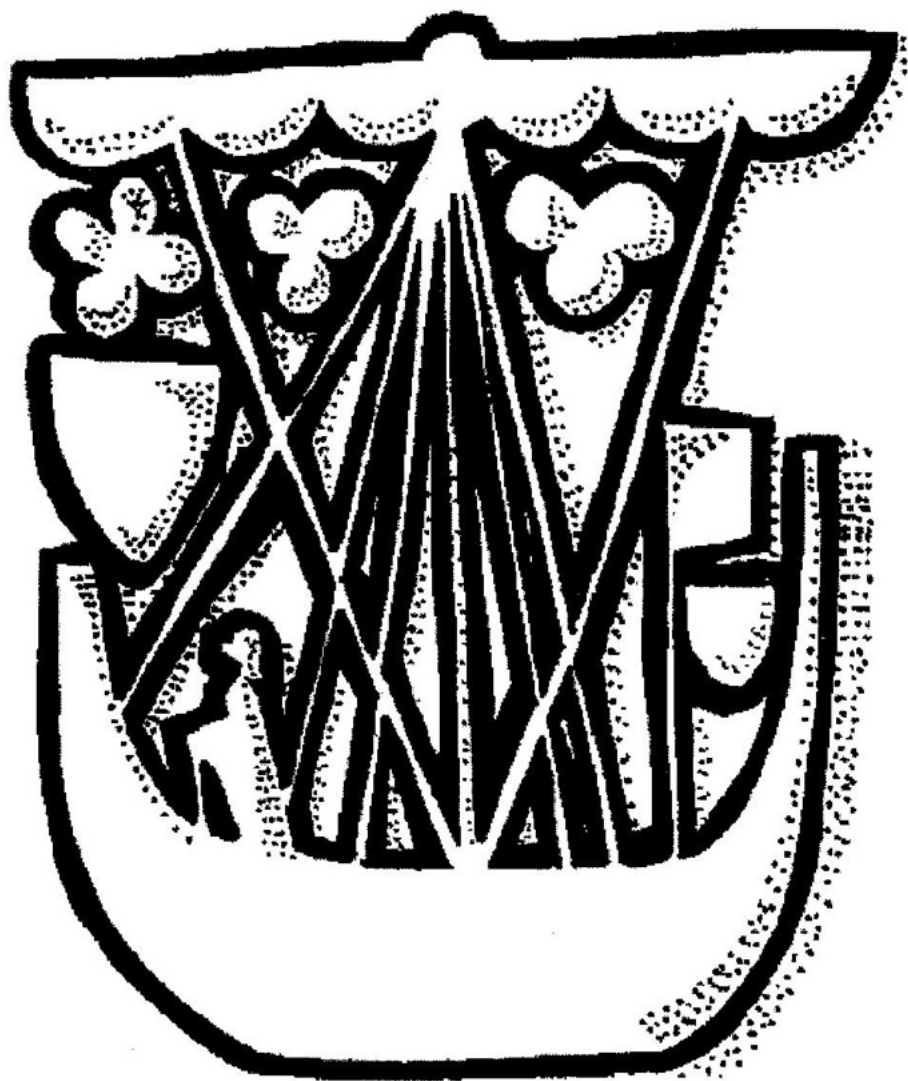


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HIGHLAND DRESS 1685

Purchases of highland clothing, especially plaids and shoes, feature regularly among the accounts and receipts among the family papers in the collections of the National Records of Scotland. What is unusual in this group of payments listed for the 15 July 1685 is that what might be termed a full highland dress was apparently being bought together. The only thing lacking being a gun, though a powderhorn was included.ⁱ

Dugald Campbell, the person for whom they were being bought was probably the same man of that name who was the Breadalbane Chamberlain at that period. The fact that he was apparently going to wear the clothes in London may it has been suggested be connected to the coronation of James VII.ⁱⁱ

