

A. C. KNOX, M.A.,

Rector.

Mackie Academy,

STONEHAVEN.

3rd. June, 1935.

THOMAS A. ROBBIE was a pupil here from August, 1925, to July, 1932. His conduct was excellent. His Secondary course included English, French, Mathematics and Science. He improved as time went on and in his last year he was an earnest, hard-working pupil, and he gained the Leaving Certificate with passes in English, Higher Mathematics, Lower French and Lower Science. He took his full share in the various school sports, and is of fine physique.

I can thoroughly recommend him.

(Signed). A. C. KNOX.



FORESTRY COMMISSION,
DRUMTOCHTY,
AUCHENBLAE,
FORDOUN,
KINCARDINE.

June 10th 1935

This is to certify that T.A.Rebbie has been employed for 5 months in practical work at Inglismaldie Forest. During which time he had general nursery work, including Lining-out Lifting and grading of Seedlings, Weeding seedbeds and transplant lines. And in the Forest he was employed in Planting and Beating-up. Fencing. Draining. Weeding Plantations. Preparation of ground for planting. and also assisted in the making of fire rides.

W. S. Bird

District Officer.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.

Geology Department,
Marischal College,
ABERDEEN.
14th. June, 1934.

I have much pleasure in writing a recommendation for Mr. THOMAS A. ROBBIE, who has been for some time a student in Forestry in this University. He joined the class of Geology in the summer of 1934, was faultlessly regular in his attendance, followed the work of the Class with the closest attention and intelligence and as a result of examinations gained the First Prize with a mark of 93 per cent., in a class of some sixty five students. He likewise passed the degree Examinations at the end of the term with a very satisfactory result.

Mr. Robbie is ~~possessed~~ possessed of a massive, healthy frame, is easy to get on with and possesses many qualities of a personal nature that will be of service to him in his future career. He is a steady and capable worker, and not afraid of hard work, whether it be of an intellectual or a practical nature. I am satisfied he has gifts that will tell effectively in the work for which he has been preparing and have no hesitation in recommending him for any post of a Forestry nature for which his natural ability and special training equip him; and I am confident that his future will show an increasingly successful and useful career.

(Signed). ALFRED W. GIBB.

Professor of Geology.

Testimonial from Mr. J. C. Grassie, B.Sc.(Eng.)

Engineering Department,
Marischal College,
ABERDEEN.

20th. June, 1935.

To whom it may concern.

Mr. THOMAS A. ROBBIE, as part of his course for graduating B.Sc. in Forestry at this University, attended classes in Forest Engineering and Forest Surveying during session 1934-35.

The former class consisted of lectures on the fundamental principles of mechanics, hydraulics, civil, mechanical and electrical engineering and the application of the same to practical problems such as Bridge and Building Design; lay-out, working and testing of mechanical and hydraulic plant; practical drawing office work. Throughout the course Mr. Robbie has proved himself to be a very capable student and gained First Class Certificate (First Place) in the class.

The latter class dealt with the principles of chain; compass; Theodolite; subtense and plane table surveying; levelling; principles of route location; estimation of earthwork quantities. In conjunction with the lectures course actual practical work was carried out and this involved;- compass traverse of a wooded area of about 30 acres; levelling for the centre line of a proposed route; theodolite traverse. For this type of work Mr. Robbie shows natural aptitude and with experience should become a very good field officer.

Besides being well suited academically for a post as Forest Officer Mr. Robbie is a young man of good character and would prove to be a most dependable and capable servant.

(Signed). JAMES C. GRASSIE,

Lecturer in Forest Engineering.

GMW/ENS

Telegrams : " FORESTRY, ABERDEEN. "

Telephone : CENTRAL 3252.

Any communication should be prepaid and addressed to :—

"THE DIVISIONAL OFFICER"
and the number and date of this letter should be quoted.



