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AND CHIEFLY ADDRESSED TO

CAPTAIN ADAM BAYNES

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P R E F A C E .

THE Letters contained in this Volume are selected from an extensive Correspondence of the period, in the possession of the Rev. Adam Baynes, a lineal descendant of the individual to whom they are addressed.¹ A portion of this Correspondence has been printed in the Transactions of the Society of Antiquaries,² but the Letters written from Scotland have been deemed worthy of separate publication. Those which contain mere business detail have been excluded, and passages of the same character have been omitted in many which are printed in this Selection.

These Letters are, in many respects, curious: they touch on topics of daily occurrence, from the year of the Scottish Expedition

¹ "The family (of Baynes) having resided at Knowstrop for ten generations (as it's said under as many Adams and Roberts alternately), what I have here collected from the registers, informations of relations, and their writings, may serve as a foundation to be built upon hereafter by the family, whose arms are (in allusion to the name *Bana Ossa*), sable, a shinbone in pale, surmounted of another in cross, *argent*, a Bezant in the Dexter-point of the Chief, as appears by the patent granted by William Ryley, Norroy, 1650, to Captain Adam Baynes. 'Tis said the Bezant was in honour of the first in this pedigree, who was standard-bearer to the King at the taking of Bullen." — *Thoresby's History of Leeds*, p. 106.

² Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of London, Vols. ii. and iii. *passim*.

in 1650, down to that of the Restoration, and they furnish many interesting episodes of the Northern Campaign.

The principal Correspondents are, Captain Robert Baynes, a brother of Adam Baynes; Cornet John Baynes, his cousin, a Commissary, and afterwards Receiver-General in Scotland; and Cornet Joseph Pease. There are also some Letters of General Lambert and his wife,¹ and of Colonel Robert Lilburne. The most numerous are those of John Baynes, who seems to have been a singularly diligent and punctual correspondent. In fact, it is not difficult to perceive in these Letters the business habits and worldly policy which served the Commonwealth men at this period. It furnishes a striking contrast to the improvidence and recklessness of the Cavaliers. Of Adam Baynes much is not known. He was born December 22nd, 1631. In 1650, he held a commission in the Army of the Parliament, but appears to have been soon after appointed a Commissioner for Inland Revenue, taking up his quarters in old Somerset House, to which the greater part of this Correspondence is addressed. He was returned Member for the borough of Leeds in the Parliament convoked by Cromwell on the 3rd of September 1654. This Parliament was dissolved by the Protector in the first month of the following year. In 1656 Francis Allanson and Adam Baynes were returned for Leeds, and in the following year the latter was appointed a Visitor, in the Charter for the proposed College of

¹ The Letters of Mrs. Lambert are of the greatest rarity. No. 64 is given in its original orthography, and is a curious specimen of her epistolary style.

Durham. In 1659 he was returned M.P. for Appleby, in Westmoreland.

Adam Baynes appears to have trafficked largely in debentures, and in what were termed by his party ‘Delinquents’ Lands.’ He purchased Wimbledon of Lambert, and became possessed of the Queen’s property at Holdenby, as well as of some of the Royal Forests in Lancashire. Of these, on the Restoration, he was deprived, without any compensation, and he retired to his estate at Knowstropp, where he died in the month of December 1670, at the age of 49. He married Martha, daughter of Richard Dawson, Esq. of Heworth, near York, by whom he had sixteen children. His widow survived him many years, dying at the age of 88, on the 14th of July 1713.

Of the career of Adam Baynes at the period of the Restoration, and to the time of his death, we have few details. He was doubtless regarded with suspicion. His politics are hinted at in the Letter of his kinsman, John Baynes (No. 289), and the speech therein alluded to was, in all probability, recorded against him. The following Letter, from Rushworth, the well-known author of the ‘Historical Collections,’ shows that Fortune had already lowered upon Baynes—

‘ Mr. Leadbeater,

‘ I heare that Capt. Baines his wife is in
‘ labour. I know shee is a woman subiect to feares in that condition,
‘ and her husband’s absence may increase them; therefore, if shee
‘ desire his company for any time, I pray you goe with him thither,
‘ or rather permitt him to goe alone and follow att a distance, for I will
‘ engage hee shall not stirre to any place but to his wife and your

‘ house. I shall alsoe acquaint my Lo. President that I writt to you
 ‘ to doe this, if any offence bee taken thereatt.

‘ I remaine,

‘ Y^r assured freind,

‘ Aprill 29th 1660.

‘ Jo. RUSHWORTH.’

How long Baynes continued under restraint we have no means of ascertaining. It was probably of no great duration; for we find, among his papers, a permission to remain in London, signed by Monk, as Duke of Albemarle. As this document is illustrative of the proceedings of those days we give it entire—

‘ Wheras his Ma^{ty} by his Proclamation, dated att Whitehall,
 ‘ the 18th day of Novemb^r instant, requires that all and every p[’]son and
 ‘ p[’]sons being heertofore an officer or sould^r serving in any the armies
 ‘ of the late vsurped powers, doe depart out of the citties of London
 ‘ and Westm^r, and the liberties and suburbes of them, on or before the
 ‘ 20th of this instant November, and nott to returne or come within 20
 ‘ miles of the same vntill the 20th of May next ensuing, without
 ‘ licence procured or obtayned from his Ma^{ty}, one of his Ma^{ties} prin-
 ‘ cipall Secretaries of State, any three or more of his privy counceill,
 ‘ or my self in that behalf.

‘ And wheras the bearer hearof, Adam Baynes, Esq^{re}, was of
 ‘ the late Army, and thereby conceives himself concerned to take notice
 ‘ thereof and yield obedience therevnto, butt hath vrgent occasions to
 ‘ come to the citties of London and Westmin^r. These are (according
 ‘ to the power given mee by the said Proclamation) to will and require
 ‘ all his Ma^{tes} officers, and others whom itt shall or may concerne, to

‘ p'mitt the said Adam Baynes quietly to be and remayne within the
 ‘ said citties of London and Westm^r and p^{ts} therabouts, for the space
 ‘ of twenty dayes after the date heerof, and then to returne into
 ‘ Northamptonshire without their lett or molestation. Given under
 ‘ my hand the 21th day of November, in the 16th yeare of his
 ‘ Ma^{ty}es raigne 1664.

‘ ALBEMARLE.’

‘ To all his Ma^{ty}es Officers and others
 ‘ whom itt may concerne.’

Another permission, signed ‘ Albemarle,’ and dated 20th April 1665, requires ‘ all his Majesty’s Officers,’ &c., &c., to allow the said Adam Baynes ‘ quietly to be and remaine within the citties of London and Westminster, and places thereabouts, for the space of one monthe’ from the date thereof.

Another document among these papers shows, that though not destitute of friends, Baynes was in no favour with the Government, and was again in confinement in the ‘Tower of London.

‘ December y^e 27th 1666.

‘ Re ^d then of M ^r Adam Baynes, prisoner att my house	} <i>li. s.</i> 14: 00.
‘ in y ^e Tower of London, y ^e some of five poundes and tenn	
‘ shillings, which together with y ^e some of Eight poundes	
‘ and Tenn shillings formerly received of him, is in full satis-	
‘ faction for his Chamber rent, and for his wife’s dyett, and	
‘ all other demands, to the day of y ^e date hereof. I say re ^d	

‘ p. HENRY LEAVES.’

‘ March y^e 28. 1667.

‘ Re ^d then of Mr Adam Baynes, prisoner att my house	} <i>li. s.</i> 10 : 10.
‘ in the Tower of London, y ^e summ of Tenn poundes and	
‘ Tenn shillings in full, for his dyett and Chamber rent, to	
‘ the day of y ^e date hereof. I say re ^d in full of all demandes	
‘ whatsoever. I say iust summe of	
‘ p. me HENRY LEAVES.’	

We know not how long he remained under this second restraint. The fact, that his death happened in less than four years subsequent to the last date, seems clearly to indicate, that losses and anxieties had tended to abridge a life that had been for many years actively employed in upholding a cause, which the popular feeling, on the restoration of Charles the Second, proved to be a phantom and a delusion.

It remains for me to add, that the entire collection of these papers has been presented by the Rev. Adam Baynes to the British Museum.

S. A.

JOHN YONGE AKERMAN.

12th June 1856.

L E T T E R S
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R O U N D H E A D O F F I C E R S ,
W R I T T E N F R O M S C O T L A N D .
M.DC.L.—M.DC.LX.

1.—CORNET JOHN BAYNES TO CAPT. ADAM BAYNES.

COUZEN,

I have only to acquaint you that I am now at the head quarters at Newcastle, where I shall remain till the Gen^l remove from hence more Northward. If you please to direct any letters to me let them be to M^r Hatter of whom I shall receive them. I wish that I could pay Collo. Maulyverer his $\frac{1}{2}$ of 2000^l at Newcastle. I pray you, if already you have not returned down the money, let that regiment's portion be sent by bills hither; and for 220^l more which I have to pay to Collo. Fairfax. I shall receive the bill of 100^l here at Sunderland.

The Gen^l and other officers have been these two days very busy about penning a kind of Declaration to the Scotts: when it is perfected I shall send you a copy: I know not whether it will be printed this night or not, but it is expected to be so done.

Coll. Bright desires to know every particular of your disbursements for his regiment, both your day when and the sum what you laid out for every assignment, for the gen^l acc^t will not give him satisfaction, nor will he pay it till then. I delivered your letter to the Major Generall this morning. I shall not add else now, resting

Y^o lo. Couzen,

Newcastle, July 11. 1650.

JO. BAYNES.

The Scotts King is certainly crowned,¹ and they are very unanimous and resolute for the yonge man ; but next week we shall hear more. I believe the Declaration will stumble many of them.

2.—FROM THE SAME.

COUZEN,

I have not received any from you as yet since my coming from York. I much long to hear from you. The General removes from hence to-morrow to Anwick. A general rendezvous of our Army is thought will be upon Wednesday or Thursday next near Anwick. Carr and Johnson who were sent from Scotland to the Army and Parliament are here yet and attend the head quarters till we come into Scotland. The Army's Declaration was once printed, 1000 of them, but not being according to desire, were burned (to prevent spreading of false copies) and is now reviewed and mended, and reprinted, and to-morrow will come from press. The Scotts ships are not yet ordered how to be disposed of: they are to go along with some other ships which are lading with arms, ammunition and provisions for the use of the army to Barwick. Nothing certain from Scotland, only that they are levying apace and seem to be resolute against us for their young gentleman. There's now a copy of the Declaration writing to be sent to Scotland; it's not yet resolved how and by whom the Declaration shall be sent.

Yor lo. Couzen,

Newcastle July 15th 1650.

JO. BAYNES.

3.—FROM THE SAME.

COUZEN,

I have received yours, but I pray you direct your letters as formerly, to me, only enclose them in a piece of paper to Mr. Hatter, and then subscribe as you have done in your last. . . . If my employment here increase not on my hand I intend this week to be at York. Yesterday we came to Barwick, and to-morrow I think shall march into Scotland. Our Trumpeter is this day returned from Edenbrough, but they defer an answer to our General

¹ This was a mistake; the Coronation of Charles the Second took place at Scone, on the 1st of January 1651: See *infra*, No. 7.

till they send [it] by a messenger of their own. They are much at a stand, and are puzzled who to make their General, whether Leven¹ or another. They fear Leven is not true to their King. They keep a small guard about 14 miles from hence, and some few men at Dumferline: their strength I hear is not great. It's thought we shall have little opposition betwixt [this] and Edenbrough. A small vessell was taken yesterday by our shippes. In haste I rest

Yor lo. Couzen,

JO. BAYNES.

Barwick 21st July, [16]50.

4.—CAPT. ADAM BAYNES TO MR. JOSEPH PEASE.

BROTHER,

I have received yours of the last of August, and have sent this letter of Attorney, and you may put Capt. Eyre's name in it or whose else you shall thinke fit; but if no course that you can take will get out the Conveyances before I come up to London, move the Trustees Contractors for orders to receive the Michaelmas rents, for I should have got out my Conveyances before I came down, but for the reprise, and which I could not get settled; and now the General will not permit me to come from my command, so that I hope we shall not suffer for preferring the publick service before our own and that from the publick. However pay in your bills with all speed, and do as much more in the business as you can. Also pay for the fee farm rents, and get out the Conveyances, both for mine and the Major-General's.² You may let Richmond House for another quarter of a year, and get all the rents you can in for all the lands, as they are due. I writ to you from Barwick. You will have all news with us, publick, therefore I shall not trouble you with any, only my brother Cornet Baynes and all friends are in health. Colonel Rokeby was slain in the battle.³ I desire to be remembered to M^{rs} Lilburne, Captain Eyre, M^r Margetts, and all friends, which is all at the present but to remain

Your lo. Brother,

A. BAYNES.

Edenburgh, 7ber 9th 1650.

¹ Alexander Earl of Leven.

² Major-General Lambert.

³ At the decisive battle of Dunbar, on the 2nd of September.

5.—CAPT. ADAM BAYNES TO THE SAME.

BROTHER,

. Hasten to pay for the Major General's fee farm rents, and let my Conveyances be made ready to seal against I come up which I hope will not be long. I left a letter of Attorney with you whereby the Major Gen: did empower me to take his Conveyances in my name which you may look out for and get his Conveyances ready to seal likewise. Also get the Conveyances for the King's Lands ready to seal; and if you can get interest upon the bills first due allowed pay in the second moiety for all when the reprises are settled. And if Capt. Eyre can purchase any more lands for at eighteen years purchase or under he may make himself Attorney to serve of the blanks you have by you, if carrying on the Contract cannot be foreborn till I come up to confirm it, and carry it on myself to perfection. I shall defer answering Major Bingley and Mr Bentley till I come up myself to speak with them. Tell Mr^{is} Lilburne that I thank her for buying the muff. I hope shortly my wife will come with me to receive it at her hands. Remember me to all friends, and Capt Eyre, and her. Know of Mr Pickersgill when my second moiety for Deans and Chapters lands will be due, and what rates bills transferred without Interest gives, and let me know by the next. Also, if Adam Eyre be not better provided for, I would have him to be my Clerk, and let me have an answer therein, and so I rest

Your lo. Brother,

Musselburgh 8^{ber} 20th 1650.

A. B.

6.—FROM THE SAME.

BROTHER,

I have received yours with one enclosed from William Bywater, to whom remember me and give him thanks for the same, and for his care and pains in my business. Present my service to my Unkle Clapham and tell him I hope shortly to be at London, and then shall be glad of his advise and assistance about the sale of the Woods mentioned. In the interim I would have you to prepare all the Conveyances for sealing for all the land purchased by me or for

me, particularly that of Clithero if it be intended for me. Help Lieut Collo. Goodricke to an order to let, sell, and dispose of Richmond so soon as you can.

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Your lo. Brother,

R. BAYNES.

Musleborough. 9ber 9th 1650.

7.—CORNET JOHN BAYNES TO CAPT. ADAM BAYNES.

COUSEN,

I am come hither very well, I thank God, and have delivered your token to your Lieutenant who is in good health. I have sent you here enclosed Capt. Shepardson's Bill of 100^{li} for he hath left the army upon some miscarriage or other, so that I cannot now meet with him. Here is nothing of news but the King crowning, and that they are raising 60,000 men to invade England and beat us to boot. 2000 from Sterling gave our men at Lithgow an alarm yesterday, but did us little more harm. Lieut. Pursglove is admitted to his command again. Q^r Master Reason was put to acknowledge his fault in accusing Capt. Stoddart falsely. The Ma. Generall is very well. I pray you excuse me to my friends at Leeds, if you see them, for that I did not visit them.

I rest yo^r lo. Couzen,

JO. BAYNES.

Edenb. January 11th 1650—[51].¹

For Capt. ADAM BAYNES, at Ledston.

8.—FROM THE SAME.

COUZEN,

I have rec^d yours, and shall after that I have compared notes with Major Mitchell give you an acco^t whether as much money be betwixt you and myself as I demanded when I saw you last. I have this post written to M^r Rymer and given him an account of my receipts and disbursements as to assessm^{ts}.

¹ It will be observed that the letters are dated according to the usual English mode of computing the year to commence on the 23th of March.

Here is little news here now. The Ministers at Sterling and Aberdeene have declared publickly against the K. and his party; what effect it will take is not known. The Kirk is likely to have the worse; all runs for the K. now, he and his party have dominion over all. They are raising men apace and must either fight or . . . within a short time. The Gen. and some Gen. officers have received some loss by sea lately, through the wilful cowardice of the Master of a ship, who upon the shot of a piece or two from the Bass and Tomtallan¹ yielded to them, and his vessel was sent into Fife. I have not time to say more but my kind respects to your dear, I rest

Your lo. Couzen,

Edenb. January 18th 1650-[51].

JO. BAYNES.

BRO. This letter came to my hands here at Leeds so made bold to open it, because I thought some Letters might be enclosed to be delivered here about. This is all but my kind respects to my sister and all other friends and that I am

Yor^e affectionate Bro.

Jan^y 24th 1650-[51].

ROBT BAYNES.

9.—FROM THE SAME.

COUZEN,

Yesterday it was resolved by a grand council of field officers, that upon Monday next the Army should march westward, not only because of the little subsistence left hereabouts for the Army, but because 3000 of the Enemies horse and dragoons are come from Sterling and lie in the country and now and then give alarums to our men at Hambleton and Lithgow;² and its thought if the way and weather stop us not, we shall venture into Fife and try what spirits the enemy are of now. I fear it will be a very sore march, for bad weather now comes in. This day is a very stormy day. I know not yet whether I shall attend the Army or not in this march. . . .

I rest yo^r lo. Couzen,

Edenb. January 25th 1650-[51].

JO. BAYNES.

¹ On the 11th of January 1651. (Sir James Balfour's Annals).

² The towns of Hamilton and Linlithgow.

10.—MAJOR W. MITCHELL TO CAPT. A. BAYNES.

Edenburgh, this 25th January 1650–51.

SIR,

I am very sorry to put this sudden trouble upon you, but was necessitated thereto by the exceeding clamour of our Soldiery, which forced me to extraordinary exigencies in borrowing of moneys, to supply their present wants, which indeed at present is exceeding much, and revived their pressing demand of that old arrear which was used by my Colonel as an expedient to keep the Regiment whilst in England, in constant pay. And having applied myself to Commissary Baynes, from whom I expected no delay, but ample satisfaction and payment of the remainder of the 666. 13. 4. being our due of that third part of the 2000^{li} by you returned for our three Northern Regiments I having by assignment received 224^{li} in part thereof. However, he being unwilling and indeed refuseth to pay and account for the residue, I am constrained to be thus uncivil to you in point of time to draw on you a bill for 392. 13. 4. being the clear due to that account, the 50^{li} your Quarter-M^r paid me being added therein as per the enclosed account. This Gent. who will present you with the bill will repay such monies as I have already, and shall upon that score, take up, having no other course to answer the complaint which they was forward to make unto my Lord General. Touching the other monies formerly deposited in your hands, have also sent you an account which I must assign the same to the several persons interested, who will themselves allow and account with you for your care and pains in the management of such debentures as belongeth to them or their companies; by which means an evident clear account may be passed, satisfactory both to me, you, and them, which will prevent future wranglings, being all subject to dissolution, especially a more appearing signal in our transactions, being now upon design to attempt something upon the Enemy in his own nest beyond the water, whither intelligence hath directed our march, expecting as great, if not greater difficulties than yet we have undergone, considering the season and hazards reason persuades us we shall meet with. Sir, the 30th you named to me that my Colonel received of Mr. Bosvile which I knew not of, I shall if you so please allow it in the acco^t of this 400^{li} if all that sum be not yet received shall place so much on Capt. Fitzwilliam's account, betwixt whom is the chiefest neglect and controversy, otherwise, I shall not be able to answer in justice what is required

of me, and having in my conscience cleared these things in faithfullness and honesty, I shall be more free to my other duty, and I think there is not any thing herein omitted that may tend to demonstrate the truth in the discharge of this trust. For my own particular arrears, I should be very ungrateful did I not handsomely and civilly acknowledge your pains, and for my Colonel's and others that expects my accompting for them. Shall before I assign that money give you satisfaction excepting one bill [of] Capt. Wisdome; for 50^{li} odd money urged from me: and truly Sir were I not tormented by some, and you knowing how the Regiment in its present untoward condition will be disposed to make out their necessities to the full. Shall beg your pardon, and crave you will be pleased to make convenient payment in what may be acceptable here. Shall desire to be honoured with your commands which shall readily be observed by

Sr yo^r faithful servant,

We march on Monday next.

W. MITCHELL.

11.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUZEN,

I have but received one letter from you since my coming hither, though I have directed divers to you which I hope ere this you have received. . . . Here is small news at present: if the weather be good Monday or Tuesday next the Army is to march westward, in order to an adventure in Fife. Tuesday last we had a design upon Brunt Island, but were by some means or other prevented and did only cause an alarum to the Enemy and put them on firing their Beacons, and terrified them more than hurt them. Till some things of concernment or I hear from you I shall not say more, resting

Yo^r lo. Couzen,

Edenb. Feb. 1. 1650-[51].

J. BAYNES.

My due respects to your dear wife.

12.—CAPT. ROBERT BAYNES TO THE SAME.

BROTHER,

I went to Eastfield where they all desired to be remembered unto you. M^{rs} Chudworth (in our discourse) tooke occasion to mention those things

you spoke of, but . . . she had a great desire to deliver them to yo^r owne hands. I did not much press her for them. I waited upon my Lady Lambert as you directed, but she had newly writte by the post and had received letters from Edinb: by which she perceived, it would be very uncertaine whether I should see the Major Gen^l or not, so did not write. I have not yet seene Cornet Baynes or any others, for the Army is Westward, but I heare they are returninge to their ould quarters. Humes . . . is taken: which is all at present, but my kind respects to yo^r selfe, my sister with all other friends, and that I am

Yo^r affectionate Bro.

Edenb. Febr^y 6th 1650-[51].

ROBT^t BAYNES.

13. — CORNET JOHN BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUZEN,

I have received yours, and am much glad to hear of your and yours good getting to London. I desire my respects may be duly tendered. As yet I cannot hear good or bad of my adventure by sea: however, I verily believe the Lord will replenish me with food convenient.

This day I met your brother betwixt Edinburgh and Lithgoe. He is very well, and I hope you will hear from him next post.

There can no more than one of your men be past the musters: you may do well to signify to me his name. I shall endeavour to do what I can for you this muster, but cannot do it any more: the last muster I allowed for all, but after this you must not expect the like. If you want men to attend the purchased lands, you may have out of each troop a man, as other regiments do.

The head quarters of the Army was Tuesday night last at Lithgoe, on Wednesday night at Faw Kirk, Thursday night at Kilsyth; where quarters being so mean, as that many of the horse, especially of the Major General's regiment were forced to lie in the fields, and that in a very cold frosty night. The Army marched no further, for upon better consideration we returned back, and came this night to Edinburgh. Intentions were when we went hence, to go for Fife, but the weather being bad and worse expected, together with information of the Enemy's late raising of forts and redouts at the passes, which would have put us to much difficulty to beat them off, and also considering that before we could have gotten as far as Sterling or Fife side, the Army must, of necessity, laid out in the fields 4 nights, it was resolved to returne till farther orders. The Enemy all this march appeared

not. They upon the march received an alarum and drew all their force toward Sterling and the passes. No more now but that I am

Yo^r lo. Couzen,

Edenb. Feb. 8th 1650-[51].

JO. BAYNES.

14.—FROM THE SAME.

COUZEN,

. . . . Yesterday came intelligence out of Fife that the people of Aberdeen did last week fall upon a regiment of foot newly raised which came to quarter there, and slew and dispersed them all.

Your lo. Couzen,

Edenburgh, 11th Feb. 1650-[51].

J. BAYNES.

Capt. Baynes.

Others say from Aberdeen, that there are great discontents there, being there now a grand meeting, and some are imprisoned there. You forgot the superscription of my letter.

15.—FROM THE SAME.

COUZEN,

I have little to say at this time, but that I am in good health, I bless God, in the midst of mortality and much sickness. The General since our last march hath been much vexed with the flux, but is now pretty well. About two days ago Collo. Sanderson, the Governor of Lithgoe died. This day M^r Wolsey Assistant to the Q^{ter} M^r General died; and its reported that Sir Jo. Browne and Collo. Holburne are by the K. executed,¹ upon supposition of correspondence with us. Our guns have this day played very much against Tamtallan Castle.² A little time I hope will enable Collo. Monck who commands against it to give a good account of it. The Ma: General's regiment of horse are gone towards Jaddard³ with Collo. Okey and the Advocate to find out and try the murderers of Capt. Dawson and 7 more with him. The whole town by relation are guilty, if so it will be all burnt down. Capt. Wisdome desires to know if you

¹ This report, as it will be seen, was unfounded.

² Tantallon Castle was surrendered to the English forces on the 21st of February 1651. (Balfour's Annals): See No. 17.

³ Jedburgh: Jeddart is not an unusual pronunciation to this day by the common people.

have received his letter. Capt. Bradford hath been twice very earnestly soliciting the Major General for liberty to go to London in behalf of the regiment, but is wholly denied. My due respects to my Coz. your good wife, and to her sister, which is all but that I am

Your lo. Couzen,

Edenburgh, February 15th 1650-[51].

J. BAYNES.

The K. was this week at his garrison of Brunt Island.

16.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have received yours, and as for the 600^{li} bill upon M^r Calvart ordered by M^r Lovell, I did never see it, nor hear of it till your last to me, therefore you may do well to find it out. Its possible you might send it to me after that I went from York, and came into the North, and the letter might thereby come short of me, or else, in the midst of your much business, intend to send it and forgot. I assure you I did not at all receive it or any intimations of it. As for Capt. Sheapardson's bill of 100^{li} I sent you it back again in my last to you, because Capt. Sheapardson hath declined his command here, and is gone home. I confess I never could see him to demand it, but your Brother spoke to him at Lithgoe, and he put in some slender dillatory answer. The acco^t betwixt Maj. Mitchell and myself is perfected, and how far cleared I signified to you in my last, so that I need not say more to that. When I speak to any officers whose regiment are in arrear any way to you, I have no other answer then that they know you have money sufficient in your hands to defray all charge. Your Brother is in good health, he lodged with me last night. No news this post. I rest

Your lo. Cousin,

Edinburgh, February 18th 1650-[51].

J. BAYNES.

I pray signify to me if M^r Dawson's 700^{li} be paid to him.

17.—FROM THE SAME.

COUZEN,

Yours I have and shall, first conveniency, deliver your letter to the Regiment, and shall answer your desires in both. I shall speak to the Major General, first opportunity about it.

Tombtallen Castle is ours¹ upon terms of mercy. The prisoners are in number about 100 and are coming towards Edenburgh. Some Englishmen were supposed to [have] been therein, but none found. The Castle is very well furnished with all necessaries as I am informed. Being in much haste I shall not add more now than my due respects to all with you, resting

Yor^t lo. Couzen,

Edenb. Feb. 22. 1650-[51].

JO. BAYNES.

18.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO CAPT. A. BAYNES.

COUZEN,

I hear your Cornet is going to leave your service, and that Cornet Pickering is intended for his place, yet it may be your letter to the Ma: Gen: may timely provide for your brother Joseph. I know not of a Cornet's vacancy in Collo. Lilburne's regiment. I need not acquaint you with the narrow escape which Sir Philip Musgrave had yesterday senight in the West, for I know it was at London last post. All he had was taken in a ship with letters, Commissions and instructions from the King, which may prove of good use in finding out a great deal of knavery in England. The General hath been desperately sick but is now pretty well recovered. No more but my due respects to your good wife. I rest

Your very lo. Couzen,

Edenb. March 11th 1650-[51.]

J. BAYNES.

Present my service to Ma: Pounall and his wife.

19.—FROM THE SAME.

COUZEN,

. For news here is little. The enemy with about 400 horse, gave an alarm to Lithgow garrison on Wednesday last, but did us no harm. We took Da. Lathbry's Capt. Lieu^t prisoner and killed his horse in their retreat. Ma. Gen. Regiment of Horse are ordered to come to this town to quarter upon Wednesday next. Your Lieu^t hath gotten 21 days time for England: yesterday he went from hence. Your brother is in good health.

¹ See the former letter, No. 15, note 2.

Our seamen have this week taken two Scotts ships of good prize; one of them is ladend with corn and other provisions, and the other bath plate, money, clothes, and some valuable things in her. Want of our boats hinders action. I rest

Yor lo. Couzen,

Edenb. March 15th 1650-[51.]

JO. BAYNES.

20.—MAJOR CARTER TO CAPT. A. BAYNES.

SIR,

It is the desire of myself and the rest of the officers of Major General Lambart's regiment of foot, to receive a line or two from you concerning your proceedings in our affairs: about the first moiety we hear that all the rest of the King's lands are sold unto the tenants, and that we may have the other moiety in money; and pray use the best means for us, or direct us what course we shall take. This is all for the present from

Your faithful friend to serve you,

Edenburgh, 15 March 1650.

AND. CARTER.

21.—CORNET JO. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUZEN,

I desire you to signify to me in your next whether or no a Martiall's man be established at Cliffords Tower in York, for Mr Gerard writes to me he is not, and pay is now detained from him, though it were paid till the Armys march from York into Scotland. If you can do any favour herein for the poor man it will be a great deal of charity.

Captain Wisdom tenders his services to you, and intreats you to add some debentures which he bought of his soldiers to the rest of his Company in the purchase of Crown lands. The soldiers were, and are still, of his company, and methinks his request is very reasonable. It need not be discovered that they are bought and sold, and if it should hereafter appear to be so, the hazard he is very willing to run and stand to, I pray you therefore deny it not.

The King's Army draws apace towards Sterling and some are come on this side: its thought some action will follow shortly. My choice respects to your dear wife.

I rest Yor lo. Couzen,

Edenb. March 18th 1650-[51.]

JO. BAYNES.

22.—CAPT. ROBERT BAYNES TO THE SAME.

BROTHER,

I am negligent in writing to you because I have not whereof to write. Your Lieut. is in England. I spoke this day with your Cornet, but they have received no pay since you went from hence. We have no news at all, only the enemy is pleased sometimes to visit us at Lithgow with some bodies of horse, but doth not attempt any thing against us. I suppose you have heard that Major Sanderson, our late Governor, is dead, and Adjutant Gen: Sydenham is our Governor, who desired me to present his service unto you, and to my Sister (whom he calls his wife) upon whom he charges the debt of a pair of gloves. Pray present my kind respects to my sister and all other friends with you, which is all at present but that I am

Yo^r affectionate Brother,

Edenb. March 20. 1650-[51.]

ROBT BAYNES.

23.—CORNET ROKEBY TO THE SAME.

STR,

I perceive there is some money to be received for lead which belonged to Richmond House. I desire that my part may be paid unto my Bro. Tho: seeing I have such extraordinary occasions at this time for money, otherwise I desire that Lieu^t Collo. Goodrick may have the disposal both of mine and my father's Troops part, and I shall give you my discharge and procure the troops too for our several portions. We are now quartered in Edinburgh. My Lien^t and Quar^{mr} are both in England. We all desire to be remembered to you. I entreat your answer herein by the next post. I take leave and remain

Your friende and servant,

Edinburgh, the 21st of March 16⁵⁰/₁.

H. ROKEBY.

24.—CORNET JO. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUZEN,

. . . . The enclosed from Ma. Goodricke, hints at some jealous and hard thoughts of you. I pray you vindicate yourself and leave the officers without any ground of suspicion, for indeed I overhear now and then the discontent

of some men, which I cannot bear, and am therefore urgent with you to satisfy them in your proceedings. I know it cannot be that all men will be void of rash judgement, yet I desire you to clear up your integrity, to all men, as far as may be.

I wish you could make an end with Ma. Mitchell some way or other, for his friend at London intimates to him small hopes of the money from you, which puts the Ma. into ill thoughts, and some discontents. I am very sorry that all these things jump together and would even seem to be something, but I hope time will clear all (a word is enough). The Lord Warriston is this day come hither. Some of our ships are gone up the river to Blackness, and Collo. Monck with some foot and horse is gone thitherward by land; but more of news in my next. Collo. Deane is come safe hither. 3 Scotch murderers were this day executed. I am in haste, resting

Yo^r lo. Couzen,

Edenb. March 29. 1651.

JO. BAYNES.

25.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

. I have not rec^d any pay (except 3 or 4^{li}) since my last coming hither, indeed I am in hopes and expectations of some shortly

Yesterday the Ma. General and his regiments of horse and foot went to Blackness, where the Enemy is upon terms, our guns having made a breach, and our men ready to fall on: hourly expectation we have of the surrender of it. The Enemy at Sterling threatened to raise the siege if 20,000 men would do it, but I believe they will scarce adventure to do it, or if they come it will be too late. My choice respects to y^r good wife: I wish her a safe delivery.

I rest yo^r lo. Cousin,

Edenb. Apr. 1. 1651.

JO. BAYNES.

26.—CAPT. ROBERT BAYNES TO THE SAME.

BROTHER,

. We have little news; only Tuesday last Blackness Castle, 2 miles hence was surrendered. The enemy hath about 4 regiments, horse and dragoons quartered upon this side Sterling. They come sometimes to

visit us, but without any attempt against us, except they meet with any of our men straggling in the country. We lost 10 men in that manner about 4 days ago, whereof 4 were mine. I had 3 taken and one slain: it was within half a mile of the town. Yesterday Middleton was expected down at Saint Johnston's, with ten thousand men. No more at present but my well wishes, &c.

ROBT BAYNES.

Lithgow, Apr. 6. 1651.

27.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUZEN,

I have received yours per this and the last post, but not any enclosed to Lev^t Collo. Carter, which makes him and the regiment admire that they hear not from you. I shall discharge Capt. Siddall's bill to Major Cotterell; part I have already paid. I shall acquaint such as are concerned with the unhappy accidents of bills, and work them to patience for a time. No news at all since my last. I am now going towards Hamelton, so that I may happen to forbear writing 2 or 3 posts till my return. I pray let me know what my bought debentures will add to my advantage, and how they will be paid. No more but my choice respects to my Coz. I rest

Your truly lo. Couzen,

Edenburgh, April 8th 1651.

JO. BAYNES.

Pray you present my service to Admiral General Bury. Tell him I have received his, and shall at my return answer his desire; at present I cannot, the Regiment being at Dalkeith.

28.—FROM THE SAME.

COUZEN,

I have received yours and shall not deny any money that comes to my hand upon your account, and make it payable to Cornet Pickeringe. Major Cottrell's bill I shall discharge. Not one silable do I hear of my sea venture so that except my arrears and purchased debent^{rs} make some improvement I am much at a loss. My due and choice respects to my Coz. your wife.

Blackness is our own, the people in it are gone to their own dwellings. Yesterday the Earl of Eglinton and one of his sons, with Lev^t Collo. Cowburne and some others came here prisoners: They were taken at Dumbarton nappin.¹ This day a Trumpeter is come to the Earl from the K——; he is Capt. of the K—— guard and a very eminent person at the Court. 3 or 4 Scotts and Danes vessels are this week brought into Leith Road with considerable prize. Your men are continued in your own roll as yet. No more than that I am,

Yor lo. Couzen,

Edenb. Apr. 8th 1651.

JO. BAYNES.

29.—CAPT. W. WALKER TO THE SAME.

