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General abbreviations

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| ab. | abbot |
| acc. | accession |
| adcn. | archdeacon |
| bp. | bishop |
| ca. | circa |
| conf. | confirmation |
| cons. | consecration |
| d. | death |
| fdn. | foundation |
| Scoular, Handlist | Handlist of the Acts of Alexander II, comp. James Scoular |
| Shead, Handlist | Handlist of Scottish Episcopal Acta, comp. Norman Shead |
| Simpson, Handlist | Handlist of the Acts of Alexander III, the Guardians and John, comp. Grant Simpson |

Key to abbreviations for types of documents

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| As | Assidation (a lease) |
| A | Agreement |
| B | Brieve |
| C | Confirmation (individual) |
| FF | Feu-farm |
| G | Grant |
| GC | Grand confirmation |
| IS | Instrument of Sasine |
| L | Letter |
| LP | Letters patent |
| O | Obligation |
| P | Precept |
| P(CC) | Precept of Clare Constat |
| P(S) | Precept of Sasine |
| PB | Papal Bull |
| PL | Papal Letter |
| QC | Quitclaim or resignation |
| R | Receipt |
| S | Sale |

Notes on the manuscript cartulary and transcripts

The manuscript cartulary and three transcript copies are held at the National Library of Scotland. The cartulary, NLS Adv. MS. 34.5.3, was composed in the 14th century, according to GRC Davis, after 1331. In Davis' catalogue, it is given the number 1124, where it is mistakenly cited as MS. 30.5.3. Its old Advocates' Library reference number was A.5.27. By the current foliation, it consists of 29 vellum leaves. Folio 3, however, is a small insert intended to replace a torn bottom segment on folio 4. Folio 29 has no charters transcribed on it, and may at one time have acted as a cover: on the verso side is the colophon 'Liber Sancte marie de balmorinach qui eum alienauerit sit ipse alienatus a Regno dei scriptum est hoc per fratrem laurentium predicti loci anno domini m cccc Sexto × amen'. It now has a brown leather binding with the spine missing, and the original parchment gathering is now preceded by 48 blank paper sheets. The parchment is in black ink with liberal use of red ink for rubrics and the filling in of upper case letters.

All of the transcripts and the Abbotsford Club edition order the charters in the same way, the only exception being that the oldest transcript, Adv. MS 33.2.5, does not include no. 11, which has been partially rubbed out. This copy has undergone a colourful history: apparently written in the sixteenth century (see Davis), it belonged in the 17th to Colonel Charles Fairfax. On the inside cover is recorded 'N.B. This Book was left in a Legacy to the Advocates Library by the R.R. Bishop Robert Keith, who died on Jan^{ry} 20th, 1757, aged 76'. The first 13 fos. consist of a copy of the Lindores cartulary, which were endorsed 'ffor the Rt Honorable and M worthy Noble frind Colonell Fairfax', but the donor's name is difficult to determine from the signature. The Balmerino material begins on folio 14, on which is written the statement beginning 'Cartularium Abathie B. Marie de Balmirynash in Fife Ordinis Cistercii'. Also on folio 14 is a statement beginning 'This is for ye Learned Antiquary Mr Rogir Dodsworth', and a statement, apparently by Colonel Fairfax: 'My nobl frend Sr James Balfour (Knyght + Baronett) Lord Lyon has the originall in a small octavo, very ancient and now scarce legible in many places. Fairfax.' The communiqué to Dodsworth, who was Dugdale's collaborator in the *Monasticon Anglicanum*: this note explains how the cartulary version of *Balm. Lib.*, no. 1 (as opposed to the 'original' single-sheet, which was in the collection of Lord Frederick Campbell, Lord Clerk Register of Scotland, in the late 18th century), came to be included in that famous work.

After the 54-page transcript, also bound in the volume are a single sheet of later date, written on recto side only, and a further two sheets, formerly folded up, and endorsed 'from the Chartulary of Scone in the possession of the Visc^t of Stormont now (1773) in the Advocate Library. A.B.': on it is a 'Copie charter By Alex^t I in favor of the Convent of Scone'. Following this is a one-sheet letter with a list of charters entitled 'Copies of charters'. After the list is the following: 'All these several MSS belonged to Colonel Charles Fairfax, a younger son to Sir Thomas Fairfax the General. He was a truly learned Antiquary, as appears from the great Collections relating chiefly to his own Country (Yorkshire), which I have seen, & though at first he sided with the Rebels, yet he lived long enough to see his Error, & joined heartily with General Monk to bring the king back, for which service K.C.2. made him a Grant of £100 a year issuing out of the Customs of Hull, to him & his Heirs forever, which his Great-grand-daughter Miss Eliz. Fairfax of St Neots in Hunt^{shire} now enjoys. Family tradition

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says that the King at the instance of General Monk insisted on his accepting £300 a year but he persisted in a Refusal, as being far above what Mention of his great Services to Gen'l Monk on his March from Scotland. Miss Fairfax by the Means of Nic. Brett desires her Complements to B^r Keith & begs his acceptance of all or any of these MSS. as she thinks, he will make a better Use of them, (if they can be of any Use) than anybody else, she is acquainted with. Stretton Sept 6, 1754.'

The 18th-century transcript, Adv. MS 35.3.13, is a brown leather volume containing 298 + vi paper folios and includes copies of the Melrose Abbey charters, Myln's Bishops of Dunkeld and various other items. The section dealing with Balmerino starts on folio 67r and runs to 96v (or pp. 133-193). The compilation begins with an ornate title page with the inscription 'Registra Coenobiorum de Melross et Balmerino impensis Walteri M^cFarlan de eodem transcripta Anno MDCCXLII'. The final folio of this section (96) consists of a discourse on Balmerino Abbey 'from Father Hays Scotia Sacra pag 204'.

The 19th-century transcript, Adv. MS 9A.1.4, contains copies on paper of the cartularies of Dryburgh and Balmerino written in a fine and easily legible cursive script, and is cased in a brown leather binding with gold trim and the words 'Dryburgh & Balmorinach' on the spine. It runs to 388 folios with additional sheets (i-ix before; x-xix after); fos. 289-318 are blank. The Balmerino section starts on fo. 319 with the words 'Chartularium de Balmorinach from a copy at Panmure'. The Balmerino section has its own separate pagination written in black ink, 1-138. NLS records date the volume to ca. 1818.

I am very grateful to Dr Simon Taylor for his invaluable help on many of the place-names found in the Balmerino Liber, as well as for further contributions relating to several charters. I would further like to thank Dr Dauvit Broun for reading parts of this work.

Matthew Hammond, Glasgow, Sept. 2006.

PS. I would also like to thank Prof Barrow for kindly allowing me to include his transcription of the fuller version of no. 39 as an Appendix. MH, May 2007.

