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Sir Harry Monro, of Fowlis, to the Lord President.

My Lord,

I THINK it my duty to acquaint your Lo^{ps} of the deplorable situation I am in. The Engag^t between the King's troops and the Highlanders on Thursday last, wthin a mile of Falkirk, proves to me a series of woe : There both my dear father & uncle Obsdale were slain : The last, your Lo^{ps} knows, had no particular business to go to the Action ; but, out of a most tender love & concern for his Brother, cou'd not be dissuaded from attending him, to give assistance if need required. My father, after being deserted, was attacked by six of Locheal's Reg^t, & for some time defended himself wth his half Pike. Two of the six, I'm inform'd, he kill'd ; a seventh, coming up, fired a Pistol into my father's Groin ; upon wth falling, the Highlander wth his sword gave him two strokes in the face, one over the Eyes & another on the mouth, w^{ch} instantly ended a brave Man.

The same Highlander fired another Pistol into my uncle's breast, & wth his Sword terribly slashed him ; whom wⁿ killed, he then dispatch^t a Serv^t of my father's. That thus my dearest father & uncle perish'd, I am informed ; & this information I can depend on, as it comes from some who were Eye-witnesses to it. My father's Corpse was honourably interred in the Church-ÿd of Falkirk by direction of the E. of Cromertie & the M'Donalds, & all the Chieffs attended his funeralls. Sir Robert's was the only body on the field on our side that was taken care of. Now, my Lord, you may easily conceive, all circumstances duly weigh'd, how dismal my situation is. I depend on y^r advice & assistance.

Edin^h
Jan. 23^d 1746.

I am, with great regard,
Your lordship's most obed^t Cousin & Serv^t,
HARRY MUNRO.