DEAR SIR,

I have received yours, but am at this time unfurnished with any thing considerable to relate. There are some who hath already prejudged you, but that's no rule to calculate by. For my part if I may serve you in that way of censure-prevention you mention, I shall readily again do it, and indeed conscientiously and faithfully as one whom I durst oblige for. Your enclosed to your Cosen Com. shall be delivered at his return from Hambl'ton. Captain Bailly is arrived: the little case of strong waters with the other little box, and the fauchion he hath delivered. The hampers are aboard yet. Good Sir, hasten M^r Lort, and send us the suit so soon as the first comes, who I think may be Capt. Packer. Here is no news, but the Foe's and our preparation to take field. My humble service to your wife, M^{rs} Lilburne, and accept it yourself from

Yours faithfully,

April 12th [1651.]

W. W.

30.—CORNET JOHN BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have even now come home and therefore have not time to give you accompt of what money of yours is in my hand: by the next I shall fully do it,

¹ "On Monday the vii of Apryle 1651, the Earle of Eglintoun being on his journey to visite his lady, wes surprisit in Dumbartane, and he and his son Colonell James [Montgomery] and Colonell Cokburne wer carryit away be the Englishes, first to Edinburgh, and thairefter to Hull in England; but by the way, in Scotland, Colonell Cokburne escaped." (Nicoll's Diary, p. 51.)

and also what your brother hath: I expect him here to-morrow or next day, for his company is to come from Lithgow. If I hinted to you any thing of my being out of service, it is more than I remember or (at least) than is true, and therefore I believe you mistake in reading it. My unfortunate brother is well: I wish he may keep so, for I fear much his improvidence will undo him. . . .

Yesterday a party of the Enemy's horse fell into Lithgow: some small engagement was made with them and Major Sidenham, he is wounded, and that somewhat dangerously. The Enemy took only one prisoner and killed us 5 men. We took 5 or 6 prisoners and slew 5 of theirs. This week, it's said, our Army will have some motion. In haste, I am,

Yor^r lo. Cozen,

Edenb. April 15. 1651.

JO. BAYNES.

31.—CAPT. W. WALKER TO THE SAME.

SIR,

I have received yours, which tells me of my M^r his suit being ready and your intention to send it by Capt. Stoddard. I pray you desire M^r Lort to make my M^r a coat like the last he made him, of such as is most in fashion (the last was of Tamaletla Hollandiæ). I shall take care to repay what you have paid M^r Banks for me. News we have little. We are at Glasgow with the Army, what we shall do next we know not. L^t General and officers had a conference yesterday with the ministers of this place, but little satisfaction amongst them. My service to your lady and M^{rs} Lilburne, and accept it yourself, from

Your most affectionate servant,

Glasgow, April 24th [1651]

W. W.

My M^r remembers him to yourself and wife, and thanks you for your pains in his business, and for the money you charge upon him, he will pay it in Yorkshire.

32.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have received yours of the 15th instant, and also one from your brother, which I shall be careful to deliver at our first meeting. That regiment is quartered 4 miles hence (to-morrow I purpose to see him). I am very glad (with you) that a good and safe end is made with M^{rs} Lovell. This enclosed will

intimate what I have received upon yours, and what upon Mr Maryott's account, since my coming into Scotland. There is one month's pay more received for you, but it is not yet come to my hand. When I receive it I shall signify it to you and then you may order it to whom you please. Your brother tells me he hath not received any for you.

I desire to know upon what security I may expect satisfaction for my bought debentures: I confess I would willingly make as much of them as I can (because my sea shipwreck hath made me much indebted to the Committee at York), and my study is how to disengage myself thereof. Most of the Army is in and about Glasgow. Want of provision both for man and horse will very shortly urge us to a remove. It's said the King, with what force he hath, is come to and abouts Sterling. Little action can be thought of this month yet, for there is not any thing on the ground to enable and encourage either Army to the field.

Wednesday last a long and serious debate was made betwixt the General, Major-General, and some others on our part, and Mr James Guthrie, Mr Peregrine Galaspy,¹ and some other Scotch Ministers on that part. The discourse was concerning our invading Scotland. It was by our party exceeding well cleared, and sufficiently proved just and necessary; but the Scotch Ministers who argued the contra are not yet satisfied:² they will not at present believe that our grounds sufficiently warrant our invasion; but I hope divers of their countrymen are somewhat convinced, and will a little better comply with us than formerly. Another discourse is intended in points of religion, that, if possible, all means of a better understanding may be attempted, and the issue left to God. I shall not add more now but rest

Yor^r lo. Cozen,

JO. BAYNES.

Glasgow, April 25th 1651.

Seath Stable is dead and buried.

33.—COLONEL ROBERT LILBURNE TO THE SAME.

SIR,

I conceive if we had money for recruits, they might with more conveniency be raised in Yorkshire, and put the state to no charges for an officer to conduct them; but if you will please to do me the favour to receive the money

¹ Patrick Gillespie.

² See Baillie's *Letters and Journals*, vol. iii., pp. 166, 168.

and confer with Capt. Peaverell and Corn^t Sanderson about the raising 40 or 50 honest and stout men, they might be sent with some other recruits that come from London; and for the rest I think we shall get them in the north parts of England very well, and for paying them that advance which is allowed, I shall disburse it here and charge it upon you by bill. Or if you advise me any other way I shall be ready to follow good counsel. I have spoke to Corn^t Baynes to accept of Capt. Lister's Colours and I hope I shall have his company in my Reg^t. I have little news to tell you but that we are all here about Glasgow, but in no condition to advance upon the enemy for want of forage. I have nothing further but presenting my kind service to yourself and your good lady, I rest

Your real servant,

Hamilton, Ap. 29th 1651.

R^t LILBURNE.

I pray present my kind love to my Sister, and desire her to excuse my not writing to her this time. I entreat your conveyance to the enclosed.

34.—CAPT. W. WALKER TO THE SAME.

SIR,

M. Gen. hath commanded me to signify his receipt of your last, of concerning the monies for recruits for his regiment, which by the next he will give you directions about after advice with the officers thereof. We are drawn from Glasgow, having eaten them indifferently. Col. Lil. and Dan. is drawn from Hambleton, and one company of foot and two horse in the Duke's house. Sir, my humble service to your lady and M^{rs} Lilb. Pardon the haste of

Your affect. servant,

Edb. May 3, [1651.]

W. W.

Pray deliver the enclosed.

35.—CORNET JO. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have received yours of the 22nd of April last I am myself much solicited (and have some inclinations to it) to be Cornet to Capt. Lister. I wish I knew well what to do in it. D^r Deviveer and Capt. Bayly tender their respects to you. Yesterday the Army came back to Edensburgh, and is now

disposed and dispersed to quarters again. Some few small garrisons are left in the west. Collo. Lilburne is to quarter now about Jeddart and Kelsey in Tindale. No action likely to happen this month, because the earth will not afford forage. I pray you remember me to your weary wife: I pray God give her an easy and joyful deliverance.

In haste I rest,

Y^or lo. Cozen,

Edenb. May 3. 1651.

J. BAYNES.

Seath Stable is dead.

36. — CAPT. W. WALKER TO THE SAME.

SIR,

I must again be troublesome to you to send the enclosed which is for another suit to M^r Lort. I must entreat you to buy two handsome sword belts for Maj. General, one with black fringe a shoulder belt, the other of strong buff for the middle, used to hang a charging sword in. I must desire you to buy him a good French hat of the best sort, and one of an ordinary sort with most fashionable black bands, for gold or silver pleaseth him not. Also to get M^r Kendell our shoemaker to make 2 pair of handsome walking boots, and one pair of summer riding boots, with two pair of Spanish leather shoes. Tell him to make them of better stuff than the last we took from London, and that they may be ready to send with the rest. Sir, I must beg your excuse for continuing to trouble you, and to present my service to your lady and M^{rs} Lilburne.

No more but am

Your humble servant,

Edenburgh, May 7. 1651.

W. WALKER.

37. — CORNET JO. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COZEN,

. Seth Stable died of a violent fever. The Ma. General's regiment of horse wants about 50 men of the establishment, and Collo. Lilburne's about 70. I shall give you a better account in my next. Your Cornet is gone for England for about 6 weeks time. There is little news at present. It's said the enemy intends a general rendezvous at Sterling about Wednesday next. Such

of the inhabitants of Leith as will not or cannot engage to be true and faithful to the English interest and garrison here are to turn out.

I entreat you in the name of D^r Devevier to buy 3 dozen of quart glass bottles of the best Canary sack in London, and that they may come in the first vessel to Leith, directed to him at M^r Riddall's house, and signify to me what you disburse for the same (and by whom you send it) and it shall be at sight paid at London or here. If you effect this business well, you may be assured we shall dedicate 1 pottle in remembrance of you and yours. I shall not say more now but rest

Y^{or} lo. Cozen,

Edenb. May 10th 1651.

J. BAYNES.

My dear respects to your travelling wife.

38.—CAPT. WILLIAM SIDDALL TO THE SAME.

SIR,

I have received yours, dated 2. May, and perceive you have not received my money of M^r Dunton, but you intend to prosecute suit against him if he pay you not shortly. Sir, I do admire at that man who professed so much honesty and should slight his friends as he hath done. Good Sir, neglect no time to get me that money, for I never had such an infamy upon me in all my life by some as the want of that. I am glad you have paid Major Cotterell's bill, but Capt. Skipper wants at least 30^{li} which at Glasgow he fell out with me and gave me very bad language. Sir, I remembered you to my Major and let him see your letter, but for the bills he is as formerly to account We have no news here but lie in our old quarters againe about Edenburg. The enemy is still at variance among themselves.

Your assured loving friend and servant,

Edenburgh this 14th May
1651.

WILL. SIDDALL.

39.—CORNET BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have received yours and (as in my last) I shall pay to Cornet Pickering the 20^{li} I had of him that the 40^{li} may be entire. The Ma. General is

pleased to promise fair to me concerning a better salary or better employment. I wish Dr Slane were come out of Ireland. I pray you tender my due respects to your mother and your only friend: I earnestly desire to hear of her deliverance. I cannot certainly say what I received from Mr Dawson for the houses, but I take it to be 580^{li}, but what rent I cannot tell, except I were at York, nor can I tell what I have disbursed about the same, for I have not any accompts here. I am sorry you should be so little a gainer by my Uncle as I fear you will be if the Clothiers fall upon you. I cannot imagine what to advise you to in it: I wish you well quit of it.

The King is at Sterling. Some 8 regiments of foot are in tents and huts a little this side Sterling: we shall not meddle with them except they inroach. Some Flanders horses were taken this week going by sea to the King. I shall not add more now but rest

Edenb. May 17th 1651.

Yor^o lo. Cozen.

J. BAYNES.

Captain Bayly remembers his kind respects to you and yours.

For Capt. ADAM BAYNES, at York House in the Strand, these.

40.—COLONEL ROBERT LILBURNE TO THE SAME.

SIR,

I received 2 letters from you lately about my recruits, and shall be only troublesome to you thus far as to send me down about 30 or 40 men, but I desire they may be very choice civil men. I writ to Len^t Turner about getting some such, and shall (if Corn^t Sanderson come from London) desire he only may have the conduct of them. As for the rest of the number allowed, I have agents at work in our northern counties, and many come to us very well appointed, and I think if I rest but here about ten days longer my Reg^t will be reasonable complete, but if so many more do come I shall get room for them also: and for the money I shall give you an account what is disbursed, and send word how to return it unto York or elsewhere. I shall wish your good lady a happy house and shall rejoice at her welfare; presenting my kind respects to yourself and her, I rest

Your very affectionate serv^t,

Swinton, near Barwick,

R^t LILBURNE.

May 20. 1651.

I have no news, being far from the head quarters, but only a great report of Dav. Lesley's head being cut off, and some other great ones imprisoned; but I think this is but a report.

41. — CORNET JO. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have received yours, and do entreat you at first conveniency to remember Dr Devevier's wine. (I hope to have some of it.) I bless God, with you, that my Cosen is safely delivered. I desire she may be restored to her perfect health, and be made a glad and joyful mother. I pray you remember me very kindly to her. I confess I have often remembered Adm^l Gen. Berry's man, but as often forgotten it, but next week if possible I will answer his desire. The regiment quarters out of town else I had done it ere now. I pray if you see Mr Gerard (my brother's muster master) ask him when he expects the Dr. I wish he would either come or not come, then I could resolve how to dispose of myself. The enemy is drawing more and more by degrees on this side Sterling, which occasions us to contract quarters. The most of our horse will quarter near Edinburgh next week. Preparations are now making for the field, we know not how suddenly we may be thither, but its thought shortly. I wish the General be able to accompany and head the Army this summer; it's feared he cannot. I cannot acquaint you with more of concernment. Captⁿ Pockley remembers him kindly to you, and desires your special care of his business, for he safely refers himself to you. Your Lieu^t remembers him to you, his mother, and young sister. I rest

Your lo. Cozen,

Edinburgh, May 24th 1651.

J. BAYNES.

42. — FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have received none from you this post. I wish all be well with you. The King's army is still encamped on this side Sterling, their horse (as it is said) are to rendezvous and muster this day, their great endeavours are for a great body of horse, intending (as reports go) to make an inroad into England. I hope if they go, they will find a sufficient repulse. Our Army is now very close,

so that we can move any way on a sudden. Capt. Wisdome desires you to answer this enclosed, and send it per the first in yours to me. And the like doth Quarter Master Sotheron. The Enemy lives all upon their store at Sterling, which will not hold them long; when its done they must be forced to some hazardous undertaking. We have apprehended two bro. carriers which came from Sterling, and have committed some in town upon suspicion of correspondence. The General is reasonable well recovered. I pray you remember me to your sick wife. I rest

Your lo. Cousin,

Edenb. May 27th 16[51.]

J. BAYNES.

Your brother is well. Capt. Foulis of that regiment is in danger of turneing off for false musters.

43. — FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have received yours, and do wish that I knew Dr Slane's definitive resolution concerning his employment here, if he would either come or not come. I have hopes of a better employment, yet at present I am content withall. I have already changed your man's name. I continue only two of your men in your roll, the rest I have gotten into other troops of the regiment. I am heartily sorry for the death of your first fruits. I wish my Cozen her perfect health again, and desire to be remembered to her and your Mother. I wish the Sack suddenly and safely hither. The Enemy hath done us some harm by falling into one of our troops of Dragoons quarters, and have taken most of that troope's horses and men. We offer not yet to draw to the field. Collo. Monck is made Lev^t Gen^l of Ordnance, and Gen^l Deane, Ma. Gen. of the Foot. At present this is all, but that I am,

Yor lo. Cozen,

Edenb. May 31. 1651.

J. BAYNES.

44. — FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

Were it not for the enclosed I should scarce have written to you this post, for here is nothing of note to impart to you, only that our Garrison is drawn from Hambleton for fear of the Enemy's falling on it, they being now all abroad in that part of the country. Divers of our regiments of horse lie out in the fields, in tents, near Edinburgh. We are more and more preparing for the field

and are in daily expectations of motion. No more but my due and dear respects to your wife and mother. I rest

Yo^r truly lo. Cozen.

Edenb. June 3. 1651.

J. BAYNES.

45. — LIEUT COLLO. CARTER TO THE SAME.

SIR,

Yours we have received dated 24th May, being the second from London, and we hope Major Pownall is coming forward to his charge that we may receive some information from him more than you declare in your letter as you hint upon. I am moving, that the 4 soldiers at Wimbleton may be mustered the next, we hope it will be granted, and for the sale of Wimbleton House without the garden. We all are of your mind. I myself knows it very well what timber may be sold to the benefit of the purchasers. It is much desired of all, and I will assure you, upon this letter of yours imparted to the rest, according to your directions, is very much taken with them, and doth desire me to give you hearty thanks for your discreet managing of their affairs, we being so remote. But concerning Lancaster great park in Surry, by yours we understand there is some entanglement, which we desire to know what it is before we can give you our result: and for the present doubling of debentures, truly officers and soldiers for the most part want money but that for their debentures them to sell theirs at 16 or 18 pence a pound, they are resolved rather to lose all, and let the Universal Judge receive it, and give account at the latter day. We desire to hear from you as often as is convenient time will permit. This is from your faithful friend to serve you, by me to subscribe which am

Your faithful brother in Christ,

Edenburg, June 3^d '51.

AND. CARTER.

For his much honoured friend, Capt. ADAM BAYNES at London or elsewhere these, London.

46. — CORNET JO. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have no news at all to impart to you at this time, save that almost every day some officer or other is turning out, or artieded against upon some account or other.

Yo^r lo. Cozen,

Edenb. June 7th 1651.

J. BAYNES.

47.—FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have received yours, and have no more at this time to say than that I have delivered your letters enclosed, and that at present we have here no news. The Enemy is drawing all his force on this side Sterling, and would have us believe that he would fight us. We have great and daily change of Officers in the Army. Your brother is well, and with myself desires to be remembered to your uprising wife.

I am, yo^r lo. Cozen,Eden. June 10th 1651.

J. BAYNES.

Two prize vessells came in this day: the lading I yet know not.

48.—FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

. Collo. Sexby is laid aside by a Court Martial for some failings, and divers are likely to follow. The Enemy and we remain still at great distance—no thoughts of an engagement yet. I believe next week our Army will take the field. Several regiments of horse are already in their tents about Edeuburgh—our money ship not yet come.

I rest, yo^r lo. Cozen,Edenburgh, June 14th 1651.

J. BAYNES.

49.—CAPT. W. WALKER TO THE SAME.

SIR,

I have nothing of news to salute you with, and very little other business, but to tell you from the Major General, that by the next you may expect answer to your last; which he had this day done, but being long at a Council of War upon C. Sexby, and being called up early in the morning by an alarum, is gone to bed very sleepy and weary, and had much to do to keep his eyes open whilst his tongue dictated one letter this post for London. L^t Collo. Sexby is cashiered the Army, you'll hear particulars from other hands. Walforth and I

remembereth you, your wife, and M^{rs} Lilburne, to them all three present my service. I am sorry for loss of your first endeavours. Sir,

Your humble servant,

14. June 1651.

W. WALKER.

I expect your answer to my last by the next post.

50.—CORNET JO. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COZEN,

. The money long looked for, is this night expected if not come: when we have got a little parcel we shall take the field, and try if the Enemy has a mind to fight.

Nothing more frequent here than our Officers exhibiting articles against one another, and ousting one another: a man must have good footing that stands here. Captain Spenser is dead of a fever: yesterday he was buried. I desire to be remembered to all friends with you, resting

Your very lo. Cozen,

Edenb. June 17th '51.

J. BAYNES.

51.—FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have received yours. This day came M^{rs} Lambert to Edinburgh and your brother¹ also. This night he is with me. I shall use my utmost skill to advantage him. I wish I were clear my way of the Commissioners at York; though I confess they never call of me for it, it is a burden to me.

The Enemy continues still in their trenches: we move into the field within ten days. The money is come, and is paying out with all speed. Lieutenant Collo. Crooke hath laid down his commission, and will not answer at a Court Martial. No more now but that I am,

Yor very lo. Cozen,

Edenb. June 21. '51.

J. BAYNES.

¹ Cornet Joseph Pease, brother-in-law to Captain Adam Baynes.

52. — CAPT. FITZWILLIAM TO THE SAME.

SIR,

I received a bill of ninety pounds of my Major to be paid by you, which I sent to my brother Robert and desired him to receive the money of you, which he saith you cannot pay. Sir, my request to you is, that you will do me the favour to pay it, or give it me under your hand that you cannot, or that you have not so much money of the Regiment's or my Major's in your hands, for the officers and soldiers are very importunate with me for it; and as for that hundred pounds that you say is not paid, it concerns me no more then the rest of the Regiment, for at my coming from London I acquainted my Collo. and Major what I had done, they was satisfied. Sir, I desire you let me have two or three words in answer, that I may be able to satisfy both the officers and soldiers, in which doing you will much oblige, Sir,

Your humble servant,

Leith, June the 22nd 1651.

JO. FITZWILLIAM.

53. — CORNET J. PEASE TO THE SAME.

BROTHER,

I have not received any from you since I writ two of my last. The Major General's lady came into Edinburgh this Saturday at night, with whom I came, and therefore now desire that you would advise me what course to take, and withall I desire that you would let me have your letter to the Major General. No news that I hear of but that the Army is about going into the field. This is all but to be remembered kindly to my dear Sister, with all the rest of our friends with you, and to rest

Your affectionate Brother,

Edenburgh, 24th June 1651.

J. PEASE.

54. — CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COZEN,

The news from Ireland is an acceptable and seasonable mercy. I hope you may hear of some good news from hence in a short time, for we are this day receiving provisions and preparing for the field: we expect to march

to-morrow. Our intelligence informs us that the Enemy is upon some motion: what they intend is unknown: be it what it will we shall readily attend them. I cannot add more but conjectures, therefore I shall cease, and remain

Edenb. June 24th 1651.

Yor lo. Cozen,

J. BAYNES.

I would gladly see the bottles of sack come ere we take the field. Remember my choice respects to your Second, and forget me not to all the rest. Both your Brothers are well.

55. — FROM THE SAME.

COUZEN,

The news from Ireland is very acceptable. Blessed be God. That John Lilburne is come clear off makes some glad and others discontented. I shall now resume my trade of buying debentures: I might have bought many since your prohibition, but did not.

I much wish a good place in the Court, such a one as I might sufficiently discharge . . .

Yor lo. Couzen,

[June 1651.]

JO. BAYNES.

56. — FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have received none from you this post. Our Army quarters now on Penclan hills¹ (our old quarters). The Enemy, as its reported, has quit Kallender House² near Lithgow, and burnt it. They keep still their quarters near Sterling: we shall not hasten towards them, as I perceive.

Collo. Lilburne desires you to return the 50^{li} you received for recruits of his Regiment: he hath many recruits come into Scotland to his regiment lately. Major Goodrick desires the like. I am in great haste and cannot say more but make tender of my due respects to your good wife, and rest

Yor lo. Cozen,

Edenb. June 28th 1651.

J. BAYNES.

¹ The Pentland Hills, about 10 miles south of Edinburgh.

² Callendar House: see No. 62.

57.—MISTRESS LAMBERT TO THE SAME.

GOOD CAPTAIN,

I bles the Lord I am safe gotten into Scot Land, where for sune dayes I happily enjoy my dearest frend, butt now hee is gone into the feild and it is thought that an ingagment betwext them and the enemy will sudanly be; I trust our good God will deside the quarell betwext use. I had very good company of your brother in my jorney, truly hee is a pretty discreet man and cannot want what ether my husband or selfe cane doe to doe him good; hee is att present in my husbandes owne troop bee haveing furnished with armes; I find my husband hath payed 200 pound heare to his regement of horse towards the discharging that mony you have disbursed for use, and Will. Claxston hath payd, one hundred by your appointment att York, soe that I hop accountes is allmost cleare betwext use; as for the fust mony payd to my cosen Banks I rem. I payed itt to your wife in my own chamber. I hop shee doth rem. it if I don't, not butt M^r Blage will be satisfied when hee seeth his owne discharge; if you please to send downe the partuceler billes to Will. Claxston it will doe well. I pray rem. my kind Love to your wife and mother. I hartly now wish you heare att your command and your wife heare to keepe mee company, for I have a great want of hir. Our army is att Leeghes [Lithgow], and the enemy some 9 miles beyond: this is all att present, but that I am

Your reall frend,

F. L.

July th: i: [1651.]

58.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have received yours of the 21st and 24th and 28th of June last. If you employ another man in Jos. Pease's place, and send me his name, I shall muster him somewhere. The Major General seems at present to be most willing to have him ride in his own troop, which he accepts of in time. I hope you will remember him otherways: he pleaseth to give him good respect and countenance: he shall not want any thing that I can befriend him withall. Lieu^t Collo. Croke hath laid down his com^d and is gone home and will not answer his articles. Lieu^t Collo. Carter is gone off too and will not stay till his articles come forth. Tippling is the maine against both. I refer the price of assigned debentures to your rate of 4s. p. li., if no more can be got.

On Wednesday last the Army marched from Lithgow towards the enemy, and had hopes to engage them, but it seems their inclinations are not yet to it. We encamped all the night near to their camp, having little more than a little water betwixt us.¹ In the night, they drew up their Army, and brought four guns out of their trenches to a hill side near the river; and about 3 of clock in the morning begun to play them, and made many shots in our camp but did very little harm, killed not above 3 or 4 men. We then took an alarum, and drew a little back, thinking they had a mind to fight, but they would not take our ground; so that, after we had played one or two of our guns awhile at them, seeing without much disadvantage we could not force them to engage, we drew off our army, and came back to Lithgow upon Thursday night; and so quiet and calm were they that they would not once appear in our rear, but let us very honestly go off. I think they were glad to be rid of us, but very shortly we shall be with them again. I think we shall go against Kallender House this day. Mr Walker hath lost the letter wherein you mention the ship and man's name with whom you sent the hamper. Pray notify it again, and send your ship bill, least we lose it. I am

Yor lo. Cousin,

From the Camp, July 5th '51.

J. BAYNES.

59.—FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have received yours and shall as soon as I come to Edinburgh again send you Collo. Ahured's and Majr Talbot's notes for the 7th. Your brothers are very well. Our Army hath encamped about Glasgow these 4 nights. I know not whether we shall move this day or not. The Enemy is come to Kilsyth, within 8 or 10 miles of this place. It is said, Marquess Huntley is lately come to their army with some force. It may be now they will act some thing according to their large braggs. Little else of concernment now, therefore I shall not further trouble you, but to make tender of my dear respects to all with you, resting

Yor lo. Cozen,

Campe neare Glasgow,
July 11th 1651.

J. BAYNES.

¹ See letter of Capt. W. Walker on the 14th of July; No. 61.

60.—MRS. LAMBERT TO THE SAME.

GOOD CAPTAIN,

I have received yours, for which I thank you. I am glad your wife is well abroad again. I pray let me hear constantly from you, and a dirnall¹ will be very acceptable. Here is no news, only the King's army will not fight and our Army is marching back, so that I begin to be much more satisfied in my stay here than I was some few days since, for now I hope to see my dearest very shortly. I pray remember my affectionate love to your wife, and pray her if the scallop be not come that Jane writ to you for, to send it by the next, and a yard of very fine French lawne: these I imagine may come by the post. I think the way to have them come safe is to direct them to Coll. George Finnick, governor of Leith, and enclose them in a blank paper and within directed to me. This is all at present but my very kind respects, which I cannot doubt but will be wellcome to you, seeing they come from

Your real frend,

From Leeth, July the 12. [1651].

F. L.

61.—CAPT. W. WALKER TO THE SAME.

SIR,

I have yours of the 28th of August month, and have nothing to return you till the Major General shall be at leisure to [consider] business of that nature it imports; wherewith indeed I cannot reasonably burthen him in regard of his great share of trouble at this time, when we are upon probability of acting upon the Enemy. Upon Wednesday last, we marched with our whole Army from Lithgoe, beyond Falkirk 1 mile and a half, and faced the Enemy that night and part of the next day, but drew off in regard of a river which run betwixt them and us, so that we could not possibly engage them without great and unnecessary hazard. Some bickering there was, but with little gallantry on their side, and several great shot was exchanged. They lay intrencht in and about Torwood.² This day the Council sits, consulting what will be fitt'st to be done, and I hope we shall not draw any further back till we have done something. I shall as

¹ Meaning a "Diurnal," or "Intelligencer," published weekly.

² Torwood lies south of Stirling, and is celebrated for the oak, in the body of which Wallace is said to have secreted himself after the battle of Falkirk.

opportunity serves, give you some cursory account of things. I have not yet received the particulars you sent my Mistress. I have paid 200^{li} to Cornet Pickering, and you say Bro. Claxston hath paid One, which makes 300^{li}. My Master shall be reminded of the rest so soon as leisure can permit. We hear nothing of the ship the things comes in. My humble service to your Lady and M^{rs} Lilburne. M^{rs} Peace is well, so is your Coz. Commissary.

Your humble servant,

W. WALKER.

From the Camp near Lithgoe,

14th July 1651.

62.—CORNET JO. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have received yours of the 4th and 12th instant, and shall put in W^m Halliday in lieu of your brother. I believe your brother's man may come in as a recruit, but himself cannot, because of his former musters. I do not yet hear of the hampers sent to the Maj^r Gen^{al}. I fear a miscarriage thereof, and besides, if the ship be come to Leith, I know not whom to ask for, for the paper you sent mentions neither master's nor ship's name. Let my endeared respects be tendered to all with you. Since our Army's return from Glasgow we advanced again to Fawkirke near to Torwood. We have been here four nights. Upon Tuesday last, about sunset, after we had made a breach upon Kallender House,¹ even in the face of the Enemy, we stormed it and lost a captain of foot, our M^r Gunner, Rob^t Hargreave of your Troop, and 2 or 3 private soldiers more were slain in the storm. We slew of the enemy about 50 persons, and such as had quarter given them were most of them wounded. Little were taken in the house except horses and cattle of the country peoples. At our leaving of Glasgow we left a garrison in Newark House; which Massy with 2 regim^{ts} of horse and 1 reg^t of dragoons hath since (as we hear) stormed. Wednesday night last a considerable party of our horse and foot surprised a fort of the Enemy's in Fife, over against Queen's Ferry. It's much in manner of an island and 4 miles compass. Collo. Overton, Collo. Lytcott, Collo. Daniell, and some chief officers more are there, with about 2000 horse, foot, and dragoons, and I hope will maintain their ground though a sufficient force of the Enemy's are gone against them. We have there about

¹ Callendar House in the neighbourhood of Falkirk, the seat of the Earl of Callendar. This title, which was merged in the earldom of Linlithgow, has been dormant since the act of attainder in 1716, in the person of James, fifth Earl of Linlithgow and fourth Earl of Callendar.

20 piece of ordinance, most of them taken from the Enemy in their fort and in some ships that were taken since thereabouts. According to all relations the K.^{ts} forces do lessen, many of them being almost ready to starve. Now that we have gotten footing in Fife, I hope we shall gain ground of them daily. In haste, I rest

Your lo. Cozen,

From the Camp near Kallendar House, JO. BAYNES.
July 19th 1651.

The Ma. Gen. is since gone with some regim^{ts} and our men in Fife. Ma. Gen. Harrison is comed up. Both your brothers are very well.

63.—FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

Though I am in great haste, yet I cannot but let you know the state of things here. In my last I notified to you that our forces (part of them) were gotten into Fife and that Major General Lambert was gone to them. Since which time it hath pleased God to bless him with a very considerable victory over Sr John Brown. Upon Sunday last Sr John Brown was commanded, with about 4000 men, to repulse our forces who had possessed themselves of a little Island in Fife. They came within a mile or less of our works, whereupon the Major General, though not fully provided for them, drew out and engaged them, and on a sudden put them to flight, slew about 2000 of them, took 1500 prisoners and about 50 colours. Sr John Brown is taken and divers other considerable persons not yet known. Collo. Scott slain, and its thought L^t Gen^l Holborne; the full of things we yet have not. We had the pursuit three miles. The rest of their army is much humbled with this business, so that they dare not be seen of us. Upon Sunday, as we drew from Faw Kirk they drew out of Torwood to Sterling, and went in such haste, that they left divers sick men in their huts and some dead unburied. Yesterday we went to their ground, and some of our men went within a mile of Sterling, but none durst appear hostilely against us. This day we came back and are on our march to Queensferry. No more now but my respects to your dear wife.

Y^{or} lo. Cozen,

From the Camp near Lithgow, JO. BAYNES.
July 22nd 1651.

For Captain ADAM BAYNES, at York House in the Strand, these, London. Franco.

64.—MISTRESS LAMBERT TO THE SAME.

GOOD CAPTAIN,

I see you are better natered then my cosen Lilburn, for you will writ to mee when you have none for [from] mee, butt shée will not; therefore I will not be hir intelage in relating to hir the seasonable victory the Lord hath given us over the enemy. We have taken 1500, kiled 2000. S^t John Brown is taken with many more ofesers. We have lost butt few, but many wounded, most of which was of my husbendes ridgement of hors. Your brother Pease was in the porsuit 8 miles, but hee is safe and well. Yesterday my deare sent him hether to the Governer for great gones. My husbendes hors was wounded and a brace of bulets found betwext his cot and arnes, butt I bles the Lord hee is safe and well. I should have bene more exact, butt that I beleeve you will have better intelage; I pray rem. my dear Love to your wife, and tele hir, I give hir thanks for hir kind leter by M^r Cookees. Desire hir to let me have the yard of French lawne and the scolop I writ for, butt I have more haste of the lawne, for I have nothing to were about my neck, and I dare not goe bare, for feare of giving offence to tender saintes. This is all at present but that I am

July the 22nd.

Your reall frend and Cosen, F. L.

I pray rem. me to my cosen Lilburn; realy I have not time to writ to hir, butt tell hir I writ hir an answare of hirs the last post.

65.—CORNET JO. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have received yours, and have not any thing of novelty now to notify to you, only that I believe to-morrow we shall advance further into the country; I suppose towards S^t Johnstons. Major Pennall and Capt. Wisdome will send letters of attorney next post. Your brothers are well and salute you. I have not time to say more than that I am,

Yo^r very lo. Cozen,

From the Camp near Enderkeferne¹
in Fife, July 26. 1651.

JO. BAYNES.

Inchgarvy² is delivered to us: near 20 pieces of ordnance in it.

¹ Inverkeithing, an ancient borough, upwards of two miles from North Queensferry, in Fife.

² Inch Garvie, a small rocky island in the middle of the Firth of Forth, is not far from South Queensferry. It was then fortified, but is now uninhabited.

66.—FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have no more but to acquaint you that your brothers are well, and that this day Burnt Island is delivered into our hands with many guns and arms therein. The enemy therein (about 400 men) have terms to march away with every man his arms, drums beating, &c. The townspeople are to enjoy their liberties and goods without disturbance. Our shippes made some shot into the Town, but by land we made none, nor had we any man hurt against it. The soldiers are a little angry that they had not liberty to storm it. I hope this will encourage other places to surrender in time, and may be advantageous to us that way. The King's Army continues still, as we hear, about Sterling. Our army is to remove hence (excepting what remains for this garrison) into the Country. Three of the Enemy's Ministers are come under our protection: one of them saith, he is excommunicated for not answering whether Cromwell be Antichrist or not. . . .

Your very lo. Cozen,

Burnt Island, July 29th 1651.

JO. BAYNES.

67.—FROM THE SAME.

COUZEN,

I have received yours, but hear nothing yet of the hampers. As for debentures, I shall observe your instructions if I buy any.

Our Army is before St. Johnstons:¹ yesterday we came hither, but before we came about 3 hours, 1000 of North country men, chosen out of their army, came by command to secure the town, else we should have had little opposition. Even now our house is granted to them and by them accepted to give answer whether they will treat or not. Its hoped they will surrender, else we are ready to starve. Its said their Army is on the way towards England. Collo. Foskur, who came to speak friends in the Army for Mr Love, but got none, in his return was taken prisoner by moss troopers. My respects to all with you. Your brothers are well.

I am, Yo^r lo. Couzen,

From the Camp near St. Johnstons,

JO. BAYNES.

Aug. 2nd 1651.

¹ St. Johnstons, or St. John's Town, the old name of the city of Perth.

68.—FROM THE SAME.

