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Memorial from Malcolm McLaurine to Duke of Argyll (Nov 1803) and subsequent exchanges between McLaurine and James Ferrier (Jan 1804 – Mar 1804)

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Copy Memorial of Malcolm McLaurin To His Grace The Duke of Argyll.

1st Nov[embe]r 1803

The Memorialist begs leave to represent to your Grace, the heavy loss he shall sustain, on being deprived of the low Grounds, and part of the hill, of the farm of Baliphuil, which is intended to be cut down into Crofts, for the accommodation of some of the Supernumerary population of that island; an object most desirable, and which he regrets, he should be placed in a Situation, that he could be any bar to its execution, but which in this instance involves your Factor, in a very unfortunate predicament.

As Your Grace was pleased to give him the farm of Baliphuil, by Captain Campbell's letter 17th Dec[embe]r 1801, and also had agreed, when convenient to build a house there, for the factors accommodation, he purchased the whole Stock of black Cattle, upon that possession, from the late Bailie, at a long price, and trusting to be continued, in that farm, while he should have the honor, of serving your Grace, in his present situation, he also took a lease of a farm, upon the main land, from Lochnell, which he obtained at Lord Lorne's request, as he had the

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goodness to write Lochnell for it, upon his account, as a nursery for the Tiry [Tiree] Cattle, and a preventative of the disorder they are incident to. In order to follow out this arrangement, he made considerable /purchases

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purchases of Cattle, which are therefore all upon his hands, and as Tiry is so distant from the Main land, he cannot dispose of them by Roup, and owing to the distemper they cannot be driven to market, consisting of Syclie Cows; in either way he is confident that his loss in disposing of his Cattle alone, independent of its destroying, all his arrangements, and the prospects he had hoped to derive from them, will amount to more than £200 Sterling, if he shall be deprived of that farm.

If it were your Grace's pleasure, to execute the original design of building a house there, as there is now plenty of Timber in the island, the farm of Crossapoll would accommodate a good many who want possessions, and the house there would make an excellent Church.

He begs leave also to observe to your Grace, that in carrying these Crofts, into effect in Baliphuil, a Stone Dyke would fall to be made to divide them from the hill, which would amount to £112 St[erlin]g consisting of 320 falls at 7/sh[illing]s per fall.

He humbly hopes your Grace will take these Circumstances into consideration, and that you will be pleased to continue him in possession of Baliphuil; And if it will not meet your Grace's approbation to give him the whole of Baliphuil as originally intended, he begs to express his hope that your Grace will not subject him to the certain loss he has pointed out /in

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in the Sale of his Stock, and that he trusts your Grace will be Satisfied with cutting out Eleven or twelve Crofts upon that farm, and a piece of the hill pasture, for their horses. In the plan made by Mr.Langlands of the division of the farm, there are lines, which could shew your Grace what your Factor has taken the liberty to suggest, and if your Grace shall be pleased to agree to it his Wish shall be fully gratified.

(Signed) Malcolm McLaurine

Mr.Ferrier about the 10th of January was pleased to agree to my possessing the Farm of Baliphuil as originally intended, and with that view wrote out a Scroll of additional Instructions, upon condition that no more money would be allowed to build the house and offices there, than would be equal to a Sum, necessary for building a School house, that I was to give up Crossapoll as well Crop as grass at next Whitsunday, and that the house of Crossapoll would be converted into a Church and Granary - a Copy of the additional Instructions I had not an opportunity of Keeping, as Mr.Ferrier destroyed them upon my have taken the liberty to produce, the following paper and Memorandums; the first he returned, and the last I obtained answers from him.

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Copy observations Mr.McLauren upon Mr.Ferrier's additional Instructions.

