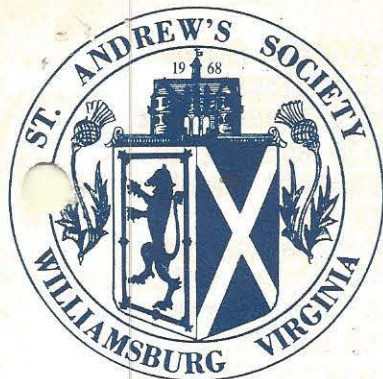




# Saint Andrew's Society

## Williamsburg, Virginia

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### SEVENTY-FIVE ATTEND FIRST TARTAN BALL, INCLUDING PIPERS AND COUNTRY DANCERS

Seventy-five members and guests attended the Society's first Tartan Ball, held November 30 at the Francis Nicholson Motor Hotel as a dinner-dance.

The evening began as the Colors of the United States, Scotland and Saint Andrew were piped in. The pipers were Pipers Ross, McPherson and Goodaman from the Clan Gregor Pipe Band (associated with the St. Andrew's Society of Washington), Piper Shirey of Williamsburg's Society; and Drummer Heimly from the Clan Gregor Band.

Guests from the St. Andrew's Society of Washington were Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. R. James MacGregor, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Murray, Dr. Ian Ramsay and Miss Ainsworth, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sharpe. From the Scottish Historic and Research Society of the Delaware Valley, (Philadelphia), were President and Mrs. C. Blair Stonier.

The program included a Grand March, Ballroom and Scottish Country Dancing, the latter conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Leland Ticknor, founders of the local Scottish Country Dancing Group.

Arrangements for the Tartan Ball were made by Duncan Cocke and Robert A. Duncan. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan supervised the creation of full-size Colors of Scotland and of Saint Andrew.

Gerald Finn painted decorative plaques of the Coats of Arms of six Clans represented in the Williamsburg Society: Duncan, MacNaughton, MacRae, Munro, MacDougall and Buchanan. He plans to paint additional such plaques for other Clans, for permanent Society use, and members are urged to return an information form included in this mailing. Shepherd's Scottish Shop also assisted.

### DIRECTORS PLANNING A 'BURNS NIGHT DINNER' SOMETIME NEAR JANUARY 25

A Saint Andrew's Society traditional event is the annual Burns' Night Dinner, held on or near the birthday of Bobbie Burns.

An announcement will be made shortly of specific plans for such an observance by the Williamsburg Society, tentatively planned for the Officers' Club at the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station.

Though often these dinners are for men only, the directors intend to plan the event for couples.

### SECOND BEGINNERS' COUNTRY DANCING GROUP TO BE FORMED IN JANUARY

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Ticknor announce that a new Beginners' Group will be formed January 13, and thereafter will meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the Heritage Inn.

Meanwhile, the group which formed in October, which includes about a dozen persons, will advance to Intermediate level and meet the first and third Mondays. Many of these are members of the local Society.

The only charge for meeting with these groups is the \$1.25 per person which the Heritage Inn assesses for the use of the facilities.

The Ticknors may be reached at 229-7588 for further information.

An interesting historical commentary on the Scots in Virginia is found in "When the Scots Weren't So Popular..." a book review reprinted in this News Letter.

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### THREE-YEAR-OLD SCOT APPLIES FOR SPECIAL 'REGISTRATION' STATUS IN SOCIETY

An interesting application has been received by the Society from James Rose Bolling Beeler, age 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Beeler of the Department of Modern Languages at William and Mary.

The applicant is a direct descendant of Hugh Rose of Kilravock (1687-1732), the fifteenth Baron and twelfth to bear the name Hugh. An ancestor, Alexander Rose (son of Hugh) migrated to the United States and became a member of the Saint Andrew's Society of Charleston, S. C., and there held a committee post in 1780.

This application will be kept on file in a "registration" status until the applicant attains the age prerequisite for membership.

