet Knyt" sues " Alexr. Mackenzie now of Tarvie as son and heir of deceast Colin McKenzie," on bonds granted in 1635 and 1652 to Ronald Bain, and by him assigned to pursuer. He has a rather higher title in

B. No. 769, 1678.—Paper, Latin, of 16 closely-written folio pages, docketed] Double of the Chartor Sir G. M. of Tarbet and his sones of the lands and barronie of Tarbat. Charles, &c. . . . Dispone . . . confirm to . . . Sir George Mackenzie of Tarbet, Baronet . . . Coigach . . . Castle Leod and Glen-skiack . . . Mulvaane . . . Kirktown of Foddertie . . . Bellamuckie . . . Ardavell . . . Ulladell . . . Inchvandie . . . Auchterneed . . . Kinnitas . . . Inchrory, Auchnaclerach and sheillings, Garvochrum . . . Eister Aird . . . Eister Tarbet . . . Meikle Tarrel . . . Drumvaich and Breeinletter . . . within the forest of Freewater . . . Pollo . . . Wester Badobaa . . . Ruves . . . Knocknapark . . . ffeiklachie [?] . . . Ardnagawak, Calreichie, Inchford, Culmeachie, Culcraigie, Mylntown, Meddat . . . principal mairship of the Earldom of Ross, maires croft in Balconie . . . Tullich . . . Pollnicoll . . . Eister Pollo . . . Auchnicloich . . . lands of Morichmore surrounded by the sea for the most part at high tide, lying within that part of the sea called the joynt brigges on the N., a second part of the sea called Polnagrugack on the east, the Firth of Tain . . . on the W., the lands of Inverethie, Pitnilie, Bellacherrie, Belnagawll and Newtown on the south; . . . Belnacleruch . . . Mulnomorick, Pitcandie, Glacktamalimu . . . rectories and vicarages of Killimuire, fiodertie, Logie, Kinettas and Roskeen . . . patronage of the . . . chapels of Alness, Navitie, Newmore, and Tarloggie . . . Gruinyeard . . . Auchageir . . . Keppach . . . Kildonan . . . Rittorach . . . Ariegollach . . . Larichus devoir . . . Elmakep . . . Auchanie, Bellurne . . . Auchastall-duitray . . . Auchastal-duisk . . . Strathnashalag . . . Forest of Fanich . . . Pitogartie . . . Hereditary bailiership of the burgh of Taine, reserving to Dame Anna Sinclair, spouse to Sir G. M., her liferent.

[No. 770, 1694.—Receipt.] We George Viscount off Tarbat Lord Macleod and Easterhaven grant us to have receavit the above written evidents—Tarbet. [The first part of the list wanting—begins] No. 16 Originall feu charter granted by Mr David Dunbar Chaplain of the Church of the Blessed Virgin Marie founded within the paroch of Kilmuir . . . to Thomas Ross of Nellinbraik and E(asterh)aven . . . of the Kirk lands . . . Priesthill and Ulladill . . . John Baptist's Croft Gleib manse . . . daitit . . . 1540 . . . No. 18 Originall feu charter . . . Sir Wm. Keith, Delny, to Wm. Ross of





Cornwallis  
(Lord Cornwallis No. 740)

Mr W. Fraser  
(No. 871)

? Lowatt  
No. 872.

Cromertie  
(3rd Earl of Cromartie No. 775)

O. St John (Oliver St. John Chief Justice under the Commonwealth  
Robert Tichborne (Commr. for Scotland—No 571)

Ri. Deane (Major-General Deane, do. No. 571)

War. Ross

Alexander Ross

Alexr. Manson  
(Tain Magts. 1705 No. 966)

J. Southerland  
(John 14th Earl No. 550)

R. Gray of Skibo (550)

Mar (Earl, No. 605)

Argyll (Duke, No. 654)

Don Macleod  
(Sheriff, No. 797)

Geo. M'Kenzie  
(Sir Geo. M'Kenzie of Tarbat No. 268)

Tarbat  
(the same when created Lord Tarbat No. 770.  
He was afterwards 1st Earl of Cromartie)

Macleod  
(John Lord Macleod afterwards 2nd Earl of  
Cromartie—No. 771)

Andrew Ross Provost

W. Ross Baillie

Ja. Hay baillie  
(Tain Magistrates 1657) No. 950

Ronald Bayn provest

Don. Dingwall Bailyie

K. M'Kenzie Den of Gild

John Dingll thearer

Jo. Cameron Clerk  
(Dingwall Magts. 1689—No. 795)

John Coutts (No. 449)

Patrick Coutts (No. 511)  
(Founder of Coutts's Bank and his  
son)

Simon Ross (of Gledfield, 846)







Priesthill . . . of ye Chapel of Delny . . wt ye hill yrof callit ye Chappel Hill . . 1589 . . . . No. 31 Disposition by Arthur Sutherland . . air of umql. Alexr. S. of Pitfuir to Donald Ross of Priesthill . . oxgait lands of Pitfuir callit Tobbernagalladen . . 1609 . . . . No. 37 Walter Ross son of Wm. Ross appearand of Invercharron, his sasine of ye easter half of the toun and davach lands of Wester Fearn . . . 1616 . . . . No. 43 Renunciation by Robt. Gray of Creich [see No. 762] to Alexr. Ross off Ffearn of [do.] . . . at Lairg . . 1641. [Some of these are writs of the properties in No. 769, but others are additions. Still further addition is indicated by a sentence in a long paper of 1695: "Memorandum anent the communing between the Viscount of Tarbat and the Laird of Kilravock . . . Jonathan Urquhart, Sir John's heir [*i.e.*, of Cromarty], becoming bankrupt upon his own and his father's debts, the estate was sold by roup, and the Lord Tarbat, as the greatest offerer, preferred." In 1697 there is a factory: "I George, &c., tacksman of the personage and viccarage of . . Tarbat and Ferne, empower Keneth M'Kenzie, N.P., to uplift, &c . . . . at Castleleod . . Tarbat." In 1703 there is a sasine of the tower and manor place of Cromarty to his son, Sir Kenneth Mackenzie, and spouse, Anna Campbell, eldest daughter of Sir Colin Campbell of Arburochill, senator of the College of Justice; then,

No. 771, 1713.—Receipt.] I John Lord Macleod . . Chamberland apoynted by Georg Earl of Cromartie my ffather for uplifting the Crown rents of the Earldom of Ross . . . . received from George Munro of Newmoir £5 18s Scots . . . his proportion . . . Macleod. [In No. 85 we have had a long letter of his. He succeeded as Earl in 1714. Wanting date, but soon after that, there is a paper beginning: "Wee, John Earle of Cromertie . . . Heritable proprietor of the Baillierie of Taine . . . . more important affairs . . not allow our presence . . . . appoint Normand Macleod our Bailie." As Master of Tarbat, he was in the escapade in No. 598.

No. 772, 1718.—Minute.] We . . subscribed ministers of the Presbytery of Taine, forasmuch as the Earle of Cromartie . . patron . . . by his mortification of date 20 Sep. 1708 . . consideration . . great need . . parochs had to be instructed in the true and reformed . . by us and fit . . catechists, and by Act . . patrons are empowered to dispose of vacant stipends for pious uses . . . . of Rosskeen, Logie Easter, and Kilmuir, payable for . . 1708 and yearly till . . amount to 5000 merks in each paroch as stock . . annual rent . . in salary to said catechists. [They then appoint a collector of the funds.

No. 773, after 1736.—Pages 40 to 43 only, of a process.] ( ) heritable bond granted by the Earl of Cromarty in 1726 to

Sir Wm. Gordon of Invergordon, Bart., who had lent him £42,083 Scots, but having wadset rights over part of . . . Coigach conveyed by John M'Kenzie of Ardloch [son of Alexander of A., who was son of Sir John M. of Tarbat—thus cousin to Earl John], restricts . . . claim to £28,400. [At end] Witt ye us George Earl of C. to have . . . disposed to Sir W. G. of I. . . Easter Aird . . . Easter Tarbat, comprehending Knockshorty, Damquarter, Balnaskerris . . . Bindal . . . Killn . . . Stoneblader . . . Arnsallach . . . Craighouse Wilkhaven . . . Lochshur . . . Newtoun . . . Cambus . . . Shandwick . . . Errach . . . Mains of Pittfead . . . Hiltoun ( ) Portmahomack ( ) Meikle Tarrell. [Thus we see the vast estates in Nos. 769 and 770 getting divided. In No. 354 we have had Earl John's death in 1731, and as to his family:—

No. 774, 1731.—] Att Tain, 23rd Feb. 1731 . . . summons of cognition . . . at the instance of Wm. Ross, merch<sup>t</sup>. in Tain, against the Right Hon. George E. of C., Messieurs William, James, Hugh, and Normand M'Kenzies, Ladys Ann and Amelia, all children of . . . John E. of C. and Anna Countess Dowager [daughter of Lord Lovat—items like those in No. 355. Another summons in 1731 is against “ Roderick, Wm., Patrick, and Lady Ann, children of John, E. of C., of whom Roderick and Patrick are furth of the commissar's jurisdiction.”

No. 775, 1731.—Letter, addressed] John Mackenzie of Meddat. Sir,—Youl immediately repair with David Ross, Commissary Clerk of Ross, to Castle Leod, and in terms of the Commission directed by the Commissary to Davochmaluak and Baily Colin M'Kenzie at Dingwall . . . in consequence of our application . . . of yesterday's date. You are to inspect the state and condition of the household furniture and oyr subjects in the gallery and elsewhere in and about . . . Castle Leod which were confirmed in our favour, and you are to get out a horse daik that is yrin, for which grant your receipt *custodia causa* and everything else that you see necessary youre to do, whereanent you are hereby full authorized by—Cromertie. [Signature of George, 3rd Earl. Meddat's answer is on the back:—] Castle Leod 18th Decr. 1731. I hev inspect the heal subjects and furnitur keped in the gallery hear . . . I hereby acknowledge to have received a Horse daik with the Earl of Cromarty's Arms *custodia causa*—Witness these . . . John Mackenzie.

[No. 776, 1744.—Letter to Wm. Baillie.] Castle Leod, 1st June 1744. Sir,—I am bound conjunctly with Tulloch in a bill to Calrossie for £100 Scots which was payable at Whitsunday last. Calrossie has wrote to me for the money. If it's not inconvenient for you I beg you'll retire the bill and I will pay you at our first meeting . . . Cromertie. [For the 'Forty-five, see Nos. 623 and 625, and as to the sequel,



there is the end of a letter from Alexr. Ross, solicitor of appeals, London, to Baillie:] Lord Cromertie told me yesterday that he took a walk two days before for 2 or 3 miles to the country and there was not the least appearance of Spring . . . Two days ago I received £200 at the Exchequer as a bounty from His Majesty to his Lop. for subsistence of him and his family. We had a struggle about making me satisfaction for any little job I was capable of doing for him, but I would not touch his money if I had not a shilling to purchase my dinner. [So the lawyer seems to have come off second best for once.

CROMARTY—BURGH AND PARISH—Nos. 9, 23, 74, 116, 143 note, 148, 158, 172, 197, 213, 244, 245, 249, 254, 286, 292, 298, 324, 376, 394, 439, 455, 457, 460, 474, 475, 476, 477, 502, 524, 530, 571, 673, 770, 855, 964.

No. 777, 1659.—Latin Inquest.] . . piece of land with house in the South part of Cromarty . . the highway to the S., the Shore Road to the W., the Links [Lat. *Gramileos*] to N., Court Hill to the E. [In 1680 is a sasine to Henry Urquhart of the] Boig of Neilston . . the seashore at the North . . ane merch stane set a little above ane spring well fore-gainst the dwelling house of Cawhill at the brink of the Mairburn at the West . . ane little black hill and the comone way from Neilstone on the South.

[No. 778, 1665.—Well-written paper, 6 ft. long, docketed] Disposition Mr Jon Bayn of Delnie [but in 1679 there are "Janet and Chrissilida Munroes heir of Andrew Munro of Delny] to Sir John Urqt. of the lands of Craighous and oysr . . Me Maister John Baine of Delnie proprietor be apprysing . . decreet . . instance of Duncane Baine of Kilmuir against umq<sup>l</sup> Alexr. Urquhart of Craighouse 1656 [after description] . . . now seeing Sir John Urquhart of Cromartie . . . payment of certain soumes . . . dispone lands . . of Kirkmichaell, Craighouse, Balblair, Ester Culbo, Drumcuddin, Toberchurne . . . Burgage Lands [these are an immense number of small properties in Cromarty, each with its boundaries given. Such only can be quoted as have useful notices of the topography and place-names, but for this purpose may as well be taken along with those in next. The witnesses are] Docter George McKenzie, Alexr. Clunes of Dunskaith, George Dallas, Wreiter to the Signet.

[No. 779, N.D., after 1666.—Heritable bond.] . . Me Sir John Urquhart of Cromartie . . . Forasmuch as Maister John Dallas, Dean of Ross . . . Marie Ross his spouse . . . advanced to me . . . 7000 merks . . . me to be obleist . . . infeft in ane a'rent of 420 merks . . . to be uplifted . . . [list like above, but end and some other parts of paper torn away. Most of the properties are described as roods, rigs, aikers, oxgaits, &c., lying between such and such proprietors'

patches on each side, and must be omitted] . . . field called Barisdaill betwixt lands of Sanct Rulles E. and W. . . . Tenement . . . the burne at the west and the King's hie streit at the eist. Ane Chalmer neir the kirkyard comonlie appellat the Plaister Chalmer betwixt the Kirk-Styll at the W. . . Kirkyard at the S., and hie streit at the N. . . . Rood be west Philip's Burn . . Sanct Rules Hill at S. . . . The great yaird newlie erect be me having the hie streit W. and N., the Castle Hill at S., and the new great dyck E. [High Street therefore is used for the main line with all its turns, and one part of it was what is now the road going to Saint Rule's.] Also the great Ward . . within dycks thereof be eist the burghes betwixt the arrable lands E. and N. and the breyes W. and S. . . . The Ward of the Boig of Neilstone . . Oxgait in Neilstone . . ward N., common pasture S. . . . Muirlands . . Jerliansden at the W., Midlewood at the N. . . . Braikanord with Faitnach S. and the New Lands N. . . Longlands with the Loan E. and Ardhills W. The Whytecrook with the Rottencrook S., Longlands N. ( ) ( ) field called Peperdails . . Strype or burne that comes from the Hill to the Merch Stane at the side of the comon way to the comone pasturage . . . The Waird with Middoe-heads S. and Eister Haughes N. . . . Newtowne with the common pasturage down to Ardhills S. . . . Dempster's Croft eist . . . 4 aikers in the field called Laitcattaiche with . . . the Wyning at S. . . hie way or vennell N. . . Carriessgait . . 2 rigs called Meidowheads with way . . to Gallowhill E., Wyning at S. and way called Carriessgait N. Rigs betwixt the . . . Sauchin Leitches E. . . Wyning S. . . Strype N. . . . Barsdaill with Sauchin Leitches W., Drummanarie S., and Strype N. . . Rigs with Gallowhill at S. . . Strype at N. . . Skabbocks with Drummanarie E. . . Gallowhill S. . . and Sauchin Lethes N. . . Rigs with Gallowhill at S., Wyning at N. . . Annasdaill together with graseing called Murielsden and the three Graines . . . The Crose with . . lands of Sanct Virgin Marie called the minister's glebe W., common way S., and the Wyning N. . . . Land be eist Philip's burne . . . with Chapell Brey S., comone way N. Riggs in Wester Goosedaills with Wyning S. and way N. . . do. in Peyhead with Bankhead N. . . The Feitnach with Wyning N. and way S. . . . Galdismuir with Common Muir or Hill S. and W. . . Breckanordie with the town loan S. . . [Many of these old names can be fairly well located by taking their bearings from the still known places and from each other. There is next a glimpse of municipal matters:—

No. 780, 1670.—Minutes.] Toune Counsell holdin 4th Octr. be Hendrie Urqt. Provost, Baillie Urqt. and the wholl members conveined for electing the magistrats . . . voted that the former old counsell stands unaltered, and withall adds yrto Alexr. Urq'rt of Newhall, Hector Urqrt and Hendrie Urqrt wright—burgesses . . . Sir John Urqrt of

Cromertie asked to be provost . . Counsell in one voyce hes voted, &c., four asked to be bailies . . . one voyce choysen Thomas Urqrt and Alexr. Urqrt. . . . Three asked for being thesaurar . . . choysin John Urqrt, glover . . . magistrates hes choisin Alexr. Denoone and Alexr. Jewnor, lait officers, to be officers . . . The qlk day the hail . . . made faith, &c. . . . J. Urquhart . . . [On same sheet] Toune Counsell holdin . . . 4th Oct. be Cromertie provest . . . nominats . . . pnt. provest . . . lait provest and Alexr. Urqrt baillie to fitt compt [square accounts] wt Jeremia Winson lait thesaurer . . . John Urqrt. yor. . . and Robert Leslie in Ethie was created burges . . . homologats the act maid be the lait magistrats anent the inhabitants . . . yr being sufficientlie airmed . . . ordeins . . . wholl inhabitants meit on Mertimes evin nixt sufficientlie airmed and equipadged, ilk person under the payne of £20 Scots . . . ordeins . . . lait provest and two baillies to fill up . . . rental book . . . get from John Gordone . . . rentals . . . having callit John Gordon lait clerk for subscriyving Dunskeith's saising *functus officio* . . . confest ye same . . . surperceids yr sentence to nixt counsell day . . . . It was fund y<sup>t</sup> notwithstanding of . . . impowerans of Jerimia Winson, Donald Davidson, and John Urqrt for imposinge the thousand pund cess and stent yey have done nothing . . . ordeins ye pnt. provest, lait provest, and two bailies, &c. . . . Thomas Clunes was callit . . . for the feu duties of his lands . . . . The qlk day the saids magistrats ordeins in respect Dunskeath contemptiously keeps up the tounes evidents and will not refer ye same, he be apprehendit grever he can be fund . . . and put in ward untill, &c. . . . [It may be as well to insert here, as to Clunes and Dunskeath, that in 1674 we have Dunskeath sold by Alexr. Clunes to Jn. Grant of Resolis; in 1680, Clunes gets interdict against James Fraser and Don. Rioch, portioners of Pitcalzean, from taking peat, turf and bents; and, in 1679, John Grant of Dunskeath gets from Sir John Urquhart and Jonathan, his heir, a wadset over Davidston, Neilston, and part of Navity and Ardoch. As to Pitcalzean, there is, in a bond of 1691, David Fearn of P., and, in a retour of 1749, ( ) Reach of P. Returning to the Cluneses, we have:—

No. 781, 1670.—] . . . . Provost . . . baillies . . . showin to us be our lovitt Jeremia Winsone, thesaurer . . . decret . . . against Alexr. Clunes of Dunskeath . . . ordeining him to mak payment of . . . soumes . . . £8 4s . . . feu duties . . . of his land in Neilstoun . . . 1642-1669; £13 . . . burrow maills of his lands Newtoun and . . . Cromertie . . . said years. Item £169 of the common good intromittit be him as thesaurer, 1665-6-7 . . . £20 for . . . Bog of Neilston . . . £80 of . . . fines . . . of Courts . . . received be him, and £78 of stallinger fies . . . Item threttie sax punds qrin he was fyned for contumacie in refusing the office of bailzie efter he was chosen . . . Michaelmas 1667; and £20 . . . fyned for . . . absence



from ilk Court of Michaelmas, holy days, &c. . . . [Rest of paper wanting, but it is significantly docketed "poynding." They got rid of this defaulting treasurer in 1667, but to make him a bailie, and fine him for declining the honour, seems to us a proceeding of Gilbertian oddness. It would have been most interesting to have the "poynding" officer's adventures, especially in view of

No. 782, 21st May, 1670.—Complaint to Sheriff.] . . . Thomas Urqrt messr., John Williamsons pror. fiscall . . . Alexr. Jewner and Alexr. Denoone, burgess . . . be . . . letters of caption . . . I and saids assessors . . . apprehend Alexr. Wood . . . . carried him to Thos. Urqrt. . . . bailie his house . . . kept him for . . . 14 hours until he wold transact [*i.e.*, pay up] . . . Nevertheless Sara Clunes spous to John Mackenzie burgess, Jean Pape spous to Jon Nicol burges, Elizabeth Gordon . . . to John Law, Issobell Sympsone . . . to Thomas Urqrt. wright, Beatrix Dunbar . . . to Thomas Hossack, Agnes Winsone . . . to Samuel Urqrt., Nans Mackenzie dochter to Jon M., Issobel Gordone who was one of the most uncivillest . . . the provest's wyff was oversier and actor as well as any . . . in ane horid manner com to Thomas Urqrt. his . . . chalmer . . . taik away . . . Wood . . . I took hald of his plaid . . . taken from me be force . . . they in ane unchristiane maner . . . lay hands on my persone and . . . of Alexr. Jewner and thrust me into bed . . . beat, abuse and scart us wt their hands and teared our clothes and almost stoped my breath by lying sua many of ym on my bodie . . . . [There is a formal summons, then a diet with "defenders all absent," then another, at which they have confessed, and, with their husbands, are sentenced to fines, varying, possibly, according to the amount of beating and "scarting" each did. The sentence is in Sir John Urquhart's handwriting. The Provost's wife is not named in it, but, as we have seen, he was relieved of his office soon after. Several other papers, which may be taken summarily, tend to show that all was not peace and sweetness in the burgh society at that period:—

No. 783, 1670.—Complaints to] your honourable wisdomes the lord provost and baillies of . . . Cromartie . . . Harie Urqrt, carpenter [that] . . . burgess daille obreads my . . . reputation . . . qn he is tipleing . . . suering yt he will pistoll me . . . . Agnes Williamson . . . [that] Elizabeth Gordone . . . opinlye revyll—call me wh—r, thief, lyar . . . I am not able to keep the streit for hir . . . . A servant of the Laird . . . that Jon Hossok . . . takes away my good name . . . striking me with a sheill on the head. . . . and did draw out my hair . . . and ryve my coat . . . . Donald Hossack . . . that Thomas Hood in Davidstoun . . . did most ryotously spoullie and away taik his plaid . . . wt his cattle destroys and eatts compleiner's cornes . . . deteins 15 foot in lenth and three scoir fyfteen foot brood of his grass propertie . . . . Elizabeth Gordone

. . . that my husband having sent me home four lintwheets [linnets] with Jon Reed, and he deteining one of them . . . I went to seek . . . he did maist maliciously beat my back, airmes and fillots . . . . John McKenzie . . . that Wm. Mackenzie and his wyf did beat me and my wyf and did blood myself . . . . John Smithsone, ferrier [ferryman, and two others] . . . that . . . we are greatly wrongit by setting the watter qch cometh upon us . . . from the Pathhead . . . should descend linally upon Hossacks, but they have cassine it upon us . . . . Jon Mackenzie and Sara Clunes . . . that qn the shouldiers was quartered upon the toune for the taxatione . . . three . . . upon us 3 days and nights, and when the trouperis was quartered on the dean they were removit from him and put in our house . . . . [They claim 9s sterling. Another defaulting official is in

No. 784, 1673.—] Accompt of Thomas Lyndsay's intromissions with the common good of the Session when he was thesaurer . . . Received be him £15 sterling as the stent imposed for buying the church bell which was collected and but £5 . . . payed for the bell . . . . Collected be him for the distressed people abroad £40 . . . collected be him for the loft of which he made no accompt . . . 14 years intromission with the mortcloth money . . . neither payed nor made accompt. [In 1677, Jonathan Urquhart—son of Sir John—and his spouse, Lady Jane Graeme, are sued by Forrester of Eddertone on a bond over the properties named in No. 778, with Kinbeachie, Farnes, Braelangwell, Peddiston, Davidston, Bellafellie, and Bellacherie. See No. 770 for result.

No. 785, 1692.—Heritable Bond; first part only.] . . . John Clunes of Neilstoun . . . in security of sums . . . from James Dunbar of Dalcross, one of the bailies of Inverness . . . . [has many of the same place-names as Nos. 778 and 779, also] . . . Burnisdails or Leycattoch contiguous to the Gallowhill . . . Hardhills . . . Kilncrook . . . Shellisdails [and the paper ends] lyand of old within ye territories of ye Burgh of Cromartie now deleit and expungit from being a Royall Burgh. [Before 1684, see No. 524.

No. 786, 1733.—Warrant.] . . . Information that Sir Wm. Gordon of Invergordon got decret against Sir George Mackenzie of Grandvil that . . . Black Standie . . . Cromartie . . . his property . . . Gorry his factor and . . . servants built 200 yds. of a feal dyke . . . one Wm. McCulloch in Davidston . . . others . . . tried to stop . . . swore revenge . . . execrable oaths . . . . next day with 500 persons armed with Durks, cudgells, &c. . . . pulled down . . . dyke . . . trees . . . beat and bruised . . . workmen . . . therefore . . . apprehend . . . . [Signed] Ad. Cokburne. [He was Lord Ormiston of the Court of Session. As to Sir George, there is in 1748 his testament leaving as executrix his spouse, Dame Eliz<sup>h</sup>. Mackenzie

alias Reid. As such she is sued in 1748 by Andrew Munro, merchant, Inverness, for £12 for liquor supplied to Sir G.

CULCAIRN—Nos. 58, 89, 95, 160, 235, 266, 352, 517, 607, 690, 692, 789, 798, 839, 880, 882, 891, 916, 934, 1001. No. 787, 1661.—] Decreet Arbitrall . . . Culcaine . . . Dod-Finlaystone and Andro Munro . . . that both the houses above the old larachs of the Dargan be rased down . . . the propertie and cormontie to be above and below that place doune to the loning of 24 foot . . . from it eistward to the arable rigs of the Dargan remain as it is, as als yt yr be ane cart gait 8 feet. brood, 4 feet on ane side of the merch stane eastward to the burne of Teaninich, of old callit the burne of Dargane . . . A. M. sall hæve up to the slappes on the above loning down till the wood quhar . . . burn callit Aldichat run in the same trink qr now it runs up and down to the sea . . . meadow grass of Kylin-drome beneath Druncroy . . . D. F. . . all summer grass above Clashdom . . . Aldgrand to the W. . . . up thro the Clashmore . . . [In 1690 there is a portion, badly torn, of a disposition by Sir George Munro to his son, George, of the lands of Culcairn, Badcall, and Torrenlea, extending to three quarters of a davach. Culcairn is much mixed up with Newmore and Culraine, *q.v.*

CULRAIN—*See also* CARBISDALE—Nos. 67, 91, 226, 310, 352, 491, 566, 607, 634, 809, 881; also No. 788, N.D., but 1674 to 1677.—Disposition and provision] . . . be Sir George Munro of Culraine, Major-Generall of His Majesties forces in Scotland [hence the dates], to John, George, Jean, Isobell, Helen, and Katharine of the lands of Kendruif [Kinrive], Strathorie, Culrain, Tenuvar, Ach-nag, Achnahannet, Kilmachalmack and fishings, Achnahorrach, Oughtow, (Altas)more, Invernald, Altasbeg, Lincetmore, Inveran with fishings . . . to Dam Christian Hamilton [his wife] a liferent . . . [See 882.

No. 789, 1690 to 1741.—Petition to Jury of Inquest.]— . . . I William Baillie . . . say that the deceast George Munro of Culrain, father to Gustavus, and son of the deceast Sir George M., dyed seased in Culcairn and Badcall . . . Torranlea . . . George his son . . . seased, and on his death . . . Gustavus his brother served heir, and on 4th Jany. 1734 . . . Gustavus disposed . . . to me Wm. Baillie . . . [Signatures of jury on back. Another paper has the sale by Gustavus, in 1732, of Knocknapock and Baddybea, with the privilege of using a whitefish boat in the harbour of Delny. He must have been in difficulties, for next—

No. 790, 1745.—Holograph letter of Gustavus to Baillie.—] My bad . . . health wont allow me to go over to see you . . . As I most seall Kearnive let me know if you inclyne for the



purchase . . . I will make a straits [stretch] to wait of you at Balnagown . . . Gust. Munro. [Further about him—

No. 791, 1749.—Letter: Dan Forbes, an Edinburgh lawyer, probably to Baillie.—] . . . As to Lady Culrain . . . I never meant they should separate from bed and board if they can agree. What I meant . . . yat they should not jumble their affairs together, but keep separate estates, debts, and management . . . Culrain should have no management of her estates who has so miserably mismanaged his own . . . I believe he'll do no better . . . [She was Mary Munro, daughter of his cousin, George of Newmore, and has appeared in Nos. 380, 383, 384. In 1747 a gossiping letter of David Ross, commissary clerk, Tain, alluding to the marriage of Auchnacloch, says: "His nephew Priesthill and I were the only persons he brought up with him, and I am half dead with coarse punch which much resembles Culrain's black punch." After a long interval there occurs—

No. 792, 1783.—Letter to David Ross, town clerk.] Culrain, 15th May, 1783 . . . Do you think my Brother would be angry at my giving a Draught on him to . . . Mackenzie, Dingwall . . . more offputs wint be taken . . . I am owing John Ross for cleaning the clock and a trifle for the watch . . . intreat you to give me the len of 3 or 4 or even one pound . . . can get nothing, not a pound of sugar without ready monie nor a shoe tho' I am almost barefoot . . . Mary Munro. [She was sister of Lord Ankerville, and widow of Gustavus's grandson. David Ross was clerk to Lord A. Clearly, things had not improved at Culrain, and next year is:—

No. 793, 1784.—Letter, same to same.] . . . The distrest situation of Mr Montgomery's family [see No. 502] . . . put you to . . . trouble . . . Send a summonce . . . debt is justly due . . . cannot pay it till Lord Ankervil gives money . . . prevent my being called at court . . . as I would not for the world . . . acknowledgment for the money you lent me. Mamma and I hopes . . . see you soon at Culrain. [Her eldest son had married one of these Montgomeries. Sixty-five years after this, her grandson, Charles Munro, succeeded to the title and estates of Foulis.

DINGWALL—Nos. 59, 60, 86, 92, 171, 203, 211, 215, 247, 279, 284, 285, 286, 288, 305, 319, 373, 529, 537, 539, 540, 602, 607, 671, 747, 763, 765, 775, 792, 806, 816, 828, 842, 866, 868, 914, 946, 985; and

No. 794, 1669.—] Contract Matrimoniall . . . Alexr. Baine sone of do. Bailie of Dingwall . . . Katherine Baine daughter of Alexr. Baine of Ruiffes [Rhives] . . . to be infest in . . . arrable feild land . . . Gorten . . . Inshvaggie and Croftmoir lying . . . between Tobervoir on the E., Torandu on the W., burne callit Aldnoir N., and the Black Muir callit Knockdow on the S.; Aiker Scottie . . . between Croftbudaik

W. and Salt Water Crook E. . . . all within the territories and burgage of Dingwall. [There is also a middle part of a paper, N.D., but about date above, with "callit Abirinslog . . . . and ane tenement . . . betwixt common pasture on S. and common Calsey N. . . all within the burgage of Dingwall ( ) Barbara and Annabel Mackenzie airs to Kenneth Mackenzie and Barbara Morison his spouse"; and in a third paper, of about same time, there is "Annabel Mackenzie guidwife of Ussie."

No. 795, 1681.—Judicial Renunciation.—] Issobel Ross only lawfull chylid to deceist Walter Ross burgess of Dingwall by Issobel Stewart only daughter to umquhile Margt. Bane in Ferritoune of Brahan who was sister german to umq. Donald Bane, Burgess of Edr., and now spouse to Donald McNeill, Achilty—Is. Ross thus ane of thrie heirs portioners to deceist John Bain of Pitcairle . . . grants disposition of Pitcairle and Humberbennie in Newburgh and Auchterintie in Fyff . . . lands and baronie of Auldham and Scougall in Cunninghame . . Constabularie of Haddington and also of Ruives in Kilnuir Easter . . . takes oath she grants of her own will, &c. [Next, in 1689, 20th Sept., an oath of allegiance administered by Hugh Baillie, depute of David Ross of Balnagown, Sheriff Principal, has the signatures] Ronald Bayne provest . . Don. Dingwall, Bailzie; J. Baine, Bailzie; K. McKenzie, Den of Gild; John Dingwall, Thesaurer; Jo. Cameron, Clerk; C. M'Kenzie, Counselor; M. Dingll [?], Counsellor; John Dingwall, Wm. Dingll . . [then two councillors who can only print initials, "H. R." and "R. M'K."—See photo. of signatures.

No. 796, 1709.—Commission.—] Wee, the Provost, &c. . . . required to make choise of an discreet Burgess . . to meet with . . . of Tayne, &c. . . . to elect . . . to represent . . in . . current Parliament . . in place of William Lord Strathnaver . . incapable as a Peer's eldest son . . . constitute and ordaine Kenneth Bayne, son to Sir Donald Bayne of Tulloch . . . [Signatures] R. [?] Bayne, provest; John Dingll, Bailie; Ror. McKenzie, treasurer; Jo. Tuach, clerk deput; Macleod clr. [comparison with Nos. 771 and 85 shows this to be the signature of John Lord Macleod]; Jo. Bayne . . Alexr. Bayne . . Jo. Macra . . JJohn Dngwall . . Rorie McKay . . Witnesses, Alexr. Mackenzie, schoolmaster of Dingwall, and Duncan Macra, son . . sumtyme minister of Dingwall. [In a comparison of penmanship, there is, 1st, the clerk; 2nd, Lord Macleod; 3rd, the witnesses; and the rest nowhere.

No. 797, 1817.—Letter to] Mr Thomas Suter, Town Clerk, Tain. Geanies House, 12 May. Sir,—In a Table Drawer which I had not opened for 12 or 14 years I found papers that throw a complete light on the business of the Head Burgh, the decree of Court of Session and the Judgment

of the House of Lords . . . Turn up the book . . . proceedings at Tain, Michaelmas 1782, when it was proposed by a Party as the Court was breaking up to adjourn the next . . . meeting to Dingwall—which was carried . . . in consequence of that . . . Mr Chisholm went off with the records to Dingwall in 1783. I wish . . . copy . . . minute adjournment . . . Tain and Dingwall minutes for 1783 . . . proceedings after . . . decree . . . and judgment . . . finding the adjournment and proceedings at Dingwall illegal, and ordering Culcairn's Inrolment . . . Dond. McLeod [Sheriff Depute. The first part of the minute of 1783 also occurs, 2 folio leaves, but part rotted :—

No. 798, 1783.—] At Tain . . . Mich. Head Court . . . In presence of D. M. of G. . . . Baron Roll . . . made up . . . 1782 . . . from an Extract . . . by Alexr. Chisholm, principal Sheriff Clerk, being called—Conpeared . . . Lord Ankerville . . . Charles Robertson, Esq. of Kindeace; Don. Macleod of Geanies, Charles Munro of Allan, Munro Ross of Pitcalnie, Alexr. Baillie of Little Tarrell, Hugh Ross of Aitnoch, Lieut. David Ross of the 21st Regt. . . . Constituted . . . Baron Court . . . Ross of Pitcalnie preses. . . . Sheriff stated . . . consequence of motion . . . adjournment . . . to Dingwall . . . passed by a majority he had been at pains to discover whether . . . legal . . . strongest conviction . . . illegal. By the statute 1681 . . . place . . . to convene . . . where Sheriff Courts meet and the records . . . kept . . . . By the statute of 1743 . . . the place is not altered . . . only question which of the burghs was to be considered as Head Burgh . . . . first mentioned in the Rolls of Parliament and . . . for the Convention of Burghs . . . 1743 in Tain . . . ever since with one exception . . . . 1773, when a similar question had arisen . . . . opinions of Mr Lockhart, now Lord Covington, and Mr Macqueen, now Lord Bradfield, were so decisive in favour of Tain that the point was given up . . . . Sheriff . . . has laid a memorial . . . before . . . Solicitor General . . . decisive in favour of Tain . . . . read . . . part of his office . . . to indite this meeting and prevent . . . otherwise than the law directs . . . . Sorry . . . Sheriff Clerk in open contempt . . . absented himself and carried off the Book of Record . . . . Meeting . . . approved . . . thanks to the Sheriff for his spirited behaviour . . . appointed David Ross Interim Sheriff Clerk . . . . following . . . died since last meeting; Sir John Gordon, Bart. . . Alexander Leslie of Findrassie and Mr Wm. (Urqu)hart, writer in Edinburgh . . . . Claim . . . Duncan Munro of Culcairn . . . . in place of Thomas M. of C. . . . [Each page signed by the chairman, Munro Ross.

DUNBEATH—Nos. 292, 469, 566.

B. No. 799, 1617-45.]—Informatione for Balnagowne against the Laird of Mey and Patrick Smith of Breaco his assignay. In 1617 B. did wadset Easter Rarichies and Cadboll to Sir John Sinclair of Steinsine for . . . 25,000 merks . . . . my



father [*i.e.*, Balnagown's] . . into agreement with *his good brother* Sir John Sinclair of Dumbeath whom he judged aibler to redeem . . and to debait with the wedsettars, Dumbeath at that tyme being esteimed ane rich man and great lawyer . . . in March 1643 granted him reversione of sds lands . . . take a back band of the tenor:—I Sir John Sinclair of Dumbeath . . receavit from David Ross of Ballnagoune ane assignatione grantit to him be Alexr. Ross of Wester Geanzies of the reversion of the lands of Eister Rarichies, &c. . . . obleiss me to redeem . . . and grant ane reversion to D. R. of B. . . . for 36,000 merks . . . [The rest is about a dispute over Balnagown assigning this backband, and there is mention of the “rentall to the yeir 1645,” so that Sir John was alive then. There is from him

No. 800, 1643.—Letter to Balnagown.] Richt hon<sup>ll</sup> and loving brother,—Youres I resaved fra my awin boy showeing ye war to meit one Thursday . . and yrefter . . acquent me q<sup>t</sup> ye concludit . . Trulie sir I deserve much better . . than to be scuffed and jamffed w<sup>t</sup> your freinds. It wald apeir they wald use me as I war ther vassell and inferior and that my affaires with you sould depend uppon ther resolutione . . . I am now troubled and feasht [fashed, bothered] for Androw Ross debts . . . summons leaft at my hous . . . proceedit be some of yor freinds drauchts. I see them . . minding to keipe yow a leitle in subjectione as yow have even bein that they may . . make them selfs up be yor esteate . . . I will not dissuade you albeit I haid power from non of yor bargans . . . . If ye had respected me . . . ye sould a mead yor freinds . . setled with me befoir ye had entrit in any termes . . ye suld have haid my adue [adagency] in all your second bargans . . I feir me they sall be long in concluding, as we say in the comon proverbe “Calke is no sheyres.” Excuse me that I am so plain I am truiched [tangled] with the cumber of yor affaires. I deall with you for no gain . . lose my thanks . . suir of cumber. My hairtlie commendationes to yor laydie my guid-sister [sister-in-law] . . J. Sinclair. Dunbeathe the penult of Octor. 1643. [This is given somewhat fully as a striking example of Highland pride and vigorous Scots dialect. Sir John Sinclair's wife was Catherine, daughter of Hugh, 7th Lord Lovat, and David Ross had married another daughter. There was another relationship mentioned in No. 688 and in

No. 801, 1590.—Long letter: Sinclair of Mey to George Ross, first as to an appointment the latter did not keep with him and his friends, then] . . . I have givin yame yis ans<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>t</sup> I am contentit yat yis mariage betwix my sone and yor dochter pas forewart. [It took place; George's daughter, Katherine, David's sister, married Sir Wm. Sinclair of Mey, Sir John's brother. This connection had its drawbacks, for there is a long decree of Council and Session reciting that George

Ross had bound himself to pay £1000 to Mey by 1602, or 37 bolls beir yearly of annual rent. This is sued for and decerned. Then, in 1607, George being still in default, is put to the horn at Inverness. Next we have a view of John Sinclair's acquisition of lands and title in

B. No. 802, 1617 to 1645.—List of Deeds; no heading and no paging. Selection only given, without marks of omission.] Ane instt. seasing, 1617, 10th Sept., E. and W. Rarichie, Culliss and milne dispoit in warrandice pertyning to Johne Sinclair. Seasing, 1617, of Catboll fisher, Tullich, Leach-clavack, Sallachie, Muckernach—barronie of Westray, comprehending Miltoun, Meikle and Little Dallas, Leichtoune. Givin to Jon Sinclair, seasing Wester Catboll as in first. Seasing, 1619, Brobsternmyre, Slecklie, Scoularie, Fortoft, Quhyholand, to Jon Sinclair of Ganes. Chartor of George Erle of Cathnes and Wm. Lord Berriedaill, 30 Apl. 1619. Discharge of reversion of above by Geo. Mowat, 1627. Seasing, E. davach E. Rarichie to John Sinclair of Dunbeath by Andrew Ross, provost of Taine, 1635. Seasing, Easter  $\frac{2}{3}$  of Arkboll wt tower fortalice and teind sheaves, to Sir Jon Sinclair of Dunbeath, Knight Barronet—precept of Chancellerie 1641. Seasing of Stamster, Hestrigo, Heckin, fyve farthing land in Kuke . . by Wm. Bruce of Stanstell, 1645. Seasing, Hiltoun of Catboll, 16 rigs callit Gulmoris and Tullich, to do. by James Sinclair of Cannisbie's charter, 1645. Ratification, Rarichie and Catboll by David Ross of Balnagowne, 1645. [There is separately a precept of sasine of Easter Rarichie in 1653 to Margaret Sinclair, daughter of Sir John, and the superior is Mr T. Mackenzie of Inverlael.

No. 803, 1763.—Process.] Dame Isobell Lumsden agt. Sir Wm. Sinclair of Dunbeath [was great-grandson of Alexr., the above Sir John's brother, and Isobell was his step-mother.] Capt. James Sutherland of Langwall . . . knows the farms of Dalmore [on Thurso River] and Auchincloich . . . John Gun of Braemore . . . The lands of Houstree and Ballintaing paid 700 merks . . rent . . . sold to Freswick . . . superiority of Gees and Laibster sold to Gun . . . of Borgue to Colonel Scot.

[DUNDONNELL and ARDROSS—Nos. 226, 289, 566, 607, 879, 919, 1001.

No. 804, 1671.—Holograph letter, purely business, yet addressed] for his honored affectionat cowsigne Hew Dallas, Commissar Clark off Ross.—Als wt. my love . . . Seing I resolve to meett wt. Cullodine anent Lealdie . . send me the assignation my lord Seafort granted . . feu duties of Lealdie . . . extract the tak . . teinds of Ardross and . . . obligatione granted be Coull to me for Ardross . . . Al. M'Kenzie off Ardross. [It is a fine specimen of the script of the period. His descendant in 1834 parted with Ardross and acquired Dundonnell.

