An introduction to the Forfeited Estate papers in the National Records of Scotland

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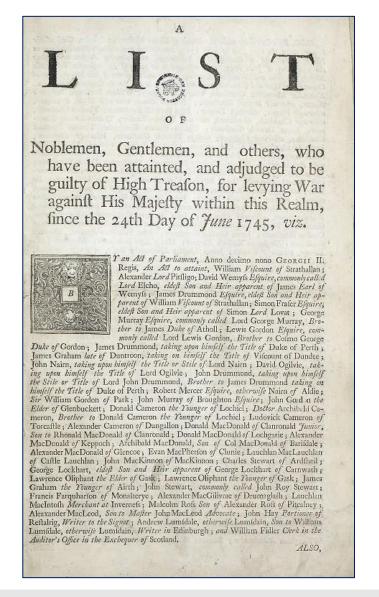
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These records cover almost all aspects of the revenue raising and expenditure of the Crown in Scotland. The pre-union Exchequer comprises the following series of records; administrative and judicial (E1-E20); treasury, comptrollery and related accounts (E21-E37); crown revenues (E38-E44); church revenues (E45-E56); fines and forfeitures (E57-E58); taxation accounts and records (E59-E70); Customs and Excise (E71-E80); miscellaneous revenue accounts (E81-E89); army and navy accounts and papers (E90-E100); mint records (E101-E105); special classes (E101-E109).

Post 1707 records include revenue accounts 1699-1835 (E201-E211); civil establishment records from 1708 listing salaries to central government officials (E223-E229); taxation records 1748-1812 (E326-E328); roads accounts 1812-1847 (E330); Crinan Canal papers 1802-1844 (E331); historic buildings 1711-1873 (E342, E886); court records, including minutes, decrees and processes, including revenue cases but principally relating to disputes over taxes 1708-1856 (E351-E383); customs records including customs collectors' accounts detailing imports and exports, payments of whale and herring bounties and information on

granted an allowance os 1/- on every gallon of whisky produced from malt (E581); Annexed Forfeited Estate papers including the records of the management of the major Jacobite estates forfeited after the risings of 1715 and 1745 and showing attempts to improve agriculture, industry and communications in the Highlands and including rentals, plans and accounts (E600-E687, E701-E788); Ultimus Haeres papers from 1709 which are records of the Crown as 'last heir' of those dying without a known heir (E851-E870). The modern records may be subject to different closure periods.

Execution and exile



A list of men attainted and adjudged guilty of high treason since 24 June 1745. nd

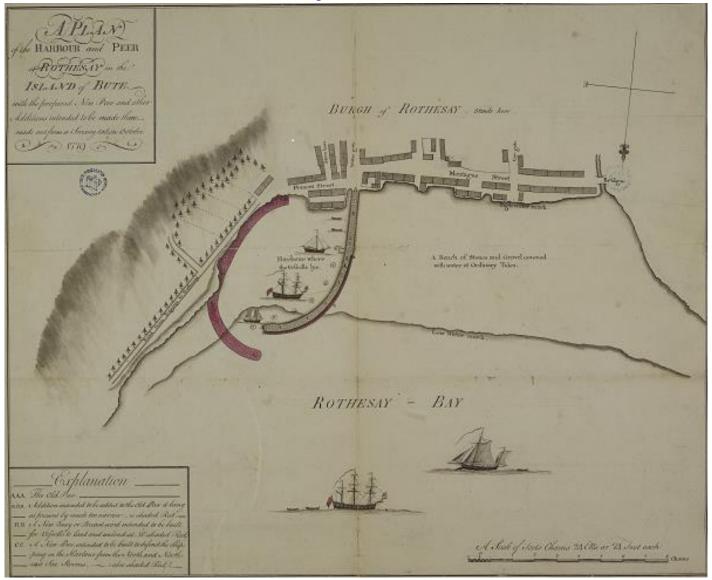
The Annexing Act of 26 March 1752

An Act for annexing certain Forfeited Estates in Scotland to the Crown unalienably, and for making Satisfaction to the lawful Creditors thereupon, and to establish a Method of managing the same, and applying the Rents and Profits thereof for the better civilizing and improving The Highlands of Scotland, and preventing Disorders there for the future.

Estimate for constructing a bridge over the River Tummel at Kinloch Rannoch, 1764

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Plan of the harbour and pier at Rothesay, Bute, 1779



A list of improvements in agriculture suggested by the Commissioners, 1764



Annexed Estates Office, February 6. 1764.

