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24 May, 1996

Mr James B. Glennie

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Dear Mr Glennie

Helen Beaton "At the Back o'Benachie" manuscript

Many thanks for returning the completed donation form. For your records, I enclose a copy of the form with my signature on behalf of Aberdeen University Library. We are very grateful for this gift.

On comparing the manuscript with the published versions, I have concluded that this is an earlier draft, with some variation in text, which will in itself be interesting. It certainly complements well material held here. In the meantime, I have managed to complete the photocopying of the manuscript. I hope it may be possible for me to hand this copy in to the Bailies Room at the Bennachie Centre tomorrow afternoon.

I, too, enjoyed our meeting last Saturday. I am sorry that no one from the press turned up, but there was the mention in the *Evening Express* and in Monday's *Press & Journal*. I trust the photographs turn out well.

Already I have been telling friends about the attractions and interest of the facilities at the Bennachie Centre. I am determined to return at the first opportunity to explore more fully.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Myrtle
Myrtle I Anderson-Smith (Mrs)
Associate Curator

It is agreed that James S. GLENNE (on behalf of THE TRUSTEES of BENACHIE)
name

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under the conditions stated above, will give to/ ~~deposit on~~ ~~indefinitely~~ ~~with~~
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THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT OF THE BOOK: 'AT THE BACK O' BENACHIE
WRITTEN BY HELLY BEATON (1915)
brief description of material

Signed M^s Anderson-Smith

For and on behalf of Aberdeen University Library

Date 24-5-96

Signed James Glenne

For and on behalf of the donor/ ~~depositor~~

Date 20.5.96

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30th April 1996

Mrs Myrtle Anderson-Smith
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Dear Mrs Anderson-Smith

Helen Beaton "At the Back o' Bennachie" manuscript

Your reply to Mr Glennie has been passed to me, and I hope that the information in this letter will be sufficient. A recent pamphlet explaining in brief, what the Bailies do is enclosed, and supplements Dr Gordon's "Welcome".

The Senior Bailie is John Nicol, and there are two 'nns' in the spelling of Bennachie used by the Bailies.

Mr Glennie is coordinating the presentation, and his telephone number is 01467 620039. I am sorry that I shall not be present on the 18th, as I shall be abroad.

If I can be of any assistance with regard to further information, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Dr Geoffrey M. Gill
Clerk to the Council



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23 April, 1996

Mr James B. Glennie
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Dear Mr Glennie

Helen Beaton "At the Back o'Benachie" manuscript

Many thanks for your letter received today. I am pleased that plans seem to be falling into place nicely for this presentation. I would suggest 3 pm on Saturday 18th May.

As I begin to prepare some briefing notes for our Public Relations Department, I find I have some more questions. I have some information about the Bailies from our copy of Dr D G Gordon's *A welcome from the Senior Bailie of Bennachie* April 1974. The Bailies have obviously achieved a very great deal since then. Do you have any brief more up-to-date publicity leaflet that I could pass on to Public Relations? Please let me have, too, the first name of Mr Nicol, the present Senior Bailie; and any other information you would specifically wish to have mentioned.

Finally, may I check what is the currently used spelling of Bennachie - two nns? although Mrs Beaton used one n.

Do you have a telephone number through which I can reach you, should the need arise again before 18 May? I could not find one in the Phone Book.

Yours sincerely,

Myrtle Anderson-Smith
Myrtle I Anderson-Smith (Mrs)
Associate Curator

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17.4.96

Mystle I. Anderson Smith (M.A.)

Associate Curator

Department of Special Collections & Archives

Dear Mrs Anderson-Smith,

I say how pleased the Books are that you have agreed to the reports I made in my letter of 7.4.96.

In consultation with my fellow Council members the date of 18th May has been suggested as being most convenient for the 'commemorial' handover of the 'Book of Benedictine Manuscript'.

This is a Saturday as you suggested and we will leave the actual time for you to decide.

The Council would be

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very grateful to the University
Public Relations Office if they
were to make all the arrangements
for a press/photo call.

I hope the date we have
given is convenient, however, if
not, please contact me and
other arrangements can be made.
I would also thank you for
the help you have given the Baker
in this matter.

Yours sincerely
James G. ...