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WALTER LUTWIDGE and others to SIR JAMES LOWTHER.

1745, November 25th, Newcastle.—Gentlemen. We received your Express late last night and waited upon Marshall Wade according to your desire early this morning, who returned for answer, He was to march next day in pursuit of the Rebels, that he could not spare a sufficient body to drive them from Carlisle, and that he tho't the best effectuall method of doing it would be to beat the Rebels, and then of course they must evacuate Carlisle, which we dare say we all heartily wish may soon be the case.

Monday 12 a clock forenoon.

1745, December 1, Whitehaven.—Honourable Sir, Some of the Gentlemen of this country sent an Express to generals Howard and Mordaunt to pray some assistance from Marshall Wade to reduce the Rebels at Carlisle; and above we send you a copy of the answer. The county is in the utmost distress from the Rebell garrison, and you would hear of an excursion of 18 or 20 of them to Lowther Hall, who were gallantly defeated by the Penrith gentlemen, but as we apprehend this garrison to be a resort for the disaffected Scots we are in hopes the Government will take care to rout them out immediately, and we apprehend that a few regular forces from Ireland assisted by our seamen and countrymen and a few of our large cannon from this place woud as yet easily destroy them, or a party of the troops from Edinbrough, but you will judge what is best, and are assured of our utmost endeavours for this Country. We make this application by desire of the Gentlemen of the County, as well as for our own safety. We are, Sir, your most humble Servants

WALTER LUTWIDGE.

PETER How.

J. PATRICKSON.

R. GILPIN.

WILLIAM [HICKS].

HENRY, VISCOUNT LONSDALE to —

1745, December 11th, Byrom.— "The Rebels having proceeded as far as Derby are returning Northwards, I hear they came to Manchester last night, and as they are three days march before Marshal Wade (who left Ferrybridge this morning and lyes at Wakefield to night in the way to Hallifax) I don't think it possible he can overtake them. Tis likely they will stay at Carlisle. How long God knows, but while they are there unmolested the countys of Cumberland and Westmorland must be subject to contributions and pillaging."

MRS. KATHARINE LOWTHER to MR. JAMES WATSON [her steward].

1745, December 22nd [Warter],—" I have received your letters and was glad to find by the first that you all got safe home and have been under great anxiety to hear what would become of poor Westmorland.. I think you acted very prudently in leaving Meaburn till the Rebels were gone by, but am glad to find both you and your wife happened to be got back before the King's Officers came there as I don't doubt but you would make them the best accommodation you could and to be sure it was very right not to take any thing for the hay, &c. I hope the next post will bring us better news, I fear the main body of the Rebels had escaped, as you don't seem to think the number at Clifton to be above 500, I beg you would continue to let me hear every post; as you know the letters from York are very imperfect."