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TESTAMENTUM QUONDAM REVERENDISSIMI PATRIS ET
DOMINI GAUINI ARCHIEPISCOPI GLASGUENSIS AC
MONASTERII INSULE MISSARUM PERPETUI COMMEN-
DATARII.

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Inuentarium Bonorum depositi et debitorum quondam Recolende memoriae Reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Gauini miseratione diuina Glasguensis Archiepiscopi.

Imprimis vtensilia et domicilia dicti quondam domini Gauini Glasguensis Archiepiscopi existen, in manibus quondam venerabilis in Christo patris et domini Willelmi Abbatis de Corsraguell Et nunc post obitum ipsius quondam abbatis in manibus nobilis et potentis domini Gilberti comitis de Cassillis estimata et particulariter calculata ad valorem

ij^m xxxviiij^{lb} viij^s.

Item deliberata dicto quondam abbati per dictum quondam Reverendissimum in deposito in pecunia numerata ij^m iiiij^c x^{lb} [2410]. Quodquidem depositum idem quondam abbas in firma custodia in manibus venerabilis et egregii viri magistri Johannis Colquhone rectoris de Stobo ecclesie metropolitane Glasguensis canonici consignauit prout ante obitum suum premissa publice confessus est et restam ipsius depositi numme dispositam executoribus ipsius Reverendissimi per ipsum Rectorem redi et deliberari ordinavit.

Summa Inuentarii et depositi ij^m vij^c xlviij^{lb} viii^s [27487 8s.].
Debita dicto quondam Reverendissimo debentia:—

In primis restans in manibus tenendorum baronie Glasguensis de Croppa anni etc. xlvj citra ij^c marcas receiptas per Gubernatorem pro brasio gressum et multura dictae Baronie, iiiij^e lxvj^{lb} xiiij^s iiiij^d.

Item restans in manibus tenendorum baroniarum de Stobo Eddilstone Askirk et domini de Corstorphyn pro certis terminis terrarum de Nudry-foster Reverendi in Christo patris Johannis episcopi Dunkeldensis patricii Murray de Hangynschaw et Cuthberti Johnsoun de Lokerbe respectiue firmariorum ecclesiarum de Cambusnethane Sancte Brigide in foresta et ecclesie de Drivisdale Ac etiam in manibus magistrorum et dominorum Archibaldi Menzies Roberti Richartson Nicholai Ruyrfurd Johannis Layng Johannis Cambell et Lamberti Blair respectiue et decanorum Nithisdalie et Annandie, Teuidalie, Kyle, Carrik, Cvnynghame, pro restis procuracionum synodalium et majorum Testamentorum certorum annorum preteritorum, Magistri Johannis Chesholme et Johannis Jardane de Apilgirth pro certis bollis ordei custumalis Baroniarum de Eddilstoun et Stobo spoliatis per eundem a tenentibus dictarum Baroniarum ac certorum

aliorum creditorum extenden', per justam estimationem ad summam' v^c
lib. [500l.]

Item dominus Jacobus Cottis rector de Carstaris de resta sui vltimi
comptoi j^e lib^b et Remittimus eidem rectori reliquum reste sui comptoi
dummodo grataanter persoluat dictam summam prenominatam executoribus
nostris.

Summa Inuentarii et depositi ac debitorum dicto quondam Reveren-
dissimo debens, iiij^m viij^e xv^b xvij^a [3815l 1s 4d.]

Debita aliis debencia :—

In primis Archibaldo Williamsoun pro firma hospicci sui in Edinbur^t,
xxiiij^{lib}.

Item domino de Craigbernard pro firma hospicci sui in Strivelyng, x^{lib}

Item dominis Collegii Justicie Supreme domine nostre Regine,
j^e lxxx^{lib}.

Item Johanni Menzies pro recompensatione summe centum lib. per
dictum quondam Reverendissimum ab eodem receiptis pro assedatione
terrarum de Bischofforest, lx^{lib}.

Item Anis (?) pro fusione et factura duarum campanarum deportatione
et erectione earundum Ac pro Bibalibus suis vt patet per contractum
inter dictum quondam Reverendissimum et eum initum, j^e lxxxxvj^h xij^s.

