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Tyree 10th January 1859

Compeared Mary Maclean daughter of and residing with Donald McLean Merchant and Tenant Kenovey in the Island of Tyree in the United parish of Tyree and Coll in the County of Argyll who says I am 30 years of age. Mrs Catherine Maclean or McDonald is my sister. I went on a visit to her at Kilbride in South Uist in the latter end of the month of May last and remained there till

Saturday 9th October following

when I made up my mind to leave for Tyree by the Steamer Islesman which was advertised and expected to call at Lochboisdale ~~

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Lochboisdale on that day. I packed up my trunk. It was not locked as I had lost the key but it was well corded for the Voyage. I went to Lochboisdale on the above date along with my brother in Law and Sister who came to see me off taking my trunk with me. The Steamer did not reach Lochboisdale that day and I returned in the evening to Kilbride leaving my trunk in the store at Lochboisdale which is kept by a man whose name I understand is Alexander McEachern

The Steamer came on Monday 11th October 1859

and I left by her for Tyree that ~~

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that day. The trunk remaining in the interval in the Storehouse My Sister came to Lochboisdale and saw me off I found the trunk in the Storehouse where I had left it and took it with me on Board the Steamer. I did not observe that there was any change ether on he cordage or appearance otherways from what it was when left by me on the 9th I did not examine it as I had no suspicion that it had been opened or interfere with in any way

On my arrival at Tyree on

Wednesday the 13 October 1859

and on taking of the cordage of the trunk I found that it had been opened when in the Storehouse and that the following Articles had been stolen therefrom Three ~~~

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Three Gold rings
A Gold Brooch enclosing some hair
A small Brooch with hair and pearls
A piece of Black silk velvet for hair
A Piece of Brown Silk ribbon
Nine fancy Buttons with white stones
A red Moroco Needle Book

One white Linen pocket Handkerchief with my late brother's name "Hector MacLean" on the corner I wrote my sister informing her of the fact and giving her a list of the articles stolen Being shewn

A Gold Brooch & Paste board Box } No. 3
A Gold ring with 6 pearls & Topaz stone in the middle } No. 1
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A Gold Ring with 5 stones } No. 2

I identify all these as mine and part of the Articles stolen as aforesaid I have signed the labels as relative hereto

In the month of November 1859 – I think about the middle of the month, I sent per Steamer Islesman from Tyree to Lochboisdale a trunk to my Sister addressed to my brother in Law Kilbride to

be landed at Lochboisdale. This trunk contained a number of articles and was locked before being dispatched. I sent a note of the contents in a letter with the key enclosed about a week before sending the trunk among other things the trunk contained

3 Linen Pillows (empty)
A Moroco Leather purse
A Black lace cap
About ~~~

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About a pound of tea in one parcel and
Six ounces in another

I have learned that that trunk was opened after it left me and some articles stolen from it.

I am quite certain that my own trunk was opened in the Storehouse as no one had an opportunity while it was in the Steamer with me between Lochboisdale and Tyree All which is truth
(Signed) Mary Maclean

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Copy Statement
of
Mary Maclean
Tyree
1859
No.27
Angus Steel Theft

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Kilbride 24th December 1859

Compeared Mrs Catherine Maclean or MacDonald wife of Neil MacDonald Tacksman of Kilbride in the Parish of South Uist and County of Inverness. aged 35 who declares

My sister Mary MacLean daughter of and residing with Donald MacLean Merchant in the Island, and parish of Tyree in the County of Argyll, was on a visit to us from May till October last - She intended leaving for home by a Steamer that was expected to call at Lochboisdale in said Parish of South Uist upon the 11th of October - She went there for that purpose on that day and brought a trunk with her containing her things - The Steamer did not come for two days thereafter - She returned to Kilbride, but left her trunk in the interval in the Store house at Lochboisdale

Alexander MacEachern there is the Store keeper - It had no lock but was well secured with Rope. My sister left with the Steamer on the 13th of October - I saw her ~~~

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her off - She of course took the trunk with her - No notice was taken then of its having been opened or interfered with - since her return home she had written me that she discovered that it had been opened when in the Storehouse, and the following articles stolen therefrom -

Three Gold Rings
A Gold Brooch enclosing some hair
A smaller ditto with hair and pearls
A piece of black silk velvet for hair
A piece of brown silk ribbon
A dozen buttons with stones
A Red Morocco needle book
A Number of white linen pocket handkerchiefs, and
a Number of Night Caps

*Is this a correct List
of things abstracted?*

I was well aware myself of the most of the things, that were in her trunk particularly of the trinkets - which were in a small pasteboard box.

Upon Monday the 20th December ~~~

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December I went to Lochboisdale to make some enquiry about that and another trunk which my sister sent by a Subsequent Steamer addressed to my husband and out of which a number of things had also been stolen when in the Storehouse - I had received some information about the trinkets which brought me there - I met there John Fraser the district County policeman.

I was present in the public house at Lochboisdale when the police man seized on the finger of a female the wife of a man MacLellan there, a Gold Ring which I identified as one of those stolen from my Sister's trunk -

He also shewed to me a Gold Brooch, and another Gold Ring which he had discovered with some other female - these I also identified as part of the property stolen -

Being now shewn

A God Brooch	(No. 3)
A Gold Ring	(No. 1)
A Ditto	(No. 2)

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I identify each of said articles as part of my sisters property stolen out of said trunk as aforesaid and they are severally docquetted by me as relative hereto -

The Second trunk refered to was sent by my sister from Tyree by same Steamer when she called at Lochboisdale upon the 18th of November - It contained a number of articles for family use - My sister sent a note of the things - This trunk was locked and when sent for the lock was found to have been broken and a number of the things stolen Vizt

- 3 Linnen pillow slips
- A Moroco purse
- A black lace cape
- A pound of Tea in one parcel and
- 6 [...] ounces Ditto in another parcel

besides a number of other trifling things - none of said last mentioned articles have been found as yet so far as I know -