FORESTRY COMMISSION (SCOTLAND),

DIVISIONAL OFFICE (NORTH-EAST),

12 NORTH SILVER STREET,

ABERDEEN.

No. _____

Subject _____

4th March, 1936.

Dear Mr. Robbie,

...

I attach for your information copy of an advertisement which appeared in the Press on 2nd instant and which we have been asked to bring to the notice of any graduates working in this Division.

Yours sincerely,

Chibrikov

Mr. Thomas A. Robbie,
C/o Grant,
Holding No. 7,
Newton,
Elgin.

COPY

H.M. FORESTRY COMMISSIONERS invite applications for a limited number of appointments as District Forest Officer (Male).

Candidates must have attained the age of 21 and must not have attained the age of 30 on the 1st March 1936 provided that in reckoning age for this purpose candidates who have served or are serving in the Army, Navy or Air Force may deduct from their actual age any time during which they have so served.

Candidates must have passed an examination qualifying for either a University degree in Forestry or a University Diploma in Forestry.

The salary at present attaching to the posts is £277.16s. rising, for approved service, by annual increments of £18 to £515.18s. Appointments will be on probation for two years.

APPLICATIONS on the appropriate forms to be obtained from the Secretary, Forestry Commission, 9 Savile Row, London W.1, must reach him not later than 12th March 1936.

Copy.

Forestry Commission,
9. Savile Row,
W.1.

6th March, 1936.

Sir,

I am directed by the Forestry Commissioners to refer to your letter of the 2nd inst. and to enclose herewith a form of application. Forest Working Plan etc., referred to in the footnote to the application form, should be submitted in connection with your application.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A.G. HERBERT,

Secretary.

T.A. Robbie, Esq.,
C/o Grant,
No. 7 Holding,
Newton,
Elgin.
Morayshire.

FORESTRY COMMISSION,

NEWTON,

ELGIN.

9th.March 1936.

Mr.T.A.Robbie has been employed by the Forestry Commission at Newton Nursery from 6th. December 1935 to the present date. During that time he has been engaged in the following operations, making Lath Screens for Seedbed Covering, Covering seedbeds, Lifting and Sizing Transplants and seedlings of all species, sheughing in and packing same. Road making, covering seedbeds with sand for frost lift. Surveying,nursery, Planting Corsican Pine in the Forest. Cutting out fire traces, measuring and plotting on map length of telephone line.

In these operations he has given entire satisfaction, has proved himself a good worker, and can handle his tools in a practical manner.

His abilities are distinctly above the average student, is very obliging, of a nice pleasant manner, and most anxious to learn. I have no hesitation in recommending him for any supervisory job relative to Forestry work, and shall be glad to hear of his advancement,

(Signed).

JOHN CAMERON

HEAD FORESTER.

TELEPHONE: REGENT 0524.

Postage requires to be prepaid.

Forestry Commission,

9, Savile Row,

London, W.1.

9th March, 1936.



*Any reply to this letter should be
addressed to—*

THE SECRETARY,

quoting No.

Sir,

I am directed by the Forestry Commissioners to refer to your letter of the 7th inst. and to enclose herewith a form of application, together with a copy of the letter sent to you at Newton, Elgin, on the 6th inst.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ae H. H. H.
Secretary.

T.A. Robbie, Esq.,
C/o Grant,
No. 7 Holding,
Newton,
Elgin,
Morayshire.

FORESTRY COMMISSION.

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT as DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER.

Form to be filled up by the Applicant and returned to the Secretary,
Forestry Commission, 9, Savile Row, London, W.1.

Name (in full) _____

Permanent address _____

Date of Application _____

Profession or occupation
and salary received _____

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Father's name _____

Profession or occupation
(If deceased, his Name and Profession should nevertheless be given).

Birthplace of Father _____

" " Mother _____

Date of birth.

Age.

Place of birth.

Whether a natural-born or naturalised British Subject.

Whether single, married or widower.

