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Whitehall, June 26, 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, June 22, 1798.

My Lord,

I Have the Satisfaction of transmitting to your Grace an Extract of a Letter received this Morning by Lord Viscount Castlereagh, from Lieutenant-General Lake, dated Enniscorthy, the 21st Instant, and a Letter dated the same Day at Borris, from Major-General Sir Charles Asgill, which contain Details of the Advantages obtained by His Majesty's Forces against the Rebels in the County of Wexford. Private Accounts mention that Lieutenant-General Lake had his Horse shot under him.

I also Inclose to your Grace the Copy of a Letter from Sir Hugh O'Reilly, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Westmeath Regiment of Militia, which contains a Report of an Action against a Body of Insurgents, near Cloghnikilty, and which I shortly mentioned to your Grace in my Dispatch of Yesterday.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect,

My Lord

Your Grace's most obedient
humble Servant,

CORNWALLIS.

*His Grace the Duke of Portland,
Esq. &c. &c.*

Extract of a Letter from General Lake to Lord Viscount Castlereagh; dated Enniscorthy, June 21, 1798.

I HAVE the Honour to acquaint your Lordship for His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Information, that the Rebel Camp, upon Vinegar Hill,

[Price Six-Pence.]

was attacked this Morning at Seven o'Clock, and carried in about an Hour and a Half.

The relative Importance of this very strong Position, with our Operations against Wexford, made it necessary to combine our Attacks, so as to insure Success. A Column, under Major Generals Johnson and Eustace, was drawn from Ross, and began the Attack upon the Town of Enniscorthy, situated upon the Right Bank of the Slaney, close under Vinegar Hill, upon the Right, and rather in the Rear of it.

Lieutenant General Dundas commanded the centre Column, Two other Columns were commanded by Major Generals Sir James Duff and Loftus, and a Fourth Column upon the left, by the Honourable Major-General Needham. To the determined Spirit with which these Columns were conducted, and the great Gallantry of the Troops we are indebted to the short Resistance of the Rebels, who maintained their Ground obstinately for the Time above-mentioned, but on perceiving the Danger of being surrounded, they flew with great Precipitation. Their Loss is not yet ascertained, but it must be very considerable; the Loss on our Part is not great, the Particulars of which, I shall report as soon as possible. In the mean Time, I am sorry to say, that Lieutenant Sandys, of the Longford Regiment is killed, and that Colonel King of the Sligo, was wounded, in gallantly leading his Regiment. Lord Blaney and Colonel Vesey, of the County of Dublin Regiment are also wounded, but I am happy to add, that the Wounds of these Three Officers are very slight.

I cannot too highly express my Obligations, particularly to Lieutenant-General Dundas, and the General Officers on this Occasion, for the Abilities and Ardor so strongly manifested by them, nor to the Officers of every Rank, and the private Men, for a prompt, brave, and effectual Execution of their Orders.

To Colonel Campbell, with his Light Battalion, I am much indebted for their very spirited Attack; and

and great Praise is due to the Earl of Ancram and Lord Roden, for their gallant Charge with their Regiments at the moment the Cavalry was wanted to complete the Success of the Day.

It is with great Gratitude I also beg leave to mention the able Assistance I received from Major-Generals Hewitt and Cradock, and from Colonel Handfield, as I do on all Occasions. And I should be extremely wanting to myself, as well as to Lord Glentworth, Colonel Bligh, and Lieutenant-Colonel Meade (who did me the Honour to Volunteer their Service, and accompany me from Dublin) were I to omit to express the high Sense I entertain of their active and useful Aid to me this Morning. I also beg leave to mention in the same warm Terms, my Aid de Camp Captain Nicholson.

To the rapid and well directed Fire of the Royal Artillery, and the Gallantry of their Officers and Men, for which they have ever been distinguished, I consider myself this Day highly indebted; and I am happy in expressing my Obligations to Captain Blomfield, commanding the British, and Captain Crawford, commanding the Irish Royal Artillery, with the Officers and Men under their Command.

Return of Ordnance, &c. taken from the Rebels on Vinegar-Hill, the 21st of June, 1798.

