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8th. January 1986.

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Dear Mr. Smith,

As you will have seen from the minute of the last meeting of the Council of the Bailies of Bennachie, I was asked to write to you regarding the Mither Tap Fort.

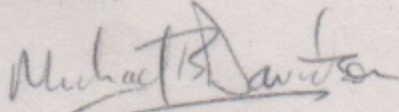
The Council has felt for some time that it would be appropriate to erect a suitable plaque, outlining the history and importance of the fort. The plaque would be similar in design to those used by the Scottish Development Department at ancient monuments, and the S.D.D. has already indicated that they would be happy to advise us on a suitable inscription and its manufacture.

It seems that a proportion of the visitors to the Mither Tap do not realise that there is a fort, and this has resulted in damage being done to the walls through ignorance.

The Council is also considering the possibility of constructing a small bridge over the Rushmill Burn. We anticipate that the bridge will be of benefit in two ways: firstly, by reducing bank erosion, which is becoming quite significant, and secondly, by directing pedestrians onto the next section of path, which on the ascent crosses a small bog and is easily missed.

We would ask you to give your consideration to both of these projects and hope to receive your approval in the near future. If you require any further details, please do not hesitate to contact me.

yours sincerely,


Clerk.

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16th April 1986.

Dear Mr Smith,

I enclose a copy of a letter, which I sent to you in January of this year, concerning the placement of a plaque at the entrance to the fort and the possibility of our constructing a bridge over the Rushmill Burn.

We obviously require your permission and, if you are agreeable, we would like to pursue these projects as soon as possible. In the first instance we will be seeking the advice of the Scottish Development Department and the Countryside Commission for Scotland.

We look forward to receiving your reply at you earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

Clerk.

Agreement by telephone