

was made with a view to the gaining of time, to allow Sir John Cope to bring up his troops from Dunbar, where he had landed them. This, however, was by no means satisfactory to the Jacobites, and a message to this effect was sent by the deputation who had come to treat with them. Nine hundred men were detached, under Cameron of Lochiel, to blow up one of the city gates and force an entrance. These followed up close upon the heels of the deputation, and when the Nether Bow Port was opened to admit the latter, the Highlanders made a rush through the comparatively unprotected gate, removed the guards quietly from their posts, and before the city knew what had happened it was in the hands of the Jacobites. The entry of the Prince and the main body of the troops took place on the following day.