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With an Introduction and Notes,

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INTRODUCTION.

THE reader will find in this volume an exact transcript of Dr. Pococke's Tour through Ireland in the year 1752, as it is contained in the original manuscript now deposited in the Manuscript Room of Trinity College, Dublin. That document was often asked for, but was always reported as lost till a few years ago, when the Assistant Librarian, the late Mr. French, discovered it lying concealed among the treasures of that great collection.* The occasion of the present publication was as follows. In December last I contributed an article to the Christmas supplement of the *Daily Express*, describing some tours through Ireland, taken and recorded in the earlier part of the eighteenth century. Among others described by me was Pococke's Tour, into which I had dipped from time to time. That article attracted the notice of a well-known and respected citizen of Dublin, who recognised the value of the long-lost document, and generously offered to bear the expense of its publication. It is much to be hoped that his example may stir up others to publish the numerous and valuable Irish records which are at present lying hidden and useless in

* Eighty years ago it is described as lost, by Nichols in his *Literary Anecdotes*.

our manuscript collections, such as the *Liber Niger Alani*, the *Crede Mihi*, and the great Registers of Christ Church Cathedral, which would throw more light upon the history of mediæval and feudal Ireland than any other documents with which I am acquainted.

The Tour here printed is, as I have said, an exact transcript of the original. I have printed all the mistakes in grammar, in geography, in the spelling of names, whether of towns or persons, making no attempt to correct them. This narrative illustrates one point most clearly. Pococke was a learned man, an F.R.S., and a Church dignitary; but spelling was not a fixed quantity in his mind. His spelling of the same name often varies three or four times on the one page. It has more interest, however, than a merely orthographical one. This Tour is a most interesting contribution to Irish social history during a period which is remarkably dark, and deals with a district of country—the sea-coast line all round Ireland—of which very little is known at that precise period. Pococke started from Dublin, went north to the Giant's Causeway, penetrated the extremest wilds of Donegal, entered the farthest recesses of Erris, Achill, and Belmullet, at a time when Belmullet was two days' journey west of Westport, and when no wheeled vehicle had ever entered that district, or was to enter it till seventy years later. That circumstance did not trouble Pococke, for he always travelled on horseback, with outriders, as Richard Cumberland, in his chatty *Memoirs*, tells us he met him in Wales. Pococke's observations and notices about this part of Connaught are specially important, because he came just half-way between Cromwell's period and our own. His notices illustrate the effect of the legislation of Cromwell. The Roman Catholics of Ireland had been, as all know,

transported into Connaught ; but it is not as well known that while Cromwell wished to cut them off from the rest of Ireland by the Shannon, he also tried to cut them off from the sea, by forbidding any Roman Catholic to settle within a certain distance of the coast—I forget the exact distance—and then settling Protestant colonists all along the coast-line. Cromwell tried, in fact, to place the Roman Catholics within a ring-fence. The result is that even to the present day the sea-board parishes contain a more numerous Protestant population than those more inland. It will be easily seen by anyone acquainted with the west, that Pococke followed the coast-line very exactly, and seems to have found good congregations all along the coasts of Sligo, Mayo, and Galway.

This Tour, again, illustrates the social state of Ireland in another aspect. It shows the stable, fixed character of its population belonging to the upper ranks, notwithstanding all the changes we have experienced. Pococke's position gave him access to the higher ranks of the gentry ; and I would venture to say, that representatives of much more than one-half of the families mentioned by the Archdeacon would be now found occupying much the same position as then. Peppers, Hamiltons, Stewarts, Wynnes, Shaw Taylors, Browns, Boyds, O'Donnels, Burys, Pallisers, Nunns—to take but a few specimens—these are all mentioned by Pococke, and are still all well-known family names in various parts of Ireland. Manners and customs—the state of civilisation—the operation of the penal laws and of the Charter School system—the names and emoluments of the clergy—the condition of trade, commerce, and manufactures—the rent of lands and houses—the state of architecture in country parts—all these points and many others find illustration in the pages of this Tour. The

theological position and ritual of the Irish Church and its dignified clergy in Queen Anne's time are, for instance, illustrated by a passing notice on p. 132. Bishop Milles was a learned churchman of the Laudian and Caroline school. He came from Oxford to Waterford, introducing altar-pieces, separation of the sexes in church, and other customs of this kind, now regarded as modern ritualistic innovations.* Pococke seems to have made a point of observing the natural history, the botany, zoology, and geology of every part of Ireland. This fact renders the Tour of interest to the student of natural science ; while the careful notices and descriptions which he bestows upon our ancient buildings, ecclesiastical or secular, deserve the thanks of every antiquarian student, as more than a hundred years ago they engaged the careful attention of that celebrated Irish antiquary, the Rev. Mervyn Archdall, who made a copious use of the manuscript which we here print, in the notes to his *Monasticon Hibernicum*. I have already said that the manuscript of this Tour was long regarded as lost, and only came to light by chance. This tour of 1752 was not the only tour through the West and South made by Pococke. Travelling was for him the great end of life ; and he seems to have made a tour through Connaught, Clare, Kerry, and Cork in 1749, the manuscript of which is now unknown. He several times refers in the text of the present Tour to the observations he made on that occasion ; and from a notice in a note in the Kilkenny Archaeological Society's Journal for 1852, I conclude that fifty years ago some persons knew of the existence

