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Hampton-Court, August 8.

THIS day arrived here Captain *Withers*, being sent by Major-General *Kirk*, with the News of the raising the Siege of *Derry*: The Letters he brings from the Major-General, are of the 3d instant, from the Ile of *Inch*, and give an Account, That, after, he had sent up the two Ships with Provisions to *Derry*, he made the best of his way to *Inch*, that he got in the 31th past; and had Intelligence, that the Enemy were drawing off from before *Derry*, and had set fire to all the Villages and Houses Ten Miles round. That on the first of August an Officer came to him from *Derry*, and assured him the Enemy were marched over *Clawdy-fords*, and that they had made a Sally from the Town to fall on their Rear; That he thereupon sent immediately one of his Spyes, with a Letter to the Town, who came back by two a Clock in the Afternoon, with some Officers, who brought a Letter from thence; And gave this Account of our Ships getting in: Captain *Browning's* Ship stopp'd at the Boume, where he was kill'd, & the Boatwain's Mate of the *Spallow*, who commanded her Long-boat, cut the Boume, so that the weight of the Ship broke it, and the Ships went up, but with so little Wind, that the Long-boat towed the *Mounjoy* all the way to the Town; The Enemy had planted 4 Guns, and 2000 Small-shor along the River; we lost but 5 or 6 Soldiers, Lieutenant *deys* of Sir *John Hammore's* Regiment wounded, and the Boatwain's Mate hurt with a Splinter in the Thigh. That the Enemy blew up *Kilmore Castle*, burnt Red Castle, and all the Houses down the River, the day before they camped; And that, their Intelligence said, they had demolished *Colerain*, *Carrickfergus*, and all the places as they went. That on the 2d he sent Colonel *Stewart*, Captain *Richards* the Engineer, and some other Officers, to order the Enemies Trenches to be levelled, and to mark out a piece of Ground to encamp on, whither he would march the next Spring-Tide, the Strand at *Inch* not being fordable for Foot till that time. And that he heard there were about 4000 Fighting Men in the Town, which, when he came there, he intended to form into Regiments.

A Letter from the Town of *Derry* to Major-General *Kirk*.

SIR,

NExt to the Divine Providence, and the Care of our Gracious King and Queen, this poor Garrison owes their Deliverance to your seasonable Recruit of Provisions; your Ships mick'd the very time, otherwise, like this, we had been forc'd to submit our selves to the Fury of our cruel Enemies; but, praised be GOD, they have rais'd the Siege themselves the last Night, which we think fit, by Colonel *Tho. Laine*, Captain *Robert White*, Captain *John Hamilton*, Captain *Jerry*, and Mr. *John Knox*, who have been here besieg'd as a long with us, to give you an Account of, rendering you infinite Thanks for your Care of this Garrison, and desiring earnestly to see you, and receive your Commands. We are

Londonderry,
Aug. 1. 1689.

Your humble, and most obedient Servants,

George Walker
John Mitchell
Richard Crofton
Hugh Hamill
Henry Minro

An Abstract of what pass'd at the Isle of *Inch*, from Sunday July 7, to Friday August 2, 1689.

On the 7th of July we sail'd from *Derry-Lough*, with a Detachment of 600 Men, commanded by Colonel *Stewart*. On the 9th we got up with the Island of *Inch*, and Anchored about a Mile from *Rafemullin*. We heard that the Irish People kept a great Cow-camp at a place call'd *Tully*, 6 Miles from *Rafemullin*, whereupon Colonel *Stewart* sent thither Captain *Larkin*, Lieutenant *Bigo*, and Lieutenant *Hart*, with

