

‘Adopt a Charter’

In the Argyll Papers at Inveraray Castle we care for a unique series of medieval charters which provide invaluable evidence of the lives, lands and business of the earls of Argyll.

A recent conservation survey has identified 17 of these charters which need urgent repair to ensure their preservation for the future. We need to stabilise parchment, support and infill holes, and consolidate and stabilise disintegrating seals. We invite you to ‘adopt’ one of our precious documents: by paying for its conservation you will ensure its survival in the archives for many years to come.

In return for your sponsorship, you will receive a certificate of acknowledgement, a high-resolution image of the charter you have adopted and your generosity will be recorded in the archive catalogue. Most importantly, you will know that you have enabled a unique piece of Campbell and Scottish history to be preserved.

The description of the work which needs to be done and the cost of both the conservation and repackaging required for each document, are detailed in the following catalogue.

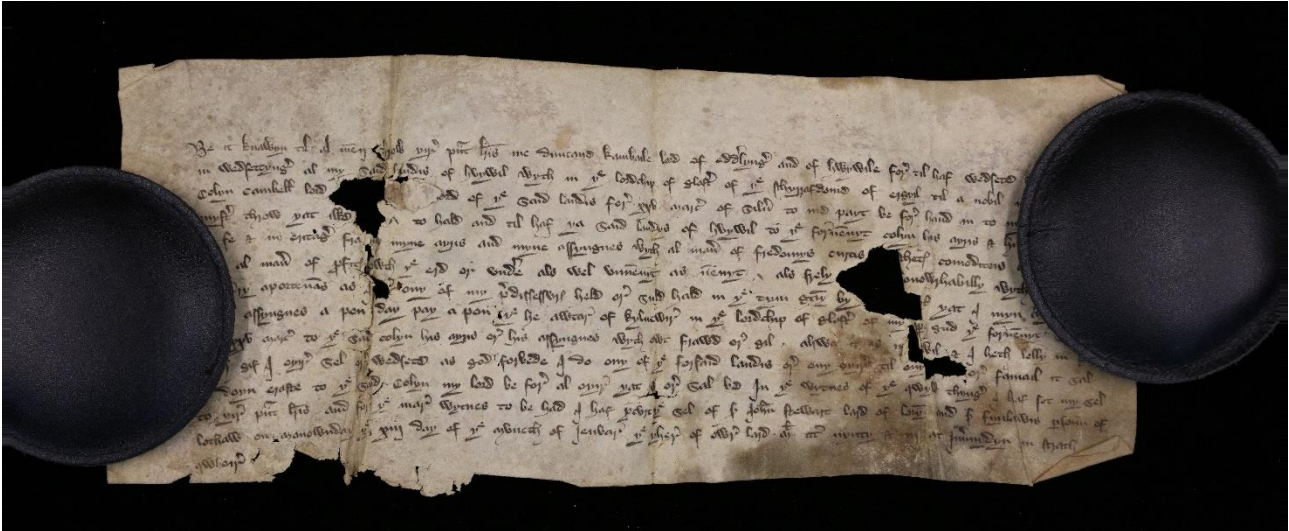
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Càirdean Phàipearan Earra-Ghàidheal

#01



Wadset in the vernacular by Duncane Kambaile [Duncan Campbell], Lord of Edderlyng [Ederline] and Hwyywile to a “nobil man and mychty Colin Cambell Lord of Lochawe my Lord” for 25 marks of silver of his said lands of Hrywile in the lordship of Glassary and Sherifffdom of Argyll, dated 13th February 1393/4.

