

REPORT OF THE HOUSES OF DUNAD, 1798

1802:

THE REST OF THE HOUSES

ON THE

ESTATES OF NEILL MALCOLM ESQ

IS ADDED

TERMS USED THROUGHOUT THIS INVENTORY:

(provided by Michael Davis in consultation with Murdoch MacDonald)

GAVELL: gable

COUPLE: Main supports for roof, two lengths of wood, attached at the apex of the roof

BAYER: Byre

PROPES: Props, or shoring or supports

SETT: the act of settling a lease agreement for a specific time and piece of land

PANTRY: part of the roof structure

HINGING & STANDING: probably unsound, off true

CLEPT: ?

STIRKS: cow or bullock, kept for slaughter at young age

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Report of the Houses of Dunad, 1798 1802: *The Rest of the Houses on the Estates of Neill Malcolm Esq is added*

(i.e. what follows is in fact the 1802 Report. The 1798 Report doesn't come till the end, with an 1802 update appended. Also note that the Poltalloch Lands owned by Neill Malcolm are not included)

State and Condition of the Tenants' dwelling houses, Barns and Bothies. Item the Cottars houses on the Estate of Duntroon and the rest of the Estates of Neill Malcolm Esquire in Argyllshire

	# couples House	#couples Farm	#couples Estate
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DUNTROON ESTATE

Duntroon Estate: Kilchoan

Hugh McTavish

½ of the Farm. One dwelling house, 3 couples long, with two stone Gavells. Sufficient	3		
Old Sheep Bothie	1		
2 Barns, One couple each, and two Gavells, one of them sufficient, and the other not.	2	6	

Neill McBayne

½ of the Farm. One dwelling house, 2 couples long and One couple of a cellar at the end. This house is not sufficient.	3		
1 Couple Old Bothie	1		
2 Couples of a Barn likely to be sufficient	2	6	
1 Couple of a Cott house given to the Herd conjunct betwixt them sufficient	1		
2 Couples of a Kiln sufficient	2	3	

Cottars houses besides the Tenants

Colin McCallum and Jennet Muir One house of three Couples long betwixt them with two Gavells sufficient	3		
Duncan Gillies and Duncan Gray Two Couples of a house and a Cellar at the end of an old house	2		
John Deorie, Cottar One Couple of an Old house	1		

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Duncan McIntyre An old house in Walls but a good sufficient timber	1		
Peter McIntyre A small old Bothie, deficient in timber and stone	1	8	23

Duntroon Estate: Craitvulan (Creitvulan??)

One Tenant: One dwelling house, 2 Couples long and a Barn at the end thereof, of one Couple	3		
Bothie	1	4	4

Duntroon Estate: Ardachive

Archibald Fisher: 1/2 of the Croft, and John Sinclair, the other half They have their houses joined together, and a stone Gavell betwixt them, which stands in place of a Couple in all Some of the Walls of this house is failing and the timber is whole. They have built small hutts with their own Timbers without no Couples.	3	3	3
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Duntroon Estate: Ardifuire East

Archibald Gillies 1/4 of this Farm. One dwelling house	4		
1 Bothie	1		
1 Barn	3	8	
Gilbert Brown 1/4. One dwelling house	4		
1 Bothie	1		
1 Barn	3	7	
Archibald McIlriach 1/4. One dwelling house	4		
1 Bothie	1		
1 Barn	3	8	
Malcolm Gillies 1/4 One dwelling house	3		
Bothie	1		
Barn. Old and unsufficient in Stone and timber	5	9	
Kiln conjoint betwixt the Tenants, Old	2		
Herd's house with two Gavells sufficient	1	3	

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Cottars

Duncan McKay 1 dwelling house with two Gavells	1		
Archibald McCallum 1 dwelling house with two Gavells	1	2	37

N.B. All the buildings in this Farm was delivered to the Tenants as sufficient habitable houses (Except the Barn above said), and they are to uphold them and deliver them so.