COUZEN,

I have received yours, and have little to return. Leut^t Gen^l Monck and the party with him are in Sterling town. He writes that he hopes shortly to give a good account of the Castle. The Scotch army is much divided, and it's said many considerable persons have forsaken the King, and are gone home. Divers of them, ere this event, moved for a cessation with us, but it being denied, they declined the service. Where the Army is we cannot hear, but supposing them to be on their journey for England, if not there already. We are intending after them as fast as may be. This night we shall be on the borders of England. More in my next. I am

Yo^r much assured,From the Camp, within 4 miles of Kelsey,¹

JO. BAYNES.

Aug. 9. 1651.

We hear not how near Maj^r Gen. Lambert and Harrison are the Enemy, but hope not far.

69.—CAPT. ROBERT BAYNES TO THE SAME.

ENDEARED BROTHER,

. Lev^t Gen^l Moncke's and our regiment came to this place about 14 days since, and part of both our regiments is to go with Collo. Fitch's to Inverness, 70 miles north from this place. I left my wife at Dundee, but if it be my lot to stay here, I intend to send for her hither, but if to go further, I should be almost discouraged for continuing any longer here, considering how much we are slighted, having had but 14 days pay since the Army left us, and having little encouragement else, all things here being carried on with an arbitrary and high hand; but in regard the Major Gen.² cometh downe, many of us will be content to suffer more, hoping in a little time things may be better ordered. I thank you for that you have minded the Major Gen. of me, but I fear I shall scarce have time to wait on him, in regard I shall be at a great distance from him, and upon hard duty. No more at present, but my most kind and loving respects to yourself and yours.

Yours in all brotherly affection,

Aberdeen, 9^{ber} 20th 1651.ROB^t BAYNES.¹ Or Kelso.² Major General Lambert.

This day we have been forth with Collo. Overton to meet with the Marquis of Huntley, who hath submitted himself, and hath promised to disband his forces upon promise from Collo. Overton that his houses shall not be garrisoned, and that Collo. Overton shall, to the utmost of his power, solicit the Commissioners in his behalf to free his land of taxations.

ROBT BAYNES.

70.—MAJOR GENERAL LAMBERT TO THE SAME.

SIR,

I received yours wherein you gave me accompt of your waiting upon the Committee for my Arrears, and indeed I think I am not fairly dealt with therein. I have writ the enclosed to Sir H. Vane, and desire you to deliver it and receive his answer, and if no better expedient will be found, then to receive it as is mentioned upon accompt. I desire you will be assisting to my wife in procuring 250^{li}, and paying it back into the Treasury for the 250^{li} I have received, and take out my receipt for it; for I am noways willing to be liable to the Treasurer's charge, but had rather make hard shift, though I pay a . . . for so much. I hope M^r Claxton in a short time will make shift to return to my wife 300^{li} upon M^r Ratcliff's accompt, so that if she can shift till that come it will be best. Pray remember my kind respects to your wife, and accept it to yourself from

Your very affectionate friend,

Edenburgh, 29. Nov. 1651.

J. LAMBERT.

71.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

BROTHER,

I had writt this enclosed in answer to yours to me, but had not an opportunity to send it before now. I am comed here with my Major about some business for our regiment. I shall take an occasion to wait upon the Major General before I go away. Our regiment is marched into Murrayland,¹ which is 130 miles from hence, so that when I go back, I must either take my wife with me (which will be a tedious journey for her), or live without her this winter; but I think to take her to Aberdeen, and then I shall be something

¹ Morayshire.

nearer her. She desires to be remembered to you and my sister. My bro. Joseph is here, but Cornet Baynes is not comed. I desire to be excused if it be long ere I write to you, for we shall have few opportunities of sending from our quarters. If you write to me, direct your letter to me in Collo. Ashfield's regiment at Aberdeen, or Elgin in Murray. No more at present, but my kind respects to yourself and my sister, but that I am

Your affectionate Brother,

Edenburgh, X^{ber} 2nd 1651.

ROBT BAYNES.

72. — CORNET JOSEPH PEASE TO THE SAME.

DEARE BROTHER,

In my last that I received from you when I was in Yorkshire, you did intimate something concerning the continuing of my man in the Major Gen^l's troope, or in some other troope of his reg^t, which att that time I could not doe in the Major Gen^l troope, nor yet cannot in any other troope, unless you please to doe it in your own. I have informed the Major Gen^l of my condition as far as opportunity gave me leave, and he told me, that at present my subsistence was 5^s p. day as one of the lifegard; soe that I conceive that the mustering of my man elsewhere will be noe way exceptable by any, because that he hath noe relation to the lifegard farther than his relation to me, which favour I should desire if you could doe it with conveniency. My brother Rob^t bid me call att Do^r Duvevier's quarters for a buff coat of yours, which I shall keep at my quarters till I heare from you; we shall goe about 10 dayes hence for Sterling, St. Johnstons, Dundee, and Aberdeen. I pray remember me to my deare sister and M^{rs} Mary, and my sister Sarah, and all friends else with you, and I shall rest

Your obliged Brother,

Edenburgh, 6th 10^{ber} 1651.

J. PEASE.

73. — CAPT. ROBERT BAYNES TO THE SAME.

BROTHER,

I writ to you from Edenburgh about 20 days ago, I hope you have received it. I have received yours of the 6th instant. At present I am at this place waiting some business for the regiment, but expect every day to be sent away to the regiment, which is 120 miles from hence, at Elgin in Murray. Here

are, I believe, many civil employments of advantage here to be disposed of, which, if our regiment had stayed in these parts I believe I should have found out and procured; but since our quarters is so far off, I shall be prevented both of inquiring into and procuring of such a place as might better than which I have already; though indeed, as all things are here (though they give us constant pay), they must be good husbands that can live out of it with credit. I should be glad to see you in these parts, and I hope you might do me much good and yourself no prejudice. I cannot buy any debentures here, especially such as are in your hands, for here is not any one that I know near us that hath any debenters with them, therefore it will be best for you to write to Cornet Baynes who is still at York and amongst them. I thought to have taken my wife with me into the North, but the season is so cold, and the way so bad, and besides, she is not very well, which I think will tend to a multiplication, so as I purpose to leave her here this winter: which is all but to present you and my sister with the kind respects of my wife, and also of him who is

Your very affectionate Brother,

Dundee, X^{ber} 18th 1651.

ROBT BAYNES.

I shall be glad to hear once more from you.

74. — CORNET JOSEPH PEASE TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

By reason of our journey westward I could not return you an answer before now I have not met with any soldiers that will sell their arrears; but if I do meet with any such, I shall send to you their names and to whom they belong, before any further proceeding.

Major Ponnall is made Governor of Burntisland. I have sent your first enclosed to my brother Robt. The other I have got, but hope to see my sister about Wednesday at night, for on Monday morning next we go to Burntisland, where our horses are already to be in readiness for our northern journey. This is all but to be kindly remembered to my dear sister, and M^{rs} Lilburne, and all the rest of our friends, and so rest

Your affectionate Brother,

Edenburg, 27. December 1651.

J. PEASE.

75.—WILLIAM BLAKEY TO THE SAME.

. . . . Yesterday we came to Edinburgh from the west, where free quarter is taken of the country; and upon Monday next we set for St. Tandreys,¹ and so towards Aberdeen, which will be three weeks or a month's journey. I have nothing more, only my humble service to my honoured Mistress and little ones. My service to Mistress Baynes. Here is a barrel of pippins come with 2 baskets from my Lord General. We cannot know from whence they come from, but as I imagine the're from my Mistress, by the direction being Rowlane's hand. I writ for some sugar and candles to my Mistress, but could not hear whether it came to her honoured hands. My Master is in very good health. I bless God for it, and is very hearty in this cold climate, and so are all our family saving myself, being so tender a body that the sharp air runs through me. I pray be pleased to remember my love to all our family, having nothing more but remember him who is bound in affection to remain

Yours to command,

Edinburgh, December the 27th 1651.

WILL. BLAKEY.

76.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

. . . . The Maj. General was gone northwards ere I got hither. I am minded this day to go towards him, for I hear it will be 20 days before he return. I have not at present any news to impart to you: you have heard ere this that Dumbarton Castle is surrendered to us.²

Edenb. Jan^y 3. 1651[-2.]

77.—FROM THE SAME TO THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have not received any from you since my coming hither. I hope my last to you is comed to your hands. I had thought to [have] found

¹ St. Andrews.

² "Upon the fyft day of Januar, being Handsell Monday, 1652, the Castell of Dumbartane was cowntartie renderit; sa that now the Engliches has all the thrie castellis and strenthis of this nation in their power that ar most considerable."—*Nicoll's Diary*, p. 79.

Capt. Robert at Dundee, but did not. His wife is there in good health. Till I see him I cannot rectify your mistake in . . . of our accounts to you. As for your account with Collo. Maulyverer's regiment, I must refer you to my former letters sent you in March last, wherein I know I have acknowledged to received of Maj^r Mitchell 300 or 350¹ more than is apparent by my account. I am apt to believe that my letter acknowledgeth to 350¹.

The Maj^r Gen^l¹ returned hither this day. He told me, at Dundee, that when the Com^{rs} came he would let me know his mind further as to a settlement. About Tuesday or Wednesday next, he is purposed to go towards Dumbar to give the Com^{rs} a meeting. Here is no news worth imparting to you; all business of concernment being deferred to the coming of the Com^{rs}. I pray you present my choice respects to all with you. I am,

Yo^r very lo. Cozen,

Edenb. January 10. 1651[-2].

J. BAYNES.

78. — FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have not heard of you since I came hither, though I have written to you 2 or 3 times. I have nothing at present to impart to you as news from hence. The Commissioners² came to Dalkeith Thursday last: they have done no business since their coming of any importance. The Scotch people know not what to say to them now that they are comed: some are glad and some are mad, now that they see we are in earnest, and that their power is like to change. The Kirk and Cavalier cannot endure one another: each of them endeavours to ingratiate, but the latter is more rationally convinced; the other are yet much unsatisfied. I fear those that seem to have most religion will be most at a loss if they timely prevent it not by a free condescension. I think power will not early

¹ Major General Lambert.

² The Commissioners of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of England, arrived on the 15th, and took up their residence in the House and Castle of Dalkeith. In a Proclamation, "for Ordering and Managing of the Affairs in Scotland," dated 31st of January 1651, *stilo Anglicano*, their names are signed Ol. St. John, H. Vane, F. Lambert, R. Deane, Richard Salloway, George Fenwick, Robert Titchburne, George Monck. — (*Nicoll's Diary*, p. 80.)

and hastily be given to either of them. I pray do let me hear from you. I am in haste, resting

Edenb. Janu^{ry} 17. 1651[-2].

Y^r lo. Cozen,

J. BAYNES.

Remember me kindly to all with you.

79.—FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have received yours of the 13th and 17th instant. I am glad you and all with you are well. I am sorry that there is any motion of the Major General's transportation to Ireland; I confess there is much dissenting in me to such a voyage, yet, if I shall find a clear and sufficient call thither I will not dispute it. I shall be the more free to it if you go. I shall acquaint both your brothers with it. I have not yet heard from Capt. Robert since I came hither; I shall, as soon as I can, give you an account from him, both of the assignments left in my hand, and also of the discord in our accounts to you. I know not whether I gave you notice formerly of a Debenture which I bought for you of 91^{li} 1^s 5^d (however take notice of it now): I bought it of Sam. Ellis; it was his brother Joseph Ellis's of Major Smithson's troop in Collo. Lilburne's regiment, and was in Major Sanderson's hands, and now in his brother's Lieut Sanderson's; call of him for it. Joseph Ellis died, and Sam. took . . . and upon that I bought it of him. I pray you let me know in what manner I must draw the assignment, for I have his hand and seal to a blank. I think to buy some more here. Yours to Cornet Deuham I shall deliver. I wish before we go into any more lands, we may know which is our lands; if I go I would leave my daughter something to live on.

The 12th February next, 2 for every county, and 1 for every borough in Scotland, are ordered to attend our Com^{rs}, in order to a settlement of this Nation, till then here will be little news. I wish M^{rs} Dawson had her own of M^r Beale; I hear foul matters of him. My dear respects to all with you. I am,

Y^{or} lo. Cozen.

Edinburgh, Jan^{ry} 24th 1651[-2].

J. BAYNES.

I thank my Cousin for her gloves; I had forgot them till now.

80.—FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have received yours (you forgot to seal it) and indeed am very sorry that the Major General is voted for Ireland; but all must submit to the divine purpose The Commissioners are very secret in their councils: nothing will be known of any great concernment till mid February. Argyle comes not in yet. I pray present my choice respects to all with you. I rest,

Yor very lo. Cozen,

Edenb. Janu^y 31. 1651[-2].

J. BAYNES.

81.—CAPT. ROBERT BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEARE BROTHER,

I have rec^d yo^{rs} of the 6th and 26th of X^{br}, but have not had time or opportunity to write back unto you until now, for we have been continually marching up and down in . . . and other parts of the North, where I could have no opportunity of writing unto you; but the country being so poor as not able to receive us for our winter quarters, we was compelled to march back with our regiment to Aberdeene, where for the present our regiment is, but whether to continue there we know not, for we was ordered to go for the Islands of Orkeney, and had gone without any dispute, but that we being so far dispersed amongst the Hills and waste country, that we could not be suddenly got together, so as Collo. Cowper's regiment was sent thither. But I am confident, as soon as the season comes, if there be any place worse then other where any foot is to go, we shall be sure to be put upon it; for our Collo. being at London, and we so far from the head quarters, there is none either to take care for us, or speak for us, as other regiments have; upon which account we have already suffered much, and are like to suffer more, which makes we weary of the regiment, but if we could have any assurance of a settlement place (for almost all regiments besides us have), I should be well satisfied, and which might be procured to us if we had a Collo. as active for the good of his regiment as others are, or see much respected with those in command as such a one ought to be. Cornet Baynes hinted something to me concerning an Irish voyage. I do not know what I shall do at present in that case, but I shall be very well satisfied to go with you to any place or in any condition; but if that should be sudden, I would willingly see my friends in England, and also

contract what I have into some way that might be usefull to me or mine (hereafter) before I go there; but however, whether it be there, or here, or in England, I should think it a happiness, and much rejoice to be with you, or nearer you then I am at present. I shall go back the next week to Aberdeene, and if there be any possibility of our stay there, I shall take my wife with me. If you should come from London before summer, or so suddenly as I shall not know of it, I shall desire you to let my cousen Eliz. Baynes, or sister Sarah, buy my wife a suit of child linen (not too costly) and holland to make 3 or 4 shirts more, and bring with you, or send to Leeds; for, considering her condition, I think I must be necessited to carry her, or send her into England in summer. My wife presents her kind respects to you, my Sister, and sister Sarah, couzen Eliz., and all other friends, and so doth

Your most affectionate Brother,
 Duudec, Feb^r 4th 1651[–2]. ROB^t BAYNES.

§2.—CORNET JO. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COSIN,

I have received yours, and entreat you to search out Rich. Saltonstall's debent^r, which I formerly writ to you of, and the rest I mentioned in my last, and let me know how the case stands with them. I shall write to Cap^t Rob^t about w^t you mention of debenters. I know not yet what will become of me, as to my stay here or removal, for I have not spoken to the Maj. General since he was voted for Ireland. I hope to know this week. I pray you call on M^r Gerrard in the Poultry for what moneys of mine he hath in his hands—it's about 28^{li}. I have desired him to pay it to you. I shall not add more now then my respects to all with you, resting

Yo^r lo. Cosin,
 Edinburgh, Feb. 10th 1651[–2]. J. BAYNES.

§3.—FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

. . . Yesterday the Lord Deputy set forwards towards you. If Major General Deane stay me not here, I purpose to be in England ere long, for I may as well officiate the peace I have in England as here. I give many thanks to the Lord Deputy: he told me if I minded to go for Ireland he

would provide a subsistence for me. If you go, I shall be more desirous of going than at present I am, for though I may have some reason to seek after a more beneficial employment to redeem my losses, yet I can be well content with what I have in England. If you can be an instrument to help me to some civil place of livelihood in England, I shall gladly accept it, for where I was born I desire to die, if God please so to dispose of me; yet, upon good encouragement, I will not slight the Lord Deputy's respects and offers in Ireland.

I pray you speak to Dr Slane that he will hasten to discharge me from attendance here, that if I determine for Ireland I may have some respite in England ere I go. I confess I do not see how the msters will here be justly and duly taken when I am gone; and here I cannot stay without better encouragement. . . . My due respects to all with you. I am,

Your endeared Cozen,

Feb. 17th 1651[-2].

J. BAYNES.

84.—FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

I pray let me know what Ralph Ennigson's debentures come to of Maj^r Carter's company. . . .

Argyle is willing to come in: he promiseth to bring in the Kirk party, which none besides himself can do. My due respects to all with you. I am in haste,

Your lo. Cozen,

Feb. 21. 1651[-2].

J. BAYNES.

85.—FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

I fear no way can be projected for any satisfaction towards my losses, and therefore shall not expect any thing, but endeavour to live besides it. The Lord Deputy, as I told you in my last, was pleased to grant me 50^{li}, which will be some recrute to me, if I were once determined to rest and settle any where. I hope a little time would make me a man again—but God's will be done: I shall never be rich, nor never want. The Doctor tells me, that if I can get a Register's place in England, that his advice is, to accept it rather than go for Ireland. I much incline to his motion if it were feasible.

The messenger is returned from Argyle, who seems willing to pacification, promising to give any of our Commissioners a meeting at Dumbarton upon four days notice. My due respects to all with you. I rest

Feb. 28th 1651[-2.]

Y^or lo. Cozen,

J. BAYNES.

§6.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have yours of the 28th Feb^r. I wish I were relieved hence, that I might officiate in my old circuit. I am not ambitious of high places or employment. I can be as well content with the salary I have, provided I have my abode in Yorkshire, as some that have much greater, and shall rest satisfied with it, until God please to dispose otherways of me. I confess I am now weary of this place, I mean of the country, and have great desires homeward. and therefore remind the D^r of sending one hither to succeed me in due time, for I purpose to set forwards for England about the latter end of the month. I will see some progress in the ensuing muster ere I come. I do not desire you too much to solicit the Maj^r Gen. for my encouragement for Ireland, for I cannot freely accept of any employment but what comes of a willing mind, without much seeking on my part. I desire you to inquire out what W. Newton's debt^{re} comes to. He was of Collo. Lilburne's troop, and John Nayler's, who was of Maj^r Sanderson's troop, and advise me whether or no to buy them. I have attended the Maj^r Gen. from Edinburgh to Dundee this afternoon. We came to St. Johnston's on Wednesday. I think he purposes to return towards Edinburgh. I cannot hint any thing of news from hence. My endeared respects to my coz. and the rest with you, I remain

Your affectionate Cousin,

St. Johnston's, Mar. 8. 1651[-2].

J. BAYNES.

I hope your Brother has cleared the difference in the account between us. I remember a bag of clipt money which he left with me long since, which he chargeth me withall. Now I never placed it to my account, but as I received it, so you had it again from me. I am glad the difference is found out, he ought not to charged it upon me, for I had it but . . . and never gave receipt for it.

87.—FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have none from you this post. I think I shall stay yet 14 days here, that I may see most of the Army musters here ere I leave them. Yesterday the Major General returned hither: next week he goes westward—I think to meet Argyle, who seems now willing to comply. A new Lord Provost and some other Magistrates are chosen for Edinburgh, and have sworn to the Commonwealth of England.¹ It will be a leading card to the rest of the Burghs in Scotland. My dear respects to all with you. I remain,

Yo^r affectionate Cozen,Edinburgh, March 13th 1651½.

J. BAYNES.

88.—FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

Yours of the 2nd instant I received last night. Dr Slane is very civil to me: he seems to be unwilling to have me go into Ireland, yet leaves me to my choice. I expect now daily Mr Vause, who is to relieve me. I would willingly stay till he come, that I might deliver all the rolls and papers to him. I cannot find in my heart to leave the business here at random; though I stay 10 or 14 days beyond my expectations, I would gladly limit my stay here to this month only.

Major General Deane and Maj. Salloway went yesterday towards Glasgow in order to meet with Argyle at Dumbarton. My choice respects to your wife. I rest

Yo^r very lo. Cozen,Edinburgh, March 16th 1651[-2].

J. BAYNES.

89.—MAJOR GENERAL LAMBERT TO CAPT. ADAM BAYNES.

SIR,

I think there will be no need of using Mr Cox for bringing recruits for my regiment, we being in a good condition already, but if that gentleman please to come up to us, and bring with him any number of recruits, he shall receive a month's pay for them here, and as good satisfaction as you did

¹ Respecting this election of the Magistrates of Edinburgh, which "past with great debate and contention," and their giving their oaths of obedience to the Commonwealth of England, see *Nicoll's Diary*, p. 88.

promise him. For the monies, I desire you to pay 150^{li} of it to L^t General Fleetwood, for so much received of him here, and if conveniently you can return the rest hither, I desire you to do it; if you cannot, I shall, by the next, give you further directions concerning it. Sir, I am glad to hear your wife is safely delivered. I desire you to present my kind respects to her and the like to M^{rs} Lilburne and your mother. Sir, I am,

Your affectionate friend to serve you,

27^o May 1652.

J. LAMBERT.

90.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COSEN,

I have received yours of 19th July, but none by this post. I wish some letters miscarry not. D^r Slane hath written again about some bills. I would I knew well how to get him 100^{li}, or some more, which is all he desires. I have not since heard from Maj. Fenwick. Lieu^t Leavens will not be brought to any thing, he intends to wait the utmost. I cannot get any unto the musters yet. I have only gained a grant for Coz. Pease, but I shall endeavour more. You may forbear to answer this post, for I shall be out of town. I pray you call of M^r Gerrard, I know he hath now 4 months pay of mine in his hands, only deduct 3. 10. 0. which I owe him. I pray you deliver this to Cap^t Stoddart. It's about his Lieu^t who was yesterday arrested here. Let me entreat you to know of the Maj. General whether any authority will bear out the party that arrested him. Methinks it's a great dishonour to our Army and entrenchment upon our Court Martial. I have desired M^r Margetts to give us his judgement in it. I writ formerly to you, but had no answer, to know what Edw^d Grome's debenture comes to, and in what condition it is. He was of Major Rokeby's troop. Also I pray you let me know what Serg^t W^m Jessup's debenture comes to. He was of Lieu^t Collo. Goodrick's Comp.; and also John Cooper's: he was of Capt. Lister's troop. They have a mind to sell; forget it not. I cannot get any thing but fair words from M^r Creyke and Brown. I cannot meet with M^r C. of late, he is oft out of town, and Ph. Brown cannot do any thing these 14 days. My respects to M^{rs} Dawson. Her cloth is not yet finished. Forget me not to all with you. I should rejoice to hear of my Cosen's safe delivery. I wish her well over it, that you may see us here before your brother go. No more now. I rest

Your very lo. Cosen,

July 27th 1652.

J. BAYNES.

91.—CAPT. ROBERT BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have received yours, and do rejoice to hear of the welfare of you and yours. The chief cause of my writing unto you at this time, is to give an opportunity unto this bearer (Lieu^t Collo. Symons) to be acquainted with you. He is my Lieu^t Collo. and my extraordinary kind friend, to whom I am exceedingly obliged for his many courtesies. Pray show him respect for my cause; and if you can any way befriend him, I shall account it as done to myself. He hath an interest in some debentures, whereof part is paid in upon purchase, and part not. He hath been long out of England and doth not well understand in what condition they are, and is but badly dealt withall by those he intrusted. If you can be any way serviceable to him therein, either by your advice or otherways by your assistance, pray let me engage you to it. He is so honest, and to me hath been so good a friend, as I cannot but engage both myself and friends in any thing wherein I may serve him. Nothing more but that I am in health, and shall be glad to hear the like from you and yours and all friends with you, to whom I desire to be remembered as I am severally bound. I am,

Your affectionate Brother,

Frazerbrough, November 5th 1652.ROBT^t BAYNES.

92.—FROM THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I received yours of the last X^{ber} and writ to you of the 23 January, which I hope you have received. I was glad to hear of your welfare. I hope ere long I shall hear the like again of you. I have not yet heard whether Commissary Baynes be come into Scotland. I should be glad if you would continue at Knowstropp: however, I desire you will (at your leisure) let me hear from you wherever you are. We have no news here, only a jealousy of some secret bloody designs working, but not yet ripe for report. No more but my choice respects to yourself, my Sister, and all friends with you. I am,

Yo^r affectionate Brother,Bamffe, February 7th 1652[-3].ROBT^t BAYNES.

93.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COSEN,

I thought long till I heard from you; yours I have now. I am very glad you are well returned to Wimbleton. It will be much rejoycing to very many if my Lord resolve for Scotland; there will be nothing but emulations and divisions if he come not; his presence here will quell all, and indeed in my judgement, it will be his advantage in any ways, and out of respect to himself I wish him here. M^r Blakey went hence to York on purpose to speak with my Lord, but it seems he came short. I shall with all my heart serve my Lord in what I can, when I know but how or wherein I may be useful to him. I desire you before he come hither give me friendly notice. I would willingly meet him at York and accompany him hither from thence, if I can despatch the Scotch account before that time. I am now about Collo. Ashfield's regiment. Your brother attends here for their despatch, and thinks of going to England for his wife when he hath done. I have enclosed a bill of 30^{li} upon M^r Gerard; at your leisure receive the money. Advise with D^r Slane I pray you, what to do in my petition business. Some money would do well if it could be gained, but it seems it hath received some rub lately. I know the D^r will promote it what he can. If my Lord General hath no mind to part with money, I wish he would let me have his help to a Register's place in Yorkshire that I might make some money of that. Here is a debenture of 45. I pray you let me know what you can do in it, and what I may give for it. No more now, having no news to impart. The seas now being open, ships begin to ply hither. I hope we shall want nothing that England yields. My hearty respects to all with you. I remain,

Your very lo. Cosen,

Edinburgh, March 12th 1652[-3].

J. BAYNES.

I thank you and my she Cosen for your respects to my daughters.

94.—FROM THE SAME.

COSEN,

Yours I have received. I am sorry my Lord comes not hither. What my Lord or M^r Blakey, from him, desires my endeavours in here, I shall contribute what I can. Your brother is this day gone towards England. He will

stay about a month there. I have nothing of news hence to impart. This enclosed is the result of the last Convention of the Kirk here at Edinburgh, which is all at present, save my kind salutes to all with you, resting

Edenburgh, March 26. 1653.

Your very lo. Cosen,

J. BAYNES.

Lieu^t Collo. Talbott and his Lady intend for England shortly. I had some little discourse with her 2 or 3 days since at Dalkeith, and she pretends a willingness to exchange with you for her part in Holnbye,¹ for some K.'s lands in Yorkshire, if you have any left thereabout.

95.—FROM THE SAME.

COSEN,

I have received yours of 26th and 28th March last. I shall next time I go to Dalkeith know Colo. Lilburne's answer as to M^r Lister what has been done as to mustering. 3 new Captains in Colo. Alured's regiment has been by Collo. Lilburne's order, and to this day I never saw any order touching Capt. Lister. If I had I would have answered the Ma. General's pleasure wholly in it, but M^r Lister never sending to me one syllable, nor hinting any thing of it by any way, how could I appear any way in it. But more of it in my next, and except I should run the hazard of disputing positive orders, I could not have done otherways then what is done. I pray you discharge the bills I charged upon you to the Major General's, Major Goodrick's, and Capt. Pockley's troopes, and pay also Capt. Halfield's troop, and take in my bill from the Capt., it's 31. 19. 0. 30. 0. 0. of it you have of Mr. Gerrard. Your Lieu^t hath a bill of mine for 28. 1. 0. and Lieu^t Roper another for 31. 19. 0. Now I know not what to say to them, for they have received for me and my man, something being mustered in each troop, besides my own and my man's Scotch arrears, so that if they will but send me account what they have in their hands of mine, I shall order them the remainder upon sight; but I fear except my uncle Burneby keep word with me, I shall be forced to trouble you for to make out. I desire a speedy end to it now. I wonder any of them should be so hasty. I hope you may persuade your Lieu^t to some patience if I need it, but if the Scotch arrears be paid, or about to be paid, I need not. After this be over you shall have what money I can help you to, for I shall

¹ Holdenby, Northamptonshire.

not have the like occasion for money I hope while I live. I pray you hasten my account from your Lieu^t and Capt. Stoddart. I am in very great haste. My very kind salutes to every friend with you, particularly to your sick folks. I remain,

Your endeared Cosen,

Edenburgh, April 2nd 1653.

J. BAYNES.

96.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have received yours, and the News of this disbanding seems very strange to most. Many are glad, others are troubled, and most stand at a gaze to see what will be the event. My wife is pretty well recovered; she and all friends here present what is due to yourself and all friends with you, as doth

Yo^r affectionate Brother,

April 26th 1653.

ROBT. BAYNES.

I was with Sir Arthur Ingram (at the desire of my uncle Stable) the morning he went away, to see if I could get the money that is owing to you, and therefore pretended that you had assigned that money to me, thinking thereby to persuade; so he hath promised that it should be paid at Whitsuntide, which I thought to hint to you, lest he should speak to you about it.

97.—CORNET JO. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have received yours and thank you for your care of discharging my bills. I confess I shall not be at right ease till I be clear of them. When you have done, let me have an account that I may clear with you also, and so begin the world anew. . . .

Here is an universal concurrence with your transactions. You will find the Army here with much freeness and truth represented their adherence to his Excellency and the Council, and truly I hope (since there is such a oneness and harmony of spirit throughout the Army, and all honest minds besides) that things will go on now with more speed and much more righteousness than hitherto. Those that now will have opportunities and power in the hands to distribute justice and mercy equally, if they come short of their duty as did those who have fallen before them.

Let them not think to escape: nay I am afraid their judgement will be more exemplary, but I doubt not their wisdom and fidelity: they cannot but learn both by observing the design of God throughout the world. I pray God sit in council with them, and be their all in all.

I did not till now know that Mr^s Dawson was with you: my due respects to her and all with you. I remain

Your affectionate Cosen,

J. BAYNES.

May 7th 1653.

For Capt. ADAM BAYNES, at Somerset House, these.

London. Franco.

98.—FROM THE SAME.

COSEN,

I have received yours, but my Lord's to me came to hand no sooner than even now. I shall with all my heart serve him to my utmost, but I cannot do any thing to purpose for his Lordship till I have a formal letter of Attorney from him. Yesterday I was (with) the Commissioners, and would have cleared the account with them, which they seem willing to do, but pretend they cannot pay me any money till they see some formal impowerment thereunto from my Lord. I desire haste in it, that the money which will be found in their hands may not lie there any longer. They pretend fair as to an exchange for Lanther. When I receive further authority I shall act further. It may be the Tenants will require to see some such thing ere they pay their Whitsun rent, therefore forget it not. I shall send a copy of Mr. Blakey's account when I have perused it, and drawn it into better form. There will be loss in the money he left with me, near or about 20^s in copper money, and short in the sum. I was to blame not to tell it till after he was gone. I am in some haste. My humble service to my Lord, and due respects to all friends. I rest,

Your affectionate Cosen,

J. BAYNES.

May 12th 1653.

99.—FROM THE SAME.

COSEN,

Yours is comed to hand. I am very glad you have cleared all my bills. I shall next week attend the Commissioners at Leith, about my Lord's business, now that I have authority for it, and shall give you account thereof. I

have bought no parts of 8000^{li} since I came now into Scotland save Sadlestone's and Ayneby's of Poynte's troop. As I happen of any others I shall signify the same to you. I believe you were mistaken in my letters touching M^{rs} Talbott. I said (as I remember) M^r Talbott told me your wife was with child, and I hoped it might be a boy, but I hear not of her hopes that way as to her own particular. If she should happen to be in that condition I believe it would be glad news, however I shall let her know what you write. I think of going to live at Dalkeith, and to remove hence some time next week. Our fleet is northward. About Wednesday they were in Aberdeen road. I hear not of any thing from them since their taking of about 40 busses. No more now, but that I desire kindly to be remembered to all friends with you, resting

Your very loving Cosen,

May 14th 1653.

J. BAYNES.

100.—FROM THE SAME.

COSEN,

I have received yours. To-morrow I shall attend the Commissioners at Leith: what I do with them I shall signify to you. They pretend very like much friendship to my Lord, but it's hard getting money from them. We are not yet agreed of the sum I shall have, yet I hope this week or the next to receive what shall be concluded upon and shall endeavour the return of it with speed. It will be hard getting a chapman for any of his lands here, because few Scotchmen have any quantity of money; but I shall endeavour what I can to serve my Lord to his desire. M^{rs} Talbot kindly remembers you and her husband's small hopes.

No news yet from our fleet: we cannot hear where they are. It's said the Dutch are in the Sound, and feared that their merchants are got home. I remain,

Yor affectionate Cosen,

Dalkeith, May 26. 1653.

J. BAYNES.

101.—FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

Yours is comed to hand. I hope shortly to get Lawderdale exchanged. The Commissioners every day tell me that they will study to befriend my Lord in a good exchange for Lawther, and that in a little time I shall know what and where it is. I shall endeavour to find a chapman, but I much doubt

of it. I have concluded with the Commissioners touching the money of my Lord's in their hands: it will be between 90^{li} and 100^{li}. I hope next week to receive the money: they have not so much in their Treasury at present, but have promised me the first that comes in. . . . Mrs Talbott kindly remembers you. No news yet from the Fleet. I pray you salute all friends at the instance of

Dalkeith, May 28th 1653.

Your very lo. Cozen,

J. BAYNES.

102.—FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

Yours of the 26 of May and 2nd inst. are now come to hand. Your brother and sister came to Leith Saturday last: they are in very good health: this day he intended to go over the water, and so to his quarters. Yours to him I delivered.

God send us good news from our Fleet! Last week, a party of about 80 horse and foot was sent from St. Johnstons into Athol Highlands, to bring in the assessment which hitherto hath been denied; but whilst they were driving away some cattle which they had seized on, a Laird of the country, being the chief of a Clan, had raised the country, pursued our party, and sent to the officer that commanded to restore the goods forthwith, and deliver up horse and arms else expect no mercy; whereupon our party drew up very orderly and gave the Highlanders a charge, and at first killed the chief of them and 3 or 4 men, and then all the Highlanders fled, and our men pursued and did execution upon them, sent divers away with broken heads, and brought away some prisoners and cattle; and since that, the Lord of Athol and all that part of the country hath sent in their assessment and release their goods. I am in haste: no more now but due respects to you all, resting

Dalk. June 7th 1653.

Your affectionate Cozen,

J. BAYNES.

103.—FROM THE SAME.

COSEN,

I have received yours and shall endeavour to answer my Lords desires in the exchange of Lawther. Next week I shall try the Commissioners again. I hope then to have the money they owe him: the Treasurer promised me the first that came in.

The good news hath made us all glad here.¹ (All praise be to God.) This will help forwards our new building, and make the work easier than would have otherwise been. I hope also we shall have more quiet here for it. M^{rs} Talbot is well and kindly remembers you and your wife. No more but my respects, also resting

Yo^r affectionate Cosen,

June 11th 1653.

J. BAYNES.

104.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO CAPT. A. BAYNES.

