





1873

December 4<sup>th</sup>

Saturday at 10 A.M. reported my self at the Police office at which time I left the Town. and proceeded along the County road to the Mound and saw the weights Measures sent on with the one P.M. train to Helmsdale returned the same rout to the Poles thence along the Parliamentary road to Clashmore Called at Skibone <sup>farm</sup> quar in absence of John Grant farm Manager returned the Meikle Ferry road to Dornoch at 5. P.M. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11.40. P.M.

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5 Sunday at 9 A.M. Called at the Post office for the office letters found all quiet off during the day

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6<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10. A.M. attended at the Police office. employed writing weekly report finishing Bills <sup>concerning</sup> ~~containing~~ of Rights & Measures Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11. P.M.

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7 Tuesday at 10. A.M. attended at the Police office employed in the office during the day in absence of Insp. Bridgford

## **Dornoch Police Diary 1874 – 18**

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### **1874**

June 8<sup>th</sup> Monday. At 10 a.m. left my Lodgings, proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office writing copys of reports till 3 p.m. at which time I conveyed Walter Jamieson and his wife Martha Walker or Jamieson two vagrants. Conveyed them from the town along the road to Poles they had no Certificates for which they had to leave the County returned same route to Dornoch at 8 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11 p.m.

June 9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. At 10 a.m. left my Lodgings and proceeded to the Police Office, employed in the office writing till 5 p.m. at which time I left the Town and proceeded along the County Road to the Poles. Visited a camp of tinkers there viz Douglass Smith, his wife and family. I then proceeded along the Parliamentary Road be Evelix found two cows & a stirk grazing on the side of said road they belonged to James Matheson, Lotter, Proncy returned to Dornoch at 8 p.m. Reported particulars to C.C. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.20 p.m.

June 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. At 10 a.m. left my Lodgings and proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office writing copys of reports till 7 p.m. Visited Mrs Campbell's Lodging House Keeper found all quiet and orderly. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening, found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11 p.m.

June 11<sup>th</sup> Thursday. At 9.30 a.m. left my Lodgings and proceeded to the Police Office. At 10 a.m. left Police Office and proceeded along the road to Whiteface in the Parish of Criech and met Sergeant Anderson from Bonar at 12 noon. We proceeded to Ospisdale Moor to investigate about two larch trees that was stolen from the Plantation there we could get no information to lead to the recovery of the stolen trees or conviction of the party or parties who committed the theft. I returned to Dornoch same route reported particulars to C.C. and patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.20 p.m.

June 12<sup>th</sup> Friday. At 10 a.m. left my Lodgings proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office writing copys of reports till 7 p.m. Patrolled the Town during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.15 p.m.

June 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday. At 10 a.m. left my Lodgings and proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office writing a copy of P.S. Anderson's report regarding the two larch trees that was stolen at Ospisdale at 2 p.m. left the Town proceeded along the road to Embo Village and Skelbo Castle returned by the Poles to Dornoch at 7.30 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening Visited Mrs Campbells Lodging House Keeper found all quiet and orderly to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m.

June 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday. At 10 a.m. called at the Police Office Patrolled the Town generally during the evening heard no complaints during the day, to my Lodgings at 11 p.m.

June 15<sup>th</sup> Monday. At 10 a.m. left my Lodgings & proceeded to the Police Office employed writing in the office till 2 p.m. at which time I left the Town and proceeded along the Meikleferry Road to Cuthill and Clashmore found a horse hobshackled grazing on the County Road which leads from Cuthill to Clashmore and on that part of said Road immediately to the north side of the Bridge which crossed the River Evelix, the horse was claimed by Alexander McKay, Flesher, Clashmore. I then returned to Evelix and to Dornoch at 7 p.m. Reported particulars to C.C. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.20 p.m.

June 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. At 10 a.m. left my Lodgings proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office writing till 3 p.m. at which time I left the Town & proceeded along the Road to Evelix, found a horse grazing on the Parliamentary Road which leads from Evelix to the Poles and that part of said road immediately opposite the house of William Grant, Carpenter and Lotter Evelix who claimed the horse as his property. Also on the same Road 30 yards to the South side of the Road leading to Astle I found a cow & stirk grazing. Robert Fraser, Lotter, Evelix, claimed them as being his. I then proceeded along the Road to the Poles returned by Balone to Dornoch at 7 p.m. reported particulars to C.C. and patrolled the Town till 11.30 p.m.

June 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. At 10 a.m. left my Lodgings & proceeded to the Police Office. At 10.30 a.m. left the Town proceeded along the Road to Ospisdale. Called on W.E. Cattley Esqr, Ospisdale House. I also called on James Sutherland, Forester on the Estate of Ospisdale, made enquiries at him regarding the two trees that was stolen. Thence called at Skibo Castle returned same route to Dornoch at 4 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m.

June 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday. At 10 a.m. left my Lodgings proceeded to the Police Office received my months pay from C.C. remained in the office during the forenoon and patrolled the Town during the afternoon and evening heard no complaints during the day to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m.

June 19<sup>th</sup> Friday. At 10 a.m. left my Lodgings & proceeded to the Police Office employed writing in the office till 2.30 p.m. at which time I left the Town and proceeded along the road be Evelix and Clashmore thence to Cuthill returned to Dornoch be the Meikleferry Road to the Town by 7 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening heard no complaints during the day to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m.

June 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday. At 10 a.m. left my Lodgings and proceeded to the Police Office employed writing in the office till 3 p.m. at which time I left the Town and proceeded along the road to Poles thence to Evelix. Returned to Dornoch at 7 p.m. Visited Mrs Campbells Lodging House Keeper. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.40 p.m.

June 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday. At 10 a.m. called at the Police Office, attended Divine Service at 6 p.m., found all quiet during the day.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> Monday. At 10 a.m. left my lodgings proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office writing till 3 p.m. at which time I left the Town and proceeded along the road be Evelix and Clashmore returned by the Meikleferry Road to Dornoch at 6.30 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. At 10 a.m. left my lodgings called at the Police Office received instructions from the Chief Constable to go to the farm of Embo and make enquiries regarding the health of their cattle as it was suspected they had a disease. I called on William Ross, Farm Manager, he stated that a cow died on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. Mr Macleod, V.S. from Golspie attended said cow while she was in bad health. Macleod stated that it was a milk fever. Wm Ross, Farm Manager, stated that he opened up the cow and found that it was not a milk fever but inflammation on the liver. Also he stated that the whole stock of cattle on the farm was in good health in the meantime and no appearance of disease amongst them.

June 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday At 10 a.m. called at the Police Office employed writing in the office during the day till 5 p.m. at which time I left the Town

proceeded along the road by Evelix to Clashmore found a cow & two stirks grazing on the Parliamentary Road which leads from Evelix to Clashmore and on that part of said road about 50 yards to the east of John Sutherland, Shop Merchant, Clashmore said cattle was claimed by Widow McDonald, Lotter, residing near Clashmore returned same route to Dornoch at 8 p.m. Reported particulars to C.C. patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.20 p.m.

June 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday. At 10 a.m. called at the Police Office employed writing in the office till 5 p.m. at which time I left the Town and proceeded be Evelix found Robert Fraser allowing his horses and cattle to graze on the Road side returned to Dornoch at 6.30 p.m. reported particulars to C.C. I reported said Robert Fraser on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. for a similar offence. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.20 p.m.

June 26<sup>th</sup> Friday. At 10 a.m. called at the Police Office employed writing in the office till 5 p.m. at which time I patrolled the Town and neighbourhood generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m.

June 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday. At 10 a.m. proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office till 12 noon at which time I got orders to go to Clashmore and make enquiries regarding a report of cattle disease. I called on the following parties viz Robert Gordon, Lotter, Clashmore. Robert Gordon, Lotter, Clashmore residing at the north of Clashmore Village, Robert Gordon, Lotter, Clashmugoch, John Gordon, Lotter, Clashmugoch. Simon McDonald, Lotter, Clashmugoch. It was alleged that a man Gordon in that District had a cow affected with disease. I called on all the Gordons in that District, they stated to me that their cattle was all in good health I saw the cattle myself and they appeared to be all in a healthy condition. Returned to Dornoch be the Meikleferry Road reported my days proceedings to the C.C. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.20 p.m.

June 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday. At 10 a.m. called at the Police Office and found all quiet during the day.

June 29<sup>th</sup> Monday. At 10 a.m. proceeded to the Police Office employed in the forenoon making out my monthly report employed in the office during the day till 7 p.m. attended arrival of mail gig patrolled the Town generally during the evening till 11.30 p.m.

June 30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. At 10 a.m. called at the Police Office employed in the office during the day till 5 p.m. at which time I left the Town & proceeded along the road to Evelix thence to the Poles. Returned by Balone to Dornoch at 7 p.m., attended arrival of mail gig & patrolled the Town generally during the evenings found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11 p.m.

July 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. At 9.30 a.m. left my Lodgings & proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office till 3 p.m. at which time I left the Town and proceeded along the Road be Evelix & Clashmore returned by the Meikleferry Road to Dornoch at 6.50 p.m. attended arrival of mail gig and patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.20 p.m.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. At 10 a.m. called at the Police Office employed in the office writing till 3 p.m. at which time I left the Town and proceeded to the Fishing Village Embo thence be Littleferry and returned by the Poles & Evelix to Dornoch at 7 p.m. patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.20 p.m.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday. At 10 a.m. left my Lodgings proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office till 3 p.m. at which time I left the Town and proceeded along the road to Overskibo and returned same route to Dornoch at 7.20 p.m. attended arrival of mail gig patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. At 9.30 a.m. left my Lodgings & proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office writing during the day till 7 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening. At 10 p.m. received orders with instructions to go to the Meikleferry and meet Sergeant Anderson from Bonar at 11.30 p.m. as it was suspected that night poaching was carried on, on the ferry we both watched till 3.30 a.m. on the 5 inst. but saw no appearance of nothing. Returned to Dornoch at 5 a.m. found all quiet.

July 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. At 12.30 p.m. called at the Police Office remained at my Lodgings during the afternoon & found all quiet during the day

July 6<sup>th</sup> Monday. At 9.30 a.m. left my Lodgings & proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office till 3 p.m. at which time I left the Town and proceeded along the road by Evelix and Clashmore. Called at Skibo Castle also the Farm Square. Returned by the Meikleferry Road called at

Cuthill and to Dornoch at 7 p.m. Patrolled the Town during the evening till 11.20 p.m.

July 7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. At 10 a.m. called at the Police Office received orders to go to the Littleferry and meet Geo. Melvin P.C. Golspie at 11 a.m. for the purpose of investigating a case of malicious mischief by breaking the windows of unoccupied house belong to Wm Barclay, Farmer, Skelbo. P.C. Melvin and I investigated the case but we could not find the party who committed the offence. But have strong suspicion on Robert Fraser son of the Blacksmith Skelbo Moor. I returned to Dornoch at 7.30 p.m. Patrolled Dornoch during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.50 p.m.

July 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. At 7.30 a.m. called at the Police Office employed writing two road offences remained about the Police Office & Town during the day till 7 p.m. Patrolled the Town during the evening attended arrival of mail gig heard no complaints during the day to my lodgings at 11.30 p.m.

July 9<sup>th</sup> Thursday. At 8.40 a.m. left my Lodgings and proceeded along the road by Poles to the Littleferry. Met P.C. Melvin. We investigated a case of malicious mischief which was committed on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. by breaking the windows of an unoccupied house belong to Mr Barclay. The house is situated on Skelbo Street or Skelbo Moor, the particulars are as follows viz Duncan McIver aged 16 years son of Hector McIver, Labourer, Skelbo Street or Moor, George Forbes aged 15 years son of William Forbes, Labourer residing at Skelbo Lodge, Robert Murray aged 14 years son of William Murray, Miller, Skelbo. Robert Murray aforesaid stated that they were at the Poles on Saturday night and they had a bottle of porter amongst them and on their way home Duncan McIver & George Forbes aforesaid smashed the windows of said house with stones. I returned by Embo Village and to Dornoch at 2.40 p.m. reported particulars to C.C. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m.

July 10<sup>th</sup> Friday. At 10 a.m. called at the Police Office and at 12 noon left the Town and proceeded along the road to Skibo Castle also called at the Farm Square made enquiries regarding the health of their cattle. The Farm Manager told me that the cattle was all in good health. I then proceeded along the road to the Meikleferry returned by the Meikelferry Road to Dornoch at 4.30 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m.



July 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday. At 10 a.m. left my Lodgings proceeded to the Police Office met P.C. Fairweather from Brora and William Gordon P.C. from Helmsdale at 1 p.m. attended Inspection by the Hon Carnegie Insp of Police for Scotland. Patrolled about the Town during the evening, found all quiet, to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m.

July 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday. At 10 a.m. called at the Police Office found all quiet during the day.

July 13<sup>th</sup> Monday. At 7 a.m. left my Lodgings & proceeded to Bonar Bridge attended the Market there. Met P.S Anderson & P.C. James Craighead & P.C. Cameron No.16 Ross-shire. The market passed by quietly I patrolled Bonar Village during the evening found all quiet (I remained at Bonar all night) to Police Station at 12 p.m.

July 14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. At 8 a.m. patrolled Bonar Village remained there during the forenoon in the absence of the Sergeant. At 1.30 p.m. left Bonar Village & proceeded along the Parliamentary road to Dornoch at 6 p.m. patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m.

July 15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. At 10 a.m. left my Lodgings & proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office writing during the day. Patrolled the town during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11 p.m.

July 16<sup>th</sup> Thursday. At 9.30 a.m. left my Lodgings and proceeded to the Police Office and during the forenoon searching for a stolen petticoat that was lifted from a Bleachgreen at Back Street (*The Meadows*) but was not successful in finding it. Employed in the office during the afternoon till 7 p.m. Attended the arrival of mail gig for the office letters. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening till 11 p.m. at which time I put myself in a position for to watch some movements regarding the petticoat that was stolen. Returned to my Lodgings at 4 o'clock on Friday morning the 17<sup>th</sup> inst.

July 17<sup>th</sup> Friday At 10 a.m. left my Lodgings & proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office till 3 p.m. at which time I left the Town and proceeded along the road by Poles and Evelix returned to Dornoch at 6 p.m. attended the arrival of mail gig for the office letters patrolled the Town generally during the evening till eleven o'clock at which time I concealed myself to watch the movements of some parties suspected for stealing a linen petticoat found all quiet to my Lodgings at 1.20 a.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday.



July 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday At 10 a.m. left my Lodgings & proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office during the day till 7 p.m. attended the arrival of mail gig for the office letters patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.20 p.m.

July 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Called at the Police Office & remained at my Lodgings during the forenoon & patrolled about the Town during the afternoon found all quiet during the day.

July 20<sup>th</sup> Mondays At 10 a.m. called at the Police Office employed in the office till 4 p.m. at which time I left the Town & proceeded along the road to Evelix Returned same route to Dornoch at 7 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening attended arrival of mail gig for the office letters found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m.

July 21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday At 7.30 a.m. patrolled Dornoch and at 10 a.m. called at the Police Office employed in the office writing copys of reports during the day till 7 p.m. Attended arrival of mail gig & patrolled the Town generally during the evening found all quiet to Lodgings at 1 o'clock.

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday At 7.30 a.m. patrolled the Town & at 9.45 called at the Police Office employed in the office till such time as I leave Dornoch and go to Helmsdale to enter on duties there :- by orders of C.C.

James Esson P.C.

*There is a gap of 7 days with no entries.*

July 30<sup>th</sup> Thursday At 10 a.m. employed in the Police Office writing copies of criminal and weekly reports till 8.30 p.m. – thereafter patrolled in the Town of Dornoch and Suburbs. Returned to my Lodgings at 12 p.m.

July 31<sup>st</sup> Friday – At 10 a.m. employed in the Police Office copying reports *etc?* till 8 p.m. Afterwards patrolled in the Town of Dornoch and Suburbs found all quiet. Retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

August 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday – At 10 a.m. employed in the Police Office writing during the day in the afternoon patrolled in Dornoch and waited the arrival of the mail gig. Retired from duty at 12 p.m.



August 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – At 11.30 a.m. called at the Police Office. Thereafter patrolled about the Town till 3 p.m. At 7 p.m. called at the Police Office got instructions from the Chief Constable to proceed the following day to Bonar Bridge to attend a market there.

August 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – At 7.30 a.m. left Dornoch and proceeded along the roads to Bonar Bridge and afterwards there at a Horse and Cattle Market till 6 p.m. Afterwards in Company with Sergeant Anderson patrolled the Village of Bonar and surrounding neighbourhood till 4 a.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst.

August 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – At 9 a.m. left Bonar Village and proceeded to Dornoch conveying Donald Campbell accused of assault. Arrived at Dornoch at 11.30 a.m. At 12 noon attended at the trial of the said Donald Campbell and others. In the afternoon patrolled in the Town of Dornoch and vicinity. Retired from duty at 10.30 p.m.

August 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – At 10 a.m. engaged in the Police Office writing till 2.30 p.m. At 4 p.m. patrolled in the Town of Dornoch and its vicinity waited the arrival of the mail gig from the South to Station at 8 p.m. Thereafter patrolled the Town till 12.30 p.m.

August 6<sup>th</sup> Thursday – At 10 a.m. called at the Police Office. At 12 noon proceeded by Poles to Skelbo Moor and examined witnesses there regarding a vicious dog belonging to James Matheson, Lotter there. Returned to Station at 5 p.m. and reported particulars to P.F. & C.C. At 8 p.m. patrolled in Dornoch and attended the arrival & departure of mail gig. Found all quiet – to Station at 11.15 p.m.

August 7<sup>th</sup> Friday – At 10 a.m. engaged in the Police Station writing till 12 noon. Afterwards making ready to proceed to Helmsdale to enter upon duty there by instruction from C.C. At 3 p.m. left Dornoch and proceeded to Helmsdale

John McLeod P.C.

*There is a gap of 4 months with no entries*

December 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 3 p.m. left my Station and proceeded to Dornoch arriving there at 7.30 p.m. Reported myself to C.C attended to John Gordon, Prisoner, who was in the Cell. Attended at the Post Office for the Police Office letters to my Lodgings at 11 p.m. (T (*travelled*) 13 miles)



Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Monday at 8.20 a.m. patrolled the Town and 9 a.m. called at the Police Office and attended the Trial of John Gordon a Vagrant who was sentenced to 7 days Imprisonment for Committing a Breach of the Peace at Golspie on the night of Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. Remained in the office during the day patrolled the Town generally during the evening attended the arrival of mail gig called for the office letters found all quiet to my Station at 11.20 p.m.

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 8.30 a.m. patrolled the Town at 9.20 a.m. called at the Police Office met P.C. James Craighead attended to William Johnson, Carpenter from Rosehall who was in the Cell. He was liberated by paying £1 of a Bail the Charge against him was Assault and Breach of the Peace at Rosehall. Remained about the office during the day. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening attended arrival of mail gig. Called on the Post Office. Found all quiet to my Station at 11.30 p.m.

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 8.30 a.m. patrolled the Town and at 9.30 a.m. called at the Police Office, patrolled about the Town generally during the day attended arrival of mail gig. P.S. Anderson, Bonar, arrived at 11 p.m. with prisoner Angus McLeod charged with assaulting Walter Clark, a Shepherd at Kinlochsh also John Matheson, Police Constable stationed at Lochinver. Found all quiet to my station at 12 p.m.

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Thursday At 8.30 a.m. called at the Police Office and attended to Angus McLeod at 12 noon he was committed to prison by A. Leslie J.P. for examination by the Sheriff. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening attended arrival of mail gig found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m.

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Friday at 9 a.m. patrolled the town at 10 a.m. called at the Police Office patrolled the Town generally during the day called at the Post Office for the Police Office letters found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m.

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 9 a.m. patrolled the Town and at 10 a.m. called at the Police Office at which time I left the Town and proceeded along by Embo distributing Bills amongst the Traders in the Parish of Dornoch returned to Dornoch at 4 p.m. patrolled the town attended arrival of mail gig found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.20 p.m.

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11 a.m. called at the Police Office and patrolled about the Town generally during the day to my Lodgings at 11 p.m.



Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Monday at 9 a.m. patrolled the Town and at 10 after called at the Police Office attended arrival of mail gig at 12 noon left the Town and proceeded by Evelix delivering Bills to the Traders regarding weights & measures. Made inquiry regarding the death of Thomas McKay, Fleuchary. Reported to P.F. Returned to my Station at 6.20 p.m. patrolled the Town attended arrival of mail gig found all quiet to my station at 11.30 p.m.

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 9 a.m. patrolled the Town and at 10 a.m. called at the Police Office employed in it generally during the day, attended arrival of mail gig patrolled the Town received instructions form the C.C. to proceed to Bonar on Wednesday & assist in Adjusting weights if found all quiet to my Station at 11 p.m.

Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7.15 a.m. left my lodgings and proceeded by Clashmore made enquiry at two camps of Tinkers as to the whereabouts of Charles McPhee, a Tinker. Wanted at Wick on a Charge of a Assault learned that he crossed the Meikleferry on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. thence proceeded to Bonar arriving there by 12 noon. Met P.C. Craighead, P.S. Anderson & Inspr Bridgeford assisted in adjusting weights and measures to my Station at 11.30 p.m. T 13 miles

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6.30 a.m. left my Station and proceeded to Dornoch to Assist in Adjusting weights and measure arriving there at 9.30 a.m. Assisted Inspr Bridgeford adjusting weights & measures during the day Patrolled the Town generally during the evening attended arrival of mail gig found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m. (T 13 miles)

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Friday At 10 a.m. called at the Police Office employed in it writing during the forenoon Patrolled the Town generally during the evening attended arrival of mail gig found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day to my Lodgings at 11 p.m.

Dec 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 11 p.m. called at the Police Office employed along with Inspr Bridgeford adjusting weights & measures. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening, attended arrival of mail gig, found all quiet to my Station at 11 p.m.

Dec 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11 patrolled about the Town at 2.30 p.m. called at the Police attended arrival of mail gig found all quiet to my Station at 10 p.m.



Dec 28<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9 a.m. left my Lodgings & proceeded to the Police Office employed there during the day cleaning weights & measures patrolled the Town generally during the evening attended arrival of mail gig found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11 p.m.

Dec 29<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9 a.m. left Lodgings patrolled about the Town and at 10 a.m. called at the Police Office employed in it during the day. Patrolled the Town generally during the afternoon attended arrival of mail gig found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m.

Dec 30<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police Office patrolled about the Town generally during the day at 7 p.m. attended a Dramatic Performance in the Volunteer Hall. Patrolled the Town found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.40 p.m.

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 8.30 a.m. left my Lodgings & proceeded to the Police Office patrolled about the Town generally during the day attended arrival of Mail gig & patrolled the Town as there was a number of the Citizens Paraded, the Streets with the Volunteer Band at the Birthage of the year 1875, all passed off quiet to my Lodgings at 2.30 a.m. of the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1875.

1875

January 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. left my Lodgings & patrolled the Town called at the Police Office patrolled about the Town generally during the day & evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m.

James Esson P.C.

*There is a gap of 2 months with no entries*

March 1<sup>st</sup> Monday At 7 a.m. left my Station and proceeded by Spinningdale and Whiteface called at Ospisdale on W.E. Cattley thence called at Skibo Farm Square in absence of John Grant, Farm Manager thence proceeded by Clashmore to Dornoch at 11.30 a.m. reported myself to the Chief Constable patrolled about the Town generally during the day and evening attended arrival of mail gig found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day to my Lodgings at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 13 miles)

March 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday At 8.30 a.m. patrolled about the Town and at 9.35 called at the Post Office and proceeded to the Police Office. Patrolled about the



Town generally during the day attended arrival of mail gig found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day to my Station at 11.30 p.m.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 9.40 a.m. called at the Post Office and proceeded to the Police Office patrolled about the town generally during the day and evening attended arrival of Mail gig found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day to my Lodgings at 11 p.m.

*There is a gap of 6½ months with no entries*

October 25<sup>th</sup> Monday At 10 a.m. left Lodgings called at the Post Office and proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office till 11.15 a.m. which time I left the Town and proceeded along the road by Cuthill called at Skibo Castle proceeded by Clashmore posting Notices of Contagious Diseases among animal returned to Dornoch at 3 p.m.. At 4 p.m. patrolled Town during the evening attended arrival of mail gig found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day to my Lodgings at 11 p.m.

October 26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday At 10 a.m. left Lodging called at the Post Office and proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office till 12 noon at which time I left the town and proceeded along the Little Ferry road to Embo farm by Embo village. Called at William Ross, Farm Manager at Coul returned the same route to Dornoch at 3.20 p.m. Patrolled the Village during the evening attended the arrival of mail gig found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11 p.m.

October 27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. left Lodging called at the Post Office & proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office till 11.35 at which time I left the Town proceeded along the road to Evelix & going along the Parliamentary road leading to the Poles about 40 yards South of the Public House occupied by Sarah Gray I found cow grazing on at past of said road I draw the cow towards the house of Thomas McKay when the cow was claimed by his Daughter and returned to Dornoch at 2 p.m. I reported particulars to C.C. patrolled the Town during the evening found al quiet to my Lodgings at 11 p.m.

October 28<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 9.30 a.m. left Lodging called at the Post Office & proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office till 11 a.m. at which time I left the Town & proceeded along the County road called at Cambusmore & called at Skelbo & returned the little Ferry road to Dornoch at 3.20 p.m. Patrolled the Village during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11 p.m.



October 29<sup>th</sup> Friday at 9.30 a.m. left lodging called at the Post Office & proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office writing copys of report during the day patrolled the Town and vicinity during the evening found all quiet to my lodging at 11 p.m.

October 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 9.35 a.m. left Lodging called at the Post Office & proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office during the day patrolled the Village during the evening found all quiet to my Lodging at 11.40p.m.

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post Office for office letter found all quiet during the day.

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. left Lodging & proceeded to Police Office during the forenoon till 3.40 p.m. at which time I left the Town & proceeded along the road to Embo patrolled the Village of Embo returned the same route to Dornoch at 6 p.m. Patrolled the Village during the evening found all quiet to my Lodgings at 11.25 p.m.

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. left Lodging and proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office writing copies of reports during the day patrolled the Village during the evening found all quiet to my Lodging at 11 p.m.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. left Lodging called at the Police Office employed in the office during the day & heard no complaints patrolled the Village generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodging at 11.20 p.m.

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 9.40 a.m. left Lodging proceeded to the Police Office remained in the office till 11 a.m. at which time I patrolled the Village accompanied by P.C. Fairweather attended a Cattle Market at Dornoch during the day. Patrolled the Village during the evening found all quiet and heard no complaints to my Lodging by 12 o'clock.

