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**Broomhall House, Limekilns [OFFICIAL]**

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Good afternoon Mr Minogue,

I write to you to acknowledge receipt of correspondence from you in respect of the above subject. I have recorded it under our reference number 2021BSU1075 should you have any questions.

I am the Community Inspector for South West Fife and have been asked to look into the matter. If I could ask that you allow me some time to gather relevant information before recontacting you that would be appreciated.

I'll look forward to speaking with you soon.

Regards,

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Ma thàinig am post-d seo thugad air mhearachd, leig fios sa bhad chun an neach a sgaoil e agus cuir às dhan phost-d.

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By 1<sup>st</sup> Class Post & Email 22/06/2021

Dear Tony,

**Broomhall House, Limekilns [OFFICIAL] Your reference number 2021BSU1075**

Thank you for the Email confirming you have been asked to look into the above matter which was the subject of my letter to Iain T Livingstone the Chief Constable of Police Scotland dated 28/05/2021. That letter requested that Mr. Livingstone reopen my previous complaints and meet with me.

I sought a personal meeting with Mr. Livingstone for a good reason, namely, because a mutual acquaintance had told me he was not a freemason and was a good man who would give me a fair hearing.

Since you will be dealing with my complaint, or the reopening of my previous complaints, I would ask you to give me assurances that you are not a freemason?

I do so as the matters I complain of have their locus in the home of the Earl of Elgin, a former Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and it is my belief that any investigating officer who is freemason would be conflicted in having to come to the aid of a fellow Mason in distress to the detriment of me, a non-Mason. I believe that in the past this scenario may have resulted in the lack of proper and reasoned response to my previous complaints.

Assuming that you can give me such an assurance and in order to help you assess matters timeously I would summarise my previous complaints as follows:

### **Original complaints**

The allegation I made in writing in 2004 then again in 2009 to the Chief Constables of Fife were that the residents of Broomhall House, the family home of the Earls of Elgin for several centuries were harbouring property obtained by looting and grave robbery. This is a crime that is known in Scots law as reset.

The evidence I provided for the crime was by way of a letter with links to supporting documentation in:

A/ In the form of one newspaper article from "The Independent" dated 2004, and one article from "Freemasonry Today" magazine dated 1998 describing the 11<sup>th</sup> Earl, Andrew Bruce at Broomhall in rooms where the walls were adorned with ancient Greek stele (grave markers) and a photograph of the Earl in the rooms adorned as described.

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B/ in the form of a "White Eagle" magazine article from 2006 describing a magnificent large bronze crane said by the Earl to have been captured in China by his ancestor during the Boxer Rebellion.

### **Supporting documentation:**

To give the Greek stele allegation context I provided a C.D.(in 2004) & website links (in 2009) which showed irrefutable evidence that grave robbery on an industrial scale was carried out by up to 300 men acting on the orders of Thomas, 7<sup>th</sup> Earl of Elgin between 1800 and 1820 in territory occupied by the Ottoman army in what is now Greece.

To give the Chinese bronze crane allegation context I provided website links to evidence that the Old Summer Palace in Peking was looted and burned by British troops under the command of James, 8<sup>th</sup> Earl of Elgin in 1860.

### **Responses to my complaints in 2004 and 2009.**

The response from the Chief Constables on both occasions were perfunctory ones, the last one from Norma Graham, Chief Constable dated 7 December 2009, reiterated the terms of the response by Peter Wilson, Chief Constable in 2004 and stated: ***'a report was forwarded to the Area Procurator Fiscal, which included your letter along with the associated documentation you provided. In response the Area Procurator Fiscal advised 'that no criminal act can be proved and there are therefore no grounds to investigate the matter further'.***

This response gave me no inkling of what investigations were carried out, what conclusions or opinions the police had of my allegations, or of me as a complainer. I believe I was entitled to know these facts.

### **New Evidence:**

A BBC news article entitled "The palace of shame that makes China angry" was recently brought to my attention. [LINK](#). In this article there is a historical narrative, then a report of an interview given by Andrew the 11<sup>th</sup> Earl at

Broomhall House in 2015 in which he admits to having in his possession two bronze storks, the proceeds of his ancestor's looting and burning of Yuanmingyuan (the Old Summer Palace). The Earl concedes that his ancestor's actions may have been in keeping with the mores of the times, but was awful.

It is not clear to me whether the two bronze storks referred to in the BBC article are different to the single bronze crane referred to in the White Eagle article.

**Plea for understanding:**

In addition to the new evidence above there has been a significant change of circumstances in the 17 years since I first complained, which warrants a reopening of these earlier complaints, not least, the recent decision by the University of Aberdeen to return a Benin Bronze to the Nigerian government as it was obtained by an illegal and immoral invasion of the Kingdom of Benin by British troops in 1897.

This repatriation is evidence of a worldwide re-evaluation of historical imperialism, the proceeds of which cannot be justified in today's world, and consequently, more and more, are the subject of repatriation.

I would respectfully ask you to meet me to discuss my complaint if there are any areas you consider are vague, fanciful, or are in need of clarification.

I would also ask that on the conclusion of your investigation you give me a reasoned decision into your determinations. I require this so that if I am not satisfied with it I have sufficient detail of what you consider to be its shortcomings to allow me to take the matter further, if necessary, to a judicial review.

Finally, I would ask you to view the possession in Scotland of memorials to dead Athenians of yesteryear with the same distaste that you would view the desecration of memorials to the deceased in a Scottish cemetery. Other than the location, the crime is the same.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Minogue.

N.B. The main hyperlinks to my studies of this matter are at [LINK1](#) [LINK2](#) [LINK3](#)

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