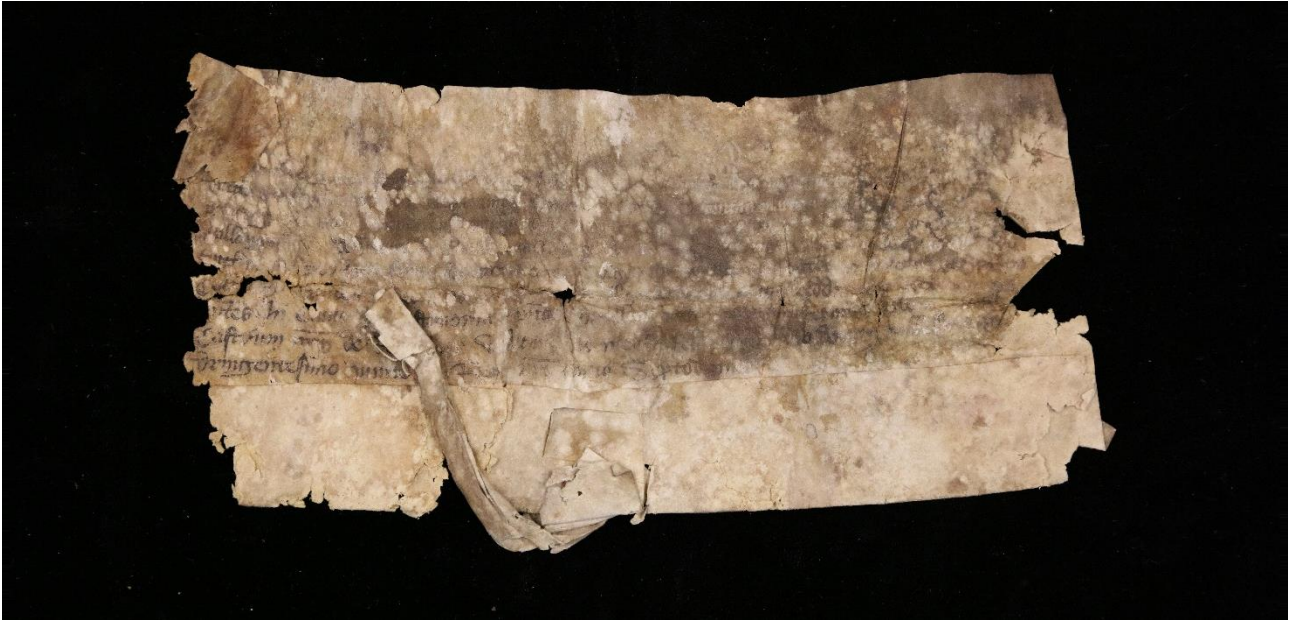
Measuring just 132 x 318mm, this small parchment document has a missing bottom area and three small holes which need to be filled. The recommended treatment includes cleaning, humidifying the document to flatten it and repairing it using parchment, collogen and gelatine adhesive.

The conserved document will be re-packaged in an archival folio enclosure.

Cost of repair and repackaging = £350 (GBP) or \$490 (USD)

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#02



Discharge by King Robert III to Colin Campbell, dated 11 February 1405.

Inscribed *'Much decayed by damp when it came into my custody. In the year 1873 I made a transcript in pencil of the parts of the discharge then legible & from that transcript another transcript has now been made and collected with it and the original Discharge. But the original itself is now almost illegible, the damp having increased the fading of the ink even since the year 1873. 5 Sept. 1879'*

Measuring just 98 x 210mm, this small parchment document needs to be cleaned, humidified and repaired using parchment, collagen and gelatine adhesive. We hope that a little more of the original text will then be visible.

The conserved document will be re-packaged in an archival folio enclosure.

Cost of repair and repackaging = £450 (GBP) or \$630 (USD)

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#03



Discharge by Robert, Duke of Albany to Duncan Campbell of Lochawe of all his relief due from his lands on the death of Colin Campbell his late father, dated 19th January 1413. Tag & handsome full seal of un-coloured wax.