DEARE BROTHER,

I received yo^{rs} of the 26th May at Leith, but had not time to answer it untill now. I sent the receipt backe to you againe signed, I hope you received it. I desire the other receipt may be sent to my bro. Pease, that he may gett my bill from M^r Rymer. My selfe and wife is safely comed to this place. I thinke I shall carry her no further, for all our reg^{mt} have ord^{rs} to rendezvouz heare, and I thinke we shall take the field within 3 or 4 daies, but our motion I thinke will not be farr from hence. You may (when you write) direct yo^r l^{res} to me in this reg^{mt} at Aberdeen or elsewhere, or otherwayes enclose them to Commisaire Baynes, to be sent to me. We shall be glad to heare that yo^r selfe and my sister, with yo^r little soune and all other friends are in health, as my selfe and wife is; which is all but to present you with what is due from us. I am,

Yo^r affectionate Brother,

Aberdeen, June 13th 1653.

ROBT BAYNES.

105.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COSEN,

Yours I received. I hope at length the Dutch and all enemies will be satisfied of their folly and madness in quarrelling with us. The cause in hand is and will be a burdensome stone to all that lift at it:—blows may convince men, when words and reason will not. But why must John Lilburne be secured?

¹ The "good news," here mentioned, was an account of the victory of the English over the Dutch Fleet, commanded by Admiral Von Tromp, off the coast of Holland, on the 1st and 2nd of June 1653.

M^{rs} Talbot salutes you, and all friends with you.

L^t Wheateley (Major Smithson's Lieut^t) hath arrears of about 1200^{li} paid in upon Nonsuch and Holme Cultrum. If my Lord have a mind to buy them (having his Maj^{ty}) The Lieutenant is inclining to sell his also. Let me know my Lord's pleasure in it, that I may return answer to the Lieut^t, and what he will give, and when he will pay. No more now, but my dear respects to my she Cosen and all other friends, M^{rs} Dawson, M^{rs} Mary, &c. I remain,

Yo^r endeared Cosen,

Dalk. June 18th '53.

J. BAYNES.

106.—FROM THE SAME.

COZEN,

You will understand by this enclosed that your Brother and Sister are gotten safe to Aberdeen. Here is nothing at all of news. I pray take notice that I have bought John Naylor's part of 5000^{li}, he was of Cap^t Bayer's troop, Poynt's regiment; and let me know what is my Lord's lowest price of any part of his lands here will be, in case I meet with a chapman. Land is here exceeding cheap—much to sell, none to buy, besides the assessments take up above a 5th part of the rents throughout Scotland, and the people are so generally poor in some parts, all their stock being lost, that they are not able to pay for lands (I mean tenants) so much as formerly by $\frac{1}{2}$. My due respects to every one with you, resting

Yo^r very lo. Cozen,

Dalk. June 21. 1653.

J. BAYNES.

107.—THOMAS LILBURN AND FRANCIS WILKINSON TO THE SAME.

SIR,

Yours dated 11th instant we received, wherein you desire the several prices of the house, land, and wood apart, which indeed we wanting the Survey, and none of us minding the place of Nonsuch so much as to enable us to set rates upon them asunder, we think it convenient if that we sell to let it go altogether: those that buy may agree better among themselves if that it fall not into one main hand. Truly we shall be very glad Major General Lambert have it, hoping it will prove a good pennyworth. We formerly writ to you we would abate Ma. Gen. somewhat of 9500^{li}. We desire to know what he will give for it, and then we shall resolve what to abate. I believe you know that 9000^{li}

was refused for it. And whereas you desire to know what is the lowest rates of soldiers debentures, we think they will be about 12 / or 12 — per li, and those of our — Troops are jointly upon — and Abbeyholme. If that you please to give notice what you will give, we can give you a more positive answer in that particular. We believe you may have many about that rate. We expect your answer within twenty days, remaining, Sir,

Your very humble servants,

Dalkeith, 28. June 1653.

THO. LILBURNE.

FRANCIS WILKINSON.

108.—CAPT. ROBERT BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

This is only to let you know that my selfe and wife are in very good health, heare at Aberdeene, and should rejoyce to hear the like from you and yours. We have little newes in these parts. We have been in the field this ten days a feeding our horses and eating up our old stores of biskitt. Our regm^t with Major Gen^l Deanes lyeth near Inverary, about 10 or 12 miles hence towards the hills, and so move as we have occasion to find fresh pasture for our horses. My wife resides at this town, when you write to me if you direct them to this place they will come to me. We should be glad to hear that my Sister and little Cozen is in health, to whom with y^r selfe and all other friends we desire to be kindly remem^d, which is all from

Yo^r affectionate Brother,

Aberdeene, June 29th 1653.

ROBT BAYNES.

109.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COZEN,

I have been here three or four days about my Lord's business. Some money I have rec^d, but much short of what is due and what I expected. Divers tenants are exceeding poor, especially those of Parbroth. I shall get little more here till towards or after Michaelmas: it's charity to give time to some of them. and I fear we must be forced to give abatements next year till they recruite; but I shall do what can be done for my Lord's advantage, and hope to give him a good account. This house needs some repairing: the water gets in in several places.

and will do harm if not in time prevented. Let me know my Lord's pleasure herein. Indeed it's a very good house and generally in good equipage: some glass there wants: It's pity to lett it suffer. Part of Collo. Fairfax and part of Collo. Beny's regiments are encamped near the park. I have offered to either of the Collo^s a room in the house in case of a wet season (which will be accepted of). I shall take care to secure some few seats and bedsteads that remain here. The soldiers are not suffered to come into the house. Collo. Fairfax has taken great care to prevent any prejudice to the house or park, only they were necessitated to cut up some small birch to fence their tents with, which is not considerable. There is little quantity of wood in the park, especially of any worth: what there is of any growth or use is forbidden to be cut down or lopped.

There hath been a tolerable house at Parbroth, but there is scarce now a room in it habitable. I know not what to propound touching that: it stands in a watery place, and hath no wood about it. It's moated round: it's about 4 miles to it from hence. I would live in this house, but it's so far from my business. At my return I shall make a conclusion with the Commissioners about an exchange for Lawther. No more now, but my hearty respects to all with you, resting

Yo^r affectionate Cozen,

Struther, July 1. 1653.

J. BAYNES.

110.—FROM THE SAME.

COSEN,

Yours I have received and shall do no more at Struther House than is absolutely necessary; we shall be perfected first opportunity I have to go thither. I have this day been with the Commissioners at Leith (Mr. Disbrow being now returned), and they offer me very fair towards an exchange for Lawther. I intend to inquire out and view 2 or 3 parcels ere I pitch on any. If I find none better than Anstrother, I shall take that according to my Lord's instructions, but if he please to resolve upon Anstrother without any further inquiries let me know, and I shall make a speedy end. I am informed of between 2 or 300^{li} p. ann. of Hamilton's estate near Hamilton (a Lordship) which is very good, and may be in a probability to be bought of my Lord. If he think good, I shall inquire further about it. Let me know how long you think of staying in Yorkshire after you get thither, for I would gladly take occasion of going thither, and shall certainly meet

you there if I can put my Lord's business into any good posture between this and that time. As yet I pay nothing for letters. My due respects to all friends. I am,

Your very lo. Cosen,

Dalkeith, July 14th 1653.

J. BAYNES.

111.—FROM THE SAME.

. The Highland[er]s do a little more than ordinary bestir themselves. We expect to know their pleasure very shortly. They issue warrants out in Ch. Stuart's name.

Dalk. July 16. 1653.

112.—CAPT. ROBERT BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEARE BROTHER,

I have rec. yo^{rs} of 28th June and 12th instant, and (with my wife) rejoice to hear that yo^r selfe, my sister, yo^r little son, and all other friends with you are in health. My L^t Collo. is not yet comed to us, but had been here ere this time, but that he happened into a danger, but happily escaped the worst of it; for as he was coming about the North parts of Yorkshire or Bishoprick, he was by some accident thrown from his horse, and trailed by his foot in the stirrup, and had not his stirrup happily broken he had been in danger to have been pulled in pieces. He is at Newcastle, and was something bruised, but I hope he will be fit to come to us shortly, where I shall be glad to see him; for in the meantime I have too great a charge upon my hand, for my Major and eldest Capt. is commanded out upon an expedition into the Isles, and my Collo. is much employed about the affairs both . . . and . . . in these parts, and my L^t Collo. being absent, I am necessitated to officiate all their places, and the whole charge of the regiment lies upon my hand, both for ordering and keeping their accounts, for provision and moneys, so that I have but little idle time; only at present my Collo. being with the regm^t 2 or 3 days, I have got leisure to visit my wife. We are still in the field about 20 miles from this place, but unless some extraordinary occasions call for us elsewhere, we expect to draw in within 20 or 30 days. My bro. Pease tells me he hath got my bill out of M^r Rymer's hands. I thank you for your care therein. Excuse me that I write no oftener, when we come out of the field, I hope to have better opportunity and leisure. I thank you

for your inquisition after Adde. I hope when you are in Yorkshire I shall hear from you as often as you have opportunity. My selfe and wife are in good health, and present our choicest respects to yo^r selfe, my Sister, and our little Cousen, not forgetting any other friends with you, which is all at present from

Yo^r affectionate Brother,

Aberdeene, July 26. 1653.

ROBT. BAYNES.

113.—FROM THE SAME.

DEARE BROTHER,

This is only to let you know that my selfe and wife is in good health. We have little news. Saturday last we drew out of the field into quarters in this town, but cannot tell whether we shall have occasion to draw forth again. The Highlanders had a randevouz in Loughaber the 4th instant, but dissolved again; they purpose to have a general randevouz the 16th instant, and (as themselves thought) will fall suddainly upon action in these parts. I think we need not much fear them, only they may make us quarter closer this winter, and be more diligent upon our duty. I suppose by this time you are in Yorkshire, where, although I can't (as I could wish) attend you, yet I hope my representative will accommodate you with his company after the best manner he can. My wife presents you with her choice respects, together with her duty to Fathers, Mothers, and due respects to all friends, as doth

Yo^r truly lo. Brother,

Aberdeene, Aug. 9th 1653.

ROBT. BAYNES.

114.—FROM THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

. We have little news here. The Highlanders are very busy raising forces in their own country, and as near these parts as they dare come; what their resolutions will be we shall shortly know. If you be returned from London, I shall intreat you to cause a gown to be made for my wife, a sad colour, either serge or some other thing that is fashionable and will be very warm for this winter. And, if you please, let there be some lace upon it, to make it more handsome, and to be made much less in the shoulders than any she hath formerly had, and for myself a good hat with band, &c.; also pray let my sister Sarah or Coz. Elizabeth buy for my wife two suits of night clothes that may be fit to wear upon the day time, and a pair of lined gloves, with a pair of

white ones, that may be suitable to the gown, and what they cost, please put it upon my account, or let me know what it is and I shall take order for the payment of it. I should desire to have them as soon as with conveniency you could, and put them in a trunk, and (if you can meet with a ship as there is may) send them by sea to Leith, with directions to be [given] to Commissary Baynes; and if you cannot send them that way, then to Leeds, and I shall endeavour to get them, but rather by sea. Cap^t Davies (if you meet with him) will inform you how to send them. I hope you will excuse this trouble. Myself and wife are both in health and desire to be remembered to yourself, my Sisters, and all friends with you. I am,

Yo^r truly lo. Brother,

Aberdeen, August 23. 1653.

ROB^t BAYNES.

115. — FROM THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have received yours of the 11th instant, and am glad of your health, but am sorry you are so disappointed in your occasions as you mention. I wish it lay in my power any way to add to your help, but I hope in a little time you will be through that trouble. My Lieu. Collo. is come to us, and is in good health, and desires to be remembered to you. In my last I desired you to buy me my wife a gown of some sad coloured serge that will be fashionable and warm, and to have some lace upon it if you please, because such stuffs will otherways scarce be handsome. If you put lace upon the gown, let it not be too ordinary. Also a pair of gloves for my wife, suitable, and 2 suits of night clothes, with a pair of slippers for her, and for myself a good black hat with a band, and if you can conveniently, a coloured hat also, and put them in a trunk, and send them by sea to Leith to M^r Mews, post master, with directions for Comis. Baynes; and if you cannot send them that way then to Leeds, and I shall use means to have them brought, but if possible by sea, and as shortly as you can. We have little news here. The Highlanders for the present are dispersed. What they will do further we know not yet. My wife is well, and presents what is due to yourself, my Sister, and all other friends. I am,

Your affectionate Brother,

Aberdeen, August 26. 1653.

ROB^t BAYNES.

116.—FROM THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have nothing more to intimate unto you than that myself and wife are in health here, and hope the same of you and yours. We have little news in these parts. Our forces that went to sea from these parts have reduced the Lewis Island westward, and if the season permit, I believe, they will visit several other Islands of the Hebrides, as the Sky, Mull, &c. I think to be at Dalkeith the next week about our regiment. My L^t Colo. is well, and desires to be remembered to you; myself and wife present our dear respects to yourself, my sisters, and all other friends about you, not forgetting your little son (who by this time I hope is a lusty youth). I am,

Yo^r affectionate Brother,Aberdeen, 7^{ber} 13th 1653.

ROBT BAYNES.

117.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSEN,

. . . . One of the ships that attended Collo. Cobbet in his expedition to Lewis and Mull Islands is lost in Mull Island: it was laden with provisions and ammunition, all which, with 22 men in her, was cast away by a storme: all the rest are safe. The Moss Troopers begin to discover themselves again: one Hume, a chief one among them, is lately taken. Remb^r me very kindly to my Cousen and all other friends. I remain,

Yo^r affect. Cousen,

Dalk. Sep. 22. '53.

J. BAYNES.

118.—FROM THE SAME.

COSEN,

I have received yours of the 27. September, and am glad your resolution hold for Yorkshire this winter. I purpose, God willing, to meet you there. Your brother is gone to Aberdeen again: I have sent your letter to him.

I have sent you a bill of 20^{li} upon M^r Gerrard. I doubt I shall spare nothing hence: if I can I will. The enemy increaseth here, and wax very bold, but I hope they will do us no considerable harm. Our garrisons are well fortified. Collo. Alured's Regiment are ordered to relieve Collo. Cooper's, for Orkney and the Islands there away.

Mr^s Talbot salutes you: to-morrow she begins her journey for England. My hearty respects to all friends. I wish my Cosen her perfect health.

Dalk, Octo^r 4th 1653.

Yo^r affection^{te} Cosen,

J. BAYNES.

119.—CAPT. ROBERT BAYNES TO THE SAME.

BROTHER,

The bearer hereof, the Laird of Towhan,¹ is a gentleman who lives in this shire. He had the command of a regiment at Worcester, where he was taken prisoner, but by means of some friends he had liberty upon his parole to come into these parts, where he hath continued a long time. Now his estate layeth under sequestration, and seeing I have so much knowledge of the gentleman, as I find him civil and moderate in all his actions, and by what I can observe from him, besides the character other credible people give of him, I find him cordial to the interest of the Commonwealth, and to the peaceable and quiet being of his Country, upon consideration I shall intreat you, if you can (by your advice to him, or speaking in his behalf to any in whom you have interest) be helpfull to him: in taking of that burden which lyeth upon his person by imprisonment, on his estate by sequestration, I think you will do a charitable work, and engage a civil person to our interest in these parts, which may be of a valuable concernment. I shall add no more but that I am,

Your affectionate Brother,

Aberdeen, Feb. 23, 1653.

ROB^t BAYNES.

120.—FROM THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I received yours of the 25th March, and rejoice in your welfare. The enclosed to my brother Joseph² is intimating to him that I want a Lev^t, and if he will accept of the place, I shall endeavour to keep it vacant until I hear from him. If he incline to it, I desire you will procure a commission, or for the present an order to Commissary Baynes to pass him upon the 3^d of May, and so forward; and let him come down as speedily as may be, for that we are every day in, and

¹ Walter Forbes of Tolquhon, in Aberdeenshire, died in 1661. His eldest son, Sir Alexander Forbes, is the person here mentioned, having received the honour of knighthood for services rendered to Charles the Second. He survived till the year 1701.

² His brother-in-law Cornet Joseph Pease.

in expectation of, service, which is one reason why I desire him, because it may lead him to a better place; and possibly you would excuse my brother Richard his place; for my brother Richard being young and raw, I cannot (without too much appearance of partiality) bring him over the head of my Ensign, and to [make] my Ensign to be Lev^t; and him Ensign I cannot, for that my eldest Sergeant is so deserving that I cannot well be his hinderance, especially now when experienced soldiers is to be made use of. — We are only 3 companies of foot here and 60 or 70 horse. Collo. Morgan is in Ross, Middleton in Sutherland, there is some hopes they may engage; but in the absence of our forces the country riseth fast, we have even now intelligence that Montrose is within six miles of us with five hundred horse. I doubt I shall scarce get an opportunity to convey my wife through this country towards England, for that it is no travelling without strong parties, and our forces is so haggled up and down that it is hard to get a convoy upon any occasion. Our dearest respects to yourself, and my sister, and all friends with you, is all at present from,

Your affectionate Brother,

Aberdeen, April 11, 1654.

ROBT. BAYNES.

121. — FROM THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

This is only to let you know that yesterday I came with my wife to this place where we are in health. I am about making up accounts for our regiment, which will stay me a little time. I would gladly (if possible) see my wife some part of her way into England, but I doubt whether I shall have opportunity. Your letter about brother Joseph is gone North, but I shall expect to hear again by this next post what you have done in it, and whether he accept of the place; which I would speedily know, otherways I would prefer my own officers, lest in the mean time a stranger be put upon me. No more, being in haste, but our due respects to yourself, and my sister, and all other friends with you.

Your affectionate Brother,

Leith, 29th April. 1654.

ROBT. BAYNES.

122. — FROM THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I received yours of the 27th April, and I received one from my brother Joseph, both which leaves me in doubt whether he will come to me or not. I perceive he is in some hopes of a Cornet's place, but if that fail will come to me;

but I wish he would be quick in resolving, and in getting a commission or order to be mustered, for the vacancy being known, in a little time we may be both disappointed. Your letter mentioning my brother Richard missed me and went North, so that I know not what you propounded therein; but in my first I told you, that my brother Richard being raw, I could not put him over the head of my Ensign as lieutenant, nor my eldest Serjeant as ensign, they being deserving, without too much appearance of partiality. I have been here 5 or 6 days making up accounts for the regiment, and have obtained leave from General Monck for ten days to carry my wife as far as Newcastle; but if you write back to me direct your letter to Comis. Baynes, or to Leeds to be sent to me in case I go not so far. Thursday I shall go towards Berwick if we can get company. . . . Thursday next my Lord Protector, with the Union of the Two Nations, and Peace with the Dutch, is all to be proclaimed at Edinburgh. Myself and wife presents what is due to yourself, my sister, and all other friends, is all at present from

Your affectionate Brother,

May 2nd [1654].

ROBT BAYNES.

123.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO CAPT. ADAM BAYNES.

COUSIN,

I have no more now but to entreat your care in sending this enclosed to my sister. Your brother went hence toward England with his wife Wednesday last: he hath gained ten days' time to conduct her on her way.

Thursday last his Highness was proclaimed at Edinburgh, and the Union of the Scotts, in some state. After proclamation the Lord Provost feasted the Commander-in-Chief and many officers of the army and our English Judges. Friday some other ordinances, as that of Grace, &c., were proclaimed. What effect these things will have upon these people will be seen in a little time, after they have studied them awhile.

Colonel Morgan¹ still lies as he did, so that Middleton and his crew cannot have that scope in the country to spoil and raise levies as they hoped. Middleton's brother was lately taken prisoner, and a Lt Colonel of theirs, one Ennis, was slain, with some other small loss is lately happened to them. Ennis was slain before one of our castles which they have besieged, but it's hoped by this time that Vice Admiral

¹ Afterwards Major General Thomas Morgan, who distinguished himself, along with Marshal Turenne, at the siege of Dunkirk, and in the wars in France and Flanders against the Spaniards in 1657 and 1658.

Lawson hath relieved it. He went from hence on Wednesday with about ten or twelve sail northwards.

My due respects to all with you. I remain,

Yo^r affectionate Cousin,

Dalkeith, May 6. 1654.

J. BAYNES.

124. — FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I am desired by Dr Troutbeck, to enquire of my uncle Strickland the worth of his lands at Charwell I have written to my uncle about. I pray you send your letter to him, and desire him to write me answer, and send it by you.

The General went yesterday towards Sterling: he intends shortly to be in the hills. When I have despatched what I can (for awhile) in my Lord's business, I intend to follow General Monk, and to accompany him this summer march. I had gone with him now but that I would gladly get what money I can for my Lord before I go. I entreat you know my Lord's pleasure as to his lands; whether he would have me prosecute an exchange for Lauderdale,¹ and whether, if he would have an exchange, whose estate he would have me labour for: he knows them all now. I suppose this side the water will be safest. I think the Earl of Kallender's will be good: Col. Tyler was this day speaking to me about it, and is very willing and ready to serve my Lord to his utmost. Let me have a line or two as soon as may be, in order to this matter. My due respects to all with you. I remain.

Yo^r very lo. Cousin,

Dalkeith, May 11th 1654.

J. BAYNES.

The sooner an execution is gone about the better, for people concerned will step in, and I would not have my Lord lost.

125. — CAPT. ROBERT BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I received yours of the 9th instant, and am glad of your welfare. I hope ere this you have received the 100^{li} bill by Mr John Muigie. My brother Joseph being absent when I received yours, and the urgency of my affairs at Leith

¹ John second Earl of Lauderdale was taken prisoner at the battle of Worcester in 1651, and was confined in the Tower of London for a period of nine years. But this proposed exchange had reference to his estates rather than his person.

not permitting my stay any longer in Yorkshire, hath caused me to come away without him, but I suppose he will follow me ere long. Pray hasten an order to Commissary Baynes for passing him upon the third April. I am this night on my way at Morpeith, and I hope to be at Leith Friday night. My due respects to yourself, my sisters, and all other friends, is all at present from

Your truly loving Brother,

Morpeith, May 17th 1654.

ROBT BAYNES.

126.—FROM THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

This is only to let you know that I am yet at this place and in health. I have not seen Commissary Baynes, he not being come back out of Fife. This day the Frigate with the money came into this Road, so that I hope 3 or 4 days will set me northward. We have little news: the country is full of rogues, which make it bad travelling. Pray remember me kindly, &c.

Yo^r truly lo. Brother,

Leith, 23d [May] 1654.

ROBT BAYNES.

127.—FROM THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

While I am here and have the opportunity, I cannot but each post let you know that I am in health. The Ship with money hath been in this Road this 3 days, but the winds have been so high that we could not yet get it ashore, but I hope to go northwards upon Monday morning. Pray let me know whether you received my letter with the 100^{li} bill, by Mr. Menzeis, wherein was one enclosed to Capt. Davis. We have very little news. Gen. Monck is come back to Sterling, but I suppose all our forces will be very shortly in the field. Commiss. Baynes tells me, that you hint to him as if you thought to get bro. Joseph into Capt. Stoddart's troop; if so (before it be known) I wish you could get me commissions for my own officers, viz.—for Ens. William Pearson to be lieutenant, and Serg^t William Robson to be ensign, for it will trouble me to have a stranger, knowing they are deserving; and they will think me in fault if they be disappointed. No more, but my due respects to yourself, my sisters, and all other friends. I am

Yo^r truly lo. Brother,

Leith, May 25th 1654.

ROBT BAYNES.

128. — CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have received yo^{rs} of 9th and 12th instant, but till now could not give any return, having been ten days past about my Lord Lambert's business in Fife, and returned but last night. Your brother and I shall do Cos. Jos. business; he hath been here 6 or 7 days. Capt. Lister is now at Leith, in health. I came over the water yesterday with him. As soon as any alteration is touching Capt. Stodart's troop let me know. It's fair if your Lev^t be made Capt. Lev^t, and let Spilman have your troop of Stodart's. I pray you remember me to Mr. Claxton, and let him know I have received his with my Lord's letter of attorney, but I have not time to give any answer. The country people show themselves our enemies on all occasions, now and then we lose a horse. Saturday last the rogues (taking advantage of Colonel Daniel's being out of St. Johnstons with all the horse) came to the very walls of St. Johnstons, and drove away towards 40 horses and killed a man or 2. The horses were the foot officers', and belonging to the Train, but ordinarily our men snaps of them, and pays' them home. Gen. Monck is in the West. This day he removes toward Lough Lomond from Kilsith: he will be at St. Johnstons ere long, when I purpose to attend him. Some of the worst of the prisoners which were ordered for the Barbadoes are escaped out of prison, and are gone. My due respects to all with you. I am,

Your very lo. Cousin,

Dalk. May 25th 1654.

J. BAYNES.

129. — FROM THE SAME.

S^r

. I have not heard from you these ten days. I perceive your brother is likely to get Stodart's troop. In my judgement Capt. Spilman deserves it as well; but, however, I pray you let the commissions be dated 29th May if it be not too late to advise it, else we shall have a great deal of trouble to alter the rolls, and the State may also save something by it. To-morrow Colo. Lilburne intends to begin his journey to England. Gen. Monck is about Lough Lomond. I hope next week to go to him, and accompany him this march. Some of the rebels begin to mislike the business, and have submitted themselves. Some prisoners have made their escape out of Edinburgh Castle. In the North, things continue much as they were. Your servant Jonathan is to have

the first vacancy in the Troop. Remember me kindly to all friends with you, and to M^{rs} Talbot when you see her. I remain,

Yo^r affectionate Cousin,

Dalkeith, May 30. 1654.

J. BAYNES.

130.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

Yours of the 20. May I even now received. I shall quit Lauderdale, but continue yet in Fife till further orders. I shall write to Captain Robert what you hint touching Coz. Joseph. I purpose to be with Gen^l Monck about Tuesday next: to-morrow he intends to be at Johnstons. Little news. Some of the Rebels begin to submit themselves. I hope ere summer be ended, Middleton and many others will be at a stand whether or how to escape. Gen. Monck will follow them close to the utmost corner but he will have them. My choice respects to all with you. I remain,

Yo^r affectionate Cousin,

Dalkeith, June 1. 1654.

J. BAYNES.

131.—CAPT. ROBERT BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have little to intimate to you more than that I am (at length) got to this place in health and safety. Pray let me hear speedily from you concerning what I last writ to you, about Commissions for my officers, viz.—Will^m Pearson as Lieu^t, and William Robson as Ensign. We have little news in these parts. Colo. Morgan lieth still at Kilrow beyond Inverness, and Middleton hath lately drawn what force he can into a body in Sutherland, which in probability speaks action for Colo. Morgan; here are many parties of the Enemy in this Country raising forces, so that I believe (when got together) will be a considerable strength, if well accoutered. If you get Commissions for my officers, pray send them to Comiss. Baynes, and let me know as shortly as you can when yours take date. Pray present my dear respects to my sister and all other friends with you, which is all but to remain,

Your truly lo. Brother,

Aberd. June 7th 1654.

ROBT BAYNES.

132.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

S^r,

The General hath been here since Wednesday: to-morrow he intends to remove; I suppose towards the hills. Colo. Daniell hath been out with a party 3 or 4 days. This day he is expected. He gave account, the other day, that he had taken 13 prisoners and 20 horses, and killed some; it's hoped he hath done something since upon them. When any thing worth your notice happens, I shall signify it to you. Let me hear from you. That parte of your Troop and Capt. Leven's, which quarter at this Town, are out with Colonel Daniell. I intend to leave Mr Burnley here: he hath been with me till now. My hearty respects to all.

Yo^r affectionate Cousin,St. Johnstons, June 9th, '54.

J. BAYNES.

133.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

Upou Monday last Gen. Monck came hither to the foot of Lough Tay in the hills, where finding a Garrison of the Enemy's in a little island within the Lough, summoned it, and after some few passages, the Governor and the rest concluded to surrender. Yesternight the Articles were agreed upon; the terms they have are good, in regard they accepted of the General's first motion. This day about 12 of clock, a Lev^t of ours, with 40 men, is to take possession of it, with baggage the present possessors cannot take away now; they have 14 days liberty to do it in. The camp is now at Balloch, at which house, also at another called Weymes, Garrisons are to be left to keep the country in subjection. To-morrow the General intends to march to the head of Lough Tay. The forces from Ireland, commanded by L^t Colo. Brayne (now Colo.), are come to Loughaber, which will very much tend to the quiet of the Country, and hinder the Enemy's ends, who are now about drawing all their force together. It's said, Middleton will engage Colo. Morgan, but I think he will repent it, if he dare to do it, Colo. Morgan having a very considerable force with him. I shall not add more now, but my choice respects to all with you.

I am,

Your very lo. Cousin,

From the Camp near Balloch,

June 14th '54.

J. BAYNES.

134. — FROM THE SAME.

SIR,

I have even now received yours of 6th instant with the 3 Commissions, which I shall deliver as soon as may be, and endeavour to get Cos. Pease a servant musterd, also Michael Lundy.

In my other of this date I gave you account of affairs here, since which time General Monck sent summonses to another Garrison of the Rebels, called Garth Castle, about 5 miles hence ; but upon the approach of our party to it, the Enemy fled away. Middleton (as intelligence even now informs) hath left his quarters in Sutherland and Caithness, and intends to make conjunction with Glencarne and the rest at Loughness, if not prevented by Colonel Morgan. More of that in my next. My hearty respects to all with you.

I remain,

Yo^r affectionate Cousin,

Balloch, June 14. '54.

J. BAYNES.

I pray let Jonathan Hardy deliver your letter to be sent to me to Mr Drywood, who engaged to return answer. The General intends now to march towards Loughness.

135. — CORNET J. PEASE TO CAPT. ADAM BAYNES.

DEAR BROTHER,

I got safe hither last night, and am now at a stand, Commissary Baynes having gone into the Highlands with the Gen^l, not hearing any thing from you or him about my commission ; for I perceive I cannot be accepted and owned without it. However, I intend to set forwards towards St Johnstons tomorrow, where I hear the troop lies. I pray if the commission be not yet sent, to hasten it, for at present I am as it were not at all concerned. I pray present what is due to my Sisters, M^{rs} Dawson, and all friends with you, which is all present from your most affectionate Brother,

J. PEASE.

Leith, 15th June 1654.

136. — FROM THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

Last night I got in safety to this place (which is within a mile of St. Johnstons) where I found your troop, and that which was Capt. Stoddart's ; where I also expected to find my Commission, but do perceive that (if it was

enclosed to Commissary Baynes) it is gone to him into the Highlands, for he is with General Monck, so that I shall not have it returned in 3 weeks or a month, though it do get safe to his hands, which is very much feared. I did acquaint Major Gooderick at Brunt Island (where his troop quarters) that my L^d Lambert had been pleased to order me a Commission to be your Cornet, so that I am in readiness to be put in possession if I had the Commission. If it be not yet sent, I pray hasten it with the other, and direct to L^t Leavens at St. Johnstons. I pray present my due respects to my Sisters, M^{rs} Dawson, and my little brother, and I shall rest as I am ever obliged,

Your most affectionate Brother,

The 18th June 1654.

J. PEASE.

137.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSEN,

I writ to you the 14th instant and gave you account of affairs here and that I had received the Commissions for Levens, &c., which I shall send first opportunity. I charged upon you then 15^{li} payable to M^r Matt. Nayler, but least it should miscarry, have sent him a second bill, which I pray discharge, if not already paid the first bill.

Since my last, Colo. Morgan hath had a little doings with a party under Ma. Gen. Drummond, Didop,¹ and others of 400 horse; but the Enemy was not minded to fight, thinking it better to run betimes than stand to it. He pursued them 8 miles and more, took 60 horses and 10 prisoners, killed some, amongst whom was an Englishman named Capt. Goodfellow. To-morrow Colo. Morgan will be here, and then it will be determined whither we shall steer our course. Middleton is gone back to Sutherland and Cathness; he intended for Loughaber when he came from Cathness, but hearing of Colo. Braynes being come thither from Ireland with some force, and that Argyle is also in arms, and joines with Brayne for securing the country, he faced about. My hearty respects to all friends with you. I remain,

Yo^r very lo. Cousen,

From the Campe at Riven,
in Badzenoch, June 19. 1654.

J. BAYNES.

138.—CORNET ROKEBY TO THE SAME.

HONOURED SIR,

I have received (lately) a letter from you, wherein I understand that you have sent me a Commission to be your Lev^t. The truth is, I am willing to

¹ Scrimgeour, Viscount Dudhope.

serve my country in any capacity, and sooner under your conduct than any I know ; but if this place be an obligation (as I guess it may) upon me to remain constantly with your Troop, it will then be of some disadvantage to me, and dissatisfaction to my friends. I apprehend my tie to it will be the more, in regard your other publick employments will seldom permit you to be with us ; but, however, my obligations to youwards are much, in that you were pleased to mind my L^d Lambert of my condition, to whom I pray present my humblest service. I hope (what employment my Lord is pleased to confer upon me) that I shall not carry myself unbecomingly in, though I doubt he hath received another character of me heretofore. With my due respects to your good Lady, I conclude myself

Your truly obliged and very respected friend,

W. ROKEBY.

Leith, this 21st of June 1654.

139.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I rec. yo^{rs} of the last of May and 8th instant, but had not an opportunitie to answer them until now, having been absent from this place. On the 16th instant I marched hence with a hundred and 20 foot and 50 horse, to convey some provisions to Bramawr Castle, which was much straightened by the enemy lying in those quarters ; and upon the 18th, about 10 in the morning, before we were aware, we met with Montrosse and Inverary who had 540 foot and 90 horse. I thinke the sight of us was as unexpected of them, which put us both to a stand, they being about half a mile from us, upon a steep hill side, in which posture we lay looking upon each other for 6 or 8 hours ; after which the enemy marched away and left us, and we finding our partie inconsiderable to hazard an engagement with the enemy (having many strait and rockie passes and woods to go through), we retreated to a garrison we had within six miles of us, until we had sent for some supply of force to effect our business, which we have now done. . . . We have little news ; Coll. Morgan and the Gen^l is met near Loughaber ; we are dayly expecting to hear of some considerable action. I think I shall scarce stir house this summer, unless for 10 or 20 dayes to hunt such parties as may be in the brayes of this countrie. If my officers comissions be not already out, you may let them bear date only for the 28th of May, and I shall muster my brother Joseph for the other tyme. Pray present what is due to my Sisters and all friends, with which is all present from

Yo^r truly lo. Brother,

Aberd. Junne 28th 1654.

ROBT BAYNES.

140.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have only to tell you that I cannot get any more than one month's allowance for my Lord's Regiment, according to the Scotch establishment, upon the muster of November last, for that the Committee for the Army hath allowed no money for that regiment upon the Scotch account then till the 25th December last, so that except you can get allowance for the other 14 days in England you will close it. . . .

I remain,

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin,

J. BAYNES.

I pray when you see my Lord Lambert, know of him (at a distance) whether it be intended Colo. Overton shall have the benefit of the fines here in Scotland. I am employed by Colo. Overton to receive his money proportionably with others in the like case, and I find a demure put to it because he is in prison. You may understand by my Lord, what hopes I have to proceed; and give me a line of it as soon as you can.

141.—CORNET J. PEASE TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I perceived the last week by Comis. Baynes his letter to Capt. Leavens, that he hath received our Commissions, but dare not adventure them by the post lest they should miscarry. I have been with the Troop ever since my coming, and have marched twice with them into the Highlands, where we are to march to-morrow. I pray direct your letters to this town to me, for I perceive this will be our most constant quarter. I hope you received the account I sent you from Leeds of the monies I had received of yours. Capt. Leavens presents his service to you, and desired me to let you know that the weather is cold, and the roof is bare, and it snows, and he misters not to stand mickle upon that point at this time. I pray present my due respects to my Sisters and M^{rs} Dawson, which is all at present from

Your affectionate Brother,

St. Johnstons, 28th June 1654.