Duntroon Estate: Ardifuire West

John McIntyre, 1/4 betwixt himself and Duncan McNuioir, dwelling house 3			
Bothie	1		
Barn	3	7	
Malcolm McPherson, 1/2 of this Farm, two dwelling houses 2 Barns	6 6		12
James Campbell, 1/4 One dwelling house, Old & in ruinous state Barn	3 3		12 (sic: 6)
Kiln Conjunct	2		
Herd's house, old and not good	1	3	

Cottars' houses

Neill Gillies, 1 dwelling house with two Gavells sufficient	1		
Duncan McCallum, an old house	1		
Catherine Shaw, an old house 2			
Mary Campbell, 1 Bothie, Old and small	1		
Margaret Gillies, 1 dwelling house with two Gavells sufficient	1	6	40

Nota bene, The Tenants of this Farm, except James Campbell's house, got the dwelling house and Barns in a sufficient habitable manner, and they are to deliver them so at their Removall.

Duntroon Estate: Slockvoulin

Ronald Campbell, Cottar. Walls sufficient; Timber failed	2	2	
Duncan McTavish, Changekeeper. A Slate House.	3		
1 Kiln with two Gavells, Sufficient			
1 Bothie, Old	1		
1 Barn with two Gavells, likely to be sufficient	1	5	
Widow McGlashan and Ann Campbell, the Old Changehouse - walls failing, but good strong timbers.	3		
Ann McFee, built by herself and good.	2		
Dugald Campbell, failing in Timbers	1	6	

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Archibald Ferguson, Millar.

1 dwelling house and a cellar at the end

2

Miln, two couples. This man hath old failing house

2

4

Donald McLulich, Waulk Millar. Dwelling house

2

Bothie

1

Waulk Miln

2

5

The dwelling house and Bothie are good buildings,
but the Waulk Miln is old

Widow McTavish,

1 dwelling house with two Gavells being a good house

2

Duncan McCallum. Smith. 1 dwelling house

1

Smidy

1

Barn. All this man's buildings is good habitable house.

1

He built a shade (*shed*) for his cow.

Ann Campbell, an Old house

1

6

19

Duntroon Estate: Auchrome

Dugald Gray, 1/4 the Farm One old dwelling house

3

Barn

2

Bothie

1

6

Donald McCaile 1 qr (*1 quarter*); One dwelling house

3

Bothie at the end of the house joined

1

Barn, this man hath good houses

3

6(*sic*: 7)

Alexander Campbell, 1 qr; dwelling house

3

Bothie

1

Barn, old and failing

3

7

John McLeland, 1 qr; dwelling house

3

Bothie, one

1

Barn, Old and failed in timber and stone

3

7

Kiln conjunct

2

Herd's house (besides a shade built by himself)

1

3

Cottars

Archibald Campbell, a good house

2

Mary Gray, a new house built by herself

1

Alexander Bayne,

besides a cellar built by himself, being good house

1

Angus Campbell, Cottar/

besides a shade built by himself,

his house is little worth

1

5

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Duntroon Estate: Baligohon (*Balligowan?*)

Archibald McIntyre, one dwelling house Old

Bothie, one

Barn

4

1

2

7

Angus Campbell Junior

One dwelling house old and failed

1 shade of a Bothie without no Couples

Barn

4

2

6

Angus Campbell, Senior, 1 qr.

One dwelling house Old 3

Bothie besides a shade with no couples

Barn, Old

1

2

6

Dugald Gillies, 1 qr.

One new built dwelling house

Bothie

Barn

3

1

2

6

Kiln conjunct betwixt the Tenant. Old

Herd's house conjunct

2

1

Cottars

Archibald Turner. One dwelling house

Ann Carswell (ditto)

1

1

2

30

Duntroon Estate: Culchruich

Dugald McTavish,

1/8 part; One dwelling house

1 Bothie

Barn (this man hath good houses in the whole)

