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Baugh, Island of Tyree 27th June 1861

Police Report

Catherine, or Marion McKinnon (or both) daughters of and residing with Neil McKinnon, a crofter residing at Kilmuloig, parish and Island of Tyree, and County of Argyll, are charged with stealing, or fraudently retaining, an ordinary sized female plaid, of divers colours, viz Brown, red, white, and green, modern pattern, with dark silk fringes sewn to the edges, torn in the centre to the extent of 1¼ inches, which is unobservable except when minutely inspected, valued eighteen shillings and six pence sterling, being the property of James McEachnie, traveling Licen[sts] Hawker, this took place within the dwelling house of Neil McKinnon aforesaid, upon the evening of Saturday, the fifteenth day of June current (1861) between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock P.M.

Finlay Fraser
P. Constable

Witness

James McEachnie before designed -----

Remarks

This case has been reported to me by the above designed James McEachnie, on the evening of Tuesday the 18th day of June, he stated that he went to McKinnon's house and exposed his plaids, 3 in number for sale, to the 2 girles above refered to, that he remained there and then in there company, for the space of about ¾ of an hour [.....ing] away - & that he got a drink of milk from one of them that ~~~

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that he then packed up his goods and left, none of them bought any of his plaids, that he went to several houses in that vicinity afterwards same evening, but did not lose or untie his plaids which were tied in a part of his pack, for sale - in any of these houses, considering that the inmates were not inclined to buy - that after going home to his lodgings in Scarnish he examined all the goods in his pack, & found the plaid refered to missing ; that he is confident that he had the missing plaid in McKinnon's house, and could not lose it any where else, But states also that having exposed so much of his goods there, that the plaid might fall or be left in a corner of there house without being observed, by either him, or them at the time, the house being rather dark, and requested me to see if I could find it, as he had to leave the Island, it was not convenient for him to go to McKinnon's house to see if he could recover it - he also stated that no other party had been in the house at the time.

Finlay Fraser
P.C.

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