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. left Lodging proceeded to the Police Office employed in the office cleaning Weights during the day patrolled the Village generally during the evening found all quiet to my Lodging at 11 p.m.



Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. left my Lodging & called in the Police Office & at 10 .40 a.m. left Town proceeded along the Meikle Ferry road to Cuthill and Skibo called on John Grant, Farm Manager thence proceeded by Clashmore to Dornoch at 3 p.m. patrolled the Village generally during the evening found all quiet to my lodging at 11 p.m.

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post Office for office letters & at 9 a.m. attended the arrival of mail gig found all quiet during the day.

Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police office employed in the office till 12.15 p.m. at which time I left the Town & proceeded to the Village of Embo . Called on William Ross, Farm Manager, Coull then to Embo Mains called William Ross, Farm Manager there I proceeded along the road leading from Embo to the Poles at the side of the road there I found two camps of Tinkers which I warned to remain I returned the same route to Dornoch at 4 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening found all quiet off duty at 11 p.m.

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9.35 a.m. reported my self at the Police Office employed in the office during the day heard no complaints patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening found quiet off duty at 11 p.m.

November 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police Office & at 11 a.m. left Town and proceeded along the little Ferry road to Embo Village thence to the little Ferry and returned by the Poles and Evelix to Dornoch at 3.15 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11 p.m.

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 11 a.m. reported my self at the Police Office & at 10.30 a.m. left Town and proceeded along the County road to the Poles and thence along the Parliamentary by Evelix and Clashmore and on to Ospisdale returning by the Meikle Ferry to Dornoch at 3 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11.30 p.m.

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police Office employed in the office during the day and during the evening accompanied by P.C. Melvin attended a Dramatical Performance in the Hall patrolled the Town generally during the evening & found all quiet off Duty at 12 o'clock.

November 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police office employed in the office till 12.40 at which time I left the Town and proceeded



along the little ferry road to Embo Village returned by the curing yards to Dornoch at 4 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11 p.m.

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post Office for the office letters found all quiet during the day.

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police office employed in the office till 1 p.m. at which time I left the Town & proceeded along the little Ferry road to Skelbo called at Skelbo Castle thence along the shore road to Cambusmore & returned the County road to Dornoch at 5.15 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11 p.m.

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police office employed in the office during the day to 5 p.m. afterwards patrolled the Burgh during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11 p.m.

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police office at 10.30 a.m. left Police office and proceeded along the little Ferry road to Embo Main then along the road leading through Embo Muir to the Poles visiting the woods thence to Skelbo Head thence to Coull. Called on William Ross, Farm Manager there returned by Embo Village and the curing yards to Dornoch at 3 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11 p.m.

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police office employed in the office during the day. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11 p.m.

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police office employed in the office till 12 noon attended the Trial of Alexander Vass, a Labourer who was sentenced to pay a fine of £3 or 20 days Imprisonment for Committing a assault. Also of Thomas McKay a Labourer who was sentenced 60 days Imprisonment for Committing Theft and assault at Gray Ospisdale Main. Also Charles Sutherland and William MacDonald on charge of theft of Bear at Golspie who was reprimanded. Also James Blake on Charge for Carrying a gun without a license and was fined 10 shillings. Also of Donald Morrison on Charge of being drunk and incapable at Golspie and was fined 5 shillings or 24 hours Imprisonment. I remained in the office the



remains of the day patrolled the Burgh during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11 p.m.

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police office employed in the till 11 a.m. at which time I left the Town and proceeded along the County road leading to the Poles. Visiting the Duchess Countess Plantation thence to the Fourpenny Plantation and on to Embo Village returned by the Curing yards to Dornoch at 3 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening. Visited Widow Munro Lodging house keeper. Found all quiet off Duty at 11.20 p.m.

Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the office letters found all quiet during the day.

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police office employed in the office till 11.30 a.m. at which time I left the Town and proceeded along the County road leading to the Mound. Called on Mr Ross J.P. Torboll. Hence along the shore road to the little Ferry and returned the little Ferry road to Dornoch at 4.20 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh generally the evening found all quiet off Duty at 12 o'clock.

Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Post office at 10.30 a.m. left Town and proceeded along the County road to the Poles thence along the Parliamentary road by Evelix to Clashmore returned the Meikle Ferry road to Dornoch at 2.40 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11 a.m.

Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police office and at 11 a.m. left Town and proceeded along the little Ferry road to Embo Muir thence along the road leading through Embo Main to the Poles and on to Skelbo. Called on Mr Barclay Skelbo Castle and on to Embo Main. Called on William Ross Manager there returned by Embo Village and the Curing yards to Dornoch at 3. p.m. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11.30 p.m.

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 11 a.m. reported my self at the Police office and attended to Hugh Coile who was in the Jail the Charge against him was assault and Breach of the Peace at Bonar Bridge. Found all quiet off Duty at 10 p.m.

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police office remained in office to 12 noon at which time I attended the Trial of Hugh Coil a Pedler



who was sent 60 day to Prison for Committing assault & Breach of the Peace at Bonar Bridge on the night of 24<sup>th</sup> instant, also of Mary Ann Murrel or Coil wife of and residing with Hugh Coil on Charge of Assault and Breach of the Peace at Bonar Bridge who was dismissed from the Bar. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11 p.m.

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police office remained in the office during the day heard no complaint. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11.20 p.m.

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the office letters found all quiet during the day.

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police office remained in the office during the day heard no complaints. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11 p.m.

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9.30 reported my self at the Police office remained in the office during the day heard no complaints. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11.30 p.m.

December 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 9.30a.m. reported my self at the Police office employed in the office till 12 noon at which time I served a Copy of Complaint on Mary Campbell present Prisoner in the Prison at Dornoch which I gave to her personally. I remained in the office the remains of the day heard no complaints. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11 o'clock.p.m.

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police office at 11 a.m. left Town and proceeded by the Curing yards to Embo Village called at Coull in absence of William Ross, Farm Manager. Called on Mr Barclay Skelbo Castle returned by the Poles to Dornoch at 2.30 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh till 7.30 at which time I left the Town and proceeded to Embo Mains to view at field of Turnips but say nothing returned to Dornoch at 10 p.m. found all quiet off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police office and at 12 noon attended the Trial of Mary Campbell who was sent fourteen days to prison and afterwards to be sent to the Aberdeen Reformatory for five years. I remained in the office the remains of the day. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11 p.m.



Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. reported my self at the Police office at which time I left the Town and proceeded along the County road to the Mount and saw the weights and measures sent on with the one p.m. train to Helmsdale returned the same route to the Poles thence along the Parliamentary road to Clashmore. Called at Skibo Farm Square in absence of John Grant, Farm Manager returned the Meikle ferry road to Dornoch at 5 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening found all quiet off Duty at 11.40 p.m.

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the office letters found all quiet during the day.

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed writing weekly report finishing Bills *consigning* of Weights & Measures. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office during the day in absence of Inspr Bridgeford. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening. Called at the Lodging houses. Off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. attended the Police office employed in the office finishing Notices to the Traders in the Parish of Creich, *consigning* Weights & Measures. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office throughout the forenoon at 12.40 p.m. proceeded to Skelbo Castle called at Mrs Barclay returned by Poles to Dornoch at 3.30 p.m. Patrolled Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office during the forenoon at 12 noon attended Sheriff Court employed in office throughout the afternoon. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 10.30 a.m. Proceeded to Cuthill and Skibo called in absence of John Grant Manager and on to Ospisdale. Met P.C. Fairweather, Bonar returned by Clashmore to Dornoch at 3 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening off Duty at 11.30 p.m.



Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for letter delivered same at Police office at my Lodging & about the Burgh during the day: attended the Post office in afternoon and evening.

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office during the forenoon writing weekly report remained in the office throughout the afternoon. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office during the day in absence of Inspr. Bridgeford. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 9.30 a.m. attended at Police office employed in the office in absence of Inspr. Bridgeford. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 10 .30 a.m. proceeded by the Curing yards to Embo Village thence to Coull. Called in absence of William Ross farm Manager returned by Embo Mains to Dornoch at 12.30 p.m. employed throughout the afternoon cleaning Weights. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Friday at 8 a.m. attended at the Police office and attended to Lauchlan MacKay a Fisherman from Achriskill (*near Kinlochbervie*) who was in the Cell at 12 noon attended the Trial of Lauchlan MacKay who was fined £3.3 shillings or 30 days Imprisonment. Employed throughout the afternoon cleaning Weights and Measures. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. attended at the office employed in the office during the day cleaning Weights & Measures. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for letters delivered the same at Police office at my Lodging & about the Burgh during the day. Attended the Post office in the evening.

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office writing weekly report remained in the office during the afternoon. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.



Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office during the day in the absence of Inspr. Bridgeford. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 9.30 a.m. attended the Police office employed in the office writing Copies of reports during the day. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 9.30 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office during the day filling up Weights and Measures Notices to Traders in the Burgh and Parish of Dornoch. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Friday at 9.30 attended at the Police office employed in the office writing to 12 noon attended a Summary Trial of Angus MacKay assault on James Craighead Police Constable stationed at Melvich: employed in the office throughout the afternoon. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office writing a Copy of report during the day. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening visited Lodging houses off Duty at 11.30 p.m.

Dec 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for letters delivered the same at the Police office at my Lodgings & about the Burgh during the day. Attended the Post office in the evening.

Dec 27<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9 attended at the Police office at 10 a.m. proceeded by the curing yards to Embo Village, Shelbo Moor, Balvraid, Rearchar, Poles, Evelix and Clashmore serving notices to all the Traders on my route. Returned by the Meikle Ferry road to Dornoch and 6 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 8.30 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office during the day along with Inspr Bridgeford adjusting Weights and Measures. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 9.30 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office during the day along with Inspector Bridgeford adjusting Weights &



Measures. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 30<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 11 a.m. attended at the Police office at 11 a.m. proceeded by the Curing yards to Embo Village called on George M. Ross Esqr. Coull. Returned by Little Ferry road to Dornoch at 3 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 11.30a.m. proceeded by the Curing yards to Embo Village. Making enquiries regarding case of Malicious Mischief. Returned the same route to Dornoch at 3.40 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening as there was a number of Citizens Parading the Streets with the Volunteer Band at the Birthage of the year "1876" all passed off quiet off Duty at 2 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1876.

1876

January 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office during the day writing a report. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening. Visited Lodging houses off Duty at 11.30 p.m.

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for letters delivered the same at the Police office at my lodging & about the Burgh during the day – attended the Post office in the afternoon & evening.

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 11.30 a.m. proceeded to Clashmore making enquiries regarding a case of Malicious Mischief. Returned by Evlix to Dornoch at 2.45 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11.30 p.m.

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office writing report during the day. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening. Visited Lodging houses off Duty at 12 o'clock.

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 5 a.m. patrolled the Town being old Christmas (*based on the Julian calendar*) there were a number of the Citizens parading the Streets with a band at 11 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office to 12.30 attended at a showing on the links. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11.30 p.m.



Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 11 a.m. attended at the Police office at 10.30 a.m. proceeded to Clashmore called on John Grant Manager Skibo, Called on Mrs McLennon Cuthill returned by Meikle Ferry road to Dornoch at 2 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office attended to Dan Harper who was in the cell detained on Charge with Breach of the Public peace at Bonar Bridge attended to Donald Kerr detained in the cell on Charge of assault to the effusion of Blood. At 12 noon attended the Trial of Dan Harper & James McAllaster their case being adjourned to the 10 inst. at 3.30 p.m. proceeded to the Fourpenny Plantation to detect destroying or sletting of wood watched but saw no person returned the same route to Dornoch at 6 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening off duty at 11.15 p.m.

Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 10.30 a.m. patrolled the Town to 12.15 p.m. at that time I proceeded to the Duchess Plantation and about 150 yards north of the road leading from Dornoch to the Poles & about the centre of the wood. There I found Charlotte Sutherland breaking down a Larch tree & Alexanderina Morrison having destroyed a fir tree in the said plantation both fisher women from Embo Village. I proceeded to Embo Mains called on Willaim Ross, Manager returned to Dornoch at 3.30 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening off Duty at 11.30 p.m.

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for office letters delivered the same at the Police office at 10.40 a.m. proceeded to Embo Mains with the view of *detecting* of persons destroying or carrying away fences at or about Embo Main watched about but saw no person returned to Dornoch at 3.30 p.m. attended the Post office in the evening.

Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office and at 12 noon attended the Trial of James McAllaster "Junior" who was sent 10 days Imprisonment also Dan Harper who was sent 7 days Imprisonment the Charge against them being assault and Breach of the Public peace a tBonar Bridge remained in the office throughout the afternoon patrolled the Burgh during the day to 12 o'clock at which time Inspr. Bridgeford arrived with prisoner James McAllaster "Senior" Charged with assault off Duty at 12.45 a.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst.

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 11 a.m. attended at the court house during the *drecating* of James McAllaster Senior & James McAllaster Junior: at 3.30 p.m. proceeded to Clashmore returned to



Dornoch at 4 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening. Visited Lodging houses off Duty at 11 p.m.

Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 5 a.m. patrolled the Town being old new year day (*Julian calendar*) there were a number of young people patrolling the Town with a band at 10.30 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office till 12 noon. Patrolled the Burgh during the day at 9.30 p.m. took duty at a ball in the Volunteer Hall off Duty at 3 a.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst.

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10.30 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office during the day patrolled the Burgh during the evening at 10 p.m. took duty at a Ball in the Volunteer Hall off Duty at 3 a.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst.

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office to 12 noon at which time I proceeded to Cuthill making enquiries regarding case of fraud thence to Clashmore returned by Evelix to Dornoch at 3.30 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office and at 10.30 a.m. proceeded to Clashmore investigating in to a case of fraud & wilful *imposition* returned to Dornoch at 2.40 p.m. & reported a case of fraud and wilful *imposition* to the P.F. & C.C. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening off duty at 11.20 p.m.

Jan 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for letters delivered the same at the Police office attended Divine Service. Called at the Police office in the afternoon attended the Post office in the evening.

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office writing a report and finishing weekly report at 3.30 p.m. proceeded by the Little Ferry road to Embo Village patrolled the Village returned by the Curing yards to Dornoch at 6 p.m. patrolled the Burgh during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Jan 18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police at 11.30 a.m. proceeded to Coull called on George M Ross, G.P. Coull then to Skelbo called on Mr Barclay Esqr. Skelbo Castle returned by the Poles to Dornoch at 2.45p.m. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office writing report at 12.20 p.m. proceeded to Cyderhall. Called on Mr



Macdonald then to Clashmore returned by Evelix to Dornoch at 3.30 p.m. patrolled the Burgh during the evening visited Lodging houses off duty at 11 p.m.

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 10.30 a.m. proceeded to Cuthill making enquiries regarding John McLeod who left the service of Colin McLennan Cuthill but returned to Cuthill on the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. Returned the same route to Dornoch at 12.30 p.m. at 3/40 p.m. proceeded by the Curing yards to Embo Village through the Fourpenny returned by Little Ferry road to Dornoch at 4.15 p.m. patrolled the Burgh during the evening off duty at 11.15 p.m.

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 9.30 a.m. P.C. Melvin arrived with prisoners John McDonald, William Mackay & John McDonald fisher boys from Golspie. Attended at Sheriff Court patrolled the Burgh throughout the afternoon and evening off Duty at 11 p.m.

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 11 a.m. attended at the Police office at 10.30 a.m. proceeded by Clashmore to Ospisdale called on W.E.Cattley Esqr at 12 noon met P.C.Fairweather called on John Grant Manager Skelbo & Colin McLennon Cuthill returned by Meikle Ferry road to Dornoch at 3.40p.m. patrolled the Burgh during the evening off duty at 11.15 p.m.

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for letters delivered the same at the Police office. At my Lodgings and about the Burgh during the day. Attended at the Post office in the afternoon & evening.

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9.40 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office finishing weekly report at 12.40 p.m. proceeded to Embo Mains called on William Ross Manager thence to Embo Village through the Fourpenny Plantation returned by Poles to Dornoch at 4 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office till 12 noon at which time I proceeded by the Poles through Skelbo Muir returned by Little Ferry road to Dornoch at 3.20 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 10.15 a.m. proceeded by Evelix to Rearchar thence by Balvraid to Skelbo Called on Mr



Barclay Esqr. Skelbo Castle. Called on George M. Ross J.P. Coull thence by Embo Village & Curing yards to Dornoch at 3 p.m. patrolled the Burgh during the evening. Visited Lodging houses off duty at 11 p.m.

Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office till 12.30 p.m. at which time I proceeded by Embo Mains thence by the Poles and Evelix to Dornoch at 3.30 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Friday at 9.40 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office till 12 noon attended at Court during small debt Trials attended at the Trial of William Mackay & John McDonald Charged with Malicious Mischief at Golspie. Patrolled the Burgh throughout the afternoon and evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 10.20 a.m. proceeded by Evelix and Clashmore to Ospisdale. Called on W. E. Cattley Esqr. Called in absence of John Grant, Manager, Skibo. Called on Colin McLennon, Cuthill returned to Dornoch at 3.15 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh till 7 p.m. at 7.40 p.m. proceeded to Embo Mains with the view of detecting Turnips stealing from afield there watched but saw no person about returned to Dornoch at 1 a.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> inst.

Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for letters delivered the same at the Police office attended Divine Service called at the Police office in the afternoon attended Post office in the evening.

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office till 12 noon at which time I proceeded by the Poles to Cambusmore. Called in absence of the housekeeper there thence along by Embo Mains returned to Dornoch at 4.30 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

February 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police employed in the office during the day writing copys of reports patrolled the Burgh throughout the remains of the day and evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office cleaning Weights and Measures till 1 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Burgh throughout the afternoon and evening. Visited Lodging houses off duty at 11 p.m.



Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 11.30 a.m. proceeded by the Curing yards and Embo Village called on George M Ross J.P. Coull, Called on Mr Thomas Barclay Esqr. Skelbo Caslte returned by the Poles to Dornoch at 3.30 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11p.m.

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office during the day patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office during the day writing a copy of report patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening visited Lodging houses off duty at 11 p.m.

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for letters delivered the same to the Chief Constable at my Lodging and at 10.30 a.m. called at the Police office attended the Post office in the afternoon and evening.

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office completing weekly report and cleaning handcuffs to 3.30 p.m. at 4.30 p.m. proceeded by the Littleferry road to Embo Village patrolled about the Village returned by the Curing yards to Dornoch at 7 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 10.30 a.m. proceeded along with Inspr. Bridgeford to Embo Village to make enquiry and search for Turnips that was stolen form a field at Embo Mains and on searching the house of Kenneth Mackay "John" where we found 35 Swedish Turnips 14 of whom we identified to be stolen from a field at Embo Mains. Returned to Dornooch at 4.30 p.m. patrolled the Burgh during the evening visited Lodging houses off duty at 11 p.m.

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 10.30 a.m. proceeded to Cyderhall called on Mr McDonald Esqr. thence to Clashmore met *Blecknie Aameltron* aged 47 years a Vagrant from Thurso at Evelix whom I Cautioned to leave the district returned to Dornoch at 2 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.



Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office to 12.15 p.m. at which time I proceeded by the Curing yards and Embo Village. Called on George M. Ross, J.P. Coull. Called on Mr Barclay Esqr. Skelbo Castle returned by the Poles to Dornoch at 4 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office till 1.15 p.m. at which time I proceeded by Evelix thence to the Poles returned to Dornoch at 3.45 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 9 .40 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office finishing copies of Complaints in the Case of Kenneth Mackay "John" and Janet Mackay Fishers Embo Village. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening. Visited Lodging off duty at 11 p.m.

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for letters delivered the same at the Police office attended Divine Service attended the Post office in the afternoon and evening.

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office completing weekly reports and wiring a copy of report during the day at 2.30 p.m. P.C. James Esson arrived with Prisoner William Williamson Charged with assault at Tullock attended to him in the cell at 9.40 p.m. patrolled the Burgh till 11 p.m.

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office attended to William Williamson who was detained on a Charge of assault at 12 noon attended at the declaration of William Williamson. Patrolled the Burgh during the afternoon at 7 p.m. along with P.C. Melvin proceeded to Embo Village to make enquiries regarding a Case of Theft of money from the parson found no clue of the stolen money returned to Dornoch at 10 p.m. afterwards patrolled the Burgh to 11 p.m.

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 9.40 a.m. attended at the Police office at 10.20 a.m. proceeded by Evelix to Clashmore thence to Astel returned by Evelix making enquiries on my route regarding Sheep Scab or other Contagious Diseases exists among any sheep or Cattle etc. Returned to Dornoch at 4 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening. Visited Lodging houses off duty at 11 p.m.

Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office during the day writing reports patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Friday at 8 a.m. proceeded to Cuthill apprehended John McLeod conveyed him prisoner to Dornoch employed 2½ hours at 12 noon attended the Trial of William Williamson on Charge of Assault Sentenced to pay of 30 shillings or 14 days impr. Attended the Trial of Janet Mackay as a witness who was reprimanded, and other cases. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 10.30 a.m. preceded by Evelix and Clashmore to Ospisdale called in absence of Mary Cumming house-keeper there met P.C. Fairweather called on John Grant Manager Skibo, called on Mr McLennon Cuthill returned to Dornoch at 4 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening. Visited Mrs Campbell Lodging house off duty at 11 p.m.

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for letters delivered the same at the Police office at my Lodging attended Divine Service attended the Post office in the eveing.

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 11.15 a.m. proceeded by the Poles to Cambusmore. Called on Margaret Sutherland House Keeper there, called in absence of Thomas Barclay Esqr. Skelbo Castle returned by the littleferry road to Dornoch at 4 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office completed weekly report at 12 noon proceeded by the Curing yards and Embo Village. Called on George M Ross, J.P. Coull thence through the Coull plantation to Embo Mains Called on William Ross, Manager there returned to Dornoch at 3 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 10 .40 a.m. proceeded to Cydrhall called on Mr McDonald Esqr. thence to Clashmore and Skibo Muir returned by Evelix to Dornoch at 2.30 p.m. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening visited Lodging houses off duty at 11 p.m.



Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office till 12 noon thereafter patrolled about the Burgh to 2 p.m. when I was informed by James McKenzie, Shoemaker to & residing with Alexander Ross, Shoemaker, Clashmore that there was a man of a Suspicious Character gone about Clashmore and the Inhabitants was afraid of him. I proceeded Clashmore & found the man to be Frank Hamilton whom I conveyed from Clashmore to Evelix & Cautioned him to leave the District. Returned to Dornoch at 4.30 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening at 11 p.m. I was informed by Mrs Campbell that there was two persons Creating a disturbance I proceeded to her house, along with Inspr. Bridgeford to the house of Mrs Campbell where we found Andrew MacDonald and his wife Margaret Jamieson or McDonald both under the influence of Drink we Cautioned them to be quiet or we should them out of the house shortly thereafter they quieted and went to Bed. I retired from duty at 1 a.m. on the 25<sup>th</sup> instant.

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 11 a.m. attended Jury Trial of Donald Kerr the Charge against him was Assault to the Effusion of Blood and Injury of the person and previous conviction. He was sent to prison for four month employed 2 hours patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty 10.40 p.m.

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office during the day at 2 p.m. found two cows and two stirks straying on that part of the County road opposite the prison situated in the Burgh of Dornoch reported the Case to the C.C. Patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening. Visited Lodging houses off duty at 10.30 p.m.

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for letters delivered the same at the Police office at my Lodging and about the Burgh during the day attended at the Post office in the afternoon and evening.

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office completed weekly report at 11.20 a.m. proceeded by the Poles and Skelbo Muir. Called on Thomas Barclay Esqr. Skelbo Castle returned by Embo Village and Curing yards to Dornoch at 3.40 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

Feb 29<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 10.40 a.m. proceeded by Evelix to Cyderhall. Called on Mr McDonald Esqr. Called on

Mr McLennon Cuthill thence to the Meikleferry returned to Dornoch at 2 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

March 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 11 a.m. proceeded to Embo Mains called on William Ross, Manager. Called on George M. Ross, J.P. Coull. Called on Margaret Sutherland House keeper Cambusmore returned by the Poles to Donoch at 3.30 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening. Visited Lodging houses off duty at 11 p.m.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office during the day writing a copie of report patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11.40 p.m.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 12 noon attended the Trial of George McLeod Charged with Breach of the peace at Lochinver sentenced to pay £2.10 shillings or 30 days Imprisonment. Francis Cumming sentenced to pay a fine of £1. 1 shilling or 10 days Imprisonment for Committing Assault in a Railway Carriage at Golspie Railway Station at 1.30 p.m. proceeded by Poles and Evelix to Dornoch at 3.30 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

March 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 10.15 a.m. proceeded by Evelix and Clashmore to Ospisdale called on Mary Cumming House Keeper there. Called in absence of John Grant, Manager Skibo returned by Evelix to Dornoch at 3.45 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening. Visited Lodging houses off duty at 11 p.m.

March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 called at the Post office for letters delivered the same Police office at my Lodgings attended Divine Service attended at the Post office in the afternoon and evening.

March 6<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 11 a.m. proceeded by Evelix to Rearchar making enquiries into a Case of disturbance but found no trace of any persons that had committed the offence. Returned by Evelix called on Mr Munro Evelix to Dornoch at 4.40 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11.15 p.m.

March 7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office employed in the office during the day patrolled and watched about the Court house on the occasion of a Spelling bee patrolled the Burgh during the evening off duty at 11.20 p.m.



March 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office at 11 a.m. proceeded to Embo Mains called on William Ross, Manager. Called on George M. Ross J.P. Coull. Called on Thomas Barclay Esqr. Skelbo Castle returned by the Poles to Dornoch at 3 p.m. patrolled the Burgh generally during the evening off duty at 11 p.m.

March 9<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. attended at the Police office thereafter making ready to proceed to Brora to enter upon duty there by instructions from C.C. at 11 a.m. left Dornoch and proceeded Brora.

William Cattanach, P.C.

March 9<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 9 a.m. left Helmsdale and proceeded by Train to the Mound, thence travelled by road to Dornoch to enter upon duty there according to instructions from the Chief Constable, arrived in Dornoch at 3 p.m. & reported myself to Inspr. Bridgeford, thereafter patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night attended at the Post office found all quiet, retired from duty at 11 p.m.

March 10<sup>th</sup> Friday at 9.45 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the forenoon at 12 noon attended Sheriff Court and patrolled the town at intervals during the evening and night, attended at the Post office at 9 a.m. found all quiet & retired from duty at 11.15 p.m.