* The Rev. Dr. Groves informs me that he has a manuscript diary of an ancestor of his, who was Presbyterian minister of Waterford in Bishop Milles' time, and that this diary contains ample evidence of the High Church ideas and practices inculcated by the Bishop.

of the manuscript of the earlier tour, and had used it. It is possible, indeed, that the document in question may be in Oxford. Pococke by his will left all his manuscripts not expressly disposed of to the "Ratcliffe Liberary,"* including the original Minute Book of the Proceedings between 1683-89 of the celebrated Dublin Philosophical Society, established by Sir William Petty, Dr. Molyneux, and Archbishop Marsh, which used to meet in Trinity College. The value of these tours is very great from an historical point of view. They preceded Arthur Young's tour by a quarter of a century, they penetrated a part of Ireland he never visited, and they leave us a truthful record of what Ireland was then like. How hard, for instance, it is for a modern Irishman to realize the state of this country when Pococke saw, as he mentions in his Donegal tour, a priest celebrating Mass in the open air, upon a large rock on a lofty mountain's side.

I shall conclude this brief introductory notice with a sketch of Pococke's life. Richard Pococke, D.D., LL.D., was the son of the Rev. R. Pococke, of Southampton, where he was born in 1704; his eldest sister, Dorothy, having been married just two years earlier—that is, in 1702—to the celebrated Rev. Joseph Bingham,† the

* Original will in Dublin Record Office. Nichols, in his *Literary Anecdotes*, vol. ii., p. 157, says that he left them to the British Museum. See also Nichols' *Illustrations of Literary History*, ii., 806, and iii., 684, for letters of Pococke. After I had written this Introduction, I noticed in the Preface to Pococke's English Tours, published by the Camden Society, that among the Additional MSS. of the British Museum are records of several tours made by him in England and Ireland. Among them there may still exist his Tour in Connaught, made in 1749.

† See Mant's *History of the Irish Church*, vol. ii., 627, where Bishop Mant notes that he was himself descended from Bingham through this marriage.

author of the *Antiquities of the Christian Church*. Pococke was educated at Corp. Christ. Coll., Oxon., where his uncle, Thomas Milles, was Regius Professor of Greek. Milles was a learned man, the author of a well-known edition of the works of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, and a politician very acceptable to the Government of Queen Anne's time. He was accordingly made Bishop of Waterford and Lismore—a post which he held for more than thirty years. He was probably the most learned Bishop of Waterford that ever ruled that See. By this means young Pococke got his foot on the first rung of the ladder of ecclesiastical promotion. As soon as he took Holy Orders, Bishop Milles appointed Pococke Precentor of Lismore—a post the duties of which were so light that he had ample time to indulge his wandering propensities. He began his travels in the east in 1737, where he spent five years. He returned in 1742. In 1743 he published the first volume of his travels, in a splendid folio shape, embellished with numerous plans and engravings, which was followed two years later by two other volumes*—one continuing the narrative of his travels, and the other giving an account of the Greek inscriptions he had discovered. These volumes are of importance even to the present day, as Pococke penetrated into a part of Syria which was never again visited till our own time, when Count De Voguë explored it, and published a work, beautifully illustrated, telling of its marvellous ruins, under the title of *The Architecture of Central Syria*. In that work, which I have described at some length in *Ireland and the Celtic Church*, pp. 239-242, De Voguë tells

* Pococke's Egyptian volume should be compared with Norden's volumes about Egypt. Norden and Pococke were on the Nile at exactly the same time—the one ascending the river, the other descending.

