

their Accommodation on Board, as being not answerable to what had been promised them at Stockholm. One of them, who had killed another in a Duel, and made his Escape, passed by here last Week on his Way to France.

*Berlin, March 15, N. S.* Mr. Beckers, the Elector Palatine's Minister at this Court, has received final Orders to repair in the same Character to that of Vienna. The King of Prussia arrived to Day from Potsdam.

*Dresden, March 15.* This Court has sent Orders to M. de Debrossè, their Minister at the Hague, to ask, in his Polish Majesty's Name, the Guaranty of the States General to the Treaty of Dresden.

*Paris, March 18, N. S.* The Armies of the two Crowns in Italy are beginning to reassemble to oppose the Progress of the Enemy, who have forced the Post of Asti, from whence our Troops retired with Loss, and General de Montal was taken Prisoner. The King has given the Archbishoprick of this Place to M. de Belvédère, Archbishop of Arles.

*Hague, March 22.* By Letters from Turin of the 5th Instant, there is Advice, that the King of Sardinia has given Orders for pushing his Military Operations, in Concert with the Austrians, with the utmost Vigour, both on the Side of Alexandria and Asti. Affairs on the Side of the Low Countries remain in the same Situation.

*Whitehall, March 14.*

This Afternoon an Express arrived from his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, with the following Advices.

*Aberdeen, March 9.* Information has been received, but we are not certain of the Truth of it, that 4 or 500 of the Rebels, with the French Piquets, were gone to Fort Augustus, and had taken the old Barracks, and that they expected they should take the Castle in a very few Days. They still however pretend that they will defend the Passage of the Spey. The Pretender's Son is himself come to Elgin, and is at present very ill there. The Person called Lord John Drummond, with the Remains of his Regiment, and the few French Horse lately landed, is at Gordon Castle: Their Low Country People, whom they set at 3000, are at Elgin, Fochabers, and other Places on both Sides the Spey. They are intrenching themselves, and preparing Herissons and Crow Feet to spoil the Fords, and they give out that their Clans are coming behind them. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland has ordered Lord Loudoun to come and join the Army with all his Highlanders. As soon as the great Snow, which fell last Night, is a little run off, we shall march from hence. The Day before the Pretender's Son's Arrival at Elgin, some People unknown were shipped off in a little Fishing Vessel at Port-Lochy, which little Harbour is still in the Power of the Rebels. Three of the King's Ships are cruising in the narrow Frith of Murray, which it is hop'd will effectually prevent any Attempt which may be made by the French of assisting the Rebels at Inverness. The Dispositions and Cantonment

of our Troops are so contiguous, that we have no Reason to apprehend any Surprise. At this Time the Whole of our Infantry is within the Towns of Old and New Aberdeen. At Forfar where each of our four Divisions lay a Night, three French Irish Officers were concealed in the Town during the whole Time, and after all our Troops were passed through, they were permitted to beat up for Volunteers there.

A Design was formed at Montrose for the Country People to come down and rescue the Rebel Prisoners; but fortunately Kingston's Regiment being there, prevented the Affair, and the Prisoners are now ordered under a Guard to Stirling. By Advices from Edinburgh, upon Blyth's Regiment being embarked to join our Army, some disaffected Persons had formed a Design to rise and break the Prison Doors, whereupon Leigh's Regiment has been ordered to march from Berwick to Edinburgh. The Monroes, Sutherlands, and the rest of the well-affected Northern Clans, are joined with Lord Loudoun, and will come with him. The Duke of Gordon arrived this Evening at our Head Quarters, from his own House, which he left Yesterday, on Foot, and in the most secret Manner he could, the Rebels who have lived upon his Estate, having constantly watched his Grace ever since they have been there. The Person called Lord John Drummond is the Chief of those in that Part of the Country. Upon Information that some Rebels, and amongst others, Roy Stuart, were concealed in this Town, his Royal Highness has ordered Search to be made for them.

By Advices from the Duke of Athol of the 4th, Sir Andrew Agnew and his 500 Men continued at Blair. The nearest Party of the Rebels was at a Place called Dalnaspedit, the utmost Limits of Athol, 12 Miles above Blair, in the Road to Inverness; and from thence to Inverness they were in Possession of the whole Country, and guarded all the Passes so strictly, that there was no getting any certain Intelligence about them. The last Accounts were, that after having taken Possession of Inverness and the Castle, they sent one Party over the Firth after Lord Loudoun, and another towards Fort Augustus, which Place it was doubted would fall into their Hands; and their Numbers were increasing. The Duke of Athol had sent a Party to Marr, and had retaken the young Laird of Invercauld, who was at his Father's House upon Parole. The Rebels at Inverness gave out, that the Pretender's Son would go himself to the Isle of Sky to raise Men there.

*Edinburgh, March 10.* We have had Weather, Frost and Snow; the Transports with Blyth's Regiment, &c. are still Wind bound in the Forth.

The Hessians have their Head Quarters, with their greatest Body of Troops, at Perth, and his Highness the Prince of Hesse, and the Earl of Crawford are at that Place.

By different Accounts which we have received, there is Reason to apprehend that the Rebels have got Possession of Fort Augustus.

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