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THE Armies Intelligencer:

Containing the ſubſtance of the Daily Proceedings of the Forces belonging to this COMMON-WEALTH in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*:

With other Affairs in the three Nations, and News from Sea.

From *Tueſday*, July 29. to *Tueſday*, Auguſt 5 1651.

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Tueſday, July 29.

I Shall begin with a Letter concerning the Affairs in *Scotland*, dated after the late rout there.

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SIR,

IN my laſt I acquainted you (in generall) with the wonderfull mercy and goodnes of God extended unto us, in making our paſſage over into *Fife* and making bare his own Armagainſt the Enemy, I had not then time to give you the particulars, but I pray accept of the latter ſeaſon of that Intelligence, *viz*: The party of *Scots* which were defeated on *Fife* ſide by Major Generall *Lambert*, and the reſt of the Officers, and *Engliſh* Army, conſiſted of five thouſand Horſe and Foot, Commanded in chief by Major Generall, Sir *John Brown*, who was himſelf taken Priſoner, Collonel *Scot* and one hundred other of their Officers were ſlain, and 2400 private Souldiers; Beſides the Major Generall, we took Priſo-

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ners Collonel *Buchanan*, Lieut: Col. *Whitehead*, one Sergant *Major*, 13 Captains, 13 Cornets, 29 Enſignes, 26 Sergeants, 5 Quarter Maſters, 25 Corporals, 54 Colours, 3000 Arms, 300 Horſe, and 1537 other Priſoners. The Lord give us thankfull hearts for this ſeaſonable ſucceſſe, and grace to make a right uſe of it, for when the wiſedome and councell of Man was even ſwallowed up, and as it were loſt, that we ſaid one to another, *What ſhall we do?* He that's ſitting in the Circle of Heaven, and doth whatſoever he pleaſeth in Heaven and Earth, became our ſtrong Deliverer, therefore in him will we truſt; We are now ſending our Priſoners over to *Leith*, and have ſeized on ſome quantities of Proviſions, and fetch them away out of the Enemies Quarters. More of our Forces come daily over to us, into *Fife*, Generall *Dean* hath the Orders for their tranſportation.

By the ſame Poſt came other Letters from *Scotland*, as followeth.

Our Army is now divided part on this ſide the water to attend the motion of the Enemy, and part on *Fife* ſide where Major Generall *Lambert* and the reſt of the Officers have done moſt worthily, The 19 of this inſtant, my Lord Generall with the Army that is on this ſide marched towards *Sterling* as far as *Bannocks Burn*, having Intelligence that the Enemies main body was retreated over *Sterling* Bridg that in caſe they had marched towards the Major Generall in *Fife*, we might ford over unto them, or if they had any ſtomach to engage this part of our Army, and come over again we reſolved to fight them; we found them intrenched in their old quarters at *Sterling*, and inſtead of comming forth to fight, they kept cloſe in their holes, except a party of about 40 Horſe, which were put in a place of advantage only to gaze and look upon us: The ſame night the Enemy came to *Sterling*, at leaſt two thouſand of their men run away: Their Officers are even at their Wits end, and in their frenzy fury reſolve to drag together again, as many of the miſerable wretched creatures in the North as they can meet with, but I hope before they can do any thing in that kind, we ſhall engage them again, or

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ſtop proviſions from coming to them. This County of *Fife* is the fruitfulleſt place that ever I did ſee in my life, for Corn, Graſſe, &c.

Thoſe that it pleaſed God to deliver into our hand in this place were moſt of them *Highlanders*. Their Horſe were the beſt and choiſeſt in the *Scots* Army, the riders had every man a Lance, Major Generall *Lambert* through the good providence of God (and *Providence* was our Word) eſcaped an eminent danger, for after the fight there was taken out between his armor and his Body a brace of Bullets, yet bleſſed be God he had no hurt at all. The Liſt of the Priſoners taken you had already, therefore I here omit it. Major Generall *Harriſon* is with my Lord Generall neer *Lithgo*, a party is ordered forth to reduce *Newark*; the *Scots* King ſince the late rout hath called ſeverall Councels, and *Maſſey* ſeemeth by this means to be higher ſupported in imagination by the ſtroak of favour he receiveth daily from ſome of the *Scots*, now ſo many of their own Nation are routed and taken.

