

1. THANKS TO MILNGARVIE L P <sup>①</sup> FOR  
INVITING ME - PLEASED TO BE  
HERE ONCE AGAIN IN SCOTLAND -  
3 YEARS IN EDINBURGH -  
GREAT MEMORIES - FIRST THING I <sup>remembered</sup>  
HEAVY -  
BLACK/WHITE PUDDING, SUPPERS -  
CARRY OTS -

2. CRUCIAL TIME FOR SCOTLAND  
AND THE L PARTY - ~~A JUST BEFORE A~~ 9<sup>th</sup>  
PLEASED TO BE ASKED TO THIS PARTICULAR  
3. HONOURED TO HAVE BEEN  
ASKED TO TOAST THE IMMORTAL  
MEMORY OF RABBIE BURNS.

④ WHEN I WAS FIRST ASKED ②  
NO EXPERT ON RABBITE BURNS  
AND THE INVITATION CAUSED  
SOME PANIC IN MY OFFICE AND  
I WAS FORCED TO UNDERTAKE  
SOME RAPID + SERIOUS STUDY  
WHICH INCLUDED ENLISTING THE  
HELP OF ~~YOUR~~ ~~FORWARD~~ ~~MEMBER~~  
ACADEMICS + ASSORTED LABOUR MPS  
~~PROF NICK ROUND~~ ~~OF SHEFFIELD~~  
~~UNIVERSITY TO WHOM I AM~~  
~~VERY GRATEFUL~~ ~~PROF ROUND~~ ~~HE SAID~~  
THAT BURNS HAD SOMETHING  
TO SAY ON EVERY ISSUE + I  
FOUND OUT THAT THIS IS  
TRUE.

⑤ TONY WORTHINGTON + STAFF



① BURNS HAD SOMETHING TO SAY <sup>③</sup>  
ABOUT LONDON - BROTHER -  
HE EVEN HAD SOMETHING  
TO SAY RE CURRENT ...  
GOINGS ON ABOUT THE APPARENT <sup>Q</sup>UOTE 1  
SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD DESCRIPTION  
OF "NEW LABOUR" - BURNS  
CLEARLY KNEW GORDON BROWN'S  
ANCESTORS

② NOT EVERYONE IN LONDON IS A  
WORTHLESS WRETCH + COMRADES  
IN TOTTENHAM ARE CONCERNED ABOUT  
THE PATH THE PARTY IS TAKING -  
TALK ABOUT COMPULSORY BEDTIME +  
CLEARING BEGGARS OFF THE STREETS  
MAKES SOCIALISTS DISTINCTLY NERVOUS

④  
1. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT  
PLANS TO SCRAP THE GC<sup>s</sup> AND  
ACCORDING TO MY COLLEAGUE  
TONY BANKS - TO BE REPLACED  
BY MONTHLY DISCUSSIONS IN THE  
LOCAL WINE BAR - EXCHANGING  
VIEWS ABOUT OUR OUTER BODY  
EXPERIENCES. A STATE OPENING BLAIR  
NEW LABOUR NEW

~~OUR LIKE WERE A CAMBRIAGE~~  
2. BURNS, OF COURSE, WOULDN'T  
HAVE STOOD FOR ALL THIS AS  
HE CLEARLY EMPATHISED WITH  
THE POOR & THE OPPRESSED

LOWE PARENTS, DISABLED CUTS,  
TAY EVASION

NOTE  
P VERANES TO PENSIONS 2 GRANDSTERS



HOWEVER, PROGRESS ON SCOTTISH ⑤

1. ~~I WONDER WHAT BURNS WOULD~~  
~~PARLIAMENT - TAM~~ <sup>SAY</sup> ~~YOU DECISION~~  
~~HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THE~~ ~~IN THE~~  
~~MADE IN WESTMINSTER, TO DO A~~  
~~U-TURN ON THE REFERENDUM ON~~  
~~THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT~~ <sup>W'OUT</sup> ~~CONSULTATION~~ <sup>BURNS</sup>  
~~OF COURSE~~, WAS AN INSPIRATION  
TO AN WHO LOVED SCOTLAND AND  
RESENTED THE INTERFERENCE OF  
THE DOMINEERING ENGLISH.

