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Campbell of Craignish Papers

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These papers form the main archive of the Campbells of Craignish, as preserved by the late Robert R Campbell of the board of education, the head of a senior cadet branch of the family. They consist almost entirely of formal estate records, financial papers, rentals, and accounts, and give in general a good view of the running of a highland estate in the late 17th and 18th centuries. Particularly interesting in this context are the account books of Donald Campbell of Barrichbean.

The Sunderland papers (12-14) which came to the Craignish family through the marriage of James Campbell of Craignish to Jean Vyse Campbell, heiress of Sunderland, mostly concern the sequestration of the estate in 1780, and give many details concerning the system of landholding in Islay in the 18th century.

A small selection of the Craignish papers was published by Herbert Campbell in the *Miscellany of the Scottish History Society*, vol.4, 1926, pp.296-9.

The general arrangement is as follows:

1. Legal papers relating to lands mostly within the estate of Craignish, 1590, 1609, 1626, 1705, 1707, 1713, 1719-20, 1750, 1765, 1801. Those for 1590 and 1609 concern Lergiechonie and Barravullin respectively, that for 1801, a house in North Hanover Street, Edinburgh.

Personal papers including marriage contracts, testaments, factories etc., 1643, 1650, 1684, 1693, 1704, 1770, 1776, 1806.

2. Accounts books of Donald Campbell of Barrichbean, 1688, 1690, 1696, giving a detailed statement of his rental and the organisation of his estates.

Rentals and related papers, 1690, 1694, 1706-7, 1749, 1755-76.

Miscellaneous memoranda, states of debt, comprisedments etc., 1706, 1721-2, 1738-94, 1810, 1817, 1858.

3. Bonds, discharges, and related material including judicial papers, 1621, ca 1625, 1631-1706. The document of ca 1625, which is incomplete, concerns the seizing by Campbell of Barrichbean and others of the ship the White Hawk, the property of Abraham Dewar of Birram.
4. Bonds, discharges, and related material including judicial papers, 1707-25.
5. Bonds, discharges, and related material including judicial papers, 1726-50.
6. Bonds, discharges, and related material including judicial papers, 1751-6.

7. Bonds, discharges, and related material including judicial papers, 1761-81, 1785, 1794, 1798, 1802, 1809, 1825.
8. Lawyers' accounts, 1683, 1704-79, 1807, 1810.
9. Household accounts, 1667, 1728-9, 1736-8, 1751-79, 1784-93, 1796-9, 1801, 1809, 1827, n.d.
10. Letters to various lairds of Craignish, 1697, 1732, 1749, 1774, 1801, 1807-8, 1810-12, 1814, 1853, 1861, 1897. The letters of 1808-14 partly concern the work of James Campbell of Craignish as paymaster of the 72nd regiment.

Letters to Jean Vyse Campbell, 1812, 1814-15, 1823, 1825, 1827, 1836.

Letters to Major Robert Campbell and his wife, 1835, 1843, 1845, 1851-3, 1856, 1858, 1865, 1870, 1897.

Miscellaneous correspondence on genealogical matters, 1897, 1929, 1931, 1933, 1941.
11. Genealogical material concerning the Campbells of Craignish, of Sunderland, and of Lagganlochan, mostly compiled by Robert R. Campbell.
12. Rentals and related papers concerning the Sunderland estate, 1779-87.

Lawyers' accounts for Sunderland, 1780-88.

Memoranda, inventories, roup rolls etc., including an inventory of the Sunderland library, 1780-90, 1806, 1816.
13. Bills, discharges, and judicial papers mostly connected with the settling of the Sunderland estate affairs after the sequestration, 1704, 1765, 1770-71, 1776, 1778-89.
14. Sunderland estate correspondence, 1780-81, 1784, 1789, 1826.

Household accounts, 1779-85.
15. Printed 'Mémoire de Revendication. Archibald Neil Campbell contre le Gouvernement de la République Portugaise', 1930, concerning compensation for mining losses in Mozambique.