- The Commissioners of Annexed Estates do hereby give Notice to all Tenants and Poffessors of these Estates, who have no Leases, That it will greatly recommend them to long Leases of their several Possessors, if they follow the Method of Agriculture hereto annexed, viz.
- I. A LL who have Runrig, or Kavels, to apply to the Factor for having the fame properly divided.
- II. ALL who have crooked or uneven Marches, to apply in like Manner for having them ftraighted and adjusted with their Neighbours.
- III. To drain their Grounds well.
- IV. To Winter herd.

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- V. To Summer fallow.
- VI. To fow Grafs Seeds on their In-field, and keep a large Portion thereof always in Grafs.
- VII. To manage their arable Out fields in the fame Manner as In-fields, and lay afide the pernicious Method hitherto practifed, of running out Lands by conftant Crops of Oats after Oats.
- VIII. To fow Turneeps, Potatoes, and other green Crops.

THOSE who have Highland Farms, where there is little arable Land,

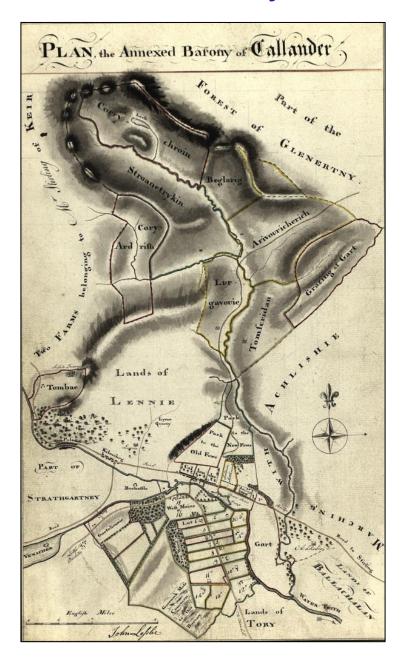
IX. To trench with the Spade the little Spots in the Glens, where they can raife Corns, Hay, or green Crops, to increase as much as may be their Winter Fodder.

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A list of people who received wheels, 1760

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Plan of the Annexed Barony of Callander, 1774



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Advertisement to encourage settlement of disbanded soldiers and sailors, 1763

ADVERTISEMENT.

For the Encouragement of discharged SAILORS and disbanded SOLDIERS.

H E COMMISSIONERS, appointed by his Majeffy for managing the Forfeited Estates in Scotland (which, by an Act of the 25th Year of his late Majeffy, were annexed to the Crown unalienably, for the Purposes of civilizing the Highlands of Scotland) have resolved to bestow, out of the Rents of these Estates, the Sum of 6,6101. Sterl. in Bounties for encouraging discharged Sailors and Marines (to the Number of 1000) who have served on Board his Majesty's Navy in the last War, to settle as Fishers on the Sea Coast of the Highlands of Scotland. And to bestow the further Sum of 3,000 sterl. for encouraging disbanded Soldiers (to the Number of 500) who have served his Majesty in the last War, to settle on the Annexed Estates, as Artificers, Manusacturers, or Daylabourers.

The Encouragement to Sailors is as follows.

To each Sailor or Marine, who shall fettle as a Fisher on any of the Coasts of the Annexed Estates, a Bounty of 2/. Steel. with a Boat sit for the Herring and Cod Fishing, to each Crew of eight Men.

And further, to each married Sailor or Marine, a Dwelling-house and a Portion of Ground not exceeding three Acres, Rent free for seven Years, and thereafter at a Rent not exceeding 5s. Sterl. per Acre.

To each Sailor or Marine who shall settle as a Fisher on such Parts of the Coast as does not by within the Annexed Estates, a Bounty of 31. Sterl. and his House Rent to be paid for three Years.

The Encouragement to Soldiers is as follows.

That for married Soldiers, who fettle upon the Annexed Estates, Dwelling-houses shall be built to the Number of 300, to be possed by them Rent free for Life.

That 31. Sterl. shall be paid to each of them for providing Houshold Furniture.

That a Portion of Ground, not exceeding three Acres, shall be allotted unto each of them, for raifing Corn, Hay, Pot-herbs, &c. to maintain his Family, and to feed one Cow. These small Farms to be Rent free for the first three Years, and thereafter to pay a Rent not exceeding 55. Sterl. per Acre.

