

Glenfinnan Police Station October 1897 till August 1899
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The first entry is dated October 1st 1897 and the last one is dated August 11th 1899. P.C. Campbell served from October 1st 1897 until May 12th 1898 and P.C. MacGruer served from May 15th 1898 until at least August 11th 1899 which is the last entry in the book. However P.C. Campbell probably served here before October 1st 1897 as the entry begins “(continued) Patrolled vicinity of Stage Hotel till 9pm: writing report regarding Housebreaking at Glenfinnan. See duty of 30th September”. A book referring to this police period seems to be lost.

1897

- October 6 Apprehended William Macqueen, (41), unmarried, pedlar, no address, for theft of watch chain and a half sovereign in gold from John MacNally (43), Navvy Ganger, Barbara’s Hut, Craigaig. Taken to Fort William. Left 12 midnight, arrived Fort William 4am.
- October 7 Left Fort William 5pm. Arrived 8pm.
- October 15 Left station along with other witnesses and proceeded by hired conveyances to Fort William to bear evidence for the prosecution of Wm Macqueen. Accused pled not guilty. Found not proven. Returned to Glenfinnan 8pm.
- November 8 Wired Inspector for hire of conveyance to bring John Docherty, Peter Whalen and Frank Hovorean to Fort William. Charged them with Assault on Police and breach of peace. Handed them over to PC MacInnes who conveyed them to Fort William Prison.
- November 12 Court case. Pled not guilty. Found proven. Ten days hard labour.
- December 2 Attended arrival of two mails – 10am and 12 noon.
Apprehended John Kelly alias John Lynch (25), unmarried, residing at Curren’s Hut Glenfinnan, charged of theft of a parcel of clothing and a fowl at Glenfinnan Hotel.
- December 3 Fort William 11am. Went to Court House Fort William for trial of said Kelly. Sheriff Davidson. Pled guilty. Sentenced to prison for 7 days.
- December 10 Hana Armstrong or Kyles (30), wife of and residing with Thomas Kyles, Blacksmith, Currens Hut, Glenfinnan against ? Devolan (about 27), Navvy, Currens Hut. “I was assaulted and taken advantage of by the accused Devolan on the public road between Glenfinnan Hotel and Currans Hut”.
- December 11 Charged Devolan with assault and rape, apprehended and took him to Fort William.
- December 13 Complaint from Owen McKin “Going home to my hut about 12 noon I met with John Fraser (16), a Nipper. I took him into said hut along with me and gave him his dinner. I then fell asleep. On wakening I found only four of my five sovereigns in my purse.
- December 14 Alfred Hoskins (38), navvy, Kings Hut Craigaig “The said Hoskins came to my hut about a week ago. He refuses to go outside and he keeps us from sleep during night. He is dangerous to be at large and he is insane”.
- December 25 Saturday. 8am left and attended Devine Services at RC Chapel. Patrolled vicinity till 2pm. 3pm resumed duty. Patrolled about Hotel and vicinity till 7pm. 6 miles, 10 hours. 8 pm resumed duty. Patrolled till 1am, 2 miles, 5 hours.
- December 26 Left residence 9am and attended Devine Service at RC Chapel. Patrolled till 2pm. 4pm till 8pm patrolled to residences.
- December 28 Along with PC McKenzie apprehended Anthony Coyne (20), navvy, Foggertie’s Hut, Glen Glenfinnan. Charged with Forgery. Conveyed him to Fort William.
- December 31 Resumed duty at 8pm about Hotel and visinity till 4am. Night duty 6 miles, 8 hours. Day duty 5 miles, 9 hours.

- January 1 Mail Coach arrived 1pm. Day duty 6 miles,9 hours. Night duty 8pm to 4am.6 miles, 8 hours.
- January 2 Patrolled to residences Craigaig and Drumsallie.
- January 28 William Dingwall (32), unmarried, blacksmith, Bruinchulli's Huts "Entering my Smithy at 7am and saaw a window entirely smashed".
Apprehended James Doyle or Daily (24), navy, no fixed adress. Charged with Mal. Mis. and conveyed him by the mail coach to Fort William.
- February 1 Alastair Macdonald (45), Hut Keeper, Scadale Bridge, Kilmallie was accused of shooting and wounding James Russel (39), Navy residing in the accused Macdonald's hut.
- February 3 Craigaig blasting accident. Injured moved to Belford Hospital Fort William. Injured were Harry Nash (38), married, Navy Ranger; and James Crawley, unmarried, navy, residing Craigaig.
- February 4 A man severely injured at Craigaig. Injured Donald MacNeil (24), unmarried, Navy, Kings Hut, Craigaig to where he was removed. Sent to Belford Hospital. Witnesses Thomas King (45), Navy Ganger; William King (17), nipper; Hugh Kenny, Navy; all at King's Hut Craigie.
- February 12 "Two men killed at Craigaig by a blast. Accompanied by PC Mackenzie 'saw the of' (lit.) Donald Nicolson and John Macdonald both navvies lying in a rock cutting there. There were other witnesses.
- February 14 Proceeded to Craigaig and attended on duty the Funeral of John Nicolson and Donald Macdonald from Craigaig Huts to Glenfinnan burying ground. (The Christian names given on February 12 and February 14 are different and as shown here).
- February 25 Informed by Angus MacLean (56), shepherd at Leachmuis that there was a body of a man in a burn at Buiebras / Muiebrar (?). Removed the body to Breanchille. Examined by Dr. Millar Fort William.
- February 28 Attended funeral of David Bryden from Breanchille to Glenfinnan burying ground.
- March 2 Fort William. Attended a Sheriff and Jury trial pending the death of John Nicolson, Donald Macdonald and Donald MacNeil killed by a blasting accident at Craigaig.
- March 13 Proceeded to Scamadale Bridge and served Alexander Macdonald Hut Keeper residing with a copy complaint containing a charge of reckless discharge of firearms.
- March 15 Proceeded to Kinlochailort in search of James Russell and James Mackillop witnesses for the case of reckless discharge of firearms.
- March 17 Went to Fort William with witnesses at trial of Alexander Macdonald. Accused pled not guilty. Sheriff Davidson found charge proven and sentenced accused to thirty days imprisonment or £4 fine.
- March 24 Apprehended William Maclean or Mackenzie and took him to Fort William.
- March 27 James Robertson (35) and James Crawford (21), navvies at Currans Hut informed that there was dead body by the hut. Body of John Mulherne, Navy moved to Hannah's Hut at Breanchille. Dr Macarthur Fort William examined the body.
- March 28 Funeral of John Mulherne at Glenfinnan burying ground.
- April 5 William Gun (59), Navy, died suddenly at MacKays Hut Craigaig. Body removed to s Shed at Scandale Bridge where it was examined by Dr Macarthur Fort William.
- April 26 Complaint of Shebeening on John Reed and John Jessiman both Hut Keepers at Kinlocheil.
- April 30 Attended as witness for the prosecution of John Jessiman. They pled not guilty. Sheriff Sub. Davidson found charges proven. Each sentenced to a fine of £1 and expenses or go to prison for ten days.

- May 4 (1898) Complaint from Alexander Campbell Hotel Keeper Glenfinnan.
- May 6 Complaint from Alexander Campbell Hotel Keeper Glenfinnan. I noticed that the till was open. About 5 pounds, 6 shillings and 3 pennies were gone. The money was afterwards found on the Hotel bleaching green under some linen.
- May 14 Last day of duty by P.C. Campbell at Glenfinnan.
- May 15 Entries begin made by P.C. MacGruer. Sunday. Went to Masonic Hall Fort William and attended Devine Service. 6pm, went again to Masonic Hall.
- May 16 Read instructions from Inspr. Chisholm. Left Fort William 2pm and cycled to Glenfinnan. Took up duty there till further orders
- May 31 Assisted PC Mackenzie to apprehend Alexander Matheson and Archibald Martin charged of assault and robbing. George Donaldson, Railway Ganger and Martin (??) charged with same offence. I sat by them in the Glenfinnan Hotel till PC MacKenzie conveyed them by horse conveyance to Fort William.
Part of the Gantry at the west end of the Viaduct gave way and Thomas Joyce and John Carey were injured.
- June 7 Apprehended Mike Doolan, Patrick Doolan and Mike Mallivrey, navvies at Foggarty Hut Glenfinnan, for assaulting Patrick Kenelby, Jerry Brethery (?) and others in the Hotel. Conveyed them by hired conveyance to Fort William.
- June 21 Alexander Matheson and Archibald Martin charged with assault and robbery. Pled not guilty, but Sheriff Sub. Davidson found the charge proven and sentenced them to forty days imprisonment.
- June 27 Complaint from Catherine Kennedy or MacLean, wife of William MacLean, Navy, Glen Glenfinnan. "George Gleu (?) and another navy came to my hut and began to serve the stranger with the other men's tea. I objected to this so that they both handed to me five pence which I handed back to them saying that there was no room for them. Accused then started to curse and swear and using most abusive language. He then threw two bowls at my head but did not strike me and afterwards tried to strike my husband William McLean, so that I had to lock the door. He then got quite outrageous and saying that he would kill both me and my husband before morning. He struck at the locked door with his boots or some heavy instrument and broke the centre of the door. When the constable was removing him from the hut he threw a bread loaf at my husband. I value the damage at 5/- and as I gave accused no provocation whatever, I wish him to be prosecuted." The accused was cautioned and apprehended and kept in custody overnight.
- August 19 Proceeded to the Glen in search of Beer Vans. Found beer van belonging to Donald McFadyen, Barman Fort William which contained five casks of Beer, each cask I, would think, containing fifteen gallons. Thornbush Brewery Inverness was branded on each cask. He refused to tell me who they were for.
- August 22 Assisted PC McKay in apprehending Thomas Fitzgerald for trying to assault the police and for Breach of Peace. He was taken to Fort William by hired conveyance.
- August 23 Made enquiry for Patrick McVey, complainee in case of James Murphy, alias Patrick Murphy, assaulted with a knife at Treust Lock (?). Found no trace of him.
- September 24 Assisted by PC McKay in apprehending Frederick Ross, charged with theft by Housebreaking till 9pm when PC McKay took him by conveyance to Fort William.
- October 2 Patrick O'Grady accused.
- October 30 Cooper & co. Store at Arienskill was broken into. Informed Pc McKay that four navvies passed about 9 am going to Fort William. I accompanied Pc McKay by hired conveyance towards Fort William. At 3.30pm we overtook the suspected thieves at Kinlocheil. Their names were John Callaghan, James O'Brian, Patrick Girman and James Taylor. After searching them minutely we found in their possession £11/7/2. They were charged with theft and denied the charge.

