



## The Argyll Papers, Inveraray Castle

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Instructions for the Chamberlain of Tiry [ Tiree ] for 1756

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- 1 I have Recommended to Mr Robert Campbell Advocat to Write to Mr Kendall about a Steel Miln of the largest kind for Grinding Meal.
- 2 You are to imploy ffour ditchers next Season to make Such drains in the large Moss upon the West side of the Island, as will be necessary for Carrying of the Watter and that you furnish them with Tools for that purpose, And that you cause the Inhabitants who Cutt peats in said Moss work four days with said Ditchers in makeing the drains.
- 3 You are to bring some Siberia fflaxseed with you to Tiry, and inclose a Small peice of Ground for it and Report how the same Answers.
- 4 I Approve of your takeing a Skilfull Miln boy to Tiry for the Miln of Crossapoll, And Agree that you pay him Thirty Shillings to defray the Charges of transporting himself [and] Tools thither.
- 5 You are to Acquaint all my Tenants in Tiry that I [a]m resolv[e]d to encourage Spining in that Island, and that I expect a good deal of my Rents will be paid by the Wages which they will receive from you for it, And I desire that you report to me the Names of every one who will pay any part of their Rents with the Wages of their Spining, and how much of their Rents they pay that way, that so I may know who they are that will give Obedience to my orders, and I will<sup>fall</sup> on some proper way of Showing my displeasure to such as are refractory, and to encourage those who do as I direct, and you will Acquaint them that I[a]m not please[e]d how litle they Apply to the Spining, and that I[a]m resolv[e]d to keep no Tenants but such as will be peaceable and Apply to Industry. You [wil]l cause Intimate this Instructions some Sabaths after Sermon.

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- 6 As you Report that the Rooff of my house in Tiry is in dissrepair I desire you imploy proper persons to make the same Sufficent, and I Agree that you cause build a Stone Wall Six foot high round the Garden behind my house and that the same be extended to the neck of Land to the front side, with a Gate to it, as also to make up an Office house as you tell me there is no Office house there providing the Expençe of the office do not exceed Nine pounds Sterling.



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7 You are to Advertise all my Tenants that all my Lands in Tiry ( not under Tack) are to be Sett in Tack next Season and that they are to give in Proposals for such Lands as they incline, and when two or more offer for the same ffarm, you are to signify to the person overbid how much he is exceeded but by no means to tell him by whom, all these proposals you are to Carry in to me next year, and tell my Tenants that such of them as incline may send proposals to me they always giving another Cobby to you<sup>^unless they have particular reasons for</sup> sending to me only inclos[e]d in a letter. And this you are to advertise at the Kirk doors upon the first Sunday of May next with a List of the ffarms that are to be Sett.

8 I have given you a Stoned horse for mending the brood of horses in Tiry, And I desire you may Cause Collect from my Tenants of Oats for feeding him at the rate of Two pecks the Merk land.

Argyll

Inv[era]r[a]y 3<sup>d</sup> Nov[embe]r 1756