March 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, afterwards proceeded along the road to Ospisdale met there P.C. James Fairweather, Bonar, and along with him called upon Mary Cumming house keeper at Ospisdale, thence returned same route and called on James McIntosh Clashmore. To Station at 3 p.m. at 4.30 p.m. patrolled the Town generally during the night & attended the Post office found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.20 p.m.

March 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday attended Divine Service in the afternoon, in the evening patrolled the Town and its Vicinity, attended arrival of Mail gig and attended at the Post office, retired from duty at 10 p.m.

March 13<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10.10 a.m. called at the Police office and completed my weekly report thereafter was engaged in the office during the fore and afternoon, patrolled the Town and its Vicinity generally during the evening and night, attended the arrival of Mail gig and attended the Post office found all quiet during the day, retired from duty at 11.10 p.m.

March 14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9.40 a.m. left Station and proceeded along the road to Embo Mains, called on Mr Ross, Manager there, thence proceeded by Embo Village and Curing stations to Coull and called on Mr Ross, Manager there, from thence returned by Knockglass, Trentham and Poles to Station at 3 p.m. Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity at intervals during the evening and night, attended the arrival of the Mail gig and attended the Post office heard no complaints during the day, retired from duty at 11 p.m.

March 15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there writing till 3 p.m., at 5 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity at intervals during the night at 8 p.m. in company with Inspr. Bridgeford visited the Lodging houses, found 1 man in Mrs Munro's and 1 man and 3 women in Mrs ....., attended the arrival of mail gig & attended the Post office, found all quiet and retired from duty at 11 p.m.

March 16<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and received from Inspr. Bridgeford 9 printed notices event Election of School Board for the Parish and Burgh of Dornoch on 18<sup>th</sup> April next which I affixed on the doors of the following places namely in the Burgh and Parish of Dornoch.

- 1 Notice on Parish Church, Dornoch
- 1 do do Free Church, Dornoch
- 1 do do Public School, Dornoch
- 1 do do Free Church School, Dornoch
- 1 do do Girls School (Miss Munro) Dornoch
- 1 do do Public School, Embo
- 1 do do Public School, Skelbo
- 1 do do Public School, Birichen &
- 1 do do Assembly School, Clashmore

Patrolled the Town during the evening and night attended the arrival of the Mail gig and waited the delivery of the Letters, at 9 a.m. I locked up in one of the Police Cells here William Reeves a Travelling Blacksmith who was conveyed here on a Shi Warrant from Lairg by P.C. Gordon, Charged with Falsehood, Fraud & Wilful Imposition thereafter patrolled the Town, found all quiet & retired from duty as 11.20 p.m.

March 17<sup>th</sup> Friday at 9 a.m. called at the Police office and attended to William Reeves referred to in my duty of 16<sup>th</sup> inst. At 11 am. He was tried before Sheriff McKenzie and sentenced to 7 days imprisonment, employed in the office during the afternoon, patrolled the Town at intervals during the



evening and night attended the arrival of Mail gig and waited the delivery of the Letters, found the Town all quiet retired from duty at 11.15 p.m.

March 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the fore and afternoon, patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

March 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the C.C.'s letters in the afternoon attended Divine Service, thereafter patrolled the Town & waited arrival of Mail gig.

March 20<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded to Embo Village and called on D. McLean Teacher there, afterward took the following Complaint from Ann McKay 56 years of age wife of and residing with Donald McKay a Fisherman residing at Embo in the Parish of Dornoch & County of Sutherland.

Informant Complains & States – On Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1876 between the hours of 12 & 1 a.m. I was going along the Cart road which leads through the Township of Astle in the Parish & County aforesaid when I was passing the house situated at Astle aforesaid accompanied by James Sutherland a Lotter residing there, I observed a little boy and a dog standing at the end of said house and when I was bout 200 yards past the said house, I heard the boy hunting the dog after something and calling to the dog to catch him. I tool no notice of the boy or the dog at the time, but in a minute or two afterwards the dog came at my back without knowing to me and took a hold of my right leg a little above the ankle and gave ma a severe shaking and cut my leg in two or three places at the back and front. The wounds got very black or blue in a short time afterwards but there came no blood out of them, there was a woman coming towards me at the time the dog bite me. I know her to be the wife of John Sutherland, a Lotter residing at Astle aforesaid, this women went back with me to the house of James Sutherland aforesaid where I got my leg washed by a Daughter of the said James Sutherland. I then proceeded to another house where I had some messages to do and afterwards returned home. The said dog belongs to the said James Sutherland and the boy whom I have no doubt put the dog after me and whose name I don't know, is a Grandson of the said James Sutherland and residing with him. I don't want to do any harm to the boy or his relations but I wish the dog to be killed. My leg is now very much swollen and pained and appears to be getting worse, I showed it on Saturday last to ....., and got some stuff from him which I am now applying to it.

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(Signed) Ann X Mackay

Mark

Having returned from Embo about 2 p.m. I afterwards proceeded to the Township of Astle aforesaid and saw the said James Sutherland to whom the dog belongs, who stated that he was to get the dog drowned this evening. I also saw the little boy referred to in the Complainers Statement but owing to his youth he would not answer me any questions, his name is Ewen Melville scarcely 5 years of age residing with his Grandfather the said James Sutherland. I returned to Station at 7 p.m., and reported the Case to the Procurator Fiscal and Chief Constable, patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, attended the arrival of the Mail gig and waited the delivery of the letters, found the Town all quiet and retired from duty at 11 p.m.

March 21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7 a.m. patrolled the Town and at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the fore and afternoon.

At 4 p.m. William Baillie 17 years of age a Salesman to and residing with Roderick Lindsay spirit Dealer residing in Dornoch called at my Lodgings and informed me that Hugh Coil 29 years of age a Pedlar having no fixed place of residence came into Mr Lindsay's shop in a state of intoxication and wanted some drink and was refusing to leave the shop, and wished me to come and get him away. On my going along to Mr Lindsay's shop I observed the said Hugh Coil lying at the door of the Post office quite incapable, I took Coil in Charge and Conveyed him to the Police office and locked him up in one of the Cells. I afterwards made enquiries at Mr Lindsay's shop and was informed by Mrs Lindsay that after Coil left the shop he staggered along the wall towards Mr Lindsay's dwelling house and accidentally fell against one of the windows and broke a pane of glass, but that she did not want to make a Complaint against him as it had been done accidentally, she further stated that Coil was making no noise when in the shop or outside but merely trying to get more drink and refusing to leave the shop, I reported the case to the Chief Constable.-

Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night and waited the arrival of the Mail gig, met Inspector Bridgeford who arrive by the Mail gig with Prisoner John McKay Brown, who was apprehended at Inverness on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. by the County Police on a Charge of Assault and Breach of the Peace Committed at Forsinard Hotel in November last, attended to the said Prisoner and locked him up in one of the Cells thereafter patrolled the Town found all quiet and retired from duty at 11.20 p.m.

Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 9 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the forenoon attending to the Prisoners Hugh Coil and John



McKay Brown who was locked up on the previous night, and also to Alexander Sutherland (Bay) who was conveyed here from Golspie at 6 a.m. on this date by P.C. Melvin on a Charge of Theft. At 11 a.m. the said Hugh Coil was taken before A. Leslie Esqr. J.P. where he was severely reprimanded and liberated. At 12 noon attended at the Court House at the Trial of said John McKay Brown & others he was sentenced to pay a fine of £1.1 shilling or 10 days imprisonment (he went to jail) the said Alexander Sutherland (Bay) was afterwards examined before the Sheriff and Committed for trial. Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night attended arrival of Mail gig & waited the delivery of the letters. Found all quiet retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office afterwards patrolled the Town and its Vicinity generally during the fore and afternoon. Waited the arrival of Mail gig and attended at the delivery of the Letters, found the Town all quiet and retired from duty at 11.15 p.m.

Mar 24<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there till 12 noon, thereafter patrolled the Town and Neighbourhood during the day, at 8.20 p.m. attended the arrival of the Mail gig & waited the delivery of the letters, found the Town all quiet retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

Mar 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded along the road to Ospisdale met P.C. James Fairweather, Bonar at 12 noon. Called on M Cumming house keeper at Ospisdale house thence returned same route to Cyderhall and called on R. McDonald to Station at 3 p.m., at 4 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.40 p.m. Travelled 11 miles.

Mar 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters, attended Divine Service in the afternoon patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening, at 10 a.m. returned to Station.

Mar 27<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the fore and afternoon till 7 p.m., at 8 p.m. visited the Lodging houses found 3 men in Mrs Campbell's and none in Mrs Munro's. Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity at intervals during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.10 p.m.

Mar 28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9.50 a.m. called at the Police office at 11 a.m. proceeded by the fish Curing stations and visited Embo Village, thence

returned by Embo Farm and called on W. Ross, Manager there, to station at 3.30 p.m. at 4.30 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night attended the arrival of Mail gig and waited the delivery of the letters, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 5 miles)

Mar 29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the forenoon at 2 p.m. returned to my Lodgings where I had to remain during the evening and night, being unwell.

Mar 30<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the forenoon, patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night, attended the arrival of the Mail gig and waited the delivery of the letters, found the Town all quiet and retired from duty at 11.15 p.m.

Mar 31<sup>st</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there till 12 noon at which time I proceeded along the road by Poles to Skelbo Caslte and called on T. Barclay Esqr. thence proceeded to Coull and called on C. Ross Esqr. J.P. from thence returned by Embo Village and Curing stations to Station at 4 p.m., at 5 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night, attended the arrival & departure of the Mail gig, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.15 p.m. (Travelled 10 miles)

April 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded along the road to Ospisdale met P.C. James Fairweather, Bonar there at 12 noon, called on M. Cumming housekeeper at Ospisdale, thence returned same route and called on J .B. Grant Skibo and Jas. McIntosh Clashmore to Station at 3 p.m., at 4 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the remaining part of the day, attended the arrival of the Mail gig and waited the delivery of the letters, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.20 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters, attended Divine service in the afternoon and evening, attended the arrival of Mail gig & waited the delivery of the letters, returned to by Lodgings at 9.30 p.m.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and completed my weekly report, thereafter patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the fore and after noon. At 8 p.m. visited the Lodging houses, found none in Mrs Campbell's or Mrs Munro's, attended the arrival of the Mail gig & the delivery of the letter, patrolled the Town at intervals during the night found all quiet retired from duty at 11.15 p.m.



April 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 8 a.m. patrolled the Town & at 9 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there till 1 p.m. at which time I proceeded along the Big Ferry road to and called on Mr A.S. McDonald Cyderhall, thence to Cuthill & called on C. McLennon returned by Clashmore and Evelix to Station at 4 p.m., at 5 p.m. patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, attended the arrival of Mail gig & waited the delivery of the letters, found the Town all quiet retired from duty at 11 p.m. (Travelled 8 miles)

April 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office. At 11.30 a.m. proceeded along the road by Poles to Cambusmore & called on M.Grant housekeeper there afterwards visited Cambusavie & returned same route to Station at 4 p.m.. Patrolled the Town during the evening and handed into the Chief Constable, County of Inverness Pedlars Certificate No:18 of Mary McDonald or Wilson for Endorsements, attended arrival and delivery of Mails, found the Town all quiet retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 13 miles)

April 6<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Post office & at 11 a.m. proceeded along the road by Cuthill to the Big Ferry, thence returned same route to Station at 5 p.m. and was engaged in the office till 8 p.m., attended arrival of Mail gig and delivery of the letter, patrolled the Town during the night found all quiet, retired from duty at 11 p.m.

April 7<sup>th</sup> Friday at 9 a.m. patrolled the Town & at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and handed in to the Chief Constable, County of Argyle Pedlars Certificate No:17 of Donald McNab for Endorsement. Afterwards was engaged in Posting up notices event Election of School Board for the Parish of Dornoch (including Burgh) at the following places namely:-

- 1 Notice at the Entrance gate of the Parish Church Dornoch
- 1 do at the Entrance gate of the Free Church Dornoch
- 1 do on the door of Parish School Dornoch
- 1 do on the door of Free Church School Dornoch
- 1 do on the door of Girls School Dornoch
- 1 do on the door of the Public School Embo
- 1 do on the door of the Public School Skelbo
- 1 do on the door of the Public School Birichen and
- 1 do on the door of the Assembly School Clashmore

Returned to Station at 4 p.m., at 5 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening & night attended the arrival and delivery of the Mail found all quiet, retired from duty at 12.30 a.m. of 8<sup>th</sup> inst. (Travelled 16 miles)

April 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, thence proceeded along the road by Evelix & Clashmore to Ospisdale, called on M. Cumming housekeeper there, did not meet P.C. Fairweather, Bonar, returned same route to Station at 3 p.m. having visited Skelbo Mains patrolled the Town during the evening and night, attended the arrival of mail gig and delivery of the letters, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.40 p.m. (Travelled 10 miles)

April 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Police office with the Chief Constables letters, attended Divine Service in the afternoon, patrolled the Town and Vicinity during the evening and night attended arrival of mail gig and waited delivery of the letters, returned to my Lodgings at 9 p.m.

April 10<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and completed my weekly report, afterwards patrolled the Town and its Vicinity throughout the day & evening at 8 p.m. visited the Lodging houses found none in them, attended the arrival of the mail gig and delivery of the letters, patrolled the Town during the night found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.10 p.m.

April 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9.15 a.m. left Dornoch and proceeded to the Mound Railway Station thence per goods Train to Rogart to do duty there on the occasion of His Grace the Duke of Sutherland coming to Dunrobin after being accompanying the Prince of Wales on his tour through India. I arrived at Rogart about 11 a.m. and patrolled about the Railway Station and Pittentrail Inn where a great number of Volunteers & others were waiting the arrival of the 1 a.m. Train by which the Duke was to pass, shortly before the arrival of the Train the Volunteers mustered on the Platform under Lieut. Barclay & presented Arms as the Train arrived and led an enthusiastic cheer which was joined in by the crowd. I preserved order on the platform during that time, and afterwards patrolled about Pittentrail Inn whence a great number of people were drinking very freely during the evening. At 8.30 p.m. I proceeded to the top of Corry rock where a large Bonfire was lighted about 8.40 p.m. and a good many people present, about 9.50 p.m. I returned to Pittentrail Inn and patrolled thereabout during the evening as there were a good many young lads & others knocking about the Inn a good deal the worse of drink, but they all dispersed about 11.30 p.m., as the weather turned out very stormy, there were no disturbance took place during the day or night,



everything having passed off orderly and quiet, I retired from duty at 1 a.m. of 12 inst. and remained at Pittentrail Inn. (Travelled 14 miles).

April 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday (*there is some damage to the pages of the diary hereabouts so not all the writing is legible – where in keeping with the previous entries of the diary I have put in probable missing words in **bold***) at 9 a.m. patrolled about Pittentrail inn and Railway Station till 11 a.m. at which time I returned by good Train to **the Mound** and arrived at Dornoch at 2 p.m., at 3 p.m. Posted up Notices event Election of School Board for the Parish & Burgh of Dornoch on 18<sup>th</sup> April at the following Places namely.-

1 Notice at the Entrance gate of the Parish Church Dornoch

1 do at the Entrance gate of the Free Church Dornoch

1 do on the door of Public School Dornoch

1 do on the door of Free Church School Dornoch &

1 do on the door of Girls School Dornoch

Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, attended arrival of mail gig and delivery of letters, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.10 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

April 13<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office afterwards proceeded to Post up notices event the Election of School Board for the Parish and Burgh of Dornoch on 18<sup>th</sup> April at the following places namely.-

1 Notice on the door of the Public School Embo

1 do on the door of the Public School Skelbo

1 do on the door of the Public School Birichen &

1 do on the door of the Assembly School Clashmore

Returned to Station at 5 p.m., at 6 p.m. patrolled the Town during the night & visited the Lodging houses found 1 man and 2 women in Mrs Campbell's and 1 man in Mrs Munro's. Attended **the arrival** of the mail gig and delivery of letters, **found all** quiet, retired from duty at 11 p.m. (Travelled ?? miles)

April 14<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 .15 a.m. called at the Police office and handed in to the Chief Constable, Orkney Constabulary Pedlars Certificate No: of Joseph Grieve for Endorsement. Afterwards was engaged in the office writing during the day patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night. Attended the arrival of mail gig and delivery of letters, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.20 p.m.

April 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and received instructions **from** Inspr. Bridgeford to Proceed to Ospisdale Moor and make enquiry into a Case of heather Burning Committed there on Friday night the 7<sup>th</sup> inst:- I accordingly proceeded to Proncy & from thence in Company with

Kenneth McLeod Gamekeeper there to Ospisdale Moor where we met George McKay Gamekeeper at Ospisdale and took the following statement from him. George McKay 49 years of age a Gamekeeper of W. E.Cattley Ospisdale & residing at Ospisdale in the Parish of Criech & County of Sutherland States.- On Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1976, I was on Ospisdale Moor Exercising some dogs when I met a boy whom I did not know going towards Ospisdale. We had a short conversations together when the Boy remarked that ?I've been putting a lot of heather on fire last night, I understood from this that some party must have been putting some heather on fire as I did not burn any myself this year. I at once returned to Ospisdale & afterwards went to the hill to see if any heather had been burned. On my arriving at a Loch called Lochanguish I observed that a great patch of the hill side situated to the north west of said Loch had been burned apparently on the previous night. I then proceeded to the house of Peter McDonald a Lotter residing at Rheanuish about a mile to the west of where the heather was burned to see if I could learn anything as to when & how the heather was set on fire. McDonald informed me that about 9 p.m. on the previous night he observed a large smoke on the hill **to** the east of his house and the appearance of heather burning, but that he did not know any things about **who put** fire to the heather, I then returned to Ospisdale and **informed** Mr Cattley of what took place. I am under the **impression** the said patch of heather had been burned by William Fraser a Lotter residing at Cnockan or one of his sons, as he Fraser very often complained to me of not burning enough of the heather and he Fraser having that part of the heather as pasture for his sheep and cattle. I have not the least suspicion of any other person that would set fire to the heather referred to.

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(Signed) George X McKay

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I afterwards took statements from Peter McDonald 74 years of age a Lotter residing at Rheanuish & the said William Fraser. I also made enquiry at several places at the west end of Birichen but found no clue as to how the heather was set on fire. Reported the Particulars to the P.F. and Chief Constable. At 6 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the night, attended arrival of mail gig and delivery of Letters, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11,30 p.m.

April 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constable Letters, attended Divine Service in the afternoon, patrolled the Town during the evening & night attended arrival of mail gig and delivery of Letters returned to my Lodgings at 10 p.m.



April 17<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the day & evening at 8 p.m. visited the Lodging houses found 1 man in Mrs Campbell's and none in Mrs Munro's. Attended arrival of mail gig and delivery of Letters, found all quiet retired from duty at 11 p.m.

April 18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9.45 a.m. took duty in the County Building till 5 p.m. on the occasion of the Election of a School Board for the Parish and Burgh of Dornoch . At 6 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the night, attended arrival of Mail gig & delivery of Letters, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.15 p.m.

April 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 9.50 a.m. called at the Police office and was afterwards engaged in posting up Printed Notices Containing the Names, Occupations and Residence of the Members Elected for the School Board of the Parish & Burgh of Dornoch at the following places namely.-

1 Notice at the Entrance gate of the Parish Church Dornoch

1 do at the Entrance gate of the Free Church Dornoch

1 do at the Entrance to the Court house Dornoch

1 do on the door of Parish School Dornoch

1 do on the door of Free Church School Dornoch

1 do on the door of Girls School Dornoch

1 do on the door of the Public School Embo

1 do on the door of the Public School Skelbo

1 do on the door of the Public School Birichen and

1 do on the door of the Assembly School Clashmore

Returned to Station at 6 p.m.. At 7 p.m. patrolled the Town at intervals during the night & visited the Lodging houses found none in them. At 10 p.m. attended arrival of mail gig which was an hour & a half late waited delivery of Letters, retired from duty at 11.20 p.m. (Travelled 16 miles)

April 20<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10.15 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there till 2.30 afterwards patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night attended the arrival of mail gig and delivery of Letters, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

April 21<sup>st</sup> Friday at 10.10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the forenoon till 5 p.m.. Thereafter patrolled the Town and its Vicinity met two Vagrants named James Brown & Ann Robertson or Brown and Challenged them to leave the Town – they proceeded in the direction of Golspie. Attended the arrival of the Mail Gig and delivery of the Letters, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 9.50 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged during the day till 7 p.m. also handed in to the C.C. an application for Pedlars Certificate of John Wilson. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, attended the delivery of the Letters found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables Letters, attended Divine Service in the afternoon, patrolled the Town during the evening & night, attended arrival & delivery of Mails. Returned to my Lodgings at 9.30 p.m.

April 24<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9.50 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged during the day till 7 p.m. at 8 p.m. visited the Lodging houses found 1 woman in Mrs Campbell's and 2 men in Mrs Munro's. Attended the arrival and delivery of mails, patrolled the Town at intervals during the night found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.15 p.m.

April 25<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9.30 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there till 12 noon at which time I attended at the Court house at the Trails of Kenneth McKay "Taylor" charged with Mal: Mis: Plead Guilty & was sentenced to pay a fine of 10 shillings or 24 hours imprt. Sarah Sutherland, Alexanderina Dempster or Sutherland & Betsy Sutherland, Charged with Theft or Mal: Mis: also Helen Sutherland, Margaret Sutherland, Catherine Sutherland and Janet Sutherland, charged with Theft of Wood, they were all severely Reprimanded and dismissed. Thereafter patrolled the Town at 5 p.m. proceeded along the road to Evelix & thence to the Poles. Visited the inn there occupied by Mrs Grey, from thence I returned to Dornoch at 7.30 p.m. and patrolled the Town. Attended the arrival of the mail gig and delivery of Letters, found the Town quiet, retired from duty at 11.20 p.m. (Travelled 6 miles)

April 26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and about 11 a.m. proceeded by Evelix and Birichen to Cnockan & Rheanuish & on my way through Birichen made some enquiries regarding the Heather Burning on Ospisdale Moor on 7<sup>th</sup> inst. and which I reported on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. I also made further enquiry at Cnockan and Rheanuish aforesaid but found no clue as to how or by whom the said heather was set on fire, as the people there about appeared very determined not to give me any information regarding I, from thence I proceeded across the Hill to Ospisdale to see if the Keeper there had ascertained anything further about it but I did not find him at home. On my

return to Dornoch I met Kenneth McLeod the Keeper at Proncy who stated that he was after returning from Ospisdale where he saw George McKay the Keeper there, but that either of them did not learn anything further about the Burning of the Heather. I returned to Dornoch about 6 p.m. and reported the result of my enquiries to the Chief Constable. At 7 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the night, attended the arrival of the Mail gig & delivery of Letters, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.10 p.m. (Travelled 14 miles)

April 27<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 9.50 a.m. called at the Police office at 10.30 a.m. Inspector Bridgeford drew my attention to a two year old Colt belong to Hugh Grey "40" a Carpenter and Lotter residing in Dornoch, which was grazing on the west side of the County road leading from Dornoch to Embo and on that part of said road immediately behind the house occupied by Alexander McHardy Esqr. Chief Constable. I drove the said Colt to the accused house and informed him that I would report the case, which I did to the Chief Constable. Employed in the office during the day till 6 p.m. At 7 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the night attended the arrival of mail gig and delivery of Letters found all quiet: retired from duty at 11 p.m.

April 28<sup>th</sup> Friday at 9.50 p.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the day and evening till 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. visited the Lodging houses found 2 men in Mrs Munro's and none in Mrs Campbell's. Attended the arrival and delivery of mails. Patrolled the Town during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.20 p.m.

April 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 9.30 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged during the forenoon. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening at 8 p.m. visited the Lodging houses and attended the arrival & delivery of mails. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, found all quiet. Retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

April 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the C.C. Letters. Patrolled the Town during the forenoon, attended Divine Service in the afternoon. Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening, retired to my Lodging at 9.30 p.m.

May 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the forenoon. About 12 noon Inspector Bridgeford informed me



that there were two young cows or Heifers belong to John McIntosh 66 years of age a Lotter residing at Dornoch on the County road which leads from Dornoch to Embo. I at once proceeded along said road and found the said two young cows or Heifers grazing on the west side of said road opposite the house occupied by Alexander McHardy Esqr. Chief Constable, I drove them along to the accused house where I saw himself who stated that one of his daughters had just gone down a short time before them to Little town with the whole of his cattle to get water, and that the two heifers referred to would have likely wandered away from his daughter unknown to her, and came along Church Street instead of going along the Links to his own lot of land. I told the accused that I would report the Case to the Chief Constable which I did after returning to the Police office.

At 4 p.m. proceeded along the road to Cuthill thence to Clashmore & returned by Evelix to Station at 7.30 p.m., at 8 p.m. visited the Lodging houses found 1 man and 1 woman in Mrs Campbell's and none in Mrs Munro's. Attended the arrival of the mail gig and delivery of the Letters, afterwards patrolled the Town at intervals during the night found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.20 p.m. (Travelled 9 miles)

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 9.50 a.m. called at the Police office, at 11 a.m. proceeded by Embo Village, Coull farm & Skelbo Castle to Cambusmore & from thence returned by Cambusavie and Poles to Station at 5 p.m. having called on the following parties viz:- George M Ross J.P Coull, Thomas Barclay Esqr. Skelbo Castle, M. Sutherland, Housekeeper Cambusmore and A. McKenzie Manager Cambusavie. At 6 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the night at 8 p.m. visited the Lodging houses found 1 man & 1 woman in Mrs Munro's and 1 man in Mrs Campbell's found the Town all quiet and retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 14 miles)

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 9.50 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there till 3 p.m. at 4 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night, at 8.30 p.m. visited the Lodging houses found 1 man & 1 woman at Mrs Munro's and none in Mrs Campbell's. Attended the Delivery of the Letters found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

May 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thereafter proceeded along the Big ferry road to and called on A. C. McDonald J.P. Cyderhall, thence proceeded to Cuthill and called on C. McLennan from thence proceeded to Skibo and called on J.B Grant Manager there, returned by Clashmore & Evelix to Station at 3 p.m., at 4 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity at 8 p.m. visited the Lodging houses found 1 man & 1 woman in Mrs

Munro's and none in Mrs Campbell's. Attended the arrival & delivery of mails, found all quiet retired from duty at 11.30p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

May 5<sup>th</sup> Friday at 9.50 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the fore and afternoon til 5 p.m. Patrolled the Town during the evening and night attended arrival and delivery of mails found all quiet retired from duty at 11.40 p.m.

May 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged during the fore and afternoon. Patrolled the Village at intervals during the evening & night. Visited the Lodging houses found 1 man in Mrs Munro's & none in Mrs Campbell's. Attended the arrival of Mail gig & delivery of Letters, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.40 p.m.

