

and great Praise is due to the Earl of Angram 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 complet.
- 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.
- 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 Ballynacarty, 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.