60 Musketers, who were put ashore about 12 at night. The 10th in the morning Captain *Richards*, His Majesties Engineer, landed, with an Entign and 20 Men, on the Island *Inch*, and, marching about a Mile, came to the great Strand, which was then overflow'd with the Tide; and, having view'd the Ground, stak'd out a Redoubt Work with Redoubts, and then sent to Col. *Stewart* for some Field-pieces, more Men, and Tools. About 11 in the morning it began to grow dry; and divers poor Protestants, with some Cartel, came over to us; And some of the Enemies Horse came down to the opposite shore, to hinder them, whereupon Captain *Richards* sent to Captain *Collier* to come to his Assistance with what Men he had on Board the *Greyhound*, which he did very seasonably, for about 45 of the Enemies Dragoons were making over to the Island; We went with 30 Men and met them on the middle of the Strand, but, after the first discharge, they retired. Presently after Lieutenant Colonel *St. Johns* joined us with 200 Men, he having learn what pass'd from the tops of the Hills, and hastening thereupon to our Succor. About 4 in the Afternoon Colonel *Stewart* came to us with Tools, and 4 Field-pieces, and approving our design, we fell to work. The 11th in the morning, Colonel *Stewart*, and Lieutenant Colonel *St. Johns*, return'd from the other side of the Island with their Men to work on a second Redoubt which we now began; We brought our four Field-pieces into Battery on a rising Ground, and fired now and then at the Enemies Horse that appear'd on the Strand; where they had posted 5 Troops of Dragoons, as if they intended to attack us; but they did not. This day a Kerch was sent to *Ferne-Lough*, where one Mr. *Cunningham*, with 40 Irish Protestants, was retir'd into a small Island, to catch them off. And a Fly-boat was also sent, with some Cartel, to the Fleet in *Derry-Lough*. The 12th, about 2 in the Afternoon, two Troops of Horse came upon the Strand, and marched half way over, where they halted, and there were also ready drawn up, on the other side, three Troops of Horse and Dragoons; Whereupon, with the help of some Seamen from on Board the *Greyhound*, and our Gunners, we drew away two Field-pieces, the Ground being so advantageous, as that we convey'd them near to the first Redoubt before the Enemy could perceive us, and we kept about our Guns, that they might not see them till they were lay'd to pass, and then we shot into the Body of their Horse upon the Strand; and broke them into several Divisions, and soon after beat them quite off the Strand to the Foot of the very Hills. Colonel *Stewart* came with a Party of 300 Men to our Assistance, and afterwards ordered the rest of our Men to march from the other side of the Island, and to joy us. We erected this night a Battery betwixt our two Redoubts, joyning it to them by two Lines of Communication. This day Colonel *Stewart* sent three several Messengers to endeavour to get into *Derry*. From the 13th to the 17th we continued our Works, and put 4 Cannon more into Battery. We had now formed ten Companies of new raised Men. And understood that Major-General *Kirk* design'd to be very quickly with us, to give Orders about the supplying the *Innskilling* Men with Arms and able Officers, they being resolv'd to march to *Derry*, and force the Enemy to raise the Siege. This Afternoon Colonel *Stewart* went over to *Rafemullin*, where Captain *Eckling* was with his Party, and order'd him to remove all the Cartel and People over into the Island, for that the Duke of *Berwick* was retir'd from *Innskilling*, and did design to attack them. The 18th the Duke of *Berwick*, with about 1500 Horse and Foot, attack'd our Party at *Rafemullin*, who took care to barricado the Streets, and some other advantageous Passages, that their Horse could not break in upon them; The Fight lasted about two hours, and then the Enemy retir'd, with the loss of 240 Men. On our side Lieutenant *Cunningham* was kill'd, and an Engin wounded. At Night we drew our Party into the Island. The 19th at night the Major-General arriv'd in *Lough-Swilly*. The 20th he came ashore, and order'd the rest of the Forces to land, and to encamp. In the Afternoon a Messenger came with Letters from *Derry*, advising, that they were in great Distress, and that the Boume cross the River was broke, and the Guns drawn