us a great deal about Simeon Stylites and his pillar, helping to make that strange character a living personage for us moderns. De Voguë gets the credit of this, but Pococke preceded him in the work by more than one hundred years, and in his neglected folios gives us splendid plates of Simeon's church and pillar, and other ruins of that district, which De Voguë reproduced some twenty years ago. In the enthusiasm for eastern travel and research which now exists it would be well to keep an eye on Pococke's volumes. Professor Ramsay has lately published an Historical Geography of Asia Minor. It is well worth while to compare the Bishop's account of Ancyra, Galatia, and the River Haly, with the investigations of the modern scholar and traveller. He also published several papers in the Philosophical Transactions for 1748 and 1753, dealing with the Giant's Causeway, which gave rise to considerable scientific discussions, which will be found duly set forth in Hamilton's *Letters Concerning Coast of Antrim*, where a different view is taken. He took a great interest also in Irish antiquities, and in the second volume of *Archæologia*, gave an account of some ancient graves and ornaments found at Carn, seven miles west of Mullingar, on the estate of Keedah Geoghegan, Esq. He was appointed Archdeacon of Dublin by the Crown in 1745, on the promotion of Dr. Synge to the See of Killaloe. During his occupation of that office, he held in St. Patrick's the last Archidiaconal Visitation of the clergy which the Irish Church ever saw, though the practice still continues as vigorous as ever in England. He was made Bishop of Ossory in 1756, where he carried out considerable restorations and repairs in the cathedral and palace at his own costs. He was translated to Meath in 1765, where he died suddenly when

engaged in the duties of a Visitation, after a three months' tenure of the See. He found time, however, to leave a mark of his oriental travels in the demesne at Ardbraccan, planting the seeds whence sprang the splendid cedars of Lebanon, which still stand on the southern side of the pleasure-grounds behind the palace. Bishop Pococke deserves to be remembered by the public at large for one reason. He was the first who discovered Chamonix, and revealed its beauties to the travelling public ; and to this day, as his successor, the Right Rev. W. P. Walsh, D.D., told in a letter to the *Kilkenny Moderator* of Nov. 20, 1886, his name is graven in large letters on an immense boulder near the Mer de Glace, with the date, 1741, in commemoration of the fact that Pococke was the Christopher Columbus who in that year found out Chamonix. Pococke was a perpetual traveller. He made extensive tours throughout England and Scotland. These have been already published : the English tour by the Camden Society, and the Scotch by the Scottish History Society. The present publication proves that he was not neglectful of the country where he lived, and where his memory is still perpetuated in the useful Pococke Institution which he founded in the city of Kilkenny. Many other details concerning him, his appearance, mode of life, travels, hospitality, and learning will be found in Vallancey's *Collectanea*, vol. ii., *Antiquities of Irishtown and Kilkenny* ; in Mrs. Delany's *Autobiography* ; R. Cumberland's *Memoirs* ; and in Prim's *History of St. Canice's*. Pococke when Archdeacon of Dublin entertained Mrs. Delany and a large company at an afternoon party at his residence. That lively lady did not, however, at all appreciate the learned traveller, but confesses on more than one occasion that she found him and his entertainments extremely dull.

I have tried to find out where Pococke lived when Archdeacon of Dublin and Rector of St. Peter's, but have failed. Perhaps some reader may be able to throw light on this local problem. About two years ago, the remains of an Egyptian mummy were found in Marsh's Library. It is possible that it may have been deposited there by Pococke upon his return from Egypt. The priced auction catalogue of his coins and medals, dated 1766, is in Trinity College Library. There were several portraits taken of Bishop Pococke. One hangs at present in the Board Room of the Incorporated Society in Harcourt Street; while again, Nichols, in his *Literary Anecdotes*, l.c., tells us that there was a full-length portrait of him, in full Turkish dress, possessed by Pococke's first cousin, Dr. Milles, Dean of Exeter.

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DR. POCOCKE'S IRISH TOUR, 1752.

MONDAY, June 22nd, 1752, I went to Swords, dined there with the Chapter of Christ Church. Set out at five northwards, found the country extremely plesant. Gormans-town, I crossed a rivulet from the County of Dublin into the County of Meath, near this is Lord Gormanstown's seat, a Roman Catholick married to Lord Tremlestown's sister. I went on and came to a fine deep rivulet, called the Nany water, which passes by Duleck, on the south side of an eminence towards the sea is the seat of Mr. Pepper; a charming situation with the fields well laid out round about it, and on each side of the river are beautiful meadows on the rising ground, as well as in the narrow vale; we cross'd this water at Da (? Lay) town and came to Drogheda which is finely situated on two eminences on each side of the river Boyne, and about three miles from the mouth of it. A mile below it is Beaulieu, a place much noted for its beautiful situation, and was the country seat of General Bowles.

There are many ruined Churches and Abbies at Drogheda, and they have lately built a beautiful Church with Gothick windows in the body of it, and a handsom Palladian front of Ardblaccan stone.

