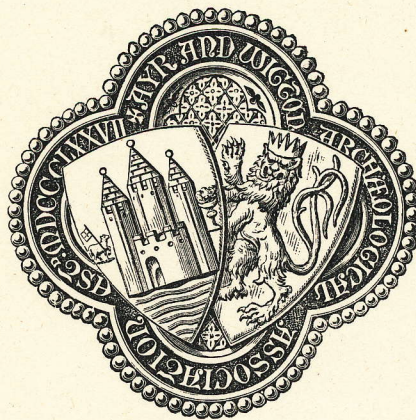


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III.

MILITARY REPORT

ON THE

DISTRICTS OF CARRICK, KYLE, AND CUNNINGHAM,

WITH REFERENCE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THE OCCUPATION
OF THAT PORTION OF SCOTLAND BY AN ENGLISH ARMY.

Prepared by an English Official between the Years 1563 and 1566.¹

KARRIK BAILZERY

BEYONDE THE MULL of Gallowaye And of Lowgryane² soueth witht
the same Karrik, bailzerye, parcell of the shereffdome of Are, Inhabited by
therle of Cassills and his frendes, A barrant cūtree but for bestiall: the
people for the moste part speketht erishe.

¹ The MS. from which this interesting report has been printed is among the Cottonian Collection, British Museum. *Titus*, C. xii. f. 87 to f. 89b. The early portion of the MS., which is imperfect, extends to twenty-two folio pages, and relates to the West March of Scotland and Liddesdale. This, with facsimiles of the interesting coloured drawings, may be found in the *History of Liddesdale, etc.*, Appendix No. LXX. The name of the writer of the MS. and the post he occupied are unknown; but, from the minute

and apparently accurate knowledge of the country and the people who inhabited the West March of Scotland and Liddesdale, he may possibly have been Warden clerk, or one of the other officers of the opposite march of England. The MS. was evidently written after June 1563, when young Robert Elliot (whose death is noticed) was appointed Captain of the Hermitage.—*Reg. Secreti Concil.* It was also written before the Master of Maxwell was created Lord Herries in 1566.

² Lochryan.

PLACES METE FOR FORTIFICATION UPON THIS COASTE.

THE MOWTH OF GREVEN.

THE WATER mowtht of greven¹ xvi myles from Lowghryame,² At the full sea A pynnyss of fourty townes may arryve in the same: And not above: having a forte of eartht there: or Landing at the suddane witht fyve hundreitht men of war may Intrynche the same And witht one hundreitht or two of Light horsmen in garisone, Maye Annoye the Lardes of bargany, blaquhan, and otheris upoun that part of Karrik; these tuo any of them be nothing Inferior in Leving to therle of Cassills, Saving he ys there cheif, and of A surnem.

TURNEBURYE.

TURNEBURYE³ was A place In Edwarde the thrydds dayes that was in yngles posession: And yett mete to be taken; being fyve myles from greven mowtht upoun the sea coest, yf ye wor Disposed to Annoye Karrik: All the rest of this coest of carrik, ys An yrne coest for shippes; fyve hundreit men of war will take any of these And troble and spule all the cuntree In A Daye or two at the suddane.

DYMURRE CASTELL.

THERE IS THE CASTELL of Dynmure,⁴ cheif house to therle of Cassilles: foure myles upoun this syde the brige of Done,⁵ whiche Devydetht Karrik from Kyle: It is A fare castell, not stronge nor worthy fortifying: I Doo

¹ Girvan.

² Lochryan.

³ Turnberry Castle, in the parish of Kirkoswald, the ancient seat of the Earls of Carrick. Mr. William Abercrommie, minister at Maybole about the period of the Revolution, writes of it as "the old ruines of the ancient castle of Turnberry." Sir James Balfour mentions it in his *Description of Carrick, circa 1640*, as "the rubidge of ancient Turneburrey."—Pitcairn's *History of the Family of Kennedy*, pp. 168 and 188.

⁴ Dunure, in the parish of Maybole. Sir

James Balfour describes it as "a grate and plesand stronge housse, the most ancient habitation of the surname of KENNEDY, *Lairds of Dunvre*, now *Earles of Cassilles*."—Pitcairn, *ut sup.* p. 186. Abercrommie speaks of it in his time as "being wholly ruined."—*Ib.* p. 168. *Vide* also Paterson's *Hist. of Ayrshire*, vol. ii. p. 346.

