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At a Meeting of the ABBOTSFORD CLUB, held at Edinburgh the 26th day of November 1838,

“Mr. LAING having stated that JAMES ERSKINE OF ABERDONA, Esq., had, through the medium of JOHN HILL BURTON, Esq. Advocate, kindly offered to the CLUB for publication, the “CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MARQUIS OF TULLIBARDINE, (assuming the title of DUKE OF ATHOL,) during the Rebellion in 1745”—the originals of which are preserved among the Family papers at Aberdona,—the Meeting directed the thanks of the Members to be returned to Mr. ERSKINE, —accepted his obliging offer, and instructed the Secretary to order transcripts to be immediately made for press. At the same time the editing of the Work, for the use of the Members of the ABBOTSFORD CLUB, was confided to Mr. BURTON and Mr. LAING.”

INTRODUCTORY NOTICE.

THE ABBOTSFORD CLUB is indebted for the following series of Letters to the politeness of JAMES ERSKINE of Aberdona, Esq., among whose family papers they have for many years been deposited. On the manner in which they may have come into the hands of one of Mr. Erskine's ancestors, neither the documents themselves, nor any extraneous information, traditionary or written, throw any light. It might be natural to presume, from the evidence they were calculated to supply against the leaders of the Rebellion, that they came officially into the hands of Charles Erskine, Lord Justice-Clerk, (the lineal ancestor of the present proprietor of the papers,) who, at the period to which they refer, was a Senator of the College of Justice, under the title of Lord Tinwald. As they bear no evidence, however, of having passed through any public office, a more plausible theory, as to the mode in which they had been acquired, seems to be the following:—In 1748, Lord Tinwald's son, James Erskine, Esq., was appointed sheriff-depute of Perthshire, and in the same year his father was elevated to the dignity of Lord Justice-Clerk, in the room of Lord Milton. About this period, the new sheriff had, in all probability, by some means or other, discovered and obtained possession of these documents; which,—at a date so long after the Rebellion, the punishment of many of the individuals compromised by the correspondence, and the death of others,¹—he conceived that he would better aid the returning tranquillity of the country by suppressing altogether, than by using them as the means of further vengeance against those whose misdeeds he probably thought had been already sufficiently atoned for. With this view of the matter, he had, in all likelihood, deposited these “cold ashes of rebellion” in his private archives, where they have since remained, along with other more harmless correspondence and family papers. That there cannot be a doubt of their authenticity, an inspection of the Letters, even in their printed form, will at once establish; and the Editor may add, on the information of the proprietor, that the late Duke of Atholl, many years ago, expressed to a mutual friend of Mr. Erskine and his Grace, his knowledge of this correspondence being in Mr. Erskine's hands, and his desire that it should not be made public, at least in his lifetime,—probably not caring to have the misguided, though gallant exertions of his grandfather, brought back to the recollection of the public, although his Grace's known loyalty and national spirit might well have expiated the failings of a far more misguided ancestor, and had long afforded a guarantee to the public, in regard to himself, that

¹ Among these was the unfortunate Marquis of Tullibardine himself, who died in the Tower of London on the 9th July 1746.

In him the savage virtues of his race,
Revenge, and all ferocious thoughts, were dead.

The reader may perhaps be disappointed who expects in these letters much additional information relative to the more public transactions of the insurrection. The large body of evidence already laid before the public would seem to have well nigh exhausted that branch of the subject; and the utmost that can be now looked for, is the corroboration of any points that may have been made the ground of discussion, or considered as standing in need of farther evidence. Among these points is the conduct of Lord George Murray; and it is to be regretted that the gap in the present series, embracing the whole period from the army's entering England, until it reached Falkirk on its retreat northward, renders it impossible to draw from it any additional particulars regarding the coolness that took place between Lord George and Charles Edward, or the part which the former took in regard to that retreat, which, without doubt, tended greatly to abate the sanguine hope and spirit that had hitherto attended the enterprise. The numerous letters of Lord George, at other dates, show sufficiently that he acted throughout with the utmost energy and zeal, nor is there any allusion made to his having experienced injury or withdrawal of confidence at the hands of Charles Edward or any of his councillors; from the beginning to the end of the campaign, his letters breathe the same language of unwearied and ungrudging devotion to the cause; but it is evident, from the accounts given in his and other letters of the continual desertion of the Highlanders, and the difficulty of keeping them together, that the retreat from England was a measure of absolute necessity. No means had been left unused, (and it is chiefly on this head that these letters constitute a new body of evidence,) to raise men for the service and to keep them from leaving it. The enthusiastic loyalty of the Clans, regarding which so much has been said and sung, may hereafter, with propriety, disappear from the pages, at least of history. More perfect evidence of quite as arbitrary an exercise of coercion as Napoleon's conscript scheme, and certainly much more indiscriminate, cannot be required, than what is afforded by the letters of the Marquis of Tullibardine and his agents in the following pages.

It has not been considered necessary to prefix a systematic account of the parties who figure in this correspondence. The principal actors in the events which it serves to record, have been long familiar to the world both in history and romance; and any peerage will at once give all the necessary information regarding the births, marriages, and deaths of the Marquis of Tullibardine, Lord G. Murray, The Earl of Kilmarnock, Lord Strathallan, Lord Nairne, &c. &c., while the principal chieftains and landed proprietors are in like manner chronicled in Douglas' Baronage and other works of a similar nature. With regard to the inferior agents, the numerous Robertsons, Spaldings, &c., the "fortes Gyae fortesque Cloanthi" of Atholl, it would doubtless require a

knowledge of Gaelic, and a pilgrimage to the scene of their career, to acquire any competent information; and it is not probable that the result would repay the pains taken to arrive at it.

There is, however, one individual who makes a rather prominent figure in this correspondence, whose name has not hitherto, (so far at least as is known to the Editor,) been connected with the events of the period. The Doctor Colvill, who so frequently corresponds with the Marquis and his satellites regarding all the measures which they had the task of carrying into operation, was undoubtedly the Honourable George Colvill, fourth son of the eighth Lord Colvill of Culross, who is said by Wood to have been a physician in Dundee, and to have died unmarried in 1755. It is worthy of remark that his elder brother, (who had distinguished himself at the battle of Dettingen,) commanded the North British Fusileers at the victory of Culloden; and a nephew, of the same name, son of the ninth Lord Colvill, is also mentioned by Wood as having "pursued the rebels into Scotland under the Duke of Cumberland." Such divided politics in families were, as is well known, far from uncommon in Scotland at the period.

The style employed by most of these correspondents is neither better nor worse than the usual language of their time. The Marquis of Tullibardine, having lived much abroad, seems to have lost any facility of composition in his native language that he may have ever possessed, and in one letter printed in the Appendix, (No. V.) he appears to have found it so difficult a task to express his own meaning, that it may be doubted whether the illustrious individual to whom it is addressed could be much edified by its perusal. Lord George Murray's letters, on the other hand, are plain and decided in their language. Robertson of Strowan's effusions are so characteristic of that very eccentric genius, that it has been thought right to subjoin a lithographic facsimile of one of his most extravagant productions. Much bad spelling generally prevails, especially among the Highland gentry, but it cannot be denied that the palm in this respect is borne away by the heroine of the Rout of Moy,—the Lady of Mackintosh, —than whom, writes the gallant General Stewart, "of all the fine ladies, few were more accomplished, more beautiful, or more enthusiastic." Her enthusiasm is undisputed, nor would it be courteous to question her beauty, but it must be owned, that whatever accomplishments she may have possessed, they do not appear to have been of a literary nature.

The proof sheets have been rigidly compared with the original letters, which are thus *verbatim et literatim* put into the hands of the Club. In many instances the facility of perusal might have been assisted by slight emendations, but it was considered that even mistakes and peculiarities, whether in spelling or grammar, were traits of character and habits which it

would be improper to suppress.²

These papers may be considered as constituted of two distinct elements,—the original communications which the Marquis of Tullibardine received, and the scrolls of his own letters. On only two occasions does the signature of “Atholl” occur in the course of the series; in one of these instances it is partially torn off, in the other so nearly obliterated that it was with some difficulty that the original autograph could be traced for the purpose of a facsimile. The scrolls are, in general, written by the Marquis’s successive secretaries; some of those so penned are corrected by himself, and others are entirely in his own handwriting. The letters received by the Marquis have been indorsed with punctilious accuracy, displaying the name of the writer, with the place and date of writing and receipt. This is generally in the handwriting of a secretary, but occasionally in that of the Marquis, who has also, in some of the scrolls of his own letters, supplied deficiencies and corrected mistakes. These indorsations afforded to the Editor the best possible authority for heading and titling the letters for the press, and he has therefore thought it right to adhere to them on every occasion, at some slight sacrifice of technical precision to virtual accuracy of designation. This circumstance will readily account to the reader for the Jacobite phraseology which pervades the table of contents. The convenience of this arrangement will readily present itself to the reader; it would have been, for instance, productive of perpetually recurring confusion, and consequent necessity of explanation, to have given the title “To the Marquis of Tullibardine,” to a letter beginning “My Lord Duke.”

Each letter is twice numbered on the back, one of the sets of numbers showing a collective, the other an individual reference. It at first occurred to the Editor, that one at least of these numerations might have been appended as a means of arranging the correspondence for the purpose of prosecution, but further examination showed that all markings of any kind in the series were made for the convenience of the Marquis himself. It appears that he numbered his letters in the order in which he received them, until he came to number 50, when he commenced a new series of a like number, distinguishing the fifties from each other, by No. 1. on each letter of the first series of 50, No. 2. on each letter of the second, and so on. It is perhaps worth noticing, as characteristic of the minute precision of the great Jacobite leader, that the Editor has seen several specimens of the domestic correspondence of the Marquis, at an early period of his life, consisting of invitations to dinner,

² The following errors have escaped correction during the passage of the volume through the press. Lady George Murray’s signature, at pages 23 and 51, ought to have been printed *Æmilia*: the title of No. XXIV. at page 27, should have been “The Duke of Atholl to S^r Alex^r M^cDonald [and] M^cLeod;” and Cluny’s signature throughout, should have been “Ev. M^cPherson.”

and other communications of like importance, in which the same business-like system of indorsation is rigidly followed.

The Appendix is composed of two distinguishable sets of documents. The one (from No. 1. to No. 6. inclusive) consists of letters, which have evidently originally formed part of the Atholl correspondence, but which have apparently been for some time separated from the collection in the possession of Mr. Erskine. With the use of these documents, for the purpose of illustration, the Editor has been kindly furnished by their proprietor. The other series of documents consists of papers not connected with the Atholl correspondence, and which have no further claim to be associated with it than their reference to the same series of political events, and the circumstance that they have been found among the papers of the same family. Should the reader be inclined to think that the latter portion of these add unnecessarily to the bulk of the volume, it is hoped that the censure will not apply to the three letters from Lord Lovat—productions which the editor cannot help considering so intrinsically interesting, that there is no occasion to make any apology for their introduction. These three letters are all deeply tinged with the qualities and characteristics of their remarkable author;—the insinuating address—the deep guile—and the calm assumption of stainless integrity which enabled him to end his black career with the unabashed application to his fate of the “*dulce et decorum est pro patria mori,*” of Horace. Of these letters, the signature only is in the handwriting of their author, the services of a secretary having been employed on each occasion; and it may be noticed that the second and third, six years distant from each other in date, and written under such different circumstances, are in the same handwriting, showing apparently that even Lovat had some retainer in his service, who would not desert him in his last day of danger and distress,—an indication of devoted attachment, which appears somewhat unaccountable, if the following anecdote regarding him from Burt’s letters from the North of Scotland is to be relied on, as furnishing fair data on which to form a general judgment of the estimation in which he was held by his dependents.

“As this chief was walking alone in his garden, with his dirk and pistol by his side, and a gun in his hand, as if he feared to be assassinated; and as I was reading in his parlour, there came to me, by stealth, (as I soon perceived,) a young fellow, who accosted me with such an accent, as made me conclude he was a native of Middlesex, and every now and then he turned about as if he feared to be observed by any of the family. He told me, that when his master was in London, he had made him promises of great advantage, if he would serve him as his gentleman; but though he had been there two years, he could not obtain either his wages or a discharge. And, says he, when I ask for either of them, he tells me I know I have robbed him, and nothing is more easy for him than to find among these Highlanders abundant evidence against me, innocent as I am, and then my fate must be a perpetual jail or transportation,

and there is no means for me to make my escape, being here in the midst of his clan, and never suffered to go far from home. You will believe I was much affected with the melancholy circumstance of the poor young man; but told him that my speaking for him would discover his complaint to me, which might enrage his master, and in that case I did not know what might be the consequence to him. Then with a sorrowful look he left me.”

7, HOWARD PLACE, EDINBURGH,
7th March 1840.

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My dear Duke
I need not promise
a man to be honest
who makes nice con-
science of wronging
the King. few people
scruple in that point
I have been suspected
up by your grace's re-
lations, tho I am sure

They were they were
not properly related
to your Grace. My
over borrowed sake
you take me, if you
don't, I refer you to
Niel MacGlaphan or
Ralf a pair of specta-
cles for he can tell what
he sees as well and other

than my lord
your ever faithful
all humble servant

Mr. Robert Johnson

Carry
Oct: 18th

1745

God direct you
Your Good Neighbor
Frailty

JACOBITE CORRESPONDENCE
OF
WILLIAM, MARQUIS OF TULLIBARDINE.³

I.

*CIRCULAR LETTER—TO THE LAIRD OF ASSHENTILLY AND
OTHER GENTLEMEN IN ATHOLL.*

GENTILMEN,

THE KING, for the recovery of his rights and putting an end to the destructive proceedings of unlawful government, has constituted The Prince, Regent of His Majesty's dominions, as you will see by a copy of his Commission and Declaration inclosed. His Royal Highness in this condition has brought me with him for the better accomplishment of his intention of freeing these Nations from the usurpation of foreigners and the imposing practices of those that adhere to them; therefore, according to the Prince's commands, this is requiring my Brothers, or any other of my near relations who are capable and well inclin'd, to make themselves ready armed for the publick service with you, and appear at your head so soon as H. R. H. comes amongst you, which will be very soon, to joyn the Royall Standard; of which time and place you shall be more fully acquainted by

GENTILMEN,

From the Camp at LOCHIEL,

August 22nd, 1745

To the Laird of Asshentilly,
Mr. Stewart of Kennichan,
and the other honest
Gentlemen in Atholl, to the
care of Mr. Stewart of
Glenbucke.

Your most Affectionat

1745. and very Humble Servant.⁴

II.

CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

It is not above an hour since I had the honour to arrive here, in Company with his royall Highness the Prince, to assert his Majesty's right; and as you have ever continued to act as Loyall Subjects and Lovers of your Country, it

³ It will be remarked that in the following correspondence the title of DUKE OF ATHOLL is assumed by William Marquis of Tullibardine, who would have succeeded to the family honours and estates, had he not been excluded by an Act of forfeiture, on account of his connection with the Rebellion of 1715. The title was, by the same act, made to devolve on his younger brother James; but the forfeiture of the elder brother was never acknowledged by the Jacobites,

⁴ This letter has no signature, but was evidently written by the Marquis of Tullibardine.

leaves me no room to doubt that you will on this occasion manifest to the world your zeall and attachment to the royall family by appearing immediatly in Arms, with all the men you can get together, to join the royall Standard. I shall be heartily sorry that your delay to appear should oblige me, by his Highness orders, to use more disagreeable methods, therefore I hope you'll by no means fail to join our Army here to morrow or Munday, and I am,

From the CAMP at
BLAIR, the 31st Aug,
1745.

Your affec^t. hum^{ble} Serv^t.
ATHOLL.⁵

III.

*SCROLLS OF LETTERS FROM THE DUKE OF ATHOLL, WITH
A LIST OF THE PERSONS TO WHOM THEY WERE SENT.*

SIR,

I have informed the Prince of your stedfast adherence and good service done the King in the 1715, when you was so good as join your brother's men to mine in the regiment commanded by my brother Lord George. I persuade myself that the same good principles do still remain in you, and that you'll furthwith raise all the men living upon the Barronys of Asshuntly and Balmacruchy, with those on your own interest, and join the army commanded by the Prince, wherever the royall standard is, as most convenient for you. I am well informed, that since you have left the country you have always considered your interest joined w^t my family at all occasions; and therefore I hope you'll do the lame at this juncture. You served as Lieut. Coll. last, and now deservedly you need not doubt of having y^e Coll.'s command, and of all other service I can render you, being, w^t perfect esteem and consideration,

SIR, &c.

It is not above an hour since⁶ I had the honour to arrive here in company with his Royall Highness the Prince, to assert his Majesty's undoubted right; and as you have ever continued to act as loyall subjects and lovers of your country, it leaves me no room to doubt that you will on this so much wished for occasion manifest to the world your zeall and attachment to the royall family, by appearing immediatly in arms, with all the men you can get together, to join the royall standard. I shall be heartily sorry that your delay to appear should oblige me, by his Highness' orders, to use more disagreeable

⁵ The Signature has been partially torn off.

⁶ This Letter is nearly the same, and is followed by another copy, almost verbatim with the one marked No. II.

methods. The army proceeds to morrow to Blair, where I hope you will by no means fail to join on Sunday.

Your affec^t. hum^{ble} Serv^t.

DALNACAIRDICH,
30 Aug^t, 1745.

STRATH TAY.

Robert Steuart of Kilchaffie.
Duncan Steuart of Blackhill.
Mr. George Robertson, Min^r.
Robert Steuart of Derghullich.
James Menzies of Bofracks.
John Reid of Pitnairie.
Cha^s. Steuart of Ballechan.

John Robertson of Easter Tyre.

BELOW YE PASS.

Finlay Ferguson of Baladmin.
Henry Balnevis of Edderadour.
Tho^s. & Robert Fleeming, Elder
and Y^r of Muness.

STRATHERDAILL.

Daniel Robertson of Balnacraig.
William Small of Kindruggin.
John Robertson of Strathloch.

Patrick Small of Dirnanean.
Baron Reid.
Alex^r. Rattray of Tullichcarran.
Alex^r. Rattray of Balinault.
Don^d. Robertson of Cultalonie.
Spalding and M'Intofh, Portioners
of Strommuck.
Alex^r. Murray of Arns.
Ja^s. Ferguson of Westercallie.
Alex^r. Kay Corridon.
John M'Kenzie of Borlunt.
Duncan Steuart of Milton.
David Spalding of Whithouse.
Steuart, &c. Portioners of
Corlarich.
Cha^s. Spalding of Drimfork.
David Robertson of Eafterbleton.
Alex^r. Rattray of Dalruillean.

IV.

FROM W. MURRAY, TAYMOUNT, TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.
MY LORD,

The kindness you was pleased to shew me in my younger days, encourages me still to Lope for your patronage and friendship, which I natter myself I have never done any thing to forfeit; but, as I hope to have the honour of waiting of you soon at Dunkeld, I will trouble you no further, only to assure you I always have been, and still am,

MY DEAR LORD, your Grace's affectionate Cousin and obedient humble Serv^t.

W. MURRAY.

TAYMOUNT, *Sept*^{br.} 2nd 1745.

When I have the honour to see you, I will give my reason for not writing sooner.

V.

*FROM WILLIAM DAVIDSON, TO HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF
ATHOLL AT BLAIR.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

I presume to acquaint you that I am William Davidson of Auchterarder, near to your Grace's castle of Tullibardin, who had the honour to sit next you in the class at St. Andrews during the whole course of your studys under Pringle and Vilant, Regents. I had the misfortune to be the greatest sufferer when our 5 villages were burned, in the fatall January 1716, when your Grace went beyond sea, as you will see by the royall declaration enclosed. Having then lost all, and a numerous family to support by my daily industry, I could never recover my former estate.

I am not accustomed to arms, but can be ane able faithful penman, if your Grace think fit to employ me; I shal take share of any fortune, and never leave you til death part us, being now free, a Widower, and all my children in business.

Otherways, may it please your Grace, in my favours to apply his Royal Highness Charles Prince of Wales, Regent, and onely Righteous Heir to the Croun of these long oppressed Kingdoms, that I may have some subsistence to live by til God shal enable him to make full reparation, conform to Justice and his Father's Royal Promise. I pray God may croun your arms with success,—*Ferrea jam pereant, redeant Saturnia regna*, and am, with the most profound respect,

May it please your Grace,

Your Grace's most humble petitioner,

Most obedient servant,

WILLIAM DAVIDSON.

BLAIR, *7ber* 2, 1745.

Respice samelicum, Maecenas digne Poetam
Bis captum Martis Mulciberique dolis;
Intulit, ah, misero flammis Montana Juventus.
Trux Iber in tumidis me spoliavit aquis.
Filius ante diem patrios inquirit in annos.
Accipe nunc humiles mente favente preces.

An. Dom
1716.
1740.

PARAPHRASED.

Burn'd by the CLANNS in furious ire,
Stripp'd by fierce Spaniards on the sea,
Escaped twice thro' sword and fire,
My cruel son hath robbed me.

VI.

MEMORIAL HUMBLY OFFERED TO HIS GRACE THE DUKE
OF ATHOLL ANENT THE ARMY'S ROUT IN THE LOW
COUNTRY, TO THE ONELY SURE PASSES UPON FORTH, BY
DOUN AND THE FORD OF FREW; ALSO, THE ROUT FROM
THENCE TO LINLITHGOW, A MOST CONVENIENT
QUARTERS, OR TO GLASGOW, A WEALTHY OPEN CITY;
ALSO, OF THE STRENGTH AND INCLINATIONS OF THE
SEVERAL NOBLEMEN AND GENTLEMEN OF THESE
COUNTRYS, AND HOW THEY STAND AFFECTED TO THE
ROYAL CAUSE, BY
WILLIAM DAVIDSON.

Ου χ^ηη ωαννυχιου έυδειω υγληφοζου ανδζα.— HOMER.

At pater in ripa gelidique sub ætheris axe

Æneas, tristi turbatus pectora bello,

Atque animum nunc huc celerem, nunc dividit illuc,

In partesque rapit varias, perque omnia versat

VIRGIL.

Nam priusquam inceperis consulto, et ubi consulueris mature facto opus est.— SALLUST.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

To glance over the following advices given by a sincere well-wisher, anent your rout from Perth, if you pass by the heads of Forth; containing an accompt of all Gentlemen how they stand affected or disaffected to the Royal Cause.

DISAFFECTED.

1. Craigie of Kilgrasstoun, wealthy.
2. Belshes of Innermay, wealthy.
3. Fenton of Milnearn, poor.

DISAFFECTED.

From Perth to Ochterarder and Tullibardin. —10 Miles.

WELL-AFFECTED.

1. Smyth of Methven, wealthy, but not much to be depended upon.
2. Graham of Balgowan, very wealthy and firm.
3. Moray of Abercairny, very wealthy and firm.
4. Oliphant of Gask, pretty wealthy and firm.

WELL-AFFECTED.

5. Viscount of Strathallan, firm.
6. Lord George Murray, wealthy, non liquet.
- 7- Lord Rollo, poor, non liquet.
8. Lord Ruthven, non liquet.

<p>1. Haldane of Gleneagles, wealthy.</p>	<p>From Ochterarder to Dumblane —10 Miles.</p>	<p>9. Old Regent Craigie of Dumbarry, wealthy, non liquet. 10. Moncrief, wealthy, non liquet. Sir Henry Sterling of Ardoch, firm.</p>
<p>1, Campbel of Aberuchil at Kilbride.</p>	<p>From Dumblane to Doun, where there is a strong old castle, which commands the bridge and pass upon the rapid river Taith.— 4 Miles.</p>	<p>2. Drummond M^cgrigor of Balhaldie, who, with Glengyle, can raise 400 M^cgrigors, firm. 3. Kippendavie, firm. 4. Linton of Pittendrich, firm. 5. Braco Graham's relict widow, a strong house, but the heir absent in Dutch service . 6. Son-in-law to Burdon of Fedals, firm. 7. Duke of Perth most firm.</p>
<p>DISAFFECTED.</p>		<p>1. Newtown Edmonstoun, firm.</p>
<p>1. Lady Kilcroich, a widow.</p>	<p>From Doun to the Foord of Frew upon Forth.—3 or 4 Miles.</p>	<p>WELL-AFFECTED. 2. Hume of Argatie, weal thy and firm. 3. Edmonftoun of Cambs-Wallace, non liquet. 4. Stuart of Ballachallan, firm.</p>
<p>2. Bontein of Mildovan, poor.</p>		<p>1. Blair Drummond, very wealthy and firm. 2. Haldane of Lenrick, non liquet. 3. Graham's of Monteith, with Gartmore, and David Graham of Orchil, Doer for the Duke of Montrose, generally firm. 4. Buchanan of Drumakill, able and firm. 5. Givan of Buchaple, firm. 6. Two Cunninghams upon Enrickwater, non liquet.</p>
<p>1. The City of Glasgow, wealthy and powerful.</p> <p>2. Campbel of Shawfield, wealthy.</p> <p>3. The Toun of Paisly.</p> <p>4. Port-Glasgow.</p>	<p>If you take your rout to Glasgow, a wealthy open city, where there is a good magazine of arms, and store of ammunition.—14 Miles.</p>	<p>1. Earl of Wigtoun at Cumbernauld, firm and rich. 2. Stirling of Keir, at Calderhouse, rich and firm. 3. Duke of Hamiltoun powerfull and well-affected. 4. S^r James Hamiltoun of Rofehall, very wealthy. 5. S^r Archibald Stuart of Castlemilk.</p>
<p>5. S^r John Shaw with the toun of Greenock.</p>	<p>If you take your rout from the passage of Forth to</p>	

Store of iron cannon at these two harbours.

wards Linlithgow, where is a most convenient encampment, descended by a rapid river, with impassable banks on the West, on the north and east by a loch, which almost surrounds the palace, in a plentiful country, midway betwixt Edinburgh and Stirling, where his Royal Highness may expect powerful assistance, and may command a passage upon Forth to keep a free communication by Alloa, Airth, Borrowstouness, or Queensferry, it being within 5 miles of any of these. From the ford of Frew to St. Ninians.—7 Miles.

1. Town of Stirling.
2. S^r James Campbell of Ardkinlass.
3. S^r James Livingston, his Grandson and Heir.

DISAFFECTED.

1. Lord Napier.
2. The greater part of the Low Country common people, of the Presbyterian party, but the whole Episcopal party are firm to the Royal Cause.

WELL-AFFECTED.

From St. Ninians to Linlithgow.— 11 Miles.

WELL-AFFECTED.

6. Stuart, brother-german to Lord Blantire.
7. Countess of Dundonald.

1. Seaton of Touch.
2. Paterson of Bannock-burn.
3. Murray of Powmeaths.
1. Graham of Airth, a wealthy learned Lawyer I suppose firm.
2. Boyd Earl of Kilmarnock, at Callendar House, at Falkirk, I think firm.
3. Lord Elphinston, firm.
4. Earl of Hoptoun, immensely rich, within 3 miles of Linlithgow, who to preserve his beautiful feat of Abercorn, will not fail to contribute largely.
5. Lord Erskin, alias E. of Mar, at Alloa.
6. Earl of Traquair, most firm.
7. Stuart Lord Blantire, most firm.
8. Hay of Drummellior, most firm.
9. The body of the city of Edinburgh,

| and many Hays of East Lothian,
| most firm.

Done by WILLIAM DAVIDSON,
BLAIR, *September 3rd*, 1745.

VII.

ROBERT MERCER OF ALDIE, TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

As Mr. Murray tolde me Lord George said I was to see the inclosed, I judged there might be orders for me, which, finding there is, I have ordered the men of the Property lands to meet me on Thursday at ten in the morning, to execute your funder orders. I expected to have met some of the Strathardl Vassels, who are not yet arrived, and was this day with Stenton, with whom I left orders about them; what else I had to say have tolde your Servant, and am,

Your Grace's most obedient humble Servant,

R^o. MERCER.

NAIRNE, Sept. 8th 1745.

VIII.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO COMMISSARY BISSET.

BLAIR, Sept^r. 9th 1745.

SIR,

By your upright and carefull diligence, authority, and influence with the young Commissary your son, to whom I join my good friend Mr. James Scot, as you'l acquaint him, I expect, demand, and positively require that the Dunkeld company of men, formerly consisting of sixty good men, come up here against to-morrow night, without farther delay, as you and your Son will be answerable to me at your peril, since our King and Country's cause can allow of no further idle excuses or imposing pretences, to frustrate my just expectations, which I expect will be readily comply'd with as you regard your own honour and safety. Therefore, don't imagine that people of honour are to be sham'd off with pitifull stories. You must be here to-morrow morning, and be sure your Son come along with the men in the evening; and remember that I depend upon him, as you will oblige one who has always endeavoured to serve and protect honest men.—I am,

SIR,

Your affectionate humble Servant,

Tell your nephew Thomas Bisset, that I would have him come up along with you to settle the concerns of my house at Dunkeld, to his and every body's just satisfaction, as well as my own; he must bring along with him what sadle horses fitt for service, either in the parks or stables, with the two best work horses, and remember that I here recommend that no arms be hid or left in the house or about the town, which can be usefull to me or the men that are coming up. Forget not, on this occasion, that I shall always be your good friend if you give me sufficient proof that you deserve it. This goes, with a flying seal under cover, to Mr. Scot. Tell Cha^s. Stewart the Barber, if he does not come to serve me, he must go out as a soldier.

IX.

*SPALDING OF GLENKILRIE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL. MAY
IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,*

I had the honour of two letters directed by your Grace to me, the one came to my hands the third and the oyr the eight instant, and I may verry freely say that I did exert myself, as farr as my present state of health and situation could alow, to obey your Grace's commands. I am verry sorry that I have to say that their is greater difficultie to raise the men of this Countrie than ever I seed before, and that it seems to me that nothing will raise them to purpose without a pairty, but it will be understood twixt this and to-morrow night or Thursday morning who will goe out voluntirly. Mr. Ogilvie, younger of Shanyvey, spook to me yesterday, and told me his father is engaged with Lord Ogilvie to answer for his lands in Glenisla. I desired his son to raise his fayr's men in Glenshee and the neighbourhood there; he promised to me to doe so and to goe forward to-morrow the eleventh, but he expects to be an officer, (I mean a subaltern comission,) I encouraged him in his demand, and I doubt not but he will impliment his promise if the men rise for him. Mr. Murray of Soilary went off in the afternoon yesterday with a few in order to hasten more to follow him; I expect some moe hase followed this morning. Their {hall be nothing neglected that lyes in my power in this matter. I am sorry that my bad state of health hase not allowed me to wait of your Grace shooner, but I would fain think and hoope that my distemper may shoon wear over so as that I may have that honnour and pleasure. I think your Grace or any man els needs not doubt of my activity and good inclinations to that good Cause, and my constancy in serving that noble and illusterous family of Atholl. I doe think, with submission, that Mr. Murray of Soilary is a person qualified to command a company, for I found him abundantlie frank to join in that service . I can say no more att this time untill I see how the countrie raises, and then, I beleive, some moe genteelmen will goe alongest with them, and, in the meantime, I wish all prosperity and sucess to the just and honest Cause. I am,

Your Grace's most humble and
most obedient Servant,

AN. SPALDING.

GLENKILRIE,
y^e 10th Sept. 1745.

X.

ROBERT MERCER OF ALDIE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

There is none of the Strathardle gentlemen nor people come near me yet, and I finde nothing but triffeling and excuses from a great many of the property lands, nor have I any one gentleman to suport me or advise me. I

hear Soilery has been with your Grace, whom I expected would have joynd me, nor have I heard of the party has gone to Strathardl; and the How of Mulion, Bishopry, and Dunkeld, want a spur of the parties as much as any; in the meantime I am calling in for arms where I can hear of them, waiting orders. I am,

Your most obedient
humble Servant,

RO. MERCER.

MULIANARN,
Sept^r. 12th, 1745.

Georgie, the bearer, will inform your Grace more particularly of my situation.

XI.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

LITHGOW, 15th Sept^r. 1745.
8 in the morning.

D^r BROTHER,

The Armie marched on Friday at break of day from the Camp near Dumblane, pasd the Forth at the Frues about ten, and halted at Leky and incampd all night at Tuch. On Saturday decampd at brake of day, passed by Stirling, (the dragoons having left it at our passing the Forth,) where the gates of the town were thrown open, I demanded in his Royal Highness' name provisions from the town for his Armie, which was imediatly comply'd with, when we halted near Banockburn; we incamp'd that night in a heath a mile east of Falkirk, and after midnight I was ordered for Lithgow, where Gardiner and his regiment of dragowns were incamp'd. We got there by four in the morning, with the co-manders of Lochiell, Keppoch, Glengary, and Apin's batalions and about

eight hundred spare men out of them corps fully arm'd; but the gentlemen on the black horse made a retreat in such hurry that they left their hay, and were not half an hour in geting up their tents, &c. I hope our good luck will continow. I long to hear of Nairn. Adieu.

Yours, &c.

GEORGE MURRAY.

I forgot to tell you that the Castle of Stirling fired some guns as we passed, wither as a salute or in a hostile manner we can only judge by conjecture. I believe there never were any troops that have made such vast marches, out so early, always dark before incamping, often scrimpt for provisions, and yet [in] high spirits. Adieu.—I know for certain Glasgow was to have delivered her keys, &c. The Low country people seem to be much in our interest, and, were it not for our maroding, I believe we would be welcome guests.

XII.

JO. STEWART OF STENTON TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

STENTOWN, *Sept. y^e 15th*, 1745.

MY LORD,

Your Grace's of the thirteenth current, came to my hand yester-day's forenoon, by Mr. Laird; and, in obedience to your Lordship's commands, I went to Dunkeld, but to no purpose, for I plainly see that the whole inhabitants there are quite degenerat from their ancestors, and not one spark of Loyalty among them; and, as the bearer can inform your Grace, not one man of them will stir without force, and even then there is neither gun nor sword to be had; the Laighwood men are on the same footing, and have neither arms nor willingness. As for Inwar and Little Dunkeld, Charles M'Glashan tells me they have delivered four men as their quota, to Mr. Mercer of Aldie. Now from what I have said, I leave your Grace to consider what is to be done with those unwilling people without arms. This is all occurs to me at the time. I wait your Grace's further orders; and, with all sincerity and due respect, I ever am,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most humble, and
most oblidged Servant,

JO. STEWART.

XIII.

*WILLIAM SPENCE AND JAMES BISSET TO THE DUKE OF
ATHOLL.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

We were honoured with your Grace's favours of the 13th, desireing our raising and bringing up to Blair the Dunkeld Company ag^t Munday.

We flatter ourselves that the humour and refractory temper of the Dunkeld people is not unknown to your Grace, that nothing but force, with your Grace's presence, or the presence of your Officers with a party, can or will pull them from their houses, and that tho' we were to embark heartily in the Cause, neither of us could influence or induce them to rise voluntarily; as we have no weight with them, they reckon themselves as to us independent—nay more, looking on us upon account of our little trading, depending rather on them.

As this is therefore the case, and that we have laid down a resolution not to dip or medle with the Interest of either party, we are inclined to think that even the advising, much more the forcing, is incompatible with the Offices we bear, and the Oaths we have taken. We beg therefore your Grace will excuse us, put no hardships upon us, but allow us to live in peace, in terms of the Proclamation and Manifesto. We both join in wishing your Grace health,

happiness, and the continuance of that kind-ness you have shown our Town, and us in particular.—We are,

Your Grace's most obliged humble Servants,

W^M. SPENCE.
JAMES BISSET.

DUNKELD, *Sept*^r 15th, 1745.

XIV.

*JO. ROBERTSON OF EASTERTYRE TO THE DUKE OF
ATHOLL.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

My Son tells me he has had the honour to wait off your Grace this day, and tho' he had no time to be equip^d in y^e way I could wish it; In order to overtake your Grace, he goes as he cam from his Business. He was bred in the Merchandise way, and writes a pretty good hand, and understands Book-keeping.

If your Grace please to employ him in that shape, and to attend your Grace's person, I hope he'll give content, and when it comes to Action, I hope he'll play the man. I recomend him to your Grace's care. May Almighty God preserve your Grace, and grant success, which is the Earnest wish of him who is, with greatest Respect, and Esteem,

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

Your Grace's most humble obed^t Serv^t,

JO. ROBERTSON.

BALNAGAIRD, 15th *Sept*^r 1745.

XV.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD OGILVY.

TULLIBARDINE, 15th *Sept*^r 1745.

MY LORD,

This night my Lord Nairne, with a bode of Foot, and Lord Kellie, with some Fife Gentlemen, were to croass the Forth in order to Joyn his Royial Highness. As formerly, he has thought fit to give me the command on this side of the river Forth, I cannot but think it's proper that you should march what men your Lod^p. has readie to Dunkeld, to Joyn me to-morrow night, or as soon as possible, where you may mett some of the clans who are coming up, and allso be usefull in helping me to raise more men than I have as yet got out of that countrey; besides, it does not seem as yet safe for your Lordship to march after the Prince, unless you cou'd have met with the above detachment this night; therefore, I believe you will do very good service to the King by coming to Dunkeld or Blair.

As your Lo. lyies near to get Intelagence of the Enemy, I hope you will lay yourself out for sure information of them from time to time. Pray let me heare from you so soon as possible; in the meantime, I am.

XVI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD GEORGE MURRAY.

TULLIBARDIN, 16th Sept^r 1745.

Ten o'clock in the morning.

DEAR BROTHER,

Just now I had the pleasure of yours, dated yesterday morning, from Lithgow, and am glad to find by it that H. R. H. and his armie is well and hearty. I went to Dumblain with my Lord Nairn and about a thousand men he brings up to the Prince, who were to pass the Forth last night; I am perswaded they will be no plunderers, being honest brave men, tho dishertned for want of armes. I am much surprised that Secretary Murray has omitted to send me, as he promised, the Regent's pour to command in the most regular manner; I hope you'll get it soon sent me by some trusty personne, with money to defray the charges of a considerable number of men, who, I presume, will yet be quickly got together in these parts to follow H. R. H. with the rest of the clans, who, it's said will soon be with us; and Lord Ogilvie, he and all with me, God willing, may ere long be able to join you effectually, but armes and money is much wanted, of which I desired Lo. Nairn, Kynochan, and Blairfaite to fully inform our young master.—I am, &c.

This night I am to be at Dunkeld on my way to Blair, adieu.

XVII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD OGILVY.

DUNKELD, Sept^r 19th 1745.

MY LORD,

I wrote your Lo^p. on the fifteenth from Tullibardin, to which I have the answer by your express, who left your Lo^p. this morning at Cortochy. I thank you kindly for your Lordfliip's good will towards helping me in raising more men, which I hope may be done without com-pultion. The letter your Lo^p. sends me is from the Prince Regent's Secretary, Mr. J. Murray, dated the 15th instant, who informs me that his Royal Highness desires you shou'd march forward to joyn him with all expedition, believing that you and the Mar men were 800 strong, therefor I intreat your Lo^p. will make no delay in setting out for that end, as I shall likeways do, as soon as it is possible to get any considerable number of men together who may be fitt for his service, to which I can add no more, being, with perfect respect, my Lord,

Your most obedient
and most humble Servant.

XVIII.
*DUKE OF ATHOL TO MR. MURRAY, SECRETARY TO THE
PRINCE REGENT.*

DUNKELD, *Sept'* 20th 1745.

SIR,

Late last night I had the honour of your's, dated the fifteenth, under Lord Ogilvy's Cover; there is here inclosed a copey of my answer to his Lo^p's letter, with a copey of the answer to my brother George's Letter of the same date with your's, for I am afraid it came not to hand, tho' sent by him who brought the accounts he sent me. I hope his R. H.'s situation is much changed to the better from what it was then, since we are rejoysing here on repeted, tho' indirect accounts, that the Prince is in Poesession of the Capitoll of his Antient Kingdom. I heartily wish we cou'd frequently have sure Intelagence of your Situation, by which it wou'd be much eafier for us to direct our motions. Pray, with my most humble deuty to his R. H., let him know that nothing shall be neglected can possibly be done by me for his service, and shall lose no time in Joyning him when any sufficient number of men can soon be got together. I am told that some of the Clans are soon to be in these partes, so pray remember nothing can be done with them nor others to purpose without Armes, Amunition, and Money, which is principally wanted. Above a third of what you sent me was given to the detachment parted Forth with my Lord Nairne; if the earnest desire I have to be with you is considered, one must be supported in unavoidable charges, besides on Verbal Orders I cannot shew suffitient Power to act in sutch a manner as is regularly fitt for his Highness' Service; since that's my only Veu, I would rather receive Posative Orders, than be forced to act without a Perfect Concert. I am, SIR,

Your most humble and
most obedient Serv^t.

XIX.

LADY GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OP ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I am just now inform'd by a Gentleman who came from Stirling at eleven last night, that, some hours before he left that place, there were certain accounts come of an Engagement betwixt His Royal Highness's Army and Cope's, near to Cokeny, about seven miles from Ed^t. The Highlanders lay encamp'd the night before half a mile from the regular Troops, and at break of day attack'd them both Front and Flanks. The enemy's Horse very soon gave way, but the foot fought resolutely. There are three Companys of the first taken Prisoners, five hundred of the last kill'd, and they say the rest taken. Cope run away, and got aboard of a man of war which was lying near to Cokeny. Colonel Gardiner is mortally wounded; and Colonel Hackit,

Laird of Pitkellony, and several Officers taken Prisoners. The Battle lasted but about half an hour, and the Highlanders behaved most bravely. The Gentleman who brought the above accounts into Stirling was present the time of the action, and stay'd there two hours after all was over; he tells that the Prince was well; that he see'd the Duke of Perth and L^d George after the Battle; and heard of nobody of any note being either kill'd or wounded on our side; and but a few of the Private men.

I pray God continue to prosper His Royal Highness' Arms, and congratulates your Grace upon this Happy success. Tho' 'tis like your Grace may have a more particular account of what has happened before this comes to your hands, yet in case you had not, thought it my duty to acquaint you of what I heard, imagining that your Friends wou'd not find time for writing imediately after the Engagement.

As I have a very great concern about your Grace's Health, I beg to know how you have kept it since I had the Honour of seeing you here; and if you have got quite rid of your Cough. I am, with the greatest Esteem and regard,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most affectionate
sister, and most Hum^{le} Servant,

AMILIA MURRAY.

TULLIBARDIN, 22nd Sept'
seven in ye morning, 1745.

I hear that there is lying at Alloa 16 piece of Cannon, which Cope Caus'd ship at Aberdeen, besides a good deal of his baggage.

XX.

DUKE OF ATHOL TO LADY GEORGE MURRAY.

DUNKELD, Sept' 22, 1745.

MADAM,

About mid-day I was most agreeably surprized with your Ladyship's delightfull letter, giving the only distinct Account has yet come here of the victory gain'd by his Royal Highness's army, for which all honest men in these parts are in the utmost joy. All friends with me are very thankfull for your obligeing and carefull diligence in letting us know the certainty of such valuable and important news. Pray, Madam, be so good as to continue your useful endeavours towards acquainting us with what you hear is passing of Consequence, which may be very service able to the Loyal Cause, and most obligeing to one who is, with perfect Esteem,

MADAM,

Your most affectionat Brother
and humble Servant,

ATHOLL.⁷

⁷ The Signature is scored out.

I beg you'll excuse my writing you by another hand than my own, being really a very slow writer, and at present has very little time to employ as wish'd. I hope your lovely children are still in good health, pray remember me in the most affectionat manner to them. I thank you kindly for your Ladyship's concern about my health, which is better than it was. I have repeted assurances of what you write, about Cope's baggage and Cannon at Alloa, and wishes we may be able to find some effectual means for timeously seizing of them, so that they may be made useful to the publick Service.

XXI.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

EDINBURGH, 24th Sept^r 1745, six at night.