To

Mor for a highland plaid to Dugall Campbell at London £12 : 00 : 00

Mor for 10 quarters blew Cloth for a short Coat 03 : 06 : 08

Mor for 3 ells 1 quarter fyne tartan to ye trews & hoss 02 : 14 : 00

Mor for fynes gartes 00 : 13 : 04

Mor for a durk knyfe & sheath to it 03 : 00 : 00

Mor for a pouterhorn & belt 04 : 16 : 00

Mor for a bonet & 9 ells ribban to ye plaid & coat 02 : 18 : 00

Mor for 1 belt & purse 01 : 16 : 00

Mor for Lorn broges being 2 pr Cut out 02 : 18 : 00

Mor for a targe 06 : 00 : 00

Mor for a broad sword 09 : 00 : 00

Keith Sanger

THE ARGYLLSHIRE MILITIA ACCOUNTS 1745-46

Some years ago I embarked on a biographical study of the thirty-nine Campbells mentioned in Alexander MacDonald's poem 'An Àirce' ('The Ark') of 1751. This led me to take an interest in the Argyllshire Militia of 1745-46, in which many of these 'Campbells of the Ark' served as officers. Of all the sources utilised during the course of this work, perhaps the most important single document has proved to be AO (Army Office) 1/279/1041 in The National Archives at Kew. This is the Treasury accountants' definitive statement of expenditure on the Militia and its activities. It lists the sixty-three companies which were accepted into the regiment, with the date on which each was formally brought into service, the date of reduction, and a good deal of other information besides, including, crucially, the names of captains and many other officers. As each company was raised in a specific locality, usually by a leading landowner or his factor, with the help of other sources it

is possible to determine its geographical origins and its relationship to Argyllshire society as a whole.

The regiment is the subject of an article by Major I. H. Mackay Scobie, 'The Argyll or Campbell Militia of 1745-1746', in *The Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research*, vol. 24, 1946, pp. 2-19. It also features prominently in Sir James Fergusson's splendid little book *Argyll in the Forty-Five*, published in 1951 but undeservedly long out of print. Despite this, I can find no evidence that AO 1/279/1041 was utilised by either of them, or indeed by any other scholar. In the manuscript is a little slip of paper bearing the words 'D. Murray Rose 1897', but Rose does not seem to have used it in his *Historical Notes, or Essays on the '15 and '45*, published in that very year, or indeed in any of his other works.

I have a specific reason for preparing the following description of the document. It is densely packed with information, and in the endnotes to my forthcoming book *The Campbells of the Ark: Men of Argyll in 1745* (to be published by John Donald of Edinburgh in 2016) I refer to it repeatedly by folio number, e.g. TNA AO 1/279/1041, f. 20r. These folio numbers are not present in the original, nor does a digitised copy exist. I have corresponded with TNA's Head of Cataloguing, but have been unable to persuade her to have the foliation entered on the original. In an effort to prevent confusion in the future, therefore, I feel that it is necessary to put into the public domain a description of the document which links the folio numbers firmly with the text.

The document is a 'roll' – not in the sense of pages stitched end-to-end, but of a book stitched in the normal way, written sideways, rolled up and pigeon-holed. It is dated 23 December 1762. If this be thought to be a remarkably long time after the reduction of the Militia in late 1746, it is worth pointing out that such a delay in reimbursement was not unusual for the period. It will be no coincidence that the regiment's colonel, Major-General (since 1747 Lieutenant-General) John Campbell of Mamore, had succeeded his cousin as 4th duke of Argyll on 15 April 1761, thus at last obtaining sufficient political clout to get things done. It is heartily to be wished that the correspondence and other papers used in compiling the account had survived, but there appears to be no supporting documentation, and I assume that it was all destroyed when AO 1/279/1041 was signed off by the auditors in 1762.

That is not to say that drafts or copies of certain parts of the document are entirely non-existent. One thinks in particular of Sheriff-Depute Archibald Campbell of Stonefield's 'Accompt of Debursements' on the Argyllshire Militia from 6 August 1745 to January 1746 (GD14/112) in the National Archives of Scotland) and of Mamore's final account with his regimental paymaster David Campbell of Dunloskin, Mamore no. 519 in the National Library of Scotland (NLS ms 3736, ff. 1011-13).

Throughout this description the figure following 'r' (recto) or 'v' (verso) is the line-number. Italics are used for quoting the first few words of a text. In such quotations, spelling, punctuation and capitalisation are exactly as in the

original. All figures in the document are in roman characters, e.g. xvls: iis: xd. These are here altered to arabic, e.g. £15 2s 10d. The superscript abbreviations are 'l' pound, 'ls' pounds, 's' shilling(s), 'd' penny, pence, 'xx' score, e.g. iiixxv = 65. Other abbreviations are 'f.' (fecit 'makes'), 'ob.' (obolus 'halfpenny', ½d), 'q.' (quartus, quartarius 'farthing', ¼d), 'obq.' ('three-farthings', ¾d). The Latin numerals are the usual ones, except that 'c' (100) looks like 'J'. It sometimes appears superscript, e.g. iiiijls = £450.

