

Petition by Alexander Campbell and other tenants in Tiree, 1803

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Petition
To His Grace The Duke
of Argyll
By
Alex^r Campbell and others
Tenants in Tyree

1803

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Complain of Augmented
Rent by Competition

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Unto His Grace the Duke of Argyle

The Petition of Alexander Campbell Donald Campbell Murdoch
Campbell Donald Campbell junior Angus Campbell Farquhard
Campbell Hector Campbell Angus Sinclair Malcolm Sinclair John Mac
Innish John Carmichael Donald Mac Innish Donald Campbell Allan
MacLean and Neil McDonald
all tenants in your Grace's Lands of Barrapoll and Kenavair [sic] in
the Island of Tyree. –

Most Humbly Sheweth

That the Petitioners in consequence of an application to your Grace were granted a set of the above farms for the yearly rent of £140 St^r and paid our rents regularly for the two years possession preceeding Whitsunday last, But by an order from your Grace (as the Petitioners are informed) these Lands were divided into subdivisions or Crofts, and the Country at large notwithstanding of the grant to the Petitioners, were warned to give in their offers to your Graces factor there; in consequence of which the rent of these Lands was Augmented to £194. St^r at which rate the petitioners were necessitated to take their possessions, or rather these Crofts

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even on or about this very term day, and some of the Petitioners were obliged to sign to the terms proposed under the penalty of £10 Sterling each and quit their possessions, at which Season of the year it was impossible for the Petitioners to dispose of their Cattle owing to a distemper which is well known to affect the Cattle of that Island; the only time to dispose of them, being the latter end of Harvest yearly. –

The Petitioners who would wish to be continued in their native place, are sorry to be under the necessity of further mentioning to your Grace that they are burthened and oppressed by being obliged to perform 38 days ^{service} each with Horses when required, not only to the Factor himself, but also to his Servants, whereas their time would have been better bestowed in improving your Grace's Lands, which ultimately would be of benefit to themselves. –

The Petitioners for these reasons finding that they cannot do justice to your Grace and maintain their familys [sic] and possessions in Tenantable manner, humbly supplicate that your Grace may be pleased to restrict the rent to the to the former rate of £140 and also the services to

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a reasonable number of days to which they will willingly submit, and should it not be your Grace's pleasure to continue the Petitioners in their possessions at the aforesaid rent they humbly hope that your Grace will not exact any penalty of them. –

May it therefor please your Grace to consider this
Petition and to do therein as to your Grace shall
seem meet. –

And your petitioners shall ever pray

Inveraray 25th June

– 1803

Alex^r Campbell

Donald Campbell

Angus Campbell

^{his}
Farquard X Campbell
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Murdoch X Campbell

for themselves & the other petitioners –

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