

Inverness the 18th April 1746.

Sir.

You will had the good news from Lord
Bury, & will know the particulars of it
by his Royal Highness the Dukes's dispatch
of this day; so nothing remains for me
but to rejoice with the publick & you
who have so large a share in the admin-
istration of the Kings affairs, & so much
love & honor my Master, upon this
great & auspicious day; there is hard-
ly a circumstance which could have
been wish'd that is wanting. The Duke
has march'd his Army with great ease
& without their wanting any thing,
in the very rude season of the year
where it was thought an Army could
not pass, the Enemy have had the
choice where they would make their
R^{ble} Hon^{ble} M. Pelham.

Stand, for the Kings Army pass'd several Rivers
where great resistance might have been
made, They had here their terrible Clans up,
they chose their ground, they made their
effort with those broad Swords which were to
cut down all opposition, They fought as it
were in the centre of their own Country, were
to contend for every thing, out numbered the
Dukes Army by a quarter, & yet were beat
en with the greatest ease, & with very little
loss on our side. where they came up our
Soldiers fairly beat them with their Bay-
onets, & made great Slaughtes of them, &
where the Duke was, & by his Presence inspir-
ed the Soldiers with such firmness that after
having presented they recovered their firelocks,
& stood with them shoulder to shoulder, till these Soulders
came within a hundred yards, They durst
not to attack at all, tho they made three differ-

Efforts to rouse their courage, & ran eagerly to within that distance, but went off at last without attempting any thing. The Duke had indeed made a wonderful change in our Army, they had not only renewed but reinforced their spirits & courage, & both officers & soldiers did all that could be expected from brave men, & I dare say the terror of broad Swords is as much effaced, as if there had never been any impressions of that kind, & in the present temper the Fellows would fight them with their Bayonets; What do not the Nation owe to the Duke? His presence gave spirit to the Troops, His activity quickned & animated every thing, he got together Provisions, He formed the whole scheme, he orderd all the marches, & made the disposition as well as orderd the execution of every thing the day of the Action, so that I believe there is not an Officer of the Army who pre-tends

or has foundation to do it, any thing more than
the honor of having cheerfully obey'd his orders.
What his Royal Highness has so well begun & so
gloriously carried on, He will I dare say see
carried to such perfection that the Govern-
ment will have it in their Power to put things
here upon such a foot as not to be again en-
danger'd as they have been from hence. We are
in the heart of the M^cIntoshes who were run-
aged the first day, the men all fled, but the Party
brought in the Heroine of this part of the world
the Laird of M^cIntosh's wife, About 400 black
Cattle as many Sheep, & 60 Horses, they also
killed some straglers who had been in the Rebel
Army, the 17th Lordaunt was sent with nine
hundred men, into the Frasers Country, the
People were mostly fled with their Cattle, but
He had destroy'd their instruments of Husband-
ry, & to day the good Lord Lovats house was to blaze
& those of the Chiefs. that Arch. Killain has
had his hand

in all this Vihang, but has been endeavouring
 to keep himself out of danger of a confiscation.
 But I hope chance has thrown into our hands
 enough for that, We have a pretty long Letter to
 Sir John about an invitation of the ^{capt} Prince to his
 house, to see Salmon fishing. This is the heaviest
 blow the Clans ever felt, & will be remembered, had
 they dispers'd & thrown themselves upon mercy
 the affair would have been done very imperfectly,
 many of their Chiefs are fallen; if they dis-
 perse they will soon be at the Kings Mercy, if
 they attempt to assemble again, they, that
 is this corrupted part of them, will be quite
 destroy'd. They are a nest of Thieves, & if they can
 be made to change their way of life, they are
 a burthen to the Country, & would have driven
 all honest sober People out of all places
 where they could reach. I heartily rejoice
 with you that this thorn is drawn from your
 side, & that you will now be more at liberty

to attend to the great national Interests now depend-
ing in other parts; & I hope & trust that the Natio-
nal Spirit so signally exerted, & the great ad-
ditional Glory to his Royal Highness, will have
their influence all over Europe, & I should rejoice
to see Him act upon a Theatre more worthy of
Him, tho' no service was ever of greater mo-
ment & concern to the Nation than that He
has been & is employ'd in. my heart opens
itself to You with the greater satisfaction, as
I know the Interest You took in endeavouring to
produce his Royal Highness upon that Stage
where his great & extraordinary talents
are rendering such high & important ser-
vices to these Kingdoms. I hope there are be-
ginnings of greater prosperities in which
You will have a large part, & which will
lead us to a safe & honorable Peace. I wish
for occasions of approving myself

with that truth & respect I have always
made profession of.

Sir

Your most obedient
& devoted humble
Servant.

Oberard Faulkner.

The 19th

Capt. Dove of the Mound.

has just brought in Lord
Cromarty, his son Lord M^c

and eight or ten other
officers of different ranks

& about 150 private Men,

they were taken by the Suther-

land Men in that Country.