- November 2 (1898) Made enquiries anent killing of a sheep under suspicious circumstances at Lochy Bridge.
- November 13 Donald Campbell (17), single, Horse driver, Richard Thomson's Navvy Hut, Glenfinnan informed that the dead body of a man was lying at Craigaig Wood. Accompanied by PC MacKay saw the body and identified it as that of James Lynch.
William Teekau (36), married, subcontractor, Michael Sweeny's Hut, Glenfinnan "Packmerchants came into the Hut in which I reside for the purpose of selling clothes to the men. I devested myself and laid them on the seat while I was fitting on a coat and vest with a view to purchase it. I then put on my own coat and vest and about an hour afterwards, on putting my hand in the inside pocket I found that two purses containing £8/10/6 were missing. I searched about the hut but found no trace of the money. I wish the person or persons to be traced and then prosecuted.
- November 14 Attended on duty at the funeral of James Lynch at the Glenfinnan Burying Ground.
- December 5 Met Thomas Garmon (?) (31), single, Railway Ganger, Alexander Stewart's Hut, Glenfinnan complained against James Shea (23), single, labourer, Michael Sweney's Hut, Glenfinnan "I was standing on the Public Road in front of the Glenfinnan Hotel and the accused came over and struck me on the face with his clenched fist. I gave accused no provocation. Therefore I wish him prosecuted." Information from Robert McCafferty (23), single, engineer "About 3pm Monday 3rd December I was in the taproom of Glenfinnan Hotel. Accused came over and struck me several times on the face with clenched fists. I rushed to the door but was knocked down there and again struck on the face several times by the accused. I gave no provocation and therefore wish accused prosecuted.
- December 6 Found James Shea, warned, cautioned and charged with assaulting Thomas Garmon and Robert McCafferty at Glenfinnan Hotel. I apprehended him and detained him in the Hold till noon when I conveyed him by Mail Coach to Fort William. Patrolled Fort William till 10pm. 3 miles, 6 hours in Fort William.
- December 7 I left Fort William by 7.35 train and found R.C. McDonald, Spean Bridge, at Spean Bridge Station and accompanied him to Glasgow in quist. Thomas Semple and William Kay charged with theft of two oilskin jackets and two augurs committed at Kinlochailort on the 4th Inst. Handed over prisoners in Glasgow. Train to Fort William. Arrived 8.30pm. On duty Fort William 9pm till 11pm.
- December 8 Left Fort William 8am. Near Fassifern found a horse and cart property of North British Railway cross-wise on the public. The cart was loaded with Beer and Whisky for Alexander Campbell Glenfinnan and the driver John McLeod lying helplessly drunk at the road side. I took charge of the horse taking the driver along with me to Drumsallie where it was noticed that the whisky cask had been holed whereupon I searched the driver and found in his pocket a small gimlet of which I took possession. I also took possession of a pint bottle of whisky which was in the cart and returned to Glenfinnan. I called on Alex. Campbell Hotel Keeper at Glenfinnan Hotel who gave the following information and complaint against John McLeod (19), horse driver residing at Viewfirth Fort William Parish "About 5pm when my stepson John McKintosh residing with me returned from Drumsallie with a load of liquor. He informed me that a large cask of whisky had been bored with some small instrument and was leaking. On examining said cask I found that a small hole had been made under one of the hoops and was now plugged with a wooden plug. John McKintosh informs me he saw the leak in the cast that there was a wooden plug in the hole but as it was still leaking he McKintosh put in another peg and secured the cask. He informed me that John McLeod in charge of horse was helplessly drunk. Witnesses of case: John McKintosh (19), stepson and residing with Alexander Campbell

- (1898) Hotel Keeper Glenfinnan; Hugh Cameron (26). shepherd, Drumsallie; John Mitchell (19), vanman , Blarmachfaoldach, Fort William.
- December 15 When on a short distance on the east side of the Roman Catholic Chapel we heard a low moan as if some person was groaning in agony. We proceeded to the spot and saw Charles Campbell (24), single, labourer residing Reid's Hut Kinlocheil. There were three deep wounds on the left side of his head but not much blood. He was about twelve yards from the public road and at the foot of a perpendicular rock about 25 feet in height. The injured man was unconscious . We bound the wounds up with a handkerchief. On recovering consciousness we lifted him to his feet when he informed us that he fell over the said rock but did not know how he happened to get to the top. I and PC McKenzie conveyed him to Cooper & Co's Stores Glenfinnan. Dr. Muirhead the Railway Doctor happened to come and he put five stitches on the wounds and bandaged the head properly. Escorted injured man to John McKay's Hut at the Glen and left him there.
- December 20 I accompanied PC Mc Kay Kinlochailort and another witness by Mail Coach to Fort William to attend trial of John Callaghan, theft by housebreaking.
- December 21 Attended trial. Not proven. Night duty at Fort William.
- December 23 Called at the Post Office and received Insp. Chisholm's Memo enclosing £5/2/1 being my pay and accounts for the four weeks ended 20th Inst.
- December 25 Alexander Huig charged with Malicious Mis-conduct at Glenfinnan. PC McKenzie took him to Fort William. Proceeded in Kinlocheil in quest of vagrant census. Called at all the shepherd, gamekeeper and crofter houses, also the Navy Huts, but found no vagrant or persons on Transit.

1899

- January 1 Patrolled Glen and Craigaig till 8pm (6 miles, 9 hours). Night remained at Station.
- Febraury 1 Evidence from John Conelly (injured), 924), single, labourer "I along with Thomas Welsh labourer now injured and Patrick Murphy, Ganger, were boring a hole in a rock cutting at Leckavoie. I and Patrick Murphy were striking and Thomas Welsh were holding the drill. Some water was gathering about our feet. I took hold of a pick and began making a small channel to get the water away and prevent it from entering the hole we were boring. When putting the pick through the ground, there was a sudden explosion and the pick was thrown or fell out of my hands. I cannot recollect which. By the shower of sand and gravel I was rendered blind. I could see a little with my left eye. How a detonator came to be there I could not tell.
- February 20 Assisted PC McKenzie to apprehend Maurice Shugex, about 35, blacksmith, residing Alex. McDonald's Hut Leckavoie charged with Breach of the Peace.
- March 4 I received from Insp. Chisholm Memo informing me that the C.C. had granted me leave of absence from 7th inst to 21st as applied for.
- March 8 till March 20. On leave of Absence.
- April 2 Met William Rose, Foreman storeman at Kinlochailort. "On Saturday 11th informed that Cooper & Co's Store at Leckavoie had been swept away by the bursting of a reservoir. Went to the reservoir. Most of the water had run out owing to the sluices being opened. On my return to Leckavoie I found a yellow tue (?) box property of Archd. McTavish now deceased and who had charge of said store lying in the dam aforesaid with the ends torn open and nothing in it. The box had not been in the dam when I passed at 3pm and my opinion is that it must have been taken away by some person or persons in the early part of the morning and when pillaged brought back and thrown into the river. The only part of deceased's clothes that I would be able to identify is a suit of blue cord. If any person is found with any articles which can be identified as deceased's in his or her possession I wish them prosecuted".

- April 3 (1899) Evidence from Ewen McLean (42), labourer, residing John Hamak's Hut Lochailt on alleged theft from a trunk at Lochavoie. "The Cooper & Co's Store about twenty yards from the hut in which I abode was swept away by the bursting of the reservoir. I was then living in Sandy MacDonald's Hut Leckevoie. I proceeded some two hundred yards west where a great deal of the store stuff was floating. On arriving I saw three men going up the hill carrying a yellow tool box which I understood to be the property of Archd. McTavish who had charge of said store and is now deceased. I followed the men and when they got about three hundred yards of the road they laid the box on the ground. As far as I could see the box was quite secure. On seeing me they began to talk and I heard them say we will soon get him out of the way. On hearing this I turned back to the road and did not see any of the men afterwards. At 4pm same day I saw said box torn at the ends. I did not recognise any of the three men.
- May 16 Telegram enquiry if James Golighy Absentee from the Royal Inneskilling Fusiliers was here.
- May 17 Went to Drumsallie and apprehended James Golighy alias Mo Gonigak charged him with absenting himself from annual training of Militia 1898 and conveyed him prisoner by R McAlpine & Son engine to Banavie and walked from there to Fort William.
- May 20 Wrote report for CC anent £1 note found at Drumsallie by Donald McKenzie (11) at Drumsallie.
- May 26 Met John Townsley Licensed Hawker residing temporarily at Craigaig who informed us that Mary Nelson or Brighton (19) wife of and residing with George Brighton Hawker was killed near Peaudal (?) Bridge by falling of a caravan. PC McKenzie took particulars.
- May 29 Was informed by Thomas Fraser Van-man Craigaig that a Byre and Barn property of Ewen Stuart Kinlocheil had been burned to the ground. Statement from Murdo Stewart (15), single, son of and residing with Ewen Stuart Crofter, Kinlocheil "I was cutting peats about two hundred yards from my house. I saw smoke rising from my father's barn and ran towards the house to inform them. I took a knife of (lit) the table and ran towards the barn about two hundred yards west. The roof on the south side was burning rapidly and after taking two sheep out of the attached byre, them being bound there with ropes. I assisted by my sister did our utmost to extinguish the flames, but without success. We were immediately assisted by William White and several others, but before quarter of an hour passed the roof was burned down. I think the fire must have been caused by a spark from Messrs. McAlpine & Sons' engine which passed towards Glenfinnan about five minutes before I noticed the fire. Ewen Stewart, about 50, married, crofter, Kinlocheil "All that was saved from the fire was two sheep, a saddle and some hay. Value estimate £30."
- May 30 Informed that a man had got his leg accidentally broken in a railway cutting at **Ranochan**. Proceeded to **Rannochan** and took statement from William Sheaban (36), married, Railway sub-contractor residing **Rannochan** "Cornelious Shea (26), labourer, Rannochan working about 12 yards up the slope digging ground around a big stone so as to make it easier moved by a bar from behind. All of a sudden the stone lost hold and, on seeing it coming down, Cornelious Shea ran down the slope, but he tripped on an other stone and fell so that he was overtaken by the upper stone. His right leg was caught between the two stones. Thinking that his leg was broken I left him with the other man and ran to the Hut for bandages. On my return I found that the injured man had been removed from the cutting to the grass. I cut open his stockings and trousers and saw that his shin bone was fractured. The flesh was torn open from a little below the knee down to the ankle. Conveyed him on a stretcher to the Hut from where in the afternoon he was conveyed to Polish Hospital. No blame attached to any person.

