

an attempt to prove any ancient user of supporters. All that need now be asked would be a new grant of such, but to enable me to make this, I should require clearer proof of the existence of a chiefship than has been produced. There is no doubt a certain amount of popular belief in the district that the representative of the Inverinate branch is the Chief of the Clan Macrae, but there is a great want of definite evidence to show what this belief was founded on. Professor Mackinnon was examined as to a Gaelic Lament on the death of Farquhar Ban of Inverinate, who is said to be there described as 'Chief.' The words used in the original were Ceann Fine. It is apparently the only known instance of Fine being employed to denote a Chief, it being generally used as an expression for a Clan. There was much discussion as to difference in meaning between Ceann Cinnidh, Ceann Fine, and Ceann Tighe, but it is not necessary to go into them here. Had the Petitioner instead of coming to the Lyon Court gone to the Court of Session and asked for a Declarator that he was the Chief of the Clan Macrae, all this would have been much more to the point. But as he only asks for a matriculation of arms on the ground that his ancestors used them before 1672, and as I have found that he has not proved this, it does not appear to me that it is necessary for me to go into the question of Chiefship in detail.

APPENDIX IX.

LETTER FROM GENERAL SIR JOHN MOORE, K.B., ON HIS CHOICE OF SUPPORTERS.

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RICHMOND, 17 Nov. 1804.

MY DEAR NAPIER,

My reason for troubling you for a drawing is that, as a Knight, I am entitled to supporters.

I have chosen a light infantry soldier for one, and a Highland soldier for the other, in gratitude to and in commemoration of two soldiers of the 92nd, who, in the action of the 2nd October, raised me from the ground when I was lying on my face wounded and stunned (they must have thought me dead), and helped me out of the field. As my senses were returning I heard one of them say, 'Here is the General, let us take him away'; upon which they stopped, and raised me by the arm. I never could discover who they were; and therefore concluded they must have been killed. I hope the 92nd will not have any objection—as I commanded them, and as they rendered me such a service—to my taking one of the corps as a supporter.

Believe me, etc.,

JOHN MOORE.