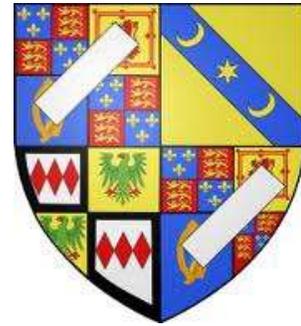


Clan BUCCLEUGH

ARMS

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On 6th October 1593, Kinmont Willy Armstrong, William Elliot of Lariston and The Laird of Mangerton took over 1,000 horsemen into Teviotdale on a daylight raid and lifted 1,500 cattle, 1,000 sheep and goats, 24 horses, £300 sterling and considerable "insight". At today's values this would be around £1.25m. In another raid he and Nebless Clem Crozier with 300 riders raided the Millburns of 1,300 cattle, 60 horses and £2,000 of insight, burning 60 steadings and killing ten men. Kinmont had been raiding around the Borders since 1541 and these raids were not unusual, in fact Kinmont probably "lifted" between £7m and £10m worth of "spoyle" during his lifetime.

No wonder then that at a Warden's Truce day on 17th March 1596, he was to answer for his crimes. But Kinmont had the protection of "The Young Keeper", Bucclench, so Lord Scropes' designs on him were thwarted yet again. However, the Musgraves who had been often the target of Kinmonts famous raids had other thoughts. As Kinmont rode home from Kershopefoot to Sark, they shadowed him on the English side. Eventually the opportunity arose and Kinmont was taken, even though "Days of Truce" were supposed to give immunity. Kinmont was duly locked up in Carlisle Castle. Lord Scrope wrote to Burghley (Elizabeth's 1st Minister) defending this action by claiming that Buccleuch had broken the Liddel Treaty by raiding the Graemes.

Bucclench was incensed and immediately wrote to Scrope, Burghley and King James VI of Scotland demanding that Kinmont be released. His protestations brought no redress, for Kinmont remained a prisoner. Buccleuch had tried the constitutional method and failed so he began planning to: "*set the Castle in a low and sloken it with English blood*",

Scrope regarded this as bravado, as the Castle was strongly defended in the middle of the heavily populated city of Carlisle.

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