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### 'BIRTH PANGS' OF WILLIAMSBURG SOCIETY LEAD TO BY-LAWS CHANGE, RENOMINATIONS

When the Society's nominating committee renominated eight of the nine original directors (the ninth asked not to be renominated due to the press of business), it led to a proposal for a by-laws change, two successive (and sparsely attended) membership meetings to vote upon the changes, and another meeting of the nominating committee.

By-laws provided that directors may not succeed themselves upon expiration of their terms, which normally run three years. However, the original directors elected last spring were named for only the year 1968, with the provision that in January, 1969, members would elect men for staggered three, two and one year terms so that henceforth, the terms of three directors would expire each year.

The renomination of original directors violated the succession clause, but the nominating committee agreed that the directors who were still working to "get the Society off the ground" should be enabled to continue that work.

A series of by-laws changes was proposed by Secretary James P. Whyte, which necessitated the calling of a membership meeting--and the subsequent reaffirmation of the members at a second meeting.

(The minutes sent to members report on the action at each of these meetings.)

Following this, the nominating committee again nominated eight of the nine current directors, and for the following terms:

Three-year, Robert A. Duncan, Duncan M. Cocke, James P. Whyte

Two-year, David M. Shepherd, William Munro and Philip B. Magruder

One-year, John S. Fletcher, Thomas C. McCaskey and David Clark (new member)

The election will take place following notice of a general meeting next month.

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### WHEN 'HIGHLAND EVENING DRESS' IS CALLED FOR, HERE'S WHAT THE OUTFIT INCLUDES

Director William Munro earlier this year prepared the following list of the full Highland Evening Dress outfit:

Dress or Clan Tartan kilt; kilt pin (not a blanket pin); silver mounted fur, sealskin or hair sporran; silver sporran chain; full dress Tartan or diced hose; silk flashes; black silver-mounted jewelled sgian dubh; evening dress brogues (black patent leather, buckle and strap) or ghillie (dancing shoe).

Superfine or velvet doublet, tunic or coatee (in black, green or various coloured velvets); dirk belt; dirk, if desired; plaid if desired (if so, short belted plaid); silver plaid brooch (to match cap badge), and Highland Bonnet (with crest).

BIOGRAPHICAL

As suggested by the Board of Directors and by the practice of other Saint Andrew's Societies, the News Letter continues publication of biographical information on members. Members are urged again to submit information for inclusion in this column.

James C. Anthony, Jr. of Box 345, Williamsburg, was born in Richmond in 1927, and raised there except for two years' residence in New York at age 15-16. He served 21 months in the Navy beginning in March, 1946, mostly as a radio operator with extensive travel in the Orient and in the Caribbean out of east and west coast ports. He is a 1952 graduate of the College of William and Mary, with a degree in English. He was commissioned an artillery officer in the Army in June, 1950 and entered extended active duty in March, 1952, serving as forward observer, artillery liaison officer and finally as artillery air observer to the end of the war, with the Seventh Infantry Division.

He joined the Prudential Insurance Co. of America in July, 1955 as a Special Agent of the Richmond Ordinary Agency, and gained the Chartered Life Underwriter designation in 1960. He has taught life insurance in the economics department at William and Mary, and was a teacher of Part I of the Chartered Life Underwriter program. His practice is primarily in advanced programming, estate analysis, business insurance and pensions.

Active in civic affairs, Anthony is past President of the Williamsburg Kiwanis Club, and served four years as alumnus advisor of his fraternity at William and Mary, Kappa Alpha Order, as well as four years as President of the College's Alumni Interfraternity Council. He served three years as trustee of the Williamsburg Area Community Center, five years as a director of the Williamsburg Players, and as the latter group's treasurer for two. He was active in the Army Reserve until 1961, being discharged as a Captain of artillery in 1963. He is currently serving a second term as a director of the local American Red Cross chapter, is immediate past president of the Twentieth Century Gallery, Ltd., is a recent vice president of the Williamsburg Association of Life Underwriters, and active in Kiwanis and the American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters.

