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dition that should any of the number for whom they were given break oath, the pledge should suffer death for the same, and the pledge's hand having been given to me, a pledge delivered for a number, and especially this who expects to die, should not be exchanged for a prisoner; if it be moved to you that the said pledge of Irwin is but a boy, true it is he is under 18, and because his father is a notable man, I thought it good to put his pledge in the fear of death, minding secretly that he should not suffer. As to deliverance of Salkeld in exchange, there are many gentlemen of Scotland taken at the same time, and others of better substance than Salkeld.

The Commissioners of Musters for Cumberland certified to the Archbishop of York, and as he says they must also certify to you, I enclose their certificate. [1¾ *pages.*]

March 25. Carlisle. 42. Thomas Lord Wharton to the Lord Protector. I have received your letters of the 19th, that Laird Johnston's house, called Lochwood, is not to be delivered to the Abbot of Salsyde, his brother; also that you have been advertised from Scotland and France that the Scots, by the late treasonable practices of Maxwell, had the victory against me, and that the greatest number of men and horse fell on our side. I will tell you the truth of that matter, as also of what I have done touching the execution of such persons as you wrote about.

I have delivered the house of Lochwood, for the better service of His Majesty; if you command it to be ordered in any other manner for the keeping of English or Scotch, or to be razed, it shall be done.

Whatever is advertised from France or Scotland, the truth is as I wrote you by my son on the 25th ult., except that there were more of my carriage men and horses taken in Dumfries than I then knew. On my return to Carlisle, I commanded all the gentlemen and leaders to give me in writing an account of what men and horses they lacked, and upon that information I wrote you that there were 176 carriage men and 379 horses taken. The best of those prisoners have not 10*l.* to live upon, and there are but three gentlemen; Jas. Salkeld, a younger brother, John Blauerassett, leader of the horsemen of the Barony of Gillesland, and youngest son of Thomas Blauerassett, and John Threlkeld, son of the Bailiff of Burgh, and leader of the horsemen of the Barony of Burgh; his father also and younger brother, all poor men, and taken in a place where they were not commanded to be. All the other carriage men and horses taken in Dumfries, and who showed manhood in the town, defended themselves, notwithstanding that the traitorous Scots came into the town and said that we were all overthrown.

The Scots taken and slain numbered 500, whereof I have above 200, amongst whom were the Laird Drumlangrick, John Maxwell, the Abbot of New Abbey, the Earl of Glencairn's son, and Geo. Maxwell; how the Abbot escaped will appear by two letters of his sent herewith. He signs himself the Abbot of Snethart as the house is called. His legs and feet are sore torn by running away