⁵ The Brig of Doon, immortalised by Burns in his poem of *Tam o' Shanter*. "The bridge is said to have been built by Bishop Kennedy, chancellor of Scotland, who died in 1466."—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 352, *note*.

not muche pas upoun this cuntree of carrik: Being but a barrant cuntree,
A yrne coest as said ys, unles when tyme served To scourge that young
papist erle, And his frendes for his Saik, When any powar of this realme
haitht occacion in those quarters.

PROFFITS OF BENIFICES.

NONE of Importance except the abbacye of corssagall¹ wortht of engles
moneye ij^e L. Sr.

WHAT NOMBRE OF MEN CARRICK is able to make in their cuntrey at the
soddane Invasion or to bring at army Roiall

THE gentlemen particularly nominate

THE CASTELL of Dyñure: Erle of cassills² called kenadie: p^a

THE LARDE of bargany³ called kennadie

THE LARDE of blaquhan⁴ called kenadie

THE LARDE of cove,⁵ kennadie

The Lard of craganele,⁶ kennadie

The Lard of Culzeane,⁷ kennadie

The Lard of kelwood,⁸ kennadie

¹ Crossraguel Abbey, in the parish of Kirkoswald. According to Keith, "the revenues of Crossraguel were £466 : 13 : 4; bear, 18 c. 7 b. 3 fi. 3½ p.; meal, 37 c.; oats, 4 c. 15 b. 3 fi. 3½ p."—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 268.

² Gilbert, 4th Earl of Cassillis, "King of Carrick."—Pitcairn, *ut supra*, pp. 10 and 91.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 283.

³ Bargany, in the parish of Dailly; Sir Thos. Kennedy.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. i. p. 379.

⁴ Blairquhan, parish of Straiton. James Kennedy is called in the Cassillis entail in 1540, and was succeeded by his son John.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 471.

⁵ Cove, or Coiff, in the parish of Kirkoswald; Thomas Kennedy.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 281.

⁶ Craigneil, parish of Colmonell, was acquired from Kennedy of Carslo by the Earl of Cassillis in 1557.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. pp. 279, 283.

⁷ Culzean, in the parish of Kirkoswald; Sir Thomas Kennedy, brother of the earl.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 283.

⁸ The laird of Kelwood was not a Kennedy. The Corries of Kelwood, originally a Dumfriesshire family, in 1507 acquired Thomaston, in the parish of Kirkoswald, and various other lands in Carrick. George Corry de Kelwood and Margaret Blair his spouse had a charter of the lands of Auldcreig, Thomaston, etc., from Queen Mary in 1546, and his name occurs in the list of an assize held in 1580.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 291.

The goodman of ardmyllane¹
 Hew Kennadie² of greven manes
 The Larde of bantn,³ kennadie
 The abbot of corsagall,⁴ kenadie

 The Lord of awthindronen,⁵ Mure
 The Lard of brigende,⁶ montgomerye.
 The Larde of greven,⁷ Dawesone.
 Johne blare⁸ of the newhouse

SOMA.

KYLE, SHEREFDOME OF ARE.

KYLE Being principale place of the sherefdome of Are Joneth with Karrik, And begyneth at the brige of Done, tuoo myles sowtth from the towne of Are: There ys in kyle thre watters: Lowgare,⁹ Whereupoun the craufurds Dwelleth; Are, whereupoun the towne standeth; And cesnok, whereupoun many of the campbells Dwelleth. This cuntree ys plentuous In corne, bestiall, and fische, populus of men, and verye sharpe vpoun horse and foote; good protestantes.

FFORTIFICATION.

NOTA—ARE BOROUGH, TOWN, AND HAVEN.

THE TOWNE of Are in kile forsaid, biggar and better beilded nor

¹ Ardmillan, in the parish of Girvan. Thos. Kennedy, "the gudeman of Ardmillan," died in 1637.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 77.

² Girvan Mains, in the parish of Girvan; Sir Hugh Kennedy in 1559.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 284.

³ *Query*—Bennane, in the parish of Ballantrae; Hugh Kennedy.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. i. p. 251: or Baltersan, in the parish of Kirkoswald; John Kennedy.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 294.

⁴ Quintin Kennedy, the last abbot, who died in 1564.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. pp. 268-282.

⁵ Auchindrane, parish of Maybole. John Mure was on the assize at the trial of Crawford

of Lifnoreis in 1554.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 357.

⁶ Brigend (now Doonside), in the parish of Maybole. John Montgomerie of Brigend occurs in a legal document dated May 1587.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 367.

⁷ Grenan, or Greenan, in the parish of Maybole. Thomas Davidson is styled *apparenti de Grenane* in a charter of Queen Mary, 9th Jan. 1548.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 353.