He married Yvette Hickey in February, 1952, and they have four daughters, ages 16, 14, 12 and 5. Formerly of St. James' Church in Richmond, he has for some years been a member and usher of Bruton Parish. He is a member of the Williamsburg German.

John E. Stewart, of Box 2584, Williamsburg, was born in 1935 at Morgantown, W. Va. He attended public schools in West Virginia and graduated from high school in Morgantown. He attended Ohio State University from 1953 until 1957 under a Navy ROTC Scholarship, and served on active Naval duty from 1957-60. Attended West Virginia University from 1960-62 after receiving a Master of Science degree in Chemical Engineering.

Stewart began working for the Dow Chemical Co. in Williamsburg after leaving West Virginia University, serving as a Chemical Engineer in the research department. He became a Production Engineer in 1965, and was promoted to Technical Superintendent in 1967.

He is currently a Registered Professional Engineer in Virginia, a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and a Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve, serving as Commanding Officer of Military Training Division S-13 in Newport News. He and his wife, Melinda, have one child.

JAMES P. WHYTE, JR., of 1109 Jamestown Rd., was born in Columbus, Miss., in 1921. He was educated in Lewisburg, Pa., public schools and holds the A.B. degree from Bucknell University. He also holds the M.A. degree from Syracuse University, and the Juris Doctor degree from the University of Colorado, conferred in 1951. He saw active duty in the Navy from 1943-46, and is a retired Commander in the Naval Reserve. He married the former Martha Ann Jones of McAlester, Okla., in 1948 and they have three children: James Jones, Stuart Ward and Wilson Scott.

He began the private practice of law in McAlester, living there from 1951 to 1955; he was County (prosecuting) Attorney for Pittsburg County, Okla. in 1955-56, and was an attorney for the Great Lakes Pipe Line Co., Kansas City, Mo., in 1957. He became Professor of Law at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at William and Mary in 1958, as well as Assistant Dean. He was named Associate Dean in 1968. Since 1960, he has been an ad hoc labor arbitrator for the American Arbitration Assn., the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service and the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry. He is a former member of the Oklahoma and Missouri bar Associations, a member of the Virginia State Bar and Bar Association, the local bar, and the National Academy of Arbitrators. He is past president of the Board of the Williamsburg Regional Library, and served two terms as President of the Board of the Williamsburg Area Memorial Community Center. He is listed in Who's Who in America, is an alumnus member of Phi Beta Kappa, and is a member of Sigma Chi, Tau Kappa Alpha and Sigma Tau Delta.

His father was born in Fife-on-Dunfermline, Scotland and immigrated with his family in 1883 from Glasgow. An excerpt from a poem by Isabelle Primrose Whyte, his grandmother, describes the move:

Tho round the little gray village  
Our hearts did entwine  
There was naething for the laddies  
But work in the mines.

So we left the auld hoose  
After many a greet  
And crossed the ocean  
So wide and so deep.....

His father, the second child and son, was the first of the family to receive a college education eventually becoming Professor of English at Bucknell University. He was a member of the Saint Andrew's Society of Philadelphia. Whyte's mother's maiden name was Anna Stuart, and the grandmother who wrote the poem above was of a different Whyte family. His maternal great grandmother's name was Primrose, a cousin of Archibald Philip Primrose, the "Fifth Earl of Roseberry," who served under Prime Minister Gladstone and succeeded him in 1894.

ROSS L. WEEKS, JR., of 200 Harrison Ave., was born in Jamestown, N. Y. in 1936. He attended public schools there and in nearby Bemus Point, where he graduated from high school. He holds the A.B. degree in political science from Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y., conferred in 1958, and has studied law at the University of Buffalo. At Colgate, he was managing editor of the newspaper and president of the Young Republicans, as well as a member of its President's Committee. Following graduation, he served under the "Community Ambassador" program, spending a summer in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

Weeks was a reporter and writer for the Jamestown Post-Journal from 1958-1960, and after spending six months on active duty with the Army, was employed by the Richmond News Leader as a staff member. He became its business editor in 1961 and later covered civil rights activities and federal relations; in 1964, he covered the Virginia General Assembly and thereafter several State agencies. Since October, 1965, he has been director of public information at the College of William and Mary, and its Alumni Gazette editor. He is a Mason, a member of the Richmond Torch Club, the American College Public Relations Association, past president of the Richmond Professional Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, a journalistic organization, and a director of the local Cancer Society. He is a member of Bruton Parish Church.

