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WHITEHALL, JUNE 26, 1798.

A dispatch of which the following is a copy has been this day 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.

MY LORD, DUBLIN CASTLE, JUNE 24.

I have the honour to transmit to your Grace a dispatch received by Lord Viscount Castlereagh, this day, from Lieutenant General Lake, dated Wexford, the 24th inst. together with a letter from Brigadier-General Moore, containing an account of his important successes.

I also inclose a copy of the proposals made by the rebels in the town of Wexford, to Lieutenant General Lake, and his answer.

I have the honour to be, &c.

CORNWALLIS.

His Grace the Duke of Portland, &c.

MY LORD,

Wexford, 22^d June.

Yesterday afternoon I had the honour to dispatch a letter to your Lordship from Enniscorthy, with the transactions of the day, for his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's information, and the inclosed copy of a letter from Brigadier-General Moore to Major-General Johnson, will account for my having entered this place without opposition.

General Moore, with his usual enterprise and activity, pushed on to this town, and entered it so opportunely as to prevent it from being laid in ashes, and the massacre of the remaining prisoners, which the rebels declared their intention of carrying into execution the very next day, and there can be very little doubt it would have taken place; for the day before they murdered above 70 prisoners, and threw their bodies over the bridge.

Inclosed is a copy of my answer to the inhabitants of

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this town, transmitted in my letter of yesterday to your Lordship.—The evacuation of the town by the rebels renders it unnecessary.—I have the pleasure to acquaint your Lordship, that the subscribers of the insolent proposals, Mr Keughe, and one of their principal leaders, Mr Roach, with a few others, are in my hands without negotiation. The rebels are reported to be in some force within five miles of this place, it is supposed for the purpose of submission, to which the event of yesterday may strengthen their inclinations. I have reason to think there are a number so disposed, and that I shall be able to secure some more of their leaders; but should I be disappointed in my expectations, and find they collect in any force, I shall lose no time in attacking them.

I have the honour to be, &c.

Lord Visc. Castlereagh.

G. LAKE.

From enquiring the numbers killed yesterday were very great indeed.

DEAR GENERAL; Camp above Wexford, June 22. 1798.

Agreeable to your order, I took post on the evening of the 19th, near Fooke's Mill, in the park of Mr Sutton. Next day I sent a strong detachment under Lieut. Colonel Wilkinfon, to patrol towards Tintern and Clonmines, with a view to scour the country, and communicate with the troops you directed to join me from Duncannon. The Lieut. Colonel found the country deserted, and got no tidings of the troops.—I waited for them until three o'clock in the afternoon, when, despairing of their arrival, I began my march to Taghmon. We had not marched above half a mile, when a considerable body of the rebels was perceived marching towards us. I sent my advanced guard, consisting of the two rifle companies of the 60th, to skirmish with them, whilst a howitzer and a six-pounder were advanced to a cross road above Goffsbridge, and some companies of light infantry formed on each side of them, under Lieutenant-Colonel Wilkinfon. The rebels attempted to attack these, but were instantly repulsed, and driven beyond the bridge.

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