Oban Letters: Western District

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38. " (Feb - March)
1) 1755: Copy of Brief of Benedict XIV concerning government of a Vicariate during an interregnum.


3) 1773-1774: Copies of letters from Rome. Suppression of the Jesuits, etc. (Clapperton)

4) 1782: Copies of letters from Bishop Hay to Rome. Mixed Marriages. (Clapperton)

5) 1794: Questions and answers about the laws relating to Catholics.

6) 1796: Inventory of the property of John Russell, late planter in Jamaica; (including negroes).

7) 1798: Inventory of property in Scots College, Rome, confiscated by French.

8) 1813: Meeting of English & Scottish Bishops. The Bill before Parliament.

9) 1813: Bishop Cameron's Pastoral. Foundation of Clerical Friendly Society. printed

10) 1813: Procurator's account of funds.


12) 1816: Sermon preached at the opening of St. Andrew's Chapel, Glasgow. In Scott's own hand.

13) 1816: Meeting of Bishops and Administrators, 16th-19th August.

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<td>Petition from the people of Greenock. Feu duty.</td>
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<td>Oath of allegiance to the King sworn by Fr. Murdoch.</td>
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<td>Bishop Cameron's faculties from Rome.</td>
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<td>6th Nov.</td>
<td>Lady Shrewsbury sends to Bishop MacDonald the address of Prince Alexander Hohenloe, asked for by Rev. Angus MacDonald, Rome. She asks for some kind of help.</td>
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<td>10th Dec.</td>
<td>Mr. McLellan, Ayr, to Scott.</td>
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<td>Proposed regulations for Bridgeton School.</td>
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<td>14th June</td>
<td>From Propaganda. Rev. John Gordon, who went to Rome to protest against the change in Vicariates and Bishop MacDonald is here recommended to receive him kindly on his return.</td>
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<td>18th July</td>
<td>Draft of two letters from Scott to Rome: 1) asking for the appointment of Rev. Angus MacDonald as rector in Rome, and 2) congratulating the new Pope, Pius VIII.</td>
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1629: 3) Copy in Dr. McPherson's hand, of the original Rules of Blairs. (Latin)
4) Draft of part of above.
5) 2nd Aug. Abbe McPherson to Scott. He has resigned as rector.
6) 7th Aug. Draft of letter from Scott to Prop., telling of the foundation of Blairs, etc.
7) 26th Aug. Copy of the Pope's reply.

Sept 26th
Copy of cetadet ter Rev. J. O. (Gifford) Sept 1637

8) 7th Sept. Menzies to Scott. Nervous state of Mr. H.
11) 10th Nov. D. Stampa to Scott. A dispute about money.
14) 25th Nov. Abbe McPherson to Scott. He is thinking of returning to Rome.
15) 2nd Dec. Fr. Bremer leaves Huntly, replaced by Fr. Stuart.
16) 3rd Dec. Margaret Kyle to Scott.
17) 8th Dec. Abbe McPherson to Scott. He is ready to leave for Rome.
1830

1) 11 Jan:  To Scott from his brother William, who is very poor.
2) 12 Jan:  To Scott from Bryce Girvan, Benridgeside.
4) 6 Feb:  From Rev. Wm. Thomson, who is a-begging for the Ayr chapel.
8) 1 Mar:  From the same.
9) 3 Mar:  From the same. Lease of the Blairs property.
10) 14 Mar:  Scott to Abbe McPherson. Similar to 16 Sept above.
11) 16 Sept: From Scott to Abbe McPherson. Bitter complaints about the rector in Rome, students in Blairs, Bishop Paterson, students in France etc.
14) 22 Nov: From Rev. Dr. Sinnott. Newtonstewart chapel.
15) 23 Nov: From Rev. Wm. Lovi, Keith.
16) 27 Dec: Chas. Gordon, Edinburgh. The sentence of outlawry on Rev. Wm. McIntosh has been repealed. The French royal family.
1831


2) 15 Jan: Kyle to Scott. Bishops' meeting postponed. Preparations for ordination of Gordon. £50 bequeathed for the education of a Highlander.

3) 16 Jan: From Wm. Gordon, soon to be ordained.


5) 19 Jan: From the same. Reservation of sins. Boundary between the Vicariates.


7) 16 Feb: To Murdoch from his brother abroad. Family matters.


9) 14 Mar: To Murdoch from Alex. Smith, Aberdeen.


12) 5 Apr: From E. C. Barragher. Marriage trouble of Divan and his wife.

13) 22 Apr: From Bishop Penswick. The trouble in France as it affects the seminaries.

