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WHITEHALL, May 29. 1798.

DISPACHES, of which the following are copies, have been received from his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland by his Grace the Duke of Portland, his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

DUBLIN CASTLE, MAY 24, 1798.

MY LORD.

THE intelligence contained in my last dispatches must have prepared your Grace to hear of some attempts being made by the rebels to carry their traitorous designs into execution, before every possibility of success was destroyed by the vigorous measures which have lately been pursued.

For some days orders had been issued by the leaders of the United Irishmen, directing their partizans to be ready at a moment's notice, as the measures of Government made it necessary for them to act immediately. Yesterday information was received, that it was probable the city and the adjacent districts would rise in the evening; subsequent information confirmed this intelligence. In consequence of which, notice was sent to the General Officers in the neighbourhood, and Dublin was put in a state of preparation. The measures taken in the metropolis prevented any movement whatsoever, but I am concerned to acquaint your Grace, that acts of open rebellion were committed in the counties of Dublin, Meath, and Kildare. About half past two o'clock this morning, there was a regular attack made by a rebel force upon the town of Naas, where Lord Gosford commanded, with part of the Armagh militia, and detachments of the 4th dragoon guards, and ancient Britons. The rebels consisted of about a thousand men, armed with muskets and pikes,

and they made their attack with regularity, but were soon repulsed by the Armagh militia, and then charged and pursued by the 4th dragoon guards, and ancient British, & I understand their loss amounted to near 200. Two officers and a few privates have been lost of his Majesty's forces. It gives me pain to relate that a small detachment at the town of Prosperous has been surprised, and a detachment at the village of Clare cut their way to Naas, with some loss.

There was also an attack on a small party of the 9th dragoons, near Kilkullen, which suffered; but in the course of the day, Genl. Dundas was enabled to come up with a considerable body of the rebels near the hills of Kilkullen, where they were entirely routed, with the loss of two hundred men. There were also several bodies collected last night in different parts near Dublin, which was attacked by the Rathfaham Cavalry, and by a detachment of the 5th dragoons, and dispersed with some loss, and some prisoners and horses were taken. A rebel party however assembled at the borders of the county of Dublin, near Dunboyne, and overpowered some constables, and afterwards took the baggage of two companies, guarded by a small party of the Royal Fencibles, coming to town, and have, during the course of this day, committed many outrages; several of them however have been killed, but the body remains undispersed. The city is tranquil, and I have no doubt will remain so this evening, and I trust that to-morrow we shall entirely disperse that body of insurgents which has not been entirely routed to-day.

I must add, that the mail coach going to the north was attacked, within a few miles of Dublin, by a select body, well armed; the passengers were taken and the coach burned. The Galway mail coach was also attacked.

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