

ORIGINAL LETTER, REFERRING TO THE
PRETENDER'S MARCH INTO ENGLAND IN 1745.

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[This document was found by Sir Edward Cust among some family letters in an old portmanteau. Sir Henry Marshall, M P., was an Alderman of the City of London, who had been Lord Mayor the previous year.]

Sr

If God is pleased to send us such tryals we must bear it, but I woud not purchase all the honours & riches of the world, by undergoing such another day & night as I did from sat noon untill Sunday morn 7 a clock, on sat noon 3 expresses came in to let L^d mayor (& one to the dean) know the Rebels were turn'd back into Yorkshire, & woud be at york on monday, all faces gather,d blackness indeed, people run about the streets crying we are ruined, & we who had not pack^d began to secure a few of our best effects, every coach in york was hired to carry the woman out of present danger, I had share wth a family of a coach & a waggon for Hull & so over Humber, but after all the hurry I am here still, for sunday morning we rec'd an express that it was but part of the rebels who were come as far as Rochdale, for to plunder, & get horses & turnd back to Manchester a gain, Gen: Oglethorps foot came in yesterday evening, & are still comeing in, a few horse came yesterday & we expect part of Wades to morrow, but I who do not understand the art of wars so well as I do the principles of the welsh, fear that they will get into Wales; if they do not it is thought

that this neighbourhood will be the seat of war: at least 20 coaches & 6 went out yesterday morning wth 7 or 8 people in each, but to day we are quiet;

We have clapt a phicisian into the castle who has been in the pretenders camp, his name Burton, I dont love to give charrecters of people but we always say that He is a fool who hangs himself & he is sayd to have confess'd more then He need: the gates are double gaurded every night.

pray write me a line

y^{rs} T B in an hurry

Dec 1st (1745)

(Addressed)

To

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at S^t Mary Hill

London

Memb^r of Parliament

(Endorsed)

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