

ART. XX.—*North Lonsdale after the Restoration.* By  
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THE following extracts from a manuscript volume in my possession will be of interest as throwing a little light on men and deeds in a remote part of the country, usually but little disturbed by the agitations of the great world outside. The volume contains copies of the letters and reports which were received by Sir Roger Bradshaigh of Haigh, near Wigan, in his capacity of justice of the peace and one of the deputy-lieutenants of the county, from 1660 to 1676.

#### DISAFFECTION IN CARTMEL.

The first extract to be given is a copy of a letter and examinations sent from Cartmel in July, 1663. Nonconformists were looked upon with great suspicion by the Royalists, and as Quakers and Anabaptists were then comparatively strong in the north of the county, this information roused more attention than it deserved. The mention of Hornby Fair is worthy of note. The "horrid and hellish plot lately discovered in Ireland" is thus recorded by Pepys under date 1st June, 1663:—

This day I hear at Court of the great plot which was lately discovered in Ireland, made among the Presbyters and others, designing to cry up the Covenant and to secure Dublin Castle and other places; and they have debauched a good part of the army there, promising them ready money. Some of the Parliament there, they say, are guilty, and some withdrawn upon it; several persons taken, and among others a son of Scott's, that was executed here for the King's murder.

The Information of Robert Roskell of Cartmell within the County of Lancr., yeaman, taken before Robert Rawlinson, Esqr., one of his Ma'tis Justices of Peace and Quorum within the said County, the 22th day of July in the xvth year of the Raigne of Kinge Charles the 2nd [1663].

The said Robert Roskell maketh oath that on Munday in the evening, beinge the xxth of this Instant July, one John Goadd A Quaker came to this Examineds house and lodged with him & laid in the same bed with him all night, & then hee declared to him that there was An Act Against the Anabaptists and the Quakers for their Imprisonment and afterwards banishment ; And that he beleved there would be A risinge Against the Papists And to lye hold of them in the first place. And there was three regiments of Genarall Monks Soldiars which were discontented for want of Pay upon their disbandinge. And he did beleve there was Intelligence went Amongst those persons through the Countrey. And there was about 10 or 11 of those in Furnesse, whereof he named one Dodgson in Ulverston And one Goad another, being his Brother, who he feared wold be A Soldiar againe. And that this Examined shold here further thereof within five weekes, if there were not A stopp. And [he] wished him to sell what he could spare, And said what he spake to him hee would not have said to his Wife. And further saith not.

Noble Sir—Upon this information, haveinge acquaintance with this Goad, who spake this to Robert Gaskell (*sic*), And knowinge hee was A Soldiar Against the Kinge & reputed a Cavaleere till hee turned Quaker ; & speakeing to one that was my soe neer And very familiar neighbor ; I onely writt to him to come to mee, thinkeing to gett more forth of him. But though he came And I Examined him yesterday morninge he Answered thus :

John Goad, beinge Asked whether hee had Any Knowledge of any Intended Designe or conspiracy to take upp Armes Against the Kings Ma'tie, answered & denied that hee knew of any such designe of Any persons whatsoever other then beinge A drover of Cattell & usually frequenting Faires to buy or sell Cattell, Divers Chapmen hee there mett withall, particulerly att Hornby Fayre last, which hee beleves were Yorkeshire men but knowinge not theire names tho their faces hee knows if hee mett them Againe : which men tould him that there was ill Agreement in the South, And that the Papists were soe forward that there were like to be more troubles Ere longe ; And that John Clayton, that went lately over out of Furnasse into Ireland And shortly after returned contrary to his purpose (as this Exam. beeleves) of stayinge there, had reported that there were troubles in Ireland And that he well durst not settle himselfe there. And this Examined beinge further demanded touchinge his discourse with Robert Roskell, hee did acknowledge the same to the same effect as the said Robert Roskells Information was ; but said he had noe other ground for

itt then upon the reports of Chapmen mett in the Marketts and Faires as hee hath formerly declared, and saith what he declared to him was of noe other purpose but to give him notice of Sale of his Cattell ; And that hee feared his Brother, being one of those disbanded Souldiards without pay under Coll. Man in Scotland, For that hee having tyed him prentice hee lately went to one Captaine Rothwell neare Kirkby.