4

1

2

7

John Gillies,

1/8; One dwelling house

1 Bothie

1 Barn, All good houses

3

1

2

6

Archibald McIntyre,

1/8; One dwelling house

1 Barn

1 Bothie All good houses

3

2

1

6

Donald McIntyre,

1/8 part. One old dwelling

Bothie

Barn - good, not old

4

1

2

6

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Archibald McAlpine, 1/8 part. One old dwelling house	3		
1 Bothie	1		
1 Barn, good walls and timber/ besides a shade	2	6	
Alexander McIlriach, 1/8; One dwelling house Old	4		
1 Bothie, old	2		
1 Barn newly built	2	8	
Dugald Gillies, 1/8; One old dwelling house	4		
1 Bothie	1		
1 Barn; good stone walls and timbers	2	7	
Alexander Paterson, 1/8. One Old Dwelling house on propes upheld	4		
1 Bothie, old	1		
1 Barn, good building	2	7	
Kiln conjunctly	2		
Herd's house	2	4	
<u>Cottars:</u>			
Duncan Deorie, a good house	1		
Christian McIntyre	1		
Donald McLeland	1		
John McDougald, an Old failing house	1		
Mary McIntyre, sister to Donald and Archibald McIntyre, built by them to this woman, when her husband was drowned	1(sic)	4	62

Duntroon Estate: Tayintrah

2 Tenants, One dwelling house			
Turf walls	2		
1 Barn, ditto	2		
1 Bothie.	2	6	6
These houses is all built by Turff and not good.			

Duntroon Estate: Crinan

(This is the place now known as "Crinan Ferry" rather than the present "Crinan")

James Fisher, ferryman, 1 house, newly built and sufficient	2		
1 Barn, old and failed in possession of Margaret McIllevin	1	3	
Donald McCallum the Malt Kiln - good strong walls and timber	3	3	

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Hugh McLean and Archibald McIntyre
the old Change House, good walls of timber.
Including Gavell within
(?Bayer Byre?)

4
1 5

Alexander McTavish

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Total on the Estate of Duntroon, besides Brenport

The slate store house not sett to Cottars and Fishermen not included (Crinan House was used as a store at this time)

Total on the Estate of Duntroon: 282 Couples

Bellonach and Barinluasgin houses

Bellanach

Alexander McTavish
an old house failing in Walls, but good Timber, two
Gavells hinging and standing
Barn, One couple, Tenant building

3
1 4

Malcolm McAlpine
a good dwelling house
ditto Barn

2
1 3

Barindaimh

Donald McCallum, dwelling house
Barn
Bothies
this is good houses, newly built

2
2
1 5

Barinluasgin

Donald Brown
an Old house failed in Timber and Stone
Barn, One Couple, old

3
1 4

Duncan McVicar,
a good house
Barn

1
1 2

Donald Dounie,
an Old Dwelling house
Barn

2
1 3

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Duncan Campbell, a strong good dwelling house, suppose it's old Barn, Old	3 1	4
Donald McTavish, an Old Failed house and two Bothies, mostly gone, in Timber and Stone in all One Barn	3 1	4
Archibald McArthur, A sufficient dwelling house ditto, a Barn	3 1	4
Hugh McKay, Old dwelling house Barn, ditto	3 1	4
Alexander McKellar 3 Bothies for dwelling houses and 1 Barn, all old failed house, none of them good made	5	5
Hugh McPhin being a partner with Duncan McVicar about his Croft 1 house being a Bothie	2	2
<u>Cottars</u> Dugald McKellar, an Old House Widow McCallum, of a Bothie	1 1	2
<u>Total betwixt Bellanoch, Barindaimh and Barinluasgan</u>		<u>46 couples</u>

Oibb Estate

Oibb Estate: Oibb

Archibald Black, his dwelling house is Old and Failed ditto, Barn, old and failed in Timber Bothie, Old	3 2 1	6
Alexander McAlpin an old dwelling house ditto, Barn, Old Bothie, good	3 1 1	5
Duncan Campbell, a good dwelling house Barn	4 2	6

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John Campbell, his dwelling house	2		
ditto Barn	1		
Bothie	1	4	
James McNicol, Cottar, a good house	1		
Widow McArthur, an old house	3	4	25

Oib Estate: Gairobb

Dugald McAlpine, a strong old dwelling house	4		
Bothie	1	5	
Malcolm McNeill, an Old dwelling house	3		
2 bothies, good walls and timber	2	5	
1 Barn betwixt these two Tenants, divided equally betwixt them	3	3	13

Oib Estate: Killmorie

Archibald McInliew's dwelling house, Old and a Cellar at the end	2		
Barn	2		
Bothie	1	5	
Neill Graham's dwelling house, newly built and sufficient	3		
Barn	2		
2 Bothies	2	7	

