

They were also raising some Men last Week in Buchan in Bamffshire, in their Way North.

Advices from the more Northern Parts mention, that on Sunday the 16th, the main Body of the Rebels were within 14 Miles of Inverness, but had then an advanced Party the Length of the Water of Nairn, four Miles South of Inverness, where Lord Loudoun's advanced Party from Inverness met them, and a small Skirmish happen'd, but of no Consequence: That on Monday Lord Loudoun's People retired to Inverness, and that Day the Rebels advanced within two Miles of that Town; and that thereupon Lord Loudoun finding he was not able to defend the Town, crossed the Bridge on Tuesday, and, by the Ferry of Kesslocks, got over to the Shire of Ross, and that very Day the Rebels got Possession of the Town of Inverness: However, a proper Supply of Men was put into the Castle, and Major Grant the Governor was determined to hold out as long as possible: That those Rebels, which went by Aberdeen, all crossed the Spey upon Thursday last, except Lord Ogilvy and his Men, who were that Night at a Village called Keith, within six Miles of Spey, and are supposed to be by this Time at Inverness; and that they had published an Order, declaring it Death to any who should convey Letters to, or correspond with the Friends of. the Government.

Further Accounts from the Neighbourhood of Inverness say, that the Rebels were attempting to form a Blockade from the Town of Inverness, in order to mount their Cannon upon Thursday last, and that the Garrison were firing very briskly upon them. It is added, that the Lord President's House had been plundered.

Upon these Advices, and the Possibility that the Rebels might attempt to slip again into the Low Lands, as also the different Accounts received of Troops coming from France, of which one Transport is actually disembarked, and five of them in all are expected, his Royal Highness the Duke has countermanded the Re-embarkation of the Hessians, and has ordered the Transports to proceed immediately to Shields, to take on board the Dutch Troops, and to sail with a sufficient Convoy to Willemstadt, and after having landed the said Troops, to return to Leith. His Royal Highness has also wrote to Prince Frederick of Hesse to march immediately four Battalions to Perth, and two to Stirling: St. George's Dragoons will be cantoned at Earn Bridge; and the two Remains of Naizon's and Hamilton's Dragoons will be cantoned at Bannock Burn near Stirling. With this Cavalry, which will be left under the Command of the Earl of Craufurd, the Prince of Hesse will have a sufficient Corps to deal with the Rebels, should they either attempt to avoid the Duke of Cumberland, by going South, or to attack the Posts at Blair, Castle Menzie, &c. and Bligh's Battalion are to hold themselves in Readiness to march. His Royal Highness the Duke proposes to be at Aberdeen the Day after To-morrow; and upon Advice of the Arrival of the French Ships on this Coast, dispatched on Sunday the Hound Sloop, which was in this Port, Northward, in Quest of them, with Orders to go to Aberdeen and Peterhead, and further North, if by any Intelligence there should be Encouragement to come up with any of them; and the Gloucester appearing off this Harbour Yesterday, the like Orders were sent to the Captain of her.

Other Accounts from Aberdeen make the

main Body of the Rebels, which marched for Inverness, amount to 4000 Men or more.

*Admiralty-Office, March 4.*

Yesterday Morning Advice was received, that Capt. Stevens, Commander of his Majesty's Ship the Portland, arrived on Wednesday last at Plymouth, with his Prize the Augusta French Man of War of 50 Guns.

*General-Post-Office, Feb. 28, 1745.*

*All Gentlemen and others who Trade or Correspond with the Levant, are hereby desired to take Notice, That according to Advice transmitted to this Office, their Letters for the Levant, will, for the future, be constantly forwarded from Vienna to Semlin upon the first Wednesday or Saturday of every Month, (computing after the Manner of the New Style) as the one or the other of those Days shall fall out at the Beginning of each Month. And that from Semlin their Letters will, for the future, be directly forwarded to Constantinople with all Speed and without Delay.*

*N. B. It will be necessary their said Letters should be ready to set out from Holland about the 20th of every Month, New Style, that they may not lose the Benefit of this Conveyance.*

*By Command of the Post Master General,  
Geo. Shelvocke, Secretary.*

*By the Principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy.*

*These are to give Notice, that this Board will be ready to treat with such Persons as are desirous to sell and import the Stores undermentioned, for his Majesty's Service, between Nine and Ten of the Clock each Morning, on the Days express'd against the same, that they may attend with their Proposals at those Times, viz.*

*Friday, March 7. Iron.*

*Wednesday, March 12. Dantzick Plank and Prussia Deals.*

*Friday, March 14. Norway Goods.*

*Wednesday, March 19. Hemp.*

*Friday, March 21. Tarr.*

*Wednesday, March 26. Riga Masts.*

*Navy-Office, March 1, 1745.*

*The Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury having appointed Money for paying of Half Pay to Sea Officers, from the 1st of January 1744, to the 30th of June 1745, according to his Majesty's Establishment on that Behalf;*

*These are to give Notice, that the said Payment will begin to be made at the Treasurer of the Navy's Office in Broad Street, at Nine of the Clock in the Morning, the following Days, to wit, on Monday the 17th of this Month for Captains, Tuesday the 18th for Lieutenants, and Thursday the 20th for Masters and Surgeons, that all Persons concerned may then and there attend to receive what may become payable to them, and not only bring with them the Affidavits required touching their not having enjoyed the Benefit of any publick Employment, either at Sea or on Shore, during the Time they are to be paid the said Half Pay, but also produce Certificates that they have subscribed to the Test, and taken the Oaths required by Act of Parliament to his present Majesty. And in Case any of the said Officers shall not be able to attend themselves to receive their Money, but employ Attorneys for that Purpose, that the said Attorneys may produce the like Certificates and Affidavits from the Person they are employed by.*

*Navy-Office, Feb. 28, 1745.*

*The Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury having directed Tallies and Orders on the Land Tax for the Year 1746, to be put into the Hands of the Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy; and it being intended by their Lordships, that the Courses of the Navy, Transports and Victualling, for Bills carrying Interest*