⁸ Newhouse has not been identified, but John Blair of Middle Auchindrane, or Blairstoun, was on the assize at the trial of Barnard Fergusson of Kilkeran in 1564.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 358.

⁹ Lugar water, a tributary of the River Ayr.

hadington was, and having the moste trade of merchandse upoun the west seis, when these east seis be trowbled or stop by englonde : yf it wor forti-fyed, witht one thowsande men in garisone, And thre hundreitht Light hors-men to goo, witht foote men abroad, It will subiect and annoye all Carrik forsaid; inhabited by therle of Cassills and his frends. In kyle the sheref of Are,¹ Lorde Vchiltre,² Sir Willm Hamylton³ knyght, the campbells, craufurds, reids, the Mynister⁴ of fale abbaye. In Cunnyahame,⁵ Therles of Eglington⁶ and glencarne,⁷ the rest of montgomies and cunygahames, witht the towne and haven of Irrewing,⁸ The lorde boyed,⁹ the Larde of rowallane,¹⁰ and the abbacye of Kilwynyng,¹¹ yf this towne be well garnist by sea and Lande And hauing therle of Lenenox¹² to serve faithfullie as he might, And attempting the mowtht of clyde at such place as shal be hereafter noted. Thei togetheres ar able to conques the yles of Arrane,¹³ bewte, and cumerayes, and undoo argile. The lordes semple,¹⁴ ross,¹⁵ Lyll,¹⁶ abbacye of paislaye,¹⁷ And otheres inhabitantes gentilmen within the sheref-dome of renfrew : Dampne the hole revare of clyde, to the pardition of the townes of glasgw, geven, renfrew, Dunbertane; and of all the inhabit-ants boetht within the revare of clyde and argile. Kintyre, Where James makconzeill¹⁸ Dwelletht, And otheres of the west yles of Scotlande withoute the same. Therledome of Lenenax to Striueling, And above the brige of

¹ Sir Hugh Campbell of Loudon, sheriff of Ayr, alive in 1561. He was succeeded by his son Mathew, also sheriff of Ayr.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 320.

² Andrew Stewart, Lord Ochiltree; the "good lord" ?—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 399.

³ Sir William Hamilton of Sanchar, knight, provost of Ayr in 1547-8.—*Archæol. Coll., Ayr and Wighton*, vol. iv. p. 41.

⁴ Fail Abbey, in the parish of Tarbolton; Robert Cuninghame, minister. The rental of the ministry, as given in by him in 1562, amounted to £174 : 6 : 8 in money; bear, 3 c.; meal, 15 c. 4 b.; 30 stones of cheese; 10 hogs (young sheep); 3 stirks (young cows); 2 dozen grilse or salmon.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 486.

⁵ Cuninghame.

⁶ Hugh, 3d Earl of Eglington.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 236.

⁷ Alexander, 5th Earl of Glencairn.—Pater-son's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 215.

⁸ Irvine, royal burgh.

⁹ Robert, 4th Lord Boyd.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 174.

¹⁰ Rowallan, in the parishes of Kilmarnock and Fenwick; John Mure.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 188.

¹¹ Abbacy of Kilwinning; Gavin Hamilton, commendator from 1550 to 1571.—Pont's *Cun-ingham*, by Dobie, p. 262.

¹² Mathew, Earl of Lennox.—Crawfurd's *Renfrewshire*, p. 223.

¹³ Arran, Bute, and Cumbræ.

¹⁴ Robert, Lord Semple, "the great lord."—Crawfurd's *Renfrewshire*, p. 77.

¹⁵ James, 3d Lord Ross.—*Ibid.*, p. 516, App.

¹⁶ John, Lord Lisle, the last lord.—*Ibid.*, p. 93.

¹⁷ Lord Claud Hamilton, titular abbot and commendator of Paisley.—*Ibid.*, p. 20.

¹⁸ James Makeconzeill, possibly, of Bar, in Kintyre.—*Reg. Mag. Sig.*, 21 April 1545.—3085.

