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Whitehall, March 21.

AN Express which came in Yesterday from his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, brought the following Advices.

Aberdeen, March 14. Our Apprehensions about Fort Augustus were well grounded, for we have now pretty certain Intelligence, that it is fallen into the Rebels Hands, and that the Garrison, consisting of three Companies of Guise's Regiment, are Prisoners of War. We do not know how they defended themselves, as we have not had any Notice of what passed, either from Major Wentworth who commanded, or any Officer of the Garrison. The Rebels are laying in their Magazines and Stores there, and have actually blown up Fort George, in doing which they have blown up their chief Engineer Colonel Grant. The Precautions we have taken for the Security of Fort William, will probably become of immediate Use, as our Accounts from the Rebels, through the Hills, assure us, they have actually invested that Place. We are however assured, that they cannot cut off our Communication with that Place by Sea. Fifty Men of Guise's, who had been gathered together under the Command of the Captain Lieutenant at Edinburgh, will by this Time be arrived at Dun Staffage, from whence they can throw themselves into Fort William at one Tide. Some other Troops have been also ordered thither.

All the Advantages the Rebels will have gained by taking Fort George and Fort Augustus, and the Retreat of Lord Loudoun, will be draying the Seat of the War into the Hills, and protracting it a little Time; and the only Junction they have gained there, is some few of the Mackennies, headed by the Lady Seaforth, but the Lord of that Name is with Lord Loudoun, as is Mr. Mackintosh, whose Wife is likewise in the Rebellion.

By putting all the Intelligence we have together, it seems pretty clear, there are few or none of the Clans now in Murray, or on this Side the Country; and that all they have on the Spey,

and which they have made this Shew with, are the Lowlanders, and the greatest Part of the French.

Major General Bland marched two Days ago to Inverury and Old Meldrum, one March towards the Spey, with the Royal's, Barrel's, Price's and Cholmondeley's, Kingston's Horse; and Cobham's Dragoons. He has the Campbells before him, with the Laird of Graunt, and 100 of his Followers.

We have just had Notice from Stonehive, that a Dogger with some other Vessels have appeared off the Coast, which they take to be French.

Fort William, March 4. We have Advice here, that a Party of the Rebels, amounting to 1000 Men, is at Glenavis, within two Miles of us, and that their Train of Artillery is to be To-morrow at Highbridge, which is six Miles from this Fort. We have heard of the taking of Fort Augustus, and expect to be attacked, but Governor Campbell is determined to defend the Place to the utmost of his Power. For some Days past there have been some small Parties of Rebels posted on each Side the Narrows of Carron, in which, on Saturday last, they took one of the Boats belonging to the Baltimore Sloop, as she was coming from Scalfeall Bay, and sent the Crew Prisoners to their Head-Quarters. As soon as we had Intelligence of this Accident, a Council was called, consisting of Land and Sea Officers, and a Resolution taken to send a strong Party to dislodge the Rebels. In Consequence thereof, early this Morning Captain Askew, of the Serpent Sloop, sent his Boat with 27 Men in it, another Boat of the Baltimore's with 24 Men, and a Boat belonging to Fort William with 20, down the Narrows, where they all arrived by Day-light. Captain Askew's Men landed first, and were immediately attacked by a Party of eighty Rebels, who fired upon them, but without doing them any Damage; and upon the rest of the Men belonging to the Boats coming up, the Rebels fled. Our People pursued them, burnt the Ferry-houses on both Sides of the Water, and a little Town with about 12 Houses in it, a Quarter

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