Item pro Reparacione campanilis, j^e vj^{lib} xij^s iiiij^d.

Item Capitulo Glasguensi et vicariis chori eiusdem pro annuali funda-
cionie dicti Reverendissimi juxta consilium et dispositionem venerabilis et
egregii viri Magistri Jacobi Houstoun subdecani Glasguensis in quo
plurimum confidimus erigendo quemquidem fundacionem prefati capitul-
lum et vicarii chori Glasguensis ipso Reverendissimo viuente super se accep-
tarunt et perimplere annuatim et perficere obligarunt pro quaquidem
fundacione sic annuatim perimplenda summam ij^e lxvj^{lib} xij^s iiiij^d. Idem
Reverendissimus prefato capitulo et vicariis chori promisit et eandem
summam eisdem ipso superstite consignavit, ij^e lxvi^{lib} xij^s iiiij^d.

Et similiter consignauit lxvj^{lib} xij^s iiiij^d in manibus dictorum decani et
capituli pro sepulero eneo confiando et superponendo sepulchro eiusdem.

Item preposito Glasguensi pro suo feodo certorum terminorum elap-
sorum, xxij^{lib}.

Item domino de Ferme pro suo feodo,

xx^{lib}.

Item domino de Gelstoun,

x^{lib}

Quamquidem summam idem Reverendissimus recepit tempore quo Can-
cellarie officio fungebatur et consignata fuit in manibus eiusdem per
Dominos Consilii ex redemptione terrarum in Gleukenn pertinentium
fratri dicti domini de Gelstoun.

Item seruitoribus dicti quondam Reverendissimi pro eorum feodis vt
patet per particulas particulariter calculatas et examinatas, vj^e lxxxvlib^b xvij^d.

Item quoad summam xvij mercarum assertatam per Jacobum Watt et
Johanne Mason latomos per nos eisdem debitam pro completione pontis de
Inchbelly, quamuis clare constat et patet intuentibus comptum quondam
domini Johannis Moreson camerarii nostri pro tempore nos totalem
summam eiis per eum nomine nostro promissam et in contractum inter nos
et eos inito in compoto eiusdem domini Johannis sibi allocasse, quia in
eodem compoto suo fatetur se hujusmodi totalem summam pecunie eiis
nomine nostro per eum promissam persoluisse Volumus tamen quod dicti
executores nostri prefatam summam xvij mercarum eiis iterum persoluant
Aut sece desuper amicabiliter componatur, dummodo dicti latomi prefatum

pontem in singulis partibus vbi opus fuerit, Et signanter in lateribus altiore et substantiorem faciant et reformat prout dictis executoribus et superioribus Testamenti nostri expedire videbitur.

Summa debitorum aliis debentium, j^m vj^e lxxxviiij^{lib} viij^s.

Legacia prefati Reverendissimi personis infrascriptis. Et in primis domino Gubernatori.

Item illustri domino Gubernatori nos humillime et ex intimis commendamus cui legamus ornamenta nostre capelle argentea et dupliciter deaurata subscripta, videlicet crucem, duo candelabra, duas pholas, vas aque Benedicte cum aspersorio et campana cum eorum capsulis, et hoc in nostri memoriam Sperantes indubie quod idem dominus Gubernator assistat et adiuvet dictos nostros executores et non sinat eosdem a quocumque perturbari molestari aut vexari quatenus hanc nostram ultimam voluntatem debite in singulis perficere et perimplere valeant.

Item nobili et potenti domino Johanni domino de Erskyn in amoris et veteris amicitie signum, nostrum optimum annulum "lye Tureas" et vnum denarium aureum antiquum Sanctissimi domini nostri pape insigniis insculptum.

Item magistro Jacobo Foulis in nostri memoriam et amoris signum, vnum denarium aureum antiquum insculptum Sancto Spiritu.

Item comitis de Cassillis, j^e marcas.

Reuerendo in Christo patri Willelmo episcopo Lismorensi amplam togam nostram "lie chymeris" of wariant chamlett cum caputio eiusdem et duobus rochetis.

Item venerabili in Christo patri Willelmo abbati de Corsraguell togam nostram nigri panni foderatam cum "lye mertrikkis" cui etiam legamus "our doble ourgylt coupe" and "our doble ourgylt goblett quhilkis hes na armes on thame, and our best safir ryng."