D^R BROTHER,

I'm sure you would not blame me for not writeing, did you know the fatigue and various Dutys I have been oblig'd to undergoe, and am still subjected to. I thought sending a person off the Field to tell you by word of mouth was better than any accounts I could write of our Batle. I can now tell you for certain there can never be 500 men assembled of Mr. Copp's armie again, perhaps scarce the half. Our loss may be about 36 kill'd, and 50 wounded; theirs, 600 killed, as many wounded, and 12 hundred prisoners besides, for of whole and wounded, we have actually from 16 to 18 hundred prisoners, of which above 80 officers. The inclosed print is not very correct, and take it altogether is pretty tolerable. I send you a list of his Highness' Privy Councile, we expect, money and every thing else will be got ready now, and those of the Councile who will act for ordinary are pretty well verfed in affairs, and quite staunch.

Balgowen and Abercairney and others in our country will furnish you with all the money can be got by them, and I expect some may be lent you soon from hence. Nothing vexes me at present so much as that your men are much fewer in number than was expected, and of these few, severals have deserted since they passed the Forth; I shall send lists of those by my next, and intreat, if possible, you may make up our two batalions 500 each, and with Mr. Mercer, (who will soon have a commission sent him,) had one of the same number, in which case you could go to Perth for your head quarters, and take up the cess and other taxes of Perth, Angus, and Fyfeshire; this I write as my own sentiment. We have got above 1000 stand of more arms more then we want at present; 2000 targets and 500 tents are furnished by the Town of Edinburgh, which, with what we have got from Cope's armie, will serve near duple our number. Being vastly wearied and sleepy, I conclude with my hearty wishes that the latter parte of your life may be as fortunate as the former was cross. Adieu. I am, unalterably, yours,

GEORGE MURRAY.

LIST OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS' PRIVY COUNCIL.

Duke of Atholl, President.	Lord Cardross.
Earl of Wemyss.	Sir James Stewart of Goodtrees.
Lord George Murray.	Mr. Wauchop Niddery.
Viscount of Strathallan.	Mr. Hugh Hamilton of Bogg.
Viscount of Arbuthnot.	Mr. John M'Leod of Moravenside.
Lord Kenmuir.	Mr. John Stirling of Keir.
Lord Nairn.	Mr. Archibald Stewart, L.P.
Lord Elcho.	Mr. James Graham of Airth.
Lord Ogilvie.	Mr. John Murray of Broughton.

XXII.

*DUKE OF ATHOL TO LORD LOVAT, THE EARL OF
SEAFORTH, AND THE EARL OF CROMARTY.*

MY LORD,

Being perswaded of your Lo^p's inclinations to serve the King for the delivery of your country from oppression, his Royal Highness having constituted me Commander-in-Chief of his Majesty's Forces benorth the River of Forth, I cannot but hereby desire your Lo^p may raise all your men in arms, and with the outmost expedition, march them with me to join his Royal Highness.

I hope your Lo^p. will, without delay, should not your health allow you to come yourself, appoint and direct your men, with such officers as you think proper, to set out soon. And as doubtless you are informed of his Highness' complete victory, you will also encourage your neighbours quickly to second his glorious undertaking.

Pray let me have your return as soon as possible, that I may acquaint His Royal Highness of your Lo^p'S resolution, who expects you are ready to show your Loyalty on so happy ane occasion.

I beg your Lo^p. will excuse the not writing with mine own hand, having really so much adoe as renders it almost impossible.—I am,

MY LORD,

Your Lo^p's most obedient humble Serv^t

BLAIR CASTLE, *September 25th*, 1745.

XXIII.

DUKE OF ATHOL TO THE DUKE OF GORDON.

BLAIR CASTLE, *25 Sept^r*, 1745.

MY LORD,

As His Royal Highness the Regent has been pleased to confirm the Commition formerly given me by the King, to be Comander-in-Chief on this

side the Forth, allow me to say here I should be glad to see your Grace will quickly Joyn with all your folowers to assist in Restoring him to his Crown.

The former Loyalty of your Prediceflbrs gives me no room to doubte your cheerfull and readie inclinations to second the desires of our Royal Master; and as I have the honour to be nearly allied and related to your Grace, hopes you'll have some regaird for the request of a well-wisher that entreats he may soon have the pleasure of seeing you appeare as is necessary for advancing our King and Countrey's service on this happy occasion, whereby you'll give much satisfaction.

I hope your Grace will be so good as to communicat this to my Nephew the Earle of Aberdeen, to whom I had writte had not I heard that you are together at Kelly. I beg your Grace will most affectionatly remember me to my Lady Duchess.

XXIV.

DUKE OF ATHOL TO S^R ALEX^R M^CDONALD, M^CLEOD.

BLAIR CASTLE, Sept^r 25th, 1745.

SIR,

Being perswaded of your good Intentions to serve the King and deliver your Country from oppression, his Royal Highness having Constituted me Commander-in-Chief of his Majestie's Forces benorth the River of Forth, do hereby desire you'l raise all your men in arms, and with the outmost expedition march with me to join his Royal Highness.

I am sensible it was more your misfortune than fault that you have not already had a share in the late victory obtained by His Highness, the most compleat that has been known, all the enemy's foot being either killed or taken prisoners; and a great number of the horse also either kill'd or taken; and that with a handfull of brave Highlanders, 1500 of them only having been engaged. I hope after the example of your predecessors, you will endeavour to bring up not only your own followers, but your neighbours, who I expect will excuse me from not writing to every one, hoping you'l be so good as communicat this to them. Pray let me have your return as quick as possible, that I may acquaint his Highness of your resolution, who expects you are ready to show your Loyalty on so happy ane occasion.

XXV.

CLUNY M'PHERSON TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

I have the honour to receive both your Grace's letters, and would willingly send the number of men you desire, but I find it absolutely necessary to keep all the men I can make together until we march wholly. As one reason, I find we must use force before we can bring all we intend from these quarters; and by the enclos'd your Grace will see that it will not be disagreeable to others, that we doe not hurry a movement till they have time to be at us; and besides,

I know by the disposition of people here, it will be displeasing to them not to be allowed to march from the country in one body; for which reasons, and some more I cou'd adduce, I hope your Grace will excuse me.

I give thanks to Almighty God for the glorious victory His Royal Highness has obtained, and wishes our dear Countrymen who had the honour first to join in the Cause, and have been active, all joy. Pray God we may all soon congratulate one another on the finishing of the great and glorious work. I beg your Grace may please to send me as particular accounts as possible of the action, the kill'd, wounded, and prisoners taken, and return y^e enclosed. I am, with great sincerity, and all imaginable respect,

MAY IT PLEASE Y^R GRACE,

Your Grace's most faithfull and most
ob^t humble Servant,

C. M^CIPHERSON.

CLUNY, 26th *Sept'*. 1745.

XXVI.

DUKE OF ATHOL TO CLUNY M^CIPHERSON.

BLAIR CASTLE, *Sept'*. 26th 1745.

SIR,

I received yours and the Gentleman's letter you inclosed, who I believe means very well, and gives his Opinion for the best. I am perswaded that the greater body of men appears soon to go out together it would be the better; but as it's uncertain when some of our neighbours can positively joyn us, we should not lose time for ane uncertainty. It is not shew of numbers can do the business, therefor am still very much of opinion you shou'd come up hither without delay, and rather give than take the Example of being forward in the King and Countrey's Service: one is not to account for others, if they do well themselves. Believe me, the Prince expects every particular body of men will come up to him as fast as they can, without waiting the motions of any other people who are slow, or at a more remote distance.

As I am very sensible of your hearty good will for the public Cause, and concern for what regards me, so you may be satisfied of the affection and Esteem with which

I am, &c.

XXVII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

ED^R 26th *Sept'* 1745.

D^R BROTHER,

This goes by Sheen Menzies, who, with a hundred men, gaurds so many of our prisoners to Lougaret, which is the place thought most proper for gaurding them for the present. As they know if any of them should attempt to

make their escape, the prisoner being retaken after such attempt, will immediately suffer death, it will make them in my apprehension be upon their good behavior and under absolute command. There must be an exact list of their names, and the different regiments they belong to, and tho' they be quartered thro' all the town of Logerate, yet twice a day they must be reviewed. The guard you place at Laugaret may be in your House, and the court room will hold a considerable number of the prisoners, and the jail is at hand if any of them should be obstreperous. Tho' there be no arms but Lochaber axes it will suffice; and all the country to be warned if any of the prisoners should be found any where half a mile from Logaret, to be looked upon as endeavouring to make their escape. You will please give directions to provide meal, for it is thought that two pecks o' meall in the week to each prisoner is a full allowance; but, if you think it proper, for one of the pecks, you may order so much mutton a-week to each as will answer to the other peck. Of all things, you must find a proper person to have the charge of the prisoners, and be cap. of the guard, and one to be provisor. You can order in meal from any part of the country where it can be gotten, and give receipts for it in his Highness' name.

I told you, in one of my former, that some Gentlemen had promised more money in loan to his R. H. besides what they already gave, but it is to their Ladys you will please to write, as they appear to do the thing, and not the Husbands. It is also expected you will give the requisite orders for levying the Land tax and Excise, &c. I have in the meantime procured £200 Sterling, which Shian will deliver to you from his R. H. for the most urgent occasions in which you are judge.

For God's sake cause some effectual method be taken about the deserters; I would have their houses and crop destroyed for an example to others, and themselves punished in a most rigorous manner.

What I have wrote is by his R. H. express Commands, and he further bids me tell you, that by Letters taken and otherways, Commissary Bisset appears to be a noted Spy, and his Highness desires you if possible to secure him in close confinement, that he may not have the use of pen, paper, and ink.

I know you want armes, but tho' we can spare some, I do not know how to get them sent. I ever am,

D^f BROTHER,

Your most affec^d Brother, and Faithful Humble Serv^t

GEORGE MURRAY.

His Highness desires the Sergeants and Corporals may be quite separate from the private men, and have no communication with them. All Highlanders that have not a pass should be secured, if going homeward through your Country.

XXVIII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

Ed^r, 26th Sept^r. 1745.

D^r BROTHER,

I have wrote to you just now by Sheen, who goes with the prisoners (asleep a great many of them) to Logierat, where they are to be kept. I must refer you to what I have said in that letter, but thought it best acquainting you before hand, that all things may be in readiness by the time they come there. They talk of some Dutch being landed, but they are not above 1000 men, near Newcastle or Berwick. I can promise you we have a vast desire to be in hands with the Dutch, and are resolved not to be cumbered with Dutch prisoners as we are with our own Country men. Mr. Mercer's Commission shall be sent as soon as possible; such is the hurry, that we have not time to sleep or eat. I ever am your's,

GEORGE MURRAY.

XXIX.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

D^r BROTHER,

As this goes by Fascaly, who is sent to bring up the men to compleat your two Batalions, I need not say much, but refer you to him. Some severitys must be used (to prevent greater evils) against those who have deserted, and you should even take all their armes from them, and give them to others, for upon their coming back to us they will get armes. Could we keep our men together, and prevent depredations on the Country, I firmly believe we would be able to go thro' all the Island. I ever am your's,

GEORGE MURRAY.

Ed^r, 27th Sept^r. 1745.

XXX.

LADY GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

The enclos'd having come to my hands to-night, I take the occasion of writing your Grace a few lines along with it, to return my thanks for the Honour of your kind and obliging Letter of the 22nd, and as your Grace desires in it, I shall be sure to inform you of any thing I hear that's worth while to acquaint you off. I was told to-day that Mr. Forbes, the President, had wrote a Manifesto, Counter to the Prince's, where in the strongest terms he diswades his country men from joining His Royal Highness; tho' tis very like this story may be entirely without foundation, for the authority I had it from was not good, however writes it to your Grace as I happened to hear it. My intelligence was wrong about part of Cope's Baggage, &c. being at Alloa, for a Gentleman told me, who came from that place on Tuesday, that it

was lying in a Ship at Boristouness, with a man-of-war hard by to guard it. There passed last week through Ochterarder, seven of the Atholl men, deserters from the Army (two of them was nam'd Stewart, and lives in Glenqueath), and the people there took from them six guns and a sword, which was brought here next day, where they still are. Wishing for good accounts of your Grace's Health, I have the honour to be, with great regard,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most affect^{te} Sister,
and most humble Servant,

ÆMILIA MURRAY.

TULLIBARDIN, 27th Sept' 1745.

I'd fain hope your Grace has by this time heard of S^tAlex^t M^cDonald and M^cLoid's being to join the Prince.

XXXI.

CLUNY M^c PHERSON TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MAY IT PLEASE Y^R GRACE,

I have from the Bearer Twelve Letters, which I shall take care duly to forward. I wish my Express, sent to your Grace yesterday, may bring me particular accounts of the Battle, the numbers and names, as far as can be got, of the Dead and wounded. I shall be with your Grace as soon as possible, and with all Due Respect, most faithfully am,

MAY IT PLEASE Y^R GRACE, Your Grace's most obedient humble Servant,
C. M^c PHERSON.

CLUNY, 27th Sept' 1745.

XXXII.

GEO. STIRLING TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I was honoured with your Grace's of the 25th curt, last night, and communicat it to Glenbucket, who had appointed me to levy the Excise and Stent of this place, which he's to take with him, having run short of monnie. He desires me to offer your Grace his humble Compliments, and would have writ you himself, had he not been much hurried; he marches this day by Crief to pass the Forth. Lord Ogilvie's men were last night at Couper, and are to joyn Glenbucket about Dumblane. There's a great many horse coming with Lord Pitsligo; Glenbucket had given Commission to M^r Fergeson to collect the Excise of that Colle6tion, but I believe he must have assistance of a Party. There's at least half-a-year's eel's due. I doe think your Grace should appoint a Colleftor to levy it. We have nothing new from the Prince's Armie, only they are all in top spirits, and wants to be furder south. A perticullar of the Glorious Victory was printed in the Munday's Mercury, which I make no doubt your Grace has seen. With all deutifull Respect and Esteem, I am,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obedient
and very humble Servant,

GEO. STIRLING.

PERTH, 27th Sept^r 1745.

XXXIII.

GEO. STIRLING TO MR. MERCER OF ALDIE.

SIR,

Yours to Glenbucket of the 27th, cam here yesterday, Lord Ogilvie made it open, as the Generall had marched the day before; I forwarded it to him by Mr. Da. Fothergham, who was to be at Dumblaine last night. Lord Ogilvie marched this day for Crief with 400 men, more are following him, and some feu of the Brae of Mar men, with Monaltrie. There's a good many from Dundee, and Angus Gentilmen, with Lord Ogilvie. I send this Express to acquaint you, there's £32 sterling here, in Mr. Carmichall of Beglie's hands, collected since Glenie went off, and a good dale more to collect of the Excise and Stent; but I am afrayed it will not be payed, except his Grace of Atholl send down a few men here, and at the same time ane order upon Carmichael the Collector, to pay in what he has collected to any body his Grace sends, who's to give a receipt for what he receives. It's a pitie we had not a few men here to keep the countrie in awe, and raise the publick monnie. I saw a servant of the D. of Perth's here yesterday, who left the Prince and all his Armie, to the number of 8000, in top spirits, Thursday's Evening. There's a detachment of Horse and Foot sent to Glasgow to raise monnie. Please offer my most humble Deuty to my Lord Duke, and, with all Esteem, I am,

Your most humble obed^t Servant,

GEO. STIRLING.

PERTH, 29th Sept^r 1745, one afternoon.

Remember me to the honest Doctor. They have elected a Dundie Magistrat, and are to doe it here to-morrow. As all the men are to leave this to-night, in order to meet Lord Ogilvie at Dumblaine to-morrow, I expected you would have sent a Detachment here to prevented this, as I told you.—Adeu in heast.

XXXIV.

JA. SCOT TO MR. MERCER OF ALDIE.

HON^D. SIR,

I just now had the inclosed from Mr. Stirling, p. express, which I thought would be y^e steadiest man I could get to go forward, which he willingly undertook. I suppose Mr. Stirling has wrote you that Glenbucket and his men left Perth on Friday, Ld. Ogilvie this day, Lord Pitsligo is coming up, he says, with 300 Horse, Monaltry crossed at Bridgend this afternoon with 70 or 80. Your Strathardale party is not yet arrived here; I hear a great many Atholl people that went out are returned, epecially Ibme men at Logyreat that got

money. Our Collection of Excise should be to-morrow, I shall wish to hear good accounts of my Lord Duke, and all with you, and am, with the utmost sincerity and regard,

HON. SIR,
Your most faithful and
most obedient Servant,

JA. SCOT.

Sept^r 29th 1745,
5 horse, 48 minutes at night.

XXXV.

DR. COLVILLE TO MR. STIRLING.

D^R SIR,

I am by his Grace desired to acquaint you that he received your Letter, for which his Grace returns you thanks, and had not y^e Letter

been mifplaced, would have answered it himself. His Grace has also rec^d your Letter to Mr. Mercer of 27th,⁸ only this day, and has given an order as you desire to Mr. Robertibn of Bohefpie, y^e Bearer, to receive from Mr. Carmichael all the publick money in his hands, for which Mr. Robertson is to give his receipt. His Grace desires you'll be so good as advise Mr. Robertson in every ftep he is to take in this affair, so as may be best for the publick good, to let us know from time to time what you think necessary to be done in your parts, and it will be taken care of accordingly. I am, with great Truth and Affection,

DEAR SIR,
Your most, &c.

30th Sept^r 1745.

XXXVI.

SPALDING OF ASHINTULLY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

Had I not been persuaded by some people, who I now believe are unfriendlie to me, to delay it untill your Grace were farther advanced in y^e Country, I would have gone and meet your Grace upon your arrival. After your Grace came to Atholl, I was ashamed to go without some men, and therefore went to Perth in order to have got a party; where I had the honour of waiting on my Lord George Murray, your Grace's Brother, who ordered me to wait on your Grace, and that you would send a party for raising my men, and assured me of your Grace and his own favour. I went to Dunkeld in order to have gon to Blair, but by misfortune I sickened, which obliged me to return home. I no sooner re covered than I desired all my Vassals & Tenants to make ready, other-ways I would put y^e party on them, as there was one in

⁸ This Letter, which is inserted above, at p. 35, is dated the 29th.

y^e Country from your Grace at the time my Ouncle Mormount bailed to answer, under y^e pain and penalty of twenty pound for each man that failed, how soon I would be ready; but how soon y^e party was gone, they were all unwilling. Upon hearing your Grace was marched I followed after; but after I went to Edinbrough I learned your Grace was returned. The day before the Batle I spoke to Lord Nairn, who desired me to go to my Lord George of a new, your Grace being absent; but finding his Lordship was with y^e Prince, I could not presume to demand acces be reason of the hurry they were in, therefore went on with a relation of my own who commanded a Company in y^e Duke of Perth his Regiment having transiently met with him; after y^e engagement meeting with my Lord George he desired me to return to y^e Country to wait on and attend your Grace; which order I have accordingly obeyed. I beg your Grace will send an order to the Commander of y^e party here, or send an oy^r to assist me in raising y^e men who have deserted from Edin^r, and such as have not gon forward, and unwilling to go. I reckon your Grace has been informed of my misfortouns, altho my Commission from y^e Usurper is of date y^e eight of June last, I never received but ten pounds, which I got for recruiting, and is all exhausted; and my Lord George desired me to apply to M^r Mercer for subsistance to myself and men. I expect, your Grace will honour me with an answer, and am, with y^e greatest respect,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most faithfull, most
obedient, and very humble Servant,

DAN. SPALDING.

ASHIN, *Sept.* 30th, 1745.

I beg your Grace will excuse paper; and believe I have been misrepresented to your Grace. I wish my accusers and I were in your Grace's preseance at y^e same time, I would think it the best opportunity to vindicate myself I could have.

XXXVIL

FRASER OF FOYERS TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I am just now honoured with your Grace's exceeding kind letter of the 25th current, being a respect put on me more than I challenged, by not giving obedience to his Royal Highness' first call, which I was ready to do with all my pith, (ill provided as I was,) had I not been stopt by my chief, Lovat, who assured me he was to raise his name with all expedition to join his Royal Highness, and that his name should go together he judged more proper.

But now, whither Lord Lovat move or not, I shall gather my people with all expedition, and sett out from here the 5th of October next, in order to join your Grace.

If I understand that Lord Lovat will be ready againe the eight, or some few days thereafter, I shall not say but it will be convenient for me to wait him, of this I shall advise your Grace.

There is one thing occurs to me, that is, the want of armes, of which I expect to be supplied how soon I come to Atholl.

With the greatest Esteem, I am,
MY LORD DUKE,
Your Grace's most obedient
and humble Servant,

JAMES FRASER.

FOYERS, 30th *Sept*. 1745.

XXXVIII.

DB. COLVILL TO JAMES SCOTT.

SIR,

There are a considerable number of prisoners under the care of Shian, who are expected at Logiereat to-morrow evening, and are to be put in safe custody somewhere in this country. Upon receipt of this, his Grace desires you'll immediately get horses and send up ten bolls meal to Logiereat, to be delivered to James Robertson, officer there, who is to give his receipt for it.

The island in the Loch of Clunie is thocht to be the properest place for the abode of the prisoners, and, therefore, his Grace has wrote the inclosed to the Earl of Airly, proprietor of y^e island, to ask his concurrence in getting them accommodated there. His Grace, therefore, desires you'll forward y^e inclosed by express to my Lord Airly; the express will call first at Auchterhouse, and, if he miss my Lord there, he is to go for ward to Cortichie.

You are to send along with the meal half-a-stone candles, for the use of the guard.

You'll desire the express to call first at Drimmy and deliver Mr. Rattray's letter, it will be little or nothing out of his way.

I am, &c.

To JAMES SCOTT.

1st *October*, 1745.

XXXIX.

*DR. COLVILL TO JAMES RATTRAY, YOUNGER OF
RANYGULLION.*

SIR,

My Lord Duke expected to have seen you here, as you promis'd, and, as his Grace wants to speak with you about business, I am, therefore, desired by his Grace to intreat you will, upon receipt of this, set out directly for Blair Castle. I offer my most humble service to your Lady, and am with great Truth, &c.

To JAMES RATTRAY, You^r of Ranygullion.
1st Oct^r 1745.

XL.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO THE EARL OF AIRLY.

MY LORD,

The Prince has sent a considerable number of his prisoners from the battle of Gladsmuir into these parts. Every body thinks the safest and most convenient place they can be kept in is your Lordship's island in the Loch of Clunie, not fare from Dunkeld, from whence provisions and necessary orders may be easily sent, for taking care of such a trouble-some and dangerous sett of people as they are; and for the preventing any bad Consequences from such turbulent dispositions, all friends to our king and country are fully perswaded you'l cheerfully incline to contribute whatever is reasonably possible for that end.

Therefor, I presume your Lordship will not only cheerfully make every thing be carefully prepared for their reception, but also contribute what's possible to prevent any dangerous mutiny or escape amongst them, being satisfied that none is more inclined towards contributing what's practicable for advancing our king and country's service, for which none of us ought to spare any pains or trouble. Counting on your Lo^p's assistance, I shall, with the outmost diligence, send people to prepare such quarters as are indifpenfibly necessary for these difloyal tho to be pity'd fellow fub-jects of,

MY LORD,

Your Lo^p's most humble and
most obedient Servant,

BLAIR CASTLE, *October 1st*, 1745.

I beg your Lordship will excuse the not writing with my own hand, having really so much to do as renders it almost impossible.

XLI.

INSTRUCTIONS BY THE DUKE OF ATHOLL REGARDING THE PRISONERS.

BY WILLIAM DUKE OF ATHOLL, &c. Commander in Chief of his
Majestie's Forces benorth the river of Forth:

THESE are requiring you, James Robertson of Killichangie, John Robertson You^r of Eastertyre, and John Stewart in Kinnaird, to be aiding and assisting to James Robertson, officer at Logyreat, to provide barns and such other out houses in Logyrate as are fitt for quartering the prisoners that are comeing from the Prince's army under Mr. Menzies of Shian's command, and to the providing beef and mutton for them, which I shall pay for; meall comes from Dunkeld to Logyrate, where they are expected to-morrow night. Shian will inform you how he used them on their march from the army, and you are to use them in the same manner, both as to their necessaries of life

and their being strictly kept; Shian is to continue, with your assistance, to guard them, till others fitt for that piece of service be got against the beginning of next week: All which you are carefully to perform, as you will be answerable.—Given at Blair Castle, the first day of Oct^r, 1745.—You are to acquaint me next day after they arrive how they are provided for, and their exact number.

XLII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LADY GEORGE MURRAY.

MADAM,

Two days agoe I had the pleasure of your La^p's most agreeable letter, and delayed returning answer till now, hoping to been able to send you a deer at the same time that your servant returns; but, as in many other things, I'm much disappointed, for I've but just found out this morning that several deers have been verry lately kill'd in the Forest and disposed of without my knowledge. However, if the season is not too far advanced, the first good deer that's kill'd shall be sent you.

The Letter your La^p's sent me from my Brother George, with some other accounts that I have from him, says little, but that there's about a thousand Dutch landed near Berwick; and that a speedy return is impatiently expected of the men from this country, who, it seems, in great numbers has unworthily return'd from Edin^{br} having unworthily left their Commanders, as well as other true Countrymen there, which gives me, as well as every honest man here, no small trouble, besides the uneasiness we are in how to dispose of ane unworthy pack of prisoners that is sent us. Pray remember me in the most affectionat manner to your Loving children, having nothing further to add but that I shall ever be found with perfect Esteem,

MADAM,

Your most affec^t Brother,
and most humble Serv^t,

BLAIR CASTLE, *October 1st 1745.*

My Lady Dowager of Nairne, and her two youngest Daughters, who are here, send your La^p their most affec^t humble Service.

XLIII.

FRASER OF FOYERS TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

After doing myself the honour of writing a return to your Grace's kind letter as a Teftimony of my Intention to serve his Royall Highness, and to confirm the same, I've some time agoe acquainted the Bearer Hugh Fraser, my near Relation, who ferv'd for some time in the Usurper's Service, to repair here with the men now along with him, as they were my people; and seeing that he has obey'd my Commands, and the men coming so well

prepar'd, I* ve thought it convenient to order them off from here (as being so nigh the Garrison) to join your Grace, and to be disposed of as you think proper, till such time that I come up with the rest of my men to join them, which will be in terms of my last.

I thought to deprive the Enemy's of so many men in Arms was a good office, and shall hope that your Grace will take it so. With the greatest Esteem and Regard,

I am,
 MY LORD DUKE,
 Your Grace's most faithfull humble Servant,
 JAMES FRASER.

FOYERS, 1st Oct' 1745.

XLIV.

LETTER FROM MR. SCOT'S SON TO HIS FATHER.⁹

1745.

Oct. 2nd.

24 yds. Broad White Italian Mantua, 7s. 6d.	£9 0 0
48 yds. Silver Edged Ribbon, 9d.	1 16 0
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	£10 16 0
36 yds. Plain, 8d.	1 4 0
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	£12 0 0

EDIN^R 2nd Oct. 1745.

DEAR SIR,

I rec^d your's advising the Receipt of what was formerly sent:

receive now 24 yds. more Mantua, and 48 yds. Silver Edged rib., with 36 yds. plain, which was all of the latter could be got in Town. You may send the pay^t of both p. first sure hand, as it will come in good stead, and be obliging. I received a letter from Brother yesterday, he's very well, and anxious to hear about you; he's afraid the confusions in the North will prevent his sailing so soon as he expected, w^h will throw him a little back; we are here in such confusion being threatned with Canonading from the Castle, that we don't mind news. The Castle has been firing upon the upper part of the Town all last night. Give my duty to all with you, and am, & ccc -

Adieu.

Since writing I have rec^d the contents of the above Acc^t- amounting to £12 St. from Mr. Murray, and have given him a receipt on the Back hereof for it.

Edin^r 2nd October 1745.—Received the within Twelve pounds Sterling from Mr. John Murray.

NAPIER & SCOTT.

To Mr. James Scot at Dunkeld,
 (with a bundle.)

⁹ So quoted upon the back.

XLV.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO SPALDING OF ASHINTULLY.

SIR,

I received yours of the 30th of Sept^r yeasterday; I am surprised you left the Prince who, if necessary, would certainly given you a commission according to H. R. H. his declaration: Tho' I have been for some time in these parts without having the satisfaction of seeing you, yet, for your father's son there's nothing possible that's proper I wouldn't do; Therfor, must leave it to Glenkillrie to inform me of what you reasonably expect, which shall be accordingly performed by,

SIR,

Your most affect humble Serv^t,

BLAIR CASTLE, *October 2nd*, 1745.

XLVI.

LORD ROLLO TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I congratulat your Grace in comming to your oun Cuntray, I would ere now weated on your Grace, but am not abell to make i'uch a jurnay on horfback. My Wife joins me in our respectfull Compliments to your Grace, and begs the favor you would alow hir near relation, Mr. Dunbar, priibnar, Enfing in Coll. Lie's Regment, to stay heear, and I shall anfuer for him, which will veray much oblidge,

MY D^R LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most Obediant hu^l. Ser^t.

ROLLO.

DUNCRUB, 2nd *Oct.* 1745.

XLVII.

GEO. STIRLING TO DR. COLVILL.

DEAR SIR,

I was favoured with yours of the 30th aft, by Mr. Robertson, but was sorie I could not be so serviceable to him as I inclin'd, being confined to the house with Rheumatick pains for some days; however, I sent for one who put on the method to get what monnie was got in of the Stent since Glenbucket left this place, for he carried all off he could rease, eather of Stent or Excise; but I suppose after this neather will be got, if a Governor be not appointed over that Countrie, and Parties sent with the proper Officers to collect it. The Excise and Custom-house Officers are returned, and will insult over the brewers, and make them pay up for a 2nd time their Excise. I mentioned to Mr. Mercer the appointing a Collector for the land tax, of which there's at least half a year due, which [will] come to monnie if reased all this side of

Forth. Mr. Robertson has got £50 sterling, for which he's granted Jo. Carmichael of Beglie a receipt on the back of his Grace's order. Please offer my most humble dewtie to my Lord Duke, and believe wherein I can serve his Grace, or any employed in so just and good a Cause, none shall be more readie or willing than I, who am, with all Esteem,

DEAR SIR,

Your most humble Servant,

GEO. STIRLING.

PERTH, 2nd Oct^r 1745.

XL VIII

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

ED^R 2nd Oct^r 1745.

DEAR BROTHER,

I received your letter of the 29th Sept^r by John Murray, yesterday, as we were going to diner. If I do not write so often as you would incline, I hope you'll excuse it, as I have had all along more business and duty to perform than came to the share of any one man. I have wrote you two letters which you have not as yet acknowledged, one by Shian, the other by Kynachan; and as they could inform you of every transaction here, I thought it needless to be more particular, especially as I was hurry'd at the time. Sending off a person from the Field of Batle, who could tell you twenty things more fully than could be wrote, I judged better than fitting down in that confusion to scroll two or three words (which, how ever, I did to my Wife, having a common letter-bearer only to send), but his being stopt by Glenbucket was what I could not forfee. I'm very glad my Wife made so good uie of the few lines I sent her, since by that means you had the first news of the Batle.

I show'd your letter to his Royal Highness, as well as the coppys of them you wrote to several of our Friends in the North, and both He, and S^t James Stewart, and the Prince's Secretary, aprove exceedingly of them; and his Royal Highness desires you would write again to Clunie, the Macintoshes, and Frasers, and that you, in his Highness' name, order them up imediately, and that they are not to wait for others, nor for one another, but each of them come up with all possible expedition.

I have been as pressing about money to be lent you, both formerly and now, as if my life depended upon it. There is £300 sent at present, mostly in specie. You are desired to write to people in the country to advance money, particularly to Lady Methven, which if they do not imediately, their corns and other effects will be seized, &c.

There is a Commissary or Factor apointed here to remitt to the Prisoners, both the Officers at Perth and the common Soldiers at Lougierat, their pay; so that you are to have no trouble that way. The person is M^t Thomas Dundass,

Merchant here, who I suppose will appoint M^r Jo. Anderson, Merchant at Perth for his Correspondent.

It is proposed to get in all the Pleat we can and coin shillings, for, besides the want of Cash in general, there is great penury of Silver. The Town of Glasgow have given L.5,500, what in Bank notts, Bills on London, and some Merchandise, &c.

For God's sake send up what men of your own people you can, and don't let them wait for any body else; and His Royal Highness desires, so soon as the Frasers, Macintoshes, and M^rPhersons come up, that you would also yourself come in Person.

The Castle of Ed^f fired a good deal last evening upon the out Sentinels and houses next them, as our people were firing to hinder people going in with provisions, but no great harm is done on either side. The Regular Troops that were at Berwick are gone South, and only left a garison of four Companys there. We hourly expect to hear from abroad. The money sent you just now is £100 in Bank notts, £100 in Leuidors, and £100 in Guineas. I would gladly have got £500, but it was not possible.

There is one Henderson, who I send with John Murray; he can be of great use to you in erecting Girnells, either at Perth or in the country, and will obey what other orders you give him. He is one who can be very usefully employ'd. I ever am,

Your Faithfull Humble Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

Widensday, 10 in the morning.
Receive Aldie's Commission.

XLIX.

SECRETARY MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

Your Grace will easily imagine the hurry I have been in from our coming south, and especially since the battel, which was the only reason of my neglecting my duty in writting you. The Prince is waiting here with the greatest impatience for his friends joining him, not being able to proceed into England without a greater force; and, att the same time that there is nothing can so much hurt the Cause as a delay, the season is advancing very fast, and, should we be oblidged to stay much longer, the people of England will, by degrees, get the better of the confirmation they are in; for which reasons the Prince desires your Grace will continue to use the same prudence you have hitherto taken to hasten up your neighbours, without letting one waite for the other. Lord George will write fully of every thing, which makes it needless for me to trouble your Grace with a long letter. And I am, with great regard,

MY LORD,
Your Grace's most obed^t
and most humble Servant,

J^o. MURRAY.

HOLYROODHOUSE, Oct^r. y^e 2nd, 1745.

L.

LADY GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I was honoured with your Grace's letter last night, and returns you many thanks for your kind intention in designing to have sent me a deer.

I had a letter from Lord George, dated on Tuesday, wherein he desires me to acquaint your Grace, that the Governour of the Castle, &c. sent word that they were to fire upon the town, if they did not get provisions from that as formerly; upon which, the Prince, on Munday forenoon, allow'd a deputation of six of the most substantial people of Ed^r to go to the Castle, to expostulate about the threatening to cannonade the town, (and, as the town had no command of the military who posses'd it, they cou'd not conceive how such a threat cou'd be put in execution;) the generals in the Castle, (Preston and Guest,) at last returned

for answer that they wou'd allow time to the town to send an express to London to have these orders revok'd, and in the meantime the Castle wou'd not fire except they were attack'd.

"All the regular troops that were at Berwick, confisting of about 700 Dutch, and the few dragoons that Cope fav'd after the battle are march'd southward, so none remain in Berwick but four companys that formerly were there in Garison. The London government are collecting all their forces, as it is imagin'd, to oppose any landing, which they seem now afraid of, and have given up this country entirely."

This bearer takes two mules, which were sent to Blair some months ago, and came here tother day by themselves, but, as your Grace may have use for them, they being very good drudges, I return them agen.

I hope your Grace will forgive this confus'd scroll, I being in a hurry seting out to Arnhall, where I am to stay with my mother eight or ten days.

With the greatest regard, I am,

MY LORD,
Your Grace's
Most affectionate sister
and most humble Servant,

AMELIA MURRAY.

TULLIBARDIN, 3rd Oct^r. 1745.

I beg to make offer of my most humble duty to my Lady Nairn, with affectionate service to her daughters.

LI.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

Ed^r. 3rd Oct^r. 1745.

DEAR BROTHER,

I wrote to you fully yesterday by John Murray, who also carried £300 sterling for you, which I hope has come safe to hand.

I now write you this by the Viscount of Strathallan and Gask, whom his Royal Highness has appointed Governor and Depute-Governor of Perth, to take care of the Government, civil and military there, and in the whole Shire under your directions, as long as you stay in the Country, and to command in chief in your absence, for which you can give his Lo^p a Commission when you leave the Country.

It will be proper you meet with L^d Strathallan as soon as you can, to concert every thing that is proper for the good and advantage of the Service, and that every thing be conducted with order and regularity in the Country; for every body agree with his Royal Highness that it is absolutely necessary a Person of weight, and diftin&ion, and character, should be left behind after you come away. His Highness further desires you may let my Lord Strathallan have a company compleat of 60 men, with Captain, Lieutenant, and Ensign, to continue at Perth under his Lo^p'S immediate orders, and who are to be regularly pay'd. The Duke of Perth is to apoint another Company in the same manner, so that there will be in all 120 men, besides Officers, which indeed is as few as can well be.

LII.

LADY OGILVY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I read your Grace's letter to my Lord Airly, my Father, in his absence; and as for the House of Cluny, within the Loch, it is at his Royal Highness the Prince's Service; I assure your Grace you may command it. The preacher at Cluny has the Keys of the House, and he consequently must be taken prisoner or he deliver them.—I am,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most Humble Servant,

ELIZ. OGILVY.

AUCHTERHOUSE, Oct^r. 3rd 1745.

LIII.

JAMES SCOT TO DR. COLVILL.

HON. SIR,

The Bearer, James Robertson, a mason in this place, who was out with my Lord Duke in the 15, is the man I sent out with Mr. Stewart and Peter M^cInnes, to inspect the pool of Cluny; and as there is a hutt to be built on the

Loch side for a guard-house, as he is well acquainted in the place, he may be a very proper hand for getting it done, and will also be a fit person to be trusted, if it be his Grace's pleasure, with some post in the Guard.

I obeyed your order in sending the ten bolls meal, and half-stone candles, to Logyreat, and desired Bohespick to tell you that yesterday arriv'd here 2 officers and 32 men from Glenshee, to whom I gave 2 guineas for their subsistence, till they received his Grace's orders; they also told me, that last night or this day the party from Strathardle would be here, and yet (11 at night) there is no account of them, and lest they also might have a demand for money, I took ten pounds from Bohespick, for which I gave receipt.

David Laird has sent in here this evening, 8 guns, (which want very much to be in the hands of the gunsmith,) some old swords and pistols, for which I'm to send for the Smith in the morning.

We have as yet had no collection, but as it is a quarterly one, when all the Compounders should pay their quarter's Excise, I wish my Lord Duke would appoint a day against which the several Officers might be ordered to summon in all the Compounders in their respective divisions, if they'll expect their Salarys; and that every man should bring with him their last receipts, q^{ch} commonly shows the arrears, and in case the Officer's books cannot be had, the former receipt may serve to regulat their next pay ments; and because there is no Excise Officer in Ruffle, his Grace's Officer here may Summon such as uses to pay their Excise in this place, where a man of same authority may be appointed to collect; there will he some arrears for Malt, the Duty of which cannot be taken off without an Act of Parlia^t Mr. Crook is here on his way to Blair; I'm glad my Lord Duke has 2 such sufficient men about him as Dr. Colvill and Crook, but small use may his Grace have for either of you; may God long preserve and prosper him. I suppose you'll mind Lord George's health to morrow, when he enters into his 52 year, I hear his Lady had an entertainment prepared for 84 captive Officers, but only 16 call'd.

The Express I sent to the E. of Airly is not yet return'd. I have got a severe cold and excessive cough, but while I am able to stir you'll ever find me,

DEAR DOCTOR,

Your much obliged and
very grateful Servant,

JA: SCOTT.

Oct^r. 3rd.

I long much to hear good news of the Clans.

LIV.

STEWART OF KYNACHAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I send your Grace James Darling, Merch^t to be kept in safe custody, and free from any Correspondence. I am inform'd that he is a subtle dangerous

fellow, and has been in a constant course of corresponding with some of his R. Highness Enemies, which I shall acquaint your Grace more fully of when I have the honour to wait of you att Blair Castle, which, if I am not otherwise ordered, I hope may be Saturday or Sunday att farthest. I have sent one Alex^t Duff alongs with the party that attends Darling, that he may acquaint your Grace of all those that have either deserted or stay'd att home in the Bishoprick, that they may instantly be raised; this same Duff will be very useful in putting this in Execution. I have the honour to be, with the utmost Esteem and sincerity,

MY LORD,
You Grace's most obed^t humble Serv^t,

DAVID STEWART.

PERTH, 3rd Oct^r. 1745.

LV.

ROBERTSON OF KILLICHANGY TO MR. MERCER OF ALDIE.

SIR,

Mr. Menzies of Shian arrived here yesterday afternoon about six, with one hundred and thirteen prisoners. So soon as he delivered them, he said, his party was much fatigued, and would take no farther charge of them; upon which I reased all the men in the Barrony of Ballnagaird, and mounted Guard upon the Prisoners. But as we have no arms, it's expected His Grace will supply us immediately with Arms. Shian gave the prisoners on their march a halfpenny roll, and a chapine ale to each man Morning and Evening, and I have ordered the Brewers in this town to make meat for the prisoners, and have given a lippie of meal and a chapine ale for each man per day; I kill'd neither Beef nor Mutton for them till his Grace's further orders, which I expect by this bearer, with particular orders what men I shall raise to mount Guard while here. This you'll please communicate to His Grace, and Dispatch and pay the Express as soon as possible. I am,

SIR,

Your most humble Servant,

JA: ROBERTSON.

LOGYREAT, 3rd Oct^r. 1745.

The prisoners are kept in the Court house, but as all the windows are very large without Grates, it's a very insecure prison.

SIR,

It was late last night before I came home, but I sent my Son and all my men to assist Ballnagaird's men. The above was write before I came here: all I have to add is, to send us any Arms you can spare. I ever am,

SIR,

Your most humble Servant,

JA: ROBERTSON of Killichangy.

LVI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO ROBERTSON OF KILLICHANGY.

SIR,

Two hours agoe I saw yours to M^f Mercer, and am satisfied with your conduct hitherto. You are to give each of the Prisoners at the rate of two pecks of meal a-week, out of the meal that came from Dunkeld, which James Robertson, the officer, has, and a penny a-day to each of them, to be disposed by them for drink, or how they will. The bearer, M^f Fraser, has twenty-two men fully arm'd; you are to raise 40 more, with such arms as can be got for them. Thirty men are sufficient to mount guard at a time, and these are to be fully arm'd out of the whole.

Receive ffive pounds to pay the prisuners their penny a-day, and your 40 men at the rate of two Shillings a-week and a peck oatmeal, which you are compt for. M^f Frazer has money to pay his men, and you are to give them meal, as they shall demand, on his receipt. If there's any thing els necessary for the prisoners subsistance, furnish it, and it shall be allowed by,

SIR,

Your affec^t humble Serv^t

BLAIR CASTLE, Oct^r 3rd 1745.

LVII.

*LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO NEILL M^CGLASHAN,
SECRETARY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.*

EDIN^R 4th October, 1745.

SIR,

I wrote to my Brother yesterday by my Lord Strathallan and Gask, to which I refer. I'm extreamply anxious to have our men here, at least as many as would make Lord Nairn's Battalion and mine five hundred each, for at present I cou'd get them supply'd with Guns, Targets, Tents, and, those who want them, shoes also; but if they be not here soon, them that come first will be first served; so you will represent to y^e Duke of Atholl of what Consequence it is for his men to be here immediatly; how far he will judge it proper for himself to come, he knows that best; But if y^e Clans be coming up, it is thought that his staying in Atholl will prevail with them to hasten their march; but, as I said before, this must intirely be determined by himself.

I should think Glenkildrie woud be a very proper person to be at Perth with Lord Strathallan, as he cou'd be assistant in bringing and keeping men there, except the Duke of Athol thought it more proper to keep him at Logierate, where certainly there must be a Guard, and some person appoint'd who will have y^e charge of y^e Country as well as the prisoners there; my only objection is that I am affraid that Glenkildrie, as he's old, has not activity enough for such a Command. How far M^f Mercer of Aldie would incline to take the

Government of y^e Country of Atholl in y^e Duke of Atholl's absence, must be left to his Grace and him to determine. I shall be exceeding impatient till our men come, for I'm perswaded that Fascally and Kinichan will be as Diligent in that service as possible under my Brother's Directions. I have nothing more to add, but that I am,

SIR,

Your most humble Serv^t

GEORGE MURRAY.