Number of children (if any)

General Education (State Schools, etc. with dates).

Professional or Technical Education^x (State University, etc., with dates:
also Degree, Diplomas, etc.)

^xNote. Details of practical training should be stated on a separate sheet.
Forest Working Plan, reports and notes prepared in course of
practical training should also be submitted.

P.T.O.

Experience in Forestry; stating employment, with dates.

Statement as to general health, including mention of any physical defect and any serious illness during the last five years.

(For use only in the case of applicants with Navy, Army or Air Force Service)

Regiment, etc _____ Rank _____

Date of Enlistment _____

Date and Reason of Discharge _____

Degree of Disability (if any)
On discharge _____ At present _____

Nature of Disability (if any) _____

If in receipt of pay or pension from Navy, Army or Air Force Funds, the amount thereof _____

References

Give the names and addresses of two references. They should be responsible persons who know you well, either in private life or in business; and one at least should be well acquainted with you in private life. The names of distinguished persons should not be given unless they really know you well.

1. Name

Address.

Occupation.

2. Name

Address

Occupation

Note:- Original testimonials should not be submitted with this application; copies may, however be enclosed.

TELEPHONE: REGENT 0524.

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*Any reply to this letter should be
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THE SECRETARY,

quoting No. 9/36.

Forestry Commission,

9, Savile Row,

London, W.1.

30th March 1936.

Sir,

District Forest Officer Vacancies.

I am directed by the Forestry Commissioners to refer to your application for appointment, and to invite you to attend at the above address on Thursday, 16th April, at 11.45 am. for the purpose of being interviewed by the Selection Board.

It must be understood that the Commissioners will be unable to entertain any claim for the refund of travelling or other expenses which you may incur in attending for interview.

Please acknowledge this letter and state whether you propose to attend. It would be a convenience if you could forward with your reply a photograph of yourself (a snapshot would be quite sufficient).

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. H. H. H.
Secretary.

J. A. Robbie Esq.

DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER (MALE)

Results of the competition of 16 April 1936 held by a Selection Board for the appointment of District Forest Officer (Male) under the Forestry Commissioners.

The Selection Board recommend the following candidates for appointment, subject to their satisfying the Civil Service Commissioners on health and other points. The names are in alphabetical order.

Barrington, C.A.J.
Currie, J.H.
Forsyth, W.
Robbie, T.A.
Williamson, J.Q.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

20 April 1936.

TELEPHONE: REGENT 0524.

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*Any reply to this letter should be
addressed to—*

THE SECRETARY,

quoting No. 9/36.

Forestry Commission,

9, Sabile Row,

London, W.1.

21st April 1936.

Sir,

District Forest Officer Vacancies.

I am directed by the Forestry Commissioners to inform you that the Working Plan, etc., submitted in connection with your recent application for a post under this Department, are being returned under separate cover to-day.

The result of your application will be notified to you in due course by the Civil Service Commissioners.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. G. Herbert.

Secretary.

T. C. Robb, Esq.,

C.
Form A.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

London, W.1.

22 APR 1936

Sir (or Madam),

I am directed by the Civil Service Commissioners to request that you will fill up the enclosed Form A and return it to this Office in the accompanying envelope.

I am, Sir (or Madam),

Your obedient Servant,

G. G. MENNELL

Secretary.

Mr. T. A. Robbie

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C.
Gen.



CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

BURLINGTON GARDENS,

LONDON, W.1.

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SIR, OR MADAM,

13 MAY 1936

I am directed by the Civil Service Commissioners to *request that*
you will forward to this department for inspection
documentary evidence that, you have passed an
examination qualifying for either a University Degree in
Forestry, or a University Diploma in Forestry

I am, SIR, OR MADAM,

Your obedient Servant,

G. G. MENNELL

Secretary

Mr. T. A. Robbie

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C.
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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

BURLINGTON GARDENS,

LONDON, W.1.

