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Baugh Tyree 20<sup>th</sup> Feby 1860

Police Report

About eight oclock A.M. this morning a (male) Human Body had been found on the shore at Greenhill opposite Greenhill House, parish and Island of Tyree and County of Argyll, the said Body had been found lying on its back with his hands stretched out from t he Body, some decomposition took place. the same had been found by Walter Carmichael a Labourer residing at Greenhill aforesaid. Finlay Fraser D.C.

Evidence

1<sup>st</sup> Walter Carmichael (Aged 42 years) before designed states, Early this morning I went to the shore at Greenhill to see if I would find any thing there. about ten minutes after reaching the Beach. I observed a flock of Seagulls working on some thing there. I went to the place expecting it was a large fish that they had. upon arriving I found it to be the body of a man in a putrified sate. lying on its back. with his hands stretched out, without skin or flesh on the head. or on the extremity of either hands or feet. the right foot down from the ankle had not been on it, neither could I see the same about the place - a cotton roller rolled round the small of the left foot above the ankle upon taking a good look at the body which was quite naked but entire. except the head hands feet. the lower part of the belly, had

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been broken into I suppose by the Seagulls. and also the left armpit where there was a hole like as if newly done by the same carnivorous fowls. I covered the body with sea ware. to keep it safe from the said intruders and went then and gave notice to Neil McLean, Greenhill, who came direct along with Malcolm McNeil, a Baker residing at Portree, Sky, but at the time remaining in Greenhill House, then Lachlan Cameron a Tailor residing at Greenhill aforesaid. Hector McLean a Crofter residing at Sandaig parish & Island of Tyree, and Alexander McLean Ballmeniach came, the latter viz. Alexr McLean took a blanket (that came ashore sometime ago) and himself and Lachlan Cameron, rolled the body in said blanket and we all conveyed the same to Alexr McLean Ballmienach's Kiln. the place where the former body was put into. the body was not so tall or stout as the former one that came ashore. being about 5 feet, 6 or 7 inches high.

2<sup>nd</sup> Neil McLean before designed, corroborates the latter part of the preceeding statement.

3<sup>rd</sup> Lachlan Cameron before designed does the same, & also all the forementioned parties.

Remarks

As soon as I got information of the Body coming ashore, I went direct to the place, and found the Body in the state above described, without any external marks. such

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such as anchors &c the place where such would be had been destroyed. the Body had been interred respectably at Sorbay churchyard this afternoon 20<sup>th</sup> current. where the former Body had been buried. owing to the putrefaction that took place along with the offensive odour issuing from the body. it could not be kept longer. I considered it unnecessary to take Dr. Anderson to see it. no person doubts but it is the Body of one of the men lost on Board the Swan Belfast wrecked on said coast on the night of the 19 January last.

Finlay Fraser  
D. Constable

P.S. The cotton roller on the left foot of the body referred to in Carmichael's statement, was about 5 feet in length, and 4 inches in breadth, a cotton tape had been keeping the same on, just above the ankle. It is very probable that he got a hurt in said place, but owing to the flesh being partly off and putrified it could not be made out right –

Finlay Fraser

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