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1529. The master of Sutherland - son of Adam
Gordon & Elizabeth Sutherland)

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In September the new tenant of the Barony
of Skelbo, William Sutherland of Duffus
enters into a bond of man rent with the
Master as his over-lord, in acknowledgment
of the latter's consenting to receive him as
tenant & vassal in the lordship of Skelbo.

In return for the master's promise to
protect him in his rights - Sutherland binds
himself and his heirs to be "loyal & true" to
reid, gang, and serve "the master at all
times - and in every way he can - He & his
heirs, if required personally, or at their
castle of Skelbo, or, failing them their
Baillies, were to use "with all power of
men, kyngsmen, ~~men~~ tenants and
servants" upon their own expenses and
take part the master & his heirs, in all
places within the diocese of Caithness & Ross

as often as demanded. under a penalty of
£1500 Scots.

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Letter from Erick Duffus to
William 16th Earl of Sutherland

22nd April. Aberdeen.

1746.

My dear Lord.

I heartily congratulate you ~~on your~~
safe return to your own house; but regret I
had not the opportunity of seeing you before I
came to Scotland. I was under the absolute
necessity of taking the first occasion of business
my wife home. I stirred not a step from
my own door, from the day you left your
country till the day I set out for Caithness
so that I was not near Dunrobin in your
absence.

The reason whereof I of other
matters concerned I shall communicate at
meeting - which I pray God may be soon
in place & quiet, which is a blessing we
ought always to be thankful for. It is
reported that you are immediately to return to
Inverness. But the moment I hear you
are settled at Dunrobin, I shall have the

Eric Lord Ruffins to S. of S.

1746. honor to wait on you with all expedition -
as ever am, your lordships most obliged &
faithful humble servant.

Akersill. April 22. 1746.

on the 13th of September 1623 Sir Robert
Gordon accompanied by his brother & the principal
gentlemen of Sutherland marched from Dunrobin
to Killisnoan in Strathallie the Mass of Anagorras.

4 Sir Robert ~~forward~~ divided his force into
companies & ^{each company led} ~~the~~ ^{morning} next day he crossed the Helmsdale
river & advanced toward Berrisdale. Half a mile
in advance of the main body ^{a company of} the Clan Gunn the
~~strongest & most~~ ^{most} experienced of fighters cleared the
way of any obstruction, the right wing led by John
Barry & Abrico, Hugh Gordon of Ballelon & A. G. of
Tulcalontill, the left wing by John Gordon of
Snoo. Robert Gray of Berrisdale & Hugh Barry &
Abrico. Sir Robert Gordon commanded the
center with his brother & the laird of Palenoch —

~~The army~~ ~~marched~~ from the army was met
in his formation the army marched toward
the mountains above Coon where they met ^{with} all
the Berrisdale, who had come to meet them
with a number of the gentlemen of Cullinstown
but Sir R. G. had thought the ambushes seemed
to be friendly, where they camped for the night

men of the Sumbawa were allowed to enter the
Sulubatu camp after dark - it was a peaceful
display -

So they continued ^{advanced} force ~~arrived~~ to Castle Suckau
then a broad newly completed, more commodious
than the stern old keep of Giripal, immediately
behind it, on the narrow point of rock,

with the sea washing at the foot on either side -
Now castle Suckau is a single ^{consists of some shaltered walls} ~~shattered~~ stack of masonry
standing about a steep but narrow is left of
Castle Giripal to give life to the dark stories
Great height it is the tower, where the unplaned
mouth of Sulubatu was staked to death, - perhaps
when he was ~~detained~~ ~~who died~~ ~~imprisoned~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~
tower. Sea gulls' drift past, & the great

nothing is left
C.S. but
from shaltered
walls, as well
talking among

passing ^{away} about the rocks, where as
attacked ^{to} had succeeded in getting a foot in of the
sea before. But Sumbawa's visit
was marked by no such incidents - a dignified
keeping Castle Suckau were delivered to
him with ceremony in the presence of the army
camped before the castle & the officers were
entertained with -