## D'Sir

When I wrote to you last This Country was in the utmost Consternation w<sup>t</sup> the News of the Defeat of our Army. But since the Arrival of the Volunteers and of his Majestys Troops Our Spirits are soomewhat elevated; For tho'the rebels do brag (as I am inform'd) of having gained a compleat Victory if not a rout of his Majestys forces, we are positively assured there was no such thing and that on the Contrary the rebels were so much defeated that tho'they had Wind and Weather for them they durst not venture a second Brush tho'our Army stood a full hour in View of them. In short by all the acc<sup>ts</sup> that I can hear each side affirm they g[a]ined the Day and neither will allow they lost it. Each Side maintain they have kill'd vast Numbers of the Enemy and none will allow they have lost any thing considerable of their own. As Facts therefore are not yet adjusted it is impossible for me to form any Judgement of the Matter. But as affairs of this Consequence must raise in you as it did in us the greatest Euriosity, it would be acting a part to you contrary to what I pride myself in if I conceal'd anything that might be, because I was not absolutely certain that it was. I shall therefore give you as acc<sup>t</sup> of w<sup>t</sup> I have heared from Eye Witness' on one Side and from hear say o' tother and lastly of w<sup>t</sup> both Sides agree in and leave you to judge which side has the title to clain the Victory.

Our Army consisting of 14 Regiments of Foot, of 3 Regiments of Dragoons, of near 1000 west Country Militia, of 1500 Loyal Highlanders from Argyleshire, some Yorkshire Volunteers besides the Volunteers of this Countrey and upwards of 1000 Countrey people arm'd as they best could, for he th<sup>\*</sup> had not a sword or Musket had a good stick or a fork in his hand and this last Circumstance I hope will convince our freinds in England th' we are not all rebels here. Our Army I say being encamped on Friday last in the low Grounds to the westard of Falkirk spyd the Standards of the rebels on a rising Ground about three miles off and as it appeared by the moving backwards and forwards of their Standards on the same Spot of Ground that they were not intending to come forwards. Our Army judged there was no Occasion to move being confident there could be no Engagement till next Day it being

now past midday. Our people had been viewing before this time the adjacent Grounds and had pitch'd upon a Hill for themselves to draw up on when the Engagement should happen, but the rebels were before hand with them and took Possession of this Hill by a road out of View of our Army whilst they were amusing them with their Colours and a few Men on a different Quarter, as I have mentioned above. When the News of this was brought to the Army and that the rebels were hard by them, an unexpected Drum was beat to Arms and the whole Army run up the Hill like as many Goats. Never was an Army in greater Spirits and so eager to engage. As the Highlanders had taken Possession of the Ground they had intended to form on, In Order to take the next best Ground the three Regiments of Dragoons being swifter of Soot were ordered to the left, the Wing at the greater Distance from whence they set out, to take Possession of a rising Ground towards the South which they accordingly did, Pirce's Regiment, the Royal Scots and Wolphs &c being next to the Dragoons. The Militia, Volunteers, Argyleshire Highlanders &c made a line behind the left Wing. The Army being drawn up, their right to the

North, their left to the South and Front to the West, They marched up in Order & attack'd the rebels. The Day being rainy and a high Wind from the South West the rebels to get the Wind of them turn d to their own right and came down upon our left Wing with the Wind on their Backs. The Dragoons suffered exceedingly in this attack particularly Cobham's regiment Jondon the Lieutenant Col and many of the officers being kill'd. When the Dragoons fled they disordered and trod down the line that was behind, and in the Confusion the Militia fired upon the Argyleshire Men taking them by their Dress for the rebels. It is confessed the the left Wing the full half of the Army was drove down to the Bottom of the Hill full faster than they came up at least a part of the Way. It is here said that the Highlanders made themselves Masters of the Canon which were but half Way as yet up the Hill. But that Hush [i.e. Huske] rally'd the foot, but back the rebels and regained the Canon and that the two Armys stood very near one another for a compleat hour without moving till night came on and th' our Army retired to Linlithgow and next Day to Edinburgh with the Loss of 300 Men only, 7 pieces of Canon out of 10 & all their Bagage save w<sup>t</sup> the Men could Carry on their Backs. It is agreed the our right did not engage as no Enemy appeared on that Quarter. Hush & Hawley are both safe,

Ligonier is kill d and Whitney. I think it is allowed they have lost about & Captains. Sir Rob Monrow and his Brother are said to be both killed. This is the acc th our freinds give of the Matter.

And next you shall have the Story the Jacobites tell me they pretend to have from undoubted Authority viz. They acknowledge the Decay of their Colours on the formentioned Hill. They give out that they had not near 3,000 Men engaged th<sup>®</sup> the party engaged was but an advanced Party sent out to take Possession of the above mentioned Advantageous Post. That they dreamt so little of having any Encounter th' Day th above one half of their Army was at Stirling 60 Miles off and the they had some Thousands within two Miles who knew nothing of the Matter and by reason of the Wind being contrary did not so much as hear the fireing, th<sup>®</sup> they were determined at all hazards to maintain the Ground they had occupy 'd and finding the Weather favoured them by taking the Wind in their Backs

