

The Caledonian Mercury.

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EDINBURGH, *January 20.*

On Friday Afternoon the Lord Semple's Regiment arrived here, and were quartered in this City; and we hear the Scots Fuzileers are at Musselburgh.

Saturday Morning Advice came to Town, that his Excellency Lieutenant General Hawley came up with the Rebels on Friday the 17th current; and as the following Account of the Action betwixt his Majesty's Forces and the Rebel Army, about a Mile to the Westward of Falkirk, was transmitted to us this Morning, we are desired to publish it verbatim, viz.

Thursday last the Army, under General Hawley, having assembled near Falkirk, encamped to the Westward of that Place, and about one o'Clock on Friday there were repeated Informations of the Intelligence that Morning received, that the Rebels were marching by the Southside of the Torwood toward Dunipace. These Accounts being confirmed, the Army was immediately drawn up in Order of Battle, and marched Southward to meet them.

The Action began half an Hour after three. The Dragoons made the Attack with the Appearance of great Resolution, but upon receiving the first Fire retired towards the Right, and many of them fled; this with a violent Storm of Wind and Rain, which blowed full in the Face of the Troops, put the Foot of the left Wing in great Disorder. This Confusion being immediately perceived by the Officers on the Right, they without loss

of time marched to stop the Progress of the Rebels, which they effectually did; and by their good Conduct and the Alertness of some Corps, drove them by a continued Fire from the Field with the utmost Precipitation. In the mean time the disordered Infantry was rallied. The Rebels gave them nothing to do. The Right Wing was entire Masters of the Field, where the whole of the Troops continued till it was near dark, a full Hour after all Firing was ceased: But finding that the Rain had greatly spoiled their Arms and Ammunition, it was judged proper to pursue their Advantage no farther, and for want of Provisions and Ammunition, the Army marched that Night to Linlithgow, and continued its March next Day to Edinburgh.

The Loss of the Regular Troops, by the best Computation, does not exceed 200; and by all Accounts the Rebels have at least lost double that Number.

The Regiments, that most distinguished themselves, were Barrel's and Legonier's Foot. We hear that several of the Officers taken at the Battle of Gladsmuir, and confined in the House of Glamis, &c. are come to Town.

This being his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales's Birth-day, we had a Round of Great Guns from the Castle at Noon.

 This Day, the 10th Day of the Moon, it is high Water at Leith, Forenoon, at 9 o'clock, 54 M. Afternoon, at 10, 18 M. Tuesday, Forenoon, at 10 42 M. Afternoon,

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