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LEAVES FROM THE DIARY OF JOHN CAMPBELL, an Edinburgh Banker in 1745.

Saturday, 14 September 1745.

On news of the Highland army's approach, all the effects of the Bank were packt up, and partly transported to the Castle this night, per memorandum apart.

Sunday, 15th.

The rest of the Bank effects transported to the Castle.

Monday, 16th September.

Received a letter from Lord Justice Clerk¹ desiring me to let him have £100. A Highland gentleman of Earl Loudoun's regiment deliverd me this letter in the Castle of Edinburgh, on which I came down for my keys, met the Justice Clerk on the street, desired me to give the money to his Lady with whom he was to leave bank notes or draft on his cash account for the value; went back to the Castle, took the money in half guineas out of my balance chest there, returnd to Edinburgh, deliverd the £100 to Lady Milnton² in her own house but got no value, nor have I seen the Justice Clerk since. Highland army near Edinburgh per Courant. I dined with Coulterallars.³ Saw the Dragoons run off along the north side of Edinburgh.⁴ The town in a consternation all day. Volunteers arms deliverd in to the Castle on allarm of the fire-bell in the evening. Deputation of the Magistracy sent out to Bellsmilns to capitulate with the Prince as to the surrender of the town, without effect.

Tuesday, 17 September.

Edinburgh taken by the Highland army; 1200 Men sent in early in the morning. Numbers of Highlanders crowd in to town all the day long. Sundry proclamations over the Cross. Prince enters Holyroodhouse. His army encamps in the

¹ Andrew Fletcher of Milton.

² Elizabeth Kinloch (of Gilmerton), his wife.

³ Mr. Robert Menzies of Coulterallars, Writer to the Signet.

⁴ This was the incident known as the Canter of Coltbridge.

King's park.

Wednesday, 18th September.

Mercury published an account of taking of Edinburgh and proceedings of the army for some days proceeding.

Thursday, 19 September.

Highland army decamped from Dudingston late at night.

Friday, 20th September.

Highland army march towards Tranent and ly on their arms all night thereabouts. General Cope gets in to a fastness¹ below to the north of them towards the sea.

Saturday, 21 September.

Battle of Gladsmuir or Tranent fought wherin the Highlanders routed General Cope.

Notified per Express*

{ to Lord Monzie²
Auchalader³
Lord Glenorchy⁴

*Jock

D^o per Post to

{ Lady Glenorchy⁵
Mr Mathias

Had a letter from G. Innes calling me up to the Castle about sundrys and went, and gave out some money out of my balance per memorandum left in the chest.

Sunday, 22d September.

No sermon in the Churches.

Monday, 23 September.

Mercury published giving an account of the battle and Journal of the Army from 27th August to this date. It likewise contains serious reflections theron. Directors proposd to burn notes in the Castle and sent me there to obtain access for them.

Tuesday, 24.

Courant published an imperfect account of the battle. A

¹ Preston Tower.

² Patrick Campbell of Monzie, a lord of Session.

³ John Campbell of Auchalader.

⁴ John Campbell, afterwards third Earl of Breadalbane.

⁵ Arabella Pershall, his Countess.

message from G. I.¹ signifying the directors would have access to the Castle when they pleased, but they delay'd cancelling the notes for some time.

Wednesday, 25 September.

Received £200 Silver from A. Brown's son. Earl B.² drew on me to D^u Dun[can] Cam[pbell] for a guinea which I paid him per receipt. Had a message from G. I. for money and went up to the Castle, saw him and his wife and did some business there. Mercury published containing 3 sundry proclamations by the Prince.

Thursday, 26 September 1745.

I was call'd upon by Mr. J. Philp to go to the Castle. Went with him. Saw General Guest. Gave General Guest 50lb. in half guineas out of my balance on Lord Justice Clerks draught which I lodg'd in chest in the Castle. Chang'd £5 note to Mr. David Lyon in the Castle and gave him gold for same out of my balance having lodg'd that note in the chest. On my return from the Castle din'd at home *solus*. Called a meeting of directors at 3 o'clock and Messrs. Hamilton, Shairp and Philp met, and were of opinion they could not without a quorum order out the money wanted by G. I. and read and approv'd of a letter I wrote to him to that effect. Got a letter from St. Germain's³ by his servant telling of his bad usage by the Highlanders. In consequence of which I wrote to Mr. J. Murray at Earl Breadalbane's to get a protection and pass. To call at Mr. J. Murray tomorrow's morning about St. Germain's protection and pass.

Friday, 27th.

Went to the Abbey to see Earl Breadalbane who told me the Prince was visiting him last night. Saw Mr. J. Murray who told me he would send up the protection for St Germans and pass, as soon as obtain'd. Saw Mr. Philp about cash for G. I. but he did not incline to grant warrant. Call'd to see if Mr. Coutts was come home to try if he would concurr but was not. Call'd at the Chancery and got up Earl Breadalbanes patent of honour which lay there to be recorded in terms of

¹ George Innes.

² Earl of Breadalbane.

³ St. Germain's was a seat of the Seton family in East Lothian.

the Interlocutor of the Lords of Session, it having been neglected at passing the same in 1681. But delay'd taking out the Extract, and in case I was not to take it out at all, am to pay for the writing. Told Mr. Philp that Provost Coutts was not come to town. Dined at home, J. C., Supervisor, with me. Got a letter from Auchalader desiring to get him a suit of cloaths which I bespoke at James Stirlings. Mercury published with a proclamation about the Banks, and rectifying some articles formerly published as to the battle, also publishing the Act of Regency and Manifesto. Saw Mr. Trotter who told me he has Provost Coutt's Bank-key. Got a protection for the estate, houses and effects of St. Germain's and allowance for passing and repassing about his lawfull affairs, and gave Mr. Murrays servant 2s. 6d. Bespoke a frize coat for my self at James Stirlings, and orderd Niccol to make it.