May 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters. Attended Divine Service in the afternoon. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening & night. Attended the arrival & delivery of Mails, remained in my Lodgings from 9 p.m.

May 8<sup>th</sup> Monday at 8 a.m. called at the Police office & thence proceeded to Clashmore where I met P.S. Anderson Brora & P.C. Fairweather, Bonar & took duty there along with them during the day on the occasion of a Market being held at Clashmore. At 7 p.m. according to instructions from the Chief Constable I proceeded to the Big Ferry and Visited the Inn there, occupied by David Annat in case of any disturbance being committed there by those returning from the Market & having to close the ferry. I remained there till 10 p.m. when I found the place all quiet & returned to Clashmore & patrolled about the Inn there till about 12 p.m. & then returned to Dornoch at 1 a.m. of 9<sup>th</sup> inst: in Company with Inspr. Bridgeford & Sergt. Anderson all things having passed off orderly & quiet (Travelled 11 miles)

May 9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the fore & afternoon. At 6 p.m. when patrolling the Town I found two mares and a one year old filly belong to Hugh McKenzie 42 years of age a Tenant residing at the Receiving house Dornoch grazing on the north side of the County road leading through the Town of Dornoch & on that part of said which is opposite the Blacksmiths shop occupied by David Campbell Blacksmith Dornoch. I drove the said two mares & filled along the road to the Receiving house where I met the accused who was a good deal the worse of drink. I Cautioned him for allowing his horses to stray throughout the Town. He stated that they were grazing on the Links all day & would likely be on their way home when found by me. On my telling the accused that I would

report the Case, he begged on me not to do so & said if I didn't that he would write to the home Secretary about me. I however reported the case to the Chief Constable.

Patrolled the Town during the night and met a Vagrant named Edmund Etherton 42 years of age a native of North Herton Yorkshire, Cautioned him to leave the district. Attended the arrival & delivery of mails, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.20 p.m.

May 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & received instructions from Inspr. Bridgeford to make enquiry regarding some smoke seen by the Chief Constable on the hills to the west of Birichen supposed to be heather burning. I accordingly proceeded to the top of Birichen & on arriving at Lone Dornoch I came into conversation with Nicholas McKay a Lotter there who informed me that on Friday last the 3<sup>rd</sup> Count, he had been putting a large heap of weeds on fire which made a great smoke which I think must have been the smoke seen by the Chief Constable. He McKay is of opinion that there were no heather put on fire this year on any of the hills about there. I then proceeded along the north side of Loch Louney to the top of Craig Laidh & then crossed at the west side of Loch Leigh & went to the top of Meall-an-eoin & thence returned by the north side 7 west end of Loch Leigh but could see no appearance of any heathers being burned this year on any of the hills round about there. I returned to Dornoch at 6 p.m. and reported the results of my enquiries to the Chief Constable at 8 p.m. patrolled the town and attended the arrival & delivery of the Mails, found all quiet & retired from duty at 11.15 p.m. (Travelled 20 miles)

May 11<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 9.45 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the forenoon writing. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night. Attended the arrival and delivery of mails, also visited the Lodging houses but found no Lodgers in them, found the Town all quiet and retired from duty at 11.10 p.m.

May 12<sup>th</sup> Friday at 9 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the forenoon. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, at 8 p.m. visited the Lodging houses but found no Lodgers. Attended the arrival of the Mail gig and delivery of the Letters, found the Town all quiet and heard no complaints during the day, retired from duty at 11 p.m.

May 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 9.50 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there till 3 p.m. at 4 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening & night. Attended the arrival of mail gig & delivery of Letters also



visited the Lodging houses found no Lodgers in them, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

May 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9.50 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters. Attended Divine Service in the afternoon, patrolled the Town & its Vicinity at the intervals during the evening & night. Attended arrival & delivery of mails, remained in my Lodgings from 10 p.m.

May 15<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9.30 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there writing during the day till 6 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night. Attended arrival & delivery of mails. Visited the Lodging houses found 2 men in Munro's & none in Mrs Campbell's. Patrolled the Town during the night, found all quiet retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

May 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9.45 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the forenoon. Patrolled the Town afterwards during the evening and night attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, also visited the Lodging houses, found none in Mrs Munro's and Mrs Campbell's, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.15 p.m.

May 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there till 2 p.m. after which time patrolled the Town and its Vicinity at intervals during the evening and night. Attended the arrival & delivery of mails. Visited the Lodging houses found 1 man in Mrs Campbell's and none in Mrs Munro's, found the Town all quiet & heard no complaints retired from duty at 11.20 p.m.

May 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 9.50 a.m. called at the Police office at 11.30 a.m. proceeded by Embo Village to Coull and called on G.M Ross, J.P. thence proceeded to Skelbo Castle and called on N Fraser & from thence returned by Skelbo Moor & Poles to Station at 3 p.m., at 4 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night visited the Lodging houses found 1 man in Mrs Campbell's and none in Mrs Munro's. Attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found the Town all quiet retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 10 miles)

May 19<sup>th</sup> Friday at 9.50 a.m. called at the Police office & thence proceeded by Evelix & Clashmore to Clash and attended at a sale of Household Furniture and Farm Implements belonging to William Forsythe a Lotter there all passed off quietly. I returned to Station at 6 p.m. at 7 p.m. patrolled the Town and its

Vicinity during the night, visited the Lodging houses found none in them attended the arrival & delivery of mails, found the Town all quiet & retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 8 miles)

May 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the fore & afternoon. At 7 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity. Visited the Lodging houses found none in them, attended the arrival & delivery of mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

May 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters, attended Divine Service in the afternoon. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening attended the arrival of mail gig and delivery of letters remained in my Lodgings from 9.30 p.m.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there till 12 noon at which time I proceeded along the road by Davochfin to Cyderhall & called on the following parties Viz:- C. McDonald Cyderhall, C. McLennan Cuthill, D. Annat Ferrytown Inn., I. Grant Skibo & James McIntosh Clashmore. Returned by Evelix to Station at 5 p.m., at 6 p.m. patrolled the Town & its Vicinity attended the arrival and delivery of the letters also visited the Lodging houses found 2 men & 1 woman in Mrs Campbell's and none in Mrs Munro's, found all quiet & retired from duty at 11.10 p.m. (Travelled 14 miles)

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 8.30 a.m. called at the Police office and received a Warrant for the apprehension of Alexander Campbell a Ploughman at Proncy charged with Assault to the effusion of Blood. At 9 .30 a.m. proceeded to Proncy aforesaid & there apprehended the said Alexander Campbell & conveyed him to the Court House Dornoch & there attended his Trial, he pled guilty to the assault but not to the effusion of Blood which Plea was accepted by the P.F. he was afterwards sentenced to pay a fine of £1.1 shilling or suffer 7 days Impt. Fine paid.

On Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1876 when proceeding along the County Road leading from Dornoch to the Meikle Ferry and when at that part of said Road about 30 yards to the east of Cuthill Smithy occupied by Robert Sutherland a Blacksmith residing there, I found two cows belong to Robert Sutherland aforesaid grazing on the north side of said Road, I Cautioned the said Robert Sutherland for allowing his cows to graze there and reported the particulars to the Chief Constable. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, visited the

Lodging houses found 1 man & 1 woman in Mrs Campbell's & none in Mrs Munro's, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11 p.m. (Travelled 4 miles)

May 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 9.50 a.m. called at the Police office & at 12 noon patrolled the Town & its Vicinity at intervals during the evening & night. Attended the arrival and delivery of mails, also visited the Lodging Houses found 1 man & 1 woman in Mrs Munro's & 1 man in Mrs Campbell's found the Town all quiet retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

May 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded to and called on the following parties namely: William Ross Manager Embo Mains, D. McLean Teacher Embo Village, William Ross Manager Coull & M Stewart Housekeeper Cambusmore, also visited Cambusavie & returned by Poles to Dornoch at 4 p.m., at 5 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening & night. At 8 p.m. visited the Lodging houses found 1 man in Mrs Munro's and none in Mrs Campbell's found the Town all quiet retired from duty at 11.40 p.m. (Travelled 14 miles)

May 26<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & afterwards patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the day and night. At 8 p.m. visited the Lodging houses found 1 man & 1 woman in Mrs Munro's and none in Mrs Campbell's also attended the arrival of mail gig & delivery of letters, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

May 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 8 a.m. met P.C. Sandieson Helmsdale who arrived with Prisoner Daniel Smith. At 9.30 a.m. called at the Police office & from thence proceeded along the road by Evelix & Clashmore to Ospisdale called on M Cumming Housekeeper there did not meet P.C. Fairweather. About 11.30 a.m. when about 200 yards to the east of Overskibo Farm Square I found a light grey Cushion on the centre of the road. I made enquiry at Overskibo & Ospisdale but could not ascertain whither any conveyances had passed either way during the day. On my return from Ospisdale I called at Skibo Lodge and was informed by John S. Reiss Gamekeeper there that about 10 a.m. he observed Mr Barclay Skelbo passing west with a conveyance & that he was of opinion that he noticed the said cushion on the hindmost part of Mr Barclay's conveyance. As Mr Barclay was likely to make enquiry for the said cushion on his return I left it with Mr Reiss who is to keep it till he find an owner. I returned to Station at 3p.m. and reported the above particulars to the Chief Constable. At 5 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night, at 8 p.m. visited the Lodging houses, found 3 men in Mrs Campbell's and none in Mrs Munro's. Attended the



arrival and delivery of the Mails, found the Town all quiet retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

May 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters, attended Divine Service & patrolled the Town during the day & evening. Attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, returned to my Lodgings at 10 p.m.

May 29<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9.45 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there writing during the day till 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the night. Attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.15p.m.

May 30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there till 3p.m. At 5 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night. Attended arrival & delivery of mails found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.40 p.m.

May 31<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and from thence proceeded to and called on the following parties namely W. Ross Manager Embo Mains, D. McLean Teacher Embo Village, William Ross Manager Coull, J. Barclay Skelbo Castle, M. Sutherland Cambusmore & A. McKenzie Manager Cambusavie, returned by Poles to Station at 4 p.m. At 5 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening & night, attended the arrival & departure of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 14 miles)

June 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 9 a.m. patrolled the Town & at 10 a.m. called at the Post office and was engaged there during the day till 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town and Vicinity during the night, attended arrival & delivery of mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.15 p.m.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there till 5 p.m. At 6 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity, attended the arrival of mail gig and delivery of letters. Visited the Lodging houses, found none in them, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.20 p.m.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office from thence proceeded along the road to Ospisdale met P.C. Fairweather, Bonar there at 12 noon. Called on W. E. Cattley Esqr. Ospisdale afterwards returned same route to Skibo & called on J.B. *Haut* Manager there, thence to Station at 4 p.m. At

5 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night, attended the arrival & departure of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.40 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

June 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters. Attended Divine Service in the afternoon, patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening & night attended the arrival of mail gig & delivery of letters, retired to my Lodgings at 10 p.m.

June 5<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9 .30 a.m. called at the Police office & at 10 a.m. proceeded along to Cyderhall & called on A. S McDonald J.P. thence to Cuthill & called on Colin McLennan Farmer there, also enquired of Mr McLennan if he had given a Certificate to Roderick McCulloch lately a farm servant at Cuthill but presently an applicant for the Edinburgh City Police. Mr McLennan told me he did & on my showing him said Certificate he said it had been granted by him & was quite correct. I afterwards proceeded to the Meikle Ferry & called on D. Annat Inn Keeper there. Thence returned same route to Station at 3 p.m. At 4 p.m. completed my weekly report & contingent account. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

June 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the day till 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity & attended the arrival & delivery of mails. Also visited the Lodging Houses found 1 man in Mrs Munro's & none in Mrs Campbell's found all quiet retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

June 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & from thence proceeded to and called on the following parties namely:- W. Ross, Manager Embo, G. M. Ross, J.P. Coull, T. Barclay Esqr. Skelbo Castle & A. Sutherland, Teacher Skelbo also visited Embo Fishing Village, returned by Poles to Station at 4.30 p.m. When at Skelbo Castle Mr Barclay informed me that on Tuesday last when on his way to Dornoch a little terrier dog belonging to one of his daughters had followed him & when he was about entering the wood at Fourpenny he observed the little dog hunting about the road side & did not see it afterwards till he returned to Skelbo in the evening when he was informed by his Servants that the Dog returned to Skelbo shortly after he Mr Barclay had left & that it appeared to be suffering very much and died shortly after returning. Mr Barclay is very much annoyed at loosing the Dog as it was a valuable one & a great favourite among his family. Mr Barclay stated that

he was informed by one of his Ploughmen that several other dogs about Skelbo had been Poisoned lately & Mr Barclay is of opinion that there must be some Poison or other stuff laid down about the woods at Fourpenny for the purpose of destroying Dogs. I made some enquiry regarding the above when returning through Skelbo and was informed that several Dogs had been killed or Poisoned about Skelbo & Poles lately but could find no clue as to how or by whom this had been done. Mr Barclay had no Suspicion of any person who would do this. I reported the above particulars to the Chief Constable. At 6 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity, attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, visited the Lodging Houses, found 1 man & 1 woman in Mrs Munro & none in Mrs Campbell's, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.15 p.m. (Travelled 10 miles)

June 8<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and received instructions from Inspr. Bridgeford to proceed to Lairg to assist P.C. Gordon on the occasion of the Northmen at Shiness (*Sheinness*) being Paid. At 12 noon I proceeded to the Mound & thence per goods train to Lairg. I met P.C. Gordon at Lairg Hotel at 4.15 p.m. and took duty there along with him during the evening & night there were a great number of the Workmen Collected about the Hotel during the night & indulged in drinking rather freely, they however all dispersed quietly by 11.30 p.m. & finding the place all quiet we retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 22 miles)

June 9<sup>th</sup> Friday at 8 a.m. patrolled about Lairg & at 10.30 a.m. returned by goods Train to the Mound & arrived in Dornoch at 2 p.m. At 4 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night. Attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails. Visited the Lodging Houses found 1 man & 1 woman in Mrs Munro's & none in Mrs Campbell's, found all quiet & retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. Travelled 22 miles

June 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and got instructions from Inspr. Bridgeford to Proceed to Lairg to assist P.C. Gordon as a great number of the Shiness Northmen was expected to be down at Lairg drinking during the evening. At 12 noon I proceeded to the Mound & thence per Train to Lairg. Met P.C. Gordon at Lairg Police Station at 5 p.m. and took duty about Lairg Hotel during the evening & night. A good many of the Northmen visited the Hotel & drank pretty freely during the night but no disturbance took place they all having orderly & quiet shortly after 11 p.m. we retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 22 miles)



June 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Remained at Lairg Police Station during the fore noon. Patrolled about Lairg during the afternoon & returned to the Railway Station & from thence per Train to the Mound & mail gig to Dornoch where I arrived at 8 p.m. Called at the Police office & returned to my Lodgings at 10 p.m. (Travelled 22 miles)

June 12<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed during the day also completed my weekly report. Patrolled the Town during the evening attended the arrival & delivery of the mails at 9 p.m. visited the Lodging Houses, found 2 men in Mrs Campbell's & none in Mrs Munro's found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

June 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office at 11 a.m. proceeded along the road to and called on the following parties namely Wm. Munro Farmer Evelix, Jas. MacIntosh Postmaster Clashmore, John Grant Manager Skibo, M. Cumming housekeeper Ospisdale & James Murray Manage Pulrossie thence returned same route to Station at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the night, attended arrival & delivery of mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11 p.m. (Travelled 15 miles)

June 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 9.45 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed during the day till 7 p.m. At 7.30 p.m. proceeded along the road by Poles to Balvraid Smithy thence returned same route to Station at 11.40 p.m. having visited the Inn at Poles at 11 p.m. found it regular. (Travelled 10 miles)

June 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the forenoon. At 7 p.m. attended Divine Service, this being a sacramental Fast Day. Patrolled the Town during the evening & proceeded along the road to the Poles, returned same route to Station at 8.30 p.m. At 9 p.m. patrolled the Town & retired from duty at 10 p.m.

June 16<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed till 12 noon. Patrolled the Town during the afternoon & evening, attended the arrival of the mail gig & delivery of Letters, found all quiet retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

June 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there till 2 p.m. Thereafter patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night, attended the arrival & delivery of the letters also visited the Lodging houses but found no lodgers in them found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

June 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters. Attended Divine Service in the afternoon. At 4 p.m. proceeded along the road to Poles thence returned same route to Station at 8 p.m. Thereafter attended the delivery of the letters and retired from duty at 11 p.m. (Travelled 5 miles)

June 19<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there till 3 p.m. At 4 p.m. patrolled the Town and neighbourhood at intervals during the evening and night. Attended the arrival & delivery of the mails. At 9 p.m. visited the Lodging Houses found no Lodgers in them, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11 p.m.

June 20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9.45 a.m. called at the Police office at 11 a.m. proceeded to and called on the following parties namely:- William Ross Manage Embo , D. McLean Teacher Embo Village, G. M. Ross J.P. Coull, T. Barclay Skelbo Castle & A. Sutherland Teacher Skelbo, thence returned by the Poles & Embo Main to Station at 5 p.m. At 7 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the night attended the arrival of mail gig & delivery of letters found all quiet retired from duty at 11.10 p.m. (Travelled 12 miles)

June 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the day till 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town and Vicinity attended arrival of mail gig & delivery of Letters found all quiet retired from duty at 11 p.m.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7 a.m. called at the Police office & at 8 a.m. proceeded to the Mound in Company with Robert Gunn Carrier who was conveying the Weights & Measures to the .....

*Unfortunately a page is missing here and the next entry is the continuation of June 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday*

June 28<sup>th</sup> (Continued) Patrolled the Town at intervals during the night attended the arrival & delivery of the Mails, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

June 29<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police and was employed there during the day till 7 p.m.

At 8.15 p.m. attended the arrival of the mail gig & met P.C. Gordon Lairg who arrived with John Gordon a Tramp charged with Breach of the Peace and Malicious Mischief at Lairg, on 26<sup>th</sup> inst he having broken two panes of plate glass in the front window of the shop occupied by John Watson Postmaster Lairg. He Gordon being also charged with Malicious Mischief at East Brora in March last & for he having absconded at that time. No trace could be obtained of his whereabouts till the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. I locked up the said John Gordon in one of the Strong Rooms. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.15 p.m.

June 30<sup>th</sup> Friday at 4 a.m. attended the departure of the Mail gig at 5.30 a.m. proceeded along the road by Poles to Balvraid Smithy, returned same route to the Poles & thence through Embo Main to Station at 7.30 a.m. At 8 a.m. called at the Police office & attended to John Gordon the Tramp above mentioned, was employed in the office till 12 noon at which time I conveyed John Gordon Prisoner to the Court house for trial. Plead guilty & was Sentenced to 30 days with hard labour. Was employed in the office during the afternoon & evening, also attended the arrival of Mail gig and delivery of the letters, patrolled the Town during the night found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

July 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed during the day till 7.30 p.m. At 8.15 p.m. attended the arrival & delivery of the Mails afterwards visited the Lodging Houses, found no Lodgers in them, patrolled the Town, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters. At 1 p.m. attended Divine Service. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening, attended arrival & delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 10.30 p.m.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 9 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged during the day till 6 p.m.

At 7 p.m. I received Information that Jane Sutherland or McKay 78 years of age a Widow residing at Littleton Dornoch in the Parish of Dornoch & County of Sutherland was found dead at a Pigsty in the garden situated in front of her house at Littleton aforesaid. I at once proceeded to Littleton & made enquiry and took the following statements Viz:-



Helen McKay or Munro 44 years of age wife of and residing with Alex. Munro a Tailor residing at Littletown states:- About 9 a.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1876 a little girl informed me that Widow McKay aforesaid was lying on the road near the end of my house. I immediately went out and found her lying on her side on the road, her nose and mouth was full of blood and also a good deal swollen. I lifted her up and got her face washed. She stated that she had been up at Ross's shop for some groceries & when returning near my house she felt herself getting very weak which caused her to fall and strike her mouth & nose on the ground. I then called to Rebecca McKay or Murray wife of and residing with Alexander Murray a Carter residing at Littletown who was passing at the time and we both conveyed her to her own house, when she stated that she felt much better and did not wish us to remain any longer. I afterwards observed the said Widow McKay outside her own house several times during the day. Again about 5.30 p.m. Georgina Davidson daughter of and residing with David Davidson a Labourer at Littletown called upon me and informed me that Widow McKay aforesaid was lying in the garden in front of her house & wished me to come and see her. I at once proceeded to the house of Widow McKay aforesaid where I found a few women & children standing outside the garden but none of them would venture to go into the garden. I at once went to where Widow McKay was lying took hold of her hand and found that she was quite dead. I also put my hand into her breast but could feel no more of any kind. I then informed those who were standing outside that Widow McKay was dead & they assisted me in conveying her remains into her own house. When found in the garden she was sitting with her back leaning against a Pile of Sticks close to the Pig Sty with her head falling backwards, there was also a little pot close beside her with some meat for the Pig and I am of the opinion that when she went out to feed the Pig she would have left herself getting weak and would have sat down where she expired, she was very subject to fits of weakness for some time past & appeared to be very weak during the day.

Rebecca McKay or Murray aforesaid states:- on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1876 about 9 a.m. I was assisting Mrs Munro aforesaid in conveying Widow McKay aforesaid to her own house and about 5.30 p.m. on same date I was on my way to the house of the said Widow McKay to see how she was & on my arriving in front of her house I observed her lying in the garden. I got very much frightened at seeing her appearance and called to some of the neighbours who came but none of us would venture to go near her till Mrs Munro aforesaid came who went into the garden where Widow McKay was lying and informed us that she was quite dead. I can corroborate the Proceeding Witness Statement in full.

I reported the above particulars to the Procurator Fiscal and Chief Constable. Patrolled the Town during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed till 12 noon at which hour I attended at the Court house at the Trial of Donald Bannerman a Cooper from Helmsdale charged with Breach of the Peace committed at Helmsdale on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 1875. He Plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of £1 1 shilling or go to Prison for 7 days (fine Paid)

I was engaged in the Police during the afternoon and evening. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity attended the arrival and delivery of the mails found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

July 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed writing during the day till 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town and Vicinity attended the arrival & delivery of the mails found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

July 6<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the forenoon. Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the afternoon and evening , attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails also visited the Lodging houses, found 2 men in Mrs Campbell's and 1 woman in Mrs Munro's, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

July 7<sup>th</sup> Friday at 9.30 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged till 12 noon at which hour I attended at the Court house at the Trials of the following parties namely:- Hugh Matheson & Alexander Gordon Bonar Bridge charged with Assault. Gordon Plead guilty & Matheson not guilty, but in respect of the evidence produced the Sheriff found Matheson guilty as Libelled and Sentenced both to pay a fine of 30 shilling each or go days to Prison fines paid in Court. Andrew McKay Dalmore Rogart charged with Breach of the Peace admonished & dismissed & William McGlashan Achrimsdale Clyne charged with Assault and previous Conviction. Plead guilty & was sentenced to sixty days Imprisonment without the option of a fine Lodged the said William McGlashan in Prison thereafter patrolled the Town and its Vicinity at intervals during the night, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails. At 9 p.m. visited the Lodging Houses found 1 man & 1 woman in Mrs Munro's & 2 men in Mrs Campbell's. Visited the Eagle Inn at

11 p.m. found it regular & orderly, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

July 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 9 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged during the fore and afternoon till 7.30 p.m. At 8 p.m. visited the Lodging houses found no Lodgers in them, found the Town all quiet & retired from duty at 12 p.m.

July 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday visited the Meikle Ferry in the fore noon. In the afternoon attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails thereafter patrolled the Town & found all quiet, returned to my Lodgings at 10.30 p.m. (Travelled 10 miles)

July 10<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there till 12 noon at which hour I attended Inspection by the Hon. Mr Carnegie Government Inspector of Police for Scotland, thereafter patrolled the town at intervals during the evening, attended arrival & delivery of Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11 o'clock p.m.

July 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the day and evening. Patrolled the Town during the night attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails at 9 p.m. visited the Lodging Houses found 1 woman in Mrs Campbell's & none in Mrs Munro's, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

July 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the day till 7 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town & its Vicinity during the night. Attended arrival and delivery of the Mails found all quiet and retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

July 13<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed cleaning Weights & Measures during the fore & afternoon. Patrolled the Town during the evening and night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.15 p.m.

July 14<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed during the forenoon. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night attended the arrival and departure of the Mails found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.



July 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office at 11 a.m. proceeded by Pitgrudy Farm Square to Embo Moor and visited the Reclamation Works there. Returned same route to Station at 2 p.m. and was employed in the office during the evening, patrolled the Town during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

July 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters. At 1 p.m. attended Divine Service. Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, remained at my Station from 9.30 p.m.

July 17<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & from thence proceeded along the Road to the Poles & visited the Inn there occupied by Mrs Grey, from thence proceeded to Skelbo School & called on A. Sutherland Teacher there, afterwards visited Skelbo Castle & called on T. Barclay Esqr. thence proceeded by Four-parks to Balvraid Smithy & returned by Poles to Station at 5 p.m. At 6 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the night attended the arrival & delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

July 18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & from thence proceeded by Evelix to Clashmore and attended there at a sale of Drapery and other goods till 3 p.m. afterwards returned same route to Station at 5 p.m. At 6 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night, attended the arrival & delivery of the Mails. At 9.30 p.m. visited the Lodging Houses found 1 man in Mrs Campbell's and none in Mrs Munro's, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

July 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 9.30 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged during the fore and afternoon at 8 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity & visited the Lodging Houses found 2 men in Mrs Campbell's and none in Mrs Munro's, attended the delivery of the letters, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

July 20<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the fore and afternoon. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town and attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.40 p.m.

July 21<sup>st</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there till 12 noon: at which time I conveyed Peter Nelson Itinerant clock

cleaner from the Prison to the Court House where he was charged before Sheriff McKenzie with Committing a Breach of the Peace on 18<sup>th</sup> inst. in the *Porter* and the house occupied by Jane Sutherland or McKay at Helmsdale to which he Plead guilty & was sentence to pay a fine of £1. 1 shilling or 7 days Imps. He went to jail. At 3 p.m. proceeded by Evelix to Proncy Cottage & called on John Morrison Ground officer there, thence to the Poles & returned to Station at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town and attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, also visited the Lodgings Houses found no Lodgers in them, found the Town all quiet and retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 6 miles)

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and from thence proceeded by Evelix & Clashmore to Ospisdale & called on M. Cumming housekeeper there, did not meet P.C. Fairweather. On my return visited Skibo Castle and called on W. Shaw Butler there to Station at 4 p.m. At 5 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet and retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters. At 1.30 p.m. attended Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. proceeded to the Poles and Skelbo Moor thence returned same route to Station at 8 p.m. At 8.30 p.m. attended the delivery of the Mails, found all quiet and remained in Station from 10 p.m. (Travelled 5 miles)

July 24<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and completed my weekly report, afterwards patrolled the Town and its Vicinity till 4 p.m. at which time I proceeded by the Little ferry to Golspie & thence by Train to Brora on leave of absence.

