

12th January 1981

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The Director
The Public Record Office
Register House
Princes Street
Edinburgh Scotland

Tel. 023 - 24 01 69

Dear Sir,

In connection with a study of the early history of golf in Scotland and Holland I would greatly appreciate receiving a photograph of the original recording of:

the patent given to James Melvill and others by King James VI at his Court of Salisbury on the 5th August 1618

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Needless to say that I shall be happy to reimburse for for such costs as this may infer.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in this matter and looking forward to your news, I am
yours sincerely

van Hengel

S.J.H.van Hengel



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Please reply to The Keeper
Your reference

Our reference H/272

Date 16 January 1981

Dear Sir

Thank you for your letter of 12 January.

I am afraid that we do not have a photographic department although arrangements can be made to have photographs done. The patent granted to James Melvill by King James VI, 5 August 1618 (PS 1/87 fos. 169r-170r) consists of three pages and, if a photograph is required, perhaps you would let me know the size wanted, whether the finish is to be glossy or matte and for what purpose it is to be used. I should point out that it may take some time to arrange for the photography to be done.

Alternatively, we can supply you with a photocopy at a cost of £2.71. Payment should be made in sterling either by an International Money Order or by a cheque drawn on a British Account and made payable to the Scottish Record Office. On receipt of your remittance the work will be put in hand.

Yours faithfully

Margaret D Young

MISS M D YOUNG
Assistant Keeper

25th January 1981

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Miss M.D.Young, Assistant Keeper
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Dear Miss Young,

Thank you for your letter of the 16th, your reference H/272 and for replying so promptly.

The photographs I asked you for are intended to form part of an exhibition on golf in the Netherlands which will be held in the Spring and Summer of 1982 under the motto 'COLF-KOLF-GOLF, from a game in the Middle-Ages to a modern sport'. The exhibition will be on view in Bergen op Zoom, Ghent, Antwerp and Amersfoort. It will show many historic paintings and objects which have never been on view before and hopefully be accompanied by an illustrated catalogue with an extensive introduction in Dutch as well as in English with French and German resumes. In fact the whole thing should be quite attractive when it is ready.

This particular patent is very interesting because of its reference to the import of balls. These balls came from the Netherlands (there were no other production centres of this type of ball at that time) and quite a bit has been found out about them. The exhibition will even show two sets of 17th and 18th century ball-making tools.

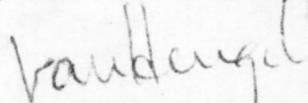
Obviously we are trying, as much as possible, to show the original documents and objects, but we did not dare to ask the Scottish Record Office for a loan of the original register! This being so the closer the photographs can come to the original size of the folio's in question, the better. They should be glossy by preference. A transcript we have. Not knowing the size of the register in question I think the maximum size of the photographs should be 18x24 cms.

I would ask you to let me have two copies of each of the three photographs. If permission is needed to show the photographs at the exhibition may I ask for that permission herewith. It goes without saying that they will be accompanied by a notice of their provenience when on view.

Please let me know about the total cost of making and mailing the photographs which I shall then remit to you.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in this matter I am,

yours faithfully



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Please reply to The Keeper
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Our reference H/272

Date 4 February 1981

Dear Mr van Hengel

Miss Young has passed on your letter of 25 January relating to your request for photographs of the entry in PS1/87.

The register page measures 12 x 7½ inches (30 cm x 19 cm), and I recommend that the photograph size should be 12 x 10 inches (30 cm x 25.5 cm) to allow the pages to be reproduced actual size. Because of the clarity of the writing, a small reduction to produce a print of 10 x 8 inches (25.5 cm x 20 cm) would be possible if the space available for display at the exhibition should be restricted in some way, but on balance I suggest that it would be preferable to supply prints which would give full size renderings of the text.

Accordingly, I have quoted for the supply of two 12 x 10 inch prints of each of the three pages. The cost is £18.73, fully inclusive of our handling charge and postage, and I shall be pleased to put the work in hand on receipt of your remittance. Payment should be made in sterling by International Money Order or cheque drawn on a British account, made payable to the Scottish Record Office.

In displaying the photographs, perhaps you would include the full reference to the item in the caption and quote this office as the source.

Incidentally, you may find it useful to know that the museum at North Berwick, some 20 miles from Edinburgh, has maintained an attractive display of golfing relics because of local interest. I suggest that you might write to the Honorary Curator, Burgh Museum, North Berwick, East Lothian.

Yours sincerely

G R BARBOUR
Assistant Keeper

10th February 1981

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G.R.Barbour Esq.
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Dear Mr. Barbour,

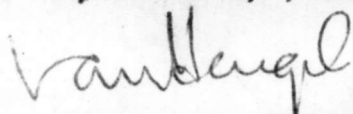
This is to thank you for your letter H/272 dated 4th February. I am indeed very grateful for your helpful suggestions. May I ask you to let me have one set each of the photographs in question at the size of 12 x 10 inches and at the size of 10 x 8 inches? That way we can see which size fits best into the exhibition.