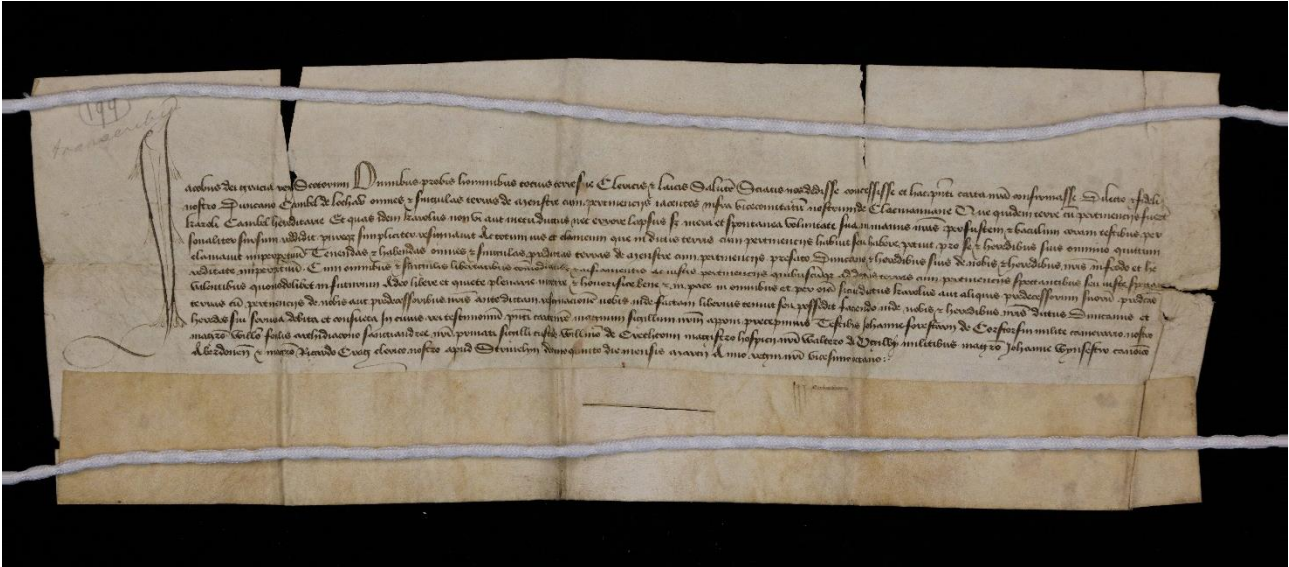
The parchment part of this document measures 112 x 228mm and needs to be cleaned, humidified, repaired using parchment, collogen and gelatine adhesive, and dried under light tension. The seal needs to be cleaned. The document needs to be packaged in a bespoke box, using platizote foam to support the seal.

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#04



Charter by King James I under the Great Seal in favour of Duncan Campbell of Lochawe, of the lands of Menstrie (Clackmannanshire) resigned by Charles Campbell, signed at Stirling on the 15th of March 1434.

With folds, two torn creases and a worn right edge with two tears, this parchment document measuring 139 x 375mm needs to be cleaned, humidified and repaired using parchment, collagen and gelatine adhesive.

The conserved document will be re-packaged in an archival folio enclosure.

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#05



Bond by Walter Lord Lorne to Colin, 1st Earl of Argyll, on his resignation of the Lordship of Lorne, dated 1st December 1469.

This parchment document measures 252 x 440mm and has suffered from weaknesses caused by being folded. The more recent sticker with biro notation also needs to be removed. The document will be cleaned, humidified and repaired using parchment, collogen and gelatine adhesive. The sticker will be removed dry initially and then with a methyl cellulose poultice.

The conserved document will be re-packaged in an archival folio enclosure.

Cost of repair and repackaging = £550 (GBP) or \$770 (USD)