*The writing on these pages is very faint at times and typing in italics indicates unable to see words at all and making a guess. Assume they have been exposed to sunlight at some time, possible water damage also.*

July 25<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there till 12 noon, thereafter patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night, attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

July 26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & from thence proceeded to Embo Farm Square & called on William Ross Manager there, thence proceeded by Embo Village to Coull *called on* G.M. Ross J.P. thereafter visited Skelbo & called on A. Barclay, from thence proceeded by

Skelbo burn to Balvraid Smithy & returned by the Poles to Dornoch at 4 p.m. At 6.30 p.m. proceeded by Evelix & Poncy to the Poles & watched about there till 9 p.m. trying to detect Road offences. Returned to Dornoch at 9.40 p.m. & patrolled the Town, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 16 miles)

July 27<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there till 12 noon. At 1 p.m. proceeded by the Big Ferry road to Cyderhall & called on E McDonald thence to Cuthill & called on Colin McLennan & from thence to Clashmore & called on Jas McIntosh Postmaster there returned by Evelix to Station at 4 p.m.. At 5 p.m. patrolled the Town and visited the Lodging Houses found 1 woman in Mrs Munro's & 1 man & 1 woman in Mrs Campbell's, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11 p.m. (Travelled 10 miles)

July 28<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the *Police office* and was employed there till 12 noon at which time I proceeded to the Court house and attended there at ..... afterwards patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night, attended the arrival and delivery of *the Mails*, also visited the Lodging houses, found one woman in Mrs Munro's and none in Mrs Campbell's, found the Town all quiet, retired form duty at 11.?? p.m.

July 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & then proceeded by Evelix & Clashmore to Ospisdale & called on M Cumming housekeeper there, thence returned same route to Skibo & called on W. Shaw Butler thence to Station ..... Also met P,C. Fairweather at Ospisdale at 12 noon. Patrolled the Town during the evening and night at 8.30 p.m. visited the Lodging *houses* found 1 woman in Mrs Munro's and none in Mrs Campbell's. Attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet during the night, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled ?? miles)

July 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters. At 1.30 p.m. attended Divine Service. At 5 p.m. proceeded by Embo & through Embo Moor to the Poles & thence along the road ..... from thence returned by Mail gig to Station at 8 p.m. attended the delivery of the letters, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.p.m. (*Travelled ?? miles*)

July 31<sup>st</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and completed my weekly report, thereafter patrolled the Town and its Vicinity. At 4 p.m. proceeded by Evelix to Proncy and called on John Morrison Ground officer there, thence proceeded to the Poles and returned to Station at 7 p.m. and



attended the arrival and delivery of the mails. About 8.40 p.m. when going along the County road opposite the Dornoch Prison I observed a cow grazing on the north side of said Road and on that part thereof which is opposite the said Prison, I watched the said cow for a few minutes when I observed the accused coming along from the Dornoch Inn Stables and taking the said cow away. I asked the accused if the said cow belonged to him and he told me that it did and stated that if had been taken up from Dornoch links only a few minutes before then and that he only left it on the Road till he would return from the Stables above mentioned. I Cautioned the accused for leaving his cow to graze on the sides of the said Road & informed him that I would report the case to the Chief Constable which I did no this date.

Patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.40 p.m. (Travelled 6 miles)

August 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and completed my monthly report was engaged in the Police office during the fore & afternoon, attended arrival & delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.40p.m.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police where I was engaged till 11 a.m. At which hour I proceeded to the Court house and attended at a J.P Court where the following cases were disposed of. 1<sup>st</sup> George Munro, Grocer Bonar Bridge charged with Breach of his Licence Certificate, he plead guilty and was Sentenced to pay a fine of £5 with £2.9 shillings 11 pence expenses or days Impt. (fine paid) 2<sup>nd</sup> Alexander Ross and Margaret McLeod or Ross Altas charged with Trafficking in Spirits without a Certificate. (*Shebeening*) Alexander Ross Plead not guilty & Margaret McLeod or Ross plead guilty and was Sentenced to pay a fine of £7 with £2 11 shillings 3 pence of Expences or 60 days Imprt. (fine paid) the P.F having departed from the charge against Alexander Ross. 3<sup>rd</sup> Betsy Ross Altas, charged with Trafficking in Spirits without a Certificate (*Shebeening*) Pled guilty and was Sentenced to pay a fine of £7 with 5shillings 3 pence of Expenced or 60 days Impt., she went to Jail but afterwards Paid the fine & was liberated

Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, also visited the Lodging houses found 1 man & 1 woman in Mrs Campbell's & none in Mrs Munro's found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

August 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged till 7 p.m. afterwards patrolled the Town and Vicinity and attended

the arrival & delivery of the Mails, also visited the Lodging houses but found no Lodgers in them, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

August 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed till 12 noon at which hour I proceeded to and called on the following parties namely:- James McIntosh Clashmore, John Grant Skibo Castle, M McLennan Cuthill, A.C. McDonald Cyderhall and J McIntosh Davochfin returned to Station at 3 p.m. At 4 p.m. patrolled the Town and Vicinity during the evening. At 9 p.m. Visited the Lodging houses found 2 men in Mrs Campbell's and none in Mrs Munro's found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11 p.m. (Travelled 10 miles)

August 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during fore and afternoon till 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity and Visited the Lodging Houses found no Lodgers in them, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.40 p.m.

August 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters. At 1 p.m. attended Divine Service. In the evening patrolled the Town and its Vicinity, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 10 p.m.

August 7<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9.40 a.m. called at the Police office and from thence proceeded to and called on the following parties namely:- Wm. Ross Manager Embo, G.M. Ross J.P. Coull, T Barclay Esqr. Skelbo Castle and A. Sutherland, Teacher, Skelbo, thence returned by the Poles to Station at 3.30 p.m. Patrolled the town and its Vicinity during the night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 12 miles)

August 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and according to instructions which I received from the Chief Constable on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst, **anent** E.C.Sutherland Walker Esqr. of Skibo giving a Dinner and Ball to his Tenants and inviting P.C. Fairweather and I to the same, and the Chief Constable having granted us leave of absence for this reason. About 12 noon I proceeded to Skibo Castle in Plain Clothes where I met P.C. Fairweather. We both attended the Dinner in the afternoon and in the evening patrolled through the gardens & pleasure grounds about Skibo Castle. At 7 p.m. we enjoyed ourselves at the Ball during the night which broke up at 4.30 p.m. on the following morning without the least disturbance taking place. I retired to my station at 6 a.m. of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. (Travelled 8 miles)

August 9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed during the forenoon. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, attended the arrival & delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11 p.m.

August 10<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the forenoon. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.40 p.m.

August 11<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and afterwards patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the day and night. At 8 p.m. Visited the Lodging houses found 2 men in Mrs Campbell's and none in Mrs Munro's, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

August 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and from thence proceeded to and called on the following parties namely:- James McIntosh Clashmore, John Grant Skibo & M Cumming Ospisdale, thence returned same route to Station at 5 p.m. At 6 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the night and visited the Lodging houses found 1 man in Mrs Campbell's and none in Mrs Munro's, found the Town all quiet & retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 11miles)

August 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters. At 1 p.m. attended Divine Service. Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity at intervals during the evening. Attended the arrival & delivery of the Mails, remained in Station from 10 p.m.

August 14<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged till 1 p.m. thereafter proceeded by Embo Farm to Embo Village & patrolled there, thence returned by Embo Improvement Works and Pitgrudie Farm to Station at 5 p.m. Patrolled the town at intervals during the night, attended the arrival of the mail gig & delivery of the letters, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 7 miles)

August 15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & was employed there during the forenoon. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

August 16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police and was employed there during the fore and afternoon, patrolled the Town during the night,

visited the Lodging houses found 1 man & 1 woman in Mrs Campbell's & none in Mrs Munro's. At 9 .20 p.m. attended the arrival of mail gig which was an hour and a half late, attended the delivery of the letters found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

August 17<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the day & evening, at 8 p.m. patrolled the town and its Vicinity & visited the Lodging houses found none in them. Attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

August 18<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & from thence proceeded by the Poles to Skelbo & called on A. Fraser Clerk there, thence proceeded to Cambusmore and called on S. Bateson from thence proceeded to the Mound Railway Station & called on A. Fraser Railway agent. Attended the arrival & departure of the 2.59 p.m. up train. Returned to Balvraid & the Poles to Station at 8.15 p.m.

About 6.20 p.m. when returning by the Parliamentary Road which leads from the Mound to the Poles & when at that part of said Road which is opposite or near to the house situated at Balvraid occupied by Robert McKay a Wood Cutter residing there, I found 2 cows and 1 heifer belong to William Matheson 40 years of age (married) a Merchant & Lotter residing at Balvraid aforesaid. I drove the said cattle up to the accused house & asked him why he allowed his cattle to graze on the said Road. He stated that they had been closed in a small park in front of his house during the evening & that he was not aware of how they got out to the Road. I told the accused that I would report him for this offence. I have previously warned the accused for allowing his cattle to graze on the sides of said Road.

At 8.30 p.m. patrolled the Town and vicinity during the night, attended the arrival of the mail gig and delivery of the letters, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. Travelled 16 miles.

August 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & from thence proceeded by Clashmore to Ospisdale & called on M Cumming housekeeper there, did not meet P.C. Fairweather. On my return called on J.McKae Skibo Castle & J. McIntosh Clashmore to Station at 3.30 p.m. At 4 p.m. employed in the office till 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town and attended the arrival & delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

August 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 4 a.m. left Station and proceeded along the Road by the Poles to Cambusavie, thence returned same route to Station at 9 a.m.



About 7.15 a.m. when returning by the Parliamentary road which leads from the Mound to the Poles & when at that part of said Road which is about 250 yards north of the Inn situated at the Poles occupied by Mrs Gray, I found a cow & a Stirk belong to Donald McKenzie 50 years of age a Lotter residing at the Poles grazing on the sides of said Road. I drove the said Cow & Skirk back towards the Poles when I observed Helen Sutherland or McKenzie wife of & residing with the accused coming running from their house & came to the road where I was. As I was in plain clothes I informed the accused that I was the Constable at Dornoch & asked her if the said cow & skirk belonged to her. She informed me that they belonged to her husband who left early in the morning & went to the Creich Sacraments. She further stated that she only put out the said cow & heifer to the road sides about half an hour before them till such time as she could get her children out of bed & dressed. I informed the said Helen Sutherland or McKenzie that I would report the case. I did not previously warn the accused for allowing their cattle to graze on any of the Road in that district

About 8.30 a.m. when I was returning by the County Road which leads from the Poles to Dornoch & when at that part of said Road which is about 150 yards below the entrance of Proncy Farm Square occupied by Mr McIntosh, I found 3 cows 1 heifer & 2 calfs belonging to Hugh McKenzie 42 years of age a Tenant residing at the Receiving House Dornoch, grazing on the sides of said Road. I drove them down to Achley where I met the accused & asked him why he allowed his cattle to graze on the said road. He stated that about 7 a.m. he drove the said cattle to Achley for the purpose of giving them water & on his reaching Achley he met James Herd Manager there & entered into conversation with him and allowed his cattle to go along grazing on the sides of said Road till found by me at 8.30 a.m. I told the accused that I would report the case. I reported the accused on the 9<sup>th</sup> May last for a similar offence & also Cautioned him & his sister several times since then for allowing their horses & cattle to graze on the sides of said Roads. That part of said Road where I found the said cattle is closed at both sides by a stone dyke.

At 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letter. At 1 p.m. attended Divine Service. In the afternoon patrolled the Town and its Vicinity, attended the arrival & delivery of the Mails

Also attended at intervals during the day and evening to John McAlister a Bell Hanger who was locked up in one of the Cells on the previous night having been conveyed here from Lairg by P.C. Gordon on a charge of Assault to the effusion of Blood Committed on his wife at or near the Post office at Lairg aforesaid. Found the Town all quiet and retired from duty at 10 p.m. (Travelled 12 miles)

August 21<sup>st</sup> Monday at 9 a.m. called at the Police office & attended to John McAlister above mentioned. At 11 a.m. conveyed the said John McAlister before A. Leslie Esqr. J.P. who ordered him to be sent to Prison for trial & signed a warrant to that effect. I then conveyed him to & handed him over to the Keeper of said Prison.

At 12 noon I proceeded to Church Street Dornoch where I took the following Complaint from Elliza Ramsey or Forbes 50 years of age wife of and residing with Thomas Forbes a Plasterer residing in Dornoch

Informant Complains against some person or persons to her unknown & states:- I am engaged to Wash for one Miss E Hoys presently residing with Mr Fraser P.F. Dornoch. On Thursday last the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 1876, I washed a number of articles of under clothing belonging to the said Miss E. Hoys, about 2 p.m. on said date I put out the said clothes to the Public Bleaching green which is Situated on the hill behind the house occupied by Mr McHardy C.C. there were several other lots of clothes on the green when I went there and I spread mine quite close to a lot which I knew belonged to Mr Taylor Sheriff Clerk Dornoch, all the clothes on the green were very close to each other & partly mixed. Between 7 & 8 p.m. same evening I went to the said Bleaching green to see if my clothes were dry & to bring them house. I noticed that all the clothes were taken away except my own. On my gathering them all together I discovered that a Lady's drawers had been stolen or taken away, the said drawers was a plain white cotton one with a number of very narrow tucks on the bottom of the legs and all stitched round by a machine, it was also marked on the inside of the waist band in front with the name Miss E. Hoys to 12 (Value 3 shillings). My first impression was that it had been taken away by mistake by one of the parties who had their clothes on the green that evening & that it might be returned some time afterwards. About 7 p.m. on the following day Friday 18<sup>th</sup> I called on Alexanderina Ross housekeeper to & residing with Mr Taylor aforesaid and asked her if she had taken any clothes by mistake from the Bleaching green on the previous evening as she was the only party whom I know had clothes on the green the previous day. She stated that she did not. I then wished her to come along with me to the Bleaching green to see if the said drawers had been returned & also to search for it. We both searched all the bushes round about the Bleaching green but found no trace of the missing drawers. The said Alexanderina Ross told me that when she took away her clothes on the Thursday evening about 6 p.m. that there was a lot of girls playing about the Bleaching green but she did not mention to me who they were. Early on Saturday morning the 19<sup>th</sup> I again went to the Bleaching green to see if the drawers was returned but on finding no trace of it I then went to Dog Street Dornoch & made enquiry & searched all the houses there for the said drawers but go no trace of it. On the evening

of the 19<sup>th</sup> I handed the said clothes to Miss Hoys & informed her of the said drawers being taken away from the Bleaching green. Miss Hoys wished me not to inform the Police of it but on Miss Christina Fraser sister of & residing with Mr Fraser aforesaid being told of it she stated that if I did not inform the Police of it that she would go & do so herself. When I was returning from Mr Fraser's I met Inspector Bridgeford and informed him of the affair, I have no Suspicion on any person who would take away the said drawers & should it be traced to any person I do not wish them prosecuted I would much rather pay the price of the drawers myself than see any other person to get into trouble by it.

(Signed) Elliza Forbes

I afterwards took a statement from Alexanderina Ross aforesaid and began making enquiries quietly through the Town.

Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening & night attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 8 a.m. called at the Police office & at 10 a.m. conveyed John McAlister referred to in my duty of 21<sup>st</sup> inst. from the Prison to the Court house & there attended his declaration before the Sheriff & afterwards conveyed him back to Prison.

Patrolled the Town at intervals during the day & evening and attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there till 12 noon at which time I proceeded to the Hill behind the house occupied by Mr McHardy Chief Constable and there searched all the bushes & dykes round about the Public Bleaching green with the view of finding the Lady's drawers which was reported to have been stolen or taken away from said green as I thought it might have been hid there for some time & afterwards taken away, but I found no trace of it (see my duty of 20<sup>th</sup> inst.) Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, attended the arrival & delivery of the Mails, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

August 24<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 8 a.m. patrolled the Town. At 10 a.m. called at the Police office thereafter attended at the Volunteer Hall at intervals during the day till 8 p.m. on the occasion of the Dornoch Horticultural Society Show, of Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables & Poultry being held there. There were a great many people Visited the show during the day and everything passed off very

successfully. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, attended the arrival & departure of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

August 25<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the fore & afternoon. At 8 p.m. attended the arrival & delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

August 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & from thence proceeded along the Road to Skibo & called on W. Shaw Butler there, thence to Ospisdale & called on M Cumming housekeeper there. On my return called on James McIntosh Merchant Clashmore, to Station at 4 p.m. Patrolled the Town during the evening & night, found all quiet & retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

August 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters, at 1 p.m. attended Divine Service. Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, retired from duty at 10 p.m.

August 28<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9 a.m. left Station and proceeded to Embo Village where I learned the following particulars:- Sarah Ross 10 years of age both Fatuous & dumb daughter of and residing with William Ross a Fisherman residing at Embo Village in the Parish of Dornoch & County of Sutherland accidentally fell into the fire in her fathers house & was seriously burned whereby she died in about two hours afterwards; the Particulars are as follows:-

Annie Ross 14 years of age daughter of and residing with William Ross aforesaid states: On Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August current, my Father & Mother left home and went to the herring fishing at Helmsdale. I was left at home in charge of my three sisters, the oldest being Sarah aforesaid, & the other tow are Christina 6 & Jane 2½ years respectively. On Saturday last the 26<sup>th</sup> about 5.30 a.m. I got out of bed & lighted the fire, I left my three sisters sleeping in a closet. Shortly before 7 a.m. I closed the closet door for fear of my sister Sarah coming out near the fire as I had to go for a message to my Grandmothers house which is about 150 years from ours. I would be about 10 minutes away & on my return I found my sister Sarah standing on the floor with all her clothes on fire. I got very much frightened and called out to Ann Cameron or McKay a Widow residing in the other end of our house who immediately came & took hold of my sister Sarah and took all her clothes off.



I saw that she was very much burned & appeared to be suffering very much. I do not remember what took place afterwards as I got very much frightened.

Ann Cameron or McKay 56 years of age aforesaid states:- on the morning of Saturday last I got out of bed about 5 a.m. and prepared breakfast for a lodger which I have in the house, after doing so I again went to bed and about 7 a.m. I was wakened by hearing the said Annie Ross calling our "Widow, Widow" I at once ran to the other end of the house where she was and found the said Sarah Ross on the floor withal her clothes on fire. I got hold of some other clothes & wrapped them around about her & extinguished the fire & afterwards took all her clothes off. I observed that she was very much burned all over her body and appeared to be in great pain I afterwards got some treacle & Castor Oil which was rubbed all over her. She continued in great pain till 9 a.m. when she expired. I was assisted during the whole time by two or three other women and we sent a messenger on to Helmsdale for her Father & Mother who arrived in the evening.

I was informed by William Ross aforesaid that the deceased was very foolish & dumb from her infancy & was always in the habit of running to the fire whenever she got lose from any of the family and on several occasions she fell into the fire and got herself burnt & that she was quite incapable of doing any thing for herself, there was no doctor called to see the deceased and her remains was interred in the Dornoch burying ground today. I reported the above particulars to the Procurator Fiscal & Chief Constable on this date. Returned from Embo Village at 1 p.m. & was employed in the office during the evening. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town and visited the Lodging houses found two men in Mrs Campbell's & one man in Mrs Munro's, attended the arrival & delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.40 p.m. (Travelled 5 miles)

August 29<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office at 11 a.m. proceeded to Embo Moor and there served John Gordon McBeath (personally) with a copy of a Criminal Complaint containing a charge of Breach of the Public Peace Committed at Brora on the 1<sup>st</sup> July last, on which was marked a notice to appear personally within the Court house Dornoch on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September next at twelve noon to answer to the above complaint. Returned to Station at 1 p.m. and was employed in the Police office during the evening. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town and Vicinity, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 5 miles)

August 30<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the forenoon. At 12.30 p.m. proceeded along the Road by the Poles to Cambusmore & called on Louis Boutron butler there, thence returned by the sea shore to Skelbo Castle & called on A. Barclay thence to Trentham & called on A. Fraser Manager there, returned by the Poles to Station at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m. patrolled the Town and Vicinity during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 14 miles)

August 31<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the day. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails. At 9 p.m. Visited the Lodging houses, found 4 men and 1 woman in Mrs Munro's and 1 man and 3 women in Mrs Campbell's, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

September 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the day. At 7 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity and attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and afterwards proceeded along the Road to Ospisdale and called on M Cumming housekeeper there, thence returned same route and called on R. Stephens Skibo Castle and James McIntosh Merchant Clashmore, to Station at 3 p.m. Patrolled the Town during the evening and night & visited the lodging houses, found 4 men & 1 woman in Mrs Munro's & 1 man & 3 women in Mrs Campbell's, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called on the Post office for the Chief Constables letters. At 1 p.m. attended Divine Service, in the evening patrolled the Town and Vicinity, found all quiet, retired from duty at 10 p.m.

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9.30 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the day. At 8 p.m. attended at the Drill Hall on the occasion of an entertainment being given by the Real & Original Christy Minstrels of Charles Christy which passed off orderly & quiet at 10.40 p.m. also attended the delivery of the Mails found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the fore noon: at 12 noon attended at the court house at Criminal Trials. At 5 p.m. proceeded along the road to Balvraid & returned same route to Station at 8.15 p.m. Attended the delivery of the letters found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 10 miles)

Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, at 11 a.m. proceeded to and called on the following parties namely: William Ross Manager Coull, D McLean Teacher Embo, G.M. Ross Esqr. J.P. Coull & T Barclay Esqr. Skelbo, returned by the Poles to Station at 5 p.m. At 6 p.m. patrolled the Town during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded by the Poles to the Mound & called on A. Fraser Station agent there and J. Baleson Cambusmore, thence returned same route to the Poles & proceeded to Proncy and called on J. Morrison G.O. (*Ground Officer*) there, afterwards proceeded by Evelix to Cyderhall & called on A.S.Mcdonald Esqr J.P. thence to Cuthill & called on Colin McLennan. Returned by Davochfin to Station at 7.40 p.m. At 8.30 p.m. attended the delivery of the letters and patrolled the Town during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 19 miles)

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the fore noon. Patrolled the Town and Vicinity during the evening, attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & from thence proceeded to Clashmore & called on Jas. McIntosh merchant there, thence to Osipisdale and called on W.E Cattley Esqr. On my return called on W. Shaw Butler Skibo Castle, from thence returned by Proncy & the Poles to Station at 6.30 p.m., afterwards patrolled the Town during the night, found all quiet and retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 15 miles)

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Police office with the Chief Constables letters, patrolled the Town and its Vicinity at intervals during the day and evening. Attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, afterwards patrolled the Town & found all quiet, retired from duty at 10.30 p.m.

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & completed my weekly report, thereafter patrolled the Town at intervals during the day & evening, attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10.40 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the forenoon. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening & night. Attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, found all quiet retired from duty at 11.40 p.m.

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & from thence proceeded to & called on the following parties namely: D. McLean Teacher Embo, G.M. Ross Esqr. J.P. Coull returned by Skelbo Moor & the Poles to station at 4 p.m. At 5 p.m. patrolled the Town and Vicinity during the evening, attended the arrival & delivery of the letters, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 9 miles)

Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 9.40 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the fore noon. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night attended the arrival and delivery of the mails. At 9 p.m. visited the Lodging houses found 1 man in Mrs Campbell's & none in Mrs Munro's, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Friday at 9.30 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there during the day. Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the night. At 8 p.m. visited the Lodging houses, found 2 men & 2 women in Mrs Munro's & 1 man in Mrs Campbell's. Attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed during the day till 2 p.m., afterwards patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening & night, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.40 p.m.

Sept 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters, at 1 p.m. attended Divine Service. In the afternoon patrolled the Town & its Vicinity, attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, retired from duty at 10 p.m.

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the fore & after noon, patrolled the Town at intervals during the



evening and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet and retired from duty at 11 p.m.

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9.30 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the fore & afternoon. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening & night attended the arrival & delivery of the mails & visited the Lodging Houses, found none in Mrs Munro's & 2 men & 1 woman in Mrs Campbell's, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 9.40 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded to and called on the following parties namely: W. Ross Manager Embo, D. McLean Teacher Embo, W. Ross Manager Coull & T. Barclay Esqr. Skelbo, thence proceeded by Skelbo burn to Balvraid and returned by the Poles to Station at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 12 miles)

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 9.40 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the forenoon, at 4 p.m. proceeded along the road to Evelix & called on Wm Munro Farmer there, thence to Proncy & called on John Morrison G.O. there, returned by the Poles to Station at 7 p.m. Patrolled the Town during the night found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 6 miles)

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 8.30 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded to Littleferry (according to instructions from the C.C.) to make enquiries regarding the fishing Boat "Look alive" of Buckie, referred to in a letter from Inspector.....

*Sadly there are several pages missing at this point and the next entry is –*

October 26 cont/ ...by Fourpenny to and called on A. Sutherland Teacher at Skelbo, returned by the Poles to Station at 4.30 p.m. At 5.30 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the night & visited the Lodging houses, found 4 men 2 women & 2 children in Mrs Munro's & none in Mrs Campbell's. Attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 9 miles)

October 27<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and afterwards patrolled the Town till 1 p.m. at which time I proceeded by Evelix to Cyderhall & called on E. McDonald afterwards visited Cuthill & returned by

Lone-more to Station at 4.30 p.m. At 5 p.m. patrolled the Town generally during the night, attended the arrival & delivery of the mails found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.40 p.m. (Travelled 9 miles)

Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 30 a.m. proceeded by Evelix and Clashmore to Ospisdale (did not meet P.C. Fairweather) called on Bella Fraser, returned same route & called on W.E Shaw Butler Skibo Castle & Jas. McIntosh Merchant Clashmore, arrived at Station at 3 p.m. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.40 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended the delivery of the letters, at 11 a.m. called at the Police office, & was employed there till 3 p.m., thereafter patrolled the Town and its Vicinity at intervals during the evening & night, attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 10 p.m.