Tuesday, 23rd.—I set out northward: when I crossed the Boyne to Drogheda I came into the County of Louth,

which is a good country of arable and pasture, but does not abound in trees. Drogheda is near twenty-three miles from Dublin. A little beyond the 24th stone I came to a stream at a place called Kaneagh in Sr. Wm. Petty's map Killineer and soon came up to a small hill called Cullestan, and a little beyond the 24" stone passed the road which leads to Aherdee; on the top of the hill to the left, I saw a Church called Bemister Boyn (? Monasterboice) with a round tower near it,* and I observed on the sea about 3 miles to the north of the Boyn, Tutochen and the high mountains of Slewgullon towards Newry: on the other side of the hill we came to a stream at Cloghvaddagh or Long-stones, to the right of which is the Church of Mullarah; at the 28th stone we passed by the Castle of A-lair, and a little further by a river of the same name and soon arrived at Dunleer situated on a rivulet which according to Sr. Wm Petty falls into the river that rises out of Atherdee bog; going on we saw Drumcorlagh on the river to the right, beyond it Dillings Town Lord Antrim's a fine situation which came to the family of his wife a Pluckenet (? Plunket).† We went half a mile to Cappogh bridge over the river which runs by Atherdee,

* Evidently Monasterboice. See Wright's *Louthiana*, Book III., pp. 17, 18. Wright and Pococke travelled exactly at the same time. They both call the sculptured cross at Monasterboice Boyn's Cross (see Wright, *l.c.*). Brewer's *Beauties of Ireland*, II., 308, calls it more accurately St. Boyce's Cross. The older travellers evidently thought there was some connection between Boyne and Boyce, between the river and the cross.

† "Alexander Mac Donnell, the fifth and present Earl of Antrim, . . . married to his present lady, 2nd January, 1739, Anne, eldest daughter and heir to Charles Patrick Plunket of Dillonstwn, in Co. of Louth, Esq., M.P. for Banagher."—Lodge's *Peerage*, Vol. I., p. 116: Dublin, 1754.

and half a mile further to Greenmount a small village at the foot of a mount on the brow of a rising ground fortified with a fossee, and there is a heighth in it at the north west corner, the whole of irregular figure is about 50 paces each way.* We came in a mile to Castle Bellingham, formerly called Grenan's tower or Garland's town, where Mr. Bellingham has a very good house which he does not inhabit.† The river hanging ground and wood between it and the sea is very fine : before I came to this place I saw a ruined Church to the west where I observed a monument to the honour of John Stanley of the holy Order of St. Dominick, erected by John Stanley Apothecary in Drogheda to the memory of this person and some other relations. From Castle Bellingham we soon came to the Strand, over which when the tyde is out they ride to Dundalk, we cross'd Dunnigan river and soon came to Lurgan Green well inhabited for a mile by weavers and labourers, who live very much on the cockles, which they get out of the Strand. Three miles further we came to Dundalk, situated towards the mouth of a river on Dundalk bay. This is a town chiefly consisting of one Street about half a mile long, it was in the time of Edward 2d ^{Dundalk.} a royalty and the last where a monarch of all Ireland was crowned and resided, and did chiefly consist of Castles, some traces of which they say are still to be seen.‡ Lord

* See, for a description and plate of Green Mount, Wright's *Louthiana*, Book I., p. 9.

† See Wright's *Louthiana*, II., 5.

‡ Mr. Wright informs us in *Louthiana* that Viscount Limerick, to whom Dundalk then belonged, directed eighteen or nineteen ruinous remains of such structures to be taken down shortly before 1747, and caused other buildings to be raised upon the old foundations.—Brewer's *Beauties*, II., 320 ; cf. Wright's Preface.

Limerick lives here, and has made some fine plantations and walks behind a very bad house which is in the street of the town: as walks with Elm hedges on each side, an artificial serpentine river, a Chinese bridge, a thatch'd open house supported by the bodies of firtrees, &c.: and a fine kitchen garden with closets for fruit.*

Cambric manufacture. At the entrance of the town from the South is a Charter School of 30 girls, founded at first as a Charity School for twenty boys and twenty girls by Mrs. Ann Hamilton and erected into a Charter School in 1738 by her son the present Ld. Limerick.† They are employed in spinning for the Cambric manufacture here, which I went to see; this manufacture is carried on by a Company who subscribe, and is about half a mile from the town towards the Bay :‡

* “The family of Hamilton, created Baron of Clandeboye, Viscount Limerick in 1719, and Earl of Clanbrassil in 1756, had their chief residence at a mansion in this town (Dundalk), which is now a seat of the Earl of Roden, in consequence of a marriage of Robert, the first nobleman of that title, with the sister and heiress of the last Earl of Clanbrassil. At this mansion, amongst some few paintings, are preserved two portraits, in the style of Holbein, representing King Henry VIII. and Queen Anne Boleyn. The house is ill-situated, but the demesne is extensive and finely circumstanced.”—Brewer’s *Beauties of Ireland*, II., 323; cf. Lodge’s *Peerage*, III., 257.