That each unmarried Soldier (to the Number of 200) who fettles on these Estates, shall have yearly, for three Years, a Premium of twenty Shillings; and if any of them shall marry within three Years, House and Possessinal be provided for them as above.

That, till thefe Houses can be built, the Commissioners will employ, in the public Works, now carrying on upon these Estates, disbanded Soldiers to the Number of 500.

N. B. Any Sailor, Marine, or Soldier, defirous of accepting these Bounties, may apply to the Commisfioners at their Office in Edinburgh, or by writing to Henry Barclay, Esq; their Secretary, or to any of their Factors on the Annexed Estates.

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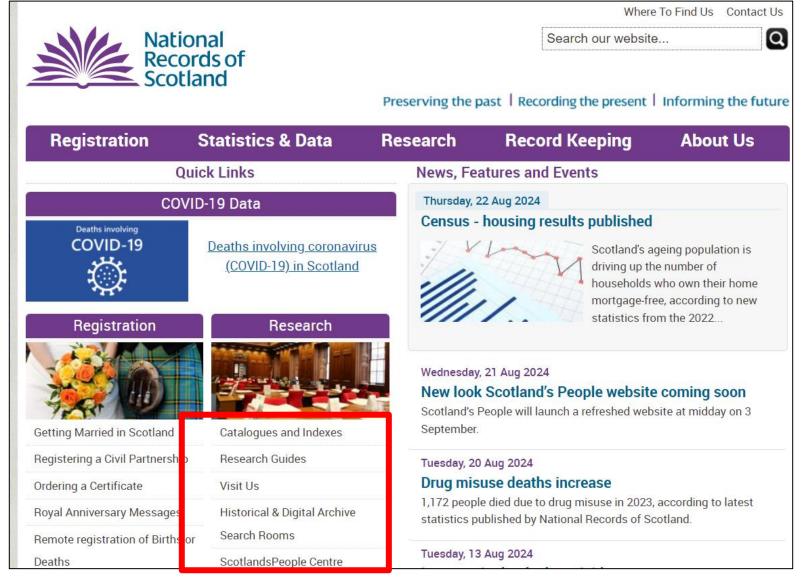
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- E701: Acts and Orders, 1747-1786
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- E704: Letters, 1747-1824
- E705: Petitions and Memorials, 1747-1818
- E706: List of Estates, 1747-1763
- E707: Rentals and Surveys, 1747-1776
- E708: Rentals and Surveys, papers relating to, 1748-1815
- E709: Claims, 1748-1814
- E710: Claims, papers relating to, 1748-1791
- E711: Warrants and Precepts, Register of, 1751-1793
- E712: Dispositions, Register of, 1751-1793
- E713: Annexed Estates Business, 1784-1818
- E714: Miscellaneous, 1746-1813
- E715: Receiver-General's Accounts, 1748-1784
- E716: Factors' Accounts, 1750-1771
- E717: Law Expenses, Accounts of, 1748-1773
- E718: Accounts concluding Annexed Estates Business, 1784-1820
- E719: Accounts, Miscellaneous, 1751-1763
- E720: Claims, Processes on, 1749-1763
- E721: General Management, Minutes, 1755-1783
- E722: General Management, Commissions, 1755-1783
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- E725: General Management, Treasury Warrants etc, 1755-1785