- June 10 Donald Fraser (28), single, labourer, John Hannah's Navvy Hut, Locheilt
(1899) complained against Thomas Gammon (31), single, labourer, John Hannah's Hut. The worse of drink, his watch and chain were stolen (15/- and 11/-).
- June 13 John Reid and Archd. Shaw both Hutkeepers residing Glen Glenfinnan charged with keeping a dog without a license.
- June 14 Met Robert McKenzie, Joiner, Breuchille who informed me that Michael Sullivan (19), unmarried, labourer, Breuchille had been drowned in the river there while bathing. Evidence taken from Anthony Finnigan (24), labourer Breuchille. "I along with Dennis Leary, Michael Sullivan now deceased and Patrick Connell all Labourers residing in Michael Runery's (?) Hut proceeded along the north bank of the river which flows South East past said hut till we reached the bend in the said river about a quarter of a mile south west of the Hut. At this point the river begins to flood direct east. We were going to bathe here but owing to the bank being steep on this north side we thought we would pass to the opposite side as there were some gravel there. We proceeded down the river for about 80 yards and crossed by means of some big stones to the south side and came back on the south side opposite to where we first stood. I and Dennis Leary then stripped and swam to the opposite bank and back. Deceased who was naked was still on the bank along with Patrick Connell. I and Leary then swam down the river with the part which flows eastwards. When we were about forty yards from where we entered the water I heard a shout. I was then near the south bank and on looking back I saw deceased with uplifted hands disappear in the centre of the river about four or five yards north west of where the river turns east. I at once followed by Dennis Leary swam to the spot and on arriving found Patrick Connell drowning in the water but saw no sign of deceased. It appeared that Connell who was on the bank when deceased entered the water and saw him sinking went to the rescue with his boots and clothes on and getting beyond his depth was drowning when we arrived on the spot.

Last entry 1899 (P.C. MacGruer)

- August 18 "Accident when 5 cwt. rock cutting at Leckavoie was put on a wagon. Raised on to a wagon with a crane. Wagon overbalanced and fell on the left leg of the injured man. By means of iron bars we raised the stone a short distance and managed to get the injured man's leg extracted. We took of (lit.) his boot and saw the leg was broken above the ankle. Took him to John Hannah's Hut Locheilt where he was attended by Dr Muirhead Polish. Took to Polish Hospital. I do not know the names of any of the men who were present as that was my first night working with them".

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The first entry is dated September 15 1897 and was written by P.C. John McKenzie and his last entry stationed at Glenfinnan is dated May 23 1899. The rest of the entries in the volume do not refer to Glenfinnan or Moidart.

1897

- September 15 Left Inverness 6.30 by SS Gondolier to Fort William. Arrived 3.30. Reported to Insp. Chisholm. 60 miles, 9 hours. Patrolled Fort William till 7pm.
- September 17. Received instructions from Insp. Chisholm to transfer to Glenfinnan. Left Fort William 1pm by mail coach. Arrived 4pm.
- September 19 Attended divine service in RC Church at 11.30. Patrolled Stage Hotel vicinity.
- September 29 Posted letter to Insp. Chisholm containing weekly return of Workmen employed on the railway between Kinlocheil and Glenfinnan.
- October 6 Arrested William MacQuean (42), unmarried, peddler, no fixed residence. Theft of a Watch chain and half a sovereign from John MacNally (43), unmarried, Ganger residing in Barbara's Hut Craigaig.
- October 15 Charge not proven.
- November 8 6.30pm arrested John Docherty, Frank Howrean and Peter Whalen for assault on Police and Breach of Peace. Accused were held at Stage Hotel till 1am.
- November 12 John Docherty pleaded not guilty, but was sentenced in Fort William to sixty days with hard labour.
- December 2 Arrested John Kelly for theft of a bundle of clothing of the person of Wm. McCormick, Navvy, and also for having a fowl under his jacket. Accused could give no account where he found the fowl or the clothing.
- December 11 Arrested John Deviline for assault and rape on Hannah Kyles or Armstrong (30), married, residing in Parish of Arisaig. PC Campbell took the accused to Fort William.
- December 18 Ewen MacKin at Glenfinnan Hotel accused John Fraser for stealing money.
- December 28 Proceeded to the Glen Glenfinnan with PC Campbell and cautioned, charged and apprehended Anthony Boyne and conveyed him to Fort William by Hired Convenience.

1898

- January 31 From Owen MacKin (32), single, Navvy Ganger, the Glen Glenfinnan. "I was working along with Patrick Curron (21), unmarried, Navvy, residing Glen Glenfinnan. Patrick Curron was standing on one of the Gaunties when a wagon of stones came along and fell on the Gauntry (see definition) and broke it down. Patrick Curron fell to the ground a distance of thirty feet and was badly injured. I got him removed to McCulloch Hut where he was attended to by a doctor who removed him to Belford Hospital."
- February 12 Proceeded with PC Campbell to Craigaig. Saw the Bodies of the deceased Donald MacDonald and John Nicholson in a rock cutting at Craigaig.
- February 14 Proceeded with PC Campbell to Craigaig and attended on duty the Funeral of John Nicholson and Donald MacDonald from Craigaig Huts to Glenfinnan Burying ground.
- February 25 Complaint from Samuel Munro (36), single, manager of Cooper & Co. Stores Kinlocheil. "I left Kinlochshiel about 9am and while passing the store at Scandale Bridge I noticed the door was burst open. Missing were two pairs of heavy boots, several pots of Cooper & Co.'s Jam. I informed the Police who came along with me and examined the said store." I searched McDonald Hut, being the nearest to the store, but found no trace of the stolen articles.

- (1898)
- March 15 Received letter from Inspector Chisholm instructing me to proceed to Scandale Bridge with witness citation to Stephen Brennasy (?) in the case of Alexander McDonald charged with Reckless discharge of firearms.
- March 17 Complaint given by William Brudy (30), unmarried, navy, residing in Joggerty (?) Hut Glenfinnan. "About 8-9pm I was in bed when accused John McInnes came to my bed side and wanted the loan of my coat as the morning was very wet. I told him to take the coat which he did and promised to be back with it in a (lit.) hour. Couldn't find the accused."
- March 24 Apprehended William Adams for malicious mischief and Breach of Peace committed at Glenalladale House. PC Campbell conveyed the accused by hired conveyance to Fort William.
- March 27 7am James Robertson (35), single, navy, residing in Currens (?) Hut and James Crawford (21), single, navy, came and informed about a dead man at Currens Hut. Found the body to be that of John Malharn (36), Navy. I got the body removed to Hannahs Hut.
- March 28 Proceeded to Grianchille (?) with PC Campbell. Attended on duty the funeral of John Malharn from Branchille Huts to Glenfinnan burying ground.
- April 5 Proceeded with PC Campbell to Craigaig and was informed by George Thompson Timekeeper that there was a man dead in McKay's Hut. We found the body to be that of William Gunn (60), unmarried, Navy, native of Sutherlandshire. Got the body moved to a small wooden shed at Scandale Bridge where it was examined by Dr McArthur Fort William.
- April 7 Attended on duty the funeral of William Gunn from Craigaig Hut to Glenfinnan burying ground.
- April 26 I was informed by John Jessiman that there were a Truck of Hay and Straw on fire at Drumsallie. I at once proceeded to Drumsallie, saw the said truck on fire and emptied the same. There is a great lot of damage done to Hay and Straw and also to the Truck. I do not know how the fire occurred.
- April 30 Proceeded to Fort William with PC Campbell and other witnesses to bear evidences for the prosecution of John Reid and Jon Jessiman charged with shebeening at Kinlochiel. Accused pled not guilty but after satisfactory evidence being heard, Sheriff sub. Davidson found the charge proven.
- May 22 I saw Duncan McLaren (46), married, gamekeeper, residing at the Glen Glenfinnan. On Saturday 21 May 1898 4pm I was standing on a hill behind the Glenfinnan Hotel and looking towards Craigaig. I saw a blaze of fire. I proceeded with witnesses Alexander McKellig and Angus MacDonald and put the fires out. I do not know who the accused is but I wish them prosecuted.
- May 28 Proceeded to Kinlochiel accompanied by PC McGruer and saw R. MacKenzie, Free Church Missionary, Drumsallie, Parish of Kilmallie and took this information "On Sunday 22 May 1898 I arrived at Kinlochiel for the usual services at 12 noon. I met witness Hugh Stewart who informed me that the Mission House door was forced open and that the Gaelic Bible was greatly damaged, some of the leaves being missing. The lock was forced open. A large number of the Gaelic pages were missing. Nothing was stolen out of the mission. I think someone must have broken in for a night's rest and as the door was left open some children might have taken the leaves out of the Bible."
- May 31 Alexander Matheson and Archibald Martin charged and apprehended for Assault and Robbery. As there was no room on the mail coach I brought the accused by hired conveyance to Fort William.
- June 6 About 9pm I left Glenfinnan Hotel accompanied by Jerry Burkley (24), James Carrig (25), James Connel (20) and Joe McMahan (21) residing at McIver's Hut, Glenfinnan. We were all assaulted by the accused Patrick Dorlan, Michael Dorlan, Michael Malley, Navvies in Foggarby Hut, Glen Rarish. I was badly cut and bruised about the head and kicked in the body by the accused.