No. 805, 1746.—Letter of Kenneth Mackenzie of Dundonnell, III. of the “ Old Mackenzies ” of Dundonnell, to Baillie, as to a wadset on Assint, with P.S.] There was a small bill taken from a broyr of mine in the unluckie work at Sutherland. Its now in the hands of one Robert Gray, factor to the Earl of Sutherland. I’ll be obliged if ye recover it.

[No. 806, 1768.—Letter to David Ross, Commissary Clerk, docketed] Mr Ken. McKenzie Dundonald’s son anent Mr Mackenzie of Scorraig. Dear Sir . . . . A daughter of Ardloch’s . . widow . . again married . . . husband’s creditors are pursuing her for his debts . . my father . . for £50 . . . Provost McKenzie in Dingwall . . to adjudge the lands . . . . Please send my indenture discharged. Ken. McKenzie. Dundonnell 18 July . . .

[DUNVEGAN—MACLEODS—No. 292.

No. 807, 1748.—Letter to William Baillie.] Dunvegan, Novr. 22 . . . Mrs Macleod and I made a most prosperous journey . . from the day we left Fairburn. I think this place appears a little queer to her yett, but time will sett that to rights . . . Send the honey to Bailie Gordon to Inverness . . . . Intyrlie yours, Normand Macleod.

[No. 808, 1772.—To same; 3½ folio pages, docketed Mrs Macleod of Macleod.] . . . I can never forget the friendship you have shown to the two familys I am nearest connected with—my father’s and my father-in-law’s. The first, alas, is no more, and the family of Macleod, by the unhappy conduct of your late infatuated friend . . is brought to the lowest ebb; yet . . my son has every appearance of being able to save . . and restore it to respect in the country . . . . Now three . . my son’s trustees . . willing and capable . . . Coll. Macleod, Talisker, Mr Henry Davidson, and Mr Charles Gordon. Mr Fraser, Belnain . . but little to boast of his past friendship . . Son . . give up hopes of . . publick life . . . . reside on his estate and introduce every species of improvement . . . . especially in Sky where . . . neglected . . . lies almost in the state that nature left it . . . I have determined to remove my family to Sky . . taken a farm . . . . Estate of Harris to be sold . . most destructive measure . . when the spirit of emmigration has got so much into the Highlands . . . . might occasion . . depopulation of the whole estate . . . . Could you or any of the family of Raye with whom you are so nearly connected . . . a Loan . . . . £200 . . paid out of my jointure . . I could get Coll. Macleod to join . . . . The great objects of improvement . . Planting and mending the breed of cattle and procuring them spring food to prevent the great death that usually happens from scarcity at that season . . . . My son goes to Oxford after the holy days, but . . to Sky in summer . . . Emilia Macleod. North House, Decr. 21st 1772.



[No. 809, 1774.—Letter, same to same.—] . . . a little alteration in the scheme I had then in view makes it unnecessary for you to advance the money at this time . . . great concern to hear of the late great loss . . . death of your . . . son-in-law Fairburn. Emilia MacLeod. Dunvegan ( ) 1774.

EDDERTON—Nos. 17, 19, 20, 66, 67, 68, 72, 95, 114, 139, 209, 530, 572, 675, 677, 967. In 1672 Sir George Munro of Culrain nominates as arbitrator John Forrester of Edderton, Sheriff Clerk of Inverness. In the same year there is a tack by David R. of B. to Mr William Ross, minister of Edderton, of "Sheallings and grassings of Alladale comprehending the pendicles called Skiytch and Luibnashheilige" for twenty pounds a year; also

No. 810, 1772.—Letter: Joseph Munro, minister of Edderton—see No. 114—to Baillie.] Sir,—I am better acquainted with the Farm of Eddertown than . . . It never would pay the rent, sow the land, and afford corn for my horses any year . . . As for Townvully . . . rather than subject myself to yarn and linning [*i.e.*, payment in the form of], which, were they to grow, my own Family will have use for, I will pay the carriages. [So the minister's wife and daughters did their own spinning] . . . I send you a full vindication of myself from the other wicked story James Simpson told you, of my being Hosack's informer when he got spirits with Simpson. [So there was distilling on the sly, and not only the parish, but even the factor would have thought ill of any one giving information to the exciseman.] . . . I cannot endanger my own and Family's health in getting such quantities of sand in our meal as . . . your mill affords. [Stipend was paid partly in meal, and milling was rough.

No. 811, 1792.—Note or Memorandum.] Heritors of Eddertown:—Sir Chas. Ross, Scotsburn, Cadboll, Jo. Robertson, Glasgow; Mrs Elizabeth Ross, St Mary Aix. Schoolmaster's Sallary 100 merks in proportion to the valued rents . . . from Martinmas 1790 and to continue during pleasure. If any one is to teach Latine Finlay Matheson to be removed. Examined by the Presby<sup>ie</sup>. and found qualified to teach Latine, English and Arithmetick [is on the back of a note from Roderick Mackenzie of Scotsburn to Thomas Suter, Sheriff Clerk, and in the latter's handwriting. Mrs Elizabeth Ross, in above, was daughter of Alexr. Ross of Daan—see No. 328. She married, in 1749, Hugh Ross, bailie of Tain, a son of Andrew Ross, 7th of Shandwick. Hugh, after dining along with Hugh Ross of Auchnacloch at Knockbreak, in 1721, quarrelled violently with him. They adjourned to the Mound on Balkeith, afterwards called Duel Hill, and fought a duel without seconds. Hugh killed Auchnacloch, and, fearing a trial for murder, fled to Sweden. A number of years after, he returned to London, and no one troubled him. He lived at St Mary Axe, and his wife inherited Daan.

EDINBURGH—Nos. 143, 146, 155, 156, 157, 168, 170, 171, 177, 179, 181, 185, 389, 390, 391, 392, 439, 449, 454, 463, 482, 484, 509, 511, 515, 526, 528, 534, 538, 543, 545, 547, 562, 582, 598, 671, 673, 677, 864, 895, 929, 956, 964, 996; and

No. 812, 1694.—Letter, addressed] For Geo. Ross of Morinschie at his house of Inverbreakie. I purpose to begin my journey from this to Ireland, and there or in England . . . to study my employment . . . to intimate to my trustee in this place . . who is Thomas Fisher, merchand, who lives above Mr Thomson, Writer to the Signet, at the head of Marie King's Close . . . W. Murray.

[B. No. 813, 1709.—Letter, addressed] Mr John Chrystie, writer, Living over agst. the Tolbooth North side, Edr. Prestonpans, Feb. 18th. Sir,—I recd. a letter from my mate y<sup>t</sup> our ship could not ly at Vallengfield, and no man there wd. ingadge to take her to that causey . . she is lying at Tory . . . order on to see ye measuring of ye salt . . charges . . halfe penny per boll for carriage to ye Ship . . . My men will not sail from ye South before they get a protection . . John Hogs. [In 1764 Wm. Baillie has for address "Mrs Yairs, Writers' Court," and is charged 15s for 5 nights' lodging, and 4s 6d for coal and candle.

No. 814, 1748.—Letter to Baillie, docketed] Provost Coutts. Edr. 29th Novr. 1748 . . . We wait to hear the price at which you caught Sir John Gordon's corn. We should be pleased you gott free of Forss—if not the price should be settled soon. We shall soon be able to judge better of the value of corn . . . John Coutts & Co. [In 1777 Lord Ankerville—see No. 171—pays an account "for chair work, to Widow Stewart:—Decr. 17, To the Parliament House and home to Mrs Fordyce's, 2 sh.; To P. H., 9d; to the P. H. and Mrs Fortune's and home, 2s 3d." In 1783 a letter from Angus McDonald, Edinburgh, to David Ross, Town Clerk, Tain, has a "P.S. Nothing going on here but murder and robbery."

ELLANDONAN—Nos. 292, 602; and

No. 815, 1669.—Petition.] . . . Earl of Balcarres . . . to . . . guid men of inquest . . . father . . . died seasit in . . . barronie of Ilandonan, conteining [place-names only are given] Kintail, Coyseg, Letterfearne, Glenleich, Glenshiel, Keppach . . Garves, Kinl cheleichart, Corrievulgie, Garvad, Dallaruit, Taag, Strachonane, Kinlochbenchrane, Inverchorrane Maynes, Eskidail, Glenskeach, Achnasheen, Lochbroom, Inverewe, Letterewe, Auchlunachan, Auchtaskyld, Logie, Carrinfallie, Auchtadonill, Bracklach, Drumcork, Turneg, Inver( )air; also Lochalsh, Sallachie, Ardeluie, Ardach, Auchterkelanie, Noustie, Rerage, Achnahinich, Badumtullane, Craigarbissack, Thraingismoir, Auchumoir, Auchterteir, Avernois, Auchnaloch, Auchnadalloche; also

. . Lochcarron, Kesurin, Auchnashellach, Conntin, Auchnahall, Dalmertine,; also . . Brahane and Little Brahane, Kinnaird, Kinnellan and Oray; also Chanorie, Bishopshed, the Common lands of Rosemarkie, Kincurdies, Balmungies, Craigmylie, Avach, Wester Radderries, Easter and Wester Allans, and Kildin. [The first Earl of Balcarres, who died in 1659, married Anna, daughter of Colin, first Earl of Seaforth.

FAIRBURN—Nos. 62, 200, 597, 602, 607, 611, 617, 649, 807, 842, 878; and

No. 816, 1637.—[Commission.] . . . We George Earle of Seafort superior to John M'Kenzie of Fairburn, mak . . him . . heretable bailzie of the wester half of . . Arkone in the lordship of Dingwall . . powers [the usual, see No. 206. In 1663, in a marriage contract between Rorie Mackenzie of Fairburn and Margaret, daughter of Don. Mackenzie of Logie, Bishop Kinkell is disposed to her, and in 1696 there is an assignation of Easter Fairburn, with Davochmaluach, Achnasheen, Alladale, and Ledgown to Alexander Mackenzie of Davachmaluach from his father. In 1667 there is a petition to the Earl of Seafort by Rorie Mackenzie of Fairburn, against several neighbouring proprietors, claiming right "past memorie of man and ay sen syne . . to the ferrie of Scuddell on the Conon and uplifting the maills" . . . In a portion of a letter of 1760 there is—"I grieve for Fairburn, and feel for his young family, as one virtually murdered . . must ye Dingwall politicks be ever productive of blood? If those who acted as barbarians on the 30th of April ( ) ." It refers to a duel, apparently; and as to further misfortune, we have in a letter of 1764, Colin M'Kenzie, Dingwall, to Wm. Baillie: "Fairburn and his governor—his governorship is a farce, but he would be better any where than at Fairburn, where he keeps up a perpetual racketing and puts the family to great expense."

FEARN—EASTER FEARN and WESTER FEARN—Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 24, 25, 30, 32, 36, 37, 45, 49, 50, 63, 72, 81, 83, 84, 97, 98, 100, 101, 102, 199, 266, 299, 330, 376, 394, 403, 414, 424, 566, 572, 607, 627, 692, 715 to 717, 721, 731, 741, 770, 902, 1002, 1004; and in 1669 there is a ratification by "Hector Douglas of Mulderge brother son, and air of umql. Hector D. of M.," of a sale to Alexr. Gair in Nigg "for 2400 merks . . . of the oxgang lands or croftis of Bridgend . . Milncroft, Dowcat Croft, and Weitlands." . . . In 1740 is a portion of a seasin with "Wester Drum, McWalters Croft, McRories c., Cullins c., and Balnasirach croft, Smith's Croft and Meerens." In 1736 David McCulloch of Mulderg dispones to Wm. Sutherland, Rarichies, one-third of Baldrum and Balsirach. Part of a petition, after 1755, gives Mulderg as bounded by Allan, Rarichie, Culliss, and Balnasirach, as sequestrated by the Court, and Abner Gally, tacksman of



Meikle Tarrell, appointed factor. In 1729 there is a summons to witnesses in an action by Isobell Ross, relict of Wm. Ross of Easter Fearn, against Alex. Ross of Easter Fearn.

FINDON.—Nos. 197, 198, 229, 298, 491, 602, 645, 1004. No. 817, 1672.—Contract of purchase.] . . . Hugh Munro of Findon . . . and Mr Roderick Mackenzie of Kilmoores [in a summons of 1671 he is] Sheriff depute of Ross . . . H. M. binds . . . to procure himself . . . infest . . . heir to Neil Munro his father or . . . Hector Munro his grandfather . . . in . . . Meikle Findon . . . particates Baddreane, Ballahyle, and Teazet . . . [In 1673 is the Latin Retour of Inquest stating that N. M. of F., the father, died in November, 1665, vested in above lands. In 1675, Rorie Mackenzie, now of Findon, writes to the Sheriff Clerk a long letter on current Court business, in his excellent style and very neat hand, with a P.S.: “All ye newes is yat ye Parliament of England is prorogued to 1677, and the Earle of Seafort is gone again to Douglas. Farewell.” Another similar letter, in 1678, and a third, in 1685, to Hugh Dallas, tells him to make “the officer read the proclamation for ye Parliament at ye mercat croce at Forteros . . . I am at trouble yis day wryting and dispatching lres. to ye barons and freeholders . . . Ro. McKenzie.”

FINDRASSIE—Nos. 602, 798, 834, 263a, 997. In 1692 there is a Retour of Inquest in which George Leslie of Findrassie is succeeded by his brother, Abraham Leslie, in the lands of Athye, Craighead, Muirhead, Leame, and Easter Radderie. In 1763 the Earl of Seafield writes from Cullen House to Baillie as to purchasing Findrassie, but has “difficulty in dealing with Alexander Leslie because of the character of the man.”

#### CASTLE FORBES—

B. No. 818, 1736.—Letter, docketed “Lady Forbes.”] To the Hon. Duncan Forbes, Lord Advocate . . . Your Lop. knows that great A is the first letter of the Alphabet, and that one must learn it before B or Berith, E or Elohim . . . so in all languages since . . . Babel; what was the rule before, your Lp. knows best . . . it’s absolutely necessary . . . address you before anything be signed . . . between Lord Forbes and your humble servant. I hear . . . scrolls have been laid before you, but I fear you have not time to run them through even as the young gentleman did Coke upon Littleton—with a sword . . . intreat you . . . peruse . . . I do not propose it as a thing that will give . . . much light into the Hebrew or as diversion to you, but as a friendly . . . action. You know Law is a bottomless Pitt, and since neither Lord F. nor I care to fall into it, I hope your Lp. will consider whether our agents have drawn . . . according to the minute . . . On looking over this Epistle it appears very like a Whigg Minister’s Prayer, they generally spend

half their time in telling God Almighty what He knows—the truth is, they know so little themselves that they are right not to be too hasty in acquainting their hearers with it. I shall leave your Lp. to make the application . . . only tell you one thing you know—that I am . . . your Lordship's much obliged and most humble servant, D. Forbes. Castle Forbes, July 13, 1736.

FORSE—Nos. 477, 478, 479, 623, 628, 478 after 631.

No. 819, 1744.—Letter: Captain Sutherland of Forse to Baillie.] I have yours with the History of our illustrious family . . . a most scurrilous piece, the author if convicted deserved the pillory. As to the political differences between the Earl [Sutherland] and S. R. Munro [Sir Robert] . . . The Orkney men suffered the sailors who were on the ship with the arms to escape . . . It is probable they were French . . . Send me a receipt for keeping beef almost fresh tho it ly 4 months in pickle such as I did eat when at Ardmore . . . John Sutherland.

[No. 479—rest of—1749.] . . . I'm glad Thomson's Travels have come safe . . . no worse order than when I received them from Lord Duffus . . . distress of poor Cromartie family . . . bad consequences may follow . . . attempts . . . restraining the poor Mr. of Lovat's liberty . . . The Peer of Sutherland dunned the ministers and complained grievously of his vast sufferings in the Rebellion that he forced them to give him £1000 Stg. . . . playing for large sums . . . at Tunbridge, and drinking Rum punch to corroborate him in place of Tunbridge Water . . . to send Lord Strathnaver to Lusanne, a noted academy of late . . . less expence and debauchery than Geneve . . . when . . . master of the French language . . . will send him to Turin. The General gives a mighty good character of Strathnaver, and says if his Father give him leave he hopes he'll make a man of him.

[No. 820, 1751.—Letter, same to same.] Nottingham, 29th May . . . I have a letter from the Mod . . . informed that his holograph instructions given to shipmaster for smugling salt at Helmsdale are in the hands of the Commissioners . . . a terrible affair . . . As to my living at Dunrobin . . . the circumstances of that family . . . require the greatest economy . . . The Generall gives me very agreeable acct's. of the E. of Sutherland, and says his application is now as good as his genius . . . enters his 17th year this day . . . I am so much concerned that the Highlanders might be made both honest and industrious by proper management that nothing made me wish for foreigners coming in among them more . . . Extirpation is as shocking to the ears of humanity as it is contrary to the maxims of a free country . . . against sound policy . . . Naturalization Bill . . . give encouragement to . . . foreign protestants to settle

in the Highlands with an Eye to . . . industries . . . check in case of . . . another Rebellion . . . John Sutherland.

[No. 821, 1763.—Letter, to same, docketed] Lady Forse. Nottingham, Oct. 18, 1763. Sir . . . heartfelt thanks . . . letter to my son . . . our distressful situation . . . hope Mrs Baillie mayn't feel . . . what a grief . . . to loose a worthy Husband . . . you well knew . . . him whose loss I must ever . . . regret . . . my circumstances . . . easy and independent . . . [Captain Sutherland had just died. She then discusses the means of procuring a commission as lieutenant for her son, and signs] Em. Sutherland. [It may be of interest to append the last letter dictated on March 22nd, 1909, by their descendant, who was a subscriber to this volume, but died before it was issued:—

“Callart Cottage, Onich, Inverness-shire.

“Sir,—Having been asked by the Highland Society of London and various other Highland societies, what is the correct Sutherland tartan? I have consulted all the recognised authorities, and have come to the conclusion that what was used in the olden time is a pattern consisting of two narrow white stripes and one red on a foundation of green and blue. What is nowadays used as the Sutherland tartan is a mixture of green and blue, almost the same as the Black Watch. If the old tartan with red stripes were to be revived as the full dress tartan, the present one could be used as the hunting tartan, which in every clan is of more subdued colouring than the full dress one.—I am, &c.

“JOHN WILLIAM SUTHERLAND of Forse,  
Chief of Clan Sutherland.”

[FORTROSE, CHANONRY, and ROSEMARKIE—Nos. 10, 14, 15, 44, 46, 60, 62, 65, 68, 77, 86, 87, 89, 151, 158, 159, 175, 193, 197, 213, 215, 226, 241, 248, 251, 255, 256, 277, 278, 304, 305, 312, 323, 329, 340, 355, 374, 418, 431, 458, 469, 520, 521, 527, 531, 533, 540, 553, 597, 741, 749, 751, 815, 817, 834, 864, 874, 882, 901, 964, 1002, 1003, 1004; and

No. 822, 1665.—Contract.] Att Fortross . . . Hugh Gollon baillie . . . with James Ross merch. burges . . . and Issobel Stewart his spouse . . . paid 950 merks . . . Gollan . . . dispones . . . burgage land betwixt the Loch of Rosemarkie at E., the common way at the S., and the Ley at N. . . . Headrigg in the Hackhill . . . with the greinsyde at the E., the butts of the Loch at W., and the park land at N. [In 1672 is a very neatly written] Accompt, Rorie Dingwall of Cambuscurie and Walter Ross, Baillie of Tayne, to Alexander Davidson, wrytter in ffortross [begins] Item for my payns in procuring . . . [In a portion of an old Register of Deeds, under 1680 are mentioned the Ryebank, the Gallowbank, the Muir and the Longmuir of Rosemarkie. In 1699 is a sasine by Baillie Alexr. Spidiman to Alexr.



Layng and Elspet his spouse, of part of the Subdean of Ross's manse with the common Calsey to S.

No. 823, about end of 17th century.—First part of petition to] Kenneth Earl of Seaforth, Sheriff Prnll. . . . James Anderson lait baillie of Fortross . . . arable lands at the east syde of Rosmarkie having . . . Langlands sumtyme pertaining to the bishop . . at W. . . . Johne Irvings lands callit the ruids at N. . . Old mans ruids at E. . . common pasturage at S. . . . ane barne and barne yeard and head rig in the way descending from the mercat croce to the sea . . the sea shoar at E., the common way N. [Also, about same date, comes a petition by Agnes Williamson to be served heir of her father, N.P. in Chanonry, to] the persoun of Rosken his manse with Lemlair's manse to W., having Dean of Ros manse to E., and the public wayes to N. and S. . . also to Lemlair's manse with . . . the Dean's Rod to S., the Parson of Loggie his manse to W., and the common Calsey of the burgh to N. . . . [In 1693 is a letter from Fortrose to Balnagown, signed Hugh Dallas. The handwriting is a small, neat, but very peculiar one, seen in many deeds of the period and in Court minutes of sasines, No. 1004, &c. He begins, "Very honorable, Provost Duff having come here this day . . . as is his nevoy Diple," and he alludes to "the lait Provost Dunbar of Inverness." Dallas was Commissary Clerk.

No. 824, 1702.—Seasin, Latin,] in favour of Wm. Baillie as next heir of the late Hugh Baillie, sheriff clerk of Ross . . . of the half davach lands of Pitlundie . . . pendicle Teantoir within Kilmuir . . . also that manse with garden of the rector of Rosskein between Lemlair's Manse to the W., the dean of Ross's to E., and the public ways to N. and S. [Also, without date, but about same time, is a retour of David Baillie, another son, who died vested in 2 pecks Channon land in the Gallowbank, having the Chanter's Bogg N.; in another piece with the Loch of Rosemarkie at the S. and the common mure N.; another in the Rybank with Deem's Road S., Queen's High Way to the N.; in a short Butt called Cuidiech south of above, a piece in the field called Husband's Shade with Chanonry and Rosemarkie to the North; in another piece at the Green Hillock with Husband's Shade at the West and the Ryebank at the East; and in the Archdeacon's Manse, "with the houses great and small high and laich, byres and stables." Since, from No. 251, we learn that there were only four streets in Fortrose of those times, it is possible, by piecing together the places according to these notices, and No. 826 and others in above list, to get a notion of the topography of two centuries ago.

No. 825, 1712.—Minute.] At Fortrose conveyed in Council Mr G. M'Kenzie of Inshouder, provost; Jo. Dall. [? John Dallas], Dun. ffor., [? Duncan Forbes], and Rorie Clerk,

baylies; George Bailly, Dean of Gild; Hugh MacCulloch, Treasurer; George Greme, Hugh Bailly sen<sup>r</sup>, Wm. Tolme, Donald Davidson yor., Robt. Wilson, John Wilson sen<sup>r</sup>, John Wilson jun<sup>r</sup>, Dr Alexr. Mackenzie, John Macdonald, George Hourston, Dod. Watson shoemaker, Alexr. Man, Hugh Miller, and Hugh Bailly jun<sup>r</sup>, Councillors . . . putt to vote whether the whole members . . . should be continued . . . carried by plurality that . . . to coincide with the rule and order . . . in the Act . . . restricting . . . to 15 . . . 7 should be discontinued . . . and two burgesses added who are qualified . . . other councillors continued . . . unanimously . . . provost . . . was continued . . . and accepted . . . proceeded to elect baylies . . . did with the present baylies vote and putt three on lite [leet—names not given. The result appears on the back of the paper in this form—] Jo. forbes          Dr Mackenzie          H. Bailly jun<sup>r</sup>, Rosemarkie          Hugh B. elder          [from which it appears that the first three, with 6, 6, and 4 votes, were elected, and a clean sweep made of the old bailies.

No. 826, 1713.—Sasine.] . . . Alexr. Sutherland in Pulrossie, late chamberlain to Lord Duffus . . . to James Watson and Janet Gray . . . a piece of ruinous and waste ground . . . in Fortrose lyand on the south side of the Churchyard, with the calsey or High St. on the South. [In 1720, Thos. Glover, Fortrose, sues Thos. Gair, portioner of Nigg, for Gair's daughter's dowry, a "house and yaird between the Thesaurer of Ros manse on W. and the Calsey on the S." In 1731 is a disposition by] Helen Reid heir to James Reid square wright and spouse of Alexr. Gunn . . . to Alexr. Gunn of Badenloch of . . . Archdean's manse, houses and yaird—22 elnes by 9, with the High St. on the E. . . tenement of Alexr. Gordon, Ardoch, on S.

[No. 827, N.D., but, by allusion, and No. 755, shortly after 1716.—Factory.] . . . Me Kenneth Mackenzie . . . heir . . . to the deceast Issobel Countess Dowager of Seaforth, with . . . consent of Collonel Alex. Mackenzie of Connansbay my . . . curator . . . Forasmuch as by 39th Act, 1st Session . . . Charles II. . . . masters of the ground . . . where there is . . . fishing . . . are allowed to levy from the fishers and merchants . . . 12 sh. Scots for each last fish, and considering the usefulness of a peer at . . . Fortrose . . . encouraging the herring trade . . . resolution to appropriate the dues . . . from each barrel of herring to be cured upon the links and ness of Chanonry . . . appoint Alexr. Tolme, merchant in Fortrose, to be our factor . . . uplift 12 sh. for each last . . . [three signatures.

No. 828, 1765.—Docketed] Cobby letter from Mr Ross of Inverchasley to be communicated to the Lord Privy Seal . . . [The L.P.S.] had desired to get his property at Fortrose connected . . . Seafort's family had a large house

there and let it to ruin. The last Seafort gave it off, and now there is scarce knowing where it was . . . They are getting some degree of manufactures . . . their prosperity must depend upon . . . manufactures. I do everything to promote . . . and to bring on an equal spirit in the good town of Taine . . . [As to Privy Seal, see No. 272.]

FOULIS—Nos. 53, 160, 193, 264, 265, 267, 292, 302, 353, 360, 451, 566, 607, 659, 667, 678, 701, 745, 793, 1004. Among the documents lent by Sir Hector Munro of Foulis is the oldest in this work, relating to Foulis—a parchment charter in Latin.] To all, &c. . . me Alexr. Bayne of Tullich . . . to have granted . . . to the Honorable Robert Munro of Foulis . . . my half of . . . the lands and fishings of Fernicosky in Braquhat, viz., half of the lands of Inveran and fishings of the same, Linset Croy, Linset moyr, Atas beg, Altas moyr, Achynes . . . mill of Inveran . . . for the purpose of exchange . . . for . . . the lands of Wester Logy, mill, brewhouse, &c. . . also for the arable lands within the burgage of Dingwall belonging to said Robert . . . to be held by me . . . of our Sovereign Lady Mary Queen of Scots . . . payment yearly . . . the previous and usual . . . In witness . . . my seal . . . under my signature . . . at Foulis . . . 25th Jany. 1562 . . . Witnesses, Donald Munro, Archdeacon of the Isles; Hugh Munro, son of Hector; George Munro, brother german of Robert Munro of Foulis himself; Donald Kemp, burgher of Dingwall; Wm. Cumming, burgher of Inverness; Wm. Munro, Vicar of Dingwall. Alexander Bayne of Tullich wt<sup>h</sup> my hand. [Next year is

B. No. 829, 1563.—Contract Matrimoniall.] . . . Alexr. Ross off Balnagown . . . taking burden for Katrine his dochter . . . and Robert Munro of foulis his aires . . . any impediment of consanguinitie or affinitie . . . sall . . . obtain sufficient dispensationis . . . sall infeft . . . said Katrine and hir aires . . . landis of Contulie . . . mylle of ye samyn . . . Meikle Dawan . . . to be halden of . . . queen's majestie . . . Witnesses, George Erle of Cathnes, William Synglar of Forss, Geo. Synglar his broyr., Gylbert Keyth of Litle Allane. [Both parties sign. Robert in above two papers was 15th Baron of Foulis, and justly known as *Môr*. He sat for Ross in the Parliament of 1560. Katharine was his second wife, and in 1590, two years after his death, was mixed up in a celebrated case of witchcraft and poisoning.]

B. No. 830, 1568.—Receipt.] I Robert Munro of Fowles . . . rasavit fray . . . Robt. Munro my servand . . . four scoir punds and fray Alexr. Sutherland twentye . . . in name and behalfe of . . . Alexr. Ross of Balnagown and in pairt payment of my tocchir geir [dowry] that I suld have fray the said Alexr. . . . afoir yir witnesses, Robert Munro vicar of Urquhard, Sir Johne Sydsarf and Donald M'Culloich bishopis sone . . . Robert Munro of foulis.



[No. 831, 1636.—Fragment of contract.] ( ) bind and obleis ym that the said noble Lord and his aires &c. sall lend yr names for uplifting of the hail mailles fermes kaines customs casualties profiteis and dewties of the lands and liveing of fhoules to be disponed back againe be ym to the said heir mail of the said umqll Robert Munro of fhoules . . . of the . . . croft . . . 1636 . . . and all . . . yrefitir . . . . The said Lord Lovat . . . James Fraser his brother promittit upon yr honor . . . and conscience . . . to delyver to the sd. Collonel Robt. Munro to the use of the aires mail . . . the hail evidents and wreits concerning . . . fhoules and all uyr quhilk may conduce . . . to the weil and standing of the house . . . of fhoules . . . binds ym . . . to delyver to . . . aires . . . or to . . . Collonell R. M. sufficient acquitances and discharges of Mrs Marie Haynes annuitie . . . of 900 merks . . . . [The above Robert was the 18th, or "Black" Baron, and Mary Haynes was an English lady whom he married and deserted, but who, as is evident from above, had made good her claims. Robert and his brother, Sir Hector, who succeeded in 1633, were both officers under Gustavus Adolphus. Hector was the first Baronet of the line, receiving the title in June, 1634, and there occur two copies (B.) of a long disposition, thrice signed by him in October, and beginning . . . "Me Colonel Sir Hector Munro of fhoulis, Knight Barronet . . . forsameikle as Johne Munro of Lemlair my cousing germane is bund with me as cautioner . . . and seeing I am of intentioun, God willing, with all possible dilligence to transport myself furth of this realme to the bounds of Germanie for attending my chaarge in his majesties service at ye warres yrof againes the Emperior . . . Thairfoir . . . disponit . . . Auchnagullane, Glaschoille, Tormichell, &c. . . . first day of October I aj. Vi.ct. threttie four . . . Witnesses Mr David Munro persone of Kilterne, Hector Munro of Pitfuir . . . ." The other copy is witnessed by Colonel Robert Munro, afterwards General. Sir Hector died in Germany next April, and was succeeded by his infant son, Hector, and above contract was for protection of the child's interests. He died in 1651, and was succeeded by the above Colonel Robert Munro, who was great-grandson of the Robert and Catherine in No. 829. This agreement is probably one referred to in

No. 832, 1665, &c.—] List of deeds sent by Robert Munro of Foullis in 1665 to be registered:—Contract betwixt R. M. of F. and Farquhar Munro, portioner of Kilterne, dated 1595, anent . . . Kilmachalmak.—Contract bet. Col. Robt. Munro, tutor of Foulis, and Hew Lord Lovat and his brother James Fraser, 1637 . . . . Contract bet. Simon Lord Lovat and Hector Munro of Clynes, 1621, anent halfe lands of Carbisdaill. [There is also, among papers lent from Fowlis, an] Inventory of Writes belonging to Sir Harry Munro [20 pages out of 53. Among them are] . . . . Charter by Wr. Leslie and spouse [she was Countess of



from halyruidhous the fourt of december 1598

James R.

(King James VI. see No. 683)

D. R. Balnagoune

(David, 12th of the line. Seems always to sign thus—No. 695)

Robairt Munro of foulis

(who sat in the Reformation Parliament 1560 see 829. 678, 451, also another signature of Geo. Ross 10th of Balnagoun)

Hector Munro of fowlis

(1st Baronet see No. 831)

Robert Munro (831)

Robert Munro

George Munro

(Blind Baron's Sons, 837 &c.

Ma. Munro

(Lady Munro of Newmore  
380, 383, &c., 884)

Hector Munro

(Major-General Sir H. M. of Novar—885 and 891)

Alex. Mackenzie  
fear of Garloche

Alex Mackenzie cationer  
(of Coull—see 843)

K. MacKenzie  
(of Coull see 765)

Rodk. Chissolm  
(The Chisholm, 621)

Your coucine to serve you

George Munro

(Sir Geo. Munro of Newmore  
No. 882, &c.)

R Munro

R. Munro J.P., and Shreff Prin'all  
of Ross

(The Blind Baron, 832 &c.)

Hector Munro

Alex. Makdonald  
of Skeiness

Alex. Mackenzie of Culcowie  
cautioner (see 843)

Cowsin  
Al. Chissolm

Scarsitie  
of paper (of Comar, No. 763)



from Edinburgh 20 June 1798

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Wahrag oing

James

George

Board

Your Obedient Servant  
George Gordon

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Ross in her own right] to the Laird of Fowlis of the lands therein mentioned, dated 20th Feby., 1379. Charter by Robert King of Scots, 20th July, 1379 . . . Tack of Teinds of the parish of Kiltearn by Mr Jo. Sandilands, Parson of Kiltearn, with consent of the Dean and Chapter of Ross, to Robt. Munro of fowlis, 24 June, 1579.

[No. 833, 1667.—Assignment.] . . . Me Hector Munro, 2nd son of Sir Robt. Munro of fowlis, wadsetter . . . of the lands . . . Meikle and Little Breys . . . Sanct Martins . . . Culicudin . . . Culboes—therein designed Cubusches . . . Little Farnes . . . Balintoir . . . John Lauder obtained by decreit of appysing in 1649 . . . sold to Major George Bateman in 1666 . . . and by him to the above Hector Munro for 4317 merks, and by him to Sir John Urquhart. [In the same year, above Hector Munro, of Drummond in Kiltearn, gives a bond for 127 merks to Gilleis McBeane at Inverbreakie. In 1669 a draft charter has: "Me Sir George Munro of Culcairn having right . . . to the reversion of the lands of Inveran . . . Lincet Croy and Lincet More and half salmond fishings in the water of Shyne . . . disponed be the umq<sup>ll</sup> Robt. Munro of fowlis to the deceisit Symon Lord Lovat, and be him to the deceisit Hector Munro, and be him to Robt. Munro, Inveran, and be him to deceist Robt. Munro of Achinnes, somtyme desinit Assint . . ." We have next a series of letters, none holograph—all from Fowlis, and all with the same signature—a very peculiar one—see photos. of signatures. This signature is last found in 1727, in two papers, among the Justices, &c., who sign an oath of allegiance to George II., "R. Munro," and, in a different hand, "J.P. and as Sheriff Principal of Ross." In all the "Munro" is clear enough, but the "R." is so peculiar that only by this last signature is it absolutely proved to be "R.," for the Sheriff in 1727 was Sir Robert, 5th Baronet—"The Blind Baron." He was therefore able, in spite of blindness, to write his signature. For the first letter, see No. 264, written a fortnight after he succeeded to the estates.

No. 834, 1712.—] fowlis July 7, 1712. Sir,—I was very much surprised with your thunder bolts qch Baillie Ghrame threw at me by your orders, especially considering the termes you and I were in . . . when Delvin was in the country you wrote . . . I did not neglect . . . answer . . . I expected you would not have erected your Battone against me untill first you came over and spoake with me after I had received my uncle Delvin's answer of q<sup>t</sup> was transacted yranent at Edr. . . Your proceeding . . . different from your discourse at Findrassie his buriell . . . so very lately at John Munro in Teanoird his house and not . . . come to speak . . . before . . . handled me so rudely with Baillie Grhame's paper bullets . . . friendly communing should preceed a legal prosecution . . . I will condescend to such faire overtures . . .



yeeld . . satisfaction if you . . follow peace . . . you may doe me harm as you threaten, but I shall say nothing of it . . till it please God we meet . . I wish your spouse my cousine a happy hour . . . R. Munro. [Address on back] To John Dallas of Baunans. [On the blank page Dallas writes:—] The preceding letter answered thus:—Very Honble.—As at . . funerals promised . . never to disquiet by putting any restrent on your honer's person for the debt . . . legal method . . not surprising after . . delay and allowing . . adjudicatione in 1709 to outrun . . . I will at length be very willing your honor promote my payment in specie or some oyr good debitor . . . I will go over and bespeake your Honor (if accessible) at Foulls. Meintime I will still prosecute my legal dilligence . . . Fortrose 7 July 1714 [? or 12.

B. No. 835, 1717.—Letter to Balnagown.] Right honble.—Lemlair would have been bearer of this but that he is fallen sick . . In your letter . . pleased to show me that you spoke to Scatwell and Dauchpollo anent Lemlair his difference with the latter . . willing to triste [tryst, appoint] . . . no body so fit as yourself to make appointment since Lemlair allenarly depends upon your mediation to get the affair accommodate . . . R. Munro. fflowlis 19th Novr. 1717.

[B. No. 836, 1717.—Letter, same to same.] Right honl. Let this present you my Cousine and your Servant Lemlair who concurred with me to support your Interest in this Shire when such as seem now to cajole you opposed it. Lemlair is superior of Pellaig, of which Colin Mackenzie of Mountgerald, Tutor of Garloch, is proprietor, who being in the Rebellion, Lemlair did intronitt with the rent of Pellaig cropt 1715, by order of the Lieutenantcy and . . ane Act of Parliament discharging . . prosecution against such . . And Lemlair thought that by the Act . . in favour of loyal superiors . . &c., he might medle with rent . . crop 1716, there is a summons agat. Lemlair . . Intreating you will . . speak to Scatwell to compromise the difference twixt Mountgerald and Lemlair. Scatwal has the entire key of Mountgerald . . R. Munro. [Date and place not given, but quite fixed, by the allusions and handwriting, to be the same as the previous. On the papers of 1727 mentioned in No. 833 his signature is not nearly so good. He was by that time very old; he died two years after, and as the paper bears to be signed at Dingwall, and along with many others, he had likely less time to be careful. Among the others signing are "Geo. Munro, Sheriff Depute," and "Geo. Munro, Capt. of ane Independent Company"—apparently identical—another Geo. Munro, two John Munros, and Rod. Mackenzie, all J.P.'s; and John Munro, Sheriff Deput; Hugh Dallas, Sheriff Clk.; J. Ross, Clk. of the peace; Jo. Baillie, postmaster of Fortrose; Bailies and Councillors of Dingwall, and many officers of Excise Next come letters from the Blind Baron's sons:—

B. No. 837, 1719.—Letter, holograph, addressed] free. To The Honorable Collonell General Ross off Belnagown by Tayn. Sir,—I have the honor of yours of the 3rd. Mrs Munro who w<sup>th</sup>. me offers you her humble Duty Presumes to put you in mind that there is now noe Lady Belnagown. and wishes she may have the honor nixt season to accompany your Lady thither for the Relation and neighbourhood of our familys and our Union in Principles as well as Interest oblidges my family and concerns to wish a Representation of y<sup>t</sup>. Noble family from your Loyns, and I am oblidged in a particular manner to wish this, that I and myne may acknowledge the favours I have received from you. Our Prints are barren . . . there being noe mailis . . . I am [&c.] Robert Munro. Edr. 10th Sept. [He was then “Younger of Fowlis,” and M.P. for the Northern Burghs. There are many other letters from him to General Ross, from London, and on matters of personal and passing interest, all showing a very warm friendship between the two distinguished soldiers. One may be given, as a copy of the answer also occurs, which is very unusual:—

B. No. 838, 1726.—]Dear Sir,—Whither it was that ye ministry forgot y<sup>t</sup> ye late E. of Seaforth had children or that they thought Roman Catholicks may be as good subjects as some of our neighbor Protestants I’l not say, only that now care is taken about ye education of the children. Mrs Munro has been dangerously ill all this week. I had both medwife and phisitian by her. She is now thank God a little better. Wee offer you our most humble duty, and I am, Yours, Robert Munro. July 9th. [Answer, apparently a copy or draft:—

B. No. 839, 1726.—] Balnagown July 21st 1726. I beg pardon dear Robin for offering—from a remote corner of the world—my old musty maxims, for the ministry who see more, may perhaps think it fitt y<sup>t</sup> the Church should be sometimes in danger. I will be impatient to hear of Mrs Munro’s better health, and I am, &c. [docketed] Coll. Munro’s letter, 9th July 1726, w<sup>th</sup> the Gen<sup>ll</sup>’s Answer. [This supplies the year of both. “Late Earl” refers to Earl William—still alive—but having lost the title and estates by forfeiture, personally pardoned, but retired to Lewis. There is one letter from the Blind Baron’s next son, George, 1st of Culcairn, who distinguished himself on the Hanoverian side in the Spanish invasion of 1719, and again in the ’45. It is eminently a soldier’s letter:—

B. No. 840, 1724.—Letter to] Generall Ross, Laird of Ballnagowne. Honorable Sir,—This minut I got a letter of the 6th from my Broy<sup>r</sup>. qrin is the paragraf following. I wrote you a short lyne last Munday by Coll. Guest—if you’r called to meet Gen<sup>ll</sup>. Wae at Killichuiman, go. If Guest doth not send the letter you must inform yourself of Mr Wade’s dyet—he will see Brahan and designs to visit Ball-

nagown. I have not got that letter he sent by Coll. Guest. I design to go for Inverness the minut I receive your directions in the answer to this. My Duty to Sir Alexr. Gillmour and Mr Gillmour . . . Geo. Munro. fowlis 11th August 1724, 9 in the morning. [Again, as to Sir Robert, the elder brother, we have:—

No. 841, 1745.—Letter: David Munro, Edinburgh, to W. Baillie. After acknowledging receipt of £20 stg. to pay cess, he adds:] Sir Robert Munro's gallant behaviour at the battle [Fontenoy] is talked of in all the coffee houses and tea-tables here. They say no man could behave better . . . a letter from General Sinclair saying so . . . It is said he is to get the Highland regiment to be raised.

[GAIRLOCH—Nos. 62, 86, 89, 264, 292, 305, 372, 415, 462, 749, 750, 752, 836.