J. PEASE.

142.—CORNET BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

To give you account of our daily marches since my last from Riven is too tedious, and to give it exactly for our way is almost incredulous. Since Tuesday was se'nnight we have not rested one day, nor scarce any part of a day in our way for 8 days past. We have not found man, woman, or child at their homes, all being either in arms or in remote places with their cattle. At their return they will have new houses to build and corn to seek, which will be a means to quiet them, or nothing. Middleton (and his crew) whom we have been seeking all this while (in vain), hath divided his army and sent his foot by water into some Islands near Kintale, and his horse towards Loughaber. Colo. Morgan, with a good Brigade, is attending the Enemy's motions another way. We had hopes to have driven them to engage either this Brigade with the General or Col. Morgan, but it will not be: they find out so many back doors; but it's believed that what is already done, and will be yet done ere winter, will make the Country weary of Middleton and he of the Country, for at his return into the parts where we have been, he will find little to live upon; and so must either disperse, starve, or come into the Lowlands where we shall deal with him. Saturday, it's hoped, we shall be at Inverness and get a recruit of provisions, being near out of sorts. Look not for to hear often from me whilst we continue in these remote parts, for we are out of all road. Salute all my friends.

I am,

Yor very affectionate Cousin.

From the Campe in Kintale, June 29th '54.

J. BAYNES.

143.—CORNET J. PEASE TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

Last night I received both yours of the 22nd and 26th of June, and am satisfied that our Comissions are with Commissary Baynes, as also am informed by Commissary Baynes that he hath past us the musters, according to our capacities, from the date of our commissions; and therefore do hope that I shall receive pay as Cornet from that time, as well as the other as Capt. and Lieutenant, otherwise I came up hither too soon, for as yet I have no man mustered, neither do I know when I shall find a vacancy: but what you shall please to determine I shall be content therewith. I shall speak to Doctor Hodgson and quarterm^r Shringley about the money, so soon as I see them.

Gen^l Middleton is come out of the Highlands with about 800 horse and 200 foot, which is their chief strength. They have had many run away from them of late; their duty so hard and their provisions so short. Kenmore and Atholl, and many of the heads are with him about ten miles from this town. We hope the General is not far off them, but as yet hear nothing of him, but do believe we shall see them soon disperst. I pray present my due respects to my Sisters, and all with you, which is all at present from, Sir,

Your most affectionate Brother,

S^t Johnstons, July 5th 1654.

JO. PEASE.

144.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

SIR,

I have received yours of 17th June, with 2 Commissions, which I shall carefully send to Capt. Robert. Care will be taken that Cos. Pease lose nothing by his change. We have been long rambling after a foe that hath no mind to be seen. He gave us the slip in Kintale, and it's said now he is in Atholl's bounds. This way we shall march thitherwards, but in no hopes to find him there, however, since he will not be found, this country and all the hills will be made incapable to harbour him, what by the rebels and us, and then let them shift as they can. Colo. Morgan is towards Caithness; some of Middleton's foot are said to be there. My dear respects to all with you. I remain,

Your much affection^{te} Cousin,

From the Camp near Inverness,

J. BAYNES.

July 5th 1654.

I pray you speak again to Colo. Alured about Ma. Ponnall's Scotch arrears. The Major hears nothing of the provisions.

145.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

The enclosed is from my Coll. to Mr Maylin, about commissions for my Officers and some others. If you have not commissions out already for my Officers, pray get them out as shortly as you can, and if you cannot have an opportunity to send me them down, then pray let me know the dates of them, for until then I cannot close any rolls. We have little news here. Our last from the Army was, that some of our Irish forces, to the number of 90 or thereabouts, at the first landing being taken by the Loughaber men, after quarter given, was

all murdered; which caused the General to burn all he came near about Loughaber for three days, and Coll. Morgan did the like in Glengaries lands. The General is marched by the west sea after Middleton, and Coll. Morgan is marched about the Loughhead by the way of Straglasse, so that we are every day in expectation to hear that one of them hath engaged him. Montrose and Inverary, with 5 or 600 men, are about the heads of this country, raising their levies, but I fear we shall scarce have an opportunity to meet with them, for they lie continually in woods and crags, removing their quarters every day, and we can no sooner march out but they have notice, and away they go to the mountains, whither we cannot follow them, because we cannot spare so many from this place, having but 500 foot and 100 horse in all these parts. I have sent my wife an acquittance for the 55^{li} rent, which you may please to order her to send up to you by the post, or otherways to see it to whom you will appoint. Pray remember me kindly to my Sisters, and all other friends with you, which is all at present from

Yo^r truly lo. brother,

Aberd. July 6th 1654.

ROB^t BAYNES.

146.—CORNET J. PEASE TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have no more at present to impart to you but that we had a muster here lately, and we were all past according to our capacities wherein we severally act, though as yet we have not received our commissions, but hope shortly to have them; for the General (we are informed) is in Athol, which is about 20 miles off this place, and intends hitherwards. I desire that you will please to send down an order from my Lord Lambert to passe you upon the musters for the future, for the Dep^y Commissary that have mustered the troops since Commissary Baynes marcht into the Highlands would not pass you till L^t Rokeby certified under his hand that your stay in England was by order. I writ to you by the last in answer to yours, which I hope you shall receive before this. I pray present what is due to my Sister, M^{rs} Dawson, and all friends with you, and I shall rest, as I am ever engaged,

Your most affectionate Brother,

S^t Johnston,

J. PEASE.

July 9. 1654.

L^t Rokeby intends, according to your order, to take up the 100^{li} out of your pay. He and Cap^t Leavens present their service to you and my sister Baynes.

147.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have nothing to impart at present. This day we had hopes to meet the Enemy, but still he declines fighting. We hear they are marched to the head of Lough Tay—the foot on one side of the Lough and the horse on the other. We are now on our way thitherward and shall be as near Ballaugh this night as we can. Colo. Okey we hope may catch some of Middleton's rear: he went from the Camp last night with 200 horse and 200 foot towards the Enemy's camp, but it's very believed they hasten from us all they can. Middleton is in a great perplexity, not finding the country to flock in to him as he expected: he in a pet told the gentlemen (his attendants) that he would rather give his head to the block than endure the life he hath, tossing up and down, and finds no encouragement. His men are in a very mean condition. No more now but my hearty respects to all with you, resting

Your very lo. Cousin,

Blare Castle,
July 10th 1654.

J. BAYNES.

148.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

Yours of the 23^d of June I received, and since that I have received the Commissions for my officers, for which I heartily thank you; what the charges was pray put to my account. I shall take care to receive some money (out of their pay) for bro. Pease's. We have not much news. The Enemy cannot be engaged. The General is gone into Athol after Middleton. Coll. Morgan is come into the head of this shire to victual, and after that will, I suppose, to the hills again; which is all but kind salutes to yourself, my Sisters, and all other friends with you, and to remain,

Yo^r truly lo. Brother,Aberdeen, July 11th 1654.

ROBT. BAYNES.

149.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

Yesterday we unhappily missed an opportunity of spoiling the Earl of Atholl and his party, consisting of about 800 horse and foot. Colo. Okey being sent over night before the rest of the Army with 200 horse and as many foot, in the morning, being 10th instant, some of his party being at some distance from

the rest of the party, discovered a little tract in the corn, which following a little, discovered some of the Enemy (being of Atholl's party), whom they pursued till they came to the view of Atholl's whole body, consisting of 7 or 800 horse and foot. Our men brought 4 prisoners with them, and had 2 of their party dangerously wounded. If Colo. Okey had but had due notice of Atholl, in all probability he had destroyed him, but the alarm being carried so hot, caused Atholl to hasten his march, it not being possible to reach him, our body (the nearest of them) being 3 miles or more from them. Atholl carried the alarm to Middleton, who, last night, in a great fright and haste, removed his Camp, and 'tis said is gone to the west of Lough Erne. To-morrow morning we go to the head of Lough Tay, and shall still pursue Middleton, he is almost weary, but he will be forced either to fight shortly or fly into the remote mountains again, where he is likely to have small entertainment. I received yours of 24th June this day, and have sent all the Commissions away. My hearty respects to all friends.

Your very affectionate Cousin,

From the Camp near Weynes,

J. BAYNES.

July 11th '54.

Venture to speak again to Colo. Alured about Ma. Ponnall's Scotch arrears.

*For ADAM BAYNES, Esq., one of the Hon^{able} the Committee
for the Army. These, London.*

150.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I heartily thank you for kindness to my little one. In a very little time I hope she will understand your kindness herself, and give thanks also. This enemy, Middleton and his followers, declare every day more and more their cowardice. They dare not let us come so near them as to view them, since that upon the 14 instant, about 7 at night, when we were going to pitch our tents, accidentally our scout discovered them making a double, and marching eastward in a glen opposite against us, having between them and us a very high hill; which as soon as General Monck had notice of he ordered several parties of horse and foot to hasten over the hill, and to endeavour to give a stop to them: but as soon as they perceived our men, and what they aimed at, they made the more haste away, and dispersed themselves into several parties, and marched several ways to prevent our pursuit of them, so that we only had the happiness to see

them for awhile; for the way was so long and difficult (and night also making for them), our men could not get within gun shot of them, and so did no more but sufficiently affright them, insomuch that they left some few men, horses and baggage, behind them, which our men gathered up. I am confident if timely notice had been given of them, or that we had had day for it (though our men had marched a sufficient day's march before), yet few of the Enemy had got away in a body (it seems our time is not yet). Now it's said they are towards Badgenoth,¹ where we have hopes Colo. Morgan will given them a turn, he being there already, and if they should go for Loughaber he is to follow them, his Brigade being fresh. Ours must to Sterling to refresh awhile and out again. Middleton hath burnt a very fine house of Glenarkey's,² and many houses in his bounds, and would have destroyed all had he not been forced away; he had summoned another house of Glenarkey's wherein himself and the L^d Argyle was, but had not time to take it in. This is all at present, but my kind respects to all friends with you. I pray tell Mich. Laundy and Rowland Steward that as soon as I come to Johnstons I shall endeavour to answer their desires.

I remain,

Yor very lo. Cousin,

J. BAYNES.

From the Camp in Glendoughart,

July 17th '54.

151. — FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

Yours of the 1st instant I received. The Commissions you sent me I hope are with the owners long ere this. In my last I told you of our going to Sterling, but now we are first for St Johnstons: we hope to be there, or near it, to-morrow night.

Wednesday last, the 19th instant, about an hour before sunset, as Middleton, with his horse, was marching near Lough Garey, in Athol, towards Badgnoth, unexpectedly Colo. Morgan and he met at the head of a pass, of which Middleton not liking, gave the word to face about; but the pass being narrow, could not make that haste as he desired, so that our men put them to a rout. Middleton himself very narrowly escaping (if escaped). The full account is not yet come who are taken or killed. We have it from severall persons which are taken,

¹ Badgenoth or Badenoch, a district in Inverness-shire.

² 'Glenarkey's house,' referring to a seat of the Campbells of Glenorchy, now represented by the Marquess of Breadalbane. One of these houses was no doubt Kilchurn Castle, now in ruins.

being fled from their leaders (and drivers also), and in every countryman's mouth, who are ready to plunder every one of them that escapes, though their own countrymen. The Earl of Athol's portmanteau, with very good prize therein, was taken yesternight by some of a party of ours sent out to catch stragglers: they got 2 prisoners and 8 horses, their riders betaking themselves to a bog. The enemy's foot was not with their horse at this time, being marched another way; but Colo. Morgan is still in purrsuit after them into Loughaber. The next post you may expect a better account. Their horse is all routed, and therein was the Enemy's strength, their foot being little worth. We hope our summer work is near an end, and that we may live a little quietly in winter. What is yet done as to satisfying arrears? and whether have you received Cornet Anlaby's Scotch arrears? Remember to speak to Col. Alured about Ma. Ponnal's, and salute all my friends with you.

I remain,

Yo^r very lo. Cousin,

From the Campe, July 21st '54.

J. BAYNES.

152.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

Colonel Morgan hath so routed the Enemie's horse, that it's believed not above 250 of them can be left in a body. He hath taken 300 horses, 30 prisoners, and as many slain, besides many wounded. Middleton's charging horse was taken, himself dismounted, and is supposed to be wounded. He fled into a bog and escaped. His portmanteau with commission and several papers and instructions from Ch: Stuart, which may be of some use. Little more now. Cos. Pease is in health with the rest. The part of your troope here is likely to go to Blare Castle to quarter. My due respects to all friends with you. I am in haste. To-morrow we go towards Sterling.

Yo^r affectionate Cousin,

St^t Johnstons, July 24th '54.

J. BAYNES.

153.—CORNET ROKEBY TO THE SAME.

HONOURED SIR,

I have received letters from England that my wife is sick, and that my grandmother lies a dying, and many businesses out of order, insomuch that if you do not get my Lord Lambert's letter to General Monck to grant me

a pass for England (without which he will scruple to grant me one), I must be necessitated to render him up my commission. I thought good to acquaint you with it before. Sir, if you procure his letter, I desire it may be for three months. and that you will enclose it to me by the first post, or however let me have your answer. If you will do me this favour it will infinitely oblige,

Your real friend and Servant,

St^e Johnstons, this 24th of July 1654.

W. ROKEBY.

Collo. Morgan hath totally routed Middleton, so that if I be constrained to leave the service, it will be without prejudice, I hope.

154.—CORNET J. PEASE TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have received yours, and am very well satisfied concerning my pay as Cornet; but if I shall not receive pay as Corn^t till the 29th of May, I desire that I may have pay from the muster of February as Lieu^t to brother Rob^t. This day we are ordered to march to Blare in Athol, and to winter there, except we have other orders, so that I shall be so far out of the way that I shall not have opportunity to write to you. Commiss. Baynes, and D^{ct} Hodgson and Cap^t Leavens are here, and are remembered to you and my sister Baynes, and all with you, so is

Your most affectionate Brother,

St. Johnstons, July 25th 1654.

J. PEASE.

155.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

Even now we received a packet from Collo. Morgan, which informs us that he had not heard of the General since they parted in Loughaber, and that he had lost the Enemy and could not hear one word of them. And even now we have discovered one in this town who came from the Enemy Sunday last, at which time he left Middleton with 700 horse and 500 foot in Badgenoth; where the rest of his army is we know not, but this fellow gives us an account of Middleton's marches, and how he gave the General and Colo. Morgan the slip. We perceive by this same, he is in the head of this shire with Montrosse and Iuverary, which will put us in this open town upon our guard. My Colonel would entreat you to do him the favour as let him know, what is done about the Ordnance concerning the 4 forrest, and what hopes there is of further security or satisfaction for arrears.

R. B.

156.—CORNET J. PEASE TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have received yours of the 7th instant, and shall endeavour your satisfaction as to the account of your pay. I very much desire to hear sometimes from you and brother Rob^t. We have no news here more than that Middleton with about 200 men are north from hence, and are in great straits. I have 32^{li} which I lately received of quarter-master Shringley, which if I could get to Commissary Baynes, would send it, which was the rest of your pay, which should have been received at York. I pray present my choice respects to my sister Baynes, brother Rob^t and his wife, with all the rest of our friends with you, which also accept yourself from, Sir, your most

Obliged and affectionate Brother,

Blare, 23^d [July?], 1654.

J. PEASE.

157.—M^{RS} ANN BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I received yours, and am well satisfied with what you and my dear Sister hath done for me in every thing you mention, but am very sorry that they have put you and my sister to so much trouble. I have received the rug and blankets, and those things which I wrote for. I must crave your excuse for not writing last post, for indeed I were not well, nor hath not been this week, though I expect to go till the latter end of this month, or beginning of the next. I have not had a letter from my dear this 14 days, but this day I received one from a friend there, which informs me that he is in health, so bless God, and is gone out with a commanded party to relieve Bramer Castle with such necessaries as they want; but my dear got intelligence of one Collo. Enverray, who were endeavouring to intercept his passage with thrice the number that were with my dearest, but he escaped their hands. I praise the Lord. Collo. Morgan fell upon a party of the Enemy and killed a Capt. and 23 soldiers, and took sixty horse, and took much provision. All friends here are well. Adde is pretty well of his infirmity. My dear respects to yourself, my Sister, and little cousins, which is all from

Your affectionate Sister to command,

July 1654.

ANN BAYNES.

I desire you would please to send this enclosed.

158.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I received yours of the 15th instant, and am glad you are well. but have not time to answer your particulars, the post being going away, only shall tell you, that even now we have received a packet from Coll. Morgan, showing us that upon Wednesday the 19th instant, about 7 at night, our forlorn hope discovered a party of horse at the end of Lough Garne, which proved to [be] Middleton with 800 horse, who upon sight of our horse divided into 3 parties and fled. Our horse divided and pursued (our foot not being able to come near them), but night coming on, and the ground unpassable, gave many of them opportunity to escape, at least upon foot. We took 300 horses, and 30 prisoners, about the like number being slain. Middleton and Kenmore's charging horses and sumpters were both taken, with their commissions and instructions, with several other letters from Charles Stuart; they both being dismounted escaped hardly upon foot, through the boggs, so prisoners say. Middleton was dangerously wounded. They had 1200 foot about 5 miles from the place, which are since most dispersed and run home. Although the execution have not been great, yet I hope the [effects] will be considerable. Not else, but my kind remembrances to yourself, my Sister, and all other friends, and to remain

Yo^r affectionate Brother,Aberd. July 26th '54.

ROBT BAYNES.

159.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have nothing more to signify to you than that I have rec^d yours of the 15th instant. I have written to Capt. Robert about Cornet Pease, that many [money?] may be found out for getting some thing for him in consideration of the musters of Apr. and 1st May. I have not heard from him since I sent him his lieutenant's and ensign's commissions. It's not certain where Middleton is: some say in Renough; but his force cannot be considerable, for both horse and foot were sufficiently dispersed at the last rout given by Colo. Morgan. Several small parties are in the Lowlands plaguing the country people: they burnt two houses in Perthshire. If this war hold another summer there will be sore doings: friend and foe like to suffer. About Tuesday we go hence to Aberfoyle, where we shall do some harm, it being a place where many Rebels shelter. 2 troops of Colo. Thomlinson's regiment had gained an order for quartering in Struther

House, but as soon as I knew of it, I procured an order for the quartering elsewhere. They would have done more harm to the house than twice their grassnning would have amounted to. Yesterday I was with M^r Desbrow, one of the Commissioners at Leith, who tells me there is little hope of getting any thing for M^{rs} Noe, in regard to her debt is after (48), yet nothing will be awanting in them to pleasure my Lord in his request. This day is set apart for thanksgiving. Most of the prisoners about to be shipt for the Barbadoes, ships being come for that purpose. This nation may spare 1000 men upon that account. My hearty and due respects to all with you. I remain,

Yo^r affect. Cousin,

Sterlinge, July 28th 1654.

J. BAYNES.

160.—DR. JOHN HODGSON TO THE SAME.

DEAR SIR,

After my love and service to the honoured Lord and Lady, yourself and Lady, I make bold to trouble you with a few lines with confidence of your care as formerly. I have here sent a particular of the medicines which I brought up with me upon the regiment's account, for which I have not received a farthing as yet from the States. M^r Traller was commanded to wish me to send up my invoice, and I should have payment from the Committee of the Army, at which time our Major went from us, so as I could not do it, but now thinks it meet I should crave satisfaction. Yourself being one of the Committee, I could not direct my application to a person more fit to answer my just desire, having ever approved yourself very affectionate to mewards. I hope, if need require, the Major will not be wanting in this. Our Major will likewise write to certify you concerning the verity hereof. Sir, I acknowledge myself a debtor to you 3th due. If you receive that money at London, as I suppose you will, I desire you pay yourself, and the payment of the rest by Capt. Leavins or Cornet Pease, or who you please for them, shall have whom you please. So I told your friend I have stood Capt. Leavins' great friend if the Lord give him a heart to improve it, else its better never to be great. As for myself, I am at the height of my speed, and seeing it is so, I desire I might have that advantage by my 11 years service, as to live quietly in the practice of my calling, without being disturbed or indicted at sessions for following that I have always been brought up with. If I cannot, I may say, my time have been ill spent and served. Master, if I can have my freedom to practise physic, which I have studied and preached this pretty many

14 years, I should think it would add to my peaceable being, if not, I must be content. One thing more I desire, and not I, but my poor wife and children, that is, that I may have liberty to go home about latter end of August, which will be when our men is come into winter quarters. In regard of my small acquaintance with the General, I make bold to desire you to procure me a pass from our Lord Lambert, with my brother Martin and one servant, which you may leave a blank for, or else the discretion herein. If in these things you will serve me, it will add to the former favour, and oblige your servant in all love. I hope I shall receive an answer shortly. I desire the Lord to keep you faithful to what you know, for where much is given much is required; therefore beware that nothing tempt you, but keep hold the truth in pure conversation, and you shall assuredly prosper. Take heed of persecution, lest you be destroyed in the Lord's displeasure. It's pouring forth, Beware, Beware. My dear respects to you all, with well wishes.

Your really wishing your well being,

Burnt Island, Aug^t the 1st 1654.

JO. HODGSON.

Forget not to present my service to Maj. Gen., his Lady and yours, Capt. Stoddart and all friends.

161.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have little to intimate to you. Middleton is gone into Caithness: Saturday last, Colo. Morgan marched by Inverness after him. This day was the meeting of the Gentry of this shire for electing their Knight, and the Burghs for a Burgher; but after several debates concerning the qualifications of electors, and several queries which they put to me (about the penalties upon those that should go by the rule) which I could not assoyle to them, otherways than by referring them to the letter of the Articles contained in the book of Government; upon which they unanimously returned me this answer, That they were very willing and ready to serve and observe the commands of my Lord Protector in any thing, but in this they could not but acknowledge that they all came within the compass of the exceptions, and by the Articles in the book of Government could not see but each man of them was incapable of giving a voice in the election; so that I think we shall not add any to your number. I believe this will be

the result of most parts of Scotland. My kind respects to yourself, my Sisters, and all other friends with you, is all at present from

Yo^r truly lo. Brother,

Aberdeen, August 2nd 1654. ROB^t BAYNES.

This day we had a great eclipse of the sun. The morning being rainy and cloudy, caused it to be exceeding dark.

162. — CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

S^a,

I have not heard from you of 2 or 3 posts. All health to you and yours. Wednesday we came from Sterling, and marched that day 10 miles. We are but now 13 miles hence, the marches being very small because of the plenty of grass and corn we find in these parts, which our business is to destroy, that the enemy may be incapable of giving or taking any entertainment hereabouts, it being a place wholly against us. Lord Foster is about five miles west of us, with about 200, and Glencarne about 8 miles, with towards 400, but we have little hopes of getting near them, they being not willing to be seen of us. Middleton is in Cathness, with about 800 horse and foot; Col. Morgan is after him, and will give him little rest there. Our men will not be kept from straggling, though they see daily examples of the enemies cruelty towards such: though one was executed Tuesday last at Sterling for straggling, and had been prisoner with the enemy, yet yesterday 4 of our men were taken prisoners, about 3 miles from our camp, and one much wounded. This day a Court Martial will make others exemplary for their wandering from the camp. My hearty and due respects to all friends with you.

Yo^r endeared Cousin,

From the Camp, at Liny in Monteeth,
Aug. 5th '54.

J. BAYNES.

Atholl hath but 8 or 10 men with him in Glen Lyon, and levied but 30 from his Tenants, but cannot get them.

163. — CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

The enclosed is the returns concerning our proceedings in order to the electing of Members to serve in Parliament for the shires of Aberdeen, Bamfe, and Cullen; all which have not added one to your number for some reason

by them shown, an account whereof (with our diligence in doing what have been incumbent on our parts as Sheriffs) is herewith enclosed ; which I made choice to trouble you with, rather than to expose them to the hazard of a miscarriage, it being a business of so much concernment to us ; for which cause I shall earnestly entreat you to let some trusty servant convey them to the Clerk of the Chancery, or to whom else is chiefly concerned therein, and to give me two lines in account of the receipt and delivery thereof, as mentioned herein, you will very much pleasure and abundantly oblige,

Yo^r very affectionate Brother,

Aberdeen, August 8th 1654.

ROBT. BAYNES.

164. — CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

SIR,

It's about a week since we received any letter from England. We are so far out of the way, that without danger they cannot get to us, nor can we send for England so frequently as formerly. Ever since the 2^d or 3^d instaut, we have been sojourning in a country possessed wholly with enemies, yea, such people as do seldom acknowledge any Lord. Formerly they denied us assessments, and their Lords their rents ; but now they may plead some excuse, for we have done what we possibly could to disable them, having eaten and spoiled most of their corn, burnt their houses, and made prize of what cattle or horses came within our reach, and that not of a few ; so that now they will have very much ado to rub out a living for themselves, being wholly disabled to entertain any of their friends. This morning, we are on our march to Aberfoyle, where we shall make what spoil we can. With the Enemy and we together, the people of the hills may in time repent their bargain ; such houses as the Enemy themselves dare not keep they burn, least we should make use of them. Friday, they burnt the Laird of Luz's house, and have burnt several before. This last week, they by an ambush killed us an Ensign and 3 men, and took 2 prisoners of Colo. Read's regiment. Yesterday, we had 3 men wounded by some rogues who lay lurking in the rocks, as our flank guard marched on the hills. Glencarne and some others who lay in these parts are gone this week Northwards, not daring to stay our coming. No more but my hearty respects and salutes to all friends with you. I remain,

Your very lo. Cousin,

From the Camp, near the Foot of
Lough Catteron, August 13th '54.

J. BAYNES.

165.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have received yours of the 31 of last Month. I have not time now to write to Colo. Alured, but shall next post. I much wonder at him. Major Ponnal hath not received any provisions, as your Colo. is pleased to say: sure the Colo. is wittingly mistaken!

We shall next week leave the field: our burning and sending to the Barbadoes hath put such a fright into the Enemy, that many of them—and some of good esteem—are solicitous to come in and live peaceably at home. Some of them will go beyond sea. Colo. Blakiter, and Colo. Colgrave, Capt. Heriot, and some others, are come in already. Montrose hath sent to do the like: I hope our work is now over, in a great measure. Middleton is said to be gone into an Island of Seaforth's: there is said to be a great breach in his army. Argyle is with us: some forces, it is said, must go to his house at Inverary to garrison it.

I am in great haste. I shall do my utmost to gain the 10,000^l for my Lord—10,000^l a year here in Scotland, according to my Lord's commands: when it is done I shall incline for England. Scoutmaster-General Downing came hither yesterday. My due respects to you all.

Your very lo. Cousin,

From the Camp at Dufferay in Aberfoyle,
Aug. 17, '54.

J. BAYNES.

166.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I rec^d yours of the 15th. I am glad to hear our tribe encreaseth. When I get to Dalkeith I purpose to write to Colo. Alured about Ma. Ponnall, for indeed he mistakes exceedingly. Friday, we came hither: about Thursday, it's intended we shall go to Dalkeith, the field service being over for this year. Every Regiment is now going to winter quarters. Two companies of foot and 4 troops of horse are to go to Inverary to garrison it, in order to keeping the people of Argyle in obedience. This night, the Laird of Lugton is come from Glencarne, to treat about his and some others of quality their future deportment, being now minded to decline their fighting work in Scotland. Many solicit to live quietly at home: some are already come in; so that I hope our army will have no great matter of work this winter. The rogues can scarce move any

way, because we have now in all places garrisons that will annoy them. The prisoners that were shipped for Barbadoes had like to have surprised the vessels ; but were happily prevented. Lt Rokeby hath gained liberty to go for England for 10 weeks. Salute all my friends with you. If any good place be dealing when the Parliament sits, remember a Register's place.

Yo^r very affectionate Cousin,

Sterling, Aug. 21st '54.

J. BAYNES.

Middleton's Commission and instructions from Charles Stuart are now come to Gen. Monck.

167.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have received yours of the 4th instant, before which I had received one from Coz. J. Stable, and one from bro. T. Pease, intimating my wife's safe delivery of a daughter ; but they were both pleased to conceal the scarr you mention. I confess I am not much troubled at it, neither dare I at all, especially when I consider whose framing it is. I desire to be satisfied in this, and what else the great disposer of all things shall assign to me. In acceptance of your invitation I have writ to my wife, that when she is in a condition for travelling she would come up to you ; but I think she will rather incline to stay where she is, until she can have my company, which I hope will be about last end of October ; otherways I shall write to her again to go up while the season of the year will be good, if she can have the convenience of any good company. I should be exceeding glad to hear that my sister were safely delivered of her weary burden, which I hope will be in due time. Collo. Morgan is in Caithness, from whence Middleton, making more haste than good speed, left most of his horses behind, tired and lame for want of shoes. His foot being all run home, Middleton is gone to Kintaile, with about a hundredth horse, Montrose and Didup being with him. Caithness hath brought in all their arms to Collo. Morgan, and hath supplicated for the sparing their country ; which is granted upon condition they build up the houses and make up the losses of those that suffered by Middleton. Colo. Morgan purposeth to have 500 horse, foot, and dragoons there this winter ; which is all but my kind remembrances and all due respects to yourself, my Sister, and all friends with you, and to remain,

Your very affectionate Brother,

Aberdeen, Aug. 22^d 1654.

ROBT BAYNES.

168. — CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have only to tell you that now we are come to Dalkeith. This day, I was at Leith about my Lord Lambert's business. Tuesday, the Trustees sit, and I shall then attend them farther. I pray you signify thus much to my Lord. The first money that comes in on the fines M^r Belton hath promised my Lord.

You will have the Articles of Agreement we made with Atholl and his party, by Scout M^r General Downing, who went hence this day. The terms offered Glencairne and his party are much to the same purpose, and no doubt but he will accept thereof, else he will have worse. Kenmore would gladly have some good terms; what will be granted him I know not. Our men have little to do now but to ferret out the pilfering parties which are left of Middleton's army. Colo. Ashfield's Regim^t will be at Glasgow this winter, so that Capt. Ro. will be a little nearer than formerly. My due respects to all with you.

Yo^r very lo. Cousin,Dalkeith, Aug. 26th '54.

J. BAYNES.

D^r Troutbeck kindly salutes you and yours.

169. — FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

Glenearne (and all his party) hath concluded upon Articles; the Lord Foster is also included in them. L^t Colo. Heriott and L^t Colo. Maxwell have also submitted. I have rec^d 50^{li} of Maj^r Ponnall's money which he sent me from Orkney. If you have occasion for it I can pay it you at York. Yo^{rs} of 21th Aug. I rec^d. My due service and respects to all with you.

I remain,

Yo^r affectionate Cousin,

Dalkeith, Aug. 29, 1654.

J. BAYNES.

Capt. Hatfield's troop goes to Inverary (Argyle House).

170. — FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN.

I have not more now to say than that I have received yours, heartily thanking you for your endeavours to the getting me into England, though I have no reason to complain of my being here, yet my desires bend much homewards. Whilst I have any thing to do here of my Lord's, I shall not think of a

remove, so that there is no thoughts of my stirring hence till the spring; for till then I am afraid I shall not have cleared all. Yesterday I was with the Trustees. I am afraid your money will not be gotten till December. I pray you let M^r Walker know that I received his last. My service to him. Salute all my friends with you.

Your endeared Cousin,

Dalkeith, Aug. 31st 1654.

J. BAYNES.

171.—CORNET J. PEASE TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

This may inform you, that my L^t Capt. Levens and D^{ct} Hodgson, and some others, went from S^t Johnstons for England about 16 days ago, since which time I have not heard from them nor you, nor have had any thing to impart to you worth your notice, until Saturday last, being the second of this Instant, about 4 of the clock in the afternoon. Captain Witter, our governor of this Castle, had intelligence that about 80 horse and foot of the enemy was upon their march to a place (within 4 miles of our garrison) called Glentilt, where there is a very steep pass; upon which the Govern^r drew out about 40 or 50 foot out of the garrison, and with our 24 horse marcht towards the said pass; but being discovered by their scouts a mile before we could recover the head of the pass (we marcht so fast least they should wholly escape us that we left our foot very far behind, so that they could never come in), that only with our horse we fell upon them, in the bottom of the pass, and had the pursuit of them three miles, until we was foret to draw off again; the night coming on, and being in unknown ways amongst the mosses. The Enemy's party was commanded by Montrose. We killed five, wounded many of them that crept up the hills after they had left their horses, took eight, and twenty-seven horses and saddles and arms. Montrose escaped, with 5 horsemen more that was the best mounted, but since we are informed that he is marcht towards Angus with 23 men and but 3 horse. I have a very fine goss-hauke which was Montrose his that was taken, which, when I know how to convey to you, I desire you to pre-
it to my L^d Lambert. I have no more at present but to desire you to present what is due to my sister Baynes and M^{rs} Dawson, and all friends, and to subscribe myself, as I am always bound,

Your most affectionate Brother,

Blare Castle, in Atholl,

Septem. 3rd 1654.

JO. PEASE.

There was also taken several commissions and instructions from the Titular King of Scots to Middleton, and from him to the inferior Officers of their army.

172.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

S^r,

I have received yours and thank you for your remembrance of me. I begin now heartily to wish some good employment in England would call me hence. As soon as I have done with my Lord Lambert's business I shall be weary of this place, though I cannot say that I want any encouragement here, only that I want the company of my nearest relations.

I hope we shall have a quiet winter here. The Rebels daily come in, especially since S^r Arth. Forbes and some others with him were taken and that party scattered. Our men took then 38 horses. The country now is pretty clear. Colo. Overton is come hither and is shortly to go into the North to command. Colo. Okey and Colo. Read are chosen Parliament men for Sterlingshire, and some Boroughs, and will be with you shortly. Colo. Okey begins his journey to-morrow.

I wish my Cousin a safe and joyfull delivery: remember me to her and to all friends with you.

Yo^r affection^{te} Cousin,Dalkeith, Septem^r 5th, 1654.

J. BAYNES.

173.—FROM THE SAME.

S^r,

I have nothing more at present than the enclosed to present you withall. I suppose he [J. Pease?] gives you account of his exploits at Blare. Things at present here are in a reasonable quiet posture. Montrose will in a few days be glad of the terms others have had, and they will be granted him. My dear respects to all with you, resting

Yo^r very lo. Cousin,

Dalkeith, Sep. 7. 1654.

J. BAYNES.

Glencarne, at his coming in, brought in with him

174.—FROM THE SAME.

S^{IR},

L^t Colo. Mitchell is now on his way to London. I pray you conclude with him about the Arrears I bought of Humph. Butler, that I may receive some satisfaction for it: it's 23^{li} and odd money.

This day the Lord Forster and L^t Colo. Heriott concluded their Articles of Agreement for themselves and parties : they are much to the same purpose with Athol's and Glencarne's. A Cap^t, Lieu^t, and Q^{tr} Master, with 8 others who were taken yesterday morning by a party of ours from Lithgow, are to be released by virtue of the Articles this day made with Forster. The 5 companies of foot and 4 troops of horse intended for Inverary are to be ordered to their several regiments again, in regard that the provisions and ammunition sent thither lately is taken by the Lord Lorne (Argyle's son). He surprised the men and vessel next day after its arrival at Inverary. Argyle pretended to the General it would be safe enough there, though it should come before our men came thither ; but his name is Archgyle. There was 600 bags of biscuit, 10 tun of cheese, 8 barrells of powder and match, &c., probable. This is all at present, but my due remembrances to all with you, resting

Dalkeith, Septem^r 9th, 1654.