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> Monday at 8.40 a.m. called at the Police office and attended to James Anderson a prisoner in one of the strong rooms, who was apprehended by the Inverness Burgh Police on Saturday last and conveyed here last night by Inspector Bridgeford, he being charged with Theft Committed at Brora in this County on the 29<sup>th</sup> September last. At 11 a.m. I conveyed the said James Anderson to the Court House and attended his declaration and afterwards Lodged him in Prison. Was afterwards employed in the Police office during the day till 6 p.m. At 7. 30 p.m. patrolled the Town & attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11p.m.

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the day till 7 p.m. At 8.10 p.m. attended the arrival of mail gig & afterwards the delivery of the letters. At 9 p.m. visited the Lodging Houses, found 1 man and 1 woman in Mrs Campbell's and 1 man in Mrs Munro's, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

November 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 9 a.m. left Station and proceeded to Princynain and there served Robert Grant Personally with a copy of a Criminal Complaint containing a charge of assault to the effusion of Blood, on which was marked a notice to appear personally at the Court House Dornoch on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November current at twelve o'clock noon to answer to the above charge. Also served Donald McKenzie and Donald Sutherland both Farm Servants at Princynain aforesaid and Murdo McInver a Labourer at Skelbo with Citations to attend as Witnesses for the prosecution in the case

against the said Robert Grant. Returned by Fourpenny and Skelbo Moor to Station at 1 p.m. and was employed in the Police office during the evening till 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town and attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 1.30 p.m. (Travelled 8 miles)

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 9.30 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed till 11 a.m. at which time I patrolled the Town and Bishopfield in Company with P.C. Fairweather Bonar on the occasion of a market "Barr's Fare" being held here. There was a good attendance of people and all passed off quietly till the evening. Between 5 & 6 p.m. when patrolled the street near the Post office I was informed that some disturbance had taken place in front of the Inn occupied by Alexander Gunn Innkeeper. I at once proceeded to the place where I found a large crowd of people principally Fishermen & women, they were making great noise. I observed Inspector Bridgeford in the crowd who was endeavouring to Pacify one or two of the Fishermen and ordering them home quietly which they refused to do, and became very outrageous. Mr McHardy Chief Constable who was present repeatedly told them to go home but they appeared to take no notice of what was said to them. Inspector Bridgeford (By order of the Chief Constable) them apprehended one of the Fisherman and I assisted him & Mr McHardy in taking this man to the Police Station. We had a severe struggle owing to some of the Fisherwomen trying to rescue him. I afterwards assisted Mr McHardy & P.C. Fairweather in apprehending other two fishermen who were engaged in the above disturbance and lodged them in the Police Cells, the names of the above three men whom we apprehended are Thomas McKay "Ogg" 26 years of age, William McKay "Ogg" aged 24 years of age and David McKay "Ogg" aged 60 years all Fishermen from Embo. They were a good deal the worse of drink when apprehended, between 9 & 10 p.m., they were liberated on Bail of 5 shillings each & left the Town quietly. Patrolled the Town, generally during the night in company with P.C. Fairweather, found all quiet and retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 9.30 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there till 12 noon at which time I proceeded to the Court House and attended at the following Trials. Mary McDonald or McDonald a Fisherwoman from Golspie was charged with Theft committed at Rhives on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept last. She plead guilty and was sentenced to 24 hours Imprisonment. Donald McDonald alias "Billy" a Fisherman from Golspie was charged with Breach of the Peace Committed at Golspie on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Sept last. He plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of 21 shillings or suffer 10 days Impt. (fine paid). Robert Grant a Grieve at Proncynain was next charged with Assault to the

effusion of Blood. He plead not Guilty but after evidence was led the Sheriff found him guilty and sentenced him to pay a fine of 21 shillings or suffer 10 days Imprisonment. At 4 p.m. I proceeded to Embo Village and Visited the same returned to Station at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town and attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 5 miles)

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 8 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there till 10.30 a.m., at which time I proceeded to Embo Village and took the following Complaint from Alexander McKay "Roy" 68 years of age (Married) a Fisherman residing in Embo Village in the Parish of Dornoch & County of Sutherland.

Informant Complains & States: On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November current I attended the Dornoch Market where I bought a cow, I returned home about 6 p.m. but I sent the cow home before then. About 10 p.m. John Fraser a Fisherman in Embo tied the said cow with a Rope round its horns, the other end being fastened to the Anchor of a Boat which was fixed into the ground about 20 yards in front of my house. On the following morning about 6 a.m. my wife Annie Johnstone or McKay went out to see the cow and found that some person or persons had during the night cut the Rope by which the cow was fastened in several pieces with some sharp instrument and let the cow loose, during the forenoon I heard a rumour that several other cows had been let loose in the same manner through the Village, and the Ropes by which they were tied cut in pieces. My Cow was afterwards got at Birichen where it had wandered during the night. I sent my wife to Dornoch to inform the Police of what took place, and if the party or parties who did this Malicious Mischief can be traced out I wish them Prosecuted.

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(Signed) Alexander X McKay  
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I afterwards made enquiries through the Village and took Statements from Hugh Grant 32 years of age a Fisherman in Embo and Donald Grant 15 years of age son of & residing with the said Hugh Grant. The above Malicious Mischief is supposed to have been done by Donald Gunn, Wymess Sutherland & Alexander Gunn, Masons presently working at Embo Mains & Lodging in Embo, I reported the case to the Procurator Fiscal & Chief Constable. Returned from Embo at 4 p.m. and Patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, at 8 p.m. Visited the Lodging houses found 1 man in Mrs Munro's & none in Mrs Campbell's. Attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 5 miles)

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended the delivery of the letters. At 1.30 p.m. attended Divine Service: Patrolled the Town & its Vicinity during the



evening, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 10 p.m.

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and employed there generally during the day and evening. At 8 p.m. Patrolled the Town and Visited the Lodging houses found 1 man in Mrs Campbell's & 1 man in Mrs Munro's, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails. Handed into the Chief Constable, Burgh of Inverness Pedlars Certificate No: 41 of John McStewart for Endorsement. At 10 p.m. patrolled the Town, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there till 11 a.m. at which time I proceeded to Embo Village and made further enquiries regarding the Malicious Mischief Committed there on the night of Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. (see my duty of 4<sup>th</sup> inst) returned to Station at 3 p.m. and reported the result of my enquiries to the Chief Constable. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, at 8 p.m. Visited the Lodging Houses found 1 man in Mrs Campbell's & 1 man in Mrs Munro's, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11 p.m. (Travelled 5 miles)

Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, at 11 a.m. proceeded to the Court House by order of the Chief Constable and took duty there during the day, on the occasion of Sheriff McKenzie receiving & recording evidence of Witnesses in the Case of the School Board of Clyne. Petitioners & Complainers against Morris Forsyth Myron, Respondent: In this case the Petitioners seek to have the Respondent removed from his office of School master in respect of his alleged guilt of Various Charges of Immorality, ranging from the year 1870 down to February 1875. Mr George McKay Tain & Mr William Burns Inverness were the agents of the Parties. At 8 p.m. the Trial was adjourned till 11 a.m. following day, owing to a number of Witnesses not being examined. At 8.30 p.m. Patrolled the Town & attended the delivery of the letters, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & at 11 a.m. took duty at the Court house on the above mentioned occasion, till 5 p.m. at which time the agents addressed the Court on behalf of their respective clients and the Sheriff thereafter decided in favour of the respondent. Patrolled the Town

during the night & attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed till 12 noon, at which time I attended at the Court House at the following trials: Donald Campbell, Joseph McKay and John McKay "Joseph" all fishermen from Portskerra charged with Breach of the Peace, they Plead guilty and were each sentenced to pay a fine of £1.1 shilling or go to jail for 10 days (fines paid). James Anderson referred to in my duty of 30<sup>th</sup> October last, Pled not guilty to a charge of theft, but after the Sheriff hearing evidence he found Anderson guilty as Libelled & sentenced him to 15 days Impt. Margaret McKay or McRae and Donald McRae Lower Brora were both charged with assault to the effusion of Blood, they Plead not guilty, but after evidence being led the Sheriff found them guilty & sentenced each to pay a fine of 10 shillings 6 pence or go the Prison for 7 days (fines Paid) Patrolled the Town during the afternoon and evening, attended the arrival & delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10.30 a.m. Proceeded by Evelix to Skibo & called on W.E. Shaw Skibo Castle, on my return called on Jas McIntosh Clashmore & Wm Munro Evelix, to Station at 4 p.m., thereafter patrolled the Town during the night. Visited the Lodging Houses, found no Lodgers in them, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 9 miles)

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended the delivery of the mails at 1.30 p.m. attended Divine Service. Patrolled the Town during the evening, attended the delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 10 p.m.

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10.30 a.m. Inspector Bridgeford handed me a report from P.C. Fairweather Bonar dated 11<sup>th</sup> inst. regarding a young Pig supposed to have been Stolen from Pulrossie lately. I proceeded to Skibo, Pulrossie and Ospisdale Moor and made enquiries regarding the missing pig, but found no trace of it. On my return I reported the result of my enquiries to the Chief Constable. When at Skibo today I was informed by Mr Grant Manager there that Catherine Gordon about 20 years of age daughter of and residing with Roderick Gordon a Cattleman at Skibo & residing at Clashmungach was Insane. It appeared that about a fortnight ago she was observed by her parents to be labouring under some foolish delusions & Mr Grant sent for Dr Souter Golspie who came to see her on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst: & stated that she was insane & advised that she should be sent away at once to an Asylum. When returning this evening I met Mr Forbes Inspector of Poor Overskibo & he informed me

that Dr Allan Bonar was to see the girl Gordon today & that he Mr Forbes is making arrangements to send her to Inverness District Asylum on Wednesday first. I also reported this to the Chief Constable on my return.

Called on John Grant Manager Skibo, James Murray Manager Pulrossie & M Cumming housekeeper Ospisdale, returned to Station at 6 p.m. At 7.30 p.m. patrolled the Town generally during the night, attended the arrival & delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 14 miles)

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & at 11 a.m. proceeded to & called on the following parties: D. McLean Teacher Embo, Wm Ross Manager Embo Mains, G. M Ross Esqr. J.P. Coull and A. Sutherland Teacher Skelbo Public School returned by the Poles to Station at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town, attended the delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 9 miles)

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the fore and afternoon cleaning weights & measures: At 5 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10.30 a.m. left the Station and proceeded along the road to Cambusmore & called on S. Bateson Esqr. thence to the Mound Railway Station & attended the arrival & departure of the 3 p.m. up passenger Train, also called on A. Fraser agent there, from thence returned by Skelbo, Trentham & the Poles to Station at 5.30 p.m. calling on T. Barclay Esqr. Skelbo Castle at 4 p.m. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 16 miles)

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office & afterwards patrolled the Town and its Vicinity generally during the day and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 9 a.m. left the Station and proceeded to the Mound, thence per goods train to Rogart & took duty at and about Pittentrail Inn during the day and night on the occasion of the Rents being collected there. There were a great number of People about the Inn and drinking rather freely. I had several times to interfere with parties who attempted to quarrel & fight, and prevented any serious disturbance taking place. About 10.30 p.m. all was

quiet, the whole of the people having left for their respective homes. I retired from duty at 1 a.m. of 19<sup>th</sup> inst: and remained in Pittentrail Inn all night (Travelled 11 miles)

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday about 8.30 a.m. shortly before leaving Pittentrail Hugh Ross Innkeeper there informed me that a small wooden gate leading into the garden in front of said Inn had been taken off its hinges & carried away early this morning, there was also a small wooden shed situated in said garden for the purpose of keeping Bee Hives & in which there were three Bee Hives was tumbled over but as the said shed was closed in front and the Bee Hives packed with straw there has not been much damage done to the Bee Hives.

I along with Mr Ross carefully examined the garden & about the gate but could not detect any foot marks owing to the heavy rain last night. I also searched the Burn and round about Pittentrail Inn but found no trace of said gate. Mr Ross has strong suspicion against Donald McKay a Blacksmith at Pittentrail and his wife of having done the above Malicious Mischief. It appears that Ross and McKay are not on very good terms & that McKay & his wife along with others had been drinking rather freely in McKay's house during yesterday evening and McKay's wife having heard a rumour that one of Ross's daughters was reporting that Hugh Grant a Lotter at Rhemusaig, Rogart took three bottles of whiskey into McKay's house yesterday & got drunk, she called at Ross's house about 8 p.m. & accused two of Ross's daughters of being circulating this report, which they both denied & stated that they know nothing about Grant being in McKay's house. Mrs McKay then began to abuse Ross on him telling her to leave the house. One of Ross's daughters then called on me to put McKay's wife outside which I did & sent her away home. She was a little the worse of drink & appeared to be a good deal offended at being put out of Ross's house and Ross is therefore strongly of the opinion that it is McKay or his wife that Committed the above Malicious Mischief. I remained at Pittentrail Inn last night and between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. this morning there was not an individual came near the Inn so that it must have been done between 1 & 6 a.m. this morning. I have no suspicion on any person who could do this except McKay or his wife.

Left Pittentrail Inn at 9 a.m. & returned to Dornoch at 11.30 a.m. & reported the above particulars to the Chief Constable. Patrolled the Town during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the forenoon. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening & night at 8 p.m. Visited the Lodging Houses found 6 men in Mrs Campbell's



and 2 men in Mrs Munro's, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 10 .30 a.m. proceeded by the Poles to Proncy Cottage & called on John Morrison ground officer there thence proceeded by Evelix to Cyderhall and called on A.S. McDonald Esqr. J.P. there, thence to Cuthill & called on Colin McLennan Farmer there, returned by Lone-more to Station at 4 p.m. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, attended the arrival & delivery of the Mails, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 10 miles)

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged during the forenoon. At 5 p.m. patrolled the Town generally during the night: this being the Term day<sup>7</sup> there were a great number of Farm Servants & others in the Town, and a good deal of drinking going on about 11 p.m. all having left for their respective homes, the Town was all quiet, I retired from duty at 11.45 p.m.

Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 11 a.m. called at the Police office at 1.30 p.m. attended Divine Service this being a Sacramental fast day, patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, at 11 a.m. proceeded to Embo Mains and called on William Ross Manager there, thence to Coull and called on William Ross Manager there, returned by Embo Moor to Station at 5 p.m. and reported the following case of Malicious Mischief to the Procurator Fiscal and Chief Constable.

Informant complains against Jess or Jessie McKay or Fraser wife of and residing with George Fraser a Fisherman in Embo Village & States: about 1.30 p.m. on this date when going through the Plantation situated to the north of Embo Farm I observed the accused coming along the Plantation from the direction of Embo Village. I noticed her breaking a large fresh branch of a fir tree at a part of said Plantation situated about 30 yards to the east of the road which leads from Embo Farm squire to the road leading to Embo Village. I at once went up and spoke to the accused & charged her with having broken said branch which she admitted & stated that she thought there was no harm in doing so. At this time George Armstrong a Shepherd at Embo came to where we were, I showed Armstrong the branch & also the place where it had been broken of the tree. I noticed that the said branch had been partly cut with some sharp instrument & I asked the accused for this instrument & after some

hesitation she showed me a hook for cutting grass by which she stated she partly cut the branch and then broke it, I then told the accused to give me her name as I intended to report the case but she refused to do this. I also asked Armstrong if he knew her but he could not give me her name, I then told the accused if she did not give me her name that I would take her to Dornoch & after frightening her a good deal she told me that her name was Catherine Sutherland wife of John McDonald a Fisherman at Embo. I took possession of the said stick & got Armstrong to put a mark on it so as to be able to identify it hereafter. I then took a turn through Coull Plantation and met a fisherboy and questioned him about some Embo fishermen, this boy told me that there was not a married man in Embo named John McDonald. I then knew that the accused had given me a wrong name and I at once went and watched the road which leads from Embo Moor to Embo Village and met the accused returning out of Poles wood with a burden of firewood. I told her to put the burden of her back as I intended to take her to Dornoch for giving me a wrong name. She again stated that she gave me her right name but I could not believe her. On my going round to her back pretending to cut the Rope of her burden she very cleverly threw the burden of her back and ran towards Embo Village but after a short chase I got hold of her and brought her a short distance along the road towards Dornoch when she begged on me to let her go and that she would give me her right name, which I think she did as above stated. I also took a short statement from George Armstrong aforesaid and reported the above to the P.F. & C.C.

Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails. Sometime ago I have been led to understand that Christy or Christina Grant or Cumming a Widow residing in Embo Village was Trafficking in spirits. I spoke to Hugh Aird a Blacksmith and Neil Corbett a Painter, both residing in Dornoch and wished them to accompany me to the wood behind Embo Farm square where I was to go for a Branch of a fir tree which referred to a case of Malicious Mischief that I detected there this afternoon. They both consented to go along with me and on our way I proposed that we should go round by Embo Village and perhaps get a dram from the above named person. They also agreed to go there, when we arrived at Embo village I handed 1 shilling 6 pence to Hugh Aird & he & Corbett went into the house of the above named person where Aird was supplied with a half Mutchkin or therebys of Whisky into a Bottle for which he paid 1 shilling for the Whisky & 2 pence for the Bottle. On them coming outside Aird handed me the Bottle containing the Whisky. I tasted the Whisky & we then took a quiet turn through the Village, the most of the People being to bed. On coming to the house of Angus McIntosh a merchant in Embo whom I suspected to be selling Whiskey I told the said Hugh Aird & Neil Corbett that

I got a hint that McIntosh was selling a good dram on the sly & that they had better try & get a Bottle from him, at the same time I handed Corbett 3 shillings & he & Aird went & knocked at a Back window in McIntosh's house & wished McIntosh to get up & give them a Bottle of Whisky. McIntosh at once got up & told them to go round to the front door which he opened & took them in but after speaking to them for a few minutes I think he suspected something & told them that they came to the wrong house and directed them to the house of Isabella McKay or Fraser a Widow residing in Embo Village where they went & got a Bottle of Whiskey for which Corbett paid 3 shillings. We then returned to Embo Plantation where I got the said stick and returned to Dornoch about 12 p.m. and on the following day I reported the foregoing particulars to the Chief Constable.

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and shortly afterwards proceeded by Evelix and Clashmore to Ospisdale and called on M. Cumming housekeeper there. On my return called on W. E. Shaw Butler at Skibo Castle & returned to Station at 3.30 p.m., did not meet P.C. Fairweather Bonar at Ospisdale this day. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening & night about 7 p.m. James Esson Police Constable Bonar Bridge arrived with a Prisoner Donald McAskill Inverkirkaig Lochinver charged with Breach of the Peace and Assaulting John Matheson Police Constable Lochinver at Aultnageallagach (*Altnacealgach*) Market on the previous evening. Locked him up on one of the strong Rooms and attended to him at intervals during the night:- attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters, also called at the Police office where I attended to Donald McAskill above referred to at intervals during the day and evening. At 6 p.m. attended Divine Service till 7.30 thereafter attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11 p.m.

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9 a.m. called at the Police office and attended to Donald McAskill referred to in duty of 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Inst. At 10 a.m. P.C. Melvin arrived with James McAlister "18" a Pedlar or Hawker having no fixed place of residence charged with the Theft of a Watch & albert chain from the house of Alexander McKay Contractor Mail Rogart on Saturday evening last, McAlister was apprehended at Pittentrail early yesterday morning & the stolen watch recovered. At 12 noon attended at the Trails of the said Donald McAskill & Jamees McAlister. McAskill Plead guilty & was

sentenced to pay a fine of £3 or suffer 20 days Impt (fine paid) McAlister also Plead guilty & was sentenced to 15 days Impt.

Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed generally during the forenoon and evening. At 5 p.m. patrolled the Town and attended the delivery of the letters, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office at 11 a.m. proceeded along the road to the Poles & from thence through Embo Moor & Coull Plantations, called on G.M Ross Esqr. J.P. Coull, returned by Embo village and curing yards to Station at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 8 miles)

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and afterwards patrolled the Town till 3 p.m. at which hour I proceeded to the Poles & thence through Embo Moor to Embo Farm & called on Wm Ross manage there, returned to Station at 6.30 p.m. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town and its Vicinity generally during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 2p.m. of 1<sup>st</sup> December (Travelled 7 miles)

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 7.30 a.m. I proceeded in Company with Inspectr Bridgeford to Embo Mains where we apprehended Donald Gunn, Wemyss Sutherland & Alexander Gunn (referred to in my duty of 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. last) charged with Malicious Mischief. Conveyed them to Dornoch Court House where they were examined before Sh: McKenzie & Liberated in the meantime. P.C. Sandieson arrived with Prisoner Robert Gilchrist "15" Portgowen charged with Mal: Mis: Committed there on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov: last he was also examined & liberated in meantime:- at 12 noon attended at the following Trials Viz:- John Gunn Dalchalm Brora charged with Breach of Peace & Disorderly Conduct committed at Brora on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: last he plead guilty & was sentenced to pay a fine of £1. 1shilling or 7 days Impt. (fine paid), William Ross Railway Porter Inveshin Plead guilty to a Breach of the peace committed at Bonar Bridge on 11 the Nov: last. He was Sent. To pay a fine of £1.1shilling or 7 days Impt. (fine paid), William McLeod Lotter Clashnessie, Assynt, was Charged with assault committed there on 30<sup>th</sup> Oct: last, Plead not guilty but after hearing evidence the Sh: found him guildty and sentenced him to pay a fine of £1 or suffer 7 days Impt (fine paid), John McKay Merchant



Strathy East charged with Assault to the effusion of Blood, Plead not guilty but after the Sheriff heard the evidence in the case found him guilty as libelled & sentenced him to pay a fine of £5 or 30 days Impt (fine paid), John McDonald Fisherman Golspie Plead not guilty to a charge of assault committed there on 17<sup>th</sup> Oct: last but after hearing evidence the Sheriff found him guilty & sentenced him to pay a fine of 10 shillings 6 pence or 5 days Impt (fine paid).

At 4 p.m. Patrolled the Town and attended the departure & arrival of the mail gig & delivery of the letters. At 8.30 p.m. P.C. D. Stuart Tongue arrived with Prisoner Donald McKay charged with Assault to the effusion of Blood at Tongue Inn on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov: last. As McKay complained of being unwell, I got orders from the Chief Constable to attend to him during the night in the Police office, where he was laid on a mattress beside the fire, I was relieved by Inspector Bridgeford about 4.30 a.m. of 2<sup>nd</sup> inst: at which time I retired from duty.

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 12 noon called at the Police office Donald McKay referred to in my duty of 2<sup>nd</sup> inst: was brought before the Sh: at 12 noon & examined **anent** said charge and afterwards committed to Prison and the case to be reported to Crown Council. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the fore and afternoon, at 7.30 p.m. Visited the Lodging houses found none in Mrs Campbell's and 2 men in Mrs Munro's attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters, at 11.30 a.m. attended Divine Service. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, attended the arrival & delivery of the letters – off duty at 10 p.m.

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and shortly afterwards proceeded by the Poles to Cambusmore and called on S. Bateson Esqr. thence returned to Cambusavie where I took the following Complaint from Andrew McKay GameKeeper there.

Informant complains against George Dingwall, Dugald McKay and Donald Murray all farm Servants residing at Skelbo in the employment of Mr Thomas Barclay farmer there & states.

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1876 about 1 a.m. I was out watching for Poachers on the farmlands of Trentham in the Parish of Dornoch in the occupation of Patrick Williamson Sangster farmer residing at Rovie in the Parish of Rogart: The farm of Trentham forms part of the Cambusmore Shooting leased by my Master Mr Samuel Bateson Cambusmore. I was accompanied by my assistant Keeper Thomas Matheson residing at Cambusavie aforesaid: We were sitting

inside the Dyke of a turnip field being the furthest west of south west field on the said farm of Trentham the lower end of the field being enclosed by said Dyke which turns along the north side of the Parliamentary Road leading between the Poles & Littleferry. We were near the south west lower corner of said field and about three yards west of the westmost gate leading into it from said Road. There are two gates on that side of the field, the other being near the east side. Whilst lying inside the dyke we heard a noise of a dog hunting through the upper part of the said turnip field – the dog was working a hare down the field towards the gate close by us – while the dog was so working the hare, I heard the noise of some persons coming running up the road towards us from Trentham, I looked over the Dyke and saw three men run up the road past us, two of them got over the fence on the south side of said road & which enclosed the north side of the Poles wood and stood behind a gate leading from the road into said wood about 40 yards up & to the west of where we were: the third man went up the road to the bottom of Mrs Gray's land & stood on the road and latterly went in behind the Whin fence on the north side of the road. About this time a hare which the dog was hunting in the turnip field passed out of the gate beside us and made for the gate where the two men were. I kept looking over the Dyke and on the hare reaching the gate I heard the noise of it struggling as if caught in a net and of the men as I thought trying to catch it. Immediately after this the man who was at the foot of Mrs Gray's land came down and joined the two at the gate and the three came back the road to opposite where we were watching. Matheson and I got up over the gate and went up to them on the road and I knew George Dingwall and the other two gave me their names & designations as above stated. I charged them with being "night Poaching" they at first denied but latterly said they hoped that I would not give them up. I observed a bulkiness about Dougall McKay's left side or breast and took a hold of his Vest and took a net from him (a large piece of a black herring net) which I still have in my keeping. On taking the net from Dugall MacKay I went inside the field dyke for my gun which I left where I was watching and when inside the dyke I saw Mr Ross grieve at Coull pass down the road from the Poles but I did not speak to him but I heard him say "Halloa Lads" on passing the three men on the road. I then went up the road to the gate where I saw the hare run to and where the two men were & searching about but found no hare or other game.- Dingwall & Murray now came up to me and I asked them what they did with the hare they got here; and they replied that they did not catch it that it got away from them – Dingwall again asked me not to give them up I made no reply The three men then went along the road towards Trentham and shortly afterwards Matheson and I went down to the lower gate on same field and opposite thereto on the south side of the road in the ditch we found a brown

hare dead but warm which I took with me. I informed Mr Bateson my Master of the above and he directed me to come and give information to the Police so that Dingwall, Murray & MaKay be prosecuted. There was good moonlight and I could see well all I have described.- I knew the dog the men had to be a sort of half lurcher half collie bitch belong to the grievie Sandy Buie or Bowie of Skelbo.

I afterward took a similar statement form the said Thomas Matheson and reported the case to the Chief Constable & Procurator Fiscal.

Returned from Cambusavie at 6 p.m. and patrolled the Town generally during the night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet,retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 12 miles)

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9.30 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed during the fore and afternoon, at 8 p.m. patrolled the Town generally during the night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed till 12 noon at which hour I attended at the court house at the trial of Alexander Reid a Shepherd from Culmaily, charged with being "Day Poaching", he plead guilty and was fined 5 shillings with £2. 15 shillings of expenses (fine paid)

Patrolled the Town generally during the evening and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m.

