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Memorial concerning Mull, Morvern & Tyrie – 1747.

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Memorial Unto His Grace the Duke of Argyll

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The Countries of Mull, Morvern [and] Tyrie [Tiree], have for [and] since the year 1736, been in ffactory By a State herewith given viz the payments which Mull [and] Tyrie have rendered, in and untill the year 1743, are Short of the Tackdutys which was offerred, and cou[l]d be afforded out of them, in that period £770:5:3¹/₁₂, and the Payments out of Mull, Morvern [and] Tyrie for the years 1744, 1745 [and] 1746, are short of the Tackdutys which they cou[l]d afford in that period, as will appear from the said State, £632:5:1¹/₂ Whereby the late Duke [and] your Grace have really lost, by these Countries being putt in ffactory, [and] Not Lett in Large Tacks, £1402:10:4⁷/₁₂ It is true there are some arrears of Rent still due in these Countries, which so far as recovered, will in some measure repair this Loss; but will never compleatly do it.

If your Grace will admitt to be treated with, for a Tack of these Countries the Memorialist offers to be Tacksman of the whole at [damage]¹ Ster[ling] yearly for the first four years [and] for the subsequent years, of [damage] agreed upon £1333:6:8 and to take up his Residence [damage]n In a Scheme of this extent, several matters must come under Consideration, which wou[l]d be too tedious, to represent to your Grace; especially if the proposal is not to be Receiv[e]d, but the Memorialist shall in the meantime presume to observe that any Regulations your Grace will direct for the Management Improvement or Civilising of these Countries, may equally [and] with more Steddiess be followed by a Tacksman than a ffactor.

In the V[i]ew these Countries are represented to your Grace, this Scheme may appear too bigg, but the memorialist has not such apprehensions of it, nor does he think to attempt it without sufficiently securing your Grace in the Tackduty and, making it appear that his offer is neither with a v[i]ew of getting an advantageous bargain of your Grace, nor quite so Desperatione, as some may be apt to think, for himself, Nor shou[l]d your Grace condescend, to putt the Question, to your present ffactors of these Countries; at what rent they may be Sett in Tack, Will the Memorialist Dread, his offer wou[l]d appear unfavo[u]rable.

¹ A large tear/hole in the original document has deleted some of the wording