11th January 1804

Having considered the additional Instructions I beg leave to observe, that as His Grace The Duke of Argyll was originally pleased to allot me the farm of Baliphuil, without any reservation, while I should have the honor to serve him, and had also agreed to build a house and offices suitable for his Chamberlain there, analogous a(s) he had reason to expect, to the plan and comfort, His Grace had been so good as to give his factors upon his other Estates, I humbly hope His Grace will be pleased to fulfil his first intention, and not make any alteration upon the situation he had from the first agreed to, by Captain Campbell's letter of the 17 Dec[embe]r 1801 and in terms of His Grace's Instructions Art: 18 Oct[obe]r 1801, and that the rent of the farm may be fixt according to Captain Campbell's letter, 26th Dec[embe]r 1801, if so be that His Grace, will not be pleased, to give me the farm at the old rent, in the same manner as he /gave

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gave me the farm of Crossapoll, while I should possess it, confiding that his Grace will not make my situation worse, than my Predecessors, or that of his factors upon his other Estates; considering the many inconveniencies, and drawbacks incident, to so remote a Situation. And if His Grace will not lay out the money upon the Fences and Inclosures, necessary for improving the farm, am willing to execute them upon His Grace's terms, by Captain Campbell's letter 17 Dec[embe]r 1801 corresponding to Mr.Langlands plan which was made at His Grace's desire.

Signed Malcolm McLaurine

Copy Memorandums 11th January 1804 given to Mr.Ferrier by Mr.McLaurin.

- 1st To Know from Mr.Ferrier the amount of money Stipends payable by the Farm of Keelis in Coll, and the same in regard of the Lands of Ardnish [and] sold to Mr.McLean of Coll.
2. Mr.Hector McLean's Lease of Heynish requested by him.
3. Begg that Mr.Ferrier will consider the /Baliphuil

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Baliphuil Comprisement, of Dykes and Marches, the Duke's deliverance upon the Bill of comprisement, and Mr.Ferrier's letter in regard of it.

4. Hopes the money he laid out in draining and building Dykes at Crossapoll will be returned, and that of the March Dykes of Crossapoll.



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5. I trust that the money I laid out in grass Seeds and sown in Crossapoll will be considered.
6. Beg to observe the vast inconveniency I shall be submitted to, in being deprived of this year's Crop¹⁸⁰³^{in Crossapoll}, as all my Manure and dung is there, and the vast trouble and expence of carrying it to Baliphuil.
7. To put Mr.Ferrier in mind of the Post Office Allowance, and His Grace's, for the Runner and Packet.
8. Suggested formerly to Mr.Ferrier in regard of young Simpson going to Tiry to give Estimates of the different buildings proposed there.

Copy Answers to Mr.McLaurin's Memorandum of the 11th January 1804.

(Answers to Art: 1st and 2^d Ommitted as unconnected) /3d

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Art 3^d Mr.Ferrier can say no more than he has already done about the Baliphuil March Dykes, that is, that it was encombent on the late Bailie, to leave them in repair.

4. If Mr.McLaurin is to continue in possession of the farm of Crossapoll, he will reap the Benefit of the drains grass seeds and Dykes mentioned in his Memorandum. If he is not to continue, it will be reasonable to indemnify him of such expences - yet it appears odd that he should have begun to drain and lay down fields, with grass seeds, and build Dykes too, upon a farm which he says he expected to give up in a year, and which he says he expected to give up in a year, and which he still insists upon giving up, in return for Baliphuil, altho[ugh] he had been early and repeatedly told, that he could only have one of them - indeed the people of the island alledge that Mr.McLaurin had not even confined his views, to these two farms, and that he was grasping at the farm of Balemartine also, and it is unlucky that some handle, was given them, to such suspicions.
Mr.McLaurine insists much, on being still /put

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put in possession of Baliphuil, and having a house and office [etc] built for him there, and lays great stress on my Lord Duke having once agreed to that Plan. It is not well known how His Grace was at one time led to agree to that arrangement, the execution of which would cost at least a couple of thousand pounds, but Mr.McLaurin will see from the Copy herewith sent of a letter, from His Grace, dated in May 1801, just one month, before Mr.McLaurin was proposed, to be employed, that His Grace refused to bestow more than £100 yearly for two years for the accommodation of Mr.Campbell, of Treshnish, the Gentleman then intended to be employed, and his Grace's intention of acting so differently towards Mr.McLaurin, was a very short continuance, for he soon changed his mind, and resolved not to be at any such expence, and I confess that after being in the Spot, seeing the Chamberlain's present habitation, and his farm, and considering all circumstances, it appears to me that His Grace does wisely, in refusing

