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TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 1798.—P. M.

*Whitehall, June 26.*

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, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1798.*

My Lord,

I HAVE the Honour to transmit to your Grace a Dispatch received by Lord Viscount Castlereagh, this Day, from Lieutenant-General Lake, dated Wexford, the 22<sup>d</sup> Inst.; together with a Letter from Brigadier-General Moore, containing an Account of his important Successes.

I also inclose a Copy of the Proposals made by the Rebels in the Town of Wexford, to Lieutenant-General Lake, and his Answer.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) CORNWALLIS.

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

My Lord,

*Wexford, June 22, 1798.*

YESTERDAY Afternoon I had the Honor to dispatch a Letter to your Lordship, from Enniscorthy, with the Transactions of the Day, for His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Information; and the inclosed Copy of a Letter from Brigadier-General Moore to Major-General Johnson will account for my having entered this Place without Opposition. General Moore, with his usual Enterprize and Activity, pushed on to this Town, and entered it so opportunely as to prevent it from being laid in Ashes, and the Massacre of the remaining Prisoners, which the Rebels declared their Resolution of carrying into Effect the next Day; and there can be little Doubt it would have taken Place, for the Day before they murdered above Seventy Prisoners, and threw their Bodies over the Bridge.

Inclosed is a Copy of my Answer to the Proposal of the Inhabitants of this Town, transmitted in my

Letter of Yesterday to your Lordship. The Evacuation of the Town by the Rebels renders it unnecessary. I have the Pleasure to acquaint your Lordship, that the Subscriber of the insolent Proposals, Mr. Keughe, and one of their principal Leaders, Mr. Roach, with a few others, are in my Hands without Negotiation. The Rebels are reported to be in some Force within Five Miles of this Place; it is supposed for the Purpose of Submission, to which the Event of Yesterday may strengthen their Inclination. I have Reason to think there are a Number so disposed, and that I shall be able to secure some more of their Leaders; but should I be disappointed in my Expectations, and find they collect in any Force, I shall lose no Time in attacking them.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) G. LAKE.

P. S. From Enquiry, the Numbers killed Yesterday were very great indeed.

*Lord Viscount Castlereagh.*

*Camp above Wexford, June 22, 1798.*

Dear General,

AGREEABLE to your Order, I took Post on the Evening of the 19<sup>th</sup>, near Fook's Mill, in the Park of Mr. Sutton. Next Day I sent a strong Detachment, under Lieutenant-Colonel Wilkinson, to patrol towards Tintern and Clonmines, with a view to scour the Country and communicate with the Troops you directed me to join from Duncannon. The Lieutenant-Colonel found the Country deserted, and got no Tidings of the Troops. I waited for them until Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, when, despairing of their Arrival, I began my March to Taghmon. We had not marched above Half a Mile when a considerable Body of the Rebels was perceived marching towards us. I sent my advanced Guard, consisting of the Two Rifle Companies of the 60<sup>th</sup>, to skirmish with them, whilst a Howitzer and Six Pounder were advanced to a Cross

Road

Road above Goff's Bridge, and some Companies of Light Infantry formed on each Side of them, under Lieutenant-Colonel Wilkinson. The Rebels attempted to attack these, but were instantly repulsed, and driven beyond the Bridge. A large Body were perceived at the same Time moving towards my Left. Major Aylmer, and afterwards Major Daniel, with Five Companies of Light Infantry and a Six Pounder, were detached against them. The 60th Regiment, finding no further Opposition in Front, had of themselves inclined to their Left, to engage the Body which was attempting to turn us. The Action here was for a short Time pretty sharp. The Rebels were in great Numbers, and armed with both Muskets and Pikes; they were, however, forced to give Way, and driven, though they repeatedly attempted to form, behind the Ditches. They at last dispersed, flying towards Enniscorthy and Wexford. Their killed could not be ascertained, as they lay scattered in the Fields over a considerable Extent, but they seemed to be numerous. I inclose a List of our's. \* The Troops behaved with great Spirit; the Artillery and Hompesch's Cavalry were active, and seemed only to regret that the Country did not admit of their rendering more effectual Service. Major Daniel is the only Officer whose Wound is bad; it is through the Knee, but not dangerous.

The Business, which began between Three and Four, was not over till near Eight. It was then too late to proceed to Taghmon. I took Post for the Night on the Ground where the Action had commenced. As the Rebels gave Way I was informed of the Approach of the 2d and 29th Regiments under Lord Dalhousie. In the Morning of the 21st we were proceeding to Taghmon, where I was met by an Officer of the North Cork from Wexford with the inclosed Letters. I gave of Course no Answer to the Proposal made by the Inhabitants of Wexford, but I thought it my Duty immediately to proceed here and to take Post above the Town, by which means I have perhaps saved the Town itself from Fire, as well as the Lives of many Loyal Subjects who were Prisoners in the Hands of the Rebels. The Rebels fled, upon my Approach, over the Bridge of Wexford, and towards the Barony of Forth. I shall wait here your further Orders. Lord Kingsborough has informed me of different Engagements he had entered into with respect to the Inhabitants. I have declined entering upon the Subject, but have referred his Lordship to you or General Lake.

\* This List was omitted.

I received your pacified Note during the Action of the 20th: It was impossible for me then to detach the Troops you asked for, but I hear you have perfectly succeeded at Enniscorthy with those you had. Mr. Roche who commands the Rebels is encamped, I hear, about Five Miles off. He has sent to Lord Kingsborough to surrender upon Terms. Your Presence speedily is upon every Account extremely necessary.

I am, &c.

JOHN MOORE.

Major-General Johnson.

P. S. It is difficult to judge of the Numbers of Rebels, they appear in such Crowds and so little Order. Information states those we beat to have been between 5 and 6,000.

#### PROPOSALS of the REBELS.

June 21, 1798.

THAT Captain M'Manus shall proceed from Wexford towards Oulart, accompanied by Mr. E. Hay, appointed by the Inhabitants of all Religious Persuasions, to inform the Officer commanding the King's Troops that they are ready to deliver up the Town of Wexford without Opposition, lay down their Arms, and return to their Allegiance, provided that their Persons and Properties are guaranteed by the Commanding Officer, and that they will use every Influence in their Power to induce the People of the Country at large to return to their Allegiance also. These Terms we hope Captain M'Manus will be able to procure.

Signed, by Order of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wexford,

MATTHEW KEUGHE.

#### ANSWER.

Enniscorthy, June 22, 1798.

Lieutenant-General Lake cannot attend to any Terms offered by Rebels in Arms against their Sovereign. While they continue so, he must use the Force entrusted to him with the utmost Energy for their Destruction.

To the deluded Multitude he promises Pardon, on their delivering into his Hands their Leaders, surrendering their Arms, and returning with Sincerity to their Allegiance.

(Signed)

G. LAKE.

To the Inhabitants of Wexford.