Dugald McAlpin, new built, sufficient	3		
Barn	2		
Bothie	1	6	

Archibald Brown, a good dwelling house	3		
Barn	2		
Bothie	2	7	25

Oib Estate: Taynacraig

Donald Ruthven, an old dwelling house and Barn	3		
Catherine Campbell, Cottar, a Shade without a couple	0		
Widow Campbell. Spouse to John Campbell, in Tayinloch a free house as yet built by herself	2	5	5

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Oib Estate: Glenyalvin

Widow Campbell			
dwelling house	2		
Barn	1		
Bothie	1	4	4

Oib Estate: Lagan

John McGuirman,			
a good dwelling house	4		
Bothie, Old	1		
Barn	2	7	
Alexander Campbell,			
a good sufficient house	4		
1 Bothie, good strong one	1		
Barn, Old	2	7	
Archibald McLachlan and Alexander McCallum,			
both conjunct about a quarter; sufficient new built house	4		
Bothie, Old	1		
Barn, Old	2	7	
Dugald Leitch			
hath a sufficient dwelling house	4		
Bothie	1		
Barn	2	7	28

Oib Estate: Laganruarie

The dwelling house betwixt McCallum			
and his neighbour is sufficient	3		
Barn, newly built	1	4	4

Total Oib Estate 104 couples

Arichonan Estate

Arichonan Estate: South Leeknaban

Duncan Smith,			
a good dwelling house	3		
2 couples Barn Old and 1 Couple Bothie, Old	3	6	
Neill McIntagirt,			
New built dwelling house	3		
Barn, 2 couples newly built, Bothie, ditto	3	6	

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Godfery McIntagirt, a good dwelling house	3		
2 couples Barn, good, 1 Couple Bothie, Old	3	6	
Donald McLean and his neighbour about a quarter Their dwelling house is	3		
Barn	2		
2 Bothies	2	7	
<u>2 Cottars houses, 1 couple each, Old</u>	2	2	27
Arichonan Estate: North Leeknaban			
John Campbell, his dwelling house	3		
Barn, 2 couples besides a Shade for a Bothie	2	5	
John McMillan, his dwelling house	3		
Barn, 2 couples and Bothie, 1 couple	3	6	
Donald McMillan, his dwelling house	3		
Barn, 2 couples & Bothie, 1 couple	3	6	18 (<i>sic:17</i>)

NB all these houses in North Leeknaban is new built houses, not good

Arichonan Estate: Ariluig

Archibald Campbell, Tacksman, 5 Couples and a Shade, has Timber put in Old walls, not sufficient work	5	5	5
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Arichonan Estate: Ervery

Archibald Campbell, his dwelling house	4		
Barn	4		
Bayre (<i>Byre?</i>) And Shade	2	10	10

Arichonan Estate: Ardnaw(*Ardnow? Ardnoe?*)

Duncan McBrayne and John McFarlane Dwelling house one of these couples broke	3		
Herds house good	2		
3 Couples Barn, 1 Bothie, Old Building	4	9	9

NB the foresaid dwelling house hath a loft in the clept and Room below and a floor

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Arichonan Estate: Arichonan

Malcolm McLean

dwelling house strong timber but Stone, hinging and standing	4		
Barn, 2 Couples, 1 do. in his Bothie damaged in stone and timber	3	7	

Malcolm Johnston

dwelling house not good	4		
Barn, 2 do. Bothie, one Couple, the same way	3	7	

Donald Blew,

a dwelling house, good	4		
Barn, 2 Couples, Bothie, 2 do., midling	4	8	

Neill McMillan

dwelling house, good	4		
Barn, 2 Couples and Bothie, 3, do.	5	9	

Archibald Graham in Glenyalven

dwelling house	3		
Barn, 2 couples	2	5	

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NB the Houses in this farm and mostly on this Estate was built by the Tenants themselves and by that way, they were not built right at first.

