

Dublin Castle, May 29, 1798.

OFFICIAL REPORT from Major-General Sir James Duff, dated Monastereven, May 29, 1798.

I Marched from Limerick on Sunday Morning with Sixty Dragoons, the Dublin Militia, their Field Pieces, with Two Curricule-Guns, to open the Communication with Dublin, which I judged of the utmost Importance to Government. By Means of Cars for the Infantry I reached this Place in Forty-eight Hours. I am now, at Seven o'Clock this Morning, (Monday) marching to surround the Town of Kildare, the Head-Quarters of the Rebels, with Seven Pieces of Artillery, One Hundred and Forty Dragoons, and Three Hundred and Fifty Infantry. I have left the whole Country behind me perfectly quiet and well protected by Means of the Troops and Yeomanry Corps. I hope to be able to forward this to you by the Mail Coach, which I will effort to Naas. I am sufficiently strong.—You may depend on my Prudence and Success. My Guns are well manned, and the Troops in high Spirits. The Cruelties that have been committed on some of the Officers and Men have exasperated them to a great Degree. Of my future Operations I will endeavour to inform you.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

JAMES DUFF.

Tuesday, Two o'Clock, P. M.  
Kildare.

P. S. We found the Rebels retiring from the Town, on our Arrival, armed. We followed them with the Dragoons. I sent on some of the Yeomen to tell them, on laying down their Arms, they should not be hurt. Unfortunately some of them fired on the Troops: From that Moment they were attacked on all Sides. Nothing could stop the Rage of the Troops. I believe from Two to Three Hundred of the Rebels were killed. We have Three Men killed, and several wounded. I am too much fatigued to enlarge.

(Signed) J. DUFF.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 26, 1798.

SUCH Ladies as desire to dance Minuets at the Ball which is to be at St. James's on Monday the 4th of June next, are requested to send their Names and Rank, in Writing, to this Office, on or before Friday the 1st of June, and to send for their Tickets the next Day (Saturday) between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Two in the Afternoon.

And to prevent the Inconveniencies which have arisen from the Space before their Majesties, which is allotted for Minuet Dancing, being exceedingly crowded, it is requested that those Ladies only who mean to dance will send for Dancers Tickets, and sit in those Places, as the Seats have been found too few to accommodate the Dancers.

Jovis 31mo, Die Maij, 1798.

SEVERAL Capital Burgeses of the Borough of Malmesbury, in the County of Wilts, on Behalf of themselves and others, Capital Burgeses of the said Borough, having this Day presented their Petition to the House of Commons, setting forth, that a Select Committee of this House, appointed to try and determine the Merits of a certain Petition, presented by James John Vassar, Esq; complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough of Malmesbury, did, on the 10th Day of

May, 1797, report to the House, that it having appeared to the said Committee, that the Merits of the said Petition did wholly depend upon the Right of Election in the said Borough; the Counsel for the several Parties had been required by the said Committee, to deliver to the Clerk of the said Committee, Statements in Writing, of the Right of Election for which they respectively contended; and such Statements having been accordingly delivered in, as well on the Part of the Petitioner, as of the Sitting Member; that the said Committee had determined, that the Right of Election, as set forth in the Statement delivered in, on the Part of the Sitting Member, is the Right of Election for the said Borough, and is as follows, that is to say,—“ That the Right of Election of Burgeses, to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Malmesbury, in the County of Wilts, is in the Aldermen and Twelve Capital Burgeses of the said Borough only.”— And that a Petition has lately been presented to the House, by certain Persons styling themselves Burgeses of the said Borough of Malmesbury, stating that they had been advised, that the Right of Election, so determined by the said Committee, and reported as aforesaid, on the 10th Day of May, 1797, is not the Right of Election for the said Borough, and praying that they may be admitted as Parties to oppose the Right of Election so determined and reported as aforesaid; and that the Petitioners, on the contrary, being advised, that the said Right of Election, so determined and reported, is the true Right of Election for the said Borough, and that the same ought to be established, pray to be admitted by the House as Parties to defend the same, in case it shall be deemed expedient to refer the said Petition to a Select Committee: But that the Petitioners are advised further to state to the House, that it also appears by the Journals of the House, that on the 7th Day of November, 1796, a former Special Committee of the House, appointed to try and determine the Merits of several Petitions of John Vassar, Esq; and also of certain Persons styling themselves the Assistant Burgeses, Burgeses, Landholders, and other the Burgeses of the Borough of Malmesbury, in the County of Wilts, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, reported to the House, that it having appeared to the said Committee, that the Merits of the said Petitions did in Part depend on the Right of Election; and the said Committee having thereupon required the Counsel for the several Parties to deliver to the Clerk of the said Committee, Statements, in Writing, of the Right of Election, for which they respectively contended, and such Statements having been delivered in accordingly, as well on the Part of the Petitioners as of the Sitting Members, the said Committee had determined, that the Right, as set forth in the Statement delivered in on the Part of the Sitting Members, is the Right of Election for the said Borough of Malmesbury, and appears in the same Report to be as follows; (that is to say) “ That the Right of Election of Burgeses to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Malmesbury, in the County of Wilts, is in the Aldermen, and Twelve Capital Burgeses only;” and that from the Date of the said last-mentioned Report, so made to the House on the 7th Day of November, 1796, until after the Expiration of Twelve Calendar Months, no Petition appears to have been presented by any Person or Persons whatsoever to the House, praying to be admitted as Parties