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Dear Madam,

I have your letter of 16 May and have noted all you write. If I were you I should not waste too much time worrying about what appears on clan sites on the Internet. I have found that these sites seem to contain a higher percentage of inaccurate nonsense than most others! I answer your questions as follows:

1. Clan MacTavish is not a sept of Clan Campbell. It is a distinct Clan.
2. No tartan has yet been officially recorded for Clan MacTavish. A Petition is before me and it is likely that such a tartan will be officially recorded quite soon.
3. Dugald MacTavish is Chief of Clan MacTavish.

It is a pity that all these people spend time looking at the wrong records when they are in the Lyon Office. The time would more profitably be spent in consulting the statutory Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland declared by statute to be "the true and unrepealable rule of all arms and bearings in Scotland", wherein (Volume 82, Folio 36) Edward Stewart Dugald MacTavish of Dunardry is described as Chief of the Clan MacTavish.

Yours faithfully,

Notes: Two official tartans have since been recorded. The current Chief of the Clan is Steven MacTavish of Dunardry.