

The Acts of the Rebels

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CHAPTER I.

Now it came to pass, that in the Nineteenth Year of GEORGE the King, and in the Fift Month of the Year, 1745. . . .

CHAPTER XI.

Now behold when William appeared in Scotland the Countenances of the People became chearful, and more especially the Ministers of the Kirk of Scotland, and many of the Tribes thereof; for they were accustomed to loyalty from their Infancy; yea and from their childhood they were taught to Honour the King of England

2 And it came to pass, that he tarried not long with his Army at Sterling, but marched then streightway until they came to the Land of Aberdeen, when they halted many days; for there was much snow about that time, insomuch that they could not travel

3 But nevertheless the People called Quakers had administered great Warmth unto the Army before they left England; hearing that the Soldiers were often exposed to lie upon the Cold Earth in the night season.

4 Yea and they were exceedingly troubled in Spirit, that a Stranger should go to infest the Land, for they hate all things whatsoever that savoureth of Popery.

5 But nevertheless they drew not the Sword neither did they contend with the Arm of Flesh, for their Principles are Peace altogether.

6 Howbeit they found out means to aid the King, yea and their Elders gathered themselves up together and said unto the People; oh Friends! let us now Walk circumspectly, for this is a time of Tryal.

7 Let us take heed to ourselves, that the Sword be not unsheathed among us, but let us contribute abundantly unto the King's Fighting-men, not of the Weapons of Darkness, but Vestments of warm Raiment that their Earthly Tabernacles may be covered with a warm covering, and it was so.

8 And moreover they said unto one another, Peradventure William may put on him one of those Garments, for it is meet that he should be highly esteemed amongst Men and moreover his Father is our King whilst we remain in the Flesh.

9 Now from that time all the Soldiers were covered as with a shield against the Weather, and as the Snow fell in the Scotch Mountains; yea all the Night Season did they greatfully acknowledge the Benefit of the Quakers Covering.

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10 Thus the Quakers assisted without spilling the Blood of any Man ; yea and they found favour in the sight of William and all his Host.

11 Now it came to pass that as soon as the Weather and the Roads grew better William marched his Army forward and on the 12th Day of the Month called April they came to the River Spey, where the Rebel Army were assembled, in Number about four Thousand to dispute the Passage.

12 Nevertheless William gave Orders for the Duke of Kingston's Horse to Advance, and they immediately cross'd the River, yea, and Ray the Volunteer, was in the Front Rank, but behold the Scots were smitten with great fear, insomuch, that they set Fire to their Barracks and fled towards Inverness

13 But nevertheless the English sustained no loss in the Spey saving a Dragoon and his Wife that fell off Lovingly together and were lulled to sleep in the midst thereof.

14 And it came to pass when the English were over the Spey, they Pitched at Nairn on the 14th and rested on the 15th being William's Birth-Day.

15 And on the self-same Day the Rebels burnt Fort Augustus and murmured greatly, that Lewis should withdraw his Golden Rays from amongst them, and as Famine began to appear they were obliged to hazzard a Battle with the English ; and it was so.

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“Quaker Principles from Rome”

“I have often been afraid that popery may again overspread England. I am now pressed in spirit (after serious thoughts and prayer) to write down the grounds of my fear this evening, being Jan. 26, 1681.”

“6 That strange spirit of delusion of the Quakers, whose principles, practices, have issued from Rome, and tend to it, its popish points though in another dresse, greedily suckt in.”

OLIVER HEYWOOD, *Diaries*, ii. 216.

“A Parcel of English Jews”

“When the love of money is added to spiritual pride we may deserve the apellation that I once heard us called after, on the river Thames, we being pretty many Friends in a boat, ‘There goes a parcel of English Jews.’”

Memoirs of Nicholas Naftel (1762-1842), p. 56.