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#06



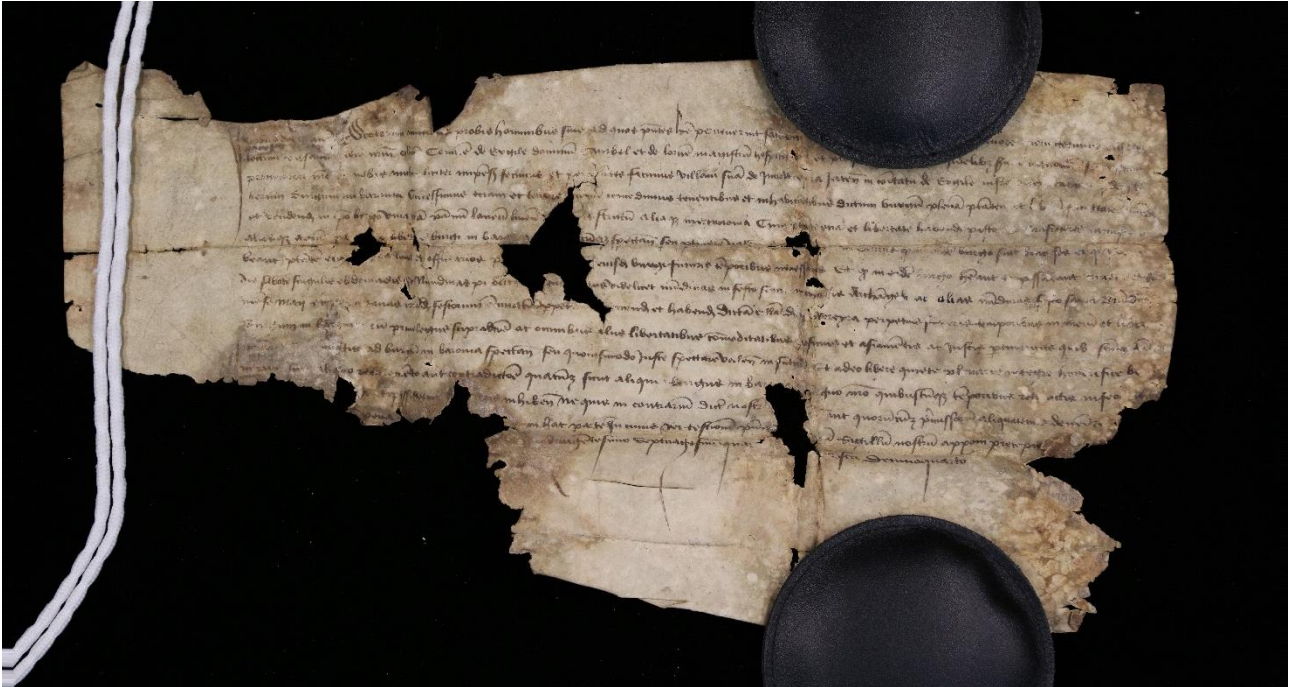
Royal charter of Tailzie [inheritance] in favour of Colin, 1st Earl of Argyll, of the lands and lordship of Lorne dated 17 April 1470.

A parchment document measuring 287 x 433mm which has been folded in five, with damage to the two lower folds. The pendant wax seal has suffered slight damage to the right edge. The document needs to be cleaned, humidified, repaired using parchment, collagen and gelatine adhesive, and dried under light tension. The seal needs light cleaning. The document needs to be re-packaged in a bespoke box, using platizote foam to support the seal.

Cost of repair and repackaging = £570 (GBP) or \$790 (USD)

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#07



Charter from King James under the Great Seal for the love and favour he had to Colin, 1st Earl of Argyll, and by which he erects the Earl's town of Inneirreyra [Inveraray] into a Free Burgh of Barony, 1474.