Your affectionate Cousin,

J. BAYNES.

175.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

This is only to let you know that I am in health. Our regiment is thus far on their way towards Glasgow, where we are to quarter this winter. This day I shall be at S^t Johnstons. After our winter quarters are settled, I would willingly be for England. You know how long time I have been in Scotland, and how little of that time in England, but we shall have several officers absent, therefore it may be somewhat difficult to get leave here from the General until their return, which will not be until January or February ; therefore shall entreat you to get me a pass from my Lord Lambert, and send down to Cornet Baynes for me, which I shall not make use of unless necessitated thereunto. I am in haste, therefore shall only desire to be kindly remembered to yourself, my Sister, and all friends with you, and to remain

Dundee, September 13. 1654.

Your truly lo. Brother,

ROB^t BAYNES.

176.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

SIR,

I have not heard from you these two posts, but I am apt to believe that you have more important matters in hand. I wish heartily to hear of a good

and unanimous accord amongst you. We heard of the great debates with you touching the Government, and much long for the conclusion. This day the Lord Kenmure by his Agents concluded on Articles of Agreement for himself and party, who within 14 days are to lay down arms, and deliver them up to Capt. Empsom at Dumfries, and within 28 days he is to give 3000^l security for his peaceable deportment for the future, and hath 6 months' time to determine his going beyond sea, and to transport 1000 men hence to any pr. or state in amity with us. His estate is freed from confiscation. Now we have not an enemy left on this side the Frith, all being come in. If the Marq. of Argyle will make good the loss sustained by Lorne (his son) at Inverary, then the forces intended thither are to go on, else, not. My service to all with you.

Yo^r very lo. Cousin,

Dalk. Sept. 14th 1654.

J. BAYNES.

Colo. Ashf. regiment will this week be at Glasgow. Capt. Ro^{ts} comp. will happen to be at Dumbarton, as the Coll. tells me.

177.—CORNET J. PEASE TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

Yours of the last of July I received, but two days ago, in answer whereof I have herein sent you an account of what monies I have paid in, all unto Maj. Fenwick, and likewise what I have received in, all of M^r Beale, both for you and M^{rs} Dawson; but what is certainly due from him to M^{rs} Dawson I know not, not having my accounts here, but only a copy of Receipts and Disbursements. The hawk that I promised for a present to the L^d Lambert in my last, either through the carelessness or unskilfulness of my young falconer, is dead, and therefore I entreat you will please to excuse me in it to his Lordship, if he have heard of her, otherwise still to conceal it. My due respects presented to my sister Baynes and all with you. I rest, Sir,

Your most affectionate Brother,

Blare Castle in Athol, Sept. 14th 1654.

J. PEASE.

Since my last to you about our routing of Montrose, we have taken about 3 or 4 horses of his party more, with saddles and harness.

178.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

Sir,

I received yours of 14 September, written by Jonathan, being heartily sorry that you should no better accord in the house. Sure it will not be always thus. When some of the hottest spirits are out, the rest will certainly agree. Cornet Joseph is well: he wishes me to signify to you his great loss and disappointment. Either by the carelessness or unskilfulness of his Falconer, the hawk he intended for my Lord Lambert, is dead. He bewails his misfortune. Capt. Robert intends for England shortly, if he can gain leave. I heartily wish a good and glad delivery to my good cousin: remember me kindly to her, and all with you.

Yo^r affect. Cousin,

Leith, Sept. 19. 1654.

J. BAYNES.

To-morrow I propose to go over the water¹ about my Lord's business.

179.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have not any thing to intimate more than that I am in health. The last night we came to this town, where all or most of our regiment is to quarter this winter. As I came by St Johnstons, I saw Corporal Doughty with a party of your troop (which had been with Collo. Morgan all the summer), who made their complaint to me that they were likely to be cast into a Highland garrison for this winter, at a great distance from your Cornet and the rest of the troop, who have been at Blare in Atholl all this summer, and therefore be not in a capacity to solicit or take care in behalf of the troop, there being no officer present therewith but himself. I wish your quarter-master was hasted away. I desired the Governor of St. Johnston's to do them what lawful favour he could in order to the winter quarters, who promised me to take care in it; but I fear both yours and other troops in the regiment will suffer by the absence of those that should take care for them, there being not so much as a Captain, and scarce a Lieutenant present with the whole regiment. In my last, I desired you to get me a pass from my Lord Lambert for England, lest I should not get one in a reasonable time from Gen. Monck, several of our officers being already gone,

¹ Across the Frith of Forth.

which I desire you will be mindful of, which is all, but due respects to yourself, my Sisters, and all other friends, and to remain,

Your truly lo. Brother,

Glasgow, September 20th 1654.

ROBT. BAYNES.

150.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

SIR,

Y^{rs} of instant I have received. Every day I expect to hear from Cap^t Rob^t about his going for England, and shall then know better how to move in his business. I would not have him go without Gen. Monck's pass, for it would not be well taken. Capt. Levens, it seems, is gone by vertue of my Lord Lambert's pass, and notice is taken of it; it being looked upon as disrespect to the General. I am heartily glad my cousin is safely delivered: I pray God make her a glad Mother, and restore her to perfect health. Yesterday Articles of Agreement were concluded upon with young Moutrose and his party; the terms are much to the same purpose with those formerly given others. Here is nothing else of worth. This day I came back over the water, having been amongst my Lord's tenants and gotten some little money from them. I expect some this week or next from Lawderdale; first opportunity I have I shall transmit it to London. My hearty respects to all with you.

Your truly lo. Cousin,

Dalkeith, Sept. 26th 1654.

J. BAYNES.

151.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

Yesterday I delivered yours to Gen. Monck touching Capt. Robert, and have gained a favourable answer from him, so that I intend to send to him to prepare for a journey homewards. I wonder I hear not from Colo. Alured in answer to the letter I sent him about Maj^r Ponnal. Kenmore having made terms for himself and party, and delivered up arms, he is this night come to town about giving security for his future deportment. Capt. R^t desires to be remembered to you, and all with you. Cornet Pease was here this day about money for the troop. He is in health. My due respects to all with you.

Your truly lo. Cousin,

Dalk. Sept. 30th 1654.

J. BAYNES.

182.—FROM THE SAME.

Sir,

This day I received of Cornet Pease for your use 61.12.0., being 2 months pay on June and July musters, the remainder being 18 weeks pay upon former musters, I understand is in L^t Rokeby's hand. I shall take care to return this to you first opportunity. We are in a very quiet posture here at present, most of the Lowland enemies having submitted themselves. I pray you present my due respects to all with you. I am,

Your endeared Cousin,

Dalkeith, October 3^d 1654.

J. BAYNES.

I have signified to Capt. Robert the General's grant for his going to England, and have advised him to come away, but I have not heard from him since.

183.—FROM THE SAME.

S^r,

I gave you an account in my last that I had received for you of Cornet Pease 61^{li} 12^s for 2 months pay upon June and July musters, which hath been paid on former musters in L^t Rokebie's hands. At present I do not find an opportunity of returning it to you. I have a little parcel for my Lord Lambert, which I shall also return first opportunity. Capt. Robert is not yet come hither in order to his going for England, but I expect him next week.

The Ministers here are generally dissatisfied: they find that the power given to M^r Galaspy, and others in commission with him, strikes at their root, and is an order to taking their prerogative from them, being seconded by the late Ordinances for the Fast (they formerly made orders, now they must receive orders), and before they had people in subjection, now to be subjects makes them in a manner at their wits end. They will not take any notice of the Fast, being (as it were) not worthy their heed;—what will be the event of it time will produce.

Middleton still shifts from place to place—knows not where to rest nor have his winter quarters. Some of our dragoons lately rescued some cattle from the Highlanders which they had stolen from the Lowlands, and in the bout killed a L^t Coll. and others, and dispersed the whole party of 80 or 100.

I pray what becomes of Colo. Alured that I cannot hear from him. My hearty respects to all with you. . . .

Yo^r affectionate Cousin,Dalkeith, Octo^r 7th '54.

J. BAYNES.



184.—FROM THE SAME.

Sir,

Yours of 2nd I received this day. Capt. Robert was here, and gained a pass from the General for three months. Thursday, he and Lieu^t Colo. Simons intended to begin their journey. I shall myself with very much content remain here till Providence call me hence. Here is little of news: the Ministers are in high discontent, and will not condescend so low as to take notice of the orders for the Fast to-morrow: somehow or other must be found out to humble them. I am glad my Cousin is so well recovered. Remember me to her and all friends with you.

I remain,

Your very loving Cousin,

Dalk. Octo. 10th '54.

J. BAYNES.

185.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have received yours of 6th this day. I suppose Capt. Robert begins his journey from Leith towards England. Colo. Alured deals not well with his Major. I cannot get an answer from him of y^r letter I sent him about the business. This day, the Earl of Glencarne was here: he promiseth solemnly to live peaceably for the future, and seems to be a very sober and discreet man. Sunday last, S^r Mungo Murray was taken prisoner; a L^t and Cornet (and a Major also, as is said) were then slain of his party. S^r Mungo is at Saint Johnstons. The Generall will put him to trial for his life, if his Highness interpose not. This is all at present, but my dear respects to all with you.

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin,Dalk. Octo. 12th '54.

J. BAYNES.

186.—FROM THE SAME.

Sir,

I have received yours of 14th, and am so well pleased with my employment that I am not ambitious of any other, provided I may have some handsome salary annexed to it, and truly I think your State may well allow 10^s a day and 2^s 6^d a clerk for this service; and if this allowance could be established, I should with very much content remain here till God please to call me to another place. And therefore I pray you, if such an offer may fall in seasonably amongst

other changes in the establishment, put in a word: sure Dr Slane and some other friends of the Army I have in the House will promote it. I should have had 10^s a day when I came hither, near 2 years since, but I have received but 8^s as yet. Dr Slane knows it. I formerly was mustered in a troop by order, but since I had an additional pay here I have not done it so, yet hitherto I have had little more advantage than formerly, and there is scarce a deputy but makes his pay equal to mine; and truly the pay of the deputy as established is a most scornful pay, and such as men cannot live on without some helps. I do not know of any additional employme^t I can propound to myself which I may honestly and handsomely discharge. In my last I sent you a bill for 60^{li}. My hearty respects to all with you. I pray you let me know whether Colo. Okey and Colo. Fenwick have signed the recognition, and sit in the House.

Yo^r very affection^{te} Cousin,

Dalk. Oct. 19th 1654.

J. BAYNES.

157.—FROM THE SAME.

SIR,

I received yours of 18th, and entreat you to let your servant deliver this enclosed to Colo. Ahured: he is a very strange tempered man. It's much to his disreputation to make such shifts to hold money in his hands: all I desire is but his positive answer. Dr Slane is in London, only he retires himself because of the death of his eldest son lately. I am desired to use my interest with you for the gaining a letter recommendatory from my Lord Lambert to General Fleetwood, L^d Dep. of Ireland, in behalf of Captain Geo. Blacker, a person known to you if you have not forgotten him. My L^d I know remembers him. I have sent his letter (to me) to M^r Walker, and have desired his help and assistance. If you will at a spare hour and fit opportunity move my L^d in it, and return my Lord's answer of yea or noe to me, you will do the honest man a great favour. He hath been a sufferer in Ireland, and hath arrears due to him for that service. I suppose that is his business, to get some reasonable satisfaction for them with others, and that my L^d Fleetwood would look on him as an honest active man, and signifying his faithfulness in the service in England, and this is all. I sent you a bill for 60^{li}, and Mr. Claxton another for 150^{li}. I hope they have reached you. I have not any thing of worth to hint to you here at present. Cornet Jos. is in health. Yesterday I had a letter from him. My hearty respects to all with you, resting

Your truly lo. Cousin,

Dalkeith, Octo^r 24th 1654.

J. BAYNES.

188.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I am glad the bills are comed safe to you. I thought to have paid you some money by M^r Gerrard, and I understand by him that there is some stop made to our pay in England, because of the money being all to be brought into the Exchange, so that we are 3 months in arrear, and must have a little patience. I have written to him about my 2^s a day augmentⁿ. I would not lose it, if to be gotten. I fear the 60^{li} for my 400^{li} loss is also lost. I would fain have had it towards making Betty a little portion, but I cannot much grudge to want that I never looked for. I suppose this week Capt. R^t will be on his journey towards you. I shall not say more now, not having any thing of news worth imparting. I pray you salute all my friends with you. I shall be glad of an occasion to see you next summer, for this winter is now begun here, and I am exceeding well satisfied to stay here till it be over—yea, for ever, if God persuade but my heart that it's good for me. I remain,

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin,Dalk. Octo. 31th 1654.

J. BAYNES.

Here came a petition into Scotland (covertly) subscribed by Colo. Sanderson, Okey and Alured, declaring their dissents and dislike to the Government in a single person. The General hath sent it this post to his Highness.

189.—FROM THE SAME.

S^c,

I have rec^d yours of the 26. October, and do hope the 10^s a day and a clerk may without much difficulty be settled upon me, or any that succeeds me. Considering the trust and trouble that is upon me in it, methinks it's a reasonable request. The Qu^r Master General's assistant, whose place and pains are not considerable to mine, hath 10^s a day established. I think that may prove a good argument, considering his pains and trust are not the tenth of mine; but I shall say no more in it, but leave it to you.

I am so very far from Major Ponnall that I cannot get an answer from him in 2 month's time at least. I shall inquire of some other friends as I see occasion, if they have any spare money, and hint it to you. If Colo. Alured was honest, I could furnish you with some from him, but I know not what to say as to him.

When you are about reducements, I think indeed it may be but reasonable to bring the officers of horse in Scotland to the same allowance with them in England. I am sure they keep no more horses than the other, but this by the bye. Remember me most kindly to all my friends with you. I remain,

Your affectionate Cousin,

Dalk. Novem^r 2. 1654.

J. BAYNES.

190.—FROM THE SAME.

S^r,

I have rec^d a letter from Cornet Pease, noting his receipt of 32 . 16 . 0. of Q^r Master Shrigley. . . . The Ministers here are in a discontent, and have declared against the late Ordinance of his Highness and Council (impowering M^r Galaspy and 20 with him, to settle the Ministry in Scotland), and have voted it a great sin [for] M^r Galaspy to procure such an ordinance. This they did, Thursday and Friday last, at a Synod at Edinburgh. What will the effect be a little time will show. Remember me to Capt. Robert, and all other friends with you.

Yo^r affectionate Cousin,

Dalk. November 11. 1654.

J. BAYNES.

191.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I am glad the stop is removed as to our pay. . . . It's believed the Lord (Lorne) and others will incline to a capitulation very shortly, for the Winter is very sharp already. Remember me to all friends with you.

Your affectionate Cousin,

Dalkeith, November 14th 1654.

J. BAYNES.

192.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

. . . . Middleton and his rabble are to have a rendezvous to-morrow, but truly I think it will signify little. The Winter will starve both man and beast. I remain,

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin,

Dalk. Novemb. 21. 1654.

J. BAYNES.

193.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

Yours of 21th I have received. You may assuredly aver that I have not been mustered myself since January or February 1652, for I caused myself to be crossed out of the roll as soon as I had the augmentation of 3^s a day, thinking it very unhandsome and not reasonable to require it after that time, especially looking for 2^s a day more as the D^r promised; but if it be not a thing feasible to obtain or not reasonable to demand, let them grant me what they please for time past, and for future I shall not expect it. About April last, I gained the favour to get my servant mustered, but for a year before, except for a month or two, I had not the privilege; so that I had better staid in England on my former advantages than been here; but enough of that.

Last week a party of ours, commanded by Captain Lysle, of Colo. Rich's late regiment, drawn out of several of our garrisons, having intelligence of a party of the Enemy (being in the Braes of Angus) marched towards them; and after three days' hard and difficult marches found the Enemy, fell amongst them, and have taken the Earl of Kinoule, Lord Dedopp, L^t Colo. Mercer, 4 Majors, 6 Captains, 1 Lieutenant, 1 Cornet, 4 Q^rmasters, 1 Trumpet, and 60 private soldiers, with above 100 horse, without any loss at all. This was the most considerable body of horse the Enemy had. No more, but my due respects to all with you, resting

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin,Leith, Nov. 28th '54.

J. BAYNES.

To-morrow I go over the water, about my Lord Lambert's business.

194.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have received yours of 26th of November last. Last night I came back hither. I have been 6 days over the water, about my Lord's business, and have but gotten a little money. It's very hard getting any from the Tenants, corn is so very cheap. What I have I shall return to London next week.

I remain,

Your truly lo. Cousin,

Dalkeith, December 7th 1654.

J. BAYNES.

195.—FROM THE SAME.

SIR,

I have received yours of 7th instant, but have nothing to return you. In my last I sent you a bill for 50^{li} on M^r Gerrard: let me know if it came to hand. Orders are comed for drawing my Lord Lambert's regiment towards the borders of England. I hope to see Cornet Pease shortly. He is in health: this day I had a letter from him. Sir W^m Constable's regiment here is to go to Hull; sure then it's intended that the 4 companies there of Colo. Overton's shall turn off. My hearty respects to all friends with you.

Your truly lo. Cousin,

J. BAYNES.

Dalkeith, December 12th 1654.

[On the 16th of Dec. 1654, Baynes writes — "Middleton, it's said, hath not 20 men left."]

196.—FROM THE SAME.

S^r,

. . . . This day Lt Colo. Erwin sent a letter to the General, desiring a pass to be sent him to come and treat for himself and party, who now think it better to submit freely, than be brought in by force, they being afraid of the Country and of one another. My hearty respects and salutes to all friends with you.

I remain,

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin,

J. BAYNES.

Dalk. Decemb^r 19. 1654.

I hear Ald. Beale is dead.

197.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have no more at present than to let you [know] I rec^d yours of 16th instant. . . . I am glad M^{rs} Clapham is married: her advantage is not my loss: I pray present my respects to her. I think, if I keep myself free much longer, I shall scarce mind to change my condition, for I see nothing under the sun but there's vanity in it. Cornet Pease will be here shortly. I shall keep your letter till he come. Some part of my Lord's regiment is come on this side the water already. I have nothing of news to impart. Sure you intend we shall live

poorly that the assessments are brought to 60,000^{li} a month. It's well if the issue of it prove well. My hearty salutations to all friends with you.

I remain,

Yo^r assured lo. Cousin,

Dalk. 21. Decem^r '54.

J. BAYNES.

198.—FROM THE SAME.

S^r,

I have not had a line from you the 2 or 3 last posts. I expect Cornet Pease here to-morrow or next day. My Lord Lambert's regiment is on their way for England. Your troop is the last, being not yet come over the water. Most of the regiments will be at Morpeth and Newcastle Saturday night next. This you may acquaint my Lord withall. I hear he desires to hear of their march. I understand their quarters will now be at Doncaster, Rotherham, Nottingham, Newark, and Grantham. I hope you agree well among yourselves, and that his Highness will have nothing disgustful from you. Gen. Monck is exceeding diligent and careful to keep things here in a good posture, though some amongst us are not well tuned for the Government: you will hear of them. Our countrymen will I doubt be found tardy. . . . As to the Enemy we are in good condition. Salute all my friends with you at the instance of

Yo^r affectionate Cousin,

Dalk. Decem^r 26. 1654.

J. BAYNES.

If you settle courts at York, I should much incline thitherward.

199.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have not more now to say than that I have rec^d yours of the 22 instant, and am glad the bills came to hand. I think D^r Hodgson need not trouble my Lord for an enlargement of time, the regiment being most in England by this time. Your troop is this night at Leith, and will hasten all they can (after the regiment). Saturday, your Cornet intends to be at Barwick. I pray let my Lord Lambert know so much, because it's not possible Capt. Thorsby can give an account of them, they are so far behind the rest. Your Cornet is in health, and kindly salutes you and all with you: he is with me this night. I shall not add more now, but my respects to all friends, resting

Your truly lo. Cousin,

Dalk. December 28th 1654.

J. BAYNES.

200.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I think your troop will be this night at Barwick. Cornet Pease staid this day behind to clear with the Treasurer for Sept. and Octob. musters for the regiment, and hath gotten it returned to York, and made payable to Mr Rymore. It's more than the rest of the Regiment knows of: they were in such haste when they went hence they never minded it, so that it will be a good news to them. Your money, I think, the Cornet will get returned to London: it's 10 weeks' pay. This afternoon he is gone after the troop, and will overtake them to morrow or next day. Ma. General Overton, I am afraid, is a little guilty as to the Government: he should have been here ere this, but is not yet come. I shall say no more. Salute all my friends with you.

Yor truly lo. Cousin,

Dalk. Decem^r 30th 1654.

J. BAYNES.

201.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have little to say at present. I pray let your servant deliver this enclosed to Colo. Alured. Now that Colo. Alured is off from his Regm^t, and supposing L^t Colo. Talbott will gain it, I earnestly entreat your word in season in behalf of Maj. Ponnal, that he may be Lieu^t Colo. A word to my Lord Lambert in his favour will perhaps be of good use. It's known sufficiently how well he hath discharged his place as Major, and what care hath been upon him ever since the regiment was raised. He hath been a constant drudge to it, and for 15 months bye past had the whole charge of it. His honesty and faithfulness is undoubted. I shall say no more; you know the man; do as you have opportunity. I speak for him, unknown and unbiassed as to him. Let me know if you need 100^{li} or 200^{li}. I think the Major will have some to spare, if you have occasion. No more, but my entire respects to all friends with you, resting

Your affectionate Cousin,

Dalkeith, January 1654[-5].

J. BAYNES.

202.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I rec^d yours of the 28th December, and Captⁿ Robert's, to whom I pray kindly remember me and to his wife. I shall make what enquiry I can about your lost horses, of Colo. Lytcott. Our discontents

here will, I hope, amount to no more than what is already. Maj^r Bramston, a Cornet, a Chaplain, and some others, are in hold. Colo. Overton is, I believe, in custody: he is, I fear, a chief in the party. Several papers are found, and taken of very ill savour; and it's a happiness they are taken and the persons discovered. It would [have] proved a bad business had it not been taken so timeously, and kept from spreading. I shall say no more now, but my due respects to all friends with you, resting

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin,

Dalk. Jann^{ry} 2nd 1654[-5].

J. BAYNES.

203.—FROM THE SAME.

S^r,

I have spoken with M^r Dundas about your lost horses, but he cannot at present give me any answer to it, but hath promised to write to me hereafter. This morning, Colo. Overton was sent on shipboard; he is on his road for London, and will be there shortly (if wind and weather favour) to make his defence: he pretends innocence.

Yesterday came a Trumpet from Middleton with a letter to the General, signifying his desires to end the war, and to that end desires a pass for 3 persons to come hither to conclude of terms, which is granted, and the Messenger returned. My hearty salutes to all friends with you.

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin,

Dalk. Jan^{ry} 4. '54.

J. BAYNES.

204.—FROM THE SAME.

S^r,

I have no more now but to tell you I received yours of 2nd instant. I wish the House and his Highness accord well: there will be less danger otherwaies. The old Enemy still will be stirring upon any encouragement. I wish such as have lately been discovered be of any considerable estates: it will bring something into stock. We are here now in some quiet condition: the discovery of some sticklers here and their restraint hath put an end to our bustlings. You do well to do something for York: the City is poor, for want of trading and their former concourse of people. I should be gladly settled there; but God's time is best. When you do any thing as to satisfaction for arrears unpaid, remember the two widows I formerly mentioned, next to 2 or 3 debentures

you have of mine. Also I pray put in one John Shakelton's of 12th 1^s, it's in 2 bills. I pray remember me to Captⁿ Robert: tell him their Regiment keeps clear. I am sorry his teeth are such a trouble to him, but sure he is breeding. His time is almost expired: he must send down his enlargement of time if he dispatch not in time to be here. I pray my hearty salutes to all with you.

I am,

Yo^r affectionate Cousin,

Dalk. January 6th 1654[-5].

J. BAYNES.

Capt. Howard is here, being made Collo. of Rich's late regiment.

205.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I should not have written this post but for the enclosed. I pray remember me kindly to Capt. Robert and his wife, and to the rest of my good friends with you.

I perceive your House intends a longer Sessions than was intended. Will not one month's allowance (if so) bespeake another, and so come at last to a long term, yea, to a never stir. I speak this at random, but to be serious, I heartily wish you could and would dispatch the material matters of the Commonwealth in due time. I would not hear of any jarrings and jealousies 'twene you and his Highness. I hope there is amongst you better principles and more wisdom than give or take that occasion. I shall say no more. I hope the best yet, with some doubtings.

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin,

Dalk. Jan^y 18th 165⁴.

J. BAYNES.

I would gladly do something for M^r Basset here, if my L^d Lambert would give way that he be Lieu^{nt} of foot, and get him a Commission. When a vacancy is found, I think it will serve our turn. Gen. Monck is free to it, if my Lord will contribute his countenance and help. Give me a line to this particular.

206.—FROM THE SAME.

SIR,

I have only to tell you, that not only myself (but all here) did mistake in notifying a conclusion with Middleton's Capitulators; for when they came to sign the Articles, they found something which they would not subscribe

to (which indeed are but punctillios to them), though they would lay great weight upon it. They have taken leave, and have their pass; but I believe they will make another address on Monday before they go, for they will not go without their errand. I am in haste. Salute all my friends with you. I am,

Your truly lo. Cousin,

Dalk. Feb. 10th '54[-5].

J. BAYNES.

207. — FROM THE SAME.

SIR,

I have here enclosed sent you an account as you desired. If you have no occasion for the money, I pray let it out at interest into some good hand for six months. I am sorry little Robin, &c., are not in perfect health. An ague is good physic, especially in the spring. I have not more at present to add. The treaty with Middleton is quite broken off, and his Capitulators dismissed and gone away to their quarters. They will the first repent. Salute all friends with you. I am in haste,

Your truly lo. Cousin,

Dalkeith, Feb. 13th 1654[-5].

J. BAYNES.

208. — FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have only to tell you that I rec^d yours of 13 instant, and shall in time find some hole or other to put M^r Basset in. I was the other day entreating Gen. Monck on his behalf, and he hath promised me an Ensign or Lieutenant's place for him. If you can, get him a commission. I pray if you see L^t Colo. Talbot, desire him, if there happen an exchange in the Regiment, to take him in. I think he will be free to it. I am sorry all your family is not in perfect health. Only M^r Otes (chaplain to Col. Pride's regiment) remains to have his trial. The rest who were nibbling at the present Government are dismissed their employments. We are now (at least in shew) in good condition and unanimous. Remember me, I pray, kindly to all friends with you. I am,

Yor^e truly lo. Cousin,

Feb. 20. 1654⁴.

J. BAYNES.

209. — FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have no more but salutes to present you and all friends with you at this time. Some of our delinquent Officers have been upon trial for these 2 or 3

days, and are dismissed their commands. Monday the rest will have their hearing. L^t Collo. Brayne is here upon his parole. This is all, but that I am

Yo^r very lo. Cousin,

Dalk. Feb. 17. '54[-5].

J. BAYNES.

210.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have no more at this time to trouble you withall but this enclosed. Remember me I pray to Capt. Robert and his wife. Tell him I did not see his L^t at his return from Aberdeen. M^r Otes comes to trial to-morrow: he had been dispatched Tuesday last, but for the Judge Advocate would needs draw up the charge against him anew. All the other were tried upon the charge drawn against them by myself, the Judge being then in England. But I shall say no more. Salute all my friends with you at the desire of

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin,

Dalk. Feb. 23. 1654[-5].

J. BAYNES.

211.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I shall only tell you that M^r Otes (Chap. to Colo. Pride's regiment) was yesterday cashiered the Army, and ordained to remain in prison till he give security for his future peaceable deportment to the Lord Protector and present Government. All offenders of the kind with him are dismissed, and now we are in a very quiet and peaceable posture. My choice respects to all friends with you. I remain,

Yo^r very lo. Cousin,

Dalk. Feb. 24th 1654[-5].

J. BAYNES.

212.—FROM THE SAME.

SIR,

. . . . I am sorry Cousin Pease is so much distempered: I pray remember me to him, and to all friends with you. Sure Capt. Robert is on his way by this time hitherwards. I pray desire him to bring me with him a little silver tumbler for sack, and another for beer of an ordinary size, and let my paternal coat be engraven thereon. If he would have money for what

he hath laid out for me, let him have as much, and place to account. I have nothing of news to impart.

Yo^r affection^{te} Cousin,

Dalk. Feb. 27th '54. J. BAYNES.

I cannot hope to have an opportunity to see you this year.

213.—FROM THE SAME.

S^a,

I pray cause this enclosed to be delivered. I have nothing of news to impart. We hear of many alarums in England. I hope in a short time the storm will be over and the clouds scattered. Here we are yet in a quiet posture, and in a probability to continue, if you keep things right with you and send us a good stock of money; indeed the Army here is far wrong for want of that commodity. Salute all my friends with you. I am in some haste.

Your truly lo. Cousin,

Dalk. March 15th 1654. J. BAYNES.

214.—FROM THE SAME.

S^a,

. I hope by this time the common enemy is quelled and wholly disappointed. It was a bloody plot: I fear such as escapes upon their dispersion will fly hither for refuge, and may alike trouble us; but they cannot hurt us easily. You may do well to put to your endeavours to send some reasonable sum of money for payment of the forces here, for indeed it's sad they should be so much in arrears as they are. A mutinous paper was last Saturday scattered in Leith, inviting the soldiers there to an uproar; but it took no effect. I pray remember me kindly to all friends with you. I remain,

Yo^r affect. Cousin,

Dalk. March 20th 1654. J. BAYNES.

215.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I pray cause the enclosed to be delivered to Colo. Alured by your servant, and to desire his answer. I have nothing of news to impart. Some few cow-stealers are together in the hills, who will occasion us another march into the hills, if they disperse not shortly. It is said, some 20 of the runaways out of England are come into Scotland. The news they bring, if they speak truth, will

not be very pleasing to their friends. All the care and heed that may be taken is to stop their passage into the hills. Salute all my friends with you. Yours by Jonathan Hardy's writing I received. The news is good which this post brought. I hope the malignant design in the substance of it is broken:—sure money will come in to pay arrears now.

Yo^r very lo. Cousin,

Dalk. March 22. 165 $\frac{1}{2}$.

J. BAYNES.

216.—FROM THE SAME.

S^a,

I thank you for yours of the 20 inst. It's a mercy (added to many more of the like nature) that our common and implacable enemy is again disappointed and taken in his own snare. Blessed be God, things here keep quiet. Middleton and Lorne have held off an Accommodation in hopes of the late plot in England. As soon as they know and believe how their friends in England are gulled, it will put them to a stand. I perceive Capt. R^t is so taken with London that he hath no mind to come to Scotland again: if ever we get him again, he will be sure to remain here for a sufficient time ere he get hence. I pray remember me to him and his wife and to all friends with you.

Your affectionate Cousin,

Dalk. March 29th, '55.

J. BAYNES.

217.—FROM THE SAME.

S^a,

I pray deliver this enclosed to Capt. Robert, and remember me kindly to him and his wife, and all other friends with you. We have nothing here of news worth imparting. Now that the malignants' design in England is broken, I hope a way will be found out of the new delinquents' estates to pay old arrears, and quit scores with the Army. I remain,

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin,

Dalk. March 31. '55.

J. BAYNES.

218.—LIEUT. PICKERING TO THE SAME.

SIR,

Since my last to you, from Calender, I have spoken with M^r Claxston, and he wished me to tell you, that you may not expect any more money

of him for the Major General till Michaelmas. I hope, you will not make the regiment stay for the remainder of their money till that be paid you, considering that the Major General hath not any of that money which you received so long since for the regiment. Good Sir, take some order for the payment of it either here or at York, that both yourself and I may be freed from the clamours of the soldiers, who are unsatisfied with the delay of their long-expected pay. In hopes by the next return to hear from you, I shall say no more, but remain, Sir,

Your friend to serve you,

Camp near Inverkeithing in Fife,

JO. PICKERINGE.

25. July 1655.

219.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I would have writ to you ere now, if I had known where you had been, but we have nothing here worth your notice. We daily expect orders about the retrenchment, &c. I have been somewhat distempered with a melancholy dumpishness these 14 days (to which I am always too much inclined), which being aggravated by the late distempers amongst my nearest relations, hath brought me into a yellow jaundice, and indeed my body is at present very much out of frame, but I am making use of those helps which this place affords, and in a few days I hope to be better. I shall add no more, but the presentation of what is due from me to yourself, my Sister, and all other friends with you, and to remain,

Yo^r truly affectionate Brother,

Glasgow, August 2nd 1655.

R^t. BAYNES.

220.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I am glad you are returned well to London. I pray salute all friends with you. Capt. R^t hath been much discomposed as to health, but is now, as he hopes, recovering strength. This night I had a letter from him and desires to be remembered to you. I pray, at some opportunity, know of my Lord Lambert, by the by, whether it's intended Collo. Overton shall have the benefit of his donation in Scotland. I am desired and empowered by the Collo. to solicit in his behalf touching the same, and I find some demur to it here. I would gladly serve Collo. Overton, and go heartily about his business if I knew myself on a good bottom, and that I might act for my friend safely. We have here no news.

The reducement is going on apace: it will be difficult to dispatch the whole before the next muster.

I remain,

Yor truly lo. Cousin,

Dalk. Aug. 9th '55.

J. BAYNES.

221.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I received yours of the 4th instant, and am glad that yourself and all friends with you are in health. I am sorry your occasions would not permit you to see them at Leeds. As I mentioned to you in my last, I have been very sick, but I am now perfectly recovered, and I bless God, am in better health than of a long time before. I have some hopes of going for England next week, if so I shall make a speedy return with my wife and Adde, but I somewhat question it, for that we have but one captain with the regiment besides myself; but if I prevail not now, then I purpose to stay until our Officers be comed up, and then to go and stay some part of winter in Yorkshire. To-morrow we expect Colo. Mitchell here. These parts afford no news. A great part of the poor soldiers' houses at Inverlockey was consumed by fire the last week, that they will have difficulty in getting them up again before winter. My dear respects to yourself, my Sister, and all friends with you, is all at present from

Your truly loving Brother,

Glasgow, August 20th 1655.

R^t BAYNES.

222.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I pray when you see my Sister remember me to her (and her Husband). I shall be glad to hear of her recovery (her miscarriage was timely).

It's pity, when the retrenchment was in hand, that effectual way and course was not taken to reduce the charge of the incomes. I think your army will always be in arrears, but I hope you will have such respect to the forces here that you will give us our due portion with others in England and Ireland. I have made inquiry about your lost horses, both of Colo. Lytcot and M^r Dundasse, and cannot learn of either of them the least footstep or syllable of what you hinted to me. They both promised me to give me account if ever such thing was as I intimated to them from the paper you sent me, but as yet they have notified nothing. I shall not let it sleep if I can get any notions of it by any means. I think Capt. R^t will be in Yorkshire

presently. I have gained 28 days' time for him to go fetch his wife, if he be minded. No more now, but my hearty respects to all with you, resting

Yo^r affectionate Cousin,

Dalkeith, Aug. 21st 1655.

J. BAYNES.

I pray let me know if our tribe of illust^r masters be in arrear, and what and whether if any arrear be, it's intended it shall be paid, and how for the future. I shall [recieve] my pay here, and am now about accounting with M^r Gerrard.