Item Magistro Alexandro Dunbar decano Morauiensi ratione officii executorie, nostram togam Bissinam de satyn foderatam cum mertrikkis cui etiam legamus "our sax siluer pecis and ye covir wt ye cays, thre siluer trunscheouris and ye secund siluer salt fatt" Et *item* dispositionem librorum nostrorum juxta discretionem et consilium executorum et superiorum nostrorum fiendum.

Decano Glasguensi vni superiorum testamenti nostri :—

Item decano Glasguensi optimam togam nostram nigri coloris "our best blak chymmeris wt ye hude" cum vno annulo et "tway of our siluer trunscheouris."

Subdecano Glasguensi alteri superiorum ultime nostre voluntatis :—

Item Magistro Jacobo Houstone subdecano Glasguensi "thre of our siluer trunscheouris" Et hoc quia nouimus quod plurimam curam et ingentes labores super se ad perficiendum et perimplendum erectionem fundacionis nostrarum equiarum et obitus, distributionem pecuniarum pro terris emendis pro dicta nostra fundacione, et emptione honesti sepulchri enei ad superponendum tumulo nostro Ac reparacione et fusione campanilis et campanarum perferre et capere opportuerit Et ad emenda ornamenta pontificalia ecclesie nostre Glasguensis pro quibus emendis consignavimus et deliberauimus certam pecunie sumam magistro Georgio Lokert decano ecclesie nostre prediche Et etiam ad mutandam et transferendam huiusmodi pecuniam per nos ad prescripta opera consignata ad quamcunquem perpetuacionem et pios vsus prout sibi magistro Jacobo videbitur expediens, consumatis prius et perimplitis campanili fundacione

campanis et pontificalibus et sepulchro nostro predictis Quia in prefato Magistro Jacobo ad perimplenda et perficienda premissa singularem confidentiam habemus.

Item Johanni Dunbar de Mochroum ad complementum sue domus ^{je} marcas, vnamcūm "our siluer Basyn and the siluer lawar Oure grete covpe and covir of silver, Oure grete salt fatt, ane dusan of siluer spownis and thre siluer Trunscheouris."

Item [. . .] Dunbar sorori dicti Johanis Dunbar de Mochroum ad supplemetum dotis eiusdem, ^{ij^e} marcas.

Item Thome Kennedy de Bargany "oure siluer wattyr pott quhilk we vse to gar mix our wyne with."

Item duabus sororibus dicti Thome Kennedy nondum maritatis, ^{iii^e} marcas per equales portiones inter easdem diuidendas.

Item sponse Hugonis Kennedie sorori dicti domini de Bargany ^{xxvj^{lib}} ^{xiiij^s} ^{iiij^d}.

Item magistro Gilberto Kennedie vicario de Colmonell, ^{xx^{lib}} cum vna nigra toga duplicata cum "lye damas."

Item magistro Thome Kennedy, ^{xx^{lib}}.

Item domino de Punfrastone intuitu diutini obsequii nobis prestiti ad supportandum suos proles, ^{x^{lib}}.

Item prolibus Archibaldi Dunbar germani nostri, ^{xxvj^{lib}} ^{xiiij^s} ^{iiij^d}.

Item patricio Dunbar de Cralech, ^{x^{lib}}.

Item patricio Dunbar filio Joannis Dunbar de Knoksheno^t et Willelmo Hamiltone eius leviro, xx marcas per equales partes et portiones.

Item domino Archibaldo Dunbar ^{ij^c} ^{lib}; prouiso tamen quod non vocet executores nostros pro quaeunque alia summa sibi allegata per nos debita Quod si dictos executores nostros in jus vocet, volumus quod dicti executores nostri expensas suas ad defendendos se ab codem de dictis iij^c libras faciant.

Item sorori nostre, moniali in Northbervik, xx marcas.

Item filie quondam magistri Johannis Dunbar senescalli nostri pro tempore, x marcas.

Item Rectori de Stobo Magistro Johannii Colquhone vnam togam de scarlett duplicatam cum "lye satyn."

Item magistro Roberto Stewart clero parochiali Glasguensi, ^{x^{lib}}.

