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The Bailies of Bennachie

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Dear

For the last few days I have been mapping all the Colony runs at a scale of 1:5000 using the Forestry Commission map as a base map. I have checked all the information on the 1860 map and transferred it along with some other features not shown on the old map. There are some walls associated with the settlement just west of Bross which I have not been able to map as they are covered with heag and I was concerned that with so much felling activity in the area they would be smothered also. I am also very concerned that the forest workers, although briefed about avoiding damage to the walls in the regions of the homesteads, are not aware of the extensive network of significant* features in between. In conversation with some of them I find them very interested and co-operative when they know something of the story of the Colony.

Before the heavy machinery goes in to remove the timber I would suggest a detailed study of the map re access routes. I am quite prepared to show anybody the various features on site.

Yours sincerely

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Copies to Norman Davidson
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Chris White
Fred Gordon

* Some of the walls are so low and moss covered that they are not noticeable