(1898)

- June 7 Accompanied by PC McGruer cautioned, charged and apprehended Michael Malley, Patrick Dorlan and Michael Dorlan. Conveyed them by hired Conveyance to Fort William and handed them to PC McInnes.
- June 16 Case of Alexander Mathewson and Archibald Martin charged with assault and robbery.
- June 19 Michael Malley (23), unmarried, navvy, residing at Foggarty Navvy Hut, Glenfinnan. On Saturday 18th June about 8pm I was sitting in Foggarty's Hut along with Patrick Doolea witness when accused came inside the hut, caught hold of me by my breast, cursed and swore at me and also threatened to kill me before tomorrow night. I got frightened and ran outside. The witness Patrick Doolea came out after me. I then said to the witness we better go and let the Police know about this as I am frightened to sleep in the hut tonight. About two hundred yards from the hut the accused came running after me, caught hold of my breast, knocked me down and kicked me on the side. I ran away and accused followed for about three hundred yards and threw several stones at me. I afterwards informed the police who accompanied me to the Glen Glenfinnan. Saw accused Patrick Kinellay (29), single, navvy residing McInver's Hut the Glen. Cautioned, charged him for assault. The accused said he was sorry for what he had done but would be more careful in future.
- June 21 Proceeded to Fort William with witnesses to bear evidence for the prosecution in the case of Alexander Matthew son and Arched. Martin charged with assault and robbers. Accused pled not guilty, but after satisfactory evidence being heard, Sheriff Sub. Davidson found the charge proven and sentenced the Prisoners to forty days imprisonment.
- June 27 I preceded to Glen Glenfinnan accompanied by PC McGruer cautioned, charged and apprehended George Glen (30), married, navvy resider in McLean's Hut, the Glen Glenfinnan: and Breach of the peace committed in said on this night. I afterwards brought the accused to Glenfinnan Hotel and attended to the prisoner until 4am.
- June 28 PC Gruer conveyed the prisoners by Mail Coach to Fort William.
- July 18 I heard of an accident that happened at Glenfinnan viaduct. Proceeded with PC McGruer and on arriving learned that Martin Munroe (19), navvy, residing at McLean's Navvy Hut, got fractured near the thigh by the falling of a Gauntry there at 2.30pm. Also John O'Brian (18), single, navvy, McLean's Hut, got his ankle sprained by the falling of said Gauntry
- July 24 Complaint from Alexander Campbell (~50), married, Hotel Keeper, Glenfinnan Hotel "I was informed by PC McKenzie that Duncan McLaren (~36) gamekeeper and others were sailing on Lochshiel with three of my boats without my permission. Informed PC McKenzie to watch for the accused when they would return with the boats and to charge them for it. As this occurs very often I wish the accused prosecuted".
- August 4 From John Cunningham (48), married, joiner, Shaws Navvy Hut, Glen Glenfinnan. "I went with Cooper & Coy.'s Store for purpose of obtaining one packet of Epsom's Salts. I received this packet and proceeded to Shaw's Hut. I did not take the salt until Tuesday 2nd August and as this day was wet I did not go out to work and about 3pm I took the salts in warm water. Shortly afterwards I felt as if my inside was burning. I shouted for the Hut Keeper Archd. Shaw who gave me some water and mustard which made me vomit. I was attended by Dr. Patrick Glenfinnan. If Cooper & Co does not settle with me I wish them prosecuted.
- August 11 Patrick Colman (22), single, navvy, Hannak's Hut Breachille. "I rose at 9am but the day was wet and returned to bed again. Accused Frederick Hayes was sitting in said hut. I fell asleep and awoke shortly afterwards. Accused was away. I tried for my boots but found an old pair in their place. I learned the accused

- (1898) went in the direction of Fort William. I suspect this man of taking my boots and wish him prosecuted.
- August 12 I watched for beer vans supplying drink to Hutkeepers on the Mallaig Railway. I met two vans, one belonging to Donald McFayden and another to Sharp and Ray, beer dealers, Fort William, and on examining said vans I found in the possession of Donald McFayden four casks of beer, each cask containing fourteen gallons, two casks for Sweeny and two for McLean, both hut keepers residing at Glen Glenfinnan. On searching Sharp and Rays van I found four casks of beer, two casks for Foggarty and two for McIver, all residing in Glen Glenfinnan. I watched said vans and seen (lit.) the beer delivered into the Huts.
- August 22 9am at Hotel charged and apprehended Thomas Fitzgerald for assault on Police and B & P (Breach of Peace). Taken to Fort William by hired conveyance. Arrived mid-night.
- August 23 Attended at the trial for the prosecution of Thomas Fitzgerald. Found guilty. Seven days in prison.
- August 29 11am I heard there were (sic.) a man insane at Glen Glenfinnan. I at once proceeded there and was informed by Archibald Shaw (30), married, Hut Keeper at Glen Glenfinnan that there were a man named Michael O'Connor, navvy, who on the previous day about 4pm came to his hut, jumped through his window which was closed, broke the glass and cross bar of wood in the window (valued 10/-). Wished the accused prosecuted. I proceeded to Cooper's Store Glenfinnan and saw accused there who was afterwards examined by Dr Patrick, Glenfinnan, who informed me that the said Michael O'Connor was in the (Delirium Fremens) and wished him to be locked up for two to three days. Apprehended said and conveyed him by hired conveyance to Fort William. Arrived 9 pm. 24 miles, 13 hours.
- September 3 5pm proceeded to the Glen Glenfinnan and entered the hut of William McLean (33), married, Hut Keeper Glenfinnan. Accompanied by Michael Sweeney and Thomas Gannon, Navvy Gangers, residing at the Glen Glenfinnan. I called for three pints of beer and received three pints of stout instead. I paid one shilling for the same. (Five pence).
- September 24 Pay office Breanchille.
Received complaint from Alexander Campbell Hotel Keeper at Glenfinnan Hotel. "At 8pm the accused Frederick Ross broke the door of my larder and stole about seven pounds of mutton, nine pounds of ham. On being seen by the witness, Archibald McLean, the accused threw the mutton and ham into a ditch and ran away".
About 8.30pm I charged and apprehended the accused and wired Insp. Chisholm. I afterwards conveyed the Prisoner by hired conveyance to Fort William arriving midnight. Left Fort William at 3am by hired conveyance and arrived Glenfinnan 7am.
- September 26 Went to Glen Glenfinnan and saw William Brown, cashier employed by Messrs. McAlpine & Sons, contractors, who informed me that the accused William McLean (33), married, navvy, Glen Glenfinnan owed Mr McAlpine £18/9/0 for Bed clothing and cooking utensils, also £1/5/0 for rent and coal and that he refused to pay him the money. As the Cashier William Brozon was collecting the rent from the Hut Keeper, the accused refused to settle with him for the money. I cautioned the accused for going away with all the Bed clothing and he informed me that he would pay McAlpine. Accused had all his Furniture packed in a Lorry and Van and went in the direction of Fort William. Complainer Mr Robert McAlpine Junior informed me to report this case to the Procurator Fiscal.
- October 28 Conferred with PC McKay Kinlochailort at Rannochan.
- November 13 2pm Catherine MacKlechaten gave information on Sunday 13th morning about 11am. "I left Glenfinnan viaduct accompanied by my daughter Ruth Beattie (12). On arriving at the tent where we were residing at Craigaig we found no

- (1898) person there. My daughter said that she heard some person moaning outside somewhere and on searching the place about 35 yards from said tent I found the deceased James Lynch lying on his back. He was not quite dead then, I gave him some tea which he could not drink and a few minutes later I knew he was dead. I proceeded to the Police Station and informed the police .”
3pm I examined the body and found it quite cold and stiff. I then covered it over with clothing.
- November 14 Met Fiscal and Dr. Killer who examined the deceased. I afterwards attended on duty the funeral of deceased who was buried in the Glenfinnan burying ground.
- November 23 William Milne, Foreman, Joiner, Glenfinnan informed me of a case of assault on the Public Road about 250 yards north-west from the Glenfinnan. “Case of assault. Complainer James Kert was in Smithy about fifty yards from assault. I proceeded there accompanied with PC McGruer and witness William Milne. Assault by John Downing and Patrick Foley”. Taken by mail coach to Fort William November 24th.
- November 30 7am left Glenfinnan by Hired conveyance along with other witnesses to bear evidence for the Prosecution of John Downing and Patrick Foley. Accused pled not guilty but on sufficient evidence being heard Sheriff Sub. Davidson found charges proven and sentenced each to sixty days with Hard Labour.
- December 6 Charged and apprehended James O’Shea for assault at Glenfinnan and brought accused to Glenfinnan Hotel. Awaited arrival of Mail Coach and PC Gruel conveyed accused to Fort William.
- December 15 When about one hundred and fifty yards from R.C. Chapel I heard some moaning. On looking around I saw Charles Campbell (24), navvy, residing in Crosby’s Navvy Hut, Kinlocheil, lying on his back in a helpless condition and his face covered in blood. On further examination I found his head was bleeding freely on the left side, there being three wounds, each about two inches in length. Took him to Cooper & Cos. Store Glen Glenfinnan where he was medically attended to by Dr. Muirhead Polish.
- December 25 7am was informed by Donald McLeod (56), married, gardener residing Glenaladale. “On Saturday 24th about 4pm I was working at the R.C. Chapel when accused, Alexander King (34), single, navvy, Glen Glenfinnan, wanted some evergreens as he wished to decorate some of the Navvy Huts, it being Christmas eve. I informed him to go to my house and my daughter would give him a few branches. A few hours afterwards I was informed by witness Alexander McKenzie, Shepherd, that the accused had a branch of a tree, that it was one of Col. McDonald’s (my employer) favourites (Aricadian trees). I at once made enquiries and found it to be the case. I then informed PC McKenzie that I wished the accused Prosecuted”.
Proceeded to the Glen, found the accused in McKins Navvy Hut. Cautioned, charged and apprehended the accused who admitted the charge. Took him to Glenfinnan Hotel and conveyed accused by hired conveyance to Fort William.