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged during the fore part of the day. In the evening patrolled the Town generally and Visited the Lodging houses found 1 man in Mrs Campbell's and 2 men in Mrs Munro's, found the Town all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m.

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Friday at 9.30 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed during the forenoon. At 3 p.m. proceeded to Embo Mains a& called on Wm Ross Manager there thence proceeded to Embo Village in Company with George Armstrong a Shepherd at Embo Mains, when near Embo Village I handed 1 shilling to Armstrong and wished him to try and get a dram which he said he would . I remained behind the dyke a little to the west of Embo School house and saw Armstrong go int the house of James MacBeath a Labourer who resides in the School house where he got a bottle and then went in the direction of the house in Embo Village occupied by Margaret or Peggy McKay a Widow residing there. In a short time afterwards Armstrong returned with a shillings worth of whisky which he handed to me

& stated that he got it from the said Margt or Peggy McKay. I reported the above case of Shebeening to the Chief Constable.

Returned by the curing yard to Station at 6 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town generally during the night, found all quiet, off duty at 11.40 p.m. (Travelled 7 miles)

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and proceeded along the road to Ospisdale where I met P.C. James Fairweather Bonar Bridge, called on Bella Fraser Ospisdale house, returned same route and called on John Mackae Skibo Castle and James MacIntosh Merchant Clashmore, to station at 4 p.m. At 5 p.m. patrolled the Town generally during the night attended the arrival and delivery of the letters, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended the delivery of the letters at 1 p.m. attended Divine. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, off duty at 10 p.m.

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, at 12 noon proceeded to Embo Farm & called on William Ross Manager there, thence proceeded through Coull Plantation and Visited Embo Village, returned by the curing yards to Station at 6 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the night, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 8 miles)

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I have been engaged during the forenoon reported to the Chief Constable the results of my enquiries at Embo Village regarding the suspected shebeening against Angus McIntosh a Merchant there. Patrolled the Town during the evening and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet off duty at 11.30 p.m.

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, thence proceeded to and called on the following parties namely Wm. Ross Manager Embo, Donald McLean Teacher Embo, Wm Ross Grieve Coull, J. Barclay Esqr. Skelbo and A. Sutherland Teacher Skelbo, returned by the Poles to Station at 5 p.m. Patrolled the Town during the night, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, also Visited the Lodging houses, found 2 men & 1 woman in Mrs Campbell's and 2 men in Mrs Munro's, found the Town all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 12 miles)

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I have been engaged during the day till 3 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town generally during the evening and night. At 8 p.m. Visited the Lodging houses found 1 man, 1 woman & 1 child in Mrs Munro's and 1 man in Mrs Campbell's attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m.

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I have been engaged till 12 noon thereafter proceeded by the curing yards to Embo Village and called on Donald MacLean Teacher, patrolled through Embo Village and returned by Embo Mains to station at 3.30 p.m. Patrolled the Town during the night, attended the delivery of the Mails, off duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 7 miles)

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, thence proceeded along the road to Ospisdale where I met P.C. Fairweather Bonar Bridge called on Bella Fraser Ospisdale house, returned same route & called on W.E. Shaw Butler Skibo Castle and J.M.McIntosh Merchant Clashmore to station at 3.30 p.m. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night. Visited the Lodging houses found 1 man in Mrs Campbell's and 2 men in Mrs Munro's found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended the delivery of the letters at 1.30 p.m. attended Divine Service. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet off duty at 10 p.m.

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I have been engaged during the forenoon. Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity at intervals during the night, found all quiet off duty at 12 p.m.

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged till 12 noon, thereafter proceeded to Embo Mains and called on William Ross Manager there thence to Embo Village & called on Donald McLean Teacher there. Patrolled through Embo Village and proceeded through Coull and Fourpenny Plantations to the Poles and returned to station at 5 p.m. Patrolled the Town during the night and Visited the Lodging houses, found 1 man in Mrs Campbell's and 2 men in Mrs Munro's, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 12 miles)



Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was employed there during the day till 7 p.m. thereafter patrolled the town generally during the night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found the Town all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m.

Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I have been engaged during the day till 6 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town at intervals during the night met a Vagrant named Roderick McKay a native of the Black Isle Rossshire whom I challenged to leave the District. Visited the Lodging houses found 2 men in Mrs Munro's and 1 man in Mrs Campbell's, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.15 p.m.

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged till 2 p.m. at which time I proceeded along the beach to Embo Village where a large quantity of foreign planks of wood & other wreck had been cast ashore which I took a note of & reported to the Chief Constable. Patrolled through Embo Village and returned by The Curing yards to Station at 7 p.m. Patrolled the Town during the night, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 7 miles)

Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 1 a.m. I got notice from Inspector Bridgeford that a ship had been wrecked on the Dornoch Rocks, one of the seamen having got ashore made his way into the Town. I proceeded at once to the Police office and after sorting a few lamps, proceeded in Company with the C.C. & a number of people to the scene of the wreck. We found the shore Strewed with wreck and could see the Vessel about 80 yards out in the sea & apparently breaking up – we could also hear some of the crew calling on board but owing to the heavy sea running at the time and the darkness of the night we could render no assistance. We however kept patrolling along the beach opposite the wreck and before daylight we found the dead Bodies of the Captain & Mate and two of the seamen washed ashore among the rocks. After daylight we found that the ship had broken up and gone to pieces and could find no trace of the rest of the crew, these four Bodies were conveyed to the Watch house in the Dornoch Burying ground. I afterwards ascertained that this was the Russian Brig "Courier" of Berth 81 Tons register C.J. Heyer Master, bound from Hull to Copenhagen with a cargo of Coals & Coke, and a crew of 9 including the Captain all of which were drowned with the exception of Peter Gan, Carpenter who came ashore on a large piece of wood.

About 10 a.m. while engaged at the above wreck I got notice that another ship had been wrecked near Embo Village and at the same time got instructions

from Inspector Bridgeford to proceed there to make enquiries. On arriving at Embo I found that the Prussian Barge "Vesta" 359 Tons register W. F Linderman Master with a crew of 11 bound from Grantown to Keil with a cargo of Coals had gone ashore on the sand beach about 300 yards north of Embo Village, between 1 and 2 this morning and became a total wreck, the whole of the crew being safely landed by the exertions of the Embo Fishermen. I remained about the scene of the wreck during the day and evening and prevented the fishermen from carrying any of it away. About 4 p.m. Mr Mowat receiver of wreck Littleferry arrived and took charge of the wreck. I returned to Station at 7 p.m. and reported the Particulars of the above to the Chief Constable.

Patrolled the Town generally during the night attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 8 miles)

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 12 noon proceeded in Company with P.C. Esson, Bonar Bridge to Embo Village and Visited the Wreck of the Barge "Vesta", returned along the sea shore by Dornoch Rocks & Visited the wreck of the Brig "Courier" to Station at 4.30 p.m. At 6.30 p.m. Patrolled the Town at intervals and attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, off duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged during the day and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m.

Dec 26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7 a.m. called at the Police office and afterwards proceeded to the Watch house in the Dornoch Burying ground where I assisted Inspector Bridgeford, P.S. Anderson & P.C. Esson & others in putting the Bodies of the four Seamen drowned at the Wreck of the "Courier" into coffins and at 12 noon attended at the Internment. At 1 p.m. proceeded to Embo Village where I made further enquiries regarding the wreck of the Barge "Vesta". Patrolled through Embo Village and returned by the sea shore to Station at 7 p.m. Patrolled the Town during the night and attended the arrival & delivery of the Mails, at 11.30 p.m. proceeded in Company with P.C. Esson along the seashore to the Dornoch Rocks where we watched about the Wreck of the Brig "Courier" as we suspected some parties were carrying away part of the wreck, but found none, returned to Station at 5 a.m. following morning.

Dec 27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 12 noon called at the Police office where I was engaged during the day and evening at 7 p.m. patrolled the Town at intervals

during the night & attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found the Town all quiet, off duty at 11 p.m.

Dec 28<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I have been generally employed during the day. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, off duty at 11.30 p.m.

Dec 29<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed till 12 noon. At which time I attended at the Court House at the trial of Donald McKay a Fisherman from Strathmelness charged with Assault to the effusion of Blood & injury of the Person. Committed at Tongue Inn on the 20<sup>th</sup> November last; He Plead guilty and was Sentenced to pay a fine of £3 of go 30 days to Prison (Fine paid) See duty of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> instant. At 1 p.m. proceeded to the Dornoch Rocks where I attended at the Sale of the Brig "Courier" wrecked there on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Inst: returned to Station at 4 p.m. and patrolled the Town generally during the night, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found the Town all quiet and retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 3 miles)

Dec 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged during the forenoon and evening. At 7 p.m. patrolled the Town generally during the night, attended the arrival and delivery of the letters, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m.

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended the delivery of the letters; at 1.30 p.m. attended Divine Service, Patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, off duty at 10 p.m.

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January 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 9 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded by Littleton to the Dornoch Rocks & returned to station at 11 a.m. At 1 p.m. proceeded again to the Dornoch Rocks where I took duty during the day preventing parties from carrying away any of the wreck there, returned to Station at 6 p.m. and patrolled the Town generally during the night, attended arrival & delivery of mails, found all quiet off duty at 12 p.m.

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and was engaged there till 2 p.m. Thereafter proceeded by Littleton to the Dornoch Rocks & Visited the wreck there returned to Station at 4 p.m. and patrolled the Town during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11 p.m.

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 9 a.m. I was informed by Inspector Bridgeford that two fisher girls from Embo found the dead Body of a man on the Dornoch beach about 8 a.m. After procuring the assistance of Robert Nicholson, Hugh Aird, Robert Morrison and John Sutherland carrier and his horse & cart, I proceeded to that part of the Dornoch Beach which is opposite the eastmost part of Davochfin Farm lands and about 300 yards below high water mark and there we found the dead Body above referred to which appeared to be that of a sailor and supposed to be one of the crew of the Brig "Courier" wrecked on the Dornoch Rocks on the night of 22<sup>nd</sup> December last. We conveyed this Body in Sutherland's cart to the Watch House in the Dornoch Burying ground and on the following day it was examined by Dr Soutar Golspie & afterwards entered in said Burying ground;

Patrolled the Town during the day and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found the Town all quiet, off duty at 11.40 p.m.

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 9.30 called at the Police office thence proceeded to Embo Village and made enquiries regarding some wood supposed to have been stolen from the wreck of the Barge "Vesta" near Embo, called on Donald McLean Teacher at Embo & afterwards returned by Embo Mains to Station at 5 p.m., patrolled the Town during the night off duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 7 miles)

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged till 12 noon, at which time I attended at the Court House at Civil Cases; Thereafter patrolled the Town generally during the evening and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found the Town all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m.

Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, thence proceeded to Ospisdale where I met P.C. Fairweather Bonar, called on M. Cumming housekeeper at Ospisdale, returned same route and called on W.E.Shaw Butler Skibo Castle and James McIntosh Merchant Clashmore to station at 4 p.m. Thereafter patrolled the Town generally during the night, found all quiet, odd duty at 11.40 p.m (Travelled 11 miles)

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended the delivery of the letters, at 11 a.m. proceeded along the sea shore by Dornoch Rocks to Embo Rocks and there found two Planks of Foreign wood washed ashore which I marked and reported to the Chief Constable, returned by the Earl's Cross Plantation and attended Divine Service; Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night attended the arrival of the mail gig and delivery of the letters, found all quiet, off duty at 10 p.m. (Travelled 7 miles)

Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged till 2 p.m. Thereafter proceeded by the curing yards to Embo Village and called on don McLean Teacher there, thence proceeded to Embo Mains where I took the following Complaint form William Ross Farm Manager residing there Viz:-

Informant complained against John Matheson a Lotter residing at Fourpenny in the Parish of Dornoch and County of Sutherland and States:

On Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January current between the hours of 1 & 2 p.m. I was going along the County Road which leads between Dornoch and the Littleferry in company with Eben Munro a Farm Servant at Embo aforesaid and when at that part of said Road situated about 100 yards south of the north side of Fourpenny Plantation I found 1 heifer belong to the accused grazing on the east side of said Road. About the beginning of November last I was going along the said Road towards the Littleferry driving a horse & dog cart and when near the same part of the said Road I found some cattle belonging to the accused grazing on the sides thereof; my horse started from some of these cattle and I was thrown out of the machine on to the road side but fortunately I did not hurt myself. I informed the accused at that time & several times previously that if he did not keep his cattle from being grazing on the sides of said Road that I would inform the Police & I therefore wish the accused Prosecuted.

(Signed) William Ross

I afterwards took a similar Complaint form the said Wm Ross against Christy or Christina Gunn a Lotter at Fourpenny aforesaid and reported both cased to the Chief Constable. That part of said Road which is described in Ross's Complaint is fenced at the west side but on the east side there is a large piece of Waste land between the fence and the Road.

Returned to Station at 7 p.m. and patrolled the Town generally during the night. Attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 8 miles)

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged during the fore and afternoon. At 5 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the night, found all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m.

Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office; at 11 a.m. apprehended Thomas Murray a Labourer residing in Littletown charged with Theft from the wreck of the Brig "Courier" at the Dornoch Rocks. Conveyed him to the Court House where his declaration was taken & afterwards Committed to Prison. Patrolled the Town till 5 p.m. at which time I



proceeded to Embo Mains & called on Wm Ross Manager there, thence proceeded to & Patrolled Embo Village and returned by the Curing yard to Station at 9 p.m. and patrolled the Town during the night, found all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 8 miles)

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged till 2 p.m. at which time I proceeded to Embo Mains & called on Wm Ross Manager there and made enquiries regarding a case of shebeening against Angus McIntosh a Merchant in Embo Village, returned at Station at 8 p.m. and patrolled the Town during the night, off duty at 3 a.m. following morning being New Year's day (old style) (Travelled 6 miles)

Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Friday at 11 a.m. called at the Police office; at 12 noon attended at the Court House at Criminal Trials thereafter patrolled the Town during the evening; at 7 p.m. Proceeded in Company with Inspector Bridgefurd to Embo Village where some disturbance took place during the evening, made enquiries & found the Village all quiet, returned to Station at 11 p.m., thereafter attended on duty at the Volunteer Hall where a Ball was being held during the night which broke up at 3.30 a.m. following morning orderly & regular. Retired from duty at 4 a.m. (Travelled 6 miles)

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 11 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged during the fore and afternoon; at 6 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended the delivery of the Mails, at 11 a.m. proceeded by Littleton & the Dornoch Rocks to Embo Rocks. Returned by Auchancharter and attended Divine Service; Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, off duty at 10 p.m.

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office; thereafter patrolled the Town and made enquiries regarding seven sheep belonging to W.S. Fraser Dornoch, five of which were drowned in a Burn which runs through a field on the Lone near Dornoch, the other two being partly destroyed Supposed by Dogs. Examined John Murray Shepherd at Pitgrudy who was in charge of said sheep and reported the particulars of my enquiry to the Chief Constable. Patrolled the Town during the evening and night, at 8 p.m. attended at the Drill Hall where an entertainment was given by Green's Christy Minstrels which broke up at 10.15 p.m. orderly and regular, also attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails which was an hour late, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Jan 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged during the day and evening, at 7 p.m. (attended) patrolled the Town during the night and attended the arrival of the mail gig and delivery of the letters, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m.

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office; at 12 noon attended at the Court house at the trial of William Douglas a Vagrant charged with Assault Committed at Bonar Bridge on the previous night & who was conveyed here at 2 a.m. this morning by P.C. Fairweather. He Plead guilty and was Sentenced to 14 days with Hard Labour.

At 2 p.m. proceeded to Embo Mains and made further enquiries regarding the Case of Shebeening against Margt. or Peggy McKay Embo Village.

Thereafter proceeded by the Poles & Cambusmore to Torbell where I took a statement from James Matheson farm servant there who is a Witness in the Case of Shebeening against Angus McIntosh Merchant in Embo Village. Called on A. Fraser Railway Agent, The Mound and attended the arrival and departure of the 7 p.m. down train at that Station, returned by Mail gig to Station at 8.20 p.m. & patrolled the Town during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 18 miles)

Jan 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged till 1 p.m. at which time I proceeded by Clashmore to the Meikleferry and called on David Annat Innkeeper there, who informed me that between 12 & 1 a.m. on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup> January current some person or persons to him unknown came to the back window of a pantry in his house and broke 5 wooden spars which had been fastened across the outside of the window and also a pane of glass, after breaking the pane of glass they got their hand through the window and turned off a small sneck which kept the window closed at one side and did enter into & walk through the Pantry and the Kitchen adjoining it, where they remained for about half and hour & then left the house by the same window. Mr Annat has not the least idea who these parties were; I then examined Mary Ann Dingwall servant to and residing with Mr Annat, who informed me that on the above date & hour she was in bed in a room which adjoins the Pantry when she heard some body knocking at the Window, on her going to the Window she observed two men at the outside who wished her to open the Window which she refused to do & returned to her Bedroom. In a short time afterwards she heard a pane of glass broken in the Pantry Window and the noise of some parties coming into the house, she got very much frightened & left her Bedroom & went into the sitting room where she concealed herself till these parties left the house. She

did not inform Mr Annat till the following morning and declares that she did not know who they were. I examined the Pantry Window and made enquiries about the Meikleferry and on my return reported the Particulars to the Chief Constable. Called on Colin McLennan Farmer Cuthill and returned to Station at 6 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the night, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and reported to the Chief Constable that on the 11<sup>th</sup> January Curt. John Ross a ferryman at the Meikleferry found a large Water Cask such as used on board a Ship floating in the Dornoch Firth a little to the west of the Meikleferry. Ross got this cask taken ashore which he showed me yesterday & is to look after it till taken charge of by the receivers of the wreck.

At 12 noon attended at the Court House at Criminal Trails; Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m.

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed during the day. Patrolled the Town during the night. Waited the delivery of the letters, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m.

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters, at 1.30 p.m. attended Divine Service; Patrolled the Town generally during the evening and night, attended the delivery of the letters, off duty at 10 p.m.

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed during the day; Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office at 11 a.m. P.C. Melvin Golspie arrived with Prisoner Edwart Gibson an Umbrella mender charged with Housebreaking with intent to steal at Golspie, locked him up in one of the Strong Rooms and attended to him at intervals during the day and night. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, attended the delivery of the letters, found all quiet, off duty at 11.40 p.m.

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed writing during the day; At 5 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally

during the night attended the arrival of the Mail gig and the delivery of the letters, found the Town all quiet & retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded by Clashmore to Pulrossie where I made further enquiries regarding the case of Housebreaking at the Meikleferry (See my duty of 18<sup>th</sup> instant but found no clue to the matter; called on James Murray Manager at Pulrossie in returning called on John Grant Manager Skibo and James McIntosh Merchant Clashmore to Station at 4 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the night, found all quiet and retired from duty at 11,20 p.m.

Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Friday at 5 a.m. left Station and proceeded in Company with Inspector Bridgeford to Skelbo where we apprehended George Dingwall, Dugald McKay & Donald Murray all Farm Servants residing at Skelbo in the employment of Mr Thomas Barclay farmer there charged with Night Poaching (See my duty of 4 Dec last) conveyed them to the Police office where I took charge of them till 12 noon at which time I attended at their Trial & others. The charge against Dingwall having been withdrawn McKay & Murray were each Sentenced to 7 days hard Labour and to find caution in terms of Statute. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening and night, attended the arrival and departure of the Mail gig and delivery of the letters, found all quiet. Retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 10 miles)

Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed till 11 a.m. at which time I proceeded to Ospisdale & met P.C. Fairweather Bonar Bridge, called on M. Cumming housekeeper there & on my return called on L.Collie Piper at Skibo Castle and James McIntosh Merchant Clashmore, to Station at 4 p.m. At 5 p.m. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the night found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended the delivery of the Mails at 1 p.m. attended Divine Service. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening & night, off duty at 10 p.m.

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, thence proceeded to Embo Village where I attended at a Sale of foreign wood which had been washed ashore in that district. Called on Don. McLean Teacher at Embo Village & returned to Station at 4 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 6 miles)

Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed *during* the forenoon; at which time I attended at the Court House at a Justice of Peace Court where the following cases along with others were disposed off; Catherine Grant or Cumming Embo Village Plead Guilty to Trafficking in Spirits without a Certificate & was fined £7 with 8 shillings 3 pence of Expences. Angus McIntosh a Merchant in Embo Village also Plead guilty to a like offence and was fined £7 with 5 shillings 3 pence expences – Patrolled the Town during the evening and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, off duty at 11.40 p.m.

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence Proceeded to Clashmore and called on Jas: McIntosh Merchant Clashmore, afterwards received a complaint from Hugh McDonald a Lotter there against Alexander Matheson son of & residing with John Matheson InnKeeper Clashmore, Robert Sutherland a Lotter at Clashmore and James Sutherland son of and residing with Robert Sutherland Blacksmith at Cuthill who committed a Breach of the Peace at McDonald's house on the previous night, I afterwards took statements from John McDonald a Carpenter residing with the said Hugh Macdonald & from Hugh Ross a Tailor & Alexander MacKenzie a Lotter both residing at Lonemore and reported the Particulars to the Procurator Fiscal and Chief constable. Returned to Dornoch at 6 p.m. and Patrolled the Town generally during the night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 9 miles)

February 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed during the fore and afternoon; at 7 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m.

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed till 12 noon at which time I attended at the Court house at Criminal Trials till 3 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town generally during the evening and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.45 p.m.

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence Proceeded to White face & called on Duncan Ross Teacher there. On my return called on W.E.Cattley Esqr. Ospisdale, W.E Shaw Butler Skibo and A.S. McDonald



Cyderhall, returned to Station at 3 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the night found all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 14 miles)

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended at the delivery of the Mails, at 1 p.m. attended Divine Service. Patrolled the Town during the evening and night, waited the arrival and delivery of the Mails, off duty at 10 p.m.

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded to and called on the following parties namely:- Don: McLean Teacher Embo, Wm Ross Manager Coull, T. Barclay Esqr. Skelbo and S. Bateson Esqr. Cambusmore, returned by the Poles to Station at 4 p.m. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, found all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 16 miles)

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed during the forenoon till 1 p.m. at which time I proceeded to & called on the following parties namely: R. McDonald Cyderhall, Colin McLennan Farmer Cuthill, D. Annat InnKeeper Ferrytown and James McIntosh Merchant Clashmore, returned by Evelix to Station at 4.30 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 12 miles)

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed during the day till 6 p.m. thereafter Patrolled the Town generally during the night found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m.

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed during the day till 4 p.m. at which time I patrolled the Town and met Miss Christina McDonald daughter of and residing with A.D Macdonald Esqr. Cyderhall who informed me that about 10 days ago she dropped a small leather hand bag on the street between Miss Munroe's school house and the Dornoch Inn this bag was very much worn and contained a Valuable Gold Brooch. Miss McDonald has been making enquiries through the Town and also Posted up a few notices in some of the Merchants shops in Town but up to this date she found no trace of it. I reported this to the Chief Constable. Attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m.

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, at 12 noon attended at the court house at Civic trials. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening and night, waited the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded to Skibo Castle and called on W.E. Shaw Butler there, returned same route to Dornoch at 2 p.m. thereafter attended at a Rifle Competition at the Dornoch Range till 4 p.m.. At 6p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the night, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 10 miles)

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended at the delivery of the letters. At 1.30 p.m. attended Divine Service. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening, found all quiet, off duty at 10 p.m.

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and completed my weekly report thereafter Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity generally during the day and night. Waited the arrival and delivery of the letters, found all quiet, off duty at 11.45 p.m.

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed till 1 p.m. at which time I proceeded to Evelix & called on William Munro Farmer there, thence to Proncy & called on John Morrison Ground office there, returned by the Poles to Dornoch at 4.30 p.m. Patrolled the Town and Vicinity during the night, heard no complaints during the day, retired from duty at 11 p.m. (Travelled 7 miles)

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed till 3 p.m. at which hour I proceeded to the Littleferry and cited John Mowat Custom House officer there to attend at the Court House Dornoch on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> current as a Witness for the Prosecution in the case of Thomas Murray & Robert McDonald alias "McColl" charged with Theft. Returned same route to Dornoch at 7 p.m. and Patrolled the Town generally during the night, waited the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 8 miles)

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded along the road by the Poles to Cambusmore and called on S. Bateson, returned same route to Station at 5 p.m. and informed the Chief Constable that Alexander McKay a Servant to and residing with John McKay Ferryman at Littleferry found a driving Rug on the Road a little to the North of Fourpenny on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> Current supposed to have dropped from a carriage; McKay showed me this Rug yesterday when at the Littleferry, it is fully a yard and a half long and about a yard and a quarter broad, black on one side and red on the other with a large figure of a Lion on the red side – McKay is to keep this

rug till called for by the owner. At 7 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 12 miles)

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office; at 12 noon attended at the court house at Criminal Trials till 2 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night. Waited the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m.

Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence Proceeded along the road to Ospisdale where I met P.C. Fairweather, Bonar Bridge, called on M. Cumming housekeeper at Ospisdale on my return called on James Murray Manager at Pulrossie, John McRae Footman Skibo Castle and Jas. MacIntosh Merchant Clashmore, to Station at 5 p.m. At 6.30 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the night, waited the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet and heard no Complaints during the day, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 13 miles)

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Police office with the Chief Constables letters; at 1 p.m. attended Divine Service. Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night, waited the delivery of the Mails, off duty at 10.30 p.m.

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence Proceeded to & called on the following parties namely William Ross Manager Embo, A. McKay Embo Village and A. Sutherland Teacher Skelbo, returned by the Poles to Station at 5 p.m. and reported to the Chief Constable that between 3 & 4 p.m. when returning along the County road leading between the Poles and Dornoch I found a dun coloured cow belonging to Thomas McKay a Lotter at the Poles, grazing on the east side of the road about 190 yards below the Junction of said Road and the Parliamentary Road leading to Evelix. At 7 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the night, waited the arrival of the mail gig and the delivery of the letters, found all quiet and heard no Complaints during the day, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 10 miles)

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office afterwards returned to my Lodgings where I remained during the day and night being unwell.

