

Skelbo - & Duffus.

Copies from D.G.'s papers 1961 - 1980?

Wadsels-

Sallutand & Duffus. from ^{Sallutand} ~~Duffus~~ Peerage-

Ruins of Skelbo. Simpson-

Recruiting from D.G.'s papers -

Letters to D.G. in County Business (copy 1961)

Settlement in Lady Selkirk -

Wadsels Skelbo (copied years ago)

Ruins of Skelbo. Simpson.

" Bond James Lord Duffus to Sallutand &
Sibbescroes - (4th Nov. 1686) 2,325 marks,
bearing interest - from 1686.

Object is a tack of date 4th Nov 1686 Ld. D. Set to
S of S. a lease of ten acres lands of Sibbescroes
for the term of Alex^d S. till 26 years hence
at the yearly rent of £122 - 10 s. 6 d. - by which
Facts, Clause this tack is prolonged until d. D
or his heirs pay up all sums of money due to S
of S. Upon this tack S of S to his heirs have had
possession of S. & never paid any rent

House - about 69 feet long -

Cellar I 30 x 15 - vaulted roof - covered with large
1 set. small fire place at west end

Cellar II Doorway. apparently old - narrow loop
hole - window.

33 x 15 - large fire place - fireplace in front -

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Ramp to upper floor - doorway - 3 (?) large windows -
block fire place at East end - small
fire place above - with small window -
slots for beams in the wall (stairs?)
to end - corner of gable down - cupboard -
press (?) windows? apparently a large room -

3 (?) windows at back - centre press (?)
the front wall 2 foot 0 inches thick
back wall not so thick -
outside remains of wall? building against
Castle wall - quite ruinous - another further
down - No sign of garden -

3' 60 x 15 - 3 $\frac{60}{20 \times 15}$

Wm. Saltburn Shiberncross -

1785-

Money near for Skello - ~~48~~ 7.4

Wtial in areas - 49. 5.3

Wm. Dalg - 11-

Major Hugh Baillie of Marshall - 1786 - ~~1781 -~~

~~48 1.3 - 1786~~

to Farm Corp. 1786 of the B. & S. - ?

Sequestered Sheriff's Warrant - apparently
from Custodian -

Wtial 118 - 1.3

£59 - 15.9

1781. Receipt for ~~75~~ ~~bolts~~ ~~meal~~ 75 pounds (1785). In

125 bolts meal -

1784-5. Dalg for Skello - 9/- ? & 10 Wm. Dalg - (Total 15/10)

1774. James Saltburn from Dunrobin

1778. W. S. to D. G. - Sold 300 bolts - the price of which you are to pay -
I have power to Wemyssfield to sell the new
bolts & have of them -

Niel-

1763. Niel Macfarlay cousin to S. - addressed to the Sherriff of Saltburn

Saltburn

1763- 25 March - ²¹ above - told that no cousin from him

Expects D. G. to be a part. & go together to Dalg
Wm. Dalg from Skello

1763. Lady Selix wants some of his meal - but he told her
he would only sell it at the highest price -

1763. A settlement to Lady Selix's; ¹ refers to Letter from

Robert Gray is same -

23rd Apr/63 - He Vaughan - S & S. on removing kennels of R -

22 May 1763 Has pain in his back - (Lumbago?) - & someone asks for a warrant against smugglers - He thinks they suspect his store at Helmsdale & Broom - & suggests D.G. allow them he inspected - can't sign his name to a warrant for him

1765 - He clerks club -

1763 - 2nd June - Asking for "cooler" from S of S -

Aug 24 1763 - Went to D. & found jail door open - at Baillie's kennels He wishes a method could be found to make the town have a sufficient prison - it would prevent

Sept 21/63 - Letter to D.G. on same subject - ~~about~~ ^{from} I'm much afraid the prison in D. will some day & other bring the town & consequently Lord C. into a scrape - as any person - may get out when they please - but happen what will in that respect I cannot be blamed - I hear often warning of the danger - ~~John~~ say S & S. said he might want for cooler - sent for 2 dogs & same for Lord Ruffes

