

"At Donock the 11th day of
August 1812 years
In a meeting of the Magistrates
and Town Council of the
Burgh of Donock

"Held in Council

Kenneth Mackay	} Esqrs Bailies
John Sutherland, &	
William Young	
Mr. John Barclay, Dean of Guild	
W. William Ross at Lamburnmore	} Councillors
Patrick Sellar Esq at Fulmacle	
Capt. Duncan Sutherland at Kinnault	
Capt. John Munro at Achley	

"The Towns property & } The Magistrates
commonalty lands } and Town Council
taking into their consideration
that the heritable property belonging
to the Burgh is now chiefly
possessed by people who pay
no rent, and who by casting
and winning feal and divot
thereon, and other acts of
possession

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possession, injure the property,
without paying any consideration
to the Burgh, and without
leave asked or given, Do therefore
think it necessary that the
Marches of the property belonging
to the Burgh be forthwith
correctly ascertained & preserved;
and that such property be
improved and let out to the
best behoof, - They therefore
Direct the Town Clerk to procure
and report to the ensuing
Michaelmas Head Court of the
Burgh the rights and titles of
the Town lands, and in particular
an Extract of the Submission
Decree Arbitral and Scheme of
Division following thereon of
the Townlore of Dornoch and
adjacent grounds." * * *

"At Dornoch the 29 day of
September 1812, - being the day
on which, agreeably to the
usage and sett of the
Burgh, the annual election
of Provost Magistrates and
Town Council of the
Burgh of Dornoch in their
Michaelmas Head Court
takes place, - The Court being fenced

"Held in Council

Captain Kenneth McKay, Torboll	}	Baillies.
Hugh Houston Esq of Freich		
William Young Esq of Morangie		
W. John Barclay, Dornoch, Dean of Guild.		
Lt Colonel Alex. Sutherland of Culmaill, Treasurer.		
William Mackenzie Esq H.S.	}	Councillors
Dr. William Ross at Cambusmore		
David Kilchrist Esq of Orpisdeals		
Patrick Tellar Esq at Culmaill		
Capt. Duncan Sutherland at Kinnault		
Captain John Munro, at Achley "		

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"Towns property } Thereafter the Clerk
lands }
laid

laid before the Council copy of the Erand
Decerniture pronounced by the Lords of Council
and Session on the 28 day of July 1785, &
7 day of March 1786, in a process of
Division of the Townshut of
Louemore of Dumoch referred to
in the minutes of meeting
of Council on the 11 day of
August last, - But as the plan and
Scheme of Division referred to in that
copy Decerniture has not been produced,
and also as there is considerable doubt
entertained whether the Decree of Division
above mentioned contains the allotment
of the grounds mentioned in the
former Minute, the Council Postpone
consideration of the subject until
Mr. Sellar has an opportunity of
reporting whether there be any
other Decree of Division or other
papers on the subject in the
Chamber Room of Dumoch.***

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"At Dornoch, the twenty
"ninth day of October
"Eighteen hundred and thirty

"In a Meeting of the Magistrates

"Present:- Angus Fraser Esq
"George Laffrey Esq, Thomas
"Gordon Esq & W.S. Fraser Esq
"Baillies - William Rose
"Esq Deane of Guildie.
"Jas. Rose Esq Treasurer."

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[Customs of Burgh & pasture of
links exposed to Roup, & purchased]

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" Thereafter M. Fraser presented to
" the meeting a letter of Jack
" whereby M. Gunn as factor for
" Lord Stafford let to him that
" part of the Douemore formerly
" allotted to the Town of Dornoch
" as Burgh Common, and now
" become Lord Staffords property, - for
" a period of twelve years from
" Whitsunday

Whitsunday just at a rent of
six pence p acre :- And the
said letter was immediately returned
to Mr. Fraser."

Note by J.C. - This ^{above} paragraph occurs at the end of the
Minute of the day's proceedings, & after the signatures.
It is thus not authenticated in any way. There appears
a suggested appearance. H.M.S. Records

Copy Letter Joseph Peacock Esq
Factor to the Duke of
Sutherland, to the Town
Clerk of Dornoch. Recorded
in Burgh Records Vol II p 103.

"Eolspie Nov 4, 1863

Dear Sir,

It having been ascertained
that for some time past, there
have been trespasses by the
cattle &c of the inhabitants
of Dornoch on the portion
of the Community of Conemore
belonging to the Duke of
Sutherland, His Grace has
lately caused the boundaries
to be traced and marked
off

off by stakes and pits in
the ground, - and as I understood
that the annual set of the
Dornoch Links by the magistrates
will shortly take place, I now
write to you to make you
aware of this, and to request
that in making that set,
the magistrates may be good
enough to define the limits of
the ground let by them so
that there may be no cause
for misunderstanding and
no further encroachments on
His Grace's lands.

If desired I shall be glad
to go over the ground with
you and the magistrates &
point out the boundaries
to which I have referred.

Yours kind
(Signed) Joseph Peacock

Burgh of Donmelo

Extracts from Records

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