

Inverness the 18th. April 1746.

Sir.

You will had the good news from Lord Bury, & will know the particulars of it by his Royal Highness the Dukes dispatch of this day; so nothing remains for me but to rejoice with the publick & you who have so large a share in the administration of the King's affairs, & so much love and honor my Master, upon this great & auspicious day; there is hardly a circumstance which could have been wish'd that is wanting. The Duke has march'd his Army with great ease & without their wasting any thing in the very rude season of the year where it was thought an Army could not pass, the Enemy have had the choice where they would make their stand, for the King's Army pass'd several Rivers where great resistance might have been made, They had here their terrible

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Clans up; they chose their ground, they made their effort with those broad swords which were to cut down all opposition, they fought as it were in the centre of their own Country, were to contend for every thing, out number'd the Dukes Army by a quarter, & yet were beaten with the greatest ease, & with very little loss on our side where they came up our Soldiers fairly beat them with their Bayonets, & made great Slaughter of them, & where the Duke was, & by his Presence inspired the Souldiers with such firmness that after & having presented they recoverd their firelocks, & stood with them shoulderd til these Scoundrels came within a hundred yards, they dared not to attack at all, tho they made three different Efforts to rouse their courage; & ran eagerly to within that distance, but went off at last without attempting any thing. The Duke had indeed made a wonderful change in our Army, He had not only repair'd but reinforced their Spirits &

courage, & both officers & soldiers did all that could be expected from brave men, & I dare say the terror of broad swords is as much effaced, as if there had never been any impressions of that kind, & in the present temper the Fellows would fight them with their Bayonets; What does not the Nation owe to the Duke? 'Tis his Presence gave spirit to the Troops & His activity quickened & animated every thing, & got together Provisions, He formed the whole scheme, orderd all the marches, & made the disposition as well as orderd the execution of every thing the day of the Action, so that I believe there is not an Officer of the Army who pretends or has found action to do it, any thing more than the honor of having cheerfully obey'd his orders.

What his Royal Highness has so well begun & so gloriously carried on, He will I dare say see carried to such perfection that the Government will have it in

their Power to put things here upon such a foot as not to be again endangerd as they have been from hence. We are in the heart of the M Intoshes who were rumaged the first day, the men all fled, but the Party brought in the Heroine of this part of the world the Laird of M Intosh's wife, about 400 black Cattle as many Sheep, & 60 Horses, they also killd some straglers who had been in the Rebel Army, the 17th Mordaunt was sent with nine hundred men, into the Frasers Country, the People were mostly fled with their Cattle, but He had destroyd their instruments of Husbandry, & to day the good Lord Lovats house was to blaze & those of the Chiefs that Arch Villain has had his hand in all this Villany, but has been endeavouring to keep Himself out of danger of a confiscation but I hope chance has thrown into our hands enough for that, We have a pretty long letter to

his Son about an invitation of the ^{cal'd} Prince to
his house, to see Salmon fishing. This is the heaviest
blow the Clans ever felt, & will be remembered, had
they dispers'd & thrown themselves upon mercy the
affair would have been done very imperfectly, many of
their Chiefs are fallen; if they disperse they will soon
be at the King's Mercy, if they attempt to assemble
again, they, that is this corrupted part of them, will be
quick destroy'd. They are a nest of thieves, & if they
can't be made to change their way of life, they are a
burthen to the Country, & would have driven all honest
sober People out of all places where they could reach. I
heartily rejoice with you that this thorn is drawn from
your side, & that you will now be more at liberty to
attend to the great national Interests now depending
in other parts; & I hope & trust that the National
Spirit so signally exerted, & the great additional Glory

to his Royal Highness, will have their influence all over Europe, & I should rejoice to see Him act upon a Theatre more worthy of Him, tho no service was ever of greater moment & concern to the Nation than that He has been & is employed in my heart opens itself to you with the greater satisfaction; as I know the Interest you took in endeavouring to prouduce his Royal Highness upon that Stage where his great & extraordinary talents are rendring such high & important services to these Kingdoms. I hope these are beginnings of greater prosperitys in which you will have a large part, & which will lead us to a safe & honorable Peace. I wish for occasions of approving myself with that truth & respect I have always made profession of

Sir

Your most obedient

& devoted humble

Servant

Everard Faulkner.

The 19th

*Captⁿ. Dove of the Hound
has just brought in Lord
Cromarty, his Son Lord
M Leod, eight or ten other
Officers of different ranks
& about 150 private Men,
they were taken by the
Sutherland Men in that Country.*