ONE OF THE POEMS WHICH TOUCHED ME

QUOTE 3"

MOST

PTO

MOST ~~4~~ WHICH I SHALL BE RETURNING  
LATER, WAS WRITTEN AT STIRLING  
ON SEEING THE ROYAL PALACE IN RUINS  
THIS WAS WHERE THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT <sup>SOME TIMES</sup> SAT

1. AS A VICTIM OF COLONISATION ⑥

MYSELF, THESE LINES RING TRUE.  
MY ANCESTORS WERE RIPPED FROM  
~~THEIR HOMELANDS~~ THEIR HOMELANDS IN  
AFRICA IN THEIR MILLIONS - OVER  
100 M ~~AND~~ TRANSPORTED ACROSS  
THE SEAS ~~BY AND~~ SOLO INTO  
SLAVERY BY THIS <sup>SAME</sup> IDIOT <sup>AND OUTRAGED</sup> RACE -

AMAZINGLY, BURNS, ALTHOUGH  
NEVER A SLAVE HIMSELF IDENTIFIED  
WITH THE PLIGHT OF THE SLAVES AND  
ALTHOUGH HE NEVER LEFT SCOTLAND  
HIMSELF, IDENTIFIED WITH THEIR  
~~SLAVES~~ ~~THEIR~~ YEARNING FOR  
THEIR HOMELAND OF AFRICA



HE WRITES THUS...

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1. "QUOTE 4"

2. Burns' love of his Hometown  
WAS NEVER SO CLEAR AS WHEN  
IN 1786 HE HIMSELF WAS  
FACED WITH LEAVING SCOTLAND -  
HE WAS IN TROUBLE - IN LOVE -  
HE HAD MADE PREGNANT NOT  
ONLY HIGHLAND MARY BUT  
ALSO JEAN ARMOUR - HER  
FATHER HAD ISSUED A WIT  
AGAINST HIM - HE WAS RUNNING  
FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE TO AVOID  
THE WIT BEING SERVED - HE

HE

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HAD NO MONEY - SO HE DECIDED THAT  
HIS ONLY OPTION WAS TO ~~SEEK~~<sup>TRY</sup>  
HIS LUCK IN THE WEST INDIES  
AND HE SECURED A JOB <sup>(ASSISTANT OVERSEER)</sup> ON A  
SUGAR PLANTATION IN PORT  
ANTONIO IN JAMAICA - THE  
PROSPECT OF LEAVING BROUGHT  
"RUBBER" 5

FORTH AN OUTPOURING OF  
SONGS + POEMS - 7/28

" QUOTE (5)  
~~QUOTE 5~~ "

HE WAS ALSO TERRIFIED OF  
THE JOURNEY - THE ATLANTIC  
CROSSING, ALSO <sup>DRIVE</sup> BY THE SLAVES WAS



✓ WAS

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VERY PERILOUS. ~~QUOTING~~ ST.  
~~THE~~ QUOTE 6."

BURNS DIDN'T WRITE MUCH ABOUT  
~~THE~~ LIFE IN JAMAICA - HE TALKS  
ABOUT THE FRUIT AND THE CLIMATE -  
IF HE HAD GONE I BELIEVE HE  
WOULDN'T HAVE TOLERATED  
WHAT HE FOUND AS ~~HE~~  
IDENTIFIED WITH THE  
OPPRESSED TOO MUCH TO  
ACCEPT THE MISERY & TORTURE  
OF SLAVERY

IN FACT HE DIDN'T GO BECAUSE (10)

THE ARTISTIC OUTPOURINGS,  
GENERATED BY ~~THE~~ THE PROSPECT  
OF HIS LEAVING SCOTLAND,  
WERE PUBLISHED AS

"POEMS CHIEFLY IN THE  
SCOTTISH DIALECT" - AND

THEY <sup>EARNED</sup> ~~MADE~~ HIM MONEY + FAME  
& ENABLED HIM TO STAY.

HE DID QUOTE ~~7~~  
HOWEVER, LEARN MORE  
ABOUT THE WEST INDIES AS TIME  
WENT ON e.g. HIS "FRIED<sup>N</sup>"



1. FRIEND

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1. MRS ~~MAC~~MCLEHOSSE, RETURNED FROM  
JA AFTER AFAILED RECONCILIATION  
WITH HER HUSBAND, SAYING THAT  
SHE WAS SO MUCH ANNOYED WITH  
THE MOSQUITOES AND THE CLIMATE  
AND THE SMALL MATTER OF HER  
HUSBAND'S "EBONY MISTRESS  
AND MAHOGAWY CHILDREN"

NOWADAYS

2. I NOW WANT TO RETURN TO  
BURNS' THERIE OF <sup>THE</sup> RUINED PALACE  
IN STIRLING - THIS HAS STRUCK  
A CHORD WITH ME

ME

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AS YOU MAY HAVE READ, I HAVE  
AFTER THE CONTENTS OF YOUR MUSEUMS  
BEEN IN GLASGOW ~~THIS WEEK END~~  
THIS TIME LAST YEAR, I WAS IN GLASGOW  
HAVING DISCUSSIONS REGARDING  
ANOTHER PALACE WHICH WAS  
LOOTED + LEFT IN RUINS -  
~~AS~~ AS RHYMING RABBIT WOULD  
HAVE SAID PLUNDERED BY  
THE IDIOT RACE - APOLOGISE -