P.S.—John Anderson, Merchant at Perth, has orders for supporting the Officers at Perth, and y^e Soldiers at Logierate in their pay.

LVIII.

GEO. STIRLING TO DR. COLVILL.

DEAR SIR,

In obedience to yours of the 1st Curr^t I've cawsd cuffer the Chaise with a head that at pleasure will fall back; it's made as tight and light as posible. The Coachmaker has done nothing since it cam but fitting it, and it was not posible to have it sooner done; he's wrought night and day. The horse Dick is mended, one acc^t of both you have inclosed. The Express I sent Sunday last to M^r Mercer got only 3s. St: from M^r M^cClashen; the ordenary is twopence a-mile, I mest make it good, or I will not get any to travell. I wrot you by M^r Robertson of Bonhespick, what furdur I thought necessary. There's no survieing the ale, &c., as the only Excise Officer offered to serve the Prince, and gave in his books when M^r Mercer was here, (M^r Moncrife), and assisted and derved how to rase the Dewties, when Glenbucket was here was neglected, and his 6 weeks sellery refused him, wherfore he has never acted since, so I think my Lord Duke should send him one order to officiat, and payment for his passed Sellery, with a small reward for his readness to serve. There's lik-ways some thing to be allowed the Muyre Officers who are employed in bringing in Carrige horssees, and many other things; both these may be payed out of the Stent of this place that is paying in, w^{ch} will not be a great dale more than will doe this and pay the Collector; but if those things be not done the Prince will not be well served, for those Creaturs have nothing else to maintaine them. The Gager Moncrife's name is Thomas, his Sellerie is £35 y^e Ann:

The Muyre Officers demands is about thretie sh: Ster: and very litle considring the pains and trouble they have been at. My Lord Duke should wret an order to M^r Stewart of Garth, left here with the Prisoners, to clear w^t Jo: Carmichall of Beglie, the Collector of the Stent, and to pay all those things, with his aun Sellerie, and take upe the remender, we shall get him assisted in doeing this.

Please offer my most humble Dewtie to my Lord Duke, and wherin further I can be use or servisable to his Grace or you, non shall be readier yⁿ he who with much Esteem am,

DEAR SIR,

Your very humble obed^t Serv^t

GEO. STIRLING.

PERTH, 4th Oct^r 1745, 11 forenoon.

LIX.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

ED^R 4th Oct^r 1745, Friedday, seven in the morning.

DR BROTHER,

I am desird to let you know that there is one Kimber, an Ana-babtift, who came from London with a design to affafinat the Prince; he is about 27 years old, black hair, of a midling stature, talks fluently and bluntly about his Travels in the West Indys. It is wrote that he dined the 20th Sept^r with you, and got a pass from you; he has readily changed his name, and perhaps cutt his hair. Last night, one was taken up here, by the name of Jeffrys, who possiblie is the same person. Let us know, as soon as possible, if any person that can answer the above description dined with you the 20th and gott a pass, or any other stranger. For God's sake send up your men, that at least Ld: Nairn's Batalion and mine may be 500 each. If they come soon, I will get evry thing for them. I refer you to what I have wrote farther to M^r Neighle M^cGlashen. I ever am,

DEAR BROTHER,

Most affectionatly yours,

GEORGE MURRAY.

LX.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

Ed^r, 4th Oct^r 1745, four afternoon.

DR BROTHER,

I wrote to you this morning, & I now send this express to let you know that it is resolvd in a Councile of Ware to march Southwards Thursday the 10th. I believe we will not make quick marches for some days after that; but I conjure you let your Atholl men be with us at or before that time, that I may see every thing got right for them as far as it is in my power. If you come not yourself I intreat you to dispatch Keynachan, Fafcaly, &c. with the men. Adieu.

Yours,

GEORGE MURRAY.

LXI.

LADY GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

The enclos'd from your Brother has this moment come to my hands. I received a Letter from him about an hour ago, which is dated this morning, wherein he orders me to send an Express to your Grace about your men coming up; and his words are: "I entreat for God's sake that the Duke of Atholl send off the men here immediately, or they will be too late for Arms, Targets, Tents, &c., nay, for our march, which begins on Thursday."

He also says, "That the Castle of Ed^f under the protection of their cannon, made a Lodgement last night at the reservoir of water. I was there for three hours; and believes, as the Castle seem resolv'd not to spare the town, (for they burnt two houses above the reservoir last night) they will by degrees make the Highlanders retire from all above the Weigh house, except these last wou'd risk some of their men, which is thought not expedient to venture them against common soldiers supported by Cannon, &c. They have lost none as yet; only some Voluntiers, day before yesterday, were surpriz'd near the West kirk."

Lord Strathallan and Gask came from Ed^f yesterday, & I hear they are to stay mostly at Perth. There is a report in this country of six thousand Spainards being landed in England, & some French in Scotland. I pray God this news may prove true; but alas it wants confirmation. I find that I'll be oblig'd to return to Tullibardin on Munday; so hopes that when your Grace comes down the Country I shall have the happyness of seeing you there. I ever am, with the greatest regard,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most affectionate Sister,
and most humble Servant,

EMILIA MURRAY.

ARNHALL, 5th Oct^r,
Ten at night.

LXII.

SIR PATRICK MURRAY TO DAVID STEWART OF KYNACHIN.

D^R DAVIE,

I received yours this night, a litle after eight of the Cloack at night, and a letter from M^f Mercer of Aldie; Gask likewise received his letter. I return you most hearty thanks, and am quite senceable that Davie Stewart is Davie Stewart, let fortune whille about as it pleases; neither Jamie Farquharson or I have any horsess here; but you may be allured that we'll contrive to waite of the Duke Munday or Tuesday at farthest, (if horsess can't be got we'll foot it). Please make my compliments to M^f Mercer, and return him thanks for his kind letter to Jamie & me. Gask, how soon Faskily relives him, will set

out from this, and obey your orders with all the expedition possible. I ever am,

D: D:
Yours,

PAT: MURRAY.

PERTH, 5th Oct^r 1745.

LXIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LADY GEORGE MURRAY.

MADAM,

I can't say how much Satisfaction and Pleasure your Ladyship's most distinct Letters give me; I received several very agreeable Letters from my Bro^r George, at the same time I had the last you sent me from him; by all of them I find the Prince is, with much Reason, very desirous to have his Troups which are in these parts soon with him. I am well inform'd the Northern Clans are now coming up; and after much Pains and Trouble, I hope, in a day or two we shall march to Perth with a considerable number of men out of this Country, in our way to join his Royal Highness.

There is one of my Bro^r James's Favorites call'd Commissary Bisset, who I was kind to, yet has acted a most unworthy Part, & is a very dangerous as well as disagreeable Person to all Honest People in this Shire, besides being odious to all in the Royal Army: I am told he has been runing about sowing seditious & Rebellious Sentiments every where; at last 'tis said he is gone to Stirling, with design to do mischief, by the assistance of that Garison. As he maybe sculking backwards and forwards the better to execute his base Designs, since your La^p says you will be some days near that place, if any body about you could be employed to get certain accounts of his motions, so that he might be apprehended & safely secur'd, it would be a singular service done both to our King & Country. I have again detained your Servant a day or two, Fintry having made me every minute expect, a Deer, which should have been sent your La^p some time ago, tho' hitherto to no purpose; as soon as it arrives, you may be sure it shall be directly despatched with an Express.

I thank you kindly for the two mules you sent me, which will be very usefull, for I am much at a loss for want of both riding & carriage Horses. I am, with perfect Esteem and regard, for ever,

MADAM,

Your Ladyship's most affectionate Brother,
and most humble Servant,

BLAIR CASTLE, 6th Oct^r 1745.

TO LADY GEORGE MURRAY.

Memorand. — That Mr. D——y was still bussied in goeing about the town of Perth propogateing news of landing of Dutch troups to intimidate people from rising or continueing in the Pr——'s service.

Item, he was, Friday and Saturday the 27 & 28 of Sept^r about Strathmiglo, and Abernethy, and Bridge of Earn, in company with Thomas Bisset of Glenalbert, and on Monday the 2nd of Octob^r was at Dunkeld as a spy & intelligencer, &c.

LXIV.

LORD STRATHALLAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I have sent by this Express the inclosed from your Brother Lord George Murray, by which your Grace will know his Royall Highness pleasure with regard to me, and of your giving a Company of your men to ly at Perth; this makes me desire to know when and at what place I shall waite upon your Grace, to receive your commands. I am, with the utmost Esteem and regard,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most ffaithful
and obedient humble Servant,

STRATHALLAN.

MACHANY, Oct^r 6th 1745.

LXV.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD STRATHALLAN.

MY LORD,

Late this night I had the honour of your Lo^p's. I hope to be against Wednesday or Thursday at farthest in Perth, so hopes to have the pleasure of seeing you there. In the mean time I am, with perfect Esteem and regard,

MY LORD,

Your most humble and
most obedient Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 7 Oct^r 1745.

Pray, my Lord, give my most affectionate humble service to my cusin the Viscountess of Strathallan.

LXVI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO THE LAIRD OF MACKINTOSH.

BL. CASTLE, Oct^r 7th 1745.

SIR,

It was with the outmost Joy I heard you had abandoned the Usurper, to Joyn in restoring the King at the Head of your numerous Clan, that has ever been loyally inclined. I shall be extreamly glad to see them make a greater figure than ever under you, to whom I am so nearly allyied. I had an express last night, telling me the Prince was to leave Ed^h soon, by which he orders me to march with the utmost expedition, and bring all the men I cou'd with me. As Clunie and you are the two who are nearest me, I earnestly desire you will

march with the outmost expedition to Joyn us before we croass the Forth, for which reason I leave this to-morow in my way to Perth. I make no doubet but you will be uneasie to think you are still behind the Prince, whilst your deuty and ardour for the King and Country's cause want your Presence. I expect to see your brother-in-law, M^r Farquharson, this night or to-morow, having wrote for him and Sir Patrick Murray to be with me. Pray make my affectionate compliments to your Lady, who I wish cou'd come alongest with you so far as to see her Relations in Perthfhire.

I am, with the utmost Esteem,
SIR,

LXVII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO CLUNIE MACPHERSON.

B. C. Oct^r 7th 1745.

SIR,

I had an express last night by his Highness order, telling me he intended to leave Eds h soon, therefor Orders me to Joyn him with all Ex pedition, which makes me send this to acquaint you I am to march hence tomorow with what men I have readie by Dunkeld, that I may be with his Highness as soon as possible; and, as I doubet not you are ready, desire you will march immediatly without waiting of any bodie whatsomever, and if possible Joyn me at croffing the Forth, or sooner. I hope also Mack-entofh will be with us, to whom I have also wrote. As to those who are not come your length, they must follow as they best can. How unluckie shou'd we think ourfelses if still behind our young Master, while he is ex-poling himfelse no less for our Liberty than his own just Right. I am, with perfect estime,

SIR,

LXVIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD GEORGE MURRAY.

BROTHER GEORGE,

Within these few days I have had the satisfaction to receive several very plain and distinct, Letters from you, which are mighty kind and obliging, but being all of them much to the same purpose, they may be answered in the fewer words. In the first place, I have received £200 by Shian, and £300 more from John Murray, all which, with what I have formerly received, or whatever else comes to my hands, shall be carefully, and with the utmost exactitude, laid out for his Royal Highness Service. As for the Lady Methven, and others to whom I was addressed for money, I can't find out any reasonable Methods how to make her or them contribute effectually for the publick Service. You write to me a terrible account of one Kimber, who came from London with a most horrid design against the Prince's person. I nor any body with me knows not what he is, nor never heard of any such, nor

has any unknown person dined with me, much less got a pass upon any account whatever. About ten o'Clock last night, I received your express, dated the 4th, 4 o'clock afternoon, and am very much concerned to find that it is morally impossible for me, or any of the men in these parts, to be up with you against Thursday night, the Day you say It is resolved in a Council of War to March Southward. 'Did any of us endeavour to make too much haste to join the Prince, I am afraid we would be too like a good Milk Cow, that gives a great Pail of Milk, and after kicks it down with her foot. Forgive the companion. As we are stated here, should any absolutely endeavour to force a march forward before men can be regularly brought up, we would certainly lose the fruit of all the pains and trouble has hitherto been taken. Nobody but people on the spot knows the almost insurmountable Difficulties we have had to struggle with, which must unavoidably hinder such a fudden junftion, as you imagine, of the Prince's faithful wellwishers. Therefore, all that I can say further for your satisfaction is, That if his Royal Highness Army Marches Southward against the time you write me, should he be pleased to leave with a sufficient guard on the road, Arms, Ammunition, Tents, Money, &c., I may safely say a considerable body of men are now ready to follow him, not only from these parts, but also from the North. I hope in a few days they will not be far from his Camp, since, with the best inclinations imaginable, they are not able to be with his Army before his Royal Highness sets out from Edinburgh, and then I shall fully demonstrate it was absolutely impracticable for me to perform any thing more than I have done towards materially advancing our Master's Interest and Service. Which, with my most humble duty, I beg you'll be so good as to let his Royal Highness know in the most reasonable manner, Whereby you will infinitely oblige,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most affectionate Brother,
and humble Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 7th Oct^r,
3 o'clock in the morning, 1745.

As formerly, I hope you will excuse the not writing with my own hand, for my continual occupation renders it almost impossible.

LXIX.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD GLENORCHY.

MY LORD,

Since his Royal Highness, our young Master, passed through this Country, I hardly had the honour to see him, being still employed for the publick Service in these parts, therefor knows not in what manner you have paid your duty to him. In which uncertainty hearing you have been conveying your men, as I am perswaded for no other end than to quickly wait with them on your Prince, according to the dutiful example of your Predecessors,

particularly your Lo^p's Grandfather, who told me, when speaking to him about his following, that he had no men, for, said my Cousin, the venerable old Earl, I have no men, these whom I am particularly concerned with belong to the King, and therefor will always faithfully serve his Majesty in so far as I have any interest among them. I presume at present your LoP- does not degenerate from his loyal and honest principles. On such a Supposition, being left by the Prince Com mander in chief of his Majestie's forces benorth the River Forth, this is desiring you'll please let me know if your LoP- can be ready in a few days to agreeably meet your friends, who will soon pass the Forth in our way to join the Royal Standard. You see, by a wonderful chain of success, God and the nation has declared for his Royal Highness r-be, my Lord, amongst the first to valuably congratulate him on such a bleffed occasion, whereby you will gain the Esteem and affection of those who are difin-terested Lovers of Truth and Justice, which for ever will endear you to,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most affectionate Cousin,
and most humble Servant,

BLAIR CASTLE, 7th Oct^r, 1745.

I beg your Lo^p will forgive me not writing with my own hand, for my continual occupation renders it almost impossible.

LXX.

MR. SHERIDAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE OF ATHOLE,

Having fortunatly arrived at Monross yesterday with a frigate from Dunkirque loaded with armes, amunition, & some mony for his Royal Hygness, we unloaded all, & has lodged them at Brechin, under the care of M^r Brown, and two gentlemen we met at Monross, who is raising a company for y^e Service; fearing left y^e men of war that lyes in y^e firth shud have an account of this Imbarkment, I make bold to address you this, hoping your Grace will send a strong detachment to escort said armes and amunition to y^e Camp. M^r Brown will remaine at Brechin untill your Grace's detachment arrives there. This Armement has been sent undre the care of a French gentleman, who has left all in y^e strong care of M^r Brown. He sends a letre inclosed with this, acquainting said Brown of this Expedition. I expected to have y^e honnour of delivering this message myself, but this French gentleman is unwell, so is obliged to send by an Express, which I would willingly doe myself, having y^e honnour of being known to your Grace sence before y^e Combat of the Elesebath man of war.

I am, with respect,

Y^r Grace's most obedient Serv^t

MIC: SHERIDAN.

COUPAR, Oct^r y^e 8th 1745.

LXXI.
DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD LOVAT.

MY LORD,

This morning I had the honour to receive a message by M^r Fraser, with your Lo^p's most agreeable resolution of quickly sending up your following, and the M^r of Lovat, to join His Royal Highness, who will be extremely satisfied to hear of the care you are taking to gett all your neigh bours to follow without further loss of time. I need add nothing to the inclosed copy of the Letter from that Gentleman who is just arriv'd from France, but that all possible endeavours shall be ufd to get whatever can

be fpar'd of the Arms, Ammunition, &c. sent to Blair Castle, which is the nearest and safest place they shall wait, where the men from the north shall have provisions waiting for them, with what other directions may be further necefiary, which the Viscount of Strathallan and Gask will tranfmitt, who are left to take care of the King's interest in those parts. All I can add farther is to beg your Lo^p- will still continue to recommend despatch and unanimity amongst your neighbours for advancing so good a cause as the safety of our King and country, which in a great measure depends on you.

I am, with all possible Esteem,

MY LORD,

Your most humble and most obedient

Servt-MILNEAKN, 9« OcF- 1745.

The Prince will be very fenfible, as well as I am, of your LOP'S forward-ness to serve him, by your having particularly contributed towards Clunie's speedy march; who I hear will join us in a day or two. I 'm sorry to hear your LOP'S indisposition, as well as years, is the only thing can prevent your waiting on the Prince in person.

LXXII. i

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO CLUNIE M C PHERSON.

MILNEABN, Oof"" 9 th , 1745.

SIR,

After coming this length, I find y^e backwardness of the men's rising is much, if not altogether, owing to the irresoluteness of the Gentlemen; wherfor I see it's absolutely necessary you bring the Gentlemen as well as the commons up with you without distinction, except such as you'll see have my power of staying at home to take care of the Country. You can verry well assure them you are positively required not to part with them. Just as this is writing, I got letters with the good news from a gentleman who came in a ship from France with arms, amunition, and money, which is presently lying as near us as we cou'd desire, so that we want nothing but men to carry arms; wherfor I intreat you'll make all possible heast up, that we may go together over Forth, and by all means bring the whole people with you without reserve, except as above. You'll get meal as much as you want till you come

to Dunkeld, where you'll get more. Patrick Mackglashan will give the meal at Blair. I send off this day a party to escort the arms, &c.; this you may assure all your friends of.—I need say no more, but leaves it to your prudent management, only begs dispatch.

I am, &c.

My baggage being gone on to Dunkeld, excuse my writing on such a foul scrape of paper as I found here on the road.

LXXIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO MB. SHERIDAN. SIR,

This minut I received your most agreeable and valuable letter of yesterday's date, and have sent orders to a detachment to escort the armes. The Prince has in his camp spare arms, &c., it's chiefly in these parts they are first wanted, with a full account of your present situation, that we may take the best measures can be thought of for the imediat advancing the King's service to H. R. H. Therefor intreats to have the pleasur of seeing you at Dunkeld so soon as possible after the receipt of this, where the bearer, Mr. Rattrey, will, without loss of time, conduct you; so, hoping to quickly meet with you, I shall add nothing farther here, being, with perfect estime,

SIR,

MOULINARN, half way on my road
from Blair to Dunkeld,
9th October, 1745.

LXXIV.

SECRETARY MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

Having this opportunity, his Royal Highness orders me to acquaint your Grace that he desires you may gett all the men together you can and join the army without delay, being determind to stay here as short time as possible. There is a surmise that a ship with arms are landed att Montrose, which has occasioned his sending Mr. Oliphant with orders that Gask shall take care to have them sent carefully hither, and give what shall be found necessary for your people, and desires your Grace will be aware that they don't leave any behind on account of this supply. I am, with great regard,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obed^t. and
most humble Serv^t.

J^o. MURRAY.

HOLYROODHOUSE,
Oct^r. y^e 9th, 1745.

LXXV.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

Ed^r. 9th Oct^r. 1745.

D^r. BROTHER,

I am vastly impatient for your coming up, at least the men and officers. Once more, for God's sake, cause make all the heast in your power, for the success of our cause depends upon expedition. I have no more time but to tell you his R. H. depends much upon your diligence upon this ocafion, and bids me say he is very feniible of your having done already more then could be expected, all fircumftances consider'd.

I ever am,

Your faithfull Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

LXXVI.

SIR THOMAS SHERIDAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

His Royal Highness orders me to acquaint y^r Grace that he has thought fit to grant liberty to two of y^e Prisoners now in y^r Country, viz^t to George Muschet, Dragoon in Gardiner's Regiment, and William Laxcet Collier, a Soldier in Lascelles Regiment, upon condition they swear never more to bear arms against him; and this, with his best compliments, he desires you would order to be done. I take with pleasure this opportunity to assure y^r Grace of the respect and sincerity with which I have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most humble

and most obedient Servant,

THO. SHERIDAN.

HOLYROODHOUSE, Oct^r y^e 9th 1745.

LXXVII.

ROBERTSON OF STROWAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY EVER HONOURED DUKE,

I have the happyness to know your Grace these many years, therefore am convinced of its nice Integrity; and that you are not capable of forgetting services tho' but indeavour'd to be done to you. I am order'd by the Prince to this Country to carry all my Tenants and Followers to the Camp; Sir George Robertson is one of the latter, whose Father Faskeilly was made Knight and Baronet, for his early rising for the King under my command in the year 15. I am persuaded if your Grace had known this remarkable Fast, you had thought it Just to have left the raising that Gentleman and his men to one who you know is entirely at your Service. I also hope your Grace will give me some help of a litle mony in this criticall conjuncture, for I never was in greater want; and I cannot but let you know, that your Brother and the rest of

your Friends at Rome allow'd your Bill many years ago to be protected, tho' some of them reaped the benefit of, while the final service was done to Him whose faithfull servant I am,

AL^R ROBERTSON OF STROWAN.

CARIE, *Oct'* 1745.

I ask not all at once, but in parcels as can be spair'd, tho' I never was poorer in any Country.

LXXVIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD ROLLO.

MY LORD,

I had not the honour of your Lo^p's dated the 2nd ins^t till yesterday on my way hither from Blair. Were it possible I should wait on you to return my hearty thanks for your kind congratulation on my return to Britain. Pray, my Lord, give my respectful complements to my Lady Rollo. Her Ladyship may command every thing I can do to oblige her till the Prince orders otherways. I shall send leave to M^f Dunbar, prisoner, Ensign in Col. Lee's Regim^t to go and wait on her Ladyship at Duncrub, on the same footing as he is now at Perth, on his parole of honour, from whence he is not to go above two miles distance. If any thing else is in my power can be agreable to your Lo^p it shall be readily performed by,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's

Most obedient humble Servant.

DUNKELD, 10 *October*, 1745.

I beg your Lo^p will excuse the not writing with my own hand, continual occupation renders it almost impossible.

LXXIX.

THE MASTER OF STRATHALLAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MACHANY, October 10th 1745.

MY LORD,

I trouble your Grace with this line to acquaint you that upon our arival here, we were informed that Lady George Murray's Servants were taken prisoners by a Man of War's long boat, as they were crossing the Forth at Alloa; and we were also told, that if we went by the foard above Stirling, that there was a great risque, by reason of parties that are sent from the Castle of Stirling all there about. As we have dispatches of conference for the Prince, the French Gentelman would not run the risque of passing the River without a stronger Detachment, wherefore I sent an Express to the Prince to let him know of it. If it were possible for your Grace to send us a Detachment of 100 men to escort us with our pakets two or three miles other side of the Forth, it would be of great use; and have the honour to be, with profound respect,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most humble and obedient Servant,
JA : DRUMMOND.

LXXX.

*UNTO HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ATHOLL, THE
REPRESENTATION OF JOHN STEWART IN KINNAIRD. 1745.*
UNTO ANE HIGH AND MEIGHTY PRINCE WILLIAM DUKE OF
ATHOLL, &c., THE REPRESENTATION OF JOHN STEWART IN
KINNAIRD, BROTHER-GERMAN TO ALEXANDER STEWART OF
KINNAIRD.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That I willingly served my lawfull Sovereigne the King, in the year 1715, by my going to the Battle of Prestown, where I had the misfortune to be there taken prisoner, stood tryall for my life, received sentence of death, (pardoned) and y^r after banished to Virginea, in America, and by the assistance of God escaped, and came home to my native country; and now, as I am most willing to serve my Prince and your Grace in any station at home, as your Grace shall think fitt; as I am now unable to travell by the former hardships I underwent, and well gone in yeares, I hope your Grace will be pleased to take it to consideration.

It's four weeks past since I received your Grace's orders for raising the Bishoprie men, which I did, and went to Crieff with them, and Delivered them to Collonell Mercer, so that I have nott a servant man at present to take care of my own affaires att home, for which trouble I received no reward as yet, altho' I have been putt to some charges; as also in my going twice to see the Castle of Cluny putt in repair for the prisoners. Your Grace answer to your most obedient and very Humble Ser^t

(Signed) J^o- STEWART.

DUNKELD,
Oct^r.y^e 10th, 1745.

This Petition is to be considered, and Directions given about it before the Duke leaves Dunkeld.

LXXXI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO ROBERTSON OF STROWAN.

The Stile of your Letter, dated the 9th inst. from Carie, is so losty, and [I am] in such a continual hurry that at present I can hardly endeavour the answering it to purpose, therefore am forced to refer you in general to what I have told your discreet messenger, M^r Alexander, on the considerable points which you hint at. Did you stick close by your near neighbours, true friends, & real wellwishers, it is not impossible that you, as well as they, might be more satisfied with one another than it seems (Great Elector of Ranach) we are at present, both as to publick and private concerns.

I am heartily sorry for your Situation as to money matters; mine is really little better, Having as yet little or nothing of my own farther than what is absolutely necessary for publick affairs; when it's otherways, with joy & pleasure you shall command every thing is in my power can be useful to you. In the meantime, I'll presume to share with you what can be spared of his Royal Highness money which is in my hands. If fifteen or 20 guineas will be acceptable with this Letter, they shall be put into the hands of your faithful messenger; besides, if your men can soon appear in any place where I am, their pay as it comes to my hands shall be regularly given whoever has the care and inspection over them. Pray be perswaded that, without Ceremony or Compliment, nobody can more essentially wish you well than he who is, without reserve,

DEAR ELECTOR,

Your most affectionate, and most Humble Servant,

DUNKELD, 11th October 1745.

LXXXII.

SECRETARY MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.'

HOLYROODHOUSE, *Ocf* y^e 11th 1745.

MY LORD,

I had the honour to write your Grace last night by his Highness orders, which I hope you will receive in due Course. His Highness now desires your Grace may bring up all the arms along with you, being inform'd that there are only twelve hundred of them. As His Royal Highness writes himself, it is needless for me to say any thing farther than that it is the opinion of every body we have already been too long here. I had a letter from Cluny, dated the first of the month, telling me he intended to march next day, but I have heard no more of him, which surprises me much; however, I hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing him along with your Grace once next week, and I am,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obed^t
and most humble Servant,

J^o. MURRAY.

LXXXIII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

EDINBURGH, 11th *Ocf*. 1745.

DEAR BROTHER,

I write once more by His Royall Highness special commands, who desires you to come in person, and all the men possible, with the utmost expedition, and join him. Any that are coming from the north you must leave orders about their following you, and wait for non but such as have join'd you before this comes to your hands.

It is certain that all depends upon expedition, and the moment you join us his Royall Highness will march for England, if he do not march sooner. Every thing is in great confusion in England, particularly in London, where credite is at a Hand; the greatest Banquiers have stopt payment; all would go to our wish if we could but march imediatly. Setle every thing with Lord Strathallen about the police of the Country, civle and military. Adieu. I hope to see you before I write again. I ever am,

Your most affec^t Brother,
and faithfull humble Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

The King of Prusia has given a totall defeat to the Austrians.

LXXXIV.

*JAMES FARQUHARSON OF BALMORALL TO THE DUKE OF
ATHOLL.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE, MY LORD DUKE,

I have the Honour of the Prince Regent's orders to raise this Countrey for His Majesty's service, and am sorry to tell your Grace that I meet with such Difficultys from Invercald's Backwardness, and the bad Exemple given to the Neighbourhood, that wee can hardly gett our own men to obey, let alone Invercald's, without military execution. According to my orders from his Royall Highness at Holyroodhouse, (which place I left on Saturday last, and all verry weele,) lead the King's Cause may suffer by such backwardness, I must begg your Grace will direct a full Company of Men here with a proper Officer to assist us in the execution of His Royall Highness' orders; your Grace will see the thing can admitt of no delay, because wee are already too long from our Duty to our King and Countrey. It gives me great Joy that your Grace is safe in your own Countrey—I had the Honour to be known to your Grace when I was Aid-de-Camp to my Lord Mar in the fifeteen; your Lordship may direct the pairty to Captain James Shaw of Dalldouny, one of our Officers, least I should be absent when they come. I wish all Health and good success to the King's ffriends under your Grace's Command; God bless yow, and send us all a happy meeting.—I have the honour to be, with all possible Duty,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most ffaithfull
and obedient h'ble Serv^t,

JAMES FARQ^RSON.

BALLMORALL, 11th Oct^r. 1745.

LXXXV.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO SECRETARY MURRAY.

SIR,

This day I had the honour of your's dated the ninth, with two of my brother George's letters, which on the main were answered some days ago. I always intended, according to H: Royall H: orders, that all of us who could soon be got ready should march with the utmost expedition imaginable, and shall concert every thing nessesary in these parts with my Lord Strathallan and Gask, in such a regular manner as may show the Prince I have neglected nothing could be reasonably performed for his satisfaction and the King's service. It's probable before this comes to hand you'll know, by the Gentleman who is come from France, that the arms, ammuniton, &c., which he brought, falls much short of what you imagined. In short, I hope whatever can be brought up of these effects, with the men I've been endeavouring to get ready, shall ere long be brought so near you as to be immediately disposed of according as his Royal Highness shall think fit. I am, with perfect Esteem and regard,

SIR,

Your most obedient and most Humble Servant,

DUNKELD, 12 October 1745.

I beg you'll communicate this to my brother George, since it contains all I can say at present in answer to his no less kind than pressing Letters. Having not a minute's time to lose, I entreat you'll forgive the not writing with my own hand.

LXXXVI.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO FARQUHARSON OF BALMORALL.

SIR,

This morning I had the pleasure of your agreeable Letter, dated 11th instant, and am glade to find by it that you are still hearty and in good health.

According to your desire, I've sent to Strowan Robertson, by one of his Gentlemen, ane order to march a hundred of his men to aid and assist you in raising the Braemar men with the outmost expedien; Therefor hopes they'll march without delay to join you as soon as possible, and that you will immediatly after bring all down with you to Perth, in our way to join the Prince without loss of time. So hoping soon to have the satisfaction of seeing you with a sufficient body of good men, I shall add no more, being, with all possible Esteem,

SIR,

Your most obedient humble Serv^t,

DUNKELD, Oct^r 12th, 1745.

LXXXVII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO THE LAIRD OF GASK.

SIR,

I have the honour of your's dated this day, with the three inclos'd letters, and that to you from Secretary Murray, which, as desired, is here inclos'd;

it's needless to say any thing now as to the armes, &c., mentioned by you and him, having write all is at present nessesary to the latter, and hopes personally soon to let you know what's proper on that subject, being intirly,

SIR,

Your most obedient Humble Servant,

DUNKELD, 12th Octob^r 1745.

Having not a minute's time to lose, I entreat you'll forgive the not writing with my own hand.

LXXXVIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO SIR THO^S SHERIDAN.

SIR,

This day I had the honour of your's with his R. H. Commands, I beg you'll give my most humble duty to the Prince our young master. It seems the Soldier called Coallier in Lascelle's Regim^t never came here, for none of the prisoners know any thing about him; but you have here inclosed George Muschat's deposition, who has sworn never to carry arms ag^t the Royal family, nor any having Commission from our Sovereign, which is all required of me by yours. With the utmost satisfaction I shall lay hold of every occasion to convince you that I am with perfect respect,

SIR,

Your most humble,

& most obedient Serv^t

DUNKELD, 12th Octob^r 1745.

Dear Sir Tho^S I beg you'll forgive the not writing with my own hand, for really continual occupation puts it almost out of my power to show all the regard I ought to have for you.

LXXXIX.

LAURENCE OLIPHANT OF GASK TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

My Son brought from Edin^f the three inclosed Letters directed for your Grace. I had one at the same time from M^r Murray, Secretary to His Royal Highness, which I have likeways sent, as your Grace will be better satisfied of its contents than from my writeing. If your Grace send the Arms, &c. to this place, it will be absolutely needfule to send a strong party to guard them. I am,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's

Most obedient humble Servant,

LAU^E OLIPHANT.

PERTH, Ocf^r 12th, 1745.

Your Grace will please return the Letter directed to me from Mr. Murray.

XC.

THE MASTER OF STRATHALLAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

DOUN, October 12th.

MY LORD,

I arriv'd here just now with the French Gentleman, upon hearing that James Drummond was here with two hundred men, and are to cross the Forth to morrow morning with them, so we wont be obliged to trouble your Grace for an escort, which makes me trouble you with this line; it was very lucky we met with the men here, for there is no passing above one or two persons at the foard, because the Garison of the Castele, we are told here, make patroules all about to hinder people from passing; and have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most humble
and obedient Servant,

JA: DRUMMOND.

XCI.

DAVID STEWART OF KYNACHAN TO M^R. MERCER OF ALDIE.
12th Oct^r; 1745.

D^R. SIR,

I have the pleasure to tell you that I now believe we shall have all the men of Glenlyon, Rannoch, and this country raised in a few days, but there is an absolute necessity for a strong party of strangers to put this in execution, which is my reason for sending you this express att this unseasonable hour.

Now, we are informed that Cluny is just now with his men att Dunkeld, and, as he is the properest in the world, so I beg yo'll, on receipt of this, get on order from his Grace to send Cluny, with his whole party, (for the more the better,) here to-morrow night, that they may assist Shian att once to raise the men in the different places he is to be concerned with. I intreat you'll not delay this, for it will be of great consequence to us to have Shian and his 2 or 300 good men ready to march along with us to the Prince. Let Cluny have the proper orders to be directed by Shian: If he is not yet come it must be delayed till he comes, for I find this must be done by strangers. I fancy you'll take notice that it will be hastning the matter to send Cluny his orders to march straight here from Blair or Dalnacardoch, if he is not yet come your length. I have ordered a full company for Strathbrawn to-morrow morning, and most of the rest are to be ordered on other parties, which I shall acquaint you of att meeting, who am,

D. SIR,

Your most humble Serv^t.

DAVID STEWART.

CASTLE MENZIES,
Saturday, 12 o'clock att night.

XCII.

SIR PATRICK MURRAY TO M^R. MERCER OF ALDIE.

D^R. SIR,

Yesterday's afternoon, at four of the cloack, my Lord Strathallan and Gaske convined all the officers prisoners here, and my Lord Duke's letter was reade in presence of us all; every body was very senceable of the kind usage meant towards us by my Lord Duke's letter, and, in consequence thereof, every body very naturally thought of applying my Lord Duke to have his leave and, interest to go to the different pleacess where their bussiness and circumstancess call them most. As I told you at Dunkeld severals of my fellow prisoners here, being Englishmen, would willing choice to go to the different pleacess of England where their conections lay; but at the same time I can say, in name of all my fellow prisoners, that none of us would aske any thing of my Lord Duke that should be thought ane unreasonable demand, so I beg you'll let me know by the bearer what libertys we have reason to expect or look for, and believe me ever to be,

D. SIR,
Your affectionate Cousin,
and humble Servant.

PAT. MURRAY.

PERTH, 13th Oct^r 1745.

Pos.—If my Lord Duke is not to be here to-morrow, I beg you'll be so good as obtaine my Lord Duke's liberty for Colonel Bleaton, Colonel Racket and me, to write of my Lord Duke, when we will let my Lord Duke know the libertys the officer prisoners wish for.

XCIII.

LORD STRATHALLAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

You was so good as send for Sir Patrick Murray to Dunkeld, when I hapned to be there; I fear it was unlucky, as my son and these gentle men from France came at the same time to waite upon your Grace; I saw Sir Patrick still with that gentileman who could speake nothing but French. I had, this evening, advice of some new odd behaviour of the Knight, and shall soon have the particulars, and this is to give your Grace my hearty wishes not to listen any thing comes from him. I have inclosed a letter I had from Mr. Murray, the Prince's Secretary, about sending to Ed^r Capt^t. Scot, in which your Grace will see that the Prince designs to give no enlargement to the gentlemen prisoners there. Gask omitted to write your Grace, that it was the Prince's desire that you would send a party to try the raisin the Braedalben men; and there seems the more reason for it, that a good many of them, it's said, will be raised against us, how soon your Grace leaves this side of the Forth. With the utmost Esteem and sincerity, I am,

MY LORD,
Your Grace's most faithfull and

obedient humble Servant,

STRATHALLAN.

PERTH, *Oct* 13th, 1745.

XCIV.

COL. WRIGHT TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

PERTH, *Oct* 13th, 1745.

MY LORD,

I have the honour of your Grace's most obligeing letter, which I communicated to the Officers who are prisoners here. I am desired by them to return your Grace their sincere thanks, for the offer of your good offices towards our farther enlargement. Tho' they are as happy in the present quarters as their situation will admit of, yet the bad state of health of some, and the circumstances of others, make them wish to be removed to other places, which I shall lay before you when I have the Honour to wait on your Grace here.

We have all of us the most gratefull sense of our generous treatment, which we shall on all occasions readily acknowledge.

I write in the name of the Officers, as well as my own; and have the Honour to allure your Grace that we are, with the greatest respect,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obedient,
& most Humble Servants,

J. WRIGHT.

XCV.

MR. MERCER TO SIR PATRICK MURRAY.

DUNKELD, *Oct* 13th, 1745.

SIR,

I just now received your's, which I immediately showed the Duke of Atholl, who intends to be at Perth Tuesday or Wednesday next at farthest, he will then be glad to see the Gentlemen Prisoners. However, if Collonell Bliton, Colonell Halket, & you, has any thing to say that's pressing, which cannot admitt of such a delay, you'll be very welcome here, provided my Lord Strathallan is satisfied with your journey; if the Gentilemen acquaints him of their reasonable desire, I'm perswaded you'll find him ready to oblige them in every thing lyes in his poure; therefor it's plain you are free to do as thought proper on this occasion, as I wish you ever may, being without reserve,

SIR,

If any of your Gentlemen comes here, they are desired to bring M^r Farquharson alongst with them.

XCVI.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD STRATHALLAN.

MY LORD,

Just before leaving Blair, your Lo^p's Brother-in-law, and my valuable Cousin German called M^f Mercer of Aldie imagin'd that if Sir Pat. Murray of Ochertyre was allowed to come here, he might be induced to abandon Hanoverian principles, and to take the benefit of the Indemnity offered by the King & our Gracious Prince's Declaration; which really I thought he was not in the wrong to hope would be readily embraced by his father's son.

I shall be sorry to absolutely find both of us were much mistaken, which cou'd not be well discovered by the short time he staid with us; therefore at his request I did not absolutely refuse to see him again in this place, provided your Lo^p though it proper, which was the condition which made me hearken to his new proposal he made M^f Mercer of coming again to this place. I am glad to know you find not his behaviour altogether orthodox, which makes me far from inclining to hearken to him, or any other of your prisoners, otherwise than as your Lo^p shall think proper. I shall say nothing about raising the Broadalbin men, till I have the honour of seeing you, being told that my Lord Glenorchy received the Letter I writ him from Blair in the most obligeing manner. I am, with perfect Esteem & affection,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's

Most obed^t & most humble Servant.

DUNKELD, 14th. 1745.

I beg your Lo^p will forgive the not writing with my own hand, Continual occupation renders it almost impossible: Secretary Murray's Letter is returned inclosed.

XCVII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

ED^R 14th Oct^r 1745.

DEAR BROTHER,

The Prince Regent .is in the utmost concern for the precious time which is lost by your not comming up. I have wrote to you so often, by his orders, upon that subject, that I can add nothing to what I have already said , only that it seems the oppinion of every body if you delay any longer it will be the uter mine of the Cause. You should wait for no body but your own men, and if you bring them you will never be blamed for the fault of others. M^f Strathallen and his Company are arived safe. I ever am,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most Affe^{ct} Brother,

and Faithfull humble Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

XCVIII.

ROBERTSON OF STROWAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY HONOURED LORD DUKE,

I had the pleasure of your Grace's of the 12th of Oct^r 1745, wherein you order a hundred of my Regiment, with a proper Officer at their Head, on sight to march to Breamar, and there execute such orders as shall be given them by M^r Ferquharson of Balmorall, or M^r Shaw of Dalldownie, in raising the Breamar men for the King's service, for which this shall be to all concerned a sufficient warrand, signed Atholl.

But I beg leave to informe your Grace, that the Prince, previous to this order, has commanded me under his sign manuell, dock'd by his Secretary, and seal'd by his Royal H^s, expressly ordered me to raise all my Vassells, Tenants, and Followers, and soon as I have raised them hurry them to his Army, wherever the same shall happen to be for the time. Thus, my Lord, it seems a difficult point for me to put both orders in execution, unless, as the man said, I can be in two places at once like a bird. Besides, a task of this nature is usually given to a Detachment rather than put intirely upon one individuall Corpe, for it seems better to divide a disobligation than roll it over upon one single person. However, if I was allured the Prince's orders and yours did not clash,—however, my men shall be ready on your Grace's return to this; tho' I hope, on second thoughts, you will think what I hinted not altogether unreasonable, when you are told that my Camerons in Ranoch want to be threatened to rise like some of our neighbours.

I have taken from M^r Chas. Alexander the 20 pieces, your Grace's intention at this time; I know he'll be accountable for the rest, as an honest man ought.

I wish your Grace had let me into the particulars of our Foreign Succours, it had done great satisfaction to

Your ever faithful Servant,

AL^R ROBERTSON of Strowan.

CARIE, Oct^r 14th, 1745.

XCIX.

LORD STRATHALLAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

The inclosed Letter for your Grace had been seised by one W^m Whytt at Kinross, and was recovered at Aloa, as your Grace will see by Sir Harry Stirling's Letter to me, inclosed with the note of seising the carryer of it, who is also sent on to your Grace, that he may account for his behaviour.—I am,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's

Most obedient humble Servant,

STRATHALLAN.

PERTH, *Oct* 15th, 1745.

It is Sir Harie Stirling's Servant who is sent forward to your Grace with this.

C.

MR. MURRAY OF TAYMOUNT TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY DEAR LORD,

The bearer of this is M^r Lockheart younger of Carnwath, who has desired me to write this to introduce him to your Grace, which I presume you will be so good as to excuse from, my D^r Lord,

Your Grace's Afectionate Cousin,
and most humble Servant,

W. MURRAY.

ED^{BR} *Oct* 15th, 1745.

I hope to have the honour and pleasure of seeing you soon here. This young Gentleman is one of the Prince's Aiducamps.

CI.

BOYËR MARQUIS D'EGUILLES TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MILORD DUC,

Je ne puis asses vous temoigner combien je suis sensible aux bontes dont il vous a plu de m'honorer, me voicy enfin arrive a Edimbourg ou je compte voir incessamment votre adorable Prince, qui fait les delices de ses peuples, et qui fera bientot l'admiration de l'Europe.

Je suis avec respect,

MILORD DUC,

Votre tres humble

et tres obeis. serviteur,

BOYER.

[Ed^R, 15th *Oct* 1745.]

CII.

DR. COLVILL TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I have the honour and pleasure to acquaint your Grace that the Crowned Herring arrived safe last night in this Harbour, Captⁿ Barlemont Commander, loaded with Arms, Amunition, &c., on board of which are Colonel Richard Warren, his two brothers, Captains, and two other friends. They are very busie unloading, and as it is very difficult to get carts here, we cannot set out hence till to-morrow morning early for Brichin, where we will wait what guard your Grace is pleas'd to send, which we beg may be as soon as possible. This cargo is somewhat greater than that landed lately at Montrose. I beg your Grace will pardon the coarse paper, as the place afords no better.

I have the honour to be, with the outmost Esteem

and Respect,

MY LORD, Your Grace's most obedient and
most faithfull humble Servant,

GEORGE COLVILL.

STONHAVIN, 16th Octo^r 1745.