†“A School for the education of twenty boys and twenty girls was founded here in 1726 by the Hon. Mrs. Anne Hamilton, mother of the first Earl of Clanbrassil. Here is now a Charter School for sixty girls.”—Brewer’s *Beauties*, II., 323; cf. Lodge’s *Peerage*, Edition by Archdall, for the inscription erected by Mrs. Hamilton upon this School.

‡“The Cambric manufactory was introduced to Ireland in the year 1738, on the estate of the Earl of Limerick, by M. de Joncourt, who employed workmen from France. The first manufactory was established at Dundalk. In 1739 a joint stock company was incorporated by Charter, with power to raise £30,000 by subscription, chiefly for

the design of the building is to be round a Court, with a large opening at every corner to give air; two sides of it are entirely built, having ten houses on each side, a third side has only six houses built and on the fourth side is the Cashier's house with the yarn house on one side of it and the —— House on the other in which they wind off the yarn on quills for weaving; the flax is brought ready scutched and hackled from France, they then stove or bake it to make it come finer by brushing it which is peculiar to the Cambrick manufacture; the houses are contiguous and consist of two rooms of a floor and of three floors, one of which is underground and vaulted with good lights in front, which are kept shut, for they must work underground and shut out the fresh air in order to keep the yarn damp, otherwise they cannot weave it: the two rooms hold eight looms, these rooms the Company give rent free, one to each Master who may employ eight, either apprentices or journeymen, and the Company paies 'em for what they weave, according to the quantity of it, the finest is what they call 2600 that is so many quills, to each of which are two threads, so that there are in the breadth 5200 threads, and this is worth about fourteen shillings a yard. The market abroad is not high enough for the export, so that most of the consumption is at home; and tho' the Ladies say they cannot afford to wear it because it does not last so long as the French, yet the most discerning cannot distinguish the best from the French. They make

the purpose of carrying on this manufacture at 'Dundalk or elsewhere in Ireland.' Towards this joint stock Viscount Limerick subscribed the sum of £1,000."—Brewer's *Beauties of Ireland*, III., p. 323.

The Dundalk Cambric Factory is often mentioned in *Faulkner's Journal*, and other magazines and journals about 1750.

fine Lawns also, and this is all bleached in yards that are near ; working in this close manner is unwholsom, and occasions the Itch and Scurvy. They told me that they had forty of our Charter boys. I saw such of them as could be got together and gave them a small present and a word of exhortation. There is also a house for dressing flax for linnen near the town where they did also weave and it is filled with men brought from Holland. They are now building a sugar house near the town and they have a handsome Court-house and free School.

From Dundalk I went in a chaise for Carlingford, sending my horses round by Newry to meet me on the other side of the River at Restrevor. Being Midsummer Eve there were Bonfires all over the Country, and asking the young man who drove me, what the meaning of it was, he said in these words, It is the Eve of St. John Baptist they make a light, it is the light, He came to testify of the light : we met many going to pilgrimage to St. John's Well at Newcastle near Dundalk.

I went near two miles in the Newry road, and saw to the north on the hill, the old Church of Focart and a mount ;* we turned out of this road to the east and in half a mile came to a rivlet at Ballimaskanlan, and in two and a half more to Rockmarshal where there is a rivlet runs by a house pleasantly situated on the side of the hill for Lodgers to drink goat's whey ; for this road has all along to the north the mountains of Carlingford : we passed in the way to this place by Mr. Tipping's Park, which com-

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Letter pre-
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Britan. and
Welsh.*
(This note
written on
the margin
has been
mutilated by
the binder.)

* See for a description of Faughcart, Wright's *Louthiana*, Book I., p. 9 ; Brewer's *Beauties*, II., 330. This was the birth-place of the famous St. Brigid of Kildare, and the site of the great battle by which the Bruce's were expelled from Ireland.

mands a fine view of the Bay ;* travelling two miles further we saw on the side of the hill a seat of Mr. Fortescues, called Piemont,† now inhabited by one of the Hamiltons, and is a very fine situation :‡ near it we crossed three mile river, on which is a small village called Riverstown. We turned to the north and ascended to Carlingford, a poor town Carlingford. of one long Street of cabins, at the foot of the high craggy mountains, from which several little streams descend and pass through the town ; at the west end of the town is an old Castle, said to be built by K. John, and remains of several old towers to the sea, which were built to the roads, that are now destroyed and seem to have been ancient habitations.§ This is properly the port of Newry from which the vessels go up four miles higher to narrow walls and unload into Gabbots, they say 400 vessels commonly come into this harbor every year : this and the oyster fishery for Dublin is the chief support of the Town ; and a great number of boats are constantly carrying lime stone from the quarries on each side of the mouth of the harbour to Newry, to be burnt for their buildings. There was a tolerable Inn here, but the Bed chamber being

* Mr. Tipping's residence would seem to have been formerly called Castle-Rath, see Wright's *Louthiana*, II., p. 7. "This Castle belonging to Thomas Tipping, Esq., appears to have been an antient dwelling of some person of distinction, and probably that of a bishop or abbot, if we may judge by the Chapel adjoining to it. It is situated on the plains betwixt the sea and the mountains of Carlingford."

