

the Prince was visited by the "gentle Lochiel," the beau ideal of a Highland chieftain. No one could have been more devoted to the cause of his exiled master than he; and yet, conscientiously believing the enterprise to be a desperate one, he earnestly begged the Prince to relinquish the scheme, for a time, at least.

But—no! when reason failed, Charles made a passionate appeal to the love and loyalty of the Highlanders, and succeeded so completely in arousing the warm Celtic blood of his auditors that they flung prudence to the winds, and declared their readiness to rally all their clansmen under his banner.

Such confidence had Charles in Lochiel's far-reaching influence, that he felt fully assured of the co-operation of the West. Accordingly, the "fiery cross" was sent out over hill and dale, and not a few ingenious schemes were resorted to for the transmission of the news. In a remarkably short space of time thousands of all ranks were making ready to fight for the "cause," which in their heart of hearts they believed to be that of "right against might."

The standard of James the Third and Eighth was unfurled at Glenfinnan on August 19, and the "rising" of 1745 was an undoubted fact.

Many who had been out in the former rising of 1715 had gone into exile after Sheriffmuir, and were now either dead, or afraid to risk a return to Scotland.

At the same time there were many chiefs, both Highland and Lowland, who had managed to live at home unmolested. For thirty years they had crushed down their contempt for the Hanoverian government, and had remained perfectly inactive; but their love for the old Royal Family was by no means dead. It needed but the news of the raising of the Standard at Glenfinnan to re-awaken their loyalty.