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Notes on dating of the charters

I. Date of the foundation of Balmerino Abbey

Balmerino Abbey is among the best placed in terms of documents in revealing the somewhat protracted process of establishing and founding a monastery. The choice of Balmerino as the site for a new royally-endowed religious house was probably due to its availability: the lands had been broken off the old lay-abbacy or shire of Abernethy and passed from Margaret, daughter of Orm of Abernethy, through her husband, Henry Revel, to his nephew, Richard Revel, who witnessed a large number of King William's charters. Upon his death, perhaps in early 1225, the estate then went to his brother, Adam of Stawell in Somerset, who was evidently not resident in the kingdom of the Scots at that time. This offered the appropriate opportunity for a buy-out of land in a prime location. As is clear from nos. 4 - 6 below, Adam appeared in the king's court at Forfar on Sunday, 12 Oct., 1225, when he sold the estate to Queen Ermengarde for 1000 marks. The transaction was complete by 24 June, 1226, when Adam obtained a receipt from the master of the Temple at London verifying that the money had been paid. King Alexander II's charter granting the lands of Balmerino and Coultra (along with Barry in Angus), however, was not written up until 3 Feb., 1231 (*Balm. Lib.*, no. 1). The Chronicle of Melrose states with convincing detail that Abbot Alan and the convent left Melrose on 13 Dec., 1229 (*Chron. Melrose*, facs. edn., 80). A list of Cistercian establishments printed in *Kinloss Records*, 13, however, cites 1227 as the abbey's date of foundation. (*MRHS*, 72). For charters relying on the foundation date as their *terminus post quem*, the term [1227x29] has been used. It is most likely, however, that these charters were not written until after the Dec. 1229 arrival of the monks, and perhaps not even until after the king's Feb. 1231 grant.

II. Editorial practice on dates

Before the official adoption of the January 1st New Year in Scotland in 1600, the most common method of dating was either the regnal year (Alexander II's began on 5 Dec.) or on 25 March, the Annunciation, which was one of the few non-moveable religious feasts around Easter. This dating scheme is sometimes called Old Style (O.S.) and it is distinguished as such from the New Style (N.S.) Jan. 1st system. To make things worse, medieval scribes sometimes used Christmas Day or January 1st rather than 25 March: it is known that the writers of the Chronicle of Melrose (and Melrose was Balmerino's mother house) were capable of fluctuating between these systems. All of this means that charters dating from between 1/1 and 25/3 can be seen as belonging to one of two possible years: this has been rendered by some scholars as, e.g., 2 Feb. 1227/28. This has sometimes led to confusion, for example, in the date of the death of Balmerino founder Queen Ermengarde, which was 11 Feb. 1233. Because this system is not always easy to understand, the editorial practice adopted in this work is different. Years which appear in the text are given in inverted commas, alongside a bracketed representation of their probable New Style dates (see no. 11). These must be taken with the understanding that they are based on a 25/3 New Year. Dates involving days before 25 March are given in N.S., i.e., as we would understand them, but have a bracketed translation into O.S. alongside.

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Calendar of documents in *Liber Sancte Marie de Balmorinach*

1. King Alexander II grants Balmerino and Coultra, Fife, with their pertinents,
G Ballindean, Grange ('Ballindard') and Corbie, and Barry, Angus, to Balmerino Abbey.
3 Feb. 1231. Clackmannan. [regnal year 17]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 1r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 15r (or, by old system, p. 1).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 67r-v (pp. 133-4).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 320r-321v (pp. 1-4).
Scoular, *Handlist*, no. 145.
Dugdale, *Monasticon Anglicanum*, ii, 1056.

Note: this charter survives as a contemporary single sheet, and is kept in the British Library as part of the Lord Frederick Campbell charters, XXX, 6.
Anderson, *Diplomata Scotiae*, pl. xxxiv (facs).
Stevenson, *Illustrations*, no. xiv.
2. King William I grants Coultra, Fife, to Henry Revel.
G 1173 × 78. Clunie in Stormont.
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 1v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 15v (p. 2).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 67v (p. 134).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 321v-322r (pp. 4-5).
RRS ii, no. 147.
3. King Alexander II confirms Coultra, Balmerino, Grange ('Balendarg') and
C Easter Ardie ('Esterardint'), to Richard Revel.
28 June, 1215 × 25. Scone.
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 1v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 15v-16r (pp. 2-3).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 68r (p. 135).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fo. 322r-v (pp. 5-6).
Scoular, *Handlist*, no. 24.
4. Adam of Stawell, Somerset, brother and heir of Richard Revel, resigns and
QC quitclaims Coultra and Balmerino, with advocacy of church of Balmerino and land of Ardie ('Ardint'), to Queen Ermengarde, mother of Alexander II.
12 Oct. 1225. King's court at Forfar. [Sunday after St Dionysius' Day]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 1v-2r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 16r (p. 3).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 68r-v (pp. 135-6).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 322v-323v (pp. 6-8).
5. Agreement between Queen Ermengarde and Adam of Stawell, by which
A Adam agrees to hand over all charters on the aforementioned lands to the master of the Knights Templar in London. Adam is to receive 500 marks on the following Christmas and a further 500 marks on the Nativity of St John the Baptist (24 June) from the queen or her messenger.
12 Oct. 1225. King's court at Forfar. [as above]

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- NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 2r-v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 16r-v (pp. 3-4).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 68v-69r (pp. 136-7).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 323v-324v (pp. 8-10).
6. Adam of Stawell makes a receipt of one thousand marks at the Temple in
R London, having received 500 marks from the hand of Thomas son of Ranulph
on Tues., 30 Dec., 1225 (the morrow of St Thomas the Martyr's Day), and the
other 500 marks from the monks of Melrose on 24 June, 1226 (St John the
Baptist's Day).
24 June 1226, or soon thereafter. Temple, at London.
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 2v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 16v (p. 4).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 69r (p. 137).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 324v-325r (pp. 10-11).
7. Laurence of Abernethy, son of Orm, in the presence of King Alexander II,
QC resigns and quitclaims Coultra, Ballindean, Grange ('Balnedart'), Corbie and
Balmerino to St Mary's and St Edward's of Balmerino in Fife.
11 Sept. 1233 × 1241. [cons. William bp. Glasgow × d. Walter s. Alan]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 2v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 17r (p. 5).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 69r-v (pp. 137-8).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 325v-326r (pp. 12-13).
8. King Alexander II grants Balmerino, Fife, and Barry, Angus, in free forest, to
G Balmerino Abbey.
10 Apr. 1234. Balmerino. [regnal year 20]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 2v-4r (not inc. fo. 3).
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 17r-v (pp. 5-6).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 69v (p. 138).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fo. 326v (p. 14).
Scoular, *Handlist*, no. 186.
9. Abbot R. (Radulph of Lamley) and the convent of Arbroath notify that the
QC abbot and convent of the monastery of St Edward of Balmerino were held to
annual payment of 40 marks for the church of Barry, Angus, which they
(Arbroath Abbey) demitted to them (Balmerino Abbey), by the authority and
assent of W[illiam Malveisin], bishop of St Andrews, but that King Alexander
[II], loving each monastery with a special affection and favour, one being the
burial place of his father [King William], the other of his mother [Queen
Ermengarde], has agreed to free Balmerino Abbey from the payment and has
ordered that a payment of 40 marks be made from another suitable place, as in
his (the king's) charter to them (Arbroath). Arbroath Abbey quitclaims the
payment in perpetuity to Balmerino Abbey. The chaplain serving that church
will have an oxgang of land as perambulated by Sir Jocelin of Bollendard and
Nicholas of Inverpeffer and many other men.
11 Feb. 1233 × 17 June 1239; probably 25 Dec. 1234×.