Amounts may be multiplied by eighty to give an approximation to modern values. The total cost to the Exchequer of the Argyllshire Militia of 1745–46 thus comes out at a little over £1.5m in today's money. Good value, as my book will show'

Beginning of document.

1r "The Declaration of the Account of Major General John Campbell of the Charge of Subsisting the / Argyleshire Militia and Levies in the Year / 1745.

2r1 Introduction, describing in general terms the purpose of the expenditure and naming the total sum: The Declaration of the Account of Major General John Campbell who was appointed Commander and Governor of Dunbarton Castle together with all and singular his Majesty's forces Quartered there and in the West Parts of the Highlands in North Britain. The amount cited is £21,847 13s 6¼d.

2v1 Description of income: That is to say / The said Accountant is Charged with / None this being this Accountant's ffirst and only Account of this Service.

Expenditure on companies. In this section each of the sixty-three companies is described, beginning with Knockbuy's, the only unit in the regiment which may truly be described as an 'independent company' in the sense that its captain, Archibald Campbell of Knockbuy, had been granted the King's commission. The company names given first are in the form and spelling used in The Campbells of the Ark. Many of the captains' names are cited by the accountants in a highly misleading manner, e.g. the captain of Archibald Lamont of Lamont's company was his relative James Stewart of Auchinskeoch (7v10) and the captain of Archibald Campbell of Stonefield's was his factor Donald Campbell, tacksman of Kilchamaig (8v19). The explanation for such non-existent landed titles as 'James Stewart of Lamont', 'Donald Campbell of Stonefield and Loup' and 'Daniel Campbell of Kilkerran' (6v20) can only be that the accountants were working from a document very similar, perhaps identical, to the minutes of the deputy lieutenants of Argyllshire, SC54/22/17/4 in the National Archives of Scotland, in which the original scheme of companies is rubricated by estate or district – thus these three companies were raised from the Lamont estate, the Stonefield and Loup estates, and the old parish of Kilkerran (Campbeltown) respectively. The captain of Kilkerran's is in fact referred to by the deputy lieutenants as

'Daniel Campbell in Kildallog'. To make matters worse, at f. 19v10 'Kilkerran' is spelt 'Kilgarron'.

The information given in the document is the minimum required to justify expenditure, i.e. the complement of officers and men, the dates of their service and the rate at which they were paid, distinguishing between periods of 'marching' and 'garrison' pay. Particularly where specific locations are mentioned, these last provide clues which, collated with information from other sources, allow us to sketch the history of the unit in question. A number of companies consisted of volunteers raised for a very brief period (as little as a week) in March 1746, when Fort William was besieged and Argyllshire was under threat of invasion by Jacobite forces from the north; these are clearly designated by the formula 'for the Pay of a Company under his Command that came into Inverary on the Alarm of the Rebels marching to attack the King's Army in the District of Lochaber, the Officers serving without Pay'. Their sole purpose was to reinforce the place d'armes, Inveraray, the rest of the Militia being deployed elsewhere – in Cumberland's army, defending Fort William, manning certain posts in Perthshire, or guarding castles, passes and ferries in other parts of Argyllshire.

4r7 Description of expenditure on companies: *Against which / The said Accountant is allowed / First there is allowed the several Sums of Money paid by this Accountant or his Agents to the several Officers and Men of the Argyllshire Levies*

4r14 Knockbuy's: *Captain Archibald Campbell of Knockbury for the Pay of an Independent Company.*

4v13 MacVicar's: *Captain Duncan McVicar.*

4v25 Ardchattan's: *Captain Patrick Campbell and Captain Alexander Campbell successively Commander of the Ardchattans Company.*

5r8 Shirvan's: *Captain Alexander Campbell of Sherwin.*

5r26 Achnaba's: *Captain John Campbell of Auchnabach and Captain Alexander Campbell successively Captain of a Company.*

5v6 Tirifour's: *Captain John Campbell of Teryfour and Captain Donald Campbell successively Captain of a Company.*

5v18 Lochhead's: *Captain Duncan Campbell of Locheads and Captain Allan Campbell successively Commander of a Company*

6r1 Asknish's: *Captain Robert Campbell of Glassry.*

6r17 Melfort's 1st: *Captain Archibald Campbell of Melfort and Captain Dugal Campbell successively Captain of a Company.*