JOHN GOADE.

Noble Sir—I did at first beleeeve this Information would have Comd to more then it doth, but yett abundance cautela non nocet. I feare Ill Spiritts may bee still workeinge mischeife. I went myselfe Imediatly to Ulverston to Examine Dodgson In the Information mentioned, who confest to mee hee was Auntiant under Coll. Man, who was sollicitinge att London for their pay and for their arreares of pay. They kept some Intelligence with Capt. Rothwell but denyed he knew Anythinge Else. And Goade comeing to mee on my note after I had Examined him, I tould him all the favour I could doe him was to take bale for his appearance at the next Assizes, though I must acquaint others with the buisnesse. And hee comeinge alone without any Suertys, And not doubteing but hee will appeare with Suertys when hee shall be sent for, I tould him I would spare him till my returne and did require him to search further and Enquire of any designe in the Fayres and Markets And heareafter to bring mee certaine notice thereof And of the persons of whome hee had any intelligence ; which hee protested and promised to doe, being yesterday (after I had Examined him) to goe for Ravensglass Fayre. But as for his Comitment or takeing baile I doe referr itt wholly to you, as you thinke of the matter ; and truly I have a very good opinion of the man. But itt is not Amisse if you cause some Companies of Soldiards to be now and then Exercised, sometymes at one tyme and place And some tymes att Another ; for this And that which wee had att Sessions may bee (thought not great) yett some Just cause of Suspition to cause a watchfull Eye to bee had over the Country. And soe I rest

Your most ready & humble servant,

ROBERT RAWLINSON.

These for Sr. Robert  
Bindloss & Sr. George  
Middleton.

Barwike, July 25th, 1663.

This Information came this day to our hands, which wee thought fitt to communicate to you with A desire that itt may bee forthwith sent to the rest of the Dept. Leivtenants for this County, It being A buisnesse of that concerne that if not speedily redressed and A narrow Eye & Inspection be forthwith had & made into the Actions both of the Phanatiques & Presbitrians partie ; whose harts being stuffed with Rebellious designes & intentions speake blood, they onely waytinge for an oportunity to the destruccion of the present peace & Governmt. The continuance of which designe hath its rise from the dreggs of that horridd & Hellish one, lately discovered in Ireland, to Involve us once more In blood. For further provention whereof with us wee have ordered A Company of foote every weeke to bee Exercised till the whole regiment be gone through, not doubtinge but before then to receive further Instrucçon from my Lord of Derby herein ; which is the desire of,

Sir,

Your Humble servants,

ROBERT BINDLOSS  
GEORGE MIDDLETON.

Sr—Bee pleased to imparte this to Sr Roger Bradshaigh and if you thinke fitt wee desire A squadron out of every Troope to bee Attendinge here some tymes of this syde and sometymes of the other syde the Sands according to the Act.

These for William Standley  
Esqr.

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## LETTERS OF COLONEL KIRKBY.

The following letters from Richard Kirkby of Kirkby Ireleth show him attending to his Parliamentary duties in London. The first of them seems to have been written in a very crabbed hand, for Sir Roger's clerk has failed to make out some words and has mistaken others. The Nonconformists were very strong in Lancashire and it was feared that when the Act of Uniformity was enforced on 24th August, 1662, some popular disturbances would be seen. The second letter (1673-4) is of the nature of

a "news-letter." The state of the navy was then a "burning question," but Charles II. left indeterminate whether it was one or all of his neighbours whom he desired to equal in ships.