13 MAY 1936

SIR,

I am directed by the Civil Service Commissioners to request that you will call upon *Dr Anderson of*

11, Albyn Terrace, Aberdeen

for medical examination at such time as he may appoint in the instructions which you will shortly receive from him. You will pay him the usual fee of two guineas at the time of examination. Any travelling or other expenses which you may incur must be defrayed by yourself.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

G. G. MENNELL

Secretary

Mr Thomas. A. Robbie

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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

BURLINGTON GARDENS,

LONDON, W.1.

13 MAY 1936

SIR, or MADAM,

I am directed by the Civil Service Commissioners to request that you will furnish, as soon as possible, evidence of your age in accordance with the instructions printed overleaf.

I am, SIR, or MADAM,

Your obedient Servant,

G. G. MENNELL

Secretary

Mr. T. A. Robbie

NOTE.—Should the name shewn in the certificate of birth differ in any way from that which you have already given, you should state your name in full in the form which you intend to use in future. In the case of any serious discrepancy in name or date of birth an explanation must also be furnished.

EVIDENCE OF AGE REQUIRED FROM CANDIDATES FOR SITUATIONS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE OF THE CROWN.

Every successful Candidate is expected to produce a Certificate of *Birth*, containing the names of parents, and the full particulars recorded in the Registers of Birth. The forms headed "Certificate of Registry of Birth" in which the parents' names do not appear cannot be accepted. The Civil Service Commissioners will not accept a Certificate of Baptism, or other testimony, unless they are first satisfied that a Certificate of Birth cannot be procured.

Official Certificates of *Birth* may generally be obtained as follows* :—

- (a) *For persons born in England or Wales.*—From the Registrar-General, Somerset House, London, or from the Superintendent Registrar of the District in which the birth took place.
- (b) *For persons born in Scotland.*—From the Registrar-General, New Register House, Edinburgh ; or from the Registrar of the District in which the birth took place.
- (c) *For persons born in Northern Ireland prior to 1st January, 1922, and for persons born in the Irish Free State.*—From the Registrar-General, General Register Office, Custom House, Dublin, C. 10, or from the Superintendent Registrar of the District in which the birth took place.
- (d) *For persons born on board British Ships.*—From the Registrar-General, London, Edinburgh, Belfast, or Dublin, according to parentage.
- (e) *For persons born in India of European Parents.*—From the Registrar and Superintendent of Records, India Office, London, S.W. [These are certificates of *baptism*, but they usually furnish the date of birth, and are then accepted as certificates of *birth*.]

Any Candidate who cannot produce a Certificate of Birth from one of the authorities named should, if possible, procure a Certificate of Baptism, and should then apply to the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, for further instructions.

*BIRTH CERTIFICATES.

(i) The following information is furnished by request of the Registrar-General, London :—

An application for a Certificate of Birth occurring in England or Wales should be addressed in accordance with the above instructions, and should be accompanied by (1) information as to name in full, date and place of Birth, and names in full of the Parents (including the maiden surname of the Mother), and (2) the requisite fees.

The fee for a search by the General Register Office, Somerset House, has now been fixed at 2s. 6d., making the total fee for search and certificate 5s. 1d.

The fee for a personal search by an applicant in the Public Search Room, Somerset House, or at the office of a Superintendent Registrar remains at 1s. and the total at 3s. 7d.

If a "Certificate of Registry of Birth" can be forwarded with the application, the fee will be 2s. 7d.

Where a search is made by a Superintendent Registrar on the written request of an applicant a fee of 2s. 6d. may be charged making the total fee for search and certificate 5s. 1d.

When applying to a Superintendent Registrar a stamped envelope must be enclosed for the transmission of the certificate.

(ii) The fee payable for a certificate if the birth occurred in Scotland amounts to 3s. 1d. ; in Northern Ireland 3s. 7d. ; in the Irish Free State 3s. 7d. if personal application is made for the certificate, but 5s. 1d. if the application is made by post to the Registrar-General, Dublin.