they were determined not to lose the opportunity tho they were far from their freinds. They pretend to say that their Leaders was w<sup>t</sup> the Body at two Miles Distance and the none of the horse men w<sup>ch</sup> are called his Life Guards and consist of 500 men there north one [?] of the French Troops th were landed in the North but such as they were that they drove all that oppos'd them to the Bottom of the Hill. They acknowledge th<sup>e</sup> the right Wing of our Army stood whilst they were driving the left Wing before them and give th<sup>\*</sup> for the reason of not following further their blow least the right Wing of our Army should turn upon them and attack them in their rear w<sup>i</sup> the Advantage of the hill and Weather o their side. They doing that they took the Canon or came to far or were beat back again, they acknowledge that Hush [i.e. Huske] rally'd the foot at the Bottom of the hill and that they advanced up again but that the right Wing met them above half Way and that in a very short space, night coming on, they endeavoured to set fire to their Bagage but the Straw being wet it would not burn, that 7 pieces of Cannon were not gained by them but left for them upon the field, that they got their Bagage and pursued them in the Dark

to Falkirk and took several Prisoners. The reason they give for not engaging again was they they never dreamt our Army would march nine long miles in the Dark in a downpour of rain and that as they expected to find them next Morning somewhere there abouts they thought it better to wait for their freinds coming up than to run the risk of losing the honour they had gained. They add further th<sup>\*</sup> they marched after them next Morning and th<sup>°</sup> when our Army had heard th their advanced Guard was got o'this Side Falkirk the they made the best of their Way from Linlithgow to Edinburgh 12 miles further, upon w<sup>ch</sup> they returned to Stirling and th<sup>e</sup> they are now laying Siege to the Castle. They pretend to have lost only 30 private Men in this Engagement and th no Officer is kill'd and th only Lochyell and two of his Captains are wounded, that they have kill'd 700 of our Army and have many Hundred Prisoners.

The facts that they agree in are these, th our left Wing was beat but th our Army offered them battle a second time which the Highlanders declared and when plainly proves there was no Victory. It is agreed further the we lost our Bagage and Artillery and the we marched 9

Miles in the Dark. But the proves nothing neither, since no body will chuse to lie in the open Feilds in a rainy night rather than be under Cover and the 'Falkirk was nearer yet no body can deny that Linlithgow was better Ouarters.

Since writing the enclosed I have convers'd with two Persons who give the following acc by Viz. the first being an officer of the Glasgow Militia affirms the the right Wing gave way the 'not engaged as well as the left and th<sup>®</sup> the whole Army fled as fast as they could to Linlithgow excepting three regim<sup>to</sup> of foot commanded by Hush who run in between and stop't the pursuit of the rebels. The other is a person th<sup>\*</sup> went out of Curiosity to view the Field of Battle on Saturday Morning and convers'd with the Cheifs of the rebels at Falkirk as he passed thro who stopt him in his Way. The acc that he gives is this viz. that our Army was drawn upon on Friday forenoon in the field where their Camp was but not expecting the rebels the day they went into their Tents again and continued there till 3 o Clock in the afternoon th Ward was brought them the Highlanders were within a Mile, That The rebels had march'd 6 miles in a down pour of rain th<sup>\*</sup> our Army came dry out of their

tents th<sup>\*</sup> they marched up the Hill safe and attack'd the rebels on the rising Ground th<sup>e</sup> they stood on. That the rebels purposely retired so as to cover themselves from our Army by the Summit of the Hill, that so soon as our Men got to the Brink of the summit the rebels run upon them and gave them a full Discharge, that the rebels pressed upon them and fired very regularly and th some of the Clans went in among them sword in hand th' the rebels for the Benefit of the Wind were obliged in the pursuit to keep moving towards their right which retarded them from following so fast as they might have done, the when they had got far enough to the right they bore most violently upon our left Wing and as they advanced came nearer to our right. That our whole Army fled and that three Regiments of foot only, and the Dragoons run in between the two Armys and covered the retreat of those th' fled, th' this Circumstance kept the Highlanders employ'd till it was Dark and saved the Army who lookd not over their shoulders till they had got to Linlithgow, that the Highlanders having march'd'7 Miles, being all Day in the rain, and having tasted no Victuals contented themselves with the Tents Covered Wagons Arms, Ball,

Gunpowder and Artillery of our Army and surrounding the town of Falkirk in the night where they expected our Army to have taken up their Quarters, that there were about 6,000 of the rebels at this Engagement, tho'there were not 3,000 engaged, the the pretenders son came up to the Engagement at last and put on his Coat of Mail, th' he counted upon the feild of Battle 100 horses kill'd and about 600 Men & that he saw but a Highland man's body dead here and there that they pretend that they have not lost no Men. That there is no officer kill'd of the rebels and only the person called Lord John Drummond wounded in the Leg and Lockyell in the arm and two of Lochyells officers slightly wounded, the he saw the prison and Church of Falkirk full of Prisoners and the some were sent to Stirling, the the prisoners taken are about 600. There were no Canon fired of either side. As to  $w^{\epsilon}$  is here said I pretend to no knowledge of, as I am 300 Miles distant from the place and only relate w<sup>t</sup> I have heard from others the you may be able to form some Judgment of it yourself. But hope Matters are not near so ill as is represented. The Highlanders are in possession of the towns of Linlithgow, Falkirk & Stirling the 'not the Castle w<sup>in</sup> we

hope will hold out. We are terribly alarmed with the fears of a Visit at Edinburgh.

> IamS'Y most H<sup>op</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> Geo. Jonestone

Musselburgh the 21st Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1745/6

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