No. 842, 1615.—Minute from Book of Records of Commissary Courts held at Chanonry,] 16th June, before Mr Alexr. Mackenzie of Kinnock, Commissar, compeirit Wm. Lauder, procurator . . of Issobel Mackenzie, dau to umqll Johne Mackenzie appearand of Garloche . . ane edick . . wherebye Johne Mackenzie of Garloche, Kennet Mackenzie of Davachcarne as neirest of kin to . . Issobel on her father's side, and Alexr. Mackenzie of Ferbroun [Fairburn], Mr Johne McKenzie persoun of Dingwall, Alexr. Mackenzie persoun of Contane, Duncane Bayne of Tulloche, Rorie Mackenzie of Kildin, and Johne Mackenzie appearand of Ferbroun . . . on the mother's syd . . summonit to see and heir curatoris electit . . . The sd. Issobel being . . pnt. electit [the above as curators, and formalities follow:—] Duncane and Wm. Mackenzies . . sones to J. M. of G. being requyrit be ye judge to give yr aithis *pro fidei administratione* and to find cautione . . renuncit to haif any entres to be curatoris . . . [John of Gairloch was John Roy IV.; his "apeirand," John, had died in 1601, and Isabel was his only child. Her mother was Isabel, daughter of Alexander Mackenzie, II. of Fairburn.

No. 843, 1629.—Large paper, well written.] Contract Matrimoniall—At Inverness and Brane [Braham] 23rd Januarii . . Iaj vi ct twenty nyne . . betwixt . . Alexander Macdonald brother germane to . . Sir Donald Macdonald of Slait, Knight, as prinll. and with him Mr Alexr. Mackenzie of Culcowie and Alexr. Mackenzie of Coull, cautioners and sovertyes [securities] . . . and Alexander Mackenzie fear of Garloche, Kenneth Mackenzie of Davochcairne, and Williame Mackenzie thair lawfull brother tack-and full burding . . of Issobel . . thair . . sister with hir owne . . consent . . . Alexander . . binds . . . to marie . . Issobel . . said Alexr., Kenneth, and Williame . . . obleiss thame that . . Issobel . . sall marie . . . Alexander . . . and to delyver . . in name of tocher guid [dowry] . . 3000



merks . . . in ane soume . . . on Whitsunday nixtocum . . . within . . . Inverness . . . Alexander Mackdonald, &c. . . binds . . . to pay 3000 merks . . . to be joynit and put with the said doit and tocher good . . . haill . . . sax thousand markis . . . thairefter waret . . . upon land in heretage or wadset or upon bands . . . for annualrent . . . within the diocese of Ros or Murray . . . Witnesses, Hucheoun Fraser of Culboky . . . Robt. Munro writer in Inverness, and Andro Fraser merchand burgess of Inverness. Signatures:—Alexr. Mackenzie fear of Garloch, Alexr. Mackdonald of Skeines, Alexr. Mackenzie cationer [Coull], Alr. Mackenzie of Culcowie cautioner, R. Munro witness, Hucheoun Fraser off Culbokie witness. Kenneth McKenzie and Wm. McKenzie above named wt. our hands led at the pen be the notar publict . . . becaus we cannot writ. [Then notary's protocol. Alexander was an ancestor of the Kingsburgh Macdonalds, of whom came Flora Macdonald, the heroine of the '45. See photo. of signatures.

GEANIES—Nos. 6, 11, 33, 35, 36, 81, 107, 108, 266, 299, 416, 424, 508, 607, 623, 676, 677, 684, 691, 716, 797, 799. In 1605 there is a sasine in favour of "Alexr. Ross, portioner of West Ganzie, by George Ross of Balnagown, father of the said Alexr., of half of Wester Ganzie . . . bailie, Donald Ross of Ballinbuie . . . with precept sealed at Edinr. 31 Jan. 1601 . . . Witnesses, William Ross apparent of Invercharron, Alexr. Denoon junr., Rarichie . . . in presence of Alexr. Ross lawll. son of John Ross provost of Narne and Nicolas son of Nicolas Ross." In 1645 there is a tack of lands and teinds of Wester Gany granted by George Ross of Pitkerrie. In 1710 is an inventory of debts of deceased Walter Ross, Provost of Tain, given up by his only daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband, Captain Daniel Macleod of Geanies.

GLASGOW—Nos. 9, 112, 167, 169, 318, 320, 360, 464, 502, 508, 582, 633, 652, 873, 949, 964, 988; and

No. 844, 1652.—Paper, headed] The Voluntar Contrabutions of the brughe of Tayne Gevin to the destrestit fyrit toune of Glasgow, penult Novr. 1652. Androw McCulloche provest and his familie, 4 lib. 2s 8d; Lachlane Ros bailzie, 12 sh.; James Hay bailzie, 17 sh.; Jon. Munro bailzie, 12s; Walter Hay bailzie, 12 sh. . . David Forrester, 30 sh.; Jon Fergusson, 24 sh. . . Mr Wm. Denune, 12 sh.; Kathrein R s his moyr., 6 sh.; Wm. Ros yor., 12s; Wm. McGull, 3 sh.; Agnes nein [daughter of] Wat, 1 sh. 6d; [and so on, 110 contributors of all degrees, down to] from tua poor women in Adam Hayes hous, 8d. [The total cannot be given exactly, as several amounts are torn or faded, but it was considerable, and the list is eloquent both of the greatness of the disaster, which destroyed about one-third of Glasgow, and of the sympathy of the far-off little burgh. In 1721 there is a contract between Robt. Munro, minister

of Kincardine, and his spouse Janet, daughter of Robt. Pirrie, sometime merchant in Glasgow.

No. 845, 1772.—Letter: H. Buller, Corpach, to W. Baillie.] . . . . At Fort William the Irish mercat affords meal deliverable at 14s a boll, and the Clyde is so full that a cargo of 400 bolls is now livering at Fortwilliam from the Clyde at 14s 6d with freight . . . It is a new scene to find other places supplied from the Clyde that usually made such an immense demand from the East Coast . . . .

GLEDFIELD OR LEICKCLAVACH—Nos. 226, 359, 433, 524, 802, 856, 857, 898. In 1661 there is a disposition, for 2000 merks, by John Ross of Aldie to Thomas Ross, minister of Kincardine, of Leachclavag, Sallachie, and Muikirnach. In a baron court at Leachclavake in 1693, held by Hugh Ross, tutor of Invercharron, as bailie, David Ross of Balnagown produces a disposition of the same lands, granted by John Mackenzie, late of Inverlael, heir of his father, Thomas, of date 1673, and in favour of D. R. of B. The principal tacksman, Andrew Ross of Shandwick, appears, and is due eight score merks tack dues, free of "cariages and ariages." In 1720, Leachclavach or Gledfield was bought by Hugh Ross of Braelangwell—see Nos. 342, 343—whose connection with the Invercharron family and previous designation both appear in a tack of "Invercharron, except the pendicle called Torrandow, also half of Glencalvie, with pendicle called Rheinstroine," granted in 1703 "by Wm. Ross of Invercharron, previously by his curators in minority, David Ross of Balnagown, David Ross [*i.e.*, Inverchassley] tutor of Kindeace, Wm. Ross of Easter Fearn, Wm. Ross of Aldie, Walter Ross, Provost of Tain, and Hugh Ross, then of Glastullich, now of Braelangwell." See also his Inventory in No. 359. Hugh's son was Simon, from whom we have

No. 846, 1783.—Letter to] Mr David Ross, factor for Lord Ankerville. Gladfield 3 March 83. Dear Sir,—In answer to yours of the 27th ult., I am satisfied to hold by the Tack of Invercharron and fishing thereof from Whitsunday first . . . tho I am afraid I shall loose by it considerably by the present tenants being owing me considerably which I fear will not be easily recovered. As to cash there is little of it to be got here . . . Simon Ross. [The writing is very bold and clear. In 1776 he writes to the factor, proposing to cut a door through the north wall of the Kirk of Kincardine as approach to a new seat of his. In 1783, in the letter already partly given in No. 434, William Ross, writing from Gruinyards as to Invercharron, says: "As to Gledfield having it . . . he should be preferred . . . first raiser of that rent . . . but . . . the ruinous way that place is at present requires a strong man who will lay himself out to repair it . . . the family . . . requires all the keep . . . to relieve

its distresses" . . . and Wm. Ross writes next to Lord Ankerville's factor:—

No. 847, 1783.—] I have sent . . . horss and sacks to receive the three bolls . . . white oats for sowing my mains of Greenyard . . . if . . . elsewhere I would not have troubled you . . . money I had not, but . . . enclose a bill of one of my tennants for £2 13s 6d stg. . . . I beg you consider the straitened circumstances of the year . . . . [Simon's son, Hugh, sold Gledfield in 1821, and in 1845 it came into the hands of Sir Alexander Matheson. The noteworthy circumstance is that he and Hugh Ross of Braelangwell had a common ancestor in Sir Kenneth Mackenzie of Coul, whose signature is in No. 765, and his father's above in No. 843. Sir Kenneth's daughter, Catherine, had a son, Kenneth Mackenzie of Pitlundie, who had a daughter, Margaret, who had a son, Alexander Matheson of Attadale, who had a son, John, whose son was Sir Alexander Matheson. Coul had another daughter, Sibilla, who had a daughter, Elizabeth, who married the above Hugh of Braelangwell, and had Simon of Gledfield. Reverting to No. 846, Simon did not keep Invercharron, for there is a tack of it in 1785 to Major-General Charles Ross of Morangie from William Ross of Invercharron and his eldest son, Lieutenant David Ross, for a period of 57 years, at a rent of £51 stg., and with authority to erect a mansion to cost not more than £500.

INVERBREKIE—Nos. 45, 53, 75, 132, 134, 149, 207, 226, 264, 292, 341, 345, 460, 531, 552, 635, 812, 833, 902, 261a, 1004.

B. No. 848, 1612.—] We Archibald Earle of Argyll . . . his ma'ties livetennant over the Clan Grigor Quhair as David Ross appearand of Balnagown, James Innes of Inverbreckie, and James Innes of Calrossie comperit . . . tak tryall of the resetters of Clan Grigor . . . fund giltie of supplie and intercommuning with . . . clan wyffis and bairnis in tymes bypast But we haiffing imployat them against . . . clan . . . and other . . . service . . . . grantis me well satisfiet . . . and discharges . . . . of all fynes . . . and all perell . . . . At Inverness 1st of May 1612. [Neither signature nor witness given.

No. 849, 1667.—Preamble of Will.] I Walter Innes of Inverbreckie . . . nothing more certaine than death and yt ye yeir theirow is most uncertaine . . . desirous to dispose of my affaires that I may be ye more reddie to attend ye goodwill and pleasure of Almighty God qn it sall please him to call me to his eternal rest, trusting to be saved by ye merits of Jesus Christ . . . . [But in 1668, Lilia Stewart, daughter of Sir James Stewart of Kirksild (?), with consent of Mr John Stirling, minister at Logie, conveys the lands of Inverbreckie, Dibidill in Kincardine, Wester Tarbet, and Ballin-



traid, to ( ) and John Innes. In 1694 a letter is addressed to George Ross of Morangie at his house of Inverbreakie. About 1749 are several papers with "John Gorry, factor, Invergordon"—the new name. In 1772, arbitrators meet at Invergordon to divide a moss between neighbouring owners—Sir John Gordon, Rhives, Polnicol, and Newmore.

INVERCHARRON after Inverness.

INVERNESS—Nos. 155, 178, 186, 192, 208, 222, 228, 258, 278, 292, 299, 300, 321, 324, 346, 370, 373, 374, 380, 392, 394, 396, 457, 462, 464, 466, 469, 470, 473, 475, 476, 483, 498, 506, 513, 517, 522, 532, 540, 550, 571, 589, 591, 601, 603, 702, 711, 732, 733, 785, 807, 809, 823, 843, 848, 860, 870, 899, 964, 984, 1002, 1004.

No. 850, 1659.—[Notarial Instrument.] At the Moss of Caplach . . . compeirit . . . Wm. Baillie of Dunzeane and past with me, N. P., to the moss, where the provest, baillies, and counsell of Inverness, their mentenants, servants, and utheris in thair name war casting peatis and truffis . . . intrusion, molestation, novatione committed by the said provest, &c., in casting, &c., on the said bounds, being the said Wm. Baillie his awin heretage and moss . . . in peaceable possession past memor of man qll [till] of lait the said provest, &c., think by the said novatione to appropriate the said heretage . . . [protests and takes instruments. Provoost, Baillies, and Council in their shirt sleeves digging peats! In 1658, at the "boig of Capparach," a like complaint is made by "Thos. Fraser of Streechin against Wm. Fraser of Kilbokie." In 1673, "George Earl of Panmure . . . heretable proprietor of the lordship and regality of Aberbrothok and consequently of the parsonage and vicarage of the paroch Kirk of Inverness," gives a tack of Easter and Wester Kinmylies and Ballafurrie. Next is

No. 851, 1674.—[Letter, addressed] Ffor Issobell Robertsons attending the Lady Coats, Invernesse, these. Dennygask . . . Dear Neice, I am verie glaid to heir yt you are in termes with ane gentleman . . . weill braid and comes of guid parents . . . of ye same profession . . . affectionat Uncle, Ja. Innes. Dennygask. [In 1719 there is a list of the book debts of John Thomson, merchant and bailie of Inverness, showing business all over the north. In 1730, John Hos-sack, Inverness, remits money in cash and bills to the minister of Coull, at the order of the Laird of Newmore—in fact, seems to do banking along with other business. See No. 457. Meantime are two letters:—

B. No. 852, 1723.—[Letter to Col. General Ross of Balnagown.] My Dear Generall,—I send you inclosed . . . my brother's return to my letter. All I observe is that all steatsmen are knaves, and that some lawiers may be trikt. The magistrates have sign'd a petition, but . . . it is not to be made use off unless absolutely necessary, and not then if it

interferes with the honour of the burrow or . . . incroaches on our ancient constitution, liberties or privileges. I hope Duncan who is intrusted by the Good Town will not betray his trust . . . My humble duty to Mrs Ann . . . Jo. Forbes . . . Inverness 28th Octr.

[No. 853, 1732.—Letter, docketed and addressed] 15th Novr., Provost Fraser to Mr Wm. Baillie, Factor to Bailgowine. Inverness 8th Nov. 1732. Dr Nevoye [Dear Nephew], I'm glad . . . you . . . good health as . . . your parents freinds here are. I can not answer the monie I owe you . . . sent to Edr. and my son John abroad emptied me . . . I was lately wt your fayr and moyr . . . Your affectionat Uncle, Alexr. Fraser.

[No. 854, 1749.—Criminal Process] Before Simon Ross of Aldy, Commissary . . . Donald Urquhart, cobler in ffortrose . . . upon the plain stones of Inverness oposite to the Tolbooth, in the publick fish mercat did . . . three times repeat and call " Donald Macdonald theive and bankrum " . . . [Sentence] to compear personally within the hygh Kirk of Inverness upon a Sabath Day in time of service . . . wearing his accusation upon his breist . . . his right hand to his mouth, and declare with a loud voice that he himself was a lyar . . . also . . . fyne of £20 Scots. [In 1764, James Fraser, Inverness, writes to Wm. Baillie about trees received by smack, and at end says, " My shipmaster transgressed my orders so far as to take a voyage to America instead of returning home to me from Lisbon," showing that Inverness had a vessel fit to cross the Atlantic.

No. 855, 1765.—Letter: Andrew Munro, Inverness, to Wm. Baillie.] Dear sir,—Your kind and acceptable favrs. of 29 June I received, and would have ansrd. it in due course were it not I was out of town for some dayes. I was at Cromertie doing the last friendly dutey to the remains of Miss Chirsty Reid in the absence of her Father. I give you heartie thanks for your kind congratulation on the good accots. we have of my nephew Hector; indeed, his operations and success against the Indian Nabobs is surprizing and greatly beyond expectation or even imagination. We have received no leters from him yet, which makes me conclude that he was not return'd to Calcutta from his campaigning when the ship was disspatched which brought the Tidings of the Successfull Battle. If he had, I am absolutely certain he woud have writen to his Mother and other friends, and if he hase done so the leters woud be sent to Mr Drumond, the Agent for the Regimt., who hase hitherto neglected to forward them. As to the mountains of riches which the newspapers mentions, I pay no great regaird to that, but I firmly belive, if it pleases God to spare him, and that he return in safety, he has aquird what will be quantum sufficit, besides great reputation and honr. to his cuntry, which is ane infinite satisfaction to his

nearest relations and friends. My son Bob wrote me he was readie to set out for this place to make me a visit. I wrote him in return (tho' I am verie anxious to see him) that I chus'd he woud stay in London till the end of August, because there is a chance that his cous. Major Munro did set out from Bengale in March last for Europe, as it's the moneth of March the ships sets off from thence for England, as he woud have no busines or stay there after Lord Clive's arival. I am almost positive if Major Munro was in London now he woud get Bob the command of a ship, but whatever time Bob comes here, he'l pay his respects to you and good family which he owes you by the tyes of gratitude and good maners, and I assure you, unles some extraordinary Impediment occurs to me, I will be his conductor to your House was it further off as Rosehall. I woud rather than all the close on my back (to say no more) that you and good family was as near me as Dochfour, but so it is I observe that men of great wealth and power cannot get their plan of the things of this life to their mind, so the wisest thing we can all do is to be content in the station we are in, or not to fret at what we cannot help. Meantime, I hope that you and Mrs Baillie intends to be with us the Insueing Winter, and if you do not bespeak a House in time you will be distanced, as we have so many Strangers coming to live among us. One is a gentleman from England, a partner in a rich compy. who has taken a long lease of Oliver's Fort, where he is to build many erections for carieing on ane extensive Factorie of Sail Cloath, which will Employe many hands, and I hope will prove a fine thing to this place. I also hope manufactures will in the course of some years be estab. here. I mett with all disscouragement immaginable lately, in that point here which woud take another sheet of paper to tell you the particulars, and shall refer it till our first meeting. However, I have begun it soley on my own botom, I employed last spring all the weavers here, and had 30 looms goeing at once. I have at present 60 pieces of linan at the Bleachfield, and since Christmas last I imported in a sloop of mine from Holland about 700 matts of flax, which is more than I have seen imported here for 35 years past. It's true the 700 matts were not wholely mine, only a great part of them; it was showing a good example. Now my sheet fails me, so shall conclude with my best respects to you, Mrs Baillie, and good family, belive me, with great sincerity, Dear Sir, your most humble obedient servant,

Invs., 11 July 1765.

ANDREW MUNRO.

P.S.—By all accounts my neighbour Mrs Delane is dying. She took the house that Colnl. Mackbean livd in. Shoud she tip off I do not know a house in Town that woud do beter for you.

[The nephew, Major Munro, was son of Andrew Munro's next elder brother Hugh, who at an advanced age succeeded to the Novar estates on the death, without heirs, of George,



son of the eldest brother John. Hugh had been a general merchant at Clayside, Golspie, for many years, and his son Hector had been a lieutenant in the army from about 1747. In 1760 he was made second-major of the 89th, and with it was sent to India. His opportunity came in May 1764, when he was sent during the war against Shujah Dowlah to Patna with reinforcements. He found the East India Company's native troops there on the point of wholesale desertion or mutiny, but by prompt and very severe measures he saved the situation. On 23rd October he gained the important victory of Buxar against odds of five to one, and soon after was promoted to be lieutenant-colonel. The slowness of communication in those days appears in the fact that at the date of the letter, nine months after the battle, the news had just reached Inverness, but no letters from Hector himself. His uncle's shrewd expectation about the *quantum sufficit* turned out correct, for he got £13,000 from the Nabobs, and other officers, his relatives, £3000. In regard to money-getting and otherwise, the E.I.C. officers had been getting quite out of control. The restoration of that control was the object of Clive's mission referred to in the letter. He had left England in January, 1764, and did not reach Madras till April, nor Calcutta till May 3rd, 1765. The latter part of the letter shows the uncle displaying as a captain of industry in Inverness the same family qualities of energy and resource and determination in overcoming difficulties that were shown by the nephew as a soldier. The firm hand he evidently kept over "Bob," not to let him miss a chance, shows powers of command. Altogether a great and notable figure in the burgh's history. The industries he pushed were successful for many years, and his anticipations as to the sail-cloth factory proved thoroughly correct, for it flourished till sails gave way to steam. Lastly there occurs a letter of Alexander Baillie, Inverness, to Wm. B., saying that Captain Ross—see No. 732—and his lady are expected in Inverness, and offering his rooms, "as the inns are not agreeable."

INVERCHARRON—Nos. 11, 48, 50, 57, 104, 204, 293, 524, 607, 684, 691, 692, 699, 702, 845, 846, 908, 937.

No. 856, 1703.—Confirmation.] . . . Wm. Ross of Invercharron . . . tack . . given . . by . . curators in minority, David Ross of Balnagown, David Ross, tutor of Kindeace [1st of Inverchasley], Wm. Ross of Easter Fearn, Wm. Ross of Aldie, Walter Ross, provost of Taine; Hugh Ross, then of Glastullich, now of Braelangwell . . to Donald Macalister vic Ean and Donald McWilliam McConchie of Invercharron—except the pendicle called Torandow, also half of Glencalvie with pendicle called Reinstroine.

[No. 857, N.D., about middle of century.—Letter, addressed] David Ross, Commissary Clerk. Dr. Sir,—The bearer

hereof will tell you how miserable a situation the two sisters of Invercharron are in . . . destitute of food and rayment. He'll show you a petition drawn up some time agoe for getting up from Gledfield some cloaths and oyr things belonging to their mother . . . and not perishing in his hands . . . yours . . . Rodk. Macculloch. [In 1791 is a lawyer's letter, signed "C. R.," with "I am heartily sick of my transactions with Invn."—"re-examination of witnesses as to the Rental of Invercharron's Estate"—"Gledfield is now engaged in unloading a ship at Bonar."]

KILCOY—Nos. 292, 331, 422, 557, 597, 602, 611, 645, 647, 650, 748, 843, 861, 997.

No. 858, 1682.—Discharge; text and signature all remarkably well written.] I Alexr. Mackenzie of Kilcoy . . . exoner. Mr Rorie Mackenzie, Advocat, my brother german . . . off all bands, tickats . . . bills . . . anything els I can . . . crave of him . . . excepting what . . . yet owing . . . of the 9000 merks band . . . attour what payed be my order to the Earle of Marr . . . A. McKenzie of Kilcoy.

[No. 859, 1687.—Complaint to Sheriff.] . . . John Tuach, pocr. fiscal . . . that . . . Rory Mackenzie of Kilcoy, Charles McKenzie of Crillin, Wm. McEan Bayne in Drum-morer . . . having casten off all fear of God . . . did maist violentlie in a hostile and military manner convocat themselves and several oysr. of ther complices . . . to the number of ane hundred or six score men, with guns, swords, pistolls, halberts . . . in a warlike posture upon the Sabath Day the tyme of Divine service did enter the castle of Kilcoy and ejected the hail servants belonging to Mary McKenzie life-rentrix of Kilcoy [his mother, a daughter of Kenneth, 6th of Gairloch], and when she herself came in a sober manner to seek access . . . imediately after sermon . . . secured and made the doors and gates lockfast . . . threatened M. M. and her servants . . . shot at them with guns, muskets and blunderbusses . . . forced to retire . . . defenders kept the house two days till your lordship came in person and pacified the tumult and caused them give up the house . . . said persons did come again on 1st Jany. . . . re-enter the castle . . . lock the doors . . . kept M. M. in prison . . . untill your lordship came again and dissipated the foresaid persons and put M. M. to full fredom ( ) [rest wanting. Rory's father had died that year, but, as in No. 602, the mother was the recognised possessor in 1692.]

No. 860, 1766.—Small note, with, on back: ] In heste—To Mr Rodreck Mackenzie, merchant at Invs. The bearer is sent for the bief and to [two] fresh ankerstoks not one farthen of Silver in this hous and I beliv ther is four ore 5 Gentle-men in the hous. I beg you may send my sisars and a pair of pinshbek bukls, the bearer canot carie the Tie [tea.] J. M'K. Kilcoy Seterday fornoon. [She was apparently

Jean, sister of Charles, then Laird of Kilcoy, but not yet married. Jean married in above year. In an account by same against Kilcoy of 1765, there are "Paper tiffinies 5d, 2 ankerstoks 1 sh., and half doz. mountain wine 10 sh. 3d."

KILLEARNAN—Nos. 71, 94, 305, 596, 765, 912, 1002.

No. 861, 1711.—Bond.] . . . deceast Colin Mackenzie of Reidcastle and Mr Alexr. Mackenzie, writer in Edr., his brother, did mortifie . . . £200 Scots . . . to the use of the poor of . . . Killearnan . . . now. Rodk. Mackenzie now of Redcastle, elder . . . and by advice of Rodk. M. yor. his son, Master Simon Mackenzie of Allangrange, and Chas. Mackenzie of Cullen as curator to Donald M. now of Kilcoy—heritors . . . paroch now continueing vacant since the decease of umqll. Mr John Mackenzie . . . . payed to me Rodorick Tuach . . . £200 prinll. . . ten years annualrent . . . and £24 6s . . . compleits . . . 500 merks . . . [He, with Reidcastle as cautioner, gives bond in usual form] . . . . att Chapeltoune of Reidcastle . . . Witnesses, Joseph Williamone in Kilcowie, Alexr. M'Cay, Sessione Clerk. [Paper entire, and all signatures clear.

KILMORACK—Nos. 89, 178.

No. 862, 1660.—] . . will of Wm. Fraser in Little Struie . . . befor thir witnesses Jon Fraser of Wester Eskadle, Rorie McKinsh kirk officer, and Mr Donald Fraser minister at Kilmorack and wreiter heirof . . . . leaves his children and there meannes to his wyfe . . . nominates Thomas Fraser, &c., . . assist in putting their meanes to a guid use.

[No. 863, 1720.—Complaint to] Sir Robt. Munro of fowles, sheriff prin. . . by the Reverend Mr Thomas Chisholm . . . Kilmorack, and David Bethune of Culniskea, procr. fiscal, upon Murdow McCrae Mcfarquhar McAllister in Kintail, Donald . . . in Morvich of Kintail . . . came to the month [hill] grass of Hercules . . . and took thence a black garron belonging to the Revd. . . and sold him . . . In Feby. 1722 after . . . charges and expenses . . . Chisholm seased the sd. horse . . . carrying a load of aquavitae to John Grant a brother son of the Laird of Glenmoriston in the Lord Lovat his Independent Companie, who imediatlie informed M. M., who conceived a deadlie hatred . . . thereupon carryed from Locharkack and Kintail to Belladoe of Glenmoriston and from thence sent them upon the Lord's Day ( ) guidance and command of . . . his brother, himself lurking behind in Strathglas . . . came at night . . . and besett Mr Chisholm's house . . . brock open all the doors and windows of the office houses and church and came to the minister's house . . . brock open the doors . . . went to his bed chamber . . . cut and tore his bed hangings and bed cloathes, pursued the minister—who escaped naked out at a window—firing at him, brock all his ( ) as also a large looking glass and a house clock, went to his seller whence they drunk ( )ty gallons of ale,



plundered and carried off two stone weight of candles . . thirty gallons of aquavita, two pair white plaids, a wig, two shirts, and other things . . . took by violence his brother Rory . . sick in his bed . . naked in his shirt . . carried him . . two miles to ( ) anasick where he was obliged to borrow 2 sh. sterline . . to purchase his release from them, and at Arichuan in Comer . . M. M. came and stayed with them all night. [Result not found. In 1748 is a summons at the Kirk of Kilmorack as to an inquest on the heirship of Teawigg and Bellaline.

KINNOCK—Nos. 158, 190, 394, 607, 749, 842, 879, 997, 1004. In 1680 is the testament of Kenneth Mackenzie of Kinnock, Rosemarkie.

No. 864, 1761.—[Letter to Mr Davidson.] Mr Mackenzie of Kinnock finding himself pushed hard . . . specially by his cousine Mackenzie of Belmaduthie . . . resolution . . . dispose . . lands . . by publick roup at Fortrose . . advertisement . . *Edinburgh Courant* . . . rental . . 85 bolls victual, 9½ of a wedder, 85 hens, 8 winterings, 85 loads of fire . . amounting to £54 Scots . . . In 1619 given off by Colin Lord Kintail . . . Reddendo £8 as conversions of half a mert, two muttons, three bolls oats, two kids, fourty eggs, 6 cappons, twelve pouterie, and 100 loads foggage or peatts . . . May 1711 disposition by Alexr. M. of Kinnock, eldest son of Kenneth M. . . . to Mr Alexr. M., Doctor of Medicine at Fortrose, eldest son to Mr Bernard M. of Sandylands . . for 9562 merks . . . also apprising at the instance of Mr George Munro, minister of Rosemarkie. I sincerely wish . . . to disappoint . . Barnie's near connections . . plot upon the poor man's land . . .

[LEMLAIR—Nos. 151, 160, 602, 607, 835, 836, 998.

B. No. 865, 1614.—[Assigation.] . . Me Johne Munro of Laimlair for ane hundreth and ten merks . . cessioner . . ane hundreth merks prin<sup>ll</sup>. and ten merks annualrent . . in ane decree . . againes Wm. Ros appeirand of Invercharron. [In 1660 is an obligation by George Monro of Limlair to Master Roderick Mackenzie, writer, Edinburgh; and in 1697 a retour finding Robert Munro of Lemlair, father of George, was possessed of the lands of Lemlair and Pellaick [Pelaig] and Kanrouchtrach [Kandrochterach.]

LEWIS—Nos. 77, 133, 259, 292, 305, 263a, 1004.

No. 866, 1696.—[Notarial Instrument.] At Castle Leod, present residence of John Baine of Greace with his wyff and family . . . compeared . . David Taylor, writer in fortrose, as acturney . . Issobel Countess Dowager of Seafort . . proprietrix be apprysings and other wayes of . . the Lewis, and particularly of the . . lands of Easter and Wester Greaces with ther Island waters, &c. . . . having . . full power to redeem and outquit the saids lands of Greaces . . did premonish . . John Baine and George his eldest son to

come to . . Dingwall . . tolbooth . . upon Whitsunday . . .  
to receive . . 4000 merks . . . for redeeming . . . Easter and  
Wester Greaces, &c. . . .

[LOCHALSHE—Nos. 292, 305, 749, 754, 815, 1002.

No. 867, 1679.—Execution of summons to answer action of  
furthcuming by Colin Mackenzie of Keppach took 10 days  
for the officer to deliver at] Fernaick in Lochalshe, Craige,  
Auchnadarrach, Plock, Durness, Erbsaike, Belmacarra,  
Reiracke, Nostie, Auchnacloich, Auchtatorlane, Arddlive,  
Ardnarve, Alnasow, Breamtra, Inshnairne, Auchonoholic,  
Auchmoire, Rearaiche in Lochcarrone, Strome, Bracklach,  
Tulloch, Rievochan, Auchtaitie, Dalmartine, Arinakaike,  
Kenlochbenachran, and Inverchoran. [In 1675 occur the  
forms “*fluirnack*” and “*Arieneichaig*,” the latter very  
near the root form “*Arigh neacaig*.”

LOCHSLIN—Nos. 11, 204, 292, 410, 416, 427, 577, 647,  
680, 684, 759, 913, 404a. In 1630 is a charter by John  
Mackenzie of Lochslin to Alexr. Mackenzie of Coull, of  
East Achiltie, for 2000 merks. In 1648, Margaret Mac-  
kenzie, daughter of Lochslin, marrying Norman Macleod of  
Berneray, has as tocher the lands of Craigskorrie, Kenna-  
hard with pendicle Teanihair, of Dunglass, Balblair, Knock-  
natead, and Ballinain. In a discharge of 1703 it is recited  
that Aeneas Macleod of Cadboll, marrying Margaret Mac-  
kenzie, dau. of Ken. Mackenzie of Scatwell, infest her in  
the barony of Lochslin, including Pitnelzies, Knockdow,  
Inver of Lochslin, E. and W. Balkeith, Plaids, and Hilton,  
and that she afterwards married Roderick Mackenzie of  
Applecross.

LOGIE—Nos. 21, 28, 49, 62, 64, 67, 93, 117, 118, 236,  
566, 607, 770, 772, 815, 883, 898, 907, 1003. In 1680 is a  
confirmation by the King to Kenneth Mackenzie, minister of  
Logie Easter, of the lands of Dunskeath and Culbuie.

No. 868, 1682.—Revocation.] . . Me Jean Mackenzie, relict  
off the deceit Alexr. M., son to Donald M. off Loggie . . .  
understanding that dureing the tyme I stood married . . .  
I was . . hurt . . being entysed . . seduced . . be his instiga-  
tion . . . to grant . . Bands . . tacks . . assignations . .  
and other wrytes to my . . prejudice, speciallie ane bond  
to Wm. Dingwall, bailie of Dingwall . . Therefore have  
revocked . . annulled, &c., &c.

[B. No. 869, 1719.—Paper, docketed] The bounding of Easter  
Loggie, 1719. The toune and lands of Loggie Easter  
extending to a fourth part of ane davoch of Kirklands . .  
together with . . Rieherauld, Auldnamore, and Auchmore  
and the bush of Priesclieve and the moss of Braeancurich  
and Dearaline possest by umquhile Thomas Ross of Logie,  
and thereafter by Mr David Ross, minister . . . bounded  
. . Watter and ford callit Balanalarge from the N. to the  
E. [N.E. corner?] . . by the common way leading to the

east to the round little hill callit Knockanabochile at the East . . . of Auchmore . . South as the way leads to . . . Pitmaduthie, therefra by south to west by ane other comone way leading to Cairn Marow or Dead Men's Cairne . . to the ford of the watter of Almalnisackt called Adimamoine or fewellsford . . on north of . . watter to the west part of the sd. field of Ardanumamoire, thence from . . watter of Almalsack to top of the hill of Cragnabeich or Milne dam craig . . by the west on the south of sd watter above . . Priesclieve to the burn Aldannalbitach alias the Scotsmen's burne descending from the hill Knockbinelochan by the west to the north on the north part of . . Almalsaiakt at the west, thence from the entry of the sd burn in the sd watter as the sd burn runs from the east part of . . Knockbunlochine . . from sd hill by the north to the east to the iord of Bealana-large . . conforme to ane charter . . David Ross of Loggie. 1st March 1650 . . great seale.

LOVAT—Nos. 87, 170, 292, 470, 531, 545, 557, 624, 650, 667, 678, 757, 774, 800, 831, 832, 833, 863.

B. No. 870, 1646.—Letter, holograph, very neatly written, addressed] for the Right honble. and his loveing Brother .The Laird off Belnagowin—thes. Right honbl. Sir and loveing brother . . . I was myndit to go south with the earle of Sutherland be sea, but I receavit ane letter from his lo. showing that his bark is so litle that she is not able to contryve his owne famelie qch I know is but a shift qch I must suffer for the tyme Alwaysis brother seing I know that you are to go south be land shortlie and so you may, for blessed be God the way is cleir for the post of Inverness and uther passengers came home be land to Inv. on Monday but any let [without hindrance.] Thairfor I will intreat you to advertise me . . . of your honor's dyet that I may . . ryde in your company for I am not to be burthensome to no man but upon my owne purs for myself . . page and my boy . . . wishing you and bedfellow and childrene all happines . . . Alexander Fraser—Lovat ye 24 of Junii 1646. [David, 12th of Balnagown, to whom this was written, married Marie, eldest daughter of Hugh, 8th Lord Lovat, who died Feb., 1646. Alexander was his third son, and thus calls Balnagown "brother." From the death of his wife, in 1636, Hugh fell into a state of religious melancholy, leaving all worldly affairs to his son Simon, who died in 1640, then to his second son, Hugh, who died in 1643, leaving an infant son, Hugh, who succeeded in 1646. The entire management then fell to Sir James Fraser of Brae (see No. 745), till his death in 1658, when the above Alexander claimed and got the tutorship (see No. 650). In 1646 Alexander was a captain under his uncle, the Earl of Wemyss (see No. 545), in the south—hence his journeys. Next, in handwriting also remarkably neat, but smaller and quite different, is another letter to Balnagown:—



B. No. 871, 1646.—] Right hon<sup>bl</sup>. Though my work or desert could never reach so farr as to merit my acceptance much less such charitable and kynd beneficence as your honour and your worthily honoured Lady have been pleased to confer upon the children of a distressed friend, yet I must thankfully acknowledge it argues the generosity and pious ingenuity of your hospitable dispositions in such a tyme of trouble to the Lord's servant distressed for the cause of God for qlk your honour has suffered and given honourable evidence of your unchangable constancy therin. What you have done in this behalf for the greatious Gospell my hope is the God of Peace shall reward it w<sup>t</sup> a plentiful blessing on your honorable family, and what kyndness you have undeservedly bestowed on a poor servant of Christ distressed for the said Gospell as it shall be a perpetuall evidence of your honour's affection . . . in such a difficult tyme, so shall it be a constant argument to supplicat the God of Peace for encess of his favours both temporall and eternall upon your honour, your renowned lady and hon<sup>bl</sup>. children and family by him who is devoted to be Your honour's poor Servant, Mr W. Fraser. Lovat 13 Junii 1646. [The signature (see photo.) seems to be "Mr W. Fraser," and, along with the tone and style, would point to the Rev. Wm. Fraser, of Killearnan, the favourite one among several ministers who were in frequent, almost constant, attendance on Lord Hugh, and whose ministrations chimed with, and perhaps kept up, his peculiar mental state. Fraser's allusions to distress may point to his having a rough time of it after Lord Hugh's death, under Sir James Fraser, or Alexr. Fraser of Phoineas, the commandant of the Lovat garrisons.

B. No. 872, 1661.—[Letter to Balnagown.] Dear Nephew . . . Sinc my coming from you I hav nott bien eabl to goe my owin lenth from hom being heavally diseased . . . a great pluresie . . . I was forced to cause draw off 24 unces of bloud . . . so weak . . . not able to cross ane horss until this day. I am to meitt with my Lord Morray anent yor particular whereof I intend beffor my retour to hav his . . . possitive ansur . . . I sall send with my lord ansur this week. You sall receav ane letter from Alexr. Chissolum. I pray you hav a care of the gentillman . . . he is at present with my lord Seafort . . . more of this at meiting . . . I must goe your lenth with my ansser, but not forder as Ardmore will I goe . . . My wyff has her lov remembered to you with my daughter's and my owin . . . unckell and servant [?] Lovatt. Tomech the 19 of Sept. 1661. [This is to David, XIII. The first letters of the signature seem to be crossed out (see photo.), leaving "Lovatt"—and he is "uncle." The writing alone would settle that he is not Alexander, it is totally different. The next son of Hugh, VIII., was Thomas, but in 1661 he was not Lord Lovat—he did not succeed till 1696—and Lord Lovat of 1661 was cousin to

David, not uncle. The next "uncle"—William—had died in 1639, and the last, James, had gone to Poland in 1656. The writer must be Thomas Fraser, but the question remains why he signs "Lovatt." From the air of mystery and importance, it seems he was acting as go-between regarding the marriage with Lady Ann Stewart. As her father had died in 1653, Lord Moray above was her brother Alexander, 4th Earl.

MELROSE and MAUCLINE—

B. No. 873, 1555.—Parchment—some abrasions, Latin—[Charter.] . . . James . . . perpetual Commendator of the monasteries of Celco [Kelso] and Melross . . . Cistercian order . . . bishopric of Glasgow . . . we with consent . . . in chapter assembled . . . for the evident interest . . . and augmentation of rental . . . also for sums of money paid by John Law in Dalsanguen towards the repair and rebuilding of our place of Melrose burnt and shattered by the old enemies from England in the time of the war just past [Protector Somerset's Invasion and Battle of Pinkie] . . . have given granted . . . to the foresaid John . . . seven of our shilling lands and six of our penny lands of Dalsanguen . . . lying in our estate of Kylesmuir in the county of Air . . . areages and careages . . . 4 pennies . . . Reddendo . . . seven shillings and six pence yearly . . . nine pennies for bondage silver . . . two shillings and ten pence for augmentation . . . furnishing three cuttings of turf at our three chief places of our estate of Mauchlene yearly . . . bound to take their grain . . . to our mills of Kylesmure . . . pay . . . multures . . . also in wars against enemies of this kingdom ( ) also it shall be allowed us . . . to take millstones, trees, and stones ( ) for upkeep of ( ) mills and place of Mauchlene . . . also coals for our own use ( ) . . . in the year 1555. [Signatures] Jacobus commendatar . . . Thomas Moeser [?] sub-prior, Willinus Philip, Jho'es Hogart, Jho'es Watsoun, Bernard Boston, Alexr. Belladoun, Centigernus Purwes, Thomas Meyn, Johne Hoppringill. [The Commendator was the illegitimate son of James V., who procured the double appointment from the Pope. Mauchline was a branch or "cell" of Melrose.]

MILNTOWN, MILTOUN, and NEW TARBET—Nos. 11, 45, 56, 160, 176, 288, 289, 310, 313, 354, 392, 414, 420, 499, 502, 566, 607, 689, 769, 793, 802, 904, 914. In No. 288 we have seen that Andrew Munro, grandson of Black Andrew Munro, was styled "of Newmore," owing to his having Newmore before he succeeded at Milntown. He continued so to style himself, but his letters written at the Castle of Milntown, and even one paper at Chanonry, may be placed here.

B. No. 874, 1569.—Receipt.] I Andrew Munro of Newmoyr, Chamberland to our Soverane lord's thesaurar of ye bishoprick of Ros . . . resavit fra Androw Munro portioner

of Nig, ane of ye soveriteis for . . . Alexr. Ros of Balnagowne . . . thrie scoir four pundis . . . togidder wt ye rest of ye vict<sup>l</sup> in ye girnell of Nig wt ye keis yrof . . . . Andrew Monro of Newmoyr wt my hand. At Chanonrie xiiij day of Novr. Iaj Vct three scoir nyne yeirs.

[B. No. 875, 1602.—Letter to George Ross of Balnagown.] Ry<sup>t</sup> hon. Sir,—Efter maist hairtliche commendations I traist yor ma. rememberis how I send . . . wt my Cusine George Munro in Knockshortie my few maills . . . for Drumvaich and Braneletter—1600 and 1601 . . . 23 sh. 4d . . . yor lesour not servand ye delayit . . . I send hail thrie . . . togidder wt acquittance formit to be subscrivit . . . . committis you to God. Miltoun this penult of Janevar Qdsr . . . Andrew Munro of Newmoyr.

