

# Public Order

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## **Transcript of the order from James Douglas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke of Queensberry, to David, Earl of Leven, Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's forces in Scotland, 23 October 1706 (NRS reference GD26/7/124)**

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Whereas there is a tumult in the Town of Edenburg and severall disorders committed by a mob not yet dispersed but on the contrary increasing... You are therefore hereby ordered to take possession of the Netherbough Port by a guard of fifty men.

As also, to march into the town an hundred and fifty men, and to take possession of the Weighhouse, and the entrance to the Parliament close, and appoint them to maintain these posts... to disperse the Mob by force, and to seize such as they find active in it, and you are hereby also empowered to send such further reinforcements into the Town, or Cannongate, as you shall find necessary for the protection of her Majestie's subjects And for the restoring of the Peace in the Town and Suburbs for the doing of which this shall be to you.

Signed att her majesties Pallace of Hollyroodhouse att ten o'clock att night