Wedneſday, July 30.

LEtters from *Ireland* advertiſeth, that my Lord Deputy continueth his Seige againſt *Limbrick*, and there is great probability he will carry the place very ſpeedily; Some parties are daily commanded forth, to find out the *Tories* whereof ſome hundreds have been lately taken priſoners. A conſiderable Force is alſo before *Galloway*, they have taken ſtore of Cattel, and proviſions, neer the Walls of the Town, and a Houſe of *Clenrickards*; That Army which the Enemy have intire, are on the other ſide of the Water, wherefore we are making a Bridge to go over to try whether we can engage them.

From *Nottingham* came this; The horſe which belong to the Regiment of Col. *Rich*, reciding in this County are to Muſter to morrow, we hear that Orders are for their advance towards the North, to joyn with thoſe Horſe and Foot, which were left by the Major Gen: on the Borders. Theſe parts are very quiet, we are ready to put the ſickle into a plentifull Harveſt, if any be not ſubmiſſive to the preſent authority, and

ſhould but only in heart, adhere to thoſe that indeavour the deſtruction of this wealthy Land, and they that dwel therein; ſurely they are hardned (*Pharaoh* like) the more; by the innumerated mercies and benefits God is bountifully pleaſed beſtow upon them.

Thurſday, July 31.

FRom *Limbrick* July 5. came this Letter. We have been this moneth on this ſide the *Shannon*, and before this place, taken all the Caſtles from *Carigoly* the utmoſt point, from *Athlone* upwards, wherein Sir *Charles* found 30 barrels of Powder, eight Guns, Match and Bullet proportionable, with three moneths proviſion for our Garriſon there, giving but ordinary conditions, except ſome matters of complement to the Governor *Dillon*: He is down before *Galloway* that proud populous well ſtored City with 2500 Foot, and above 1000 horſe, And an additionall force yeſterday ſent hence, of 1000 Foot and 400 Horſe under Commiſſary Gen. *Reynolds*, who ſtay to reduce *Clare* Caſtle by the way. Much diſcourſe hath paſt betwixt my Lord and the Governour *O-eale*, (of *Clonmel*) who deſiring a treaty a fortnight ſince trifled away three daies, and now is in earneſt to come again. The intermiſſion grew thus, *June* 23 we attempted the Iſle with boats, Major *Walker*, Col. *Graves*, and Col. *Whiting*, with about 80 men landing before their ſeconds could come up, were drowned or ſlain, we ſuppoſe after quarter given, or at leaſt deſired: we demanded ſatisfaction, they deſired to come off fairly, and by taking and ſending examinations for diſcovering (though we think it was for more cunning plauſible concealing) truth, and by other fair carriage, drew us from our reſolutions, of further treaty. We have ſtrong Forts and Sconces raiſed on this ſide, and unleſſe they come down preſently to low conditions, can ſpare time and force to ſtarve them out. Col. *Hewſon* it burning *Wicklow*, demoliſhing *Teroghan*, fortifying *Athy* and *Monaſter Even*: The Commiſſioners of Parliament are at *Dublin*, The *Tories* are buſie in *Kelk* and *Tipperary*, our forces being now drawn thence: Some ſicknes at *Waterford*, Our Officers and old Souldiers are healthy, Col. *Tothil* is caſhiered (much

(much againſt the haire) for breach of quarter upon miſtake: *Wheeler* Lieut. Col. to *Thaier Laurence* hath *Ewres* Regiment, Lieut. Col. *Leith* hath *Slades*, *Lelunt* hath *Tothils*.