[B. No. 876, 1610.—Earliest funeral letter.] To ye ry<sup>t</sup> ho<sup>ll</sup> Laird of Balnagown younger. Richt Hon<sup>l</sup> Sir, My heartliest dewtie rememberit. Pleis witt ye Monnday be ten horis at ye guid pleas<sup>r</sup> of God my wyff is depertit yis lyffe quha is to birrei ye nixt Wodinsday in Kilmuir Eister be ten houris in the morning q<sup>n</sup> I requeste you wt yor freindis to be heir befor said hor to conveye her buriell qlk I trust ye will do to ye quhilk I rest. Committis you to God. Miltoun this 4 of Aprile 1610 . . . Andrew Monro of Newmoir. [The figure in the date looks more like 5 than 6—see photo—but the signature is exactly the same as in Nos. 874 and 875, and, with the designation “of Newmoir,” is conclusive. He was therefore alive in 1610—about 20 years later than has hitherto been supposed—and since we have seen in No. 288 he was old enough in 1542 to hold the maorship of the Earldom of Ross, he must have been almost a centenarian. In 1633 is the beginning of a disposition reciting “Margaret Innes, relict of George Munro of Milntown Eister . . . whereas by her matrimoniall contract . . . she had to be infest, joyntly with George Munro, in . . . Newmore, with Inchedowne, Badichonchar, and Rhicor-rach . . . father in law George Munro elder [i.e., VI. of Milntown, often called of *Meikle Tarrell*—see Nos. 55, 496, 689, 880—and whose initials appear on the tower of Kilmuir Easter Church] bound . . . infest . . . lands of Kilmuir.

MOYNES, MORTONE—No. 292; and in 1710, Jean Mackenzie, relict of Sir Jas. Grant of Moynes, and Anna Grant, relict of Mr Coline Mackenzie of Mortone, with their executors and trustees, Kenneth Mackenzie of Scatwell, Alexr. M. of Belmaduthie, Simon M. of Allangrange, Rory M. of Avoch, and Geo. M. of Crunen, dispone the lands of Murrean and the Mure in Knockbain. There is a Moynes again in a petition for Inquest of 1640, by Lachlan M'Fingon, son of deceased John M'Fingon of Strathordell, vested in lands and barony of Moynes in the Isle of Mull, do. of Strathordell in the Isle of Skye, and lands of Scalpa, comprehending Tory, Skerdin, and Stronimus.



MULDERG and PILTOWN—Nos. 11, 33, 112, 134, 266, 381, 382, 393, 518, 566, 607, 676, 716, 816, 261a.

B. No. 877, 1661.—Letter to Balnagown, holograph, well written.] Richt hon<sup>ll</sup>.—my humble service being rememberit I thocht it my deutie to show yor ho. that James Ross of Iye . . . hes castin [*i.e.*, peats] w<sup>th</sup>in my boundis . . . disponit be yor . . . guid sir to my fater . . . We have agreit to let . . . ly untill yor ho. be uppon the place . . . tyme quhen . . . I wold earnestlie know . . . be ane lyne . . . with the bearer . . . baith of us will have ane freind or two . . . I wish yor ho. had ane confidant knowing freind to advyse . . . Hector Douglas. Mulderge Aug. 12 1601. [In 1729, in a summons, “Issobel Ross Lady Piltown, relict of deceased Wm. Ross of Easter Fearn, and Alexr. Ross, her son and heir.” In another, N.D., it is stated that she married first Piltown, then, for 22 years, Easter Fearn. In 1757, Abner Gallie writes from Meikle Tarrel, his own farm, as factor of Mulderg, to the Sheriff Clerk about fixing the rental, and in 1758 brings an action against tenants. Another paper, N.D., has complaint against him, by a tenant, as being a common quarreler, and having attacked the tenant with a baton and a spade.]

NEWE—No. 118.

No. 878, 1770.—Letter: Colonel Forbes of Newe, from Beaufort, to W. Baillie.] . . . I had it not in my power to be so serviceable to Fairburn as my inclination . . . I can give you a droll history . . . Burnie is indeed little obliged to the Knight . . . who is never out of a mire when there is one to be found . . . Mrs Forbes remembers Col. Mackay’s acquaintance . . . She and my brother join in kindest, &c. . . . Glad that Mr George Mackay has got a young son . . . John Forbes. [In another letter to same from Beaufort, in 1770, he writes: “General Mackay found the waters of Peterhead do so well with him that he gave up the appointment he had made of coming to Newe.”]

NEWMORE—Nos. 13, 25, 26, 38, 91, 156, 157, 177, 210, 288, 292, 351, 380, 384, 457, 463, 513, 566, 607, 639, 644, 770, 791, 849, 875, 876, 997, 1001. For older line of Munros, see Milntown. In 1571 is a fragment of a decree of Council against ( ) “not to molest William Innes in bruiking and joising [enjoying possession] the lands, &c., of Roycorath of Newmore.”

No. 879, 1586.—Arbitration as to] . . . disputable lands at Roycorath of Newmore . . . appeared John Irving of Kynock and James Innes broyr germane to Wm. Innes of Tanderuff . . . . Certain of the King’s majesties tennents of Ardross . . . summonit as witnes concerning ye ryt debatable between Wm. and Andrew Munro of Davochcartie . . . judges James Dunbar of Tarbat, David D. of Grangehill, Nicolas D. of Boggis, and George D. of Avach, and also Robt. Munro of Foulis as odman and oversman . . . award to Andrew . . .

Witnesses, George Munro of Lemlair and Donald Munro of Tarlaky, Patrick Dunbar apparent of Avoch.

[No. 880, 1612.—Complaint.] . . . George Munro of Tarrel, now of Newmoir . . . David Ross appearand of Balnagown pretending him . . . to Culraine . . . wrongouslie, violentlie and maisterfullie caist, wan, spulzeit and away took 1000 laides of turves, pryce of ye laid ten shillings . . . ye tyme of . . . spoliation G. M. had . . . bounds devyding . . . Newmore from Culcairn viz. . . ye woodis fra the eister Craig callit Ryne Blair lyand on S. side of ye gait [way] on ye comone mewre at ye N. to ye Merch stane standand in ye N.W. end of Ardacht of Newmoir . . . passand S. lineallie at N.W. end of ane meryne [boundary strip of grass] qlk devydit ye proper lands of Culcairne at N.E. fra Newmoir . . . on to ye merch stane standand on ye N. neuke of ye said bog of ye Glastone of Culcairn at ye W. . . ane merch stane at ye S.W. end of Glastone upon the S. side of ane myre [marsh or ditch] that passes W. . . ane merch stane upon ane lytill hill at ye S.E. end of the Glastone . . . ane merch stane aforegaine ane burne callit Altanenarnycht . . . m. s. on S. side of ye hie gaitt . . . [George was called “of Tarrel” because he had it in the lifetime of his father, Andrew—see Nos. 873-4-5. The Munros of Milntown, through debt, lost their estates by 1656, and Newmore came into possession of another line of Munros, the first of whom was Sir George, previously “of Culrain”—see No. 788. He had many other possessions, as seen in

No. 881, N.D., but before 1682.—Disposition or Settlement.] Sir George Munro of Newmore . . . to his children, John, George, Jean, Issobel, Lucy, Ella, and Katherine . . . Lands of Kendriff [Kinrive], Strathrorie in Kilmuir, Culrain, Kannivar, Auchness, Auchinhanatt, Killmahalmack, all in . . . Kincardine, and Ochtow and Auchishhone, Auchtismoir [Altis?], Altisbeg, Lincetmoir, Inveran, all in . . . Creich.

[No. 882, 1690.—Letter, addressed] ffor Hew Dallas of Budgett, Thes.—Culkairn 24 of Agust 90. Hond. Cousine I find Loggie is desynd to go to Chan'ry aminding to se you and to gett his son's contract of mariage which your son took in order as he said to registrat the same the doing of which Logie thinks needless, so he desyres me to writ to you to gett itt and he's desirus, seing he did pay your son for the wretting of it. I design God willing to se you shortly, so youll aquantt me if I'l bring one with me to singe [sign] as cationer in the testamentt thatt is to be confirmed . . . If I confirm I'l expectt youll make Drinie [Drynie *q.v.*] easie to me espetially sinc cows and firing heav gon rong on me this yeer, and youl deall with him ennentt [anent] Captan Albram [? Abraham] M'K.'s busines so thatt I expectt youll heav itt don againstt I com, and I continow your Coucine to serve you, George Monro. [This is a holograph of Sir George Munro of Newmore, and

shows signs of his great age—nearly 90—yet shows he must have been a clear and careful writer. He commanded under Gustavus Adolphus at Lutzen, and for the King in Ireland in the Civil War—see No. 568. From 1674 to 1677 he was Major-General of the Forces in Scotland, and was superseded because he disapproved of Lauderdale's plan for spoiling families in disaffected districts, even though they had not been in open rebellion. He is said to have been buried in the mortuary chapel at Rosskeen—see No. 531—which has been restored by Sir Hector Munro of Fowlis. In a recess of the gable there remains one tall, narrow stone, filling just half. Beneath plumed carving are the letters G. C. M., then the Munro eagle-crest, then a skull between the letters K. M. on either side, then cross-bones with M. to right and letter to left obliterated. Along the top, HEIR LAYS GEORGE ( ), along upper half of left margin, MONRO VHO ( ? ) 56; closer in is the word October. The lower half of this, and the whole of the other, margin are obliterated. Whether this or the missing stone was Sir George's, is a question. The initials K. M. for the wife would indicate his son, George of Culrain. The initials K. M. could stand for Katherine, first wife of George, 1st of Culrain, but not for Sir George's first wife, who was Ann, and whose son, Hugh (No. 883), succeeded to Newmore, but his line became extinct. Sir George's second wife, as we have seen in No. 788, was Christian Hamilton, great-grand-daughter of the Lord Hamilton, 2nd Earl of Arran, whom we have had in No. 26, who again was son of James Hamilton, 1st Earl of Arran, and of the Princess Mary, daughter of James II. These had also a daughter Elizabeth, who married the Mathew Earl of Lennox mentioned in No. 25, who again was grandfather of Lord Darnley, so that the 1st Earl of Arran was great-great-grandfather both of James VI. and Christian Hamilton, Lady Newmore. As we have seen in No. 793, her direct descendants succeeded to Fowlis. For the names of her family, see No. 788, and as to Sir George's son by his first wife:—

No. 883, 1694.—Will.] I Robert Munro writer in Edinburgh son to the deceast Hugh Munro of Newmore considering . . . it is the duty of every good Christian so to settle . . . in his own time as that all debate . . . may be prevented . . . I nominate . . . George Munro now of Newmore my brother german my sole executor and legator . . . dispone my hail goods, money, bairns . . . In witness whereof, written be Hector Munro writer in Edinr. . . 2nd day of March Iaj Vi ct and nynty four . . . Witness Mr Andrew Munro governour to my Lord Reay. [Writing and signatures very clear. Sir George was succeeded by his son Hugh, who is said in the histories to have died in 1696, while above shows him to have been already dead in 1694. Above also shows him to have had a son Robert, who is not mentioned in the histories. George, 3rd Lord Reay, in above, was also a



grandson of Sir George, being son of Ann, Sir George's eldest daughter, and of Donald, Master of Reay, son of John, 2nd Lord, who predeceased his father. Sir George's youngest daughter married Andrew Munro of Logie. For Hugh's son George and grandson John, see Nos. 157, 459, 461, 463, 628, 629. In 1705 is a receipt by Geo. Mackenzie, appointed by the Earl of Cromarty to uplift the Crown rents in Ross, for £6 Scots, as Crown rent of Newmore. From John comes

No. 884, 1737.—Letter to] Wm. Bayly . . . You will send me per bearer five pundis hopes . . . do not detain the boy for ye kettle is on and ye eale is scarce . . . John Munro . . . Newmore. [The answer is on same paper:] Sent per boy five pundis hops at 30 sh. per pund £7 10s . . . sent formerly £12. [From John's sister and successor:—

No. 885, 1750, but last figure may be 8.—Letter, addressed] Willam Ballie off Roshall Esqr.—I have your favours joust now . . . You may be persauded yt Miss Jeanis visit and yours will be most agreeabl I had yeastirday a lonng conversation withe yt nierst relation of yt parson hes stronge in your Faithe tho sum what apprensive of the intriguing of others and is sorrie for your meeting in Tain lest it shoud become a snare which may be prevented by your prouduance by inviting them to a fifrant ert [dif. ?] . . . I had your theurtie pd. starn [sterling] . . . most sesinable to relive me from dunning which I heartlie hat. Im quiet reconsield to the Teakinge of a hosd [hhd.] claret . . . Ballie Fraser who teaks my Fisse wid think him sealf intitld . . . your most affecnatt obdiant servt., Ma. Munro. Newmor 26 May 1750. Im half sorry for poor Grantt tho I can not approve of him. [In 1750, however, there is a summons by Baillie against her for failing to fulfil a bargain, and styling her "Mrs Mary Munro, Lady Newmore, relict of Gustavus"—see Nos. 789 and 790.

No. 886, 1760-61.—Portions of Process.] . . . Hugh Macfarquhar, surgeon in Tain [see No. 194] . . . called to attend Lady Newmore's son at Newmore . . . soon afterwards she missed two silver spoons . . . asked of her servant . . . replied he had given them to Dr Macfarquhar . . . [when he sent his account she wrote asking that he should give her credit for the value of the spoons . . . he replied that she was defaming his character by implying that he had stolen the spoons, and raised an action. Her defence is first that the writing was to himself and did not defame him; second, that it did not imply he stole the spoons, only that he had taken them; and thirdly, she states counter claims to his account see No. 383. From fragments of minutes, the case seems to have gone on beyond 1761, but the result is not found.

No. 887, 1763.—] Answers to the memorial and queries for Wm. Ross of Aldie. We have considered the settlement . .

Aldie . . Wm. Ross 1722 . . . Estate of Newmore by Col. John Munro . . . and Mrs Mary Munro . . 1761 [see No. 639] . . . Deathbed settlement by . . Mrs Mary . . . in substance the same, with the difference that Pitcalnie's son by his first marriage with Col. Munro's sister is brought first into the line of succession conditionally on . . pardon from . . . attainder from . . Rebellion of 1745 . . . by the tailzie of . . Aldie the heirs are obliged . . to assume and constantly use the surname of Ross and title of Aldie, also the arms of the family of Balnagown without any alteration or diminution whatsoever—a condition impracticable, as memorialist is not heir of that family, and therefore is by law disabled, &c. [long discussion of legal points.] Signed, Alexr. Lockhart, David Ross [afterwards Lord Ankerville. Ultimately, through his descent from Mary Munro, daughter of Hugh, 2nd of Newmore, who married David Ross, 1st of Inverchassley, Lord Ankerville himself inherited Newmore and Aldie.

Nigg—Nos. 24, 64, 65, 67, 89, 104, 105, 106, 254, 299, 313, 416, 430, 471, 572, 874. In 1659 is a badly torn charter by Donald Fuller, mer( ) . . lands called Cul(nald). Without date, there is a part of a boundary case—Kindeace claiming a property in the “carse ground adjoining the Pot,” east to the fund of a dyke on E. of Oxenford to a house at the Well Toburnacriech and Cloancriech.

No. 888, 1664, or after.—[Complaint] Unto . . the Earl of Seaforth, heretable baylie of the bishopric of Ross, and Alexr. Graham of Drynie, depute. Sir Geo. Mackenzie of Tarbet, Knyt barronet . . . that I stand infest in the miln of Morvich with astrickit suckin, multures and knaveship yrof . . indoubtit right of the particular thirlage . . and specialie in the lands of Pitcalnie, Culdene, Cunahall, Culnald, Pitkyllian, Nigg, Annat, Sandwick . . peaceable possession . . till of late . . Malcolm Ross, wadsetter of Kindeis, and David McCulloch . . by [beyond] all rule of law did build up . . ane new miln upon the comontie . . Pitcalnie, &c. . . convey draughtes, schilles . . and withdraw to the new Miln ( ) [rest torn. In 1679 is a disposition by Wm. Hossack, portioner of Nigg, son and heir of Mr Alexr. Hossack, sometime minister of Nigg, to Thomas Gair, notar in Fortrose . . the easter and north oxgate lands of Nigg. In 1684, Mr Robert Ross of Logie, minister of Tain, is infest in the lands of Pitkalyean and Nigg. In a boundary arbitration in 1765 there are: “A strype or channel from Tobar na Creich to the Pot, called Cloancriech or March Strype,” and “part of Ankerville called Morvich Water.”

No. 889, 1763.—[Letter to W. Baillie.—] I communicated to Kilravock and the other gentlemen who met about the division of the Hill of Nigg, yours of 25th. We perambu-

lated . . . There is a muir called Blarnasbay wholly enclosed by Balnagown's corn ground of Easter Rarichies and Inverchasley's lands of Shandwick except . . . sea on the S.E. This muir Balnagown's, Kilravock's, and Inverchassley's tenants insist to be no part of the Hill of Nigg, but Kindeace, Mr James Fraser, and James Ross insist it is . . . Robt. Gray.

[NOVAR—Nos. 128, 357, 393, 529, 566, 607, 855, 263a, 1004.

No. 890, 1727.—Last part of a marriage settlement.—] Robert Munro to Janet Dunbar ( ) pertinents of the same, viz., Auchhurigill, Croyches ( ) and in the lands of Invernauld, heretable bailiarie of the lands of Altesmor ( ) reservand to the said Andrew Munro of Teanovar his liferent . . . [These place-names appeared before in an] action of renewing . . . Hector Munro of Kiltearn apprysed from George Munro of Novar and Hector Munro, brother german to Hugh Munro of Findon, with . . . Wester Fyries . . . Mickle Altas . . . pendicle called Invernauld . . . Creich . . . Badditaggart, and Auchhurigill, also Little Altas . . . [George married a sister of Hector and Hugh. In 1748 is an agreement dividing the Moss of Delny between the Earl of Cromarty, Sir W. Gordon of Invergordon, and Lieut.-Col. John Munro of Novar, also that no peats should be taken except for private use, tenants and families to have each as much as could be cut by 4 men in one day.

No. 891, 1750.—Letter, holograph, addressed] David Ross, Sheriff-Substitute—Express. Dr. Sir, . . . My mother is told she has nothing to do with bringing Culcairn to account for Culgour's executry or Lady Garties . . . only Alexr. Gordon's estate yearly rents and steelbow stocking [cattle and things which belong to the landlord] and his mother's perefinalis [paraphernalia.] Therefore if . . . objections I gave . . . bind my mother to acct. with Culcairn . . . if produced at Dornoch . . . not be produced . . . But make objections . . . till he account for Sandy Gordon's personal estate . . . and whatever else may occur to yourself at Dornoch. She and all this family . . . compts. . . . Hector Munro. Novar, 9th April 1750. [Fine and flowing handwriting. He was the future Sir Hector, Major-General—see note to No. 855. His mother was of the Gordons of Embo. He wrote above at the age of 23. From him we have next, in his old age, three years before his death—see photo. of signatures—

B. No. 892, 1803.—Letter to General Sir Charles Ross of Balnagown.] My Dear Sir,—I was favoured with your letter and copy of Mr Hay-Mackenzie's, who I believe to be the patron of the Kirk of Kincardine. Therefore, and to prevent any variance between neighbours, of whom Mr Hay-Mackenzie is a respectable [old sense of "respected"]



one, I think you and I had better at once concur in his choice of minister, and I am sure if you will write him that this is your determination and mine . . . ask him when it is in his power to provide for Mr Thomas Munro . . . My most respectfull compts. to Lady Mary Ross . . . Hector Munro. Novar House, 7th June 1803. P.S.—My poor dear daughter is still alive and rather a little better. It is God alone can save her. [He had already lost his two sons, in India. The daughter, Jane, ten months before date of above, had become the mother of the present proprietor's father.

## ORLEANS—

No. 893, 1811.—Letter, Louise d'Orléans.] Bagheria le 21 Juillet 1811. J'étais en peine d'être si long tems sans recevoir de vos nouvelles je n'ai reçu votre réponse à ma longue lettre du 10 fevrier que par le dernier paquet-bôt je ne puis concevoir ce qui fait qu'elle a été autant de tems à me parvenir puisqu'elle est écrite le 24 avril mais quoique bien ancienne elle ne m'en a pas fait moins de plaisir je vous en remercie de tout mon cœur j'étais bien sure d'avance de la part et de l'intérêt que vous prendriez à nos peines à nos malheurs. hélas, tout est resté au même point où cela était lorsque je vous ai écrit ma mère est à Mahon et toujours malheureusement pour elle et pour nous dans les mêmes dispositions. Oh que le passage que vous me citez des Nuits d'Young mon ouvrage favori, est juste vrai et beau qu'il me convient bien et que j'en sens tous les jours plus vivement plus fortement la vérité par l'expérience que j'ai de ce que c'est que cette triste vie ou les agitations les inquiétudes les chagrins ne font que se succéder . . . l'état dans lequel est ce pays-ci et les derniers evenemens qui viennent de se passer . . . sont de nouveaux sujets de tourment pour nous et determinent mon frère qui était au moment de retourner au palais à prolonger encore son séjour à la campagne où . . . nous sommes depuis 4 mois il me semble que dans les malheureuses et tristes circonstances dans lesquelles nous sommes ni avis ni conseils n'étant plus écoutés depuis longtems et tout ce que l'on fait étant absolument contraires à ses principes et ses opinions il ne peut faire mieux que se tenir à l'écart . . . et c'est le parti qu'il prend pour le moment . . . ce que nous deviendrons je crois qu'il est impossible de le prévoir . . . L'air de la campagne a . . . parfaitement bien fait à la Santé de ma sœur, mon bien aimé petit neveux s'entrouve aussi à merveille, il s'est bien fortifié il a deux dents il commence à marcher . . . il est charmant, je l'aime à la folie nous serons probablement obligés de changer de maison de campagne . . . l'air de celli-ci passé le mois de juillet ne vaut rien ce qui avait déterminé mon frère à revenir au palais mais d'après les derniers evenemens . . . nous irons à un autre campagne et certes ce genere de vie . . . nous convient le mieux, vous savez que je n'ai jamais su beaucoup de gout pour les cours et je vous assure que j'en ai

moins que jamais. Je suis bien aise de savoir Mrs Wright de retour auprès de vous . . . je joins ici une lettre que vous me rendrez un vrai service de faire passer d'une manière sure à son adresse soit en Espagne ou en Portugal suivant où se trouve les chasseurs Britannique . . c'est une lettre importante qui traite d'affaires particulières. Mon bien aimé frère me charge de vous remercier de votre souvenir . . . écrivis moi vous savis que vos lettres me font toujours plaisir comptant sur votre amitié comptis de même sur la mienne . . . parlis de moi au bon Guliano à Mr Viule et à mes autres connaissances de Gibraltar. Louise A. E. d'Orléans. [There is no address, but a docket: "Recd. 28th Augt.," in a hand like dockets on letters to General Sir Charles Ross. In all probability it was to him. Writing small and close, but neat. The writer is generally named in the histories Eugénie Adelaide Louise, but signs above in the reverse order. She was daughter of Philippe, Duke of Orleans, generally called Philippe Egalité, who took part with the Revolutionaries, but was by them executed in 1793. His family were:—Louis Philippe, who succeeded to the title; the Duc de Montpensier, who died 1807; the Comte de Beaujolais, who died 1808; and twin daughters, viz., Marie Caroline, who died in 1782, and Louise as above. Ferdinand IV. of Naples had been driven thence by Murat, and had established his Court at Palermo—the "palais" above referred to. Bagheria is on the coast, a little to the east. In 1809, Louis Philippe had married Marie Amélie, Ferdinand's daughter. The visit to Gibraltar was in course of a scheme by Marie Caroline, Ferdinand's ambitious and intriguing Queen, for Orleans taking command in Spain against Napoleon, but it was discountenanced by the British Government. When Louis Philippe became King of France, his sister—Madame Adelaide, as she was called—proved his best adviser, in fact his good genius; and when she died, in 1847, he is related to have sobbed and exclaimed, "The strength of the Orleans dynasty is broken." The child she refers to in above, grew up to be Duke of Orleans when his father was King, but was cut off in a sad carriage accident in 1847. Translation of letter in Appendix.

## OYNE and OLD RAYNE—

No. 894, 1687.—[Complaint.] . . Hendry Gordon . . proprietor of the lands of Harthill and Kirkton of Oyne . . heir to John Gordon his father . . George and Arthur Gordons, two of his tennents . . being much molested . . . by Patrick and William Leiths of Old Rayne and Mr James Strachan, minister ther . . raised a complaint before . . Councill . . P. and W. L. came with Robt. Stewart, messenger, to the house . . under . . cloud of night . . apprehend . . and incarcerate . . in the tolbooth of Banff . . . return to his corn-year . . take away 20 bolls great oats with the ffother at ten merk the boll . . . procured suspension to put at liberty

. . . Leith and . . . Strachan upon pretence of . . . teind duties . . . apprehend and transport George Gordon to the house of George Fergusone of Newtone and complener to his own house at Old Rayne . . . . goe to his cornyard . . . take away two stacks of great oats . . . swearing great oaths they should beat out his brains ( ).

[PITCALNIE—Nos. 64, 104, 266, 313, 416, 566, 607, 675, 679, 695, 699, 798, 887, 888, 896, 907, 999.

No. 895, 1691.—Warrant.] I Aeneas Macleod, Town Clerk of Edinburgh—Forsameikle as Sir John Hall off Dunglass, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, hes by . . . Caption . . . against Alexr. Ross of Pitcalnie for not payment . . . for which . . . incarcerat . . . tolbooth of Tayne these several yeares . . . Sir J. H. hes . . . assigned to me . . . I, considering A. R. of P. hes been prisoner several yeirs, and . . . other considerations moving me . . . authorize the magistrats . . . to sett A. R. at libertie . . . . Witnesses Robt. Munro, periwig maker in the Canongate, and James Macculloch, writer in Edinr. [The earlier stage of the same affair, probably, is in a part of a decret of 1681, in which “Alexr. Ross now of Pitcalnie is decerned for a debt of 2000 merks to dispone the lands of Nether Cambuscurrie . . . the mylne of Morinschie, the dry multers of Morinshie, Tarlogie, and Cambuscurrie, and the ferrie boat.” For disobedience he is put to the horn at Tain mercat cross; then he seems to have gone to prison rather than give up his property—till above date. Macleod was a younger son of Hugh of Cambuscurry, and distinguished himself as the preserver and indexer of the Records. The “other considerations” would, of course, be the transfer of the properties. For Cadboll’s marriage and his other property, see No. 759. In 1733 there is a disposition by Malcolm Ross of Pitcalnie to his spouse, Jean Macculloch, and his children, James, Charles, Aeneas, Anna, Christian, Isobel, and Catherine. Malcolm’s son raised the great case noted in Nos. 722 and 729, and we have

No. 896, 1736.—Part of copy of a Condescendence for Ross of Pitcalnie in Balnagown Succession Case.] Alexander Ross of Balnagown had two sons . . . second was Nicolaus Ross of Pitcalny, whose son was David, whose son was David, the 2nd of Pitcalny, whose, &c., Alexander, whose, &c., Malcolm, whose, &c., Alexander, the pursuer. [A subjoined note against this says] . . . the investiture of George Ross in 1615 calls for the succession, failing his heirs, Alexr. Ross of Invercharron, whom failing Hugh Ross of Tollie without any word of this Nicolas . . . . [The only paper in the case found, the rest, doubtless, having been sent to Edinburgh for the print. Lastly, in 1763, Naomi Ross, mother of Munro Ross of Pitcalnie, enters into arbitration as to the marches between Pitcalnie and Kindeace.



PITKERRY—Nos. 6, 11, 33, 85, 154, 181, 190, 266, 313, 424, 607, 666, 716, 921, 1004.

No. 897, 1644.—Contract Matrimonial] . . . betwix Androw Ffearn . . . air servit of umql. Magnus Ffearne, portioner of Pitkellen, and Alexr. Ross of Pitkerrie taking burden of Christian Ross, his second lawfull dochter . . . in contemplacioun . . . binds . . . to procure himself infest in the fyve oxgang landis of Pitkelzean. [Two daughters not mentioned in “Earls of Ross.”]

No. 898, 1655.—Disposition.] . . . Hew Ross, son and air to Alexr. Ross of Pitkerrie, proprietor of the quarter lands of Leachclavak, Salachie, and Mukernach . . . to John Ross of Little Tarrel . . . for . . . 2000 merks . . . Witnesses, George Ross in Ardgay, James Norie burges of Montrois. [In same year is a matrimonial contract] . . . betwix Maister David Ross of Logie Easter and Jonat Munro, relict of the deceist Alexr. Ross of Pitkerrie, with consent of Hew Ross of Cunlich, her eldest sone, and Mr Andrew Ross, minister at Tarbat, her sone, burden taikers for yair mother . . . baith pairties . . . obleist . . . matrimonie . . . but [with-out] furdur procrastinatione . . . Hew . . . and Andrew . . . to pay yeirly two chalders bear . . . out of said David’s lands f Pitnellies. [Then of Mr Andrew we have

No. 899, 1691.—Letter, torn; very small and neat writing; docketed] My father’s letter to me. ( ) I trust yee will ( ) and bring along yor daughter ( ) ever it please ( ) return home, being now destitute of ( ) hee did maintain her yr and howbeit I question not the ( ) of our freinds and relatives to her, yet I know everie one hes yr owne ( ) and familie to look after I think it not fitt shee be burdensome to anie of them . . . onlie wish ye present my love and service . . . to Morangie, to Mr Charles and his familie . . . yor brother in law Wm. wt. his sister and yor husband’s . . . faile not to doe qt. can be done anent yor sister Jeane her affaires and children . . . yt. qt. . . remained may be better made forthecoming for ye relict and young ones the L. has left . . . So committing you all to the Lord’s love, I still remaine yor affectionat loveing fayr., Mr And. Ross. Pitkrie, June 27, 1691. [He was minister of Tarbat, and died next year. In 1694, the next and most notable Alexander Ross of Pitkery, Sheriff Depute—see No. 85—appears in a burges ticket on parchment, in Latin, admitting him a burges of Elgin, and naming the then Provost, Alexander Russell, and the bailies, Robert Junor, James Stewart, and ( ) Donaldson. In 1696 is a letter of Janet Coburne from Ardiluy to her brother, Mr Alexr. Ross of Pitkerrie, asking help to pay her debts. In 1701 is a letter addressed “For Master Ross off Pitkarie, in the parish of Ferne and the sher of Ross and the nor. of Scotland, these are to be delyvered with care.” It begins “loving and

deir cousine," is from William Ross in London, where he has been for six years, and has heard nothing from friends at home. In 1707 is a letter from Captain Hugh Mackay, sending law papers and mentioning Colonel Mackay of Scourie and Lord Reay. In 1708 is another from same to same, referring to Pitkerry's journey to Edinburgh and to his good lady and family. In the same year is a letter to him from Inverness: "My Dear Cousine . . . Thomas Fraser had not the things sent for; therefore James Thamsone ansered all except the wyns and glassis. I went to Alexander Stewart's house and intreated him no to send the wyn unless it war good; the brandy and sack is very good . B. Ferne. P.S.—Respects to your wife and her sister; my husband gives you his service . . I hear your son is coming south, bid him come to see me." In 1710 is another from Hugh Mackay, Scourie, trying to make a tryst between Alexr. Ross and Lord Reay and Ross of Inverchasley for settlement of a wadset on Eddrachillis. Mackay writes "on Wedsinday," showing his pronunciation.

PITLUNDIE—Nos. 566, 602, 824, 847.

No. 900, N.D., but, by allusions, 1686.—Letter, addressed] For Hugh Bailzie, Sheriff Clerk of Ross. Sir,—I received yours wt. my service and my father's charter of Pitlundie . . . seaisine of the Chancellor's Manse . . I wonder how any of the clergie should take exceptions to my retouring it to be halden of the King . . . also Charles Mackenzie's service . . . . It shall cost no more than my aun, and the Chepest yt ever any such past for both retour and service was six dollers or 18 lib. Scots . . . a barronie it wold cost 36 lib. Yor . . servant, Jo. Monro. P.S.—I give my humble service to yor bedfellow . . . We have verie little newes . . . The Emperor at last is master of Buda, the taking whereof hes occasioned manie oyr places in that countrie possessed by the turks to be deserted and left open to the enimie. The french proceedings in fflanders hes given the alarme to the government of these countries and to the hail Empyre, so yt a rupture is expected. [John's father, Rev. George Munro, died in 1686, and the taking of Buda by the Elector of Bavaria was also in 1686. John was a lawyer, a W.S. He sold Pitlundie to the above Hugh Baillie, for we have next

No. 901, 1702.—Seasin in Latin]. . . . in favour of Wm. Baillie as next heir of the late Hugh Baillie, Sheriff Clerk of Ross . . . in the half davach lands of Pitlundie and its pendicle Teantoir . . within . . Kilmuir . . also [in Chanonry] that manse and garden of the Rector of Ross-keen between the manse, &c., Limlair on the W., the manse of the Dean of Ross on the E., and the highways N. and S. [By 1725 there was another change, for Wm. Mackenzie is served heir to his father, Kenneth Mackenzie of Pitlundie.

PLAIDS—Nos. 13, 14, 288, 404a, 416, 651, 759, 867.

B. No. 902, 1553.—Agreement.] At Inverness ye . . . [5th Novr., 1553,] it is . . . . finallie concordit betwyx . . . Sir Nicolas Ross, commendator of Ferne and provost of Tayne . . . and Alexr. Innes of Playds . . . for ye extinguyne and deleting of all pleys [lawsuits] and debates betwyx yame . . . till fermely . . . decyde . . . at ye decrete . . . of ye persones under wrytyn as juges . . . . Huchone Ros of Kylrawak, Kenzeit M' Kenny<sup>t</sup> of Brayne [Kenneth Mackenzie of Brahan,] Duncane Bayne of Cully<sup>s</sup>, Sir Johne Nicholsons vicar of Lagane, Maister Duncane Chalmer Chancellor of Ross, and Jasper Vaus of Lochslyne . . . for Sir Nicolase, And Maister Williame Gordoune thesaurar of Caytnes [Dornoch,] Maister James Straythauchin persone of Balhelwye [Belhelvie, W. of Aberdeen,] James Innes of Tauchts, James Innes of Draynye [N. of Elgin,] Johne Gordoune in Cairnboarrow, and Alxr. Urquhard of Inchrorrye . . . for Alexr. Innes . . . and . . . hes chosen . . . John Grant of Freuquhye as oversman. Quhilks parteis sall conveyne wt. ye saids juges . . . . Upon ye debatable ground of ye moss adjacent till Ferne and Catbo, and yr<sup>r</sup> sall accept . . . ye . . . office of juges . . . in ye debatable actione . . . concerning ye propirtie of ye . . . moss and als concernynge ye thryd pairt [see No. 14] of ye Eschetrie w<sup>tin</sup> ye brugh and gyryth of Tayne . . . and all uy<sup>r</sup> . . . questiones and querells . . . preceeding . . . . sall begynne tent day of Merche . . . gyf . . . sentence . . . betwyx . . . and fift of Pasche nixt . . . and in caice of discord . . . oversman . . . sall decerne . . . and bay<sup>t</sup> ye pairties ar bund . . . and sworne . . . ye halie evangelis . . . till observe and fulfill yis compromit . . . nor sall nevyr appell . . . . Subscryvit wt yr<sup>r</sup> hands . . . Witnesses, Alexr. Ross of Balnagowne, Alexr. ( ) of ye Holme, Johane Innes of Inverbekie, Valter Innes of ( ), Alexr. Ross in Lytil Allane, and Master Martyne Hog Notar Public. [Both Innes and Nicolas sign, the latter more fully than in No. 14 —“ Sir Nicholaiss ross pvest. of tane & commendator of ferne ”—see photo.

B. No. 903, 1572.—Attested copy, Contract.] Att Tayne in Ross . . . it is contractit . . . betwixt Alexr. Ross of Balnagown . . . and Alexander Innes of Plaids, with consent of Elizabeth Innes his spouse . . . . Innes binds himself . . . to resigne . . . overgiff . . . all ryt. . . propertie . . . of ye toune and lands of Catboill wt. ye fortalice yairoff, Petcandie, Skardii wt. ye miln . . . Petogartye, Petnilie, Plaidis, Bellecuith, Bellecherie . . . with ye heretable office of ye bailzeirie of Tayne . . . lyand w<sup>tin</sup> . . . regaltie of Spynie . . . to Alexr. Ross . . . . saids lands and bailzeirie . . . . sufficient chartor and . . . seasing . . . and Petcandye to be halden of ye cheplanes of Murray as superiors for sic payment as ye said



Alexr. payit for ye sam befoir . . . ffor ye qlk . . . said  
 Alexr. Ross binds . . . pay ane thousand merkis . . . 500  
 at Mertymes 1572, 500 at Mertymes '73 . . . attour . . . binds  
 . . . to restoir . . . to . . . Innes . . . all his cornes, oxin, ky, sheip,  
 hors, bedding, naiprie, plenissing . . . movable guidis . . . cat-  
 boll and fortalice yairof and upon ye lands of litill Kilmuir  
 perteing to . . . Innes or . . . subtenentis . . . and for maire  
 sure keiping . . . bindis . . . under pane of 5000 pundis . . .  
 In witness . . . subscrivit befoir . . . Maister Thomas Ross  
 commendator of Ferne, Hew Ross of Tolly, Walter Innes of  
 Canderufe [Kinrive], and Robt. Innes notar publict. This  
 is ye just copie of ye principall contract faytfullie wreittin,  
 &c. [This paper locates the hitherto uncertain Petkenny  
 granted in 1281 by the Earl of Ross to the Bishop of Moray.  
 From this and No. 677 we see that Alexr. Ross raided  
 Innes's lands, and, apparently by force, got above agree-  
 ment, by which Innes was to give up his lands and heredi-  
 tary bailieship; that Alexr. Ross, or Macculloch, next  
 destroyed Innes's tower of Cadboll, and imprisoned Innes;  
 and that then the power of the Council and the Regent  
 Morton was invoked against Balnagown. In 1579, Plaids  
 and the Hereditary Bailieship of Tain were transferred to  
 Innes of Cromarty, and by 1593—see No. 941—had been  
 again transferred to Sinclair of Mey.]

B. No. 904, 1574.—Procuratory.] . . . me Alexr. Ross of  
 Balnagown . . . solemnatlie and irrevocablie ordinat . . .  
 my lovit Donald Ross in Ballaymukkie [Balmuchy] my . . .  
 procurator . . . factor . . . committand . . . full . . . power . . .  
 mandement . . . in my name . . . till . . . requyre Alexr. Innes  
 of Plaids personalie apprehendit or at his dwelling place  
 callit The Inches in Moray in pns. of ane notar and witness  
 till cum and resave . . . within ye parochie kyrk of Elgin . . .  
 callit Sanct Jelis [Giles] Kyrk upon ye first day of ffebruarie  
 . . . betwixe ye sone rising and doun passing of ye samyn . . .  
 ane thousand pundis . . . for ye releiss of ye lres of reversione  
 of . . . Rarecheis . . . Myltoun of Westray . . . Balhuleish  
 . . . Meikle Dollace . . . and in cace of absence or refuse of  
 . . . Innes till resave the said soume till consigne . . . ye  
 samyn . . . in ye hands of ye . . . bailzeis of . . . Elgin . . .  
 subscrivit . . . affixit my signet . . . xxii Jan. Iai Vet lxxiiiij  
 . . . Witness, Wm. Innes of Kanderuff [Kinrive], Walter  
 McCulloch.

[B. No. 905, 1574.—Discharge of above.] I Alexander Innes  
 of Plaiddis . . . ressavit . . . compleitlye payit . . . be Donald  
 Ross . . . procurator . . . ane thousand pundis . . . for ye redemp-  
 tion of ane reversionoun . . . giffin . . . to Alexr. Ross of Balna-  
 gowan be unquhile Wm. Karuncors of Colmistie . . .  
 Rarichie . . . Myltoun . . . Ballinleicht . . . Meikle Doles . . .  
 wtin ye proche kyrk of Sanct Geill . . . Witnesses . . . Wm.  
 Harvie, Thomas Umphray, twa of the baellies . . . Elgin :

David Winthrep indweller yr., Ritchart Robertson burgess yr. . . Jas. Spyne, Thos. Robertson kepar of ye proche kirk.

[POLLO—Nos. 196, 313, 373, 709, 769, 997.

No. 906, 1601.—Charter of Confirmation, Latin, parchment, badly rotted.] . . . Lord Balmerino . . . a certain charter granted by Wm. Ross of Priesthill to Donald Ross his son and Agnes Innes his loving spouse, of lands . . . in fulfilment of marriage contract . . . towns of Wester Pollo of Balintraid ( ) in the newly erected County of Ross . . . for a certain sum of dowry money ( ) of late Sir Wm. Keith of Delny, Knight ( ). Witnesses, Wm. Innes of Calrossye, Finlay Manson minister at Nigg, Walter Ross my brother. [In 1673 is an agreement by John Dunbar, fiar of Bennetsfield, to buy from James Innes of West Tarbet the townes and lands of Balintraid and Pollo, and that Issobel Ross, spouse of Innes, shall renounce any right to these.

POYNTZFIELD OR ARDOCH—Nos. 780, 912, 929; and in 1675 is the Retour of an Inquest at Cromarty. William Grant of Ardoch, father of John Grant of Resolis, died vested in the lands of Ardoch, Resolis, Newton, and Davidston. In 1763, George Munro, Poyntzfield, writes to John Munro, Culcairn, about Captain Munro's creditors. In 1766 is a charter by G. M. of P. to Wm. and Charles Poyntz of the lands of Ardoch, Teaninich, Blairnaclach, Calins Croft, Badofin, Kirkmichael, Newhall, Ballacherry, Ballaskilly, Birks, Aldynie, Calmies Croft, Wood of Braelangwell, and Cullicudin, also Gruids with Pitarskie. In 1766 also is a sasine and confirmation of same lands, and in addition, "Belloan at Dornoch, charted by the Bishop of Caithness in 1666 in favour of John Forbes of Culloden," also Clynes, and Meikle Daan, all to George Munro of Poyntzfield.

PRIESTHILL—Nos. 28, 133, 176, 196, 292, 350, 695, 770, 923.

No. 907, 1630.—Agreement] . . . betwix the richt honll. David Ross of Pitcalnie and Thos. Ross of Logie . . . setting and letting . . . the just and equal half of the lands of Priesthill . . . parochin of Kilmuir, and of the teynds and teynd scheaves of the lands of Baddibay and Pollonikall . . . rent 15 bolls 2 firlots beare.