CIII.

LADY M^cINTOSH TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DOUKE,

The Beraer of this is a veray Pretay fellow, Brother to M^cenzie of Killooway. He had a Compannay Resed for the Prince's servace, but was handred by Lord Siforth to keray them of, which meks me geve this trobal to beg of your Grace to geve hem en ordar for rasing hes men & thene he can wous a lettel forse. My God preaserf your Grace, and all that will searve ther Prince and contray, which is the ernast woush of

Your Grace Most

Affnett. & obd. Sarvant,

A: M^cINTOSH.

MOYHALL, Oct^r 16th 1745.

CIV.

DR. COLVILL TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I have the honour to acquaint your Grace that there is just come into this Harbour another Ship, with Arms, Money, and Ammunition; besides small Arms, she has six Swedish Cannon, four-pounders, which can be fired nine times in a minute, and 1800 ball for them. This last Ship was chaced by a Man-of-war, of Twenty-two Guns, and as the wind fell towards evening would have been taken, had it not been for some fishing-boats we sent out, who towed her along 4 miles, and brought her safe into the Harbour. We saw the Man-of-war plainly, but night coming on, we know not what is become of her; however we are making the best provision we can, ordering a Guard, with some to patrole round the Town all night. There are eight Officers of the Irish Brigade come in this last ship, and twelve Gunners with an Officer. The loading of the first ship set out hence this morning for Lowran-Kirk, consisting of 118 Carts. Col. Warren and I luckily staid behind, having some dispatches to give the Cap^l of the first ship, and we are to stay till we see every thing safely ordered about this last loading. As this Country is much drained of Carts by this morning's Convoy, it will be Saturday at soonest before we can get Carts for the other, and I wish we may have them ready then. The Gentlemen tell me that the forces designed to assist our King are all ready at Dunkirk, Ostend, &c., and that Lord Marshal is to come to Scotland

with six thousand. As your Grace knows our situation, I need add no more but that I have the honour to be, with the utmost Esteem and respect,

MY DEAR LORD,

Your Grace's most faithful and most
obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) GEORGE COLVILL.

STONEHAVEN, 17 October 1745.

Please turn over.

After writing the foregoing letter, Col. Warren and I agreed to delay sending off the Express till this morning, when we might know further about this Man-of-War, which we now see plainly about six miles off; and as there is water enough for any such into this Harbour, we are preparing against the worst, as we are pretty certain she has got information concerning our ship by means of the Custom-house boat of Aberdeen.

18 October.

As we can find no fit Express here for sending to Edin^r. Col. Warren begs leave to ask your Grace will be pleased to order the letters for the Prince and Sir Thomas Sheridan to be sent off with all Expedition. I am just now informed that M^r. Blake, supercargo of last ship, is resolved to keep the ship here till a return to these dispatches comes from the Secretary, which may meet M^r. Blake on the road as he goes along with the Convoy of this last Cargo. As all the dispatches from Colonel Warren, &c. were sealed up before M^r. Blake came to this Resolution, and as time presses for dispatching the Express, I am therefore obliged to intreat your Grace will pardon this freedom, as it proceeds from a sincere inclination to serve the good Cause.

CV.

*DAVID STEWART OF KYNACHAN TO GEORGE ROBERTSON
OF FASKALIE.*

D. GEORGE,

When I received yours I was with Lord John Drummond, getting a Carriage for a Large Boat to carry alongs to facilitate our passage. I was just sending for other two when John Murray came from Aloo, assuring me that we may have boats in plenty there; wherefor I am ordering 200 men or so back with John Murray, so as to be att Aloo to-morrow morning, in order to secure the Boats and be masters of the Passage. If this succeeds it will make every thing easy, if it fail, we must carry on the boats we can get from this water. Inclosed you have my receipt for 50£, & John M^cEwan's for 34£. 6 shill. I intreat you'll always let me know by Express my Lord Duke's Rout, that I may know from time to time how we shall move. It has been a very rainy day, & still rains hard; the poor ffellows are very wet, so you may guess it to be no easy matter to get them to march to Ardoch this night, as I propose

they shall. It is now past 3 o'Clock, & am in great hurry getting our men together, who am sincerely yours, &c. &c.

DAVID STEWART.

CRIEFF, 18th Oct^r. 1745.

CVI.

*GEO. LOCKHART OF CARNWATH TO COL: MERCER OF
ALDIE.*

ALOWAY, friday night, 18th Oct^r. 1745.

SIR,

We are just now arrived safe at this Place, after having had a very good journey; we immediately sent for y^e Master of y^e Boat, who carries our friends over y^e water; & he tells me, that their are Boats in y^e Place that will carry over 100 men; he likewise adds, that if there were 2 or 300 men here, he could seize several large Vessels, which would carry over 4 or 500 men at once. These Vessels are now lying in y^e Harbour here; by what I can learn from our well-wishers here, they think it proper that his Grace of Athol ought to take possession of this Place very soon, with a force able to resist y^e Garrison of Sterling, should they make a Sally to dislodge us. I beg you'll pay y^e remainder of y^e hiring, which we shall pay at meeting, I have given him 5 sh.: Captain Brown, and I, present our humble Duty to my L^d Duke.

I ever am,

S^r.

Your most obed. Serv^t

GEO: LOCKHART.

The long boat of y^e man-of-War is more to be fear'd than y^e Castle of Stirling.

CVIL

MR. MIC: BROWN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

We this instant are arrived the south side of y^e Forth, and have conversed with one William Virtue, Shipmaster of Aloa, who is a very zealous subject. and an understanding man. He assured me y^t with four small pieces of Canon, whereof two of one pound, y^e other two a pound and half, y^t he will engage to keep off any long boat that might be dispatched from the man-of-war to interrupt your Grace's embarquation of men and convoy:—these four pieces of Canon are in a Brigg in this harbour which waits a loading. If your Grace thinks proper to send a number of men to take possession of this port, they can be here time enough to make a little redoubte, and garnish it with this little Artillery, which I believe may suffice to hinder y^e approach of y^e long boat, till your Grace arrives with y^e Convoy.

I thought it proper also to agree on signals with same man, if any body should be sent by his Highness; I thought it incumbent on me, my Lord, to acquaint you of this man's sentiments, the more so that they seem reasonable I think, that shan't hinder, but I shall punctually execute your Grace's orders in representing to His Royal Highness that some field pieces would vastly facilitate your safe passage.

I hope your Grace will excuse this undigested scroul, by y^e impossibility I'm in to write here otherwise.

I am with respect,
Your Grace's
most humble
and obedient Servant,

MIC: BROWN.

No more arriv'd at Aloa.

CARSIE, *four o' Clock.*

(*Endorsed.*) — "Received Perth, 18 Oct^r. 1745."

CVIII.

ROBERTSON OF STROWAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY DEAR DUKE,

I need not prompt a man to be honest who makes nice Conscience of wronging the King; few people scruple in that point. I have been cursedly us'd by your Grace's Relations, tho' I am sure they were not properly related to your Grace. My ever honour'd Duke, you take me; if you don't, I refer you to Neil Macglashan for half a pair of Spectacles, for he can tell what he sees as well and better than

MY LORD,

Your ever faithfull humble Servant,

AL^R ROBERTSON of Strowan.

CARSIE, Oct^r 18th 1745.

God direct you & your good natur'd Frailty.

(*Endorsed.*) — "Letter from Strowan Robertson, which the Vis. of Strathallan, Mr. Mercer of Aldie, and other gentlemen, present at the receiving of it, could make nothing of; dated Carie, 18th Oct^r, Received at Perth the 20th."

CIX.

ROBERTSON OF KILICHANZIE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

CARRIE, Oct^r 18th 1745.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

At my coming here I found Strowan resolved to joyn the Prince's Army with all speed, which I see is His Royal Highness Express orders to him, and he seems to incline more to follow that Intention than goe or send his men to Braymar. He recommended some things by word of mouth to his last

Express sent to your Grace, but since he was not admitted to an audience they are still to be a secret.

In the main I find and see that Strowan is proud of obeying your Grace, but as he is order'd to Joyn the Prince he'll be proud to know your Grace's orders in executing the Royall Intention. I am glad to find Strowan a nice Servant to the Prince, as I am to the Duke of Atholl. With all Dutifullness I am,

May it please your Grace,
Your Grace's most faithfull
and most obedient Servant,

J^o ROBERTSON.

I find Strowan is timirous to call for money, altho' he'll want to pay his men as others are, also he wants to have some Arms for a good many of his men; a good many of them wants Guns, and most of them Swords and Pistells.

CX.

MB. C. ALEXANDER TO MR. NEILL MACKGLASHAN.

DEAR SIR,

Killichangie has wrote my Lord Duke Strowan's answer to him about sending men to Braymar, so he intends as soon as possible to march for the Camp; I was very fond of the Mar Expedition, had it gon on.

Killichangie has dropt to his Grace that Strowan will want money to cary on his men to Ed^f, also he wants some of the Arms that's come—a word from you will be seasonable. Strowan was not well pleased the Pink was not admitted to his Grace, it seems he had something to say by word of mouth; however, I wonder the pink did not let you know he had something to say, being sure you would gott him admitted. I make bold to trouble you once more about a ffuzie, if there be any such, or else a hand-some light gun of the sort there is; the Bearer expects you'll help him to a sword. With all respect I am,

DEAR SIR,
Your most humble & ob^t. Serv^t.

CHA? ALEXANDER.

CARRIE, Oct^r 18th 1745.

CXI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO SECRETARY MURRAY.

SIR,

I can add nothing to what I writt inclosd to his R. H., but to assure, without loss of time, the outmost diligence and expedition shall be us'd, not only in going personally to receive His Royal Highness Commands, but also to bring up in the safest manner the Arms, Amunition, Money, &c. which is arriv'd at Stonehaven, with all the men I have been able to get together through all sort

of difficultys and constant labour; besides, by the Copy of a Letter, here inclosed, from the Lady M^cIntosh, I am well assur'd that name, the Frazers, and several other of the Northern Clans, will quickly join the Prince. The news I send him of this last Ship's Landing, with the hopes of their being supply'd with what they want, will certainly contribute not a litle towards quickening their March. As M^r. Lockhart of Carnwath and Captⁿ. Brown will inform you more fully; as also every thing els can be said by me: So shall trouble you no further, having the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient
and most humble Serv^t

PERTH, 18th Oct^r. 1745.

Having not a minut's time to loose as formerly, I entreat you'l excuse the not writing with my own hand.

CXII.

*MUNGO MURRAY, SECRETARY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL,
TO JOHN MURRAY AT ALLOA.*

This night my Lord had yours of this day's date from Crieff, and bids me tell you he is much pleased with your diligence, care, and active capacity in every thing he has employed you, particularly this new instance in having, without loss of time, secured a passage over the Forth; but since the Accounts of a new Convoy of Arms, Ammunition, &c. that is just coming up to join the Prince, we can't be with you for these two or three days to come, Therefore hopes you will continue your assistance to Kynachan, who he has ordered to go and take possession of that post, which 'tis possible the Prince may have likeways sent to have kept open. Continue to behave with prudence and conduct, and you may be sure of My Lord Duke's particular Esteem, as well as all honest men's that hear of your valuable actions.—I am, with truth, entirely

Your most obedient Humble Servant.

PERTH, 18th October 1745.

CXIII.

*WILLIAM DUKE OF ATHOLL, &c. UNDER THE PRINCE
REGENT, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTIE'S
FORCES.*

These are Ordering and Requiring you, David Stewart of Kynachan, Major to the Earl of Nairn's Regim^t to go according to the sure Intelligence you receive, and take possession of Aloa; to force, if possible, a passage over the Forth there, or any where near it, provided it can be kept open by you on this side, and assist any men on the other side, in case the Prince thinks fit to give orders for that purpose; but you, nor any of the different bodies of men

with or near you, are not without positive orders to pass the River, only such as may be found necessary for securing your communication, and to get all Intelligence possible of what the Enemy is doing up or down the River, besides sending Us particular Accounts of that and your own Situation, since 'tis like I may be stopt by the new landing at Stonehive of a new Convoy of arms, ammunition, &c. which is now coming up to join the Prince. Therefore send directly to M^r Mackewan with the Grantully men, and Shian with the Laird of Weem's followers, as also Cluny M^cPherson with his men, to let them know they are not to pass the Forth, no more than you, till further orders. In all events, if possible, take along with you or send for the boats and carriages were offered you at Crief,—All which you are carefully to perform and do, as you will be answerable, for which this shall be to you and all concerned a sufficient warrant.

CXIV.

SECRETARY MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

Be sure to bring up all the money.

MY LORD,

Information is now arrived from Couper of Fife that a ship is arrived at Stonehayve with arms, amunition, and money, and that the arms, &c. were brought the lenth of Brechin. It is supposed they are advancing as fast as possible, and have by this time past Perth; so that by halting one day at Down your Grace will give them time to come up; or if the main body come the lenth of S^t Ninians, and a small party left att Down, by waiting a day they may equally join you. It is left to your Grace to leave what number of arms you shall judge necessary for those who arc comeing up. A thousand stand Swords especialy are necessary to be brought here, and the rest to be deposite att Dunkell, or Blair of Atholl, as you shall judge most proper. As there are still two ships a-comeing, the other Clans must be more than compleatly arm'd with those that are left behind, so bring as many as possible. I am,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obed^t and
most humble Serv^t

J^o. MURRAY.

ED^R. Oct^r. y^e 18th 1745.

CXV.

SECRETARY MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I had the honour to write your Grace this day by His Royal Highness's orders, to stop a day att Doun, or leave a body there and advance the lenth of St. Ninians with the rest, so as to bring up the arms, money, and ammunition, landed att Stonehayve; but in case that should retard your march, the Prince

desires you may leave 500 men att Doun till such time as they come up, and march here with the main body with out the least delay. Your Grace will give orders that none of the arms be left behind, and that the 500 men left may follow with the outmost expedition, his Highness having this night received intelligence from the South which renders it absolutely necessary for the Army to march from this as soon as possible. I am, with great regard,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obed^t and
most humble Servant,

J^o. MURRAY.

Upon receipt of this, you will send M^r. Lockhart with Intelligence so as to have quarters provided.

HOLYROODHOUSE, Oct^r. 18th 1745.

CXVI.

ARCH^D MENZIES OF SHIAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

The difficulties arises in Conveening the men committed to my care gives me a good deal of uneasiness, as it disappoints my joining your Grace so as to pass the Forth Munday.

It will be Munday at soonest befor I can expect the party or the Glenlyon men back here, and Tuesday or Wednesday befor I can march from hence. In this tardy way I woud know your Grace's orders as one who has ado with different Gentlemen's people & such as does not incline to appear in a light to facilitate my march. This goes by ane Express from Strowan to notifie to your Grace express orders from his Royal Highness to join the Camp w^t all Expedition, by whom your Grace will please to let me know what I am to do; and if your Grace has absolutely promis'd to send a party to Breamarr & thinks it for the benefitt of the service , I'll do in that what your Grace thinks proper. I have return'd a letter addressed to M^r. Ferquarson of Monaltry which shoud have been deliver'd by M^r. Alexander, I presume was to command the party. I shall be impatient for your Grace's orders, tho' I trust to the bearer's quick return, yet sometimes Strowan's expresses have other things ado on the way, and I woud likewise suggest to your Grace, that if a party of my men be sent to Breamarr, more money will be necessary, if not, I'll do my best ere I join your Grace, which I'll endeavour to do as soon as possible. I am, w^t the outmost respect,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most obedient
& most humble Servant,

ARCH^D. MENZIES.

FARLEYEAR,
19th Oct^r. 1745.

CXVII.

FARQUHARSON OF MONALTRIE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

Altho' I have not the honour to be acquainted with your Grace, I have presumed to give you the trouble of this line, to show that I have got a warrant from the Prince to raise as many men as I can in this Country for his Service, but I find it cannot be done to any purpose without a party of men out of some other Country. I understand Balmorall apply'd your Grace to the same purpose, and I desired M^r. Stewart of Cainachan (whom I saw att Perth) to put your Grace in mind of it. I am of opinion 40 or 50 men would be sufficient, and I intreat your Grace would do us the favour as to send about that number, with a Gentleman to command them, and Balmorall and I shall take care of them. I hope your Grace will excuse this trouble, and I sincerely remain,

May it please your Grace,
Your Grace's most obedt: and
most faithfull humble Serv^t.

FRAN: FARQ^RSON.

MONALTRIE,
Oct: the 19th 1745.

CXVIII.

COL: WRIGHT TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

PERTH, *Oct: 19th 1745.*

MY LORD,

Encourag'd by your Grace's goodness, the Officers Prisoners at Perth, take this opportunity to entreat the continuance of it, and that you would be pleas'd to use your good offices to have us indulg'd with leave to go to the particular places of our abodes, or that we may be allow'd to name such other places, as my Lord Strathallen may have instructions to permit us to reside at. Your Grace's compliance with the above request will add to the favours already conferr'd on us. I have the Honour to be, in the names of the Officers,

MY LORD,
Your Grace's most obedient,
and most Humble Servant,

J: WRIGHT.

CXIX.

COL: WRIGHT TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

PERTH, *Oct: 19th 1745.*

MY LORD,

It is no small addition to my present affliction, the mortification of being depriv'd of the honour of waiting on your Grace personally, and of delivering the demand I have the honour to send your Grace enclos'd

I am fully convinced that the same motives that prompted your Grace to offer your good offices, will push you on to perform them, which makes me with reluctance ask any thing of one of your Grace's disposition, who is so ready to oblige; but I must mention to your Grace, that the bad state of health of some, and the pressing business of others, make them wish how soon your Grace's good intentions towards them might be put in execution, as the advanc'd season of the year, and the badness of the roads, will make it the more inconvenient for them, which I am perswaded would give your Grace pain, as you seem to feel the sufferings of others. The timing a favour greatly raises the value of it, and the reflection of doing good natur'd and human actions, gives to a generous mind the greatest joy.

I shall ever retain- the highest sense of your Grace's goodness, and have the honour to be, with the greatest respect,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obedient
& most humble Servant,

J: WRIGHT.

CXX.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

HOLYROODHOUS, 19th Oct^r. 1745.
six at night.

D^R. BROTHER,

Yours by Captⁿ: Brown, his R: H: has received just now, & desires me to write to you (as S^r. Tho^s. Ker does by another express) that he insists you should come up with all your Force with the utmost expedition, for all depends upon our marching into England, & nothing will hinder a moment after you join. You are to bring the whole that came in the last ship with you, & as many of the Armes of the first as you think can be spard after arming those with you, & leaving a few for the men you are sure are to come up very soon. It is thought by all here, that Low Country men can be gott in Angus & Perthshire, who for pay, will serve & answer all intentions in Perth, & the other towns in the north; & his R: H: has sent directions & orders to the most of these Towns. As to your passing the Forth it is left to your judgment and those whom you consult when you come the lenth of Dumblane. There shall be Canon sent to guard this side on Teusday. Adieu.

Yours,

GEORGE MURRAY.

CXXT.

*NEIL MACKGLASHAN TO MUNGO MURRAY, SECRETARY TO
THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.*

SIR,

There has been no accounts of the Mackintoshes or Frazers being on this side Drumachter, but we expect to hear of them this night by the return of the express that was sent to Foyers with His Grace's Letter. I have order'd up 20 bolls meal to Dalnacardoch, with a proper person to give it to them upon Receipt. As soon as I hear of their march over the hill, I'll goe on to meet them, so that they'l meet with no hinder for want of meal or money. I really believe that the bad weather yesterday & the day before, swell'd the waters so high that there was no passing of them.

If his Grace leaves Perth to-morrow, it's not possible for me to be with him there, otherways I must return without doing that I came for; but if my Lord Duke wants I should wait on him at any rate, I'll go off directly for any place I'll be ordered to, to receive His Grace's last commands for this Country.

I shou'd think, with submission, that if His Grace wou'd please send his commands by this bearer, or any other he pleases, I shou'd stay to deliver that £100 to the Frazers, since they're not come already, so as I might have time enough to overtake His Grace at Perth.

If my Lord Duke pleases to order any thing he thinks proper for me out of the £100 I got for the Service of the Country, or out of any other fund, for my personal travel & charges, it will be acceptable. As my Receipt lyes for the £100, I must produce vouchers for every groat of it. I wait his Grace's orders, and shall with the outmost fidelity and diligence do all in my power to see them punctually obey'd. I wish the Duke all happiness and prosperity, and am,

SIR,

Your most humble and Obedient Serv^t

N. MACKGLASHAN.

BLAIR, 20th Oct^r. 1745.

CXXII.

JOHN MURRAY TO MUNGO MURRAY.

Yours by the Bearer I received, and am glad to hear of the safe Arrivall of the new Convoy. Every thing here is in a much better way than could have been expected; and I am,

S^r.

Your most humble Serv^t

JOHN MURRAY.

ALLOA, Sunday, 11 o' Clock forenoon.

CXXIII.

MR. JA: SCOT TO MR. WILLIAM FLEMING, ATTENDING HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ATHOLL AT PERTH.

DUNKELD, 20th Oct^r. 1745.

DEAR SIR,

I'll be glad to hear by your return to this that my Lord Duke is well, and that he has got quit of his Rheumatism. You may tell his Grace that, conform to his order, I sent 40 Bolls meal to Blair, &, that there is only about a firloft remaining. Pray acquaint me when his Grace leaves Perth, & if you have got any good news.

After I had bespoke Thursday last 6 horses for Captⁿ Brown and his Attendants, it seems some Officers had made free with some of them; & on M^r Ochterlony & one of the French men's being left at Inwar wi^tout horses, I sent along wi^t them 2 of my own, & all the thanks I had was, that when my servant askt wherew^t to maintain his horses all night, M^r Ochterlonie threw him a sixpence, and bid him go hang himself; & the 2 horses stood me a shill^g for hay, besides corn and the lad's expence. I think he has requit me ill, q^{ch} I beg you'll tell him. I am,

DEAR SIR,

Your most aff^t humble Serv^t

JA: SCOT.

Ask M^{rs}. Hickson if she received the £l: 11: 9 for the cherry Brandy & porter q^{ch} I sent by John Stewart, Ochtertyre's servant, for q^{ch} he should have got me a receipt.

CXXIV.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO COL: WRIGHT.

SIR,

With pleasure I had yesterday, under a double cover from Col. Halket, both your polite Letters, with the two lists of your Officers and their demands. I am sorry to know from all hands that you are in a bad state of health. Did it depend on me, your sickness and affliction should be equally short with the uneasy situation of your Gentlemen, who I heartily wish well. All I can do for the satisfaction of both is to represent to the Prince Regent your immediate melancholy condition in the most moving manner; [which] may soon produce such worthy as well as agreeable effects as is earnestly desired by them or those, whose dutiful sentiments, besides humanity, makes wish well to true Britons. With what is materially due on that account, a particular regard for your personal merit will alwise oblige to be in the most significant manner possible,

SIR,

Your most humble
and most obedient Servant,

PERTH, 20 October, 1745.

I hope you'll excuse the not writing with my own hand, continual occupation renders it almost impossible.

CXXV.

NOTE ENCLOSED IN THE PRECEDING LETTER.

Oct^r. 20, 1745.

The Duke of Atholl was told that the Gentlemen prisoners here in Perth, asked to know, If he would have morning levees, because they intended accordingly to wait of him. His answer is, That He thanks them kindly for the polite Compliment they designed him. His Grace is not fond of ceremonious visits, tho' he will be always glad to cultivate an acquaintance with Gentlemen, whose actions show they are true Britons, by standing up for supporting the ancient Constitution and liberties of well-born Subjects, whole honour is engaged to shake off the Slavery of a foreign yoke.

CXXVI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO KILICHANGY, AT CARIE.

SIR,

This afternoon I had your obliging Letter, with one from Strowan Robertson, which neither my Lord Strathallan, the Laird of Aldie, nor any body here could make any thing of. Pray, with my Compliments, let him know that it is now no more time to be talking of sending out parties, Therefore He'll be pleased to obey his Royal Highness Commands in the manner that appears most expeditious and convenient for his Service. Had Neill M c Glafhan been here, I know not if that Gentleman, as he lays, would have understood or explained his meaning better than other people. In his absence I opened the Letter M r - Alexander writ him, but never heard of one called Pink's having any particular message to me; for in that case, if sent by a very small Subjeft, I should have seen him, how much less then would I have failed in speaking with one lent to inform me of any thing from a person of such merit and Consequence as is my former friend Strowan Robertson, for whom I shall ever have all possible Esteem and regard, which I hope you'll let him know in the most agreeable manner: However little confidence it seems Strowan puts in me, yet sure he might freely call for due subsistence to any of the King's troops who are under his command, without your having sent a known person for that end; yet by Drumachine's advice, I trust the bearer of yours, and one of Strowan's Tenents, who is going to him, with £25 fier. for that end, for which I hope our dear Ele6tor will be accountable in the exafteft manner. I am, with Esteem,

SIR,

Your most affectionate

Humble Servant,

PERTH, 20th October 1745.

CXXVII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO MENZIES OF SHIAN.

SIR,

All I can say in return to your long letter dated the 19th, which I received about 2 o'clock this afternoon, is, That two ships having arrived at Stonehive with fresh supplies of arms, money, &c^a to the Prince, the Convoy of which, consisting of about 250 cart loads, not being able to arrive here before to-morrow or next day at furthest, has retarded our march till then from hence. His Royal Highness having sent repeated and express orders to me that all His Troops in these parts shou'd march forthwith without loss of time, therefore this is requiring you to do the same, with Cluny Macpherson, to whom please communicate this, that you may both directly, without flopping longer, proceed immediately forward in your way to the Army, and quarter yourselves at Crieff, Muthil, or any where else you can find most convenient thereabouts, till I come up, or till further orders; but if we are passed before you come that length, you are to follow with the utmost diligence and Expedition. So hoping loon to have the pleasure of seeing you, I am, with perfect Esteem,

SIR,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

PERTH, 20 *October* 1745.

CXXVIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LADY GEORGE MURRAY.

DEAR SISTER,

Some days ago I was mightily concerned on hearing you were in danger on passing the Forth at Aloa, your Chaise horse being shot, and wearing apparel taken, which, except the fright, I am glad is all the hurt has happened you. This day, before receiving the pleasure of yours dated the 19th inst. from Arnhall, I have one of the same date, 6 at night, from my Brother George, with the Prince's last orders, and shall do all is possible to get yet further instructions, as two Ships, one after the other, are arrived from France at Stonehive. I know not, as yet, if I shall march for a day or two more from home, nor can I tell if we may'nt pass the River at Aloa; whatever happens I shall be sure to endeavour meeting with your Ladyship in the way. In the meantime, pray take care of your health, and give my Kind Service to Lady Strowan, being, with perfect Esteem and regard,

MADAM,

Your most affectionate Brother,

and most humble Servant,

PERTH, 20th *October* 1745.

As formerly, I entreat you'll forgive the not writing with my own hand, having now far less time than ever.

CXXIX.

LADY GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I give your Grace this trouble, being just inform'd that the people of Stirling are intending to make an attack on your Grace in your march, and, the better to deceive, I'm told that they have put on white cokades, and many of them in Highland dress. Their number, what with so many out of the Castle, the soldiers in the town, and the militia, will, it's given out, amount to six or seven hundred men, so that it will be necessary to have a strong body along with yourself. I wish that these things wh^{ch} came in the last ship may be soon with your Grace, for, by the resolution that was taken, Friday evening, at the Abbey, they wanted much that your Grace and men might be soon up.—If your Grace comes to Dumblain, pray let me know before, that I be there, for it is improper for your Grace to be here, but in case you don't come that road, (as I hear a report to-day that the passage is open'd at Alloa,) please send a sure hand here by whom I shall write what I was desir'd to tell your Grace.—I am, with great regard,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most affectionate sister,
and most humble Servant,

ÆMILIA MURRAY.

ARNHALL 21st Oct^r,
four afternoon, 1745.

I sent a letter to your Grace yesterday morning, wh^{ch} I hope you have rec^d.

CXXX.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LADY M'INTOSH.

MADAM,

A minute before leaving Dunkeld, I had the pleasure of your most agreeable letter dated from Moyhall the 12th inst. and am very glad to find by it that the Laird of M'Intosh is the loyal successor of his ancestors. Having no time to write the instant I received yours, made me then only send £100, which might be necessary for the subsisting of his men, which was all seemed absolutely necessary at that time for them who, I hoped, would soon after been up with us. This day I had the satisfaction of a letter of recommendation from you in behalf of Mr. William M'Kenzie, brother to Kilcoy, to whose satisfaction every thing is done I thought could contribute to the King's service. He assured me that your people will be quickly up to join the Prince, which gives no small satisfaction to all friends who have heard it, as well as to one who is, with perfect Esteem, entirely,

MADAM,

Your most aff. Cousin,
and most humble Servant,

PERTH, 21 *October*, 1745.

I beg you'll excuse the not writing w^t my own hand, continual occupation renders it almost impossible.

CXXXI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO MONALTRIE.

SIR,

With pleasure this day I received your's of the 19th, and in answer, as pressed by the Prince's commands to join him without delay, I am sorry to tell you how unable I am at present to be useful to you in raising the Braemar-men. You'll see by what I writ to Balmarall, as well by the two enclosed Letters, the one from M^r Steuart of Keinachan, & the other from Meinzies of Shian, that I have done all I could for being effectually useful to you. Since nothing has as yet succeeded, I spoke last night to Lord Lewis Gordon, who was here in his way to raise the Duke of Gordon's people, to be assisting in getting out your men, which he frankly promised to do, so soon as he could be on his march Southward. This is all remained further practicable to do for the King's Service towards effectually raising your people. I heartily wish more were in my power. It should be soon performed by,

SIR,

Your most obedient
humble Servant.

PERTH, 21 *Ocf.*, 1745.

CXXXII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL'S SECRETARY TO NEILL MACGLASHAN.

SIR,

Three o'clock this afternoon I received your's of yesterday's date, which I immediately showed to my Lord Duke, who was much surprised that instead of seeing you before this time, as he positively required at your parting, to find, instead thereof, you have sent by an express a Letter which signifies little or nothing; which he says is not only losing of time, but also gently giving him the slip the second time, as you did first at Creif. In short, he hopes you will now leave the small Commissions you were charged with, as formerly desired, in the hands of your Nephew, Patrick Mackglashan, who ought, and may easily discharge that trust, and come directly here without losing any more time; where perhaps you may be still usefully employed in helping to send off necessary Dispatches, instead of precious time being lost in writing to you, as you may very well imagine, since knowing how few my Lord has about him fit for being employed in putting pen to paper. As for me, I am not alone able to answer innumerable demands and Letters, which arrive every minute from all hands. Consider, then, if you have judged well

in leaving my Lord destitute of your assistance on so pressing and critical a juncture. The day after you parted, another Ship arrived at Stonehive with more Arms, Cannon, Money, Officers, &c^a which helps to multiply the care of many affairs which lie on our hands. Think then what you have to do quickly, as you wish well to a good Cause; which is all at present from,

SIR,

Your most humble & obedient Servant.

PERTH, 21 Oct^r 1745.

I send you enclosed from my Lord six of the Prince's last Declaration, which he desires may be left in the hands of honest people about Blair.

I forgot to tell you, that if bare words can do any Service, He wishes, as you do him, all happiness & prosperity may attend you.

CXXXIII.

MONS^R. BOYER D'EGUILLES TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MILORD DUC,

Etant arrivés a Macani, nous avons appris que les gens de miledi Georges Murray avoient été enlevés hier, au passage de la rivière d'Edimbourg, par le canot d'un vaisseau Anglois; et qu'il sortoit des partis du château de Sterling qui venoient faire des incursions a plus de 12 milles, au nombre quelquefois de 150 hommes. Nous avons cru qu'il seroit trop imprudent de nous exposer a être pris; ce qui le seroit d'autant plus que nos dépêches seroient ouvertes, et nous mis hors d'état d'être d'aucune utilité au Prince; nous avons donc pris le parti de nous arrêter icy jusqu'a nouvel ordre, et nous avons écrit au Camp nos raisons et nos craintes. J'ay cru que vous me permettriés de vous en rendre compte; les bontés dont Votre Grace m'a honoré, et le rang quelle tient dans ce pais ici me sont un devoir de cette attention,

Je suis avec respect,

MILORD DUC,

Votre tres humble,

et tres obeiss: Serviteur,

BOYËR D'EGUILLES.

A MACHANI, CE 21. 8^{bre} - 1745.

CXXXIV.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO MONSIEUR BOYER D'EGUILLES.

MONSIEUR,

Vers les quatre heures apres midy, J'ay eu l'honneur de recevoir votre Lettre de Machany avec cette de Monsieur Drummond, fils de Monsieur le Vicomte de Strathallan, qui mes les envoie par un Exprest. Je suis bien mortifie de sçavoir que Monsieur est obligé de s'arrété en chemin faisant vers le Prince, par le soin que Ton na pas eu d'empêcher les Ennemis a couper la communication que doit être avec l'armee de son Altesse Royale

et ce pays icy, par les Endroits les plus comode sous la Rivière du Forth. J'auroit eu le plesir d'envoyer a Monsieur sur le champ une escorte de cent hommes si il y avoit icy asses d'annes pour le mestre en Etat de ses Desendre devant l'arrivés des votres, qui doivent être icy Dimanche au plus tard. Mais j'espert que vous ne seré pas obligé d'atendre jusqu'au tems quils puissent vous joindre, parceque sur la bruit a Edimbourg que des Troupes, des armes, est munition etoient arrivez de France sous les costes de ce pays icy.

Le Secretaire du Prince a Envoyé un Exprest avec les ordres necessaires a cest egard, par une personne q'hier au soir a heureusm^t passe la Riviere; est il ma dit qu'il Esperoit pouvoir vous faire passer de meme avec votre Compagnie: Ainssy il doit informer Monsieur particulierem^t si cela ce puit être fait en sureté demain, peut être devant cecy puit vous être rendu; Etant sur le champ partir d'icy, pour parler a Perth a M^r Le Vicomte De Strathallan en chemin faisant.

En tous cas aussy tot que vos armes seront arrivez j'envoyerez les cent hommes que Ton a Demandes pour votre Escorte a Machany, si on ne me fait pas a sçavoir quils ne vous sont plus util.

Je suis infiniment sensible Monsieur de vos Politesses a mon Egard, et seroit charme de pouvoir être util en vous rendant le moindre service qui et deub a une personne de votre merite, Etant avec Respecte,

MONSIEUR,
votre tres humble et tres
obeissant serviteur.

A DUNKELD,
ce 22. 8^{bre} 1745.

De Grace Monsieur ayé la bonté d'excuser si je vous Escrist par une autre main que la mienne, parceque des occupations continuels fait quil est presque imposible de faire autrem^t

CXXXV.

MR. JA: SCOT TO MR. WILLIAM FLEMYNG.

Oct^r. 22.

SIR,

I wish the Duke could think of removing these Gentlemen we have here prisoners on their parole to Perth, or some oy^r more convenient place, for I'm convinced they'll do no good here; the enclosed was writ last night, & was returned this morning by the man proposed going to Perth.

CXXXVI.

LADY MONCRIEFF TO GLENLYON.

DEAR SIR,

Since the Duke of Athole has use for my horses, I have sent such as I have to his Grace; my three best went before with the Prince, and as you know I

have a pretty large labouring, I must be obliged to provide others the best way I can, or let my ground lie, so it will be a great favour done me to procure his Grace's protection for such as I must either buy or borrow. I am glad to hear my sister is well and making up for your absence. If it be convenient, I should be glad to see Captain Archebald. My duty to my sister, and, wishing you good health and a happy return, I ever am,

DEAR SIR,

Your affectionate Sister,

MARGARET SMYTH.

MONCRIEFFE, October 22nd, 1745.

P.S.—If I had had saddles, I would have sent them, but all I had was taken when my first and best horses was taken. Please keep the bearer till you get the protection.—Adieu, my Dear Sir.

CXXXVII.

WILLIAM DUKE OF ATHOLL, &c.

UNDER THE PRINCE REGENT,

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES, TO
ALL OFFICERS, CIVIL OR MILITARY.

As some of Lady Moncreif's horses were formerly taken up for the Prince's service, and that her Ladyship has now sent here, for the same end, two more, These are requiring all parties who are in search for arms, &c^a not to disturb her any more on account of what horses she may have for her personal use and labouring, as they will be answerable; for which this shall be a sufficient warrant.—Given at Perth, 22nd October, 1745.

CXXXVIII.

PATRICK ROBERTSON TO COL. MERCER.

DALNACARDOCH, 22nd Oct^r 1745.

SIR,

Having the agreeable information from the bearer y^t Sir Alex^r. M^cDonald, M^cLowd are on their march, the servant wanted much my advice which road to hold; I thought proper to direct him to his Grace the Duke of Atholl and you, that y^e may get all his news.—I am,

SIR,

Your most obliged
most humble Servant,

PAT: ROBERTSON.

CXXXIX.

LORD KINNAIRD TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

Our friend Capt. Crichton has been here, agreeable to your Grace's orders, which we have seen, and has seized my horses; but, as I have none other but what goes in my ploughs, it will be extremely hard upon me if they are kept, considering it is just now our time of wheat feed;— May I therefore beg the favour of your Grace, as I am no enemy to the Cause, to return me my horses, or part of them, especially my wife's chaise mare, because she is tender, and is obliged to ride out for her health:— It will be doing me a singular favour, and a favour I shall always have a gratefull remembrance of.—I hope your Grace will pardon this trouble from,

Your Grace's most obedient humble Servant,

KINNAIRD.

DRIMMIE, 22nd Oct^r. 1745.

CXL.

MR. FRASER OF FOYERS TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I am honour'd with your Grace's favours of the 15th cur^t, and the reason of my not doing myself the honour of making ane answer sooner was owing to the Master of Lovate's coming to this country the same day I purposed to have set out from here w^t my people, who rendezvoused his men, and at the same time he begg'd that I and my few ffollowers should wait for a few days, when he and all that were to join him, w^t his own two battalions, would be clear to march, which desire I thought proper to obey only for few days; I hope will give some satisfaction when wee appear.—Begging pardon for this and former freedom, w^t the greatest Esteem and regard, I ever am,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most affec^t
and faithful Servant,

JAMES FRASER.

FOYERS, 22nd Oct^r. 1745.

CXLI.

LORD NAIRNE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

The bearer, adjutant to Lord George's regiment insists much to go home upon some pressing bussiness, and promises to return in six or seven days at most;—I have only allowed him to wait of your Grace wherever he can find you, and then allow him to go home or not, as may be thought properest.—I am,

Your Grace's most obedient Serv^t

NAIRNE.

HOLYROODHOUSE, *Oct*^r 23rd, 1745.

CXLII.

SPALDING OF ASHINTILLY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I referred to Glenkilrie to inform your Grace of what I reasonably expect conform to your Grace's desire; but as he has proved delatory, I beg live to inform your Grace myself. I am, my Lord, a poor dependant, altho' young, and am therefore willing to obey directions; and I likewise hope your Grace will make me equall with some of my Inferiors, at any rate, if I am as deserving, and I do believe I have a Claim: In the first place, I was an Officer in the oy^t Army, where I had full pay; secondlie, in going to Gladsmuir a Volinteer; and, fourthly, I have some men along with me; and I also believe there is non of the Gentlemen with whom I have been upon Command since I came here can reflect much upon me. May it therefore please your Grace to preferr me to an Company, and to give me such pay as I can live upon, without beeing too much scrimped, especially when I go on party. I have now the experiance of traveling; and am, with the greatest Respect,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most faithfull and
most obliged humble Ser^t,

DAN: SPALDING.

PERTH, *Oct*^r 23rd, 1745.

CXLIII.

PATRICK ROBERTSON TO MR. MERCER.

DALNACARDOCH, 23rd *Oct*^r 1745.

SIR,

Kinloch Mudart, and M^r. M^cKenzie, who were heir this morning, told me that ye told them that money and meall, and everie thing fit for the Armie, was to be hade from me heir; ther's onlie twentie bols meall sent heir from Blair; no money; wherefore I thought proper to acquent you of the same. My Lord Duke hurried me away when last at Dunkeld, soe that I hade no time to speike of any thing. I have not been two nights on end at home since the Prince and his Grace came to Atholl, soe that I have been a good deall of money out of pocket for the service; wherefor I hope His Grace the Duke of Atholl will order some money for me, if it were but twelve pounds Sterling, for to help my charges in goeing about the service. I have given some money to Expresses already. I can be as usefull at home as if I had gone with the Armie; and I am,

SIR,

Your most obliged most humble Serv^t.

PAT: ROBERTSON.

CXLIV.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

FOORD OF FORTEVIOT, 23rd Oct^r 1745.

D^R BROTHER,

We have ride the water, and if this wether had [hold], I hope it will be very passable at Kinkell, both for horses and Carriages tomorrow. Collonel Warran, and the Gentlemen with me, recomend two Officers who are advanced in age, and who will not be able to endure much fatigue, the one to stay close at the Castle of Blair, and the other can be with my Lord Strathallan at Perth. Those Gentlemen's names are, M^r Oudaniel and Collogan. I am,

D^R BROTHER,

Your most affe^{ct} Brother,
& Faithfull Humble Serv^t

GEORGE MURRAY.

CXLV.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

ALLOA, 23rd Oct^r 1745.

D^R BROTHER,

We came very well here this evening, and found our partys much upon their guard, and alarm'd. I have seen Gentlemen who can be depended upon, who observ'd the Happy Janet, with two Kinghorn boats they had man'd, come up the lenth of Borostuness, with an intent to disturb this passage. I have left all the Officers (being 4) who came with me, to give the necessary orders & advice in any imergency; but, for God's sake, send up the Swedish Cannon & Guners with an Escort & amunition, for otherways our Friends may be afronted here. I shall give all the directions I can to-morow morning, but depend much on Coll: Waren, &c.

There are two hundred Cartes to be ready at two hours warning, and the same is order'd from Dumblean; so if you write Keynachan, and tell your horse to be mett at Ardoch, it will be done. I am very weary, so hope you will excuse my concluding with assuring you, I ever am,

D^R BROTHER,

Yours, &c.

GEORGE MURRAY.

Glengyle, who is at Doun, and Kynachan here, will be apointed posts when the Canon pass, viz. at Bridge of Alen & the Abby Crage.

CXLVI.

MR. JA: SCOT TO [THE DUKE OF ATHOLL'S SECRETARY?]

DEAR SIR,

I'll be glad to hear, by your return to this, that my Lord Duke is in good health, and quite free of his Rheumatism, May God bless and prosper him. Please acquaint his Grace that, conform to his orders, I sent the 40 Bolls meal to Blair, for which I want, at 16 pence Boll, 32£. Scots, or 53 shi: 4^d, q^{ch} I paid the men. Be so good, if time will allow you, to send us some of your news, and when the Duke leaves Perth.

Last night there was a man here who came from Kynachan, who told he left at Kynachan's house, yesterday morning, S^r Alex^r M c Donald, whose men were lodged in the neighbourhood, but could not tell their number. Please let me know if it be true, as reported here, that the E. Marshall came in the last Fr. ship.—I am,

DEAR SIR,

Yours most faithfully,

JA: SCOT.

Oct^r 2rd, 1745.

I wrote Monday to Mr. Flemyng, but got no return.

CXLVII.

LADY DOWAGER OF OCHTERTYRE TO THE DUKE OF
ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I hope your Grace will pardon my giveing you this trouble, and believe that notwithstanding your long absance, ther's still manny off your Grace's friends that does most sincearly congratulat your happy return, amongst whom I shall be ever proud to be reckoned one. Being infformed your Grace is soon goeing South, I woud take it as a very singular favour iff your Grace woud be so good as make this your way; I woud gladly flatter myselff, iff it's not inconvenient, a meetting with ane old friend woud not be dissagreeable to the Duke of Atholl, at the same time lay an unspeakable obligation upon Hir who has the honour to subcrive myselff,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's Affec^t Cousen, and
most obedient humble Servent,

CA: MURRAY.

