

Extract

Life of Lord Cremartin 1746.

" After the action of Preston-Pans, when commissions were issued for raising Independent companies, under the direction of Mr. Forbes, application was made for a company for his son - the Lord McLeod as he has reason to hope with success. He directed the gentlemen, whom he had included for Subalterns in the company, to levy the men - and the levies went on accordingly, and the Scots Zeal for the present government, as his friends say, continued unshaken till this period. and for the virtue of this my Lord appears to Sir John Cope. Mr. Forbes, and to the attestations of the eight Presbyterian Ministers in the hands of his Grace the Duke of Newcastle.

But when it was known that the Subalterns in Lord McLeod's company were to be named by Lord Forster, and the Subaltern the Earl had been disappointed, he was immediately beset by designing men, & they used all their Art -

— Cunning upon him to seduce him from his duty - but no reason his friends say, could have had this effect, if he had not been intoxicated with liquor, and he had no sooner recovered his understanding, but he reflected with horror upon what he had done. — — — —

Soon after my Lord engaged in the rebellion, he went to Perth, and continued there as a Month in a private Capacity. He did indeed afterwards accept of a Command to levy Cess, Excise & other Contributions in the Shires of Fife & Kinross. to the amount of 13,000 £., but he preserved such discipline among the soldiers under his command, that tho' he intimated his Orders, upon pain of military execution. agreeable to the Terms in which they were delivered to him, yet he avoided all methods of enforcing them, and returned without levying anything.

— after the battle of the Ferry —

— 148 men private men Prisoners with

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whom they marched to Dunrobin, whence Mr Sutherland & company went as guards with the private men to ^{the} Highlands.

Lord Cromartie held out in the House of Dunrobin till the evening, and then despairing of relief Messieurs Gray & Macalister were at his own desire, admitted into the House of Dunrobin, to converse with him about surrendering; and Sir John Malley - having got in with them went downstairs, whilst they were conversing, & told a few men that were in arms within the close, that Lord Cromartie had surrendered, upon which they delivered their arms, a few minutes sooner than they would otherwise have done, he opened the gates, & admitted the militia, who immediately disarmed Lord Cromartie & the other officers.

Mr Gray immediately despatched one William Munro - Wright at Golspie, to the man of war at Cromartie. Next Day the Hawk, a man of war came before Dunrobin & all the

weekly return of the Ind. Co. at Dornoch - commanded by Lord Lovat.
Dornoch - March 10th 1746.

Companies.

- * Captain Geo. Munro.
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- * Captain Pelt. (Patrick) Sutherland
Kinminilly.
- * Captain Hugh Mackay. 40.
Boighuise. (child.)
- * Captain Alex^d. Gunn
of Badenloch?
- * Captain Geo. Mackay
of Skibo. (Regiment).
- Alex^d. Mackay.
son of Lord Mackay.
- John Sutherland
of Forss. _____

Total 1095 men -
I send you R. H. a return of the troops in this part of the country, besides
which I have been joined by 310 men in 4 companies from the part of
Sutherland - besides Sergeants Corporals & Drums making up to 400.

I have an order from Lord Sutherland for his men to march with me
when ever I require them, ~~but~~ as they are mostly men who have
farms - I am afraid they will march very little at this season
of the year."

men & officers were shipped on board her &
 the third man of war, Captain Dore, who
 came after.

The Earl of Cromartie's private character is
 very amiable & he is esteemed a polite
 Nobleman, and remarkable mixed in
 his disposition & affable in his temper &
 behaviour, & has little or nothing of that
 austere pride & haughtiness, so peculiar to
 most Highland chiefs. His neighbours
 of inferior rank - found him a steady friend
 and the poor a kind & generous benefactor:
 His children found in him an indulgent
 father, and his lady a tender and affectionate husband.