- 2 Brass Six-Pounders, Side-Arms compleat.
- 1 Brass Ditto, ditto.
- 1 Metal Six-Pounder, no Drag-Ropes.
- 6 Metal One-Pounders, ditto.
- 1 Metal Three-Pounder.
- 1 Brass $5\frac{1}{2}$ Inch Howitzer.
- 1 Brass $4\frac{1}{2}$ Inch ditto.
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- 13 Total.

Ammunition Round.

- 17 Six Pounders.
- 30 One-Pounder.
- 11 Five and Half Inch.

Note, A Cart with a vast Variety of Balls of different Diameters, had been thrown down the Hill after the Action; and immense Quantities of Lead and Leaden Balls delivered over to the Dumbarton Fencibles.

(Signed) ROBERT CRAWFORD,
Captain R. I. A.

Borris, June 21st, 1798.

My Lord,

HAVING received Intelligence that many of the Rebels, who probably had escaped from their Camps in Wexford, had collected near the Blackstairs Mountain, and were prevented from proceeding farther, owing to the Posts which I occupied by General Lake's Order, on the Barrow, I marched Yesterday Morning from hence, with 250 Men, in Two Divisions, by different Routes, to attack them. I found them scattered through the Country in considerable Numbers; upwards of an Hundred were killed, the remainder dispersed, and several Arms and Pikes were taken.

Lord Loftus, of the Wexford Militia, commanded one Party, under my Orders; Honourable Colonel Howard, of the Wicklow, the other.

The Troops behaved as usual, in the most gallant Manner.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

CHARLES ASGILL, Major General.

Right Hon. Lord Castlereagh.

S I R,

Bandon, June 20, 1798.

I Have the Honor to inform you, that a Party of the Westmeath Regiment, consisting of Two Hundred and Twenty Men, Rank and File, with Two Six-Pounders under my Command, was Yesterday attacked on our March from Clonikilty to Bandon, near a Village called Ballynascarty, by the Rebels, who took up the best Position on the whole March.

The Attack was made from a Height on the Left of our Column of March with great Rapidity, and without the least previous Notice, by between Three and Four Hundred Men as nearly as I can judge, armed mostly with Pikes, and very few with Fire Arms; we had hardly Time to Form, but very soon repulsed them with a considerable Loss, when they retreated precipitately, but not in great Confusion, and when they regained the Height I could perceive that they there joined a considerable Force. I, with the greatest Difficulty and Risk to the Officers, restrained the Men, and halted and formed the greater Part of them, when I saw that the Enemy was filing off to the Right, under Cover of a high Bank, with an Intent to take possession of our Guns. A Detachment of a Hundred Men of the Caithness Legion, under the Command of Major Innes, was on its March to replace us at Clonikilty, hearing our Fire pressed forwards, and very critically fired upon them whilst we were forming, and made them fly in every Direction with great Precipitation; at the same Moment a very considerable Force shewed itself on the Heights in our Rear; a vast Number of Pikes appeared, and some with Hats upon them, and other Signals, I suppose in order to collect their Forces. I ordered the Guns to prepare for Action, and very fortunately brought them to bear upon the Enemy with good Effect, as they dispersed in a short Time, and must have left a considerable Number dead: Some were killed in attempting to carry away the dead Bodies. It is impossible to ascertain the Loss of the Enemy; but a Dragoon who came this Morning from Clonikilty to Bandon, reports that their Loss is One Hundred and Thirty.

I feel most highly gratified by the Conduct and Spirit of the Officers and Men of the Westmeath Regiment, and had only to complain of the too great Ardour of the latter, which it was almost impossible to restrain. I cannot give too much Praise to Major Innes, Captain Innes, and all the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Privates of the Caithness Legion, for their cool steady Conduct, and the very effectual Support I received from them. Our Loss was One Serjeant and One Private.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

H. O'REILLY, Lieut. Col. W. Reg.

Lieut.-Gen. Sir James Stewart, Bart.

Whitehall, 26th June, 1798.

DISPATCHES have been received here from His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, which bring the Intelligence of Lieutenant General Lake's having taken Possession of Wexford on the 22d inst.