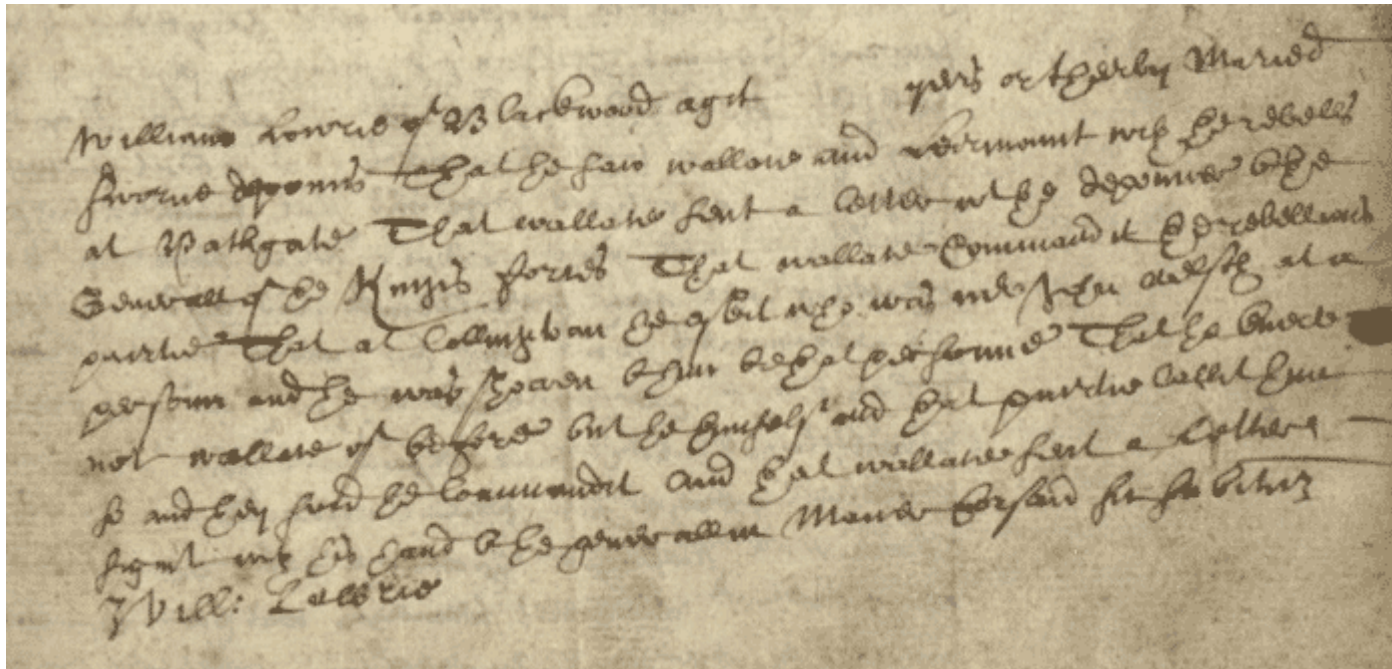


Weekly Poser 326 – High Court Book of Adjournal, 1667

This week's poser is an excerpt taken from High Court Book of Adjournal, 1667 (National Records of Scotland, JC2/12 page 139) and is a precognition or witness statement.

Note the inconsistent rendering of the witness's surname and the elaborate, cascading ligatured letters *th* (for example at the end of line two – *with the rebels*).



This week's questions: who commanded the rebel forces and what was taken to the General? Bonus point if you can identify the specific rebellion.

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Answer: The rebel forces were commanded by Wallace and Leirmont. A letter was taken to the General. The rebellion in question was the Pentland Rebellion.

Transcription

*William lowrie of Blackwood agit yeirs or therby maried
sworne deponns That he saw wallace and Leirmount with the rebels
at Bathgate That wallace sent a letter w[i]t[h] the deponner to the
Generall of the Kingis forces That wallace Commandit the rebellious
pairtie That at Collingtoun he askit who was M[ister]r John Welsch at a
persoun and he was shoaen thair be that persoune That he knew
not wallace of before but he himself and that pairtie callit him
so and they said he commandit and that wallace sent a letter
signit with his hand to the generall in maner forsaid sic subitur
Will: Lawrie*

This poser was devised by Alan Laurie, a researcher with an interest in 17th century High Court of Justiciary cases.