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to undergo that expence, and that he will also judge well if he shall confine his Factor's views, and farming Schemes, to the Farm of Crossapoll, and give the whole of Baliphuil to the poor people, who are in want of small possessions. / 5th

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5th The Post Office is to allow two shillings weekly, to the Runner, who carries the Tiry Bag of Letters, betwixt Tobermory and Croig; and the Duke of Argyll is to give Ten pounds Sterling yearly, to the Packet which goes betwixt Croig and Tiry

6th I cannot desire young Simpson or any other person to go to Tiry to Plan and Estimate Buildings, which are not ordered to be built, and which I think unnecessary
Feb 17 1804

Copy Letter from His Grace The Duke of Argyll May 1801

Sir, The inclosed Estimate I received this day, I shall consent that one hundred pounds be laid out in Repairs for this year, I mean for the two Articles which he may imploy, as he thinks best the remainder I may perhaps agree to next year, according as the Factor appears to deserve it, in the meantime you will get both Estimates considered of. I have received your letter in which I see nothing that requires answer at present.

(Signed) Argyll

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Copy Replies by Mr.McLaurin To Mr.Ferrier's answers in the month of February last.

When Mr.McLaurin presented his Memorandum, to Mr.Ferrier on the 11th of January, he did not conceive, that the answers which he requested, to his Queries, would have required any Reply, upon his part; he is however Sorry to find, that in justice to himself, he is called upon to explain to Mr.Ferrier certain mistakes which he has fallen into, thro[ugh] the malevolence or misrepresentation of some of the Inhabitants of the island of Tiry.

In Mr.Ferrier's answer, to Mr.McLaurin's fourth query, he seems to accuse him upon the information of the Inhabitants of the island, of wishing not only to retain the Farm of Baliphuil, but also of grasping at the Farms of Crossapoll and Balimartin, to the material loss of the Duke of Argyll, and injury of the poorer Inhabitants of the Island. Mr.Ferrier seems also to accuse Mr.McLaurin, of having wished to put the Duke of Argyll; to a very material and unnecessary expence, by building a house at Baliphuil.

In answer to these Charges Mr.McLaurin can only say, and say with truth that from the moment he has had the honor of being in Grace's employment, his chief and most /earnest

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earnest wish, has been to promote his interest and prove his own Gratitude, and he trusts that the following Statement, will convince Mr.Ferrier of the truth of that assertion, and that the communications which have been made to the Duke and Mr.Ferrier to his prejudice have been founded upon malice and misinformation.

When Mr.McLaurin first entered into His Grace's employment in the year 1801, he took the liberty of stating to the Duke, that the house of Crossapoll formerly possessed by His Grace's Factors, upon the island of Tiry was in such a state, that a considerable sum of money would be required to render it habitable, and that in fact His Grace had at some time previous to that period allotted £200 Sterling for that purpose. That as the Duke instead of three Farms, which he he had formerly been in the practice of letting to his factors, meant henceforth to restrict them to one, he would be pleased to allot the farm of Baliphuil for that purpose, as the Farm of Crossapoll by itself was scarce sufficient to produce the necessaries of life, far less to maintain such a stock as he conceived His Grace would think his factor entitled to, or as would in any ways enable him to maintain his family, and that as His Grace, had at that time the intention /of

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of building a new Church in the island, Mr.McLaurin took the liberty of stating, that the money required for that purpose, together with the sum formerly allotted for repairing the factor's house, would be sufficient with a very small addition to convert the house at Crossapoll, into a Church sufficiently capacious, and central in its Situation, and to build a new house upon the Farm of Baliphuil. In the justice of this Statement The Duke seemed to acquiesce, and accordingly by signed Instructions in the month of October 1801, he states Article 16th

“That the present Chamberlain's house, be converted into a Church. That the present Church be converted into an Inn and Granary. That a new house be built at Baliphuil for the Factor, after a Plan and Estimate are approved of, and the factor to live at Crossapoll till the house is ready”

And afterwards in Captain Campbell's letter of the 17th Dec[embe]r 1801, he states by the Duke's desire

“That it is certainly is his intention, that the Farm now allotted for you, Baliphuil, shall be moderately rented, the amount of which Mr.Ferrier is to be immediately directed to fix and mention to you. The Duke declines at present engaging in the Subdividing and planting scheme, recommended by you, but directs me to add, that you will be allowed at your Removal according /to

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to valuation at that period, for any useful improvements, you will make in that way.”