Item domino Hugoni Curry commendatario prioratus de Strathphillane vnam togam de chamlett foderatam cum nigris pellibus et alteram de "Lilisworsett" etiam foderatam, w^t our almus ane furrit welius hude cum duobus rochetis.

Item Duncano Levingstone camerario nostro ^{je} marcas, proviso quod prius inducat restam Baronie Glasguensis et aliarum baroniarum, aut saltem exactam diligentiam faciat pro hujusmodi restam importandam Ac compotum et solutionem dictarum restarum et sue intromissionis dictis executoribus nostris faciat.

Item magistro Cuthberto Arthure et Johannis Mun' vnieisque eorum xl marcas ad orandum pro anima nostra pro spacio duorum annorum, et domino Johannii Forrett pro suo feodo termini Penthecostes instantis et aliis quibuscumque terminis per nos sibi debitis et ad orandum pro anima nostra per spacium duorum annorum xl^a marcas vnamcūm "our secund blak chymmeris" cum qua induitus, ferat crucem nostram ante nos in die sepulture nostre.

Item domino Johannii Dunbar rectori de Castelmilk ad orandum pro anima nostra per spacium vnius anni, ^x marcas.

Item domino Johanni Dunbar clero parochiali de Mochroum ad orandum pro anima mea per spacium unius anni, x marcas.

Item domino Thome Coltrirane in quhiterne [Whitherne] ad orandum pro anima mea per spacium vnius anni, x marcas.

Legacia Religiosis:

Item fratribus minoribus de Edinbur^t vj^{lib} xiiij^s iiiij^d.

Item fratribus predictoribus prefati loci de Edinbur^t vj^{lib} xiiij^s iiiij^d.

Item fratribus minoribus de Perth, vj^{lib} xiiij^s iiiij^d.

Item fratribus predictoribus ibidem, vj^{lib} xiiij^s iiiij^d.

Item fratribus minoribus de Striueling, vj^{lib} xiiij^s iiiij^d.

Item fratribus predictoribus ibidem, vj^{lib} xiiij^s iiiij^d.

Item fratribus minoribus ciuitatis nostre Glasguensis, x^{hb}.

Item fratribus predictoribus eiusdem, vj^{lib} xiiij^s iiiij^d.

Item fratribus minoribus de Air, x^{hb}.

Item fratribus predictoribus ibidem, vj^{lib} xiiij^s iiiij^d.

Item Carmelitis de Irwyn, iiij^{lib} vj^s viij^d.

Item fratribus de Jedbur^t v^{lib}.

Item fratribus de Dunfries, v^{lib}.

Item fratribus de Lanark, xl^s.

Item fratribus de Lynlithquhou, xl^s.

Item pauperibus hospitalis diui Nicholai xx marcas disponendas in lectisterniis vestibus et aliis rebus dictis pauperibus magis necessariis pro tempore juxta discretionem magistri Roberti Stewart et domini Hugonis Curry prout ipsius melius videbitur expedire.

Item sororibus due Katherine de Senis prope Edinburgh, xl^{hb}.

Item duabus filiabus Andree Balfoure ciuuis Sancti Andree nondum maritatis ad supportacionem dotis earundem, xl^{ta} marcas inter easdem per equales portiones diuidendas.

Item Isabelle Stewart sponse Jacobi Grahame, x marcas.

Legacia librorum.

Item magistro Johanni Gledstanis "Balduin et Paulum de Castro,"

Item Magistro Johanni Dunbar "Bartholinum et panormitanum,"

Residuum vero librorum nostrorum tantum dispositioni decani Morauiensis juxta discretionem et consilium executorum et superiorum nostrorum fiendum legamus.

Residuum vero omnium Bonorum nostrorum legamus executoribus nostris et eorum dispositioni prout ipsis melius expedire videbitur sine quacumque restrictione.

Item volumus autem legamus et ordinamus quod nostri executores respondeant satis ac integre et mature sine deliberacione aut mora seruitoribus familie nostre prenominatis de legacia eiis per nos legata de promptioribus pecuniis nostris, funeralibus et pecunia pro sepulchro eneo nostro et fundacione nostri obitus prius solutis et consignatis deductis, Et quoad legata aliis prenominatis personis et restam legacie nostre si non respondeant dictis nostris executoribus de resta fructuum Archiepiscopatus Glasguensis et monasterii nostre Insule missarum predictorum Referimus defalcationem et solucionem reste huiusmodi nostre legacie discretioni dictorum executorum nostrorum prout ipsi executores nostri restem huiusmodi Archiepiscopatus et monasterii recipere obtinere et recuperare poterunt.