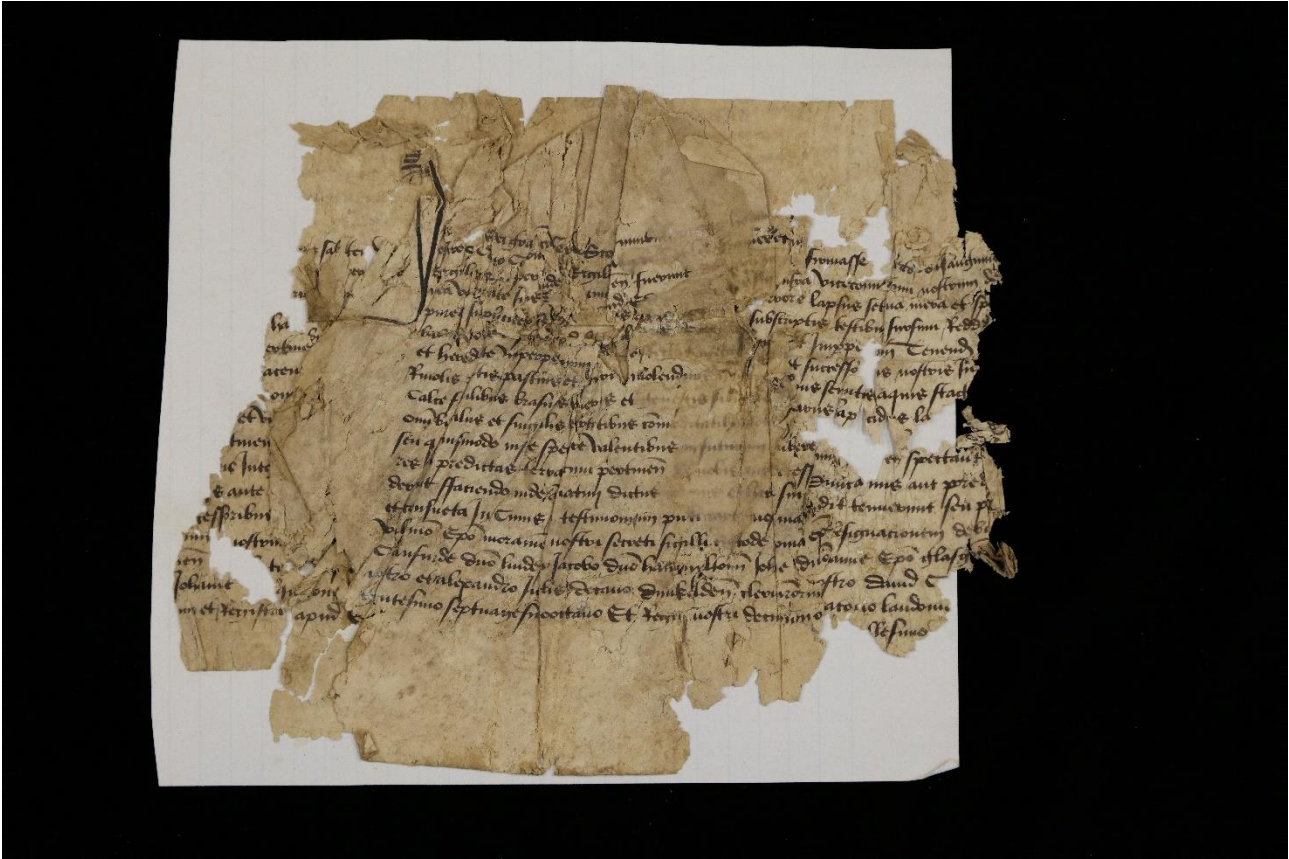
This parchment document, measuring 358 x 190mm, is very fragile, stained and brittle – only holding together because it is parchment. There is a large missing area along left the bottom edge, possibly due to rodent damage, and a missing area on the left top edge. It will be cleaned, humidified, repaired using parchment, collogen and gelatine adhesive and re-packaged in an archival folio enclosure.

Cost of repair and repackaging = £640 (GBP) or \$890 (USD)

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#08



Charter under the Great Seal of King James III in favour of Colin, 1st Earl of Argyll, of the lands of Garvald, Craginower [Craignure] and Tanglandlea in the lordship of Glassary, dated 29 January 1478-9.

This document is in a very fragile state: half the document has been mounted onto lined paper using paste, the other half is unsupported. There are missing areas all over. The document will be supported on tissue and infilled using Japanese paper and gelatine as the adhesive.

The document will be re-packaged, flat, in an archival folio enclosure.

Cost of repair and repackaging = £500 (GBP) or \$700 (USD)

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#09



Precept of Sasine by John Levingston, burges of Edinburgh, in favour of Archibald, 2nd Earl of Argyll, in the lands of Litell Sawling [Little Saline, Fife], dated 15 February 1511-12

The parchment portion of this document measures 287 x 433mm. It needs to be cleaned, humidified, repaired using parchment, collagen & gelatine adhesive, and dried under light tension. The seal needs slight cleaning. The document needs to be re-packaged in a bespoke box, using platizote foam to support the seal.

Cost of repair and repackaging = £520 (GBP) or \$720 (USD)

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#10



Precept of Sasine by Colin, Earl of Argyll, directed to John Lennox in favour of Archibald Campbell, son of Duncan Campbell of Clauchane [Clachan] of the 5 merklands of Clauchane in the barony of Rosneath, dated 8 Apr 1529.