OCHTERTYER, October y^e 23rd, 1745.

CXLVIII.
DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LADY METHVEN.

MADAM,

When the Prince left this Town, I was ordered to call for £200 Sterl. which you had ready for his Royal Highness' Service. I delayed sending to ask for it, thinking to have had the pleasure of waiting on you myself, which I now find impossible. Therefore hopes you will be so good as to excuse this, and at the same time be pleased to give Mr. Oliphant, younger of Gask, that money, who takes the trouble to go with a receipt for it. Did not the King's Service require immediate dispatch, you should not have such a pressing demand from a near neighbour, who will always be glad to show how much he is,

MADAM,

Your most humble
& most obedient Servant.

PERTH, 24 *October*, 1745.

I beg, Madam, you'll excuse the not writing with my own hand, constant occupation renders it almost impossible.

PERTH, 24th *Oct*, 1745.

Received for the King's Service, and in the Prince Regent's name, from Lady Methven, the sum of £200 Sterl: for which I am accountable to his Royal Highness.

CXLIX.

CHARLES STEWART TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

After coming here, I inquired for Clunie Macferson and the rest of the officers your Grace expected to have been here, but there is non cum up this length, but Captⁿ Fraiser and M^r Stewart of Clunes, who have with them about forty-seven men, and only twenty of them armed. There is an express dispatched to Captain Menzies of Shian, and Clunie Macferson, but whether they are att Amulrie or Taybridge I am uncertain. M^r Brice assures me that the water of Earn is not foordable; I am to wait here for your Grace's return, because there may be some danger in marching so few men up to Dumblain, it being so near the Castle of Stirling.—I am, with great respect,

Your Grace's most obedient Serv^t

CHARLES STEWART.

CRIEFF, Oct^r 24th, 1745.

9 at night.

CL.

CLUNY M^c PHERSON TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

My men have been employed in raising the people of this Country, Glenlyon and Rannoch, all the while since I com from Dunkeld; I was

besides necessitate to return to Badenoch w^t a partie to carry on some of my people y^t stayed behind: all these Jantings have much fatigued my men, however, the throng of them will be this night at Grief; the partie that went to Rannoch have not return'd yet. I am so drain'd of Cash that I was oblig'd to borrow thirty pd: and some od fhill: Sterg. from Shian to subsist my men, and Shian tells me he is now quite ex-aufed, which obliges me lend the bearer, M^r M^cPherson of Breakachie to raise money from your Grace for our subsistance:—I had the honor to receive your Grace's orders this day, appointing Shian and me to march to Grief, which shall be carefully obeyed by us both, tho' at the same time we are oblig'd to leave a few men to carry all before them. I am, w^t all due attachment and respect,

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,
Your Grace's most Affectionate and
most ob: faithfull serv^t

E: M^cPERSON.

KIRKTOWN OF WEEM,
25th Oct^r 1745.

Please excuse bad paper, bad write, &c., being in great hurrie.

CLI.

COLONEL KERR TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

As Lord George is not to return to this place, his Royal Highness sent me here in order to secure the passage here for your Grace's passing, which shall be done so far as the situation and the conveniences here will admite off. His Highness recommends to your Grace to make all possible hast, as it's inform'd that troops are assembling from all parts, in order to dispute the passages betwixt Edin^r and Newcastle, so that your Grace's marching (even fast marches) with the utmost expedition is of the greatest importance, as it will conduce much to his Royal Highness's service; and if the Cannon could be forwards, in order to place on the battaries, prepaired for securing the passage which is of the utmost importance, wou'd be of great service . I am,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obed^t humble Serv^t

KEN: KERR.

ALLOWAY, y^e 26th Oct^r 1745.

P: S: It's hop'd that your Grace will let me know from time to time your Grace's motions, that Carriages may be ready on the other side of the water, who waits for nothing but the hour of your Grace's arivel. Your Grace will please direct, to Coll: Kerr, at Elphiston.

CLII.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO [COLONEL KERR.]

SIR,

Your's, dated this day, I received at the Bridge of Ardoch in my way hither; my answer to his Royal Highness' pressing orders which you mention for my marching is, were it to gain the Universe, it is impossible to make more dispatch than I do, as is evident to all the Gentlemen with em. I hope to be up time enough tomorrow at Aloa, so that the convoy may be able to pass the river before night; therefore, according to promise, be so good as to have boats, carriages, and every thing ready for marching forward; to which I can add nothing further here, but that I am.

CLIII.

*D. ROBERTSON OF DRUMACHINE TO THE DUKE OF
ATHOLL.*

MY LORD DUKE,

I rejoice to hear that your Grace is arrived in Scotland, in good health, which I wish may long continue, for the benefit of your Prince and your Country.

I proposed to have sent Gourdy to wait of your Grace, as he cou'd have given more particular information with regard to the situation of affairs in this Country, than can be contained in a Letter, but as he is not at hand, and that things seem to admit of no delay, I thought it necessary to dispatch this Express.

Before I had a dozen of men to command in this country, I found Strathardle, Strabrawn, and some parts of Atholl, so crowded w^t deserters, that I found it impracticable for me either to confine them or send them to the Army, as I had no prisons, much less troops either to guard or escorte them. As soon as possible, I indeavour'd to secure the passes upon Tay and Tumble, to cut off Intelligence between Inverness and Stirling, and prevent desertion from the troops that came south after the Prince march'd to England; but the deserters have some time ago found a passage across Loch Tay, where our authority is not as yet establish'd. Upon making this discovery, I got 24 Ranoch men that undertook to do duty in the braes of their own Country, the Route taken by those deserters, and these Ranoch men have already given some proof of their fidelity, but they complain that the command is too weak, as deserters come often in such bodies as they cannot pretend to stop, nor do I know where to find Funds sufficient for the Expenses of preventing this fatal evil. It wou'd take a hundred men for the Braes of Ranoch, and between 3 and 400 more betwixt that and Perth, to guard the Passes, guard the Hanoverian Prisoners, and send deserters to the Army, and perhaps, it wou'd be found by experience that such a Battallion wou'd be usefully employed, provided it were commanded by tolerable

Officers; but the misfortune is that there are few well affected Gentlemen remaining in this Country, and I can stir very little, as my health has been daily impairing since I had the mortification to part with your Grace.

Deserters come now to Atholl in such crowds as I am asham'd of; nor can I take any notice of them, my small posse being wholly employed in securing those that propose to go farther north, who cannot be brought again to the Army without great loss of time and money, besides that the Arms they carry with them seldom return. As for our people I believe a few active Officers of each Battallion wou'd soon get them together and carry them to their colours; and then a proper command establish'd in Perthshire might go a great way to keep the Army entire, but, for that purpose I am afraid your Grace's presence wou'd be necessary.

As to private affairs, Kincairney says, he begg'd your Grace wou'd excuse him from accepting of the Factory, and when I asked Neil M^cGlashan why he did not begin to levy the rents at the proper time, he told me, he cou'd not act by himself, as he was only join'd in Commission with Kincairney; and I know nobody else in Atholl or the neighbourhood that is capable and wou'd be willing to execute the thing.

I have had no assistance from such Gentlemen of influence as I apply'd; Glenkilry offered me his for raising men, but I had no funds for them.

I hope your Grace will excuse so long a letter, & believe that I am, w^t all Respect,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your G.'s most humble & obed^t Serv^t.

D. ROBERTSON.

BLAIR CASTLE, Jan. 11th 1746.

CLIV.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

FALKIRK, 11th Jan^r 1746.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have just now a line from Blarfeety, telling me of a great desertion amongst your people; I would gladly hope it is not so bad as he calls it, but I think if the Officers were in their Duty it could not have hapned. I know of but one remedy that can be efectuall, and that is your immediat presence at home; and, in the first place, to send off to us all the good men that are already gather'd. Those who have gone home without a special licence or Furloff must be exemplarly punifh'd, either in their Persons or Effects, or in both, for when our all depends, lenity would be folly. If we can always keep two Batalions of 500 each of the best men it will be very well, & if you will leave it to me, tho' we may have more officers than the number, I will get them named supernumerary, and they shall have pay. A garison of fifty men will be enough at Blair Castle, & a hundred or 150 about your person will be enough till you find it proper to rejoin the Annie, but not to regiment them,

only as Independent Companys always to be in the Country; good old men would serve very well for this. I would have you take as few of the Officers as possible alongst with you. Keynachan nor Blairfeety can not possibly be spar'd, but advise with them before you go; and for God's sake, send the men off, if it were by dozens, as quick as you can after you get to the country. If Rewards and Punishments do not do, I know not what will. By the laws of God and man you have both in your power & in your Person. Docter Colvile, who is a man of Honour, can be of great use to you, & will never advise but what is right. The above is my Humble oppinion, & if you aprove of it put it in execution immediatly. I ever am,

D^R BROTHER,

Your most Affe^{ct} Brother &
faithfull Humble Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

I supose you will take care to cause lift your Rents in Falkland, &c.

CLV.

*D. ROBERTSON TO JAMES ROBERTSON OF BLAIRSETTY,
ESQ., MAJOR OF LORD GEORGE MURRAY'S REGIMENT.*

DEAR SIR,

I am dispatching this Express in a great hurray for the Duke of Atholl, else I had sent to your house to ask the goodwife's commands; your family is all very well, only that some of the children have the Chinkcough. Many of your men are come home, and I am told the rest are to follow soon. I was ordered by the Duke of Atholl to take up and imprison all deserters, but I might as well attempt to remove a mountain, being left here without money, or men capable of being made Officers, I myself being for the most part confined to the house.

I wish to God the Duke of Atholl's best Battallion, as soon as raised, had been left to form a Barrier from beyond the Braes of Ranoch to Perth; it wou'd have saved the exorbitant charge of bringing back the north country deserters, and the Prince might have marched much sooner and a third stronger into England, which wou'd have had a good effect. Every man that knows the Highlanders might lay his accounts w^t their marching home after a scuffle, and therefore I am surprized that none of you ever insisted upon taking all manner of precautions for keeping the Army together, without which, making an appearance may be compar'd to a flash of powder, that vanishes in an instant, and scarce leaves a vestige behind it.

I am far from mending in my health since you left the country; I rode about as long as I cou'd, but since Christmass I have been but twice over this door. I am glad to hear that his R: H: and all his gentlemen are in good health and spirits,—long may it continue so. There is but little theft committed in this Country. The Laird of Strowan swears he'll allow none of my men to quarter

at Kenloch. There were 4 deserters of Lord Cromarty's men entertain'd by him at Gary sometime ago, and I was told yesterday that he sent a token to the Boatman at Kenloch to ferry them over; but the fellows were afterwards apprehended by the little command at Dalnacardich and sent to Perth. My complements to Kynachan and the rest of our friends. The Ladies and children at Kynachan are all very well, and so are the rest of our friends in y^e Country. I pray God to bless both Prince & people, and am ever,

D^R SIR,

Your affec^t Nephew &; most humble Serv^t

D. ROBERTSON.

BLAIR CASTLE, Jan: 12«- 1746.

I ofer my complements to Fafcaly: I sent for one of his men that re-turn'd home, and ordered him to warn all his brethren in iniquity to make ready to march at a call; he told me they shou'd be all ready. I expert some of you home soon to carry your men back to your colours; had I a sufficient pofle and cafti, I might have faved you some part of the trouble; perhaps, you'll hear more of this from the Duke of Atholl. Pray let me have your fresheft news; meantime, Adieu.

CLVI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD GEORGE MURRAY.

DEAR BROTHER,

I received your's of yesterday's date from Falkirk, without a cover, from the Laird of Faskeily, which I sent by valuable D^r Collvill to the Prince, desiring he would let me know his intentions about the contents. His R. H: on the main approves of what you propose; Therefore, God willing, I shall set out accordingly for Perthshire to-morrow, and will omitt nothing can be expeded from such an Invalid as I am, who has hitherto spared nothing could possibly advance our Countries interest, as well as the known rights and good of mankind in general. Pray, take care of our young Master's glory, as well as your own and the King's Service, which ought to be dear to all honest men who are above selfish views. I rejoice to see you behave in such a manner as renders brave men dear to people of virtue and honour, which must make you for ever Esteemed by,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most affectionate Brother
and Humble Servant.

POLMAISE, 12 *January* 1746.

Till meeting, pray let me hear from time to time how all goes with you, particularly on every extraordinary occasion. Be assured I am no less concerned absent than present, about the valuable safety of all worthy friends and acquaintances.

Excuse me, Brother George, if not writing with my own hand; since seeing you excessive Rheumatick pains has rendered it almost impossible.

This is to be transmitted to you by Major Robertson of Blairphety, who, with you and Kynachan, must be answerable for the pay of Mr. Crooks and other officers, who have been too much neglected, which may be of bad Consequence.

CLVII.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO THE LAIRD OF MONZIE.

SIR.

As I can't conveniently have the pleasure of seeing you at your own house, since it is necessary that we should meet, Pray be so kind as to come in a friendly manner to-morrow morning to Lord John Drummond's house of Farntoun, which is in my way to Blair, where you may have the satisfaction of meeting several well-wishers and countrymen, who are no less yours than,

SIR,

Your most obedient
Humble Servant,

CREIF, 14th January, 1746.

CLVIII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

BANOCKBURN, 16th Jan^r 1746.

D^R BROTHER,

I shall be carefull of what you recommend to me by D^f Colvile, to whom please make my Compliments. We are quite afronted with the scandalus disertion of your men; it was the takeing money instead of the best men, which is the occasion of all the evle; for good men once coming out would have been piqued in Honour, and not deserted us on the point of fighting the Enemy. I dar say, I need not say any thing to hasten up the men; you know the vast service it will be to the Cause in ginerall, and I wish you would send them off if it were but in twentys. We hear the Van of the Enemy came towards Falkirk this day, if they come a little farther forwards, we shall certainly have a Batle. In the mean time, we have bad quarters, litle provisions, and slow advances made towards the Sege of Stirling Castle.

I find the Officers of [your]¹⁰ Batalion will not serve under Col: Mercer, and his being in that command is given as one reason of their desertion. If you give me leave I shall see to regulat that affair the best way I can. I ever am,

¹⁰ A word torn off with the seal.

DEAR BROTHER,
Your most affect Brother,
and most humble Servant,
GEORGE MURRAY.

CLIX.

*COPY OF A LETTER FROM [OLIPHANT OF] GASK YOUNGER,
TO HIS MOTHER.*

The Army march't from a field east of Banackburn, about twelve this day, for Falkirk, where the enemy lay encampt; after we had cross'd the water Carron, and march't up the Hill southwest from Falkirk, we perceived the Enemy marching from their Camp to attack us, we march't up the Hill, and drew up in order of Battle, South and North; the Dragoons, to the number of three or four hunder, were opposite to our right, where Lord George commanded, and was with him Mr. of Strathallan and Capⁿ Harie. We are all perfectly well. We advanced, and the Dragouns advance likeways. The enemy kept up their fire till we were very near them, and we both fired, and immediatly they run for it; there was not above twenty or thirty killed and wounded, and not one of ours killed. They say there was not above a thousand foot of the enemy engaged; they were likeways put to the Rout, and about a hunder and fifty killed; they say about thirty of ours, nobody of note killed; but this account of the Battle must be imperfect, as we have not had time to know circumstances. I'l refer that to my next. We took five or six Cannon, a great many waggons and baggage. The enemy retired to their camp, we did not pursue them, the men were so much straggled. There was great fires in their camp as it begun to turn dark; and upon sending to Falkirk to inquire, we gote intelligence the enemy were marching very fast out of toun toward Linlithgow, and had brunt all their Tents, upon which the army march't into toun, where we are just now very well. I know not whether we are to pursue them. All freinds are well. The Prince was in the second line. I'm sleepy just now, so shall add no more.

FALKIRK, *Frid: Jo^{ry} 17th*, 1746.

CLX.

ROBERTSON OF STROWAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

May it please your Grace, I am order'd to stay at home to serve the best way I can. The Prince has done it. I therefore apprehend all the deserters that pass this way. Three of Cromarty's men I send to your Grace's disposal, for I have no place proper for prisoners. I am sorry to see that all are Running to the Devill but the Duke of Atholl and the L—d of Str—n;¹¹ but I am sorry to

¹¹ Meaning himself.

hear that some of our friends are suspected, to my great surprise. I design to pay my Respects to his Grace of Atholl to tell him the opinion his nearest Relations had of him to the greatest dislike to me, & the greatest dishonour to his Grace. I am sorry to find it confirm'd that Carlile is no more our's; and that Stirling, the Toun, is abandon'd. I will not pretend to any thing that is your Grace's property for so base a reason as that others do so to me. The reason were villainous, and below an honest man. Still I assure your Grace that I am yours far beyond your own pretenders, for I am

AL. ROBERTSON of Strowan.

Your Grace knows my interior, which will ever be what I believe you will ever be, that is, HONEST.

CARRIE, Jan^r 18th, 1746.

CLXI.

MERCER OF ALDIE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

Just after I left your Grace, I heard there was a Probability of our having an action with the Enemy, which made me returne; and God be thanked the Prince has gained a very compleat one last night, which woud have been still greater, had we have had light to have seen where the enemy retired, which we now understand was with the outmost precipitation, the Horse to Hadington, & the Foot first to Linlithgow, & since we know not. Some Prisoners were taken within a mile of it. Canon, tents, Amunition, Provisions, Prisoners, &c. are taken; and this day it appears a great number of Field Offichers are killed on the spot. Lord George gained new Laurels, & the Atholl men behaved very well, except not rallying to pursue the enemy; none of them t is wounded, except one of Cusen Fraiser's. I acted only as a volunteer, as your Grace desired I shoud take no command; I could not comprehend the reason of sutch a Desire, till within a few days I heard I have been most vilonously aspersed without the least foundation. I would have expected from your Grace's usual Justice to have tolde me what was said of me, and heard me before you condemned; and I realy imputed to a young man's ambition what I am tolde I owe to one incapable of reproof, tho' most egregiously in the wrong, but I shall advise your Grace not to condemn him either till we are face to face, and I am very mutch,

Your Grace's obedient
humble Servant,

RO. MERCER.

FALKIRK, Jan. 18th, 1746.

This goes by Thomas Fraiser, whom your Grace will find the most use-full man to inform you of every one man in Atholl fit for bearing arms. I can get no better paper.

CLXII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

FALKIRK, 18th Jan^r. 1746.

D^R. BROTHER,

It is with great pleasure I can acquaint you that his Royall Highness has obtained a totall Victory over his Enemyes, yesterday, twixt three and four it began: it was on Falkirk Moor, and by reason of the unevenness of the ground, the one wing did not know what passed on the other, and night comming on, it was not possible to rally our men, and pursue so quick as should have been.

However we got into Falkirk before they were quite out of it. We have about 300 prisoners, eight pieces of Cannon, & all their Tents, above a thousand. In short, had others been as soon rally'd (after beating their first onset) as the Atholl men, scarce a man on their side had escap'd; as it is, 500 are kil'd. For God's sake send up our Recrutes.

Your's,

GEORGE MURRAY.

CLXIII.

D^R COLVILL TO SECRETARY MURRAY.

SIR,

The Duke came here Friday evening, & as his Grace is greatly distrest with the Sciatick, he desired me to write & acquaint you that he has met with a very great Disappointment. When the Duke went from home he constituted Factors for uplifting his Rents, &c., upon his arrival expected seven or £800 at least, but not one shilling is raised; and many of the Tenants say they will be unable to pay any rent this year, on account of their serving the Prince. His Grace expecting such a sum at home made him not ask any money for paying the men he was to raise in this country. My L^d. Duke is not only disappointed as to his Rents, but also as to his men in arms, which he expected would have been 500, whereas they are only 200, by reason of want of money to pay more; one hundred of these are employed in guarding the Prisoners, & the rest in guarding Passes for seizing Deserters.

From the information already got, his Grace is in great hopes of raising 5 or 600 Brodalbane men, in order to which, besides money, there is an absolute necessity for 4 or 500 arm'd men, and also some gentlemen that are acquainted in the country to head the men, who, tho' very well inclin'd, will not rise without such: Glenlyon, who headed them anno 1715, would be the person most proper for such an expedition; but, as he is infirm, and as L^d. Glenorchy has taken care to keep most of the gentlemen of that country constantly about him, the persons thought most proper to be employ'd that way are Capt. Alexander M'Nab in the D. of Perth's Regim^t, Capt. Duncan Campbell of Shians corps, and, as there are several Camerons and the Chamberlain's lady, Lochail's sister, either Lochail or his brother the

Doctor. My Lord Duke would willingly have the money and these three assistants as soon as possible, in order to raise more men for the defence of this country, which is now pretty much exposed; and, as there is no force to hinder L^d. Lowdon from coming to relieve the prisoners, and seizing the canon, amunition, &c. at Perth, where, as I am told, there are but 50 men left.

From the above you'll easily conceive the Duke cannot send over his own men so soon as was propos'd by 20 or 30 at a time, as they must be first employed in raising the Brodalbaine men.

My L^d. Duke bids me offer his most humble and affectionate service to you and your Dear Half, to whom I beg leave to offer my most respectful compliments. May Almighty God protest, and defend our Dear Prince and his brave loyal army: may it always be victorious!

I have the honour to be, with great Esteem and respect,

WORTHY SIR,

Your, &c.

BLAIR CASTLE, 19th Jan^r 1746.

CLXIV.

LORD STRATHALLAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL:

MY LORD,

Tho' I doubt not but your Grace has got accounts of the victory his Royall Highness has got over the enemy near Falkirk, I send you enclos'd a copy of a letter from Mr. Oliphant Gask's son¹² which is the only sure notice I have yet had of the action, if your Grace has had any later acct. with more particulars, I beg you will be so good as let me know them. The letter is but just come.—I beg your Grace will believe I am, with the utmost Esteem and regard,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most ffaithfull and most obedient
humble Servant,

STRATHALLAN.

P.S. —I would have sent the originall letter, being wrote in a hurry, is not very legiball to those that don't know the hand. I shall be glad to hear of your Grace's being in good health.

PERTH, Jan^r 19th 1746.

CLXV.

LORD STRATHALLAN TO DR. COLVILL.

SIR,

As there have been pay'd here betwixt two and three thousand men for about ten weeks pad, besides a pair shoes to each of them, charges of ropes to

¹² See No. CLIX.

cannon sent West, and the making intrenchments about the mouth of Perth, with other vast charges, it is not to be supposed there is any money here. I doubted not but the Duke of Atholl would have brought money with him for raising and paying his men, and, if it should be otherways, I see no other way for supplying his Grace but by leveing the land tax, without loss of time, in Atholl, &c. which, the collector says, amounts to seven hunder pounds sterling. The collector was to send a party this week for quartering for it, which shall be done if his Grace is satisfied it should be so; and the only regular way is, that the cess should be sent down to the collector, who only can give repts, and, immediatly after, the money will be remitted to his Grace, who will give repts from time to time, as his Grace has necessary occasion, and the money can be gote collected. I offer my most humble compliments to the Duke of Atholl, and Gask begs his may also be accepted.— I am,

SIR,

Your most humb: Serv^t

STRATHALLAN.

PERTH, *Jan^r* 19th 1746.

CLXVI.

SECRETARY MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

BANNOCKBUBN, *Jan^r* y^e 21st, 1746.

MY LORD,

I had a letter last night from Mr. Colville, desireing £500 pound to enable your Grace to bring some people from Broadalbain, together with your own recruits. But, as it is thought absolutely necessary to have up all the men possible in a few days, his Highness does not judge it proper to meddle with the Campbells att this time; but has, nevertheless, sent 300 pound, of which he desires you may be as spareing as possible, the cash being very low, and no prospect of getting more for some time.

It is impossible for me, by reason of the hurry I am in, to write so fully [as] I incline, but have mentioned several things to Mr. Warren; so shall only beg your Gr. may send up men as fast as possible, and believe me to be, with the outmost respect,

Your G^rs. most ob^t. and most hum^{ble}. Serv^t.

J^o. MURRAY.

CLXVII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL

FALKIRK, 21st *Jan^r* 1746.

DEAR BROTHER,

You may think me to blame for not writeing more fully and frequently, but indeed I am much hurry'd. I again beg & intreat you may send your men up to us as soon as possible, were it but a hundred or two, for indeed we are quite

afronted there being so few left. I have the pleasure to tell you that these few behaved admirably well, and the decision of the battle was much owing to them; for, as they were just behind the Macdonalds, where I was, after we had routed the dragoons, & that the Macdonalds went in sword in hand (which was not in my power to prevent) to destroy them & some Militia, the Atholl men with Shian's kept their line of Battle, always advancing in good order: I then put myself at their head, & advanced forwards & down the Hill, at the same time Locheel's, Clunie's, & the Steuarts of Appine, who had gone down sword in hand amongst the Enemy's Infantry, upon finding themselves outflankt by them, began to retreat, to join those who were at the top of the Hill; I had sent Col: Carr to that side, who bringing up the Pikets that were in the reserve to the left, Locheell and several others gathering together, appeared again above the Enemy, just as I was advancing with the Atholl men, it was then the Enemy made off with so much precipitation and confusion.

You should let every Taxman in Atholl know that if they do not come out at your order, their Tacts are brok, besides distroying all they have.

The Enemy have lost many Officers of distinction: My Compliments to the Doctor, tell him that I have gott such a Chest of Instruments and two of Drugs, that he has not seen the like; they belonged to the Surgone Major. Our people have got abundance of baggage.

I ever am,

DEAR B:

Your most Faithfull Humble
Servant, & aftec^{te}. Brother,

GEORGE MURRAY.

I send you such account of the Battle as has occurred to me.

CLXVIII.

MERCER OF ALDIE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

As your Grace desired me, I desired all your Grace's Fewers to meet me here to day, & intimat to them to come to your Grace and pay in their few Deutys; and also tolde them, that they who were able were to attend you to Hofting, Hunting and Warding, if able, and if not, to finde fuffitient willing able bodied men to serve in their ftead at their charges: You'll see few of them have mett me; however, I believe they will pay their few deutys, but I believe want resolution to do what they ought to do. Your Grace will be the only judge how to use them, and I am, most affectionately,

Your Grace's obedient
humble Servant,

RO. MERCER.

CLXIX.

SPALDING OF ASHINTILLY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I beg your Grace will be pleased to receive a complent, &c. Ever since I went to England I could not have a billet once in ten days, altho' unwell, as I informed your Grace while in Glasco, and I demanded a foreloof,¹³ which, as Major Ratson told me, I would have how soon we advanced the length of Stirling; when I came there I lent to the Major to know if I could have one, but received no answer untill Rob. Stewart the agitant¹⁴ robed me of my pay, as I refused to deliver it out of my hand. I know [no] reason for this, seeing I attended and did my duty while I had a man under my command of my own; I may say I had non after ther was an oy r joined with me, for at any time I could not have a servant altho' oy^r had two who did no duty and were mostly my men. My Lord George desired me to march before y^e small number of my own remaining; Fascalie desired me to march with Solrie, and Solrie desired me to march in the rier with his Lieutenant: this disoblged me, but this your Grace knew nowght of; my men was and is willing to follow me, and I am willing to serve the Prince; I am now, (as I got neither Liewtenant or Ensient to assist me, which, with the advices they got, as y^e men tells me, had [been] y^e occasion of their deserting, together with double duty,) resolved to place all officers myself, as I have relations of my own who will be as obedient as any your Grace has; but I hope your Grace will send me y^e money that was taken out of my pocket, and an oy^r weeks pay, seeing I stay'd and borrowed untill I got my expences in loan from such as came along with me: It is conterary to y^e Prince's manifesto to refuse me a commission, as I had one from y^e Usurper, besides y^e men I brought along, and is a thing your Grace would never have consented too, altho' I had not got a letter, by his Highneses orders from y^e Secretary, assureing me of his favour. I expect your Grace will honour me with an answer, and am, with the greatest respect,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most obedient and
oblged Ser.

DAN. SPALDING.

ASHEN. *Jan^r* 22, 1746.

CLXX.

*LORD GEORGE MURRAY'S DAUGHTER TO THE DUKE OF
ATHOLL.*

MY LORD,

¹³ Viz-, a Furlough. (2) Adjutant.

¹⁴ Adjutant.

The inclos'd came here to-day from Papa, and at Mama's desire,
I give your Grace the trouble of a few lines, to enquire about your Grace's health. She has not been well for some days, so hopes to be excus'd for not writing herself, and makes offer of her most affect^{te}. compliments to your Grace, as I beg to do of my most humble duty, and am, with the greatest respect,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most dutiful
and most obedient Niece,

AMELIE MURRAY.

TULLIBABDIN, 22nd Jan^r, 1746.

Mama has just now received Docter Colvill's letter; she desires her compliments to him, as I do.

CLXXI.

OLIPHANT OF GASK TO LORD NAIRNE.

MY LORD,

I expected the badness of this day would have stop'd your journey, and did not get out in time to wait of your Lo^p. I have a letter just now from my wife, telling, L^d. Monzie was carryed up prisoner to Blair, and begging you would write to the Duke of Atholl in his favours, that he might not be detained long, as he has been in a very indifferent state of health for some years past. You'l also take the trouble to his Grace, desireing he would send down a sure hand for one hunder and fifty pounds, which is all can be affoorded from this till the £700 land tax that's due in the Hylands can be made good. There was a list of the debtors left with Coll. Robertson or Glascloun, and whatever is brought in here, by his Grace's sending a party to quarter on deficiencies, shall be sent back to his Grace.—I am,

MY LORD,

Your Lop's most affect. humble Servant,

LAU : OLIPHANT.

PERTH, Jan^r 23rd, 1746.

CLXXII.

*ROBERTSON OF BLEATON TO ROBERTSON OF
DRUMACHINE.*

BLEATON, 23rd Jan^r 1746.

HONRD. SIR,

I have intimate my Lord Duke's orders throw all the corners of this country, but, notwithstanding of my endeavors to raise the men in ane amicable way, yet I find it will be imposible to accomplish it without a party, and the name of a party of the Boun Rannach men would do much to bring them to mealhures; I have, therefore, sent this bearer express, desireing you will immediatly, without loss of time, send east to Kirkmichell 25 or 30 men

and ane officer, such as you shall think most proper, where I shall waite of and employ them ag^t the refractory, and for gathering up the whole arms can be found in the country. I find it will be impossible to raise a man out of every mark-land, because there are severall ten mark lands in this country that there are not 5 men living upon the ground, and some of these not sufficient for carying arms, and where they are not they cannot be raised; however, I shall doe my utermost to raise every sufficient man for arms upon the grounds, but I am affraid it cannot be accomplished before the latter end of next week, even tho' the party were here already.

I understand that there is 3 q^{ts}. Excise due in the parish of Kirkmichell, so if ye please to send me a commision for uplifting the same, I shall doe it and make compt to you, to be applyed to his Royall Highness use as you think proper. If ye have got any further particulars of the Batle, pray be so good as let me heare them. — I am,

H. S^R,
Your most obedient humble Servant,
DAVID ROBERTSON.

CLXXIII.
DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD GEORGE MURRAY'S
DAUGHTER.

DEAR NIECE,

With extreme pleasure & satisfaction I received a mighty well wrote letter from you, which could not but charm me with your endearing merit. I rejoice at being able to congratulate your Mother and you on the glorious share my Brother George has again had in the fresh victory which Providence has given the Prince Regent over his proud Hanoverian enemies. I am sorry to find by your's that your Mother has been out of order some days; but at the same time glad to know from your messenger that her indisposition ended in being safely delivered of a Daughter, on whose birth I wish all of you much joy. Pray give my Sister my most affectionate Service; and be assured you shall ever find me with the utmost regard & valuable Esteem,

MY DEAR NIECE,
Your most affectionate Uncle,
& humble Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 24 *January*, 1746.

Dear Child, I thank you kindly for enquiring about my health. Since comeing here I have been extremely troubled with my long Rheumatick pains, tho' cannot say they are now greater than I have found them of late. Wherefore hopes you'll excuse the not writing with my own hand, since such an uneasy situation renders it hardly possible, as the Bearer, Robert Stuart, who I send to inquire further about my Lady George's health, can more fully inform you.

CLXXIV.

ROBERT STEUART OF BALLECHIN TO COL. ROBERTSON OF
DRUMACHINE.

LAU CLUNBY, 24th Jan^D. 1746.

D^R SIR,

I received your's this evening, and yesterday morning I came from Blair in order to meet with the Duke's property, as they appointed the day before, and none of them compeared, and I see there's no doing with them without a party. I came this morning to Killichassie; he promised to come with his men to morrow morning; and I design to carrie clean before me down Strathtay, and to go with the Strathtay-men down to Tullimet and the Bishopry, and so on thro' the rest of my district. No body knows what it is to raise men but he that trys it; not so much as one of the Gentlemen brought their men, but oblidged me to go myself to raise them; and I am, with my Compliments to your Lady and family,

S^R

Your most humble Servant,

ROBERT STEUART.

CLXXV.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO GLENGARY.

SIR,

The great friendship was between your family and mine, with the long particular Esteem and regard I had for your person, makes me lay hold of this occasion by Patrick Maclachen, who goes a purpose, to let you know how sorry I am for the loss of your valuable son, who was lately most unfortunately killed at Falkirk. The second glorious victory which Providence has given His R. H. over the King's proud Hanoverian Enemies, being in a great measure owing to his and the undaunted bravery of your people, which now wants to be sustained, for their honour as well as the good of our Country, by your presence or one of your Children, makes me hope and intreat, since it's necessary for advancing the common Cause, you would soon think of personally appearing to head and hearten them in vigorously asserting the rights and liberties of our King and Country.

Therefore, pray, on such a critical juncture, let nothing possible depends on you be omitted can valuably contribute towards rendering all of us happy, which is earnestly desired and expected you will comply with, by an ever perfect well-wisher, who must be glad of such a worthy opportunity of (bowing with what unalterable zeal he is,

SIR,

Your most affectionate

and most humble Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 25 January, 1746.

Pray give my most affectionate kind service to your Lady, by whom I was most agreeably received when the Prince was at your house. I hope you will excuse the not writing with my own hand, as the bearer can tell you no less severe than continual Rheumatick pains render it almost impossible.

CLXXVI.

WILLIAM D: OF ATHOLL, &c. TO ROBERT GRAHAM OF
FINTRY, ESQ^R

PLEASE be so good as to deliver to the Bearer, John Murray, my Master of Horse, the minute-book containing a regular Acct: of y^e Rent of my whole Estate, and your Intromissions therewith; as also, a Rental of my Estate, and a List of the Rents due by my Tenants, and likewise any other papers in your Custody, which you think may be of any use to me in uplifting my Rents.

This you'll please perform, as you would oblige.

Pray make my kind Compliments to your Lady, and when conveniently possible, let me see you.

*Indorsed "Copy Letter to Fintry at Fowllis,
dated BLAIR, 25 January, 1746."*

CLXXVII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY'S DAUGHTER TO THE DUKE OF
ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I have the honour of your Grace's Letter, and Mama and I are extremely sorry that your Grace is still so much indispos'd with Rheumatick pains; we most ardently wish your Grace may soon get the better of that troublesom distemper, and your health be quickly reestablish'd again.

Mama returns your Grace many thanks for your enquiring in so kind a manner about her health; she has hitherto gone on very well in her recovery, as I hope she will continue to do.

My little sister is a fine lively child, and she is to be named Katherine, after your Grace's mother. I would been sure to have writ to your Grace on Thursday morning, to [have] acquainted you of Mama's safe delivery, but I was in a hurry, and did not incline to keep y^e bearer, with Papa's Letter, till I cou'd get time to do it, so begs you'll be so good as to forgive that omission.

I had a Letter from Papa yesterday, dated the 24th, and he was very well at Falkirk; Mama makes offer of her most affec^{te}-compliments to your Grace, and please accept of my most humble duty, which, with our best wishes for health and happiness to your Grace, is all from her who is, with the greatest regard and respect,

MY LORD,
Your Grace's most obedient
Dutiful Niece, and most
humble Servant,

AMELIE MURRAY.

TULLIBARDIN, 26th Jan^{ry}, 1746.

CLXXVIII.

DONALD M^CLAREN, BALQUHIDDER, TO CAPT^N JAMES
STEWART OF CLUNES.

D^R SIR,

I was last night in company with Captⁿ Allan Stewart, of Collonell John Roy Stewart's Regiment, by whom I understand that he goes by the order of His Royal Highness, to raise the Earle of Murray's tennants in a day or two, which would be a proper tyme for you to see us, as the one would be assisting to the other; shall wish you lose as little tyme as possible. How soon you come to the Kirktown of Balquidder I shall expect to see you. Meantyme I am sincerely,

D^R SIR,
Your most humble Serv^t.

DO: M^CLAREN.

TOUCH, Jan^{ry} 26th, 1746.

P. S. After perufall of the above, destroy same.—Adiew.

CLXXIX.

LORD STRATHALLAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY [LORD]

I had the honour of a letter from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, dated the 24th curt., in which His Highness desires that the Garrison here of Lord Lewes Gordon's men should be sent up, and that it should be replaced by Atholl men from your Grace. This is therefore desiring, that a hunder and fifty men may be sent as soon as maybe, with proper Officers. The reason I desire this number, tho' the Prince only allowed 100 to be in garison, is, that they cannot be supported with pay if we get not men to goe in partys thro' this shire and that of Fyfe, for leavieing both land tax and Excise. It's certain 100 is to final a garison for this place, in which is 16 piece of cannon, a great magazine, powder and ball, and about eighty prisoners, and a most disaffected set of villans, both in Town and Country. I hope your Grace will send us of the best meat, with arms and sufficient Officers, which will much oblige. I am with great truth and Esteem,

MY LORD,
Your Grace's most faithfull
and most obedient humble Servant,
STRATHALLAN.

PERTH, *Jan^y 27*, 1746.

P. S. Gregor Murray is here with thirty men.

CLXXX.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

FALKIRK, *27th Jan^y*, 1746.

D^R BROTHER,

I am quite dispieted by your men's goeing off and deserting their coullers; for God sake make examples or we shall be undone. This goes by Fincastle, whoes men are all off; I hope he will be as expeditious as possible.

We had a review here this day and made a fine appearance; it was only those of our first line that were at the last batle.

The enemy say they will be soon with us again. I ever am,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most affec^t Brother,

and ffaithfull Humble Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

P. S. These are desiring Capitan Stewart to goe in all heast to bring up his men.

GEORGE MURRAY.

CLXXXI.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD GEORGE MURRAY.

DEAR Bro^r

With extraordinary joy & pleasure I received yours of the 18th giving a short Account of the fresh Victory which Providence has given the Prince over his proud Hanoverian Enemies, who have long set themselves up as violent instruments to root out the known principles & Friends of true Honour, Honesty, & right reason in the Brittish Dominions. I congratulate his R. Highness & You, with all the brave Commanders & Souldiers of the Victorious Army on such a happy event; may the generous virtue of our young Master, with the unbias'd conduct, of his well-meaning Followers, always deserve such singular marks of Heaven's protection as we have hitherto experienced since such an indefatigable Regent landed in the ensient [ancient] patrimony of his Royal Familie.

Whilst writing what is above, I had from your pretty Daughter, (with accounts of her Mother's being safely delivered of a Daughter, of which I wish you much joy,) your last Letter, with a full account of the second glorious Victory his R: H: has obtained over the King's obstinately

rebellious subjects. I am likeways glad to hear from all hands the very considerable part you have had in such a happy event, which I hope will be attended with many consequential blessings; for promoting whereoff, you may be assured, I omitt nothing lies in my power can contribute towards advancing the publick Service. God knows what dilatory and imposing evasions one has to struggle with amongst a multitude of refractory people in these parts, but now hopes, tho' with unspeakable difficulty, Faskeily & Ballechin will at last be able to bring up a considerable recruit of men who have not as yet appeared, with the Deserters, who could not hitherto be sent separately in small numbers. I beg you will present my most dutifull respects to his R: H: who I cannot wait on as I wished, having more than ever been terribly tormented with Rheumatick pains since coming from Bannockburn, insomuch, that I have not been able to go out of my room, & hardly in a condition to rise off the chair I sit on. Pray communicate this to M^r Secretary Murray, with my affectionate humble Service to him and his heroic young Lady. Let him know that I had the honour of his with £300 for the Prince's Service, for which I send him here inclosed a Receipt; he may be assured it shall be carefully employed in answering the end for which it was sent me, as every thing else here & elsewhere [that] belongs to me has, and shall be employed, as far as possible, for advancing our King and Country's Service; tho' I gave a factory to Gentlemen here for uplifting my small Rents in these parts before our march into England, yet they did not take any step or pains towards rendering me the least Service, but other people who have now undertaken the same task, I hope, ere long, will fulfill what I expect from them to much better purpose. I can add nothing further here, but God send us soon a happy meeting, being for ever, with perfect, Esteem & regard,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most affectionate

& most humble Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 27 *January*, 1746.

This goes by our good friend Faskeily,—Ballechin has got a handsome Gun for the Prince which was found with some others [that] our unnatural Brother James was at the pains to get hid in a Coal-house at Dunkeld. I almost forgot to tell you that our good friend D^r Colvill thanks you for your remembrance of him and what regards the Chest of Instruments & medicines, for which he returns you his hearty Service.

CLXXXII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO SECRETARY MURRAY.

SIR,

As I am prodigioufly distressed with long Rheumatick pains, which renders me almost unfitt for applying to any business, I hope you will be so good as to excuse my not writing a particular return to yours. You have here

enclosed a Receipt for the £300 sent by Colonel Warren, to which I can add no more than what my Brother George will communicate to you, except my most dutiful respects to his R. H: and affectionate kind service to your Dear Lady, being with true respect intirely,

SIR,

Your most humble
& most obedient Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 27 January 1746.

Received from the Right Honourable M^r: Secretary Murray the sum of £300 Sterling, for subsisting Recruits and others of his R. H.'s Troops in these parts, for which I am to be accountable.

CLXXXIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO THE VISCOUNT OF STRATHALLAN.

MY LORD,

I had the honour of your Lop's, of yesterday's date, demanding from hence 100 men or more to be in Garrison with you, instead of those you have from Lord Lewis Gordon's Battalion, who are called up to the army; which was likewise the Prince's orders to me before I came from Bannockburn. There is great difficulty in raising men here. It has not been hitherto possible to send you any number as intended, but hopes in a few days to send your Lop. 100 effective men till more can be got ready, which shall be done with the utmost expedition. My thirty years absence has in a great measure occasioned the loss of former principles of honour and loyalty which formerly rendered the people of this country estimable. Col: Warren went yesterday from hence to wait of your Lop. Pray let him know what you think proper to inform me of relating to publick affairs, that we may in concert do all lies in our power for advancing the King's Service by keeping the Country in safe and peaceable order. The torment of long Rheumatick pains disables me setting vigorously about any thing, since hardly able to stir out of my chair, Therefore begs you'll forgive the not writing with my own hand, no body being with more perfect Esteem,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's
most Humble &
most Obedient Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 28 January 1746.

Pray, my Lord, give my affectionate Service to my Cousin the good Viscountess of Strathallan, not forgetting our worthy friends the Laird of Gask and his Lady, who is also much to be honoured for her motherly virtues. I hope the two Ladies' Sons, Castor and Pollux, were well when their Fathers heard last from the army.

CLXXXIV.

ROBERTSON OF STROWAN TO M^R. THO^S. BLAIR IN ATHOLL.

SIR,

I had the honour of a Letter from God knows who, and the Lord knows how, but it pretends to have authority to take up the sess due upon my Lands; however, for answer, I tell the Gentleman that my purss has ever been open at the King's command, and ever will be, but at present I am diffculted for mony to support the King's affairs, recommended to me by the best authority. I am also in great trouble for the murder commited on the person of my nephew, Coll. Macdonell, at Falkirk. His Enemys are too plain to doubt of the authors of the murder, which will surely be taken notice of by the Highest and Lowest of the Nation. The Gentleman's growing worth made him envyd by Beggars and hated by Traytors, which I never was, but still am in the nicety of my duty to the King and all his subjects,

while

AL B ROBERTSON of Strowan.

Jan. 28th, 1746.

