

Hugh McLeod Death Warrant, 1831
(GB0232/L/INV/HC/12/29)

“Whereas by the Verdict of an Assize dated the Twenty Seventh day of September Eighteen hundred and thirty one years against Hugh McLeod Prisoner in the Jail of Inverness he was found guilty of the Crimes of Murder and Robbery. In respect whereof we the Lords Moncreiff and Medwyn two of the Lords Commissioners of Justiciary, have Decerned and Adjudged the said Hugh MacLeod to be carried from the Bar back to the Tolbooth of Inverness therein to be detained and fed on bread and water only until Monday the twenty fourth day of October next to come, and on that day betwixt the hours of Two and Four o’clock in the afternoon, to be taken from the said Tolbooth to the common place of Execution of the said Burgh, or to such place as the Magistrates of Inverness shall appoint as a place of Execution, and then and there by the hands of the Common Executioner to be hanged by the neck upon a Gibbet until he be dead, and his body to be thereafter delivered over to the Professor of Anatomy in the University of Edinburgh to be by him publickly dissected and anatomized, which is pronounced for Doom; Requiring thereby the Magistrates of Inverness and the Keepers of their Tolbooth as we hereby Require and ordain them to receive and detain the said Hugh McLeod Pannel, and to see the said Sentence carried into execution, as they shall be answerable at their highest peril. Given at Inverness the said twenty seventh day of September Eighteen hundred and thirty one years (signed)

James W. Moncreiff, J.H. Forbes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy
of the original warrant in my possession and
as such the Town Seal is thereto affixed
Camp’l Mackintosh Town Clerk

Edinburgh College 2nd November 1831

I hereby acknowlege to have received
the body of Hugh McLeod, according
to sentence. For Dr Munro [?]

John Arthur”