6v3 Raschoille's: *Captain James Campbell of fflinglen Raschayllis*

- 6v11 Raray's: *Captain James Campbell of Rayray*
- 6v20 Kilkerran's: *Captain Daniel Campbell of Kilkerran*
- 7r2 Machrihanish's: *Captain Neil McNeil of Machrehannish*
- 7r13 Carskey's: *Captain Archibald McNeil of Cariskay*
- 7r27 Danna's: *Captain Adam Campbell of Knockbury.*
- 7v10 Lamont's: *Captain James Stewart of Lamont*
- 7v18 Ardminish's: *Captain Hector McNeil of Ardmeanish*
- 8r7 Barnacarry's 1st: *Captain Archibald Campbell of Barnacaries*
- 8r15 Otter's: *Captain John Campbell of Otter*
- 8v4 South Hall's: *Captain Duncan Campbell of Southall*
- 8v19 Kilchamaig's: *Captain Donald Campbell of Stonefield and Loup*
- 9r5 Strachur's: *Captain Hugh Campbell of Strachur*
- 9r14 Achrossan's: *Captain Dugald Campbell of Achachrossen*
- 9r27 Ardnacross's: *Captain Neil McNeil of Ardnacross and Captain Lachlan McNeil successively Captains of a Company*
- 9v14 Auchingarran's: *Captain Alexander Campbell of Strathlachlan and Achingaren.*
- 10r1 Ballochyle's: *Captain Alexander Campbell of Ballochyle and Straechy*
- 10r11 Achavullin's: *Captain Neil Campbell of Ardkinglass Achavouline*
- 10r25 Dunstaffnage's: *Captain Donald Campbell of Dunstafnage.*
- 10v6 Carsaig's: *Captain Daniel Campbell of Carsaig.*
- 10v15 Gallanach's: *Captain Dugald McDugald of Gallonoch Captain Daniel Campbell and Captain John McDugald successively Captain of the Midlom Company.*
- 11r3 Glenorchy's: *Captain Duncan Campbell of Glenorchy.*
- 11r19 Melville's: *Captain David Melvill of Nether Cowall.*
- 11v3 Ballimore's: *Captain Archibald Campbell of Ballimore.*

- 11v14 Auchindoun's: *Captain Donald Campbell of Achindown.*
- 11v21 Inverliver's: *Captain Neil Campbell of Inverliver and Captain Archibald Campbell of Socoth, successively Captain of a Company.*
- 12r8 Askomil's: *Captain John Campbell of Askomell and Captain Donald Campbell of Islay successively Captain of a Company*
- 12r22 Ardkinglas's: *Captain James Campbell of Ardkinglass*
- 12v9 Sunderland's: *Captain Duncan Campbell of Sunderland for the Pay of an Islay Company.*
- 12v22 Octomore's: *Captain Alexander Campbell of Octamore for the Pay of an Islay Company.*
- 13r9 Balinaby's: *Captain James Campbell of Balnaby for the Pay of an Islay Company.*
- 13r22 Lochnell's: *Captain Duncan McNab of Lochnell*
- 13v7 Birdisle's: *Captain Neil McNeil of Birdisle*
- 13v17 Brolas's: *Captain Allen McLean of Brolass*
- 14r4 Ederline's: *Captain Colin Campbell of Ederline*
- 14r18 Dunoon's: *Captain Archibald Campbell of Dunoon.*
- 14r26 Jura's: *Captain Archibald Campbell Baillie of Jura*
- 14v6 Barnacarry's 2nd: *Captain Archibald Campbell of Barnacary*
- 14v13 Gillespie's: *Captain Colin McGillesspie of Strachur's*
- 14v20 Bruce's: *Captain Duncan Bruce of Otter*
- 14v26 Fisher's: *Captain James ffisher for the Pay of a Company of Inverary Men.*
- 15r4 Duncanson's: *Captain Alexr. Duncanson for the Pay of another Company of Inverary Me*
n.
- 15r8 Glenfeochan's: *Captain John Campbell of Glenfeachen*
- 15r13 Melfort's 2nd: *Captain Archibald Campbell of Melford*
- 15r18 Ardlamy's: *Captain James Campbell of Ardlamy's new Kintyre Company of Volunteers.*

15v10 Kilchrist's: *Captain Lachlan McNeil for the Campbeltown Company of Volunteers.*

15v22 Forbes's: *Captain Patrick Forbes of the Ardkinlass Volunteers*

16r1 Craignish's: *Captain Dugald Campbell of Craignish*

16r9 Cruachan's: *Captain Dugald Campbell of Cruachan*

16r21 Rudill's: *Captain Daniel Campbell of Rudell for the Pay of a Company of Volunteers.*

16r27 The New Kintyre Volunteers: *Captain Archibald Campbell for the Pay of the new Kintyre Company of Volunteers.*

16v5 Crackaig's: *Captain Colin Campbell of Crackaig for the Pay of a Company of Ilay Volunteers.*

16v10 Colonsay's: *Captain Alexander McNeil of Collonsay.*

16v15 Leorin's: *Captain Lachlan Campbell of Ilay.*

16v23 Conclusion to expenditure on companies: *In all the said several Sums of Money.*

Expenditure on guarding castles, passes and ferries. Here I cite the location in brackets following the first few words of text.

