

WILLIAM MUNROJoiner RHIVES

Original spelling

A short account of how far William Munro, Joyner in Rhives had a hand or was concerned in the attack made by the Earl of Sutherland's Militia on the fiftennth April 1746, upon the Rebels when the Earl of Cromarty his son Lord MacLeod and several other officers with 165 private men were taken prisoners besides some killed and wounded.

The sd William Munro one the 14th despatched William MacKay Corporal with advice to Ensign MacKay that Lord MacLeod with his father's regiment was arrived from Caithness at Dunrobin, that after----
~~Bar~~ Barasdale with his men was marched of from that place likewise that the Earl of Cromarty with his regiment was to follow him next morning so that if they did not attack that night in the manner before concerted twixt Ensign MacKay and sd William it would be ever after out of their power to do it.

And lest such affair opportunity should be lost William Munro by 11 o'clock that same night despatched three messengers out of the house of Dunrobin urging the mens coming and assuring him he would find them late (?) access to the castle of Dunrobin in order to cease on all the officers there by which means their men would be obliged to lay down their arms without the loss of one drop of blood. Sd William with John Sutherland Brewer and John Sutherland mason after securing the door of the gate for their own purpose watched on the tour head till daylight but no appearance of our men till about seven o'clock. returned one of the messengers sent of the night before from Ensign MacKay advising sd Willima Munro that the sd Ensign MacKay with 20 men lay at the back of the hill above the mains of Dunrobin and that it was pro) -per be the sd William Munro should send him all the intelligence he had, upon which the sd william finding that the privat men of the Rebels were marched from Dunrobin toward ferryoons and the Earl of Cromartie with his son Lord MacLeod and the other officers remained still at Dunrobin. After leaving and directing John Sutherland Brewer to make a proper signal one the tourhead went himself

and acquainted Ensign MacKay who was by this time joyned by Sergeant MacKay with eight men which made in all 28 besides Ensign and Sergeant upon our coming in sight fo Dunrobin Castle appeared John Sutherland with the Signall on the Tourhead intimating that the Rebell officers were gone from that place upon which Ensign MacKay with the men ran with all possible speed towards the burn of Golspie was joined by Lieutenant Munro aboute John MacKays house Sd William Munro followed the men to Golspie burn where the Rebell officers were intercepted and from thence to ferryoons and helped to take some prisoners by the way and after the men returned from Ferryoons to Golspie----- the prisoners sd William Munro proposed to a part of the officers namely Captain Gray Lieutenant Munro and Ensign MacKay that a proper person should be sent in order to bring a ship of war to the coast to receive the prisoners of there hands as they had not asufficient number of men to guard them and fight Barrisdale who was believed would return that night, let it be observed that this belief was not at all groundless in appearance tho it pleased it happened so in effect for there was not a man I belive ~~thax~~ concerned in the atack that day that knew anything of the Dukes motion or the army under his command, so far from that that our best intelligence was that the whole countys as well as towns on this side Spey were in the possession of the Rebells. The officers aproved the proposal and pitched on the proposed to go and bring the first ships of war he could find, he accordongly went all the coast to --- in Caithness where he found the first boat all the Sutherland (boats) being brock by the Rebells, from thence set to sea~~ward~~ and upon 16th about 2 oclock afternoon came up to the Hound sloop of war in CromartyRood where he remained that whole afternoon and night then went on shore with Lieutenant West of the sd ship the wind being contrary and was informed in Cromarty of the battle of Culoden and the Rebells were wholly defeated by His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland and the army

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under his command, upon which the wind proving more favourable the ship weigh anchore and made for the Sutherland coast at 12 o'clock at night and William Munro set out for Inverness where he arrived upon the 17th by nine o'clock forenoon and acquainted the Earl of Sutherland of his mens behaviour which pleased his Loph ~~very much~~ exceeding well.

have It is to be observed and true it is had not William Munro gone the instant he went to acquaint John MacKay and had he delayed his going but for 10 minutes longer the Rebell officers would undoubtedly escaped John MacKay and his party and joined their main body who were by this time on their march within amile of ferryoons, by which means they would have no occasion to return as they did back to the fishertown of Golspie, the only thing under God that saved us and ruined them, for had their officers joined them and they had not return, it would occasion much bloodshed in case they were attacked, but it is more probable they would not, for it is very certain had they employed the time they took in returning and staying at the fishertown of Golspie in going forward they might have crossed the Little ferry before our main body appeared.

