

A SUMMARY

ACCOUNT

OF THE

Marches, Behaviour, and

Plunders of the

REBELS,

From the Time of their coming into ENGLAND, to the
Retaking of *Carlisle* by the KING'S Forces, under the
Command of the

DUKE of *Cumberland*.

By an Eye Witness of many of the Facts herein
related.

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THE Rebels having march'd out of *Scotland*, came on the 10th of *November* 1745, before *Carlisle*, reporting they were Twelve Thousand strong, and that five or six Thousand more would follow them in a few Days: But, being number'd at *Emont-bridge*, they were found to be but about six Thousand.

They immediately sent a threatenng Message, that in case the City was not surrender'd within three Days, it should be lay'd in Ashes, (tho' at the same Time the Rebels were not furnish'd with any Mortars or large Cannon.

The Soldiers and Militia, within the City, behaved with Courage and Loyalty, and, for. two or three Days fir'd their Cannon so briskly, that the Rebels began to despair of taking it, and march'd away towards *Brampton*: But, suddenly turning back again, they openly declar'd *They were invited to Return*; and, *that the City should be surrender'd up to them*; which accordingly proved true: For, to the great Surprize of Multitudes of Loyal Subjects, both in the Towns and Country, the City and Castle, with all the Cannon, Magazines, and much Treasure, were shamefully surrender'd up on the 16th of *November*, tho' not one Piece of Cannon had, by the said Rebels, been fir'd

against it.

Having thus obtain'd Possession of the City, &c. they remain'd there a few Days; and then, flush'd with Success, march'd their Army into *Penrith* on the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st of *November*, (leaving only about one Hundred to guard the City) where they boasted of their Numbers, and said, *They were not afraid of WADE, and his Army; They came to free the Nation from Debts and Taxes, to give Liberty of Conscience to all Societies, and to establish the Constitution of the Kingdom upon a lasting and happy Foundation;* not doubting but they should be at *London* by *Christmass*, without having Occasion to draw a *Sword*, where they would have great Rejoycings on Account of their Prince.—Inviting the Country to join them. All this was look'd upon as *Delusion*, and scarce one Man in the Counties of *Cumberland* and *Westmoreland* adher'd to them.

From *Penrith* the Rebels march'd on the 23d of *November*, and so proceeded through *Westmoreland*, *Lancashire*, *Cheshire*, and even to *Derby* where the brave DUKE of *Cumberland* obstructing their farther Progress, oblig'd them precipitately to Retreat the same Way they had come.

In the mean while, of the Hundred Rebels who were left in *Carlisle*, Nineteen came to *Penrith* the 28th of *November*, and from thence went to *Lowther-hall*, (the Seat of Lord LONSDALE) intending to collect the King's Dues from, the County: But the Steward being appris'd of their Intention, rais'd Men and Arms, and pursu'd them so sharply, that while they were breaking open the Locks, and plundering the Hall, they valiantly attack'd 'em, and took Ten of them Prisoners, whom they sent to the adjacent County Jails, and the others were forc'd to wade through deep Water to make their Escape, leaving their Horses; but

afterwards they took others from the Country People, by force, and got to *Carlisle* the next Morning. In this desperate Action, there was but one of our Men wounded.

After this, they sent terrible Threatnings to *Penrith*, and to several Places about the County, of farther Mischief which they intended to execute; whereupon the Lord LONSDALE, and several Gentlemen, sent Notice, thereof to General WADE, requesting that he would send them One hundred Foot Soldiers, to secure them from their intended Insults; who accordingly, were sent, and remain'd at *Penrith* till the Return of the Rebels from *Derby*, and then march'd back to their General again.

The surprizing Reports of their cruel and rude Behaviour, caus'd many People, both in Towns and Country, to hide their best Effects, and fly into Villages, Dales, Mountains, and remote Places; for they had most inhumanly and violently forc'd Men, Horses, and Carts, to remove their Carriages, and this was generally tyrannially commanded with *Sword in Hand*, and *or horrid Imprecations*; obliging the People to procure them Meat, Drinks and strong Liquors, Money, Shoes, Boots, Cloaths, and what ever else they thought proper to demand.