glasgw to bothuile, hamylton, And the nether part of Clydisdale, wherein dwelletht the Duke Chattrllaroo¹ and his frendes : Are may be brynt witht tuo thowsande men, and under at the suddane : It may be fortified and Intrynched witht thre thowsande men, being the fyrst waenenar contrarin all ennymeis, yf the hole force upoun this syde fortht come, whiche can not well in eight dayes : And that alsoo withoute greate ordināce then fyve thowsande men ys not able to make bargane and Defende the towne, unles thei be fyrst Intrynched as said ys, for the cuntree ys very populaous in those quarters. Being fortified, It maye for the fyrst be victaled furtht of Englonde and yle of man witht beare and breade ; It will furnyshe the self witht fles and fische. It is distant from yle of man iiij^{xx}iiij myles And from bumarref in West wales vi^{xx} ten myles : The towne ys subiett to noo hills, as the platt thereof will shew, except A lytill above the towne, wheare I have conternanced a forte to be made. The roods of Are Lyetht tuoo myles by sea of the towne, A barred haven : at the full sea and full tyde, thre faddome and a half. And at the Dede nepe tuo faddome and a half ; Within xiiij myles over foranenissts the same towne In the yle of arrane, Lyetht the yle and woode of Annualashe,² A notable haven and succor for all yor shippes saiff to Lye in to in all tempests, And in the calme and quyet weddr witht the tyde ye maye at all tymes attempt the haven of Are. This town and quartors haitht often ben inhabited by englonde. The late Dukes of Syndsyde and nothumberlande Intended the fortification of thys towne, And letted onlie by sturring of the Commons that yeare in englonde in Derwishyre and norpheke ; from Edinbrught thys towne ys thre score myles strait ground.

SOMA OF MEN WTH THE TOWNE OF ARE.

CUNYGAHAME BAILZERY.

CUNYGAHAME bailzerye, thryd percell of the Shereffdome of Are Jonetht Northt from Kyle. There ys in It tuo watters ; Annok Whiche rynetht by Cunnygahame hede. And the watter of mont grenen,³ whiche rynetht by the

¹ James, 1st Duke of Chatelherault.—Crawford's *Renfrewshire*, p. 318.

² Lamlash.

³ The water of Lugton, a tributary of the

river Garnock, passes close to Montgrenan ; but it is Carmel water, a tributary of the river Irvine, that "runneth" by the town and college of Kilmaurs.

towne and college of Kilmaurst. THIS cuntree ys cheiflei inhabited by therle of glencarne and his frendes called cunyghames, And by therle of Eglinton and his frendes called montgomeryes.

PLACES METE FOR FORTIFICACION.

THE TOWNE of Irrewing; being a burrow town, eight myles Northwartes from Are, fare waye over the sandes And having a porte and haven, not verye good, being but a faddome thre quarters at the full sea, A narrow Incomyng, throought A bank upoun boeth sydes, and a barred haven. Is not to be passed upoun, having Are soo nee hande, yf any thing wor pretended there, I wold wishe the towne to be brynt, for receyving of any scottes or franche garrisons within the same, And distroye the haven whiche might easalie be done.

EGLINGTON¹ IS A fare castell, but noo strenght aganists any powar. It is therle of Eglingtones cheif house.

THE CASTELL of kilmarnok,² pertenyng to the Quene and kept by the Lorde boyed: noo howse of strenght.

PROFFITS OF BENEFICES.

THE abbacye of kilwynyng³ wortht of engles money . v^c mks.
The provestrye of kilmawses⁴ wortht of the same money . i^c mks.

SOMMA . IIIJ^c LI STERLINGE.

¹ Eglinton Castle was rebuilt from the foundation by Hugh, 12th Earl of Eglinton, and completed in 1802. Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 242.

² Kilmarnock Castle was accidentally destroyed by fire in 1735.—Pont's *Cuninghame*, by Dobie, p. 301.

³ The abbacy of Kilwinning. Besides the extensive lands held in property in different parts of Cuninghame, the yearly revenue of the abbacy amounted to £880 : 3 : 4 Scots; 67 c. 9 b. 3 fi. meal; 14 c. 1 b. 3 fi. 3 p. bear; 8 b. 1 fi. wheat; 4 hogsheads wine; 13 stirks; 140 capons; 100 hens; 268 cheeses; and

9 fathoms of a peat stack. The value of the whole revenue has been estimated as equal to £20,000 sterling yearly.—Pont, *ut supra*, p. 267.

⁴ Provosty of Kilmaurs. The revenue of the collegiate church, or provosty, would seem to have been derived chiefly from the grant by Sir William Cuninghame of the lands of Southwick, the two-pound land near the west port of Kilmaurs, twenty-two acres adjacent to the chapel of St. Maurice [St. Maures?], the mill of Kilmaurs, and the lands of Kilbryde-Cuninghame.—*Vide Caledonia*, vol. iii. p. 495; and Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. pp. 208-214.

ABLE MEN FOTE AND HORSE AT THE suddaine or to bringe at arme Royall.