In 1961, he married the former Patricia Ann Earley of Kittanning, Pa., a 1958 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University. They have two children, Susan Woodall, age 4, and Ross L. III ("Scottie") age 8 months.

Weeks is descended from William Ross, born in Glasgow in 1850 of parents who had emigrated from Northern Ireland, and whose lineage is thought to trace to the Highlands prior to the Clearances. William Ross settled in Hamilton, Ontario, and his daughter was Weeks' paternal grandmother. The Weeks family is of early New England origin, with English and Welsh forebears. An uncle, Stanley A. Weeks of Jamestown, is a member of the Saint Andrew's Society of New York State and was the originator of a Masonic Pipe Band in that community.

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(Reprinted in the Virginia Gazette) EDINBURGH, July 2, 1772--Monday fe'nnight passed through Kincardine O'Niel about ninety Men, Women and Children, all from the Shire of Sutherland on their way to Glasgow, from whence they are to embark for America. Not above three in the whole Company could speak English, and even those very imperfectly. And we hear from Dundee that last Week arrived there upwards of one Hundred Emigrants, with about thirty Children, mostly on the Breast, also from the County of Sutherland, on their way to Grennock, to procure Passage to America.

# SCOTLAND IN THE NEWS

"Litter a Threat to Loch Lomond" BALLOCH, Scotland (AP)--The bonnie banks of Loch Lomond are in danger of becoming a graveyard for dead salmon and a rubbish dump for littler louts.

The romantic lake that opens a shining door to the Scottish Highlands is being hit by a mysterious disease deadly to fish. Their bodies have been found in hundreds on the shores of the lake and nearby rivers.

"I have never seen anything so bad in 25 years of angling in this area," said Ian McLellan. "I stopped fishing before the end of the salmon season in sheer disgust."

Among lovers of Loch Lomond, concern about the fish plague is matched by indignation against visitors who spread litter over some of Scotland's most spectacular scenery.

At this time of year in the Highlands, tourists are few. When spring and summer come around the rocky shores again "will be turned into a huge rubbish dump," in the words of one local resident.

The problem is more than local.

At a recent national conservation conference, Scotland was described as Europe's most litter-strewn country. Loch Lomond, only a few miles from industrial centers like Glasgow, is particularly vulnerable. Rusting beer cans, food cartons and pop bottles turn the bonnie banks into an eyesore.

"Move to Save Regiment Sports 10,000 Signatures" GLASGOW, Scotland (AP)--A campaign to "save the Argylls" is taking on the proportions of a Scottish crusade.

More than 750,000 names are listed on a mammoth petition against the death of the historic Highland regiment. All over Scotland stickers are prominent--on cars, in shops, on country billboards: "Save the Argylls."

The protest seeks to stop Prime Minister Harold Wilson's government from disbanding the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the "wee tough Scotsmen" who once formed the thin red line at Balaclava, who fought at Coruna and in Korea.

The government, pledged to cut defense costs, insists that the Argylls must merge nameless into a streamlined army by 1970. But Wilson never could have expected a reaction on such a scale, even from the fiercely nationalistic Scots.

One Scotsman who recently lived in New York expressed the feeling this way: "It's a combination of Celtic spirit and sheer toughness that we want to keep. I always think of the Argylls as a cross between the U.S. Marines and the march down Fifth Avenue on St. Patrick's Day."

"Burns' Fans to be Mocked" GREENOCK, Scotland (AP)--The world's first Anti-Robert Burns Club plans to mock admirers of the Scottish bard in the birthplace of Burns-worship.