Total Arichonan Estate: 104 Couples

Raslie Estate

Raslie, Upper End

John Deorie,

house good and strong walls of Timber, but old	3		
Barn, sufficient in Timber and stone	2		
2 Bothies, Old	2	7	

Donald Henderson's

house, bad and upheld on propes	3		
Barn, one Couple, good Building	1		
Bothie, Old and not Good	1	5	

John McCallum, Cottar; an old dwelling house and not good

Ellin McKellar, house newly built and good	1	3	
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Total possessed by Dugald McFaden's subtenants (*McFaden appears to have been a Tacksman, given the "Mansion house mentioned below"*)

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Donald McNeill the Mansion house built by Dugald McFaden for himself being stone and lime, sufficient in timber and stone 1 Bothie old and small 1	2 3		
Total in this end			18

Raslie, Lower End

Archibald Gillies in the Old Farm Town Tacksman his dwelling house is old, failed timbers and Walls Hinging and standing His Barn, good in Stone walls and Timbers	4 2	6	
Duncan McKellar and Neill Curry, Cottars here, under the said Tacksman. One Old house hinging and standing including a Gavell within the house	3	3	
Alexander Graham, Cottar to Neill Malcolm Esq, a house with two Gavells, good	1	1	
Colin McCallum's house walls failed in some parts and its Timber Upholded by propes 1 Bothie in the South side of the water on Duntroon Estate	2 1	3	
Duncan McCallam's house good Walls and Timber Bothie, Old Walls and Timber	1 1	2	
Old Kiln hinging and Standing in walls now to be made into a Barn conjunctly betwixt them	3	3	18

Raslie Estate: Daeltonach (?Dailtonach)

Dugald McIsaac, his dwelling house good and sufficient in stone walls and timber Barn and Bayer joined together including the Gavells within	4 3	7	7
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Raslie Estate: Ricruine

Hugh McIlreacha?? And Archibald McCallum, one house betwixt them, Sufficient in Stone and timber	3		
Donald Campbell's, newly built but not sufficient in timber or stone and paid by him to his predecessor, Hugh McLean	1		
Neill McCallum, Cottar, a good house	1	5	5

Raslie Estate: Island Macasgen

Duncan McLachlan,

a good house Strong in timber and stone but old	4		
Barn, sufficient in timber and stone	3	7	

Donald McLachlan,

house Old and insufficient in timber and stone	2		
Bothie, good timber and stone, but Old	1		
Kiln, newly built and sufficient	1	4	11

Total, Raslie Estate 59 Couples

Knockalva

Mr. Dugald Campbell, Tacksman. At his entry, J C (*John Campbell**) Prospect, built a dwelling house at the north end, three couples long with two Gavells, and a Barn with two Gavells, two Couples long in the South end; One Barn, two couples long and two Gavells and delivered under comprisement in Sufficient manner to Mr. Dugald, in all Seven Couples.

Total, Knockalva Estate: 7 Couples

*(*John Campbell at Prospect acted as a sort of factor to the Malcolms. He was also an in-law, married I think to Julie Malcolm. He lived at a neat new cottage - mansion at Prospect...Michael Davis)*

Report John Campbell, of the whole buildings in this Estate of Dunad after viewing and inspecting the same in July, 1798:

Barnakill

Duncan McBrayne, Tacksman.

His dwelling house is (?) Couples, the couples and pantrys thereof is likely to be sufficient; the walls was built by clay mortar with a vent in each end; the walls of the foreside and Gavells are sufficient, but the back side in some parts bulged out; the walls would be the better to be pined and harled. The Lofts not groved above but deals laid the ? And three of them wanting on the back side above the cellar and Cabbers in their place there is four windows in the house belonging to the house; the glasses all good without no cracks, but old frames. The possessor says he put in the greatest part of the cosens in winter 1797; the fifth window being a back door filled up by the possessor, and a window put in the door now.

The partitions is old and a Room in each end floored but mostly worn and in some parts repaired

The Kitchen at the Backside of the house now possessed by Archibald Graham. Work is three Couples long, which is good strong timbers, but the Pantrys at the lower pay on the (?) by being not well kept tight some time ago; the wall was strong roughly built, and both sides of the Door bulged out.

An Outer house being one end a (?kitchen) Another end Bayer, four couples long being good strong timber at the binds of the couple knees being filing in some of them and the walls hinging and standing in a strong manner. The Bayer being four couples long being good strong time (?) the walls strong but cannot be called as sufficient wall as its bulged out and inn (?)

