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Edinburgh, July 30.

ON Friday, the 26th instant, Major-General Mackay marched from St. Johnstown's with about 4000 Foot, and four Troops of Horse and Dragoons, and lay that Night at Dunkell. The next day continuing his march, he was informed, that the Viscount of Dundee advanced towards him; And about two Miles on this side the Blair of Athol, he came in sight of the Rebels, and drew up his Men to attack them: The Fight began about five in the Afternoon, and was very sharp, for some time, but some of our Regiments giving way, and Dundee's Men exceeding ours in number, they being about 6000, part of our Forces were put into disorder; Whereupon Major-General Mackay thought fit to retire with the rest towards Sterlin, where he arrived last night with 1500 Men, who retreated in a Body, and in good Order: Of this number were the Regiments of the Earl of Leven, and Colonel Hastings, who, as well Officers as Soldiers, behaved themselves with extraordinary Bravery and Resolution, maintaining their Ground to the last; and keeping the Field after the Rebels were drawn off to the Hills. The Loss on both sides is yet uncertain; On ours, the only Officers of Note that are missing are Colonel Balfour and Lieutenant-Colonel Mackay. And on the other side, we are assured Dundee is kill'd, which we have the more reason to give Credit to, for that in the later end of the Action, when the Rebels drew off, Colonel Cannon, who came lately with the Irish from Carrickfergus, was observed to Command them. It's said, the Athol Men behaved themselves very treacherously, and that after the Fight, they fell upon our Men that were scattered, and kill'd divers of them. You may expect a farther and more exact account in our next.

Chester, July 30. Yesterday arrived here two Persons from Ireland, one of them a Divine; They left that Kingdom on the 25th instant, embarking in the night, in an open Boat, at a place call'd the Skerries, about 12 Miles from Dublin; And gave the following Account of the State of Affairs there. That the pretended Parliament was Adjourned on Thursday the 18th instant, to the 12th of November next; That they were desirous to have sat some days longer, but it would not be granted. That, immediately after, most, if not all the Protestants of Note, not only in the City of Dublin, but like-

wise through the Country, were seized and sent to Goal; In Dublin, Sir John Davies, the Lord-Chief Justice Keating, Captain Fitzgerald, William Hancock, Sen. and his Son William Hancock Councillor at Law, John Weaver Esq; with many others, who, being Country Gentlemen, were retired to Dublin on the late King's coming thither, expecting Security there from the Insolent Fury of the Irish. That all the Protestant Citizens, of Note, are likewise taken up, and, for the most part, sent to Newgate, the Prison for common Malefactors. That not only the Laity, but likewise the Protestant Clergy, are seized, to wit, Dr. William King, Dr. Nathaniel Foy, Mr. John Finglas, &c. And that they themselves saw several of the Country Clergy brought up towards Dublin under Guards; And that it was the general report, that the Protestants thus taken up should be forthwith sent over to France. That the Popish Clergy have actually taken possession of the Church-Livings, and are now letting and disposing of the Tithes, and particularly the Living of this Minister, now come over, (for whose Apprehension a Warrant, as he was assured, was likewise given out,) was set by a Popish Priest, who pretends Title to the same by Virtue of the late Acts of Parliament.

That there were not above 2 or 3 Regiments at Dublin, and, of these, many of the Soldiers wanted Clothes and Arms; That the main Body of the Army was before Derry. That the Duke of Berwick had been sent with a considerable Parry towards Enniskilling, but that, upon the News of Major-General Kirk's having landed his Men on the Island of Inch, he was countermanded, and marched back to the Camp before Derry. That the Town of Derry, as they were informed, upon the best Enquiry they could make, was not yet reduced to any great distress. And that the Irish Soldiers deserted in great numbers.

Plimouth, July 30. On Sunday last the Fleet of Ships, with Artillery, Ammunition, &c. sailed from hence. And this Evening the Berkeley-Castle came into this Port, and will sail again to-morrow.

Deale, August 1. Yesterday sailed out of the Downs Their Majesties Ship the *Nonfuch*, to the Westward: And the Success, who came in this morning, is going to sail again. The *Loyal Merchant*, and the *Bengall Merchant*, from the *East-Indies*, passed this day through the Downs for the River. There are now in the Downs about 10 Prizes, taken by Dutch Privateers.

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