

and Six-Pounder soon obliged them to fly in all Directions. Their Force was, in the Evening of the 12th, near 5000; but as many Persons are pressed into their Service, and almost entirely unarmed, the General does not suppose that, on the Morning of the Engagement, their Numbers were so considerable.

About 400 Rebels were killed in the Attack and Retreat, and the Remainder were dispersed all over the Country.— Parts of the Towns of Saintfield and Ballynahinch were burnt. Major-General Nugent states, that both Officers and Men deserve Praise for their Zeal and Alacrity on this as well as on all Occasions; but he particularly expresses his Obligations to Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart for his Advice and Assistance throughout the Business, and to Colonel Leslie for his Readiness to volunteer the Duty at all Times. The Yeomanry behaved with extreme Steadiness and Bravery. Three or Four Green Colours were taken, and Six One-Pounders, not mounted, but which the Rebels fired very often, and a considerable Quantity of Ammunition. Their Chief was Munro, a Shopkeeper of Lisburn.

Major-General Nugent regrets the Loss of Captain Eyatt, of the Monaghan Militia. Lieutenant Ellis, of the same Regiment, was wounded. The Loss of Rank and File was Five killed and Fourteen wounded. Several of the Yeoman Infantry were killed or wounded. The Major-General expresses his Acknowledgements to Lieutenant-Colonel Peacock and Major of Brigade Mackinnon, who were of the greatest Service.

The Portaferry Yeomanry, on the 11th Instant, under the Command of Captain Matthews, made a most gallant Defence against a large Body of the Rebels, who attacked the Town of Portaferry; the

Yeomanry having taken Possession of the Market-House, from which Post they repulsed the Rebels, who left behind them above 40 dead; many more were carried off. Captain Hopkins, of a Revenue Cruizer, brought his Guns to bear on the Town, and was of great Service in defending it.

Advices from Major-General Sir Charles Asgill, dated from Kilkenny, the 13th Instant, state, that on the Evening of the 12th, having heard that a large Body of the Rebels had marched from the County of Wexford against Borris, under the Command of Mr. Baginall Harvey, and were burning the Town, he proceeded to its Relief with 400 Men, but the Rebels had fled before he could arrive. They had attacked Mr. Kavanagh's House, in which were 29 Men of the Donegal Militia, who, notwithstanding the incessant Fire kept up on them for some Hours, defended themselves in the most gallant Manner, and killed several of the Rebels. Nothing could surpass the determined Bravery of those few Men. The Rebels effected their Escape into the County of Wexford.

A Letter, received by Lieutenant-General Lake from Major-General Johnson, dated the 13th Instant at New Ross, states, that having received Information that the Rebels had fitted out several Boats and other Craft for the Purpose of effecting their Escape, he had sent Lieutenant Hill, with such armed Vessels as could be spared from Feathard, where they were collected, with Orders to destroy the Whole; which Lieutenant Hill effected with his usual Spirit, and without Loss. Thirteen large sailing Hookers and a great many Boats were burnt.

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

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His Grace the Duke of Portland,
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