“The theme of the interactions and relations between Scottish kings and powerful regional lords serves to link the remaining four essays. In ‘Rebels without a Cause: The Relations of Fergus of Galloway and Somerled of Argyll with the Scottish Kings, 153-1164,’ R. Andrew McDonald compares and contrasts the relative position of Fergus and Somerled as powerful, largely autonomous rulers on the margins of the Scottish kingdom, and considers in detail their turbulent and ultimately disastrous relations with the Canmore kings. David Sellar, in ‘Hebridean Sea-Kings: The Successors of Somerled, 1164-1316,’ takes up with the death of Somerled in 1164 and explores the careers of his descendants, with a special emphasis on the MacDougall Lords of Argyll, highlighting their roles as both Scottish magnates and Hebridean sea-kings.”