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Dublin, February 23.

YESTERDAY Morning, a little before Eleven o'Clock, an Account was received, that a Body of French, supposed to be about 1000 Men, were landed at Carrickfergus, on Thursday Morning. Immediately upon the Receipt of this Intelligence, his Grace the Lord Lieutenant gave Orders for the assembling, with the utmost Expedition, at Newry, four Regiments of Infantry, viz. Pole's, Anstruther's, Sandford's, and Sebright's; and three Regiments of Dragoons, viz. Molten's, Yorke's, and Whitley's; and his Grace made no Doubt, that, should the French be hardy enough to hazard themselves at any Distance from their Ships, the Troops, he should be able to get together, in a very few Days, will be more than sufficient to protect the Country from any Violence, and to drive them out of the Kingdom. And this Morning, at Half past Seven, a farther Account was received, That Lieutenant Colonel Jennings had suffered himself, with four Companies of Major General Strode's Regiment under his Command at Carrickfergus, to be made Prisoners of War: And that, on the 22d in the Morning, about Eight o'Clock, a Flag of Truce came to Belfast, and made a Demand of several Articles of Provisions, and other Necessaries, to be delivered that Day at Two o'Clock, promising to pay for them, and threatening, in Case of Refusal, to burn Carrickfergus, and afterwards to come up and burn Belfast also: With which Demands the Gentlemen of Belfast thought it best to comply. The French Prisoners of War had been removed from Carrickfergus and Belfast to Lisburn.

Dublin, February 24.

This Evening, his Grace the Lord Lieutenant received the following Letter from Major General Strode, dated, Belfast, February 23, 1760, at Six in the Evening, viz.

INformation of Benjamin Hall, Lieutenant and Adjutant to my Regiment, who, this Moment, arrived here, on his Parole, from Carrickfergus, in order to get Provisions for the Officers and Soldiers of my Regiment there, says, that, on the 21st Instant, three Ships appeared off the Isle of Magee, standing in Shore, for the Bay of Carrickfergus; and at Eleven o'Clock came to an Anchor, about Two Miles and an Half to the North East Part of the Castle, and within Musquet Shot of the Shore of Killrute Point. At this Time, the small Number of Troops, belonging to the Garrison, were at Exercise, about Half a Mile on the Road to Belfast; and at a Quarter after Eleven o'Clock, the Guard was turned out, made up, and marched off, to relieve that on the French Prisoners in the Castle; the rest of the Men continued in the Field of Exercise, where an Account was soon brought, that the three Ships, just come to an Anchor, had taken and detained two Fishing Boats, and, with them and several others, were plying on and off betwixt the Shore and the Ships; on which, immediate Orders were sent to the Castle for both Guards to continue under Arms, and double the Centries over the French Prisoners, and be particularly strict and watchful over them, till such Time as they could be satisfied, whether they were Friends or Enemies; though, at the same Time, a strong Report prevailed with some, that it was an English Frigate, and two Store Ships: But, to be convinced what

“ they were, after the Troops had assembled in the
 “ Market Place, the said Lieutenant Hall went off
 “ with a reconnoitring Party, and took Post on a ris-
 “ ing Ground, where he could plainly perceive
 “ Eight Boats landing armed Men; and that they
 “ drew out in Detachments, and took Post on the
 “ Dykes, Hedges, and all the rising Grounds, from
 “ whence they could have the most extensive Views;
 “ upon which he gave the necessary Orders to his
 “ Non-Commission Officers, and Men, to have a
 “ watchful Eye of their Approaches, and to
 “ take particular Care, that they did not get
 “ round them, by going at the Foot of the Hill
 “ undiscovered; in order to prevent which, he posted
 “ them himself, and told them, as soon as ever
 “ their advanced Guard came within Shot, to fire
 “ upon them, and continue so to do, until they
 “ repulsed them, or, it necessitated to retreat, he
 “ likewise pointed that out to them, with Orders
 “ to take every Opportunity, on Advantage of Ground,
 “ in their Retreat, to retard the Enemy's Approach,
 “ and to be sure to keep a Communication with the
 “ Town as much as possible; and on this, he im-
 “ mediately went to the Town, and acquainted
 “ Lieutenant Colonel Jennings, where he found
 “ him with the Troops on the Parade; who im-
 “ mediately ordered Detachments to be made to defend
 “ the Gates of the Town, and all the Avenues lead-
 “ ing thereto. Soon after which the reconnoitring
 “ Party retired, after having spent all their Ammu-
 “ nition; during which Time, the Lieutenant Colonel,
 “ and chief Magistrate of the Town, sent off the
 “ Sheriff, and Mr. Mucklewaine, (who is Captain
 “ of the Militia of the Corporation) with Orders
 “ to take off the French Prisoners of War, and convey
 “ them with all Speed to Belfast, where they were
 “ to receive further Orders from me. By this Time
 “ the Enemy were in full March for the Town,
 “ which he computed to be near 1000 Men; and
 “ two or three stragling Hussars, on Horses they
 “ had picked up after Landing, attempted to enter
 “ the Gates, but, on the first Fire, retired, but were
 “ soon supported by Parties of Foot, who attacked
 “ both the North and Scotch Gates, as also the
 “ Garden Walls of Lord Donnegall, who were re-
 “ pulsed also, and kept back as long as the Men
 “ had Ammunition; on which Colonel Jennings or-
 “ dered the Whole to retire to the Castle; which
 “ he had sufficient Time to do, as, at this Time,
 “ the Enemy was a little checked from our Fire;
 “ and would have been more so, had the Men had
 “ Ammunition. Before the Gates of the Castle
 “ were shut, they made their Appearance in the
 “ Market place; and then it was in his Opinion
 “ the Destruction of the Enemy would have com-
 “ menced, had it not been, that still (he begs
 “ Leave again to observe) the then dreadful Want
 “ of Ammunition, notwithstanding the Supply of
 “ Powder they had had, a few Days before, from
 “ Belfast, by my Order, but was in Want of Ball,
 “ and even Time, if they had that, to make
 “ them up; from which, the Enemy, finding
 “ our Fire so cool, attacked the Gates sword in
 “ Hand, which, from the battering of the Shot on
 “ both Sides, the Bolts were knocked back, and
 “ the Gates opened, and the Enemy marched in;
 “ but Lieutenant Colonel Jennings, Lord Walling-
 “ ford, Captain Bland, Lieutenant Ellis, with some
 “ other Gentlemen, and about Fifty Men, repulsed
 “ the Enemy, and bear them back. Here it was
 “ he