Saturday, 28 September.

Dispatched St. Germain's servant home with the protection. Sent to Mr. Trotter for Provost Coutts Bank-key which I got seald. Advis'd Messrs. Hamilton and Philp that I had got the key, and they have appointed $\frac{1}{2}$ past ten to go to the Castle to settle with G. Innes. I sent to the accomptant and tellers to attend. We all went up to the Castle gate, but could not get access. G. I. was insulted by the officer of the Guard. Wrote to Auchalader telling I had bespoke his cloths and sent him last Mercury by the man who came in with the clerk's son, and sent him at the same time a pound Bohea tea at 9 shillings from James Stirlings. Took leave of Captain M'Nab, he being to sett out by 6 next morning to Perth with the rest of the officers who are prisoners. Took leave of Ensign Allan Campbell, prisoner.

Sunday, 29 September.

No sermon in churches. Din'd at home, D. B.¹ with me. Mr. James Veitch calld upon us and went together to John's Coffee house. In the evening G. Innes calld upon me, he having come down from the Castle the night before.

Monday, 30 September.

Had a Message from E. B. to dine with him, but can't

¹ David Baillie.

comply because of the consternation the town is in, the Castle having threatned to fire if the Highland guard at the Weigh-house was not removd. Got home 6 new shirts and paid Margaret Jack for cambrick and making £1. 10. therof £1, formerly lodg'd with Betty for buying the cambrick. Inhabitants met in new Church to consult on a letter they had received from General Guest threatning that unless the communication between the City and Castle was opened they would fire upon the City. Deputies therupon sent from the City of Edinburgh to the Prince with General Guests letter; to which the Prince gave an answer which is now printed. On this answer hostilities from the Castle suspended for 6 days. Numbers of the inhabitants movd their families and effects out of town all this day. The City being somewhat calm'd, about 1 oClock I went down to the Abbey where all was quiet, dined with E. B. and Mr. Murray. Return'd at 3 in a chair, came home. Went to the Coffee house, there staid till the evening that I came home for all the night. Sent messages to Lord Monzie and Lord Tinwalds Servants to pacify them as to their fears and to several other families of my acquaintance.

Tuesday, 1 October 1745.

Had a verbal message from Provost Coutts now at Allanbank, per his friend, Mr. Coutts, about Bank affairs. Between 6 and 7 oclock at night a protest was then taken against me, as Cashier of the Royal Bank, by John Murray of Broughton Esq. as Secretary to the Prince, for payment of £857 Royal Bank Notes (which he exhibited), in the current coin of the kingdom, and on failyure therof within 48 hours, that the estates and effects of the directors and managers should be distress'd for the same. I answer'd that by reason of the commotion in the countrey, the effects of the Bank were lately carried up to the Castle, for the security of all concern'd, for as the directors acted, in a manner, as factors for their constituents, the proprietors, it was judg'd reasonable, and what every body in their circumstances had done, to secure the effects of the Company, that none might be sufferers in the issue: and matters were in that situation at present that there was no access to the Castle at any rate, for that Mr. Jo. Hamilton and Mr. John Philp, two of the directors, had essayed to get in on Saturday last with the

accomptant and tellers and myself in order to do business, but that access was refused, tho' they continued at the gate for about an hour. Duply'd by Mr. Murray that he would in name of the Prince grant a pass and protection *for going to the gate*, and that he hoped the Governor would give admittance. But whether he did or not, if the payment was not made, the order should be put in execution, after elapse of the time limited; and thereupon took instruments in the hands of William M'Kewan, notary publick, in presence of Mr. Peter Smith, brother to deceast David Smith of Methven, and Purves, Writer to the Signet; and thereafter a schedule of the protest was sent to me by Mr. M'Kewan the notar, but not sign'd. Immediately on Mr. Murray's taking the above protest I waited upon Mr. Jo. Hamilton and Mr. Philp, the only two directors in town, at Mrs. Clerks, vintner, there shewed them the schedule, and what I have before here marked down, and after reasoning thereon agreed to try to get into the Castle to morrow, and orderd Mr. Shairp, the only other director about the town, to be summond for that purpose, to meet with them at my house by 9 in the morning, that this affair might be further concerted, and if possible money might be got out for answering the demand. And to prepare the way to the gate, a pass and protection was to be obtain'd from the Prince, or from Mr. Murray, as Secretary, for the directors and officers of the Bank to go that length to try if the Governor would give admittance. Mean time that a letter be prepared to be sent to General Guest for notification, to be first transmitted to Mr. Murray for his perusall to prevent all mistakes, and another to the absent directors to acquaint them with this event, that the directors present might be justified at the hands of their constituents. Wrote to Lady G[lenorchy] and sent her the Courant of this date, containing copy letters to the Royal Burrows, to Collectors of the Land Tax of all the shires in Scotland, and to the Collectors and Comptrollers of the Customs; and the Princes answer to the deputation from City of Edinburgh about the message from the Castle, that unless the communication with the town was open they would fire upon it.

Wednesday, 2d October.

Messrs. Hamilton, Shairp, and Philp met at my house at 9

oclock agreeable to appointment. Read over the Letters prepared to be sent to General Guest and Mr. Murray. Indicted a meeting of ordinary and extraordinary directors to meet at my house at 12 oclock, for which purpose I made up and signd printed notes for

Mr. Hathorn and Mr. William Forbes,
Mr. William Grant,
Baillie Mansfield, and Mr. Keir.