drawn away; upon which he ordered, with great Privacy, 3 Ships, laden with Provisions, with 40 Musketeers in each, to fall down, and lay by the *Swallow* at *Raffemullin*. Two Vessels were also sent away with 10 Officers, viz. Lieutenant Col. *O'Fly*, Major *Teffany*, &c. and Arms, to our Friends at *Finiskilling*. The same night the Major General set sail for *Derry-Lough*. From the 21th to the 24th we were employ'd in finishing our Works, and raising two Batteries more of 4 Guns each; so that we had now 18 pieces of Cannon planted, besides 10 Guns on Board two Ships, that at low Water lay dry on the Strand with a Detachment of 35 Men on Board of each. The Enemy had, for several days past, made several Motions of attacking us, but, upon firing our Cannon upon them, always retired with Loss; And, by what we understood, they had more Apprehensions of our attacking them, than we of theirs. Defectors of their Army came daily in to us, some of which said, that it was the French General *Rose* himself that came upon the Strand with the two Troops of Horse on the 21th instant, and that he received a Wound in his Leg, and his Horse in the Belly, by some Stones a Cannon Bullet scattered in its fall, and that two Troopers were kill'd. From the 25th to the 28th we had several Accounts of the successful Sallies of the Protestants of *Derry*; The last was on *Thursday* the 25th, in which they beat the Enemy quite out of their Trenches, and cut off almost 2 Regiments, (Sir *Edward Vandey* being, it's said, of the number of the slain,) with a very inconsiderable loss on the side of the Besieged. Since our being here, Colonel *Stewart* hath frequently sent out Parties, which have brought us many Herds of Cattel, so that we have now no less than 1000 Head in this Island. On the 29th about noon we heard great Shooting, as we had done the night before. The 30th we had News of the Succors being got into the Town: That the Irish were in a great Consternation, and that they had resolv'd to raise the Siege, and in their retreat to burn and waste all before them; And that they had sent to all the considerable Papists thereabouts, to convey away their Goods and Cattel. This night we saw several great fires towards *Letterkenny*, which we supposed to be Villages set on fire by the Enemy. The 31th, by break of day, several Parties of Dragoons were seen setting fire to all the neighbouring Villages. About 10 in the morning Major-General *Kirk* return'd from *Derry-Lough*. Aug. 1. This morning about 8 a Clock several People came over to us from *Derry*, with the good Tydings of the Enemies having burnt their Camp the night before, and raised the Siege. The second of *August* Captain *Richards* was sent by the Major-General to *Derry*; Where he found little appearance of a Siege, by the Damage done to the Houses or Walls: But the People had suffered extremely, having, for 5 weeks, lived on Horses, Dogs, Cats, &c. They lost not during the whole Siege 100 Men by the Sword, but near 6000 through Sickness and want, and there still remained about 5000 able Fighting Men in the Town, who abound with the Spoil of those they have kill'd, or taken Prisoners.

From the Imperial Camp before *Mentz*, Aug. 9. The 6th instant the Great Master of the *Teutonic* Order commanded in the Trenches on the side of the Duke of *Lorraine's* Attack; We lost 7 Men, and he himself was wounded, but not dangerously: The Prince of *Savoy* likewise received a Wound in the Head. The 7th General *Dunewald* was sent out with a Detachment of 6000 Horse and Dragoons towards *Heidelberg*: And a Letter was intercepted from the Governor of *Mentz* to the Duke of *Duras*, pressing for Relief. On the 8th the Imperialists began to batter the Walls of the Town with 32 pieces of Cannon; In which they have already made a great Breach. And the Batteries on the side of the Bavarian Attack will be likewise ready in a day or two. This morning the Enemy made a Sally with 1200 Men upon the Assistance, when the Enemy was beaten back with great loss: On our side a Lieutenant-Colonel, with 2 Captains, and above 100 Soldiers were kill'd. We have discovered two of the Enemies Mines, and taken out of them 30 Barrels of Powder. And our Trenches are advanced very near to the Counter-scarp. We have an account from *Heidelberg*, that the Duke of *Duras* came before that place on the 4th instant; but that the Regiment of *Wiesenberg*, commanded by the Count of *Oettingen*, getting very opportunely into the place, the French were repulsed in the Attack they made upon it, with the loss of between 3 and 400 Men; And that being inform'd that the Count *Serint* with the Bavarian Forces, and General *Dunewald* with a Detachment from hence, were marching towards them, they durst not stay there, but returned towards *Philipsburg*, burning 7 or 8 Villages in their retreat.

Cologne, August 12. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* continues before *Bonne*; His Troops have poited themselves nearer to the Town; And, we are told, the Resolution is now taken

formally to besiege it. They write from the Camp before *Mentz*, that they had begun to fire upon the Town from 5 Batteries, and had already ruined two Batteries.

Hague, August 16. Count *Mansfeld*, the Emperor's Ambassador, who's come from *Spain* to conduct thither the new Queen, arriv'd here on *Friday* last; And this day continued his Journey for *Germany*. We hear from *Flanders*, that the Army of this State decamp'd the 12th from *Nivelle*, and was, on the 14th, within a League and half of the French Army commanded by the Marschal d'*Humières*. All our *East-India* Ships are come in:

Edinburgh, August 3. On the first instant An Act, Authorising the Privy Council to raise the Heritors and Fenible Men, as they shall see occasion. An Act authorising the King's Advocate to proceed Criminally against such as are in Rebellion. And an Act for Rescinding the Forfeiture of the late Earl of *Argyle*, were touch'd with the Scepter. And yesterday the Parliament adjourn'd to the 8th day of *October* next. It's certain that there are, since *Dumdee's* death, great Divisions amongst the Rebels, the Earl of *Dumfries* and Colonel *Cannon* pretending both to command them. Some of the Prisoners that were taken in the Action on the first instant near *St. Johnstown*, are brought hither.