14) 30 Apr: From Fr. Sherbourne. Trivial.
1) 26 May: From W. B. Collins, Douay. The students in France.


3) 4 Jun: From George Wilkinson, Preston.

4) 17 Jun: From the Pope, Gregory XVI. Autographed.

5) 19 Jun: From "Rector MacDonald, Rome. Political troubles in Italy.

6) 23 Jun: From Geo. Gordon, Edin. Mr. Strobiechas' will.


9) 29 Jun: From Rector MacDonald. Of little interest.

10) 1 Jul: From Fr. Gill, Ireland. Thanks for money for the poor.


12) 2 Jul: George Gordon, Edinburgh. Mrs. Strobiechas' will.

13) 8 Jul: Bishop Pfrenc of Galway, thanks for £236 for the poor.

14) 8 Jul: From Mrs. Eadie, Coul. Money.


6 Nov: To Fr. Murdoch, from his brother.


15 Nov: Copy letter from Kyle & Scott to Prefect of Propaganda.


10 Dec: Kyle to Propaganda, determined to prevent the appointment of Gillis. Enclosed in a letter to Abbe McPherson.

14 Dec: Kyle to Scott on the same, with another letter to Propaganda in blistering Latin. Mention, Barrie Chapel.
1832


2) 13 Jan: Ditto.

3) 17 Jan: Bishop Scott introduces Rev. John Gordon to the Bishops - he is going on a begging tour.

4) 3rd Feb: Bishop Scott to Abbe McPherson - the same topic.

5) 8 Feb: Chas. Grant, Glasgow, to Murdoch.

6) 16 Feb: Copy of account of Bishop's funds, with instructions to Mr. John Sharp about their annual distribution.

7) 16 Feb: Mass foundations.


9) 20 Feb: To Fr. Murdoch from his brother.

10) Feb: The Clerical Friendly Society of the Northern District


12) 8 Apr: Copy of indulg concerning new offices.

13) Apr: Account for wine.


17) 12 Jul: Copy of letters to Propaganda on the same subject.

1832

9) 17 Sept: From John Menzies to Bp. Scott - severely rebuked, he promises to interfere no more.


9) 10 Nov: John Paterson applies for dmissionals.

10) 13 Nov: From Rev. Wm. Reid. Recommending the bearer.


1833

1) Jan: List of W. District students.

2) 9 Jan: From Rev. Bremner - a silly letter.

3) 1 Feb: Petition from West Kilbride for a priest.


5) 2 Apr: Ditto

6) 10 Apr: Similar.

7) Draft of letter from Murdoch to Propaganda, begging to be allowed to refuse the mitre.

8) 4 June: Brief of his appointment.


10) 26 June: M. Choiseul-Gallion, Paris to Mr. Thomson, Calais.

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<td>Reconstitution of the Friendly Society of the W.Dist.</td>
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<td>24 Aug.</td>
<td>Faculties granted to the Vicars. (Copy)</td>
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b) 29 Oct: Charles Fraser, Aberdeen to Bp. Murdoch.

c) 7 Nov: C. Gordon, W.S. to Scott.


f) 27 Nov: From Abbe McPherson to Bp. Scott. He is back in Rome.

g) 29 Nov: From James Sharp, Blair. Faltry debts.

h) 29 Nov: Bp. Penswick asking for support of Scots Vicars in a protest to the Pope about innovations damaging to the authority of the Bishops.

i) 3 Dec: Copy of report to Rome on the state of the W. District

j) 9 Dec: Extract from Mr. C. Gordon's report to the bishops regarding the estate of the Balgowan.

k) 11 Dec: From Bp. Penswick; his disputes with the Jesuits and Benedictines.

l) 11 Dec: Copy of letter to the Pope about Card. York'd legacy.

m) 18 Dec: From Dr. Youens, Liverpool.


o) 31 Dec: From the president of Douay; about the students.

p) Account paid by Rev. Charles Grant for building repairs.
1835

1) 1 Jan: Bp. Brampton to Bp. Scott – his dispute with the religious orders.


5) 8 Jan: Mr. Thomson, Ayr. The elections.

6) 9 Jan: Letter about Parliamentary election Ayr.

7) 8 Jan: From Abbe McPherson. The subsidy from Propaganda; Card. York’s legacy; new vice-rector; re-opening of Scots College.

8) 10th Jan: Richard Daniel to Scott. Paris business(?)


10) 20 Jan Abbe McPherson to Bp. Scott. Accounts; Card. York’s legacy; the late rector’s incompetence.