Organizers of the anti-Burns club deride all the traditions of Burns suppers--the "piping in" of the haggis, the emotional speeches, the patriotic menu of Scottish fare.

"We are not against the poetry of Burns," said Crawford Cassidy, one of the local men behind the campaign. "We just feel that Burns worship sometimes gets to the point of silliness in Scotland."

The first anti-Burns supper, to be held sometime in January, will feature English roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, brussels sprouts and French fried potatoes; baked Alaska or Swiss tart and Irish coffee or Russian tea.

"Scotland Slows Emigration Flow" Glasgow (AP) -- Thousands have left Scotland over the years, seeking opportunity in England. Now, for the first time in eight years, the emigration rate has dropped sharply. It is a sign of Scotland's political and industrial future.

"There is now clear evidence that Scots see their future at home," said William Ross, Scottish Secretary of State in the London-based Labour government.

Ross reported 33,000 Scots left their homeland this past year, compared with 45,000 the previous year. Not since 1962 has the figure been so low.

The Scottish Nationalist Party, which wants to break with England and set up its own government, attributes this to a sudden surge of Scottish pride. A party pamphlet says: "People are staying here because our success has shown them that there is at last real hope for Scotland. With self-government imminent, they can see a happy future in Scotland for themselves, and their children."

Self-government is not really imminent, but the Nationalists have become a serious force in British politics. They have 120,000 members in Scotland. This is only a small percentage of the country's 3 million voters, but the party claims hundreds of thousands support it without joining.

"Scotsmen Lay Aside Bagpipes to Argue Politics" EDINBURGH -- From the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond to the heather-clad hills of Sutherland County, Scots are laying aside their bagpipes to argue politics.

The long-debated question of whether to seek independence from England assumed new significance recently when the Scottish Nationalist Party scored sweeping gains in local elections. The home-rule party polled 128,000 votes to capture the balance of power in Glasgow, the United Kingdom's third largest city, and in Aberdeen.

In the next Parliamentary election, party leaders predict, nationalists will win most of Scotland's 71 seats in the House of Commons, forcing the issue to a head.

Some 365 years have passed since the Scottish and English thrones were merged, and 261 years since the two Parliaments were united, the National Geographic Society says. Some Scottish nationalists never adjusted to either change. For years, the mood could be read even in symbols printed on mailboxes.

In all of the United Kingdom except Scotland, mailboxes bear the letters "E II R," for Elizabeth II Regina. In the nationalists' view, Queen Elizabeth II is Queen Elizabeth I. After her ascension to the throne, mailboxes in Scotland bearing the symbol were blown up.

The destruction ended when the Government removed the symbol. Mailboxes in Scotland bear only the innocuous label "Royal Mail."

Industrious Scotland today faces increasing unemployment, higher taxes, and spiraling emigration (ed's note: This was published prior to the report above). Since 1900, an estimated one million Scots have sought their fortunes elsewhere. The economy, beset by the decline of coal mining and shipbuilding, has grown only half as fast as England's, while the unemployment rate has been twice the British average.

Unhappy Scots generally blame London-directed bureaucracy for their country's ills. Recently, however, Scottish industry has shown signs of recovering from its "peely-wally" (sickly) condition. A campaign to create new jobs has stepped up the manufacturing industry to the point where Scotland stands with the U.S., West Germany, Japan and England among the world's major suppliers of electronics equipment. Scotland's best-known industry remains its whiskey...over 40 million gallons are exported yearly.

From the Dines Letter, a newsletter for investors:

"An interesting medieval practice required anyone signing a contract to add St. Andrew's cross after his name. Then he was required to kiss it to guarantee faithful performance of his obligations. This sign resembles the letter "X." The origin of the ceremony is now forgotten so people associate the "X" with a kiss instead of a pledge of good faith. Think of this whenever a politician kisses babies."