His Grace the Duke of Atholl can tell you how I am affected to mony; and pray tell his Grace, of all his Family I suspect him most of worth.

I hope his Grace will pity my condition.

(Endorsed.) — Letter with unworthy insinuations from the Laird of Strowan Robertson to Mr. Blair of Glasclune, dated Carie 28, Rec^d Blair 29 Jan^{ry} 1740'.

CLXXXV.

SPALDING OF ASHINTILLIE TO D^R. COLVILLE.

SIR,

I Received yours Saturday last, and as for answer please know that it was Impossible for me to ansuer y^e contents in such a suden, considering one will not draw Equallie with one another. You may believe they are consealing y^e armes, which will be found after a search. Some of y^e desertors would have a second fie, altho' not a one fourtnight from home. Last, I do think there may be two companys raised within y^e Barronys of Alhintilly and Balmachruchie, without hurting y^e Laboring much when joined with such as are in y^e Prince his service already; and by haveing y^e assistance of a partie I will double y^e number I can possiblie have willingly, and it is impossible for me to preveal with one of them to quarter on one an ay^t, altho' they have y^e Inclination. I would, therefore, The Duke of Atholl would be pleased to order a partie for this Country, which with y^e greatest submission I humblie beg would be rouled by me, which I think will find armes, men, and money. I compted for all the money I received last, and acknowledged y^e same to my Colonell; but I am afrighted every one did not so. The Minister possesses a sourt of Dounie. I think it a pitie he should be Exeemed, considering y^e great opposition he makes, and y^e corses he pronounces. Your ansuer is expected, and am,

Sir,

Your obedient and very faithfull ser.

DAN. SPALDING.

ASHINTILLIE, 28th 1746.

P.S. — Excuse paper.

CLXXXVI.

ROBERTSON OF BLEATON TO D^R. COLVILLE.

SIR,

I had a letter from Drumachine, sabath last, Desireing me to march the first and readiest of the men of this country this Day, and that he had sent for a party of the Brae of Rannoch men to bring up the rest, upon which I conveened betwixt 40 and 50 of them, and was come this length this day on purpose to be at Blair w^t them to-morrow morning.

But Major Rattray has just now brought me a verball commission from the Duke not to come forward with a small part of them, but to stay and bring up the whole, altho' it should take three or four days longer. I thought fitt to obey the Major's orders, as I would wish to bring up the heall in a body, but have run this Express to tell you that it is Impossible for me, or any person else, to near do the thing without a party. Therefore I hope ye will show this to his Grace, that he may Immediatly order a partie here, and I shall give a very good account of the country in a few days. I would certainly come forward with what I had ready, had I not got the above new commission by Major Rattray; and if ye think it amiss that I have stayed, I shall, upon receipt of your ansuer, march up what is ready.

There is one thing ye will mind in your answer, which is Desireing I should bring up the late Ashintylie men w^t the rest, for if they be referred to his worthless bastard son, his mother and he will spoil the whole affair by pretending to have the only power of them by which they are takeing bribes or compliments to pass some of them, which I do not like. I wait your answer and the party, and am,

SIR, w^t Esteem,

Your most humble Serv^t,

DAVID ROBERTSON.

KIRKMICHAILL, 28th Jan^y 1746.

P.S.— If there be not a party of Rannoch men at hand, you may advise to send a few of the country men, for I am hopful that the name of a party may do the thing.

CLXXXVII.
MERCER OF ALDIE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MEIKLEOUR, Jan^y 29th, 1746.

MY LORD DUKE,

I arrived here last night, when I found my family all very well, and have sent this to know if your Grace has any command for me, and when you intend your men should march south. I expected to have heard from my Lord George when at Aldie, in case there was likely to have been any other engagement; but I reckon the Hanoverians have got enough for some time, at least till they are reinforced. My wife and family offer their most humble service to your Grace; and I am, most affectionatly,

Your Grace's
Most obedient and
most humble Servant,

RO. MERCER.

CLXXXVIII.
*DUKE OF ATHOLL TO CAP^N THOMAS FERGUSON OF
BALEYEUKAN, AND CAPT^N JAMES ROBERTSON OF
KILICHANGIE.*

January 31st, 1746.

GENTLEMEN,

I have seen some of your Letters to Colonel Robertson, and am extremely surprised any of you should be the least refractory or dilatory in going to join our Prince, from whom I had the honour of a Letter this day, ordering me, without loss of time, to send up all the men ought to go out from this Country. In obedience to his Royal Highness' commands, I have sent off all the men that were ready; and last night I desired Colonel Robertson to order you, after delivering the prisoners at Dunkeld, to march directly to the Army with your men, tho' you should have but thirty of them. I here again repeat these my orders, which, if readily obeyed as necessarily required, you may easily overtake Faskeily & Ballechin, and go with them to the Camp of our brave Countrymen. I therefore expect your immediate compliance as you are friends to honour and honesty, and as you expect to be Esteemed or regarded by [&c.]

CLXXXIX.
SPALDING OF GLENKILRIE TO D^R GEORGE COLVILLE.

GLENKILRIE, 31st Jan^r, 1746.

DR SIR,

I hade the pleashure of 2 or 3 letters from you lately by the Duke of Atholl's orders about the raising of the Strathardle men to go to Perth. Bleaton would have been at Blair Castle some days ago w^t a part of the men, hade not the first orders been Contermanded by a Mesage from his Grace, p^r

Major Rattray of Corb:—Your last letter onley came to my hands this day about 11 o’Clock, where Bleaton & some oy^f Gentlemen and I was convining the men to be sent forward to Perth; & I hope we shall send forward this night the number his Grace appoints, & the rest as soon as possible, either voluntarily or by party [as] they can be raised; and I hope the most part will be got raised voluntarily, so that a small party, with what we shall joine to them, will serve to raise the Refractory.

As the Duke of Atholl’s Command was allways very agreeable to me, so at this Juncture nothing in my pour shall be awanting to serve his Grace, and the good Cause he is engaged in. As to what you mentioned in one of your former letters w^t respect to my assisting Daniell Spalding, a son of Ashintillies, & John Spalding, a son of Whitfield’s, in raising the men, I have given assistance, and shall continue to do; but as to Daniell Spalding, and his accomplice’s behaviour and conduct, in reasing the men, reather retards than forwards the matter, of which his Grace will soon be informed. There are several cuntry gentlemen that have agreed to go along with the men, which I think would be best for keeping the men out, but if any of them does not incline to go, his Grace shall be acquainted, that he may appoint oy^f Officers in there place.

As to my going to Perth, I never heard a word of till this day: I must consult both my health and capacity to manage such ane affaire, being ane old man; but so soon as I see all the men here out, I shall waite of his Grace at Blair Castle. I have thoughts to send my son to Perth after the men, tho’ he be but young, yet his presence there may be of use to keep the men I am most concerned with together. Please show this to his Grace, untill I have the honoure of seeing him.—I am,

D^R S^R

Your most faithful and affectionat
humble Servant,

AN: SPALDING.

CXC.

ROBERTSON OF BLEATON TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

The bearer, Robert Stewart, came to me yesterday w^t your Grace’s orders about marching the men of this Country directly for Perth. I likeways received a Letter from Doctor Colvill w^t the same directions, and that I would sett out w^t them this day; but as (upon your Grace’s verball commision by Major Rattray, not to come up w^t any part of the men till the whole were ready) I had disperced those I had ready, till there would be a party sent to bring up the whole; it will be impossible for me to geather them so as to march this day, but, God willing, I shall sett out to-morrow. But I wish there had been a party sent before I left the country; however, I shall

make use of what I have already risen, by way of partie, on the rest of the country, till I make out 100; and so soon as I sett out, shall send an exact list of those that marches w^t me, that your Grace may know how to send up the difficients when the partie comes. There is three or four Gentlemen in this country that are ready to joyn us by my persuasion; and I wish that any vaccancie among their own countrymen were kept for them, rather than bestowed on strangers like George Scott, as your Grace has ordered, as it would be the best way to keep out the men to have their own country Gentlemen w^t them.

I hinted in my letters to Drumachine and the Doctor, that Ashintullie's naturall son, if he had any power given him, would spoil the raiseing of his father's men, for his mother and he takes compliments from some, and others are not willing to follow him, as I most really say he is but a worthless drunken fellow; and as far as his advise will go, will not allow any to march w^t me untill he be ready, which will not be on heast; he is the only man gives me disturbance, and had it not been for him, I had had a 100 ready ere now; your Grace may do in this as ye see proper, I take the freedome to subscribe, w^t veneration and Esteem,

Your Grace's most humble and most
obedient Servant,

DAVID ROBERTSON.

BLEATOWN, 31st Jan^y, 1746.

CXCI.

GEORGE SCOTT TO DR. COLVILL.

HON^D SIR,

I had yours of the 30 last this afternoon; I went to Strathardle on Wednesday, and came to Blairgowrie last night, w^t the men who went for Perth this day, before I left that place: you have the list inclosed. You'll cause the partie that goes for that country make diligent search for arms, I am informed there is upwards of a hundred stand of arms in that place; there was not above three muskets and six swords amongst those that went for Perth. Let them be spared no further than the list agrees w^t the merk-lands; they are a stubborn pack and deserves no mercy; there's plenty of men in the country, but will not draw without a party of strangers, which I belive will do. I cannot say any thing concerning our Dunkeld company, as haveing only come to town this afternoon, but will see you, God willing, on Wednesday. I hear Captain M'Kewan is to beat up on Tuesday, and as he has got the Straithbran men out of Capⁿ Stewart's company, I suppose he will be allowed to keep none of the Dunkeld men in his:—I intend to be busie amongst them to-morrow. My Father and all here offer their humble duty to you. I am,

HON^d SIR,
Your faithfull and obedient Ser^{tt}.

GEO. SCOTT.

DUNKELD, 1 *Feby*. 1746.

We hear there are a great number of carts comes this day to Perth— Arms, Amunition, Money, &c.

CXCII.

C. STEUART OF BALLECHIN TO DR. COLVILLE.

BALLECHIN, 1st *Feb*. 1746.

SIR,

This evening, after my Sone's going off with what men he gott, I'm informed that he came but litle speed in his Grace's Barony of Tullimet, and I'm sory I did not know so much of the story before he went off, who I'm confedent was faithfull and true in so far as he cou'd be informed about them; but I'm affraid such as were recommended to inform him (he being an intire stranger to them) has been very unfair in not letting him know a fair state of what men were possessors there. My informer tells me he was not acquainted, nor ever brought in his sight the best men, and made him believe there were few or no men fit for the service in all Tullimet, which made my Son very uneasie; and I'm in formed there are a parcell of pretty fellows there, &c. which is a shame, and M^r Low, &c. were much to blame. I'm much vexed about this, it being entrusted to my son, who I'm perswaded, tho' he gott but few men, yet took no sinistrous or unfair ways. This brings me on to what he told of a great many of them, their producing Receipts for money paid for men they shoud have sent out. This, indeed, is a hard case; but I think it my duty to offer to his Grace my humble opinion as to this point, which is, in short, to allow such of the Tennants as paid money what his Grace thinks fitt; for, if things goe right, as I hope by God's assistance they will, his Grace, or any other from whom these Receipts are, will never miss it, and if otherways, as God forbid, no matter of the allowance. So if his Grace thinks this proposal right, as I'm informed, there might be raised severall pretty fellows, which 'tis a pity to keep att home, providing proper persons be employed that knows the men: they were so cunning, that I'm certainly informed of some old men they brought to my Son, who had young sturdie fellows to their sones; but let my Son know nothing of it, I hope you'll not make use of my name to none but his Grace, whose, as ever formerly,

I am, and

Your most humble and obed^t. Serv^t.

CHARLES STEUART.

CXCIII.

MR. JA: SCOT TO DR. COLVILLE.

DUNKELD, 1st Feb^y 1746.

HON: SIR,

This serves to acquaint you that the Prisoners that were at Logyreat came here yesterday, and are all lodg'd in our Castle, and the Gentlemen, Sergeants, and Corporals, are sent there this day; they went off at Coll: Warren's sight a little after mid-day. My Son is not yet return'd; but a Strathardle man, now here, tells me Bleaton and his men were to be this night at Blair-Gowrie, and Geordie along with them, but could not tell what number he had got. I'm sorry to hear from Captain Buchanan, that my Lord Duke continues ill of his Rheumatism, and pray God send him a speedy recovery. The Captⁿ offers his Complements to you, as all here do.—I am, with all sincerity and regard,

DEAR DOCTOR,

Your most faithful Servant,

JA: SCOT.

Feb. 1st, 1746.

2nd about 10.

Before this comes to your hand, I hope you'll have a real return to yours I was honoured with about 3 this morning; Captⁿ M'Ewan was here just now, and proposes to be a piece on his road this night, with 120 Grantully and Strathbran men, and expects a good many more this week; we have yet had no aco^{ts}: of George. This comes by Fintry's servant.

CXCIV.

ROBERTSON OF BLEATON TO DR. COLVILL.

SIR,

I send you inclosed, by Mr. Scott, a list of all the men that has marched w^l: me from our country to Perth; and altho' there is not the number desired, viz. a houndred, yet I believe I may say there are more than any of your Atholl Gentry raised without any sort of a partie. I tryed to make the men I first raised serve for a party to raise as many as would compleate the number ye desired, but it would not do. It most be strangers that will make out the thing, so I hope ye will send a partie to bring up the rest effeiring to the merk-lands in each ground; for altho' I was oblided, to please them, (or I had gote none at all) to give a kind of avideamus, (which they took as a protection,) that so many of them had sent out a man out of such a ground, ye are to give orders to the officer of the partie not to notice my lines further than they agree to my in closed list, and to the merk-lands in each Gentilman's ground. I have like ways sent you a list of all those that have men in the Campe, so far as I can remember, when I left them. I wait the Duke of Atholl's further orders at Perth, by the bearer, as ye desired, and am, w^l: Esteem,

SIR,
Your most humble Serv^t

DAVID ROBERTSON.

BLAIRGOWRIE, 1st February, 1746.

P.S.—The protections I left in the country will only construct *pro tanto*. I expect some to overtake me this .day, that will make out 50, being only 41 men w^t me just now.

*LIST OF MEN THAT MARCHED W^T BLEATOWN FROM
STRATHARDLE, 1ST FEBRUARY 1746, AND FROM WHOM
THEY WERE SENT.*

2. John M^ckenzie and Alex^r Aysone, for Glenbeg.
4. John Grant and Alex^r M^ckenzie, from Dallhangan.
6. Lachlan M^cIntosh and John Fergusone, from the ground of Dalmungie.
7. William Robertson, from the Cams.
8. William M^cIntosh, from ground of Runavey.
9. John Lyon, from the ground of Bruchdarg.
10. William Lyon, from the ground of Cray.
11. Archbald Grant, from Binzian beg.
12. Thomas Douglass, from Kerrow.
14. Thomas Rattray & Peeter Ferguson, from eastr Bleatown; the Difficients in that ground lys upon Da: & Thomas Fleemings.
13. Thomas Scott, from Dirnanain.
14. Andrew Small, from Dalreach.
16. Duncan Scott and Charles Frazer, from Inverchroskie.
17. Ja M^c Dougall, from the ground of Cullalonie.
19. John Pettrie and John Doulich, from Stronamuck.
20. Alex^r Doulich, from Lair.
22. John Campbell and John Fergusone, from Blackcraig.
24. Patrick Stewart and Alex^r Fleeming, from Dalrilzian.
25. Malcomb Reid, from the ground of Straloch.
26. Da: Pantons, from the ground of Wester Callie.
27. Walter Kinnason, from the six merk Land in Minnach.
28. John M^cLauchlan, from the Barron's ground.
30. John Ferguson & William Lesley, from the ground of Whitefeild.
31. Finlay M^cDougall, from Easter Downie.
33. James Falconer & Thomas Melvill, from Wester Bleatown.
34. Angus M^cDonald, from Thomas Rattray there.
35. Robert Fergusone, from the ground of Ashintully.
- 37- Alex^r M^cNab & Alex^r Robertson, from Soilrzies ground.
39. James Rattray & John Spalding, from Ennoch.
40. Duncan M^cGrigor, from Ja: Robertson in Ballachragan.
41. William Robsone, from Jo: Small in Kirkmichaell.

CXCV.

COLONEL WARREN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL,

PERTH, 1st Feb^y. 1746.

MY LORD DUKE,

I am greatly concerned to tell you that I find, by a friend of mine just come from the Quarters, that his Royal Highness intends a retreat, and that things are ordered to carry of all our implem^{ts}. to the Hills. The ennemy is greatly increased, and the young man¹⁵ come from London; our battery was dismounted, and a sixteen and 2 twelve brass pounders demolished. I shall tell your Grace all y^e particulars at meeting, w^{ch} shall be, please God, in 2 or 3 days.

I am in vast hurry, seeing, on my arrival here, orders issued for 200 horses to be ready to-morrow. I shall part this night for Drummond Castle, to confer wth the Duke of Perth, who's come there to order what may be necessary.

I shall proceed to-morrow to y^e Quarters, and thence back to your Grace; Heaven grant I may bring you an account of a complete Victory! tho' I doubt our Handing the chance of one!

This goes by an express Mr. Blair and Gourdy send you. They have not been able to raise a farthing; and, as the Glenammon men are come back, I have left this moment a written order with Coll. Creighton to march to-morrow for the Quarters wth his eighty men; w^{ch} Lord Strathallan has agreed to, tho' he apprehends Captⁿ Anderson's 40 men, and y^e Glenammon 30 men are an insufficient garrison, but I have assured him there will be 50 Strath Earl¹⁶ men here to-morrow night.

I hope your Grace will excuse the hurry I am in, having so many things to mind, nor paper or time to write your Grace as I would wish.

I entreat what I here mention may ever be kept secret, as the affair was in that manner disclosed to me; so pray cancell this when read, and let no soul know the contents; I could almost even except my worthy friend Doc^r. Colvill, mais il est prud^t & sage, but it must not appear even on his countenance.

It is needless, I hope, to tell your Grace how much and how gratefully
I am Yours.

P.S.— I saw the Serjeants leave Dunkeld under a guard before I came away.

¹⁵ The Duke of Cumberland.

¹⁶ Strathardle.

CXCVI.
DUKE OF ATHOLL TO BORLUM & BALNESPIG.

[BLAIR, 1st February, 1746.]

GENTLEMEN,

Having had the Honour to accompany his R. Highness the Prince Regent in his Marches thro' Scotland & England, since his arrival at Stirling, I came here to raise our Master's Men in these parts, for the service of our King & Countrey, where violent Rumatick pains has long detained me. I had the pleasure to meet at Down 250 fine Fellows of your loyal Clan in their way to join the Prince: shurly there must be near double that number still at home, for I think there were 600 of your name assembled in the year 1715.

I hope, Gentilmen, there's no need of arguments to animate you to join heartily in a Cause where the Rights of our Prince, and all that's dear to men of honour, are at stake: You know the late Borlum commanded your Clan, Anno 1715, and it would give much pleaseur to every honest Scotsman, & me, to see his Son & Heir active in the just Cause for which he was a sufferer. You know that Stron's company was always reckoned the Grave Vratich, or stoutest company of the M^cIntoshes; since Stron himself is out of the Kingdom, you may be shure it would give great satisfaction to men of true honour in seeing Balnespig bravely asserting our King & Country's Cause at the head of that Company.

I had yeasterday the honour of a Letter from his Royal Highness ordering me, without loss of time, to send up all the men I could possibly rise, for his Highness expects soon another visit from the Enemy; you may believe I will use the utmost Diligence in obeying such a message; and from the character I have of you both, I perswade myself you will likewise use the utmost expedition in hastning up with all the assistance you can, for enabling the Prince not only effectually, but also with ease, to give the finishing strock to his just and glorious Undertaking.

I herewith send you a printed account of the late Victory with which kind Providence has favoured our young Master; having nothing further to add, but you shall allway find me, with perfect esteme & regaird,

GENTILMEN.

CXCVII.
DUKE OF ATHOLL TO¹⁷ [COLONEL MERCER.]

SIR,

Since our parting at Bannockburn, yours of the 29th is the third Letter which I had the pleasure to receive from you. The two former, as I imagined you were every day to pass the Forth, were not answer'd, not knowing well where you was to be found. After giving me an agreable account of our

¹⁷ This letter has no address, but it seems to be an answer to No. CLXXXVII.

young Master's late victory at Falkirk, where it seems you luckily happened to be present, on which happy event I heartily congratulate you, with all the brave Gentlemen who had a share in gaining that battle, I am very glad you found your Lady & family well at meeting; pray give my affectionate service to her & all the pretty Children. I hope M^r Laurence is now grown strong, & able for a less fatiguing Campaign than our last. I am sorry to tell you, that, instead of Three or four Regiments which this Country should have set out, there is now hardly men enough together to make up one. As for me, did my health permit, I would quit the Country intirely, and leave it to the Prince to send who he pleases to use them with the utmost rigour such singularly refractory & chicaning people deserve; which I find good usage cannot do effectually, to the shame & disgrace of such mean spirited successors, as the former brave people in Atholl have now shown themselves in a most pitiful manner, to their own dishonour, besides the scandalous detriment which the necessary Service of their King & Country suffers, by having no valuable regard for posterity, or their own lasting happiness; from which you may easily see of how inconsiderable use you, or any of us can be at present amongst them, when expecting effectually to raise men as formerly, they having lost the ancient unanimous Sentiments of our brave honest Countrymen.

Imagine, then, if I am not sorry since disabled from saying any thing more to the purpose about many of such men of all ranks as ought to be a considerable support & honour to me, as well as to our long distressed & much abused nation. Therefore am forced thus to conclude, being, with perfect Esteem,

DEAR SIR,
Your most affectionate Cusin,
And most Humble Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 1 *February*, 1746.

Your Messenger has not been long detained, and is paid his Journey. I am very glad to hear that my Lord Nairn's hand is much better than it was, which ere long may enable him to take the field again. Some days ago Major Rattray told me that you and he might be able to make up together near a Regiment in the parts where you live, since he was sure of getting at least 100, if not more than 200 men for his share, which, if soon done, might do much honour to both of you.

CXCVIII.

*THOMAS BLAIR OF GLASCLUNE AND CHARLES STEWART
OF GOURDIE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.*

MY LORD,

Agreeable to your Grace's instructions we set out for Blairangon, with 30 Glenamond men very indifferently arm'd, but instead of meeting with any of

your Grace's Vassals or Tenants, we found the country quite deserted, and except Solsgraithe not one appeared; we understood by him and such others as we cou'd confide in, that severals had withdrawn themselves on purpose to raise the country, and bring what troops they cou'd find on the coast upon us, which made us retreat after fax at night as prudently as we cou'd. We brought off twelve oxen belonging to one of the greatest offenders, which wait your Grace's orders here, and about four pound in money. Since we came here it's thought proper to employ the party as part of the garrison of this place, which your Grace will understand by Mr. Warren's Letter, who is just now going for Crieff; and though that were not the case, we begg leave to think, we cannot effectually promote your Grace's intrest at Falkland, or any where else, under a party of 150 men, which will require some time to spare that number from this place; meantime we wait your Grace's further instructions here, and are, with the profoundest respect,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obedient humble Serv^t,

THO. BLAIR.

CHARLES STEWART.

PERTH, 1st Febr^y 1746.

CXCIX.

ALEXANDER M^CGILVRAY, COLONEL OF THE M^CINTOSHES,
TO CO^L ROBERTSON OF DRUMACHINE.

DEAR SIR,

I'm just now come here from Stirling in pursuit of several deserters from our Corps, who I'm assured have made their escape by the bridge of Kynachan, which might be very well prevented had there been a proper guard appointed there. The desertion is now become so general, that all endeavours must be used to prevent it, oy^rwise it must be of fatall Consequence, so that if many of them are not brought back and made Examples of, I'm afraid our army will in a short time be too thin. I hope you'l represent this to the Duke of Atholl, that a stop in some measure be put to this growing Evil. Delnakairdach and the bridge of Kynachan shoud at any rate be taken care of. I doubt not but you'l seriously consider of this, & believe me to be,

DR SIR,

Your most obedient faithfull humble Servant,

ALEX^R M^CGILVRAY.

COISHAVILE, 2 ffeb^y 1746.

Permitt the bearer, Duncan Campbell, to pass to Blair of Atholl unmolested.

ALEX^R M^CGILVRAY.

To all concerned.

CC.

*ADAM FERGUSSON MINISTER OF MOULINE¹⁸ TO COL^L.
ROBERTSON OF DRUMACHINE.*

SIR,

I had Information from two different Hands, about four or five weeks since, that a party was to be sent to my House, from Blair or Logierate, to search or riffle at large; the Informers could not distinctly assure which or if both. I would not allow myself to beleev the last; and had nothing to object to the narrowest search. Nor could I have excepted to the forseing of Horses, Arms, Horse furniture, or things of that fort, as being a suspected person. But nothing happened till yesternight, about eight a'clock, that a party of a sergeant and eleven or twelve men, who first called themselves Brae Athol men, but afterwards acknowledged they were Camerons, came from Blair Athol, where they have been for two or three Dayes before; alleadging a written order for violence against my person and effects. And indeed they exercised it upon both. They did not indeed show any order, and I cannot beleev they had any such one as they executed. They plundered and carried off my silver watch, all the monney I had (q^{ch} was but litle) some of the most valueable of my wife's silks and other cloaths, all the best and finest of our Table Linnen, Bed Linnen, and Body Linnen, of all which we were very well provided. We have not had Time yet to draw out a Note of the particulars; only in generall my Wife sayes, They have carried off to the Value of between thirty and fourty pounds sterline. If it is possible they have had, (I dont say orders) but even allowance of any Generall Officer for this behaviour, I have nothing to say, and will not complain. And if they had not, I hope it will not be impracticable to order and inforce restitution of the most valueable effects : and this I presume will be the easier effectuated, that they have I am told returned to Blair. If they had contented themselves with what Cheeses, Beef, Honney, Ale and Whisky, they consumed and carried off; or even with Body Linnens, Shoes, Stockens, it might have been thought tolerable, but to go the Length they did showed an over rapacious disposition, and is what I am well convinced Lochiell would as litle allow or approve of as any man alive. I am much of Opinion That no Protection would have availed anything with people in their way. But as they have begun violence not only against my effects, but person, I beleev I must apply, and shall be obliged to you for a pass to travell out of the countrey, to where I may be more safe, till the present troubles be at an end. It is like if I am out of the way my Wife and children may meet with some Indulgence upon the Score of her Friends, and that they will look more after her safety, Whatever

¹⁸ The father of Dr. Adam Fergusson, author of the History of the Roman Republic, &c.

happen, I hope and have hitherto felt, That God who in his wife and good providence fees meet to measure out to me some share of Sufferrings, will enable me to bear them with christian patience and resignation.

I beg you make my compliments acceptable to M^{rs}. Robertson, whom I heartly wish well. My wife, who goes to make her moan to the Duke of Athol and you, will deliver her own to your Ladye. I am, with sincere Esteem and Affection,

SIR,

Your most humble Servant,

ADAM FERGUSSON.

MOOLINE, *Feb*^y 3, 1746.

P. O. There was upwards of ten ells uncutt cambrick, and several other Things not named, carried of in y^e plunder.

CCI.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

DEAR BROTHER,

It is very dificult to offer advice at such a juncture;—by some fatall mistake a very precipitat retreat was made from Stirling, which encourages our Enemys, and dispirits our friends. I goe with a colom by the foot of the mountins northward, and his Royal Highness goes by Dalnacardoch. Gladly would I have had a stand made in Atholl, and offered to do it with two thousand men. I own, in your case, I think if you have two or three hundred men of your own, you might stay at Blair Castle till a very great body of the Enemy, (which I suppose would not be in heast,) were in your neighbourhood; and without cannon nothing could hurt you. The roads near Dunkeld, and the pass of Gillycrancky and some other partes could be so demolished in a few houres that cannon could not pass for sevrall days;—at worst you could make your retreat the hill way to Ruthven, and join your friend without danger, suppose the enemy were very near you. This, I think, would be honourable for you, and of use to the service; but it is with great submission I offer my opinion. I take my batalion with me; you will have Lord Nairn's, and as many of your other men as you can. I ever am,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most affec^t. Brother,

& faithfull humble Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

Indorsed, "Letter from Lord George Murray dated Perth, & Rec^d. by Glasclune at Blair, 4th Feb^y. 1746."

CCII.

MR. SCOT TO MR. WILLIAM FLEMYNG.

DEAR SIR,

Last night I had yours amidst a great throng of very unwelcome guests; our house was then like a beehive, as it is now. My heart is like to break, but grieved for none so much as my dear master the Duke, whom God Almighty support and protect. I gave Johnie Fence's Master as usual, my kind respects to the D^f and tell him I only got his of Feb. 1st at six last night, but had no time to write. I believe the horses were sent off in time, and I suppose the groom carried w^t him your saddle. I bid the carrier take only 1 peck or 2 of salt. I paid M^{rs} Murray her £12, who gave the Duke a thousand blessings, and was to write a letter of thanks in French with her own hand. I have paid about £4 to servants, for q^{ch} I sold malt. I hope to be soon in a condition to give up my accounts, tho I'm much afraid of seeing our old neighbour this very night, of whom I expect little friendship. The Duke's house and stables were throng last night, as was all our town. You and all with you have a large share in my good wishes, and may God direct and preserve you all. Adieu.

I just now hear there's a young lass of our place kill'd accidentally by a Highlandman's gun. —Pray destroy this line.

CCIII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OP ATHOLL.

COUPAR [ANGUS,] 5th Feb^r 1746,
early in the morning.

DEAR BROTHER,

I'm sorry to let you know that there is great desertion amongst your men; had some examples been made at home it might have been prevented. I shall be glad to hear from you, which you may do by sending thro Brea of Marr to Aberdeen or Strathbogie. I wish we had made a stand near Crieff, for I scarce think the enemy would have attempted any thing this winter had we done so. I always am,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most affec^t. Brother,
and your most humble Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

CCIV.

JAMES ROBERTSON OF KILLICHANGIE TO THE DUKE OF
ATHOLL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

In obedience to your Grace's orders I have gather'd together some men, but, hearing of this retreat, they are all dispersed, and the will of man will not carrie them out without strangers to raise them, and till further orders from

your Grace I can doe nothing, so I hope your Grace will acquaint me how to behave. I am,

Your Grace's most obedient and humble Servant,

JA; ROBERTSON.

KILLICHANGIE, 5th February, 1746.

CCV.

THE EARL OF KILMARNOCK TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

At my arrival here, I found the order your Grace was so good as to shew me at Blair for your people to rise and attend you. Robertson, who is landlord here, and well-affected both to your Grace and his Royal Highness, is sending about the copys, but assures me that they will not have near the Effect that the Crosstarie¹⁹ itself will, and that the Crosstarie must come from your Grace's own hands. I beg leave, therefore, to join with Mons^r le Marquis D'Aiguille to apprise your Grace of this, and to pray your Grace to send the Crosstaries to the different proper places without a moment's delay, as the approach of the Enemy admits not of the least. That there may be none of our side, I have taken the liberty to acquaint your Grace of this the moment it comes to my ears, as in those cases there must be no difference between night and day. I beg your Grace will believe me with the most profound Respect,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most
obedient humble Servant,

KILMARNOCK.

DALNACARLOCH,²⁰ Feb^r 5th, 1746,
7 in the evening.

CCVI.

*THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO THE EARL OF KILMARNOCK
AT DALNACARDICH.*²¹

MILOR,

Je n'ay pas eu l'honneur de votre Lettre datte d'hier au soir jusqu' à une heure apres midy, celluy qu'il la rendue à disparu sur le Champ, ainssy il a falut trouver un autre personne pour Envoyer à votre hote M^r Robisson avec la Crosstarré, qui part d'ycy a trois heures; ainssy dans le cas, n'étant que sept milles d'ycy, je compte quelle sera rendue ce soir, selon les ordres

¹⁹ Crosstarie, or Croishtarich, the fire-cross, or signal of war, sent round for raising the country.—See Jamieson's Dictionary.

²⁰ Dalnacardoch.

²¹ This answer to the preceding Letter of Lord Kilmarnock seems to have been written by a French secretary.

presentes qu'il a receu, pour que cela puisse produire tout l'effet qu'on attend d'une tel ordre. Le Prince n'arive que ce soir ycy.

Je vous prie Milor de vouloir bien mes respecteux compliment à son Excelence Monseur le Marquis D'Aiguilles Embassadeur de Roy tres Chretien auprès de notre jeune Maître. J'espere que Milor aura la bonté d'excuser si je ne pas pû ecrire de main, etant Milor, avec les Respectes le plus parfait,

MILOR,
Votre tres obeissant et humble
serviteur.

Au CHATEAU DE BLAIR,
ce 6 Fevrier vieux stil, 1746.

CCVII.

MR. SCOT TO DR. COLVILLE.

DUNKELD, 6th Feb^y. 174,6.

H:S^R,

Yours of the 2nd with one inclosed to M^r Guthrie, came to my hand about 2 a clock, and 'tis now 3; I had difficulty to get one that would undertake to run Express, but have now got it sent off, and gave the ten shill: with one to bear the lad's charge till his return, when I promised to reward him to his pleasure.

I have it from a good hand that a good body of the Enemy lay last night at Crief, and were thought would take the West road. Cumberland was last night at Perth, and he, Duke James,²² &c., were to dine this day at Huntingtowre. There has been several platoons heard, q^{ch} 'tis said were made as the forces were pitching their tents on the moor near Nairne this day. God make all well.

ADIEU.

Pay the Express.
Thursday afternoon.

CCVIII.

PATRICK ROBERTSON OF TRINAFOUR TO MUNGO MURRAY.
DALNACARDOCH, 6th February 1746.

SIR,

I received yours with the Crosstarie, and have sent it to my next nightebours, according to the usull way. I never met with such a confusion as I have this day met with.—I am,

SIR,
Your most humble Serv^t.

PAT: ROBERTSONE.

²² Of Atholl, younger brother of the Marquis of Tullibardine.

CCIX.

*CHARLES M^CGLASHAN TO NEILL M^CGLASHAN, WRITER AT
CLUNE.*

D^R UNCLE,

This moment I received an order from my Lord Duke desiring me to send all the meall I have in readyness to Blair Castle, and to meall all the corn I have threschen, and send it likeways; please know that I have litle or no meall sucken, and the litle meall I get from them, it does not maintain my ffamily; wherefore you'll be so good as tell His Grace I have not a Boll by me of what meall multure I got this winter. I have a few Bolls oats by me, which I intended for feed, and if I should meall them, my miller assures me that a Boll of them would not give three firlots meall. If you can prevail with His Grace not to inlist on my making meall of them, it will be considerablie in my way; if oy^rways, rather than his Grace Should be in the least disoblidged, I shall, on receipt of your's, meall them, whatever loss I may sustain thereby. I offer my compliments to my Aunt, & am,

D^R UNCLE,

Your affec^t Nephew & Serv^t

CHA. MACKGLASHAN.

INVER, 6th Feb^y 1746.

I hade all their oats bespoke for feed, & was to get £7 the Boll, so that you'll easily know my loss. I beg you'll write me w'out loss of time if I be to meall them.

CCX.

THE LAIRD OF GLENGARY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I had the honour & pleasure of your Grace's most kind affectionat Letter of condolence. I should be the most ignorant creatur on Earth, were I not most senlible of your Grace's Repeated favors don me, and as for the friendship the Family off Atholl honoured my poor ffamily with, and the Remarkable good offices they have offten don it, is manifestly knowen even to the meanest of my ffamily; and I assur your Grace (as far as I know myselfe) my greatest ambition is to merite the continuance of that friendship w^t the ffamily of Athole, has so long subsisted twixt our ffamilys; and that if in my power to serve your Grace or ffamily off Athole, your Grace think me so far worthy as honour me by Laying your commands upon me. The Youth your Grace desires will soon have the honour of waiting of you; he is happy if your Grace honours him by taking him under your patronage. I am sincerely w^t the greatest Esteem, Zeale, due Reguaird, and strongest attachment,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most faithfull, most obedient,

and most obliged humble servant,

JOHN M'DONELLOFF GLENGARY.

FORT AUGUSTUS, *Feb^y. 7th*, 1746.

CCXI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO GRIGOR MURRAY.

SIR,

Herewith is sent a general Crosstarie order for raising all the able bodied men in Glenamond: this order is executing through all Atholl with y^e outmost exactness & Expedition; and providing you have a mind to efface y^e three different times you have forsook me, you'll, without loss of time, come here, & bring at least fifty good men with you. I am well assured there are arms for that number in the Country, so that I shall reckon you greatly wanting in your Duty if you do not bring them all arm'd.

The Bearer being chose out as a trusty expeditious person, this is earnestly requiring of you to get instantly all the Accounts & Intelligence you can of y^e Enemies motions, & without loss of time send it me by this Express, which shall ever be remembered to your advantage.

After you have made use of y^e Crosstarie order, if you can find a trusty Person, pray send it directly to Donald Macklairane, Drover in Balqhiddier, as an answer from me to what Ja^s Steuart of Clunes heard of his hearty Disposition towards our present honest Concerns from Tuch, dated Jan^y 26th, it will also be a valuable service rendered our King & Country at this critical Juncture. If you intend to oblige me in earnest, you will no less faithfully than diligently execute what is here required, & justly expected of you by one who shall ever accordingly be found in the most agreeable manner,

SIR,

Your affectionate humble Servant.

BLAIR, 7th *February*, 1746.

CCXII.

WILLIAM DUKE OF ATHOLL, &CA.

*UNDER THE PRINCE REGENT, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF
HIS MAJESTIE'S FORCES,*

To all the worthy Gentlemen and people in Atholl, Health and Happiness.—These many years past, the unnatural second son of my family, from a narrow selfish disposition has let himself be seduced both as to publick and private concerns, in so much that he has most unfairly become the creature of long declared enemies to our King and Country, whereby they make use of him as a tool, not only to ruin all valuable sentiments amongst many in this Country, but also he endeavours to root out the known principles of honour and honesty, which formerly appeared amongst those who were friends and well-wishers in these parts, to both truth and right

reason. Such a pitiful Brother of mine amongst rebellious Britons, headed by ungenerous foreigners, is now barefacedly coming with some of our subtle neighbours to force me out of my just inheritance, that you may be unworthily made submit to their no less artful than dangerous designs, which makes me positively require all of you, from the age of sixteen to that of sixty, who regard true safety, and whatever is dear to the posterity of undaunted forefathers, without losing a minute to set every where about the Crosstarie, that all of you may be sufficiently warned to come here directly and join me for the defence of your houses, wives, children, and Country. All which Faskeily and Blairphety have trusted to your care and mine, by generously going North with my bold Brother George, who with our young master the Prince, goes soon to bring up a powerful army from thence. In the meantime, with equal Courage will not brave Atholl men here stand by me to save yourselves from ignominious devastation and ruin. Let us then with firm unanimity maintain ourselves against all assaults may be made on us by the usurpation of some imposing Western neighbours, and perjured people who stick at nothing to obtain their ambitious proud ends. Therefore, once more I say, without delay on sight of this my earnest request and order, forthwith come and join me here, as before God and man you will be answerable. For the doing of which, this shall be to you and all concerned, a sufficient warrant : Given under my hand and seal, at Blair Castle the eighth day of Feb^{ry} 1746.

(Indorsed.)—“M. of Tullibardine’s Declaration, Feby 8, 1746.”

CCXIII.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO GLENKILRIE & STRALOCH.

As the Campbells are come into Atholl, to the number of between 4 and 500, and that all the people of the Country are resolved to go along with me, that they may be quickly repulsed, This is positively ordering and requiring you, according to what was demanded two or three days ago by the Crosstarie, to send out all the fencible men, with the best arms in the Country, and join us to-morrow by mid-day, or at farthest, two or three hours after at Mulinarn, as you regard every thing ought to be dear to us, which must forever make me have a singular Esteem for you, who am,

GENTLEMEN,

In a most affectionate manner,

Your most humble Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 8th February 1746.

*To Colonel Spaldane of
Glenkilrie, or any other
Commanding Officer of the
Strathardale men who is in the
Country.*

Since writing what is above, I was prodigiously surprized at Mr. Rt. Stuart, Adju^t of Lord George Murray's Reg^t's arrival, who was sent with a party of the Appin men to raise the Country; but it most surprizingly appears that none amongst you have thought fit to obey the most positive pressing orders that could be sent. Therefore, without using further rigour, This is requiring you, on your allegiance and the duties due from you to King & Country, that you forthwith send to join us, at least the 200 men who have received both his R. H. arms and pay; which at your peril you are immediately to perform, without waiting for any other advertisement, as you will be answerable both before God and man.

*To M^r Spaldane of
Glenkilrie, and M^r Robertson
of Straloch, with att the
other honest people in
Strathardle.*

CCXIV.

*DUKE OF ATHOLL TO INNERSLANY, CROFTMORE, AND
DALVOREST.*

As the Campbells are come into Atholl, and that all the people of the Country are reiblved to go along with me, that they may be quickly re-pulfed, This is pofitively ordering and requiring you, according to what was demanded of you two or three days ago by the Croftarie, to send out all the fenfible men, with the best arms in the country, and join us to morrow by mid-day, or at farthest two or three hours after at Blair, as you regard every thing ought to be dear to us; which will make me forever have a fingular Esteem for you, who am, Gentlemen, in as most affection-ate manner,

Your humble Servant.

ccxv.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO KYNACHINE. SIR,

This is to acquaint you that the Campbells, to the number of 4 or 500, are come into Dunkeld, which has so animated and raised the spirits of all our people who have heard of it, that they want at any rate to go and drive them out of the Country. As I hope your men are fully ready before this time, this is earnestly entreating you will not lose a minute's time in bringing them here, or rather down through the Glen of Fincastle, as the shortest way to meet me; who, as soon as I can get any small number gathered in these parts to go down as far as Moulinarn, this night in my way to meet these particularly ancient enemies of this Country. Therefore without loss of time, pray make all the dispatch imaginable to join us, as you are inclined to render a considerable service to your King and Country, as well as singularly oblige,

SIR,

Your most affectionate humble Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 8 February 1746.

After perusal, pray let this Letter be sent to Shian, without a minute's loss of time, who I hope will have the lame regard for the contents as if it were particularly addressed to him; and if his shortest way to meet us, in going down the Country be by Strathtay and Logiereat, I hope he will take that road as early as possible to-morrow morning, and that with the utmost expedition.

CCXVI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO KYNACHIN.

SIR,

This morning I lent you an express, telling that as the Campbells are come into the Country, It was believed that our people would incline to drive them out of the Country, but besides some other reasons for not going down the Country to meet them, it seems our people are from being so hearty as was imagined. Therefore at this time it is thought convenient that we should give up such a worthy undertaking, which makes it unnecessary for you to think of coming down the Country, as was desired by what I writ you, some hours ago, since every body thinks it best you should come directly here as soon as possible, without loseing a minute's time. Be so good as to advertise Shian of this last resolution with no less expedition, than possibly you may have done the former. So hoping to see you with all your men, and their best arms against to-morrow night, I need add nothing further here, but that I am entirely,

SIR,

Your most affectionate,

Humble Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 8th February 1746.

CCXVII.

STEWART OF KINACHINE TO CO^L ROBERTSON.

DEAR SIR,

This moment I have an Express from the Duke telling of 4 or 500 Campbells being come to Dunkeld, & wants that I should, with all the men I can raise, meet his Grace this night att Moulin, or thereabouts; and desires me to send to Shian to meet him likewise with his men. Shian is here, & not a man about him, having only ordered them to meet him somewhere about Bonrannoch to-morrow. I have as few about me, having sent them to the most tardy corners to recruit. It is now near 3 o'clock afternoon, and have neither officer nor sergeant about me, being all employed elsewhere, so cannot, tho' I shoud do my best, raise, when it is dark, a dozen men; meantime Fincastle, Ballechan, Kinnaird, Garth, & Balnacree, have their companies in the way from this to Dunkeld. I hourly expect Bohaly from Blair, who went last night from this for orders.