All which notes were executed By Peter Campbell, officer, who reported that only the first two were in town, and they came, and when present with the above three ordinary directors they all agreed to the measure proposd. Accordingly Mr. David Baillie was sent to the Abbey with these two letters which I signd and seald, and these he deliverd to Mr. Murray, who return'd General Guest's letter, and added that there was to be a further demand upon the Bank, the particulars whereof he would acquaint me of as soon as possible. The directors adjourn'd to dine at Mrs. Clerks to consider further of these affairs; but first read and approv'd of the draught of a letter to be dispatch'd to the absent directors to notify these resolutions to them. 2 oclock. Dispatched James Lyon, porter, to the Castle with my letter to General Guest, under safeguard from Lochiel per white flagg. Had a letter from St. Germans, which I answered, thanking him for his kind invitation to me to go to his house to shun the calamity threatned against the City of Edinburgh from the Castle. Sent Lady Dunstaffnage by her boy 20 shillings in silver, and thank'd her for her kind invitation to stay at her house during these troubles. While at dinner at Mrs. Clerks about 3 oclock afternoon, Mr. Peter Smith, brother to Methven, calld me to another room and notified to me as Cashier that the Prince had a further demand of current specie from the Royal Bank for the sum of £2307 sterling of their notes, which he as Attorney for his highness required payment of within 48 hours, under the penaltys containd in Mr. Murray of Broughtons former protest of yesterdays date, and exhibited the Bank notes, in presence of W. Mackewan, notary publick, before these witnesses

Writer to the Signet,

and

This further demand I immediatly notified to the directors present in the next room, viz^t.

Messrs. Hamilton, Shairp, Philp, Hathorn, and Forbes. After reasoning some time thereon, they agreed to comply with this demand, as well as the former, if access could be got to the Castle. Some time after this, James Lyon, the porter, returned, and brought back the letter for General Guest open, his excellency having read the same, but did not incline to give a written answer, not having a lawyer to advise with, but added that if the directors had come in a private manner, they might dispose of their own as they wou'd. After talking over this matter a little Mr. Peter Smith call'd me again, and presented a pass to the Castle for the three ordinary directors and my self, which pass was only to last and continue to this night at 10 oclock. I expostulated with him upon the impossibility of the thing, but he said that all excuses was in vain, for that a gentleman, who understood the business of banking, was with the Prince, when the pass was agranting, who said that there was no difficulty in the thing, for that all the gold and silver must be in baggs of certain sums, and therefore that it was an easy matter, and required no great time to execute this affair, and so the Prince was positive to grant no longer indulgence. Hereupon Mr. Smith left me and I return'd to the directors and reported what past, and being now towards evening, they found the measure propos'd by the pass impracticable, so adjourned to my house to drink coffee, and further to deliberate of the affair. Bespoke a pott of coffee at Muirhead's. The directors talk'd over this exigency fully, and then resolv'd that a letter should be written by me to Mr. Murray of Broughton, desiring that the pass should be renew'd for to morrow, when they would try to get access to the Castle and bring down the cash, and that the new pass should comprehend not only the three ordinary directors contain'd in the former, viz^t. Messrs. Hamilton, Shairp, and Philp and my self, but likewise William Mitchell, accomptant, and Alexander Innes, teller. Accordingly I wrote a letter in these terms, which was read to and approv'd of by the meeting, and being copied over fair by David Baillie (who had formerly transcribed the other letters to General Guest and Mr. Murray of Broughton in the forenoon), the same was sign'd by me, as the other letters were, in presence of and by appointment of the meeting. On this the directors dismiss'd,

and twas resolv'd that the three ordinary directors, accomptant, and A. Innes, teller, should meet at my house tomorrow between 8 and 9 in the morning. But before the meeting was over, A. Innes, teller, was calld upon, to know if his brother, George, was in the Castle, who told he was not, on which he was dispatched to his house, to know if he had lodg'd the keys of the Castle vault, where the Bank repositories were lodg'd, with his wife, and if he had, to bring them, which accordingly he deliverd to me in a seald parcell, which I opened in presence of the directors, and then kept the keys, George Innes having gone in to the countrey some days agoe, as his wife told his brother. Mr. David Baillie got the charge of delivering the letter to Mr. Murray of Broughton, after sealing, but after all search for him, he could not be found in town or abbey, on which Mr. Baillie and I concerted that I should call for Lochiel¹ in Mrs. Clerks, and tell him of the case, who brought me Mr. Smith who, with others, were in company with him, and in Lochiel's presence I deliverd the letter to Mr. Smith, who took burden to get and send me the answer this night. I then parted with these two gentlemen, all this discourse with them having past in the passage to Mrs. Clerks great room, and afterwards I went to John's Coffeehouse, where David Baillie waited me, to whom I told all that past, and then came home between 7 and 8 oclock. A little before parting with the directors I received a large packet from Lord Glenorchy per Jock, dated from Taymouth, 29 September, with letters inclosed

for Lady Glenorchy

Lady Harriet C.

Philip Yorke, Esq.

} all to be dispatched by to morrow's post.

I likewise received letter from Lord Monzie of the 29th September from Taymouth; also a letter from Auchalader same date from Taymouth, and one from his son John same date from Taymouth; all to be answered. Carwhins bill on me to Provost Fisher for 37 lb., dated 7 September @ 8 days date, was produced by George Chalmer, merchant in Leith, he having refused payment some days agoe in Bank notes of any kind. Between 10 and 11 at night a servant came to me with the pass to and from the Castle, which is limited

¹ Donald Cameron of Lochiel. He escaped to France after Culloden.

between 8 in the morning and 3 afternoon to morrow.