The Account of the Rebels Retreat coming to *Penrith* on the 14th of *December*, and that the DUKE'S Army closely pursu'd them, the Justices, Gentlemen, and Inhabitants thereabout, set strong Guards at the Bridges, Fords, and Ways, in order to attack their Vanguard; but their Hussars, having timely Intelligence of these Preparations for their Reception, rode back and stop'd the Duke of *Perth*, and about one hundred with him, from going thither.

That same Night *Penrith-Beacon* was illuminated, which alarm'd and rais'd many Thousands, both in

Westmoreland and *Cumberland*, who, with loyal and valiant Hearts, met together the next Morning, being the 15th, near *Penrith*, arm'd with Guns, Swords, Pitch-forks, and other Weapons, ready to attack the laid Vanguard, if they dar'd to appear.

The Duke of *Perth*, and his Company, having Notice of this, forc'd a Guide to conduct them thro' By-ways on the *East-side*, in order to get either into *Carlisle* or *Scotland*: But the Countrymen pursuing them closely, got before them (by another Way) about *Longwathby-moor*, and stop'd their March: Hereupon the Rebels rode speedily back to *Kendal*, and join'd their Main Body that Night, having narrowly escap'd being kill'd or taken Prisoners.— One of their Horses was kill'd, and the *Hussar* taken Prisoner.

From *Kendal* they came forwards next Morning (being the 16th of *December*) towards *Shap*, and the Villages thereabout, threatning they would burn *Penrith*, *Clifton*, *Emont-bridge*, and *Lowther-hall*, and plunder the Country for five or six Miles round, for the Affronts (as they said) given to the Duke of *Perth* and his Company, and for the Prisoners taken at *Lowther-hall*; and also intended to kill those Country People, who had hunted them as above; (as some of them declared, they had Orders to do) but, through the Providence of God, and the diligent Pursuit of the worthy DUKE of *Cumberland* and his Army, the Rebels were disappointed of executing that Part of their barbarous and wicked Design; for, just as they were going out to burn and plunder, Part of the DUKE'S Army appear'd; and the Rebels imagining that some of General Wade's Horse would come on the *East-side* of them, and that in Consequence thereof a fatal Battle would be fought the next Morning, they were struck with great Surprize, Terror, and Confusion.

The DUKE'S Army marched then towards *Clifton*, about which Place the Rebels had hid themselves in Lanes, under Hedges, in Courts, and Backsides of Houses, with an Intent to attack the King's Forces, and cut them off in their March to *Penrith*; but, as it pleased God, *T—s S—ge*, (a Friend who lived in *Clifton*) hearing of their base and treacherous Designs, and being very uneasy, how he might give the DUKE Intelligence thereof, his Son, with hearty good Will (tho' with the Hazard of his Life) went privately Out of his Father's House, and was so successful as to come up with Part of the Duke's Forces, just before they, came within Shot of these Skulkers, and gave Information of their base Intentions, and dangerous Situation: Whereupon the DUKE immediately commanded Part of his Army to form themselves in order of Battle, and attack the Rebels before they got into *Clifton*.— Shortly after a great Firing was heard on both Sides; and then they went to it Sword in Hand.—Ten of the DUKE'S Forces were kill'd, and about Twenty of them sore wounded: Five of the Rebels were kill'd, and about Seventy taken Prisoners; and as for their wounded, no Account could be got, they having carried them off with them to *Penrith*, where they came in great hurry, muster'd up their Forces, got out their Baggage, Armour, and Plunder, and about Nine o'Clock at Night march'd from thence, and came to *Carlisle* the next Morning, being the 19th of *December*, where leaving about five hundred Men to defend the City, and keep the Duke in Play, they escaped into *Scotland*.