Pembroke's August 3. There are come into this Harbour a Ketch and a Smack, which left the Fleet, under the command of the Earl of *Tyrington*, on *Tuesday* last, 6 Leagues to the Westward of *Sally*, designing for the Coast of *Ireland*.

Chester, August 7. The Forces are preparing to embark; And the Train of Artillery will be put on Board this day. We are here full of Joy, having last night received the certain News of the raising the Siege of *Derry*. The Enemy destroyed all the Country before them in their retreat: Four Ships, laden with Provisions, are already sent from *Highlake*, under the Convoy of a Man-of-War, to *Derry*.

These are to give Notice, That His Majesty has appointed a Camp of *Howlittow-Heath*, to begin on *Wednesday* the 12th Instant, where all Encouragement will be given to Suters that shall come thither who will have Standings appointed them with other conveniences without any Charge.

Advertisements.

There is now published by Captain *Collins* a new and exact Survey of *Cheshire*, *Liverpool*, *Highlake*, &c. where Their Majesties Forces are embarking for *Ireland*, Sold by Mr. *Lea* in *Westminster-hall*, Mr. *Morgan* near the *Atlas* in *Cornhill*, and Mr. *Fisher* at the *Postern-gate*, *Tower-hill*.

Mr. *John Ravenhill*, Son of Mr. *Edmund Ravenhill*, of *Herefordshire*, went abroad last year to Travel, and hath not since been heard of; There being, since his going away a considerable Estate descended to him in *England*, by his Mother's side: He is desir'd to give Notice by Letter where he is, to Mr. *John Corphon*, Barber, over-against *Serjeants-Inn*, *Cancery-lane*, *London*, and he shall have a further Account.

Lost by a Person of Quality, between *London* and *York*, between the 5th and 8th past, a Gold Snuff Box value 24 Guinea's, it is long and flat, with 3 Seals upon it; upon one his Coat of Arms, viz. 3 scallop Shells upon a Feis, Field Ermin with a Coronet; upon another was the Cock his Crest; and the 3d with his Cipher upon it. Whoever gives Notice of the said Snuff Box to Mr. *George Townsend* at Mr. *Wetrenhall's* on *Snow-hill*, *London*, or to Mr. *Ralph Guest* Keeper of the *Tennis-Court* in *York*, so that it may be had again, shall have 2 Guinea's Reward.

Lost the 7th instant, from a *Hackney-Coach* coming from *Epson*, a Hat-case, with 2 Hats and a short *Perrwig* in it; (supposed to be lost betwixt the *Horse-Ferry* and *Leicester-fields*.) Whoever brings it to Mr. *Wellington*, a *Haberdrasher*, at the *Golden Hart* near the *New Exchange* in the Strand, shall have 20 s. Reward.

On the 8th instant, near *Maidenhead*, three Highway-men took from a Gentleman a grey Gelding, sea-bitten on the Head, and some spots on his Body, above 14 hands, his Mane shorn near to the Withers, the Hair that was not shorn was not very long, all his paces, having some Galls under the Saddle, with a Sword, Belt and Whip, and a new pair of Shoes. Whoever secures the Horse, and gives Notice to Mr. *Philip Davis* next door to the *Unicorn* in *Germain street*, or at the *Greyhound-Inn* in *Maidenhead*, shall have a Guinea.

Lost on *Saturday* the 10th Instant in the Evening at *Billinggate*, a middling Spaniel, white and liver colour'd, his Ears are all Liver colour'd, his Legs spotted, and his Tail white at the end. Whoever brings him to Mr. *Jenkins* at the *Salutation Tavern* at *Billinggate*, or to Mr. *James Pearse* at his House in the *Pall-Mall*, shall have 10 s. Reward. The Dog is 10 years old.

Lost the 29th past from near *St. Edmundsbury* in *Suffolk*, a bright Bay Mare, above 13 hands, 6 years old, a black Mane, and black Hob-Tail, fine foreheaded, hook Nose, high Forehead, and Trot high. Whoever gives Notice of her to *Richard Lyons* at his Coffee-house against *Do-Hors* Commons, *London*, or to Mr. *Henry Goodwyn* at the *Registers Office* in *Bury* aforesaid, shall have 40 s. Reward, and reasonable Charges.