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged till 2 p.m. at which time I apprehended George McDonald a Tailor and Ann Duncan or McDonald a Pedlar both charged with being Drunk and Incapable on the street immediately behind the house occupied by Alexander McHardy Chief Constable. Conveyed them to the Police Station and locked

them up and reported the case to the Chief Constable. Patrolled the town at intervals during the evening and night, waited the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 9.30 a.m. called at the Police Station; at 11 a.m. conveyed the said George McDonald & Ann Duncan or McDonald before A. Leslie Esqr. Bailie & J.P. Dornoch, by whom they were severely Reprimanded and dismissed. Engaged in the Police office during the remainder of the day till 7 p.m. thereafter Patrolled the Town and waited the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed till 12 noon at which time I attended at the Court house at Criminal Trails. Thereafter patrolled the Town and its Vicinity generally during the night. Waited the arrival & delivery of the Mails, found all quiet and heard no complaint during the day, off duty at 11.35 p.m.

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence Proceeded along the Road to Ospisdale and called on M. Cumming HouseKeeper there, id not meet P.C. James Fairweather Bonar. On my return called on W.E.Shaw Butler Skibo Castle and James McIntosh Merchant at Clashmore to Station at 5 p.m. At 7 p.m. patrolled the Town generally during the night and Visited the Lodging houses, found two men in Mrs Munro's and one man in Mrs Campbell's. Waited the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. waited the delivery of the letters; at 1 p.m. attended Divine Service: Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, waited the arrival and delivery of the letters, off duty at 10 p.m.

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and completed my weekly report. Employed in the Police office during the day till 7 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town during the night and Visited the Lodging houses, found 2 men in Mrs Campbell's and 2 men 1 woman & 1 child in Mrs Campbell's, found the Town all quiet and heard no complaints during the day, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9.40 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed throughout the day. At 8 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during

the night. Waited the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, off duty at 11.40 p.m.

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police Station where I was employed generally during the day. At 7 p.m. Patrolled the Town during the night and waited the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day, off duty at 10 p.m.

March 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed till 3 p.m. at which time I proceeded to Embo Mains and Cited George Armstrong Shepherd there to attend at the Police Station here at 11 a.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> March current to be examine anent the case of Shebeening against Isabella McKay or Fraser Embo Village. Called on William Ross Manager at Embo and returned by the Sea shore to Station at 7 p.m. and Patrolled the Town generally during the night. Waited the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day, retired from duty at 11.40 p.m. (Travelled 7 miles)

March 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed till 12 noon at which time I proceeded to the Court House and attended at Criminal Trials till 3 p.m. thereafter Patrolled the Town generally during the evening and night, waited the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet and heard no Complaints during the day, off duty at 11.30 p.m.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded to Ospisdale and met P.C. Fairweather & called on W.E.Cattley Esqr. Ospisdale; on my return called on W. E.Shaw Butler Skibo and Jas: McIntosh Merchant Clashmore to Station at 4 p.m. Thereafter patrolled the Town generally during the night, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

March 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. waited the arrival & delivery of the Mails; at 1 p.m. attended Divine Service; Patrolled the Town during the evening and night, found all quiet, off duty at 10 p.m.

March 5<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and completed my weekly report. At 12 noon proceeded to Embo Village and called on Don. McLean Teacher there Patrolled through Embo Village and returned by Embo Mains & called on William Ross Manager there to Station at 3 p.m.; Thereafter patrolled the Town during the night. Waited the arrival and



delivery of the mails found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 7 miles)

March 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged till 12 noon at which time I attended at the court house at Criminal Trails till 3.30 p.m. Thereafter Patrolled the Town and Vicinity at intervals during the day and night. Attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet & retired from duty at 12 p.m.

March 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged till 12 noon at which time I proceeded along the road by the Poles to Skelbo Public School and called on A. Sutherland Teacher there, thence proceeded to Skelbo Castle and called on T. Barclay Esqr. Farmer there, returned by Balvraid and the Poles to Station at 4 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the night, attended the delivery of the Mails, found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 10 miles)

March 8<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded along the road to Skibo Castle and called on J. Grant Manager there; on my return called on J. McIntosh Merchant Clashmore to Station at 3 p.m. thereafter Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night, found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day off duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 9 miles)

March 9<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence Proceeded by the Poles and Skelbo to Cambusmore and called on M. Stewart housekeeper there, returned by Balvraid & the Poles to Station at 5 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the evening and night, waited the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 15 miles)

March 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 9.30 a.m. called at the Post (*Police?*) office where I was employed during the day & evening at 7.30 p.m. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the night and Visited the Lodging houses, found 1 man in Mrs Munro's and 2 men & 1 woman in Mrs Campbell's, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day, off duty at 11.40 p.m.

March 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended the delivery of the letters, at 1.30 p.m. attended Divine Service. Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening & night, waited the arrival and delivery of the letters.

March 12<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded to and called on the following parties making enquiries regarding the existence of scab among sheep or any other disease among sheep or other animals in my district namely: William Munro Farmer Evelix, John Morrison Ground Officer Proncy, William Grant Teacher Birichen, George Forbes Overskibo, W.E.Cattley Esqr. Ospisdale, John Grant Manager Skibo, Colin McLennan Farmer Cuthill, A. S. McDonald J.P. Cyderhall and C. McAndrew Davochfin to Station at 8 p.m. Patrolled the Town and attended the delivery of the letters, found all quiet and retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 18 miles)

March 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9.30 a.m. called at the Police office thereafter proceeded to and called on the following parties namely: and making enquiries regarding sheep scab etc:- William Ross Manager Embo Mains, Don. McLean Teacher Embo, G. M Ross J.P. Coull, T. Barclay Esqr. Skelbo, J. McPherson Shepherd Cambusavie and Alexander Fraser Manager Trentham, returned by the Poles and Evelix to Station at 7 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

March 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded to Clashmore & called on James MacIntosh Merchant there thence proceeded to Pulrossie where I attended at a Ploughing match during the day till 4 p.m. also called on James Murray Manager there, returned by Skibo and Clashmore to Station at 8 p.m. Patrolled the Town during the night, found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day, off duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 14 miles)

March 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed during the day till 7 p.m. Thereafter patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, found all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m.

March 16<sup>th</sup> Friday at 7.30 a.m. cleft the Station and Proceeded to Evelix and Proncy making further enquiries regarding sheep Scab etc: returned to Station at 10.30 a.m. and reported the results of my enquiries to the Chief Constable. At 12 noon attended on duty at the Court house at Criminal Trails till 2 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town during the evening and night, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 5 miles)

March 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence Proceeded along the road to Ospisdale and called on M Cumming housekeeper there, did not meet P.C. Fairweather. On my return called on W.E. Shaw Butler Skibo Castle to Station at 4 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, Visited the Lodging houses, found 1 man in Mrs Campbell's and 1 man in Mrs Munro's, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

March 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended the delivery of the letters at 1.30 p.m. attended Divine Service, at 4.30 p.m. proceeded along the road to the Poles and returned by Proncy and Evelix to Station at 6.30 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, off duty at 10 p.m. (Travelled 7 miles)

March 19<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed till 12 noon; thereafter proceeded to Embo Mains & called on William Ross Manager there, thence to Embo Village and called on Donald McLean Teacher there, returned by the fish yards to Station at 4.30 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the Evening and night, waited the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 7 miles)

March 20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, where I was engaged till 1 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town during the evening and night, found all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m.

March 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded along the road by the Poles to the Mound and called on A. Fraser Railway Agent there. On my return called on A. McKay Game Keeper Cambusavie, T. Barclay Esqr, Skelbo and A. Sutherland Teacher Skelbo thence by the Poles to Station at 4.30 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town generally during the evening and night, Visited the Lodging houses, found 1 man in Mrs Munro's and 1 man in Mrs Campbell's, waited the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 16 miles)

March 22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was engaged till 12 noon thereafter proceeded by Littleton and along the sea shore by the Dornoch Rocks to Embo Rocks, returned same route to Station at

2.30 p.m., thereafter patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, found all quiet off duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 7 miles)

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed till 12 noon thereafter patrolled the Town and its Vicinity generally during the evening and night. Waited the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m.

March 24<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, thence proceeded along the road to Ospisdale where I met P.C. James Fairweather Bonar Bridge; called on M. Cumming housekeeper at Ospisdale & returned the same route & called on L. Collie Piper Skibo Castle & Jas. McIntosh Merchant Clashmore, to Station at 5 p.m.; Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, Visited the Lodging Houses, found 1 man in Mrs Campbell's & 1 man in Mrs Munro's, waited the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

March 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. called at the Post office for the Chief Constables letters. At 1 p.m. attended Divine Service thereafter patrolled the Town generally during the evening and night. Waited the arrival and delivery of the letters, found all quiet, off duty at 10 p.m.

March 26<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and completed my weekly report, thereafter was employed in the Police office generally during the day till 7 p.m. at which time I patrolled the Town and attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, also visited the Lodging houses found 2 men & 1 woman in Mrs Campbell's and 1 man in Mrs Munro's, found the Town all quiet and heard no complaints during the day, retired from duty at 11.40 p.m.

March 27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office at 11 a.m. proceeded to and called on the following parties, namely; William Munro Evelix, John Morrison Princy Cottage, & H. MacIntosh Princynain, returned to Station at 3.30 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town and its Vicinity during the evening and night. At 8 p.m. Visited the Lodging houses found 3 men, 3 women & 3 children in Mrs Campbell's and 1 man in Mrs Munro's, attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 5 miles) John McLeod Constable Helms-dale

March 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded to Cyderhall where I took the following Complaint from Andrew Beattie a Shepherd at Cyderhall. Informant complains against Alexander

Soutar Farm griever residing at Cyderhall aforesaid & states:- About 11 a.m. on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Curt: I went to Alexander Soutar the griever and informed him that I would require some Turnips for the sheep when he told me that I would get the Turnips by one o'clock. As he did not send the Turnips I again called at 2 o'clock & mentioned to him that he did not as yet send the Turnips when he said that I would get them and I replied that the sheep would require to get Turnips. Soutar then got into a passion, cursed & swore at me & put up his clenched fist to my face threatening that he would do for me the first time that he would get me in a private place, so that I am now afraid that he may put his threats into Execution.

(Signed) Andrew Beattie

I afterwards took Statements from each of the following Witnesses, namely; Jessie Matheson or Mackay 44 years of age wife of and residing with Andrew Mackay, Coachman at Cyderhall. Margaret Macdonald 38 years of age sister of and residing with William Macdonald a Lotter residing at Clashmore & Jessie McKenzie 40 years of age a Spinster residing at Cyderhall aforesaid: Reported the Case to the Procurator Fiscal and Chief Constable.

Called on A.S. McDonald Esqr. J.P. Cyderhall & returned by Davochfin to Station at 3 p.m. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, at 7.30 p.m. Visited the Lodging houses found 3 men 3 women & 3 children in Mrs Campbell's and 1 man in Mrs Munro's found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 7 miles)

March 29<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, at 11 a.m. proceeded along the road to Skibo Castle & called on John MacRae Footman there, returned same route and called on James MacIntosh Merchant Clashmore to Station at 4 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town generally during the evening and night, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 9 miles)

March 30<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office at 12 noon, attended at the court house on duty till 2 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town generally till 3 p.m. at 5 p.m. Proceeded to Golspie on leave of absence

March 31<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence patrolled along the road to Ospisdale but did not meet P.C. Fairweather. Called on M. Cumming housekeeper there, on my return called on John McRae Skibo Castle to Station at 4 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town generally during the evening and night, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

April 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended the delivery of the letters at 1.30 p.m. attended Divine Service: In the afternoon patrolled the Town and its Vicinity,



at 8 p.m. attended the arrival of mail gig & delivery of letters, found all quiet, off duty at 10 p.m.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 9.30 a.m. called at the Police where I was engaged during the forenoon. In the afternoon Patrolled the Town and its Vicinity generally during the evening and night. At 8 p.m. attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, also Visited the Lodging houses, found 1 man in Mrs Munro's and none in Mrs Campbell's, found the Town all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, at 12 noon proceeded to & called on the following parties, namely; Donald McLean Teacher Embo, William Ross greive Coull, A. Sutherland Teacher Skelbo & H. MacIntosh Proncynain, thence to Station at 6 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town during the night, found all quiet & heard no Complaints during the day off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 12 miles)

April 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed till 12 noon thereafter proceeded to and called on the following parties, namely; J. McIntosh Davochfin, R.McDonald Cyderhall, C. McLennan Cuthill, D. Annat Ferrytown & John Matheson Clashmore, thence to Station at 7.30 p.m.

April 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thereafter patrolled the Town and its Vicinity generally during the day & night. At 8 p.m. Visited the Lodging houses, found 2 men in Mrs Campbell's & 1 man in Mrs Munro's. Waited the arrival & delivery of the mails, found the Town all quiet, off duty at 11.45 p.m.

April 6<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office; at 11 a.m. proceeded along the road by the Poles to & called on the following parties, namely; A. McKenzie Farm Manager Cambusavie, R. Johnstone, Gardener, Cambusmore & A. Fraser Agent The Mound attended the arrival & departure of the 3 p.m. Train there. On my return called on T. Barclay Esqr. Skelbo Castle, thence by Fourpenny to Station at 5.30 p.m. At 7 p.m. patrolled the Town generally during the night waited the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 16 miles)

April 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, at 1 p.m. proceeded to the Mound thence by Train to Lairg where I took duty along with P.C. Gordon during the Evening and night on the occasion of the

workmen of Shiness being Congregating about Lairg Hotel, all passed off quietly retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 23½ miles)

April 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 12 noon Patrolled about Larig, at 3 p.m. returned by Train to the Mound & thence by Mail car to Dornoch at 8.10 p.m. attended the delivery of the letters, found all quiet, retired from duty at 10 p.m. (Travelled 23½ miles)

April 9<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police where I was engaged till 1.30 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town generally during the evening and night waited the arrival and delivery of the letters, also Visited the Lodging houses, found 3 men 2 woman & 1 child in Mrs Campbell's & 1 man in Mrs Murray's (?*Munro*?) found the Town all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m.

April 10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thereafter patrolled the Town at intervals during the fore and afternoon at 8 p.m. Visited the Lodging houses, found 3 men 2 women & 1 child in Mrs Campbell's and 1 man in Mrs Munro's, attended the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found the town all quiet & heard no complaints during the day off duty at 11.30 p.m.

April 11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, thence proceeded to Embo farm and called on William Ross Manager there. Visited Fishertown and returned by Skelbo and the Poles to Station at 5 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town & Vicinity generally during the day & night, found all quiet and heard no complaints during the day, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 9 miles)

April 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed generally during the day. At 5 p.m. patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, found all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m.

April 13<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, at 11 a.m. proceeded along the road by the Poles to Balvraid, thence returned by Skelbo Farm to Skelbo School & called on A. Sutherland Teacher there, thence by Fourpenny to Station at 8 p.m. Patrolled the Town generally during the night, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 10 miles)

April 14<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded along the road to Skibo Castle & called on L. Collie Piper there, thence to Ospisdale, met P.C. Jas. Fairweather Bonar Bridge called on M. Cumming housekeeper at Ospisdale. On my return called on Jas. MacIntosh Merchant

Clashmore to Station at 4 p.m., thereafter patrolled the Town generally during the evening and night, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

April 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended the delivery of the letters at 1.30 p.m. attended Divine Service: In the afternoon patrolled the Town and its Vicinity waited the arrival and delivery of the mails, off duty at 10 p.m.

April 16<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police where I was employed during the forenoon and completed my weekly report. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night. Met a Vagrant named James Faraschy 40 years of age a native of Ireland whom I challenged to leave the Town. At 8 p.m. Visited the Lodging houses found 3 men in Mrs Campbell's and 1 man in Mrs Munro's attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m.

April 17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, at 12 noon proceeded by Embo Farm to Embo Village and called on Donald McLean Teacher there, thence to Coull and called on Wm. Ross Grieve there, proceeded through Fourpenny to Skelbo School & called on A. Sutherland Teacher there, returned by Poles and Proncynain to Station at 5 p.m., at 6 p.m. patrolled the Town during the night, waited the arrival and delivery of the mails, found the Town all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 10 miles)

April 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I have been engaged generally during the day, at 7 p.m. patrolled the town during the night & Visited the Lodging houses, found 3 men in Mrs Campbell's & 2 men in Mrs Munro's, waited the arrival and delivery of the Mails, found the Town all quiet & heard no Complaints during the day, off duty at 12 p.m.

April 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded along the road to the Poles & Visited the Inn there, at 12 noon also called on Jane Ewan, thence proceeded along the road to Cambusavie & called on Alexr. McKenzie Grieve there, returned same route to the Poles & thence to Proncy & called on John Morrison Ground Officer there, patrolled through Evelix & returned to Station at 4.30 p.m. At 5 p.m. patrolled the Town generally during the night, attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, found all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 13 miles)

April 20<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, at 11 a.m. proceeded long the road to & called on the following parties, namely, A.S. McDonald

Esqr. J.P. Cyderhall, Colin McLennan Farmer Cuthill and James McIntosh Merchant Clashmore, returned by Evelix to Station at 5 p.m. At 6 p.m. patrolled the Town generally during the night, found all quiet, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travd. 10 miles)

April 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, where I was engaged generally during the day and evening, at 7 p.m. Patrolled the Town & waited the arrival of the mail gig and delivery of the letters, found all quiet, retired from duty at 12 p.m.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended the delivery of the letters, at 1.30 p.m. attended Divine Service, thereafter patrolled the Town and neighbourhood attended the arrival and delivery of the letters, found all quiet, off duty at 10 p.m.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and completed my weekly report. At 1 p.m. proceeded along the road to Ospisdale & called on W.E. Cattley Esqr. on my return called on J.B. Grant Skibo & Jas. McIntosh Clashmore to Station at 6 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town generally during the night & Visited the Lodging houses, found man in Mrs Campbell's & 1 man in Mrs Munro's – found the Town all quiet, and heard no complaints during the day, off duty at 11.15 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

April 24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and reported the following complaint to the Chief Constable Viz:- About 3.30 p.m. on Saturday ast the 21<sup>st</sup> inst: I found 2 one year old calves belong to Williamina Munro Innkeeper Eagle Inn Dornoch, grazing on the North Side of the County Road leading through the Burgh of Dornoch and on that part thereof which is opposite the Dornoch Prison. I drove these two Cattle beasts to the accused's house and spoke to her for allowing them to graze as above stated. She said that they were put down on the Links along with other cattle in the morning and there being no herd to look after them there, and the day being very cold she thought was the cause of them leaving the Links so soon, I then informed her that I would report her for this offence. I have repeatedly Cautioned the accused on previous occasions for allowing her Cattle to graze & Stray through the Town.

At 1 p.m. proceeded along to Embo village and called on Donald McLean Teacher there, returned by Embo Farm to Station at 4 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town generally during the night, attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, found all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 5 miles)

April 25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded to Balvraid by order of the Chief Constable to make enquiries regarding three dogs belong to Angus Matheson Lotter, Robert Logan Blacksmith and Donald Ross Shepherd to Mr Barclay Skibo & all residing at Balvraid which were killed lately Supposed by Poison laid down in eggs in the woods about Balvraid by Andrew McKay Gamekeeper Cambusavie or his assistants. I called on each of the above mentioned parties & made all possible enquiries about Balvraid & also took possession of Part of the Shell of an egg which was found in the stomach of McDonald's Dog, returned same route to Station at 5 p.m. & reported the result of my enquiries to the Chief Constable.

At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town generally during the night, waited the arrival and delivery of the letters, found all quiet, off duty at 11.40 p.m. (Travelled 12 miles)

April 26<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office and reported the following Complaint to the Chief Constable, namely:- about 12 noon yesterday I was proceeding along the County Road leading between Dornoch and the Poles and when at that part of said Road bout 10 yards to the south of the second gate leading into the Duchess Countess Plantation from said Road and about 700 yards south of the Junction of said Road with the Road leading to Evelix. I drove them along to the accused house & informed him where I found them & also cautioned him for allowing them to graze on the road sides. He stated that they were sent out to graze on the Embo Moor about 11 o'clock in the forenoon & could not say what caused them to leave the moor & go to graze on the road side where found by me, I have repeatedly warned this person on previous occasion for allowing his Cattle & horses to graze on the Road sides about the Poles and I am led to understand that he had been previously Convicted for a Similar offence. I was employed in the office during the day till 7 p.m. thereafter patrolled the town & Visited the Lodging houses found 3 men in Mrs Campbell's & 2 men in Mrs Munro's attended the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m.

April 27<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded along the road to Balvraid & Cambusavie making enquiries regarding the three Dogs Poisoned there lately, see my report of 25<sup>th</sup> inst: Called on Alexander McKenzie Grieve Cambusavie and Robert Johnstone Gardener Cambusmore returned same route to Station at 4 p.m. At 5 p.m. Patrolled the Town & its Vicinity generally during the night, waited the arrival & delivery of the Mails, found all quiet, off duty at 11.40 p.m. (Travelled 13 miles)



April 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office thence proceeded along the road to Ospisdale but did not meet P.C. Fairweather, called on Bella Fraser Ospisdale house, thence returned same route & called on John S.Reiss Skibo & James McIntosh Merchant Clashmore to Station at 4 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town generally during the Evening and night, waited the arrival & delivery of the mails, found all quiet & retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 11 miles)

April 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 a.m. attended the delivery of the mails; at 1.30 p.m. attended Divine Service. Patrolled the Town during the evening & night, found all quiet, off duty at 10 p.m.

April 30<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, thence proceeded along the road to Cambusavie & called on Alexander McKenzie Grieve there, returned same route to Station at 4 p.m. At 4.50 p.m. I found a year old stirk belonging to William Sutherland a Shoemaker and a cow belong to John Sutherland a Carrier both residing in Dornoch grazing on the north side of the County road leading through the Burgh of Dornoch and at that part thereof which is opposite the Dornoch Prison. I called upon both the accused's & informed them that I intended to report hem both for this offence. I have repeatedly Cautioned them both on previous occasions for allowing their cattle and horses to graze & stray on the road above mentioned. I reported both these cases to the Chief Constable on this date. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the night, attended the arrival of mail gig, found all quiet, off duty at 11.40 p.m. (Travelled 12 miles)

May 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed generally during the day at 3 p.m. P.C.'s Fairweather & Esson Bonar arrived with Andrew McDonald Pedlar and Margaret Jamieson or McDonald his wife both charged with Breach of the Peace Committed at Portnalick Inn at 20 Decr. Last they were both detained in the Strong Rooms here during the night. Patrolled the Town at intervals during the evening and night, waited the arrival and delivery of the mails, found all quiet & retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 9.50 a.m. called at the Police office at 11 a.m. conveyed Andrew McDonald & Margaret Jamieson or MacDonalld who were both locked up in the Police Cells here during the night to the Court house & there attended at their trial, they both plead guilty the said Andrew McDonald was sentenced to 10 days Impt: and the said Margaret Jamieson or McDonald to 7 days Impt:- Patrolled the Town generally during the evening and reported

the following complaint to the Chief Constable, namely: about p.m. I found one cow & one calf belonging to David Campbell Blacksmith Dornoch grazing on the north side of the County Road leading through the Burch of Dornoch at that part thereof which is opposite the Prison Dornoch. I drove them to the accused's house & informed him where I found them & that I would have to report him. The accused made no remarks further than saying that as he was wrong he would have to submit, I have previously Cautioned Campbell for allowing his Cattle to graze on the road sides in the Burgh of Dornoch.

Patrolled the Town during the night & attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, found all quiet, off duty at 12 p.m.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office, thence proceeded by the Meikle ferry road to & called on the following parties, namely: A.S McDonald Esqr. J.P. Cyderhall, Colin McLennan Farmer, Cuthill & Jas. McIntosh Merchant Clashmore, returned by Evelix to Station at 4 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town and reported the following Complaint to the Chief Constable, namely: about 4.15 p.m. I found one cow & one calf belonging to William Sutherland a Shoemaker in Dornoch grazing on the north side of the County Road leading through the Burgh of Dornoch at that part thereof which is opposite the Prison Dornoch. I drove them along to the accused's house & told him where I found them & that I intended to report him. I have reported the accused for a Similar offence on the 30<sup>th</sup> April last and also Cautioned him yesterday evening for allowing his cattle to graze on the sides of the said Road.

About 5 p.m. I found 2 one year old stirks belonging to John McIntosh Contractor & Lotter residing in Dornoch grazing on the north side of the County Road leading through Dornoch at that part thereof which is about 10 yards South of the house occupied by Alexander McHardy Chief Constable. I drove these two Cattle beasts to the accused's house & informed him where I found them and that I would have to report him. McIntosh could not understand how his cattle wandered to the road side where found by me, as he says that he observed them on his own lot of land about half an hour before then. I have previously warned McIntosh for allowing his cattle to graze & stray through the Town I have also reported this offence to the C.C.

Patrolled the Town generally during the night and Visited the Lodging houses, found 3 men 1 woman & 2 children in Mrs Campbell's and 1 man in Mrs Munro's, also attended the arrival & delivery of the mails at 8.30 p.m. from which time I was employed in the Police office till 10 p.m., thereafter patrolled the Town, found all quiet, off duty at 11.40 p.m. (Travelled 13 miles)

May 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. called at the Police office where I was employed during the day till 5 p.m. thereafter patrolled the Town and its Vicinity, attended the arrival & delivery of the mails, found the town all quiet & heard no Complaints during the day, retired from duty at 11.30 p.m.

May 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m. called at the Police, thence proceeded along the Road to the Meikle ferry and posted up at both sides of said ferry a copy of a notice anent “the cattle Plague order of 1877” issued by the Local Authority of the County of Sutherland Prohibiting the Introduction into the County of all Cattle from the South except upon special certificates of health to be granted by the Inspectors of the Local Authorities of the Districts from which they came and to be exhibited to the County Inspector Mr Alexander Allison V.S.?. Bonar Bridge thereafter called on D. Annat Innkeeper Ferrytown Inn, James Murray Manager, Pulrossie, W.E.Cattley Esqr; Ospisdale, John S Reiss Gamekeeper Skibo, & Jas: McIntosh Merchant Clashmore, returned to Station by Evelix at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. patrolled the Town, waited on the arrival & delivery of the letters, found all quiet, off duty at 11.30 p.m. (Travelled 13 miles)

*Meaning of words:-*

*C.C. - Chief Constable*

*P.F. – Procurator Fiscal*

*Stirk – year old bullock/heifer*

*Lotter – someone who bought odd lots of wool and consolidated them for sale*

*Sletting – violent shaking/flapping of something loose*

*do – ditto*

*Term day - term days, or quarter days, were the four days dividing the legal year, when rent and interest on loans were due, when ministers' stipends were due and servants hired and paid, and when contracts and leases often began or ended. In Scotland the term days were Candlemas, Whitsun, Lammas, and Martinmas*

*Mutchkin - A mutchkin is equivalent to 424 ml.*

*Anent – concerning*

*Shebeening – selling unlicenced alcohol*