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The Submission to Mr.Ferrier as to the rest of Baliphuil, mentioned in the preceding letter, was accordingly made, and in consequence, Captain Campbell in another of the 26th of Dec[embe]r 1801 says,

“I also Subjoin the Substance, of Mr.Ferrier’s reports, as to the rent you are to pay for Baliphuil - He says that as you have preferred the above farm , to Crossapoll, which the late Chamberlain held at a very small rent, and as several offers have been made, for Baliphuil, the only fair way of ascertaining the Rent, you are to pay, will be after Crossapoll is Sett, to deduct the Rent it may give, from the rent that will be fixed on as a reasonable one under Tenants for Baliphuil, and that the excess beyond the rent got for Crossapoll, is what you ought to pay - from this you see that the point cannot now be ascertained.”

In consequence of His Grace’s verbal agreement, and the two preceding letters of Captain Campbell, written by the Duke’s orders, Mr.McLaurin Whitsunday 1802 entered into possession, of the Farm of Baliphuil, but continued to reside at Crossapoll, according /to

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to His Grace’s Instructions, till some house should be prepared for his accommodation, upon the other Farm, and altho[ugh] he was ready to give up this Farm, the moment it should be required, and had it even Surveyed and marked into 30 small Crofts he continued the System of improvement, which he had commenced upon it, by draining fencing [etc], as he was sensible His Grace would not allow him, to suffer by any expence which he had incurred for the amelioration of his property. When Mr.Ferrier states Mr.McLaurin as anxious to grasp at both farms, he must have been most materially misinformed, as his continuing in possession of both, he conceived to be only fulfilling His Grace’s desires, and doing what was most conducive to his interest, And as he ever was and now is ready to Surrender the farm of Crossapoll, as soon as it shall be required.

With regard to the accusation of wishing also to engross the farm of Balimartine he is at a loss to guess even at the shadow of a Cause - By His Grace’s Instructions of October 1801, the farm of Balimartine was ordered to be divided into small Crofts and to be bestowed, first upon such of the Farmers as were dispossessed under Article 2^d, and 3^d, and 2^d ly upon the most deserving of the Fencible men. These Instructions Mr.McLaurin accordingly attempted to fulfil, and /for

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for that purpose had the farm Surveyed and Subdivided into 38 small Crofts, but could find none of Tenants except three or four willing to accept of them upon His Grace’s terms, which he stated to the Duke in his written Reports of August 1802 [and] 1803 and afterwards in his personal Settlements with His Grace in the month of October of the same years; as the Duke however still continued, to insist upon his Schemes being carried into effect, if possible, Mr.McLaurin again attempted it, and still failing, in order that His Grace might not be deprived of the Rent of the Farm entirely, he in the month of May and June last, advertised at

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Church, that any of the Inhabitants of the island, might send their Cattle to pasture upon the Farm of Balimartine, on paying 15/sh[illing]s a head of grass mail, for which he was to account to the Duke, at the period of his annual Settlements. Of the truth of this Statement, and of the impossibility of putting His Grace's Instructions, into execution, Mr.Ferrier must be sensible from the visit which he himself made to the island in the month of August last, which he himself found, it impossible to follow out His Grace's Instructions, with regard to the Set of that farm, and therefore he let it, to Cottars (whom Mr.McLaurin had no power to accommodate) and to two Tenants only. /Mr.

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Mr. McLaurin has now laid before Mr. Ferrier, a full and he believes an impartial Statement, of his own conduct, a statement which he trusts, will be sufficient to convince him of the unjustness of the accusations, and to prove that his conduct has all along been actuated by a most sincere desire to promote the Duke of Argyll's Interest, and to execute His Instructions.