Honored Sir,

I hope you received mine in answer to [ ] yours ere yours of the 11th instant reach'd mee. Itt came in season; for this Towne did ringe soe of an arising and Rebellion in Lancashire many freinds of mine Look'd strangely on mee. I would give them noe Account. This to theires and my justistaction [? justification] conduc'd cause I would assure them noe light matter would seize you, And that you had taken care to bind over the partis suspected and the [ ] to prosecute, Though I never heard what they weare or for what suspected, that is de modo. For the Clarke of the Peace I am tould hee is assessed in all countys for his office; but if I can heare any thinke in favour of my Cozen Rigby per next you shall have it. What is downe in Order to the Poore Cavaleers I hope to bee downe in tyme to informe you. For the Excise I shall not oppose my Lord, though, as I writt in my Last, I shall insist much the Farminge may not prove preiudiciall to our Country. Newes here's none, But that Lawson hath made the Alger men submitt, haveinge seized some of their men of Warr And then in such Loud Language as his Gunns would speake acquainted them his Master of England was not to have any tricks put upon him. Now noe News. I am

Your most humble servant,

RICH. KIRKBY.

July the 15th  
(1662)

Honored Sir,

Yours dated Feb. 6th I recd. late last night, my selfe not being able to bee at the House by reason my usuall distemper hath overpower'd mee & confin'd me to my Chamber or rather Bed; soe that thinclosed to our Lord Leivt. I could not carry, but have sent by a Trusty hand. When I knowe his Lordships further pleasure I shall signift unto you. In the meane tyme, as I knowe nothing must be awanting on your parte to a more plenary discovery, soe I am well assured 'twill bee very satisfactory to his Lordship.

I am Confident you are well assured nothing can or shall bee awanting in my power to serve you, when need requires or your pleasure is knowne. The great & joyfull Newse is a Peace concluded 'twixt the Dutch & us, & that you may have it with the greatest assurance I shall give you his Majestis owne speech for itt yesterday to both Houses (vizt.)—

My Lords & Gentlemen,

In pursuance of your advice I have made a speedy and Honorable and (I hope) a lasting Peace with the Dutch, which is signed. As to your advice for the disbanding of the Forces, I have since the Peace made with the Dutch, given Order for disbanding them; Nay, I have ordered to disband more then you desired.

As for your advice about the Irish Regiments I have ordered to send them backe into Ireland.

But I must need acquaint you that there is a great Want of Capitall Shippes, & I would be glad to Equall in number with my neighbours; & I hope I shall have your assistance upon soe good an occasion to preserve the Honor & safety of this Nacion.

Hereupon the House Resolv'd to returne their humble & hearty thanks, and severall Members thereof & of his Majestis Privy Councell doe attend his Majestie to knowe his pleasure when hee will be attended therewith.

The House then Resolv'd into a Grand Committee further to Consider the Grievances of the Nacion, and agreed a vote—That a Committee be appointed to Inspect the Lawes lately made in Scotland whereby an Army is Authorized to March into England or Ireland & such other Lawes as doe tend to the Breach of the Union of the Two Nacions, & to reporte the same to the house & produce the Bookes.

To-morrow they resolve againe into a Grand Committee to proceed on the said consideration.

The Committee for Lord Arlingtons business had itt endes [under] consideracion on Munday last but nothing done. 'Tis putt till Munday next.

Here is what at present is of moment.

I returne your selfe & rest of noble freinds my humble thanks for your cordiall remembrance of mee. I should rejoyse if I had as perfect health, as I am well assured you wish mee. I pray give my most faithfull service to your Hon'ble Lady, your sonn

and daughter, and all the Rest of my Honored Freinds with and about you ; & bee assured that whilst I have a being I am

Graies Inne, Feb.  
the 12th, 1673.

Your most affect.  
Kinsman & humble  
servant,

RICHARD KIRKBY.

To the Hon'ble Sir Roger  
Bradshaigh, Knight,  
att Haigh,  
Lancashire, These present.

### THE MILITIA.

The raising and training of the Militia formed an important part of the duties of the Deputy-Lieutenants. Assessments were made on the landowners and townships for men and horses, and the following letters show how the business was managed. The practical difficulty of sending men and horses from Furness and the north end of the county to sudden musters in the south appears to have resulted in a money composition being allowed. From the complaint of the men of Dalton in 1674 it is not quite clear whether they were expected to find 34 footmen or only the payment for them.