Barn being four Couples long, good timber in the Couples and Pantries except one Couple that is not in(?) with the rest, but the walls all bad, weakly hinging and standing

Kiln, four Couples long, being good timber, but something failing in the binding of the couples, The walls strong all the above houses possessed by the Tacksman is in sufficient repair of thatch and mostly covered with Fearn...

John Galbreath's

house at Tayvarran Croft is three Couples long and Walls hinging and standing, but the timbers of the roof is strong in appearance. The Barn is two couples long of simple timbers but the length should be only one couple if the timber were right. The walls weakly hinging and standing. This Barn maybe a condemned piece of work as the Couples is upheld by propes.

John McFarlane's

house, a Crofter. Is two Couples long, being good strong couples couples and pantrys tight in covering. Strong course built walls mostly straight, but great openings betwixt the stones for want (?pins) first Built for a hay Barn

Barn, One Couple built aside of a Rock The walls no way regularly built, and the timber good for nothing, except two pantrys and an Ash prope. The covering in holes though the possessor entered at Whitsunday 1797, he hath no bills of comprisement for his house, but this Barn was comprised at two pounds to rebuild.

Archibald Campbell,

Crofters house, two simple Couples long, in place of one in his house, built by himself at his own entry and the Proprietor gave him the timber, he hath no Bills of Comprisement. His Barn, One couple, not good in timber or walls...

Alexander McLachlan

hath a good strong house in timber and stone, but his Barn is one Couple and not good. His house was comprised at his entry at Whitsunday 1797 and the deficiency of that (?) on then five shillings. His house is water tight by appearance.

Mrs. Graham hath

one Couple of a house likely to be good, but only a Small Bothie.

George Hunter

Hath a Bothie of one Couple, he built there of Simple Building of timber and stone which Lunga gave him the ground of Duncan McBrayne's possession and a Kail garden which he got three years free for building it without paying rent.

NB There is no more houses in Barnakill.

Dunad Houses

Miss Betty Lachlan

hath a house of three Couples long the timbers of the roof is sufficient, but there is only five pantrys in each Bay which is too little. The walls sufficient except one in the back side, the south that is bulged out. There is a vent in each end built with lime and the rest is dry stone buildings. The loft is deals laid on and the joists without being nailed, this loft and the forward of the entry is old timber the other divisions is Catt & Clay Partition. There is four Glass windows in this house, put in without no frames or cases about them. The fifth hath a Case, but there are two Lozens (?Lozenges) out of them, and some of the rest Cracked.

Malcolm McGugan, Gardener

hath two Couples of a house the timbers is good of its size but the walls all ruinous, and the Thatch covered with Grass

Roger McTavish,

A qr (*quarter*) of this Farm, his dwelling house if Six Couples long, two of them is broke and upheld by propes and two pantrys is broke. The rest of the timbers of the roof good in appearance; the walls old and hinging and standing; this possessor hath two Couples and a half of a Barn which hath a good timber, but the walls is only middling. Miss McLachlan hath the other end of this Barn, a couple and a half, the timber is good and strong, but the walls failed.

Hugh McLachlan

a qr (*quarter*). His dwelling house is four Couples sufficient in stone walls timber and thatch with two Gavells and binding pins through the Gavell strong Wallts. Tenant building. Barn, three couples long, Sufficient in Stone walls, timber and thatch except one pantry in the roof. He hath no bothies but he is building one.

NB Hugh McLachlan gave his son John and Donald McIntaylor the other quarter by subsett. John his son hath a house of two couples long with two Gavells , sufficient in stone walls timber and thatch except couple upper stick which is not equal in size with the rest, but a simple crooked stick, but likely be strong, and will last a long time as it is

...

Donald McIntaylor

The other house at the end of John McLachlan's house possessed by his neighbour Donald McIntaylor, the stone walls is good and the Couples and pantrys but it's deficient in the Cabers of the roof - the Barn of this quarter is very bad, deficient timber and old walls hinging and standing.