17r7 *Also the said Accountant is allowed the several Sums of Money. 17r12 for the Pay of sundry Volunteers (Inveraray). 17r18 Captain David Melvill (Fort William). 17r24 Sir Duncan Campbell (ferries of Bonawe and Connel). 17v6 Lieut[enan]t Robert Campbell and Lieutenant Agnus Campbell (Castle Lachlan). 17v18 Colin Campbell Muster Master (Inveraray). 17v22 Lieutenant Duncan Campbell of Sonachen (Castle Stalker). 17v26 Captain Neil Campbell of Dunstaffnage (Dunstaffnage). 18r11 Lieut[enan]t Donald Campbell of Octamore's (Castle Stalker). 18r15 Serjeant Charles Campbell (St Catherine's). 18r18 Serjeant John Anderson (Portincaple). 18r22 Serjeant Alexander Campbell (Finlarig). 18r25 Conclusion: In all the said several Sums of Money.*

Miscellaneous expenditure, alphabetical. This covers all fields of operations, both before and after Culloden.

18v9 *Also the said Accountant is allowed the several Sums of Money. 18v21 James Alexander Drummer of Ardmenish's. 18v24 William Alexander. 19r1 George Anderson Aid de Camp. 19r2 John Anderson of Greenock. 19r4 Lieutenant Andrew Buchanan of Captain Hector McNeil's Company. 19r13 Captain Duncan Bruce. 19r19 James Branchell of the Dunbarton Boat. 19r21 Donald Brice a private Man in Captain James Campbell's Company. 19r24 Colin Campbell of Glenuire. 19v5 Donald Campbell. 19v6 Captain James*