Mr. Rawlinson of Cartmell his letter for himselfe and Partners to allow mee 5s. per diem to fynd them Horse & Armes. I am alsoe to doe the like for Mr. Doding. All payd from both to the 20th of March 1665.\*

Honored Sir,

Upon that discourse I had with you at our last meeting I have conferred with my Partners for horse, Mr. Shawe † [and] Mr. Knipe, & they are willing to allow after 5s. per diem when they are called up ; & soe I shall be willing to account to you for these three dayes they are now called to serve, & soe afterwards at that Rate while they are Trayninge or in service. You tould mee

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\* This heading is, of course, Sir R. Bradshaigh's.

† No doubt the rector of Aldingham, 1625-1667 ; see later letters.

you thought to Pitch upon Will. Darlington, & I doe well like of him or whomsoever you Pitch upon for us. But let me receive Two Words from you—who it is, & to whom & when Wee are constantly to send our moneys; which shall bee Punctually observed by,

Sir,

Cartmell, October last,  
1663.

Your very ready and  
humble servant,

To my Honored Freind Sir Roger  
Bradshaigh These present.

ROBERT RAWLINSON.

Sir,

The Warrant comeinge to my hand but yesterday (and Mr. Sawrey att so great distance) I could not possible send my man before this, which I hope you will Pardon. Neither could I furnish him according to the Warrant with Backe, Brest and Pott, by Reason that the suit of Armor I bought by my Lord of Derbys order for his Majestis service was taken out of my House by Sir George Midleton's servants, and as yet not Restored; which I hope may plead my Excuse (together with the Shortness of the notice) that he is at present defitient in that. One favour more, deare Sir, I begg—that you would give him as quicke a dispatch as Possibely you could; and if their be necessity of keeping the Troope longer together or meeting suddainly againe, that you would order some sufficient person (wee being at so grete distance) to that duty for us. The charge I shall Referr to doe your discretion; and shall ever acknowledge the obligacion as an addition to those favours which hath already made mee Perpetually,

Swarthmoor, 12th July

Noble Sir,

Your most Cordiall servant,

To the highly Hon'ed Sir Roger  
Bradshaigh, Knt., at Haigh,

GEORGE FELL.

These Present.

Deare Sir Roger,

I noe sooner came home but I found a Warrant Directed to mee to send a whole Horse and a whole man, with pouder, Ball & pay for 4<sup>r</sup> Dayes. I did looke upon it as a Thing Designed by the Greate man for my wellcome home into the Country; and 'tis not my Case alone! but my Deare Neighbour Major Carus who has rec'd the like warrant. Wee dare very well deny att

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present to send any, because of the first summons and the irregularity of the charge ; But to serve the King, and espetically under your conduct, wee shall att (*sic*) the Dept. Leivts. and Beare our Charge most Frankly according to our Estates ; & further I hope the noble man Expects not, Wee givinge our selves an assurance of your favour for this Turne onely. You shall unquestionably heare after command,

Sir,

December 28th (1671)

Your most devoted servants,

To my Hon'ed Freind  
Sir Roger Bradshaigh,  
Knight, These present.

JO. GIRLINGTON.  
THOMAS CARUS.

Sir,

By the appointment and order of our Dept. Leivts. wee are amongst us to find one Horse, which wee have sent (though more charged then any in the County) yet at this tyme very unwillinge to Deny ; but shortly we must seeke pro redresse. Wee conceive ourselves not att all Lyable to pay the muster master this bout, because it is the first of our inolment. Yet hath seene such things Done formerly but (non constant). I hope as wee are your Souldiers [you] will take care to preserve us in all our just Demands, and you Ever find a most cordiall willingness in,

Sir,

June the 28th,

Your most humble servants,

1672.

JO. GIRLINGTON.

These

THOMAS CARUS.

To the Right Worshipfull Sir Roger

CHRIS. CARUS.

Bradshaigh, Knight, att his

Quarters in Preston,

These humbly Present.