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[Death of Queen Ermengarde × mandate for confirmation of Ralph of Lamley as bishop of Aberdeen; the royal charter to Arbroath Abbey mentioned in the text is probably no. 71 below (also *Arb. Lib.*, i, no. 102)]

NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 4r-3v.¹

NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 17v-18r (pp. 6-7).

NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 69v-70r (pp. 138-9).

NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 326v-328r (pp. 14-17).

Shed, *Handlist*, 'Lost Episcopal Acta'.

See *SHS Miscellany VIII*, 'Miscellaneous Monastic Charters', no. 1, below.

10. King Alexander II grants the lands of Pitgorno and Drumdreel in Strathmiglo parish, Fife, to Balmerino Abbey, which Mael Coluim (Malcolm II), earl of Fife gave to Marjerie, the king's cousin² (*cognata*), in exchange for the lands of Strathord and Strathbraan, which King William gave to Marjerie in free marriage.³ The lands are to pass to the abbey after Marjerie's death. March, 1241 × 1249. [only month survives in date of time, but between Robert's election as abbot of Dunfermline and the death of the king.]
G NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 4v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 18r (p. 7).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 70v (p. 140).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 328r-329r (pp. 17-19).
Scoular, *Handlist*, no. 330.
11. William Malveisin, bishop of St Andrews⁴, makes a grant or confirmation by the consent of Alexander (II), king of Scotland, and by the consent and 'connivance' of the chapter and archdeacon of St Andrews. The document is incomplete. The seal of the grantor, who uses the first person plural, is said to be attached. No witnesses, but a year is given. This is a probably a confirmation by St Andrews of the king's initial establishment of the abbey. '1227'. [N.S.= 25 Mar. 1227 × 24 Mar. 1228]
G? NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 5r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), not included.
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 70v (p. 140).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fo. 329r-v (pp. 19-20).
12. Simon of Kinnear, Fife, grants lands in the feu of Kinnear to Balmerino Abbey.
G [1227 × 29] × 21 Sept. 1260. [Probably contemporaneous with nos. 13 - 15, 39 - 40 below].

¹ Folio 3 is a small later insert intended as a continuation from folio 4, which is torn about 2/3 of the way down the sheet.

² The 'Marjerie' of this charter was Margu rite, countess of Fife, the second wife of Earl Mael Coluim I of Fife. Margu rite was the daughter of Roger IV de Tosny (d. 1208×09), the granddaughter of Richard, vicomte de Beaumont-sur-Sarthe (d. 1200×01), and the niece of Queen Ermengarde de Beaumont. Thus she was the first cousin of King Alexander II. See Daniel Power, "'Terra Regis Anglie et Terra Normannorum sibi invicem adversantur": les h ritages anglo-normands entre 1204 et 1244', in *La Normandie et l'Angleterre au Moyen  ge*, ed. Pierre Bouet and V ronique Gazeau (Caen, 2003), 200-201. My thanks to Andrew MacEwen for his comments on this charter.

³ I.e., her marriage to Earl Mael Coluim I.

⁴ The grantor's name is missing, but this document has been accepted as a charter of Bishop William by Norman Shed, editor of the forthcoming *Scottish Episcopal Acta* volumes.

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NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 5r-v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 18v⁵ (p. 8).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 71r-v (pp. 141-2).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 329v-331r (pp. 20-23).
S. Taylor and J.M. Henderson, 'The medieval marches of Wester Kinnear, Kilmany parish, Fife', *Tayside and Fife Archaeological Journal*, 4 (1998), 232 - 247, Appendix 1, no. I.

13. Simon of Kinnear, with consent of his wife, Amy, grants half of Kinnear to
G Balmerino Abbey.

[1227 × 29] × 21 Sept. 1260. [by royal conf.; see no. 15 below]

NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 5v-6r.

NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 19r (p. 9).

NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 71v-72v (pp. 142-4).

NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 331r-333r (pp. 23-27).

Taylor and Henderson, 'Medieval marches', no. II.

14. Simon of Kinnear grants part of Kinnear to Balmerino Abbey.

G [1227 × 29] × 21 Sept. 1260. [by royal conf.; see no. 15 below]

NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 6r-v.*

NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 19v-20r (pp. 10-11).

NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 72v-73r (pp. 144-145).

NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 333v-334v (pp. 28-30).

Taylor and Henderson, 'Medieval marches', no. III.

* An interesting scribal error here: 'in fif deo' is crossed out. On the next line, 'in puram quietam et perpetuam elemosinam' is written and crossed out. The next line continues again with 'in fif deo seruientibus'.

15. King Alexander III confirms Simon of Kinnear's grant of land in Kinnear to
C Balmerino Abbey.

21 Sept. 1260. Selkirk. [regnal year 12]

NAS, GD 137/295. See also GD 137/723.

NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 6v-7r.

NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 20r (p. 11).

NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 73r-v (pp. 145-146).

NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 334v-335r (pp. 30-31).

Simpson, *Handlist*, no. 30.

Taylor and Henderson, 'Medieval marches', no. IV.

16. Simon son of Simon of Kinnear grants to the hospital of St John Baptist of
G Jerusalem (i.e., the Knights of St John, or Hospitallers), six acres of land in
Wester Kinnear, for an annual rent of twelve *denarii*.

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NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 7r.

NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 20v (p. 12).

NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 73v-74r (pp. 146-147).

⁵ Due to the omission of no. 11, the numeration in this copy is thenceforth one behind.

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NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 335r-336v (pp. 31-34).

[Note: Nos. 12 - 15 would suggest that this Simon was the son of 'Simon of Kinnear'; however, a man going by 'Simon son of Simon of Kinnear' made a grant of lands in Kedlock, Fife, to St Andrews Priory, sometime before 25 April, 1251, which suggests that it is at least possible that they were the same person. Cf. *St Andrews Liber*, pp. 292-3; *St Andrews Syllabus*, no. 288. See also nos. 39 - 40 below.]