It is therefore hoped as it plainly appears that the sd William Munro will be owned to be instrumental in carrying one the attack that ~~that~~ day and that very seasonably and that he will be according considered by the gentlemen appointed by the Earl of Sutherland for the dividing ~~up~~ the prize money taken that day.

The truth of what ---- is refferred in particular to Dugald Gilchrist factor to the Earl of Sutherland John Brewer Sutherland his ldsps brewer, Ensign and sergent McKays Sergent Ade and for that matter the whole 28 men concerned in the first attack by

WILLIAM MUNRO.

Account of the Earl of Sutherlands charge against
the Government for his Militia.

To charge of convocating the fencible men in the nine
parishes of Sutherland in order to be reviewed by
Lord Sutherland

To subsistence of Captain Gunn's Independent Company
in Sutherland on their way to Inverness not yet paid
by him. To charge of raising drafts of men from time to
time for supplying the Independent Companies in place
of those relieved

To 200 men with Officers stationed on the confines of
Caithness to prevent the disaffected in that country
from passing thro to join the rebels from 4th Sept:
to 18 Oct under command of ? and Mr Clunes and 100
men under Mr Clunes command till 4th february

To Robert Gary's account for guarding the passes into
Sutherland on the Ross side as an advanced guard to
alarme the country if the rebels designed to enter it
to pass through into Caithness to raise the men of the
country.

To charge of keeping spies on the height of Ross to
get intelligence of the rebelles motions

To Major MacKay's charge sent to the Dk: of Argyle
by expresses sent through the country from time to time
with my Lord's orders to the Officers and men.
To expresses sent to Lord Reay and Caithness.

To expence of the private intelligence of Caithness.

To expresses to General Cope Lord Loudon and the President

Charge of rendez-viewing the 4 companies of fencible men.

To the said 4 companies pay from the 14 February to the
1st May 1646.

To the charge of rendezvouing a 5th company under command
of William Sutherland

To the pay of Wm Sutherland's company of 100 private men
-- from the 19th April till the 1st May

To guard kept at Helmsdale Brora Dunrobin Ferryoons
and Big Ferry from
to take up rebels that might pass through and to
examine passengers.

To express to the Duke with intelligence while at
Invs. and ----

To Lord Sutherland 4 boats attending Lord Loudon
while in the county

and possessed and damaged
by the rebels when they entered it conform to the
account of the losses of the parish of Golspie and
being £50 sterling to be taken from that account and
added to the militia charge

To the charge of further 6 boats that attended Lo d Loudon
and not brought to my account as yet but charge here
completed to £75 .s..

To the charge for maintaining the rebell prisoners taken
in this country from the time they were taken till put
aboard the man of war

To Carol and Baillie Kenneth & afterwards several expresses
sent from Sutherland to Lord Sutherland for advice what
to do while the rebels were in the county

Militia Company -

Salopie

McCallister - Captain.

Hector Mann - Lieut. Salopie Co

Ernest MacKay -

Alex MacKay Sergeant

Robert Gray of Prairie.

G. Clyde

Carol O'Brien Gordon Carroll.

Captain Niel Clunes.

Lt Wm MacKay.

When Carol was away Wm Sutherland
had charge of them

Captain Sam. Independent Company

Captain Sutherland (Patrick?)

Peter Gray -

Rogant & Leung

Libba-

Clyde- Hugo Gordon.
John Clunes-
Lieut. Mrs Sutherland

Georgie. Mallin? Captain Robert

Hector Dunn. Engineer-

Laurie.

a 6th Company. Cambuslang (Sutherland?)
Duncan Fraitherson engineer

Independent Co.
Captain Guss-

Captain Robert Gray - Prov

Hilitia

Clyde

Gordon, Carl

John Clunes, Nielson

Lieut. Wm Sutherland

Carl went off by boat

Lord Denny's Independent Co

Captain - Hon George Mackay (L. Denny's)

Lieut. George Mackay of Jordan

Captain McCallister (Robert)

Mackay winter

Hilitia - Salopie W.

Hector Munro. Lieutenant