

DURHAM

OF PITKERRO & LUFFNESS

JOHN DURHAM, was a younger son of Alexander Durham of Grange, and was a merchant and burges in Dundee. He *d.* prior to 4 January 1539-40, and was father of :

JAMES DURHAM OF PITKERRO, is styled as son and heir to the deceased John Durham, Burgess of Dundee, in a gift of his ward and marriage to William Durham, fiar of Grange, dated 4 January 1539-40.¹ He was a successful Merchant and Burgess in Dundee and *m.* Grisel Carmichael with whom he obtained the lands of Pitkerro, in the barony of Dundee, for which he had Sasine on 29 October 1558,² followed by a Precept for a charter of confirmation dated 5 June, 1567, which passed the Privy Seal for his and wife's infetment in a liferent provision to themselves, and the fee to James Durham, their son.³ He was father of :

JAMES DURHAM OF PITKERRO, succeeded his father and had a charter from Thomas Ogilvy of that Ilk for the lands of Easter Powrie on 9 July 1631. He *m.* Jean Fraser, (she *d.* in November of 1627⁴) *d.* in August of 1635,⁵ and was father of :

1. James Durham of Pitkerro and Kinnell, (*see below*).
2. Mr. Alexander Durham, (*see Durham of Powrie & Largo*).
3. Grisel Durham, *m.* firstly, Alexander Fotheringham of Ballindrone, brother of Thomas Fotheringham of Powrie, (*c/m* 22 May 1609⁶), and secondly, to Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Balmain, (*c/m* 27 February 1630⁷).

¹ RPS Vol. II. No. 3257.

² Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIX. P. 432.

³ RPS Vol. V. Pt. II. No. 3565

⁴ CC3/3/4/745

⁵ CC3/3/5/465

⁶ GD121/3/27

⁷ NRAS3215/23/2

4. Jean Durham, *m.* Sir Michael Balfour of Denmiln, (he *d.* on 4 February 1652).
5. Elspeth Durham, named in her mother's Testament

JAMES DURHAM OF PITKERRO AND KINNELL, had a charter for the lands and barony of Kinnell, in the sheriffdom of Forfar, upon the resignation of Thomas Fraser of Kinnell on 29 November, 1617, and was appointed Dictator of the Rolls and Clerk of the Exchequer by King Charles I. in 1641 although he was deprived of these during the Commonwealth under Cromwell but reinstated upon the succession of King Charles II. He *m.* Alison, daughter of Alexander Clerk of Balbirny, and was father of :

1. Sir James Durham of Lufness, (*see below*).
2. William Durham, was a provisional heir to his brother Mr. James in the barony of Kinnell in 1634.
3. Marion Durham, *m.* John Hay, eldest son and heir of Andrew Hay of Hayston, (*c/m* 13 June 1646¹), and was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 12 February 1664.²
4. Jean Durham, *m.* Sir Robert Balfour, 1st Baronet of Denmiln, and *d.* in 1645.³

SIR JAMES DURHAM OF LUFNESS, was infeft in the fee of the barony of Kinnell on 1 March, 1634, and was retoured heir to his mother, Alison Clerk, on 5 May, 1664. He acquired the lands of and barony of Lufness for which he had a charter under the Great Seal on 8 July 1661,⁴ *m.* on 30 April 1656, to Isobel Hepburn,⁵ and *d.* prior to April of 1670 and was father of,

1. **JAMES DURHAM OF LUFNESS**, succeeded his father and was retoured his heir in the lands and barony of Luffness on 25 April 1670,⁶ and as heir general to Mr. James Durham of Pitkerro, his grandfather, Clerk of the Exchequer, and also to his father and grandfather in the 1/3 part of he

¹ GD34/68

² Greyfriars Burial Register.

³ CC8/8/62/648

⁴ RMS 1660-1668. No. 77.

⁵ OPR. Humble.

⁶ Retours. Haddington. No. 303.

lands of Pitkerro on 24 December 1689,¹ and *dsp* on 8 December 1702, being buried in the kirk at Aberlady.² He was succeeded by his brother Adam.

