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Instructions for the Chamberlain of Tiry [Tiree] for 1758.

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- 1 You are to imploy ffour ditchers next Season to make such drains in the Large moss upon the west side of the Island as will be necessary for carrying off the water, [and] Cause the Inhabitants who Cutt peats in said Moss work ffour days with said ditchers in making the Drains.

- 2 I have Considered the Acco[mp]t given in by the Mason for building the stone wall round the Garden at my House in Tiry, the side walls [and] gavel of the office house, and the stair to the Court room All of which I had ordered to be Built last year, But as the Account amounting to Thirty two pounds three shillings One penny [and] nine twelvths Sterling was improperly stated, And that the Prices likewise seems to be too high; I desire the same may be rectified at Lord Milton's sight, And that you take Credite in next years Acco[mp]t for what shall be found due, And also that you cause make a Gate for the Entry to the ffront of the House, and a door for the Garden, and that you cause roof the Office house, providing the whole Expence of the Office house do not exceed Nine pound Sterling.

- 3 As you report that fflags cannot be got in Tiry for laying upon the Steps and top of the stair entering to the Court room I agree that you cause bring what fflags will be necessary, from the nearest [and] most convenient Slate Quarry on the Coast of Lorn, [and] that James Ewing *Mason* do lay on the said fflags [and] finish the Stairs.

- 4 As the Tennents of Kennovay have not agreed to pay the rent laid on said ffarm last year for geting a Tack I desire that you Advertise that the same is to be sett at Whitsunday next at said rent being Fifty seven pound Seventeen shillings five pence [and] four Twelvths Sterling, And that I will give a Tack at said ffarm at the above rent.

- 5 I have directed James Ewing *Mason* in Greenock to view a proper place for a Harbour in Tiry [and] to cary some hands with him, I desire you give Mr. Ewing as to such as he shall Impower to receive it what money he shall call for from time to time for that purpose, at the same time you will know from Mr. Ewing how many hands he will have, and what their dayly pay will be from which you will be able to judge what money you ought to advance to him, And I desire you Cause the whole Inhabitants work by Turns at said Harbour at such times as you will Judge most necessary [and] Convenient. I have also directed Mr. Ewing to view that part of the shoar of Tiry where the Sea Begun to make Encroachments and make a plan thereof.

Inveraray 21st Novem[be]r 1758

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