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### State of Lordship of Kintyre as sett in tacks 1672, 1692 and 1711

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A Particular State of the Lordship of Kintyre as it was sett in Tack by the late Earle 1672, by the late Duke in 1692, and by the present duke in 1711.

The siver rent, few duty, presents, silver teinds and brocks, with the Coal and salt works after allowing the Min[iste]rs their money stipends, and Saddell the annual rent of Twenty five thousand merks, which by the two last setts he has retension of, and only is charg'd with the super-plus by the late Earles Rental 1672 amounts to Twenty thousand and eight hundred and thirteen pounds four shill[ing]s Scotts, and after the Milne dry'd moulters teind meal and Barley, after deducing the victual paid the Min[iste]rs five hundred ninety three bolls fifteen p[ec]ks and three lippies. The Tacks expired in the year 1691 and when the late Duke clear'd with his Chamberlains at Glasgow in the year 1690, They informed him the Tacks were now near run out, and so great offers made by the nobility and Gentry in the North of Ireland, that unless encouragement was given in time to prevent the Tacksmen and Tennents going to Ireland, there would be difficulty of getting people to possess the Countrey; but the Duke having got information that if he would bring some friends to offer, it would appear there was no ground for giving down any part of the Rents, and in 1691 the Duke went to the Countrey, and several other Gentlemen with him, And according to the information given him, besides a considerable sum got by the entries he sett the Countrey after allowing he Min[iste]rs their money stipends for Twenty Three thousand Twenty pounds, four shill[ing] and eight pennies Scotts, includeing the few duties, presents, teind silver brochs, coal and salt works, and the Rental 1674 being deduced, there will appear to be of augmentation Two thousand two hundred pounds and eight pennies Scotts, and the victual after allowing the Min[iste]rs their victual stipends was six hundred twenty eight bolls ten p[ec]ks and two lippies so that there is ane augmentation of Thirty five bolls six p[ec]ks and three lippies but in the year 1703, the



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late Duke was induced to few the best part of the Countrey, and tho' the silver rent is greater, which was occasioned by the Milne and dry moulters being converted into money, and Carradells brock and teind victual sett in tack for ten merks with purchase of some lands from Largie, it can be made appear the Rental 1703 is less than the Rental 1702, and what the late Duke got for granting the fews was inconsiderable in comparison of what might have been made of the land. This sett of the Countrey 1692 expired 1710 and several proposals were made to the present Duke but still with a view to lessen the Rents. But the subtacksman in general offered

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If the Duke would accept of them for their several possessions, They would enter into Tack for nineteen years, and pay the same rent they paid their Masters which proposal the Duke accepted and the Rental 1711 is Twenty eight thousand five hundred and sixty eight pounds five shill[ings] Scotts, including presents, few dutys, brocks and teinds silver with the Coal and salt works after allowing the Mini[ste]rs their money stipends, and deduceing the Rental 1692 there will be ane augmentation of five thousand five hundred and fourty eight pounds, and four pennies Scotts, and the Milne and dry moulters with the teind meal and Barley is five hundred and fourty bolls, after allowing the Min[iste]rs their victual stipends, and if the victual converted with Carradells teind bear sett in tack was added, there would be also ane augmentation of victual.

The late Dukes tack to Sir Robert Dickson was made over to Baillie John Mountgomery, and by him prorogued till next May, and if sett conform to the rest of the Countrey may be augmented about five hundred pounds Scotts yearly. As the Town of Campbeltoun, what not fewed, the rent thereof may be doubled, They getting nineteen years tack on the Coniditions offered to the Dukes Commissioners and approved by them, and the Town well built, and it is to be observed, what was built was by the encouragement of the Tacks 1692 before the fews granted by the late Duke and none built since.

The sett of the countrey 1692 was 23020.4.8d

The sett of the Countrey 1672 was 20813.4.0d



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So there is of Augmentation 2207.0.8

The sett of the Countrey 1710 28568.5.0

The sett of the Countrey 1692 23020.4.8

So there is of Augmentation 5548.0.

The Total of the Augmentation of the two }

Last setts is } -----

And in English money £646.5sh.1d 7755.1.0

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The Boll of Kintyre measure is five firlots

The Boll of the rest of the shire four firlots

By which there is a loss of a fifth part of all the victual of Kintyre and in the price of the Kintyre boll, ther is never above half a merk of allowance and very seldom that.

The meal is ten stone to the Boll of Kintyre weight

In the rest of the Shire the Boll is but eight stone.

And if the Kintyre measure be make equal to the rest of the shire the Duke would be a gainer ane hundred and thirty six bolls and six pecks.

The teind boll is ten merks

The Brocks is three merks and a half – converted into money was sett for ten merks brocks and Teinds by which there were three merks and a half sunk.