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THE Malt-Tax in North-Britain commencing on the 23d Instant, the Maltsters in and about this City gave ready Admittance to the Officers of Excise, to take an Account of the Stock in Hand. But the Officers who were to do the like at Glasgow, were obliged to send Letters the 21st to the Commissioners of Excise here, acquainting them, that some of the People of that Town had threatened to stone them if they should attempt to visit the Malt-houses there. The Commissioners hereupon made Application to Major-General Wade Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in this Part of the Kingdom, who on the 23d sent two Companies to Glasgow, with Orders to assist the Civil Magistrates, as also the Officers of the Customs and Excise, in the Execution of their Duty, and to protect them from the Insults of Rioters. The Companies marched with great Expedition, and arrived there the 24th, between Six and Seven in the Evening. At their Entrance into the Town, they found a great Mob consisting mostly of Women and Boys, who gave them abusive Language, and threw Stones at them as they marched along the Streets, crying out no Malt-Tax. The Officer desired them to forbear, for he intended them no Harm. He applied himself to the Provost, who gave him Billets for Quartering his Men, but told him he could not put him into Possession of the Guard-Room, because it had been locked up and the Key taken away by the Rabble when they heard the Soldiers were coming thither. The Officer unwilling to exasperate them by forcing open the Door, ordered the Guard to be kept at a publick House which he hired for that Purpose. About Eleven a-Clock that Night several Thousands of the Mob got together, and marched towards the House of Mr. Daniel Campbell Representative in Parliament for Glasgow, threatening to plunder it. Upon which Captain Bushel who commanded the two Companies, sent an Officer to the Provost, letting him know the Mischief they designed to commit, and that he was ready with his Men to assist him in preventing it; but his Answer was, that he thought the Number of his Soldiers was too small, and therefore he would not make any use of them. Thus the Rabble finding no Opposition, nor even the Appearance of a Magistrate to restrain their Fury, with Hatchets and other Instruments forced into the House, and turned out two or three of Mr. Campbell's Servants (he with his Wife having the Day before retired to his Country-House) and fell to plundering every thing that they could carry away, and destroying what was not portable. This Riot continued

till Nine the next Morning, when several of the Mob were lying drunk in the House, with the Wine and Liquors they found in the Cellars, but the Magistrates did not get any of them secured. The Officers of the Excise during this Time were forced to hide, but some of them being discovered by the Rioters were beaten severely. It was hoped, that the Rage of the Mob had been sufficiently gratified in the plundering of Mr. Campbell's House, and till Three or Four in the Afternoon following the Town in Appearance was very quiet, when the Rioters began to meet again, Women or Men in Women's Cloaths bearing Drums about the Streets to call them together. The Captain of the two Companies, not knowing what their Designs might be, ordered the Soldiers to be near the Guard-House, which the Provost had opened for them in the Morning: But the Mob did not long keep their Secret, for they advanced towards the Guard, saying their next Business was with the Soldiers: They gathered from all Quarters of the Town, began to throw Stones at the Soldiers, crying Drive the Dogs out of Town, we will cut them to Pieces: The Officers told them they did not intend them any Harm, but if they continued to provoke them they should not be able to refrain from firing at them: They answered that they durst not fire with Ball, and continued throwing Stones in such Quantities and so large, that they broke some of the Locks of their Pieces, and their Bayonets, and wounded several of the Men: Upon which some of the Men were ordered to fire over their Heads, in hopes to terrify them; but they advancing still upon the Soldiers, and throwing Stones in greater Quantities, the Soldiers fired on them and killed or wounded three or four; upon which they retired to some Distance. In this short Interval, the Provost sent to the Commanding Officer, desiring him to save himself and Men by retreating out of the Town, for the Rioters were collecting all the Arms they had, and if he did not speedily march away there would be a great deal more Bloodshed. The Captain taking his Advice, immediately marched for Dunbarton, being followed by great Numbers of the Mob, and so closely, that he was forced to fire now and then a Shot to secure his Retreat out of the Town. He was followed six Miles by 3 or 400 of the Rioters armed, but they durst not come up with him. Captain Bushel has sent an Officer hither, from Dunbarton Castle, to give Major-General Wade this Account of what had passed; and the Major-General has received the like Account by several Persons come from Glasgow. The said Officer relates further, that they miss six of their Men, and that they left their Baggage (which he supposes is plundered) in the Town of Glasgow.

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