17. John of Kinnear, knight, confirms Hugh of Kilmany's grant of six acres in the western part of the vill of Kinnear, as contained in his charter. [no. 18]
C
5 July 1286. Balmerino. [Morrows of the translation of St Martin the bishop]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 7v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 21r (p. 13).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 74r (p. 147).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 336v-337r (pp. 34-35).
18. Hugh of Kilmany grants six acres in Wester Kinnear to Balmerino Abbey.
G
Probably soon before 5 July 1286. [see no. 17 above.]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 7v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 21r-v (pp. 13-14).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 74r-v (pp. 147-8).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 337r-338r (pp. 35-37).
19. David of Lindsey of Barnweil grants to Balmerino Abbey twenty shillings for the purpose of making a pittance on the anniversary of the death of Ermengarde, late queen of Scots, his lady, from the mill at 'Kerchow' (probably Kercock, Kinclaven ph., Perthshire).
1233, 11 Feb. × 28 Mar.⁶ [death of Ermengarde × royal conf., no. 20 below]
[or O.S. 11 Feb. 1233 × 28 Mar. 1234]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 8r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 21v (p. 14).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 74r-75r (pp. 148-9).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fo. 338 r-v (pp. 37-38).
20. King Alexander II confirms David of Lindsey's grant of 20 *solidi* to
C
Balmerino Abbey.
28 Mar. 1233. Kinloss. [regnal year 19]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 8r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 22r (p. 15).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 75r (p. 149).

⁶ Note: Cowan and Easson (*MRHS*, 73), state that Queen Ermengarde was said to have died on 11 Feb., 1233/4, based on a misinterpretation of the *Chronicle of Melrose*, which Easson seems to have inherited from Archibald Dunbar's *Scottish Kings*, 2nd edn. (Edinburgh, 1906), p. 90. Ermengarde must have died in 1233 by our reckoning (that is, based on Jan. 1 rather than 25 March, the Annunciation, as the beginning of the year). The charter states that the grant was to be given on the anniversary of the queen's death, soon after which the donation appears to have been made, and the royal confirmation below took place in March 1233. Further, the Melrose chronicle entry has Ermengarde's death at the top of a long list of events for that year, suggesting that February was seen as the beginning, rather than the end, of 1233. Melrose was using a system based on either Christmas or 1 January in this case. My thanks to Andrew MacEwen for his comments on this issue.

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NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 338r-339r (pp. 38-39).
Scoular, *Handlist*, no. 172.

21. Walter son of Alan, steward (*senescallus*) of the lord King of Scotland, grants
G to Robert son of Uhtred of 'Baltrod' (now Pitroddie, Perthshire) a burghage plot
in Perth.
1222 × 27. [Thomas of Stirling as adcn. Glasgow]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 8v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 22r (p. 15).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 75 r-v (pp. 149-150).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 339r-340r (pp. 39-41).

Note: see also Walter *de Baltrodi*, bishop of Caithness, who died in 1270, according
to Bower. *Scotichronicon*, ed. Watt, vol. 5, 379.

22. Richard of Leicester, burgess of Perth, grants land in Perth to Balmerino
G Abbey for two and a half marks annual rent.
Mid thirteenth century.
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 8v-9r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 22r-v (pp. 15-16).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 75v (p. 150).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fo. 340r-v (pp. 41-42).
23. Walter son of Alan, steward (*senescallus*) of Scotland, grants to Balmerino
G Abbey the land mentioned in no. 21, above.
[1227 × 29] × 41 [fdn. abbey × d. Walter]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 9v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 22v-23r (pp. 16-17).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 75v-76r (pp. 150-151).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 340v-341v (pp. 42-44).
24. Alexander, steward (*senescallus*) of Scotland, confirms to Balmerino Abbey,
C the grant made by his father (no. 23, above).
1241 × 81. [acc. × d. Alexander the steward.]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 9v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 23r (p. 17).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 76r (p. 151).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 341v-342r (pp. 44-45).
25. Laurence son of Guy, with the consent of his son Henry⁷, sells to Balmerino
S Abbey land in Perth he held of the bishop of Dunkeld.
[1227 × 29] × 24 Mar. 1232. [fdn. abbey × ep. conf., no. 26 below.]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 9v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 23r-v (pp. 17-18).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 76v (p. 152).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 342r-343r (pp. 45-47).
26. G[ilbert], bishop of Dunkeld, confirms to the abbey of St Edward of

⁷ See no. 30, below.

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- C Balmerino the land in Perth sold to them by Laurence son of Wydo (or Guy) '1231'. Tibbermore. [N.S. = 25 Mar. 1231 × 24 Mar. 1232]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 9r-10r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 23v-24r (pp. 18-19).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 76v-77r (pp. 152-153).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 343r-344r (pp. 47-49).
Shead, *Handlist*.
27. John of Moray, son of Sir Malcolm of Moray, quitclaims to Balmerino Abbey
QC any right that they may have had to land in Perth sold by Laurence son of Guy.
29 Oct. 1289. Rossie, Angus. [morrow of Apostles Simon and Jude]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 10r-v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 24r (p. 19).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 77r-v (pp. 153-154).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 344r-345r (pp. 49-51).
28. Henry and his wife, Ada, niece (*neptis*) of R[ichard], bp. Dunkeld⁸, sell to
S Gilbert, son-in-law of Uhtred, half of the land in Perth that they hold by grant
of John (Scot), bishop of Dunkeld.
1 Oct. 1182 × 1203 [see no. 29 below]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 10v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 24v (p. 20).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 77v (p. 154).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fo. 345r-v (pp. 51-2).
29. John, bishop of Dunkeld, confirms land previously held by Henry and wife
C Ada, niece of R[ichard], bishop of Dunkeld, to Gilbert, son-in-law of Uhtred.
1 Oct. 1182 × 1203 [dates of John Scot's episcopate]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 10v-11r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 24v-25r (pp. 20-21).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 77v-78r (pp. 154-155).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 345v-346v (pp. 52-54).
Shead, *Handlist*.
30. John de Bell, John Cockin and Simon of Crieff, grieves of Perth, make known
QC that Henry *clericus* son of Laurence son of 'Huyth'⁹ of Perth, quitclaimed in
their full court at Perth the whole land in Perth that he claimed to hold of the
bishop of Dunkeld to Balmerino Abbey.
Mid-thirteenth century.
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 11r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 25r (p. 21).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 78r (p. 155).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 346v-347r (pp. 54-55).
31. John of Scotia, earl of Huntingdon, grants a toft in Dundee to Balm. Abbey.
G [1227 × 29] × 21 Nov. 1232 [fdn. mon. × acc. earldom of Chester]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 11v.

⁸ Richard was bishop of Dunkeld from 1170 to 1178.

⁹ Or Henry son of Laurence son of Guy, as in no. 25, above.