This Skirmish being over, the DUKE of *Cumberland*, the Duke of *Richmond*, and the Duke of *Kingston*, went to *T—s S—ge's* House, and stay'd there all Night but the greatest Part of the Army remain'd under Arms, tho' it rain'd extremely hard.—

Next Morning the DUKE visited the wounded Men, leaving some Money to defray the Expences of their Recovery, and then march'd with the Horse to *Penrith*; which Town had been plunder'd by the Rebels in such a cruel and vile manner both in their Goods and Provisions, as cannot be well expressed.

As soon as the People, round about the Country, heard of the Flight of the Rebels from *Penrith*, they immediately came in, loaded with Provisions, and the best Entertainment they could procure, and with Hearts full of Joy, and great Gladness, welcom'd their Deliverer, the brave DUKE of *Cumberland*.

After two Days Stay in *Penrith* (in which Time the Foot, by the Help of the Country Peoples horses, were brought up) the DUKE and his Army marched out on the 21st of *December* in three Columns, and came in sight of *Carlisle* about Noon, when the Horse dismounted, and the whole Army prepared to besiege the City: Upon sight of which, the Rebels let at Liberty about thirty of the Country People which they had taken Prisoners, and the DUKE'S *German* Footman, who they took at *Lowther-hall*, when they were going to plunder and burn it; but they still detain'd six or eight, as Hostages, till Money was given them by the County, for the Affront (as they pretended) which was given to the Duke of *Perth* and his Company, as before mentioned.

Carlisle being now besieged by the KING'S Forces, the Rebels fir'd their Cannon from the City and Castle desperately for five Days, before the DUKE'S Artillery could be got to play, the Cannon and Ball being obliged to be brought from *Whitehaven*, thirty Miles distant, through very deep Roads, and the Battery to be raised by the Assistance of Countrymen.—But when the Battery was compleated, and the firing of the Cannon of eighteen Pounders began, the dreadful

and terrible Strokes of the Balls made the Houses shake exceedingly, the Windows clatter, and fill'd the Inhabitants both of City and Country with Amazement.---

For four Days this Battery kept playing, in which Time a Part of the Walls being shatterd, some of their Cannon dismounted, divers of the Rebels killed, and the Rest greatly terrify'd, they surrender'd up the City on the 31st of *December*, and themselves Prisoners at the Duke's Discretion, who order'd them to the Jails belonging to several adjacent Counties, and did not execute any of them: Except ten Men who had deserted from *Cope's* Army, and join'd the Rebels, who being found among the Prisoners, were immediately order'd to be hang'd. It is to be Remark'd, and Worthy of Observation, That though many hundreds of Cannon were fired from the City, Castle, and also from the DUKE'S Battery, (by which some few Houses near *Carlisle* were shatter'd and burnt) yet neither Man, Woman, Child, Beast, or Horses, belonging to the County, were kill'd) neither did any of the Countrymen loose their Lives in hunting the Duke of *Perth* and his Company from *Longwathby-moor* towards *Kendal*; nor in the Skirmishes at *Lowtherhall* and *Clifton*.----All which, being duly consider'd, ought to inspire every true *Briton* with Praise, and grateful Acknowledgments to Almighty God, for his wonderful Deliverance; and with Prayers for his future Preservation from the Insults of all our Enemies; and with Loyalty and due Respect to the present good and mild Government; and with Love to the brave worthy DUKE of *Cumberland*, who ventur'd his Life in imminent Dangers, and underwent great Fatigues and Hardships in driving back and defeating those Enemies to our *Religion, Laws* and *Liberties*; and,

with a just Abhorrence of all *Popish Pretenders* and *arbitrary Power*; and lastly, with a steady Resolution to live as become good Christians, endeavouring to walk worthy of the Blessings and Favours this Nation has long enjoy'd, under the Protection of Almighty God.

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