

as from 23 South Leamouth Cove
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Dear Mrs. Kelly,

Because I have spent the last few months in the Western Isles I have only been told today about the consultation on the Battle of Dunnichen formerly called Nectansmere; but I would like to add my voice to those who wish you to look favourably upon this application.

I was the chairman of the Forfar and District Historical Society at the time of the thirteenth hundredth anniversary of the battle. We had a meeting of the Society addressed by Graeme Cruickshank on the subject of the battle which was far better

attended than any other meeting in the Society's history; and on the anniversary of the battle itself we were honoured by a visit of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland an an estimated audience of five hundred people. Such interest and enthusiasm was unprecedented but justified, I think, by the historic importance of the battle in the history of Scotland which was not, of course, formed at the time. If it had gone the other way it occurs to me that Northumb or its successor would have been linked to Scotland with the result that the division of this island would have been quite different from what it became eventually.

I hope, therefore, that

Historic Scotland will award the
Battle of Dunsinane the status which
it will no doubt give to battles
such as Bannockburn and
Culloden

Yours sincerely
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