Campbell. 19v10 Captain Daniel Campbell of the Kilgarron Company. 19v13
 Captain Colin Campbell of Skipness. 19v18 Captain John Campbell of
 Tirifour. 19v22 Captain Alexander Campbell of Octomore. 20r3 Colin
 Campbell Muster Master. 20r6 John Campbell Deputy Chamberlain. 20v6
 More to the said John Campbell. 21v7 Captain Duncan Campbell of
 Sunderland. 21v11 Captain Archibald Campbell of Ormisary. 21v16 Captain
 James Campbell of Kaylaset. 21v18 Lieut[enan]t Patrick Campbell of
 Captain McNeil's Company. 21v22 Captain Archibald Campbell of Socoth.
 22r1 Captain Robert Campbell of Ashnish. 22r4 Captain James Campbell of
 Balinaby's. 22r8 Captain Agnus Campbell. 22r10 Lieut[enan]t Duncan
 Campbell of Sonachan. 22r14 Captain Dugal Campbell of Cruachens. 22r21
 Duncan Campbell Serjeant in Captain Neil McNeils Com[pan]y of
 Makrehanish's. 22v1 Captain Alexander Campbell of Ballochyle Strachey.
 22v9 Captain Daniel Campbell of Carsaig's. 22v17 Colin Campbell Adjutant
 Quartermaster and Muster Master. 22v23 Captain James Campbell of an
 Ardkinlass Company. 23r9 Lieut[enan]t Colin Campbell [of Glenure]. 23r14
 Captain Neil Campbell of Dunstaffnage. 23r18 Lieut[enan]t Donald Campbell
 of Octamore's. 23r27 Captain Colin Campbell of Ederline. 23v3 Captain
 Lachlan Campbell of the Ilay Company. 23v6 Captain Donald Campbell of
 Kilchamaig. 23v15 Captain Duncan Campbell of Southall's. 23v19
 Lieut[enan]t Agnus Campbell. 23v21 Captain James Campbell. 23v23
 Captain Patrick Campbell. 24r4 Captain James Campbell of Raschelly. 24r6
 Captain John Campbell of Otter. 24r13 Captain Alexander Campbell of
 Achingaren. 24r16 Captain Dugal Campbell of Achachrossen. 24r19
 Lieutenant Colonel John Campbell of Loudoun's. 24v2 Lieutenant John
 Campbell. 24v4 Lieut[enan]t Neil Campbell. 24v6 Captain Archibald
 Campbell of Knockbury. 24v12 Captain Daniel Campbell. 24v18 Donald
 Campbell of Achindown. 25r1 Lachlan Campbell. 25r4 Archibald Campbell
 Sheriff of Argyleshire. 25r12 Ensign Lachlan Campbell (late of Captain
 Duncan McVicar's Company). 25r19 Captain Lachlan Campbell late of an
 Ilay Company. 25r23 David Campbell. 25v2 Ensign Colin Campbell. 25v9
 John Duncanson a Surgeon's Mate. 25v13 James Duncanson of Garske
 Esqr. 25v21 John ferguson. 25v23 William ffinlay. 26r8 Captain Colin
 Gillespie. 26r12 Archibald Gilchrist Master of the Janet of Campbeltown.
 26r14 Mathew Gilmour. 26r16 James Harper. 26r17 Lieut[enan]t David Hope
 of the Scots fuziliers. 26r25 Doctor Richard Huck Surgeon to the Argyleshire
 Levies. 26v5 Donald Kelly, Donald McIlbride Archibald McArthur Dugald
 Munroe and Donald McVurrie of Machrihannishes Company. 26v12 Angus
 Morrison. 26v16 Captain Duncan McNab of Lochnell's. 26v21 Captain
 Lachlin McNeil of Ardnacross. 27r1 Gilbert McArthur of Esdale. 27r7 Captain
 David Melvill. 27r13 John McNab Surgeon. 27r18 Captain Hector McNeil of
 Ardmenish. 27r24 Ensign Donald McNeil. 27v1 John McCarmick. 27v4
 George Menzie. 27v7 William Maiben Postmaster at Sterling. 27v9
 [Corporal] Hugh McPhail. 27v13 Captain McVicar. 27v16 Captain James
 Miller. 27v22 James McDonald. 27v23 Gilbert McKay. 28r3 Captain Duncan
 McVicar. 28r6 Captain Archibald McNab. 28r9 John McLachlan. 28r13
 Serjeant Donald McKenzie. 28r17 Dugald McDougal a private Man of
 Captain McNab's Company. 28r20 Captain Allan McLean of Brolass. 28v1
 John Murray of Captain McVicar's Company. 28v4 i. 28v12 Ensign Galliam
 McLean. 28v14 Dugal McDougald at Port Crigan. 28v17 Anne McIntyre.

28v19 Dr James Maxwell. 28v21 Captain John Noble. 29r1 John Robinson. 29r4 John Richardson. 29r9 John Russell of the Ordnance. 29r21 William Stewart Surveyor General. 29r24 ffinlay Smith. 29v1 Robert Turnbull Deputy Governor of Dunbarton Castle. 29v4 Captain Henry Taaff. 29v6 Lieutenant Archibald Wylay. 29v9 Luke Walker.

Miscellaneous expenditure, non-alphabetical. No reason is given for the failure to include these items in the previous sequence.

29v13 Captain David Melvill. 29v17 ffor an Express. 29v18 Archibald Campbell of Grambroon. 29v21 Lieutenant Duncan Campbell of the Scotch ffuziliers. 30r1 Alexander Campbell of Glasgow. 30r3 Captain Robert Duff of his Majesty's Sloop Terror. 30r7 Katherine Campbell a Serjeant's Widow. 30r11 Robert ffinlay. 30r17 Captain Alexander Wilson. 30r22 George Campbell Carpenter at Edinburgh. 30v1 Malcolm McBridein. 30v3 Humphry Colquhoun Postmaster at Dunbarton. 30v6 John Somerville. 30v8 Robert Cuningham. 30v10 James Bellenden Secretary to Major Gen[eraj] John Campbell. 30v14 Daniel Campbell [of Dergachy]. 31r1 Duncan McNiven Pilot. 31r5 David Campbell [of Dunloskin]. 31r19 Money paid for 1200 Pair of Pumps. 31r22 Money paid for Provisions Liquors etc. 31r26 James Stevenson. 31v2 Neil Campbell [of the Ordnance]. 31v6 Money paid by this Accountant for secret service Money. 31v11 Thomas Exley for Masons Work. 31v14 John Corssar. 31v16 Donald Campbell of Airds. 31v19 John Hall Surgeon. 31v21 James Chissolm. 31v22 William Broddy a Serjeant in Captain James Campbell's Company of Rascheyllies. 32r5 The Lieutenant and Ensign lately belonging to Capt. Neil McNeils Company. 32r8 Donald Campbell Adjutant. 32r10 More to him. 32r12 Angus Moloy late of Machrehannish Company. 32r14 ffor the ffuneral Expences of a private Man in Carsaigs Company. 32r16 Captain Alexander Campbell of Kintray. 32r18 Colin Campbell. 32r20 Captain Daniel Campbell. 32v1 More to him. 32v3 ffor an Express. 32v5 R Huck Surgeon. 32v11 Captain Duncan McNab. 32v13 Lieut[enan]t John McNeil of Captain Donald Campbell's Company from Ilay. 32v16 John Campbell Chamberlain. 32v20 Captain Duncan Campbell of the Glenorchy Company.