Mr. McLaurin moreover trusts, that he has sufficiently proved to Mr. Ferrier, that previous to his entering into His Grace's employment, the Duke had agreed to let him have the entire farm of Baliphuil at a rent to be fixed by Mr.Ferrier, and to build him a house upon that farm. It must also be consistent with Mr.Ferrier's Knowledge, that in consequence of that agreement, Mr.McLaurin purchased the whole Stock of black Cattle upon that possession, from the late Bailie, at a long price, and trusting to be continued in that farm, while he should have the honor of serving His Grace in his present situation, that he took a Lease of a farm upon the main land from Lochnell, which he obtained at Lord Lorne's request, as he had the goodness to write Lochnell for it upon his account, as a nursery for the Tiry Cattle, and a preventative of the distemper they are incident to. That in order to follow out this arrangement he made considerable purchases of Cattle, which are /therefore

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therefore all upon his hands, and as Tiry is so distant from the main land he cannot dispose of them by Roup, and owing to the Disorder they cannot be drove to market, consisting of Sycle Cows, in either way, he is confident, that his Loss in disposing of his Cattle alone, independent of its destroying all his arrangements; and the prospects he had hoped to derive from them, will amount to more than £200 Sterling if he shall be deprived of that farm. In addition to this, Mr.Ferrier must also be sensible, that even should Mr.McLaurin be allowed, to retain the whole farm of Baliphuil and have a house built upon it, he would still be in a worse situation than any of his Predecessors in the island of Tiry.¹ He therefore trusts that Mr.Ferrier will be sensible of the justness of his Claim, and not endeavour to prevent The Duke fulfilling the Agreement , upon which Mr.McLaurin's Interest so materially depends, and without which he must be put to so great and so immediate a loss.

¹ who besides holding three Farms there had Lands from His Grace in Mull.



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With regard to the house which His Grace agreed to build at Baliphuil, should he feel not inclined to be at an expence, which Mr.McLaurin does not conceive would exceed £600 or £700 Sterling, he himself would pay a considerable part upon being allowed interest for his outlay, in the mean time, and repayment of the principal at his removal /or

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or he will be satisfied to continue on the house at Crossapoll, without that farm, being allowed to occupy the Miln Croft and the piece of Land opposite the house, without which it is impossible to possess it, and which form no part of Crossapoll, until the Duke finds it convenient to build a house upon the Farm of Baliphuil. Mr.McLaurin takes the liberty of adding, that the situation of the Duke's Factor in Tiry must be very uncomfortable if these accommodations are refused him.

(Signed) Malcolm McLaurine

Copy Mr.Ferrier's letter 26 March 1804 To Mr.McLaurin.

Dear Sir, On the 23^d Ins[tan]t, I received your very long paper of Replies, which I do not find to contain, anything the least material that I have not discussed with you months ago, and more than once - I shall therefore only repeat, that I cannot be persuaded to advise the Duke of Argyll to abandon the old residence of his Chamberlain of Tiry, and be at the expence of building a new house for you - You mention in your Replies page 2^d "that, when you first entered into his Grace's employment, by way of inducing him to remove your residence from Crossapoll to Baliphuil, you stated that the Farm of Crossapoll was scarce sufficient to produce the necessaries of life" and

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in your Replies you continue to under value it - Yet the fact is, and you speak it out, in an after part of that same paper page 5th that you want the Duke of Argyll to put down thirty families upon that farm, which you have said is scarce sufficient, to produce the necessaries of life for one family. 30 Tiry ffamilies may be moderately computed at 180 persons. Now if the farm is sufficient to produce the necessaries of life to that number, I should be glad to know how it happens, that it cannot feed your one family?

I am Dear Sir Your most Obed[ien]t Hu[mbl]e Serv[an]t,

Signed Ja: Ferrier

Copy Mr.McLaurin's letter to Mr.Ferrier 26th March 1804



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Dear Sir, I have this moment been favoured with your Letter of this date, and have only to express my regret, that you do not appear disposed to give me a more favourable answer to the paper with which I troubled you a few days ago

It may be proper for me to say, in reply to your observation respecting the 30 Crofts at Crossapoll, that I always understood His Grace's intention and wish to be that very small Crofts should be given, Such as could not be considered as a Livelihood for a family, but merely as a home /with