† The Fortescue residence in the last century was called Piemount. It then was called Clermount, hence the title Lord Clermont or Clermont, see Wright's *Louthiana*, Book I., Plate xix.

‡ See Brewer's *Beauties of Ireland*, II., 332.

§ See Brewer's *Beauties of Ireland*, II., 333, and Wright's *Louthiana*, Book II., p. 6.

within the kitchen, as soon as I rose, the pigs made my Levee.

On the 24th I crossed over to Restrevor, where Alderman Ross late Lord Mayor of Dublin* has a small house pleasantly situated under the hills, which are covered with wood, near an old Mansion house in which his Father liv'd: I went to pay him a visit, but being early in the morning he was not risen: I went on to the West for near two miles and then turned to the North East along the side of the hills over a rivulet, which joins another and falls in at Newry; before I came to eight mile bridge a fine view presented of the Country to the North of beautiful hills under corn, mostly oats in fine verdure, and on one of them saw a Mount, called the White Mote. Asking here about the road, if it was hilly? they told me it was; but that the hills were all level, by which I suppose they meant that they were not high. I came over the hills to Briansford, on the side of Tullamore park, which belongs to Lord Limerick; this park is a very fine situation, being divided into two parts by a rivlet which runs in a deep rocky bed covered with trees, and affords a most Romantic prospect, to this rivlet there is a gentle descent; on the other side the Park takes in for a mile the foot of the high mountains of Moran (Mourne) and particularly of the highest call'd Slieve Donard which is 1060 yards high from the surface of the sea to which it extends: the park is all fine wooden and cut into Vistas up the side of the steep hill; there is a handsom bridge over the rivlet, where the rocky cliffs on each side may be twenty feet deep, and so cover'd with trees that you can hardly see the water at the bottom in some places. Here just over the rivlet Lord Limerick has

* Robert Ross, Sheriff of the City of Dublin, 1737, Lord Mayor, 1748.

built a thatch'd open place to dine in, which is very Romantick, with a stove near to prepare the Entertainment: above on the North side of this He has begun to build a pretty lodge, two rooms of which are finished, designing to spend the Summer months here: between this park and the sea, are houses for those who come to drink Goat's Whey in May and June, when the milk on account of the flowers on which the Goats feed is in greatest perfection. I here met Ld John Murray brother and Heir apparent to the Duke of Athol, a Colonel of the High-lan Regiment in this kingdom, a most accomplished fine bred Gentleman, and when I went away I found I had been as in his house, and he gave me a letter to the Commanding officer at Carrickfergus, hearing me say that I proposed to stay there on Sunday, that he might show me the civilities of the place.

On the 25th I went a mile to Maghera, after having been at Newcastle a mile to the South east on the sea; it is a good house lately purchased with some land by Mr. Annesly and I went to Tullamore park I have described. In Maghera Church yard is part of a round tower about twelve feet high, and it may be fifteen in diameter, 'tis said, the top was blown down and remained on the ground without breaking in pieces, but I could not be well informed, that it was really so;* here is an ancient burial place of the Magennis's. I ascended two miles up to the Castle of Dundrum, which commands a fine view of all the country; it is of an irregular multangular form, with a fine round tower in it, which in the inside is about thirty feet in diameter; it is sd. to be built by Sr. John De Curcey for the Knights Templars. From this place I

* See Harris's *Down*, p. 82; Reeves's *Antiqq.*, p. 28.

saw plainly the Isle of Man. As the Northern and Southern tydes meet here, it occasions a great sea and a most extraordinary suction into the bay, which makes it extremely dangerous to come near the Coast, where there are frequent Shipwrecks. I descended a mile to Mount Panther, with a design to pay a visit to Dr. Delany, but he was not arrived; so passing under the village of Clough finely situated on a rising ground, and the residence of Mr. Annesley, third son of the famous Francis Annesley of the inner Temple. I came to Mr. Bayley's on the bay of Dundrum, to whom I had sent that I would come and dine with him; this Gentleman is brother to Sr. Nicholas

^{Dundrum} Bayley and has a family Living of £800 a-year. Soon

after I came in Dr. Delany sent his servant, to borrow something for that they were on the road, and being invited to dine, they soon came in, He and his Lady; and being all agreeably surprised,* I dined, and rid seven miles East to

Kilogh, between the sandy banks on the sea, which some-

^{Moving}
^{Sands.} times move so, as not only to bury rabbit warrens, but as Kilogh. it is supposed whole villages, as has happened in Cornwall.