[No. 908, 1645.—Latin, Precept of Sasine and Novodamus.—] Charles, &c. . . to Thomas Ross of Priesthill and Janet Ross his spouse . . . the Kirk lands of Ulladill . . . Crofts Rifeuschei and Rhiddorach alias Glen of Ulladill and wood of Dungowill between Raanache on the north, the burn called Auldtrappie as it flows to the water of Alnisak, and the lands of Dalnaclerach on the W. . . Alnisak and the arable lands of Logie S. . . The Cross called the Girthcroce dividing the common lands of the burgh of Tain and the

lands of Ulladill descending on a line south as far as the hill [see No. 735] of Barnschlay, on the East. And also the lands of Priesthill, Croft St John Baptist, glebe and manse formerly to the chaplainry of the Blessed Virgin, lying between . . . barony of Delny S. . . Inshfuire N. . . Tobernaladie W., and Tulloch E. Also Wester Geanie . . . also Wester Fearn . . . in . . . of old the abbacy of Fearn, with Easter Fearn to the E., water of Aldgrugak W. . . sea N., burn Aldtarsin S. Also lands of Invercharron . . . Polmorell . . . Glencalvie . . . the davach lands of Tarlogie, with . . . Morangie E., Cambuscurry W., seashore N., the common moor S. [Next year is a Royal Charter to same and of same, naming "barony of Geanzies, of old, Awatia," and in 1648 is a Latin sasine of Dalnaglerach by George Ross, portioner of Pitkerry, to Thomas Ross of Priesthill and Jonet his spouse. Lastly, in 1740 is a matrimonial contract, Arthur Ross, son of David Ross of Priesthill, to Margaret, 3rd daughter of deceased Jas. Sutherland of Clyne, and the couple have the mansion-house of Daan.

PULROSSIE—Nos. 67, 182, 183, 292, 909.

No. 909, 1743.—Letter to] David Ross, Commissary Clerk. Sir,—I hed no les nor 3 tims Last wick in cuest of you . . . not on day to los for I shud go for Banffshear on Sursday . . . Com over . . . I shall have Billi Keneth and Mr Fraser her or at Dornoch . . . . If you can not com send over all my Pepers if you . . . com bring them a Long and oblig you most humbell servent Mary Sutherland. Pollrose Agost 30 1743. [See No. 182. In 1747, 19th March, is a letter, John Gordon to W. Baillie, with "The Countess of Sutherland's burial is fixed to the 27th"; and another letter to Baillie from Pulrossie by Gray of Ardins:—

No. 910, 1751.—]. . . You promised . . . intelligence of remittances made by Lady Skibo to John Baillie . . . some of her papers after her death put in your hands . . . . your sending it to Major Mackay or me will singularly oblige the Major . . . . Robert Gray.

[REARQUHAR—Nos. 273, 436, 675.

No. 911, 1733.—] Information and Claim, John Sutherland of Riarchar agt. Mary Sutherland, relict of Deceast Wm. S. of Gees, and Mr Francis Robertson, minr. at Clyne, who set in tack to M. S. and F. R. . . lands, maynes, and mansion house of Riarchar . . . for 7 years . . . . J. S. reserved . . . the old loft in the mausion . . . in it plenishing . . . value £183 Scots . . . heap of peat rubbish with nothing between it and the back house but a stone dyck was put in fire by order of M. S. . . . contrary to advice . . . and burnt some days . . . strong wind . . . sparks took hold of roof thatched with a light dry divot . . . consumed . . . house and office houses. It is also informed that two of M. S. servants foolishly and indecently sporting wt. a cat . . upon a wager



threw the cat in the fire, and the creature running away full of fire through the house . . . augmented the flames . . . J. S. claims . . . rebuild . . . and . . . in as good condition as they were . . .

[REDCASTLE—Nos. 94, 206, 377, 486, 515, 602, 607, 750, 765, 861.

No. 912, 1679.—Contract.] Att Reidcastell 14th Novr. . . . agreeit . . . betwixt . . . Alexr. Urquhart of Newhall . . . John Urquhart, his eldest son . . . and Collin Mackenzie of Reidcastell for . . . his eldest daughter, Jean Mackenzie . . . to marie . . . for tocher good . . . Alexr. U. dispones to J. M. . . in lyferent . . . lands of Ardoch . . . E. and W. Teaniniches . . . the milne of auld callit the milne of Kintaill with . . . girnell . . . multeres, suckin and knaveschip of the lands of Rostabrightie, Wester Bellblaire, and wardes of gelnies . . . lands of Udoll . . . ( ). [In 1728 is a Latin Retour—Louise Mackenzie, heiress of Roderick Mackenzie of Redcastle, in the whole of 10,000 merks out of the towns and lands of Spittel, Gargiston, and the braes of the same, Killurnan East and West, Culmores, Lettoch, Ardafalzie, Torgormack, Kessock E. and W., and Fisherton, in parishes of Killurnan and Kilmuir Wester.

SCATWELL—Nos. 88, 264, 529, 607, 651, 759, 867.

No. 913, 1636.—Bond.] . . . me Kenneth Mackenzie of Scatwell . . . forsameikle as ther is ane appoyntment of dait at Rentony [?] St Androis . . . 1631 . . . betwixt . . . Erle of Seafort and the said Kenneth Mackenzie his Cusing germane, second son of umql. Sir Rorie Mackenzie of Coigach . . . with consent of Sir Donald Macdonald of Sleat . . . . . for 22,000 merks . . . dispone . . . the lands of Lochsliu . . . and . . . Pitnellies . . . .

[No. 914, 1682.—Latin Retour.] This Inquest held in the Burgh Court-house of Dingwall . . . the late Alexr. Mackenzie of Scatwell, brother of Kenneth M. of S., bearer of this, &c. . . died . . . vested in the town and lands of Ulladill called the Glen . . . with the wood called Dungold [as in 908, to "hill of Carnishey," then] . . . lands of Ballone and Sandwick . . . seven oxgang lands of Rarichies and Miltown of Westray, Lichstoun, Dallas, Daan, Dounie, and certain others . . . davach lands of Inverlaoll, grazings called Ardchernich . . . sheallings of Glendualdie, Deuchorrie, Feach-oisk and Glaslick woods in the parish of Lochbroom ( ) [rest wanting. Kenneth—in No. 913—married as second wife Janet, the relict of Thos. Ross of Priesthill, thus bringing the first set of properties in No. 914 into the family. His grandsons were Kenneth and Alexander in No. 914. We have had Kenneth's daughter, Margaret, in No. 759. Then as to Kenneth's son, Roderick:—

No. 915, between 1750 and 1760.—Will; pages 1 and 2 only.]  
 I, dame Janet Mackenzie, relict of the deceast Sir Roderick Mackenzie of Scatwal . . . . bequeath to Sir Lewis Mackenzie, my eldest son . . half of the furniture, silver plate included . . left in my jointure house of Rosehaugh at . . my husband's death . . . to . . which I have . . right by disposition . . 1741 . . and in regard my eldest son has already got from me . . a dozen of silver hafted knives and of solid silver forks . . reckoned to him in his division . . . to Alexander . . my second son, the other half of the said furniture, &c. . . . furniture of the first best room to . . Lewis . . and of the second best room to . . Alexander . . . . with all corns, horse, nolt, sheep . . greath . . . .

[SCOTSBURN OR ULLADALE—Nos. 226, 418, 566, 734, 739, 769, 770, 811, 908, 914, 923, 924.]

No. 916, 1741.—[Part of Process.] At Tain . . action . . instance of Simon Mackenzie of Scotsburn against Cap. Jn. Mackenzie of Kinraig and David Ross, Comy. Clk. . . . Complainer raised criminal letters against Gustavus Munro of Culrain and others . . . J. M. and D. R. proposed to submit same to two friends mutually chosen . . . . promised to pay . . expenses he had been at . . £18 12s 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d Stg. . . . refuse and postpone to pay . . [Defenders fail to appear, and are condemned in absence to pay.]

No. 917, 1751.—[Sasine, contained in] . . . . Bond granted by Duncan Ross of Kindeace in favour of Simon Mackenzie of Scotsburn for 4000 merks . . on . . Lands of Killdeathies commonly called Meikle Kindeace, milns, &c. . . . [Infetment carried out. Next, apparently, come pages 5 to 8 of a marriage settlement drawn by Simon Mackenzie of Scotsburn in favour of Jean Mackenzie] . . . . Dispones in their favours the lands of Ulladale, Glen yrof, Delnaclerach, and others abovementioned, reserving always his own liferent and his said spouse liferent. [From which it appears Jean was his daughter, but there are no further names.]

No. 918, 1762.—[Docketed] Scotsburn's letter. To Mr D. Ross, Comy. Clk. . . . pleased . . . at my Inrollment . . have my Cousine Sir Rory to thank . . . . Im sorry you got the trouble of going to Ulladale in my sister's absence . . I never expected to hear of her going so far from home . . . . This metropolis has been very dull for some time as the Company generally retire to the country at this season . . . . I'm sorry the parson of your place has had such bad pennyworth of my acquaintance the gray horse . . he is a much fitter gelding for a gardener than an undertaker [*i.e.*, contractor] . . . best wishes to . . Mrs Ross, self, Peggy, Little Mall, and Jack Tarr . . Rodk. Mackenzie. Edin<sup>r</sup>. 30th October, 1762. [In 1781 he, as a Justice, has before him two deserters from "David Ross's Independent Company, then lying at Perth." Therefore the Collector of Supply is

ordered to pay to David Ross, wright in Tain, who apprehended them, £1 stg. for each. Thirty years after, R. M. and D. R. are still corresponding:—

No. 919, 1793.—Same to same.] . . . with answers to Wallace's petition . . . I consider myself bound to support Wallace or any other on the property of Ardross . . . the judge knows the part I acted while these disorders distressed the country to be very different from what Mr Ross is pleased to lay to my charge . . . I was much in Strathglass at the time of The Chisholm's illness and death . . . Mrs Mackenzie thanks you for the trouble . . . in sending the speldings, which seem very nice . . . Rodk. Mackenzie. Scotsburn, 27 Augt. 1793.

[No. 920, 1823.—] Note for Alexander Mackenzie, Esqr. of Scotsburn . . . bring under review an interlocutor of the Sheriff-Substitute . . . that the widow of the late Wm. Macculloch . . . little Allan, was entitled to the reversion of a lease . . . held from . . . Mr Mackenzie . . . [In a part of a letter of same year, in a fine flowing hand, Mr Mackenzie alludes to his "being in 1812 somewhere out of the country with the Ross Militia."

SCOURIE—Nos. 91, 322, 899, 927, 928, 943.

No. 921, 1708.—Docketed] Scourie's letter, [but dated] Sidera 24 Jan. 1708—For the much honored Mr Alexr. Ross of Pitkerie, these . . . I got yours at Edr. but so late that all I had was given away to my creditors . . . of the little I have for my own private pocket I spare you the half. Tho there were much more then never meet never pay, and if I had the whole you sought . . . you might as freely command it as these five ginies . . . . Hugh Mackay.

[No. 922, 1710.—Letter, same address, docket, and place.] Sir,—I told you in my last I might have occatione to trouble you with a tryst with my Lord Reay, and now yr is something to be mett twixt his Lop. and me . . . wadset of Edrachilis . . . desyre . . . be at Cambuscurrie Wedsinday night . . . company with Inverchassley . . . Hugh Mackay. P.S.—My Lord Reay stopt here last night. [His signature is in monogram style, one upright of the M serving for the H, and the other also for the K, while the ac is inserted in the upper space, and the ugh in the lower, of the M. He was closely connected with Lord Reay, whose first wife was Margaret, daughter of General Robt. Mackay of Scourie.

SEAFORTH AND KINTAIL MACKENZIES, *see* BRAHAN.

SHANDWICK—Nos. 14, 24, 65, 566, 607, 773, 811, 845, 888, 889, 914. In 1568 is a contract by Carncorse of Colmistie with Donald Ross of Shandwick, binding himself to hand over possession of the quarter lands of Shandwick. In 1612 Beatrix Ross, spouse of Andrew Ross of Shandwick, gives a receipt to her husband and their son, Donald, "acquyting thame of twenti bolls bere sowing in the waster



pair of Shandwick callit Auchincleiss . . . due under her contract matrimoniall."

No. 923, 1664.—Petition.] . . . good men of Inquest . . . I Andrew Ross . . . eldest son of deceist William R. of S., wha died Apryle 1663 . . . Seasit in . . . Wester Gruinyeards . . . lands of Ulladill, &c. . . . wood called Dungald . . . under infeftment grantit be Thomas Ross of Priesthill . . . vi pennies the old feu ferme . . . lands of Priesthill . . . Mid Fearn, and . . . pendicle callit Tobernacallader . . . for yeirly payment of £3 18s money, 2 bolls beare or £3 4s for ilk boll, ane mairt or 20s; 4 muttons or 6s 8d ilk mutton; 8 hens or 11d ilk hen . . . [At Tain, before Sheriff, produced] chartor of apprysing under the hand of the keeper of the great seal in favour of Wm. Ross of Shandwick . . . 12th Augt. 1652, &c. [End torn off.

B. No. 924, 1676.—Notarial Instrument.] At Pitmaduthie . . . Daniel Ross of Knockgarthie for David Ross of Balnagown, and John M'Kenzie in Miltown for Sir George Mackenzie of Tarbat—also Alexr. Mackenzie of Ulladaill, and Lilius Dallas, relict of the deceist Andrew Ross of Sandwick—anent the Chartor chist of . . . Andrew . . . and evidents away taken be Alexr. Ross in Pitmaduthie, Andrew's brother, furth of Lilius' house in Drumgillie . . . alleagit be advyse of . . . Balnagown's . . . servants . . . David Ross hes given warrand to seik throughout his ground . . . found great quantitie of peapers in two Codwairs [bolsters] in ane chest pertaining to Alexander Ross . . . [In 1747 is a sasine of Shandwick and Tarlogie to David Ross, son of David Ross of Inverchassley.

SKIBO—Nos. 67, 91, 101, 133, 287, 358, 513, 768.

No. 925, 1571.—Parchment, Latin Charter, finely written and well preserved.] . . . John Gray of Sordell . . . with consent of Elizabeth Barclay my spouse . . . sell . . . to Andrew Ross, burgess of Tain, and Mariota Anderson alias Maktyr his wife, and to the longest liver of them in conjunct fee my arable lands underwritten, viz. [see No. 3, and, under Tain, Nos. 936, 937] . . . for a certain sum of money . . . to be held . . . by paying the usual feu-duty to the clergy of the blessed Duthac . . . In witness whereof my seal and signature and the signature of my wife is affixed at Skebo on the 13th day of August 1571 before these witnesses, Alexander Lewel of Pitgrowdy, John Lewel his son in Over Skebo, Gilbert Milne of Golspie Kirktown, John Barclay, and William Gray notary. On the 14th of August, Thomas Fiddess . . . procurator of John Gray [usual form of infeftment] . . . notary Wm. Gray of the diocese of Caithness. [Signatures] John Gray of Sordell, Besse Barclay wt. my hand. [On this deed there remains the seal of Fiddes only, but there is another copy which has John Gray's seal, but wants the signatures. John Gray came into these properties as brother of Alexander Gray, Vicar of Far, and later

Provost of Tain. The charter by the Bishop of Dornoch by which John came into Skibo in 1565—though not the original, but only a late copy is in Tain—may be given here in part:— We are bundin and obleist to repair and uphold our said fortalice and castell in walls and thek [thatch] sufficientlie, and we, haifand dew consideratioun . . . that . . . fortalice is nocht onlie rowynois . . . bot als is neir decait, faillit and destitute of plenisng to the hurt of us in our resort . . . and . . . of the west pairt of Sutherland, in trobollis tyme beand ane barbare and sowage rowme [savage place] circumdat and enverronit with clannis and broken men, and becaus we may nocht help to big, fortifie, nor repair . . . sodanlie [soon] throch greit exactiounes wynderous far by [beyond] . . . our predecessoris dayis, Yet that something may be done for uphalding of the samyn in all tymes cuming to the publict weill of this realme in danting of lymmeris [overawing bad characters] and ressaving of us, we assigns for now and ever to the said John Gray, &c. . . . [As to John Gray's son:—

No. 926, 1609 to 1764.—Memorial drawn in 1764] in a submission between Hon. Geo. Mackay and Mr Robt. Gray of Ardins. Gilbert Gray of Swordale . . . proprietor of . . . Estate of Skibo . . . also . . . of Hospisdale which holds of . . . Balnagown . . . divided from Over-Skibo by Burn of Revag or Auldbreck . . . In 1609, Gilbert Gray disponed . . . Hospisdale to his second son Robert . . . also gave Hill grounds Gapalan, Wowak, and Rianguish. [The dispute is about peat-cutting rights, and the muir or moss grounds are named] Knockdupoulchoir . . . Clashlocrach, Poulgorme, Ballachbuie na Wowak, Lonelochanguish, Binbreck . . . also Oldlone and Blarnamullach adjacent to Ardins . . . [In 1636 there is an assignation of Over Skibo to Robert Gray, Gilbert's grandson, and a list of Skibo properties occurs in

No. 927, N.D., end of 17th century.—Last part only of a marriage contract.] Robert Gray [grandson of above Robert] and Mrs Isobel Munro, daughter of Sir George Munro of Newmore, and Christian Hamilton ( ) ( ) townes and lands of Skibo, Castell Maynes of Skibo, Mikell Swordaill, Tulloch, Migdaill, Litill Creich, Litill Swordaill, Cuthill, Cutilhaldail, Alistie, Steanford, Riengollach, Rienrich, Rienmamie and Culnara, the heritable office of Constabularie of the said Castell of Skibo, Milns of Skibo and Migdale, Salmon fishings of the Bonar, Litill Creich, and Litill Swordale, Tounes and lands of Alistie, Auchvaich, and Ferrietoun, passage of ferrieboat on the shoar of Portnacoulter [now Meikle Ferry], salmon fishing in the water of Polchurich, Ferieness and Ardnakalk northmost of the twa milns of Siddera.

[No. 928, 1716.—Paper, complete and well preserved, docketed] Contract Matrimoniall betwixt Robert Gordone

and Mistris Anna Gray. At Kittle and Balchragan . . . Appryll and July 1716 . . . betwixt Robert Gordone, broyr. german to Sir John Gordon of Emboll, and Mistris Anna Gray, lawfull doughter to the deceist Robert Gray of Skiboll, with consent of George Gray of Skiboll her broyr. german and the said George as burden taiker for her . . . R. G. and Sir J. G. . . obleiges them . . . to provyde . . . 5000 merkes as meetting too, and to be eiked and joyned with, the . . . tocher good of 2500 merkes . . . dispone in lyferent the annuity and annualrent of the said . . . 7500 merkes . . . George Gray binds to . . . pay to R. G. in name of doatt the said 2500 merks . . . Anna not . . . to renounce . . . any portion without consent of George Gray and of George Munro of Culraine, her uncle . . . Witnesses, George Munro of Cullraine, Alexr. Gordon off Kilmuir, Captn. Hugh M'Ky of Scourie, and Adam Gordon of Killedder [all four parties sign, and all witnesses except Mackay, and all clearly. In a letter of 1745, Alexr. Mackenzie of Fraserdale asks W. Baillie for a "report of the present state of the es—te of Sk—o," evidently a delicate subject, and we see it in

No. 929, 1744 to 1764.—Wadset and disposition] . . . Contracted between the Hon. Captain George Mackay of Skibo . . . and David Ross, younger of Inverchasley . . . G. M. for the sum of £400 Scots . . . wadsets and disposes . . . Mains of Skibo, Castle, Tower, Brewery and Manor place, Biggings, yeards and orchyards . . . and possessions, viz. Garvarie, Blackpenny, Rhinahaugh, Knockglass, Loantarsin, Waird of Rewar, Cockscroft . . . excepting these pendicles called Achloch, Hiltown, and Heights of Skibo, sett . . . by the deceast Patrick Doull of Skibo to Robt. Mackay in Scoury, Tutor of Farr, by Wadsett . . . Decr. 1744, which lands are held of the Crown . . . charter . . . great seall in favour of P. D. of S., uncle to Captn. Geo. Mackay, date 23rd Feb. 1744, and . . . G. M. hath now right as heir of provision to . . . his uncle—in virtue of the Disposition . . . granted by Alexander Gordon of Ardoch of the lands of Skibo to P. D. and heirs, whom failing to G. M. . . . wadsett . . . redeemable by G. M., whom failing by Major Alexr. Mackay of the Regiment of foot commanded by Lieutenant General Howard, wh. fa. by Misses Mary, Mirrion, Christian and Marian Mackays, daughters of the deceast George Lord Reay . . . by payment . . . Whitsunday 1764, within St Giles' Church, Edinr., at . . . where the Earl of Murray's tomb is situated, between 12 and 2 p.m., on premonition of 60 days ( ) [rest wanting, but enough to show that Robert Gray mortgaged Skibo to Doull, or Dowell as it is now spelt, whose sister married, as third wife, George, 3rd Lord Reay, and had Captain George. As to uncle and nephew, there is next a sasine of 1751 "to Patrick Doull of Winterfield and his heirs, whom failing to George Mackay of Strathmore, advocate, now Captain George Mackay, son of his sister, of



the lands of Skibo Mains," &c., as above. Later, as we have above, George succeeded, and, later still, mortgaged it to Inverchassley—afterwards Lord Ankerville. Here comes in

No. 930, 1763.—Letter, holograph, small and neat writing, to Baillie at Rosehall.] Skibo ( ) Augt. 1763. I recd. yours of yesterday early this morning, and wrote you a return by Tain . . . I thought it would be imprudent to send Richardson my salmon with yours, because there was not time to have a return from him . . . whether he agreed to include me in your bargain . . . I wrote . . . to have them . . . otherways . . . As Kenneth Scobie has come here on his way to Rosehall I write . . . by him . . . George Mackay. [In the same year is an entail by Mrs Mary Munro of Newmore, of that estate, to (1) her heirs male, whom failing (2) William Ross of Aldie, son of her sister Jane, (3) heirs of her sister Ann, who married Macculloch of Glastullich, (4) Robt. Gray, son to deaceat George Gray of Skibo by Issobel, her other sister, (5) heirs female of each in turn. From Robert there is

No. 931, 1749.—Letter.] Dear Aunt,—As I am in some measure obliged to dispose of the horse I brought from London, intended for my ounce . . . bound to give you the first offer . . . good and serviceable . . . I have not at present money . . . to clear Mr Donaldson. I am glad to hear George is getting better . . . hope by the time he leaves Edinburgh . . . as good health as ever. Mr McKay joyns me in compts. to you and George . . . Robt. Mackay, Rien. [For Rien, see No. 927. George, only son of Gustavus of Culrain and of Mary of Newmore, was weakly, died two years after this, and thus arose the need for above settlement.

STRATHBOGIE—Nos. 542, 552, 742.

No. 932, 1680.—Letter, addressed] ffor John Grant off Dunskeith and Alexr. Davidson, nottar publict in Chanonrie, thes ar. Boig 17 apryll 1680. Assured freinds . . . Decreit is obtained against you . . . for my papers . . . Letters of horn-ing . . . against you both . . . therefore come to this place . . . together with my writts and evidents . . . . If this you further . . . postpone and that the event prove less in yor favor: blame yourselves. Your assured friend Huntly.

[STRATHCONAN—

No. 933, 1674.—Letter: only breach of promise case found.] Stratheconan—1674. Honoured loving Coussing . . . I spok you anent the bearer his particular at Brahan . . . a young man yt was his nyghbour sone wold not consent to marie anie uyr woman but this man his daughter which the young man's father was not consenting to, but at last fynding his sone obstinat . . . both pairties met and consented . . . maraige day under failzie. They war thryss properlie proclaimed

. . . maid raidie for his daughter brydel, and the verie day apoynted he that should be Brydgroume without anie known reason went and contracked with ane uyr and haith married her, having payed ten pound to the minister for taikin him out of the session buik, qlk haith brocken the fortune of the bearer his daughter, al men saying that excep he knew some privat fault he wold never have forsaken his seven year mistris without anie ground but wilfulness. Iff such inormities be suffered many may be afronted [faced] be it . . . Iff ether of you . . . commisars sitting he will have justice . . . I pray informe Commisar Peterson of qt is hear said . . . Court at Contane . . . The ack taken before your clerk qlk is in his kist at Chanorie, and he being tacking up with my lord his affaires hear could not be present . . . I intreat youll receive the bearer his witnesses, for it was with great difficultie he gat them now from ther hairvest . . . qt troubil you tack in this is done to your ever assured freind and comerad T. McKenzie [address] for my honored Cussing Alexander Grahame ff Drynie thes. [He was Commissary.

SUTHERLAND, and EARLS of—Nos. 180, 217 292, 541, 543, 549, 550, 552, 556, 559, 560, 589, 610, 615, 624, 627, 667, 685, 686, 690, 805, 819, 479†, 820, 870, 935.

B. No. 934, 1612.—Summons.] James, &c. . . . peremptorie summons John Erle of Sutherland or at leist appeirand air to umquhile Alexr. Erle of S. . . by proclamation at the mercat cross Edin<sup>r</sup>. shoir and peir of Leith . . . he is furth of our realme . . . George Ross of Balnagown and David Ross his . . . air . . . personallie . . . to answer at the instance of Sir Thomas Hamilton . . . and Sir Robert Gordoun our donator . . . gift of the non-entries . . . mailles . . . of lands of Strathokall, Inverchasley, Glenchasley, Glenmuick, Knockan, Tutimtarvach, fishings of the twa Turnokis, Esokew, Kinlochew, Drumtoche, Amat, Langwell, fishing of Enoche, Dailnachtyne, and Doune, landis of Strathcarrone, Seoll, Knockmarrow, Langwall . . . Skewtichaell and Grunnardis, Auchnacullane, Littell and Mekill Doles, Ardmoir, Bellinliche, Mylns of Westray, Litle Davan, Esbolck, Amat, Balnagowin, Auchowzeill, Torrenlea, Knokartie, Pitcui, Badcall, Multowi, Culcairne, and Bellinboune, the pertinents of the lands of Balnagowin . . . come into our handis be . . . non entrie sen . . . deceis of umq<sup>l</sup> Alexr. Erle of Sutherland 1594.

[TAIN—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 13, 14, 22, 23, 25, 30, 34, 36, 40, 41, 42, 61, 67, 68, 69, 75, 102, 116, 119, 120, 121, 122, 124, 125, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 136, 139, 140, 141, 142, 145, 147, 150, 161, 162, 163, 164, 173, 178, 181, 188, 189, 194, 202, 209, 218, 219, 220, 221, 223, 232, 237, 238, 239, 242, 243, 252, 253, 254, 257, 267, 279, 281, 284, 288, 292, 294, 295, 296, 297, 301, 302, 303, 307, 310, 311, 313, 315, 317, 322, 325, 326, 327,

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The bound minute and account books of the Burgh of Tain, which begin at 1670, were not in this investigation. Any minutes or accounts of Council given are from papers and fragments of minute-books found among the Sheriff Court papers, or from Balnagown papers.

No. 935, 1439.—Parchment, Latin; Retour of Inquest—framed—in Council Chamber.] This Inquest was held at the town of the Immunity of Tain on the 20th April, 1439 by the undersigned trusty men:—Alexander de Sutherland, master of the same; William de Leslie, Sheriff of Inverness; Hugh de Ross of Balnagown, George Munro of Foulis, Alexr. Macculloch, Alexr. son of Henry de Sutherland, John de Sutherland, William de Calder, William de Terral, Hugh son of Alexander George McCulloich, Hugh younger of Munro, Donald son of Symon, Ferchard Reyid burgess of Inverness, John Moir of Caldrossie, John Bayne, Donald Mactyr, Donald Sussor, John de Spens, Andrew son of Alan, Andrew of Tarrale, John Monylaw, and Alexander Skynnane. These being sworn . . . found . . . that all the dwellers within the said immunity of Tayne and all their goods whatsoever are under the special protection of the Apostolic See, and the said Immunity was first founded by a certain most illustrious King of Scots, Malcolm Canmore, of good memory . . . afterwards confirmed by several illustrious princes—David Bruce, Robert his nephew, and the last Robert, son of Robert I. [there is a disarrangement in the text of this sentence, “son of Robert” should go with David] and that the inhabitants . . . have and have had full and free power and privilege of buying and selling all goods whatsoever within the four corner crosses of the said Immunity, and that they never have paid, nor of right do pay, any contribution to the Kings of Scotland nor to the Earls of Ross except the custom to our lord the King, and thenceforth it is lawful for all inhabiting the said immunity to work and sail with all their merchandise, and goods whatever, everywhere, at their own good will, without any contradiction or further demand, by virtue of the privilege of the oft-mentioned immunity as shall seem best for their own interest. In faith and witness of all the foregoing the seals of certain of the foresaid trusty men who took part in the foresaid inquest under the impress of the seal of the high and mighty lord Alexander Earl of Ross, Lord of the Isles,



and Justiciary of our sovereign Lord the King on the north side of the Water of Forth—have been affixed to this present inquest . . . This is a true copy of the chief and original Inquest . . . by me James Hoppringile, N.P., &c. [The date of the copying is not given, but the script is that of mid-sixteenth century. This is confirmed by the oldest register of admission of notaries preserved in the Register House. At p. 208 is the admission of Jacobus Hoppringile on 1st Jan., 1564; and in Reg. Mag. Sig., 1580-93, No. 981, he appears as notary for deeds of 1572 and 1578. The copy was not before 1564, and might have been any year to 1578, or somewhat later. The parchment of 1439 is not known to exist. This parchment is the one authority for the first erection of Tain into a burgh, and deserves to be given first and fully. The Earl was son of a daughter of Alexander Leslie, Earl of Ross, and of Donald, Lord of the Isles, referred to in No. 671. Latin text in Appendix. There come next a number of charters of properties, which may be summarised:—

No. 936, 1530, &c.—Parchment Charters, Latin.] Donald Moneylaw with consent of wife, Agnes Reid, and of the Canons of the first order [see No. 2], to his son Thomas, arable lands with buildings; feu-duty the usual and wonted [in other charters this will be understood if none is quoted] Witnesses, Alexr. Spyne, Finlay Manson, Finlay Muldonycht. In 1532—A barn lying between the lands of the Laird of Foulis on E., Vorlidui Hill on S.; feu-duty two pennies to the clergy of St Duthus. In 1537, same barn, with Alexander Davidson, bailie of Tain as witness. In 1536—Donald MacHenry MacEan Duff to Wm. Ross Gyllecallumson, arable of one boll bear sowing; witnesses, Alexr. Spyne, then second bailie of the town, John Reid in Petogarty, &c. Also, in 1536, Walter Reid to Agnes Reid, arable, 4 bolls' sowing, with King's high way to W. In 1538, Sir Donald Henryson, chaplain of the Collegiate Church, to Alexr. Gray, vicar of Far [see No. 925], a croft, 4 bolls' sowing, between the two high ways leading to Bengarrick and Talrogy, with Tablair to E. and Croft Salne to W. [i.e., between Moss Road and Morangie Road, and about the new Morangie House]; bailie, Alexr. Spyne. In 1541, Donald Moneylaw to same—Croft Gebonn, one boll sowing, King's high way on the W.; witnesses, Sir Thomas Murray, Chanter of Caithness [Canon of Dornoch]; Alexr. Spyne, burges. In 1541, Thomas Moneylaw to same Gray—Arable lands with high way to W., Croft Gebonn to N. Moneylaw puts his seal and signs "wt. hand at pen led be ye notar." In preceding charters only the seal is mentioned. In 1549, Donald Glas, burges, to Elizabeth Vaus his wife, one tenement with garden, having the common land E., the common way N., also a hut adjoining, and Croft Crenan and Croft Croy [between present Hartfield Road and Scotsburn Road], also arable lands between St

Duthus' shrine and Polkalk [see No. 411.] In 1560, see No. 7, and in 1561, see No. 218. In 1563, Finlay Manson, son of Sir Alexr. Manson, to Andrew Ross and his spouse, Bessie Cunnygam, tenement with garden in E. part of Tayne, having the tenement and garden of the said Andrew on N., the tenement formerly of Alexr. Gibson, now of Nicholas Ross, provost of Tayne, on S., Polkalk on E., and King's high way on W. [i.e., about present Odd-fellows' Hall]; feu-duty 3 pennies—Thomas Fedes, one of the bailies of Tayne. [Andrew was thus the old Abbot's neighbour "over the garden wall." In No. 925 we have had five properties, once Gray's, conveyed to him, and an interesting identification is completed by

No. 937, 1643.—Retour, Latin.] This Inquest was held in the Courthouse of . . . Tayne [compare with No. 218, where it is at the Mercat Cross] before Thomas McCulloch and Alexr. Re, youngest [imo] baillie, by these . . . Walter Re of Morinsches, &c. . . . to the number of 15, all burgesses . . . found that Andrew Ross, burges . . . grandfather of Andrew Ross, bearer of these presents, died vested in [the lands in Nos. 925 and 936, for boundaries, &c., are the same. Thus, Andrew must have been almost, if not quite, a centenarian. Returning, we have, in 1602, William Ross, burgher, on his eldest son, Andrew, marrying Margaret, daughter of Wm. Ross, appearand of Invercharron, conveying to them six properties; mentioning among the boundaries] the common lands, the lands of the Laird of Balgownie . . . the common lonngis [paths] . . . the common braes . . . the common way . . . the common moor . . . the field called Gallamoir . . . . Bailie, John Ferguson . . . Witnesses, Hector Munro, apparent of Assint, and John, sub-dean of Ross. [As to Finlay Manson in above, there is, B. 1582, this receipt:—] I Thomas Manson son to umq<sup>ll</sup>. Findlay Manson . . . be ye hands of Wm. Ross Alexanderson in Cambuscurry in name of . . . Alexr. Ross of Balnagown . . . auchtein markis . . . for ane tenement and yeard on ye south syde of Tane . . . now sauld and analit [alienated] be me to A. R. of B. . . . Thomas Manson wt. my hand at ye pen led be ye notar. [Though the father could write, the son could not.

No. 938, 1604.—Charter.] Catherine Reid, one of the two daughters heiresses of John Reid, burgher . . . to my husband, Andrew Mitchell, the just and equal half of [a great number of] crofts . . . pieces . . . riggs . . . butts . . . of land ploughable or bedewable [i.e., pasture—*arabilium vel rorabilium* is the remarkable Latin expression; also house property] one tenement with buildings and houses . . . between the Cemetery of the parish Church to E., the burn called Old Matak and buildings of John Ferguson to W., and the common way to S. [This is at once identifiable as the property opposite the Town Hall. The Matak gully, though largely filled up, is traceable and still remembered] . . . The Ward [enclosed field

or fold] in the north of Tayne called St Stephen's biggings between the com. lane to E. and com. way to W., and St Stephen's Manse to S. and the common green to N. [seems to be the properties N.W. of the B.L. Bank, the "common green" lying north of the present Chapel Street]; a barn, garden, and granary together in the east . . . A piece of vacant land between the cemetery to the north, the buildings of Andrew Macculloch to E., John Reid's buildings to W., and the common way to the S. [This is identifiable as the site of the present Tower and Post-Office. Only the four chief points of the compass are used, East standing for everything between N.E. and S.E., &c.] . . . a rig in the field of Polkalk with the Common Bank and St Duthus Rig to N. [apparently near Cadboll Place.] Two bolls' sowing in the West in the field called the Inach with the common way to N. Six Riggs of the same under the way which leads to Morinschy . . . riggs of the same above the way with Tobernafach to S., &c. [Thus the Inach was on both sides of the road near Mayfield.] Eight butts between the common way and the spring called Mc Meacluine's Well to S. [From later charters, McMeaklin's Well seems to have been about the head of Hill Street. Of the many other charters, only a few with place or personal names not already occurring need be noticed. In 1614, Hector Douglas, burgess, to Andrew Manson and Catherine Denune, his wife, who signs. The Bailie is Walter Strathochin, and also signs. Witnesses, Alex. Denune of Pittogartie, Walter Ross of Moreschies, John McGill, and Walter Mc Andro Maro—Hector Douglas [signs.

No. 939, 1671.—[Charter.] Alexr. Ross, Common Clerk of . . . Tayne . . . my spouse Agnes Corbat for fulfilment of a marriage contract given at Little Tarrell . . . Croft, Dyke Muldonych with Common Bank, Aldroy to N. . . . Croft Croy with King's high way called Aldinhardiche to the west . . . Croft, granary and byre between Aldinhardiche [Scotsburn Road] and the path which leads to the upper mill of Aldie [Hartfield Road] . . . Dyke Nouran with foott rodd which goes to Provost Andrew Macculloch's—called Teabrecke—Croftinrive—[all these lay about the two roads, and Teabrecke somewhere about Mansefield], Meikle Dyke and Gallowmoir [from Burgage Farm west. From the preceding and other papers we can gather that cultivation did not extend much higher than half a mile above Tain in the 17th century, and outside that was the all-encircling common moor. The holdings, whose extent is always given in bolls' sowing, were on the average very small, and the cultivation must have been largely by spade or hand-plough. Passing to matters municipal of that period, we have

B. No. 940, 1588.—] Ane particular Curt hauldin w<sup>tin</sup> ye tolbuith of Tayne ye xviii day of Novr. 1588 be ye balleis Walter Douglas, Wm. Ros, and Alexr. Hay—the sutts



callit the curt lawy. fensit . . . The qlk day Alexr. Ross of Balnagown producit *In dicralie* ane powar and commissioun under ye manuall subscriptioun of Sir Wm. Keyth of Delnye provest of Tayne conteyning the demissione of . . . provestrie in ye persone of . . . Alexr. quhay according . . . requyrit admissioun, etc. The balleis, counsell and hail communitie unanimiter hes votit and consentit . . . to . . . office of provestrie and hes ressavit his aith of fidelitie . . . .  
 Extractum de libro curiæ burgi de Tayne per me Wm. Fraser clericum ejusdem pro tempore. [We have seen in No. 34 that in 1582 the last clerical provost had lost that title, and been called sacristan. In above we have the first and second lay provosts, and Keith seems to assume the right to nominate his successor. There is something peculiar about Alexr. Ross being provost at the very time he had been ordered by the King's Council to give up the Chapter house he had illegally seized from the Church. Curiously enough, again, the next lay provost was son of the last clerical provost, as we see in the earliest record of a burgh court found:—

B. No. 941, 1593.—] Ane burow cort of tane halden within ye tolbuith yrof: Walter Ros of Moirynche provest of Tane Williame Ros Finlay Ros baillies of ye said burgh and Alexr. Hay baillie deput yrof under George Sinclair of May and Pladis bailie principall of ye imunitie of Tane ye twentie ane day of Januar ye zeir of God ane thousan fyve hunderth forsochir threttene . . . Ye sutis callit ye cort lawie. fensit and affirmat . . . compeirit Johnne Munro writtar and producit . . . procuratioun . . . Gavin Keith of Wester Litle Allane . . . power to insist befor . . . provost and baillies . . . serving and retouring . . . as . . . air to umq<sup>ll</sup>. George Keith his fayrbroyr . . . landis and tenementis . . . according to our Sovereyn Lordis breif. Impetrat furth of his cheppell . . . as in . . . letter of . . . said Gavin of ye dait at Auchnacloch . . . contentit . . . producit ane precept of ye provest and baillies . . . indorsat be . . . Walter Douglas burges, Andro McCulloch, Wm. Corbet, Thos. Maunsone, Alexr. Urqt. in Inverathie, Donald tailyeor, Gilbert Hay, Jhone Fergusone, Wm. Ros in Ballecuith . . . Androw Hay in Plaidis and Finlay Faid in Inverathie . . . summoned . . . to pas upon ye serving . . . persons of inquest [i.e., jury] war resavit but [without] objectioun . . . George Keith deit vestit and sesit . . . ye landis of sex bollis beir . . . besouth Tane betwix . . . landis . . . Sir Donald Henderson at east, common get [way] at west, Androw Fourd south, and common get north . . . certain riggis of arabill landis lyand in divers places about and at Sanct Duthokis Chepell . . . 5 bollis . . . betwix . . . Sir Alexr. Ros, S., Sir Jhone Moirsonne, E., Jhone Vaus, N., Dond. Reid and Laird of Foulis, W. . . certaine riggs . . . in Polcalk . . . . miln of Aldie callit Doyne . . . . producit chartor maid be Marioune . . . air to umq<sup>ll</sup>. Alexr. Ros of Litill Allane . . . to umq<sup>ll</sup>. George Keith . . . . That day ye persones of inquest

... notwithstanding nae objection made . . . reffuis  
to serve Gavin Keith . . . as air forsaid . . . thairfor said . .  
procurator protestes . . . for remeid of law . . . of yair wilfull  
refusall . . . [See next No. 423.]

No. 942, 1612.—[Parchment, Latin; Royal Charter.] James  
. . . . understanding . . . . the sharp necessity of . . . burgh  
. . . for . . . entertaining of inhabitants of the Islands and  
Highlands . . . also for instruction and education of their  
youth . . . confirm all the grants, &c. . . . by ourselves and  
predecessors to provost, bailies, Council, burgesses, inhabi-  
tans, and community of Tayne . . . in lands, &c. [usual list]  
. . . . the grazings called the Baadis and Raaniche . . . .  
within the four girth crosses . . . . and specially Inverrathie  
. . . Gortingis . . . Clerkisland . . . Priestland . . . . sea harbour  
of vessels and the shore petty customs or shore silver, salt  
and fresh water fishings, mussel scapes . . . sea wrak and  
wair [Scots words inserted in the Latin are reproduced] . .  
. . . electing provost, &c. . . . power of pit and gallows . . . .  
yearly free fair and weekly markets . . . fairs on feast of  
St John, 26th June . . . day of St Barquhan, 4th of August  
. . . . feast of St Duthos, 30th Decr. . . . of St Duchasius . .  
6th of March . . . of Saint Mc Harboch, 20th day of Novr.  
. . . weekly market . . Saturdays . . . selling and buying  
wine, wax, cloth broad and narrow, flax and wool . . . other  
staple gudis . . . pack and peill [liberty of dealing] . . . . daill  
silver . . . . chaplainries, altarages, prebends . . . . Red-  
dendo yearly . . . £5 Scots in name of burgh rent . . . Great  
Seal . . . . [See No. 294 for an actual payment of this £5  
by Tain. In above, the parts which repeat the earlier  
charter, No. 42, are omitted. In 1671 a third charter was  
granted by Charles II., still longer and more ample in detail  
—for example, specifying not only churches, but Church  
lands, prebends, vicarages, and patronage, naming Morrich-  
more and Newmore, with full rights of property over them.  
Without date, but about 1612, occurs a bond in which the  
name Teanrivan is spelt Tainrivan. This suggests the pos-  
sibility that the much-debated name *Tain* was originally  
*Tean* with another part afterwards dropped. A striking  
view of the wide-extending trade of Tain is given by

No. 943, 1613.—[Decree in action] . . . . Agnes Thomson, relict  
and executrix of John Chrystie, burgess of Tayne . . . for  
soumes resting to him . . . Geo. Ross of Balnagown, £100  
. . . Robt. Munro of Foulis for furneisings and wrought work,  
£87; Don. Neilson of Assint, ane Caldron, £28 13s 4d;  
James Innes of Inverbreakie, £29; Walter Ross of Mor-  
insches and his brother, £158; Hutcheon Ross of Tollie,  
£21; Andrew Denune, Meikle Rany, £80 and twa bolls  
vict.; Finlay Faid, Invereathie, £12; George Ross of Pit-  
kairy, £8; Arthur Sutherland in Inchfuir, Issobel Munro,  
relict of Jas. Innes of Calrossie, £13; ( ) spouse to Alexr.  
Ross of Invercharron, £12; Wr. Straithauchin in Listar,

ane hors, £50; Patrick Gordon, Craigton, £12; Effie Munro, relict of Donald Mackay of Scourie, £60 . . . Marion Ross, spowis to Wm. Ross of Priesthill, £21; Wm. Ross of Pitcalnie, £46 . . Agnes Junor, spowis to Don. Ross of Balintraid . . servitor to Laird of Mey; Barbara Polsoun, spowis to Andw. Munro of Teanowar, £11; Wm. McGull in Tayne, 9 firlots bear, pryce of boll £8—£18 . . togidder with £13 expenses of pley [law] within 15 days, under payne of horning and poyn ding.