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with some little accommodation, and that the Crofters should depend chiefly on the Fishery for the maintenance of their Families

I am Dear Sir Your's very respectfully
(Signed) Malcolm McLaurine

Copy Mr.Ferrier's Answers, 27th March 1804

Your explanation is not satisfactory because I know that the 180 persons whom you propose to put down on the farm of Crossapoll must fish their Subsistence, their Meal, their Milk, their potatoes out of that farm, and not out of the sea. It is true that such of them as are Fishermen will do well to employ part of their time and labour in catching fish, to help to pay, their small rents, and to cloath themselves and families [and] such of them as are Weavers, Smiths, Taylors and Labourers [etc], must for the like reason follow their different employments but as I said before, their food must be raised from the farm, and if it is sufficient to feed 180 persons, it is ridiculous in you to say it is not sufficient to give the necessaries of life to your one family

I am yours [etc] Signed Ja: Ferrier

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Copy Answers Mr.McLaurin to Mr.Ferrier Edin[burg]h, 28th March 1804.

Dear Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, of yesterday; in reply to which, I shall only beg leave to put you to rights, in a mistake, into which you seem to have fallen, in calling the measure of Setting down 30 families upon the farm of Crossapoll a proposal of mine; instead of which, it was done by Mr.Langlands, in pursuance of Instructions delivered to me by the Duke of Argyll, when I was first Appointed his Chamberlain in Tiry, and in the framing of which Instructions, I never was consulted. But it would appear, from Art[icle]s No.6 and No.10 of these Instructions that such Crofts were intended as an encouragement for Fishers to settle and prosecute that business in Villages, and who were to be removed if they neglected or abandoned the Fishery.



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I beg leave further to add, that in all the conversations, correspondence and writings with you, instead of insisting on all I was promised, before I entered on my Charge in Tiry, I always signified my readiness to /sacrafice

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sacrafice a part of my accommodation [and] convenience to any plan, that the Duke of Argyll might pursue, but I cannot believe it would ever be His Grace's intention, to render the situation of his Chamberlain in that Island very uncomfortable and unbefitting, the station in which he ought to appear, and far less into any thing, that might be construed into a departure from his agreement. The late Chamberlain held in that Island, besides lands in Mull, Sixty four Mail Lands of which Crossapoll forms but the Eighth part, consisting of no more more than 8 Mail Lands, only double of what His Grace has ordered for his common Tenants in that Island.

I leave Edin[burg]h for Tiry tomorrow, I am Dear Sir very respectfully yours

(Signed) Malcolm McLaurin

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Copy Letter Mr.McLaurin To Mr.Ferrier 26 March 1804

- p.24** ¹ Copy
² Edin[burg]h 26 March 1804
³ Dear Sir
⁴ I have this moment been favoured
⁵ with your Letter of this date, and have
¹³ His/his
¹⁶ livelihood/liveliehood family/Family
¹⁷ home with/home,with
²² /James Ferrier *Esq*

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Copy Letter Mr.Ferrier to Mr.McLaurin 26th March 1804

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- ¹ D[ea]r Sir, (Copy)
² On the 23^d Instant I received your very long paper of
³ Replies which I do not find to contain, any thing the least

[See Pages 18/19 before for other "copy" of this letter with minor variations such as commas, spelling and quotation marks.]

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² Dear Sir,
³ Your explanation is not satisfactory because I know
⁴ that the 180 persons whom you propose to put down on the

[See Page 20 before for other “copy” of this letter with no material variation.]

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Copy Letter Mr.McLaurin To Mr.Ferrier 28 March 1804

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- ¹ Edin[burg]h 28th March 1804
² Dear Sir,
³ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
⁴ Letter of Yesterday; in reply to which I shall only beg
³⁰ Agreement - The late Chamberlain held in that
³¹ Island, Sixty four mail Lands, besides Lands in
³² Mull, but of which Crossapoll forms only the
³³ Eight part, consisting of no more than eight mail
³⁴ Lands, and only double the Accommodation of /what

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- ³⁵ what His Grace has ordered for his common Tenants in
³⁶ that Island.