Kilogh is most pleasantly situated in a small bay which is about a mile deep and not half a mile over, it consists of one Street, but is in a declining way, no soldiers being sent to the Barrack of late years; the linnen manufactory also has failed, and the boiling of rock salt from Liverpool, and the fishery likewise is very small, tho' there is a good pier built to shelter the boats from the South East wind; but there is notwithstanding one of the best Inns here in

* See a notice of this visit to Mr. Bayley's in Mrs. Delany's *Autobiography*, III., 135. Dean Delany, when in residence as Dean of Down, lived at Mount Panther, near Mr. Bayley's home. Mr. Bayley was brother of Sir Nicholas Bayley, of Plâsnewydd, Anglesea. He is often mentioned in Mrs. Delany's Correspondence.

the whole road. Just out of the town is a Charter School founded by Judge Ward to whom the town belongs, it is for twenty boys and twenty girls, and I went to see it. Near the town is a stream running from a rock, it is the lightest water in Ireland; and comes out of the cliffs, which are a cement of pebbles; the rock below being of a slaty kind: at some distance beyond it there is a hole or cave, where the tide comes in, and when it retires, makes a great noise and bubbles up in a very extraordinary manner.*

On the 26th I went two miles north east to Ardglass, where when the tide is quite out, by crossing the strand, the road is about half a mile nearer, it is said, to have been the next town for trade in Ulster after Carrickfergus before the time of Queen Elizabeth. The customs of this place and Kilogh were granted by Hen. 8th to the Earl of Kildare, who sold 'em to K. Charles 1st. This place seems to have been fortyfied by a long building and some towers, the former seems to have been the habitation and store houses of ten Merchant families, consisting of a ground floor and one story over it; what is remarkable from the upper rooms there is a communication something like what they call the murdering holes, but going quite down to the ground so as not to be observed from the outside, which might serve as shoars to the upper apartmts. and it may be for other purposes; a square tower joyns to this, which is cover'd by another to the South, and there is a third to the east of that, to the north west of them there is a large tower, over the gateway of which was an inscription relating to the Lords of it, the Kildare family; and on the height to the west are remains of a gateway to

* See Harris's *County Down* for a description of Killough ten years earlier.

what they call the King's Castle: This is a good harbour for small boats, and a ship may ride in 15 feet water at the west part of it, but it is a very small harbour.* From this place I crossed the country seven miles to Down Patrick, and came to St. Patrick's Well under Strud hill (? Struell), a famous place for pilgrimages; the water rises from a spring cover'd over, and runs into two baths, one publick the other private; at the spring they wash their eyes, and in the baths the people as a part of their religion, go in naked and dip themselves, near the well they go round a sort of an Altar, probably the side of an old Chapel by way of Penance, sometimes on their knees; and near it a Chapel was lately built, but 'twas not thought proper to permit them to cover it:† on the side of this hill to the south is a rock something in form of a seat which they call St. Patrick's Chair, with a way round it over the

Down patrick. broken rock, and to go in this way, sometimes even on their knees, is also a part of the penance; and on Midsummer day when they are performing their pilgrimages there are a great number of priests near who give them Absolution. A mile farther is Down Patrick where the hills form a beautiful Amphitheatre; on two of these hills the town is built, and the third side is covered with the wood and gardens that are about a house, which if I mistake not belongs to Mr. Southwell, who is Lord of the town: and on the western hill are the walls of the ancient Cathedral, called the Abby, which is not large but has a very venerable aspect; near it are the remains of a round tower. This spot commands a view of the Lake beneath, now indeed almost drained, and of all the country to the south

* See Harris, p. 20, for a description of Ardglass.

† See, about these wells of St. Patrick at Struell, Harris's *Down*, p. 25, and Reeves's *Antiquities*, p. 42.

and west, the small hills being cover'd with corn. From this hill also is a view of the Abby of Inch in an Island of the Lough, and of Mr. Maxwell's large house of Finnibrothy near it. Below the Abbey is a very handsom brick building, in the middle part an apartment for six men, and six women, and at each end a School for ten girls, at the other for as many boys, who are to be fed and lodged as well as cloth'd and taught. All the foundation of Mr. Southwell of Kings Weston. At the lower end of the town is the Townhouse, and above it a handsom portico of twenty-four Arches for the linnen Market, which is very considerable at this place, and adjoyning to that is a School, to teach the poor children of the town, who are not in the other Schools. Near this is a good new-built Church, and beyond that a free School house for teaching Latin, which seemed to be in a ruinous way. The chief support of this place is a market and Fairs for linnen. This is the proper place of Residence for the Bishop and Dean of Down, but neither of them have houses here. I had almost forgot to mention four Apartments for Clergy-men's widows, which are maintained as well as I could be informed by subscription. On a hill to the North of the town is an ancient fortification, called the Rath of Down Patrick, encompassed with three fossees, it is about 700 yards over, as I have been inform'd, and measures by the ascent sixty feet from the bottom, and it may be questioned, whether this is not the ancient Dunum of Ptolemy. Near Down Patrick is a famous horse course for races ; here two or three plates are run for, which are given by the Corporation of Horse Breeders in the County of Down, erected by King James II. under a charter into a Corporation, with liberty to purchase £200 a-year in lands, and a power to have a treasurer, register and other officers, and that a