Ne non et si contingat dictos nostros seruidores aut quoscumq; alios legatarios prenominatos plus exigere petere vel requirere quam vt

expressatum est in presenti nostro Testamento aut eosdem executores coram quocumque judice pro aliis maioribus summis et actionibus coram quo cumque judice convuenire aut dictos nostros executores quoquis modo molestare in hiis casibus singula per nos eisdem legata reuocemus Committentes dictis nostris executoribus jus repetendi luiusmodi legata per eos recepta Et volumus quod legata sic obtenta et repetita disponantur ad alios pios vsus pro salute anime nostre.

Summa Inuentarii depositi et Bonorum dicti olim Reverendissimi patri, debitis per eum aliis debentibus extractis,

ij^m j^e xxvjth xij^m iiij^d. [2126*L*. 13*s.* 4*d.*]

Confirmantur executores datui dicto olim Reverendissimo ad bona supra- scripta ac etiam extra presens Inuentarium omissa seu relicta quecumque Magister Robertus Stewart clericus parochialis de Glasgo et Duncauus Levyngston coniunctim etc die penultimo Maii Anno Domini j^m v^e xlviij. [1548.]

As the Institute, at the late Carlisle meeting, made an excursion to Melrose, within the old diocese of Glasgow, some notice of the Archbishop whose will is printed above, will be acceptable. Like that of the illustrious house from which he sprang, the memory of this munificent churchman has been somewhat obscured by the lapse of time. The revival by the Pope a few years ago, of the Archbprie of Glasgow in the person of an accomplished prelate, the first Catholic Archbishop since the Reformation, has recalled our interest in one, and by no means the least distinguished, of his predecessors—Gavin Dunbar. It has been known for the last forty years or more that his will was in existence in a unique volume embracing only a few years (A.D. 1547-55) of the once extensive consistorial records belonging to Glasgow, now in Her Majesty's General Register House, Edinburgh, and curiously enough, discovered by Mr. Riddell, who also rescued from oblivion the will of another renowned Scotsman, Gavin Douglas, Bishop of Dunkeld. He, less fortunate than Dunbar, only found a foreign grave; “patriā suā exul,” as the pathetic inscription on his brass in the Chapel Royal, Savoy, reminds us.

The Archbishop came of a family that has filled a great position in Scottish history—the Earls of Dunbar or March. He could count among his more immediate forefathers the celebrated Thomas Randolph, Earl of Moray, and his daughter and heiress Black Agnes of Dunbar, from whom he derived his ancestral shield—the three cushions within the royal tressure. His father, Sir John Dunbar of Mochrum, was the second of the six sons of Sir Alexander Dunbar of Westfield, Sheriff of Moray, the only son, though not the successor, of James Dunbar last Earl of Moray of that race. The Sheriff's two elder sons married two of the three coheiresses of a kindred stock, daughters of Patrick Dunbar, the last of the barons of Cumnock and Mochrum, near relatives of the main stem of March. But the Archbishop was the son of his father's second marriage with Janet Stewart, a daughter of the house of Garlies, now represented by the Earl of Galloway. The Archbishop's elder brother of the half blood, Sir John Dunbar of Mochrum, fell with James IV at Flodden. The Archbishop, as is matter of history, was chosen preceptor to the young James V, as being “the most polite and best qualified person of any other in the whole kingdom.” And in 1526 he became Lord High Chancellor of Scotland, an office which he held till after the death of James V in 1542. Before the year 1544 he built a “noble

gatehouse" for the episcopal palace of his see, on the front of which a stone bearing the royal arms, with his own and those of his friend Master James Houstoun, sub-dean of the Cathedral, was placed. This stone has survived the total demolition of the palace and gatehouse, and after some vicissitudes, has found a resting place at Mochrum Park, co. Wigtoun, within a few miles of the Archbishop's birthplace, the old Tower of Mochrum. The Archbishop's will presents features of interest both public and domestic, a few of which may be noticed. He died in April, 1547, one authority says the 16th, Crawfurd (*Lives of the Officers of State*) says the 30th of the month, and his will was confirmed a year afterwards, on 30th May, 1548.