This small parchment document measures just 264 x 157mm. The holes around the bottom tear suggest it may have been repaired by sewing in the past, and other small holes were probably caused by wood worm larvae. There is a small tear to parchment thong. The document needs to be cleaned, humidified, repaired using parchment, collagen & gelatine adhesive, and dried under light tension. The seal needs slight cleaning. The document needs to be re-packaged in a bespoke box, using platizote foam to support the seal.

Cost of repair and repackaging = £430 (GBP) or \$600 (USD)

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#11



Procuratory of Resignation by Mariota Nykane [Nic Iain] of Ardnamurchan with consent of her husband, Robert Robertson of Strowan, of all her lands in Islay, Jura etc. in favour of Archibald, Earl of Argyll, 1538.

A small parchment document measuring 264 x 157mm, which has been folded in four. Slight water damage has faded or washed away the ink, although Niall, 10th Duke, has attempted to fill in some of the missing text. The document needs to be cleaned, humidified and dried under light tension. The document needs to be re-packaged in a bespoke box, using platizote foam to support the seal.

Cost of repair and repackaging = £430 (GBP) or \$600 (USD)

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#12



Gift by Mary Queen of Scots under the Privy seal to Archibald, 4th Earl of Argyll, of the ward and marriage of the grandson & heir apparent of the deceased James Kennedy of Blairquhan, dated 6 July 1553.

This handmade paper document, measuring 303 x 290mm is very fragile and includes a seal made of beeswax attached to paper document with a paper border and paper cross. The seal needs to be consolidated and the paper document needs to be backed onto Tengucho repair tissue. The repaired document will be repackaged in a bespoke archival box.

Cost of repair and repackaging = £670 (GBP) or \$930 (USD)

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#13



Charter by Nevin MakVicar [MacVicar] Rector of Kilmoleuo and 5 others, chaplains of the Collegiate Church of Kilmun, granting to Niall Campbell son of Archibald Campbell of Clachan the 4 merklands of Blairmore, 9 Oct 1561.

This parchment document measuring 345 x 233mm has been heavily folded and damaged by water which has faded or washed away the ink. The reverse of the document is also badly stained. The seal is relatively intact on the front but the reverse is splitting. The document needs to be re-packaged in a bespoke box, using platizote foam to support the seal.

Cost of repair and repackaging = £520 (GBP) or \$720 (USD)

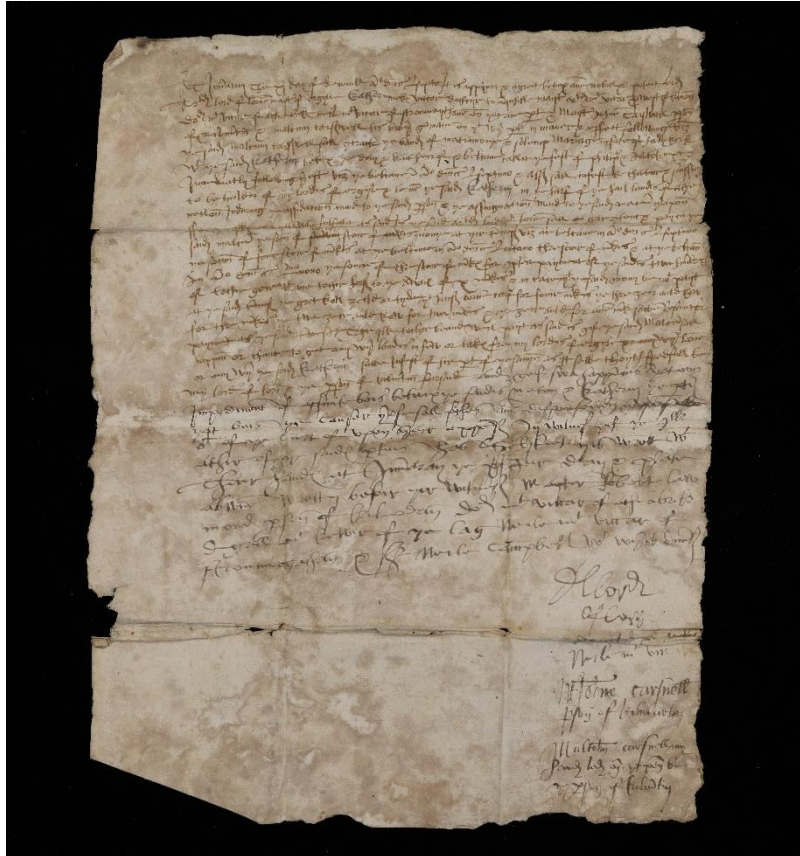
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#14



A curious Contract of Marriage signed by Archibald, Lord Lorne, Master of Argyll, between Katherine, daughter of the late Master Archibald McVicar, Provost of Kilmun and Malcolm, brother of Master John Carsuall [Carswell], Rector of Kilmartin, dated 11 Dec 1566.

