

Bruce, J. (ed.) *Calendar of state papers, domestic series, of the reign of Charles I 1625-[1649]*. London : Longman, 1858-97. 941 STA (DOM)

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This extract is dated August 1641, just as the Scottish Covenanter army was leaving Durham at the end of the Bishop's Wars.

What happened as the Scottish troops were leaving Durham?

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There was a great disorder upon their marching out of Durham. I hear a major with some others was killed; the General went himself to appease the business. Money was the cause of the disorder; it seems the Highlanders, who were the men that made the dispute, had not such satisfaction as they expected.

What was the disagreement about?

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What kind of impression do you get of the Highlander soldiers? How do you think the other Scottish soldiers in the army felt about them?

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