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1. Documents Relating to Rome, 1566 - 1587.

1. Pius V: Brief instructing that the reforms of the Council of Trent be implemented in order to combat heresy, 2 March 1566, copy, Latin.
2. 'Informatione delle cose appartenenti alla reductione della fede Catolica nelli Regni di Scotia et Inghilterra'; the problems of heresy, heretics helped by the Queen of England, James VI educated in heresy, James's affection for his mother; he is governed by Esmé Stewart, now given the Earldom of Lennox; the Pope must take the initiative. [1580 x 1581]; Stewart created Earl 5 March 1579/80, and Duke 5 Aug 1581. Unsigned, draft? Italian.
3. James VI, recognised as heir to both kingdoms; sympathetic towards Catholicism; means of converting him to Catholicism; imprisonment of the Earl of Morton, [1581], Italian. Endorsed 'Per la Scozia'.
4. The Bishop of Dunblane, now a Carthusian, is being sent to Scotland. The Pope is pleased that Archbishop Beaton has accepted the post of ambassador to the King of Scotland. [1587]. No heading or signature, French.
5. Brief of Sixtus V to Carthusian General: the Pope has received the Scots bishop sent by the general; the bishop has been entrusted with affairs pertaining to the good of the Church and the interests of the Carthusian order, [1587].
6. Brief of Sixtus V. Original endorsement lost; later endorsement reads 'H Comiti in Scotia'. Commends the recipient's constancy in the Catholic faith; introduces 'H' who brings the letter as 'a man of your nation' and of noble birth. [1587]. Contemporary copy, Latin.
7. Brief of Sixtus V to the earls and various magnates of Scotland, rejoicing that they keep the Catholic faith; introducing the bearer, 'H', a Carthusian monk. [1587]. Contemporary copy, Latin.

Note: For nos. 5, 6, 7, above see IR 7 (1956) 30.

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2. Letters to Father Holt, Rome, 1586 - 1587.

1. Robert Abercrombie, Cracow to Father Holt, Rome, 25 Oct 1586, Latin. Printed IR VII 28.
2. James Tyrie, Paris to Father Holt, Rome: Catholics in Scotland, Scottish affairs; mentions Archbishop Beaton, who sends instructions concerning Mondovi's protectorship of Scotland. 23 Nov 1586, Scots. Kyle transcript: see SM 1/9/2.
- missing ✗ Same to same, 18 Jan 1587, Scots. Kyle transcript: see SM 1/9/2.
- missing ✗ Same to same, 1 Feb 1587. Extract in Kyle transcript; see SM 1/9/3.
5. Same to same: description of Mary's death; Fathers Hay and Durie ask for money and assistants; changes in Scotland; loss of revenue to the seminary in Paris as a result of Mary's death; Archbishop Beaton has recommended the seminary to the Pope and others. Mentions Lord Claud Hamilton's sons. 15 March 1587, Latin.
6. Same to Same: Mission affairs; ordinations and students at Pont-a-Mousson; priests available for, or in, Scotland. Mentions Archbishop Beaton as being in the same town, [Paris]. Easter day [29 March NS], 1587, Latin.
7. Same to same: King James's policies; Archbishop Beaton's appointment as James's ambassador to the King of France. 12 April 1587, Latin.
8. Same to same: mention of Bishop William Chisholm in Paris; news of Scottish politics; mention of Father Crichton and Gilbert Brown. 9 June 1587, Latin.
9. Same to same: Jesuits going to Scotland; a Scot<sup>\*</sup> joining the Jesuits; mention of being in touch with Archbishop Beaton. 2 Aug 1587, Latin. \* Alexander McQuhirrie.

Note: extracts from 2, 4, 5, 6, are in Kyle transcript SM 1/9/3.

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3. Letters of William Crichton and Others, 1597 - 1603.

