

whole body of his cavalerie, reckoned upwards of 3000 strong, about a thousand of whom, as near as might be computed, dismounted, in order to cut off the passage of the artillirie towards the bridge, while the Duke and the others remained on horseback in order to attack the rear. My Lord George Murray advanced, and although he found Mons. de Cluny and his tribe in good spirits under arms, yet the circumstance appear'd extremely delicate. The numbers were vastly unequall, and the attack seem'd very dangerous ; so my Lord George declin'd giving orders to such time as he ask'd Mons. de Cluny's opinion, ' I will attack them with all my heart,' says Mons. de Cluny, ' if you order me.' ' I do order it then,' answered my Lord George, and immediately went on himself along with Mons. de Cluny and fought sword in hand on foot, at the head of the single tribe of Macphersons. They in a moment made their way through a strong hedge of thorns, under the cover whereof the cavalerie had taken their station, in the struggle of passing which hedge My Lord George Murray, being dressed *en montagnard*, as all the armie were, lost his bonet and wig ; so continued to fight bareheaded during the action. They at first made a brisk discharge of their fire arms on the enemy, then attacked them with their sabres, and made a great slaughter a considerable time, which obliged Comberland and his cavalerie to fly with precipitation and in great confusion ; in so much, that if the Prince had been provided in a sufficient number of cavalerie to have taken advantage of the disorder, it is beyond question that the Duke of Comberland and the bulk of his cavairie had been taken prisoners. By this time it was so dark that it was not possible to view the number of slain, who filled all the ditches which happened to be on the ground where they stood. But it was computed that, besides those who went off wounded, upwards of a hundred at least were left on the spot, among whom was Colonel Honeywood, who commanded the dismounted cavalerie, whose sabre of considerable value Mons. de Cluny brought off, and still preserves ; and his tribe lykeways brought off many arms ;—the Colonel was afterwards taken up, and, his wounds being dress'd, with great difficultie recovered. Mons. de Cluny lost only in the action twelve men, of whom some haveing been only wounded, fell afterwards into the hands of the enemy, and were sent as slaves to America, whence several of them returned, and one of them is now in France, a sergeant in the Regiment of Royal Scots. How soon the accounts of the enemy's approach had reached the Prince, H.R.H. had immediately ordered Mi-Lord le Comte de Nairne, Brigadier, who, being proscribed, is now in France, with the three batallions of the Duke of Athol, the batallion of the Duke of Perth, and some other troupes under his command, in order to support Cluny, and to bring off the artillirie. But the action was intirely over before Nairne cou'd reach the place. They therefore return'd all to Penrith, and the artillirie marched up in good order. Nor did the Duke of Comberland ever afterwards dare to come within a day's march of the Prince and his army dureing the course of all that retreat which was conducted with great prudence and safety, when in some manner surrounded by enemies."

* P. 367.—As the heathen deities contracted an indelible obligation if they swore by Styx, the Scottish Highlanders had usually some