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SEAFORTH, Francis Humberston Mackenzie, Lord

9.VI.1754– Warriston, near Edinburgh11.I.1815
The grandson of the Jacobite 4th Earl of Seaforth, Francis Humberston Mackenzie was 1st and last Lord Seaforth (created 1797) and Baron Mackenzie of Kintail; on 22.IV.1782 he married Mary, daughter of the Very Rev. Baptist Proby; there were no surviving male children to carry on the line. He was clan chief, an MP, Lord-Lieutenant of Ross-shire from 1794, Governor of Barbados 1801–06, and rose to be Lieutenant-General in 1808.

His portrait by Sir Thomas Lawrence was painted in 1797. Deaf and speaking with difficulty, he was known for his intellectual interests, botany among them. He was made a fellow of the Royal Society in 1794. He was evidently also an amateur artist, as his household accounts include one dated 9.VI.1786 “Account due to John Robinson, engraver, printseller and printer, 9 Great Newport St., Long Acre, London, for a box of colours, crayons, pencils and chalk. Endorsed with ink sketch of a putto or cupid removing an arrow from his quiver” (National Records of Scotland, GD46/15/138).