223.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

No more now but that I rec^d yours of 31 Aug.: it will go hard if postage for letters must now be paid, but I cannot observe by the proclamation that it's intended. S^r Edward Rodes came yesterday hither: my Lord Broghill is not yet come. If any convenient place of advantage can be found out and yielded to for me by the Lord Broghill, I believe I know General Monck will forward it: I had a word with him there anent, and he hath promised his concurrence. Salute all my friends with you. I am in haste.

Yo^r affection^{te} Cousin,

Dalk. Sep. 6. '55.

J. BAYNES.

224.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I pray cause the enclosed to be sent and delivered to M^r Claxton. I durst not send it otherways, because I have sent him a bill of exchange of 150^{li} in it. I hear Collo. Whettam and Collo. Scroop are this day comed to Edinburgh. We want now only my Lord Broghall and Collo. Howard. My respects to all with you. I remain,

Your affectionate Cousin,

Dalkeith, September 8th 1655.

J. BAYNES.

225.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

Yesterday I delivered your l^{re} to my Lord Broghall. Gen. Monck was pleased to present me to him. I know not w^t will be the effect of it; however I shall be very well content and satisfied in y^e condition I am in till God please otherwaies to dispose of me. I understood my Lord Broghall had me in

remembrance before I spake to him. I suppose it was by my Lord Lambert's recommendation. I understand here will not be so many places as was thought of. I thinke if any thing in Councell be propounded for me none will gainsay it, most of them being much my friends. Remember me to all friends with you. I remain,

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin,

Dalk. Sept. 15. [1655].

J. BAYNES.

Y^r Councell begin to sit on Monday: you forget Major Gen. Oxerton's business.

226. — FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I pray deliver this enclosed to L^t Colo. Ponnal, who will be with you this week. The Council have sat these 2 days, and have been nominating and placing some officers. I hear not yet what will become of me. The Gen. tells me something is intended as to the Customs or Excise. I am resolved to be content if any thing come; or if not, I cannot be disappointed, because I expect nothing, yet shall very much thank my friends if any good thing happen. Salute my friends with you. I remain,

Your affectionate Cousin,

Edenburgh, Sep^t 18th 1655.

J. BAYNES.

227. — FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

Yesterday it pleased y^e Councell to appoint me Receiver-Gen. of y^e Excheq^r: it will be a place of great trust, and therefore must for forme sake give good security. I must therefore beg you for a cautioner, with my selfe to the Councell, or for counter security to such as I shall get here for principal caution^{rs}. I hope I shall so faithfully and carefully discharge y^e place, that none shall suffer by my miscarriage. I must very much acknowledge my Lord Lambert's great respect in minding me to my Lord Broghall and others of the Councell; and I must not forget your kindness to y^e same purpose. My Lord Broghall hath signified a greate deal of favour and kindness to me, so hath Gen. Monck, and indeed y^e whole Councell: my study shall be to answer their respects. I shall cease as to the musters in a few days, yet would I gladly finish the abstract required by your Committee, if possible, before I leave the place. I am in haste. Salute all friends with you. I remaine,

Yo^r affectionate Cousin,

Dalk. Sept. 22. [1655].

J. BAYNES.

228.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

. I have 3 or 4 Officers here for my Cautioners, Colo. Talbot being chief; yet, because you are known to all or most of the Council (and some of these officers are not), though I did not propound you, yet they desired me to nominate you for one, so that I was necessitated to it: the sum of the bond is 10,000^l. I hope when you are desired to set to your hand, you will not deny me that favour. I hope none shall suffer for this their kindness. I must reside at Leith, where I shall be forced to keep some kind of house. If I settle to my mind, I shall think of having my daughter and her maiden with me. Salute all my friends with you. I remain,

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin,Edenb. Octr. 2nd '55.

J. BAYNES.

229.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

. I delivered your letter to my Lord Broghill, who is indeed my very worthy friend, and a person who is pleased to signify much respect to me (thanks to my Lord Lambert and yourself). Many of your Council are very civil to me, so that I hope I shall with the more cheerfulness discharge my place. The salary I hope may be mended: several of the Council incline to it, confessing it to be below the credit of the employment. Time may do something that way; and if indeed it be not augmented, I shall have no profitable place of it. I shall take some convenient time to give my Lord Lambert thanks for all his favours. I pray present my respects to D^r Collo. Ponnall, and to his wife and daughter. Salute all friends; and if you see D^r Slane, recommend to him Capt. Greene for to be my successor—it's Capt. Greene of my Lord Fer. Fairfax's regiment of horse: you know him I am sure. He is now here, and was lately disbanded as Capt. of a troop of dragoons, and would gladly have the employment. I know him fit for it: he is one of my Cautioners.

Yo^r affect^d Cousin,Edenb. Oct. 4th '55.

J. BAYNES.

230.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I thank you for yours of 1st instant, and do very much observe and acknowledge your kindness and favour in consenting to enter caution for me. I

assure you, I did not intend to put you upon it but for my Lord Broghill who urged me to it. I think the bond will be sent to you some way or other. I pray let it be returned with your hand and seal. I am not yet discharged of the musters, nor know not when I shall, yet indeed I shall desire to be free of them very shortly. This week I shall enter upon some business in my new employment: at present I know not whom I shall need. I have sent for my brother Tindall. I thank you for your offer of Jon. Hardy. If I find I shall need him, and can give him any good encouragement, I shall signify it to you. I am in great haste. Salute all my friends. In my last to you, I sent a letter of thanks to my Lord Lambert. I wish you would send me all necessaries for a bed (except sheets and posts) by sea. I want every thing.

Your affectionate Cousin,

Edenburgh, Oct. 9th '55.

J. BAYNES.

I pray cause the enclosed to be delivered as soon as may be.

231. — FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

. . . . I very much thank you for your readiness to sign to the bond. I hope you shall no ways suffer by it. The 300^{li} a-year is for myself and what clerks I shall need, but I hope in a little time the Council will augment it. This day I removed hither, but am not yet seated and settled to my mind and intentions. . . .

I remain,

Yo^r affection^{te} Cousin,

Leith, Octo. 16th '55.

J. BAYNES.

232. — FROM THE SAME.

SIR,

I have no more now but to entreat your care of the enclosed, and to let me know whether you have paid the 129^{li} to my L^d Lambert's regiment of horse, which was for to make up November muster (28 days of it), according to the Scotch establishment. I received 135. 6. 8., but I told you 6^{li} was deducted for so much lent by M^r Clark to some of Capt. Hatfield's troop, and 6^s 8^d I laid out in charges. We are now disbanding 6 private soldiers out of every foot company in Scotland, over and above the grand reducement, and another little one since; and it's feared

we shall not have constant pay when all is done, except you allow us above 50,000^{li} for 3 months.

I remain,

Your affectionate Cousin,

Leith, Oct. 18th '55.

J. BAYNES.

233.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received yours of 16th instant. As yet I have not wholly agreed about a house, but am about one which will be very convenient, but will be a great rent, 30^{li} a year. When I have concluded about a house then I shall know what I want, and give you notice, and must desire your help. I think of sending for some things from York, as bedding and linen, and for a housekeeper. I do indeed wish Lev. Colo. Poun. daughter had a little more breeding, and had either no mother, or one as good as her father. I do not know my own mind in that particular as yet. I profess I do as much love the L^t Colo., and respect him as any (that's not related to me). I wish my cousin Ann had come for Scotland. I think the house I am about would serve 2 families; and I hope to get some good friend in with me, if I happen not to marry. I like not my brother West's thinking to remove. I doubt of matters with him: truly here is no encouragement as yet for any to come hither for trading, for here are already more than do well thrive; and except this town of Leith get the privilege of a free borough within itself, without dependence on Edinburgh, many that now are in it will remove for England again. I am glad my cousin your wife is recovered so well: methinks you should let her have 1 year's respite. M^r Sanderson, I fear, will not get an employment hastily here, for most are disposed of. He came hither but on Friday last. Yesterday, I was with him at M^r Tucker's,¹ who gave him a civil respect, and will do what he can for him. No more now, but my due respects to all with you, resting

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin,

Leith, Oct. 23. '55.

J. BAYNES.

234.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received yours, and thank you for signing to the bond. Those difficult and uncouth terms and clauses therein are usual here in Scotland, and

¹ This refers to Thomas Tucker, who was sent to Scotland as one of the Commissioners of the Board of Excise and Customs. His Report upon the settlement of the Revenues of Excise and Customs in the year 1656, was printed for the Bannatyne Club in 1824.

since this people here are governed much by their own laws, the Council make use of their terms in many particulars. I have received from M^r Claxton an acco^t of your 150^{li}, also the Trustees' certificate for 10,000^{li}. I hope by this time your 100^{li} bill, which I sent last to my Lord, is paid. I have had no acco^t of it. I do not remember I mentioned any thing to my brother West about a housekeeper; however, I cannot apprehend what advantage he can have if he should remove hither, except this town have its own privileges of a corporation or free borough within itself, of which I doubt, as in my former letters I mentioned, so that I cannot yet advise him to this place. I thank my Sister for her readiness to come; but it's their advantage I look at, and would not have them think of it, except I shall hereafter give encouragement therein (as I said before). If your man have but reason and ingenuity to manage his business, I shall be the less troubled, tho' indeed your hints you give sit a little close to me. I hope his present loss in Spain may come home with advantage at last. I have not more now to add, save my choice respects to all with you, resting

Your truly lo. Cousin,

Leith, Octo. 30th '55.

J. BAYNES.

235.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have rec^d yours, and shall thank you for what kindness and favour you do D^r Clargis when he applies to you. The chairs I desire are for a dining-room, and I would have them of Russia leather and plain. As for the bed and other furniture for a bed-chamber, I shall signify more hereafter: I must go the middle ordinary way as to rates. I hope I shall need but very little pewter. Beside plates, I would have a beer tumbler and a couple for wine and salt, with 2 or 3 little trencher salts.

I hear Capt. Deane is coming down to view accounts and the Treasury. It may be, he may find all things right: if he does, it's a good place to be a Treasurer. I think and know that I may be Treasurer 30 years, and not get that estate M^r Bilton hath gained in 5 years.

I think I shall hold my superintendency of the musters here, if Maj^r Meriton come not: the D^r seems much to desire it. I am very sorry for Capt. Greene: he hath lent Brasy 500^{li}, and would now be glad of 250^{li} for it.

Your endeared Cousin,

Leith, Nov. 22. '55.

J. BAYNES.

236.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

The house which I have taken hath a good garden to it, and I am ambitious to have it handsome, and would therefore entreat you to get me 3 or 4 good plants of cherries and apricots, and when the season is, I desire some good seeds: you know what is useful, and will grow here, better than myself. I suppose the season for planting of trees will be shortly, and therefore I desire that such trees as you think good to send me may come with the first. 20^s will be enough to bestow in trees, and 5^s in seeds. I have not else now, but hearty respects to all friends with you, resting

Your affectionate Cousin,

Leith, November 24th 1655.

J. BAYNES.

This enclosed contains what I want, and would have sent me. For the bed, I cannot get resolved upon. I believe it will cost me more than a year's gains to set up in any handsome posture.

237.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received yours of 29th November, and am sorry such a large deduction was made upon Humf. Butler's small debent^r; but it cannot be helped. Yesterday the Council ordered me to receive for the 2 months of November and December, the monthly Asses^{ts} of Scotland, having for the said 2 months suspended Mr Bilton. I shall have my hands full of business till I be settled in a constant tract. I have nothing of news to hint to you. My Lord Broghill hath been much distempered by the gout for 7 or 8 days past. To-morrow, God willing, I go to my own house. Salute all friends with you. I remain,

Your affectionate Cousin,

Leith, December 4th 1655.

J. BAYNES.

238.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received yours of 4th instant, and thank you for your care of the things I writ for. I care not now how soon they come. I hope the great storm for this winter is over; indeed on Monday night last happened the most violent storm of wind and snow as hath been known these many years: many ships have been spoiled, and some lost, and very much harm done other ways.

Mr Bilton's miscarriage in lending 5000^l of the State's money hath caused him to be suspended for 2 months at least, and the trouble of receiving the assets for 2 months put upon me. I know not but that I shall be continued longer, though as yet I have no further orders. Salute all my friends kindly with you, at the instance of

Yo^r affection^{te} Cousin,

Leith, December 13. '55.

J. BAYNES.

239.—RICHARD ASHFIELD TO THE SAME.

SIR,

At my summons out of London I spake with my Lord Lambert, who informed me of an Order to be drawn up by the Officers for my Lord Protector to sign, authorizing the Lords Commissioners to issue out warrants under the Great Seal for the surveying the four (Forrests?) I have not heard any thing of it since. I should be glad to hear it was done: if you will favour me with a line or two concerning that business, you will very much oblige.

Sir,

Your friendly Servant,

Glasgow, this 20th of Decem^{br} 1655.

RI. ASHFIELD.

240.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have this post drawn a bill upon you for 23. 3. 10. to M^{rs} Ann Everard, relict to Mr Hugh Everard deceased. I pray pay to content: itt's payable at sight. Is it not possible to get a colours for my unfortunate brother Peter in some foreign expedition? If Ma. Gen. Dromond had comed hither to raise his forces, I think I could have prevailed with him for the same; but now that he doth not, I pray try what you can do. I would put him into equipage for the service, in hopes that in another country he may provide for himself (being once in the way) better than at home. If Capt. Basset go upon any such design, recommend this Pet. for his Ensign: they cannot well disagree, being much of a temper; and I find him inclining to try his good happ beyond sea; for he sees that neither myself nor other of his friends give any heed to him here. I pray salute all my friends with you.

I remain,

Yo^r affectionate Cousin,

Leith, Decem^{br} 25. '55.

J. BAYNES.

I pray, if the ship in which the things come which I writt for be not comed from London, buy me as much violet coloured shagg as will make me a gown to sit and write in, with trimming to it, for I begin to make much of nought, and indeed I much want such a gown. I have not known such a sharp winter as this is.

241.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I delivered your letter to Gen. Monck, who will take it kindly if you can befriend Dr Clargis. I have drawn a bill of 200^{li} upon you, payable to Lt Colo. Ponnall or his assignes at 7^{ds} sight. If he make use of it, I pray pay to content. If in any thing you scruple the account between you and myselfe, either first or last, I can now clear it, for I have my old accounts with me now. I remember something was disputable between us last time the account was drawn up, but it may now be cleared if you desire it. I am glad Mr Dawson is in a public employment. Capt. Robt is not yet comed this length: this week I expect him here. We have no news. I pray salute all friends.

Your very lo. Cousin,

Leith, Jan. 8th '55[-6].

J. BAYNES.

I pray cause your servant to deliver the enclosed.

242.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I writ to you from Leith, and therein gave you an account of what I had done to little purpose at Darlington. I have little more to add, but that I am in health, and would rejoyce to hear the same from you. You are very much obliged to the General's kindness here, and so am I; indeed it is not often that I have had occasion to wait upon him, but he is pleased always to ask very kindly and courteously after you, and indeed was so free with me the other day, as to tell me, if any opportunity offered he would be glad to do me any courtesy. I pray present my very kind respects, and what else is due, to my Sister, and all friends with you, is all at this time from

Your truly affectionate Brother,

Glasgow, January 22^d 1655[-6].

R^t BAYNES.

243. — CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received yours of 12th instant, and am better satisfied with the chairs then at first view of them. I am sorry Bett's husband proves so foolish. It will be his own disadvantage; if he can shift for himself it is well. I hope Bett will be so wise and prudent as hold her own; and in that she shall find me a friend, and more, as she hath occasion. I pray, if you see Capt. Deane or Capt. Blackwell, desire them to order M^r Drywood to give me a bill of exchange; for except some such intimation come, I cannot get it returned till your Committee order some money, which methinks you are tedious in. My dear respects to all friends with you.

I remain,

Your truly lo. Cousin,

Leith, February 19. 1655[-6].

J. BAYNES.

244. — CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I received yours of the 21. Feb. I was last week at Edinburgh, and at my coming back made some stay about Lithgow to inquire about your business. At last I got notice of a poor man (but neither of those named by Coll. Lockhart) who sold the horses to two gentlemen, and one of the horses was afterwards in Coll. Lockhart's hands. This fellow was imprisoned by one Capt. Langley (of Coll. Fenwick's regiment) who was then at Lithgow, to whom he paid 16^{li} for composition, of which I have given notice to Commissary Baynes. I suppose that money will be had, but the fellow is not worth any thing. He saith, his children found the horses in the fields, but there was no portmanteaus or any thing with them; indeed I do suspect that there was some others partners with him, and he being poor, was imployed to sell the horses, and to take the business upon him in case it was questioned. I shall endeavour what I can to make a further discovery of it. If you could remember, I think it would not be amiss to let me know what clothes you lost, what colours, and how trimmed, in case any such have been worn by any thereabouts. I am in health, and am glad that yours are all well, which is all but to remain,

Yo^r truly affectionate Brother,Glasgow, March 4th 165⁵.R^t BAYNES.

245.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

L^t Colo. Ponnall is returned hither from England, and we have come near to a closure in point of marriage between his daughter and myself. I have had some small and late correspondence with her, and she seems very courteous and inclinable. I know not whether I have been wise or otherwise in my forward motion this way: I wish it prove to consent; and indeed I know not any thing why it should not, the father inclining to advance what he is able to do, and is very earnest for a bargain. Your hint to me, not long since, did something sharpen my inclinations to this sly person, and things are brought, in a very short time, to a near conjunction. I shall, after the L^t Collo. next coming hither (being now gone to Glasgow), give you a further account: in the interim, I pray let not the business of these proceedings be divulged. If nothing interpose to hinder our progress, we shall not make long work. I am thinking to make 300^{li} sure to my little plant, and that the interest of it shall also run on to augment it; and I hope none will judge me either too frugal or too prodigal therein: I shall not lessen it, but may at pleasure advance the sum. Remember me kindly to all friends, and particularly to M^{rs} Mary Dawson. I could first have wished her for a companion, but I indeed hope and wish God may provide better for her. I remain

Yo^r affectionate Cousin,

Leith, March 6. '55[-6].

J. BAYNES.

246.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received yours of the 13th instant, and shall endeavour my utmost touching your horses. . . . The business between Lieu. Colo. Ponnall and myself, &c., is much concluded, and I think my M^{rs} will be here next month. I find indeed the L^t Colo. willing to condescend to what is reasonable; 800^{li} he is to ascertain me, and consents and grants to add to it, as his estate increaseth. He tells me, he hopes to advance something considerable to it; and in the meantime, deliver my M^{rs} to me in good condition. He saith, if I press too much upon him at present, he will not be in so good condition to advance his present estate according as his purposes and hopes are, being minded to have a good sum ready to lay out upon forest lands when they are upon sale, and upon that score I have not been too urgent upon him. My M^{rs} not having yet exceeded 19 years, I

hope she will receive instruction. I think indeed she will need it; and since we must be one, I may as well take her to my own school as let her stay to go to a worse. You have much hit my doubt, yet I hope the best, for I think not to have much the trouble of her female parent, till by good teaching and example my friend be out of danger of walking by any evil precedent. I heartily wish M^{rs} M. Dawson a kind and suitable husband: I think she deserves a good one: I cannot propound myself upon that ground; besides, I am a gone man, otherways now disposed. . . . My dear respects to all with you. I remain,

Yo^r indeared Cousin,

Leith, March 18th '55[-6].

J. BAYNES.

247.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have received yours of the 13th instant, and shall further discover what possibly I can in your business; but Dundas denieth that he received any money, and we cannot yet find that it was so. It's possible Coll. Lockhart might give a great prize for one of the horses, for I suppose he had him at second or third hand. We cannot yet hear of any concerned in taking up the horses, but him that paid the 16th, and he is a very poor man: he also denieth that there was either saddles or portmanteaus, or so much as bridles upon them, but that his children took them up running loose in the fields; although I cannot but think some better men was concerned, and only employed him to sell the horses, and to own the business, if questioned. I shall do what I can to find out the truth of it. I am glad to know that all are in health with you. I pray present what is due from me to my Sister, and all other friends with you. I remain,

Yo^r truly affectionate Brother,

Glasgow, 25 March 1656.

ROB^t BAYNES.

248.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have only now to tell you, that on Thursday last, myself and train came hither in very good health and condition, and do all kindly salute you and all friends with you. This day I was at Dalkeith, and remembered you to General Monck, who affectionately inquired of your welfare. His lady acknowledgeth your kindness to D^r Clarges, for it seems the D^r hath hinted somewhat of it. We have here no news, things being in a great good condition. As your occasions will

admit, I pray, let me have a line from you. I have written to Jonathan for a diurnal or 2 weekly. I am in some haste, resting

Yo^r endeared Cousin,

Leith, Novemb. 1. 1656.

J. BAYNES.

249.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

If you remember, I was entreating your friendly remembrance of Capt. John Greene (when I was last at London) as you should meet with an opportunity of doing him a good office in order to some good employment, civil or military; and now that the Parliament, as I understand, is about settling Registers in each county, I do again make it my earnest request you will remember as to such an employment in Yorkshire, if possible, or some county near. I dare oblige for his fitness and faithfulness, and that he is a person every way qualified (truely I think I may say) for any employment. I believe my Lord Lambert will befriend him, if he be minded of him, and Collo. Talbot and also Collo. Michell I know will appear in his favour, if occasion offer. I shall leave him to your kindness, only forget him not. Remember me to all with you.

I remain,

Yo^r very affectionate Cousin,

Leith, November 4th 1656.

J. BAYNES.

Capt. Greene hath an employment here, but not worth the attendance. I pray let your servant deliver the enclosed to Collo. Talbot. Your brother came hither in good health Saturday last.

250.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

By yours of 7th instant I understand yo^r selfe and whole family continues in good health, which doth much rejoice me. We are all here in good condition, I bless God; my mother and the rest hitherto being very well satisfied with the country and their entertainment. My selfe and all of them kindly salute you and all yours. Next week I shall perform yo^r desires to Gen. Monck and his Lady. I pray God continue unity in the house of Parl. and between them and my L. Protector, and then sit as long as you will. Several persons here of note are secured by way of caution, they being suspected to correspond with the grand enemies of our peace. Some few petty robberies have been of late acted here, as

if the trade of moss troopers were again intended. I pray tell Jonathan he failed me last week of a diurnal.

I am,

Your affectionate Cousin,

Leith, Nov^r 15, 1656.

J. BAYNES.

251.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I rec^d yours of the 11. instant, and shall only entreat your remembrance of Capt. Greene, as you meet with an opportunity of befriending him.

I am glad to hear from your servant Jonathan that my Cousin is safely delivered of a son: I wish them both much strength and health. . . . The Enemy cannot easily do any matters here, if any should adventure to invade us, for most of the grand suspicious persons here are in custody to prevent the worst.

I remain,

Yo^r endeared Cousin,

Leith, Nov. 20. 1656.

J. BAYNES.

252.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have been in these parts about a month, and should have writ to you ere now, but that nothing occurs worth your notice, and I know you have so much employment as letters of little concernment are but a trouble, and I have little now to add but to let you know that I am in reasonable health, and should be glad (at your leisure) to have a line intimating the welfare of your family. These parts at present are very quiet, but we daily expect to hear of some men to land in the North of Scotland. There hath been this week a flying report that some was landed in Ireland, but we have little ground to believe it. Nought else, but the tender of what is due from me to yourself, my Sister, bro. Pease's little Cousins, and all other friends with you. I remain,

Your truly affectionate Brother, whilst I am

Glasgow, November 24th 1656.

R^e BAYNES.

253.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I am glad to hear from you. Your 2 letters I received, and rejoice to hear that my L. Protector and the Parl^t do well accord, and as a testimony thereof, several bills are signed by his Highness. Much peace continue between them. But when do you go about settling a sufficient revenue for carrying on the war

with Spain? And when is a way found out to pay former debts? I hope those 2 named things will be done ere the uprising of the House. Your constant great care of my Sister appears on all occasions. I am glad she is in so good a family as my L. Fairfax's. Much thanks to you for that kindness amongst the rest. I hope Bett will understand her condition, and render her selfe worthy your favour, and my Lady Fairf. respects: I pray when you see her remember me to her. . . .

I remain,

Yo^r affectionate Cousin and Servant,

Leith, Decem. 4th 1656.

J. BAYNES.

254.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received yours of 10th instant, and am glad you and all yours are in health, and am also glad to hear the Parl. is about a way to raise a stock for carrying on the war against Spain; and surely to my judgement the most equitable way is by Excise; if the Customs be raised, we shall have less foreign trade, in my sense. But the Parl. is wise: many heads are better than one. I am desired by my friend Capt. Greene to make further enquiry into the office and employment of County Registers; for if the place be not worth looking after, I mean of good competent advantage, he is not minded to trouble friends about it; and therefore I pray, if you can, give me a line or two the nature and business of Register's place, and how your intendment goes on, and what considerable advantages will attend the employment. This is all at present. God be thanked we are all in health, and have now received our goods which we sent from London by sea. My wife and friends here salute you and yours. I am,

Your truly lo. Cousin,

Leith, Decemb. 16th 1656.

J. BAYNES.

I have desired Jonathan to send me all the Acts of this Parliament, passed and to be passed. My service to D^r Clarges when you see him.

255.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received yours of the 11th instant, and thank you for your care of the particulars I writ for. I have nothing at present of news or business to impart, only I entreat you (if you can) do a friendly office for our countryman

Captⁿ John Greene. I told you formerly he was disbanded as a supernumerary with his whole troop of Dragoons, and is now not only out of employment, but hath lately lost something by Capt. Bracy. I fear it will prove a loss of 200^{li} or more. But this is the thing. One Capt. Beke of Collo. Talbott's regiment died last week, and there are several that solicit for the Company. The General here hath, from amongst some others, recommended and writ in the behalf of Capt. Greene, but so indifferently for all, that none may justly take exceptions. Now if you have opportunity to put in a good and seasonable word to my Lord Lambert and others who may bestead him, indeed you will do an act of great kindness to Capt. Greene and myself. I pray try your interest. I have written to this purpose to Collo. Michell. If you 2 will join your force, much may be done. I pray let your serv^t deliver the enclosed as speedily as may be; and salute all my friends with you.

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin,

Leith, December 18th [1656].

J. BAYNES.

256.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I intreat you be pleased to present the enclosed, which is from Ma. Gen. Lilburne on the behalf of Capt. John Hargrave, of Collo. Talbott's regiment, who was approved of in his command upon the first list that passed concerning that regiment, but upon a review thereof is put by. He is our countryman, hath been in the service from the beginning, hath risen gradually, and always been faithful, and is so extraordinary well principled to the interest of the Commonwealth, that I know but few like him, and hath great affections for my Lord Lambert. He is so honest in all respects that I am exceedingly troubled for him, and could almost be content to quit my own employment to him, rather than such a faithful servant of the Commonwealth's should receive such discouragement, to be turned out to make way for those that hath been otherway small friends, or else enemies to the interest we are now pleading for. There cannot be any thing alleged against him, except that there was some articles exhibited against him by his Lieu^t about 5 years ago, when he was at Duwart Castle in the Isle of Mull; but nothing could be proved, and the Lieu^t had suffered for the wrong done him, but that the Captain was willing to pass it by at the desire of the Colonel; the Lieu^t being a simple fellow, and was put upon it by another person. Therefore I beg of you, if I have any interest in you, and you in any that have power, that you will employ it on his behalf, that his command may be continued to him. I daresay there is few

of his quality in the army deserves their commands better than he; and if it be needful that he should come up to London, pray let me know, and if it will not be too late, I shall advise him to it. Before you deliver the enclosed, I pray inform yourself whether he be certainly put out, because he had it but in a letter from Edinburgh; but he is apt to think it's too true, because he heard that Colonel Alured had a hand in the review of their officers, and he is not his friend. I have received one from Jonathan, with a writ enclosed to be served upon M^r William Dawson and Mary Dawson, widow. I shall endeavour to get it done, but M^r Dawson is at present among his wife's friends. I pray excuse me that I put you to this trouble. My respects to my Sister and all friends. I am,

Your truly affectionate Brother,

September 26, 1657.

R^t BAYNES.

If that I have mentioned, or any thing else be objected against him, I wish you could prevail at least that his command might be reserved undisposed of until he could make his appearance and answer thereunto. Even now I received one from Cosen Baynes. He tells me there is great contest in Gen. Monck's regiment about the Major's place. The General is very much a friend to Capt. Morgan the eldest Capt. Major Holmes is for one of his own judgement, a junior Capt., and the regiment for the most part closes with the Major; but if they must have a stranger, would rather have me then another, or then Morgan; but the General sticks close by Morgan. For pleasing both parties, I could wish Ma. Dorney might be there, or else with Col. Sowry if Ma. Holmes remove out, and then the Gen. could not think his regiment undervalued in it. I intended to have enclosed two letters from Major Gen. Lilburne to my Lords Fleetwood and Lambert, but could not get them in time, but shall send them the next post. In the mean time, I entreat you solicit my Lord Lambert in it, and if it may be possible, get a stop to the disposal of that Company.

257.—FROM THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

. We have a garrison at Enverlockea,¹ a remote place in the Highlands, consisting of a company out of each regiment here, which (in

¹ Inverlochty, in the West Highlands, in the Parish of Kilmanivaig, Inverness-shire, supposed to be the site of an ancient city. Inverlochty Castle at this time was strongly fortified, and was the scene of one of the Marquess of Montrose's most brilliant victories, as celebrated by the author of Waverley in his Legend of Montrose. There still remains, in ruins, a large quadrangular building, testifying to its former strength and importance as commanding that part of the Highlands.

regard of the hardship there endured) is relieved every year in the month of June. It's this year fallen to my lot to remove the Company there of our regiment in June next, so that, God willing, I purpose about the latter end of March to see my children in Yorkshire, that I may be back here against the time aforesaid. I am glad all with you are well, but am very sorry that poor Jackie hath got so cold a companion this cold weather. Nought else, but the tender of what is due to yourself and all with you.

I remain,

Y^or truly affectionate Brother,

Paisley, Feb. 15th 1657.

R^t BAYNES.

258.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COSEN,

. I have not heard from you since your coming into Yorkshire. I have been at Struther last week: this day I shall go again. Collo. Fairfax and Collo. Berry's regiments do march from hence to-morrow towards Sterling, it may be nearer the Highlands. Collo. R. Lilburne thinks of going himself this week, and take some more force with him, that if possible he may meet with the brutes and try their mettle. They daily increase, and certainly intend some speedy attempt, if not prevented. No more now, but that I am

Y^or affection^{te} Cosen,

Dalkeith, Aug. 15. 1658.

J. BAYNES.

259.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

Blessed be God, myself and mine had a good journey hither, although we met with some bad weather. It is now almost three weeks since we got home. Your letter of 6th inst. came to me but two days since. I had not been so long silent, but that I daily expected to hear from you, and to have notice how to direct letters to you, now that you are settled. I pray give me a hint in your next as to that; for I presume it will be some time ere letters can be conveyed to you from Somerset House, in case I direct them to the Porter thither; besides, I doubt whether the old Porter be there yet, or, however, whether he may not shortly be removed. M^r Lock hath promised me 200^{li} for you, if you have need of it. He hath no greater sum at present, nor can I find any other willing (or else not in a capacity) to let out any. M^r Lock expects me bound with you, which I have agreed to. Let me know if you will have it, and when and where you would have it. I am glad my wife's seal is cut. I pray send it by a good hand. It is

well Forest lands are now on sale. I pray, if you make any purchase, let my little concernment be cast in with yours. I wish I had my Sister here to keep my wife company this winter, if I knew how to get her hither, and that she be not else disposed on, because I heard my Lady Lambert speak as if she intended Bet some whither. I pray present mine and my wife's choice respects to my Cousin your wife, and to my Sister, and the rest of our good friends with you, and accept of the like yourself. I remain,

Your endeared Cousin,

Leith, November 23. 1658.

J. BAYNES.

260.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER.

I have received yours of the 6th 9^{ber}, and do rejoice that yourself, my Sister, and so many of your little ones are in health, and shall be glad to hear that poor Jack and Dick have the like health. I also received one this post from bro. Pease in Yorkshire, from whom I had an account of the health of all friends in those parts, except my sister Pease and my poor Malle who hath not been well. I am glad you are in some likelihood at last to get the Forest lands put to sale, and I wish I knew how to accommodate you with any money; but as I am in this place, am much out of a capacity for contributing any thing to your assistance therein; for we receive no pay here, but something upon account for our present subsistence until we go down into the Lowlands, when we shall be paid of all musters, until we be even with the rest of the Army; and if what money I shall then have to spare will do you any service I shall transmit it to you. This place affords nothing worth your notice, unless to tell you of the great storms of wind, rain, hail, frost and snow; some of which we have daily in a large proportion, so that if I had occasion I should not know well how to get into the Lowlands before April or May. I shall be glad to hear sometimes from you, which is all but the tender of my choice respects to yourself, my Sister, &c.

Your truly affectionate Brother,

Enverlockeá in Loughaber,

ROBT. BAYNES.

December 7th 1658.

261.—FROM THE SAME.

. We hear there is shortly to be a Parliament. If Jonathan would some time give me a line how affairs goes with you, it would be a

kindness to me in this remote part. I shall only add, the tender of all due affection and respects to yourself, my Sister, and all friends with you.

I remain,

Your truly affectio. Brother,

Inverlockie, January first, 1654.

ROBT BAYNES.

262.—FROM THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have received yours of the 11th of January, and am joyful in that you and yours, and all friends with you, are in so good health, and that my Sister is in so hopeful a way of recovery. I heartily wish you and her much joy and comfort in your little daughter, and all your other sweet babes, whose pretty society must but be matter of much content and delight unto you. My being for the time deprived of the like makes me much more sensible thereof. I hope my brother Richard advised well with himself, although not with his friends, in the choice of a companion; however, I shall be very glad to hear that he hath done well therein. I have not had my health very well of late in this place, and I think I should remove, but that the ways and passes out of this country are so full of snow, and the accommodation so bad upon the way, that there is much more danger in going than staying, so that I shall endeavour to abide until the party be relieved. I shall be glad to hear if things succeed well at this grand meeting. I shall only add the tender of what is due to yourself, my Sister, cosen Dawson, cosen West, and all friends with you. I remain,

Your truly affectionate brother,

Inverlockey, February 14th 1654.

R^t BAYNES.

263.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

. The last letter I had from Capt. Robert hints at some distemper that is upon him, which will (if it continue) hasten him soon[er] from Loughaber than he intended.

It was (as I am informed) Capt. Lilburne that sent it to some friend here as news, that you declared exceedingly against a House of Lords, (or, as it's called, the

other House of Parliament,) and that you should say, that one or more Knights in the House of Commons was worth all the Lords of the other House, or words to this effect; his intentions being therein to blot your reputation and to declare himself a friend to other motions. If you take occasion to speak to him of it, do not give any hint when[ce] you had it, for I heard but accidentally of it. I perceive he is a teller of tales out of the school, and in a design to proclaim others weaknesses discovers his own; but enough of that: it is said he will not hold his place in the House long, not being chosen by right qualified persons. I pray let me know, if there be any thing of that, and whether Colonel Lilburne and M^r Robinson or the other 2 carry it for Malton, and whether they sit in the House or not. My service to D^r Devevier; if he be still at London, I pray send him the enclosed. My Wife salutes you and yours; so doth

Yo^r most affectionate Cousin,

Leith, March 5th 1658.

J. BAYNES.

If Maj^r Knight be in the House, I pray present my service to him.

