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Papers of the Gordon and Douglas Family of Fechil

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1. Estate papers relating to the lands of Fechil. ca 1219, 1622, 1667-1734, consisting mainly of miscellaneous bonds, discharges, and assignations etc., but including:

Charter by William Cumyn, Earl of Buchan, in favour of the Abbey of Deer, of the lands of Fechil, ca 1219-33. Published in extenso in Old Spalding Club, Antiquities of Aberdeen and Banff, 1847, vol.ii, pp.427-8.

2. Estate account book, crops 1609, 1612.

Rentals, 1735, 1767.

Miscellaneous accounts etc., 1669, 1741, 1756.

3. Judicial papers in the case of John Gordon of Fechil against Capt. George Melvill, 1697.

4. Personal papers, 1502-1721, including:

Grant by William Keith, 3rd Earl Marischal, to Sir William Keith of Inverugie, of the marriage of the heir of Pitsligo, 1502.

Royal brief under the privy seal, and signed by James V, stating that the inquest held to serve Margaret and Elizabeth Keith heirs of their uncle, Sir William Keith of Inverugie, would not be invalidated by any 'caus cryme or action of error yat ony of ye inqueist may commit', 1537. Other documents relating to this particular business are to be found in the Privy Seal Register; this one is not.

Extract from the acts of parliament recording the grant to George Keith, 5th Earl Marischal, of an impost of 20 pence for every last of goods (20 bolls of victual to the last) entering or leaving Peterhead harbour, 1593. This is fully recorded in the Acts of the Parliament of Scotland.

Literary papers:

'A treatise upon the Natur of Passiones', 17th cent., possibly by Dr Lewis Gordon.

'Some Considerationes of the present State & Conditione of the Kings College of Aberdeen', 1665.

5. Correspondence, 1629, 1706-44, n.d. including:

Letter of John Erskine, 2nd Earl of Mar to his son-in-law William Keith, 6th Earl of Marischal, 1629; one of Marshall James Keith, 1738; and one of HR including a poem in praise of John Douglas of Fechil n.d.

Letters of recommendation and passports in favour of Sylvester Douglas, Baron Glenbervie, and his travelling companions during a tour in Italy, Austria, and Bohemia, 1767-8.

6. Documents unrelated to Fechil.

Instrument of Sasine in favour of John Gordon in Templelands of Essie (Strathbogie), of the said Templelands, and the Templelands of Fulzmond in Anchindoir, 1519.

Grant by John Leslie of Pitcaple in favour of Robert Cheyne in Burnesaucht of Kinmuck, of various crofts in the parish of Fintray, 1631.

Instrument of sasine in favour of Mary, Countess of Wigtown, of lands in the neighbourhood of Biggar, 1711.