Thursday, 3d October 1745.

About 7 this morning I wrote a letter to General Guest in the Castle acquainting him that Messrs. Jo. Hamilton, Alexander Shairp, and John Philip, directors of the Royal Bank, William Mitchel, accomptant, A. Innes, teller, and my self, as cashier, intended to go up to the Castle upon Bank business, therefore that he would please to give the proper orders to the Captain of the Guard to give us admittance upon our displaying a white flagg. This letter I sent up with James Lyon, porter, who us'd likewise a white napkin for his signall, and he reported we should be admitted. About 8 oclock the five gentlemen above nam'd met at my house, and after breakfast we proceeded on our expedition. This side of the Weigh house I calld for the Captain of the Highland guard (one Mr Cameron) to whom I shewd our pass, and after his reading the same, he calld for one of his men to go through all the centinells posted between that and the Reservoir to give them due notice, and after waiting about a quarter of an hour, the Captain desired us to proceed, for that all was safe before us. He kept the pass in his Custody to be deliverd to the next captain when he was relieved off guard. I then hoisted my white flag and ushered the rest of the gentlemen, saluting the centinells with it as we past, and as we approached the Castle gate wav'd it often. At last the centinells there calld to us to come forward, and on our arrival at the bridge, telling who we were, 'twas lett down; the Captain received us in between the bridge and the gate, where he compar'd our names with my letter to General Guest which he had in his hand. On our arrival at General Guest's lodgings (which is the Governors new house) the directors and I went in, told him our errand in general was to get into the Royal Bank depositories to do some business, and General Preston having come in at that instant, he was likewise told the same. After some short conversation we left the two Generalls, and proceeded to the place where all the Bank things are lodg'd, and executed the affairs we came about, according to particular memorandums and minutes therof apart. During our continuance in the Castle which was from about 9 till near three oclock, there was closs firing from thence upon the Gardner's house at Livingston's

yards, occupied by R. Taylor, the shoemaker, at the head of a party of volunteers for the prince, to stop the communication thereabouts with the Castle, and one Watson, a soldier, was so courageous as to go down over the Castle wall upon a rope, fire upon the Gardners house, kill some of the volunteers there, carried off a firelock or two from them, sett the house in fire, return'd with these firelocks by his rope into the Castle, where he was received with loud huzzas for his valour. On his return the garrison was preparing for a sally, but as the men were a drawing up we got liberty from General Guest to go out again, and Captain Robert Mirry escorted us to the gate, where I again rais'd my white flagg, and with my friends return'd to town in safety, landed at my house from whence we adjourn'd to dine at Mrs. Clerks, vintner. No sooner were we sett down in Mrs. Clerks than we were inform'd that upon the sally from the Castle, Taylor and some of his men were taken and carried thither prisoners, leaving others dead on the spott, their house being sett on fire, the rest of the party having made their escape. Before I went to dinner I waited upon John Murray of Broughton, Esq., and told him I was come from the directors to acquaint him that they were ready to exchange current coin for their notes, in terms and in consequence of the two several demands made upon the Bank by way of protests and certification, on which he appointed six oclock at night to receive the money at my house, which I reported to the directors in Mrs. Clerks. After dinner I came down to make all ready and to keep the appointment, having packd up the gold in baggs to the net amount of the demands, being £3164.—About 7 oclock in place of Mr. Murrays coming himself, he sent one Mr Andrew Lumisdean (son to Wm. Lumisdean, writer, in Edinburgh), his depute secretary, who had with him the Bank notes. I told him the money was ready on the table, but that I hop'd he had the two protests duely discharg'd. He told me he had not, that they were of no moment, as they were never extended. On this we sent for Wm. M'Kewan, the notary, who acknowledged they were not drawn up, but tho' they were 'twas to Mr. Murray and not to me he was to deliver them; nor would Mr. Lumisdean promise to get them discharg'd, not knowing Mr. Murray's mind on that head.

Being difficulted in this particular, and having no directors at hand to advise with, it was agreed, and Mr. M'Kewan promis'd faithfully to make out the protests against to morrow's morning to be deliverd to Mr. Murray, in case he should think proper to deliver them to the Bank. Hereupon I calld up A. Innes, teller, to compt over the Notes, and that being done, the gold was likewise told over, first by Mr. Innes, then by Mr. Mackewan, and last of all by Mr. Lumisdean, who put it up in several baggs, and these again in one large bag seald, which he caus'd carry up to his chair, and so we parted about eleven oclock at night, having drunk one bottle of wine during our business. Thereafter I lodged notes in their proper place in Bank. The net sum paid was 3076lb., Mr. Lumsdean having disposed of £88 of the notes some other way. The Castle continued firing on the Highland guards at the Weigh house. When in the Castle today I deliverd two letters to General Guest, the charge of which I had from John M'Farlane, Writer to the Signet.

Friday, 4th October 1745.

Mr. Alexander Shairp calld upon me with a letter from Mr. M'Culloch to the overseers of the Linnen Manufactory signifying the distress the work people were in for want of silver coin, and desired I might assist him. The Castle has continued firing most of this day and night on some of the uppermost houses on the Castlehill, where the Highland guards shelterd themselves, fired one of them, and some people kill'd near the Weigh house. Had a message from J. G.¹ Secretary, by his servant who left him at Alnwick, desiring me to look at some papers his servant was to get in his scritore and to be sent to him. He accordingly brought the papers, but without inspection I seald them up with his and my own seal to ly at my house till further orders least they might be taken from the servant on the road, as he was robbd in the morning, and wrote to Mr. Graham accordingly, and desired him to send directions about his furniture, etc., as James's Court where he lives is much expos'd to the firing of the Castle.