[No. 944, 1628.—Extract from Register of Convention of Burghs] . . . haldin at the burgh of Perth 3rd July . . . grantis and gives licence to the burgh of Thayne to . . remane fra all . . conventiouns for 3 yeiris . . Provyding . . the samyn be not extended to parliaments . . send their ratificatioun of all things to be done . . bestow the expenses they sould have bestowit upon . . Commissioner . . on common werkes and to be comptable heirof . . . [See next Nos. 295 and 296. Then, in 1648, “ Andrew Macculloch of Glastullich, provost, heritable proprietor of the Over Milne of Aldie,” for 1200 merks sells to his “ freind Alexr. Ross Thomson, lait bailzie, thrie tent-pairtis of the said milne, conforme to the indentour past betwix the portioners and the inhabitants.” Next year, 1649, is the marriage of the same Provost’s daughter, Agnes, to David Ross, son of George Ross of Balmuchy.

N. 945, 1650.—Case of lawburrows.] Charles . . . showin to us be . . provost, &c. . . of Tayne that Hector Douglas of Mulderg, Hector Douglas of Balconie, James Douglas his brother in Ferne, Jon Munro, Millderg; Wm. Douglas Smith, yr. [long list from district] . . . daylie . . molest and trouble . . compleiners in . . joysing of the lands per-teining . . be guid richt—be eating and destroying of the cornes . . pasturing of ther guids upon the samyn, making of hie rods and wayes ther-throw qr never any was before, breaking down of the dykes . . destroying of hedges and growing trees . . casting . . and away leading of fewall, feal and divot . . daylie shoar minace and boast to bereave compleners of ther lyves so that they cannot travell . . for . . lawfull affaires without hazard . . contempt of us, our authoritie and lawes . . therefore we chaarge you . . take the sd. compleners aithis that they dread the forenamit persones . . . bodilie harm . . in our name chaarge the forenamit persones . . to find sufficient . . caution, sovertie and laborrows . . that . . compleiners shall be skaithles in their bodies . . heretages . . cattell . . geir, nor . . molested . . upon ther wyfes, bairnes, &c. . . . under payne of rebellyon and putting . . to our horne . . and escheit of all yr movables . . . at Edinr., 1st July 1650 . . [See No. 569. A grandson of the first named, and apparently the leader, of above band of reivers, had two daughters, from one of whom descended the late Principal Rainy, and, from the other,



Dr Gustavus Aird, a notable Free Church minister of the North. Thus two good divines are duly provided with a marauding ancestor.

No. 946, 1652-55.—Inquest and Charter.] Inquest within the Tolbuith before David Ross ane of the ordinar bailzeis . . . Alexr. Ross leat bailzie, father of Wm. Ross bearer, &c., died vested in Croftnacrive, Croftnaclach, and Crofts Brodie . . . Croy . . . Clyrich . . . the beat houses in the over part of the burgh . . . ane tenement with middinge rowme at the Gatvell; [and in 1655 the above Wm. Ross conveys] to John Ross of Aldie four tenth-parts of the Over Miln of Aldie . . . Reddendo . . . 13s 6d Scots [from which the feu-duty of the whole mill was 34s, or 2s 10d sterling. As to the midden place at the gable, there is worse in 1673, in a] Sasine, Wm. Ross Lachlinson to John Manson . . . tenement and yaird . . . middine forenenst . . . [also in 1684] Inquest . . . Alexr. Farquhar, notar . . . land and dwelling house . . . fifty foot in length . . . ane Mods house or little stable with ane midding stead fornenst the door of the said dwelling house [so even the lawyer lived with the midden in front of his house-door. When we remember that the very name of the two burns—middle and west—Matach, means *dirty*, indicating that they were used as receptacles by those who hadn't "rowme for a middine forenenst," the picture is complete. Next is

No. 947, 1655.—Minute of Council] 5 July . . . taking to consideration . . . exemptiones requyrit in former tymes be the comon breweris partlie for brewing of drink for baptisment . . . mariadges . . . working thair necessar warks, and otheris pretending the not brewing of twa bolls compleit in ilk browst . . . prejudice to . . . excyse . . . ordains herefter no comon browster be exemit . . . browst of twa bolls pay 26s 8d . . . Forasmuch as the provost, &c. . . being commissioned to ferme the excyse from the Commissioners at Inverness . . . for paiment monethlie of sex pounds ten sh. stg. . . . 12 July 1658 . . . cess of the burgh £80 per mensem, £40 for land, and £40 for tred yrof . . . appoynt John Ross of Aldie . . . Jon Ferguson burgess, Jon Hay of Hartfield . . . assisting provost, &c. . . proportioning . . . and to meitt . . . Wednesday be 2 afternoon, ilk person under payne of ten pounds . . . Bernard Scheall . . . collector . . . and is to have £4 for his paines.

[No. 948, 1657.—Notarial Instrument.] At Tayne 29th May . . . comperit . . . Alexr. Forrester ane of the ordinar bailies . . . for himself and . . . provost, &c. . . in the personall presence of Mr Thomas Mackenzie of Inverlawel and John Corbat of Rany, pretendit heritors of Inverethie . . . protestit that the stentaris convenit should . . . stent both land and tread conforme to . . . practiq . . . and Inverethie be stentit . . . ther was present als many landit men as treadis men . . .

Alexr. F. requyrit the said Stentaris to proceed and protestit against the said pretendit heritors for . . . dammage to be susteinit be quartering of trouperis for their refusall to sitt . . . . Thir thingis was done in the principall dwelling house of . . . Alexr. Forrester . . . . [Shortly after comes

No. 949, 1657.—] Instructions for Alexr. Forrester, commissioner to the convention of burrowes to be holden at Glasgow 1st July 1657 . . . . Petitione for diminution of the taxt roll . . . . Employ ane able man to defend the burgh against Thos. McK. [&c., as above] . . . . To petition for taking away our name out of the burrow roll . . . . unabilitie to maintain our liberties or grant obedience to half of the monthlie cess . . . . in respect our toune is almost totallie dispeopled . . . . act q<sup>t</sup>. can be actit in getting reparatiōne of the losses . . . . done be Morgane's brigaid . . . . [rest in end of No. 526.

No. 950, 1657.—] Minutes of Town Council.] . . . . Conventit Alexr. Forrester, Jas. Hay, and Wm. Ross, bailzies, &c. . . . . election of magistratis . . . . appointit meeting in Walter Hay his house . . . . ilk persone absent fourty pounds Scottis . . . . John Ross of Aldie is admittit burgess as his father's eldest sone quha producit his father's fredome . . . . made faith as use is. At Tayne 28th Sept. . . . Androw Ross, provost, and bailzies . . . . appointit Hew Dallas, J. R. of A., Bernard Sheall, ( ) Macculloch, and Wm. Ross Abatson, memberis . . . . Counsell be the major pairt continowis Andrew Ross provest . . . . Present bailzeis were . . . . put on leit with [3 others] . . . . electit James Hay, Wm. Ross, and John Ross Nicolson . . . . Wm. Ross protestit to be in fredome as he was in charge thir twa zeires bygane. James Hay protestit he is uncapabil . . . . [the bailieship was not coveted] . . . . Michaelmas Court, 30 Sepr. [list of 16] . . . . persones absent are unlawed 40 sh. . . . Androw Ross demittit provestrie . . . . be deliverance of his staff of office . . . . Alexr. Forrest, James Hay, and Wm. Ross demittit in like manner . . . . [The four] cravit ane act . . . . they might nocht suffer in name, persone, or guidis . . . . for breaches or prissoneris escape . . . . [All but Forrester accept; he is] ordainit to repair to Dingwall . . . . Wm. Ross . . . . electit commissioner . . . . [The Stent Roll of 1659 occurs, the highest assessment being on a merchant, 48s; two Bailies, a maltman, and the Provost, 20s; a "chapman" comes in for 8s; a litster or dyer, 12s; a tailyeor and customer [Custom House officer], 3s each; a cordiner [shoemaker], 6s; a goldsmith, and two women, Narune nein Wat McAndro and Christian Munro, only 1s each; a cooper, 2s; a weaver, 6s, and a mason, 10s; Wm. Ross, cremer, 13s 4d; a Burne wyffe and a burne woman [washers], each 6d; Walter Denune, sneisin [snuff] maker, 1s; poists [postmen], 2s and 1s 6d. [With 34 names no trade is given—likely farmers or property owners; there are also 28 women taxed, 4 maltmen, 1 officer, and 1 messenger [law], 4 weavers, 15 merchants, 2 litsters, 2 skinnors, 9

shoemakers, 5 tailors, 1 customer, 1 cremer [pedlar], 1 sadler, 4 masons, 1 wright, 1 bower, 1 baxter, 1 peit caster, 1 sneisin maker, 4 posts, and the two "burne women." For a much earlier list of tradesmen, and the way in which they combined trades with cultivation, see No. 423.

No. 141, 1659.—Remainder of Minute of Council.] . . . tutching the church fabrick the caption . . . against the heritors be renewed at the instance of Mr Jon Dallas . . . ordainit that the provest, &c., vysite the hail Comontie . . . ordered that the hail records and skrolls of the toune be delyverit to the clerk, and to yt effect the relic Jonat Suyrland and Alexr. Hay be spoken to and Alexr. Forrester be pnt. the nixt counsell . . . Hew Dallas was literallie [by letter] summoned . . . compleint by . . . provest against Andrew Ross, yor., for beating . . . his crofter in Teabreck . . . for the better and speedier call to ane qualified scholmaister . . . 11th May . . . Comperit personallie Alexr. Hay, late dean of Gild, and David Macculloch, merchand burges, anent the debait [dispute] betwix thame in the Void rowme betwix thair . . . tenements, and lest . . . breach of the peace . . . ordainit . . . find cautione . . . ordainit Tysday nixt to visit the debatable passage . . . Johne Ross of Aldie . . . absent, Alexr. Forester absent. Jon Ross, late bailie, is appointit collector of the pettie Imp(ost) of wyne [see end of No. 294. In minutes of 1660 they meet at 7 A.M., and fine absentees £10 each.

No. 951, 1660.—Docketed] Jon Forrester's letter to the Provost and bailzeis. 24th Jany. 1660. Forsuameikle as yor officer did charge me to compeir the morne . . . knowin to yor ho. what pressors [pressing reasons] I have to withdraw myself . . . hop . . . hold me excused, and as to that particular betwix Jon Fergusson and me . . . I did compt wt. him . . . resting him £38 19s and did offer ane debitor to him . . . in Tayn [i.e., to assign to him a debt due to me], which he refused, but I am informed you will rest satisfied wt. it . . . let not the character be put on me as a contemner of yor judicature . . . As to the uther lyball be J. F. against me, I am content at my coming to the toune to cleir him as my tickett obleiss me. Yor . . . servant and subject, J. Forrester. [He was clearly being pursued for debt, yet that year, as in No. 580, he got goods on commission and failed to account for the money. He appears as merchand in the Suite Roll of that year, which has altogether 148 names.

No. 952, N.D., but, by allusion, soon after 1660; docketed] Supplicacione, Tayne to the Convention of burrowes . . . necessitat to represent ther reason of dismembering from yor honble. bodie . . . Till the height of our intesting warre our impositions . . . we did suffer in expectatione of peace and alteration of the stent roll Till . . . our proportione came the lenth of ten pence of the hundreth pundis . . . we



are reductit to yt conditione . . . to desyre demissione of our priviledge . . . as ane member altogether usles . . . no persone within our incorporation that can carie the office of magistracie . . . within the tyme of usurpatione and his Majesties happy restoratione, our place is so depauperat and depopulat that there is not bot thrie young men who profess anie kind of trade whose substance and stock will not exceed in comone to one thousand pundis Scottis . . . which thrie are now to withdraw themselves at the nixt terme to the cuntrey for labouring the ground as having no substance to trade with . . . not abill to keip publict streitis, comone mercats . . . povertie and debt . . . for defraying of public impositions . . . our poor ones . . . wes necessitat to leave us, and run over seas and countreys by which they lost ther lyffis and left ther poore widdowis beggers . . . yor honors . . . to assist us, in defraying our public debt . . . discharging our arreir in missive dues . . . yor honors humble supplicants [signed by W. Ross, bailzie; Jn. Hay, bailzie; David Ross, dean of Gild; W. Ross, clerk; also Wm. Ross, W. Ross, David Ross, Walter Hay, J. McCulloch, John Munro, D. Manson, Johne Manson, who append "Counsellor"; also by D. Macculloch, Alexr. Macculloch, Johne Ross, W. Ross, Jon Fergusone, Georg Fergusone, William Makgull, W. Henderson, and J. Fraser, who append no description. The many W. Rosses and two David Rosses are all different handwritings. Their wail does not seem consistent with

No. 953, 1662.—Letter: Geo. Dallas to Tain Magistrates.] . . . motione lately among you to employ me for all yor concernments . . . Receive herein these letters of horning, sequestration and arrest . . . If you use them . . . prudentlie I doubt not but you may inhance and monopolize the wholl traide of the Cuntrie [district] be yor citie maltmen, machannick trade and all . . . I will give you that advyse that has proven usefull to otheris and this day makes your burdens formerlie ponderous now levius . . .

[No. 954, 1663.—Decree; first part only.] Alexander Forrester, provest of Tayne; Andw. Ross, Wm. Ross, and Angus McCulloch, bailzies [describes suit for payment of a bond] . . . Therefore we command and in our sovereign Lord's name and authoritie, &c. . . [Same form as by Sheriff. Next year there is a notarial instrument directed to the same men as Provost and Bailies for the release of Hew Ross, Culich, from the Tolbuith. We have Forrester's house in

No. 955, 1666.—] Contract Matrimoniall . . . betwixt David Ross, son of David Ross, bailie of Tain, and Janet Ross, sister of Andrew Ross of Shandwick . . . the said Janet during her lyfetyme and the airs maill of the marriage the great house tenement of land newlie builded with Back Close and fore yaird adjacent thereto lying in the north-

west side of the Cross and in the King's high Street, betwixt Alexander Forrester's great land at the south, the burne comonlie called Ald Matach at the West, the said David Ross his own tenement at the North and the King's high Street and Cross of Tayne at the East . . . For the said Jannet her farder accommodation to infest and saise her in the said David Ross his said other tenement of land at the north end of the foresaid first great tenement of land with the foresaid great tenement at the south, the King's common Street at the east and north pairts, the burne or strypp callit Ald Matach at the west. [Here we have clearly three properties in line, though the description is somewhat confused by the middle one being mentioned first as most important. The north-west is David Ross's own, assigned for Janet's "farder accommodation." Its position is perfectly defined by the Matach and the streets north and east. It was at the corner site now occupied by the Town Hall and the Royal Hotel; and, with its "yaird," it must have taken up at least half of that site. Next was the "great house tenement with close and yaird," which would take up at least the rest of the above site, with the present hotel yard as well. And this was north-west of the Cross, so that, taking a line south-east from the middle of it, the Cross must have stood in the present High Street near its south side, or even further, and close to ex-Bailie W. Ross's present property. In a paper of 1672 inhibition was asked and obtained from the Court of Session against an infringement of the "contract matrimonial," and the messenger-at-arms "past to the mercat croce of Tayne, head burgh of the shyre of Ros, and after three severall ho-yesses and open proclamation inhibited," &c., &c., and "affixed and left ane full coppie on the said mercat cross." Thus for legal purposes the Cross was the hub of county as well as burgh. Alexander Forrester's "great land" or "principall dwelling" was thus close to the Mercat Cross, where, as we have seen in No. 580, his son, Bailie John, was with all ceremony denounced rebel and put to the horn, and may have watched and heard it all, for in February, 1667, he sits as bailie in a burgh court. He is next in

No. 956, 1669.—] Instructions for ( ) 1. Walter Ross, bailzie, sall repair to Edinr. . . meet Andw. Forrester our lait Provest's [ex-Provest's] son in cause he be come doune from London [and is willing to be] Commissioner both for Parliament and Convention of burghs . . . to get ease of the extraordinar burdens . . . supplicate Parliament, and in case of . . . no supportable ease . . . demission of our privilege. Item, remember to receive the tounes confirmation with the sasine following and the old notification grantit formerlie of our tounes former evidents [charters] which wes taiken away be mountaine hielanders, which wreitts [writs] wes sent south with Johne Forrester . . . supplicate Parliament to get two commissioners [members of Parliament] for Tain

as other burghs have, to meet with the commissioners of the shyres, Tain is only restricted to one . . . Use all endeavour to get the tounes proportiōne of the excyse separated from the schyre, &c., if not, by himself motion the whole Convention to supplicat Parliament. [The way in which John Forrester is mentioned shows that he, as well as Andrew, was a son of Provost Forrester. The plight of Tain, when these instructions were sent, is shown. In some way, however, the means were found to pay up, for there is a receipt given in 1673, at Edinburgh, to] William Ross, one of the present bailies, and in name of the present magistrates . . . the full sum of one hundred and twenty six pundis Scots in satisfaction . . . of the third three of the twelve months. [The year's tax was therefore £504 Scots, or £42 sterling. A similar receipt for Dingwall in 1666 gives £9 sterling for three months, or £36 sterling for the year. In 1670 the Tain magistrates must have proposed to give up the "tolbuith" for the sake of saving expense. Their agent, George Ross, writes in a letter from Edinburgh:—"As for your tolbuith ye know yt all frie burghs are obleaged to keep prisoners, and it will be ane difficult task to get you frie from that." He also shows at great length how he had been defeated in a negotiation with the agent of the Convention to get a reduction of the taxes, because the agent had come to know of some money sent up from Tain. So Ross concludes with, "Ye stick your own business for want of secricie." As if their cup of troubles was not full enough, they had an even worse one gathering over them:—

No. 957, 1671 to 1673.—[Items from fragments of a Town Council minute-book.] Consideret the chairge yt they have receavit at the instance of Cissie Weymes, executrix to the deceisit John Nairne, for not securing of Alex. Forrester, laitt provest [ex-provost.] For which there was protestation taken against the said magistrates for not keeping the said Alex. Forrester in their ordinar zewell [jail] and finding the business to be sumquhat quisquis the magistrates being in the time Andro Ross, laitt provest; John Forrester and William Ross, Lochsclin, for bailies—Therefore it is statute and ordained that the which persones, counsellors, and magistrates which are now present meet with the rest of what is absent . . . Monday nixt that it may be advysit what to doe in the business, ilk persone under the failzie of £10 Scots. [A drastic method this last to make sure of a full meeting and no shirkers of a "quisquis" business—evidently meaning a delicate and difficult one; a rare expression not found elsewhere in these papers. The minute of that adjourned meeting is wanting, but on 9th May we have:—] The magistrates and counsell having taken to consideratione the former actiones, anent ye tounes reliess of Provost Forrester, at Cissie Wemyss instance, and as formerly they continowet their judgment whill the next counsell day and while John Forrester coume doune and that



his mind be knowen whether or not he will ingadge for his father for the tounes relief of the foresaid particular. [No more minutes of the case found, but

No. 958, 1675.—] Ane brief account of what is resting [remains owing] to John Nairne by the magistrates of Taine upon Provost Forrester's account at Lammas 1675:—Imprimis the principal sum of £226 5s 2d payable at Whitsunday 1647, then the interest therof 28 years, &c., £383 0s 4d. Item the penaltie contained in the bond £66 13s 4d; Item expenses allowed by decreit £100 0s 0d; Item to messenger for arresting of Walter Rosse his ship and for taking of him and his neighbour bailzie £12 4s 4d—summa totalis £788 2s 10d. [From all this, we gather that, so far back as 1647, Alex. Forrester incurred obligations to Nairne, but either was not called to account, or avoided accounting, till 1672, when, at the widow's instance, he was imprisoned for debt or something worse. But the magistrates—of whom his son was then one—did not put him into the "ordinar jail," but into some less secure place, from which he escaped. They were then held liable for the whole amount, and Widow Cissie's notaries piled up the agony pretty stiffly. Then the anxious meetings, the resort to fines to secure meetings, and the deferred hope that John would help them out, all make a pathetic story—still more so, when we read the last item of the above account—] Item to Henry Mader, messenger, for arresting of Walter Ross his ship and for taking of him and his neighbour bailzies £12 4s 4d. [So the sin of one generation (of magistrates) was visited upon another with a vengeance.

No. 959, 1669 to 1672.—Items from fragments of minute-book.] ( ) John Thomson his antecessors keepers of the clock ( ) twentie merks from Counsell ( ) and to suplie tallow and Ile ( ) during . . his attendance and keeping up of the said knock and for his reparatione of the same . . . . That the toun send for lawburrows against the fishers of Ross and Sutherland ffor abuseing of the Skaipes [mussel-scalps] . . . . Complaint by Walter Ross, bailzie, that contrar to . . . to constitution . . . deceast Andrew Ross, late Provost, did receive from David McCulloch, bower, £200 Scots . . fyne . . for ryots and debaits betwix him and Wm. Ross, younger, bailzie . . . provest employed the fyne to his awin privat use allendarlie. The magistrats . . . judge . . . his acting to have been wrong and ordains ( ) . . . . Alexr. Ross, sone to deceast Mr Thomas Ross of Morinschies, was admittit free burges and broyr gild gratis gratia magistratuum . . . . In reference to the extraordinarie payment yt is exacted for regulating and attending to the knock and bell . . ordaint that at .. Whitsunday the benefit of attending . . sall be rouped . . any person at easier rate . . preferred . . . . gunsmith admitit burges. [Items also already quoted in Nos. 145, 219, and 956.

No. 960, N.D., about 1680.—Sale and Disposition.] . . .

Master Jn. Macculloch of Glastulloch . . . heir to deceast  
 Andrew M. of G. . . . As John Macculloch now in G. . .  
 son of dec. Mr Jas. M. . . sumtyme minister of Kilmuir  
 Easter . . hes . . payit . . 1600 merks . . full value . . .  
 dispone . . toune and lands . . Knockbrecke with . . Croftna-  
 beastaike, Deckones Croft or Ronald Denoon's Croft lyand  
 Contigue . . betwixt Teabreck on S., Aldie and Stryp  
 Aldroy on E., common lonyng N., Cook's Croft and Croftna-  
 grive W. . . . Reddendo 8 sh. . . . ( ) . [No manor  
 house mentioned, yet 50 years after it was "old," for in  
 1740 a complaint recites that] Robert Ross of Auchnacloch  
 set a tack of Knockbreck to David Ross of Invercharron in  
 1737 . . . albeit the old manor house was excepted, yet D. R.  
 took possession and made access thereto by the windows,  
 broke them open, took away the iron stenchols of 8  
 windows and abused and hewed them . . broken open 5  
 rooms, took off the doors at Knockbreck and the other  
 houses . . embuzled and conveyed away 200 stand of arms  
 left in the house . . when he got possession the house was  
 watertight, but now a great deal of the roof is without  
 thatch . . and the bottle racks broken. [One would like to  
 know what Robert wanted with so many weapons shut up  
 there, and what David did with them when he stole them.  
 A paper with beginning badly torn is

No. 961, N.D., before 1678.—Disposition.] ( ) thereanent  
 ( ) and convenit ( ) burgesses and inhabitants ( )  
 counsell And every one of ( ) consideration of the hail  
 premises the saids provest ( ) counsell ( ) and inhabi-  
 tants of the burghe unanimously, *nemine contradicente*,  
 found it exp( ) profitable for the use and benefite of the  
 said burghe comon good yrof and inhabitants (of the) same  
 that the saids lands of Morvich moir should be fewed out  
 and sett to the best availl upon payment of 2000 merks and  
 ane yeirly few dutie of £10, wherefore they ordained . . .  
 as ane act made be them . . at greater lenth proportions.  
 Therefore for shunning of all contraversie . . . and als in  
 respect that the said Sir George Mackenzie hes dischargid  
 and past from the actiones of reductione and . . . . payit  
 . . . 2000 merks . . . . and als for few duties . . . the sd.  
 Thomas Urquhart, messenger, as parties and witnesses to  
 Provost, Bailies, and Counsell of the burghe . . . for them-  
 selves and hail community . . and the said com. for them-  
 selves have disponed . . sett in few-ferme . . to Sir G. M.,  
 his airs male and assignays . . heritably the lands of  
 Morvichmoir and com( ) therof nixt to that pairt of the  
 sea called the Bridges and compassed be the sea ( ) pairt  
 at the full flowing yrof bounded twixt the bank of the sea  
 . . and the . . bridges at N., the sea bank and that part yrof  
 callit Polnagragich E., the lands of Inverethie, Pitnilies,  
 Bellacherry, Belnagall, and Newtoun rexive S., and that  
 part of the sea as it compasseth be the flowing yrof from the

West to yt place of the samyn called Polnienich interjected twixt . . . Morvich . . . and Inverethie leading from the N.W , at the W. All lyand within the territorie of . . . Taine. With full power . . . to labour . . . mannure ( ) and bring to the perfection of arable land . . . saids provest, &c. . . . Charter and saising ( ) [see No. 769 as to date.

No. 962, 1681.—Petition] To . . . the lords justiciaries . . . The Provost, &c. . . of Tayne and other persons pursued by the number of three score . . . a person most contentious and malicious . . . perplexes the wholl countrie . . . citeing them civilly . . . on pretence of debts . . . poore people . . . forcit to give him composition . . . also citeing criminally . . . poore people not able to compeir . . . compone wit him . . . . May it please . . . to . . . apprehend . . . and punish . . . .

[No. 524—Remainder—1648.—Minutes of Council] 4th Jany. . . . Walter Ross provest, Johne Ross bailzie . . . . Alexr. Farquhar, messenger, for dissobedience to Bailzie Angus Macculloch . . . fyned ten pundis . . . 11th Feby. . . . £20 Scots sent to Edinr. with David Cathcart, post, for payment of half cess imposit for the Colledge of St Andrews . . . . Morinsche's letter acknowledging receipt of the townes chartor sent in defence of ye actione . . . be Hew Macleod . . . . Ane chaarge given to Alexr. Ross, burgess of Dornoch, for repairing of such ruinous buildings as he hes within this toune . . . George Douglas, merchand in Tongue, wes admittit burgess and gild broyr. . . . [From above Provost we have—

No. 963, 1689.—Letter, address wanting.] Affectionat and deir Cousyne I long extraordinar to hear from you . . . Want of occation from this place [i.e., no one going] . . long silence . . we are such ane hurlie burlie heir that we doe not know what hand to turn us to . . report . . 500 men in the braes of Strathcarron lifting all the cowes and oxin . . against which all our cuntrey is gon . . to stop yr. comeing any farder and to hurie them out . . or els give them battle . . Morinshie and ye will com togidder . . . transact my business with Ewen McGrigor in Leith . . . My kyndly respectes . . with God's blessing on you both and feamilie . . Wr. Ross. P.S.—acquent me of what news is current. [In 1680 is middle part of a process against the magistrates of Tayne, accusing them of breaking pursuer's tack unjustly, and giving decree against him in their own Court—acting as judges where they were also parties, and “screwing themselves to the magistracie”—i.e., re-electing themselves always. In 1696 a like complaint is made to the Court of Session, that Walter Ross, provost; Thomas Manson, Dean of Gild; and Charles Manson, Town Clerk, had thus kept in office over 18 years.

No. 964, 1697.—Tax Roll of the Burghs of Scotland, a rough measure of their comparative wealth.] Edinburgh, £33;



Pearth, £3 17s; Dundie, £5 6s 8d; Aberdeen, £6 10s; Striveling [Stirling], £2 16s; Linlithgow, £1 10s; St Andrews, 18s; Glasgow, £15; Air, £1 14s; Hadingtoun, £1 10s; Dysart, 10s; Kirkaldie, 11s 4d; Montrois, £2 8s; Couper, £1 8s; Enstruther Easter, £4; Dummfreice, £1 18s; Inverness, £1 16s; Bruntisililand, 16s; Inverkeathin, 8s; Enstruther Wester, 1s; Selkirk, 13s 4d; Dunbartoun, 10s; Renfrew, 8s; Dunbar, ( ); Lenrick [Lanark], 12s; Aberbrothock, 10s; Elgine, £1 7s; Peibles, 12s; C(ra)yll, 8s; Tayne, 7s; Cullross, 5s; Bannff, 8s; Whytehorn, 2s; forfar, 7s; Rothsey, 7s; Nairne, 3s; forrass, 6s; Rutherglen, 3s 6d; North Berwick, £1; Cullen, 2s; Lauder, 6s; Kirenny, 2s; Annan, 2s; Lochmeben, 3s; Sanchar, 1s; Galloway, 1s; Dingwall, 2s; Dornoch, 3s; Queensferrie, 10s; Fortrose, 5s; Cromarty, 5s; Kintore, 2s; Invereray, 4s; Inverury, 3s; Week, 3s 4d; Kirkwall, 13s 4d.

[No. 189—Remainder—1699.—] List of persons in . . Tayne lyable to . . Pole money be Act of Parlt. . . 1698 . . . Walter Ross, provest, his free stock and means including his part of lands of Nonakeill and Kinlichnikeill . . . extends to 5000 merks and not 10,000 . . £4 Scots of pole; Alexr. Ross, bailie . . . 1000 . . not 5000 . . 10s; John Manson, late Baillie . . 5000 . . not . . 10,000 . . . Thomas Manson, Dean of Gild . . 1000 . . not 5000 . . . merchand [do.] . . late provest [do.] . . Chapman [do.] . . Chapman [do.] . . Town Clerk [do.] . . Messenger at arms . . Notar public . . Robe. Ross, minister, [each] be vertue of his office £4 of pole money. [In No. 950 we have had a “burne wyffe” and “burne woman” among the ratepayers. The explanation comes now. In a charter of 1683, a property in the north of the burgh has as boundary “The Washing Burne to the north and the King’s high way leading to the sea, to the East.” Then comes

No. 965, N.D., but, by allusion and script, in time of Queen Anne; middle part only of each of two papers—1st] ( ) decerned to belong to pursuer . . Croft Kerran to E. . . the stank or myre at N., and the Common grassing and washing burn at S. . . siclyke other 5 riggs on the S. side of the Strype called the Washing Burn [see No. 501] in the middle part of the said field . . tenement and yaird in the north part, having the King’s high wayes or passages at the S., N., and E. . . [i.e., the site between the present Tower Street and Chapel Street and B.L. Bank] and . . late Provost John Ross to W. [St Duthus Hotel site] . . . ane tenement of land . . high way S. . . Little burn through middle part of burgh, N. . . Little bridge in said burn W. . . Another burn running from Aldnachardich . . . E. [perhaps along Manse Street. 2nd, Part of charter conveys] to Roderick and Daniel Dingwall . . Close of bigging, kiln, yaird, stables, byres, brewhouse, cellers and chambers . . .

in Mid pairt of the burgh betwixt the yaird belonging to the minister's manse, the common Vennel betwixt said yaird and . . . of Walter Ross of Morinschie, at the S. ; Common Calsey N. . . . Tenement of Capt. Mackay of Borley, Little burne, at E. [This is quite defined as the site between the old manse, now ex-Bailie Wallace's property, and Tower Street. The Little burn came down about Quarry Lane, and lower was used as the Washing Burn. Thus the Burne Wyffe was the professional washer-woman.]

B. No. 966, 1705.—[Letter, well written, addressed] The Right Hon<sup>bl</sup>. The Laird of Balnagowine [i.e., David Ross.] Right Hon<sup>bl</sup>. Among the rest of yor kyndnes showine to this Toune wee are informed That you offer them at the tyme The Credit of ane Thousand Dollers for a twelf moneths tyme in English goods to be caried in the shipes that comes for yor ho<sup>s</sup>/ masts for her ma'ties service for this kyndly offer heirin and utherwayes as wee haide frequent experiance of, we hold ourselves very thankfull to your ho. as the only persone wee most depend on, and for ans<sup>r</sup>. . . wee sent the Dean of Gild and two or three uther neighbors to treat . . . one the matter and when you agrie with them the Gildrie are to serve your ho. to yor mynd . . . Yor most affec. and humble servants, W. Ross, Alexander Ross, Alexander Manson. Tayne 23rd Apryll 1705.

[No. 967, 1707.—Docketed] Phiscall against mutineirs at the ryding of the marches. . . . showing . . . Charles Macculloch, glassier [then 3 carpenters, 3 smiths, 2 shoemakers, a tailor, a cooper, and others unspecified] . . . meane tyme under armes at the meikle cairne at Eddertoun . . . ane of the mairches of . . . burgh . . . wilfully refused to obey ordours ayther of . . . officers or magistrates . . . be ane act of Counsell that the tounes marches wes to be circumdat and perambulated be the wholl peopell and inhabitants . . . [fined. Next year is a Report to the Convention of Burghs that Tain was part ruinous and was getting deserted; that neighbouring lairds were trading and spoiling the town's trade; that by the loss of a vessel, goods of Tain merchants were lost to the value of £5000 Scots, and the owners ruined; that the Tower was nearly completed, but Stronach, the contractor, had involved the town in more cost and debt than was "concerted"; also that there had been irregularities in the election of magistrates. Out of that came

B. No. 968, 1708.—[Petition from Tain to Convention of Burghs.] . . . Debates . . . have arisen . . . By immemorial use and wont the Counsell consisted of 15, including magistrates . . . all . . . burgesses . . . never to admit of the nobility or yr. eldest sons . . . yet a particular set of the magistrates of Tayn 2 or 3 years agoe adventured to add to the forsaid number . . . 6 or 7, three of whom noble . . . did on 14th of June, which is far before the Michaelmas term of election, name other three new Counsellors . . . appoint-

ing John Ross of Auchnacloch Commissioner to this Convention . . . Baillies and oyr<sup>s</sup> of the old legall Counsell to the number of ten mett . . . elected Aeneas McLeod of Cadboll one of their baillies, commissioner . . . by the Act . . . all officaris of burghs be persons using merchandise . . . burgesses, merchants, and indwellers . . . In 1578, Dundie was fyned for choosing the Tutor of Pitarro provost because he was no mercht. . . Pearth was unlauded for choosing a nobleman provost, July 1618 ; Lithgow unlauded for choosing a Chirurgeon provost, and Banff for electing Knights to be magistrates, and so in many oyr cases . . . [The opposite side of the case was given in No. 713. Next year comes a description of the Firth :—

B. No. 969, 1709.—[Letter to Mr John Chrystie, Edinburgh.] Meikle Allan 28 July . . . the Master of the ship you have fraughted scruples sailing . . . there is a bar . . . he is misinformed . . . the ness of Dornoch comes over two thirds of ye firth and the ness of Tayn squints out to meet it but there is a wide channel betwixt . . . of many fathoms depth . . . he may sail . . . above ye point of Tarbat and anchor off the Kirk of Tarbat, where there is a harbour, but not for a ship of his burden . . . in six hours I will be aboard . . . pilot who . . . uses the passage every week . . . two or three open boats as buoys at shelves to the south side which is all the hazard, then he has four miles to the pool of Ardmore where he will lie as in a bason . . . six fathom water within a stone cast of the house . . . acquaint the Mr. of Rosse . . . winds blew over above 500 firs in the best of his wood . . . William Ross. [P.S.] . . . Saturday last there came great quantities of timber down the water of Carron, 2 or 300 masts, the first that were cut by the Englishmen . . . most part of them are broken. [In 1711 there is a case about a dispute and riot over the mussel-scalps, the Laird of Inverchasley seizing men, sails, and rudders from Tain boats, and being pursued by Tain men.

No. 970, 1716.—[Petition] David Mackenzie to the Magistrates and Council . . . Your petitioner wants [i.e., has not got] the last year's fees preceeding January and the soun of the former year—for attending your knock and bell als in night tyme as day tyme, which in effect is expensive to me beside the stress of my owen bodie . . . stand much in need of . . . for the support of my familie. [He gets a bill for 49 merks. Next a charter of 1621, torn at beginning, at end relating to many small tenements, one having the road from Little Tain to Morangie on the S., and the Strip called Auldandinich to the W., which makes the latter the western Aldmatach It mentions also Croft-Fill-the-Cup, Makgull's Ward, Wester Donachempich, Duirham's Croft, The fitt rod to the Washing Burne, the road to Blar Leith, The burne of Little Tain. In 1723, Euphan Durham, relict of Charles Hay, master gunner, Edinburgh Castle, sets in



tack to her brother-in-law, Walter Hay, Tain, Deik an Cattach, Provost's Croft, Killichrist Croft, and lands of Overhill called Hartfield, at £80 Scots a year. In 1726 there is a discharge by Rodk. Macleod of Cadboll to the burgh for money lent at the time of building the steeple, in respect of the town granting a heritable bond over their miln lands for 650 marks.

No. 971, 1727.—Sasine, Latin, torn.] . . . Alexr. Manson to his son David Manson . . . tenement commonly called the Great Hall with stable, granary, garden adjoining . . . highways to S. and E., Aldmatach to W. . . tenement of sometime Provost Alexr. Forrester to N. [This was therefore the site along the west of St Duthus Street from "Forrester's great Land" of the preceding century, to the corner of Manse Street], likewise a kiln and small garden ( ) the south vennel [this was on the other side of St Duthus Street, where, from other charters, the vennel seems to have run parallel to High Street. There is another Latin charter of next year, by William Robertson to his wife, of a new house and garden in the W., with a gunsmith, a blacksmith, and Auldmatach as boundaries, also Gair's Croft with "the loaning to the mosses of Tain"—now Moss Road—to the N. of it.

No. 972, 1727-1731.—Fragment of Tain Accounts—Income:] Miln Rent, 1729-30, £384; Customs, 1730-31, roup'd, £125 6s 8d; Mortcloth and bells, 1730-31, roup'd, £60; Rent of ye mussle scapes, 1730-31, £90; Cess . . £235 17s 2d . . . peat stack room, roup'd for 7 years, £11 4s; Hugh Ross, gunsmith's burial place, due yrfor £10 . . . from Normand Murray for mortcloth and bells, £54 [also some feu-duties, bills, &c. Then Expenditure:] Expence at admitting Delvin's son burgess, £3; expence at rideing the burgh's marches, £21 14s; Salaries—2 officers, £20 8s; schoolmaster, £66 13s 4d; a hanging lock to ye stocks, 12s; John M'Pherson, drummer, £51 8s 4d; Candles to ye town guard, 5s; Beam filling the Clerk's chamber, £3; 22 bolls lyme for do., £8 14s . . admitting Tarbat's broyr Wm. as burgess, £7 14s; Coal and Candle when inspecting Chas. Manson's papers, £1 2s 6d; carrying ye small bell to ship, £2 2s; 2 sheets paper for . . tack . . 16s; Book for acct's., £5.

[No. 973, 1731.—Latin Sasine.] . . . That chief dwelling house built by the late Alexr. Ross, notary, on the waste site . . lying in Little Tain with Aldmatach to the W., the highway and bridge E. and N., and the vennel leading through corn fields, S. [quite defined as the site at foot of Hill Street.] Likewise chief dwelling house, kiln, barn, and garden adjacent in Little Tain with the highway E., Aldmatach W., and the spring called Meiran's Well N., and late D. Macculloch's, S. [farther up Hill Street, on west side. There is next a "rigg" with a "dyker"—Latin

*faber murarius*—as boundary. The year before there is a contract as to a plot to the west of Little Tain with Common Banks to S., Blairleith to W., and lands of Alexr. Reay, minister of Avoch to E.—evidently about Mayfield.

No. 974, 1732.—Latin Sasine.—] Disposition by David Ross to Wm. Maclean, merch., and Margt. Ross . . . That large old house with small house next, commonly called Corbat's House, with the burn of Aldmatach and Cemetery bank on E.; the vennel E. and W. ( ) [seems to be the B.L. Bank site. In another of same date, David Ross of Inverchasley, as superior, confirms to Alexr. Ross, Commissary Clerk Depute, granaries, barns, and small houses in the S.W. part of Tain, with the road leading from the same to the minister's manse at E., the road thence to Little Tain at the S.—which defines it as the Rose Place site. Next year Macleod of Geanies sets in tack Croft Voich, Crofts called Innes's, Knight's, Denoon's, na Phillaig, na Beist, na Crive, and Drumcroy, with a head rig in the Hill of Tain and a wood or brae above Croft Lennich—the whole for 485 merks a year. In 1747 is a marriage contract between Donald Ross, son of late Hugh Ross, tacksman of Knockbreck, and Mary, daughter of Rev. Hugh Munro, the tocher being 1000 merks. In 1752, Roderick Macleod of Cambuscurry raises an action against Tain, and Baillie of Ardmore, for ferrying across the Firth. Macleod alleged that by his grant, from the Crown, of Meikle Ferry, he had the sole right of ferrying across the Firth.

No. 975, 1755.—Minute of Council,] 5th August. Thereafter taking into consideration . . . sum necessary for repairing and giving a new roof to the church . . . still the sum of £120 stg. over the . . . year and a half of vacant stipends gifted by the Exchequer to the magistrates and heritors at the rate of £4 Scots per boll . . . resolved that Burgage lands, trades, and inhabitants of burgh pay half and landward part the other half . . . appoint as stenters, Hugh Macfarquhar, Surgeon; Bailies Nicholas and Hugh Rosses.

