

**Letter from John Hossack to the Laird of Auchnagairn re an attack on
Inverness Town and the activities of Lord Lovat, Duncan Forbes of Culloden,
Keppoch and others (GB0232/D268/1)**

Sir,

Since Mr Duncan, the wheel that setts all the machine agoing is busied with his wonted zeal & application about the publick, he has ordered me to write you of occurances and that he will not yet dispense with your horses.

Since Lovat & Culloden aryv'd, Mr Duncan has stunn'd the friends of the government to assemble, this day sennight Kilravock and Culloden with their men and a troupe of horse attended my Lord Lovat as far as Borlum towards his country, next day upon advice of Keppoch being upon the breas of Stratherrick they return'd in order to support my Lord Lovat, and upon our march Tuesday morning above the Loch, Lovat advis'd us of Keppoch's retreat to the other side of the Loch and that he was on his march towards us to prevent his falling into this town to support the Rebell Garrison, which he has effectually done, for he came no further then Urquhart whence he carried Clunie and other persons and returned, Wednesday Lovat came to Kinmylies and Muirtown where he seized 27 of Sir John's cows and disarmed two of his men that morning Mr Duncan with a bodie of his own, Kilravock and Dunfaill's men march'd airily to the shore of this town to carrie off the boat, to facilitat his design of straitning the town and Garrison etc. But Mr Arthur Rose who commanded his brothers men and was ordered to line the chapyell yard and cover the prospects against a sallie from the town from a great dale of zeal & courage neglecting his charge rann fast to his fate, for he rann up the street his people followed him and attack'd the Tolbooth, having in his way been encouraged by seizing the Captain of the guard, where in the entry he received the fatall ball that in 4 hours after gave a period to his life, his death is regrated by all honest men as well as his friends – thereafter Mr Duncan went by boat to Clachnaharry to coverse with Lovat & co yesterday the Rebell Governor thot full to desert the town and our friends have taken possession of it with 600 men besides my Lord Lovats people & near 300 more Grants who came here this afternoon, Foullis and his men are this night in two miles of this town. The Earle of Sutherland is soon expected with 1500. Lovat & 7 or 8 deputie Leiutenants are now here – its believ'd that McIntosh Borlum & all that crost the firth are all lost and dispersed Marr's camp are in perrile of all necessary sustenance. 120 Frasers are come home, all ar to come to his house, it thot with a design to levie Marr's imposition when he's supported with a great detachment from Marr's camp, Culloden and Mr Duncan and all their friends are in good health they give your lady their service and so do I.

Your most humble servant

John Hossack