Saturday, 5th October 1745.

Waited upon Mr. Murray of Broughton: desired from him

¹ Apparently J. Graham.

the protests taken by him against the Royal Bank. He scroupled, as he saw no occasion for them. I added as one principal reason for my asking them was that the repositories were broke open when there was not a Court of Directors present, therefore in justification of all concerned 'twas necessary to have them. He then gave his deputy, Mr. Lumsdean, orders to cause the notary extend them, and on my return to town I sent Mr. Mackewan a message to that purpose. Niccol, the taylor, brought me my freeze coat, and I paid his account. Answerd a letter of St. German's this forenoon. Constant fireing from the Castle. Blocade taken off the Castle this night by the Prince per printed notification to the inhabitants.

Sunday, 6th October 1745.

No sermon in the churches. Sent the Earl of Breadalbane the key of his little cabinet which lay by me seald since he fell ill, I say sent it seald to his lordship by his servant Allick. I was not abroad all this day.

Monday, 7th October.

I wrote to Auchallader telling I could not get his cloaths out of his taylors hands. Paid Jock 10 shillings, which with 6 shillings formerly is in full for going last time to Breadalbane, having gone the length of Tyndrom, and on his return 8 miles above Stirling, and besides freighting a yole in going, and got nothing while he continued in the countrey.

Tuesday, 8th October.

Calld for Lochiel about the letters deliverd me by Mr. John M'Farlane to General Guest, about Fassiefem's¹ imprisonment at Fort William, but miss'd Lochiel. Went to the Coffee house and read the news. On my way home met the accomptant and Robert Selkrig, teller, who came alongs, and I got the latter to sort all the Royal Bank notes I had got from Mr. Lumisdean in order to be ready for cancelling, and that being done lodged these notes back in their proper place. Dined at home *solus*. Had a message from Lochiel about the letters to General Guest, but could give him no answer other than that I deliverd them to the General as directed. Evening spent in making further progress in my

¹ John Cameron of Fassifern.

minutes of Bank affairs.

Wednesday, 9 October J 745.

Waited upon Provost Coutts at his own house this morning, having sent me a message he was come to town. Went to John's Coffeehouse. Sent for William M'Kewan, notary, about Bank protests. On his coming, shewd me the protests duely sign'd, and inclosed them in a letter which was sent by my servant Allick, to Mr. Andrew Lumisdean at the Abbey, who promised to return them to me discharged very soon. Came home before dinner, and was calld upon by a servant of Sir Ch. Gs.¹ with whom I went to Pleasants and got two letters from Lady G[lenorchy]. Din'd at home *solus*. Lord Monzies house-maid calld at me for money to maintain her, and I gave her 10 shillings.

Thursday, 10th October 1745.

Went to the Coffeehouse. George Gordon calld upon me and told of the French ship landed at Montrose. Saw a letter of Lord Lovat's, about his Clan, etc., rising. Went to the Abbey and calld at Mr. Lumisdean for the two protests against the Royal Bank, who promised to send them to me to Earl Breadalbanes. Dined with Earl Breadalbane, Miss Boswell, Peggy Skene, and J[ohn] Murray. After dinner sent to Mr. Lumisdean for the Bank protests, which he sent me discharg'd. Earl Breadalbane gave me a letter and pass for his son to go to England, also a pass to John M'Diarmid to be sent with these to Taymouth. Sent letter to Lord M[onzie], and sent him Mercury of the 9th about Glenco, and discharging any members to go to parliament.

Friday, 11th October 1745.

Barclay, the taylor, brought me home Auchalader's cloaths.

Saturday, 12th October.

Sent to Lady Glenorchy the Prince's Declaration of the 10th addrest to all his fathers subjects.

Sunday, 13th October.

No sermon in churches. Dined with Earl Breadalbane, Taymouth, and Mr. John Murray. Came home in the evening.

¹ Not identified.

Monday, 14th October 1745.

A meeting of directors. Present, Messrs. Shairp, Coutts, and Hamilton. Cancelld parcells of notes, vizt.

what I received from Broughton,.....3076

what received from General Guest part of my
balance, 600

3676

more part of do. 20 shilling notes,.....1800

Calld a meeting of directors, ordinary and extraordinary; present, Messrs. Hamilton, Shairp, Coutts, Hathorn, Forbes, and Mansfield. Dined at Mrs. Clerks and talkd over sundry Bank business. Message per Bailie Mansfield to General Guest for admittance about Bank business to the Castle—agreed to. Meeting indicted for 9 to morrow. Officers of the Bank came to me and I notified same. Had 1 bottle of wine. Supp'd at Mr. Ronald Crawford's with sundrys.

Tuesday, 15th October 1745.