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- NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 25r-v (pp. 21-22).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 78r-v (pp. 155-156).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fo. 347r-v (pp. 55-56).
32. Henry of Hastings confirms part of a burgage in Dundee to Balm. Abbey.
C 21 Aug. 1268. Dundee. [Tues. after Assumption of the Virgin]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 11v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 25v (p. 22).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 78v (p. 156).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 347v-348r (pp. 56-57).
33. John de Rivulo, burgess of Dundee, grants at feu-ferme land in Dundee to
G Henry, 'called Hastings', son of the late Albert, burgess of Dundee.
27 May 1281 [Tues. after the Ascension of the Lord]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 12r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 25v-26r (pp. 22-23).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 78v-79r (pp. 156-157).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 348v-349r (pp. 58-59).
34. Agreement between Balmerino Abbey and Gregory 'de Schyrham', burgess of
A Dundee, over lands in burgh of Dundee.
31 May 1317. Dundee. [Tues. in feast of St Petronilla the Virgin]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 12v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 26r-v (pp. 23-24).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 79r-v (pp. 157-158).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 349r-350r (pp. 59-61).
35. King Alexander II grants remission of rent for a burgage in Crail to Balmerino
G Abbey.
9 Apr. 1234. Balmerino. [regnal year 20]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 13r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 26v-27r (pp. 24-25).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 79v-80r (pp. 158-159).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fo. 350r-v (pp. 61-62).
Scoular, *Handlist*, no. 185.
36. Harvey, son of Humphrey 'Wllebeter' of Forfar, and Heloise, his sister, sell
S half of a burgage plot in Forfar to Balmerino Abbey.
Mid-thirteenth century.
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 13r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 27r (p. 25).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 80r (p. 159).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fo. 351r-v (pp. 63-64).
37. Mael Coluim II (Malcolm), earl of Fife, grants the water-course of the mill of
G Rathillet, Fife, to Balmerino Abbey.
9 July 1233 × 18 July 1241. [last attestation of John of Maxwell as
chamberlain × first attestation of David's successor, Henry de Balliol]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 13v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 27r-v (pp. 25-26).

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NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 80r-v (pp. 159-160).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 351v-352v (pp. 64-6).

38. Roger de Quincy, earl of Winchester, grants part of the peatmoss in his marsh
G of Swanliemire (or Swans Mire, now drained, in Forgan parish, centred at
around NO433247) to Balmerino Abbey.
26 Dec. 1255 × 25 Apr. 1264. [cons. Bp. Gamelin × d. Roger de Quincy]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 13v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 27v (p. 26).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 80v (p. 160).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 352v-353r (pp. 66-7).
[incomplete, but complete version is printed:]
Grant Simpson, 'An Anglo-Scottish Baron of the Thirteenth Century: the Acts
of Roger de Quincy, Earl of Winchester and Constable of Scotland',
Edinburgh Ph.D. Thesis, 1965, App., no. 21
Fraser, *Southesk*, ii, no. 24.
Muniments of the Earl of Southesk, Kinnaird Castle, Brechin, 1/24.
39. Simon of Kinnear grants *Reginald's land (*terra Reginaldi*), which contains
G Torr of Kedlock, in the territory of Kedlock, Logie ph., Fife, to Balmerino
Abbey.¹⁰
9 July 1238 × 31 Aug. 1244 [Adam as adcn. × royal conf., no. 40 below]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 14r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 28r (p. 27).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 80v-81r (pp. 160-161).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 353r-354r (pp. 67-69).
40. King Alexander II confirms Simon of Kinnear's grant of Kedlock, Fife, to
C Balmerino Abbey.
31 Aug. 1244. Balmerino. [regnal year 30]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 14r-v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 28r-v (pp. 27-8).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 81r (p. 161).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fo. 354r-v (pp. 69-70).
Scoular, *Handlist*, no. 269; NAS RH 6/36.
41. King Alexander II grants 30 acres on Crail moor to Walter, messenger of
G Queen Ermengarde.
11 Apr. 1233. Edinburgh. [regnal year 19]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 14v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 28v (p. 28).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 81v (p. 162).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fo. 355 r-v (pp. 71-72).
Scoular, *Handlist*, no. 173.
42. William of 'Galliston' (Gaston, now obsolete, Crail ph., Fife) resigns and

¹⁰ A transcript of ca. 1710, NLS Adv. MS 34.6.24, contains a fuller copy of this charter, taken from the original at Kinnear at that time. For a transcription of this document, see the Appendix, page 27.

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- QC quitclaims to Sir John de Haya, knight, lord of Balcomie, his whole land of Drumrack, Crail ph., Fife, that was formerly Walter *le messenger*'s.
8 May 1278. [Sunday after the feast of St John before the Lateran Gate]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 14v-15r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 29r-v (pp. 29-30).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 81v-82v (pp. 162-164).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 355v-357r (pp. 72-75).
43. John de Haya (Hay), knight, lord of Balcomie, grants Drumrack in the moor of Crail, which had belonged to Walter *le Messenger*.
8 May 1278, or soon thereafter. [see no. 42 above.]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 15v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 29v-30r (pp. 30-31).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 82v-83r (pp. 164-165).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 357r-358r (pp. 75-77).
44. Harvey of Dundee, cleric (and) canon of Glasgow, grants his house in Dundee, opposite the house of the monks of Coupar Angus, to Balmerino Abbey.
G 10 Aug. 1286. Dundee. [Day of Blessed Laurence the Marytr].
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 16r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 30r (p. 31).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 83r (p. 165).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 358v-359r (pp. 78-79).
45. David of Berkeley, lord of Brechin, grants his fishing in the Tay, called
G 'Cruchuc', between 'Partinkrag' (Broughty Ferry) and Dundee, to Balmerino Abbey, with consent of his spouse, Margaret.
Aug. 1320 × 25 Jan. 1350 [d. David of Brechin (father-in-law and predecessor) × d. David of Berkeley]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 16r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 30r-v (pp. 31-32).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 83r-v (pp. 165-166).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fo. 359r-v (pp. 79-80).
46. Hugh of Nydie, Fife, grants to Balmerino Abbey his whole quarry of Nydie,
G St Andrews and St Leonards ph., Fife, and free passage through his land.
1240 × 50 [Adam, adcn. St Andrews]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 16v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 30v-31r (pp. 32-33).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 83v-84r (pp. 166-167).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fo. 360r-v (pp. 81-82).
NAS, RH 1/2/52 (copy).
47. Richard of Nydie, brother of Hugh, confirms the grant made in no. 46.
C 1240 × ? [no. 46 above; many of same witnesses, but not Adcn. Adam.]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 16v-17r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 31r-v (pp. 33-34).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 84r-v (pp. 167-168).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 360v-362r (pp. 82-85).