2. Adam Durham of Lufness, (*see below*).
3. Mary Durham, was appointed one of the curators of the children of her sister Grisel.
4. Isabella Durham, *m.* on 5 September 1678, to George Sinclair, Merchant and Burgess of Edinburgh.
5. Grissel Durham, *m.* at Edinburgh on 24 April 1685, to Sir Patrick Aikenhead, Commissary Clerk of Edinburgh, and had issue.

ADAM DURHAM OF LUFNESS, was a merchant in Edingurgh and was admitted to Burgess there by right of his master, George Sinclair, one of the Bailies of the city, on 10 August 1687. He succeeded his brother James on his death in 1702 and was served his heir in the barony of Lufness on 26 January 1703. He *d.* in July of 1738,³ having *m.* first, Margaret, daughter of David Pringle, Surgeon in Edinburgh, by whom he had no apparent issue. He *m.* secondly, at Edinburgh on 28 February 1703, Katherine, daughter of Colonel Robert Sinclair, by whom he was father of :

1. Katherine Durham, *b.* at Edinburgh on 13 January 1709, and *m.* on 1 April 1732, to William Fleming of Barrochan.

He *m.* thirdly, at Edinburgh on 21 June 1719, Mary, daughter of Sir Robert Dickson of Inveresk,⁴ (she was widow of Dr. Robert Thomson, Physician in Edinburgh, whom she had *m.* at Edinburgh on 14 April 1717, and by whom she had issue), and by her he was father of :

2. Adam Durham, of Luffness & Bonnington, (*see below*).
3. Isabel Durham, *d.* unmarried on 15 December 1791.⁵
4. Mary Durham, *c.* at Aberlady on 26 April 1720.
5. Helen Durham,

¹ Retours. Gen. No. 6985. Also Retours. Forfar. No. 513 & 514.

² Lyon Court records.

³ CC7/6/4/199

⁴ OPR. Edinburgh.

⁵ Scots Magazine, 1st December 1791, edition.

ADAM DURHAM CUNNINGHAM OF BONNINGTON, is styled as only son in his father's Testament in 1738. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 30 July 1754, to Margaret, daughter and heiress of Alexander Cunningham of Bonnington, (she was served heir general and heir of tailzie to her father on 8 July 1755, and *d.* in September of 1781), following which he assumed the surname and arms of Cunningham of Bonnington. He *d.* on Monday 14 August 1786,¹ and was father of :

1. **ADAM DURHAM-CUNNINGHAM OF BONNINGTON**, *b.* on 15 July 1757, and was served heir to his mother in the lands of Bonnington on 11 September 1786. He *m.* on Monday 4 February 1782, to Jean, daughter of Sir William Moncrieff, 4th Baronet of that Ilk,² (she *dsp* at Dean Lodge on 9 January 1826³), and *dsp* at Morat, in Switzerland, on 14 May 1789.⁴
2. Alexander Cunningham-Durham, *b.* on 29 July 1758, and *d.* young.
3. William Cunningham-Durham of Bonnington, (*see below*).
4. James Cunningham-Durham, *b.* on 14 May 1766.
5. Hugh Cunningham-Durham, *b.* in 1773, and *d.* at Calcutta on 9 November 1793.⁵
6. Helen Cunningham-Durham, *b.* on 17 June 1759.
7. Mary Cunningham-Durham, *b.* on 4 July 1761.
8. Jean Cunningham-Durham, *b.* in 1771.

WILLIAM DURHAM-CUNNINGHAM OF BONNINGTON, *b.* on 29 June 1763, succeeded his brother Adam and was served his heir in the lands of Bonnington on 1 October 1789. He was served heir to his great-grandfather, Sir Hugh Cunningham of Bonnington, 21 October 1817, and *m.* on 14 November 1792, to Eliza, daughter of James King of Drums,⁶ (she *d.* on 15 April 1840).

¹ Scots Magazine, 1st August 1786, edition.

² Caledonian Mercury, 6th February 1782, edition.

³ Perthshire Courier, 26th January 1826, edition.

⁴ Scots Magazine, 1st June 1789, edition.

⁵ Scots Magazine. 1st April 1794, edition.

⁶ Scots Magazine, 1st November 1792, edition.