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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,

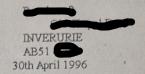
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Mrs Myrtle Anderson-Smith Associate Curator University Library Department of Special Collections and Archives King's College ABERDEEN AB9 2UB

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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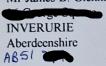
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23 April, 1996

Mr James B. Glennie



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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Putelic Relation Office of they were to made all the arrangements for a press/photo call. I have have gues à convenient, Louveurs, if nut, please contact me and other arrangements can be made. I would also thank you to the help you have guen it Backer in this mater. James Spine.