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48. William son and heir of Aeldred of Bruckley (Leuchars ph., Fife) grants to
G Balmerino Abbey the old road (*antiquam viam*) through their land in order to access the quarry of Nydie.
1240 × ? [after no. 46 above.]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 17r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 31v (p. 34).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 84v (p. 168).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fo. 362r-v (pp. 85-86).
49. Henry son of William *de Candela*¹¹, lord of Anstruther, Fife, makes known
that
C/G a short while ago, his father William granted to Balmerino Abbey the land on the eastern side of the vill of Anstruther immediately next to the sea. He also concedes to the monks the right to come and go on his land, excepting meadows and fields that have been sown.
Mid-fourteenth century. [Roger Kayir was *judex regis* from ca. 1330, and Adam, prior of Pittenweem or May, is attested in 1345.]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 17v-18r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 31v-32v (pp. 34-36).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 84v-85v (pp. 168-170).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 362v-365r (pp. 86-91).
50. Richard of Nydie, Fife, grants to Balmerino Abbey, with the express wish and
G consent of his wife Amabilla, a piece of land in Nydie.
Mid - late thirteenth century.
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 18r-v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 32v-33r (pp. 36-37).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 85v-86r (pp. 170-171).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 365r-366r (pp. 91-93).
51. John de Haya, lord of Naughton, Fife, following on a dispute with Balmerino
QC Abbey, resigns all claim and right to a piece of land lying between his land of the Gauldry ('Galurau') and the monks' land of Dochrone ('Duchwarner'), Balmerino ph, around NO370237, which extends by the old royal road towards the east in the direction of the ferry of Ferry-Port-on-Craig ('Portinkrag'), and from that road going south in a straight line until Bride's Well, and from there to a certain stone lying in the moor, and from there to the path that is called 'Scongate', ascending by which until the western part called Wester (or Upper) Gauldry ('Galeran superius').
1 Aug. 1328 × 22 Sept. 1332 [cons. × d. James Ben, bp. St Andrews]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 18v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 33r-v (pp. 37-38).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 86r-v (pp. 171-172).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 366r-367v (pp. 93-96).
52. John of Denmuir, lord of Denmuir, Fife, grants to Balmerino Abbey, the water
G that flows through his land of Dumbarrow, Abernethy ph., formerly Fife.
30 June 1331. Denmuir. [Morrows of the Apostles Peter and Paul]

¹¹ The name appears to refer to the village of Caundle in Dorset.

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- NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 19r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 33v-34r (pp. 38-39).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 86v-87r (pp. 172-173)
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 367v-368v (pp. 96-98).
53. King Alexander III issues a brieve of protection for Balmerino Abbey.
17 June, 1285. Edinburgh. [regnal year 36]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 19v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 34r-34v (pp. 39-40).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 87r-v (pp. 173-174).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fo. 369r-v (pp. 99-100).
Simpson, *Handlist*, no. 158.
54. King Robert I issues letters patent exempting Balmerino Abbey from aids,
LP tolls, etc.
12 June 1317. Scone. [regnal year 12]. (possibly for 12 July)
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 19v-20r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 34v-35r (pp. 40-41).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 87v-88r (pp. 174-175).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 369v-370v (pp. 100-102).
RRS v, no. 115.
55. Brother William, abbot of Balmerino, demits at feu-farm to William
FF 'Welyeuyth', a plot of land in the burgh of Dundee.
Late thirteenth century? [Abbot William of Pearsby elected in 1270; another
Abbot William occ. 28 Aug. 1296.]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 20r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 35r (p. 41).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 88r (p. 175).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 370v-371v (pp. 102-104).
56. King Alexander III grants Ballindean, Coultra and Corbie to Balmerino
G Abbey.
31 Aug. 1268. Balmerino. [regnal year 20]
Simpson, *Handlist*, no. 69. Possibly spurious.
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 20v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 35r-v (pp. 41-42).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 88v (p. 176).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 371v-372r (pp. 104-105).
57. King Robert I grants fishing of 'Stok', Perthshire, to Balmerino Abbey.
G 12 July 1317. Perth. [regnal year 12]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 20v-21r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 35v-36r (pp. 42-43).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 88v-89r (pp. 176-177).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 372v-373r (pp. 106-107).
RRS v, no. 119.
58. Pope Innocent IV confirms the possessions of Balmerino Abbey.
PB 28 June 1243 × 7 Dec. 1254. [cons. × d. Innocent IV]

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NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 22v-24r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 36r-37v (pp. 43-46).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 89r-91r (pp. 177-181).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 373r-378r (pp. 107-117).

59. Pope Nicholas IV informs Balmerino Abbey that they may not cause trouble if
PB their goods are detained.

28 May 1291. Civitavecchia. [5 kals. Jun., pontifical year 4]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo.24r-v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 37v-38r (pp. 46-47).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 91r-v (pp. 181-182).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 378r-379r (pp. 117-119).

60. Pope Innocent IV issues a bull to the Cistercian order, that none may be
PB 'dragged away' to synods or to public assemblies.

23 Aug. 1252. Perugia. [10 kals. Sept., pontifical year 10]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 24v-25r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 38r-v (pp. 47-48).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 91v-92r (pp. 182-183).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 379r-380v (pp. 119-122).

Note: Numbers 60, 62, 65 and 69 were all issued on 23 August, 1252, and all deal with the special exemptions of the Cistercian order.

61. Pope Innocent IV issues a bull of protection for Balmerino.

PB 30 Mar. 1246. Lyons. [3 kals. Apr., pontifical year 3]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 25r-v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 38v-39r (pp. 48-49).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 92r-v (pp. 183-184).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 380v-381r (pp. 122-123).

62. Pope Innocent IV informs that bishops may not excommunicate members of
PB the Cistercian order.

23 Aug. 1252. Perugia. [10 kals. Sept., pontifical year 10]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 25v-26r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 39r-v (pp. 49-50).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 92v-93r (pp. 184-185).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 381v-382r (pp. 124-126).

63. Pope Urban IV, on teinds of newly-ploughed land not rendered.

PB 31 Oct. 1262. [Prid. kals. Nov., pontifical year 2]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 26r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 39v (p. 50).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 93r-v (pp. 185-186).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 382v-383v (pp. 126-128).

64. Pope Nicholas III or IV to Balmerino Abbey, on absolution of monks by their
PB abbot.

26 Dec. 1277 × 22 Aug. 1280, OR 22 Feb. 1288 × 4 Apr. 1292.
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 26v.

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NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 40r (p. 51).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 93v (p. 186).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 383v-384r (pp. 128-129).

65. Pope Innocent IV issues a bull to the Cistercian order on Cistercians not
PB having to be visited except by themselves.
23 Aug. 1252. Perugia. [10 kals. Sept., pontifical year 10]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 27r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 40r-v (pp. 51-52).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 94r (p. 187).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 384r-385r (pp. 129-131).
66. Pope Gregory × issues a bull of protection for Balmerino.
PB 3 Sept. 1272. Civitavecchia. [3 Non. Sept., pontifical year 1]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 27r-v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 40v-41r (pp. 52-53).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 94v (p. 188).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 385r-386r (pp. 131-133).
67. Pope Nicholas IV writes to the bishop of Dunblane on the part of the abbey of
PL Balmerino regarding certain unpaid rents.
28 May 1291. Civitavecchia. [5 kals. Jun., pontifical year 4]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fos. 27v-28r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 41r-v (pp. 53-54).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fos. 94v-95r (pp. 188-189).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 386r-387r (pp. 133-135).
68. Pope Urban IV confirms the privileges of Balmerino Abbey.
PB 1 Dec. 1261. Viterbo. [kals. Dec., pontifical year 1]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 28r.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fo. 41v (p. 54).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 95r-v (pp. 189-190).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 387r-388r (pp. 135-137).
69. Pope Innocent IV issues a bull to the Cistercian order on bishops not
PB investigating monks.
23 Aug. 1252. Perugia. [10 kals. Sept., pontifical year 10]
NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 28r-v.
NLS Adv. MS 33.2.5 (16th cent. transcript), fos. 41v-42r (pp. 54-55).
NLS Adv. MS 35.3.13 (18th cent. transcript), fo. 95v (p. 190).
NLS Adv. MS 9A.1.4 (19th cent. transcript), fos. 388r-388v (pp. 137-138).