12) 22 Jan: Thomas Sherbourne. Donation from Brindle Lodge for Scottish Mission. (Willows Kirkham)

13) 24 Jan: Rev. Mr. Thomson, Ayr. The election.


2) 16 Feb: Abbe McPherson to Scott. Scott’s poisoned finger; Cardinal York legacy; the subsidy from Propaganda.

1835

- 12 Feb: Bp. Scott to Mr. Thomson, Ayr. The debt on his chapel. draft.
- 13 Feb: Mr. Thomson's reply.
- 14 Feb: Short note from Abbe McPherson.
- 17 Feb: Another (more humble) reply from Mr. Thomson, Ayr.
- 18 Feb: Yet another.
- 20 Feb: Copy of Bp. Scott's reply to these.
- 27 Feb: From Dan Gallagher, student at Propaganda, about letters to Abbe McPherson that went astray.
- 28 Feb: Short note from Abbe McPherson.
- 21 Mar: Mr. McIntosh, Blairs. Kerr's ordination.
- 27 Mar: The dispute between English Bishops and religious orders.
- 28 Mar: From Mr. John Sharp, Blairs.
- 4 Apr: Bp. Murdoch to Bp. Scott. Scott has been asked to arbitrate.
4) 7 Apr: Mrs. Geary, Woolwich. Leaving for Canada.

5) 8 Apr: Charles Gordon, W.S. Finance.

6) 9 Apr: Mr. O'Neil to Bp. Scott. His son is going abroad.


8) 13 Apr: From the same. Students going abroad.

9) 13 Apr: From Mr. William Gray, mason.

10) 13 Apr: Bp. Kyle to Bp. Scott. Destruction of the Brass school; Ratisbon; the Jesuits; Collecting for Inverness chapel, etc.


13) 15 Apr: Fr. Cowie, preparing to leave for Rome with students.

14) 25 Apr: Receipt for passage money for students.
1835

j) 1 May: Bp. Carruthers to Bp. Scott. The dispute between bishops and religious in England; the Edinburgh convent; Catholics in Bute; places in Propaganda.


4) 13 May: Rev. Wm. Thomson, collecting for Ayr, Kilmarnock, Maybole, Girvan. The Ribbonmen.


7) 21 May: Rev. Wm. Thomson, Ayr. His begging mission. chapel,

8) 2nd June: Opening of St. Margaret's Convent, Edinburgh.


10) 23 June: Abbe McPherson to Bp. Scott. The students' fare; Bishops' joint letter to the Pope; the dispute.

11) 24 June: M. Careno, Leghorn. The students' passage.


1835


2) 14 Sep: Ditto. Mr. McLauchlan is going begging for Stirling.

3) 15 Sep: Mrs. Catherine McKellar, Greenock. Her late husband's estate - in Jamaica.


7) 22 Oct: Abbe McPherson to Scott. The English dispute. A visit of the students to the Pope.


9) 25 Nov: Chas. Gordon W.S. to Scott.


17) 28 Dec: Bp. Walsh to Bp. Scott. The dispute is settled;
1835


7) Undated: Account from Thomas Smith, mason. £4.14/8d.


2 Feb:  Certificate of ordination of Alex. Smith.


18 Feb:  Mme. Callaghan, Paris; the estate of Longa Everard.

March:  List of Western District students.


5 Mar:  Rev. Alex. Smith.  His health.


12 Mar:  Rev. T. Sherbourne.  The railway shares; trouble in Spain, and how it affects the Scots property there.

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<td>Dr. Brown, Downside. The dispute.</td>
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3) 10 June: Receipt from John Galloway & Co. £150.

4) 14 June: Death of Mr. Hay at Tarland.


6) 16 June: John Malcolm; students at Paris.


1836

1) July: Copy of Bp. Scott's faculty paper to his priests.


9) 10 Aug: Dr. Browne, Downside; Personal. Dr. Baines & Prier Park.


1836


5) 2 Oct: Dr. Browne, Downside. Bp. Baines and his trouble with the monks. Rumour that Wiseman has been appointed Bishop.


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2) 3 Nov: Rev. T. Sherbourne to Scott. The 'monkish wars' in England. Politics, etc.

3) 3 Nov: Poor old D. A. Hamilton again.

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5) 17 Dec: Copies of letters from Bp. Kyle a) to Rector Cameron in Spain, b) to Lord Palmerston on the subject of church property in Spain. (Mentioning also that formerly at Paris and Douay).


8) 22 Dec: Copy Bp. Scott to Lord Huntly - the proposed Bond.


