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Paper 1873 – 14012

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Nº 1
Precognition

Dead body washed
ashore at Caoles Coll

1873

Tobermory Argyll

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Paper 1873 – 14002

Tyree 12 April 1873

Alexander MacFadyen
Says

I am 54 years of age a Crofter and residing at Caoles in the Island and parish of Tyree

On
Friday 11 April 1873 I was at Caoles Coll along with Hugh MacLean Crofter Caoles and several others lifting some of the wreck of the Vessel (Brigantine) “Richard Thomson” which we purchased. In the course of our operation my ~~

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my attention was called to a dead body which then appeared on the surface of the water - The body was landed - It was without the head and in an advanced state of decomposition. It was clothed in a Grey home made Tweed Jacket, Blue pilot cloth Trowsers and a vest of the same cloth, Blue Guernsey frock, Two shirts of Black & white checked Wincy and laced Boots - a leather belt above clothes round the waist -

The body was that of a full grown man. I examined the pockets and ~~

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Alexander MacFadyen 3
found in his Trowsers pocket
a 20/ note of Belfast Banking Company
12/ in silver & one halfpenny

I am satisfied the deceased was drowned on the occasion of the loss of the Brigantine Richard Thomson of Belfast when she was wrecked near Caoles sea shore in the Island of Coll on
2^d February 1873

I am also of opinion that he was a hand on board the said vessel -
The body was left in charge of Lachlan MacDougall

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Alexander MacFadyen

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MacDougall farm Manager Caoles Coll for interment. Truth -

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Hugh MacLean

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Tyree 12 April 1873

Hugh M^cLean

Says

I am a Crofter and reside at Caoles in the Island of Tyree. I am about 50 years of age.

On 11 April 1873 the Witnesses Alexander MacFadyen and John Macfadyen and I went to Caoles in Coll as stated by Alexander MacFadyen. The wreck of the Brigantine Richard Thomson was sold lately and the MacFadyens and I purchased a portion of the vessel which was then & still is under the water about 60 ~~

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Hugh MacLean

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60 yards from the shore in depth of water about 6 fathoms at ordinary tides - While I was engaged lifting a piece of the wreck by means of an Iron hook the body of a man floated to the surface - It was disengaged by me in the course of my operations. We landed it and I concur with Alexander Macfadyen in his statement in all the other points -

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John M^cFadyen

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Tyree 12 April 1873

John Macfadyen

Says

I am a Crofter and reside at Caoles aforesaid –

I am 32 years of age and concur with the Witnesses Alexander Macfadyen and Hugh M^cLean

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Alexander M^cDougall

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Coll 14 April 1873

Alexander M^cDougall

Says

I am son of and reside with Lachlan MacDougall farm Manager residing at Caoles in the Island and parish of Coll - I am 22 years of age -

I was present when the dead body of a man referred to by the previous Witnesses was landed and put under my fathers charge -

The body was coffined and interred at Crosspoll burying ground in the Island of Coll on
Saturday 12 April 1873

I was present at the ~~

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Alexander M^cDougall

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interment - It was placed beside the other bodies who were washed ashore and recovered from the wreck of Brigantine “Richard Thomson” of Belfast. Truth -

Hugh Campbell

Hugh Campbell

Says I am a Cottar & reside at Caoles Coll aforesaid –
I concur with the witness Alexander MacDougall ~~

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Inventory of Precognitions

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Tobermory Argyll

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Inventory of Precognitions

Dead body washed
ashore at Caolis Coll
Tobermory 29th April 1873

1. Precognition
2. Schedule for Registrar

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Coll 14 April 1873

Alexander M^cDougall
Says

I am son of and reside with my father Lachlan MacDougall farm Manager
residing at Caoles in Coll - I am 22 years of age - On
28 March 1873

I was engaged at purchases made by my father a few days previously of part of the wreck of the
Brigantine “Richard Thomson of Belfast” - In going along the shore at Caoles Coll and opposite the
place where the vessel was wrecked I saw the dead body of ~~

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Alexander MacDougall

of a man full grown and without the head - It was at the water edge - I informed Hugh Campbell a witness and my father immediately of the fact and the body was removed to a shed - Where it lay that night till a coffin was prepared -
the following day

29 March 1873

The head of a man was found near the same place by Allan MacDonald a Witness which was placed in the same shed with the body - Both were put into the same coffin as it was supposed that ~~

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3. Alexander MacDougall

that the head was that of the body, and interred that same day at Crosspoll burying ground in the Island of Coll.

I am of opinion and it is the general belief that the body was that of one of the hands serving on board the brigantine Richard Thomson of Belfast which was wrecked at Caoles Coll on

2 February 1873

and that the deceased met with his death by drowning.

The body and head were in an advanced state of decomposition - The ~~

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Alexander MacDougall

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The body when I found it was partly covered with

Blue pilot cloth Trowsers

Black & yellow checked Wincy shirt and

Seamans boots

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Allan MacDonald

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Tyree 12 April 1873

Allan MacDonald

says

I am a Labourer and Fisherman and reside at Caoles in the Island of Tyree I am 28 years of age On the

29 March 1873

I was at Caoles in Coll about some purchases which I made at the sale of the wreck of the Brigantine Richard Thomson of Belfast - On the sea shore and near the place where the vessel was lost I found at the water edge the head of a man full grown - it ~~

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Allan MacDonald

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it was in an advanced state of decomposition I removed the head and gave it in charge to Lachlan MacDougall who caused it to be laid in a shed beside the body of a man found at the same place the day before. It was supposed that the head belonged to the body.

I am of opinion that the man when alive was serving as a seaman on board the said vessel at the time she was wrecked (2 Feby 1873) and that he was drowned then at the scene of the wreck Truth.

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Lachlan McDougall

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Coll 14 April 1873

Lachlan MacDougall

Says

I am farm Manager abd reside at Caoles in the Island of Coll - I am 54 years of age -

Allan MacDonald on

29 March 1873

put under my charge the head of a Human body (a man) found by him as stated by him and my son

I concur with my son in his statement as to the body and Head - Interment thereof & cause of death -

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Hugh Campbell

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Coll 14 April 1873

Hugh Campbell

Says

I am a cottar and reside at Caoles Coll - I am 50 years of age -

I concur with the Witness Alexander M^cDougall -