

Letter from the Hon. Montgomerie Stewart to my great-grandfather David Baillie, M.P. of Hill Park, Kent who was married to Mr. Stewart's niece.

Montgomerie Stewart lived at Carstramon and factored the Galloway Estates in addition to Broughton and Cally. He was Uncle and Trustee of Horatio Murray Stewart of Cally during whose minority the Trustees added the marble hall, granite portico and West and East wings to the Mansion House.

My dear Sir,

After my return home, calling to mind the statement of your Garden and Pleasure ground including expenditure, that you put into my hand the morning of my departure from Hill Park, which at the time struck me as being extravagantly high, and in which opinion on reflection I became the more convinced, I caused our Gardener to make me out the enclosed statement of the work done here in Garden and Pleasure Ground, with the cost of it, which I thought you might perhaps find useful should you determine on making any alteration in your management. I presume your people live better than they do in this country, and should therefore be capable of more work, but I do not think they do so much. I daresay this place is not kept in the high condition it was by Mr. Murray, but I think it is respectably kept up, and certainly very well for the expenditure. It would give me great pleasure to shew it to you, and I do not think it would cost you much time or trouble to come here. You can come by rail road to Dumfries in 12 or 14 hours, from whence Cally is only 33 miles, I desire my kind love to dear Louisa and all your Dear Children, and remain my dear Sir,

faithfully yours, Montgomerie Stewart

Account of the Garden and persons employed in it at Cally.

Measurements of the Gardens and Pleasure Grounds at Cally

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| No. 1 | Area of short grass 8 acres, 2 roods, 22 poles. | Total length of walls 2044 feet, average height 14 ft. 4 ins. | |
| No. 2 | About 10 acres of Evergreen Shrubberies carefully pruned once in the year. | Length of double Aspects 4088 feet, by 14 ft. 4 ins. | |
| No. 3 | Length of gravel walks, including those in the Kitchen garden 4660 yards, or $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles 260 yards. | No. 8 | Wall borders outside, 1 rood, 37 poles, 7 yards. |
| No. 4 | Area of gravel 2 acres, 2 roods. | No. 9 | 1 Vinery in two divisions 100 feet long and 20 feet broad. |
| No. 5 | Approach roads 2 miles. | No. 10 | 3 Peach-houses 150 feet long. |
| No. 6 | Area of Kitchen garden 3 acres Impr. | No. 11 | 1 Orange and Camellia house 35 feet long. |
| No. 7 | Garden walls all brick from 12 to 16 feet high, containing 6507 square yards of Aspect and nearly all covered with fruit trees neatly trained. | No. 12 | Pine pits 100 feet long, but only $\frac{1}{3}$ appropriated to pines. |
| | | No. 13 | Small pits for Sundries 38 feet long. |
| | | No. 14 | 3 acres of Orchard ground, one of which is under cultivation for Culinary crop. |
| | | No. 15 | A large assortment of Green house and Stove plants. |

Note Under the late proprietor of Cally, the average strength to keep the Gardens and Pleasure grounds in excellent order as above noted, was 6 Journeymen Gardeners, two of whom were appointed foremen – one for the forcing department and kitchen garden, the other for the Pleasure grounds, these young men were kept in lodgings at the Garden.
Also 6 active Labourers – one man with a horse and cart for carting coal, manure, gravel and tan etc.
1 Boy for carrying fruit and vegetables, etc., and for cooking to the young men in lodgings.
At present there are employed 4 Journeymen, one of whom is foreman, 1 labourer, 1 carter and 1 boy for most of the year for the purpose above stated.

Cally Gardens, 30th May 1849

William Pearson, Head Gardener

The foreman's wages 11/- per week with lodgings. Journeymens' wages per week 10/- with free lodgings and fuel.

Labourer's wages 10/- per week for active neat handed men.

The boy 3/- per week.

Garden carter 10/- per week.

Head Gardener's wages £60 per annum with free house, fuel, a cow's keep, etc., vegetables, with liberty to keep a pig.

The above is the present rate of wages which, when added to the expense for Seeds, Coals, Tools, repair of glass, garden horse keep, nails and shreds, and other incidental expenses, amounts to £309.0.0. per annum, being the sum allowed by the Trustees under the present reduction.

W.P.

With Best Wishes for Christmas and New Year

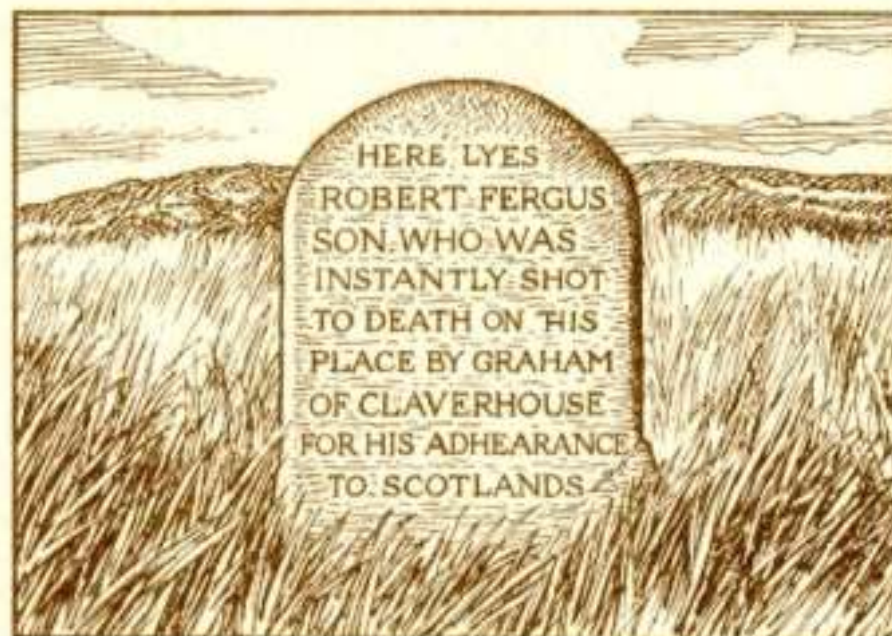
from

Mrs. Murray Usher

Carstramon

Cally Estate Office

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MARTYR'S MONUMENT NEAR AUCHENCLOY IN THE PARISH OF GIRTHON