

ABERCROMBY

OF WESTHALL & FETTERNEAR

HECTOR ABERCROMBY OF WESTHALL & 1ST OF FETTERNEAR, was younger son of Alexander Abercromby of Pitmeddan. He had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Auld and Westhalls on 27 June 1590,¹ and acquired the barony of Fetternear from John Leslie of Balquhain by charter dated 15 November 1621, which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 29 January 1631.² He *m.* Marjory Gordon and was father of :

ALEXANDER ABERCROMBY OF FETTERNEAR, succeeded his father and *m.* Jean, daughter of John Seton of Newark. He *d.* prior to June of 1675 and was father of :

1. Francis Abercromby of Fetternear, (*see below*).
2. John Abercromby of Afforsque.
3. Patrick Abercromby, was *b.* at Forfar in 1656, and studied at the University of St. Andrews where he graduated M.D., in 1685. He afterwards travelled the continent and returning home, he became a Roman Catholic and was appointed Physician to King James VII. He is best remembered for being author of *The Martial Achievements of the Scottish Nation*.
4. Alexander Abercromby, *m.* at Edinburgh on 22 November 1725, to Jean, daughter of Mr. Richard Scott, (she was widow of Alexander Leslie, Advocate in Aberdeen).³

FRANCIS ABERCROMBY OF FETTERNEAR & LORD GLASFOORD, was retoured heir to his father on 4 June 1675,⁴ and *m.* firstly, to Anna, daughter and eventual heiress of Robert, Lord Sempill. On 6 July 1685, he was created Lord Glasfoord, with limitation to himself for the duration of his life, and on 16 May 1688, the estate and title of Sempill was confirmed to himself and his wife and the longest liver of them in liferent. She *d.* in 1695, and he *m.* secondly, on 27 March 1699, to Christabella, widow of Sir Giles Eyre,

¹ RMS 1580-1593. No. 1744.

² RMS 1620-1633. No. 1713.

³ OPR Edinburgh. In which he is styled as son of Alexander Abercromby of Fetterneir.

⁴ Retours, General. No. 5810.

although this marriage lasted only a few months on account of his being imprisoned in the Fleet for debt, where he *dsp* in November of 1703.

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