From *Waterford* July 17. came thus: Our ſiege at *Limbrick* yet continues, the treaty being broken off: the enemy high, partly through their own confident expectations of relief, which now having failed them (*Muskery* having not conjoyned with *Fitzpaluck* and *Odwyer*, and they relieved from *Kilnamanagh* to their ſeverall Faſtneſſes, not daring to ſtay one day in a body for fear of *Sankry*:) they will not hold out long, as by the Governor and Biſhops Letters (taken) we are induced to believe: They deſired an additionall force to aw the Town, then raiſe the ſiege: the Major and Citizens having no hand in deſiring that relief, and we think no heart to it neither: yet though they are never ſo able and obſtinate to hold out, God will we hope enable us to bring them down: for which end we have (beſides the Fort on *Thomond* ſide poſſeſt by 7 or 800 foot, and countenanced by four Troops of horſe) now raiſed two on *Munſter* ſide within muſket ſhot of the walls, which we hope will finiſh, and the like number to each will ſecure, untill the enemy for want ſhall beg mercy, the beſt they are like to have: Now as we deſire to tender your condition, and to help you what we can by our prayers ſo we hope you will us; whom though thus ſucceſſfully in Gods work, if the Lord ſhould now leave us to our ſelves, a weak enemy may infeſt and ruine: but he is engaged to his cauſe, though not to us, a provoking unworthy people: who (were it not for that cauſe, and the hand of God appearing with us in it, and mercifully overlooking the faults of his own people, had long ago been the footſteps who are now the maſters of our Enemies.

Glanricbard and *Caſtlehaven* (now ſlighted and ſuſpected as much as *Ormond* and *Inchequeen*) are in *Gallway*: we have no news theſe ten daies from ou s thence or elſwhere conſiderable.

Friday, July 25.

FRom *Scotland* further this day by Letters *July* 26, thus: I omitted to acquaint you in my laſt, that in the late de-

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feat in *Fife*, Col: *Auguſtine* formerly, a great Moſſe Trooper, loſt both his Troop and commanded a party of 200, being two out of each Troop, pickt men, and thoſe that were beſt armed of all the Kings Army, and himſelf narrowly eſcaped: the Enemy left two barrels of Powder, two of Bullet, and a Cart load of Hand granadoes: Upon the drawing up of our Army on Monday laſt towards *Sterling* they left divers ſick men in their Trenches, who were not able to get away, ready to ſtarve, His Excellency commanded they ſhould have ſome proviſion given to them, and no injury done them, we found alſo divers dead in their Trenches unburied.

On Wedneſday laſt his Excellency marched to *Lithgo*, next to the Laird of *Dundees* houſe neer *Queens ferry*, where he ſtayed in order to the ſhipping of our men and Train into *Fife*, which is now done, and four Regiments of Horſe, and four of Foot remain to ſecure theſe parts, and to wait the Enemies motion.

Thurſday morning the Iſle of *Ennergarvy* was yeelded up, which lieth betwixt *Queens ferry* and the paſſe to *Fife*, which before much annoied us: they had term to march away with their Swords only, leaving all Armes and Ammunition behind them. We had only 16 peeces of Ordnance in the Iſle and Caſtle, which now is poſſeſt by Seamen, and the States Colours ſet up in ſtead of St. *Andrews* Croſſe.

This Evening his Excellency returned to *Leith*, where I ſuppoſe he will ſtay a while, untill ſomething more be known of the enemies courage, who now are removed into *Fife* as far as *Dumferlin*, and are within four miles of our Army. Many of the people in *Sterling* carry their Goods into the Caſtle, they yet talk of coming for *England*, having a deſperate game to play, and nothing elſe of encouragement to perſwade their men to keep together. The King hath ſent his warrants into *Tivedale* for proviſions for his Camp, and we have ſome Troops ſent after them to prevent them.

This day we underſtand that the Enemy are come on *Fife* ſide, within four miles of our Forces: Its probable we may have an engagement there in a ſhort time. About an hundred

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of our priſoners taken in *Newark* caſtle are returned in Exchange, we have ſent many of the *Scotch* priſoners this day by Sea to *Newcaſtle*.

Saturday, Auguſt 2.

FUrther from *Leith* July 27. thus, ſince the writing of the former, I have received intelligence from the other ſide, that the Generall Aſſembly is removed from Saint *Andrews* to *Dundee*; before their adjorning, Mr. *Guttree Galeſpy*, and *Menzis*, and 11 more proteſted againſt the generall Aſſembly, becauſe their owning and abetting the Kings deſign and are gone off, (Mr. *Kutherford* is one) tis ſuppoſed the General Aſſembly will proceed againſt them, one Miniſter, and two Students are come to us from *Angus* for protection, as not being able to endure the proſecution of many in thoſe parts. Its ſuppoſed they are good men; one of them is already excommunicated for not anſwering theſe two Queſtions. 1. Whether the Presbyterian Government as eſtabliſhed in *Scotland* be in all things conforme to the word of God. The ſecond was whether *Cromwel* be Antichriſtian; another of theſe is to be excommunicated, for praying with Perſons of divers Families in private, the third for the like things: by all which we may diſcern the ignorance and obſtinacy of the *Scots* Presbytery, Our Army in *Fife* yeſterday received ten days proviſion, and will be for ſpeedy action.

