

On Monday last the Rebels, which had been in the Mountains, passed over to the Bog of Allen. On Wednesday they attacked, with a Body of about 1500, the Town of Clon, and where they were repulsed with the Loss of Sixty Men by Colonel Blake, who marched from Mullingar, and attacked them with about Fifty Infantry, and as many Yeomen Cavalry. This Body of Rebels, after their Defeat, proceeded towards Kilcock, and were pursued till Night by a Detachment under Brigadier-General Meyrick. The Rebel Army advanced to Dunboyne, and on Friday moved to Garristown-Hill, whither I ordered Major-General Myers, with a Detachment of the Royal Buckinghamshire Militia and Yeomanry from the Garrison of Dublin, to pursue them. The Rebels, however, went off for the Boyne, and passed it; but were checked near Stackallen by Cavalry detached from two Columns commanded by Major-General Wemyss and Brigadier-General Meyrick, who had assembled on the Road to Slane. And I have the Honour to transmit to your Grace a Copy of a Letter received by my Military Secretary, Captain Taylor, from Major-General Wemyss, giving an Account of the Action.

I have the further Satisfaction to acquaint your Grace, that last Night, about Seven o'Clock, Captain Gordon, of the Dumfries Fencibles, with a Detachment of Infantry and Cavalry, fell in with that Part of the Rebels which had returned across the Boyne near Garristown, killed Twenty of them, and took 200 Horses.

I have the Honour to be, &c. &c.

CORNWALLIS.

*His Grace the Duke of Portland,
Et. Et. Et.*

SIR,

Drögbeda, July 15, 1798.

HAVING received Information from different Quarters on Friday Afternoon that a large Body of Rebels had assembled about Garristown, and were marching towards this, I went out with what Force I thought it prudent to take from the Garrison here to Duleek, where I arrived at Ten o'Clock at Night the 13th, and got Information that the Rebels were strongly posted upon a Hill Three Miles off to the Right. Not knowing the Country, I remained in Duleek till One o'Clock. When I marched to the Hill, I found the Rebels left it on our coming into Duleek the Evening before, and halted at a Village near it. I followed them to the Village. They had left it about Five Hours before towards Slane. I thought it probable, from a Note I had received from General Meyrick, that he was to march from Taragh Hill to attack the Rebels at Garristown, that I should hear of him at the Black Lion, and went on about half a Mile, when I saw General Meyrick's Division coming into the Black Lion. We immediately proceeded by two Roads towards Slane, as we were informed they were posted above Lord Boyne's House. When we came there they had left it about Three Hours, and had passed the Boyne above Slane. Finding that we did not come up with them, General Meyrick sent on Lieutenant-Colonel Ord, with the Durham Cavalry, to overtake them, and keep them in Check, which he did about Four or Five Miles from us on the North Side of the Boyne Road to Ardee, and sent back for a Reinforcement of Cavalry. I ordered

Colonel Maxwell, with the Dumfries, with General Meyrick to move on, and they found the Rebels very strongly posted behind a Defile between Two Bogs, the Pass only allowing them to pass by Fours. The Cavalry drove in their advanced Post, and charged with great Spirit; but from the Position of the Enemy Colonel Maxwell thought it better to wait till the Infantry came up, which I did with the Sutherland Highlanders in a very short Time, and advanced with my Battalion Guns. Whenever the Rebels perceived us, I saw them get into Confusion, and they immediately broke in all Directions. I then ordered the Cavalry and Yeomanry to attack, and I followed with the Infantry to support them. The Rebels got into the Bogs, and the Cavalry advanced, killed all they met with, and surrounded the Bog to the Height on the opposite Side. The Highlanders got into the Bog, and killed all that were in it. Those who got out on the opposite Side were met by the Cavalry. From the Manner in which they dispersed, I cannot give an exact Account of the Killed. We took a great Quantity of Pikes, Pistols, Swords, Muskets, &c. and Two Standards. General Meyrick got One Prisoner, who gave him some Information, and promised him more. He took him with him to Navan, so that I cannot report any Thing with Accuracy about him.

The Troops behaved with great Spirit, and bore a great Deal of Fatigue, particularly General Meyrick's Division, with a Reinforcement from this of the Dumfries, and my Light Company has been out Three Nights. I am particularly indebted to the Gentlemen Yeomanry, and to Mr. Trettü Duheln, who served me as a Guide. Any Body of the Rebels left went on towards Ardee. A great many got round the Hill on our Right, and came back to Slane, where they assembled near it, crossed the Boyne, and went back towards Garristown, where I hope General Myers will fall in with them. I reported this to General Campbell last Night, being under his Command, and just now received a Note from him to inform you of it.

(Signed) W. WEMYSS, M. G.

Dublin-Castle, 16th July, 1798.

HIS Majesty has been pleased, by Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal of this Kingdom, to constitute and appoint John Toler, Esq; His Majesty's Attorney-General.

His Majesty has also been pleased, by Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal, to constitute and appoint John Stewart, Esq; His Majesty's Solicitor General in this Kingdom; and they have been sworn into Office accordingly.

Commission signed by His Majesty for the Army in Ireland.

Mr. Thomas Charles to be Paymaster in the 13th Foot, vice Captain James Lowry. Dated June 27, 1798.

Whitehall, 21st July, 1798.

THE King has been pleased to grant to George Dallas, of Upper Harley Street in the County of Middlesex, Esq; and the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten, the Dignity of a Baronet of the Kingdom of Great Britain.

