

THE  
STEWARTS OF APPIN.

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AND

LIEUT.-COL. DUNCAN STEWART, LATE 92<sup>D</sup> HIGHLANDERS.

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courage, and good conduct, Do hereby constitute and appoint you a Colonel in our Forces, and to take your rank in our Army from the date hereof. You are therefore carefully and diligently to Discharge the Duty and Trust of Colonel aforesaid, by doing and performing everything belonging thereto : And We hereby Require, all and sundry, our Forces to Respect and obey you as such, and yourself to observe and follow all such Orders, Directions, and Commands as you shall from time to time receive from us, our General and Commander-in-Chief of our Forces for the time being, or any other your Superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War : In pursuance of the Trust reposed in you, Given at our Court at Rome, This 20th Day of May 1739, In the 38th year of Our Reign. J. R."

Charles Stewart of Ardsheal, being a man of energy and ability, and Tutor to the Chief, who was a minor, took, together with Lochiel and Glengarry, a leading part for years in the correspondence with Prince Charles as to his prospects of success in the event of his coming to Scotland to assert by arms his father's right to the Crown. In 1745 Ardsheal, at the head of the Appin regiment, joined Prince Charles Edward at Low Bridge in the Great Glen. In a narrative, written apparently soon after 1746, Andrew Henderson says : "The Stewarts of Appin, ever zealous for the royal cause, joined the Chevalier under Stewart of Ardsheal, a gentleman of good parts, though misapplied." Lord Elcho, one of the attainted lords, says in his account of the campaign, that Stewart of Ardsheal was one of the Council who met with Prince Charles every morning.

In a memorandum as to the Highland clans, sent to the King of France when he was computing the chances of the success of an expedition to Scotland, and the number of men who would take the field in support of the Royal Stuarts, we find the following :— "The Stewarts of Appin and M'Naughtons have still been loyal to the Kings Charles I. and II., and King James VII., and were in the fields for them. They may raise, of very good men, 500." The Appin regiment seems generally to have been a little over 300 men, including those of the name of Stewart, and their retainers who occupied crofts under them in Appin, chiefly of the names of M'Coll, Carmichael, M'Combich, M'Innes, M'Lea or Livingstone, M'Intyre, and M'Cormack or Buchanan. Their staunch allies the M'Larens also sent a contingent, which formed a valuable part of the regiment. In a "Life of the Duke of Cumberland" they are only stated at 200 strong when they marched southward from Edinburgh. This, however, is a low estimate, as in no other account are they put at so small a number. In the list of Prince Charles' troops in November 1745, are "the Appin men, 360, under Stewart of Ardsheal."

At the battle of Preston Pans, on 21st September 1745, the Camerons formed the extreme left of the Highland army. Next to them, and opposed to Lascelles' regiment, were the Stewarts of Appin, supported by 120 of their neighbours and hereditary friends the Macdonalds of Glencoe, whose chief was brother-in-law to Ardsheal. The Camerons

nothing, whether it means anything more than has yet happened God knows, but his will be done, which ever way it is."

It is understood that the "man" turned out to be a Macdonald, who had been obliged to fly from his own clan to avoid the vengeance of his neighbours for some offence he had committed.

*List of the killed and wounded of the Appin Regiment at the battle of Culloden, copied from M.S. left by Alexander Stewart, Eighth of Invermahyle.*

Ardsheal's family—	Killed.	Wounded.
John Stewart of Benmore, . . . . .	I	...
John, son to Alexander Stewart of Acharn, . . . . .	I	...
James, son to Alexander Stewart of Acharn, . . . . .	I	...
John Stewart, . . . . .	I	...
John Stewart, . . . . .	I	...
William Stewart, . . . . .	...	I
John Stewart, . . . . .	I	...
Duncan Stewart, uncle to Ardsheal, . . . . .	I	...
Dugald Stewart, standard-bearer, . . . . .	I	...
Alan Mor Stewart, . . . . .	...	I
William Stewart, . . . . .	...	I
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	8	3
	—	—
Fasnacloich's family—		
James Stewart, uncle to Fasnacloich, . . . . .	...	I
James Stewart, younger of Fasnacloich, . . . . .	...	I
John Stewart, son to Fasnacloich, . . . . .	...	I
John, son to Duncan Stewart, . . . . .	...	I
James Stewart, from Ardnamurchan, . . . . .	I	...
Alan Stewart, son to Ardnamurchan, . . . . .	I	...
	—	—
	2	4
	—	—
Achnacone's family—		
Alexander Stewart, brother to Achnacone, . . . . .	I	...
Duncan Stewart, . . . . .	I	...
	—	—
	2	0
	—	—

	Killed.	Wounded.
Invernahyle's family—		
Alexander Stewart, son to Ballachelish, . . . . .	1	...
Duncan, Donald, Dugald, and Alan Stewart, nephews to Ballachelish, . . . . .	...	4
John Stewart, from Ardnamurchan, . . . . .	...	1
Charles Stewart, from Bohallie, . . . . .	...	1
Alexander Stewart, of Invernahyle, . . . . .	...	1
James Stewart, brother to Invernahyle, . . . . .	...	1
Duncan Stewart, from Inverphalla, . . . . .	...	1
Donald Stewart, from Annat, . . . . .	...	1
Alan Stewart, died in the East Indies, . . . . .	...	1
Donald Stewart, nephew to Invernahyle, . . . . .	1	...
John Stewart, from Balquidder, . . . . .	1	...
Duncan Stewart, . . . . .	1	...
John Stewart, . . . . .	...	1
	—	—
	4	12
Stewarts, followers of Appin—		
Duncan Stewart, from Mull, . . . . .	1	...
Duncan, Hugh, and John Stewart, from Glenlyon, . . . . .	...	3
John Stewart—Macalan Vane, . . . . .	...	1
John Stewart, <i>alias</i> Macalan, . . . . .	1	...
Duncan Stewart, <i>alias</i> Macalan, . . . . .	...	1
Malcolm Stewart, . . . . .	1	...
Dugald Stewart, . . . . .	1	...
Donald Stewart, natural son to Ballachellan, . . . . .	1	...
Robert Stewart, natural cousin to Appin, . . . . .	1	...
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Ardsheal's family, . . . . .	8	3
Fasnacloich's family, . . . . .	2	4
Invernahyle's family, . . . . .	4	12
Achnacone's family, . . . . .	2	...
Stewarts, followers of Appin, . . . . .	5	5
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	22	25
Commoners, followers of Appin—		
M'Colls, . . . . .	18	15
Maclarens, . . . . .	13	4

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	Killed.	Wounded.
Carmichaels, . . . . .	6	2
M'Combichs, . . . . .	5	3
M'Intyres, . . . . .	5	5
M'Innishes, or M'Innises, . . . . .	4	2
M'Ildeus, or Blacks, . . . . .	1	...
Mackenzies, . . . . .	2	3
M'Corquadales, . . . . .	1	...
M'Uchaders, . . . . .	...	1
Hendersons, . . . . .	1	1
M'Rankens, . . . . .	1	..
M'Cormacks (Buchanans), . . . . .	5	1
Camerons, . . . . .	...	1
M'Donalds, . . . . .	...	1
M'Lachlans, . . . . .	2	...
Macleas, or Livingstones, . . . . .	4	1
M'Arthurs, . . . . .	1	...
Volunteer—George Haldane, nephew to Lanrick, Ardsheal having married Haldane of Lanrick's sister, . . . . .	1	...
Total of killed and wounded,	<u>92</u>	<u>65</u>