Taking it that the different sizes will not make much difference in price I have instructed my bankers-Pierson Heldring & Pierson N.V. at Haarlem-to send you a bankers' draft for £ 18.73.

Please be assured that full reference and credit will be given to your office when the photographs go on display. I am rather pleased to learn that the handwriting is nice and clear. We have some Dutch scrolls there as well and all the handwriting is of an outstanding quality.

It was very kind of you to direct my attention to the museum at North Berwick. Not being a stranger to your lovely country (as a matter of fact I have been a more or less regular annual visitor for the last 30 years and I am pleased to be a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews) I have been to the museum and enjoyed its exhibits.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in this matter I am, sincerely yours



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Our reference H/272

Date 17 February 1981

Dear Mr van Hengel

Thank you for your letter of 10 February.

The remittance has arrived from your Bankers, and the prints will be sent to you as soon as practicable.
I note that you wish one set to be 12 x 10 inches, the other to be 10 x 8 inches.

Yours sincerely

G R BARBOUR
Assistant Keeper

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Date (Tax Point) 17-2-81

The undernoted fees and tax are payable by you for the business detailed below. Payment should be made to the cashier, or by post, and should be accompanied by the two top copies of this fee paper. Please retain the third copy.

Cheques should be crossed and made payable to "The Scottish Record Office".

£

PHOTOGRAPHS OF ENTRY IN P51/87 (ff169r-170r)		
(2 SETS)	16	59
Handling charge	-	80
Postage and Packing	1	34
Fees Due	18	73
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TOTAL DUE	18	73



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Our reference H/272

Date 4 March 1981

Dear Mr van Hengel

I enclose the photographs which you ordered recently (two sets), and I hope that they come up to your expectations.

With best wishes for the success of your exhibition.

Yours sincerely

G R BARBOUR

11th August 1982

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The Librarian
The Scottish National Library
Edinburgh

Dear Sir,

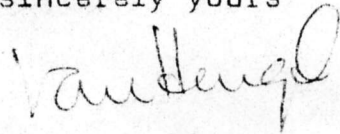
Kirk Sessions Registers of St. Andrews Fife, abt. 1538-1650

As far as I am aware the above registers seem to be in your keeping. In the early parts of these registers there appears to be an entry whereby:

12 merks annually were appropriated to two rented matrons
to tend to the injuries incurred on the links

I hope I may ask you to let me have a photostat of the relative pages. Needless to say that I shall be happy to reimburse you for whatever expenses this may entail.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in this matter I am,
sincerely yours



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Your reference

Our reference

MD/PC

Date

27 September 1982

Dear Mr van Hengel

Thank you for your letter of 11 August.

What we have in the Library is a printed version of the St Andrews Kirk Session Register covering 1559-1582. (There was no Kirk Session prior to 1559). This is in Scots and has no index and a search of the earlier years reveals no trace of the extracts you quote. The original register is probably held in HM Register House in Princes Street, Edinburgh but I cannot be sure. Whether they would be willing to search on your behalf I do not know.

I am sorry to have been of so little assistance.

Yours sincerely

M. Deas

MISS M DEAS
Superintendent of Reference Services

Tel. 023 - 24 01 69

8th October 1982

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The Keeper
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Dear Sir,

St. Andrews Kirk Sessions Register.

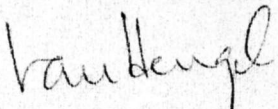
As far as I can ascertain the above registers are in your keeping. In the early parts of these registers, which I understand to commence in 1559, there appears to be an entry whereby:

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I would be very grateful for your letting me have a photograph or a photocopy of the relative entry together with its date. Needless to say that I shall be happy to reimburse you for the expenses this may entail.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in this matter,
I am, dear Sir,

sincerely yours



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Our reference
T/366/4/6 H/272
Date
21 October 1982

Dear Mr van Hengel

Thank you for your letter of 8 October.

The St Andrews kirk session records are in local custody, and any enquiry regarding them should be made to Mr Charles Armour, 17 Queens Gardens, St Andrews KY16 9DA. However, the records for the period 1559-1600 were published by the Scottish History Society in two volumes in 1889 and 1890, covering the years 1559-82 and 1582-1600 respectively. I have had a quick look through these without locating the entry in question. The various histories of St Andrews which we have here do not help.

Since you do not know the date of the item, you might try the archivist at St Andrews University, Mr Smart, before approaching Mr Armour for a search to be made. If you give Mr Smart the full background to your own information, he may be able to develop this from some other source. His address is Keeper of Muniments, University Muniments, North Street, St Andrews.

Yours sincerely

G R BARBOUR