23 Nov/63 - -- the killing of black fish. He has 25 - heavy bar cattle to sell -

28 Dec/64 - Letter accompanied by a Draft on Messrs Corbett "a prosperous New Year & a safe return from the Alps"

10th March/64 --- obliged to be at home he came the little
barn here though the best in the place is
down to the ground & I am harvesting dirt
just now

10th Sept/65- Letter about a tenant of Mr Hurro - Cannot go
to Dumfries this night on account of wife's illness
sent Mr Doob. " On any other subject or matter
border & matter with talking to my old friend
& acquaintance Mr (or Mrs Hurro) . He would
look on it as the greatest insult that could be
"offered to me" to my office to interrogate me on
any of my public sentences - A sheriff that acted
so meanly would disgrace his employment."

20 July 65-

— No word from the custom house about the 4
encumbrances!

8th July/65-

Re his bigging ^{order to work} — was wanted

13 Nov/66.

Asks that his brother William may be D. Co
clerk as his old clerk has gone to Glasgow, a
good deal of his handwriting is good enough -
he Ballie Kennethson's son, come from Skye

— 66

His wife (Janet Hurro) was a young lady Selkirk.
About settling with Lady E. for the house - where
she was unwilling to live up. - Lady E. was his stepmother

Nov: 66

Here he calls her Mrs Gray - & she for support
from Walter Gray -

13 May/66.

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11th June/68

Refers to Baillie Kenneth's Dealu

Simultani (a very long letter about the murder
with the burn of Gurney - Scitherscross)
refers to Captain Sutherland - says his treatment
has been outrageous -

He says "In that case I as a justice of the peace
or Sheriff substitute in place of showing in place
of showing an inclination (?) to discourage such
arbitrary - Seems to be that he could not
take action himself because of his being Sheriff
but he would apply to a J.P. for an order -

20th July 62

Expects the Saul to dinner - Bydno needs
not have any - of making extraordinary
preparation for I know little of him & I
have real, mutton & fowls in the house. The
only thing I want is bread fit for his eating

Aug. 1786.

Copy letter to Major Baillie about bill of
Suspension of: Mrs S & son. - He see now
no "obstruction to your - provision of Skelbo -"

Copy to Shi here cross - apparently from D. G.

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6th July 67.

Settlement with Lady Saalich.

M. Gray of Crick - showed me last day a Memorial of the
wage he has met with in claiming possession of the
house of Saalich - in consequence of the letter & pack
he has from the late Saalich. Lady E. has acted such a
ridiculous part in this affair that she deserves no
favours - & as she has been in possession of this house
for some years back it is but reasonable that she allow
- since she has from Saalich for a house rent & be
compensated by her possession, & that M. Gray be paid
the same while - - (see continues?) and as for
receiving the annuity for her widow a stop must be put
to the payment of the same till M. Gray is indemnified
as he claims no small matter on this acct but
what most surprises me is M. Gray's complaint of your
in regarding his process of removing her, in which he
has not been able to obtain a decree for these
two years as he says that the first year you would
not judge in this matter on account of your relation
to her & the year you did - in absence rec^d her
reclaiming petition & stop extracting & then adjourned
till after what? & now that you have again declined
giving judgement nor give yourself the trouble of
getting your constituents (?) to judge. M. Gray
wants to advocate the affair but have advised
him to suspend his measure till I saw or wrote
you. The carrying of such trifling matters

before the Court of Session would have a very odd
appearance & be more so at this juncture when
similar complaints are lodged as Mr. Sinclair's
his neighbours of Caithness in which I would not
wish to see any from this country, nor so I thought
better you will either judge yourself in this
matter directly & send the process to Mr. Sinclair
to judge or if it is more proper I shall write
Mr. Sinclair begging that he come to Dornoch
to determine it.

Sutherland Pakenescote

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Bundle 58

He was Comissary clerk - & sheriff clerk -

Order for removal - 12 June 1706 -

His accounts as Com. Clerk - for 1703

Sequestration - 12 May 1705 -

His exp. 30 bolls oats in the County Skelbo - 406: 4 beas - 20 coroo
9 garrows - 5 mares - In the farm of Forrheny 13 labouring
oxen - 9 garrows - 20 Bolls of oats & 10 y beas -

His mother-in-law - "Lady" Saelix - will not rise up the house of
Saelix. 1766.