Widow McDougald, a qr (*quarter*)

Her dwelling house is five couples long, two of these Couples is broke and upholden by propes. There is three Couples in the East end of it likely to be sufficient, but the roof wants one pantry. The stone walls of this house is sufficient except a piece in the South side of the west end where the Couples is broken, but the same piece is strong, Suppose its irregularly built

Her Barn is in a bad situation, it's three couples long and one of these Couples is supported by five propes. And the rest singly supported. Some of the timbers of this barn will do to be rebuild it again, but it will want a great deal of timbers in its present situation, its dangerous to put Couples within as it can not be made tight with the present timber. This Barn and John McLachlan's joined.

(NOTE IN MARGIN: but this house hath only half Gavelles and a Corthuchachan in each Gavell.)

Donald McFaile, Crofter,

hath two Couples of a dwelling house joined to the end of Miss' McLachlan's house sufficient in stone walls, timber and thatch except one stone in the foreside broad and on an Edge which J. C. (*John Campbell, Factor*) ordered him to take out and to put a window in its place as the house is scarce of light; his Bothie at the north end of his house is sufficient in stone wall, timber and thatch except one pantry wanting in the roof.

Angus Gilchrist, a Cottar

hath one Couple of a house good and strong walls and Timber, but the South Gavell is deficient and likely to fall inwardly

Kiln (*or Miln*) of this Farm conjunct among all the neighbours being four Couples long, good timbers and strong built walls, but the tree nails in one of the Couples is broke where the top is joined to it, but may be easily mended by proping out the pantry of the roof and turning the Top back and binding it up again.

Daile

Neil McFaile and John McDougald in this Farm

hath Six Couples of a dwelling house betwixt them, the Couples is good and sufficient all of Ash and th pantrys but surrounded by a turf walls good, as yet, but cannot last long in that situation but suppose pieces of the Turff Walls of this house may fall, the Couples will not move as the Knees of the Couples is about six feet high and strong, stones put below the soles of them; Their Barns is made up the same way with their houses and four couple long and sufficient in timbers as above; said they have two small Bothies for their Stirks at the end of their dwelling houses, but there is no couples in these Bothies, but a strong roof pantry.

Neil McFaile's

bothie is gone as his pantry in the roof broke and he wants a pantry to make it up

Dailmnahisig

Lachlan McFaile

hath a house of three Couples long, the timbers is good in Couples and pantrys, and Turff walls built in Summer 1796 by Lunga (*ie, Laird of Lunga*) and now it is not sufficient it's hinging and standing and the rebuilding of it in the said Summer cost Seven pounds Sterling money

Malcolm Leitch's

house of two couples long, but the timber is something good, but the walls is worth nothing, the turff is rotten and falling down in Clods. All the other Barns and Bothies is not good, bad walls and the timbers not good. The nature of the turff for build here is not good for that purpose as it's a kind of mossy substance and when it will dry in the wall of a house, it failes and become bulged and hinging and standing and it will not last but shortly in the walls of a house suppose it maybe built in an even line at first, but the turff build in the houses of Dailvore is a better soile and hath a mixture of pure earth among it and by that it will last longer in the walls of houses, and it needless to be make any great expenses in building houses of this kind, but if stones would be carried in a boat from Athvindaellon or Crinan point with the tide what would build the walls with stones three feet and a half high so as the stones would uphold the Couples rightly in an end turff might be put on the top of the walls again and would last as Cattle will be rubbing themselves to the corners of these walls and will do them much hurt. - all the houses on the Estate is in good repair of thatch.

NB if the Barn possessed by the Widow and McLachlan will be made up there is good dale of Alder Pantrys that can be got of strong planted ones about the Gardens and there is Ash trees at the South side of the big Garden that will do Pantrys but there is no seasoned timber for Couples about Dunad at present

The March dykes and Ditches surrounding about Barnakill much failed with age and the (?) but they will make a good fence but in the next Sett, it should be remembered to give every party their own share of them.

P. S. The Building following the Miln of Stock is not mentioned here yet, but it must be seen and added to this report yet.

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The houses on the Estate of Dunad some now as When this paper was made with this difference, Hugh McLachlan in Dunad made excambion (*in favour of*) Widow McDougald and he rebuilded hers and his son. Donald McIntaylor rebuilded their Barn both conjoins each other being built in a sufficient manner. The lower end of Duncan McBrayne's Barn rebuilt since in a sufficient manner.