A handmade paper document, measuring 258 x 338mm, which is very fragile and has sustained severe staining. Repairing this document will include washing and sizing the document and backing it onto repair tissue.

The document will be re-packaged in an archival folio enclosure.

Cost of repair and repackaging = £260 (GBP) or \$360 (USD)

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#15



Feu Charter by Archibald, 5th Earl of Argyll, to his brother, Colin Campbell of Balquhan (sic for Boquhan), of the lands of Gartervaik and others lying in the shire of Tarbert, dated 1568. The Earl's seal remains, although cracked.

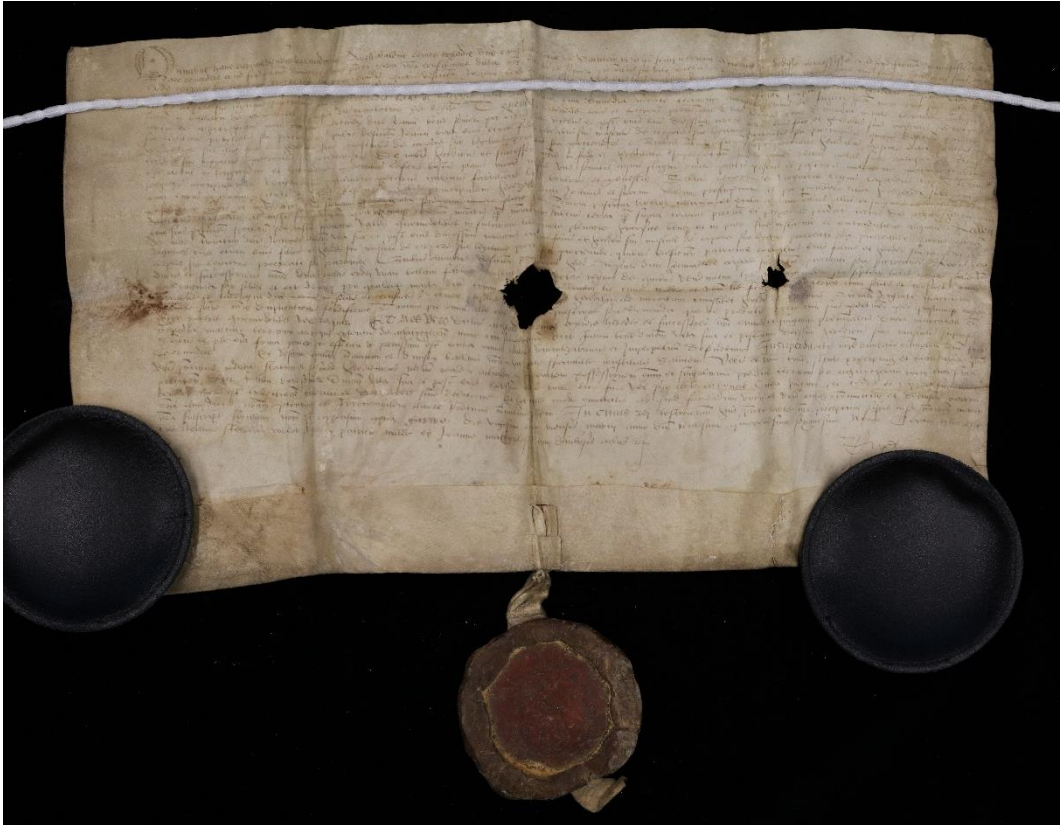
A parchment document measuring 290 x 236mm which has suffered water damage where the inks have faded or washed away. The writing is barely legible and Niall, 10th Duke of Argyll, has attempted to fill in some missing text. The repair will include cleaning, humidifying and drying the document under light tension. The split in the seal will be repaired. The document needs to be re-packaged in a bespoke box, using platizote foam to support the seal.