11th November 1766 - More about Mrs Gray. He had done all in his
power to make her - "She a pious woman of sense & should
create so much trouble for herself & other people - No
possibility of building a house at this season -
He cannot propose to her to remove at this season of the year
unless there was a house to put her into."

Skelbo 14th May 1766

He hopes to give D.G. 20 bolls of meal - His Caithness
Admiralty Clerk came out yesterday - all day completely
occupied to right our Admiralty accounts

1165 - Sept 10th his wife ill. Something about his public
sentences - sentences - he won't have them disputed -

Scibhus mss. 22nd April 1766. about - sowing his oats & etc

1768 Something about a dispute over lands - Charles
MacKay. He says he has been 20 years in public
life.

from Sutherland & Shewenro -

10 March 1764. About - Lady Sallix & her jointed house - He cannot leave home because "the little barn though the best house in the place - is level with the ground."

28 Dec; 1764. Has a cold - confined to house - asks for Robertson's History of Scotland - Black fish being taken on Dornoch river

8th July 65. Asking for Cabers from Achenchruch - for repairing his bigging -

23 Nov. 63 Has 25 fat cattle to sell - Dornoch about black fish taken at Dornoch

21 Sept 63 "I am afraid the Prison of Dornoch will some day or other bring the town & consequently Lord Sutherland into a scrape so any person can get out when they please -

2nd Janu 63 a dozen coopers to be hauled to Lord S. Can his mare go to Lord S. house

28 March 63 Expecting Duguid to breakfast - so that they may go to Dornoch

a letter dated 24th March 1763 addressed to Lord Suth. 'Sheriff Substitute of Sutherland' it is about a tenant of Clibrig & he is a cousin of W.S. - one Nicole Marthay - (a very old man)

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Ann Sutherland of Sciberscros

1961

21st Jan 1763 He has to set out for Wick where he has
to hold a court at Wick — on the 11th

The new Tenant was Major Baillie of Rosehall.
Crop payment 1783 & 1784 - Passage Dues. (Terry)
£1 - Shipwreck 83 - (£133) Balance - 106 - 2 - 3
Total find - 1 - 3 -

20th May 1785 D.G. complains of William S. Charles as
Commonsary Clerk

Aug: 1786. D.G. to Major Baillie is a bill of suspension
of Sciberscros son & widow.
His eldest son was John Sutherland his
wife's maiden name was Janet Burns (?)
Sciberscros died 28th April last (1785?)
after his death his widow & son were ejected from
Skelbo.
His widow & son petitioned the Lords of Council
recession not to be turned out — as they had no
other residence. Sciberscros City say was but
a small highland grass farm — not possible
to accommodate even in the summer season
on half of one family — & they would be totally

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destitute, winter provender for horses & black
cattle - & they would be under the necessity of
disposing of the large stock on the Sulhertland left
on the extensive farms that were in his
natural (?) possession at the time of his death.
He was in arrears with rent at the time of
his death - but they say they had paid up
the arrears -

The judgement was that D. G. was not to
dispose of them - in Date 23rd May 1786 -
so he ~~did~~ died April 1786. apparently

He had the farms of Main & Barony of Skelbo-
Sciberscum.

Cichen Drivich (?)

Fourpenny (?)

28th August 1763

He asked D. G. to let his furniture come up
of his boat - 13 Chairs (?) Chairs & 3
Tables (?) tables.

6th August 1762, Alex. Sulistaw alias Clyne
Son to the late Angus Clyne - wanted to get his
this charge from the Court neg mt if he got a
good man in his place —

Building
Estimate for repairs to the big barn - January & repairs
the tiles there - 8th December. 1760.

For barn - £597 - 2 - 0.
January -

Big barn - £291 - 12

Repairing mason work of the tiles - £315 -

The sum of £10 for repairing the mill - 20th Aug 1773
allowed from the rents paid by Com S.