* NLS Adv. MS 34.5.3 (14th cent. cartulary), fo. 28v. A short document entered at the end of the Balmerino cartulary was not copied into any of the transcripts or the printed edition. It is illegible or indecipherable in places, but appears to refer to a meeting between the monks of Balmerino and the canons of Abernethy. It is at present not possible to date this fragment.

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70. [I] = *Arbroath Liber*, i, no. 258.
QC R[alph], abbot of Arbroath, quitclaims to Balmerino Abbey the 40 mark payment for the church of Barry, Angus. This is the same document as no. 9, above.
11 Feb. 1233 × 17 June 1239; probably 25 Dec. 1234×.
[Death of Queen Ermengarde × mandate for confirmation of Ralph of Lamley as bishop of Aberdeen; the royal charter to Arbroath Abbey mentioned in the text is probably no. 71 below (also *Arb. Lib.*, i, no. 102)]
NLS Adv. MS 34.4.2 ('Registrum Vetus'; Davis, no. 1118), fo. 26.
71. [II] = *Arbroath Liber*, i, no. 102.
G King Alexander II grants lands worth 40 marks in place of rent of church of Barry due to Arbroath from Balmerino Abbey.¹²
25 Dec. 1234. [regnal year 21]
NLS Adv. MS 34.4.2, fo. 72; Ethie MS, Northesk Muniments, Dundee City Archives (Davis, no. 1117).
Scoular, *Handlist*, no. 193.
Aberdeen - Banff Collections, 336 - 7.
72. [III] = *Arbroath Liber*, i, no. 259.
A Agreement between Arbroath Abbey and Balmerino Abbey.
'1230'. [N.S. = 25 Mar. 1230 × 24 Mar. 1231]
NLS Adv. MS 34.4.2, fo. 26.
73. [IV] = National Library of Scotland, Adv. MS 15.1.18, no. 51.
A Agreement between Henry of Wardlaw, bp. St Andrews and John of Hailes, ab. Balmerino.
8 April 1435. St Andrews.
74. [V] = *Arbroath Liber.*, ii, no. 125.
A Agreement between Sir Malcolm, ab. Arbroath, and Sir Richard, ab. Balmerino, regarding a piece of land on the Watergate in Perth.
25 July 1459.
NLS Adv. MS 34.4.3 ('Registrum Nigrum' or 'Registrum Recentius'; Davis, no. 1120), fo. 52; 'Regality Register'; Davis, no. 1121, fo. 77.
75. [VI] = *Arbroath Liber.*, ii, no. 152.
A Agreement between Arbroath Abbey and Balmerino Abbey regarding the church of Barry.
7 April 1464. Dundee.
NLS Adv. MS 34.4.3, fo. 57, 'Regality Register', fo. 91.
76. [VII] = Original, held at time of writing by editors.

¹² 'Let it be known to those present and future that when those present were at Balmerino for the funeral procession and burial of Lady Ermengarde, Queen, our mother, that we promised and undertook to acquit the 40 marks which the abbot and convent of Balmerino paid yearly to the abbot and convent of Arbroath for the rental of the church of Barry'. *Arb. Lib.*, no. 102; *Balm. Lib.*, no. 71.

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- O Obligation by Robert, abbot of Balmerino, for holding a letter of tack to Henry Ramsay and Christian Kirkcaldy.
19 Nov. 1555.
77. [VIII] = Original, held at time of writing by editors.
As Assedation (Lease) by Henry, commendator of Balmerino Abbey, of lands to Master David Carnegie of Panbride, for six years.
28 Jan. 1575. [O.S. '28 Jan. 1574' given in doc.]
78. [IX] = NLS Adv. MS 30/5/6 (General Hutton's Notebooks, volume 6)
FF Henry, commendator of Balmerino Abbey, lets out Bottomcraig, Balmerino ph., at feu-farm to Alison Gagye.
5 Aug. 1574.
Adv.MSS.30.5.1-30.5.21
79. [x] = NLS Adv. MS 30/5/6 (General Hutton's Notebooks, volume 6)
L A letter from Andrew Hutton, minister of Kilmany, Fife, to General Hutton.
24 Mar. 1789. Kilmany.
80. [XI] = Original, held at time of writing by editors.
T John, lord of Balmerino, grants the tack of the teinds of Easter Cruivie, Logie ph., Fife, to Sir David Carnegie of Kinnaird.
4 July 1612. Edinburgh.
81. [XII] = MS Harl. Mus. Brit. 4623, Part II, Art. 17 - Fo. 103.
Tax. Taxation roll of the abbacy of Balmerino.
1617.

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Naughtan [Naughton] Charters

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Note: these charters belonged at the time of publication to Charles Baxter, Esq.

1. Robert, abbot of Balmerino, grants 'Cathillis' to Peter Crichton of Naughton, knight and his son David Crichton, excepting certain fishings.
G
21 Jan. 1540. [O.S. '21 Jan. 1539' given in doc.]
2. Robert, abbot of Balmerino, grants 'Cathillis' to Peter Crichton of Naughton, knight and his son David Crichton, for a rent of eight marks annually.
G
16 Oct. 1539.
3. Robert, abbot of Balmerino, issues a precept to David Crichton and his spouse, Jonet Leslie, and their heirs, of Cathills, of the fishings in the Tay near Balmerino, by specified boundaries.
P
15 June 1546.

Note: Cathills was located to the southwest of Kilburns, Balmerino ph., and appeared as 'Catthill' on the 1654 Blaeu map of eastern Fife (NLS).

4. Robert, abbot of Balmerino, issues an instrument of sasine of Cathills to Peter and David Crichton.
IS
23 May 1552.
5. John, commendator of Balmerino, issues a precept of clare constat to William P(CC) Crichton for Cathills, as heir to his brother David.
25 June 1572
6. Henry, commendator of Balmerino, issues a precept of clare constat to P(CC) Alexander Crichton for Cathills, as heir to his father William.
10 Jan. 1586. [O.S. '10 Jan. 1585' given in doc.]
7. Henry, commendator of Balmerino, issues a precept of sasine to Alexander P(S) Crichton, heir of his uncle David Crichton, of fishings of Kilburns and 'Helwieden' (Holmden?) in the Tay.
10 Jan. 1586. [O.S. '10 Jan. 1585' given in doc.]