PUNITIVE EXPEDITION 1897  
BRONZE <sup>A</sup>HEADS, IVORIES, PLAQUES.  
TAKEN AN OVER WORLD -

BRITISH MUSEUM - ~~SAW~~ IN THE  
GLASGOW  
~~VERY CITY~~ - ST MUNGOS + KELVINGROVE  
MUSEUM - SAW THEM MYSELF  
~~VERY~~



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FEB 1997 - 100 YEARS <sup>WAS</sup> SINCE  
THEY WERE LOOTED - OBA  
WANTS THEM BACK - 37TH OBA  
BROWZES CAST WHEN THEY DIE  
POWER PASSED DOWN THRO'  
THE OBA'S BUSTS.

LIVING HERITAGE -

PLAQUES TELL HOW TO  
PERFORM CEREMONIES -  
ANALOGY WITH  
STONE OR SCODON <sup>PERHAPS</sup> BOOK OF  
DEAR - LEWIS CHESS MEN.

~~CLUBS~~ SAY IT WILL BE DISCUSSED  
WITH DISTRICT PARTY - ~~PASS~~  
~~RESN~~ ~~SPACING~~ ON ~~PARALLEL~~

ON

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I WANT  
GUY CLERS TO REPATRIATE

BROWZES & IVORIES & PLAQUES -  
REVIVING THIS CAMPAIGN / GLASGOW  
SCANDALS.  
I WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR A LINK TO BE MADE WITH  
GLASGOW. WANT YOUR SUPPORT!!

I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT  
RABBIT WOULD HAVE  
IDENTIFIED WITH MY CAUSE  
AS HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT  
INJUSTICE / CULTURE  
TRADITION + LOVE  
OF COUNTRY -



FINALLY

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SCOTTISH INFLUENCES ALL  
OVER THE CARIBBEAN - I AM  
FROM GUYANA - BLACK  
WATCH - ROYAL HIGHLAND  
FUSILERS - ARGILL &  
SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS.

IN JAMAICA - TARTAN  
CAME FROM THERE -

MY NAME IS GRANT - GOT  
THE BLOOD OF A SCOTTISH PLANTATION  
OWNER - CAMPBELL - SANG A  
LOT OF BURNS SONGS NOT

KNOWING THEY WERE BYRNS' <sup>(16)</sup>  
SONGS + TO HIS  
IMMORTAL MEMORY I

END WITH THIS.

JOHN MC

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YE BANKS etc



### Quote 1

London swarms with worthless wretches, who pray on their fellows creatures.....be cautious about forming connections with comrades and companions.

### Quote2 from “ man was made to mourn

see yonder poor o'er laboured wight  
so abject, mean and vile,  
who begs a brother of the earth,  
to give him leave to toil,  
and see his lordly Fellow worm,  
the poor petition spurn  
on mindful tho'a weeping wife  
and helpless off spring mourn

### Quote3

A race outlandish and idiot race,  
to honour lost.

Who know them best despise them most  
(From: lines on Stirling palace 1796)

### Quote 4

The slave Lament (first verse)

It was in sweet Senegal that my foes did me enthrall  
for the land of Virginia - Ginia o,  
Torn from that lovely shore,  
and must never see it more,  
and alast! I am weary- weary o

The burden I must bear  
while the cruel scourge I fear,  
In the land of Virginia - Ginia O,  
and I think on friends most dear,  
with the bitter bitter tear,  
and alast! I am weary weary o

Quote5 in 1786 he wrote:

“On a scotch baird gone to the West Indies”, “Will you go to the Indies my Mary” “The farewell” (to his masonic friends!), “Poem to a sweetheart on leaving for Jamaica”

He displays in all these his great sadness at his imminent departure from the land he loved, and indeed the women he loved. A verse from a “song” of 1786 sums this all up ,as well as his obvious fear of the then perilous journey across the Atlantic .



### QUOTE 6 "SONG"

'Tis not the surging billows roar  
tis not that fatal deadly shore  
tho' death in every shape appear,  
the wretched have no more to fear:  
but round my heart the ties are bound  
the heart transpierced with many a wound,  
these bleed afresh, those ties I fear,  
to leave the banks of bonie Ayr.

### Quote7"FLAMING TORRID CLIMES"

O Sweet grows the lime and the orange and the apple on  
the pine,  
but all the charms o the Indies can never equal thine  
Farewell old scotia's bleak domain  
far dearer than the torrid plains  
where rich annas blow.

( Burns also describes it however as " the land of the tyrant  
and slave" so he did have some idea what Jamaica was  
like. )