Sir,

Imediatly after Receipt of my Lord's letter for this meetinge I dispatch'd the same to my Bro. Preston (it haveing beene with Sir Robert Bindloss before) and I am confident my Brother Preston made Returne of it accordingly. I am sory my great indisposition of Health (which is not a thing feigned for Excuse) obstructeth my personall observance with you this day. I assure you, had I beene able to have come soe farr, I shold with mutch chearefulness [have] embrac'd the Happiness not onely to obey my Lords Commands but to see your selfe and the Rest of my

fellow Dept. Leivts., to whom I Pray likewise make my Excuse. And principally I must entret you will make my condicion knowne to his Lordship when you see him, that by Reason of my long distemper and the weakness I have therby I cold not obey his commands at this tyme, tho' it wold have beene much to my owne satisfaction soe to have done. I now must give you many thanks for the Deer I had for my Lord att Muncaster, which was Two Brace & noe more, and doe desire your Excuse that I did not acknowledge the kindness sooner withall. I entreat you will acquaint my Lord that I will give his Lordship an account thereof with other things ere long at large; and in the interim & all wayes be assured I am,

Sir,

Leighton, 1<sup>o</sup> March,  
1671.

Your most obliged

Coz. &amp; servant,

GEORGE MIDDLETON

These

To the Hon'ble Sir Roger

Bradshaigh, Knt., at

Lancaster, These humbly present.

Worthy Sir,

I have with much adoe & delay gott upp the moneys for our light Horse, Mr. Morley being the Principall, but the Estate being in the hands of one Mr. Clapham his unkele, a Yorkshire Gentleman; bearers to him, Mr. Cansfeilds Relict & at London & my selve. For us I have per the bearer I sent for the yeares 1670 & 71 as you mencion £4, for which I desire an acquittance for their satisfaction.

I have sent allsoe for my Cosen Curwen Rawlinson for another Horse his part (£1. 6s. 8d.) & for my Cosen Will. Knipe his part (£1. 6s. 8d.) makes £2. 13s. 4d.; Mr. Amys,\* the Person of Adingham, refuseing (as Mr. Knipe tells me) to Pay his part, being £1. 6s. 8d., soe that I desire you will be pleased to give acquittance for soe much rec'd of them onely for my discharge. Wee are all exceedingly obligedged to your Worshipp. I heartily thanke you for your last kindness, & wherein I might serve you Freely command,

Sir,

Dallam Tower, May 6th,  
1672.

Your most humble servant,

EDW. WILLSON.

For the Worp'll Sir Roger Bradshaigh, Knt.,  
att the Hall of Haigh, These present.

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\* Theophilus Amyas was rector of Aldingham, 1668-1672.



Honored Sir,

Att the last meeting of the Dept. Leivts. at Lancaster, my Cosen Rawlison being lately Elected Captain, they weare pleased to free him of Poll and put mee on Poll in his place towards finding a Light Horse for his Majestis service. Sir John Harrisonson and Mr. Stanford, Parson of Aldingham, are my Partners. These are Therefore to desire you that you will bee pleased to set out man and Horse for us as you have done formerly, and I shall take it as the greatest kindness Imaginable from you, and you may expect your pay from mee. Good Sir, let me heare from you per the next. This is all, but that I rest,

Sir,

Broughton in Cartmell, Dec. 8th (73)      Your humble servant,  
For Sir Roger Bradshaigh at                      WILL. KNIPE.  
his house at Haigh present

These

Postsc't.—You shall have the same pay you  
had from my Cosen Rawlison.

The following was the Dalton petition :—

To the Honorable Sir Roger Bradshaigh, Knt., Coll. Richard  
Kirkby, Daniell Fleming, Alexander Rigby, & Myles  
Doddinge, Esqrs., Five of the Dept. Leivtenants for this  
County of Lancaster. [1674.]

The humble Peticion of the Inhabitants within the  
Townshipp of Dalton in Furnes.

Sheweth

That your Peticcioners have received notice of your Order made at Lancaster the 18th. of June last, whereby most of the Townships in Furnes are Eased of severall Foote-soldiers charged upon them at the settlement of the Militia after his Majestis restauracion, and those all layd upon the Township of Dalton ; which now is charged with 34 foote, where by that settlement they weare Nineteene.

