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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