[No. 976, 1756.—Minute and Roll.] . . . Stent for supplies payable to His Majesty . . . appointed [list has Dean of Guild, 3 merchants, 3 shoemakers, 2 wrights, 2 weavers, 2 tailors, 2 tenants, 1 cooper] . . . oath *de fidei* . . . administered . . . provided that each boll's pay of land rent and each £6 Scots house rent . . . rated not exceeding 2s Sc. . . no mortified lands . . . exeemed . . . made the Stent Roll. [The list of taxpayers includes 6 magistrates, 23 merchants, 3 chapmen, 1 surgeon, 1 writer, 8 smiths (including a pewterer, a gunsmith, and a silversmith), 3 masons, 8 wrights, 1 barber, 3 coopers, and one who oddly combined "couper and baxter," 2 musicians, 2 glovers, and one combined "violer and glover," 10 tailors, 29 shoemakers, 21 weavers, 4 millers, 1 thatcher, 2 brewers, 1 litster, and one

who oddly combined brewing and dyeing, 2 gardeners, 7 boatmen, and one combined weaver and boatman; one is labelled "Glossop," more likely a tee-name than a trade. There are 23 individuals entered as owners of property, besides entries such as "heirs of," or "representatives of," and others already included under previous heads. In all, there were 168 ratepayers besides those entered as "heirs of" so and so. The total stent was £365 13s 4d. Compare with the list in No. 950 of a century earlier, when there were only 120, though it cut so low as to include washerwomen.

No. 977, 1758.—] Rental of Baillie Don. Ross's houses in Taine: Baillie Miller's shop, house and stable, £6; Harry Munro, two low rooms of said house, 16s 8d; Two rooms and closet in mid flat, £1 1s; Other small room and garret, £1; ( ) Cramond for high flat of Knight's House, £2 5s [see also No. 987]; ( ) Roy for low rooms [do.], 14s 5d . . . Shop of [do.], 10s; ( - ) Ross [do.], 13s 4d. [These rents certainly seem low to us. For same year there is a receipt for Town Clerk's salary—200 merks.

No. 978, 1760.—Charter granted by burgh] . . . David Ross of Inverchassley, provost; David Ross, commissary clerk, and H. Macfarquhar, baillies; the hon. Capt. Ross of Balnagown, Lieut.-Col. Charles Ross of Morangie, Wm. Baillie of Rosehall . . . members . . . [One of the properties adjoins Corbat's House, and seems to be the B.L. Bank site. Another, Croftnacallie, between lands of Morangie and Stripe of Auldninich, seems to be near Mayfield, and has the "Common Brae and Poulehurries of the said burgh to N.;" another has Polcalk to W., and "street leading down by the main street to Canamarue [seems to be about Library] . . . and Croftnabiebidan above Little Tain." In 1755 there is a glimpse of a Tain inn, and a soldier, in] Answer by Capt. Meares of Col. Holmes Regiment to a complaint by Margret Robertson, Inn holder, Tain . . . came with two horses . . . shown into a room . . . as a traveller . . . sent his serjeant to . . . magistrate for a billet . . . legally quartered . . . but one small room . . . wrote on door of dining-room with chalk This is not Capt. M. quarters . . . found his own tea and sugar . . . M. R. agreed to supply dinner, &c. . . 7s per week . . . so far from 4 dishes . . . seldom more than 2 . . . One frequently stunk . . . other commonly fish . . . never cost in market more than one half-penny . . . insulted by a message to get out of the house . . . perhaps did call her an old bitch . . . might have said she might go to the D—l . . . refusing me dinner . . . said I would see my own dressed . . . locking the door of the kiln . . . did put a small padlock on a hasp . . . nothing locked up but my horses . . . not be disturbed by people coming . . . for malt . . .

[No. 979, 1762.—Letter, answering questions as to property of heirs of Charles Hay] . . . As to tenements or burrow



bigged lands, I remember to have seen them about 30 years past possesst and in some tolerable repair . . . might have yielded £7 rent; now I see they have fallen all ruinous . . . no better than larachs . . . poor widow in a part which is very dangerous . . . a smith in a little hutt, one part next Tain is better, the other called Hartfield in the skirt of the burgh is only a poor outfield with the muir all round. [In a fragment of a Retour about same time we have "the foresaid haill tenements by now in a total ruin betwixt the Burn of Aldmatach W., the burn of Aldnachardich E., the High Street to N."—so the present best part of High Street was in ruins.

No. 980, 1764.—Letter to Baillie.] . . . I approve extremely . . . community . . . applying for a well-established militia in North Britain . . . now a matter of great national concern . . . your example has been followed by almost all the burghs in Scotland. Yet I'm afraid . . . such opposition . . . doubtful if it can be carried . . . David Ross, Edinr. [He was afterwards Sheriff, then Judge as Lord Ankerville. In 1761 also there is a minute that David Ross of Inverchassley, his father, was Provost of Tain, and was elected member for the Northern Burghs.

No. 981, 1761.—Instrument of Interruption.] Att Baads and . . . muirs adjacent . . . Katherin's Cross, Loan Bui . . . also in Raanich . . . 24th Sept. 1761 . . . with me notary public . . . clerk of . . . Tain . . . John Reid and Geo. Millar . . . bailies . . . and great numbers of the inhabitants . . . perambulation of the marches . . . represented at severall . . . particular places . . . that there were manifest Intrusions and encroachments made by Roderick Macleod of Cadboll and his tenants, mailers, and servants upon . . . burgh's property notwithstanding interlocutors by Lords of Session . . . 1749 . . . particularly on N. corner of the Baads . . . next Inver-eathie . . . house built . . . croft riven in by one Hugh Ross alias Narine . . . Baillies made interruption . . . by causing turn down some divot and fail from off said house and pulling up a handful of corn . . . protested . . . said Roderick was lyable . . . proceeded to St Katherine's Cross . . . severall houses, crofts and yeards . . . within the Brugh's line of march . . . [did the same] . . . passed to S.W. side of . . . Baads, S. of the Water of Hillton or Aldy . . . represented that R. M., &c., had built . . . houses . . . riven in Crofts . . . some within thir two years . . . very recently S.W. corner of Baads benorth the Bank . . . [did the same] . . . lastly to W. of Raanich . . . [same process] in presence of Hugh McFarquhar, surgeon . . . George Simpson, merchant, David Ross, Junior, writer, and many others. John Barclay, witness; David Ross, witness. *Quod attestor*, David Ross. [Registered in Edinr., 8th Novr., 1761. Another paper of 1768 gives an exactly similar perambulation and interruption at the same places, but with Captain John

Ross of Balnagown as Provost, and three Bailies and Sheriff Clerk. There is an account of 19s 8d against the burgh for 80 bottles of porter and a bottle of whisky "given to the people" on the occasion—no troublesome auditor or L.G.B. in those days.

No. 397, 1762.—Rest of items, where legible, but many faded.] Income:—( ) mortcloth and bells carried by Wm. Crammond at £5 sterling; Rent of Hangman's Croft, £1 13s 4d ( ) Two years of burgh's shops to Nicolas Ross, £1 16s; feu-duties, 11s . . Customs, £11 8s ( ) Town's shops, &c., £34 . . Mills, £82 . . Land rents, 2 years, £34 5s . . . Total, £221 11s . . . Expenditure:—Town's cess, half-year, £6 13s 4d; Salary . . officer, 16s 8d; Candles for midsummer guard, 6d . . Missive dues [to Convention], £1 2s 2d; Boatman for baillie to view scalps, 1s 6d; Schoolmaster's salary, £2 15s 6d; Mending windows of Council house, 5s 4d; To a soldier for working upon the street . . 2s ( ) drink to the stentmasters, 3s; Surgeon's yearly salary, £2 15s 6d ( ) officer and gaoler's salary, 2 years, £4 [see also Nos. 160 to 163. In 1765 there is a case before the Provost—who was Captain Ross of Balnagown—Bailies Reid, Miller, and Macfarquhar, when George Urquhart, treasurer of the Kirk for the poor, makes claim against the relict of Mr Hugh Munro, minister—see No. 125.

No. 982, 1766.—Complaint to David Ross, Sheriff.] Marion Mackenzie, washerwoman at Teabreck . . having linning and clothes . . spread upon the ground there . . into the house to make ready some meat for herself . . an ox belonging to Donald Munro came and eat up a Hamborrow gown belonging to a gentlewoman in Tain . . . value . . 15s sterling . . That this ox was known to be in the practice of eating clothes . . . [Result not in paper. In same year is

No. 983, 1766.—] Suit Roll of the Burgh of Tain. In presence of the three baillies this suit roll of the Inhabitants was called, and all those who failed to give their suit and presence and are marked absent are fined £2 Scots, which the burgh officers are ordained to levy by summar pointing and warding [224 entries; 139 marked P., presumably for "present," as all the officials are so marked; rest unmarked and presumably absent. There are 11 magistrates, &c., 19 merchants, 3 wigmakers, 9 smiths, 7 wrights, 4 coopers, 2 musicians—one being glover as well, 9 tailors, 19 shoemakers, 15 websters, 4 millers, 4 widows, 2 boatmen, 1 soldier, 1 litster, 1 tobacconist, 2 posts, 28 owners of property not already included, 22 entries of "heirs" of so and so as owners, the rest unspecified. Compare with Nos. 950 and 976. As the list includes great-grandfathers of persons now living, it is given in Appendix. In 1766 also is an account of £1 2s sty 'for hanging the Tounes bigg bell."

No. 984, 1767.—Letter to] ( ) writer in Edin. . . . As winter is on, and no immediate prospect of a carrier . . . God knows when . . . be so good as cause bundle up my boots . . . to Inverness carrier to care of Alexr. Murray, merch<sup>t</sup>. there . . . buy at . . . the Laboratory  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. Cantharides . . . put in one of the boots . . . I'll pay . . . to your order besides giving you a dose . . . anytime your potency may fail when you come to this corner . . . This goes under cover to Thos. Manson, but do not spare my groat in hearing from you . . . Hugh McFarquhar. Taine ( ) Novr. 1767 [writing very small and angular. We have had him as surgeon and baillie. Above, we see the difficulty of getting go ds sent, also the cost of a letter from Edinburgh to Tain is marked 4d, and is paid by the receiver. In 1774 there is a Suit Roll—torn—beginning] Major Charles ( ) Provost; George Miller, George Simson, and Alexr. Manson, Baillies; Benjamin Ross, Dean of Guild; John Barclay, Treasurer; Lord Ankerville, Sir John Ross, Alexr. Baillie, Donald Macleod, Hugh Macfarquhar, George Murray, Lieut George Munro, John Taylor, and Donald Ross, members of Council. [Next is the Guildry—8 merchants. The Roll is incomplete, parts being torn out, but there are men with tee-name "Otterach or Oatrach," and one with "Balaam," one vintner, one "musiciner," one "heckler," and one white-iron smith.

No. 985, 1775.—Tack] . . between Captain John Ross of Balnagown, Heir of tailzie and provision of the estate of Balnagown . . . and Hugh Macfarquhar, surgeon . . . . sett . . . these ruinous tenements of burrow bigged land . . . on part of which H. M. has erected a new dwelling house . . . in S. of the burgh, bounded N. by the street leading W. to the manse [i.e., Queen Street and Manse Street]; E. by the street from the S. end of the Burgh down through the town [i.e., King Street, which fix the site as the present F.P. Church and Balnagown Arms Inn]; also that little Hutt or house and very small garden having [Queen Street] . . S., [King Street] E., kiln belonging to Macleod of Cadboll W., and tenements belonging to Baillie of Rosehall N. [i.e., the opposite corner property] . . . for 30 years . . . tack duty 50 merks Scots yearly [the site occupied two centuries earlier by Abbot Nicholas and his neighbour, Andrew Ross. In a disposition of same year occur the "lands called Crotachan-viechallie," near the shore between Tain and Morangie; also a sasine by George Simson and his wife, Margaret Ross, to John Ross, merchant, Philadelphia, of a] tenement, dwelling house, offices, and garden, bounded N. by the high street leading from E. to W. end of Tain, W. and S. by Manson's, E. by stryep called Aldmatach [i.e., Tower Gardens. In 1779 Hugh Macfarquhar, as senior bailie, is appointed to represent Tain in a great meeting at Dingwall regarding the defence of the country, and Lord Ankerville represents Tain at the Convention of Burghs.



No. 986, 1781.—Estimat for casawing the streets of Tain . . by Jas. Anderson, mason. 1. The main street from the bridge at the west end to Mr Murray's shop, 530 yards [that distance comes just to the Commercial Bank site, where that shop stood.] 2. The street leading from Mr Sutherland the Vintner's to the west and turning the angle to the main street is 209 yards. 3rd. From the main street down to the front of Baillie Miller's house, 40 yards . . 5975 squar yards, £174 . . The undertaker to level and make the streets to the best advantag the different buildings will admit of . . . use what small stones are in the street and gather round the Town where small peebels is to be got with sand . . . 5th. The street from the minister's house to the main street leading to the Cross 1120 sq. yds., £32 13s 4d. 6th. A wall from the corner of the Steepel to the House on the N. for supporting wher the hollows are filled up in the street by lowering the Hights, £10 16s. 7th. Five drains crossing the street to be built with clay and rough flags, with iron grate before each drain mouth, £6 5s—total, £223 13s [? 14s.] From the corner of the dykes at the south end of the bridge to the Vennel that ( ) the minister's house being 6 yards being all below the street to be built with ( ). [This seems to be a great hollow near foot of Quarry Lane, and the whole shows the roughness and unevenness of the town ways up to 1781. There was a subscription sheet in 1783 for defraying the expense. The year before there is a disposition by the burgh to David Ross, Commissary Clerk, of "tenement with stables and byres built and repaired by the late Hugh Ross, lying in the High Street northward from the Steeple." In 1781 Lord Ankerville held burgage lands in the Hill of Tain, and planted them with birch and other trees.

No. 509, 1787.—Remainder list of furniture; names modern except] spit and racks, a parcel of cogs, a choffer, a check reel, a sea and botie. [Among purchasers were] John Barclay, lawyer; Mr Gilchrist, sculptor; Andrew Fraser, Nicolas Vass, John Taylor [father of Sheriff ?]; Wm. Ross, Arderony; Mr John Ross, merchant; John Ross, watch-maker.

[No. 987.—Bond, no date, but by script, and allusion to bailie, about 1787.] . . I Baillie George Millar, merchant . . present Treasurer of St Duthus lodge of free masons . . borrowed . . of the Guildery . . of marchants . . £230 . . . . bind . . . . to repay . . . annual rent of £11 10s . . . . to infest and sease ( ) in that tenement commonly called the Knight's House, now rebuilt for a Mason Lodge called St Duthus Lodge and garden adjoining in the middle of the burgh, having the High Street and Mercat Cross to E.; Tenement formerly belonging to heirs of Baillie Wm. Ross, now to Lord Ankerville, on S. . . Aldmatach . . W. . . Murdoch Ross, N. . . Magistrates . . superiors . . . . [end

with signatures and witnesses wanting. The site is the south part of the present Royal Hotel.

No. 988, 1794.—Minute as to Call.] Meeting of Magistrates and Council; present Alexr. Baillie, Esq., Provost; George Murray, Wm. Murray, James Taylor, bailies; George Miller, Dean of Guild; Alexr. Manson, Treasurer; George Simson, James Rioch . . . parish is now vacant by the death of the Rev. Mr George Douglass . . . received a petition . . . from burghers, Kirk Session, and inhabitants . . . asking . . . to apply for a representation from the Crown in favour of the Rev. Mr Angus McIntosh of Glasgow . . . Magistrates and Council . . . in concurrence with ( ) choice of Mr McIntosh as a proper ( ), resolve to request the favor of Sir Charles Ross of Balnagown, their representative in Parliament and late Provost . . . procure a Royal ( ) in favour of . . . Mr McIntosh . . . Clerk . . . copy this minute . . . transmitted to Sir Charles. [Signed by all above except Provost, who was Balnagown's factor. It is matter of remembrance as well as history how successful were the application, the call, and the ministry.

No. 404, 1795.—Further details of list in Tain liable for Statute Labour for 1795.—Of the 361 men, 171 are entered in Tain, 29 in Inver, 5 at Katharine's Cross, 3 at Lochslin, 15 at Balnagall, 7 at Balcherry, 10 at Pithogarty, 2 at Little Plaids, 11 at Balkeith, 16 at Hilton, 6 at Aldie, 6 at Knockbreck, 3 at Balnacoile, 3 at Criskeith [? Kirksheaf], 2 at Meikle Aldie, 13 at High Milns, 4 at King's Causeway, 2 at Larig [? Lairgs of Tain], 2 at Muifield [? Viewfield], 9 at Hartfield, 4 at Wester Hill of Tain, 21 at Morangie, 4 at Lower Cambuscurry, 3 at Meikle Ferry, 4 at Tarlogie, 6 at Upper Cambuscurry. [Names in Appendix. In the same year, in a charter of 50 acres of moorland, by the Town Council, to Alexr. Manson, the N. boundary is a line 20 yards from the enclosure of Hartfield, so that the moor began there.

No. 989, 1797.—Charter to] George Murray, merchant, Tain . . . 126 acres of moor ground, bounded N. by lands following the High mills; W. by the road from Tain to Balnagown; E. by the Town's property; S. by a burn dividing the Town's peat moss as now marked out by George Mackie, schoolmaster of Tain . . . with 7 acres of arable land adjoining . . . feu duty at 6d per acre . . . £4 8s 3d stg.

[No. 990, 1801.—] Suit Roll of Tain . . . General Sir Charles Ross of Balnagown, Provost; Alexr. Morrison, William Murray, and John Taylor, bailies; James Taylor, Dean of Guild; George Murray, Treasurer . . . [has the following occupations not previously noted:—] Banker, James Innes; 3 writers, John Ross, Hugh Ross, and Alex. Taylor; 2 saddlers, 1 fiddler, 4 vintners, 1 coppersmith. [List in Appendix.

No. 991, 1810.—Service of heir,] Wm. Macpherson, carpenter, son of Alex. Macpherson, messenger . . . principal dwelling house, kiln, and barn . . . King's high way at E., Altmatlach running through Little Tain at W. . . . St Mary's Well at N. [between Hill Street and Well Street. Paper found among 18th century papers, as was also

No. 992, 1827.—] Excerpt from minutes of meeting of the Directors of Tain Royal Academy, held in the Hall thereof, 4th July, 1827. Preses., Don<sup>d</sup>. McLeod, Esq. of Geanies. The Clerk represents . . the absolute necessity of having a Box for the safety of their proceedings and Titles. As a gratuitous clerk he need not perhaps feel much interest, but . . multiplicity of the papers which in another capacity come into his office, he cannot be certain of their being kept distinct . . . while he offers his personal services, he hopes an allowance may be made him for stationary . . never yet allowed to him or his father who preceded him in this lucrative situation . . . The Directors appoint the Clerk to procure a box . . and a book for recording their minutes, for which they authorize their treasurer to pay. [But nothing for stationery. The clerk was Alexander Suter, and his father Thomas Suter.

TONGUE AND BIGHOUSE—Nos. 318, 322, 512, 521, 633, 654, 524 after 962.

No. 993, 1750.—Letter, addressed] Wm. Baillie . . To the care of Mr Peterkin, postmaster of Dornoch. Kirktown, 29th Augt. . . . I shall long to hear of Mr Gray's fate at falkirk . . . ye dealer has all reason for acting cautiously. Now as to M. M., since you seem to be really serious on yt. head . . as this affair will do better in a chat or conversation than by wryting . . I shall go forward to the Pass and meet as tho' accidentally, then talk over this subject, and act thereafter wt. respect to M. M. as . . proper. What has happened shall be a dead secret for me yet . . I had . . a distant hint of it. People . . will . . have strong conjectures, I shall order next week's runner to go over for your return . . wt. George Boyd, gardener at Skibo, to whom you may send it under cover . . by-letters oft miscarry . . I have newspapers weekly sent me . . . Hugh Mackay. [He was the Hon. Colonel Hugh Mackay of Bighouse, Tongue, a son of George, 3rd Lord Reay. Mary, in above and Nos. 655, 656, 657, was his second daughter. His third daughter, Marion, married her cousin George, 5th Lord Reay. Between Nos. 655 and 656 comes

No. 994, 1750.—To Baillie.] Tongue, 20th Novr. 1750. Your last favours I had yesternight. I delivered the inclosed, and joined my opinion strongly in favours of what you wrote. As I hinted formerly, all the return shall pass unmolested under my cover. I have not the least curiosity that way or to see yours. Meantime you can't expect [tell



beforehand] what so young a creature will write or say on this subject . . . tho' I'll venture to say that all you'll have from her will be sincere ( ) skey is to be soon here, I wish you could get him stopt genteely ( ) what I will sought to make him very welcome, but you knew your friend ( ) rassed by him and yt. she is not at freedom to tell how matters stand ( ) Kindeace is to be also, as are oyr's from the eastward to ye same purpose ( ) ays extraordinary on such occasions. I must quietly place them to your account . . . Cause call for my goods from Charles Ross, mercet., below ye Trone Church, first sea occasion. Did you get a letter I wrote you from Skibo wt. a ( ) from ——. You have made Hugh very happy wt. his dogg. . . .

[No. 995, 1743.—Letter, addressed] Mr Alexr. Ross, sheriff clerk, Tain. Tongue, Jan. 8, 1743 . . . Please give my love to Mr Hugh Munro, and tell him that his son is weel and with me; that he is entered on tryals before this presbytery, was examined on the preliminary questionnaire tryals, had a homily and exegesis . . . in which he acquitted himself to satisfaction, that he has got out an exercise and addition with a chronological discourse . . . There are means used to impede . . . but clandestin and apparently malicious . . . our presbytery . . . determined not to stop without better reasons than were given to the p. of D—h . . . Walter Ross [a lawyer, as the first part is about law business. Hugh Munro was minister. A paper of 1776 mentions "George Mackay of Tordarroch in Sutherland, next of kin of Peter Mackay of the Island of Sapola in the province of Georgia in N. America."]

WICK—Nos. 206, 279, 280, 284, 964.

B. No. 996, 1789.—Letter to Balnagown as M.P.] Wick, 12th October . . . intended visit . . . retarded by indisposition . . . frankly excuse . . . Our worthy Provost, Sir John Sinclair, and Baillie MacLeay . . . at pains promoting your interest . . . Baillie M'Leay has satisfy'd us respecting the newspaper, and we will be looking for an *Edinburgh Courant* in place of the *London Chronicle* . . . thanks for your profer'd services . . . now to ask . . . aid and assistance to Sir John Sinclair in procuring money from Government or otherways for making a Harbour . . . for perhaps the first fishing station in Scotland . . . [Signed] Willm. MacLeay, Robert Corner, Jas. Miller, Junr., James Macphaul, John Russell, John Cogill.



## APPENDIX.

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[No. 2.—Latin text—see photo., page 4.] Innocentius Episcopus Servus servorum Dei Dilecto filio Willemo Spino (pr)eposito ecclesiae beati Duthaci de Tayn Rossense diacono Salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem. Cum a nobis petitur quod justum est et honestum ta(m) (v)igor equitatis quam o(rdo) (ex)igit rationis ut id per sollicitudinem officii nostri ad debitum perducatur effectum. Sane pro parte tua nobis oblata p(etiti)o con(ti)ne(bat) (quod?) (?) Venerabilis Frater noster Thomas Episcopus Rossensis de capituli ecclesiae Rossensis et aliorum quorum intererat consensu pro divini cultus agumen(tatio)ne dictam ecclesiam beati Duthaci in Collegiatam erexit ac in ea Unam praeposituram et Quinque Canonicatus et totidem prebendas Duos Diaconatus a(ut) Duos Subdiaconatus Unam Sacristiam et Tres clericatus erexit et pro Prepositurae Canonicatum prebendarum Diaconatum, Subdiaconatum Sacristiae et clericatum horum omnium dote concedenti certos Fructus Redditus et Proventus per quosdam Christi fideles pie erogatos assign(avit) cumque dictam praeposituram quae inibi dignitas principalis existit certo modo vacantem auctoritate apostolica tibi collatam assecutus fuisti ( ) a nobis apostolico petiisti munimineque roborari. Nos igitur tuis in hac parte supplicationibus inclinati omnia et singula per dictum capitulum in pre(missis) ac(ta) ac (g)esta sicut rite et proinde facta sunt auctoritate apostolica, Firmamus et presentis scripti patrocínio Communimus. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostrae confirmationis et communitiois infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Siquis autem hoc attentare (pre)sumpserit indignationem Omnipotentis Dei ac beatorum Petri et Pauli Apostolorum ejus se noverit incursum. Datum Romae apud Sanctum Petrum anno incarnatonis dominicae millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo secundo sexto decimo Kl. Augusti pontificatus nostri anno octavo.

[No. 261, N.D.—Script and allusions about 1670-80.] The rental of the Barrons and freeholders of the shyre of Ross as weel holden few of the King and with is the stent roll for payment of the Commissioners charges that did attend his ma'ties parliament and that:—The Laird of Belnagown his whol valued rent . . in Kincardin, Eddertoune, Kilmure and Fearn, £2344; George Ross of Morangie for lands of Inverbreakie, Moringie, and Belnagall and the milnes of Moringie and Dibidill, £1391; Kilravock in P. of Nigg, £1164; Dunbeth for Gaynies, £548; Seafield, £486; Arbol,



£574; Pitcalnie for Wester Arbol . . lands . . Kincardin and Nigg, £592; Culrean in p. Kilmure, Roskein, Kincardin, £1098; Piltoune in Taine, estate of Mulderge and Little Allan, £1394; Margaret McKenzie, Little Kindeis, £527; John Forrester and his sone for Dunskeath, Cullinald and Annat, £401; Invercharron for Gruinyeard, £60; James Ross of Eye, £155; Inverlaell estate possessed be Rorie Dingwell, Pitlundie, and Mr Jas. M'Kenzie . . Rorie . . £306 . . Pitlundie, £225; Mr J. M., £84; Tutor of Kindeis in Kincardin, £900 . . The Laird of McIntosh in Roskein and Alnes, £854; Rosauch estate . . £200; Scatwell in Awach, £200; Findrosie, £1020; Drynie, £100; Kilcowie in Suddie and Kilmure, £728; Redcastle, £1600; Farburne, £823; Garloch in . . Loggie, Urqt., Foddertie, and Garloch including Sandes, £2441; Findon estate and part of the Constable fies of Chanonrie, £2256; Davachcartie, £166; Tulloch, £600; Brae, £467; Assint, £570.

[No. 263, 1765.—] Baron Roll . . Captain John Ross of Balnagown, Sir Harry Munro of Foulis, Bart.; Sir John Gordon of Invergordon, Bart.; Roderick Macleod of Cadboll, John Munro of Culcairn, Alexr. McKenzie of Davachmaluack, Geo. Mackenzie of Allangrange, John Mackenzie of Applecross, Hugh Macleod of Geanies, Hugh Rose of Kilraick, Duncan Fraser of Seafield, The Right Hon. Stewart Jas. Mackenzie of Rosehaugh, Sir Alexr. Mackenzie of Coul, Bart.; John Mackenzie of Delvin, Kenneth Mackenzie of Dundonnell, Alexr. Chisolm of Comar, Alexr. Lesly of Findrossy, David Ross of Inverchassly, George Munro of Navarr, William Ross of Aldie, Roderick Mackenzie of Redcastle, Wm. Mackenzie of Strathgarve, Thomas Mackenzie of Ord, Thos. Mackenzie of Highfield, Wm. Mackenzie of Belmaduthy, advocate; Duncan Ross of Kindeace, Jon Mackenzie of Brae, Murdoch Mackenzie of Letterew, Adam Gordon of Ardoch, George Ross of Pitkerry, Hugh Rose of Geddes, Alexr. Gray, Deput Clerk of Session; Captain James Cuthbert of Millncraig, Charles Robertson of Kindeace, David Munro of Allan, Sir Roderick Mackenzie of Scatwell, Roderick Mackenzie of Scotsburn, Charles Munro of Culrain, Alexr. Mackenzie of Inchcoulter, Lieut. Col. Charles Ross of Morangie, Jon Mackenzie, Esq., commonly called Lord Macleod; Henry Davidson of Tulloch, George Mackenzie of Inchcoulter. [The Roll of 1767 also occurs, with 50 names; next is that of 1782, which distinguishes and sums up the different qualifications thus:—Real Barons—Property lands, 37; enrolled on superiorities to heirs, 4; enrolled on lands, partly property and partly superiority, 3; enrolled on Liferent superiority, 39—total, 83.

[No. 263, about 1690.—] Heretors, Wadsetters, and liferenters within the shyre of Ross [parishes in Italics, M. for Mackenzie and Mo. for Munro:—] *Dingwall*—Sir Donald

Bayne of Tulloch, Alexr. M. of Tolly; *Rosemarkie*—The Earle of Seafort, Sir Geo. M. of Roshaugh, Geo. M. of Kildin, The Countess of Seafort, Sir Alexr. M. of Inverness, Wm. Innes of Rosskeen, Robt. Innes baylie of Fortros, David Moniepenney baylie yr., Jon Miller of Kincurdie, Al. Graham of Drynie, Hugh Dallas of Budzet, Geo. Lesly of Findrassie, Eliz<sup>h</sup>. M. of Kinnock, Hew Gollan Baylie of Fortros, Jas. Ros mercht. yr., Alexr. McDermet yr., Katherin Ros relict of Wm. Barbour yr., Rorie M. Kin-craig son, Alexr. Smith, Mr Colin M. broyr. to Seafort, Sir Robt. Innes of y<sup>t</sup> ilk, Barbara Forbes his moyr.; *Avach*—Geo. M. of Knockmuir, Agnes Fraser liferentrix of Arcon-duith; *Suddie*—Alexr. M. of Kilcoy, Alexr. M. of Moor-toun, Alexr. M. of Suddie, Alexr. M. of Ballmaduthie;

*Kilmure*—Coline M. of Readcastle, Alexr. Schives of Kilmuir; *Urray*—Mr Rorie M. of Kinchulladrum, Janet Fraser lifer. of part of Brahan and Vere [?] Hepburne her hus-band, Sir Alexr. M. of Coull, Keneth M. of Davachma-luack, Murdo M. of Farburn, Alexr. M. of Garloch, Mr Jon McCra son to umql. Mr Jon McCra, p. Alexr. M. of Aplecross, Thomas M. of Ord, Mr Charles M. of Meikle Logie, Jon Tuach of Logiereich, Sir Rorie M. of ffindon, Mr Hector M. Gairloch son, James Fraser of Brey; *Cullicuddin*—Geo. Dallas of St Mertines, James Innes of Lichnet, Thos. Urq<sup>t</sup> of Kinbeachie or Cuthbert his moyr.; *Foddertie*—Geo. Viscount of Tarbet, florenie Innes liferentrix of Dun-glust and Coline M. her housband, Charles M. of Cullen, Alexr. Dingwall of Ussie, Matthew Robertson of Davach-cartie, Murdo M. of Ardross, Jon Glas of Knocknat( )e; *Contane*—Ewin M. of Achnaclerach, Coline M. portioner yr., Keneth M. of Scotwall, Keneth M. of Glenmarques, Ronald Bayne of Knockbayne, Thos. M. broyr. to Ord, The Earl of Marr, Marie M. relict of Coline M. Davachma-luack's son; *Lochbroom*—( ) M. of Inverlaoll, Alexr. M. of Achiltie, Alexr. M. of Ballon, John M. of Gruinyeard, ( ) Mackenzie of Achlunachan, Agnes Moreson liferentrix of Deirenamuck and Keneth M. her housband, Alexr. M. of Ardloch, Murdo McIver of Leckmelme, Coline M. of Kin-craige; *Garloch*—John M. of Tarvie, Marie M. liferentrix of Sand; *Lochals*—p. Ewander Murchieson of Ochtertyre, Alexr. McCra of Conchra; *Lohcarron*—p. Mr ( ) M. of Torridon, Mr ( ) McCulloch in Lochcarrone, Donald McDonald in Flastelltoun; *Kintail*—Mr Jon McCra minister at Dingwall, Duncane McCra of Inverinet, Maurice McCra in Kintail; *Lewis*—John Bayne of Greece; *Tarbet*—The Lady Colingtoun, Wm. Dingwall in Tarbet, Mr Geo. Pater-son of Seafeld, Janet Mo. liferentrix of Little Tarrell and Alexr. Ross her sone, Robert Gray of Arboll, Alexr. Ross of Pitcalnie, Wm. Sinclar of Dunbeath, David Ross in Gaynes and David Ross his sone, Margaret Ross liferentrix

of a pt. yrof, Mr Andro Ross of Pitkerie [this shows the list to be before 1692, when he died], Mr Jas. Sinclar of May, David Ross of Ballna(gown), Sir George Munro of C(ulrain), Robert Mo. of Ach( ), Wm. Ross of Inve( ), p. Hew Ros ( ), John McLeod of Miltoun, Coline Robertson ( ), John Forrester of C(ulnald), Hector Douglas of ( ), Jas. Urqrt ( ) as lyferenter of fearn, The Lady May, Hugh Ros spous to Margret Ross liferentrix of the Drum of fearn, James Ross of Eye, Mr Keneth McKenzie of Litle Reynie Minr. at Logie, Gilbert Paip yr., Normand Denoun yr., Robert Barbour of Mulderge, Bessie Gray liferentrix of Mulderge, Mr Thomas Urquhart minr., Walter Ross of Ballamuckie, (Jean Munro liferentrix of Pitkery, ( ) Ross of Aldie, Rorie ffouler of Meikle Allan, Jon Mo. of Meikle Allan, Margaret Davies his moyr., Sir Hew McCulloch of Piltoun, Geo. Stronach of Balblair, David Ross Nor. Pubt. yr., Jon Stronach yr.; *Taine*—Hew McLeod of Cambuscurrie, George Ross of Morinshie, Rorie Dingwall of Cambuscurrie, David fearn of Tarlogie; *Ederthouse*—Alexr. Ros of Kirkskaith, Alexr. Ros of Easter fearn, Lilius Dallas liferentrix of Midfearn and her husband, Alexr. Mo. of Daan; *Nigg*—Jon Grant of Dunskaith, James Fraser of Pitkayllian, Elspet McGillendries liferentrix yr. and Jon Ros her housband, Alexr. McCulloch in Nig, Alexr. Gair yr., Thomas Gair his son, Wm. Ros of Kindeis, Issobel Douglas liferentrix of Sandwick, Hugh Rose of Kilravock, Mr Jas. M. minr., Margaret M. liferentrix of Little Kindeis: *Loggie*—James M. of Drumeddat, Hugh McCulloch of Glastullich, John Mo. in Drumond, ( ) minr. at Tayn [piece with about 8 names torn out]; *Rosskeen*—( ) Lesly liferent( ) of (Inver)breakie, Lachlane Mackintosche of (Mack)intosche, Walter Ross of Newnakil, John Mo. of Newnakil, John Ross of Achnacloich, Finlay McFinlay of Lealdie, Alexr. Ross Wadsetter of a part of Newnakill, Jael Munro, Mr John McCulloch of Glastullich, Andw. Ross ( ), Mr fabie [?] Ross of Logie; *Alnes*—Hugh Munro Teaninich, Keneth M. of Davochcairne, Mr John McKillicane of Alnes, Mr Andro Mo. of Coull, Mr Wm. Munro of Culkraigie, Lachlane Makintoshe of Kinrara, Alexr. Makintoshe his sone, Hector M. of Assint, Robert Mo. of Clynes, Sir John Mo. of Foulis, George Mo. of Novar, Hew Mo. of Swardell, John Mo. of fyres, Issobell Mo. his moyr.; *Kiltearne*—George Mo. of Limlair, Katherin Mo. liferentrix of Clynes, Alexr. Cuthbert of Pellock, Donald finlayson of Culcairn, Alexr. Mo. of Ardulzie, David Mo. of Killichuan, John Beatoun of Culnaskea, The Lady Macdonald of Slait and her housband, Wm. Munr [o omitted] of Teanaird, Hector Mo. of Kiltearn, Jon Mo. portioner of Culcairn, — Munro of Teanryven, Robert Polson of Pellock. [As to the question whether there were other pages, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd are filled right to the foot, but the 4th not, by about an inch. All the parishes are men-



tioned except Kilmuir-Easter, but the margin where it would naturally be is torn—and Kincardine, which may have been in the missing part—Applecross and Urquhart or Logie Wester, whose heritors, &c., may have been entered in other parishes.

No. 379, 1720.—] Delivered for General Ross by Bagnol shoemaker . . a pair of shoes . . a pair of [?] with trimming . . 13th July, a pair of slippers with [?].

[No. 385.—Translation. It is unnecessary to translate the figures or repeat the word “cleaned” after each item.] Note for Sir Wm. Baillie of what Lahay has done in work and cleaning:—A red coat with gold lacing and a vest cleaned . . Two black coats and a vest . . A hat with feather . . A brown damask coat and the vest. A yellow vest . . a summer vest . . feather cleaned and bontespagne [?] turned . . Grey summer coat and breeches . . brown coat with gold buttons [? in MS. button-holes], pair of white stockings cleaned and stitched . . brushing hats and supplying cords.

[No. 386.—] Note of what master-farrier Dofinct in Lunéville in the year 1736 namely to have supplied 48 horseshoes and re-filed as many at the rate of six sols each horseshoe . . To have supplied 3 wheel-tyres—to have welded a tyre . . I have furnished two wheel-pins . . furnished a pin (or peg, *osse* being for *heusse*, Old French for *cheville*) . . dressed the wounds of the grey horse which was hurt . . supplied a new bandage (*esgrous* for *escroue*, Old French for piece or strip).

[No. 387.—] Note of what Desjardin has expended for Sir Wm. Baillie, viz. :—for a pig’s tongue . . A bottle to put tobacco in . . Given to a poor man . . When he was at the hunt at Einville . . To the postillion at Einville Park . . at the hunt at St Clement . . Given a masson [?] at Casabelle for a whistle . . A pot to put tobacco in Squeezed (fined?) at . . . court on Shrove-Tuesday . . For a soldier whom he engaged at Moniel . . To a poor man . . At the house on the Embankment—for brandy . . for curled tobacco to smoke . . Two fine pipes . . Two duck’s eggs . . Two glasses broken at the guards . . Two goblets. Sugar 1 bought to take coffee with, &c. . . Given to change a Louis for 4 large Crowns . . Four bottles of beer at Launay’s and redeeming Mr Blaine’s seal . . Three massons [apparently a coin or sum] at Launay’s for a comb and sponge . . To a soldier he found on the Embankment . . Given to . . in front of the Savage [? Inn] at 3 p.m. 2 large crowns . . again do. . . for Parroy . . Given a small crown to . . being on the Walk to the woods of Vitrimont with young ladies. Given a large crown and half being with the same ladies at Rosières . . a louis and half being at the Sauvage [? Inn] at Nancy . . For the stable-boy. In returning from Parroy being at Henamenil . . for the horses with Tirotte To a groom of the

court who frightened the horse . . I certify to have received . . Desjardin X his mark.

[No. 388.—] Note . . Dumarest a silver sword . . Three scabbards and three silver tips . . A blade gilt and a shagreen scabbard refitting the hilt and restoring the sword quite new . .