He leaves to a person named Anis (?) for the founding of two bells, and erection of these, in terms of a contract between them, including "drinkables for the workmen," 196*l.* 13*s.*

For repair of the Campanile, 106*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

There can be no question that this was the western tower of the Cathedral church of Glasgow, which has been always identified with the Archbishop's name, and was so barbarously pulled down upwards of forty years ago, under the plea of restoring the church to its original design, but with the effect of destroying one of its most picturesque features, just as Wyatt the architect did at Salisbury fifty or sixty years before. One of the two bells formerly in this tower still continues to give out its deep notes in the hearing of the citizens of Glasgow, as may be learned by the evidence of the local records; though tradition has assigned it to the gift of a burgess of the city, Marcus Knox, who has taken the place of its real donor.

The private bequests of the Archbishop are many, and the language in which they are couched is highly interesting. To the Earl of Arran, the Lord Governor for the infant Queen, he leaves the silver double-gilt ornaments of his private chapel, and makes a solemn request that he will see his executors are not molested in administration of his will.

To John Lord Erskine, his turquoise ring—"his best" he calls it,—and an old gold penny with the Papal arms. Master James Foulis, the Clerk Register, has a gold penny engraved with the Holy Spirit.

The Abbot of Corsraguel, besides a handsome gown (of which the Archbishop had many) would, if he had lived, have received a double gilt cup, and goblet without armorial bearings, and his best sapphire ring.

Master James Houstoun, the sub-dean of Glasgow, has three silver trenchers, and a touching expression of the debt of gratitude the Archbishop owes him for his care and trouble regarding the above bells and repair of the campanile, and construction of the brazen sepulchre which was erected, it is believed, before the Archbishop's death, in the choir of the cathedral, over his tomb, now totally swept away.

The next legacy testifies to the Archbishop's regard for his birthplace and the head of his house—the young Laird of Mochrum—his grand-nephew of the half blood. He leaves him 100 marks "for the completion of his house," a silver basin and a silver lawar (ewer ?) his great cup and cover of silver, his great salt-cellars, a dozen silver spoons, and three silver trenchers.

The buildings, once of very considerable extent, which the Archbishop's legacy helped to finish, are now roofless and in ruins. In all probability they were begun by this young laird's father, Sir John Dunbar, of

Mochrum (the son of the Knight who fell at Flodden), who while himself a young man, died in 1543. They were completed by the legatee, afterwards Sir John, and in three places on the mouldering walls, his own shield, the cushions of Randolph, and that of his wife Elizabeth Mure (of Rowallan), three stars in fess between three garbs, are still visible.

While this later part of the family seat has gone to ruin, the ancient Tower of the Knights of Mochrum still stands proudly under the burden of its five and a half centuries ; and with its vaulted basement, and walls nine feet in thickness, seems to enjoy a green and vigorous old age. Southwards it commands a charming water view—in the foreground and middle distance is its own loch studded with islands clad in heather and wood, on one of which the ruins of an earlier stronghold may be seen—while far to the south-east the Fell of Mochrum rears its bulk in the direction of the Irish sea ; and turning to the north the spectator may see a chain of smaller lochs, encompassed by wild moor and rocky knolls, till the farthest range of vision is bounded by the lofty mountains and deep glens of Kirkeudbright, among which Robert the Bruce was hunted for his life nearly six hundred years ago, by Aymar de Valence and John of Lorne.

The Archbishop also leaves the sister of the Laird of Mochrum 200 marks for a dower, and besides legacies to Kennedies, Dunbars, and other relatives, leaves 20 marks to his own sister, a nun in North Berwick.

He also leaves many sums to various religious orders, the largest, two of £10, being to the Friars Minors of his own city and those of Ayr.

The will shews him to have been a benevolent and kind-hearted man in private life. His public career is enrolled in the annals of his country. Though he met with scanty justice from John Knox, he has been eulogised by a greater scholar than the reformer, the accomplished Buchanan.