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By them dated at Moffat the twentieth of octob. 1771
signed by Alexander Birkbairn who styles himself Minister and
two witnesses who lives in the parish of Kirkcubright in Cum-
berland Parishes being asked in what house in Moffat the marriage
was solemnized and before what witnesses they said they could not
tell and Judicially declared themselves ignorant both of the celebra-
tor and witnesses of the alleged Marriage but asserted that they were
married at Moffat on the above day as declared in the said lines
The sepron therefore having no evidence of the authenticity of these
marriage lines nor of any marriage solemnized betwixt the said Robert
Protheroe & Helen Robinson agreed that they could not sustain them
as Married persons

The sepron concluded with prayer
This day there was produced and read sufficient testimonials one
from the kirk sepron of Newnua in Galloway and another from the
kirk sepron of Tynson in Nithsdale in favour of Jean Mc-
dowel now servant to M^r Hunter in Moffat attesting for the said
Jeans good behaviour from her Childhood till whelsum day last
June 17 after prayer Seduzant Dr. John Walker Moderator Eiders
and Clerk John Moffat a single person for my man weaver in Moffat
having been cited to this court and called Compeared and Mayflers-
marks Confession emitted before this sepron last Sabbath having been
read over to him and he Exhorted by the Moderator to be vigorous
he acknowledged that he was guilty in the terms thereof and signed
the same
sic Sub^o John Moffat

He was suitably spoke to by the Moderator and was rebuked
for his sin and Exhorted to repentance

This day the sepron made choice of M^r James Hunter school-
master and one of their members as Ruling Elder to attend the Sy-
nod and Presbytery this half year The sepr concluded with pri-
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This day James Tod in Pevoore and Christian Welsh dancy to
the decess George Welsh of Torhead was proclaimed the third
and last time being twice proclaimed this day

June 16 The said James Tod & Christian Welsh was Married

June 28 Robert Alexander Taylor in Moffat and Elzabeth Ander-
son in the parish of Peebles was proclaimed the third and last time.

as was also John Mackee in the parish of Traquair and
Nelly Martine in this parish as was also John Wightman
and Janet Carruthers both in this parish