**The Isles and Strathnaver – Further information from Andrea Finlayson**

Regarding the connection with Strathnaver and the Lords of the Isles can I just very quickly clarify (I meant to add this into my last email, and completely forgot!)

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'Charter by Donald, lord of the Isles, to Angus Mackay of Strathnaver and Neil his elder son by Elizabeth sister of the granter, of lands of Strath Halladale and Ferincoskry'.

Isle of Locharkaig, 8th October 1415

J. Munro and R. W. Munro, *Act of the Lords of the Isles* (Edinburgh: Scottish History Society, 1986), pp. 30-31.

Comments made by Munro and Munro note that although these lands were connected to the earldom of Sutherland, Ferincoskry had been granted to the earl of Ross by Robert I (RMS, i, App. 2, 370, 380)).

Although Halladale and Strathnaver are located in the very north of the Highlands outwith the Earldom of Ross, I don't think I was very clear in explaining this connection.  Please forgive me!  Angus Mackay was from Strathnaver and, according to the above charter, also a vassal of the MacDonald Lordship, which strongly suggests that the Islesmen were still influential in this area.  Also, the grant of land at Ferincoskry connected to the earldom of Ross long before Alexander takes the title in 1436/37 I think also helps to illustrate that the MacDonalds were holding sway in much of the North after Harlaw (1411).