Conclusion.

33r8 Summary of reasons for miscellaneous expenditure: *In all the said several Sums of Money paid by this Accountant or his Agents to sundry Officers and Men.*

33r20 Items of expenditure in making up the account: *Also the said Accountant is allowed the Money by him paid or payable for ffees and Charges in making up and passing this Account through the sev[eraj] Offices of the Exchequer.*

33v12 Total, declarations and signatures: *Sum Total of the Payments and Allowances aforesaid.* The amount cited is £21,473 11s 10¼d. The signatures are those of Treasury officials Thomas Farraine and Samuel Smith, and of Treasury commissioners Sir Francis Dashwood, Frederick

Lord North and Sir John Turner. The last words (foot of f. 33v) are 'The Acco[oun]t of Maj[o]r Gen[era]l Campbell in the Y[ea]r 1745'.

34v Endorsement: "The Account of Major General / John Campbell of the Charge of subsisting / the Argyleshire Militia & Levies in the / Year 1745."

The above description was prepared from a set of photographs taken purely for research purposes. Regrettably I have not found an opportunity to check it against the original. This may have resulted in minor errors in the sequence of folios at the beginning or end, but the substance of the description is unaffected

Ronald Black

QUERIES.

AUCHINDARROCH WRITS.

There is a note at the bottom of page 93 of *Notes & Queries*, 9 February 1929 concerning the Auchindarroch Writs which states:

In old Scottish documents 'grandfather' means 'great-grandfather' and 'foregrandfather' means 'great-great-grandfather'. 'Goodfather' was the word used for ou'grandfather'. Whether it clarifies or complicates one's research is debatable.

Tony Dalton

CANCELLING A CHARTER ?

In a Notarial receipti by John Menzes of Morinche in favour of Alexander Menzes of That ilk for twelve score of merks in payment for the redemption and outquitting of the twelve merkland with pertinents of Rorowis, sold and alienated by the deceased Sir Robert Menzes of That ilk kt, grandfather of said Alexander, to William Menzes his son and Jonet Campbell his spouse, and in sign of the lawful redemption he delivered to the said Alexander a charter with precept and instrument of sasine which he had upon said lands and granted them lawfully redeemed, and has cut said charter in the back to cancel them. [my emphasis] Written in Weym. Witnesses : Colin Campbell of Glenorquhay, Patrick Evivt of Balthoussy, Robert Menzes of Comry, Gilbert Robertstone, James Menzes, sir Alexander Musche, and master John Duncanson chaplane and co-notar. Written by Andrew Quhit and John Duncanson, public notars.

This is the first time I have seen the phrase and has cut said charter in the back to cancel them. Was this common practice I wonder.

Tony Dalton

THE DESCENDANTS OF JURA JOHN: WHN&Q, SERIES 3, NO. 29, 30

In 'Folk Lore and Fact. The story of Iain Diurach or Jura John in Ballmartin, Tiree' I said that it would be interesting to know if his descendants were still in Tiree. No one has answered my question, but since asking my question I have been reading JP MacLean's *Renaissance of the Clan MacLean* (1913). On page 19, when writing of the Septs of the Clan he states:

It would appear that the family of Dewart should also be recognized, which is descended from Big Dewar of Balemartin, Tiree, the first man from Mull who ever settled in that isle. He fled from Mull owing to his having given information to the Maclean of Lochbuy, which was injurious to the chief. His name was John MacLean, but he was called Dewar (Diurach). He and his seven sons were powerful men, and held the township of Balemartin, including Sorabi. Several of his descendants still live in Tiree, and are known as *na Diuraich*. Those living in the United States take the name of Dewart, and are well known for their respectability and high standing and are ardent clansmen.

