

A Journall of the Proceedings of His Majt.s Ship the Worcester
Comenceing Aprill 12th 1719 & Ending the 20 May 1720
Captain Charles Boyle Comander Deceased

<u>Month</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Winds</u>	<u>Bearing of the Known headland last seen</u>
May 1719			
Sunday	10th	SWbW Do SWbS	Anch'd before the Castle of Donan the Castle bearing NE b E 1/2 mile

Remarkable Observations and Accidents

Modt. Gale's and fair Weather; at 1PM: weigh'd & made sail, at 4 the Isle of Egg bore SW1/2W & the Narrow Passage between the Main Land of Scotland bore NEbE Dist: 12 Lea: from 5 to 6 saild through the Narrow Passage of Skiel Ray the Course through is NbE & NNE about 1 Mile & very Narrow about 1/2 Mile over; about 2 Miles through is a Large Bay called the Lough of Donald at 6 ancha. in 18 Fath: Kill: Castle bearing EbS Dist: 5 or 6 Miles at 7 moor'd Ship at 4 A:M: unmoor'd Ship & hove short; at 7 weigh'd & at 8 Anch'd before the Castle of Donan; the Castle Bearing NEbE 1/2 Mile; Do. sent a Flag of Truce ashore which they fired at, upon which we began to fire upon the Castle, in Company with the *Enterprize* & *Flamborough*, at 10 Left off Firing in order to get Closer in at 1/2 past the *Flamborough* haul'd out of the Line & anch'd again about 3 Cables Length to the Eastward of us, This Morning I confin'd Mr. Bignel [Charles Bignell/Bignall, 1st Lt of HMS Worcester] for neglect of Duty.

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Monday	11	SWbW WbS WSW	At Anchor, the Castle bearing NE 1/4 Mile

Remarkable Observations and Accidents

Fresh Gales & Squally with Rain, at 1 P:M: weigh'd & anchor'd nearer ye Castle it bearing NE 1/4 Mile. Do. carried out our Stream Anchor & hove our Broadside to; at 3 we and the *Enterprize* began to fire our Broadside again upon the Castle at the same time the *Flamborough* was order'd to weigh & come in again and stand up the River about 3 miles, where we had intelligence by a Spanish Deserter who came over to us that there was a House with several Barrels of Powder in it, & had the Good Fortune upon her appearing near the House to see the Rebels set fire to a great Quantity of Powder 7 other Ammunition we & the *Enterprize* still continue firing at the Castle, at 1/2 past 7 left off Firing, & at 8 we made a Great Discharge of our Cannon upon the Castle And under that Cover sent my 2d Lieut. Mr Geo. Weston & Mr. Robt. Wheatly 2d. Lt. of the *Enterprize* in our Boats mann'd & arm'd ashore under the Foot of the Castle which they attack'd & Took after a small Resistance, in which we found an Irishman a Captain, a Spanish Lieut., a Serjeant, 1 Scotch Rebel & 39 Spanish Soldiers; 343 Barrels of Powder & 52 Barrels of Musquet Shot about 2 hundredweight each with some bags of Meal: we likewise burnt several Barns &c. where they had a Quantity of Corn for the use of their Camp.

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Tues.	12	SWbW SSW	Do.

Remarkable Observations and Accidents

Modt. Gales & Rain; at 3 PM sent ashore 16 barrels of Powder to blow up the Castle, at 9 the Westernmost part of the Castle blew up.

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Wed.	13	South SW SWbW	Do.

Remarkable Observations and Accidents

Modt. Gales with Squalls of Rain at the Beginning, the latter part fresh Gales & Squally with hard showers of hail & Rain, sent ashore 11 Barrels of Powder to blow up the Rest of the Walls of the Castle fronting the Sea Side.

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Thursday	14	South SSW SWbW	Do.

Remarkable Observations and Accidents

Fresh Gales & Squally Weather at 2PM sent the Longboat ashore for Water at 3 a Man was Shot by the Rebels ashore through the Arm & in the Breast but not Mortally, hard Squalls of Rain & Snow, Squally with Rain to the End.

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Friday	15	WbN SSW WNW	At Noon the Castle bore E b N 2 Miles

Remarkable Observations and Accidents

Modt. Gales with Rain; at 1 A.M. unmoor'd Ship & hove Short, at 4 his Maj. Ship Flambo. sailed to the W.wd. at 5 weigh'd & began to transport our Ship to the W.wd.

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19/12/06

Dear Mr Ramsay, Thank you very much for your reply and the information that you collected for the site NG91SE0001, the scheduled monument of the site of the battle of Glen Shiel, and the corresponding cairn. I shall make sure that the information is attached to the relevant site on the new HER (Highland's Historic Environment Record) when it is more fully up and running. Photographs would be welcomed if you would like to submit them, which if you have computer access, when the HER is up and running you could add yourself (it will be available through the council website), or you could send them to us and we will do it for you.

Also thank you for your information from the "Journal of the proceedings of His Majesty's Ship the 'Worcester'... Captain Charles Boyle". I found it very interesting and will see about it being placed with the information for Eilean Donnan Castle. The previous information on the S.M.R. suggests that it was "ruined by three men-of-war" (Macdonald, D., Polzen, A., & Brown, J.) (1931), and "... it was demolished in 1719, after the Battle of Glen Shiel, by a warship." (transcribed from Architecture Catalogue slip). So your information puts a slightly different light on things, and a little more depth.

The bridge "Drochaid Beul-ath Cheapain", ^{in S.M.R.} NG91SE0013 & NG91SE0004, suggests that this bridge was constructed circa 1815, designed by Thomas Telford, so yes you are right, it would not have been around at the time of the battle. It is also mentioned in the proceedings of the Society, Dec 11, 1882, "The Battle of Glen Shiel..." (pg 67), that "... the rebels gave way and retreated towards their breastworks (A, E) by fording the river."

Thank you again,

Yours sincerely


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P.S

Could you possibly tell us where you found the "Journal of the Proceedings..." article so that we can note the relevant copyright information to be placed in the HER.

P.P.S

I was curious as to whether the bridge "Prochard Bent-ath Cheapain" is still standing and in what kind of condition, as according to the SMR it says that "There are scant remains of this old single span stone bridge..."

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