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'Miscellaneous Monastic Charters'

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'Charters of Balmerino Abbey'

1. Amicable composition made between the abbot and convent of Arbroath and the abbot and convent of St Edward's of Balmerino, in council at Dundee in 1230. Arbroath agrees to lease the church of 'Feuthmureve' (Barry) for forty marks annually, and retains responsibility for episcopal dues; the chaplain will have a bovate of land. Witnesses include the bishops of St Andrews, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Brechin, Caithness and 'Strathearn' (Dunblane), the abbots of Lindores and Culross and the archdeacons of St Andrews and Dunkeld. '1230'. Dundee. [N.S. =25 Mar. 1230 × 24 Mar. 1231]
A Earl of Moray Charters, Darnaway Castle, Box 32, Div. V, Bundle I, no. 17.
See also Balm. Lib., no. 72. [III], above, and *Arbroath Liber*, i, no. 259.

2. Alexander II commands his sheriffs to treat the causes of the 'monks or brothers of St Edward in Fife' as if they were his own.
B 10 Feb. 1232. Selkirk. [regnal year 18]
Earl of Moray Charters, Darnaway Castle, Box 32, Div. IV, Bundle I, no. 6.
Scoular, *Handlist*, no. 157.

3. Alexander Cockburn in the Grange of Balmerino binds and obligates himself O (FF) to Abbot Robert and the convent of Balmerino for a third of the grange of Barry and other lands in the barony of Barry.
10 Oct. 1532.
Earl of Moray Charters, Darnaway Castle, Box 32, Div. VI, no. 1.

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Non-surviving charters suggested by the Balmerino documents

1. King William I grants the lands of Strathord and Strathbraan, Perthshire, in free marriage (with Earl Mael Coluim I of Fife) to his niece Margu rite de Beaumont.
1204 × 1214 [Death of Earl Donnchad II × death of King William]
Suggested by *Balm. Lib.*, no. 10. See also *RRS* ii, no. 568A.¹³
2. Mael Coluim (Malcolm II), earl of Fife, grants Pitgorno and Drumdreel in Strathmiglo parish to Margu rite, cousin of King Alexander II and wife of the late Earl Mael Coluim I, in exchange for Strathord and Strathbraan, which King William gave to her in marriage.
1229 × March 1249, prob. × June 1236.¹⁴ [death of Mael Coluim I, earl of Fife × *Balm. Lib.*, no. 10, above]
Suggested by *Balm. Lib.*, no. 10.
3. William, father of Henry *de Candela*, grants land in Anstruther next to the sea to Balmerino Abbey.
Early- to mid-fourteenth century.
Suggested by *Balm. Lib.*, no. 49.

¹³ Note the identification here with Margerie, countess of Pembroke, who was the king's daughter, and would have been Alexander II's sister, not his cousin.

¹⁴ This agreement was probably struck soon after Earl Mael Coluim I's death. Margu rite was back in France by 1236, when she founded the Carthusian monastery of Parc d'Orques. See G. W. Watson, 'Margaret de Toeny, Countess of Fife', *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica and the British Archivist*, ed. A.W. Hughes Clarke, Vol. VII. Fifth Series. (London, 1929-1931), 329-332; Paris, Biblioth que Nationale de France, MS Lat. 17048, p. 269-276 (transcript of lost cartulary of Parc-en-Charnie or Parc d'Orques).¹⁴ My thanks to Andrew MacEwen for sending me a copy of this article.

Appendix: fuller version of *Balm. Lib.*, no. 39.

Document transcribed by Professor Geoffrey Barrow.

NLS MS Adv. 34.6.24, pp. 417-8.

[Full text, from original at Kinnear c.1710, of *Balm. Lib.*, no. 39]

In margin: Kinner. to Ab. Balmerinach. †

Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Symon de Kynner eternam in Domino salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me pro salute anime mee. ac¹⁵ pro animabus illustris regis Willelmi ac Hermengardis Regis ~~Et~~ Ac pro animabus patris mei & matris mee. ~~Et~~ ac omnium Antecessorum & successorum meorum Dedissee & concessisse & hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Deo & ac Beate Marie & monachis de Balmurinach in Fif Deo servientibus & in perpetuum servituris. - In puram quietam & perpetuam elemosinam quandam terram in territorio de¹⁶ Catholach que dicitur terra Reginaldi in qua continetur quidam mons qui vocatur Torcatholach per suas rectas diuisas ab oriente incipientes ad viam regiam per diuisas de Myrrekarne procedendo ad occidentem Circuendo predictum montem per easdem diuisas de Myrrekarne & Lowchmolone usque ad partem aquilonarem¹⁷ ex opposito contra leche ~~Et~~ ac sic ascendendo ad austrum per idem lechte & ulteris ascendendo & parumper declinando ad orientem ad magnum sicum & sic ad orientem per Ejus medium descendendo ad viam regiam // (p. 418) Et sic per eandem viam ad Austrum descendendo ad Diuisas de Myrrekarne Cum omnibus libertatibus & aisiamentis in pratis & pascuis moris & maresiis stagnis aquis & molendinis Et omnibus aliis pertinentiis. Tenendam & habendam de me & heredibus meis in perpetuum. Adeo libere quiete plenarie & honorifice ab Auxiliis¹⁸ exercitibus talliagiis¹⁹ & omnibus exactionibus consuetudinibus & servitiis secularibus Sicut aliqua elemosina liberius & quietius plenius & honorificentius in regno Scotie tenetur aut possidetur Et predicti Monachi habebunt in Communi pastura Ducentas oves et si communis pastura ad Tot non sufficiet Ego & heredes mei de Dominio²⁰ meo in Catholach in sufficientiam²¹ adimplebimus. Et ego & heredes mei manutenebimus, & warrantizabimus & defendemus dictis monachis predictam terram contra omnes homines in perpetuum ut nullus omnino possit a predictis monachis aliquid exigere vel extorquere preter solas orationes. Hiis testibus Adamo Archidiacono Sancti Andree . Willelmo Decano de Fif . Hugone Capellano de Kylmany . Laurentio \de/ Abirnethi . Johanne de Haya vicecomite de Fif . Henrico de Dundemor . Neso²² de Ramesay & multis aliis . Et ad majorem securitatem faciendam Ego vero predictus Symon de Kynner huic presenti Scripto sigillum meum apposui .

Ex originale apud Kinnere. The seal is wanting. (dat. inter 1229 & 1244.) [sic]

¹⁵ *et* erased?

¹⁶ *de* obliterated

¹⁷ written *situm*

¹⁸ *Exercitibus* on line, *actionibus* above, both erased.

¹⁹ Last two words transposed in MS, with numerals to show correct order.

²⁰ Or *Dominico*?

²¹ Or *sufficientiam*?

²² Sic, for *Nesone*.