

Letter from General T[homas]
Wentworth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
to Henry Pelham; 10 November
1745.

Newcastle, Nov. the 10th

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Sr,

*I was this morning honour'd with yours of
the 7th and as I am persuaded that you
must not be a little anxious for what con-
cerns us, I write by the post, the Marshall
not designing to send away an express 'till
to morrow or the day following -*

*By our freshest intelligence, the Rebels
were very near Carlisle, but I conceive
it must only be meant of one of their
partys, as it is pretty certain that a con-
siderable body of them, were two days
ago at or near Dumfries, which town*

lying some miles west of Carlisle, I can not easily account for their going so far out of their way, if their real design is to move southward, indeed tis said th^t they have been oblig'd to take that road for the more easy conveyance of their artillery. Most of the accounts we receive of the Rebels,

are, I think, not altogether to be depended upon, as they are but too often dictated by the fears of those who are employ'd to observe their motions; a Clergyman upon the Western border, lately signify'd by letter that he had himself seen 2000 upon their march, which number a second letter writ by the same person a few hours after, reduc'd to sixty.

From what I can judge (as I mention'd in my last) their numbers can not exceed 8000 in Arms; allowing them to

be all *Highlanders* (which is not the case) and even such formidable *Heroes*, as they are describ'd by certain persons on almost every occasion, I shou'd not be under the least apprehensions on that account; cou'd we but bring our people fairly up to them in health and in vigour - our greatest difficulty will arise from the want of subsistence, w^h will be unavoidable if we march towards the *Western Moors*; as we have no *Magazines*, and as little grain &c. is produc'd in th^t barren soil that, in my humble opinion, can be the only obstacle w^h will prevent us seeking them instantly, as soon as it shall be certainly known what route they have taken.

To morrow a *Councill of Warr* is to sit, for, I suppose, determining what measures to take, the results of w^h you will know by the next opportunity.

I am, S^r

With great truth,

Your most faithfull
& obliged humble serv^t

J. Wentworth

P. S.

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