

STEWART

EARL OF MAR & BUCHAN

ALEXANDER STEWART, EARL OF BUCHAN & LORD OF BADENOCH, had extensive grants of lands from his father, King Robert II., upon his accession. These included Badenoch with the castle at Lochindorb on 31 March 1371/2,¹ Strathowyn, in the sheriffdom of Banff, on 17 July, 1371/2² and Tempar, Lassintullich, Tullichrosk, Kynnachan, Garth and Bofracks, all in Perthshire, which had previously belonged to Janet de Menzies on 28 October, 1380.³ He *m.* Euphemia, daughter and heiress of William, 7th Earl of Ross, (Dispensation dated 25 June, 1382.⁴ She was widow of Walter Leslie, Earl of Ross, who had succeeded to the Earldom of Ross *jure uxoris* and had issue), *d.* on 24 November, 1394, and was buried in Dunkeld Cathedral. He was father of,

1. Alexander Stewart, Earl of Mar, (*see below*).
2. Sir Andrew Stewart, witness to a charter by his brother Alexander Stewart, Earl of Mar, grating the lands of Balquhan to William Leslie of Balquhan on 12 November, 1428,⁵ and had a grant from this brother for the lands of Sandhauch and Mountblair in the Earldom of Mar.⁶
3. Duncan Stewart, a natural son who murdered Sir Walter Ogilvy in around 1390.⁷
4. James Stewart, *m.* Janet, only child and heiress of Sir Alexander Menzies of Fortingall, second son of Sir Robert Menzies of Weem, (she resigned her lands in favour of Sir Alexander Stewart, her father-in-law on 28 October, 1379/80). He had issue. (*See Stewart of Garth*)
5. Sir Walter Stewart of Kincardine, had a charter for the lands of Kincardine in 1380/81 and *m.* Isabel, daughter of Sir William Fenton, of that ilk. He had issue.
6. Margaret Stewart, who held the lands of Culquhary and remitted the rent for them to the crown in 1438, when she is styled as sister to the deceased Earl of Mar.⁸

¹ RMS Robert II. No. 3.

² RMS Robert II. No. 4.

³ RMS Robert II. No. 121.

⁴ SHS Papal Letters to Scotland.

⁵ GD124/1/135.

⁶ RMS Albany. No. 14.

⁷ Chron. Pluscardin.

⁸ Ex. Rolls. Vol. V. P. 61.

ALEXANDER STEWART, EARL OF MAR, *m.* by 12 August, 1404, to Isabel Douglas, Countess of Mar, daughter of William, 1st Earl of Douglas, and sister of James, 2nd Earl of Douglas, (she was widow of Sir Malcolm Drummond), when he had a charter from her for the Earldom of Mar and Garioch, in implementation of their marriage contract.¹ He commanded the King's army at the battle of Harlaw in 1411. He entered the service of the Duke of Burgundy and claimed the sovereignty of Holland by right of his second wife Jacquet, daughter of the Earl of Holland, (she was divorced from his first husband John, Duke of Brabant, and after the death of Alexander she *m.* thirdly, to Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, brother to King Henry V. of England). This being denied, he waged war against the Hollanders whom he defeated at sea although his claims continued to be fruitless. He was buried at Inverness on 26 July, 1435,² and was father of,

1. Sir Thomas Stewart, Earl of Mar, was a natural son. He and his father had a charter for the Earldom of Mar from King James I. on 28 May, 1428.³ He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of Archibald, 4th Earl of Douglas, (she was widow of John Stewart, 1st Earl of Buchan, and *m.* thirdly to William Sinclair, Earl of Orkney), and *dsp vita patris*.
2. Robert Stewart, was a natural son who had a Papal Dispensation to be allowed to be promoted to Holy Orders notwithstanding that he was born natural on 5 September, 1419, and by which date he had been appointed Clerk of the Diocese of Dunkeld.⁴
3. James Stewart, a natural son who had a Papal Dispensation dated in May of 1422 to be allowed to be promoted to Holy Orders and continue in his office of Chancellor of Dunkeld and that his age being then sixteen years should not be an impediment.⁵
4. Walter Stewart, a natural son who had a Papal Dispensation to be allowed to be promoted to Holy Orders despite his being natural on 4 July, 1423, and was then a scholar in Aberdeen.⁶
5. David Stewart, was a natural son and had a Dispensation to be allowed to be promoted to Holy Orders on 4 July, 1423.⁷

¹ GD124/1/121.

² Chronicle of Forthingal. Sir Robert Erskine was retoured heir to his cousin, Isabel Douglas, Countess of Mar, in half of the lands of the Earldom of Mar on 16 October 1438 [GD124/1/142].

³ GD124/1/132.

⁴ SHS Scottish Supplications to Rome. P. 117.

⁵ SHS Scottish Supplications to Rome. P. 306.

⁶ SHS Scottish Supplications to Rome.

⁷ SHS Scottish Supplications to Rome.