

Transcript of 2809

Note: This letter relates to the regulation of the small scale distilling which was common in Easter Ross throughout the 18th century.

To Allexander Ross Esquire of Pitcalnie
presently at Amatt

Sir

Meeting accidentally with Your Servant thought it proper to inform you by Letter, as you Ly presently from here at a Considerable Distance, & wholly out of my way in course of Survey that all malt Compositions through the whole of Scotland are to be broke unless they Declare the Real number of Children & Servants in their Respective families, & that to the Officers own Conviction, oyrwise they furthwith are to be set under Survey as of Old. Therefore your ansr annent the same is Required without Delay, Viz: whither you choise to compound for the whole number in your family as above, or to undergo an Offrs Survey – Your Answer to this would be Satisfying & agreeable. Notwithstanding I must in my Common Course Survey your kiln at Pitcalnie by virtue of my Order till such time as I have your Answer. If Surveying of you be your Choise you'll Instantly send me in your Entrie so as I may Registrare the same & I am

Your most humble Servt
John Grant

Tain
July 12th 1753

N.B. You are due a years Compn. I imagin'd I caus'd Send you word Sometime before our Last Collection by one of your Servts Telling it was so.