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#### RECIPE

From "The Rampant Lion" of the Scottish Historic & Research Society of the Delaware Valley, Inc., Pennsylvania:

Cream Crowdie (dessert)--1 cup heavy cream, 3/4 cup coarse oatmeal; sugar to taste; vanilla, rum or fruit liqueur. Toast oatmeal in oven or in heavy frying pan over gentle heat to give it a nutty flavor. Cool. Beat the cream till stiff, fold in oatmeal, sweeten to taste and flavor with rum, vanilla or some fruit liqueur or cordial. Add some fresh berries, folding them in lightly, if they are available.

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#### SCOTTISH TARTAN SOCIETY

Excerpted from a letter to "The Rampant Lion"

"...The Society is terribly worried about our future and to some extent about our finances. Strangely enough our troubles are caused not by failure but by success. The work of the Society is increasing so much that our all-too-small all-Volunteer staff is almost overwhelmed...Our finances are quite sound but we just don't have sufficient income to permit us to employ even a part-time secretary/curator which we need so badly. Voluntary workers are particularly impossible to come by. We have approached numerous charitable bodies and Trusts for a grant but to no avail. We desperately need an income of at least £ 600 per annum (\$1,640.00) for this express purpose..." The letter requests any leads for assistance along this line, and is signed by T. S. Davidson, Hon. Sec., Scottish Tartan Society, The Tolbooth, Broad St., Stirling, Scotl. (Membership in the Society is \$1.50 per year; Corporate membership, \$6., and the search fee for each inquiry is \$1.20.)

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#### MAGAZINES OF INTEREST

The Scots Magazine (monthly)  
Bank Street  
Dundee, Scotland  
Subscription: \$5. yearly

Scottish Field (monthly)  
36 Tay St.  
Perth, Scotland  
Subscription: \$6. annually

The Highlander (quarterly)  
Box 1063  
Oklahoma City, Okla. 73101  
Subscription: \$4. 2-years

Piper and Dancer Bulletin (monthly)  
38 Metcalf St.  
St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada  
Subscription: \$2. yearly

RECENT SCOTTISH BOOKS

One of the purposes of the Society is to promote Scottish culture and its study. One of our members, Capt. R. V. MacGillivray, has the worthwhile suggestion that members forward to the editor the names of books they would be willing to loan other members for their own reading enjoyment. We hope to hear from you. From a variety of sources, here is a partial list of recent books of interest, published in Scotland or England:

- "Land of the Scots," by Nigel Tranter (Hodder & Stoughton, 63/-)
- "Morven Transformed," by Philip Gaskell (Cambridge Univ. Press, 65/-)
- "Scottish Poetry Three," anthology, (University Press, 12/6)
- "The Making of Classical Edinburgh," A.J. Youngson (University Press, 70/-)
- "Highland Year," L. MacNally (J.M. Dent & Sons, London, 36/-)
- "Farming in Scotland," Robert Urquhart (David Rendel Ltd., London, 35/-)
- "The Canals of Scotland," Jean Lindsay (David & Charles, Devon, Eng. 50/-)

Most booksellers in America can order these volumes.

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NEWLY ISSUED RECORDINGS

- "A Day with the Cameronians," band, pipes and drums, Scotia Label  
(mono) LP SC01689 32/6d
- "Pipes and Drums," Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, MFPI243 13/11d
- "Royal Deeside," band, pipes and drums of The Gordon Highlanders, Waverley  
label SZLP2094
- "Pipes in Concert," Invergordon Distillery Band, Waverley SZLP2078
- "Band of the Royal Horse Guards," non-Scottish, Decca DL75042

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WHEN SCOTS WEREN'T SO POPULAR...

From a Review in the Glasgow Evening Times of the book "1775, Another Part of the Field," by Ivor Noel Hume of Williamsburg

"In the winter of 1775 a ship crossed the Atlantic from Scotland with 250 emigrants aboard. She was the Lord Dunluce and she had hardly reached the coast of Virginia ere she was overtaken by Lord Dunmore.