Coulterallers calld for loan of 6 guineas, which I gave him on bill. Went to the Castle with Provost Coutts, David Baillie, accomptant, and his clerk, Ewart, and three tellers about Bank business, having notified our intention to General Guest, by a letter which I wrote to him per Bailie Mansfield. Before we went up had another crave for half crown contribution on Bank house amounting to £8: 2: 6, which the directors agreed to pay, so Bailie Mansfield was to advance it in my absence, and I to repay him. Provost Coutts and I waited upon Generalls Guest and Preston in the Castle. Then enterd upon our business in the vault, vizt.—Settled and balancd the state of the cash since 11 September. All the Bank notes cancell'd. The tellers orderd to take down from the Castle all their balances. All the notes formerly torn and not burnt, but laid up in the directors old chest under lock, were this day burnt. All the bills on 60 days, not formerly brought down, were deliverd to David Baillie, his receipt or the Secretarys having formerly stood for the same. All the foreign bills, and those from P. Murdoch, etc. taken down by Robert Selkrig, in order to be lookt into. On our coming from the Castle dined with Mr. Coutts, D. Baillie and George Chalmers at Lucky Clerks, paid bill, 7 shillings. Went after

dinner to the Castle with Mr. Coutts and D. Baillie, and saw all the business finished. Came home, Provost Coutts and D. Baillie with me, where the keys, seal, and vouchers were seald up with Mr. Coutts's seall. Answered Lady Glenorchy's letters of 8 and 10, but sent her nothing enclosed, she having forbid to send any more newspapers. Got a letter from Duncan Campbell. Answered letter of Lady Dunstaffnage's¹ and sent her a guinea by her servant enclos'd.

Wednesday, 16th October 1745.

Went to the Coffee house. Din'd *solus*. William Dow deliverd me a letter from Lady Glenorchy, dat'd 8, and another for Lord Glenorchy, both per express, but had been stopt on the road.

Thursday, 17th October.

Went to the Coffee house. Dined *solus*. Sent Auchalader Mercurys of 9 and 11, 14 and 16. Sent him his new friese cloaths. Answered Lady Glenorchy's of the 8th and 12. Told her all was well, quiet here, frequent reinforcements, ship landed at Montrose, one of distinction from thence lodges in Abbey.

Friday, 18 October 1745.

Robert Selkrig came to sort notes, which he finished. Messrs. Hamilton and Coutts mett and cancelled the same, per signd Inventory, agreeable to which I'm to have credite in part of my balance, amounting to £6539. They afterwards came down to my house, where we had a glass of wine. A meeting of directors appointed against Monday at 10 o'clock.

Saturday, 19 October 1745.

Dined with Earl Breadalbane and Mr. John Murray at Abbey. Deliverd up all receipts I had from Finlay Murray for money advanced him for Earl Breadalbane. Returnd in a chair. Was calld upon after my return from the Abbey by one of Lord Tinwalds house-maids to tell that a son of Rollo of Powhouse was searching for arms at that lodging and at Lord Monzies, on which I went immediatly down, found him and his possie at Lord Tinwalds searching every corner, but he found nothing, he had a Highlander guarding the door with a

¹ Wife of Neil Campbell of Dunstaffnage.

drawn sword, from whom with difficulty I got access. Lord Monzie's house-maid told me, they had taken two small swords out of Lord Monzie's per receipt, which she delivered to me. Wrote to Lord Monzie under Lieut. James Campbell's cover, and acquainted him of the above search.

Sunday, 20 October 1745.

No sermon. Had a message from Earl Breadalbane to dine with him, but made my excuse.

Monday, 21 October 1745.

Messrs. Hamilton, Coutts, Shairp, and Philip met at the Bank according to appointment. Went through the foreign bills, and gave sign'd directions concerning the same. Delivered to David Baillie all the 60 day bills upon receipt in order to protest and register them before expiry, his and the Secretary's receipts standing already for the former parcels in his hands. Patrick Smyth, brother to Methven, made a demand in the Prince's name, for payment of £1819 Royal Bank notes in current coin between and Wednesday at 12 o'clock, and took instruments thereupon in hands of Watson, notary, before Andrew Porteous of Burnfoot and Andrew Swan, indwellers in Edinburgh, witnesses. This demand was immediately notified to the directors, sitting in the Bank office, who ordered that the same should be complied with. Dined with Earl Breadalbane, Messrs. William and John Murray at the Abbey. Waited on Broughton that he might appoint an hour for getting payment of Mr. Smith's demand, and he named about five this evening. Broughton according to appointment sent his deputy, Mr. Lumisdean, with the Royal Bank notes, which Robert Selkrig received off his hand, and then told over the gold to him, amounting to £1819, which he sealed up in his bags and carried away with him. Had a bottle of wine. I got up the protest taken against the Bank from Mr. Lumisdean discharged by Mr. Murray of Broughton, and as Swan, one of the witnesses, could not be had to sign the same, Mr. Lumisdean is to send him to me to-morrow for that purpose.

Tuesday, 22d October 1745.

Had a letter from St. Germans, which I answered. Dined at D. Anderson's with D. Baillie.

Wednesday, 23d October 1745.

Received payment of Mr. Jo. Philp payment of the £8 he

owd me. Gave him £10 in silver out of the Bank balance per draught on Bank of £18, in which is included the above £8. Call'd at John M'Kenzie, writer, about Earl Eglintones bills in Bank, and Bond of Corroborate he was to grant for the largest—Mr. M'Kenzie not being in town, his clerk, Mr. Gray, told me the bond was sign'd, and would be deliverd up on Mr. M'Kenzies return to town next week. And for the bills a letter might be written to Earl Eglintone to the care of the postmaster of Irvine. Dind at home *solus*.

Thursday, 24th October.

A further demand was this morning early made by Mr. Lumisdean in name of the Prince for the sum of £1117 to be paid in current coin in exchange for notes. The foregoing demand I immediatly notified to Messrs. Hamilton and Philp, who came to the Bank at a call, who agreed to comply, and Mr. Lumisdean has appointed 6 at night for receiving the money. Had a message from the Old Bank desiring to exchange all our notes in their hands, and in as far as they were short of what we had of theirs would give cash to make up the balance. Mr. Lumisdean came and got £1117 in gold for Royal Bank notes. George Stirling calld this night and supp'd with me. Indicted a meeting of directors to morrow at 12 oclock about the message from the Old Bank, etc.