That your Petitioners had then more then their proporcion accordinge to the Auncient & usall way of Chargeing Souldiers upon Townships, And were soe Raysed upon the Returne of volues then made in Obedience to the Deputy Leivtenants warrant for that purpose and weare after the Rate of £50 per an. to every foote-souldier accordinge to the Rates of the late Acts of Parliamente. And soe (consideracion beinge had of the horse charged upon that Township) were they then settled as their full proporcion.

That whereas you are pleased in your Order to take notice of the Medium betweene the Souldier-ley and the Ox-ley to be Equallest Rate for chargeing the Trayneband-souldiers amongst the Hundreds, in respect of the Charge of one Hundred with another ; Admitting this (which indeed makes no difference as to the proporcion of the Hundred of Loynsdale with other Hundreds), yet wee crave leave with all humility to affirme That throughout the whole County the course chargeing Townships in Each Hundred & apporcioning them one with another is not according to any such method that we canne heare or learne, but either after the rate £50 per ann. to a foote-souldier, which is the statute way or by the ancient way of Souldier-ley.

That the souldier-ley beinge proper for chargeinge men as the Ox-ley (till taken away by Act of Parliament) was for providinge oxen, where the medium or mixture of these two wayes proves mischeivous to a perticuler Township in chargeinge men wee humbly conceive the Ox-ley, beinge less proper for this purpose (and a ley in lieu of Oxen taken in specie for the Kings Kitchin & soe had its peculier Reasons of makeinge some Townships dearer then other for that peculier purpose), should not be used at all in this Or at least soe tempered as not to produce such an Inequality as may make this burthen light to one & insupportable to another, which is our present greivance.

That even in the way of chargeinge these Townships in Furnes by a medium of the Souldier-ley & Ox-ley Dalton is much more then it's proporcion with other the Townships in Furnes, if any Consideraccion be had of the Charge of horse ; for it finds in horse to the valew of 25 foote-souldiers besides its charge of foote, beinge more then all the Rest of the Townships doe—some of which find none at all.

That this great Alteracion was made at the Instance & suggestions of the Townships Eased, your Petitioners haveinge no notice nor being call'd nor heard what they could alledge for themselves, nor any witnesses or proofes on their parte, as it seemes weare on th'other, who are more Eased now then ever before they had the Confidence to aske, as by the Petticions of some of them may appeare.

Your Petitioners doe humbly supplicate your Honours—

That you will please to Review your late Order & grant your Petitioners redresse in takeing of this new imposed Charge or such parte thereof as in your wisdomes you shall thinke meete, haveinge respect to the now Exceedinge poverty of the Township & their Charge in Horse ; That soe they may have Cause to beare

theire Burthen and Serve his Majesty with the same Cheerefullness as theire neighbours: However, That you will allow them an heareinge before the Alteracion soe greivous to them be made absolute.

And your Petitioners shall pray &c.

Among the orders made by the Deputy Lieutenants at Preston, 28th September, 1675, was the following, in response to the above petition:—

Whereas the Township of Dalton was by an Order dated June the 17th, 1674, charged with 34 foote Souldiers, & since upon Complaint of the said Township that they weare not of ability to support soe great Charge It was by an other Order referr'd to this generall meetinge: Now upon a full heareing of theire Complant wee doe Conceive it best to be better informed of the vallew of the said Township & doe therefore Order that Thomas Barwicke of Bigland, Gent., in Cartmell, Wm. Fell of Pennington, Gent., Jno. Wilkinson, Gent., of Overton, Cuthbert Hesketh [and] Edward Threllfall, both of Gosner, Gent., shall at the Charge of the said Township survey all the Lands & Tenements within the said Township & make a true & just perticuler of the reall vallue of theire respective Estates of the severall Inhabitants within the said Township; & that they deliver the said perticuler to some of the Dept. Levits. in that Division, to the End that at theire next meeting they may give such releife according as they find Cause; & in the meane tyme the Charge already Imposed to continue.