Bond for £100 the Seal to Lord Duffus - March 1st 1760

Dining room - Bed room & East room - Passage -
stair - Salt & parret - Bed parret - Estimates for
Maister. James Boag - 30th Sept. 1745 -

Lord Duffus rent of Skelbo £393 - 6 - 8 - Scots.

Robert MacAlister was factor followed by
James McLean of Capernwiche - followed by D. G.

Petition to the court of session in the name
of the factor & Com S. of S.

"That the roof is ruinous & decayed & dangerous -

The owner intends too. The foundation also
could be entirely rebuilt for no more expense than
repairs. A dreadful hurricane 5th Dec: 1760
the barn, mill & part of the store - thrown down & levelled
with the ground.

The ruin of the mansion house was so great that
Wm. C. had annual expense to prevent it
'tumbling about the ears'

1 barn - 53 feet - x 15

another 73 " x 15

Store house - 54 x 15

1 Byre - 58 x 13

1 Byre - 63 x 13

Stable - 60 x 15

Kiln - barn & mill

Miln 30 x 12

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WADSETS OF SKELBO ESTATES

Wadset of Proncy to Richard Sutherland of Proncy dated 1612
8 & 17 July-- and contract of wadset ratyfying the former
with a new wadset of the lands of Pronsienard dated
2 Aug 1679 ineftment recordsd 22nd November 1679 Cothredemable
(?) for 800 merks or £44. 8. 10 str.

Contract of wadset of the lands of Aberscross and Knockartanx
to James Sutherland of Pronsie, dated 1687---- 7000 merks
or £388 17. 9d str.

Richard Sutherland 1612
James Sutherland 1687

Contract of Wadset of the Town & Lands of Evelicks etc
by Alexander Lord Duffus to Patrick Dunbar of Siddera.
date 5th April 1655. Redeemable for 10,000 merks or £555 11 1

By this contract of wadset the said Pat: Dunbar " Binds &
obliges him & his heirs & ca (,) thankfully to consent pay
& deliveer to the said Alex: Lord Duffus all & haill the
sum of 10.000 merks at Whitte: then next & ca. In consideration
whereof & for security & of & paying & delivering back the
said 10,000 merks the said Alex Lord Duffus disposed under
reversion to the said Patrick Dunbar all & haill the town
& lands of nether & over Evelicks To be ehholden of the said
Lord Duffus and heirs in free blench for yearly payment to
the said noble Lord & his forsaid of the full No & ~~quantity~~
quantity of 16 Bolls good and sufficient bear of the measure
of Leith and failing thereof the sum of £8 Scots money for
every undelivered Boll thereof. Redeemable on payment of
10.000 merks.

This wadset was disposed of by P. D with the consent of
Hugh S Lord Duffus to Hugh Sutherland of Kinauld anno 1679.
of Kinauld.
1679

Heretable Bond by James Lord Duffus to Sutherland of Evelicks
for 3000 merks for the lands of Dalnamain 3rd August 1703
1694, ineftment 3rd August 1703.

it appears that the annual rents of these lands greatly
exceeded " nay more than doubled" the extent of the annual
rent of the bond & they must now exceed the annual rents
still more.

The annual rent was £120 scots

Contract of Wadset of the lands of Rearchar Miln
therof Asdale & teinds to William Sutherland dated
29 July 1679

William Sutherland
Rearchar 1679.

Ditto for Blairich 1678 4000 merks £222 4.5.

1689 Hugh Sutherland of Kinauld, brother Germain to
William
Hugh Sutherland 1689

Craggie and Thernrownamain to Hugh Sutherland of Kinauld
1686

Rearquhar possesse the lands of Kinauld as deriving right
to a contract of wadset between Walter Murray of Aberscross
& Mr James Sutherland of Skelbo thereafter of Clyne.

