

ABERCROMBY

OF GOURDIE

1. Mr. David Abercrombie of Gourdie, (*see below*).
2. Richard Abercrombie, was nominated by King James V. to the Pope to be successor to John Elliot, Abbot of Inchcolm, and had a Papal provision dated 16 August 1532.¹ On 6 January 1542/3, he took Instruments declaring that in consideration of the services rendered by the family of James Stewart, especially in repairing and defending the Monastery, he had appointed procurators to promote at the Vatican the appointment of Stewart as Abbot, reserving the title, fruits etc., to himself. This decision appears to have been more on account of mounting pressure from the Stewarts of Ochiltree as opposed to the old age, ill-health and a desire for peace and solitude reported by the Earl of Arran in his letter to the Pope of 31 July 1543, as Richard remained active and appeared in various documents up to the time of his death which occurred on 26 March 1549.²
3. John Abercromby, who held a person from the mails of the lands of Beith and is styled as brother to Abbot Richard of Inchcolm in the Book of Assumptions circa 1561.
4. Agnes Abercromby, *m.* Robert Tyrie, 2nd of Busby, and is styled as sister to Richard, Abbot of Inchcolm, in her daughter, Elizabeth's marriage contract with James Rogerson of Drumdewan dated 30 June 1540.³

¹ The Tyrie tradition is quite explicit that Agnes Abercromby, wife of Robert Tyrie of Busbie was "of the Gourdie family" and her relationship to the Abbot of Inchcolm being confirmed by the marriage contract of her daughter Elizabeth, both can therefore be placed with confidence as siblings to David Abercrombie of Gourdie.

² See SHS. Charters of the Abbey of Inchcolm. P. 242.

³ Dupplin Charters.

MR. DAVID ABERCROMBIE OF GOURDIE, is named as great-grandfather to David Abercromby of Gourdie, in 1639, and although undoubtedly descended from Abercromby of that Ilk, the exact details of the relationship are unknown. He was father of :

1. Mr. Thomas Abercrombie of Gourdie, (*see below*).
2. Henry Abercrombie, is styled as brother to Mr. Thomas Abercromby in an acquittance dated 12 February 1583.

MR. THOMAS ABERCROMBY OF GOURDIE, granted an acquittance to John Carnegy of that Ilk on 12 February 1583,¹ and appears to have *d.* by December of 1584, when his son, Mr. David Abercrombie, was entered in the lands of Gourdie by the superior. He was father of :

MR. DAVID ABERCROMBY OF GOURDIE, succeeded his father and *m.* Mause Fotheringham with whom he had a charter from Patrick, Commendator of Scone, for the lands and town of Middle Gourdie, dated 19 December 1584.² He *d.* in November of 1614,³ and was father of :

1. David Abercromby of Gourdie, (*see below*).
2. Thomas Abercromby,
3. Geilis Abercromby,
4. Agnes Abercromby,
5. Margaret Abercromby, all of whom were named in their father's Testament.

DAVID ABERCROMBY OF GOURDIE, succeeded his father on his death in 1614, and disposed the lands of Middle Gourdie which had pertained to his great-grandfather, Mr. David Abercromby, and his grandfather, Thomas Abercromby,

¹ RD1/22/41

² Cart Scone.

³ CC20/4/8/130

to Patrick Yeaman, son and heir of the deceased John Yeaman of Dryburgh, who had a confirmation in his favour under the Great Seal on 5 March 1639.¹

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¹ RMS 1634-1651. No. 908.