It is not known where JP MacLean, who was a dentist in Cincinnati, got this story about Jura John. As a historian he has often been criticised, especially by Andrew Lang, who thought that he was out of his depth.

In his *A History of the Clan MacLean* (1889), when writing of the MacLaines of Lochbuie JP MacLean states: 'Unfortunately, most of the history of this family has been lost. In other histories, here and there, we catch glimpses of the bravery of the intrepid warriors of Lochbuy. I spent nearly four weeks, during the months of June and July 1887, and much of the time in the charter room and examined the old documents belonging to the family. While there is much valuable material, there are but few documents that antedate 1750. There is but little material there that goes to make up a history of the family prior to the above date'.

When he writes of Murdoch Mór, Tenth MacLean of Lochbuie, he says: 'The records concerning this chieftain are few. He was served and retoured heir to his father February 23, 1630....and dying without issue (about the year 1662), he was succeeded by his brother.'. However, JP Maclean could not have looked very carefully at the records at Moy, which are now in the National Records of Scotland in Edinburgh. I have three chapters on this fascinating man in a book that I am writing on Lochbuie. Although much information on Murdoch Mór was probably not available to JP Maclean in

1887, much was. Sadly I have not found anything yet in the Lochbuie archives about Jura John.

Nicholas Maclean-Bristol.

REPLIES.

SERIES 3, No. 29. REX OF BISHOP'S DOLLARS

The following extracts of the boxmasters accounts from volume 4 of the *Record Books of the Hammermen of Edinburgh* give the value of rix dallars in the late 17th century.

1683/4 To Adam grimlaw in pairt payment of his mending the clock by order of the house and deacon 8 rix dollars 023 04 00

1684/5 To whilk day in presence of the hail house conveyned the boxmaster declared that he has received ten rix dollars for the tyme that the late earle of Argyles corps stayed in the chapell 029 00 00

1685/6 To the clerk for writeing of the discharges for the house-rents ground annuells etc to the number of 50 and upwards yeirlie tuo rix dollars 005 16 00

1689/90 To Weir lately come from Ireland to help carry him to London by the houses order 2 rix dollars 005 16 00 To Marjorie Hunter relict of Thomas Voy armourer 2 rix dollars of charitie by the houses order 005 16 00

1691/2. To David Jack for ringing the bell for the victory obtained against the French fleet in the year 1692 a rix dollar 002 18 00 I gave a rix dollar towards the defraying of the expences of Archibald Millers funeralls 002 18 00

1693/4 Item from Mr James Anderson 6 rix dollars for Mrs Pringles corps to be laid in the chapell 017 08 00

There are also entries regarding leg dollars whose value appears to be slightly lower:-

1685/6 Item I ought to have allowance of 1 lib 8s as the half of a leg dollar gotten fra Robert Handisyde when his poynd wes rouped I being ordered to give him half of the said dollar back again 001 08 00.

1692/3 From David Symmer 2 leg dollars quhich he was fyned in nby theargyllshire peutherers 005 12 00.

1693/4 Received six leg dollars for suffering Daniel Nicolsons corps to be laid in the chapell 016 16 00.

The chapell mentioned was the Magdalen chapell in the Cowgate.

Jean Munro.

REX OR BISHOP'S DOLLARS

In WHN&Q 3/29 Tony Dalton asked if members could throw any light on 'rex dollars, commonly called bishops' dollars'. It is well known amongst numismatists that large silver coins minted in Europe, known as dollars, circulated widely in Scotland in the 17th century because they were a convenient means of storing wealth and making payments, and because merchants and others could often make a significant amount by exploiting exchange rates in exporting and importing coins. They turn up in hoards, like two from the West Highlands. The first of these, possibly deposited during the civil wars of 1638-50, was found at Ardnave in Islay. Out of 81 coins 30 were foreign dollars. The second, found in a locally made croggan in the grounds of Stornoway Castle in Lewis, consisted of 120 coins, of which 14 were dollars or fractions of dollars. It was deposited about 1670.

Many of these dollars were rijksdaalder (hence rex dollars) minted in the Spanish Netherlands and United Provinces and were regarded to be of high quality. Unfortunately, the identity of the 'bishops' dollars' eludes the writer, although thalers/dollars were issued by ecclesiastical magnates, including the Archbishop of Salzburg. For more information on the subject see the paper by Stevenson and Porteous on two Scottish 17th-century coin hoards in the *British Numismatic Journal* 41 (1972), 136-46. 7

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