

goons, were sent to attack them. At the Instant that we were advancing upon them, in the Town of Stratford upon Slaney, Captain Stratford appeared at the other End of the Town, with Part of his Corps. We attacked the Rebels on both Sides, and completely routed them, having between One and Two Hundred killed, besides many wounded, who made their Escape.

There are several of our Men wounded, and One of the 9th Dragoons very severely. I have great Pleasure in telling you, that every Man behaved as well as possibly could be wished.

Dublin Castle, May 26, 1798.

*Extract of a Letter from Hacketstown, May 25, 1798.*

**I**N consequence of an Information, received this Morning, that a large Body of Rebels were marching to attack the Town, Lieutenant Gardner and Captain Hardy, with the Men under their Command, went out to meet them. Having reconnoitred their Force, which amounted to between Three and Four Thousand, they took their Post on the Hill under the Church, and when the Rebels came tolerably near, the Officers and Men made a Feint, and retreated into the Barracks, where they prepared to repel them, in case of an Attack. On the Rebels seeing the Military retreat, they came on with a great Shout, imagining the Day to be their own. In a few Minutes Captain Hume came up, with about Thirty of his Yeomanry Troop, and instantly charged them, on which the Rebels retreated, and a general Pursuit took Place; and I have the Satisfaction to inform you, that above Three Hundred of the Miscreants lie dead on the Field of Battle.

To say that the Antrim Regiment behaved well is not any thing new to you; but the Yeomen, under Captain Hume's Command, behaved astonishingly.

*Whitehall, May 30, Ten P. M.*

**A** Dispatch, of which the following is a Copy, has been received this Evening 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 27, 1798.*

My Lord,

**I** Have the Satisfaction to inform your Grace, that the Body of Rebels, who for some Days had been in considerable Force to the Northward of Dublin, were Yesterday defeated, with very great Loss on their Part, by a Party of the Reay Fencibles, and the neighbouring Yeomanry Corps, on the Hill of Taragh.

Five Companies of the Reay Fencibles, under the Command of Captain Scobie, had halted Yesterday at Dunshaughlin, on their March to Dublin; and hearing that the Rebels were in great Force, and had taken a Station on Taragh Hill, Captain Scobie detached Three of the Companies, under the Command of Captain M'Lean, with One Field Piece, to the Spot; who, being accompanied by Lord Fingal and his Troop of Yeomanry, Captain Preston's and the Lower Kells Yeomanry Cavalry, and Captain Molloy's Company of Yeomanry Infantry, attacked the Rebels; who, after some Resistance, fled in all Directions. Three Hundred and Fifty were found dead in the Field this Morning, among whom was their Commanding Officer, in his Uniform; many more were killed and wounded. Some Horses were taken, and great Quantities of Arms. The Loss, on the Part of the King's Troops, was Nine Rank and File killed, and Sixteen wounded.

The Town is perfectly quiet, and the only Part of the Country from whence any Attack is threatened, is from Wicklow. I shall have the Honor of addressing your Grace again To-morrow Night.

I have the Honor to remain, with perfect Truth,

Your Grace's

Most obedient humble Servant,

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*His Grace the Duke of Portland.*