1899

- January 9 I was informed by Archd. Ferguson (42), married, captain on board the Wharfinger and anchored at Kinlocheil Pier. “On Sunday 8th January about 9am, the ship’s crew , five in number and named:- Duncan Crawford, mate and Patrick Kenan (30), chief engineer, both deceased; three ailing persons - Donald Ferguson (19) A.B. Seaman; Duncan McBrayne (27) A.B. Seaman; Thomas Fraser (44), Fireman. Thinking they were late of rising, I went to the Forecastle and found the door closed. I opened the door and found all this ship’s crew living in an unconscious condition. I got hold of Donald Ferguson, my son, and we lifted them on to deck, thinking that the crew was suffocated with an oil lamp that was in the Forecastle. I at once ran for assistance to Crosby’s Navvy Hut about 50 yards away. Samuel Crosby, Navvy Ganger and John Bradry, Engine

- (1899) Driver, witnesses came along with us to the ship. We then carried the crew on deck, took off clothing, rapped them up and down with vinegar and tried to bring them to consciousness the best way we could. We all knew that the first two mentioned were quite dead and removed them to a store which is adjoining Brochy's (?) Hut aforesaid. Afterwards we removed the surviving three to the Mission House at Kinlocheil. They were medically attended to by Dr Millar, Fort William".
- January 19 Telegram from Insp. Chisholm "Police Constable Glenfinnan . Walter Crowe Fatal Accident wire whether Donald Sullivan, Michael Kennedy, Patrick Donnelly and Batt Shea witnesses in this case are still there Inspector". Proceeded to Glenfinnan viaduct and found witnesses Sullivan, Kennedy and Shea, but found no trace of Patrick Donnelly. Took three witnesses to Glenfinnan Hotel and waited arrival of Pro. Fiscal and Inspr. Chisholm who arrived about 1pm. Proceeded to the Rock cutting where the deceased Walter Crowe was accidentally injured along with PC Inspr. Chisholm and three witnesses. I also secured the Iron Bar that is supposed to have pierced the deceased and brought it to my station for further enquiry.
- January 26 Instructed to take witness to attend, 3rd February, Sheriff and Jury Court Fort William anent Walter Crow's Fatal accident.
- February 3 Left Glenfinnan 7am by hired Conveyance and proceeded to Rannochan. There found other witnesses and Proceeded to Fort William arriving about 12.45. Left Fort William 4pm and arrived at Glenfinnan about 7pm.
- February 20 Patrolled to Rannochan with PC McGruer. Cautioned, charged and apprehended Maurice Sugrua (37), blacksmith, McDonald Navvie's Hut Lechavoie for Breach of Peace committed in said hut. 2pm took prisoner to Fort William by hired conveyance.
- March 11 John McMaster (55), single, navy at McDonald's Hut Lechavoie. Cooper Store Lechavoie was washed away by the bursting of a reservoir about 40 yards behind said store, also the Storeman, Archd. McFavish, (?) could not be found. He was supposed to have drowned about 3pm. Found the body lying in the bottom of a dam about 200 yards from where the said store was situated. Brought the body to Hannah's Navy Hut Locheilt.
- March 12 Body examined by Proc. Fiscal Dr Millar and Insp. Chisholm. Measured the old store - 25 feet long, 16 feet wide and about forty yards from the reservoir. Seven feet depth at the deepest point. When full the water would have covered about half an acre.
- March 14 Complaint from Archd. Shaw (36), married, carter, residing Glen Glenfinnan. "On Monday 13th while passing the Engineer's Shelter I was drawing a pair of horses in a lorry which was full of wood. Accused John Thompson (17), staffman, residing Breanchillis came outside of shelter and wanted to get some of the wood of (lit. off) the Lorry. I told him I had no authority for giving any of the wood. Accused got hold of the leading horse and stopped him afterwards. Got hold of some of the wood and pulled it off the lorry. I went after him to get the wood back. He then tried to kick me on the legs. I then went away and the accused followed me with stones, two of which struck me on the shoulder which is at present very painful. Thinking that more stones would strike me, I ran back, got hold of him by the jacket and put him down on his back until he promised not to throw any more. He was behaving in a very outrageous manner. I gave the accused no provocation and wish him prosecuted."
- April 5 Complaint from John McLellan (36), unmarried, labourer, Glenfinnan. "I was unloading a cart which contained a few casks of Beer at the front of the Glenfinnan Hotel. I put my boat (lit.) (coat) across an Iron fence which is at the front of said Hotel. Shortly afterwards I went along to the Glenfinnan Stables which is about 150 yards from the Hotel. I returned shortly afterwards for my boat (lit.) which is a blue pilot and double breasted, but could not find it. I was

(1899) informed by witness Annie McNiven that she saw a navy of the name of John Fitzgerald take the coat (lit.) away and go in the direction of Glen Glenfinnan. As I received my Coat from PC McKenzie I do not wish the accused prosecuted”.

May 23 1899 This is the last entry by P.C. John MacKenzie referring to Glenfinnan.

Glenfinnan Police Station 1899 till 1900
R91/D/C/5/12/3 at Fort William Archives

The first entry is by P.C. McGruer, dated August 18th 1899, and the last one written by him is dated August 17th 1900. He moved to Fort William on August 18th 1900 and his records there continue until April 6th 1901. The next section of the book was written by P.C. Aitken from April 16th 1901 till May 1 1901 while stationed at Fort William and the final section is by P.C. Murray from May 1 1901 till May 12 1901 while stationed at Fort William. The records recorded here only refer to work at the Glenfinnan Station.

1899

- August 29 An accident had occurred at Leckevoie. Got information from Rodger O'Brien (54), single, miner. "Between 3 and 5am on Tuesday 29th August I, along with James McKennon (?) (28), miner injured, Dennis Downie (25) and William Mann (24), all miners and residing at Leekvoie, were employed in the Railway Tunnel under construction there. There were two boring machines working. The tunnel runs from east to west and is worked eastwards. I and Denis Downie were working the machine on the south side and James McKennon and William Mann were working the machine on the north side which would be about eight feet distant. The machines were attached to iron Structures which were fixed between the bottom and the top of the tunnel. All of a sudden the iron Structure, to which was attached the machine worked by me and Dennis Downie, loosened and, falling sideways, caught James McKennon's right leg. He was trying to escape and fell. I, assisted by Dennis Downie and William Mann, lifted the Structures and machine attached from off the man's leg and I could feel that the leg was broken above the ankle. We laid the man on a door and, by the assistance of some more men from the other heading, conveyed him to his place of abode. The Structures which fell and caused the accident was fixed by me and Dennis Downie an hour previous to this. We found it very difficult work to get it fixed, as the top end of it was the curve of the tunnel. I think it was its being so placed, that caused it to slacken by the shaking of the machine".
Injured man had been taken to Polish Hospital.
- September 12 Received from Insp. Chisholm a P.O. Order for 10/0^d, being a reward for myself and PC Murchison of 5/0^d, being 2/6^d each in cases of Archibald Phair ? and another Con. of Dog Licenses Acts. (Re duty 13th June 1899).
- October 2 Received report to attend at a Supper and Ball to be held in the Glenfinnan Hotel, Thursday 5th inst.
- October 5 Left station at 7pm and patrolled in the vicinity of the Glenfinnan Hotel doing duty. A Railway Office Ball held there. Returned to station 4am.
- October 9 Information and complaint from Archd. Turner (24), single, storeman, Cooper and Co. store Lochailt. "I left the store in which I reside and proceeded to the Glen Glenfinnan. On my return to Lochailt about 7pm I found that the store door had been forced open and left ajar. Missing was two semmits, one pair fine boots, a parcel of clothing for Jeremiah Moriarty which had been put in the store by the driver of the Mail Coach. There was a letter come for the same person that night, and I sent it to him that same night by another man whose name I do not know. Before I left the store I saw Jeremiah Moriarty on the public road there and from the letter he received the 6th inst. that a parcel for him was in the store. I strongly suspect him of having forced the store door and taking therefore his own parcel and the semmits and boots referred to. I wish accused prosecuted".
Evidence from Ewan McIntosh (~50), married, shepherd, Essan "Jeremiah Moriarty (~30), labourer, was residing at my house. They left and proceeded in the direction of Lochailt. He and another man whose name I don't know returned about 4pm and entered there (lit) own room. I went for a walk and returned about 6pm. I saw no parcel with them and Miss McMillan who is presently residing with me said that the two who returned had no parcel. I went into the bedroom to tell accused that he was wanted