I do not know what to do; if I go without men, (as I certainly must, if I should go immediately,) then the recruiting of this country will be ruined; if I should not go, but set about the raising the men, I may be reflected on. What shall I do? I expect to have my mind relieved when Bohaly comes, and am, in heast,

DEAR SIR,

Yours most affectionately,

DAVID STEWART.

KYNNCHAN, 3 o'clock,

Saturday afternoon.

As I judge from his Grace's letter that he may be gone before this can reach Blair, I have given you this trouble, which I intreat you'll notify.

(*Indorsed.*) —" Letter from Kynachin to Col. Robertson, dated Kynachin & received Blair 8 February, 1745."

CCXVIII.

MR. GRIGOR MURRAY TO MR. MUNGO MURRAY.

S^R

I received his Grace's orders and immediately sent ane express for the officer, who lives four miles distance from this place, and on his way spoke to so many of the tennents, for we durst not make use of the Crosstarie for alarming the enemie, for there is above two hundred of them laying at Crieff and Monzie, and a trup of horse at Drummond Castle, besides a partie of the Campbels, who comes up the King's road every clay for information. By all the accounts, the enemey who marched to Perth on Thursday last is reckend to be twelve thousand men, foot and horse, and I hade certain information this evening that a part of the enemie was to be at Dunkeld this night.

As our frindes marched through this countray on Munday and Tuesday last, they both plundered and carried of a great many horses, and severals of them is not returned as yet.

If the officer and I can gett the men raised, we shall come straight to Blair or wherever his Grace shall be. —I am,

S^R

Your most humble & obedient Servant,

GRI: MURRAY.

CURYHUN, Febr^y 8th, 1746.

P.S.—We are every night within four miles of the enemie in the Waster Glen, and the Easter Glen within two miles of them; you may consider what situation we are in. I sent off the express to Ballquidder just as the berar went from this, be four a Clock in the morning.

CCXIX.

STEWART OF KYNACHIN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

Att three o'clock this afternoon, I had the honour of a letter from your Grace, the answer whereof I sent to Coll. Robertson. I shall, with the utmost expedition, raise the men of Bonrannoch, Bohespich, and all of both fides of this water. I have sent an express this night to forward Glenlyon's son with the folks of Fortingall; I'm hopefull, once to-morrow, to have them together, so as to march Monday. Shian is here, and lets out very early for Rannoch, where he expects to have all his men to meet him, from whence he has a very short cut to Badenoch, if he is allowed to go that way. I shall send to-morrow for further orders, and am, with much esteem and respect,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obed^t Ser^t,
to serve you,

DAVID STEWART.

Saturday, near 8 o'clock att night.

(*Indorsed.*) — "Letter from Kynachin, dated 8, received Blair 9, February, 1746."

CCXX.

THOMAS BLAIR OF GLASCLUNE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

In the execution of the orders with which your Grace was pleased to honour me, I have hitherto succeeded tollerably, tho' in a manner very contrary to my inclination, being often oblidge'd to use the greatest extremeties, *viz^t* that of burning, which nothing but the Prince's intrest and your Grace's commands cou'd allow me to inflict, but, as the rule of my conduct is to promote the one and obey the other, (which are inseparable,) I assure your Grace nothing consistent with a man of honour shall be left undone to the best of my judgement.

Yesterday I sent up, under Gourdie's command, upwards of forty men, (some of whom, I understand, are since deserted,) and this day I have above sixty more, who are just now in this place and the nighbourhood, but, when on their march for Blair, were ordered back by Mr. Warren; they are but an unarm'd mob, and fit to proceed on nothing till better provided, but in that case I can venture my personallity with them, (and the Prince's cause much more valuable,) any where to behave nighbour-like.

This quarter I judged safest for men in their condition, and resolve to keep them here till your Grace's further instructions, which I presume to expect, and at same time have the honour to subscribe myself,

MY LORD,
Your Grace's
Most obedient and humble Serv^t

THO: BLAIR.

LOGIEREAT, 8th Febr^y 1746.

P.S.—The party belonging to the Appin Regm^t was this day recalled, so if I'm to continue this course, another party of strangers is absolutely necessary to obtemperate my orders in their full extent.

CCXXI.

COLONEL ROBERTSON TO DR. COLVILL.

SIR,

I hear this moment that it is thought necessary to cut the Bridge of Tumble; I should think proper to destroy the passage boat at Kenloch-Rannoch also, for there a great number of foot may pass in one night, and if they should take the route of Dalinspidal, which they may do in absolute safety, and is but a few hours march from Kenloch-Rannach, they might prove very troublesome.

I'll be w^t you soon; meantime you may communicate this.

I am,

Sir,

Your most humble Ser^t

D. ROBERTSON.

LUDE, Feb^y 9th, 1746,
a quarter of two afternoon.

If Shian is in Rannoch, he wou'd be proper person to execute this.

CCXXII.

COLONEL ROBERTSON TO DR. COLVILL.

SIR,

This moment, upon my arrival here, I found a servant from Killechassy, who tells me, he saw the enemy to the number of 500 foot and 12 dragoons, on this side Tay-bridge, about 1 2 o'clock this day. He says, there came an express to acquaint the Prince of this, but, not being absolutely sure of that express, I thought it proper to send Killechassy's man, w^t whom you may converse.—I am,

SIR,

Your most obed^t,

D. ROBERTSON.

LUDE, Feb^y 9th, 1746,
20 minuses after 7 at night.

Give the bearer 6 pence.

CCXXIII.

STEWART OF KYNACHIN TO LORD NAIRN.

MY LORD,

Bohaly told me that my Lord Duke had some arms keeping for our men here, which I entreat you'll send by the bearer without loss of time. L^d Glenurchy came, attended by a few gentlemen, thro' night to Taymouth; we hear some hundreds of the Campbells are betwixt Teyindrom and Killin. Shian is gone from hence this morning to Rannoch, where he expects to meet all can be got of his men. I have expresses

and parties every where raising the men in this country, and hope to have them ready to march sometime to-morrow; and, since there can be neither meat nor quarters att Blair, I think we shouhl be allowed to march ftreight

from this to Dalnacardoch, being a full day's journey in our way. Pray

write rue fully when and what way the Prince marches, that we may exactly take our measures accordingly. If there is any intelligence from L d George or the enemy, pray acquaint me, who am, with utmost Esteem and iincerity,

Your Lo^p's most obed^t
humble Ser^t,

DAVID STEWART.

KYNNACHAN Sunday, 11 o'clock.

(Indorsed.) —" Letter from Kynachin to Lord Nairn, dated Kynachan, and rec^d - Blair, 9 February 1746."

CCXXIV.

STEWART OF KYNACHAN TO DR COLVILL. SIR,

Just now I'm favoured with yours & another from Coll. Sulivan, ordering me with all our men hereabouts to repair to Blair to-morrow morning; I am hourly expecting Killiehassy & Garth with their men, & Glenlyon's son with his; I and all about me have been, & are as throng recruiting as possible. I expect to have them assembled att Bohespick sometime to-morrow morning, which place being within 4 miles of Dalnacardoch, by going the high road, & being at least 15 miles by going about by Blair, besides being obliged to wade the waters, will, I hope, induce his Grace to allow us to take the short road so as to meet his Grace at Dalnacardoch. We hear that some of the Dragoons, & about 5 or 600 Campbells, are come this forenoon to Appin Dull. I have lent Expresses three different ways, to know their numbers and their motions, that they may not catch us napping here. I am desired by M^f O'Sulivan to get the Bridge over this Water²³ cut down, but as I have neither mason nor tools, all the men I have would not do it in a week, which, pray, tell, that if it is thought necessary to have it cut there may be masons & tools,

²³ The Tummel.

without loss of time, sent here from Blair. I heartily wish us all a happy meeting, & am sincerely,

DEAR SIR,

Your most humble Ser^t.

DAVID STEWART.

KYNNACHAN, SUNDAY,
40 minutes after 5.

(*Indorsed.*) —” Letter from Kynachan to D^r Colvill, dated Kynachan 9, received Blair, 10 Felbruary 1746.”

CCXXV.

DR. COLVILL TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY DEAR LORD DUKE,

As it is my outmost wish and desire to contribute to our Dear Prince’s Interest, I cannot help informing your Grace that I have certain intelligence of the Bridge of Kynnachan being yet entire; that I hear every well-wisher to the Cause, who knows the situation of the country, say, the breaking of it would be of very great Consequence, & that (which surprises me greatly) it might have been in ruins before now had his R. H. orders been obeyed. My informer told me he saw the Masons deputed by your Grace, begining to demolish it, and that they were actually stopt by a Major Vis, so I humbly think the only remedy will be another message from the Prince backed with a sufficient Force.

I have the Honour to be, with the most affectionate Esteem and Respect,

MY DEAR LORD DUKE,

Your Grace’s most obedient

and most faithfull humble Servant,

GEORGE COLVILL.

BLAIRFETTY, MUNDAY,
half-an-hour after eight at night.

I am to stay here all night, & shall have the Honour of seeing your Grace to-morrow morning.

Please cause mind the Boat of Kinloch-Ranach.

(*Indorsed.*) — “Letter from D^r Colvill, dated Blairphety the 10th [February], received Dalnacardich 11, at one in the morning.”

CCXXVI.

MAJOR M^CLACHLAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

No doubt but your Grace admires my long absence, occasioned by the place where my charge landed, besides was the most of the time sick and under the care of a Surgion, and that from place to place for fear of my enemies. Thursday last I got the most of my charge safe landed, and securing it the safest way I can untill I get people to escort it. I have been dealling with

the M^cLeans all the time, and got their faithfull promise to come how soon I would be in power to serve them with money, arms, and ammonition, which now I can doe. I lent them some money, and shall have what they want upon their arrival, which I expect soon; and then have the pleasure to come to his Highness with what I have of my charge, with M^cLeans and all other people I can get together. I was overjoyed to hear of your Grace being in perfect health after coming from England:—God grant your Grace long life and happie days, and for ever am,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most obliged and
most obedient humble Servant, while

ALEX R M^cLACHLAN.

[BORRADEAL IN ARRASIG,]²⁴
Febr^y 11th 1746.

I refer the berrare to tell the place.

CCXXVII.

DR. COLVILL TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY DEAR LORD DUKE,

I had the Honour to lee our Dear Prince at the Quarters at Castle-hill, he desired me to make his compliments to your Grace. M^r Murray, &c. &c. bid me offer their most humble service to your Grace; all at the Quarters seem hearty & in full spirits. I saw the Quarter-master, who told me your Grace's Quarter is at Culloden House, where the E. of Kilmarnick, L^d Luis Gordon, & L^d Nairne are likewise quartered. The only piece of news is, that there are eight or nine hundred of the Loyalists to cross the Ferrie this evening, to pursue the Enemy; they consist of the Frazers, M^cDonalds, and Camerons. I saw the Frazers assembling, & my Cousine Inneralachie, who commands them, told me what they were going about. The President is gone along with Lord Loudon, M^cKloid, &c. &c.; M^cIntosh is with them; they went streight to Brand Castle.

I am just now with two sisters, who I have not seen these eight years past, they are very earnest I should stay with them all night; in which case I hope your Grace will excuse me. I went to Cullodden House & spoke to the Master household, (a Stewart,) who told me your Grace's room should be ready; the cellers are pretty well plenished, and plenty of provision of Horses:—I shall go there to-morrow & order a good fire in your room.

I beg leave to ask your Grace will please offer my most humble service to the Heroine²⁵ & the other Ladies, in which my Landladies heartily join; they

²⁴ So indorsed.

²⁵ Lady Mackintosh, who, a few days previously, had, by a very extraordinary ruse de guerre, defeated Lord Loudon's attempt to surprise

long very much to have to honour of your Grace for a lodger. The Secretary told me they had a letter from Lord George last night, when his Lo^p would be at Elgin, &, this night at Forres. I have honour to be, with the outmost Esteem and Respect,

MY DEAR LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most obedient and most affectionate humble Servant,
GEORGE COLVILL.

INVERNESS, 19 Feb^y 1746, six at night.

The streets here are much exposed to the Castle, from whence they fire several shot, & wound[ed] one of the Loyalists (a private man) this forenoon.

CCXXVIII.

ROBERTSON OF DRUMACHINE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I give your Grace the trouble to introduce four young Lads from Atholl for L^d G's Regiment; they say more are following. As I had a very bad night, I can only add, that I am ever, & with the greatest respect & affection,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's faithful Servant,

D. ROBERTSON.

CORRYBROCH, Feb: 20th 1746.

P.S. As these Lads left the Country Monday afternoon, their Intelligence will add to the last.

CCXXIX.

SPALDING OF ASHINTULLY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I wrote D^f Colvill of the success I would have had with y^e Strathardle men, were not y^e camp removed from Stirling so soon; and altho' I could not have y^e use of a partie, the vassals and tenants of Ashintilly agreed to give me fourscore and ten men (a part of which is in Bleaton's company) and altho' there was no men left in Blair Castall, I would have prevealed with a good maney, providing I had not been obliged to flay under night, from a strong party of the Usurper's men that is just now in that Country; it is now a hardshipe if y^e Prince will not allow me a reasonable subsistance, being so situated as I have it not myself. I humblie presume to lay this my condition before your Grace, on whom I wholly depend, and am, with y^e greatest respect,

MY LORD DUKE,
Your Grace's most faithfull and
obliged humble Servant,

DAN. SPALDING.

INVERNESS, 24th Feb^y. 1746.

MEMORANDOME FOR DOCTOR COLVILLE.

THAT it may be demanded of a great many of Bleaton's company, how many went home and followed after Glenkilrie, after he had conveyed the Duke of Atholl to Edin.—

Secondlie, it may be asked of John Spalding and Andrew Rattray, Lieutenant and Ensign to Bleaton, if it was by his interist such of my men as are there was raised.

It may be also asked, whither John Spalding was present when Peter Ayson and his Brother Alex., told how they were advised home; they can tell by whom themselves, &c.

If the Duke of Atholl were once in Atholl, it may be asked of Mormount, whither he was present when Glenkilrie his brother said , had he been Bleaton he would have kept a guard for himself, but that he would have returned home the rest.

It may be also asked Alex. White, whither Glenkilrie proposed to produce y^e Letters he had, offering commissions to him by Lord Geo. &c.

And it may be asked y^e said Alex^r and Donald M^cKenzie in Kirktown if or not there was a Joint Letter wrote by so maney Gentlemen in y^e Country, to Lord James Murray, who are belived to be friends here.

CCXXX.

ROBERTSON OF DRUMACHINE TO DR. COLVILLE.

SIR,

The Inclos'd came to me this Evening, under Cover from Lady M^cIntosh. As the Gentlemen for whom the Letters are addressed are not at hand, I did not scruple to see what they contained. It seems y^e Inverness Poste is not so strong as represented sometime ago, and that 3 days ago, the intelligence of H. R. H.'s motions had not reached those parts.

I have been in great disorder all this day, and cou'd not get out of bed 'till 5 this Evening, else I had been at the head Quarters. I wish Malcolm Stewart in Sheerglass, who is Funcastle's Lieu^t, was called for to attend close at Blair Castle ('till relieved by some other officer) to command a small piquet of this Country people, to furnish Expresses, &c. as the Duke of Atholl shall have occasion. I desir'd Funcastle, w^t his Company to attend this day, for I see no pretence they have to absent themselves; but all the people on this side of Garry have the army quarter'd upon them, and are order'd besides to be ready with their Horses to march w^t the Prince's Baggage, both which the Fuucastle people are free of.

Pray be so good as present my duty to the Duke of Atholl. I'm sorry it was not in my power to attend his Grace this day, tho' I cou'd have done but little service, for I find by repeated Experience that I can bear no exercise. I am alwise,

D^r. S^r.

Your most obed^t. humble Ser^t.

D. ROBERTSON.

LUDE, Feb. 27th 1746,
after 7 at night.

CCXXXI.

SPALDING OF ASHINTILLIE TO DR. COLVILL.

KEPAC, March 18th, 1746.

SIR,

Altho' my friends stood by y^e Campbels when Lord James and they were in competition about y^e estate of Ashintillie, I did not, untill Commissary Bisset, who managed his Lordshipe as he had a mind, was like to trifle me out of y^e Eases obtained from y^e Creditors for supporting my Father's famillie, &c.; my love is more extencive towards y^e Duke, who has y^e true right; and as I always had, and has, my whole dependance on y^e noble Famillie of Atholl, and haith no farther to say in any petition I can give in to y^e Secretary, than to tell I had a commission from y^e Usurper, he therefore may neglect to mention my name to y^e Prince, if his Grace the Duke of Atholl will not speak in my favours himself, which would do y^e affair at once.

Sir, I forgot to tell y^e it was not so Easie for me to raise men when Glenkilrie was takeing money from such as should have given me men, To witt, from Clerk Chalmers five pound, which y^e clerk told me in presence of witnesses; and I told him he behooved to git a man to me however; and as he told me he would not, I confes I buffed him. He got money from oy^{rs} also, as well as from y^e clerk.

I would willingly reward your trouble, if you would preveall with his Grace to do for me out of bygone arrears at Leat, and think it well Laid out, my Enemies are so many, altho' I have a right, I have none. I am, with respect,

SIR,

Your much obliged humble Ser.,

DAN. SPALDING.

P. S. I hear my Lord George and y^e M^cPhersons are gone to Atholl. I hope I will git money in order to go home at any rate.

CCXXXII.
DUKE OP ATHOLL TO ROTHEMURCUS.

SIR,

As the late Rothemurcus, your father, showed me particular friendship & kindness on just such an unfortunate occasion as the present, makes me hope you will have no less regard for me in taking care of some small concerns of mine, which consists in taking care of two or three of my Servants and some baggage, which I send you rather than it should fall into enemies hands; so that if you cannot keep it, and get it sent me in time & place convenient, it may be of some use to yourself, who I Esteem on your family & father's account; tho' we have not had the occasion of a personal acquaintance, which I hope may yet agreeably happen, in whatever bad Situation our affairs may appear at present, then I may agreeably be able to return you suitable thanks for such an obligation as will forever oblige,

SIR,

Your aff: Humble Servant and Cousin.

18th March, 1746.

CCXXXIII.
CO^L WARREN TO D^R COLVILL.

I am very impatient, D^r Doc^r to hear of your perfect recovery; pray indulge me with a line, or if not yet able, let M^r Murray tell me how you do.

I must also beg it as a particular favour that you send me by the bearer your Journal (if not already done) as I want to pick out some dates & names of places of great use to me. I shall return it to you most faithfully by the ambassador who is to come down to see me.

I hope to be ready for the sea by Saturday or Sunday.

I have now the pleasure to tell you that I assembled here these 2 days past, all the boats of Nairn, Broghhead, Causie, &c., and sent them off last night, w^t 4 men in each boat, of Stoneywood's and S^r Alex^r Bannerman's, w^t orders to proceed to Portmahamoch in the frith of Dornoch. Lord Cromartie has orders to have all his men ready there, to be ferried over by them to Sutherland, to surprise L^d Loudon, who'l probably little expect such a thing, and I hope in God will be entirely routed. I hope they are got over safe, as not one of them appeared this morning, and they are out of the reach of 3 m. W.²⁶ now cruising in our fight at a great distance. If this succeeds, ce fera un Coup de partis. My duty to his Grace, wth this acc^t, w^{ch} was kept as secret as possible.

My hearty respects to your loving Sisters, and believe me, D^r Doc^r most sincerely your affec^t humble Servant,

WARREN.

²⁶ Men of War.

FINDHORN, *Wednesday*,
18 March 1746.

Pray, say a thous^d fine things for me to the heavenly Lady M^cIntosh, Sister, &c.

CCXXXIV.

MUNGO MURRAY TO COL: WARREN.

SIR,

All of us here are much obliged to you for the account of the boats which are sent from Nairn, &c^a. into the frith of Dornoch; God send they may have the success which is hoped for. Doctor Colvill is still at the point of death, therefore, no ways in a condition to send you any thing regards his Journal, which you require of him; but my Lord Duke who desires me to give you his affectionate Service, sends you here inclosed a copy of M^r Dumont's Journal since we left Edinb^r that you may be able to find out certain dates and names of places, which is all seems to be required at present. At the same time, he, and every one of your friends amongst us, wish you all success and expedition, in so good an errand as you are going. In Doctor Colvill's stead, I shall say from you all the fine things possible to the valuable Lady M^cIntosh, her Sister, &c^a. Being with perfect regard and Esteem,

SIR,

Your most affectionate
Humble Servant.

INVERNESS, 19 March 1746.

No doubt you have heard of the indefatigable Expedition of Lord George Murray into Atholl, who has surprised and taken all the regular troops and Campbells at Blair, and every other garrison they had in the Country thereabouts, which can't but produce good effects for the Prince's Service.

CCXXXV.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

BLAIR, 24th March 1746.

DEAR BROTHER,

I hope you will excuse my not writing to you since we came here, for as you would hear of every thing I wrote to S^r Thomas²⁷ or M^r Murray, and indeed I have not had one spare moment; our Duty here is constant and fatiguing, but we grudge nothing that is for H: R: H: service and the good of the Cause. Coll: Mercer, with 150 men, is at Dunkeld, and secured the boats, but I have ordered him to retyre to the Pass if a Body of the Enemy should come near to that place, which they can do by passing the river at Perth. All here desire to make you their compliments, and I always am,

²⁷ Sheridan.

DEAR BROTHER,
Your most affectionate Brother
and humble Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

The people in the Castle²⁸ have not set out their heads since we came, and are living on bisket and water. If we get the Castle, I hope you will excuse our demolishing it. Adieu.

CCXXXVI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD GEORGE MURRAY.

BROTHER GEORGE,

Since, contrary to the rules of right reason, you was pleased to tell me a sham story about the expedition to Blair, without further ceremony for me, you may now do what the Gentlemen of the Country think fit with the Castle; I am in no concern about it. Our great-great-grandfather, grandfather, and father's pictures, will be an irreparable loss on blowing up the house; but there is no comparison to be made with these faint images of our forefathers and the more necessary Publick Service, which requires we should sacrifice every thing can valuably contribute towards the Country's safety, as well as materially advancing the Royal Cause. Pray give my kind service to all valuable friends, to which I can add nothing, but that in all events you may be allured I shall ever be found, with just regard,

DEAR BROTHER,
Your most aff. Brother,
and Humble Servant.

INVERNESS, 26 March 1746.

At the upper end from the door of the old stable, there was formerly a gate which had a Portcullis into the Castle: it is half built up and boarded over from the stable side, with a hollow large enough to hold a horse at hack and manger. People that know the place imagine it may be much easier dug through than any other part of the wall, so as to make a convenient passage into the vaulted room, which is called the Servant's Hall.

CCXXXVII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO SIR THOMAS SHERIDAN.

DEAR SIR,

Mr. James Murray, wounded at the action of Inverury, a gentle man of my name, born in Sicily, whom the Ambassador took the trouble of introducing to the honour of kissing H. R. H.'s hands, is resolved, by his Excellencie's protection, to raise a company for the service amongst the new men that are

²⁸ Blair Castle, at that time garrisoned by a party under the command of Sir Andrew Agnew.

raising, provided he can obtain the Prince's commission. This is, therefore, desiring you will be so kind as to interest yourself with his R. H. for that end, being only asked in so far as it may be for the Royal service, which will also be taken as a particular favour done to,

DEAR SIR,

Your most obedient
& most humble Servant.

INVERNESS, 28 *March* 1746.

With this I entreat you'll give my duty to the Prince, who, I am extremely glad to hear, is perfectly recovered of the cold with which he was troubled for some time past; I long much to be in a tolerable situation to pay my dutiful respects to H. R. H. I beg you'll excuse the not writing with my own hand, which really cannot be done in a hurry.

CCXXXVIII.

SIR THOMAS SHERIDAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I have just now received the honour of y^r Grace's letter, dated this day, in relation to M^r. James Murray. It was a thing to w^{ch} I was entirely a stranger, but, coming from your Grace, I could not but shew it to the Prince, who told me that he had resolved to grant no more such commissions, the few he has already given being at least enough to give employment for all the men he can hope to raise by that method, and to exhaust the small fund he can afford to lay out upon them. Were not this the case, y^r Grace might be assured that y^r recommendation would be sufficient without any other.—I have the honour to be, with all possible respect,

MY LORD,

Yo^r Grace's most humble &
most obedient Servant,

THOMAS SHERIDAN.

INVERNESS, *March* y^e 28th, 1746.

CCXXXIX.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

BLAIR, 29th *March*, 1746.

DEAR BROTHER,

I received your letter of the 26th. I'm sorry you seem to think I told you a sham story (as you express it,) about our expedition here. I told you we were to endeavour to take possession of Castle Grant, and try to hinder that clan taking party against us; this was done so far as in our power. I also told you, if we could contrive to surprise any of the partys in this country we might attempt it, but that depended so much upon insidents, that my very hopes could not reach so far as we performed. Secrecy and expedition was our main point, once we resolved upon the thing, which was not till I met Clunie and

Sheen in Badinoch. If the greatest fatigues, dangers, and hard dutys deserve aprobation, I think some thanks is due to us, and from non more than yourself. For my own part, I was at one time seventy houres without three of sleep; but we undergo all hardships for the good of the common Cause. You will ever find me,

DEAR BROTHER,
Your most afte^{ct} Brother,
& faithful Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

I am so ill suported with men, money, and every thing else, our people here have no pay, that, after all our endeavours, I'm afraid we must abandon this country without the Castle.

CCXL.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD GEORGE MURRAY.

BROTHER GEORGE,

This evening I had yours of yesterday's date. As to any difference betwixt you and I, without prejudice to passed expedition and secrecy mentioned, at meeting it must be discussed the best way we can, since lately behaving according to dutiful sentiments, no body is more satisfied than I am of your indefatigable activity for the publick service. Had you sent me your letters to the Secretary, who, I am very sorry to say, is at Elgin dangerously ill, or any other of the ministry to whom expresses were addressed, I should have directly endeavoured getting the most satisfactory answers could be sent your pressing reall demands, which are not well understood if much regarded by every body here; I am informed by Mr. Hay and Cruben, who were just now with me, that all the men who were with you have been fully paid till Wednesday last, and that, with some necessary foresight and pains, you might have had a good deal of provisions from below the Pass, whilst that expedient was practicable, since you might have naturally known that money cannot be soon sent from hence, but on an absolute necessity, you know meal can be still brought you from Kiliwhimen. With what I wrote you the 26th, in case the enemy could not be otherwise forced out of my house, I gave Sir Tho^s Sheridan an account to be sent you of a secret passage into it, which is here again transmitted, in case making any advantageous use of it has been hitherto neglected: was it not hoped, by this time, you have near got the better of these obstinate intruders into the Castle, at any rate I should go myself and try if I could not usefully help towards reducing them to a speedy surrendering of such unfortified tho' thick old walls as it is composed of. Pray continue your accustomed vigilance on such a valuable occasion as will render you dear to all honest men, as well as particularly giving me an opportunity of showing with what Esteem I am,

DEAR BROTHER,
Your most affectionate Brother,
& most humble Servant,

INVERNESS, 30th March, 1746.

CCXLI.

SIR THOMAS SHERIDAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

Here are two letters found in a packet dropt somewhere on the Spey, & said to have been found on board the Hazard Sloop. As I met with y^r Grace's name in them, I have thought it best to transmit them to y^r Grace. I hope this will find you in good health. I have the honour to be, with all possible Respect,

MY LORD,
Y^r Grace's most humble and
Most obedient Servant,

THO. SHERIDAN.

INVERNESS, April 11th, 1746.

CCXLII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO SIR THOMAS SHERIDAN. SIR,

Just now I have the honour of your's, with the two inclosed letters for me from M^r L'Abby De Preville, for which I return you many thanks, & shall trouble you with explaining the contents at meeting, which may be soon. My rumatick pains & strained leg being a little easier than hitherto, so hopes to wait this night or to-morrow on the Prince. In the meantime I beg you'll please give my humble duty to H. R. H., being, with the utmost respect.

INVERNESS, 11 April, 1746.

CCXLIII.

*COPY LETTER FROM MR. ALEXANDER M'LEOD,
AID-DE-CAMP TO THE PRINCE, TO THE LAIRD OF CLUNY
M'PHERSON.*

D^r SIR,

You have [heard] no doubt ere now of the ruffle²⁹ we met with this forenoon. We have suffered a good deal; but hope we shall soon pay Cumberland in his own Coin. We are to review to-morrow, at Fort Augustus, the Frasers, Camerons, Stewarts, Clanronalds, & Keppoch's people. His R. H. expects your people will be with us at furthest Friday morning. Dispatch is the more necessary that his Highness has something in view which will make an ample amends for this day's ruffle.

²⁹ The Battle of Culloden!

I am,
DEAR SIR,
Your's

ALEXANDER M^CLEOD.

GORTLIG, *April 16,*
9 at night, 1746.

We have sent an express to Lord Cromarty, Glengyle, & Barisdale, to join us by Bewly. For God's sake make haste to join us; & bring with you all the people can possibly be got together. Take care in particular of Lumisden and Sheridan, as they carry with them the Sinews of War.

Friday.

D^R SIR, M^R M^CLeod's letter seems to be a state of politicks I do not comprehend, tho' I can guess it is wrote the day of the Battle; and, instead of sending any word to us, every body are ordered from Lochaber to Badenoch to cover H. R. H. from being pursued, which I wish it had taken effect. Adieu. I wish we may soon see better times.

Your's,

G. M.

I observe the rendezvous was to be as yesterday at Fort Augustus, but those who came from that last night, say H. R. H. was gone for Clanronald's country.

This is Lord George Murray's answer to what was wrote to Cluny on the other side.

APPENDIX.

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I.

COMMISSION BY THE PRINCE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

CHARLES PRINCE OF WALES, &c. REGENT OF SCOTLAND,
ENGLAND, FRANCE, AND IRELAND, AND THE DOMINIONS
THEREUNTO BELONGING, TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTY AND WELL
BELOVED WILLIAM DUKE OF ATHOLL.

We reposeing especial trust and confidence in your loyalty, courage, and good conduct, do hereby constitute and appoint you, in terms of your former Commission from his Majesty, to act as Commander-in-Cheif of the King's forces, (we finding it necessary to remain in the southern part of the kingdom,) benorth Forth, so long as we shall continue on this side; and hereby authorises you to do whatever you shall think most condusive to his Majesty's interest, and requiring all his Majesty's officers to obey you.

Given in our Camp, att Pinkey, this 22nd of Sept^r 1745,

CHARLES, P.R.

II.
LORD EDWARD MURRAY TO THE MARQUIS OF
TULLIBARDINE.

BLAIR ATHOLL, *Septemb^r y^e 26, 1715.*

MY LORD,

I am ordered by my Lord Duke to acquaint my Dear Nephew that he thinks it proper to send me to waite of you, and my Brother, Nairne, to difcourse you of matters of gratest concequence and last importance to you and your fameleys; soo that I have your word of honour to goe and come saffeley. I am, with all maner of respect,

MY LORD,

Y^r most faithfull humble Servant,

EDWARD MURRAY.

III.
LORD JAMES MURRAY TO THE MARQUIS OF
TULLIBARDINE.

DEAR BROTHER,

Mr. Duncan Stewart carries you the menage that Lord Edward Murray was to do, if you had sent him word that he might meet you; all I can say by this bearer is, that however you relish this proposall, that you will returne for answer, that you desire that you may see me upon this head, that I shall have your answere, and have leave to returne; this is the only method I can propose to see you, and I desire it very earnestly on many accounts, particularly that I may have ane opportunity to convince you how much I am,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most affectionate Brother,
and most humble Servant,

JAMES MURRAY.

BLAIR ATHOLL, Sept. 28th, 1715.

IV.
COMMISSION—THE MARQUIS OF TULLIBARDINE IN
FAVOUR OF LORD NAIRNE.
WILLIAM DUKE OF RANNOCH,³⁰ MARQUIS OF TULLIBARDINE,
&c., COMMANDER-IN-CHEIF OF HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES IN

³⁰ This dukedom seems hitherto to have escaped observation. It had apparently been created by the Chevalier in favour of the Marquis of Tullibardine during his father's life time, but the date of the patent has not been ascertained. The above commission to Lord Nairne had been granted about the time of the affair of Glenshiel.

SCOTLAND, TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WILLIAM LORD
NAIRN.

By verteu of the power given me from the King, as Commander-in-Cheif of His Majesty's Forces in Scotland, I doe hereby constitut and appoint you, William Lord Nairn, a Major-Generall of His Majesty's Forces, as weell foot as horse. You are therefor to take upon you the said command, and to discharge the duty aforsaid , by doeing and performing every thing which to the office and trust of a major-generall does appertain; and all and sundry the officers of His Majesty's Forces are hereby requir'd to observ and obey you as such; and likeways yourself to observ and follow all such orders and directions as you shall from time to time receive from the King, the Captain-Generall, myself, or other Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces, for the time being, or any other your superior officer, according to the rules and disciplin of war, in pursuance of the trust hereby reposed in you.

Given at the Isle in Lochmorer, this second day of November 1719, in the eightien year of His Majesty's reign.

By his Grace's Command,

WILLIAM MURRAY.³¹

Lord Nairn, a Major-Generall.

V.

LETTER [FROM THE MARQUIS OF TULLIBARDINE] TO
THE KING.

PUITEAUX,³² March 20th, 1723.

SIR,

I had the comfort of what your Majesty is just now graciously pleased to write in answer to mine of the 18th of this last January, which, by accident, is dated above two years agoe; and tho' for some time past, as yet your Majesty gives no direct return to severall considerable points that my indispensable duty oblidged me to lay before you, nevertheless, this letter of Feb^{ry} the 15th, which I am honoured with a few days agoe, necessarily requires I should again presume to say something more of the plain truth, seeing non can ever have a deeper sence of your Majesty's inherent compassion, with extreme regaird and condesention, towards your faithfull afflicted subjects, who are dissinterestedly miserable by fairly asserting your Majesty's and their Countrey's just rights. Neather is it possible for any who is moved with true principalls of loyalty, but to have the gratefulest sentiments of the extraordinary care your Majesty always showed to supply their reasonable nessesitys, which still made me endeavour all that was possible to want no other subsistance then what might bairly support one in really executing

³¹ This signature has been effaced, but is still legible.

³² A small town about three miles west of Paris.

what appeared absolutely requisite for discharging your service, even from one in my low sphere; as the material effects are still so obvious, that the greatest opulence of any who have been since tampering, has not yet produced such considerable things; and the indifferent condition I am in after all, will prove how little concern I ever had about any profits, except advancing the undoubted reputation of your substantial affairs in earned; and am content to see, by the present measures, that they have now small occasion for so mean an instrument, which, as matters ripen, must still diminish accordingly; yet had I been a little more politely in the selfish mode, perhaps one might have been valued by finding how to merit amongst those who cleverly employ their utmost skill, at any rate, to carry all sort of dark projects without controul; but since it seems people are of no other consequence with them than as blind tools, it may be evident by what ever becomes of me, that as I never had the lead advantage under any administration, and brought myself to the present condition, only through hopes of contributing, in some manner plainly, towards advancing your Majesty's and the publick service; so at last finding I can be of no particular use for intelligibly pursuing any solid chiefe aim, what ever has been innocently laid out, by faithfully regarding the common Cause, and is unaccountably made to serve the by ends³³ of some fellow-subjects, that likewise accuse what themselves occasioned, shall to the utmost be made up and fairly cleared, as occasion offers; whereby, according to capacity, ones liberal inclinations need not appear unfrugally misplaced, when only turned to answer the unavoidable functions of life, as either by a private condition or publick, must in the event be obviously known to all who distinctly has an impartial notion of the various necessities, and perpetually irregular accidents attending human affairs. These 7 or 8 long years has sufficiently shown how unfit I am for meddling with the deeper concerns of State, which even, after the utmost demonstration of attachment to the publick welfare, makes the well-affected in Britain, or elsewhere, cautious of such sufferers, that of course ought as more reasonably to understand who they also deal with; and since Providence has given me the grace to see through and distinguish artful practices or oblique insinuations, that may be really detrimental to your sacred character and interest, so I must own, that the perplexed obscure practices of those who, through private views, makes strange parties, in manifestly drawing very differently from the common good, unavoidably creates such pernicious confusion as ever brought things to the lowest pass, especially in these last generations, which are notorious obstacles, imposing meddlers, have sadly put to the publick happiness, making every honest endeavour prove in vain, by unheard contrivances, to irrecoverably suppress the best inclined countrymen, that they may universally insulte,

³³ By-ends.

even to the enslaving our clear natural judgements, instead of pretended reasonable liberty and property; so all honesty must go to ruine, rather than every thing should not be throughly modeled to their elaborate inquisition of confounding schemes, that at last leads such as have fairly ventured to assist them with their own misadventures, so as the worst people may unextricably mistake their truest old friends. Here has flowed the main strength of your open enemies, and hitherto does secure them against all your Majesty's valuable attempts, that are seconded by the earnest desires of many well-meaning subjects, at home and abroad, which some of us has proved by such undisguised actions, as occasions we are now brought to be universally criticised, having left no resource to sustain us from falling under the worst of injuries, when depending for the meanest things on their caprice, who arrive at greatness through subtilly defaming every body they have got in their clutches, respecting no sort of merit or condition, even of the highest nature, when ever so easy found sacrifices are imagined usefull for any immediate turne. This is a case I have constantly lamented beyond expression, that cruel fatality should still drive your faithfull subjects, who are of any honourable Consequence, from rendering necessary service to our Soverain; for they can be no friends to the Royall Familie, and their Countries just Cause, that is any way instrumentall in such cunning projects, as misrepresenting, or other ways underhand disguising the plain truth, in so good and right a claim, as your Majesty's, which certainly requires you should, by all just means, be truly helped in seeing plainly what may prove most for your lasting satisfaction and glory, through fair endeavours towards restoring the Crown and your unhappy nations to their lawfull priviledges in Church and State. Long before appearing openly in what was believed for your Majesty's service, which, by sad experience, has too irrecoverably ruined severalls of your best subjects, and many of my, every way, poor unfortunat friends, that were intierly devoted, for supporting the true interest of our anshent Royall Familie with me, who, as I say, a great while before your Majesty's late sister dyed, ere there was thoughts amongst aspiring statesmen of going to armes, had avoided all occasions of establishing myself, so as no engagement might in the least retarde acting when necessary some significant part; but since irresistably every good endeavour has come to nought, I hope it will not be found at last, after so many years unspeakable disasters, and unprofitably weasting the vigorous floure of age, that there wants giving honourable proofes of reall courage, or that now any can be presipetantly desperat, by regularly meaning to preserve themselves in some measure, for being gainst a right occasion usefull as formerly at home, seeing it's too evident we are of no just Consequence abroad. In guarding from a storm, it's not so materiall to looke where the calamity falls, as observing whence it comes; and in saving people from wrongs, it's not allways so significant to mind the stone that's thrown as the hand that sent it, which, till

this time, has too remarkably made the greatest attempts for delivery from injuries, and settling all on the old foundation, prove in vaine; yet if a right use can be made of such repeated shokes, every thing through sympathising, unconstrained resignation, to all mighty dispensations, may still take a good turn, so as the undoubted constant endeavours your Majesty magnanimously persues, will at length produce the blissings are reserved for those whose unshaken loyalty hitherto moves in no other sphear then being terribly incapacitated for any reall bussiness, by the unsuportable persecution of them that have exorbitantly assumed the property of what, in some measure, flows from many others sincere dealings; which I question not your Majesty may fully observe, when all your well-inclined subjects can have right access to state every thing humbely, as they really ought, before the impartial penetration of your consumat wisdom, that our Master's unprejudised inclinations may be in a true condition to secure himself and affectionat people from being hereafter monopolised through any precedeuted factious calamitys, which utterly suppress all plain virtue, by skillfully nurishing most destructive vices, that unbridles every kind of immorality, and dangerously instilles the most leveling sentiments amongst unwary easey multitudes, to the anarchicall dissolution of all true lawfull government. So there's occasion for no weighter obstakles which I know, or belive that such as pourefully declaire against establishing the anshent constitution, wish, nor otherways imagine, they need be at much paines about pitifull manovers, with a mean sett of unregairded fugitives, who are too sensibly become despicable every where. Thus I have once more en devoured, as unavoidably nessesar, at all hazards to discharge my incumbent duty, which, in the worst events, no sort of earthly torture ought to dispence amongst true-hearted men of just resolution, especially when things are brought to the present condition, tho' one should irreparably fall under the greatest misfortune in not being able to procure any answerable countenance, whilst giving the utmost prooffe of the strongest fidelity, by even venturing to lose your Majesty's indulgent favour, which I constantly valued more then life, but that one must Esteem more the unquestionable advantage of your lading intrest and service, as cannot faile one time or other to appear conspicuously, since one patiently encounters all sort of imaginable tryalls, in the hardest maner, both before God and man for the naturall veneration [that] was unalterably infused with my birth towards your Majesty's most sacred person and Royall Familie. But what ever happens me from ane unmercifull world, a good consience may sufficiently comfort and protect one, through inward satisfaction, that no sublunary practises is able to destroy, since given from above, as the earnest of fully making up all imediat losses, so must intierly recompence every disaster to him, whos reasonable ambition has still been dedicated towards the end of our creation, for the honour of my native Prince and ruined COUNTRY, which cannot be demonstrat further, then by being thus

exposed through the greatest markes of unfañed sterving submission, in him that will in earnest rejoice while worthy of disgrace, for substantially showing how unviolably I have ever been,

SIR, &c.

I am right thankfull for both your Majestys being pleas'd to thinke of me, who am very glad the Queen and Prince are well; and again begs leve to offer my humble duty to Her Majesty.

My Lord Panmure and Airly, with others who have seen your Majesty's letter, find this according to their sentiments.³⁴

VI.

A LETTER FROM A GENTLEMAN OF UNDOUBTED CREDIT
IN ANGUS SHIRE.

SIR,

As your friends here heartily sympathized with the City of Ed^f & the Country around, during the unhappy Time the Highlanders were with yow; the many Roberies, oppressions, & numberless Hardships to q^{ch} yow were then subjected, filled us w^t equal Concern for your distress'd Situation, & Indignation at your oppressors, we expect the like Sympathy when now reduced to the same Melancholly Circumstances, by this 2nd gathering from the North.

Perth & Dundee, & the Country around, are one Scene of Horrou & oppression; Roberies are perpetual, & many of them in open day, in the publick streets, in the sight of all men, & even of their own officers. Multitudes in the Town are oblided to leave their business & their Families, by which the Distress, tho' not so visible, is yet exceeding great. They have fallen now to House breaking too, q^{ch} puts us into the most dreadfull apprehensions of the worst. In Strathmore they have attacked many of the Clergy & robbed them, with great Insults, of Considerable Sums. The whole parishes in Angus are distressed by pressing, (or forcing men) or, which they love better, a Composition in money, that falls heavey upon the poor Tennants. They have invented a new & unheard of Demand on the Gentlemen, cessing them some two hundred, some 100, some 50£ Ster. & he is a great favourite q^{ch} escapes. It is intended to raise a 100£ each from 15 merch^{ts} in Dundee, who 'tis believed must forsake their famelys whilst Rebels are there in Power, if they would shun this Tax, q^{ch} we doubt greatly will not do, for this new army are very hungry & rapacious.

In a late rejoicing at Dundee, for a French landing at Montrose, it was by authority proclaimed, that every house should testify their Joy by illuminating their windows, or be subject to a fine of 20£ Scots;—a notable

³⁴ Printed from the original scroll in the Marquis's hand-writing.

way (purposely intended) to point out to the Highland Executioners the families who would not rejoice on this happy Event.

The Presbyterian Min^{rs} it seems, could not on that occasion temporise w^t them. The Effect was like to be unhappy. Their windows are broke, innumerable stones thrown violently into one of their Houses, & at last they fired sharp shot. The family had retired into the most distant parts of the House, & violent attempts were made to break in. No man could have answered for the Consequences, if some Neighbours had not come by a back door & begged the family to escape w^t them. The aged Min^r remarkable for calmness, conscious of being in the way of his Duty, & having been long used, under the happy Revolution Government, to think his house was his Sanctuary, would not move; at last, it is f^d, he wrote to one of their principal People, his acquaintance, q^o was graciously pleased, after much entreaty, to call them off.