This contract was dated 1655

Alexander S.
of Meikle Torboll ~~Contract~~ of wadset James Lord Duffus to Alexander Sutherland
& Barbara Innes his spouse of the town & lands of
1680 Meikle Torboll with the miln therof teind shares & parsonage
lands redeemable for 4,300 merks (£238 17. 22 June 1680

Hugh S. his This man was still alive in 1686, but in 1712 Hugh Sutherland
son & Kenneth his son was bringinh a process against Kenneth Lord Duffus
S. his grand son Hugh Sutherland's son was Kenneth Sutherland alive
1741. It was he who obtained the holograph letter from
the Earl of Sutherland.

Wadset James Lord Duffus to Alexander Sutherland of the
Alex S. 1687. town & lands of Grudy and Baegrudy, 21st March 1687.
he also had a wadset of ~~Morness~~ Moriness 5,180 merks
1693. His wife was apparently Mary MacKenzie

Cambusarvy 25th March 1611 Wm S. of Duffus &
Alex: Sutherland of Canbusavy

This Alexander's son was David apparently alive 1642. Alexander
great grandson held the lands in 1741

David Sutherland of Morvich assigned to Hugh Sutherland

of Kinauld and his heirs 1692 the lands ~~of Aberscross~~
of Leally

Alexander Sutherland of Morvich was the father of
David 1665 ~~had a brother Hugh~~

David Sutherland of Norvich disposed to Hugh Sutherland
of Kinauld & his heirs in 1665 the lands of Leally (,) 1692

there was a prior disposition of the same lands to
Alexander Sutherland by John Murray of Aberscross 1665,
Hugh Sutherland did in 1698 dispose to David Sutherland
merchant in Edinburgh, his ~~elder brother~~ son not
only the lands of Leally but also the lands of Kinauld
Craggie Kerrownamain Bishopsfield and Blairich reserving
his own and his wife's liferent,

David became bankrupt the lands were sequestrated to
his creditors between 1705 and 1721 and a process of
ranking and sale having been raised ~~by~~ in 1723 by
John Sutherland of Rearquhair ~~fs~~ father to the present
Rearquhair (1771) and youngest brother of David
the bankrupt

SKELBO

Eric Sutherland had been factor at Skelbo ,he gave up the factory and then held it as a tack . Some dispute as to money laid out on repairs 1749.

Accounts for the building of a granary at Skelbo eighty feet long 16 fett wide and 14 feet high. This building must have been well built, it was slated and floored

Account of John Peterkin Merchant in Dornoch to J. McLean of Capernoch

among a long list of items

3 quair of paper£ . 1 . 6
this on Nov 17 1738

1739 q duck cotton napkin	1 .	
do a chapun of vinegar . . .	3 .	
1746 1 quair of paper		
2oz tabocco.	.	7
2 oz rock indigo		10
1743 1 lb of snuff	1 .	4
1747 2 bottles of rum	3	
3 pints 3 gill rum in a pigge	9	7½
6 pr shoes	11 .	6
8 lb sugar	8	2

At Barr's fair some years ago for a drink 2 . 3½
to postages of letters.. £ 1 . 0 . 5½

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Account to Donald Robertson shoemaker in Dornoch

4 prs shoes for himself	.	7 .
2 prs for the Lady	.	5 .
3 prs to Alex		10 10
2 prs to Lachlan		6
8 pr to William		2 . 6
1 pr to Miss Esther		2 . 6

	£	8 . 13 . 6

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From " Answers for James McLean of Capernoch Factor of the
seq. Estate of Sk. to Eric Sutherland

" you Lordships gave a warrant for a condiderable
sum tæz in repairing the mansion house, garden walls and
offices .

SKELBO

Packer. "More about Skelbo"

Deed borrowing £100 from the earl of S. to be repaid in 1766 with £20 of liquidate expenses in case of 'faillie' and the legal interest yearly. For security he offers to assign th prin. sum of £500 due him by agr.. with the Earl dated 1750. He promises to demand no more interest on the £ 500 till the £100 is repaid.

Agr. between Duffus and the E. for the ~~200~~ sequestrated estates of Skelbo for £500 and a further £500 when the wadset rights be redeemed 1756

Sketch stairs Skelbo ' 60

Repairs to house 1773 The N. wall had given way by reason of a bad foundation, & no possibility of rebuilding it with any safety, unless it was taken down to the very foundation. The timber of the roof was so rotten that it was no further use after being taken down

James Paterson 1772. Feb.