- (1899) outside by a policeman. On entrance I found that his other man had left unawares through the night. They must have left by the window of the bedroom as the door was locked”.
- October 10 Proceeded to Kinlocheil Conference Point (no conference), called at the Post Office there and posted up a Notice scheduled anent Mobilization of 1st Class Army Reserve.
- October 11 Jeremiah Moriarty arrested in Fort William for theft by Housebreaking at Locheilt.
- October 27 Michael O Donell (46), married, residing John Hannah’s Hut Locheilt gave complaint against Timothy Lenchan ? (23), single, Blacksmith, John McKay’s Hut Leckevoie. “8 to 9pm on Saturday 28th, accused came into the Hut where I reside and without getting any provocation from me came forward and struck me severely severe blows on the face with his clenched fist, whereby my left forehead was cut”.
- October 29 William Sheahan (Shedhan ?) (36), married, Hutkeeper at Rannachan accused of assaulting.
- October 31 Sheahan arrested at Rannochan and conveyed by hired conveyance to Glenfinnan and on to Fort William.
- November 3 Left station at 7pm, patrolled by way of Breauchille till 10pm. Afterwards patrolled in the vicinity of the Glenfinnan Hotel till 4am doing duty at a Gillie’s Ball held thereof.
- November 7 Received five notices to put up anent the Mobilization of the 1st Class Army Reserve.
- November 11 Complaint by Christina Cameron (36) against husband John Reid (40), Hutkeeper, Glenfinnan. “He quarrelled with me for talking Gaelic. I remained quiet, knowing that if I was to answer him he would be sure to strike me. Although I did so, he, accused, took hold of my breast with one of his hands and pushing me back against the wall with his other hand, struck me several times on the face and nose whereby blood flew from my nose. I succeeded in releasing myself from his hold and ran outside whereupon he came to the door and threw several stones at me but neither of them hit me. He locked the door and would not let me inside. I gave accused no provocation and I wish him prosecuted”.
- November 19 See the vivid four pages about Christina Cameron or Reid and her three children being assaulted by her husband John Reid. Christine and the 10 year old son give their accounts of what happened.
- November 21 John Reid left and Christine wished to withdraw charge of assault.
- November 22 John Reid left to Fort William at noon.
- December 3 Complaint from James Carrick (27), married, labourer, Glen Glenfinnan against James Connell (21) and John Carmody (19) both labourers at William McGibbon’s Navy Hut, Glen Glenfinnan. “Both came very drunk. The door was locked to prevent them coming in. They began to use the most abusive language and left at midnight. I gave the accused no provocation and wish them prosecuted”.
- John Carmody went to the Complainers House. The Complainer proceeded to lock the door but before he had time to do so James Connell rushed in, threw off his jacket and challenged the Complainer to fight. Complainer tried to quieten him and he then tried to assault him. The Complainer expelled him from the house. Accused began to curse and swear and use the most abusive language. They left at 10pm but returned at 11pm and kept up a disturbance till midnight. At 1am I saw James Connell, accused, warned, cautioned and charged him with committing Breach of the Peace.
- December 9 James Carrick found to have left for employment at New Railway Building under construction at the Lead Hills Dumfriesshire.
- December 10 Between 3.30pm and 11pm William McGibbon was drunk. Each bottle of beer cost 3p. Each glass of whisky cost 3p. December 10 Between 3.30pm and 11pm William McGibbon was drunk. Each bottle of beer cost 3p. Each glass of whisky cost 3p.
- December 11 Wrote report for PC anent William McGibbon, Shebeening..
- December 19 John Connor (35), labourer, residing in the hut showed symptoms of insanity on Sunday 17th and has been doing so since then. "On Sunday 17th December 1899 John Connor knocked on the door answered by Catherine McDougall or Crosbie. John Connor asked to see her husband Samuel Crosbie privately. My husband came to see him and asked him what he wanted. He replied that for some time back he meant to

- (1899) give himself up and that he was doing so now. He then began to talk rapidly and I do not know what he said as there was no sense in his talk. With some coaxing we got him to bed and he lay awake there all the time. On Monday 18th he came into the kitchen and got from me some tea and sugar for his dinner. He left the hut and returned from the direction of Glenfinnan. When he came to the hut, he kept walking back and forwards on the public road for half an hour waving his hands and looking out to the sea. Connor is of temperate habits and I have no doubt but his mind is unhinged. He left about 10am in the direction of Fort William.
- December 24 Census of Vagrants. Found no vagrants.
- December 27 One hundred and sixty cases of Gelignite arrived.

1900

- January 1 Proceeded by way of Breauchille to Leckvoie. Called on Dun. Fraser, storeman there 1pm. Met Bernard McKennan (37), married, Railway Engineer, residing at John Hannah's Navvy Hut at Locheilt. A watch was stolen.
- January 24 Edward McKeblon (?) (35), miner, residing John Hannah's Navvy Hut Locheilt, accidentally injured and taken to Polish Hospital. Tunnel being made at Leckevoie.
- February 2 John Walker (24), labourer, residing John Hannah's Navvy Hut Locheilt surrendered himself to me as being a deserter from the 94th Field Battery Royal Artillery in which Regiment he was. Dresfer(?) No. 34364 from March till July 1899.
- February 5 Donald McNab residing Kinlochailort had met with a cycling accident at Aultnanuagh and had to be conveyed into the house of John Woolcock there. Donald McNab (19) son of and residing with Donald McNab, Hotel Keeper Kinlochailort "I left home 3pm and proceeded by bicycle in direction of Fort William about 3.30. I was then riding down hill at Aultnanuagh. There my bicycle broke down and I was thrown to the ground and was rendered unconscious and when consciousness returned I found myself in John Woolcock's House. There is a gash in my nose from which blood was flowing. I do not know who took me to John Wooleock's House.
- February 6 Proceeded to Rannochan Conference Point and met PC Sinclair 12 noon. Returned to Glenfinnan and accompanied by PC Murchison proceeded eastwards for about a mile and there found a fauge (?) of Hawkers, two named Peter Stewart (20) and William Stewart (27). They were arguing about a black horse, property of Peter Stewart. William Stewart said that he had bought said horse off Peter Stewart and wanted to take possession of same, while Peter Stewart said he did not sell the horse. William Stewart struck Peter Stewart on the left cheek. Both got into grips and fell to the ground. I went forward and separated them after which Peter Stewart accompanied me to my station and gave me information.
- William Stewart wanted to buy Peter Stewart's horse and said that he had purchased it for 35/-. "I refused to give him over, and after some words with Accused, he struck me on the left cheek with his open hand. After struggling together for a few seconds we fell to the ground. A constable who happened to be passing cautioned accused whereupon he (lit.) accused remitted quiet. I gave accused no provocation and I wish him prosecuted".
- William Stewart Information. "I purchased the horse for 35/- Paid. Accused owed me 28/- since eleven months and a shilling which I gave him on buying the horse makes it 29/-. I offered accused the remaining 6/- but he refused to accept them say that it would do some future time as he had plenty of Money then. After buying the horse, said accused entered the Hotel at Glenfinnan aforesaid, occupied by Alexander Campbell Hotelkeeper residing there, and had two glasses of whisky a piece after which we proceeded East along the road. When about a mile east from Glenfinnan Hotel aforesaid, I wanted to take possession of the horse in question but accused refused to give him to me. Therefore I wish him prosecuted".
- Visited Licensed Premises for Detonators at Glenfinnan and found there 9400 Detonators.

- February 14 (1900) James Kelly (21), labourer residing at Alexander Stewart's Navy Hut Breauchille was accidentally injured the previous night by getting entangled in a turbine wheel used in connection with the air Compressor at Leckavoie. I did as I was bid putting my foot on the wheel. I brought the high side down so that the wheel was lying level. Mathew Blair went outside and immediately after doing so the wheel started and my left foot slipping into it caused me to be dragged round for a few yards after which I was pitched clear from the wheel which was very fortunate for me. This was my first night working at the Compressor. My ankle was very painful and I was unable to walk home. I remained at the fire there till I got a horse and cart in the following morning.
- February 21 Patrolled to Leckavoie and learned that John Mitchell (30), Blacksmith, residing John Hannah's Navy Hut at Locheilt was accidentally injured at Leckavoie by falling across an Naphtha lamp which he was carrying. Forehead and both cheeks badly scratched. I rubbed the scratched parts lightly with Olive Oil. About 8am the following morning he proceeded by a conveyance belonging to McAlpine and Sons Railway Contractors to the Railway Hospital Polish. Before he left for the hospital he explained that he had left the Smithy in which he was at work near the West end of No. 1 Tunnel Leckavoie and proceeded with the lamp which he used in the smithy to get it filled with Naphtha. While returning at the east end of No 1 tunnel he slipped and fell on which the Naphtha, escaping from the lamp, spread over his face and wrists and became ignited there. No person was present when he met with the accident and he came home alone.
- March 2 Forty cases of Gelignite were stored in the explosives store. Cooper and Co. store at Leckavoie railway siding. A case of jam (worth 2/0^d) and a case of oranges were stolen (worth 3/4^d).
- March 3 Patrick Mackin charged of Shebeening.
- March 9 Timothy McCarthy to go for trial on a charge of Shebeening before the Sheriff Court Fort William on Thursday 15th.
- March 15 Patrick MacKin and Timothy McCarthy pled not guilty and after evidence was heard Sheriff Sub. Davidson found both charges not proven.
- March 17 Received announcement that pay has been increased from 21/7^d to 22/9^d per week (5.5% increase).
- March 23 Called on Ewen Stuart, the Post Office at Kinlocheil.
- March 29 Called on Hugh McKenzie, Gamekeeper at Drumsallie.
- April 2 Jessie McDonald or Campbell (35), wife of and residing with Donald Campbell, Labourer, Glen Glenfinnan came to my station and wrote out an application for a Pedlar's Certificate.
- April 5 Received Pedlar's Certificate from Insp. Chisholm.
- April 9 On railway works three injured - Thomas Moyce (27), Patrick McInnes (32) and Robert Dunlop (39). Thomas Cullen (22), "All of a sudden an explosion took place the shock of which threw me to the north side of the cutting. Thomas Cullen had both his shin bones broken and the flesh torn away. Thomas Moyce had a face covered with blood. The explosion must have been caused by a pick or shovel coming into contact with a Gelignite cartridge. How the Gelignite came to be there I do not know. Blasting operations here had been carried out last summer". Thomas Cullen "I am also blind since the explosion occurred and it was other men who brought me home. I think the explosion was caused by my pick coming into contact with some Gelignite". Thomas was in a very precarious condition and I didn't think he was aware that both his legs were smashed. Thomas Cullen died.
- May 18 Enquiry in Fort William on the Death of Thomas Cullen. Verdict – Accidental Death.
- May 27 Owen McCarn (65), single, labourer, Robert MacKenzie's Navy Hut, Lochavie, had a glass of whisky and one pint of beer. Paid 7^d. Had four rounds. Paid just the same as in a hotel.
- May 29 Information from Ewan Stewart (60), married, crofter, Kinlocheil "On Friday 25th May my son John Stewart (26), residing with me informed me that a sheepfold belonging to me and situated about half a mile in a west direction from my dwelling house was used by some person or persons as a privy and that owing to its being so used it was in such

