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Whitehall, June 1, 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.

*Dublin Castle, May 28, 1798,
Half past Four o'Clock, P. M.*

My Lord,

Intelligence has been received that the Insurrection is spreading Southward, and it has broke out in great Force in the County of Wexford; and I have to inform your Grace, with infinite Concern, that the Rebels in that Quarter have assembled in such Force that they have cut off a Party of One Hundred Men of the North Cork Militia, who were sent to meet them. Colonel Foote, who has returned to Wexford, states the Numbers of the Rebels to be at least Four Thousand, and a great Number of them mounted. Measures are taken to march against this Body, and I hope they will be met and defeated.

I have received Accounts from Colonel Campbell, at Athy, between whom and General Dundas the Communication has been stopped, that he has had partial Engagements with the Rebels; that at Monastereven and Carlow they have been defeated, and Four Hundred killed at the latter Place, and Fifty at the former. He also informs General Lake, that his Men are in high Spirits. I will not close this Letter till the last Moment of the Mail leaving Dublin, that I may give your Grace the last Information.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed)

CAMDEN.

Nine o'Clock, P. M.

No further Accounts have been received from the Country since the Middle of the Day. General Lake went to Naas last Night, and is not yet returned.

I inclose your Grace the Publication put forth this Day by the Roman Catholics.

To such of the DELUDED PEOPLE now in Rebellion against His Majesty's Government in this Kingdom, as profess the ROMAN CATHOLIC RELIGION.

THE under-signed Roman Catholics of Ireland, feel themselves earnestly called on to remonstrate with such of the deluded People of that Persuasion, as are now engaged in open Rebellion against His Majesty's Government, on the wicked Tendency and Consequences of the Conduct which they have embraced. They apprehend, with equal Horror and Concern, that such deluded Men, in Addition to the Crime committed against the Allegiance which they owe to His Majesty, have in some Instances attempted to give to their Designs a Colour of Zeal for the Religion which they profess!—The undersigned profess equally with them the Roman Catholic Religion;—some of them are Bishops of that Persuasion; others are Heads of the leading Families who profess that Religion, and others are Men of the same Persuasion, who, by an honorable Industry have, under the Constitution now sought to be subverted, raised themselves to a Situation which affords them, in the most extensive Sense, all the Comforts of Life. The undersigned of each Description concur in entreating such of the Deluded, who have taken up Arms against the established Government, or entered into Engagements tending to that Effect, to return to their Allegiance—and by relinquishing the Treasonable Plans in which they are engaged, to entitle themselves to that Mercy which their lawful Governors anxiously wish to extend to them: A contrary Conduct will inevitably subject them to Loss of Life and Property, and expose their Families to Ignominy and Beggary—whilst at the same Time, it will throw on the Religion, of which they profess to be the Advocates, the most indelible Stain; on this point, the unfortunately deluded will do well to consider, whether the true Interests and Honor of the Roman Catholic Religion are likely to be most considered by the Bishops of that Persuasion—by the ancient Families who profess that Religion, and who have resisted every Temptation to relinquish it—by Men who, at once professing it, and submitting to the present Constitution, have arrived at a State of

Affluence