Friday, 26th October 1745.

Paid M'Diarmid 9 shillings, which, with 6 shillings formerly, completes his last journey to Breadalbane. A. Innes, senior, breakfasted with me. The accomptant calld at me. Had a letter to Lady Veronica Campbell's burial. Directors met and resolv'd to exchange 4000 £ notes with Old Bank to morrow. Had a message from Old Bank by Messrs. Fairholm and Spence to exchange the notes within the Castle, which I told them could not be comply'd with, as the notes we had of theirs were brought from thence.—Had a bottle wine at my house with them.

Saturday, 26th October 1745.

Mungo Roro calld at me and breakfasted. George Stirling came and took leave. Mr. Spence calld to tell 'that the Old Bank directors had agreed to exchange the 4000lb. notes at Mr. Fairholm's house at 2 oclock, which I notified to Mr. Selkrig that he might attend. Mr. Kinloch's servant-maid came to acquaint me that her masters house at Bruntfield

Links was robbd and pillaged last night by 15 Highlanders and 2 women, but knew none of their names. I begged of Mungo Roro to get all the information he could, and if possible to recover the goods that the rogues might be punished, which he undertook so far as lay in his power. Mr. Kinloch's maid is to endeavour to bring me further information. D. Baillie dined with me. Exchang'd £4000 notes with the Old Bank. While at dinner Mr. Lumisden sent me a message he was to call in the afternoon, accordingly at 3 o'clock he came and protested £417 Royal Bank notes, and having afterwards called I gave him £400 in gold, with which he was satisfied, having restricted his demand to that sum. Had a letter from Auchalader, who is a dying, dated 22d. Earl Breadalbane calld upon me to the Abbey, went down in a chair, suppd with his lordship and Mr. John Murray. Returnd in a chair, paid 2 shillings and 1 shilling to the Earl's servant who conducted me backward and forward.

Sunday, 27 October 1745.

No sermon. Went to the Castle, deliverd the letters for General Guest from Lord Glenorchy and Governor Alexander Campbell and message from Lord Monzie all about Fassiefern, but the General would not give answers in writing, only verbally, that he thought the Governor might release him on good bail such as Lord Glenorchy approv'd of. Returnd to the Coffeehouse. Dined at home *solus*, Inshewen¹ calld upon me after dinner, to whom I deliverd Auchaladers letter about his son, Peter. Letters came to me from the Abbey for my dispatching Anderston to Taymouth.

Monday, 28th October 1745.

Court of Directors ordinary and extraordinary.

Present.

Ordinary.	Extraordinary.
Mr. Hamilton.	Mr. Hathorn.
Mr. Shairp.	Mr. Forbes.
Mr. Philp.	Mr. Mansfield.

Had under consideration a letter from Mr. Coutts to Mr. Hamilton, advising that upon a conversation with the Lord Justice Clerk about Bank affairs, his lordship had found fault with almost every part of the directors conduct, but had not

¹ John Ogilvy of Inshewan in Forfarshire.

time to give the particulars. As the directors were not sensible of any one article of misconduct, they delayed saying any thing further of that matter till Mr. Hamilton should have another letter from Provost Coutts. The Cashier retorted that he had exchanged £4000 Old Bank notes for new. It was the opinion of the meeting that as many old notes as possible should be got, and that they themselves should contribute what they could that way. It was further their opinion that in case any after demand should be made upon the Bank by the Prince within £2000, that the same should be answered as formerly, and that the ordinary directors should take the same out of the Castle. Agreed to take payments from Mr. Coutts of the 4000£ Bank money in his hands, as money comes in to him, but that his partner should be told that specie or old Bank notes would be more acceptable. Made up Bank Minutes to this day. Poem.

Tuesday, 29th October 1745.

Had a confused story of a forgery of the Royal Bank notes, which was told him by John Bisset, whom I sent for, and he's to bring all the information he can get. Dined at home *solus*. Poem continued.

Wednesday, 30 October 1745.

Mr. Lumisden made a further demand of £174 to be exchanged tomorrow at 12 o'clock. Sent snuff and paper to Earl Breadalbane.

Thursday, 31 October.

Exchanged some Royal for old Bank notes with Bailie Mansfield. Dined *solus*. The Prince went this evening to Pinkie.

Friday, 1 November 1745.

Mr. Lumisdean called for 174 lb. in. gold for notes of like value, but had not the protest extended, the notary and witnesses having left the town, and Broughton was likewise gone. Mr. Trotter called at me from Provost Coutts to know if I had any message for him. Told him the directors were willing to take what partial payments he could conveniently make. Dined *solus*. Highlanders left this place wholly today.

Saturday, 2d November 1745.

To Lieutenant James Campbell I notified that the City was

thinner than for some weeks past.

Sunday, 3 November.

Heard sermon per Mathison, new Church. Din'd with Earl Breadalbane and James Holburn and John Murray at Abbey. Sup'd with Earl Breadalbane. Returnd in a Chair.

Monday, 4 November 1745.

Had a Letter from the Earl of Breadalbane telling me the mob had got up in the Abbey, were opening doors, and like to destroy the house and every thing in it, therefore desiring to apply to General Guest for a safe guard, and to shew him his lordship's letter. Accordingly I wrote to the General. Sent the Earls letter inclosed by Finlay Moray, that he might tell the General what he had seen. Finlay Moray return'd and told me the General was immediatly to send down a guard to the Abbey to protect it.

Wednesday, 6th November 1745.