I hear a Scotchman is endeavouring to get my employment under another title and name, viz. — Treasury Deputy; 2 or 3 before him have been trying that way, but I hope they will all speed alike; indeed, if they have that countenance and favour that many of them have found, no English will have any employment here shortly, nor his Highness any revenue; but I'll say no more.

264. — FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I rec^d yours of the 7th instant, being heartily glad to hear of your good health. I hope there will need little more to be said to his Highness, than what has been, in reference to my employments. The Lord Broghill tells me, he hath had some discourse with the Protector aunc^t the same, and that his Highness hath assured him that none shall supplant or in the least prejudice me. Besides, General Monck hath written to my Lord Protector in my favour: he hath done it on D^r Clarges' letter to him, before I had occasion to go to Dalkeith to speak with him thereanent. I have a patent under the Great [Seal] of Scotland, issued by warrant from the Council, which I hope will be significant enough; but it is only during my good and faithful discharge of the place and demeanour therein, which I hope will be as long as I live; and if I had a patent for life, I imagine

my misdemeanour therein would render it invalid. But if what I have already be not in your judgement so strong and pregnant as a confirmation by his Highness, I think Gen^l Monck, my Lord Broghill, and all our Council will appear for me in order to it. I think I said something of it to my Lord Broghill in my last letter, and do expect some answer from him. I very much thank you for your readiness to befriend me in this matter, but I am of your judgement; it is better to make use of other friends.

I intend 50^{li} of the 70^{li} for my Lord Lambert: I am doubtful I shall not have more to return him, though indeed I expected 50^{li} more; but for all my endeavours and trials at law, I cannot bring in that profit to my Lord as I really intended and thought of. When I suppose the money is in your hand, I shall send bills upon you. At present, I will not add more than mine and my Wife's endearments to yourself and yours, and our kind remembrances to all friends with you, resting

Yo^r affection^{le} Cousin,

Leith, April 16, 1659.

J. BAYNES.

265.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have, by bill of exchange of this date, drawn upon you the sum of sixteen pounds, payable at sight, for my uncle Livesay, which I pray answer out of the 70^{li} I lately returned to you by the Treasurers at War. 50^{li} more of it I intend my Lord Lambert, but because I cannot get the amount cleared to send to him, I forbear to write, and also to send a bill for the payment of it; but it will not be long ere I do it. However, in the mean time, if my Lord have occasion for the money, you may let him have it.

The late dissolution of the Parliament was uncouth news to us here: the occasions of it seems to very many yet to be unclear: the events of it by some hoped will be good, by others hoped otherways, and by some much feared. We have reports here that my Lord Lambert and some others who were dismissed their commands in the Army, will be restored. I pray let me have a line.

I hear even now that Major Goodrick is come into Scotland; that he was yesterday at Dalkeith, and is now in Edinburgh. I have not else at present, but mine and my Wife's choice respects to you and yours, and all friends with you. I remain,

Yo^r endeared Cousin,

Leith, May 3, 1659.

J. BAYNES.

266.—CAPT. R. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEARE BROTHER,

I have little to say more than to signify to you my continuance at this place, and that, blessed be God, I have a reasonable measure of health. We are at a great distance, and therefore long without the knowledge how affairs are transacted with you, which of late hath somewhat startled us, and the rather because it's long ere we can be resolved of the issue thereof. By the last night's post we understood that my Lord Lambert, with several other officers, formerly discharged their commands, were readmitted to the same, or some other equivalent, and that all affairs at present are transacted by a Committee of the General Council of the Army; which news found a joyful acceptance among all the Officers of this garrison, and hath put us in great hopes of a good issue of all the late transactions. I confess I now long to be in England, but I must not go yet, for this day our Governor is going to Dalkeith, and cannot return before the 17th of June, during which time the charge of this garrison with appurtenances, is committed to my care: but then I hope to be relieved and dismissed. I hope, among the rest, you will also return into the Army, and hereafter be in some better capacity to pleasure your friends than in times past. I shall only add the tender of all cordial affection and due respects to yourself, my Sister, and all other friends. In haste, I remain

Yo^r truly affectionate Brother,

Inverlockie, May 12, 1659.

ROBT BAYNES.

267.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

. It is much rejoicing to a great many here that my Lord Lambert is in place again. Not else now, save that your brother is well, being yet at Loughaber, and not like to be here of a month yet, for Major Hill, who is the governor, being here for awhile, hath committed the care and charge of that garrison to your brother. Mine and my Wife's due and dear respects to yourself, wife, and all friends with you. I remain,

Your affectionate Cousin,

Leith, May 24th, 1659.

J. BAYNES.

I know not now how to act in my employment, only I shall be endeavouring to get in what money of the publick's I can, and part with none but what I cannot avoid. I hope still of my Lord Lambert's favour, and that I shall not want your endeavours for my continuance in this capacity. I think my deportment hitherto, and shall be for the future, such as shall render me as fit, and capable, and qualified for it as another. If you can by your endeavours and interest with my Lord Lambert and Colo. Lilburne procure my bro.-in-law John Tindall to be Quarter-Mstr to Capt. Wilkinson's troop, the place being vacant, you will do him and me a great pleasure, and very much oblige Capt. Wilkinson. He is thoroughly qualified for it, and without all exceptions.

268. — CORNET R. PEASE TO THE SAME.

D^R BROTHER,

Having writ several letters to you, but as yet receiving no answers of any, having this opportunity I make bold to trouble you once more. My request unto you is, that you would not be unmindful of me at this time, now that our friends are restored again, that I may rejoice with you for their restoration, and my own deliverance from amongst the unworthy people amongst whom I am ; being altogether weary of their conversation, but much more unfit for the service I am in by reason of the daily trouble I am put unto by my wounds.¹ If I had any hopes of getting an employment in England, I would make my appearance with you in England. I beg the favour to hear from you so soon as possible, and wish your advice whether I shall come over or not. Thus, with my kindest respects to all friends, desiring your brotherly affections and assistance herein, I subscribe myself to be

Yours most obliged in life and death,

Dunkirk, May 30, '59.

RICH. PEASE.

¹ The town of Dunkirk was taken from the Spaniards by the united forces of England and France, under the command of Turenne and Major-General Morgan, in June 1658, the last year of Cromwell's administration. It was no doubt at this siege that Cornet Pease was wounded. In a letter on the 14th of this month, he expresses his desire to obtain "an employment in England, for I am very unfit for this service by reason of my wounds, which are almost every month breaking out." The town of Dunkirk was put into the hands of the English, and, as is well known, was sold by Charles II., for £500,000, to Louis XIV., in 1662.

269.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received yours, and shall send that part of it which is directed to your brother, to-morrow, to him. It will be yet 14 or 20 days before he can be here, for he cannot stir till the Governor return back, who goes but hence to-morrow. As for that part of your letter which concerns me, I am a little troubled at it, yet exceeding glad to hear from you. As for a former letter which you mention to have sent to me, and therein to have given me some hints which you had from my L. L.,¹ I never received it, which gives me to think that some hath not dealt well with you and me about the same; besides, I am afraid one of mine to you miscarried, wherein I gave you advice of a bill of 16^{li}, charged on you, payable to my uncle Livesay. I am heartily troubled that yours you mention came not to my hand; for though I be not conscious to myself of any misdemeanor or ill deportment of mine to any particular person, or in any publick concernment, so need not fear any man's charge of miscarriage against me, yet I know without difficulty I may be traduced and wrongfully charged, so as to be much to my prejudice, considering the season and my great distance, that perhaps I may never hear of my crime or accusers until it be too late to plead my innocency; yet I hope there will be none of this, but, and if there be any tendency that way, I pray give me a hint, that I may exonerate myself, and not suffer by silence. That which L^t C. M^s seems to burden me with, he either speaks it upon a simple mistake and misinformation, or it hath a worse bottom. If either he himself or any else can say truly that I either opened or were privy to the opening any letter to him or from him, then I am content to lie under blame and shame; and how he can speak of other unkindness I know not, for we ever seemed to each other to be very good friends, and I know not of any occasion I have given him of displeasure, nor did he ever offer an occasion to me, so that I should have been very foolish and uncivil to give him just occasion of unkindness to me, but I'll say no more till I hear more from you. I thank you for your kindness; I hope I shall not forfeit it, nor the kindness my L. L. hath ever showed me. I bless God myself and mine are well. No more now, but our dear respects to you and yours, resting

Y^r affectionate Cousin,

Leith, June 7, 1659.

J. BAYNES.

¹ Lord Lambert.

270. — FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received yours of 3^d instant, which with one only other letter (of the receipt whereof I gave you account by the last post) is all I have had from you since the late Revolution. I am troubled that one or more of yours to me hath miscarried, and I shall still be troubled till I receive the contents thereof by another letter, because at this very season I know an ill character, though not justly given out, may do more harm then much more at another time; and although in respect of my own innocency I know I can rejoice, and appear any where, and need not fear what can be laid to my charge, yet lest I may perhaps be prejudged by some men's unjust suggestions before I can have opportunity to assert my own uprightness, I am very solicitous to know what miscarriage is laid to my charge, and by whom; whether I am a faultier to a private and single person, or in respect of the publick and common concernment, that I may either vindicate myself or take shame upon me. I think I have been so civil to all persons and inoffensive, and so honest and diligent in the public affairs, that I cannot easily be blamed; and truly, if I were conscious to myself of any injury done to any particular person who may have cause to reflect on me now, I would not only acknowledge it, but freely submit to judgment. But I verily hope to be found inoffensive. I kindly thank you for your appearing for me. I hope you will have no loss or disreputation by me.

I pray endeavour what you can to get John Tindall, my brother-in-law, a Cornet or Quarter Master's place in my L. Lambert's or Colo. Lilburne's regiment: in case any change should happen with me: I would gladly have him provided for, he being at present one of my clerks. I pray, if you can, let me understand how we shall be governed here, and if Commissioners of Parliament, as in the years '51 and '52, shall not be sent hither to regulate and settle us here. No more now, but choice respects to you and yours.

I remain,

Yor truly affectionate Cousin,

Leith, June 9th, 1659.

J. BAYNES.

271. — FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I thank you for yours of 17th instant. Indeed I had thoughts by your letter that my Ld. Lambert had given you fresh hints of what you formerly

notified, but now by your last perceive it was Collo. Lilburne; and truly I wonder how he should seem to be offended, not being conscious to myself of any occasion given him; but I shall say no more of it, only this, it troubles me the more that those whom I rather thought would have appeared friends to me, and but justly, that they on the contrary declare unkindness.

Your brother came this day with his company hither: this night he is at Musselborough, but will be here again to-morrow, and, I hope, stay with us till Monday. My wife still holds up her head: she presents you and my Cousin, with other good friends with you, with her choice respects. The like you have from

Yo^r most affectionate Cousin,

Leith. June 23. 1659.

J. BAYNES.

272.—CORNET R. PEASE TO THE SAME.

D^r BROTHER.

I have several times put Colonel Pearson and the rest of the Commissioners here in mind of their promises, who have all been very civil unto me. Collo. Pearson was pleased to put to my choice whether I would accept of a command in his regiment, or to continue here. I gave him my answer, If I could be preferred here, I was willing to continue in this service, and not otherwise. He hath promised to get me liberty to come for England with them, and then I hope I shall have your assistance either for the one or the other. In the interim. I beg the favour of you to put my Lord Lambert in mind of me. Pray present my humble service to M^{rs} Dawson, and what is due to all other friends. I take leave and remain,

D^r Brother, yo^{rs} in the greatest obligations,

Dunkirk, 16 July '59.

RICH. PEASE.

273.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I rec^d yo^{rs} of 1th instant, w^{ch} intimated yo^r purposes of going to Holdenbie. I hope by this time you are returned to Westminster in good condition, with yo^r deare relations: to you and them all I heartily wish all health and happiness. And now that Capt. Rob^t is gone hence and removed to England, I could also gladly entertain a call for England too, being as it were left here bird alone;

yet doe I not desire to be dismissed my present employment here, it being a very good livelyhood to me and my family, by w^{ch} we live very comfortably; yet if on this revolution it be my lot to be laid aside, I hope I shall reverence Providence in it, but I hope better, although I perceive some persons, without cause, have endeavored to traduce me. This I am sure of, none whatever can, out of the utmost of envie, make it out that I have ever been unfaithfull or unfriendly to the present forme of government, or in my employment in the Commonwealth, but ever a friend to the first, and just and upright in the latter; and I speak not this in flattery to my selfe, but to assure you, how ever Providence orders matters with me, I shall, with much comfort and good conscience, be and abide, although in outward respects it will be much worse with me then now it is, in case I be turned home; yet, as I said, I hope otherwaies, but have not yet any assurance or knowledge thereof, and therefore I intreat you, if you can make any inquiry into my particuler standing or falling, let me have a line. I would gladly give my L. Lambert a line, and therein an acco^t of the charge under my hand, and what cash I have; but because I have not written to him of a very long time, nor did not see his L^dship when I was last att London, I am ashamed to do it, besides, I know not how it would be taken; yet if I thought it might be acceptable to his L^dsp, and any way useful to the State, I would do it, and I think to doe it. I have alsoe thoughts of writing to Colo. Lilburne and to Colo. Mason, what you formerly hinted; if I do, I will send them all to you first. My wife and young son, I bless God, are well. Both of us kindly salute you and yours, and all friends with you. I remain,

Your truely affectionat Cousin and Serv^t,

Leith, July 23th 1659.

J. BAYNES.

274.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

This bearer M^r Lodge is one of my clerks, and one who is much a friend to the Commonwealth, and deserves better encouragement than he hath from me, or I can give him; besides, it being uncertain yet how it may please God and my masters to dispose of me, it is therefore my desire, and I wish it, that he may be provided well for whatever my lot be; and to that end I entreat you let him have what advice and help you can give him for some certain comfortable subsistence. I have found him, these 3 years and a half that he hath been with me, very faithful, able, and diligent, and fit for any business. I need not multiply words with you in this particular, only, as I said, if you can befriend him, with

some other good friends he will make at London, this now being an opportunity, you will very much favour him, and I shall acknowledge it a great kindness, resting

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin and Servant,

Leith, July 29, 1659.

J. BAYNES.

275.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received yo^{rs} of 30th July, and did intend this post to have written to my Lord Lambert, and sent him a brief account of what monies I have in my hand of my public receipts, but have not now time to finish it, but intend to do it by the next. In the mean time (if you have acquainted my Lord with my said intentions) I pray excuse me to him, for indeed I have been busy these 10 days, else I had done it ere now. The hot alarm we have out of England a little warmes us here. I hope discontented spirits will have little encouragement here, although many discover their ill will by their mutterings. At present we are in good quiet, and no doubt will continue so, except the foe in England get to any head. I pray give me a hint if you can, who we are likely to have for our Com^{rs} here, and when they may be sent to us. Civil business is far out of order, and at a great stand for want of them. A better place or employment then I have I cannot expect, nor do I covet; my ambition only is, to hold what I have, and be confirmed in it. I give you many thanks for your kindness, and shall never be unmindful thereof. Mine and my wife's endearments to you and yours, resting

Yo^r affectionate Cousin,

Leith, Aug. 9th 1659.

J. BAYNES.

276.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I have drawn a brief account of my intromissions, and did intend this post to send it to my Lo. Lambert; but hearing that his Lordship is gone with some forces for the reducing the Enemy in Chester and Lancaster, I forbear yet awhile to send it, till it shall please God to return him successfully to London.

The Scotch are exceedingly heightened in their spirits at the reports which come from England; and doubtless, if the enemy in England be not in a very short time dispersed and reduced, we shall not only see their teeth, but feel them bite when they can. The good Lord look down on us in mercy and rebuke them; for had they power answerable to their will, horrible outrages and inhuman cruelties would

be acted in the midst of us ; but God knows their wrath, and, I doubt not, will not only disappointment them, but bring the wheel upon them. I would gladly hope this may be their last gasp ; all the fear is, England is not yet prepared and fitted for the mercy we beg and hope for. There's scarce a peaceable spirit to be found. Oh what bitterness, what revenge, even in them which should be otherwise minded ! yea and to those whom they should love and respect for Christ's sake. When our hearts are subdued to the rules of our Head and Lord, Christ, then may we assuredly wait for God's subduing these enemies, yea all enemies under us. My true endearments to all with you. I remain,

Y^or affectionate Cousin,

Leith, Aug. 11th 1659.

J. BAYNES.

277.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received none from you since yours of 9th August, nor have I lately given you a line, knowing you have much business on you, and I am unwilling to trouble you with impertinencies. I thank you for your respects to my clerk. I wish he was well provided for, that some charge might be saved by him, in case I continue my employment ; and if I be removed, I shall be glad of his good lot. Cousin, I am free with you. I see some ousted of their employments who I thought might deserve them, not knowing any thing of miscarriage in them to render them incapable ; and although I am not conscious to myself of the least miscarriage that should render me unworthy of my present trust, but rather so to have deported, both in a publick and private respect, as to be found as capable as another of the employment I have, and doubt not if I were at London (the place of trial) to approve myself rightly qualified for the same, and do not think of being ousted ; yet finding how matters go, and that a slender hint given in by one or more (pretending friendship) to the publick, against one, though there be no truth in the information, but done out of disrespect, and from an evil spirit, yet that it is taking, and is hardly wiped off : and though I know not any enemy I have, nor that I have given occasion to any to appear in the least against me, yet, I am informed, I have at London some back friends who may perhaps accuse me secretly but falsely. I wish I knew the persons or matter. I know not whom to suspect, but think if I have any back friend it must be some Scotchman, and if so, then my L. Warreston, who I hear strives much for a good place for Sir Jo. Cheisley, of whom I gave you long ago some such hint ; and for mere kindness

to Sir John, my L. Warreston may endeavour to lessen my respect and reputation with those who may do me good or otherways. Now my desire is, you will, as you find occasion, inquire a little into this; for although I hope my uprightness will secure me, yet friendly appearance and assistance is very necessary and behoveful at such a time. I do not question your diligence wherein you can bestead me, yet excuse me if I put you in mind. I pray let me be assured that I have my Lo. Lambert's friendship, and then I shall be less solicitous. I have said too much, but I could not forbear. General Monck hath written to the Parliament, begging their leave to go for England to settle his estate. Notify, I pray, how it's resented; and if they answer his desire, who is likely to be sent in his place thither. Indeed I judge when he leaves this country there will be a miss of him.

Y^r lo. Cousin,

Leith, Sep^r. 13. 1659.

J. BAYNES.

278.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received yours of 13th instant, but since the receipt of it have not had time to inquire into the matter hinted. I have formerly had some talk with Major Holmes anent it, who I perceive would gladly had one of the captains in that regi^{mt} to succeed him as Major, but I suppose much doubts it; and in case he have not his desire that way, I find him most free that your brother have it before any stranger, and told me he thought the regiment, or at least a considerable part thereof, were of the same mind. But the Gen^l appears very much for Capt. Morgan, who is eldest Captain, and hath been so many years, and doth only intend it him, and solicits to that end earnestly, and I have some reason to think will not willingly accept of any other; and truly I judge, at present, my Cousin would not be very pleasing to him, only for the account of the respect he hath to Capt. Morgan; but I shall enquire further, and notify my thoughts better. I do not find Major Holmes intended to leave his place, for some reasons best known to himself; and if his present thoughts continue, then an end to all; but I'll say no more now, only present you and yours with mine and my wife's due respects. My little son is very ill, and hath been so almost a week. I am much afraid of him. The good Lord work my heart to a compliance with his only will, however it be; and let God keep you and yours in health.

Your humble Servant,

Leith, September 22nd 1659.

J. BAYNES.

279.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

This day I spake with Maj^r Holmes, and find him most desirous that Capt. Rob^t succeed him in the General's regim^t, and assures me it is the general desire of most of the Officers of the regim^t, and they do bear greater affections to him then to any stranger; and it is his thoughts, that a stranger will have it and not Capt. Morgan, who thinks to carry it; but withall, it is his desire that his Lev^t, whose name is — Carter, may have your brother's company in Collo. Ashfield's regiment. I know your Lev^t to be sufficiently qualified to command a company; he hath been several years a Lev^t, and is very personable and civil; and if in the remove of your brother hither, you can bring about that other proposition for the Lev^t, it will be more acceptable. I have not yet been at Dalkeith since I rec^d your last, so cannot signify how the Gen. will resent it. I know, as I said before, that the Gen. hath much friendship for Capt. Morgan. and appears only for him; yet of a stranger, I believe your brother will be most acceptable to him, if Capt. Morgan cannot prevail. I shall not say more now. I hope my little son will recover this fit of sickness, he being this day in appearance something better than he hath been. Mine and my wife's due service and respects to you and yours and all with you, resting

Yo^r indeared Cousin,Leith, Sep^t 24th 1659.

J. BAYNES.

280.—FROM THE SAME.

SIR,

Except you make an effectual excuse for me to my Lord Lambert, that I waited not on his Lordship ere I came out of town, and signify to me this post or the next to Carlton that his Lordship doth not take it ill that I did not see him, I assure you I shall be exceedingly troubled. I am now heartily sorry that I did not wait on my Lady from your lodgings, though it was very late last night before she went thence, and I much vex at myself that I went not to Westminster this morning ere I took horse. It troubles me abundantly almost all the way from London hither, that I did not rather lose this day wholly then neglect giving his L^dship a visit, who hath above measure, and without any merit, been so much a friend to me and my Sister. I pray fail not herein; it is very truth, and without the least deceit and equivocation, that I apprehended it most unseasonable to go last night because it was so late, and this morning because too timely, and my occasions

requiring my speedy return home, what through my unsettledness in regard of my wife's distemper, not knowing what to resolve concerning her, whether with me for Scotland, or to send her to London for her health's sake, and what my great need of making haste to my charge in Scotland; truly these reasons put me upon a speedy hasting out of towne this morning (indeed I should have gone yesterday if possibly I could have got away.) Now these considerations, I hope, will move my Lord to a favourable construction of me, and persuade his Lords^{sh} that there was nothing of slight or neglect of his L^dship in me; for indeed I do acknowledge myself ever bound to honour and serve his L^dship to my utmost, and shall always do it. No more, but my most humble service to my Lord and Lady, and all due respects to yourself and all with you, resting

Your most affectionate Cousin,

Ware, Sept. 28. 1659.

J. BAYNES.

281. — FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I thank you for yours of 20th Sept. I have little this post to trouble you withall. This day I was at Dalkeith, and to try the General's mind touching the Major's place of his regiment. After some preparatory discourse, I asked him, if he had not heard the report of Capt. Robt. Baynes being propounded to be his Major; to which he replied, that he had heard of one or more that were in nomination, but did not know that your brother was one. I told him, I had it only by report and common talk; and he said he did know your Brother, and spake very civilly and kindly of him, and that he was sorry that your brother happened to be in nomination, for that he had much appeared for Capt. Morgan, and had written to several of the Parliament and committee of nominations, and did hope to have the privilege of choosing his own officers, and that he did believe to have his desires granted; and further, that if any stranger did come, he could not well resent it. This is the end. I find him very strongly bent for Capt. Morgan, and that none else will be so acceptable to him, although to the regiment I have reason to believe your Brother will be as much or more welcome then another. I will not advise to any thing, but leave it with you. I bless God my little son is well recovered again. I was last week in much fear of him. Mine and my wife's choice respects and service to you and yours, and all friends with you. I remain,

Your endeared Cousin,

Leith, October 1st 1659.

J. BAYNES.

Gen. Monck hath no thoughts now of removing till the Spring.

282.—CAPT. ROBERT BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

. I went upon Monday last to Newcastle, and came back yesterday. All things are well there, but in Scotland Gen^l M. makes work. He hath imprisoned a great many honest Officers and some private soldiers, and preferred men of mean rank and parts to great places. His way looks not well: I wish he have not a worse design than the restoring the Parliament. We wonder there comes not out a Declaration to satisfy the country of the grounds and reasons of the late change. I am in haste, and shall only add the tender of what is due to all friends. I am,

Yor^t truly lo. Brother,R^t BAYNES.York, Octob^r 27. 1659.

283.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

Although I have not rec^d a line from you of almost a month past, yet can I hardly think you would be so long silent if you have had your health. I am apt to believe some letters have miscarried. I hope my last to you, which was near 20 days since, came to your hands, of the receipt of which I pray, when you see cause, give me a hint. I suppose, at present letters by the post have not that free and safe passage as formerly, and therefore shall be sparing to write, and I shall not expect to hear frequently from you till it shall please God to cast out of the Nation this evil spirit of dissension that's got in among us, which will hurry us headlong to ruin if the Lord step not in to our help and save us. The breach is wide and the disease dangerous, but I am hopeful a timely remedy will be found out and applied, and that our fears will be prevented and the old Enemies' hopes disappointed. The coming of Colo. Talbot and D^r Clarges hither, I hope, will be to good purpose, although matters are not well cleared yet. But that there may be a good understanding between the Army here and our friends in England, I hear 3 Commissioners will be sent hence to-morrow, fully instructed and empowered to treat in order to an accommodation; and I doubt not of a good issue, every one being sensible of the ill consequence of a disunion and discord in the Army from several considerations; and I hope my Lo. Lambert will be a good instrument in the accommodation, and clear his faithfulness to the Commonwealth against what

is now charged on him. I shall not add more now, only wish to hear of your health, resting

Leith, Nov. 3. 1659.

Yor^r affection^{te} Cousin,

J. BAYNES.

284. — CAPT. ROBERT BAYNES TO THE SAME.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have received yours of the 17 instant, and am glad of your welfare. This day we kept a fast at my Lord's quarters, and this night we had an account that General Mouck was upon his march towards Barwick, but meeting at Haddington with the news of the Agreement, he retreated to Edinburgh. I do not know yet whether I may come up to London as one for our regiment; I had more need look after my own business in the country, yet if they make choice of me I shall come up, but by that I may miss of some opportunities of preferment northward; but if you think fit to write to my Lord that if any thing come in his way that he will be mindful of me, it will be a favour; for though I have many friends here that I think would act for me if they was minded of it, yet it's a thing I cannot do in my own behalf. No more but the tender of what is due to yourself and all friends with you. I remain,

Your truly lo. Brother,

Newcastle, No. 24th 1659.

R^t BAYNES.

285. — CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

With much gladness I received yours of the 17th instant, being the first that I have had from you, I think, now full six weeks, and because I did suppose some miscarriage of the letter. I have myself forborne to write to you this month. I heartily wish these present differences well composed between the forces here and in England; not only that friends may have free and frequent intercourse between each other, but that we may have in the Nations a lasting authority and government established, that justice and judgement may run down our streets, and there may be no crying out because of violence and oppression; and that all hopes of the common Enemy may be buried in the dust, and all good men and lovers of the peace of these nations may embrace cordially and rejoice in the welfare and prosperity of others. But, oh! I am doubtful yet how things will go; some material differences yet appear, and I am a little afraid will not

easily be decided. You in England seem indifferent as to the being of a Parliament, or rather resolved in the negative; and our friends here cannot yield therein, but positively resolve for a Parliament, and how the matter will be taken up I know not: but I will not say more, only I'll wait on God what he will say, for he speaks peace to his people: our breach is wide, and He can only heal it.

I rec^d from Peter Taylor what I writ to him for, and shall send him his money or else entreat you to pay him. I bless God I am in health; so are all with me. Mine and my Wife's respects to you and yours. I remain,

Your truly lo. Cousin,

Leith, Nov. 24, 1659.

J. BAYNES.

I suppose this letter will be opened ere it comes to you, as yours to me was before I received it; but it matters not whoever doth it, if they do well and that which is right, let them rejoice in it.

286.—CORNET J. PEASE TO THE SAME.

D^r S^r,

This evening I came hither. My brother Rob^t will be here to-morrow. Your troop is marched to its old quarters at Skipton, by order from the Commiss^{rs} appointed by Parliament to order the affairs of the Army. How things are here, I suppose you cannot be ignorant that all the forces lately under the command of Lord Lambert have declared for this present Parliament, as now constituted, and are marched to their several quarters as they lay the 10th of Oct. last. My Lord Fairfax came to this place this night, where he hath great honour and respect. All friends here are in health, and salute you and my Sister, and all yours, so doth,

Sir,

Yo^r very affectio. Brother,

York, Jan^y 3^d, 1659[–60].

J. P.

287.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received yours of the 7th instant, and had I not been disabled by a distemper in my eyes, which hath unfitted me for any business these three weeks and more, I should not have been so long silent, since the post passage was open.

Indeed I am much put to it to get some few letters scribbled over this day, and had scarce writ to you how my eyes are so weak and dim, but that I would not neglect the first opportunity. The enclosed to my Lo. General I have left it unsealed, that you may peruse and make use of as you see occasion. I heartily wish I was in a capacity to serve my Cousins, or rather I wish they need me not. I even now hear my Lo. Lambert's regiment is disposed to Colo. Bethell, and Colo. Ashfield's regiment dispersed and broken. It troubles me till I hear how my Cousins are disposed of. As for Capt. Robert, I spake anent him to my Lo. General when he was talked of to be his Major, and assured my Lord that it was without his knowledge and seeking, and that he was a stranger to it till I gave him first notice of the report, and I think I said but right. I wish heartily we may have no more of these unhappy doings, and that there may not be such puttings in and out places as hath been within these nine months: it breeds much ill blood; and truly upon very many this turn hath justly fallen: it were to be wished this may be the last, and I pray God the Parliament, and men in high places, may carry it with that wisdom, faithfulness, and singleness of heart, that every one that's good in the land may rejoice, and that none may complain of oppression and injustice. I'll say no more now; hereafter I shall be frequent writing. My due service and respects to my Cousin, and all friends with you. I remain,

Yo^r lo. Cousin and Serv^t,

Leith, Janu. 24, 1659[-60].

J. BAYNES.

288.—CORNET J. BAYNES TO THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received yours of 3^d instant, and truly I am troubled for my Cousins that they are out of command, and more for Lien^t Pease, because of his late marriage, and that it's likely charge may come on. I have written twice to Mr Clark, to use his endeavours with my Lord Gen. Monck in their favours, as he sees opportunities. I hope, and truly doubt not, that all the expectations of Malignant men with which they have been big in hopes of the General's answering their ends, will, (if not already) vanish as a cloud, and be shame to them; for I have heard him sufficiently declare against a single person and Royal interest, however he hath been aspersed lately; and indeed it was exceeding ill done of some that I can name that gave out that report, that he was upon a cavalier design, and that it was the 2nd part of Sir Geo. Booth. I believe that report, which was false enough, gave the occasion

to the Malignants to encourage themselves in him. I know not any that can honestly and justly prejudice my respects with Gen. Monck; my deportment hath been such as I dare answer any man to, whatever he can charge me with even in this late Revolution; but neither I nor any man else can so walk as to please all man. As for my remove to England, I could wish it on a good account, but I can hardly expect a better, or so good a place in England as I have here, and I am not willing to change for the worse. . . .

Your endeared Cousin,

Leith, Feb^r 11, 1660.

J. BAYNES.

289. — FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I should not have been so long silent but that I daily expected the return of the instrument or indenture from Loughaber, which you will herewith receive, signed and sealed by your brother and myself. Till your last letter I never heard of the condition of Booth's and Fairbank's debentures, nor of the Exchequer tallies. I am now satisfied thereanent. I cannot hear of any monies to be had at interest.

I do from my heart wish much wisdom, courage, and unity amongst you in the Parliament. There needs much moderation at this time, and sobriety of spirit, else our peace may soon turn to warr and bloodshed. The good Lord direct all your councils to a conscientious, solid, and lasting peace to those distracted and tottering Nations, that all mouths may be filled with joy, and the common enemy may be totally disappointed and ashamed. I am sorry to hear of an unadvised and passionate expression which is fathered on you touching the other House. A member of your House gave a hint of it hither: I suppose he did it not in kindness to you; but no more of that, only I pray set a door before the lips of your mouth. Though I am unfit and unworthy to direct you in such cases, yet this general caution I hope may not be unreasonable, because of your enemies. I pray God continue health to you and yours. Myself and Wife salute you all. Remember me kindly to Capt. Pease. I shall be much glad to hear now and then from you, resting

Your endeared Cousin,

Leith, Feb. 15th 1659[-60].

J. BAYNES.

290.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received yours of the 11 instant, and do wish you had a hand in the Customs and Exeise of Scotland. I find by the last diurnal, who are appointed our Commissioners for those receipts. Time will make it manifest what good services they do the State therein. Things seem at this very time to be at a strange pass, and in a very odd posture. The Lord fit these Nations however, [and] his people therein, for what good or bad is at hand; for doubtless some remarkable mercy or judgement is near us, and it is high time to prepare to meet God with hearts fitted for either. I pray, mind Jonathan is to send me an act for Assessment, for I cannot get one from any else, and I cannot act [at] all thereanent without one. My Wife's eyes are yet ill. The Lord teach us both to make a right use of this providence. My due service and respect to all with you. I remain,

Yo^r truly lo. Cousin,

Leith, Feb. 21. 1659[-60].

J. BAYNES.

291.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

This is only to salute you, and to plead my excuse that I have so long neglected giving you a line. The uncertainty of your being at London and my own throng of business hath occasioned it. By a late letter from your servant Jonathan I rec^d the good tidings of my Cousin's safe delivery of a daughter, and good hopes of her recovery. The Lord be praised for the mercy. My Wife. I bless God, is now in good health, and intends for London by sea the very first opportunity; and I hope my stay here will not be long after her. . . . I shall be very glad to hear of your health and liberty, for I heard you were under some confinement. Mine and my Wife's due service and respects to you and yours, and all friends with you. I remain,

Yo^r truly affection^t Cousin,

Leith, May 25. 1660.

J. BAYNES.

292.—FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

Yours of the 26 May I received, and in order to manifesting my submission to his Majesty, and laying hold on his offers held forth in his Proclamation, I subscribed my name to an address to his Majesty, with our Commissioners

for Government of Scotland and Judges, with some other civil officers, which I hope will be sufficient to evidence my faithfulness to his Majesty. Had not this address been sent, I should have observed your instructions. My Wife, I hope, is, with her little ones, safe at London ere this. I know not how long it may be before I be there. I think not to leave what I have here till I can hold it no longer, or have some competency in England. I pray give me a line how it fares with my Lord Lambert: I hear his Majesty hath granted him a pardon, and hath thoughts of kindness to him: I wish it be so. My due service and respects to you all. I am, in haste,

Your affectionate Cousin,

Leith, June 12. 1660.

J. BAYNES.

What will become of our Fee Farms and your estate in Northamptonshire? Jonathan writ that you were about petitioning in that case, and intended to include me therein.

293. — FROM THE SAME.

COUSIN,

I received yours of 18 instant, and am inquiring after monies to supply your occasions according to your desire, and am in some hopes to get you 2 or 300^{li}, but cannot yet certainly assure you of it. In a very little time I shall give you a more positive account thereof. Sure I shall have what advantage is granted those of the Army in my little concernment, in regard I stand in some relation to the Army, and have thoughts of putting in with them. My Lord General hath written to the Officers in Scotland to send an account what Crown lands they or their soldiers have purchased, that he may get some Act of favours for them. If you will apply yourself to Mr Clark, his Excellency's secretary, I hope he will advise and assist you what he can. Let me know, I pray, how you have proceeded in my particular; for if the Army or any Officers have more favour and respect granted then other, I would go the best way. I am at present in some haste, and cannot add more, but my dear respects to all friends with you, resting

Your most affectionate Cousin,

Leith, June 28. 1660.

J. BAYNES.

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