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- E727: General Management, Letters, 1755-1784
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- E729: General Management, Reports, 1755-1770
- E730: General Management, Papers relating to Improvements, 1755-1784
- E731: General Management, Miscellaneous papers, 1755-1784
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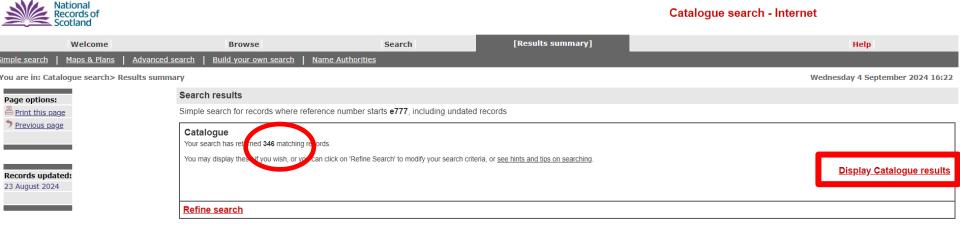
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E737: Ardsheal, Charles Stewart of, Estate of, 1748-1787
E738: Arnprior, Francis Buchanan of, Estate of, 1663-1803
E739: Asleed, Adam Hay of, Estate of, 1738-1758
E740: Balmerino, Lord, (Elphinstone, Arthur) Estate of, 1739-1763
E741: Barrisdale, Archibald MacDonell of, Estate of, 1734-1792
E742: Burnfoot, Andrew Porteous of, Estate of, 1707-1761
E743: Callart, Allan Cameron of, Estate of, 1748-1784
E744: Clanranald, Donald MacDonald of, Estate of, 1748-1749
E745: Cluny, Ewen MacPherson of, Estate of, 1736-1787
E746: Cromartie, Earl of, (MacKenzie, Sir George), Estate of, 1576-1830
E747: Dungallon, Alexander Cameron of, Estate of, 1748-1749
E748: Dunipace, Archibald Primrose of, Estate of, 1747-1761
E749: Elcho, Lord (Wemyss, David), Estate of, 1748-1761
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E751: Glastullich, Roderick McCulloch of, Estate of, 1748-1755
E752: Glenbucket, John Gordon of, Estate of, 1747-1790
E753: Glencarse, Lord George Murray, liferenter of, Estate of, 1748-1755
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E757: Hamilton, John, of Sandstown, factor to Duke of Gordon, Estate of, 1747-1768
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E768: Lochiel, Donald Cameron of, Estate of, 1703-1785
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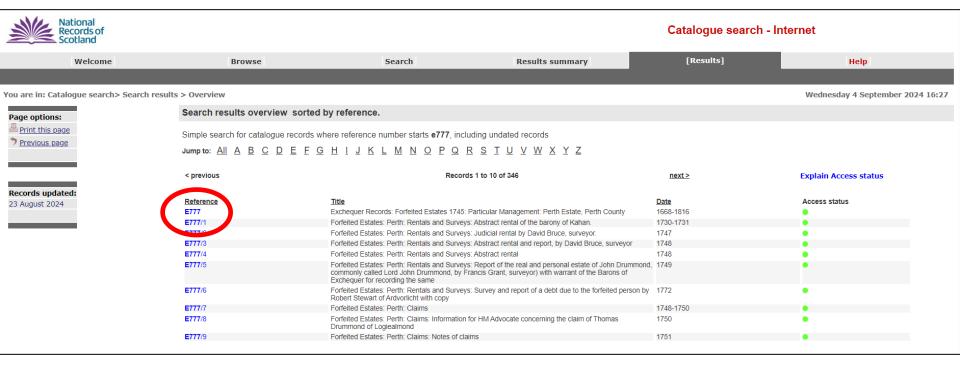
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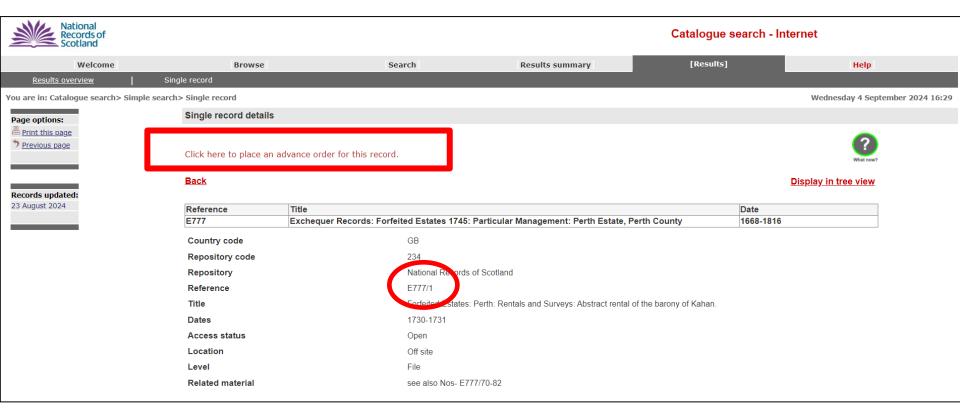