[No. 404, 1795.—Names. M. for Mackenzie, Mo. for Munro, R. for Ross.] Bailie Simson and plough, Andw. McMitchel servant, Ba. Manson and pl., Andw. R. do., Alr. Bain ser., Ba. Geo. Murray and pl., Mr Wm. Murray, Wm. Rose shopk., Mr G. Murray junr., Al. R. ser., Mr Benj. R. merch., Dav. R. with do., Don. McMitchel ser., Dun. R., Wm. Sutherland, Jas. Taylor, Da. Duff, Jn. M'Culloch and Jn. R. Oterach all merchants, Jn. Forbes ser., Th. Suter Clk., Mr Jn. R., Hugh R. and Alexr. Taylor all writers, Jn. M'Ohie, Cap. Da. R. and plough, Jas. Innes his Clk., Al. M. ser., Dun. McCulloch ser., Angus Mo. ser., And. R. ser., Mr Coombes Vintner and plough, Al. McLeod Horselar [ostler], Jn. McLeod vintner, Jn. Bethune ser., Thos. Jameson and Th. Reid vintners, Al. Forsyth and Geo. R. watchmakers, Da. R., Don. R., and H. Mo. all messengers, Geo. R. and Murdo M'Leod Flaxdressers, Don. Munro Plaisterer, Al. R. schoolmr., Al. Reoch saddler; *Smiths*—Al. M., Alr. R. Roy, Andrew Fraser and plough, Al. Fraser his son, Wm. Fraser, Colin M., Wm. M., Al. M'Kay, Don. Simson; *Masons*—Lachlan R., Don. M., Rod. M., and Da. Campbell with do., Nich. R., Geo. R., and Dun. Gair; *Wrights*—Mr Alex. R. and plough, Al. Anderson, Hugh Gibson and Jas. Vass all with do., Mr W. Macpherson and Hugh K., and Don. M. and A. Simson with do., Hugh R., Hugh R. cartwright, Jn. R. Buie, War. R., Don. Hood, Geo. R., Hector R., Jn. Campbell Jr., Don. Murray, Mr Jas. Rioch and Jas. Matheson with do., Jn. M'Leod Cooper and Wm. his son, Hugh M'Leod; *Tailors*—Jn. Taylor, Th. Forbes, Jn. Do., Al. Roy, War. Taggart, Jn. Thomson, Wm. Skinner, Don. R., Da. Mo., Jn. Fraser; *Shoemakers*—Al. M'Lennan, Don. do., Andw., Jn., and Hugh do., Al. R. McAchin, Da. Grant, Jn. R. More, Eaven M'Donald, Al. McRorie, Da. R. Town Officer, Jn. Gallie, Geo. Sutherland, and Jn. McSteven and Wm. R. with do., Don. Gair, Al. M. late officer, and War. M. his son, Al. Taylor and Al. R., Al. McIain, Al. Oag, Wm. Mo. with do., Abner Gallie, Jas. Graham, and Jas. Miller with do., Kenneth M., Geo. Hossack, War. R., and Ang. M'Cull. with do., Don. R. McAchin, W. Macpherson, and do. Tanner, And. Manson, Don. M.; *Weavers*—Adam Mo. and Th. R. and Al. Bain with do., W. McLennan, Th. McLeod, Don. Reid, Al. Mac-homash, Geo. McWilliam, Al. Skinner, Da. Mitchel, Rod. Don, Hugh R. Roy, Da. Matheson, Jn. Ferguson, Jn. McPherson, Al. Innes, Th. Homash, Lauchlin Urqt.; *Gardeners and Labourers*—Nicholas Vass, Polson Dawson,

Al. Thomson and plough, Don. M'Kay boatman, Peter M'Keddy, Al. Fraser, Neil McLeod, Jn. Kerr, Don. Oag, Al. M'Ryrie piper, Hugh Taylor hairdresser, W. Kerr baker, Jn. M. do. *Inhabitants of Parish*—[In Inver, 6 tenants and 23 fishers]; *Katherine's Cross*—Al. Taylor mer., A. Macivire, Da. Taylor tailor, Geo. R. weaver, and A. Anderson; *Lochstin*—Don. Gair, Hector Cook his ser., Da. McGilandrish; *Balnagall*—Finlay Roy tacksman, Thos. M'Leod his ser., Al. Dingwall, and Dav. his son, Don. M'Vire tailor, and Jn. Do., and Wm. Do., Ken. R. wright, Jn. M'Kay and D. M'Andrew mailors, Hugh Roy, Don. Anderson, Jn. M'Kay mailor, Jn. Corbat; *Balcherry*—Wm. Polson tenant, Ad. M'Culloch plough, Al. Roy tenant, Dun. Mail mailor, Dun. Cameron, Alr. Urqt., Da. R. Roy; *Pitogarty*—Jas. R. McRob, Jn. M'Alister tenant, and Jn. his son, and 7 others; *Little Plaids*—Jas. Gair Tenant, Don. McAndrew smith; *Balkeith*—Don. Macachen and Hugh, son of do., Dav. McCulloch; *Meikle Balkeith*—Jas. Norry, ten. and son Dav., Alex. Ross More, mailor, Jas. Jurnal, Wm. Grasick, Wm. McPherson weaver, Dav. Ross Oag, Don. McWilliam; *Hiltown*—Alex. Munro more and brother Robt., ( ) Peter Gair Milner, Dav. Ross smith, Alex. Clerach, Alex. Roy, Dav. McVire, Jn. Machomash, Jas. McCulloch mercht., Rod. Gillichan, Alr. Martin, Alr. Bethune, Dun. Taylor, Jn. Murray wright, and son Don.; *Aldie*—Mrs Ross servant and plough, Don. MacInon servt., Da. Miller and Jn. Smart milners, Jn. Munro, And. Roy; *Knockbreck*—Wm. McGilandrish grieve, Al. M'Kenzie servt., Wm. Cameron, Don. Ross, Meanies Clark, Jn. M'Kay; *Balnacoile*—Don. Ross Tenant, Alr. ( ) ( ); *Criskeeth*—And. Roy ten., Finlay McCulloch, Malcolm Fraser; *Meikle Aldie*—Hugh Ross ten., Jn. Taylor, High Milns And. M'Kenzie ten., Al. Shand milner, Wm. Ross, cooper, Walter Ross pensioner, Don. Uine, Hugh Ross and son, Thos. Jn. Roy weaver and son Jn., Al. McInin milner and son, Hugh McSteven weaver, Wm. McInin, Peter McIntosh dyster; *King's Causway*—W. Hossack, Don. Campbell, Farq. Ross; *Larig*—( ) Munro, ( ); *Muirfield*—Jn. Mitchell and plough, Al. Ross servt.; *Hartfield*—Robt. Murray, Jn. Carmichael, Al. McDonald, Alr. Macrory, Dav. Miller, Mr Baillie for the Hill, And. Bain and Alr. Smith servts., Don. Ross More mailor in the Hill; *Wester Hill of Tain*—And. Ross and plough and son Jn., Lauchlin Gallie and Jn. Sidera tenants; *Morrangie*—Don. M'Kenzie and 2 Servants, Don. Bain tacksman, and servt., Hugh Fraser, Hector McFinlay wright, Wm. Johnstone and son Alr., Andw. McKenzie, Alexr. ( ), Jn. Gair, Wm. Campbell, Wm. Macfarquhar, Geo. Smart, Wm. Tain, Da. Ross weaver, Finlay Fraser, Geo. Ross weaver, and Geo. Ross and Jn. Roy with him; *Lower Cambuscurry*—Andw. Roy tacksman and 2 Servts., Robt. Ross; *Meikle Ferry*—Wm. McLeod and servt. Angus McKay, Rodk. Bain; *Tar-*



*logie*—Jn. Bain servt., Jn. Provost, Hugh Ross, Finlay MacRae; *Upper Cambuscurry*—Alexr. S( ) tenant, ( ) ( ), Jn. Macgillandrish his son, Wm. McLeod servt. or mailor, Da. Roy tenant.

[No. 669.—] Robertus Dei Gratia Rex Scotorum Omnibus Probis hominibus totius terrae nostrae clericis et laicis salutem. Sciatis nos approbasse ratificasse et hac presente carta nra. confirmasse donationem illam et concessionem quas quondam Willimus comes de Ross frater noster fecit et concessit quondam Hugoni de Ross fratri suo de terris de Balnagown Achahanytt et Gorthy et de annuo redditu quatuor librarum de Tarbat cum pertinentibus in comitatu de Ross infra vice comitatum de Inverness Tenenda et habenda Willimo de Ross filio et heredi dicti quondam Hugonis de Ross et heredibus suis in feodo et hereditate per omnes suas metas et divisas suas et cum omnibus et singulis libertatibus, commoditatibus, asiamentis et justis pertinentibus quibuscunque ad dictas (terras) spectantibus seu (quo)m modo juste spectare valentibus in futurum adeo libere quiete plenarie integre et honorifice in omnibus et per omnia sicut carta de quondam predicto quondam Hugoni exinde confecta in se juste continet et exponit salvis nobis warda relevio et firmis ac redditibus dictarum terrarum quotiens in wardam contigerint et aliis nostris servitiis universis In cujus rei testimonium presenti carte confirmationis nostrae nostrum praecepimus apponi sigillum Testibus venerabili in Christo patre Willimo episcopo Sant Andrae Johanne primogenito nostro Comite de Carryk senescallo Scot. Roberto Comite de fyffe et de Meneteth filio nostro dilecto Willimo Comite de Douglas, Johanne de Carryk Cancellario nostro Jacobo de Lyndesay nepote ( ) Hugone de Eglyntoun et Roberto de Erskyne Militibus Apud Nude in Badenoch decimo die mensis Augusti anno regni nostri quarto. [See photo.

No. 893.—[Translation.] Bagheria, 21st July, 1811. I was sorry to be so long without getting word from you. I got your answer to my long letter of 10th Feby. only by the last packet boat. I can't conceive how it is that it has been so long of reaching me, since it was written on 24th April, but though very old it has given me none the less pleasure. I thank you for it with all my heart. I was quite sure beforehand of the share and interest you would take in our misfortunes. Alas, everything remains in the same position as it was when I wrote you. My mother is at Mahon, and unhappily for her and for us with the same tendency. Oh how just, true and beautiful is the passage you cite to me from Young's Night Thoughts, my favourite work. How well it fits me, and how I feel the truth of it every day by experience of what is this sad life in which disturbances, anxieties, regrets do nothing but follow one another. The state in which this country is, and the latest events which

have just occurred are fresh subjects of anxiety for us, and decide my brother, who was on the point of returning to the palace, still to prolong his stay in the country where we have been for four months. It seems to me that in the unfortunate and sad circumstances we are in, neither advice nor counsels being any longer listened to for a long time, and everything done being absolutely against his principles and opinions, he cannot do better than hold aloof, and that is the part he takes for the moment. I think it is impossible to foresee what will become of us. The country air has entirely benefited my sister's health; my beloved little nephew also thrives wonderfully, he has got quite strong, he has two teeth, he is beginning to walk; he is charming, I love him fondly. We shall likely be obliged to change our country-house. The air of this country after July is out is no good—which had decided my brother to return to the palace, but after the latest events we shall go to another place in the country, and certainly this kind of life suits us best. You know I never cared much for Courts, and I assure you I care less than ever. I am very glad to know that Mrs Wright has got back to your neighbourhood. I enclose herewith a letter that you will do me a real service to get forwarded in a sure way to its address, whether in Spain or Portugal, according to where the British cavalry may be found. It is an important letter which treats of private affairs. My dear brother charges me to thank you for your keepsake. Write to me; you know that your letters always give me pleasure. Counting on your friendship—count equally on mine. Speak of me to the good Julian, to Mr Viule, and to my other acquaintances of Gibraltar . . . Louise A. E. D'Orleans.

[No. 935.—Latin Text.] Haec inquisitio facta est apud villam immunitatis de Tayne vicesimo die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo nono per subscriptos fide dignos videlicet Alexandrum de Sutherland magistrum ejusdem Willimum de Leslie vicecomitem de Inverness, Hugonem de Ross de Balnagowne, Georgium de Munro de fulis, Alexandrum McCulloich, Alexandrum Henrici de Sutherland, Joannem de Sutherland, Willimum de Caldor, Willimum de Terral, Hugonem Alexandri Georgium McCulloich Hugonem Juniorem de Munro, Donaldum Symonis, Fercherdum Reyid burgensem de Inverness Johannem Moir de Caldrossie, Johannem Bayne, Donaldum McTyr Donaldum Sussorem, Johannem de Spens, Andream Alani Andream de Tarrale Johannem Monylaw et Alexandrum Skynnane Qui jurati magno juramento interveniente per se conjunctim et divisim in dicta inquisitione invenerunt et effectuose ad plenum intellexerunt quod omnes inhabitantes infra predictam immunitatem de Thayne et eorum omnia bona quaecunque sunt sub speciali protectione sedis apostolicae Et quod dicta immunitas primo fundata fuit per quendam illustrissimum Scotorum regem

Malcolm Canmoir bonae memoriae Et quod postea prefata immunitas confirmata fuit per diversos reges et illustres principes viz. Daudid de broyce Robertum ejus nepotem et ultimum Robertum *primi* Roberti filium et quod dicti inhabitantes villam de Thayne plenam et liberam potestatem et privilegium habent et habuerunt ad emendum et vendendum omnia bona quaecunque infra quatuor cruces angulares antedictae immunitatis Et quod nunquam solverint neque de ratione solvent aliquam contributionem regibus Scotiae nec comitibus Rossiae preterquam custumam dno. nostro regi et extunc licitum est omnibus dictam immunitatem habitantibus laborare et navigare cum omnibus suis marchimoniis et rebus quibuscunque ubique locorum ad ipsorum bene placitum absque aliqua contradictione seu ulteriore demanda per virtutem privilegii sepedictae immunitatis prout ipsis melius videbitur expedire In quorum omnium praemissorum fidem et testimonium sigilla quorundam predictorum fide dignorum qui prefatae inquisitioni interfuerunt sub impressione sigilli magnifici ac potentis dui domini Alexandri Comitis Rossiae domini insularum ac supremi domini nostri regis justiciarii ex parte boreali aquae de forth huic presenti inquisitionis sunt appensa loco die et anno supra dictis.

Haec est vera copia principalis et originalis inquisitionis modo praescripto sigillate ut michi apparuit de verbo in verbum fideliter copiatæ et collationatae nihil addito vel remoto quod rei substantiam mutaret aut sententiam variet per me Jacobum Hoppringile notarium publicum subscriptum Teste manu propria et signo usitato et consueto.

Ita est Jacobus Hoppringile notarius publicus in premissis requisitus manu propria.

[No. 983, 1766.—] Suit Roll of Tain [R. for Ross, M. for Mackenzie, Mo. for Munro] David R. of Inverchasley Provost, Hugh R. 1st Baillie, John Reid 2nd, David R. 3rd, Mr Alexr. Baillie Dean of Guild, Geo. Miller Treasurer, The Hon. Laird of Balnagown, Col. Ross of Morangie, Wm. Baillie of Rosehall, Alexr. Gray of Overskibo, H. Macfarquhar, Geo. Simson Mercht., Angus Ross mercht., Geo. Ross mercht., David Ross Junr. Writer in Edin. [Council]; *Merchants*—Baillie Nicholas R., Don. R., Murdoch R., Dav. R. Senr., do. yor., Alex. R., Jn. Forbes, Wm. R. Otterach, Gustavus M., Rodk. R., Gilbert Robertson, Harry Mo., Dav. Mo.; *Wigmakers*—Hugh Taylor, John Reid, Alex. R.; *Smiths*—Jn. R. pewterer, Hugh R. Silversmith, Alex. M. Senr. and Junr., Don. R., Robt. Rose, Hugh Simson, Jn. R., Hugh M.; *Masons*—Alex. Junor, Jn. do., Lachlan R.; *Wrights*—Wm. Cramond, Don. Davidson, Don. Rae, Alex. Reid, Jn. Reid, Wm. R.; *Coopers*—Jn. Campbell, Don. Fraser, Jn. R., Hew Fraser; *Musicians*—Thomas Oig, Alex. Murray violer and glover; *Tailors*—John Taylor, Jn. Macbain, Donald R., Macean, Jn. Smart, Thos. Forbes; *Shoemakers*—



Jas. Clark, Wm. Macpherson, Alexr. R., Rod. Macnoon, Thos. R. Lean, Alr. M., Senr. and Junr., Don. MacLennan, Finlay Taylor, Dav. Manson, Ken. Matheson, Jas. R., Al. Macpherson, Thos. Ross minister, Don. Bayne McCurichie, Wm. Urquhart post, And. McLennan, Rob. Urquhart, Rorie M.; *Websters*—Dav. R. McWilliam, Jn. Do., Thos. McHomash, Wm. McCallie, Jn. Skinner, Al. Buy, Jn. Cook, Jn. Macowell, Don. Sutherland, Don. MacCrae, Wm. Taylor, Jn. R. Macwill, Don. R. Machomas; *Labourers and oyr. inhabitants*—Alr. M. tacksman of the miln, Bailie W. R.'s relict, Widow Maccrae, Lewis Bizet, Al. Roy, Dav. Lillie, Francis Roy, Jas. forbes, Norman Mac mitchell, Don. McStiven Senr., Polson Dawson, Don. Reed Boatman, Finlay McWilliam, Wm. Sutherland, Wm. Macpherson, Thos. Macwilliam, Jn. Shand Milner, Jn. Macleod, Al. A. Senr., Jn. Oig, Jn. R., Wm. R. soldier, Andw. R. in ye Hill, Jn. R. Brachider, Dav. Siddera, Geo. Reoch mailler, Jn. Kerr, Al. R. Strathrustle, Dav. R. Litster, Geo. Siddera, Dav. M. boatman, Hugh McCulloch Invereathie, Finlay McFinlay More, Hugh R. Narrein, Dav. McDonald alias Gauld, Jas. Mo., Dav. Roy, Pe. Kerr, Ron. Denoon, Dun. McLeod, W. McOisea, Dun. and Ken. Macrae at the milns, And. Denoon, Don. R. Johnson, Don. R. Georgeson; *Landed Interest*—The Laird of Balnagown, Do. of Inverchasley, Do. of Cadboll, Mr Ross of Shandwick, H. Macleod of Geanies, Rodk. M'Culloch of Glastullich, Capt. Alex. R. of Calrossie, Geo. Miller mercht., Dav. R. of Priesthill, Dav. R. Commr. Clk., Polson Dawson, Jn. M. in Morangie, Al. R. in Meikle Allan, Jn. Forbes, Dav. M. in Milntown, Don. Rose, wright, Don. McFarquhar mercht., Al. R. in Ardgay, Al. R. in Braelangwell, Jn. R. Taylor, Hary Munro mercht., Bailie Hugh Ross, Bailie Jn. Reid, Al. Junor, Finlay Taylor, Rod. Ross, Wm. Cramond, Jn. Taylor, Don. R. Macean, Al. R. Lidster, Finlay McWilliam, Thos. R. tobacconist, Don. R. late in Dornoch, Widow Macrae, Don. McLarbat at the miln, Simon R., Wm. Mackay, Murdo M'Crae, Don. R. Fearnach, Geo. Cook's relict, Dun. Forbes weaver, Don. Mo., Alex. and Wm. Munro posts.

No. 990, 1801.—Suit Roll of Tain. List contd. M. for Mackenzie, R. for Ross, Mo. for Munro:—] Jas. Innes Banker; *Merchants*—Angus R., Benj. R., Da. Duff, Wm. Sutherland, Jn. McReiry, Lachlan McIntosh, Jn. McPherson, Dunc. R., Th. Fraser, Do. R., Jas. McCulloch, Jn. Forbes, Nichs. R., and Jas. Dawson; Lieut. Geo. Mo., Robt. Murray Hartfield, Geo. Ross Watchmaker; *Saddlers*—Al. Reach, — Gollan, Al. Taylor; *Writers*—Jn. R., Hugh R., Al. Taylor, Pat. Thomson; *Messengers*—Da. R., Hugh Mo., Dr James Roberson; *Vintners*—Tho. Jamieson, Da. M., Tho. Mo., and Geo. R.; *Smiths*—Andw. Fraser, Alr. M., Wm. Fraser, Alr. McKay, Wm. McOmash, Colin M.,

Don. R., A. McKay (white iron), Don. M'Kay (copper); *Bakers*—Jn. M., Pe. Dawson; *Masons*—Lach<sup>n</sup>. Ross, Don. M., Geo. R., Dun. Gair, Rob. R., Don. Watson; *Schoolmasters*—Al. R. and Da. Mo.; *Wrights*—Alr. R., Wm. McPherson, War. R., Jn. Hood, Hector R., Jn. R., Geo. R., Jas. Reach, Jas. Vass, Hugh R., Don. Murray; *Coopers*—Jn. Campbell, Jn. McLeod, Hugh do.; *Wheelwrights*—Don. Hood, Jas. Mathieson; *Boatmen*—Alex. Bain, Niel M'Leod, and Don. M'Kay; *Tailors*—Walter Sagart, Wm. Skinner, Alr. Roy, Jn. Fraser, Jn. and Tho. Forbes; Dan. Fraser, Hugh Jack; *Shoemakers*—Andw. Manson, Al. McLeman, Al. M'Achan, Jn. Gallie, Don. Gair, Da. Grant, War. R., Wm. McPherson, Alr. M., And. McLennan, Alr. Oag, Don. McAchan, Wm. R., Jn. M'Lennan, Jas. Grant (King's Causeway), Al. R., William Mo., George Sutherland, James R., Jn. R. moir, William McInin, Angus M'Culloch, Alexr. M., Wm. Talach, Tho. Murray; *Gardeners*—Jas. Ross, Polson Dawson, Alr. R., Nich. R., Nich. Vass, A. Thomson; *Weavers*—Da. R. McWilliam, Jn. M'Pherson, Wm. Taylor, Alexr. Skinner, Adam Mo., Don. McPhee, Rod. Donn, Al. McOmash, Don. Reid, Tho. McLeod, Da. Mitchell, Wm. Donn, Tho. McOmash, Alr. Thoinson, Hugh McSteven (High Mills), Al. Innes, Jn. R.; *Inhabitants, &c.*—Alr. R. High Mills, Peter McIntosh, dyster, Don. McStephen tenant, Lachlan Gallie ten., Jn. McCandy miller, Jn. Siddera in the Hill, Alr. Munro in Lairg, Murdoch McLeod heckler, Hugh R. morar, Jn. McPherson pensioner, Don. M. oag, War. Ross pensioner High Mills, G. McWilliam, Finlay R. Auldroy, W. Hosack King's Cy., Widow M. there, Jn. Kerr, Dunc. Ilach Garrick, An. Mitchell, Murd. M. K.'s Cy., Geo. R. Crask, Al. Urquhart Inverethy, Hugh Munro K's Cy., Hector Mo., Don. Fraser, Wydow of Geo. M'Finlay Crask, Jas. More do., and Jas. Ross Loch Eye, Jn. McInin and Jn. Seer above High Mills, Don. M'Kay, John McGrigor, Robt. Bain, Andw. M'Kay, Andw. Ross, Wm. Tain, Finlay Ross. *Landed Interest*—Balnagown, Ld. Ankerville, Cadboll, Rose of Glastullich, Geanies, Aldie's Trustees, Lieut. Col. Ross, Shandwick, Provost Baillie, Pitcalnie, Bailie G. Murray. [Rest torn off; then several "heirs of":—] Heirs of [the following] Wm. Maclean, Al. R. Sher. Clk., Dr Jas. Hay, Rob. Manson, Ch. Manson, Tho. R., Bailie Don. R., Chas. Manson, Da. Manson gunsmith, Alr. R. in Meikle Allan, Mr Hugh Mo. minister, Ch. R. wigmaker, Al. R. Gossop, Al. R. Dean of Gild, Al. M. smith, Bailie Jn. Manson, Rob. R. of Achnacloch, Lachlan Bain boatman, Jn. Leay taylor, Lachlan Glass, Chas. Hay, Laird of Pitcalnie.

[No. 997, 1580 *et seq.*—Four leaves—neither first nor last found—of an Inventory of deeds, part torn.] Sasine, to Sir Jn. Urquhart, of Balintraid and Wester Pollo, by Sir Geo. Mackenzie of Tarbat, 1673, registrat at Fortross.—

Tack of teinds of Newmore by Wm. Ross of Logie, Parson of Rosskeen, to And. Munro of Davochcartie and Kath. Urquhart his spouse, and to Geo. Munro of Meikle Tarrel, appearand . . . 1580.—Charter, Newmore, Inshdown, Badchonchar, Riecorrach, &c., by Jn. Munro of Newmore to Jn. M. of Obstell . . . 1624.—[Other deeds relating to same—one a tack by] Lords Commissioners for plantation of Kirks, 1618.—Contract of marriage betwixt Hugh Munro, eldest son of Sir George Munro, Culcarn . . . and Helen Lesly, relict of Walter Innes of Inverbreakie, wt. consent of Robt. Lesly of Findrassie . . . Sir G. to infest Hugh in above lands . . . 1665.—Charter of Balintraid, &c., by Walter Innes of Inverbreakie to Jas. Innes of Lightned, 1664, with confirmation by Sir Geo. Mackenzie of Tarbat.—Obligation, Don. Ross of Priesthill to Mr Alexr. Mackenzie, 24 bolls bear at 20 marks each boll, 1613.—Dispos., Newmore, &c., by Geo. M. of M. Tarrell, to Jn. Munro of Pitonackty for £12,000 Sc., 1619.—Dispos. by Jas. Innes of Wester Tarbat in favour of Hugh Munro, younger of Newmore, of Wester Pollo and Balintraid, 1673.—Wadsett of Inchdown, Geo. Munro of M. Tarrell to Tho. Ross in Dalnaclerach, 1611.—Charter of Confr. of Mr John Bisset's Charter of Newmore to G. Mo. of Davochcarty, by Commrs. appointed by the Archbishop of St Andrews, the Pope's legate, 1554 [? 7].—Dispos. of Balintraid and W. Pollo by Mr Alex. Mackenzie of Kilcowie, formerly of Kinock, with consent of Alex. his 2nd son and Collin his eldest, to War. Innes of Inverbr., 1648 [? 6].—Charter, Balintraid, by Janet Tarrel of Inverbreakie to James Innes of Towches 155( ).—Apprising of Bal. and W. P. by Alex., second son of Kilcowie, against Tho. Ross of Priesthill, 1629.—Charter, Newmore, &c. [as in Nos. 25 and 26], by G. M. of Tarrell to Jn. Mo. of Pittonachtie . . . payment yearly 7 marks feu-ferme, 40s grassum, 30 bolls or 8/4 per boll, 4 marts or 30/ each, 4 muttuns or 3/4 each, 12 capons or 6/ all, 4 doz. pultrie or 12/ all . . . 1619.—Charter, Mr John Bisset, Chaplain of Newmore, to Geo. Mo. of Davochcarty . . . Newmore, &c., 1543.—Charter, W. Pollo and Balin., by Kilcoy to War. Innes of Inv., 1648.—Charter, under great seal, of Newmore, &c., 20th Jn., 1663.—Charter by Sir Robert Innes of that ilk, barron of Delnie, of W. Pollo and Bal. to Walter Innes of Inv., 1640 [? 9—as in above queries the figure has been blotted and written again].—Sasine of same to Jas. Innes of Lighnet by Wa. I. Culcarn and Collin Mackenzie of Kinraig, each for his son and heir, and Wm. Innes of Rosskeen for the interest of Achintoile, settled the marches and march-stones betwixt their lands, 1655, regis. 26 Oct. 1657.—Decreet arbitrall, marches bet. And. Mo. of Davochcarty, heretor of Newmore, and Wm. Innes of Kenrive, 1586 [? part torn].—Dec. Arb. bet. Cap. Jn. Mo. of Obstell, heretor of Newmore, and Hugh Ross of Tolly, 1631.—Disp., multures and milu



duties of W. Polló and Bal. wt. power to build a miln yron by Jn. M'Leod in Milntown, wt. consent of Geo. M'K. of Tarbat, for £700 Sc., to Hugh M. of Newmore, 1676.—Adjudication of same lands by Lord Bermerinoe, Barron of Delnie, to Alex. M'Kenzie of Kinock.

[No. 998, 1602, *et seq.*—Five leaves, not including first or last, of Inventory of writs; much torn. As in above, those are omitted of which the essentials are not preserved, or which are mere repetitions.] Sasine to Robt. Gray, son of George Gray of Swordale, and Bessie Gordon his spouse, of lands of Tulloch, 1602.—Bond, Jn. Mo., son of umq. Ro. Mo. of Achiness, agst. Alex. Gray of Creich and Jn. G., fiar of Arbol, to secure himself iufett in l. of Achiness, 1667.—Decreet before . . Session, Sir Rob. Gordon of Gordonstoun agt. Gray of Auchloyne, heir to do., 1671.—Bond granted by Alex. Gray of Hospisdale and G. of Au. as cautioner to Gilbert Gray, son to do. in Gartley.—Bond, Sir R. G. of G., Alex. Gordon of Sydera, Alex. Gordon of Carrell, to Alex. Calder of Knocekbran, 1648.—Suspension sion, Mr John Bain of Delnie agt. James Peter of Chappell, nephew and heir to dect. do., 1693.—Missive letter, Sir Ludovic Gordon to Mr Jn. Baine, 1682.—Decreet Arbitral by Alex. Dunbar of Kinloss and Alex. Dunbar of Bishopmiln, 1695.—Backbond, Alex. Gray, brother to Robt. G. of Skibo, to Sir R. Gordon, 1680.—Agreement bet. Jn. Gray, fiar of Arbol, and Rob. G., yor. of Gordonstoun, And. Manson, Com. Clk., Sutherland, and Bessie Gray his spouse . . . she and Andrew Ross, sometime Provost of Tayne, her first husband, had wadsett, &c., 1680.—Contract of marriage, Allan McDonald of Invergizeron and Jean Corbat, dau. of Eliz<sup>h</sup>. Bayne, relict of C. of Arbol [date torn.]—Transfer by John Gray, fiar of Arbol, to Sir Lud. Gor. of a bond by Rob. Murray of Pulrossie to Mr John Mr John Bain of Delnie agt. James Peter of Chappell, Gordon, Regent at Aberdeen, 1664.—Bond of relief . . Thos. ( ) John Gray, fiar of Arbol, to Baine of Delny . . . bond . . to Andrew Ross, provest of Dornoch . . and 500 merks due by R. G. of Arbol to Jas. Lindsay, Chamberlain to Lord Lovat . . . July 1666.—Missive by McKay of Broadlie to Sir R. Gordon . . anent Auchinie. [In another item are the] maills and dewties of Dunleno, Craigie, Achunie, and Pitfure.—Contract of marriage . . Jon Gray, son to do. of Swordale, and Eliz., dau. of John Munro of Lemlair . . . cautioner, Rob. Munro of Kilquholl . . . March 1670.

[No. 999, 1689.—] The Suit Roll of the Shrefdom of Ross . . Michaelmas Head Court in pns. of Sir Rod. M. of Findon . . The Earl of Seafort, My Lord Tarbet, Sir Jon Munro of Foulis be the young laird his son, Jonathan Urqt. of Cromertie, David Ross of Balnagown, Sir James Sinclair of May, Sir Geo. Munro of Culrean, Sir G. Mackenzie of

Rosehaugh, Alex. M. of Gerloch, Colin M. of Readcastle, Sir Don. Bayne of Tulloch personallie, Wm. Ross of Grunzeard, Jon. Ros of Cullis, Alex. Ros of Pitcalnie be Alexr. McCulloch his factor being under restraint, Sir Hugh McCulloch of Pitneilis be Angus M. his brother, Sir R. M. of Findon, Mr Jon Bayne of Delnie, Mr Jon M. of Inverlaoll, Colin Robertson of Kindeis, Mathew Robertson of Dachcartie.

[No. 1000, 1733.—Notarial Instrument of Interruption, in which the following old place-names in and around the Forest of Freewater, and north from it, occur] . . . Heights of Dinach . . of Cauderg . . of Strathdutherie . . . Burn of Auldanoor . . . Kainlocherask, Hill ground of Rappack . . Water of Cromauld next Glascheill in Strathoykell . . Burns, viz., Auldanna-Kelgach next Ledmore . . Auldanwullin in Strathoykell . . Auldannabeist near the Hill Breakach between Ledbeg and Strathsheskach in Strathoykell . . . A fountain Fouranvellich in Bealachchaligill at the height of Strathnardale or Straan next Kainlochesh in Strathoykell . . . a burn running from Fouranvellich through Strathnewdale to Lochesh from which the water of Oykell runs till it falls into the Kyle of Castlenagore . . Hills Beakach and Suwennagorme at the height of Glencassley . . and Glenmuick . . the ridge of Corrvaddie.

[No. 1001, 1723.—] Locality of the Stipend of Rosskeen:—Milnraig, Culkenzie, and Balgarvet to John Ross of Auchnaclloch, of Bear 4 bolls 3 firl., Money £24 10s 6d; Tolly to do., 3 fir. 3 pks. 2 lippies, £7 11s 10d; Strathrustell to do., 1 fir., £4 4s 2d; Tenadalach to Hugh Munro of Teaninich, 2 fir., £2 5s 10d; Invergordon, Rosskeen, Kirkton, Auchintale, and Culne to Wm. Gordon of Invergordon, 7 b. 2 f. 1 p. 3 l., £97 2s 8d—16 bolls meal; Kinraig to Colin M., 7 b. 2 f., £31 5s; Newmore to Geo. Munro of N., 10 b., £41 15s 2d; Culcairn to G. Mo. of C., 6 b. 3 f. 2 p., £28 12s 6d; Nonikill and Cullinikill to him, 3 b. 2 f., £14 12s 8d; Ousdale to him, 6 b. 3 f., £28 2s 6d; parts of Culkenzie and Strathrustell to Jn. McLeod of Contullich, 2 b. 1 f., £12 4s 6d; Ardross and Auchnaclloch to Jn. M. of Ardross, 13 b., £74 6s.

[No. 1002, 1685, &c.—] Inventar of . . writs reg'rat in Comr. Court book of Ross in the custodie of Thomas Gair not. pubc. in Nigg [names and dates only, the latter given in modern figures.] 1685, Band, John Mackenzie of Ord and Thos. M. eldest son, John McOates of Knocknapark . . Do. to Geo. Dallas of St Martins . . Do., Hector Douglas lair of Mulderge to Dav. Ross of Balblair; Do., Colin McKenzie in Comerie to Geo. Greym writer Fortrose . . 1686, Assin., Margrat Burnett relict of Mr Robt. Wm/son minr. of Killearnan to Mr Robt. Fraser advocat. Band, Colin Robertson of Kindeace and Wm. Ross of Merkinch,

1687, Do., Joseph Munro broyr. german to Jon. Munro portioner of Mickle Allan to Geo. Cumenn mert. burgess of Inverness. Wadset, Hugh Gollan bailie of Fortrose and Alexr. McLenan nor. in Balconie. Tack, Jas. Ross of Easter Little Allane to Robt. Ross burgess of Tayne. Assign<sup>n</sup>, Mr Thos. Urquhart late min<sup>r</sup>. at Cromartie . . Band to Florence McCrae relict of Jon. McKenzie, Ord . . Ass<sup>n</sup>, to Mr Donald McCra min<sup>r</sup>. of Lochalsh . . Band, Jon Fraser in Cullisse . . Do., Jas. Urqt. carpenter in fearne. 1688, Localitie, James Bp. of Ross to Mr Don. M'Lenan min<sup>r</sup>. of fearne. Band, Colin M'Kenzie, apeirand to Rorie McKenzie portioner of Arcon to Jon Chisholm Com<sup>r</sup>. depute of Ross. Do., James Allan merch<sup>t</sup>. in Cromertie to Wm. Duff baillie of Inverness. Do., Colin Dunbar of Resolis to Alexr. Greym of Drynie. Do., And. Munro in fyreis to Jon forbes in Cullodin. Do. Mr Jas. Smith min<sup>r</sup>. at Dries to Alexr. Dunbar provest of Inverness. Localitie . . to Mr Andrew Ross min<sup>r</sup>. at Tarbat by Js. Bp. regt. 22nd June. Band, And. Ross of Bellamuckie to Wm. Ferguson in Tayne. Do., Hector McKenzie of Assint to the poor of Chanorie. Do., do. do. . . Ass<sup>n</sup>, And. Davidson in Glastullich to Al. D. writer ffortross. Do., Al. Ross merch. Cromertie to Jas. Young skiper ffindhorne. Do., Jon Mcffarquhar in Kanlochluchart and Dod. his son to Margrat Greym relict of Murdow McKenzie glover in ffortross. Ass<sup>n</sup>, John Boggie indweller in Bewlie . . Contract mat<sup>l</sup>. Beatrix fraser relict of Jn. F. alias McWarran, merch. in Bewlie, to Murdow Young reader in Kilmorack . . . Discharge, Jon Anderson tailyeor in ffortross to Don. Clerk baxter burgher yr. Band, David, broyr. to James fraser of Brea, to Jas. Bp. of R., regt. Novr. Ass<sup>n</sup>, Malc. Ross of Kindease . . Do., Jon Munro litister in Mikle Loggie to Rod. McK. yr. of Reidcastle. 1689, Do., Alexr. Clunes of Dunskeath . . . Ass<sup>n</sup>. . . to Mr George McK. of Gruin-year. 1690, Factorie, David Cathcart shreff dep. of Nairne and indweller of Arderseir to Hugh Baillie yor. wr. in ffortross. Ass<sup>n</sup>, Wr. Ross prov. of Tayne to Alexr. Suyrland yor. of Torbo . . Robt. Dunbar chamberland of the estate of Cromertie . . . Jn. McLeod of Milntoune . . . James M'Kenzie subdean of Ross and Mr Kenneth his son to Jon forrester of Cunnald . . . to Jon Grant of Loggie . . caise cantraverted bet. Katherin Munro relict of Mr Jon M'Gilligin of Alness and Mr Jon his son . . . 1696, Ass<sup>n</sup>, Mr Jon Dallas, Dean of Ross, wt. consent of Mr Jon eldest s. to Mr Jas. Muirson student of divinitie. Do., David Ross tutor of Kindease to D. R. of K. . . . 1699, Band, And. Munro yor. of Loggie to Thomas forbes baillie of ffortross . . Do., to Jon Miller of Kincurdie . . . 1700, Jean Stewart life-rentrix, Miltoune of Westray, and Geo. Ross eldest s. to dec. Thos. Ross of Morinsches . . Bessie Ross relict of Jon Dingwall of Cambuscurrie to Wm. Ross of Easter fearn . . . David Ross son to Alexr. R. in Mickle Tarrell to Alexr.



McCulloch in Pitnellies . . . 1702, Geo. McLeod in Milntown and Jon M<sup>r</sup>. of Tarbat as caur<sup>r</sup>. . . Ass<sup>n</sup>., And. Munro in Teaninich to Robt. M. student . . . Jon McKensie son to Mr Rorie M. min<sup>r</sup>. of Avach . . . to Malcolm son to Alexr. Ross of Pitcalnie . . . Rorie broyr<sup>r</sup>. to Ronald Bayne of Knockbayne to Sir Jas. Calder of ( )rtown . . . Alexr. Macdonald son to Jon. of Knocknapark . . . Andw. Stronach portioner of Little Allan . . . 1704, Discharge, Jon M<sup>r</sup>.K. of Coull to David Ross of Balnagown.

[No. 1003, 1679-80.—Six leaves of Register of Sasines, each entry signed “Alexr. Davidson No<sup>r</sup>. pub.,” and kept at “Chanonrie now called Fortrose.” The original marginal numbers are given in order to distinguish the entries.] Forbes, 144, 1679 [see No. 323], in presence of Mr Bernard Mackenzie Min<sup>r</sup>. of Cromartie, Mr Dav. Angus min. at Chanonrie. Ross, 144, 1680, by David Ross of Balnagown to late John Ross mason y<sup>r</sup>. and Margaret Ross, spouse—Drum of Fearn qch belonged to Jon M<sup>r</sup>.K. of Inverlavel. Urq<sup>r</sup>t., 145, 1680, by Jonathan Urquhart of Cromartie to Henry Urq. and son Jon<sup>n</sup>. of Bog of Neilstoun . . . merchstone . . . foregainst the dwelling-house of Calkhill . . . muirburn . . . Bankhead above the sea shoar. Forbes, 146, 1680, by Jn. Forbes of Culloden to Rodk. Mackenzie of Kanchulladrum . . . pieces and rigs in Chanonry and Rosemarkie in field called Husbandshed . . . burne called Watter Furrow . . . field called Cotts. Forbes, 147, 1680, Jn. F. of C. to Barbara C<sup>ss</sup>. of Seafort, four pieces in Ryebank once to Geo. Gollan, now to Hugh G. bailie of R. with the lake of Rosemarkie to the N. . . rigs in field called Gallowbank. Reid, 147, 1680, Jn. F. of C. to Jas. Reid, Fortrose . . . part of Thesaurar of Ross’s mansion 10 ells long by 10 wide. 148, 1680, J. F. of C. to Jas. Davidson and Isabell Reidfoord his spouse [same]—present Rob. Manson burgess of Fortrose. . . 149, 1680, Rodk. M<sup>r</sup>.Kenzie, bro. of Colin M. of Kinncraig, to Mr Rod. M. of Kauch . . . part of precentor’s mansion; witness, Alexr. McK., Brakanord . . . present Wm. Glendinning and Dunc. McAllan, burgesses of Fortrose. 150, 1680, Mr Rorie M<sup>r</sup>.K. of Allan, advocat, to his spouse Margaret Cathcart, sister of Jon C. of Carletoune, a yearly @rent. 151, 1680, Charter under great seal to Mr Kenneth Mackenzie min<sup>r</sup>. at Logie Easter—Dunskeith and Culbine. 152, 1680, Sir Geo. M. of Tarbat to Mr Wm. Smith of Brae yearly 240 merks, having recd. 4000 merks (6 per cent.). 153, 1680, Alexr. Ritchie, eldest sone of dect. Mr Jas. R. of Prestoune, assign<sup>n</sup>. and dispo. of @rent of £770 efferand to the soume of £12,841 resting of £24,000 grantit be dec. Sir Jon. Urq<sup>t</sup>. of Cromartie to J. R. in 1663 to Patrick Smith of Methven [torn off.]

[No. 1004, 1702-3.—Twelve leaves of Minutes of Sasines, &c., produced at Fortrose. In different hand from No. 1003,

and signed by Hugh Dallas.] Reg. vol. 6, fol. 293, 1702, Sasine, Kincorthe and Midfearne to Helen Gordon spouse to John Urquhart of Craighouse in liferent—produced by Patrick Hay, burges of Fortrose. 293 and 294, Sasine of teinds, &c., of lands of John Cuthbert of Castlehill and 13½ acres of Overdrakier and standing stones and lands of Mickle Drakier—produced by John Macbain, burges of Fortrose. 294-5, 1703, Sasine, teinds of 13½ acres of Shipland w<sup>tin</sup> the burgh of Inverness given to Geo. Duncan, mcht. burges of Inv. and Jean Kinnaird his spouse. 296-297, Thomas Cuthbert and Margaret Fraser his spouse, parochin of Inverness. 297, John Fedder, shoemaker in Cromartie, and Jean Golidie his spouse, given by Charles Hossack of Chappeltoun. 298, Given be Mr Hugh Anderson, min<sup>r</sup>. of Cromartie, and elders of Kirk Session to Jon Urq<sup>rt</sup>., air to Hary Urq<sup>rt</sup>. indweller in Arribost in the island of Lewis and Ann M'Kenzie his spouse. 296, Given to Alexr. Denoon, maltman in Cromartie, and Marg<sup>t</sup>. Winson his spouse. 298, Given to John Reid, merc<sup>t</sup>. in Cromartie, and Jean fiddis his spouse. 298-299, Sasine of lands of Inverbreckie, &c., &c., fishe boats, weekly mercats and faires, given to William Gordon of Dalchollie by dispos<sup>n</sup>. of George Ross of Morangie. 299, Given to James Watson in Fortrose and Janet Gray his spouse be Alexr. Sutherland in Pulrossie, chamberland to my lord Duffus. 299-300-301, Sasine of Peddistoun and Little Farness pt<sup>s</sup>. to Mr Hugh Anderson min<sup>r</sup>. H. A. his eldest son, holden of ye Viscount of Tarbet, &c., &c., to Mr James Mackenzie, his third lawful son and principal Secretar of State. 301, 202, Renunciation and discharge by Mr Kenneth Mackenzie of Crom. to John Dallas now of Bannan, 2nd son to Hugh D., com<sup>r</sup>. clerk. 302, Sasine of Kinnock to Geo. Houstoun, litster burges of Fortrose and Marie McK. his sp. for pay<sup>t</sup>. of 600 merks prin<sup>ll</sup>. and @rents and expenses by Alexr. M'K. of Kin. 302-303, Discharge by Angus McIntosh in Achnagaall and son Lachlan to L. McI. of Torcastle, of right in Ach. and pendicle Ach nabunteran. 303-4. Discharge by Alexr. Clerk of wadset on Stroan in Badenoch . . Christian Grant his spouse and John Clerk his e. l. son, in favour of L. M'I. of T. 304-5, Discharge by Mr Alexr. Cumming, min<sup>r</sup>. of Moy . . Anna C. his spouse, to L. M. of T., lands of Rathven, parish of Moy . . 305, Resignation by John Denoon, Tailer in Edr., and Margaret Clunes spouse to Dod. Freser in Cromartie, to Mr Kenneth Mackenzie of Cromartie, 2nd l. son to George Visct. Tarbet and spouse Anna Campbell, d. of Sir Colin C., Senator, of the Coll. of J. . . . chaplainrie and chappell of St Rules, &c., &c., in Crom. 308, Sasine, Bellachroan in Kingussie to Jn. McPherson of Culinhine. 309, Sasine, W. half of Haughs of Bellachroan, par. of Kingussie, to Wm. Macpherson of Nood. 309, 310, Sasine, lands of Pitkelzean and Nigg, also Boghole, par. of Calder in Nairn, to Wm. Rose of Drummurvie. 310, Discharge by Alxr. eld.

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