" the roof as well as the north wall was in a 'most ruinous and shattered condition, and that both were obliged to be thrown down, and a thorough repair given to the house, which has been done so effectually that it is now equal to a new house, - as a very comfortable habitation.

James Boag

Expense £ 151

Mains 1786 & 185

In D. G. memorandum for McKenzie Delvine

re Ferry

The family of Skelbo paid a boll yearly to the ferrier of Ferryoons, for giving passage to their family and servants and during the time that the factors on that estate, under sequestration had their residence at Skelbo, they paid a boll in the same manner.

V the monery lent for the barony of Skelbo for 1756-7 £1160. The factor received £ 150 yearly (partly kind)

Account by D.G. as to state of house 1769

Rough dangerous to tacksman to inhabit. The *delvine* also -

in a dreadful hurricane in 1650 the barn, mill, and a part of the store belonging to the Manor place of Sk. levelled to the ground etc

Lord Duffus apparently at Skelbo 1739 onwards (1760) :

Estimat of repairs to the granary and barn 1760

Lord D. gave up the Tack at the E.'s desire

All the tenants seem to have been in arrears with their rents

List of window duties 1777

Navidale. Sir George McKenzie 1774 to 1777 2/ £ 1. 1.

Midgarty. Miss Sutherland

Culgour. John Clunes

Clynelish. John Sutherland

Broira Geo. Suth.

M. Torboll. Mrs. McKay.

L. Torboll L. Torboll

Cambusavy. Cambusavy.

Ferrytown. Alex. McKay.

Ospisdale, Airdens

Pulloossie Clyne

Criech Hugh McKenzie

Duinness Col. Hugh McKay

Dornoch Lady Gordon. Embo.

Miss Jean Gordon.

Others. etc.

The factors of Skelbo lived at the mansion house before

Lord D. lived there.

Extracts from D. G.'s State of Debts and Claims upon the

Estate of Skelbo. 1771.

Wadset of Proncy to Richard Sutherland of Proncy dated 8 & 17 July 1612. Infeftment thereof Aug. 1612

2 Contract of wadset to as above for the lands of Abiscors and Knockarter to James Sutherland of Proncy Dec4, 1687 Redeemable for 7.000 merks or £388 . 17. 9½

Contract of wadset of the town and lands of Evelix etc by Alex. Lord Duffus to Patrick Dunbar of Siddera. dated 2nd April 1655. Redeemable for 10.000 merks on £555-11. 1¼

to Hugh Sutherland of Kinaird 1679

also
Proncy
1679

Skelbo. cont.

This wadset of nether and over-Evelix, given to Patrick Dumbear, was by him, with the consent of the earl of Duffus transfereed to Hugh Sutherland of Kinauld in 16679. This disposition proves that the 10.000 merks had been paid besides this the wadsetter was bound to pay 16 bolls of meal yearly. These payments in kind were often converted to a money payment, or appear to have been left unpaid

Heritable Bond by James Lord Duffus to Sutherland of Evelix, for 3.000 merks Scots for Dainmain July 1694 ineft 1703.

written by "It would appear from this bond that the creditor entered into possession at ~~Whits~~ 1694, and that he has in fact remained in possession ever since.

Contract of wadset of the lands of Rearquhair, Miln thereof Asdale, and Tields to Wm Sutherland, dated 1679

Ditto for Blarich 1678, redeemable for 4.000 merks or £222.4.5 from this wadset it seems that at Hugh Suth. of Kinauld was brother to Wm. Suth. of Rearquhair.