Mr. Kinlochs maid calld upon me for a letter to Mr. Glasgow in the Castle to be assisting to her in finding out the things pillag'd out of her masters house amongst these carried up to the Castle. Dined at Abbey with Earl Breadalbane, St Germans, and Mr. John Murray. St. Germans treated me with a coach to the Abbey and back again. Supp'd at home, St. Germans with me.

Monday, 11 November 1745.

Din'd at home *solus*. Began to compose some lines. Paid a visit at Mr. Kinloch's. Finish'd my composure.

Wednesday, 13 November 1745.

Wrote to Miss Jeany, and sent her gloves and snuff and returnd her key. Exchanged new for old notes with Bailie Mansfield, 215. This day the Judges enterd the City in procession.

Thursday, 14 November 1745.

2000 foot and dragoons enterd the City this evening.

Monday, 18 November 1745.

Wrote to Lord Justice Clerk about Bank affairs, and advised him the old Bank had open shop.

Wednesday, 20 November 1745.

Went to the Castle of Edinburgh with severall of the officers of the Bank, and got down all the boxes belonging to the accomptants office, being 18 in number.

Saturday, 23 November 1745.

Got down rest of Bank effects from Castle.

- **The Abbey** The name by which Holyroodhouse was commonly known
- **Earl of Breadalbane** John Campbell, 2nd Earl of Breadalbane (1662-1752), the diarist John Campbell's uncle and clan chief. At the time of the diary, living at Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh
- **Ensign Allan Campbell** Soldier in Lord John Murray's Regiment (the 43rd Highlanders) taken prisoner at the Battle of Prestonpans
- **Mrs Clerk** or **Lucky Clerk** Vintner in Fleshmarket Close, Edinburgh. Also known - like many of the city's female tavern keepers - as 'Lucky'
- **General Cope** Lieutenant General Sir John Cope, Commander-in-Chief of the Government forces in Scotland
- **John Coutts** Merchant, former Lord Provost of Edinburgh and ordinary director of The Royal Bank of Scotland 1744-51
- **William Forbes** Town Clerk of Edinburgh and extraordinary director of The Royal Bank of Scotland 1743-55
- **Gladsmuir** The name by which the Battle of Prestonpans was known to Jacobites
- **Lady Glenorchy** Arabella Campbell (née Pershall), second wife of Lord Glenorchy, resident in London at the time of the diary
- **Lord Glenorchy** John Campbell (1695/6-1782), son and heir to 2nd Earl of Breadalbane, whom he succeeded as 3rd Earl in 1752
- **General Guest** Lieutenant General Joshua Guest (1660-1747), in command at Edinburgh Castle of the Government Forces remaining there in the autumn of 1745
- **John Hamilton** Writer to the Signet and ordinary director of The Royal Bank of Scotland 1740-56
- **Hugh Hathorn** Merchant in Edinburgh and extraordinary director of The Royal Bank of Scotland 1744-56
- **Alexander Innes** Teller to The Royal Bank of Scotland
- **George Innes** Second cashier and chief teller to The Royal Bank of Scotland 1745-77
- **John's Coffee House** In Parliament Close, Edinburgh
- **David Kinloch** Writer to the Signet in Edinburgh. Son of Francis Kinloch of Gilmerton

- **King's Park** Adjacent to Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh
- **Lovat** Simon Fraser, 12th Lord Lovat (1667-1747). Wavered in the early stages of the Rising, but eventually joined Prince Charles Edward. Executed 1747.
- **Lumisdean** Andrew Lumisdean, on Murray of Broughton's staff in the Highland Army
- **William Mackewan** Public notary in Edinburgh
- **Captain McNabb** Son to Laird of McNab and Captain in Loudon's Highlanders. Captured at the Battle of Prestonpans
- **Baillie James Mansfield** Merchant in Edinburgh and extraordinary director of The Royal Bank of Scotland 1744-52
- **Lord Monzie** Patrick Campbell, a Breadalbane Campbell, Senator of the College of Justice and ordinary director of The Royal Bank of Scotland 1727-51
- **John Murray** Associate at Holyroodhouse of 2nd Earl of Breadalbane
- **John Murray of Broughton** Secretary to Prince Charles Edward in the '45. Captured in 1746 but pardoned on turning king's evidence against Lord Lovat
- **Old Bank** Bank of Scotland, at Old Bank Close on the north side of the Lawnmarket, Edinburgh
- **John Philp** Auditor in the Exchequer in Edinburgh and ordinary director of The Royal Bank of Scotland 1727-51, living at Greenlaw, Midlothian
- **Pinkie House** near Musselburgh of the Marquis of Tweeddale, Secretary of State for Scotland
- **General Preston** General George Preston (c.1659-1748), Deputy Governor of Edinburgh Castle in 1745
- **The Prince** Prince Charles Edward Stuart (1720-88), eldest son of James III and VIII. Born and educated in Rome. Landed in Scotland in August 1745 to raise a Jacobite army to oust the Hanoverians from the British throne
- **Rollo of Powhouse** A Stirlingshire laird, two of whose sons served with the Jacobite Army
- **Mungo Roro** Captain McGregor of Roro (in Glenlyon), of the Atholl Brigade in the Jacobite Army

- **St Germain's** James Campbell of St Germain's in East Lothian, friend (and later father-in-law) of John Campbell
- **Alexander Shairp** Merchant in Edinburgh and ordinary director of The Royal Bank of Scotland 1743-73
- **Peter Smith** Brother to the Laird of Methven (near Perth), on Murray of Broughton's staff
- **Lord Tinwald** Charles Areskine, Senator of the College of Justice and extraordinary director of The Royal Bank of Scotland 1727-64
- **Weigh House** Building at the head of the Lawnmarket occupied by the Jacobite Army while besieging Edinburgh Castle