

The Argyll Papers, Inveraray Castle

Instructions for Archibald Campbell of Barnacarie Chamberlaine of Tyrie [Tiree].

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1 [pri]mo

That you make up a List of the Farms within your Collection that are to be lett in Tack mentioning the Names of the Tennants [and] what Rent they now pay with your own Opinion as to the Condition [and] Circumstances of the Farms and Tennants and whether the Rent shou[l]d be ogmented or diminished and for what Causes and what these Ogmentations or Abatements ought to be And this List you are to lodge in the hands of Robert Campbell of Askinish on or before the first Day of December next, that the same may be transmitted to me

2 [secun]do

You are also to transmitt to the said Robert Campbell Quarterly States / or oftner as occation offers / of the Payments made by the Tennants with their Names [and] the Farms they possess that I may distinguish the good payers from the bad And at the same Time know what Cash is in your hands And give Directions how to dispose of it. This instruction you are to intimate to all my Tennants and give them Notice that None but such as are Punctual Payers are to expect a New Lease.

3 [ter]tio

That the Tennants falling in Arrears be proceeded ag[ain]st by poynding upon the Barron Baillie or Sherriffs Precept as usuall. That the Poynding be executed about the first of May And that Eight Days be allowed the Tennants to Releave their Goods by Paym[en]t and that the Expence of all Diligences be restricted to the next necessary Debursements [and] whenever any Cattle are bought on my Account or taken in Paym[en]t of Rents That ane exact Account be kept both of the Number [and] Price And sent to Robert Campbell that the same may be transmitted to me.

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4 [quar]to

As I have purchased Lands of Skarinish you are to Sett them together with the Wind Miln and Changehouse for One Year to the best Advantage. My Entry commences at Whitsunday last And you are to levy the Rents that fall due at Martinmass next.



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5 [quin]to

I have agreed to take a Bond from Ardslignish and his eldest Son for the Arrears pay[aba]ll at the Rate of Fifty Pound a year till all is paid up You are without Loss of time to settle Acco[un]ts with Ardslignish and to transmit the same to Robert Campbell that the Bond may be made out for the Ballance.

6 [sex]to

I agree that the Breach on the North Side of the Island by Sand Blowing be repaired by makeing a Barricade of Stone with a Slop to the Sea And that the Tennants be employed Six Days in the year till the Same is compleated And I recommend to Mr McTavish the Minister to oversee the Work.

7 [septi]mo

I have signed ane Instruction in Relation to Lachlan McLean Merch[an]t in Glasgow a Coppy of which you are to call for from Robert Campbell and see the prin[cipa]ll in his hands.

Whereas you have not given any good Reason why McIlmun late Officer has been removed I order him to be restored with the Sum of Eight pound of Sallary and that there be but one Officer.

I expressly discharge my Chamberlains to deal in Cattle or in Trade of any kind without giveing me previous Notice [and] haveing my Consent to the Same And if any profits are made in the Course of their Dealings w[it]h my Tennants or otherways in Executing their Commissions of Chamberlainry I shall look upon it as a breach of the Trust I have committed to Them.