"John Murray, the fourth Earl of Dunmore, was a Scot with Jacobite ancestors. But he was trusted by the anti-Jacobite government in London and was Governor of the colony of Virginia. Unfortunately, he wasn't trusted by the Virginians.

"All over America the colonials, under such great men as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, were rising against the London Government. Their slogan was 'No taxation without representation' and in Virginia the redoubtable Patrick Henry had cried 'Give me liberty, or give me death!'

"When the Virginians raised their own army, Lord Dunmore thought it prudent to leave the Governor's Palace at Williamsburg and join a ship of the British Navy off Norfolk. He gradually built up a fleet and a small army there and so was a constant menace to the Virginians.

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"Lord Dunmore's method of fleet building was quite simple. If a ship came along that he liked, he sent out the Navy to capture it. That is what happened to the Lord Dunluce, and the 250 Highlanders, mostly servants seeking to better themselves in the New World, found themselves forcibly disembarked and landed in the small town of Norfolk without food or shelter.

"Their arrival coincided with the Battle of Great Bridge, just outside Norfolk. Lord Dunmore had landed a force there and built a fort which was now being besieged by the American Colonel Woodford and his minute-men, deadly Virginian sharpshooters.

"To the Virginians' intense surprise the British force suddenly emerged from the fort and attacked. They included regular Grenadiers, negro slaves who had been promised their freedom, and 'Tories,' men loyal to the London Government. The Virginians' deadly fire mowed down the Grenadiers and the rest turned and fled.

"Colonel Woodford should have followed up his victory, but he didn't because spies had told him that Lord Dunmore had a regiment of Highlanders in reserve and, if they were flung into the fray, the result of the battle might be reversed. The Virginians were always worried about the idea that Bonnie Prince Charlie would lead an army against them.

"But this was 30 years after the Rising and Bonnie Prince Charlie was now a prematurely old man, constantly fuddled with alcohol and incapable of leading anything.

"As for the 'regiment of Highlanders,' this was, in fact, the unfortunate group of immigrants from the Lord Dunluce, who certainly didn't want to fight anyone. Later they sent a petition to Colonel Woodford 'of upwards of 250 neutrals' who, 'not being acquainted with the art of warr are all now lying in deplorable Condition and must all certainly suffer unless relieved By Your Honourable Protection.'

"All they wanted was to be allowed to continue their journey to Cape Fear, where they were to settle. Their request was sent to the Virginian headquarters at Williamsburg and there their story ends, as far as my Book of the Day is concerned...

..."The story of the 250 unfortunate Highlanders is only one of dozens in this narrative of one year, 1775, in Virginia, though it could be made into a novel in itself.

"But what interests me most in this jumbo collection of characters, scenery, newspapers, meetings of the House of Lords, clothes and so on, is the poor reputation of the Scots in America.

"Like you, I've always thought that the Scots were God's gift to the rest of the world, making the desert to bloom wherever they went. Not to the Virginians. This is the way "Scotchmen" were regarded in that colony.

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"Quite apart from the fact that they were stingy, avaricious and without any sense of humour, they were also only very slightly civilised and were liable to revert to native barbarism at the drop of a sporran. This rather biased but widely held opinion was not confined to the colonists; either they or their parents had been weaned on such prejudice before they left England.'

"The Scottish Lord Dunmore suffered from this prejudice when he arrived at Williamsburg to take over the government of Virginia....'

"It's true, though, that there were ~~some~~ Glasgow merchants settled in Virginia who were playing a double game--playing up to the Virginians on one hand, and making secret arrangements to smuggle in British goods from Glasgow on the other.

"Mr. Hume, who misses nothing, is English himself. He is a Londoner who has been Director of the Department of Archaeology at Colonial Williamsburg for the last four years. Now he feels he is a Virginian too.

"I've told you about the Scots in this book, but there is, naturally, a great deal more to it than that. And once again it emerges--oh, how clearly--that the Americans went in for U.D.I. because of the dreadful stupidities of the Government at Westminster."

---by Jack House, Aug. 5, 1968

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