The beginning of this week came into this Gariſon about 1300 priſoners of War, Officers and Souldiers taken on *Fife*-ſide, laſt Rout; Our party there do daily increaſe, and are ſo ſtrengthened that they are able to take the Field and fight the Enemy if he dare: Nor can he now expect any proviſions by the way of *Sterling*, whereby the Enemy will be forc'd either to engage, or fly for *England* if his Wings be not clipt by the way; For his Excellency hath reſerv'd a Force here of Horſe and Foot which at preſent lye in and neer *Edinburgh*, and himſelf in *Leith*, theſe in conjunction with the Horſe under Coll: *Rich* in *Nottinghamſhire*, and thoſe left by Major Generall *Harriſon* in *Northumberland* and *Cumberland*, all which Horſe my Lord hath ſent for to be upon the Borders, will be

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in a capacitie (through Gods aſſiſtance) to engage, or at leaſt impede their March if they attempt that way. *Wedneſday* laſt *Inchigarvy* Caſtle on a Rock upon an Iſland in the boſome of the *Frith* betwixt *Queens-ferry* and that Neck of Land we are poſſeſſed of on *Fife ſide* was ſummoned, and after a treaty on the *Thurſday* ſurrendred, where we had 16. peices of Ordnance; By taking this we have a very ſafe paſſage up the *Frith*. Yeſterday the *Advice Frigot* took a *Daniſh* Veſſel prize coming to lade Coals. And this day were ſhipt of the priſoners 742. ſo many as conveniency of ſhipping, & their wounds would admit. This day our Souldiers taken in *Newark* returned ſtript, and had Cloaths delivered them.

Leith 26. July, 1651.

Munday, Auguſt 4.

BRunt *Iſland* a gallant Haven with about 50 pieces of Ordnance, and 12 ſail of Ships was this day ſurrendred to his Excellency the Lord Generall *Cromwel*, Major Generall *David Leſly* was Governor thereof, who is now marcht with his men to Saint *Johnſtons*, and indeed it is ſo conſiderable, and ſtrong, that we doubt not but to keep it againſt all the force and power of *Scotland*, had we no other hold in the Nation, They had but indifferent conditions to march away with Colours, &c. It is the main Key into all *Fife*, by which advantage we can ſupply our men in that County, with all manner of proviſion and Ammunition with eaſe, Col. *Weſt* I think will be Governor now for the Common-wealth a man of an approved courage and knowledg in materiall affairs, by the next I ſhall ſend you the Articles upon which they ſurrendred. We doubt not by Gods aſſiſtance to his poor People but to make all *Scotland* ours before Chriſtide next. *Brunt Iſland*, 29 *July*, 1651.

Mr. *Potter* and *Gibbons*, who ſhould have been this day executed for Treaſon, are reprieved till the 15 of this inſtant, which is the day Mr. *Love* is alſo appointed to be Executed.

To morrow ſome of Col. *Barkſteads* Regiment, and other freſh Recrutes from ſeverall parts of the Nation, are deſign'd to march towards *Scotland*.

That which is moſt remarkable, is:

The ſurrender of Brunt Iſland *by Major Gen.* David Lelly, *to his Excellency the L. Gen:* Cromwel, *and Col.* Weſt *made Governor thereof, the taking of* 50 *piece of Ordnance,* , and *twelve Sail of Shipping. Part of the* Scots *Forces marching towards* St. Johnſtons. *Andh a further relation touching the motion of their whole Army. With the proceedings of the L. Gen. forces in* Fife. *And the taking of* Enneſgatvy *Iſle and Caſtle Co:* Hewſon *burning* Wicklow: *demoliſhing* Terogh an, *and fortifying* A-thy Monaſter. *With other Intelligence from* Ireland. *and ſeverall other parts.* FINIS.