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The current news of the country was that the said ship was convoy'd by a sixty gun ship from France, till westward from Ireland a British Man of War came up with them on the 8th July aforesaid and then a sharpe engagement follow'd betwixt the two bigg ships, till they were both disabled; the small French ship stood away from them, to a great distance all the time of the fight. It was thought this was owing to her having the valuable cargee undermentioned. Next morning the small ship spoke with the bigg French ship and was told the latter had lost 200 men, and that she was disabled to that degree that she would have enough to do to get home, so advis'd the small ship to proceed in her intended voyage. The first land the small ship made was Berrahead and took three men from that island for pilots to the main land.

At Lochinert they gave themselves out at first to be Dutch. None of them landed save said Mr. McDonald, but countrymen who were thereafter allow'd to go on board, told they had seen a great many gentlemen there richly cloath'd and that the ship was load'd with arms and ammunition.

Upon the 27th young Clanronald, Glenalandal, and Kintoch Moydart went on board, and upon the 28th Kintoch Moydart came ashore and went up Lochseall under night to Fassefern where John Cameron brother to Lochiel lives. He heard he went thence to Locheil and Glencoe and was to go towards Drummond Castle.

Clanronald went to the point of Sleat to meet with Sir Alexander McDonald, and Glenallandall with several of Kintoch Moydart's brothers staid on board and were there when the informer came from Moydart on Monday last the 5th current.

The countrymen were telling they were not to arm till a landing of men from France in the north and that then the Popish Bishop was to take their Oaths that they would be true to their officers and would not fly or quitt the cause untill Victory or Death, for that this is the last opportunity they are to have, and that they hopi'd to have some Campbells by the necks in a month's time.

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Copy of a letter sent from the Duke of Burgis to Sir John
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