1. William Crichton, Brussels to Robert Persons, Rome: plans for a seminary in Rome; politics of Scotland; 28 June 1597, Italian.
2. Same to same: finances of seminary; numbers/entrants in seminary; earls in Scotland - whether Catholic or not; mentions Robert Bruce. Dated Louvain 1 Aug 1597. Italian.
3. Same, Louvain to same: dissensions among the English at Rome, 8 Sept 1597, Italian.
4. Same to same: finances of seminary; English dissensions; Scottish earls; mentions 'il Colonello', Father Holt and Bruce. 13 Nov 1597, Italian.
5. Same to Father William Holt, Brussels: mainly Mission politics, chiefly English; mentions Ogilvie. 28 Dec 1597, Latin. [note: John Ogilvie of Powrie] [see SHS misc vol 1, no 15 in series]
6. Letter - no signature - to Father Robert Persons, Rome, 1603.

Note: Extracts of 1 - 5: see Kyle transcripts SM 1/9/3.

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4. Fr William Weston SJ: 'Relatio de suis gestis et incarceratione', 1585 - 1587, incomplete. Written as if a draft using half of each page only. Latin.  
Translation printed in Philip Caraman 'The autobiography of an Elizabethan, William Weston', pp 14 - 119.
5. George Thomson: 'Quo Tempore Scotia Religionem Christianam Susceperit', 17th century copy of the document sent to Clement VIII in 1595, with comments added in another hand. Sometimes wrongly attributed to Fr James Tyrie. For notes on the author see SHS 1901 p 404; SHS 1904 p 117.  
Translation in Claude Nau, Memoirs of Mary Queen of Scots ed. J Stevenson (1883) p 105 - 144, and in SHS Miscellany II (1904) pp 121 - 132.
6. Monsignor Malvasia: 'Report on the State of the Scottish Church to Cardinal Aldobrandini', 1596. Bound with a note on it by Abbe MacPherson.  
Translation published in Bellesheim III 460 - 473. (1889)  
" " Dodd's Church Hist, IV, ccxlv
7. Anderson: 'Extract from a letter from Mr D Anderson to Certain Ministers in Scotland conveying information respecting Scottish Catholics in Scotland, 27 April 1596', English.  
18th century copy of original in Biblioth. Jurid. Edin. M.6.9. num 34.  
Printed in Thomas McCrie, 'Life of Andrew Melville', Blackwood, Edinburgh 1899 p 483, and in Hammermayer, 'Deutsche Schottenkloster ...', Zeitschrift fur bayerische Landesgeschichte, 1963 p 246.
8. Jesuit Documents, 1580s.
  1. Letter to a fellow Jesuit: the Gowrie Conspiracy; the abbot of Dunfermline in St Andrew's Castle and other Scottish events; Catholics in Scotland; mentions Beaton. [1580s].  
No signature, Latin. Kyle transcript see SM 1/9/1.  
On back: Extracts from a diary written in Rome by Mr Roger Baines about various Scots Jesuits, 1591 - 1602.
  2. Memorial to the General of the Jesuits about who should be sent to Scotland as envoy, n.d., but mentions Queen Mary so pre 1587.

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## KYLE TRANSCRIPTS

1. Transcript of SM 1/8/1
2. " " SM 1/2/2, SM 1/2/3, James Tyrie to Fr Holt.
3. Extracts from documents 1586-97:  
SM 1/2/2, SM 1/2/4, SM 1/2/5, SM 1/2/6; SM 1/3/1-5

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## MISCELLANEOUS

1. Reasons why Throckmorton should not be pardoned and the Queen should publish his submission + confession, nd
2. Names of recusants written by Throckmorton, nd
3. Document containing confession + examination of Edward Bunnell, 1586 and manner of execution of Mary Queen of Scots; etc.
4. Names of Scots at home + abroad, mostly 1599-1604 (letter of Wm Blackwood to George Strachan re: his nephew, 1602)

Note: 1-3 were found loose inside "Autograph letters", SM 2/15