

By Henrietta Tayler

IT will be remembered that it was the second son of Macdonald of Glengarry who led out the Glengarry Macdonalds to join Prince Charles Edward in August 1745. He was only nineteen, but he was already married to Margaret Robertson of Struan and had a son, Duncan, as well as a posthumous daughter Angusia. He was shot accidentally in the street of Falkirk, the day after the battle there, 18 January 1746.

This letter was written on 10 November 1745, just after the Prince had left Edinburgh on his march to Derby. In his excitement the writer forgot to particularize the month, but from internal evidence the letter can have been written only in November, though Thursday was actually the 7th. It may have been written on the 1st. It is pathetic to see the false reports and fairy stories with which the Prince's faithful Highlanders were misled; and one wonders how much young Angus had been disillusioned, as to the prospects of the cause, before his death two and a half months later.

Addressed to Col MacDonell of Barisdale Esq.

'Heast'

Dear Cousine, I am vexed and surprised at your long stay in the North particularly if you came to Assent [Assynt] as timeously as you intended. Sometimes I begin to think if the country people there be longsome a-gathering it may be the reason.

having an express yesternight from His Royall Highness Secrttary for Marding tomorrow all the men and the other Gentlemen that came North with me have put together except your friend Ensign Sandass MacDonell who I have left wt. fifty Glengarry and Glenmoriston men to wait your coming up on to answer your call North if you have use for them. Mr. Murray's letter affirms that the Ferrol Squadron have landed the Duke of York wt five thousand Spaniards wt two Lieut-Generals, three Major Generals, three hundred thousand Spanish pistols and arms for four thousand men more at Whitehaven and the Earl of Marshal is landed at Dunbar wt the six Irish Regiments and Lord John Drummond's Royal Scots Regiment from Dunkirk, in all four thousand seven hundred men commanded by the Duke of Berwick's second son of his second marriage. A lieut. General and General Lewendale that commanded at the siege of Ostend. The Highland Army were to march from Diddiston [Duddingston] and the Prince at their head to join them at Dunbar and march directly from Berwick, These Regiments were to stay at Edinburgh to

¹ The letter printed below has been preserved in the family of the second son of Macdonald of Glengarry of the 'Forty-five, and is now in the possession of Lady Thornton who has kindly consented to its publication.

wait all the men upon their march from the Highlands. It's his opinion orders would be left at Edinburgh for all the Highlanders to join the Duke of York in the West and march in two separate armies. The accounts still agree that there are no more Dutch landed but the seven hundred at Berwick and that Lord Stair and General Wentworth are not able to bring four thousand horses and foot together. There are three standards set up in England for his Royal Highness, one by the Duke of Beaufort, another by Sir Walkins Williams Wynd [Wyand] and Sir John Hynd Cotton and the third by Square Morgan in Welsh. Things seem to go on so quickly that all that are so far behind as you will be at a loss not to share in the happie events immediately to happen. I need not insist you make all dispatch.

I am Dear Cousin,

Yr most affec. humble servant,

ANGUS MACDONELL.

*LAGGAM ASHADROME.
Thursday the 10th 1745.*

HENRIETTA TAYLER.

Our readers will have learned with deep regret of the death of Miss Henrietta Tayler on 10 April 1951 at the age of 82. Miss Tayler's work is too well known to require recapitulation in the pages of this *Review*. Her death is a severe loss to Scottish historical study. But her many friends will take comfort in the knowledge that she was working and enjoying her work to the very last. This 'Document' was sent to the Editor on the day preceding her death with a short covering note expressing her intention to be in Edinburgh in May 'as usual'.