- a state of filth that we could put no step into it. Since that, I visited said fold and found that what John Stewart informed me was correct. Some forty yards distant from the navy hut occupied by James Carraig (27), married, hutkeeper residing there. Carraig is in the employment of Messrs. McAlpine and Sons Railway Contractors and in his hut he keeps thirty or forty men who are all in the same employment. There is no privy near the Hut in question and although I have caught no person in my sheepfold I have no doubt whatever but it is the men resident in James Carraig's navy hut who use it as a privy. I want no person prosecuted but I want to get the nuisance in the fold removed and people prevented from entering and using it as a privy."
- (1900)
- May 31 Proceeded along with other P.C. by hired conveyance to Fort William to attend the annual inspection at 1pm.
- June 5 I warned, cautioned and charged Donald Doyle and Dennis Leary with theft and took them by Mail Coach to Fort William.
- June 9 Received note informing me that Donald Doyle and Dennis Leary charged with theft pled guilty and were sentenced to pay £1 or suffer 10 days imprisonment and that both of them paid the fine.
- June 13 Cooper & Co's store at Leckevoie. One pound of tobacco stolen from a large roll of black thick twist tobacco which had arrived along with other goods at the Railway siding at Leckevoie in that morning. Three pieces about ten inches long have been stolen. I value these at 4/4^d. I wish the person or persons who stole the tobacco prosecuted.
- June 19 Information and complaint from William Rose (25), single, manager of Cooper & Co's store. "I sent John McKenzie, lorryman, with a horse and van for the purpose of conveying from the Railway siding there any foods which arrived by train from Banavie for Cooper & Co's stores situated between said siding and Kinlochailort. I was at the store when he returned about 2 pm and noticed that a bag containing ham for said store at Arienskill was ripped up on one side. On emptying out and counting the contents I found that two smoked hams were missing. I am informed that said bag of hams and other goods lay at Glenfinnan Railway Station for some time, but I could not say how long. The weight of ham missing is 25 lbs. and I value said quantity at £1/0/10^d. I have no doubt but the ham is stolen and I wish person who stole it prosecuted".
- June 20 Sent report informing the Proc. Fiscal that the nuisance in the sheep fold at Kinlocheil has not yet been removed (see 29th).
- June 21 Wrote report anent arrival of 38 cases Gelignite for Messrs. Mc Alpine and Co.
- June 24 Census of Vagrants. Found none.
- June 29 Went to Rannochan Conference point 1pm. No conference.
- July 7 Received P.O. Order for £10/13/3^d being my own and PC Murchison's Pay less Rateable Deduction Contingent and Exchequer Accounts for 28^d.
- July 17 Met at Craigaig Samuel Hind (63), single, vagrant of 16 King Street Glasgow and Henry Rutherford (32), peddler of 23 Soriba Road, Oban. Former handed a navy blue tweed jacket almost new and a red and white spotted hardkerchief and a bottle containing about one gill of whisky which he found on the road near Drumsallie Wood. Searched the vicinity but found no person. We then consumed the contents of the bottle. I do not know who the said contents belong to.
- August 2 Instructed to look for Thomas Emmitt, a navy wanted for the theft of two new white moleskin trousers committed at or near Arisaig on 10th inst. Night duty – found no trace.
- August 3 Thomas Emmitt charged with theft. Received instructions to search for stolen articles which were not received.
- August 4 Found none of the property.
£8/4/2 received for 28 days by self and PC Murchison. Received memo regarding Foot and Mouth Disease.
- August 12 Statement from John MacLellan (40), single, fisherman, Glenfinnan Parish "On Sunday morning Angus McKinnon (33), widower, carter, employed by North British Railway Co. residing Glenfinnan came to my house and asked if I could lend him a watch for a

- few days. I informed him that I could and handed him a watch saying that he would have to return it in a few days. He said that he would do so. A few days afterwards accused went to Fort William where he got dismissed by his employees for being drunk. On hearing that accused got dismissed I told Alexander Macgregor of Macgregor & Cameron Mail Coach Contractors Fort William who was driving the Arisaig Mail Coach to tell the accused Angus McKinnon that I wanted to get my watch back again. The next time I saw Alexander McGregor he informed me that accused only laughed when I told him that I wanted to get my watch. I value the watch at £2. No proceedings were taken on the matter and I did not get my watch yet. I am informed that accused is presently driving one of the North British Railway Co's Lorries in Fort William and if he does not return my watch or its £2 value I wish him prosecuted".
- (1900) August 14 Statement from Duncan MacLaren, Gamekeeper, Glen Glenfinnan "On the night of Saturday 11th I and my wife Catherine Macdonald or McLaren (35), residing with me arranged to go to Corpach the following day, Sunday to attend Communion Service". Duncan MacLaren would not take his wife to Corpach because of very bad weather. His wife went away to read the Bible but then appeared to behave very unusually for the next few days. She made a request that her four children should be kept away from her in case the Devil would come and make her kill them. She seems then to have been taken away and confined in the County Asylum as a pauper. (Complete photocopy available).
- August 15 Found William Stewart (29) and Robert Stewart twin brothers charged with Contravention of the Road Act and for whom warrant for apprehension on said charge at Head Quarters.
- August 17 Twins wanted on a charge of Contravention of the Road Act were transferred to Fort William by conveyance at 9am.
- August 18, Transferred to work at Fort William. Last entry referring to work at Glenfinnan.

Glenfinnan Police Station 1899 till 1901
R91/D/C/5/12/4 at Fort William Archives

The first entry is by P.C. Murchison, dated March 6 1899, and the last one written by him was at Glenfinnan and is dated March 8th 1901. The next section of the book was written by William R. Sharpe when stationed at Fort William from November 8th 1913 until August 3rd 1914. The last section was written P.C. Grant stationed at Fort William from August 1914 until 27th September 1914.

1899

- March 6 Left lodgings at Inverness at 5am and proceeded by cab to Muirton Warf and afterwards by SS Ethel to Banavie and thence walked to Fort William. Arrived 6pm and reported to Inspector Chisholm. 60 miles on duty, 13 hours.
- June 3 Saturday. Came to office at Fort William at 10am and by instructions from Insp. Chisholm proceeded by hire to Glenfinnan and took up duty there till further notice. Arrived 2pm.
Patrolled by Breanchille navy huts and Hotel till midnight.
- June 11 1am was handed from PC McGruer Thomas Gannon, prisoner and productions - Swiss Watch and chain - 6^d in silver and 1^d in bronze, which was found in his possession when searched. Also watch and chain which was labelled and signed by PC Gruer. Conveyed the prisoner to Fort William at 1pm. Returned by same conveyance. Arrived at Glenfinnan at 11pm. 36 miles and 11 hours duty.
- July 8 Patrolled by way of railway works to Leachavoie Pay Office.
- July 25 Left 2am and patrolled by way of Leachvoie and apprehended Barney Donnelly, unmarried, Railway Ganger. Returned to station 5am. 9am left station with hired conveyance and conveyed prisoner to Fort William. Arrived 1pm. Returned by same conveyance at 8pm. 36 miles and 18 hours.
- November 9 Patrolled to Leachvoie and saw Daniel Sullivan (28), single, navy Ganger, residing at John Hannak's Hut at Locheilt. Jeremiah Downie (20), single, labourer, residing in William Harlighy's Navy Hut at Locheilt. "Between three and four pm on Wednesday 8th November 1899 I had occasion to pass through the Railway Tunnel under construction at Leachamuie and as I was doing so, Jeremiah Downie the accused who was working there along with some more men, passed some remark which I did not understand. After passing the place where accused was working, I heard some noise at my back and before I had time to look round, the accused struck me a severe blow on the back of the head with a pick with which he was working. I staggered from the effects of the blow and had I been the least distance nearer accused, I have no doubt I would have been stunned by it. I turned round and accused was standing with the pick raised and looked as if he was going to give me another blow. I asked him why he struck me and he said that he would see me in my grave before long. It was the socket of the pick that struck my head and I feel my head very painful since, and as I gave accused no provocation I wish him prosecuted."
Got no information from William Harlighys, Ganger and Patrick Techan, labourer both residing at Locheilt, who were working at the tunnel entrance but got no information.
- December 15 Patrick Techan (23), single, labourer, residing in William Hairlighy's Hut Locheilt. "Between 5 and 6pm on Wednesday 13th I was engaged in loosening some muck at the east entrance of the Railway Tunnel under construction at Leachavon. John Hicksey (now injured), Daniel Harlighy, Ganger and Michael Harlighy, labourer, all residing at Locheilt were with me. John Hickey was working at some loose muck with a pick. I was standing beside and all of a sudden an explosion took place and the gravel which was thrown up by said explosion entered my eyes and rendered me blind. I then heard Daniel Harlighy say that John Hickey was also hurt about the face and eyes. Daniel Harlighy and

- (1899) Michael Harlighy aforesaid took me and John Hickey by the hand and led us to John McKay's Hut which was within one hundred yards and there washed my face and eyes so that I could see a little with my right eye. I then saw that John Hickey's both eyes were closed and a small cut in his upper lip. We proceeded in a dogcart, property of Robert Johnstone, Railway Manager residing at Breachillie, to the Railway Hospital at Polish. After being attended to there by Dr. Moorhead I returned to my lodgings. My right eye was all right again but I felt my left eye a little sore. John Hickey stayed at the hospital is (lit.) eyes being more severely hurt than mine. My opinion is that the emplotion was caused by John Hickey's pick coming in contact with a Gelegnite cartridge or part of one".
- December 25 Patrolled by Buachellie to Lochavoie. 8 miles , 6 hours. Night duty 7-12.