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#16



Charter by Archibald, 5th Earl of Argyll, dated at his Castle of Garvie in Cowall [above Glendaruel] to Iain Boyll of Darrenakoirochmore and his sons Robert, Iain and Patrick of the lands of Auchatakeirenmore in Glendaruel.

Contained in a Precept of Sasine directed to Duncan Campbell, Lord of Ormadell, dated 28 Mar 1569. The seal is in good condition, but the parchment thong is twisted and weak.

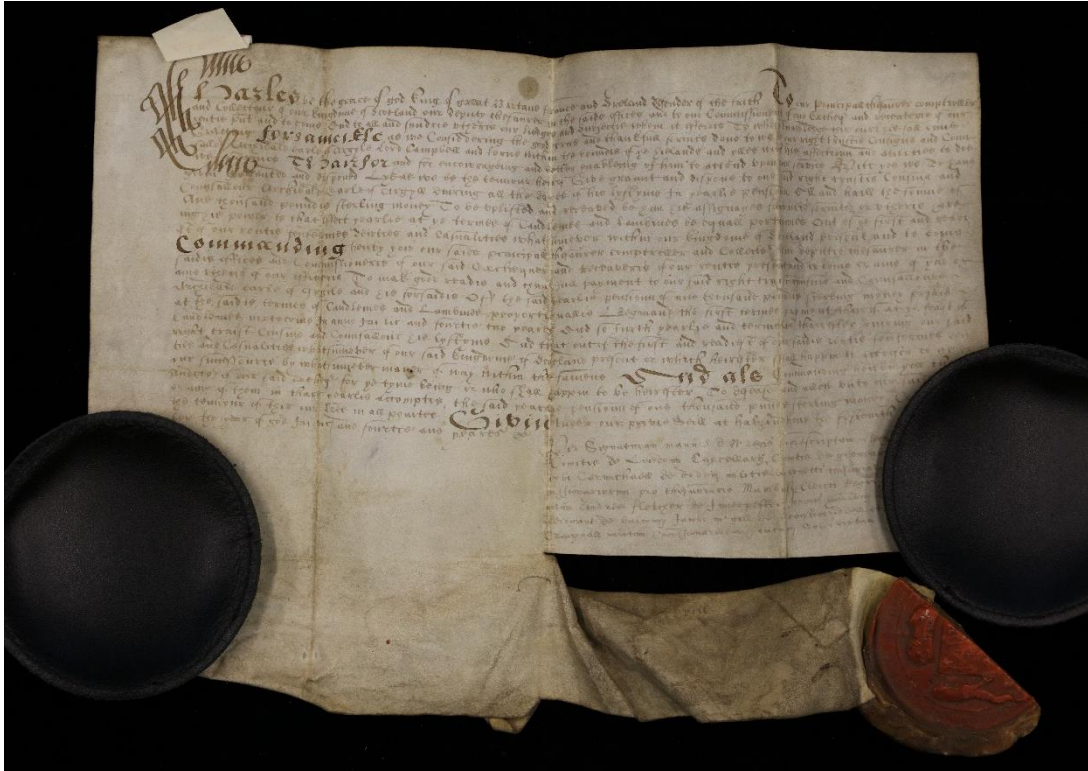
Repairing this parchment document, measuring 390 x 232mm requires cleaning, humidifying and drying the document under light tension. The document needs to be re-packaged in a bespoke box, using platizote foam to support the seal.

Cost of repair and repackaging = £620 (GBP) or \$860 (USD)

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#17



Precept by King Charles I in favour of Archibald, 8th Earl of Argyll, of a payment of £1,000 sterling, dated 15th Nov 1641. Half of the Earl's seal remains.

This parchment document, measuring 170 x 310mm, requires cleaning, humidifying and drying the document under light tension. The label needs to be removed. The seal and tongue need to be cleaned and supported.

The document needs to be re-packaged in a bespoke box, using platizote foam to support the seal.

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