KYLMAWSE, EARLE OF GLENCARNES, CUNNYNGHAM

THE LARDE of glengarnok,¹ called cumygahame, of greete Leving
 THE LARDE of cunygahamehead,² cunygahame; bawkelle his house alsoo
 The Larde of robertlande,³ cunygahame
 The Larde of halkhede,⁴ cunygahame
 The Larde of awthinharvy,⁵ cunygahame
 The Larde of montgrenen,⁶ cunygahame
 The Lard of Capringtoun,⁷ cunygahame

THE EARLE OF EGLINGTON CALLED MONTGOMERY

The Larde of hislote,⁸ montgomerye
 The Larde of geven⁹ montgomerye, of thys house came Lorge in france
 The Larde of Stone¹⁰ montgomerye
 The stewarton¹¹ Nele Montgomerye
 Castell Sturt¹¹ nele montgomerye
 The Lorde of braidstone¹² montgomerye

THE LARDE of Kilbirny,¹³ craufurde
 The Larde of Ladelande,¹⁴ barklaye
 The Larde of rysome¹⁵ boill

¹ Glengarnock, in the parish of Kilbirnie; John Cuninghame.—Pont, *ut supra*, p. 176.

² Cuninghamhead, in the parish of Dreg-horn; William Cuninghame. Polkelly, or Powkaillie, in the parish of Fenwick, his also.—Pont, *ut supra*, pp. 276-362.

³ Robertland, in the parish of Stewarton; David Cuninghame.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 461.

⁴ Aiket, in the parish of Dunlop; William Cuninghame.—Pont, *ut supra*, p. 64.

⁵ Auchinhervie, in the parish of Stewarton; Robert Cuninghame.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 446.

⁶ Montgrenan, in the parish of Kilwinning; Robert Cuninghame.—Pont, *ut supra*, p. 335.

⁷ Caprington, in the parish of Riccarton, in Kyle; John Cuninghame.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 410.

⁸ Hesilhead, in the parish of Beith; Hugh Montgomerie.—Pont, *ut supra*, p. 194.

⁹ Giffin, in the parish of Beith; Patrick Montgomerie.—Pont, *ut supra*, p. 145.

¹⁰ Stane, in the parish of Irvine. Arthur Montgomerie is named a substitute tutor in the testament of Hugh, 2d Earl of Eglintoun, August 1546.—*Memorials of the Montgomeries*, vol. ii. p. 142.

¹¹ Stewarton Castle, or Lainshaw, in the parish of Stewarton; Niel Montgomerie.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 453.

¹² Braidstane, in the parish of Beith; John Montgomerie.—*Memorials of the Montgomeries*, vol. ii. p. 161.

¹³ Kilbirnie, in the parish of Kilbirnie; Hugh Crawford.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 114.

¹⁴ Ladyland, in the parish of Kilbirnie; David Barclay.—Pont, *ut supra*, p. 308.

¹⁵ Ryesholm, in the parish of Dalry; probably, John Boyle of Kelburne.—*Vide* Robertson's *Cuninghame*, pp. 104-105.

The Larde of blair,¹ of the same surnem
 The Larde of Dynlop,² of the same surnem
 The Larde of rowallane,³ Mure
 THE LORDE boyde, of the same surnem.
 The Larde of ormeston,⁴ bowklare [barklaiee]
 The Larde of kelselande,⁵ kelsoo
 The Larde of Karrislande,⁶ Kar
 The Larde monCastell,⁷ hamylton
 The Larde moofode,⁸ of the same surnem
 The Larde of Cawldwell,⁹ mure
 Johne craufurde

SOME OF THESE, with their servingmen,
 tenants, and Towne of Irrewinge:

This completes the folio. The MS. apparently was not continued; but immediately following are three unruled sheets of paper with the same peculiar water-mark.

R. B. ARMSTRONG.

¹ Blair, in the parish of Dalry; John Blair of that ilk.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. i. p. 414.

² Dunlop, in the parish of Dunlop; Alexander Dunlop of that ilk.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 47.

³ Rowallan, in the parish of Kilmarnock; John Mure.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 188.

⁴ *Query*—Pierston, or Peristoun, in the parish of Dreghorn; William Barclay.—Pont, *ut supra*, p. 347.

⁵ Kelsoland, in the parish of Largs; Thomas Kelso.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. ii. p. 479.

⁶ Kersland, in the parish of Dalry; Robert Ker.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. i. p. 424.

⁷ Monkcastle, in the parish of Kilwinning; Lord Claud Hamilton.—Pont, *ut supra*, p. 330.

⁸ Monfod, in the parish of Ardrossan; John Monfod of that ilk.—Pont, *ut supra*, p. 328.

⁹ Caldwell, in the parish of Beith; Sir John Mure.—Paterson's *Hist.*, vol. i. p. 298.