DR. A. GREIG ANDERSON.

TELEPHONE 2455.

11, ALBYN TERRACE,

ABERDEEN.

18th May, 1936.

Thomas A. Robbie, Esq.,
Inglismoldie,
LAURENCEKIRK,
Kincardineshire.

Dear Mr. Robbie,

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

In connection with the above, I shall be glad if you will call here on Friday, 22nd May, at five o'clock in the afternoon, if that will be convenient for you.

Yours very truly,

A. Greig Anderson

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R. E.



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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
BURLINGTON GARDENS,

LONDON, W. 1
2 JUN 1936

SIR, or MADAM,

~~With reference to your letter of the~~

I am directed by the

Civil Service Commissioners to return your

Diploma of B.Sc. (Forestry)

under separate cover

and to request that in acknowledgment of
receipt, you will sign the enclosed postcard
and return it to this Office.

I am, SIR, or MADAM,

Your obedient Servant,

G. G. MENNELL,

Secretary

J. A. Robbie, Esq.

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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
BURLINGTON GARDENS,

LONDON, W.1.

10 JUN 1936

SIR,

I am directed by the Civil Service Commissioners to
inform you that your Certificate of Qualification for the
post of District Forest Officer under the
Forestry Commission

has been granted; and that it has been sent to the authorities
of that Department.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

G. G. MENNELL,

Secretary.

Mr. T.A. Robbie.

TELEPHONE: REGENT 0524.

Postage requires to be prepaid.

Forestry Commission,

9, Savile Row,

London, W.1.



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addressed to—*

THE SECRETARY,

quoting No. 130/36

19th June 1936.

Sir,

I am directed by the Forestry Commissioners to inform you that the Civil Service Commissioners have now issued a certificate of qualification in your favour, and to offer you an appointment under this Department as a District Officer on the following terms.

The salary will be at the rate of £277.16.0 per annum rising for approved service by annual increments of £18 (except the last) to a maximum of £515.18.0 per annum and will commence from the date of taking up duty as directed hereafter.

The appointment will not be confirmed until the satisfactory completion of a probationary period of two years during which it will be terminable on a month's notice; and there is an efficiency bar in the scale at £403.16.0 beyond which progress will be subject to a Departmental certificate of competency to perform the highest duties of the District Officer class.

You will serve in the first instance under the Divisional Officer, No. 2 Division, Shrewsbury and your

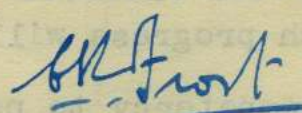
official station (which will be subject to variation from time to time as may be required by the Department) will be notified to you by him. In the event of assignment to a station where an official residence exists you may be required to occupy that residence at a fair rent.

You will be required to take up duty at your own expense but thereafter you will be allowed the appropriate travelling and subsistence expenses from time to time current in the Department when necessarily absent on duty from your official station and from home: you will be informed as to the appropriate rates and conditions of payment in due course from the Divisional Office.

If you are prepared to accept the appointment you should notify me, and report for duty to the Divisional Officer, 15, Belmont, Shrewsbury as soon as possible.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,


for Secretary.

T.A. Robbie, Esq.,
Inglismaldie,
Laurencekirk,
Kincardineshire.

Royal Scottish Forestry Society.

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8 RUTLAND SQUARE,

Edinburgh, 1, 19 JAN 1938 193

Received from Mr. J. A. Robbie
the sum of Seven pounds ten shillings sterling
being ~~his~~ subscription in full as a LIFE MEMBER.

£ 7:10:0



Treasurer.

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TELEPHONE: REGENT 0524.

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addressed to—*



THE SECRETARY,

quoting No. 130/36

Forestry Commission,

9, Savile Row,

London, W.1.

28th July, 1938.