In short, our Case grows worse & worse, & almost intolerable. The Instances of cruel oppression are so multiply'd, that People grow weary of complaining, or of even repeating the prolog, the least of q^{ch}, under K. George's Govern^t, & by his Soldiers, would fill City and Country w^t noise for many days. And if an end is not soon put to these distresses, the Calamity thro' losse of Trade, of money, and credit thro' Insults, scattering of Familys, Robbery, Bloodshed, & no body knows what demands, will ruin us altogether.

Yow may make these things as publick as yow please. The facts are true, & the publishing of them may tend to stir up all sorts of men to exert y^mselves to the utmost in stopping y^s unjust & unhappy Rebellion, raised and Supported by the Enemies of mankind, who, by these beginings ar shewing how proper Instruments they would be to fulfill the unhallowed will of an arbitrary, persecuting, & bloody Govern^t.

I am SIR, your
most humble Servant.

VII.

LORD LOVAT TO CHARLES ERSKINE, ESQ. OF TINWALD,
LORD ADVOCATE, AFTERWARDS LORD TINWALD.³⁵

MY DEAR LORD,

I think it is an age since I had the honour to see you, or hear any wayes from you; but I am glad to know, by others, that you are in good health, and that you kept your health while you was at London. And I beg leave to assure

³⁵ 1 The directions of this and the two following Letters from Lord Lovat, have not been found, but it appears, from internal evidence, that they were addressed as here printed.

your Lop. and all your lovely family, of my most affectionate humble duty, and very sincere attachment, to your person and concerns.

As I am now out of the world and forgot, I neither enquire after nor meddle with any politicks. I have been in a very sickly and dangerous state of health since the begining of winter till within this month. I was severall times near my exit, but I bless God I am pretty well recovered now, and in condition to serve the government, and speak boldly to the Spaniards and French in their own language, if they dare invade us; and my patrons will find, that I always will have a sincere attachment to their persons and interest, notwithstanding of the ill usage that I have met with of a long time.

I now, My Dear Lord, beg a favour of you that will cost you but a few lines writing, and the granting of it will hurt no man, and infinitely oblige me. It is this,—the parish of Fern, in Easter Ross, is vacant by the death of one Mr. Hugh Duff, and I have a relation, one Mr. Donald Fraser, who now attends my eldest son at Edin^f that assisted Mr. Duff for two or three years, and preached for him the said parish. He is a very honest man, and a very capable man. The parish is very fond to have him their minister, and the best gentleman in that country have a great regard for him. The King is patron of the parish; so I most humbly intreat that your Lop. will be so good as to write for a presentation to my Cousin, Mr. Donald Fraser, to be minister of the parish of Fern; for I know your Lop. can as easily do it as give me a botle of the extraordinary good wine that I us'd to get from you.

I truly long to have the honour to kiss your hands, and I am, with the utmost attachment and respect,

MY DEAR LORD,

Your Lop^s. most affectionate
Cousin, most obedient, and
obliged humble Servant,

LOVAT.

BEAUFORT, 24th Aug^f 1739.

VIII.

LORD LOVAT TO LORD TINWALD.

MY GOOD LORD,

I hope this will find your Lop. in perfect health, it is my sincere wish, and I beg leave to assure your Lordship of my most affectionate humble duty.

I have not presumed to trouble your Lop. with my letters since you went to London, because I knew that you would be every day very much taken up with the affairs of the publick, so that I thought it ill manners to take up your time with a letter that cou'd have nothing of moment in it, nor nothing worth your while, except you would think it worth your while, that I should, from time to time, assure your Lop. of my affectionate friendship, and my unalterable attachment to your person and interest, which I humbly and most

sincerely do by this letter, and that is the chief design of it; and I hope that your Lordship's being an officer of state in the King's service, and my being out of employment and in disgrace, will not alter the constant friendship that has been betwixt us for many years, without any flaw or alteration. But, my Dear Lord, when I consider that no man in the island serv'd the Earle of Hay and Sir Robert Walpole with more zeal, fervour, assiduity, and diligence, than I did, since ever they had the management of affairs, and that I never offended them in thought, word, or deed, and yet have been abandon'd by those two great men in an open and mortifying manner, how can I be sure of any great man's friendship after that? But as there is a great difference betwixt your Lop.'s situation and that of those great men, I believe, likewise, there may be a difference betwixt your friendships; and in all events I am resolved to respect and honour your Lop. with a faithful friendship, and will allways let you know it, till you forbid me to have any correspondence with you.

I told you, my dear Lord, before you went to London, that I was perfwaded that my disgrace wou'd augment, because it began without any just reason or foundation. I find that I guessed right; for the shirriffship of Inverness is taken from me in the same manner that my company was taken from me, and that is without attributing any fault to me, and the countrey is surpris'd with the one as they were with the other, and really strongly offended and affected; all I shall say of this part of my disgrace is, that the King's service will suffer a great deall more by it than I will, for I can freely say in face of the fun, that I was fitter to be shirrie of that great and troublesome shire, to keep it in peace and good order, than any one man beyond the Grampions; nay, I may say than any man in Scotland, for, besides my own interest in the shire, all the principall Gentlemen who has estates in it, are my near relations, and upon my account were more diligent than ordinary to keep their country and people in peace, so that except private theft, which can never be curb'd and extinguish'd without a particular act of Parliament for that purpose, during the many years that I was shirrie, there were neither riots nor publick quarrells, and there were few shires in the North that could say the same; I can likewise say that I was more than one hundred pounds a-year out of pocket by the shirriffship, and all those that know niy family know that it was no feather in my cape, for my ancestors were sherriff of Inverness and Murray, *simul & semul*,³⁶ above three hundred years agoe, which appears by the charters of severall gentlemen in both these shires, so that I should now borrow the motto of Barren Kenedy and his family, *Fuimus*. And what advantage the administration has by taking it from me, is more than I can comprehend.

³⁶ i. e. *Semel*, but *sic* in orig.

I remember I beg'd your Lop., when you was going to London, if you found a proper occasion to tell the Earle of Hay, who was for many years my Patron and warm friend, that whatever wrong impressions his Lop. got of me, they were only the product of lyes and calumnys; for I defy the Devil, and all the men on earth, to prove that ever I spoke a disrespectfull word of his Lordship, but, on the contrary, as I really was his faithfull and zealous partisan, and not an useless one, I profess'd it openly wherever I was, even in presence of his greatest enemies; and what I have done to fall into his displeasure, I declare faithfully I do not know it, nor can it have any other foundation than an unhappy prejudice founded upon calumnys and lyes.

And, notwithstanding that the hardships that I have met with are beyond example in any army or country in Europe, yet I do sincerly declare, that I have still a respectfull friendship and attachment for the Earle of Hay, not only as my worthy protector's son, but likewise for the warm appearances his Lop. was pleased to make for me; and it has been allways my principle, that no after disappointment will make me forget the good that I have received; I think that shoud be a stated point of gratitude with all honest men; and as to Sir Robert Walpole, as I received particular marks of favour from him, I shall allways remember them gratefully; and as I was his faithfull partisan, and never gave him occasion to be angry at me, I truly attribute the great hardships that he put upon me, or allowed to be put upon me, meerly to the effect of calumnys and lyes; but it was hard to receive and entertain bad and false impressions of me to my hurt, without letting me know, by himself or any other, what grounds were for it. You will say, that the first min^r is not oblidged, nor cannot let men know the reason why he turns them out of the King's Service; but I say, and all the world must own it, that a first min^r ought to let any man, whom he knew to be a faithfull friend and partisan of his own, know the reasons that were for disgracing him, and shoud tell it before his disgrace that he might have time and occasion to vindicate himself; and when that is not done, and that a man is hurt by a hidden lye or calumny, when he thought himself secure by the protection of his great friends; a disgrace or a suffering, in that case, is a vast hardship and an uncommon misfortune, that no man can be proof against. However, I bless God, that whatever I suffer, or may suffer, no power can take away the comfort that I have of a clean conscience and upright heart, that never betray'd a private man, nor a publick Cause; and I believe those two great men have had severall Partisans, whom they heap'd with riches and honours, that even abandoned themselves and sometimes betray'd them. I coud name severalls of them that they cannot have forgot; and while I was their Partisan for many years, I defy them to have the least ground of suspicion of my fidelity and zeal for their persons and interest, and now the world sees my reward, but no disappointment, of whatever kind, can alter my upright way of thinking. There is one thing that I cannot comprehend, how the Earle of

Hay, the son of the great Duke of Argyle, and who himself knows very well the interest of his family, can prefer the Laird of Grant, or indeed any Laird or Lord in the north of Scotland, to the Lord Lovat and his family, since he cannot but know, that the Lords of Lovat and their kindred lost many times their blood and their lives in the quarrell of the family of Argyle against the M^cDonalds, Gordons, &c.; and I bless God they are as capable to serve the Family of Argyle, as any that is beyond the Grampions, in any shape except in Gasconading, for indeed I could not promise as the young Laird of Grant says he could, to bring five members of my family to the Parliament, to serve an administration. I could, without vanity, always assure them of one member for the shire of Inverness, because my interest in that county will always cast the ballance as to member of Parlia^t. I did really dissuade the Laird of M^cLeod, these three years past, to set up for member of Parlia^t., and never consented to it, till he press'd me so strongly in October last, otherwise Sir James Grant would not have a vote in that shire but himself, his son, and other two Grants; and as it is, M^cLeod will have twelve to six, notwithstanding of the commissions, &c^a &c^a; and the Laird of Grant, after his vast promises, will have difficulty enough to bring one member to the next Parliament; so that great men, who believe those that have a vast deal of Irish assurance, are often imposed upon, and mistaken in their opinion of mankind, and of their interest in the countrey.

I beg your Lo^p a thousand pardons for this long Letter, but I cannot end it without telling your Lordship, that all your friends and acquaintances were much pleas'd, and did very much applaud and approve of your kind and friendly behaviour towards your Cousin who liv'd for some-time too coolly with you,—I am assured that he is very sensible of the extraordinary friendship that you have done him, and that he never will forget it; and I can sincerely assure your Lo^p, that I never will forget the reall Esteem, and the faithfull zeal and respect with which I am, while I live,

MY DEAR LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
most oblidge, & most faithfull
humble servant,

LOVAT.

EDIN^r March, 1741.

P.S.—I am glad that our friend, Sir Robert Munro, is out of the ugly scrape, in which his enemies malice and hatred appear'd most violently agst him; I was so lucky as not to be call'd to the agreement or arbitration, tho' my Lord Roystoun desired that I should be one of the peace makers; so I shall say nothing of it since Sir Robert's relations seem to be very angry at it, but it is very naturall to think, that the Gentlemen, to whom Sir Robert gave Carte Blanche, did what they thought best for his interest; but it must be own'd by all men, who know the affair, that Sir Robert has sufficiently paid for any

concern he had in that riot. I was told this day, that there is a misunderstanding betwixt Sir Robert and his arbiters upon what has happen'd; but as I was entirely ignorant of what pass'd betwixt them, it is none of my business now to meddle with it, only that I am sorry to see that our countrey is full of jarrs, disputes, and quarrels, from Dan to Basheba; and where all that will end, God only knows; for my own part, as I am now old and valetudinary, and entirely free of ambition, my greatest desire, and most ardent wish woud be, to live at home in peace, and come once a-year to see my ffriends in this place; but where is there a man on earth that has his wish?

IX.

LORD LOVAT TO LORD TINWALD, THEN LORD
JUSTICE-CLERK.

MY VERY DEAR LORD,

The only design of this letter is to give your Lordship my most humble and sincere thanks for your goodness towards me, for William Fraser, Writer to the Signet, has informed me that your Lordship has been so very kind as to write to the glorious young fellow your son, who is an honour to his country, in as pressing terms in my favour as you could do for a brother, this is an instance of generality very uncommon and rare to be found in this age.

It is true that your Lordship and I lived for many years in as intimate friendship as if we were brothers, and communicated freely our sentiments to one another, yet I thank God there is never a word that passed between us that ever was heard of without your Lordship's apartment. You have now, my dear Lord, given proof that you are what I allways believed [you] to be, that is, a man of the best sense and judgment of your country, a man full of goodness and affection for your relations, and a man of reall friendship for those that you profess friendship to; I have the honour to have a claim to your Lordship's goodness and affection as a relation, and you know, my dear Lord, that I have some claim to your friendship,—but what would all that signify if your Lordship's generous soul did not oblige you to put it in execution. I have, my Lord, done great and essential services to those of the first rank in Scotland who now abandon me as if I bad come from Turkey with the plague upon me, but, as the Scripture says that ingratitude is next to the sin of murder, let them answer for it. I bless God I am fitter to appear before the Judge of all the earth than they are; and, tho' my family seems to be now in a very low and desperate condition, yet I hope, by God's mercy, before this age is at an end, that it will be more flourishing than theirs, and then they will see their shame as well as ingratitude. Your uprightness, my dear Lord, has put you above this, for you neither abandon nor forsake your friend because he is unfortunate and in distress. — May the God of Heaven reward you, my dear Lord; may you live many years in perfect health, and

may your posterity flourish with honour and wealth more than any that wore the gown in Scotland.

I most humbly beg of your Lordship to recommend me once more to your lovely son, whom I expect to be the hero of my Cause, and who, perhaps, may save my grey head from the block; but, whatever come of me, I am sure he will gain great honour to himself, since he has a large field to walk upon.—I have the honour to be, with the utmost gratitude, attachment, and respect,

MY VERY DEAR LORD,
Your Lordship's most obedient and most
obliged humble Servant,

LOVAT.

TOWER OF LONDON, 20th Jan^y, 1745.

X.

*LORD JUSTICE-CLERK'S REPORT TO THE EARL OF
HOLDERNESS, HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE.—
Novem^r, 1752.*

REPORT. —To the Right Honourable the EARL OF HOLDERNESS, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by CHARLES ARESKINE of Tinwald, Lord Justice-Clerk.

In purfuanee of your Lordship's desire, signify'd to me by your letter dated at Whitehall the 30 June, 1752, having, with the zeal and dilligence which you recommended, examin'd into the truth of the facts therein specify'd, I take the liberty to lay before your Lordship the result of my enquiry, which I shall state in as few words as is consistent w^t taking notice of y^e variety of matters y^rin contained, referring to several vouchers, letter'd or number'd, hereunto annex'd.

The first objection stated in your Lordship's letter is general, namely, of "That non-jurors, and other disaffected persons, meet with countenance and support, while many loyal and good subjects have been remov'd from their employments, or neglected, since the Rebellion."

1st class of
complaints.

I sincerely assure your Lordship that, in the course of my enquiry, I have not been able to discover any solide foundation upon which this complaint can stand.

The Removes and Preferments in the Excise and Customs have been examined into by the several Commissioners appointed by his Majesty for the manadgment of these revenues, in Consequence of the orders they received from their superiors; and I take it for granted a report has been made by them, and for that reason I did not enter upon any enquiry concerning them. That there have been removes in the more considerable offices since the Rebellion is true, but the springs and Causes of such removal were not a proper subject for my enquiry. To be sure they were well weigh'd and

canvass'd before his Majesty was mov'd to make them; and I may venture to say, that their successors, as far as I have been able to observe or learn, have serv'd his Majesty with honour, and fill their offices with reputation.

It has been said, that persons zealously affected for the good of his Majesty's service have been discourag'd to give intelligence, their names having been made known by persons employ'd under the Government; but having used all probable means to inform myself concerning this fact, I met with no evidence to support it. The fact may be true, but, till I had the honour of your Lordship's letter, I never heard it surmis'd. I can answer for one, and that is all I can say upon this subject, since no particular fact has been suggested.

Your Lordship has likewise been inform'd, "that vexatious lawsuits have been carried on against officers of the array, for having done no more than their duty required of them during the time of the Rebellion; and, in particular, against Co^{ll}. Howard, Capt. Hamilton of Mordaunt's, Capⁿ Coneille of Herbert's, Lieut. M'Lachlan of Husk's, and Capt. Molesworth of Guise's regiment."

With regard to the prosecutions brought against these gentlemen, I have laid before me by Mr. William Alston, agent for the Crown, a person of known warm affection to his Majesty's Government, of integrity and confest ability, a short but particular account of them, from which your Lordship will see whether there was any probable cause for prosecuting the officers, and whether they met with injustice before the Courts. And, if any complaint lyes on this head, I submit it to your Lordship if it does not rest solely upon the particular plaintiffs who believ'd themselves injur'd.

It is also objected, "that persons of the Episcopal persuasion in Scotland, of suspected characters, and even non-jurors, are made Sheriffs-substitute. In particular, the Sheriff-substitute of Clackmannanshire, Forbes, Substitute of Aberdeen, and Mr. Campbell of Carsgowrie, Substitute of Angus, Mr. Young, Substitute of Mearns, and Mr. Grant of Aberdeenshire, who were appointed to these offices in the year 1745."

3rd class of complaints.

It is farther said, "that the Sheriffs-depute discharge persons taken up and put into their custody by the troops, for wearing, contrary to law, the Highland dress, carrying arms, stealing cattle, and other crimes, under pretence that they have no means of maintaining these prisoners in gaol, and other sriivolous pretences."

If this objection cou'd be supported, it was strong, and the manadgment of these gentlemen, appointed lately by his Majesty to the offices of Sheriffs-depute, must have been not only unaccountable, but of very pernicious Consequence to his Majesty's Government and to the subjects of this part of the United Kingdom.

It was for this Reason, that, tho' the charge was general, I endeavour'd to try if it cou'd be enquer'd into in the Detail; and upon Application to General

Churchill, I received from him Abstracts of all the Returns made by the several officers for the years 1749, 50, 51, & 1752, herewith transmitted & mark'd, from which your Lordship will observe, that in the space of four years, in carrying a new Law into Execution in a wild Place of the country, the complaints of the Military are few, and the greatest part of them relate not to sheriffs-depute or their substitutes, but to inferior Magistrates or Justices of the Peace. Your Lordship will likewise observe from these Returns of the officers, that their Accounts were founded only upon the Representation of non-commissioned officers & soldiers, whole Relation of the Facts could not intirely be depended on, as may appear from some of the Returns hereafter to be particularly mentioned.

I take the Liberty further to observe, that from examining both the Sheriffs-depute & the Military, I find that the chief occasion of the disputes between them arose from a new form of dress contriv'd by some of the Highlanders, which could not be laid to be the Highland Dress prohibited by Law, or any Part of it, and yet was not altogether the Low-Country Dress; and if a sheriff-substitute allow'd his Doubt to carry him so far as to admit them to Bail untill he was advis'd by his Principal, it does not seem to be unreasonable in itself, or detrimental to His Majesty's service; especially when effectual care was taken by the Principals to have even that new Form of Dress suppressed, as appears from the Extracts of the Returns sent to the General, wherein there are no complaints posterior to the few Returns from the officers upon this subject.

The most glaring of the complaints contain'd in the Returns, is that made by Captain Hughs, 1 Sept. 1749, set furth in Page 3rd of the Extracts.

As to this, It appears the Captain's Representation was founded only upon the Relation of a corporal, by which he was missed. The substitute to whom the complaint relates, was Duncan Campbell, Brother to the late unfortunate Glenure, nominated to that office as the Person most capable to serve his Majesty in that part of the country by M^r James Erskine, Sheriff-Depute of Perthshire.³⁷

The General transmitted a copy of the Return to the Sheriff-Dep^t In Consequence whereof he, in concert with Co^{ll} Crawford, who then commanded at Perth, made enquiry into the truth of the Facts suggested by the Corporal to Capt. Hughes, the Progress and Result whereof is fully set furth in two Letters, dated the 14 August & 3 October 1749, written by him, and directed to Capt. Coalzier, then General Churchill's Aid-de-Camp, and in a 3rd Letter adrest to me, Copys whereof, marked are herewith transmitted; and in them he appeals to Co^{ll} Crawford for the truth of his Representation of the Facts, very different from that made by the Corporal.

³⁷ Son of the Justice Clerk, and afterwards Lord Alva.

Prisoners put
into custody of
Sheriffs-dep^t
dismist under
pretence that
the sheriffs or
their
substitutes
have no means
to maintain
these prisoners
in Gaol.

Of M^r Erfkine's Zeal & Activity in the service of the Government, it wou'd be indecent for me to suggest what I believe is the general opinion in this Part of the Kingdom. His Character is well known to the General and all the Officers who have commanded and resided at Perth.

Here I have refer'd to the Letters themselves, not to incumber this of Report with long Narrations. In these letters mention is made of a Difficulty the Sheriffs-Depute were under, in that there was no fund allow'd them for the Maintenance of Prisoners thrown into Goal on account of Wearing Arms or the Highland Habite; and a Fear is exprest, that if some Remedy was not found out for this Defect, the Service might suffer, and Sheriffs-Depute possibly be tempted to dismiss Prisoners upon Bail, if they were to be maintain'd not by the Publick, but out of their own Pockets. This probably has given occasion to that part of the complaint mentioned in your Lordship's letter, that "Prisoners were dismiss under frivolous Pretences, such as that the Sheriffs-Depute had no means of maintaining these Prisoners in Goal." But upon the strictest search and enquiry I do not find that ever any one prisoner was dismiss upon that or any such Pretence, either by that Gentleman, or by any other of the Sheriffs-Depute or Substitute, tho' he avers he has paid out about £100 upon that service, which he has never yet recover'd, for the Reasons set furth in his Letter; and if the complaint has no other Foundation, he thinks it is at least unkind, that a Representation to the General of a real Hardship the Sheriffs lay under, honestly meant not only for their relief, but for His Majesty's Service, shou'd be turn'd upon him or his brethren as a Reproach.

As to what relates to Prisoners for other Crimes, such as Theft, as far as I can gather from the Excerpts, it is founded upon the Return made by Capt. Proby the 15th Septem^r 1751, set down in the end of the 7th Page of said Extracts; and the Reasons assign'd by the Sheriff-Depute of Inverness for his Procedure, which I submit to your Lordship's Judgment, are set furth in his Letter to the Captain, bearing Date the 7th Sep^t 1751, of which your Lordship has a copy in the 8th Page of said Extracts.

I shall not trouble your Lordships with making any further Observations upon the Returns, the copy whereof is certify'd by Capⁿ Stewart, Aid-de-Camp to General Churchill, & authenticated by the Gen^l's letter, bearing date, Aug. 19, 1752, marked _____, so that the whole of them are therein contain'd, but leave this subject with one Observation, that a Doubt did arise to some of the Substitutes, Whether the New invented Dress fell under the sanction of the Law; and as the Crime was not capital, they judg'd the Person accus'd might be admitted to Baill, notwithstanding the Words in the Act of Parliament that they were to be imprison'd without Baill or Mainprise, which relate to Persons convicted, & not to such as are only to be brought to Trial.

To proceed next to the Sheriffs-Depute & Substitute particularly mentioned in your Lordship's letter, in order to deliver the Report from immaterial circumstances, I shall first mention what relates to M^r Grant of Aberdeen-shire, & M^r Young, Substitute of the Mearns. The first neither is, nor was, Sheriff-Dep^t or Substitute in Aberdeen-shire since the Jurisdiction Act, in Consequence whereof M^r Grant was turn'd out of that office, and M^r David Dalrymple, Advocate, was named by his Majesty.

Mr. Grant,
substitute of
Aberdeen-shire,
and Mr. Young,
substitute in the
county of
Mearns.

As to M^r Young, he was Substitute named by M^r Gordon, the Sheriff-Dep^t of Mearns, & acted some little time in that character, but he is since dead, and therefore I judg'd it unnecessary to inquire what Part he or M^r Grant acted in creating Impediments to His Royal Highness the Duke's March to Culloden.

Mr. Graham,
Sheriff
-substitute of
Clackmannan-
shire.

As to what is represented in Relation to M^r Graham, Substitute of Clackmannan-shire, I wrote letters not only to the Sheriff-Dep^t who appointed him but also to some of the Gentlemen of the county who are of confest Loyalty & Affection to His Majesty's Person & Government; and particularly to M^r Abercrombie of Tillibodie, a Person whose character for veracity as well as Loyalty, is above all exception; and I find no founda^t for the charge against him: but on the contrary, dureing the Rebellion, he corresponded with Gen^l Blackney, who then commanded at Stirling, giving him all y^e intelligence he could gather, and doing him all the service in his power, and had his approbation of his conduct, as appears more fully from Mr. Abercrombie's letter, marked to which I hereby refer.

Mr. Bryce,
sheriff-sub-st
itute of
Stirlingshire.

As to what refers to Mr. Bryce, sheriff-substitute of Stirlingshire, appointed by M^r Walker the sheriff-depute, I find it is true that he granted a commission to take the oath of James Stirling of Craigharnot, as a witness, who was excepted out of the Act of General Pardon, and against whom a bill was found within the three years.

The truth is, in processes in this part of the country when a witness is summoned, if both the plaintiff and defendant agree to the examination of a witness upon a commission, the Judge seldom or never interposes, but the commission goes in course; and whether Mr. Bryce reflected upon Craigharnot's particular case, I do not know; but Mr. Walker, the sheriff-depute, in his letter marked _____ says, with some assurance, that he is persuaded he neither is dissaffected himself, nor a favourer of dissaffected persons; nor have I heard of any instance to found a suspicion against him, except his granting the above mentioned commission, w^{ch} very probably might proceed from inadvertency. But upon this head I must refer myself to his letter directed to me, marked _____ herewith also transmitted.

Mr.
Campbell of
Carsgourie,
sheriff-deput
e of the shire
of
Forfarshire.

It is also objected that Mr. Campbell of Carsgourie was nominated by Mr. Brown, sheriff-depute of Forfarshire, notwithstanding that several of the well-affected persons of Angus and Mearns join'd w^t the Synod of the Clergy in a representation to the said Mr. Brown, desiring him not to appoint

him a substitute, because he was a nonjuror. It is likewise said, that Mr. Campbell has been complain'd of to the Judges of the Circuit, as exercising his office with great partiality, and that he has been severely reprimanded on that account by them from the Bench.

As to the first part of this complaint, I must refer your Lordship to a letter bearing date the 1st August, 1752, sign'd by Mr. Brown, wherein a particular account is given of the applications made to him concerning the nomination of a Substitute, in which he refers to a great many letters from gentlemen and ministers of the gospel, recommending Carsgourie to him as a proper person to be Sheriff-Substitute, a list of whom is here with transmitted, marked Most of the gentlemen I am well acquainted with, and the letters I have seen, and they are in the terms represented by Mr. Brown; and, I verily believe, that the other facts set furth by Mr. Brown are true, as he is a gentleman of honour and integrity, and intirely well affected to his Majesty's person and government.

I have also seen the letters from eleven Presbyterian ministers, mentioned in the list, all of that county, and several of them of that presbytery in which Mr. Campbell resides, recommending him as a person fit to be his Substitute. But it is improper to trouble your Lo^p by repeating what is at great length set furth by Mr. Brown himself in the said letter.

As to the 2nd part of the complaint, I apply'd to the Lords Elchies and Kilkerran, who were the Judges upon the Circuit at the time when the Substitute is said to have been severely reprimanded on account of partiality in his office, and I found that the complaint offered against Mr. Campbell was no other than that Mr. Doeg, provost of Montrose, was summoned as a juryman, as several other magistrates of incorporans in the Shire of Fife were also summoned by the Sheriff of that county, when the Circuit Court was to be held at Perth in Autumn 1751, and that he and other well-affected heritors in the county were call'd upon that duty out of course. Mr. Campbell answer'd, that in returning the list of jurors he had always observ'd a regular rotation round the inhabitants of the shire, in transmitting the names of forty-five jurors to the Court of Judiciary, from among whom a quorum of the Court named fifteen to be summoned. That he was not answerable for a regular rotation in the choice of the fifteen, which was done by the Court of Justiciary. That, as for Mr. Doeg's being a provost, he did not know that magistrates of burghs had any exemption by law, and that when the list was made up, it did not occur to him that the Circuit Court and the elections of Burghs cou'd interfere.

The Court upon this gave orders to the Provost and all the magistrates of royal burghs to return home in order to attend their elections, and therefore difmist Provost Doeg and all other such officers, but without any rebuke to Mr. Campbell, and only recommended to sheriffs to observe certain rules concerning that matter, then laid down, in all time coming. This your

Lordship will see more fully represented in a narrative of this fact written with Lord Elchies's hand, which being read in my presence before Lord Kilkerran, he agreed that the narrative was full and just. This narrative is marked

Mr. Forbes,
substitute of
Aberdeenshire.

With regard to Mr. Forbes, substitute of Aberdeenshire, I received a letter from Mr. David Dalrymple, the sheriff-depute there, wherein the facts charged upon him are aver'd to be false and groundless; and a very particular narrative is given of his education and principles, and his behaviour in the discharge of the dutys of his office. It is marked

This letter I have shown to several of the Judges of the Justiciary, who, in their circuits, have occasion to receive complaints of sheriffs-depute and their substitutes, and also to other well-affected gentlemen; and I have no reason to suspect the facts are unfairly set furth by Mr. Dalrymple.

Mr. Francis
Garden,
sheriff-
depute of
Mearns, and

It has been surmis'd, that several of the sheriffs-depute are advocates oblig'd to attend the circuits, which is hurtful to His Majesty's service; since they cannot be suppos'd to attend sufficiently to discharge of the dutys of sheriff-depute and advocate depute, especially as they are engaged in other business before the superior Court.

Mr. John
Grant sheriff-
depute of
Elgin and
Nairn.

The fact is true that Mr. Francis Garden is sheriff-depute of Mearns, and Mr. John Grant of the countys of Elgin and Nairn, and, at the same time, are both deputed by His Majesty's Advocate to serve upon the circuits.

As this was a matter that chiefly related to Lord Advocate, his Lordship in his letter to me, marked has touched upon this point among several others to be aftermentioned, to which therefore I refer. If those gentlemen do not reside during the space mentioned in the Act of Parliament, they are subject to be removed upon a complaint. If they do, I can see no great danger of hurting the service by their being employ'd as advocates-depute during the circuits. The Lord Advocate has sufficiently set furth the merits of Mr. Garden, his nephew; and I only take the liberty to add, that Mr. Grant is a young gentleman very capable of discharging with reputation the offices he now holds.

Mr Martine Lindsay is said to have collected the cess in Perth, for the use of the Rebels during the time of the late Rebellion; and, notwithstanding, has been allow'd to purchase a place in the Court of Session of the value of £40 per annum, viz. Extractor in the King's Office. As also, it is suggested, that William Elliot, conjunct agent for the Crown, and principal clerk to Lord Advocate, attended a nonjurant meeting house before the Rebellion, and continues to show marks of disaffection. That as he is agent for the Crown, it is his business to find evidences against Rebels and other offenders, and to manadge the defence for the Crown against the claims enter'd upon the forfeited estates; all which, it is said, he performs with partiality.

Mr Martine
Lindsay and
William Elliot,
conjunct agent
for the Crown,
and principal
clerk to Lord
Advocate.

As to Martine Lindsay, I call'd upon two of the principal clerks of the Court of Session, namely, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Pringle, in whole office the

said Martine Lindsay had been appointed a priviledged Extracter long before the late Rebellion; as also upon a Gentleman mentioned in your Lordship's letter, who was imploy'd in taking Depositions about the Rebels, and as Sollicitor at Carlisle when the prisoners were try'd there for treason; and I find that the said Martine Lindsay was taken into custody at Edinburgh after the Rebellion, carried to Carlisle, and try'd and acquitted.

I have seen no evidence that he collected the cess at Perth for the Rebels, and I am apt to believe that particular suggestion is not true; for there is a process now depending against another, namely, David Carmichael, for repetition of the cess levy'd by him as collector. But upon this head, I shall refer myself to a memorandum put into my hands by the before-named Mr. Gibson, from which your Lordship will see what the said Mr. Lindsay sets furth for himself, marked ; and only in a word observe, that in appointing extracters in the several clerk's offices, the Judges have no concern, they having their commission only from the principal clerks; nor do the Judges so much as know who they are, or when they are put in.

After his being acquitted, he continued his business, as being a privileg'd extracter in the foresaid office; but the clerks would not allow him to act, as having been *suspected* of accession of some kind or other to the Rebellion, untill he had qualify'd himself by taking the oaths to the government, which he did accordingly.

The said Martine Lindsay never was appointed extracter in the King's office, that having been possest by one Robert Low, since July 1743, untill his death; and upon his decease, Peter Low, his son, was appointed in his place, and still continues to discharge the dutys of that office, with a sallary only of £10 a-year, as appears from the Records of Exchequer. However, what probably has given rise to this suggestion, is, that two or three years after the Rebellion, the said Martine Lindsay purchased a trifling office, namely, the Keeping of the Register of Bonds, recorded by those two clerks only, from the person who then held it, and upon whole dimission Martine Lindsay was appointed by the aforesaid two clerks to succeed him.

As to William Elliot, clerk to the Lord Advocate, I must refer myself to his Lordship's letter herewith transmitted, wherein the merites of his case are amply set furth. I have good reason to believe that since the late Act of Parliament, he never attended a nonjuring meeting-house; nor do I know or have I heard of his having shown any marks of disaffection to the government, or that he perform'd his duty, as agent for the Crown, with partiality. Mr. William Alston is conjunct agent with him, very able in his profession, and of undoubted loyalty; and from my own knowledge, I can take upon me to say, that with regard to processes that depended before the Court of Session, the manadgment of the persons intrusted with the defence for the Crown against the claims entered on forfeited estates, has been irreproachable, and if any defect of that kind had been there, the Judges must

have seen it; and I hope your Lordship will do them the justice to believe they were not inattentive to the interest of the Crown in cases that came before the Court. For the rest that refers to this gentleman, I refer to the foresaid letter put into my hand by the Lord Advocate.

As to Mr. Gabriel Napier, it is said, that he was Register to the Barons of Exchequer before the late Rebellion, but since has been left out, and it is not known upon what account he has met with his disgrace.

I call'd upon Mr. Napier, and upon some of the officers of the Court of Exchequer, and I find that Mr. Napier was employ'd as clerk to the Masters of Reference, under the Commissioners of Enquiry upon the Estates forfeited in Scotland by the Rebellion in the year 1715. That on the determination of that Commission, by an aft in the 13th year of His late Majesty's reign, all the papers and records relating to these Forfeitures were ordain'd to be lodg'd in the Court of Exchequer, and the Barons were to sell such of these estates as remained unsold, and to determine all matters relative thereto. Mr. William Bowles, the Deputy King's Remembrancer in Exchequer, employ'd one Mr. Henry Norton, who had been a clerk to the said Commissioners, to assist him in that branch of business; and upon Mr. Norton's death, the end of the year 1728, Mr. Bowles in 1729 employ'd Mr. Napier to assist him. That on the 21st October 1735, Her late Majesty Queen Caroline, then Guardian of the kingdom, gave a sign manual for paying Mr. Bowles at the rate of £100 p. annum for six years, from Midsummer 1728, to Midsummer 1734; Mr. Philp, as Auditor, at £80 p. annum for said time; and Mr. Napier at £50 p. annum, for five years, from Midsummer 1729, to D^o 1734— and there have been no more sallarys warranted or paid on that head since; but Mr. Napier still continued to have the custody of these Papers and Records under Mr. Bowles; and for whatever business was done, there were considerable fees attending the same: and when Mr. Bowles went to London in 1738, Mr. Napier was still employ'd to have the charge of these matters under Mr. Bogle, and now under Mr. Moncrieff, and has his fees on any business done relating to these forfeitures; so that Mr. Napier's complaint is not that he was turned out of any office he had, but that after the mannadgment of the late Forfeited estates was committed to the Court of Exchequer, that such office was not erected by the Court with regard to the last forfeitures, as he was employ'd in concerning the former. The reasons, as far as I was able to learn, why the Barons did not create such office were, that creditors, as well as his Majesty's servants, murmur'd not a little at offices not necessary and with large sallarys being established, as hurtful, not only to the Crown, but to the creditors of the forfeiting persons; and, therefore, the Court thought it more expedient the business shou'd be carried on by y^e ordinary officers.

Mr. Napier's zeal and services, during the late Rebellion, are fully set forth in a letter he wrote to me herewith transmitted, marked .

4th Class of
Complaints,
Gabriel
Napier.

Mr. William
Gray of
Newholm.

As to Mr. William Gray of Newholm, he was indeed employ'd in taking Depositions about the Rebels—attended a great number of prisoners to Carlisle — acted on the road as Commissary—and at the sessions as Assistant Solicitor; and as far as I have been able to inform myself, discharged that duty very faithfully. What was the amount of his incomes from his business before the Rebellion, or how much it has decay'd since upon account of his services to the Government, I can report only from his own representation. Nor do I know what the value of the Commissariat of Ross was represented to be of, nor by whom; but I have ground to believe that it will not return above £12 or £14 a-year. In all this, if there is any blame, or upon whom it ought to ly, I really do not know, but this I can say, that as far as was in the power of several of the King's serv^{ts} here they have endeavour'd to serve him.

John Trigg.

As to John Trigg, he is said to have been very usefull during the late rebellion in several particulars, and was rewarded by a place in the Fishery, but since has been turn'd out, and his arrears of sallary not paid.

Upon this head I apply'd to the Secretary of the Commission appointing the Trustees for manadging the money appropriated for the encouragement of Manufactures and Fisherys, and from him have received extracts from the minutes and books of the 1st Commissioners, whereby it appears that Mr. Trigg was dismiss from their service because he would not comply with the orders and directions given by them. All his sallarys preceding the year 1750 were paid to him, and, as to that year, the Trustees having order'd him to show cause why he had not comply'd with their orders, he also fail'd to give obedience in that particular, and on that account they order'd that so much of his sallary for that year shou'd only be allow'd to him as was sufficient for defraying any charge he had been necessarily put to in that period, but no account was ever given in by him, and there that matter rested. But, for the greater certainty, I humbly refer to the fore-mentioned excerpts from the Trustees' minutes, herewith transmitted, marked .

The foresaid excerpts from the minutes of the Trustees contain also what relates to Alexander Hay, from which it appears that the Trustees did all that was in their power to provide and encourage him in their way, but it was impossible to do him any good; they tried him in several shapes, but he could not be prevailed upon to give any attention to the business, and under these circumstances they believed it would have been a miabehaviour in them to have continued a aallary on him out of the moneys intruded to their manadgment by his Majesty for purposes so beneficial to the kingdom. What is above is vouch'd by the said excerpts, which are faithfully taken from the records kept in the Trustees' office.

Alexander Hay.

As to what relates to Adam Gordon, your Lordship will be informed of his case very fully, by casting your eye upon the letter above referred to from his Majesty's Advocate, who was arbiter for the said Adam Gordon, and who, in

Adam Gordon.

conjunction with Mr. Robert Craigie, pronounced a decret arbitral whereby the said Adam Gordon received £100, tho' Mr. Gordon says he was frustrated in his suit. I confess it would require stronger proofs than his own assertion to gain credit that the two gentlemen above mentioned, arbiters in the Cause, would give an award whereby injustice was done to him, to favour the Laird of Meldrum.

How he has been treated since by the country I cannot take upon me to say, nor am I at all acquainted with him or his character, but if it is such as is suggested in the foresaid letter, there is some cause to suspect it may be possible that want of prudence may have given occasion to his not being treated kindly in his own country,—but as to this I intirely refer to my Lord Advocate's letter.

As to the Rev^d Mr. Davidson, minister of Navarr, his case, as it has [^]k een represented to your Lordship, is extremely singular, and deserves to stand in a class by itself.

It is said, that his Parishioners having declared openly for the Government during the Rebellion, they guarded the passes in the lower part of the country, incommoding the intelligence of the Rebels; and that in Consequence of an appointment by His Royal Highness the Duke, they continued in that duty till they were suppress by the Justices of Peace.

That these people were afterwards summoned criminally for wilfull fire-raising, because they had made bonfires upon his Royal Highness the Duke's birth-day, and that the minister complain'd they were still persecuted on account of the Loyalty they had shown.

This complaint was so new to me, and carry'd with it such a contempt of all Government, that I was amaz'd I had never heard of it, therefore I was resolv'd to come to a certainty concerning it; for that reason I wrote to the minister himself, and a copy of the letter sent to him is herewith transmitted, marked . To which letter I received the answer likewise herewith sent, marked , which affords a strong instance how complaints sent from a distant place blow up and disfigure facts in order to their support. Mr. Davidson says, that a guard of his parishioners, w^{ch} was of use during the late Rebellion, continued in arms without any interruption untill they were disarmed by the Act of Parliament. That the prosecution for the fire-raising amounted to no more than this, that a tennant in the neighbourhood on a hill, at a distance from any house, had by his servants pulled some heather, for the purposes to which that long heath is apply'd in that country; and this heather, upon the eve of the King's birth-day, was set on fire, which the tennant suspected had been done by the people of Navarr, who had gone to a neighbouring parish of Edziell, and solemnified his Majesty's birth-day; and for that reason he brought an action in his own name, and (according to the form) in the name of the Procurator-fiscal of Court, against several of them, for damage by the loss of his heather, and had this damage occurred by them,

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Complaints,
Mr.
Davidson,
Minister in
the parish of
Navarr,
above
Brechin.

such wantonness cou'd not well have been justify'd under colour of being a bonfire, no more than if they had fir'd his house or his hay-stack; and in this process the facts being refer'd to their oaths, they swore that the heather was not burnt by them, whereby the process ended.

The only complaint the minister makes, and indeed in a very modest manner, is, that the prosecutor was not decreed in costs; but having order'd an extract of the process to be laid before me, I find that no costs were demanded, as there was no litigation, and that they had no further trouble than to appear in Court and to give their oaths; and as to other oppressions, either he or his parisheners are laid under, he says he can mention nothing in particular; so that the complaint has not been made by the minister, who very candidly sets forth the true state of the case. But the tale drest up in odious colours, has been transmitted to be sure with no very good intentions, and the slanderer has acted under some kind of assurance that, at so great a distance, it could not be contradicted, and thus the truth of the facts, and the ignoble whisperer, might remain cover'd in perpetual darkness.

Hitherto I have touch'd at all the special facts mentioned in your Lordship's letter. As to what is said only in general terms, when a misbehaviour is so charg'd, and particulars are specifyed in support of what is advanced, if, upon examination, the facts instanced in are found not to be true, or unfairly represented, the judgment to be form'd as to the whole lump is plain; and I leave your Lordship to judge how far upon the vouchers refer'd to, what seems to be so generally aver'd, has any foundation upon which it can stand.

It is possible I may have committed some mistakes in this enquiry; I'm sure they are not willfull. And give me leave to observe, that the law with regard to the Highland Dress has taken sooner place than could well have been expected; and that since the Act abolishing the Here^{le}. Jurisdictions³⁸, (one of the Glories of His Majesty's Reign,) by the vigilance and activity of the sheriffs-depute and the military, more criminals have been brought to condign punishment in one circuit thorow the Northern parts, than formerly us'd to suffer in years, and this the country feels and acknowledges; and if the same measures are carried on with vigor for some time, and the salutary scheme laid down in the late Act for civilizing the Highlands, is push'd on and manadg'd w^t due zeal and attention, it is to be hoped (I think it can hardly fail) that in a short time the miserable inhabitants of these wilds that hitherto have been generally a terror to their neighbours, and animals of prey, ready upon every occasion to ruffle the tranquility of the Government, may, at last, be brought to apply themselves to industry, and become good subjects and usefull citizens.

³⁸ Heritable.

As to my own conduct in this matter, I hope your Lordship will do me the justice to believe it was impartial. If I am acquainted with myself, I know of no inducem^t forcible enough to make me warp in a matter that so nearly concerns our present happy constitution, and the interest of the best of Sovereigns, whom, by the strongest tyes of various kinds, I am bound to serve w^t the utmost zeal, attention, and fidelity.