

by Way of Douglas. The young Pretender, Duke of Perth, Lord Elcho, Lord Pittligo, Locheill and Keppoch, went by Drumfries; Lord Tullibardine, Lord George Murray, Lords Ogilvy and Nairn, went by Moffat.

*Penrith, Dec. 23.* The main Body of the Rebels was in this Town upon Wednesday the 18th Instant, when their Rear Guard, which consisted of about 1000 of their best Men, was driven out of the Village of Clifton, by about Three hundred dismounted Dragoons, twelve of whom were killed, and twenty-four wounded. As soon as the News arrived here, Orders were given by the Rebels to prepare for a March forthwith, and about Eight that Evening they set out from hence, and continued marching all Night towards Carlisle, where they arrived at Nine of the Clock the next Morning. The same Morning St. George's Dragoons came into this Town, and marched on without halting as far as Hesketh, eight Miles from Carlisle, where they continued all that Night, and on Friday the 20th. His Royal Highness the Duke halted here with the rest of the Army on Friday. At Four of the Clock on Saturday Morning our whole Army marched in three Columns towards Carlisle, his Royal Highness with the Infantry making the Center along the Post Road, and the Horse and Dragoons in two Columns, one on his Right by Armathwate, and the other on his Left by Hutton Hall. They joined on Carlton Moor, and took their Quarters in the Villages round Carlisle, which Place the Rebels left on Friday, having staid there but one Night to change the Garrison. Whilst the Highlanders were in this Town, they were guilty of great Excesses; they broke open several Houses and Shops, took away great Quantities of Goods, and threw into the Streets, and spoil'd or destroy'd what they could not carry off.

*Blichall near Carlisle, Dec. 24.* Only Four Pieces of Cannon, of those expected from Whitehaven, being as yet arrived, it has been necessary to defer erecting the Battery against the Walls of Carlisle, which was proposed to have been done this Morning, if the Artillery had come up in Time. In the mean while it is just now reported here, that the Garrison of the Rebels is retired into the Castle.

*Whitehall, December 28.*

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Lieutenant General Henry Hawley to be Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces, in that Part of the Kingdom of Great Britain call'd Scotland.

*Leicester-House, December 21.*

This Day the Baron de Boetselaer, Minister

Plenipotentiary from the States General, had a Private Audience of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

*December the 22d,* He had a Private Audience of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales: To both which he was introduced by Sir Clement Cottrell Dormer, Knt. Master of the Ceremonies.

*St. James's, December 22:*

This Day the Baron de Boetselaer had a Private Audience of their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Amelia and Caroline; to which he was introduced by the Master of the Ceremonies.

General Post-Office, London, Nov. 12, 1745.

Whereas a Number of Pacquet Boats have been, for some Time past, appointed, and are now almost prepared to take on board of them His Majesty's Mails of Letters and Packets for the West Indies;

Publick Notice is hereby given to all Merchants, and all others in general whom it may concern, That all Letters and Packets for the Islands of Jamaica, Barbadoes, Antegoa, Montserrat, Nevis, and St. Christophers, will, for the Time to come, be taken in and received, at this Office, upon the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of every Week of the Year throughout, upon their being paid for after the Rates settled by Act of Parliament, viz.

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For a Single Letter, — — —	1	6
A Double Letter, — — —	3	0
A Treble Letter, — — —	4	6
An Ounce, — — —	6	0

And farther Notice is hereby given, That the Mails to contain the Bags of Letters, for the several Islands above, will be constantly made up at this Office, upon the last Saturday of every Month of the Year, to commence the last Saturday of this present Month, in order to be forwarded by the Post of that Night to Falmouth, where the said Pacquets are to be stationed, and from whence they are, in Turn, to sail for the West-Indies as aforesaid, Wind and Weather permitting, upon the Thursday next after the last Saturday of every Month of the Year.

Letters or Packets for the West-Indies will be taken in at the several Receiving-Houses in Town, and Post-Houses in the Country.

N. B. The full Port or Postage of the above Letters and Package must be paid into this Office, at the Time of Delivery, or they will not be forwarded from hence.

The same is to be understood of such of them as are or may be put into Receiving-Houses in Town, or Offices in the Country.

The Inland-Postage to London must be also paid for all West-India Letters from the Country, or they will not be forwarded.

By Command of the Post-Master-General,

George Shelvocke, Secretary.

Chelsea