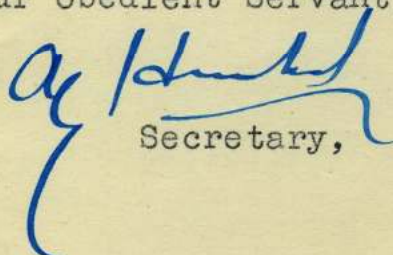
Sir,

I am directed by the Forestry Commissioners to refer to my letter of the 19th June 1936 on the subject of your appointment as a District Forest Officer on probation, and to inform you that your appointment has been confirmed, following the satisfactory completion of the period of probation on the 30th June 1938.

You are included in the Department's Pension Scheme (copy enclosed) and your service from the 1st July 1936 is reckonable for Superannuation purposes.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,


Secretary,

T. A. Robbie, Esq.

THE FORESTRY COMMISSION SUPERANNUATION SCHEME 1938.

In pursuance of the powers conferred by section 10 of the Forestry Act, 1919, as amended by section 6 of the Forestry (Transfer of Woods) Act, 1923, and of the powers conferred by section 1 of the Superannuation (Various Services) Act, 1938, the Forestry Commissioners, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following Scheme:-

1. This Scheme applies to:-

(1) persons holding the office of Forestry Commissioner with a salary, and

(2) such officers employed by the Forestry Commissioners as may from time to time be approved by the Treasury,
all of which persons and officers are hereinafter called "the officers".

2. (a) There may be granted to the officers or their legal personal representatives, widows or dependants the like superannuation benefits, and

(b) there may be permitted the like allocation of superannuation benefits to spouses and dependants as could be, or could have been, granted or permitted in respect of persons in the Civil Service of the State under the enactments, rules, regulations and warrants for the time being in force in relation to the last-mentioned persons.

Provided that Sections 2 and 4 respectively of the Superannuation Act 1935 shall not operate for the purposes of this Scheme until the expiration of 3 calendar months and 5 years respectively from the date on which this Scheme comes into force.

3. (a) This Scheme shall come into force on the 1st day of June 1938, and thereupon the Superannuation Scheme made by the Forestry Commissioners on the 24th day of January 1920 shall cease to have effect.

(b) This Scheme may be cited as the Forestry Commission Superannuation Scheme 1938.

FORESTRY COMMISSION.

The following gradings have been approved with effect from 1st January, 1946.

Divisional Officer.

Batters G.J.L. *	Macdonald J.A.B.	Russell W.D. *
Bird D.H.	Morrish C.G.	Watson H.
de Uphaugh F.E.B.	Muir W.A. *	Webster J.
Fairchild C.E.L.	Pearson F.G.O. *	Williamson J.Q.
James J.E.	Rouse G.D.	Wylie N.A. Ø

* Notional.

Ø Subject to a special report following a period of post-Forces service.

District Officer Grade I

Ballance G.F.	Portlock W.J.J.
Barrington C.A.J.	Robbie T.A.
Bennett A.P.	Sanzen-Baker R.G.
Cadman W.A. *	Spraggan D.S.
Forsyth W.	Stileman D.F.
Gibson W.N.	

* Notional.

- Notes:
1. The Treasury Regulation, whereby appointments made during the Emergency period are Acting, remains in force.
 2. Information as to salary scales and commencing points will be given later.
 3. Instructions as to taking up duty and stations will be issued by respective Directors of Forestry.
 4. The receipt of a copy of this statement should be accepted by each officer concerned as an official notification of his grading.

T.W. CLELAND.

Secretary.
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Tel: Regent 2688



FORESTRY COMMISSION,
25, SAVILE ROW,
LONDON, W.1.

6th April, 1946.

Dear Robbie,

I am very pleased to inform you that, as you will note from the enclosed statement by the Secretary, you have been appointed Grade I District Officer in the Service. Please accept my sincere congratulations.

Yours sincerely,

T.A. Robbie, Esq.,
28, Union Road,
Inverness.