12) 30 Dec: James McHardy, Sheriff's Clerk. Advice regarding a will.

2) 3 Jan: Rev. Wm. Reid to Bp. Scott. The railway and the site belonging to Paisley chapel.

3) 3 Jan: Rev. R. Sinnott for statistics for Newtonstewart in 1836.


5) 5 Jan: Bp. Kyle to Bp. Scott. The postulation of Gillis; the property in Spain; the iddling of mission money with Lord Huntly; Ratisbon - memorial to King of Bavaria; the railway and Paisley chapel.

6) 6 Jan: Rev. John Bremner, Paisley. The railway.


8) 9 Jan: Bp. Carruthers to Bp. Scott. Ratisbon; the bond with Lord Huntly; Ratisbon; postulation of Gillis.

9) 10 Jan: Bp. Carruthers to Bp. Scott. Scott's illness; Ratisbon; postulation of Gillis; first Mass in Annan since the Reformation.

10) 15 Jan: Chas. Gordon to Bp. Scott, enclosing letter from Abbe McPherson (not among these papers).


14) 26 Jan: Alex. Scott, student at Rome, to his uncle the bishop. Ratisbon.

15) 27 Jan: Bp. Kyle to Bp. Scott. Memorial to King of Bavaria; Ratisbon; Huntly bond; Paisley railway; postulation of Gillis.

16) 31 Jan: Rev. James Sharp; various matters, including letting of Leslie Lodge.
25/1

1) Feb: Draft of joint letter from the Bishops to the King of Bavaria, giving history of Ratisbon monastery. Various incomplete and undated scraps on the same subject.

2-10) Feb: Letter from the Bishops to Fr. Graham, Ratisbon, with reasons for their dissatisfaction, a history of the original purpose of the seminary, and the danger of the suppression of the monastery by Government.


12) 7 Feb: Copy of letter from Rector Cameron in Spain to Bp. Carruthers, on the question of the Scots property there.

13) 8 Feb: Bp. Carruthers to Bp. Scott. Ratisbon. (The Memorial has to be re-written; they had the King's name wrong!)


26/1

1) 4 Mar: Propaganda to Bp. Scott. The Vicar Apostolic's subsidy; the student going to Propaganda.


3) 7 Mar: Rev. Wm. Dundas, Chapeltown, recommending Charles Stewart for Blair.


1837


1 Apr: Charles Gordon: Investment with Lord Huntly. Loan to Glenaladale.


4 Apr: Sheriff Clerk’s Office to Bp. Scott. The Paisley railway.

7 Apr: Bp. Kyle to Bp. Scott. The letter to Propaganda was written by McLachlan. The Ratisbon crisis. The Madrid property. Rev. James Sharp’s will; Blair’s funds; Aquorties; etc.


9 Apr: Ditto.


17 Apr: Dr. Sinnott to Scott. Easter communicants in Newtonstewart.


20 Apr: Estimate for work on the Greenock church.


24 Apr: Memorandum of Agreement on the above subject.
1837


19) 28 Apr: Angus Fletcher of Dunans on the 'Paisley railway affair.'

20) 29 Apr: Rev. John McPherson, Dundee, to the Bishop, protesting against the debt of Dundee chapel.


1) 1 May: McHardy to Bp. Scott. The Paisley railway.


3) 2 May: Sir Chas. Gordon to Bp. Scott. The Huntly Bend; The Paisley railway; his own knighthood.


5) 6 May: Bp. Kyle to Bp. Scott. Sending an order for £1,000


8) 13 May: From Cardinal Fransoni. Ratisbon.


13) 20 May: From Propaganda. In future communication must be made direct to the Holy See, not through agents.


9) 1 Jun: Abbe McPherson to Bp. Scott. Important to appoint a successor to the Abbe as soon as he dies, to save the college from the Jesuits.

3) 5 June: Sir Chas. Gordon to Bp. Scott.


8) 5 July: Minutes of Meeting of Administrators and Bishops. Gillis and the Mission Oath. The Quota. The £22,000 to be invested with Lord Huntly. Statement of Mission Funds.


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1837

1) Sept: 29 Nov: Mr. Campbell, Greenock, trying to sell Bp. Scott an organ.


3) 19 Oct: Rev. T. Maguire to Bp. Browne of Kilmore. Maguire has been accused of causing trouble in Glasgow.


15) 29 Dec: Bp. Carruthers to Bp. Scott. Gillis; Morgan, etc.

1837


4) 8 Sept: D MacAllister to Bp Scott: receipt.