Cont. of Wad. James Ld. Duffus to Alex. Sutherland and Barbara Innes his spouse, for the lands of Meikle Torbol 22 June 1680. 4.300 merks. £238..17 3/4
This man had a son Hugh, whose son was Kenneth Sutherland of Meikle Torbol p11

Sutherland of Cambus avie
Wm Suth. of Duffus on the one hand and Alex. Sutherland of Cambusavie Wadset 25 Feb 1611. Alex Suth. disposed these lands to David S. his heir ineft 18 June 1642
His great grandson ther in 1741

Heretable bond by J. Ld D. to MacKay of Tordarrich. 13 May 1693

David Suth. of Morvich. his son and heir Hugh Suth. of Kinauld. The father of David Suth. was Alexander Suth. Hugh S. of Kinauld died in 1698. leaving his lands to David S. merchant in Edin. his eldest son this man went bankrupt. His youngest brother was a John S. of Rearquhair father of the 'present' R. (1771) He became factor of the estate, and apparently managed to keep possession though having no proper wadset. from D. G.

By an act of parliament made in the 1st year of George 1 entitled an Act for the attainder of George Earl of Marishale etc Kenneth L. D. was attainted of high *Treason*

WADSETS FROM D. G.. in order as they come

Proney to Richard Sutherland July 1612

2. Abiscors and Knocarthur th James Sutherland of Proney
1st Dec 1687 7.000 or £ 388 17 .9 4

3 Patrick Dunbar to Sutherland of Evelix .
Patrick Dunbar received a wadset of Evelix from Lod Duffus
2nd April 1655 redeemable for 10.000 merks. or £555
This wadset he passed to
Hugh Sutherland of Kinauld 1679.

4 Sutherland of Evelix for Dalnamain 1694. ineft 1703.
3.000merks

5 William Sutherland for Rearquhar 29 July 1679 7.600 merks
included in the wadset are Asdale and miln

Ditto for Blarich 1678 for 3.000 merks

Hugh Sutherland of Kinauld for Craggie and Ther :
12 March 1786.
(still possessed in 1771)

Alexander Sutherland and Barbara Innes his Spouse
for Meikle Torboll 22nd of /une 1680
in 1712 Hugh , son of above Alex. Suth. had a dispute
with Lord Duffus

Alexander Sutherland for the town and lands of Grydy and
Baegrudy 4.000 merks March 1608
Do for Morness.
(he is called 'Baegrudy' for Baegrudy, so perhaps it is'nt
the same Alex as for Meikle T.

Alexamder Sutherland for Cambusavie 25 Febuary 1611.
He dispoined these lands to his son David 1642.

James Gordon of Dalpholly for Kilfedder. 12 April 1688

Mackay for Tordarroch.

Leally in possession of Rearquhar .
Claimed that these lands were given to David Suthland
of Morvich, and by him to his heir male Hugh S. of Kinauld

Bond of James Ld. D. to Sutherland of Scibercross
1686

Description of the ruins of Skelbo.

Bentley quoting Dr Simpson - of Aberdeen. p 423.

"A fine example of a fortress of the medieval
"Baillie type"

The more ancient ruins are those of a square
keep of which only a section of the North wall
now remains. Beside the wall an annex has
been built

A curtain wall descends from the keep eastward
to what seems to have been the gatehouse at
the S.E. corner of the courtyard.

The west curtain extends beyond the keep & has
had a building against it with a projection,
(afterwards built up) in the shoulder.

At the South ^{west} ~~east~~ corner of the courtyard
stands the ruin of a plain oblong building
of two stories, dating from the 17th century,
"a dignified example of the latest devel-
opment of Scottish baronial architec-
ture."

The lack of vaulting in the keep is paralleled
by other 14th century castles - such as Tor
Baronach & Oldwick.

He surmises that the curtain wall

was first built, while the mount retained its
former superstructure, & that the latter was
replaced by a low tower.

a large section of the North curtain has been
rebuilt with masonry of quite a different
aspect. 16th & 17th century work.

Occupied on March 20th 1746 by Lord Cromartie
& his troops.

Beulrich says Erick Duffus died at Skello
in 1768 — ?

Perman in 1769 — says "Skello passed
through several hands until it came to
Lord Duffus & now returns to the family
of Sutherland. It was a great pile of
building surrounded by a rampart. The
main house is still habitable. The
situation is most beautiful & a fine house
here would have an admirable effect.