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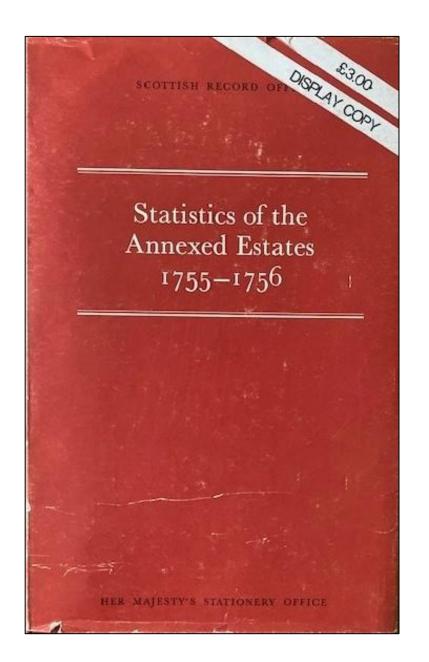
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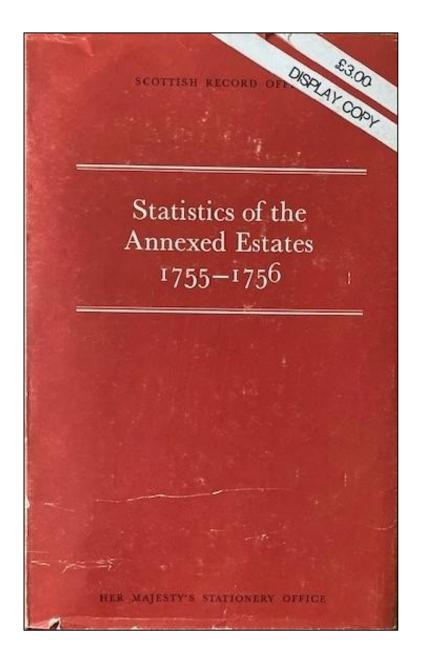
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Staff in the National Records of Scotland (NRS) are not able in most cases to carry out detailed research on behalf of paying customers.

There are many firms and individuals (usually known as record agents or professional researchers) who undertake work such as legal searches, family history research and transcription and interpretation of historical records on behalf of remote researchers. Some of them who carry out research on records in the NRS have asked for the NRS to make their websites known to researchers and their websites are listed below

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¹All farms are shown as in the parish of Balquhidder (Balquider), Perthshire, except where otherwise noted.

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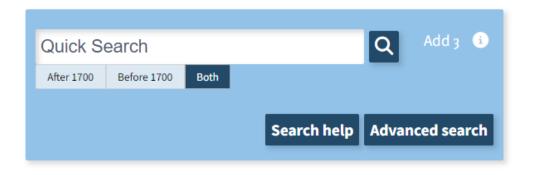
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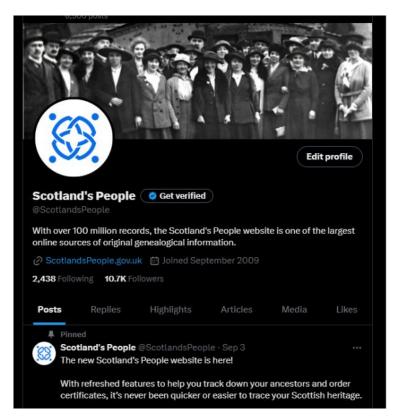
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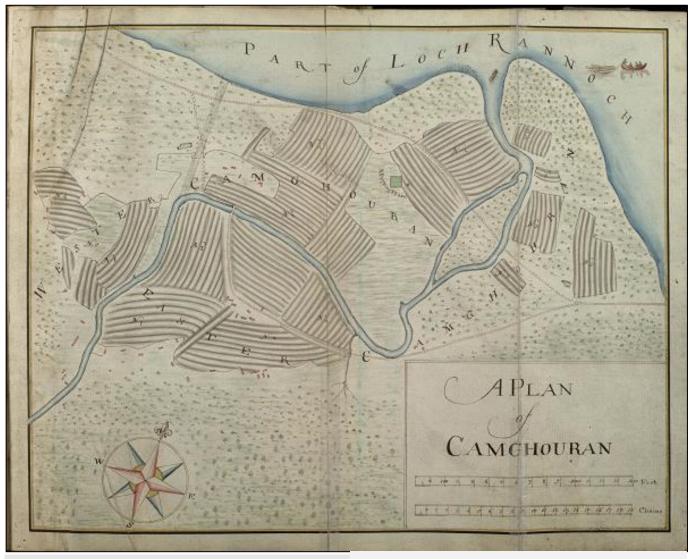




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