1900

- January 1 Patrolled public road by Buachille to Lochavoie Station . 20 miles, 10 hours
- February 14 William McLauchlan accidentally injured at Lechavoie by a blast. Denneg Dochartey (40), single, navy ganger, residing in Stuart's Navy Hut, Briachille. " 3.30pm on Wednesday 14th I was in charge of a gang of men who were engaged in laying permanent rails at the east entrance of number 1 tunnel at Lochavoie. William McLauchlan (now injured) was working with a pick to make beds for sleepers a few yards east of me and Bernard Drochen, labourer was working with a shovel quite near to him. I turned towards the Railway Tunnel and all of a sudden I heard a blast and I saw William McLauchlan trying to get on his feet about four yards away from where he was working. I and Bernard Drochan ran towards him and saw that his face was all covered with blood and his eyes closed and Bernard Drochan assisted him to Robert McKenzie's Navy Hut near bye and there washed his face. He could see a little with both his eyes but there were several small cuts on his face and his eyes were same. A conveyance belonging to Robert McAlpine & Sons, Railway Contractors, was at once got ready and the injured man left for the Hospital at Polish. The explosion must have been caused by the pick coming in contact with a Gelegnite cartridge, or part of one, which had failed to explode when being used there in connection with blasting operations previous to this date. No blame is attached to any person."
- April 17 Patrolled by Public road to Kinlocheil and called on Ewen Stewart, Sub Post Master there.
- April 30 Patrolled by railway works to Locheilt and called on Archibald Turner, Station man there.
- May 10 Met George Routledge, Timekeeper, who gave this information and complaint anent John Conner, Malicious Mischief at Buachellie. "I left my residence at Buachellie and proceeded eastwards along the Public Road. I observed smoke coming from a wooden shed close to the road , about 200 yards east from my house. I ran to the shed and there found the accused John Conner lying on the floor close to the fire. I at once ran back to William Brown's office for assistance to get the fire out and informed him that the shed in which he kept his dogcart was on fire. We got the dogcart taken out of the shed and threw a few pailfuls of water on the burning wood and soon got it out. The accused went into shed without getting any permission. I estimate the damage done at 8 shillings and wish accused prosecuted".
- May 29 Complaint from Ewen McCann (65), single, labourer, Lechavoie, against Edward O Connell (35), single, labourer, Lechavoie. Witness Joseph Dovine "Between 10 and 11pm on Saturday 26th May I left the kitchen of the hut in which I reside and went into the dining room and sat close to the fire. I had not been there a long time when Joseph Dovine and Edward O Connell came in. Edward O Connell passed some remark that I always got the easiest work. I was a little the worse of drink. Accused then came up to me and gave me a severe

- (1900) blow with his clenched fist above the left eyebrow. He then caught me by the breast and knocked me on the floor, kicked me on the back and tore my shirt. I was then carried to my bed by Joseph Devine. The accused came into my bedroom and challenged me to fight. I wish him prosecuted".
Witness Joseph Devine "I and Edward O Connell Accused entered the dining room. We were no longer there when Ewen McCann came in and immediately afterwards he and accused began to argue. Complainer got excited and rose of (lit) the seat. He was sitting near the end and when sitting down again he sat too near the end and was falling to the flour when accused caught hold of him to prevent him from falling, but the shirt by which he took hold gave way. Complainer fell down and struck his left eyebrow against the corner of a seat whereby he was cut. Complainer was a good deal worse of drink and I put him to bed. Accused did not interfere with complainer, only that he tried to prevent him from falling".
- May 30 Called on Alexander Turner, Store man at Locheilt.
- June 1 Went to Constabulary Office Fort William and was inspected by Captain Munro Her Majesty's Inspector of Police.
- August 9 About 7.30 on Thursday 9th August on my usual rounds at Lechavoie, I met Duncan McNiven, Solicitor and another Gentleman driving in the direction of Fort William. McNiven informed me that he lost on the previous night a black knotty walking stick with a round head, between Glenfinnan and Arisaig.
- August 10 Murdo Mackenzie, joiner, found the stick near to the house occupied by John Maclean, shepherd, Lechavoie. He found the stick and handed it over to the police.
- August 14 Received instructions to go to Fort William by Workman's Train on the evening of 22nd August for the purpose of doing duty at the said Lochaber Highland Games to be held the following day.
- August 22 Along with other constables did duty at Games till 6pm.
- August 25 Met Gamekeeper Ronald MacDonald Kinlochboragh and received statement "I left my house at Kinlochboragh and proceeded across the hill towards Glenfinnan. I saw the house lately occupied by Robert Nesbet at Aultnauach. I observed a man who I took to be a navvie going in through a back window on said house. I did not take much heed of this and proceeded towards the Public Road about 600 to 700 yards from said house. Met Const. Murchison and informed him".
William Brown (24), married, cashier with Robert McAlpine & Sons Railway Contractors and residing at Breachellie. "On my way home from Fort William I met Const. Murchison who informed me that while at Aultnauad he found the back door and window of the house lately occupied by Robert Nesbet had been forced open. I at once proceeded with Const. Murchison to the house at Allnauach".
- August 27 Complaint from William Brown (34), cashier with Robert McAlpine & Sons residing at Breachellie.
- September 5 Evidence from Robert Nesbet. "About 1 to 2pm Thursday 11th August 1900, left my house at Aultnauach along with my wife and proceeded by train to Glasgow. I sent William Brown, Cashier, a letter and the key of the front door of my house at Aultnauach for him to send me some small things that I required, also wanting him to see if the doors were properly lock (sic) as I had a feeling that I did not lock said doors when leaving on Tuesday 4th September. I went into said house at Aultnauach for to get a pair of strong boots on, but found that they were stolen. They are made of fine leather, tackets in threes and fastened with laceses (sic) value £1. Also gone dark cord waistcoat, 10/0^d, grey woollen shirt 2/0^d, brown tweed waistcoat taken from a nail 10/0^d. I wish the person who is found with the missing articles prosecuted."
- September 12 Received telegram signed Blackburn Annat. "Police Glenfinnan Please detain Gang of Gipsies with six vans for wilful damage at Annat this morning".

- (1900) PC Ross Banavie apprehended Robert Stewart (29), married, tinsmith charged for wilful damage done at Annat.
- September 11 At 7pm John McKelleg came to my station and gave this information "On Tuesday 11th September between 7 and 8pm I was coming home from the fishing along with witness Alan Cameron. I was carrying a luncheon basket on my back and I had also a landing net on my shoulder and when within 40 yards from the hotel occupied by Alexander Campbell I met Donald McLeod, Gardner, who began to tease me and pull away the landing net that I was carrying on my shoulder. I put the net down and ran after McLeod and on catching him he struck me a severe blow on the left eye which cut me and bled my nose and threw me on the ground, before he could further assault me. The Constable got him taken away. He was pretty much the worse of drink and threatened to further assault me. I know the accused well. He is very quarriesome (sic.) when he is the worse of drink. I gave accused no provocation whatever and wish him prosecuted".
Allan Cameron (19), single, boatman, residing with Alexander Campbell Hotelkeeper, gave similar account.
- September 13 Clothing sent by Mail Coach – one great coat, one pair uniform trousers, one pair gloves – to be taken on ware 1st October.
- September 14 Memo received anent use of Locomotive Petroleum Locomotives on Highways. Poster was put up on display of the General Regulations.
- September 18 Received memorandum anent Foot and Mouth disease being detected in Yorkshire, Denlighshire and Wiltshire and requesting to report anything suspicious anent.
- October 4 Made enquiries on case of Donald Cameron (36), single, labourer, employed by North British Telegraph Cop. who accidentally broke his leg by falling at the Glen Glenfinnan. "4 to 6pm Thursday 4 October I along with Donald Warren, Foreman and Alexander McDonald, labourer and some more men were in the Surfaceman's house in the Glen Glenfinnan waiting for the workmen's train to take us home. I was beginning to feel it was long that the train was not coming and proceeded up the Railway Bank to see if the train was coming. I was walking on some planks which were very slippery. I lost my footing and fell on my right side. My right foot was jammed between two planks and I fell and broke my right leg three inches above my ankle. I was lifted and carried into the Surfaceman's by Warren Alexander McDonald and others. They put some splints on my leg and I did not feel my leg so sore now. There is no blame to any person".
- October 6 Anent Foot and Mouth Disease prohibiting the movement of cattle into or out of the County of Perth has been revoked.
- October 22 Duncan McMillan (58), single, carter with McAlpine & Sons. "I was in the stable at Breachellie and saw Daniel Sullivan playing and capering about a dogcart which had been lying at the stable. He also had a child in the dogcart and was running East and Westwards along the public road and when opposite the stable (Sullivan) tryed (sic.) to turn the dogcart. His foot got into a hole on the side of the road and he fell on his right side. His right leg was broken about three inches above the ankle and I drove him into Fort William and left him at Belford Hospital.
- October 26 Received £4/6/4 by PO order for 28 days duty.
- November 6 Apprehended John Connor on charge of attempted suicide. Witnesses ? Sullivan or Sweeney and Daniel Sweeny. Sullivan / Sweeney, about 35, wife of and resident with Michael Sweeny, Navy Hut, Breachellie and John Connor (36), single, labourer, residing in Michael Sweeny, Navy Hut, Breachellie. John Connor (30), single, labourer, residing in Michael Sweeny's Navy Hut, Breachellie "I heard some noise in the men's apartment of the hut and on opening the door which divides the men's apartment from the kitchen I saw John Connor standing on the table with a leather strap around his neck. He had also

- (1900) fixed on one of the joints a brown muffler and he was tying the leather straps and muffler together with the intention of hanging himself.
- December 2 Batt Sullivan died. William Hearlighy (30), married, Hut Keeper at Lochavoie station "Walked half a mile to work. Started at 8am. At 10am Batt Sullivan got ill and lay across the rack. We gave him a cup of tea and he took a small sip of it. We then put him on a bogie and took him to my hut and got him to bed. We then sent for Father Cameron and Dr Millar about 2pm. Deceased died at 10am.

1901

- January 11 Const. Murchison met me in the Glen Glenfinnan and informed me that Angus McLean (19), shepherd, Lechavoie, wanted me to visit, as there was some poaching on Mr Brickman's ground. Met three men carrying something on their backs. But the material was not found on them. Policeman met Allan McEwan carrying a riffle and Donald McNaughton and Son Sheak and all three residing in Fort William. Const. Murchison found a bag with some venison. Alexander McEwen, plasterer in Fort William. They hid it at Breachellie when they saw police coming. Deer killed on Glenaladale ground.
- March 8 Friday. Left 9am and patrolled in the vicinity of Glenfinnan. At 12 noon left Glenfinnan by mail coach for Fort William. To residence at 4pm. 20 miles, 7 hours. Night duty left residence and patrolled in Fort William till 11pm. 2 miles, 4 hours.

This is the last entry at which the policeman was based in Moidart.