[See Pages 21/22 before for other “copy” of this letter with details of lines 30 – 36 of this copy which varies slightly. p.31 is recorded on p.29.]

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- ¹ Memorandum from Mr.McLaurin 11 Jan[uar]y 1804
^{3/4} To know from Mr.Ferrier the / amount of Money Stipend payable
^{5/6} by the Farm of Koelis in Coll; / and the same in regard of the
^{7/8} Lands of Ardnish [etc] sold to Mr. / McLean of Coll.



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 35/36 going to Tiry to give Estimates / of the different Buildings
 37 proposed there.

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Answers to Mr.McLaurin’s Memorandum of the 11th January 1804

1st By the Duke of Argyll’s Disposition to Mr.McLean of Coll of the Lands of Ardnish and others it is declared that in so far as the Feudutys Public [and] Parish Burdens, are not already divided they are to be divided, by the Mail, Mark, or Penny Lands, in the Duke’s Charters, failing which by the valued rent.

The Dukes Charters do not mention the extent of the Lands, and therefore in order to split the Teind and other dutys the valued Rent must be resorted to, and there another difficulty presents itself, for the whole are valued in cumulo at £15. 9. 8, and therefore the valued rent can afford /a

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a rule, it must be split upon the Lands in Coll which remain the Duke’s property, and those which have been sold to Mr.McLean of Coll, according to the real rents at the time of sale viz.

Duke’s Lands	£204.
Coll’s Purchase	£ 30

Inde the proportion of £15. 9. 8 belonging to the Duke’s Lands, is £13. 9. 8, and the share falling to Coll’s Purchase is £2.

The Teinds of the whole of these Lands being 11 bolls 2 firlots, ($\frac{2}{3}$ ^{ds} Meal and $\frac{1}{3}$ ^d bear) and £12 Scots money, these divided by the valued rent will stand thus

	Meal			Bear			Scots
	B	F	P	B	F	P	
The Duke’s Lands ~~~~~	3	1	1 $\frac{1}{3}$	6	2	2 $\frac{2}{3}$	£10.10.-
Coll’s Lands ~~~~~	-	2	-	1	-	-	1.10.-
	3	3	1 $\frac{1}{3}$	7	2	2 $\frac{2}{3}$	£ 12. -.-

Two firlots of Meal, one Boll of Bear and £1.10 Scots for Colls Purchase, and the remainder being 3 bolls 1 firlot $1\frac{1}{3}$ Peck of /meal

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Meal, 6 bolls 2 firlots $2\frac{2}{3}$ Pecks Bear, and £10.10 Scots for the Duke’s Lands.

The Schoolmasters Sallary, Bridge and Rogue, money and high way money, will fall to be divided in the like proportions.



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11^d A Scroll of Hector McLean's Lease of Haynish, will be furnished, when Mr. McLaurin sends his Memorial with the Duke's Deliverance upon it.

111^d Mr. Ferrier can say no more ...

1Vth If Mr. McLaurin is to continue ...

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Vth The Post Office is to allow two ...

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V1th I cannot desire young Simson, ...

[See Pages 7,8 and 9 before for other "copy" of items 111,1V,V and V1 of this letter with no material variation.]

Replies for Mr. McLaurin To Mr. Ferrier's Answers in the month of February last.

When Mr. McLaurin presented his Memorandum, to Mr. Ferrier on the 11th of January, he did not conceive, that the answers which he requested, to his Queries, would have required any Reply upon /his

p.41 10. his part, he is however sorry to ...

p.42 11. In answer to these Charges ...

12. [Page missing]

p.43 13. that the money required for that ...

p.44 14. Captain Campbell's letter of the 17th ...

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p.47 17. anxious to grasp at both Farms, ...

p.48 18. These instructions accordingly Mr. ...

p.49 19. that any of the inhabitants of ...

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- p.51** 21. that agreement, Mr.McLaurin ...
- p.52** 22. distemper the cannot be drove to ...
- p.53** 23. the Duke fulfilling the agreement upon ...
- p.54** 24. the liberty of adding that the situation of the Duke's Factor in Tiry must be very uncomfortable if these accommodations are refused him.
Edin. 23^d March 1804. (Signed) Malcolm McLaurin

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