fair should be held for six days at the time of the races, Customs to be paid belonging to the Corporation, during which fairs, they have power to hold a Court for certain purposes.* I crossed over the communication between this Lough and that of Strangford, and turning to the left came to Inch Abby, removed from Carrig near Erynach ; the church appears to have been a grand building, there are three windows to the east, and two on each side near it, all narrow and turned with Gothick arches ; on the south side are seen the tops of the seats for the administering Priest and those who assisted him, as cut in the wall and beautified with Gothick sculpture.*

I saw a number of women in an adjacent cabbin, and my curiosity led me to go in, it was a wake over the body of an old man, who was stretched on the floor and covered with a sheet. About 3 feet above the corpse was a board covered with a white cloth, on which they place candles ; and the women sit round the corpse, they are entertained with a spirit of Barley, call'd Whiskey, with Tabacco and sometimes with bread, cake, &c., and frequently drink to excess with such instances of mortality before their eyes, and this they look on as an act of Devotion. I returned back over the bridge, and saw the sluices to let out the fresh water and keep out the tide, but as there are not sluices enough to carry off the former the draining of the land is not compleated. A little beyond this is the port of Down Patrick from the Bay of Strangford, to which vessels can come of about fifty Tons. About a mile farther and over this arm of the sea, which they call the Lough, are ruins of the Abbey of Saul, founded by St. Patrick for Canons Regular, and rebuilt by

* See Harris's *Down*, p. 35, about this Corporation.

† See Reeves's *Antiqq.*, p. 232.

Malachy O-Morgair Bishop of Down, it is now entirely ruined, but very near it, are some of the walls of an old Castle. They have lately built a small Church on the site of the Monastery, having according to the style of this country, only windows on the South side and one at the East end. Two or three miles farther we came to the plantation of Castle Ward belonging to Judge Ward, situated very beautifully on the bay of Strangford ; they are very fine not only in Groves and clumps of trees, but in quick fences to the road, adorned with flowering shrubs as well as rows of trees. Here is a contrivance for a mill by a flood gate to let in the tyde and another to let it out when they please, by which means they can keep the mill almost always going.* On a point of land over the Bay to the North of this, is a lofty old fabrick called Castle Audley, supposed to be built by one of the Audley family, who settled in Ireland under John de Curcey, about the time of Henry 2d. which family has not been long extinct. I went from Castle Ward to the Charter School of Strangford, which is very near it, for the founding of which the late Earl of Kildare left £500 and his Dowager gave two acres for ever, and 20 acres at half rent ;—It is for twenty boys and twenty girls. Strangford is very pleasantly situated on the hanging ground over the bay, but it is a very poor town without trade, consisting of little more than one small Street, the buildings of which are mostly on the upper side. The Parish Church is a mile off, if I mistake not at Baleycuther, and the chapel in the town repaired by the late Earl of Kildare is going to ruin. About two miles south of Strangford is the Castle of Kilclief in which about the middle of last century a Bishop of Down

Castle Ward.

* See Harris, p. 41.

Ardes, resided.* On the 27th I crossed from Strangford in the ferry a mile to the country call'd Ardes, which is a peninsula and to the town called Portaferry, which tho' small is a much better place than Strangford; it is built up the side of the hill and has some export of corn and kelp. This Living is the corps of the Chancellorship of Down. In all these parts are meeting-houses, and here is one Mass house, the only one in all Ardes, the bulk of the people in the County of Down being Presbyterians. This Country of Ardes is very beautiful being a rising ground, something like the Isle of Wight, except that there is no flat on each side, and it is all cover'd with corn; they manure with marle, which they have in most of the grounds from the North of Strangford Lough to the Bay of Dundrum, there is a great mixture of shells in it. Those about Down Patrick I observed were a small beautiful turbinated shell, in Ardes a larger kind, scollops, oysters, cockles and others, it is a mixture of clay and sand; the land will bear a crop of Barley and two of oates, and sometimes they sow it four years, but then it hurts the land, and it produces hardly any herbage the first year after it is laid down: if they plough it seven years as some do it ruins the land for several years; but after three years tillage it will bring tolerable grass the first year and very good for three years, and then they plough it again but must not put on more marle, it has been found out about 30 years and probably in a course of years, they may find it proper to try whether more marle may not do the land good. This country chiefly belongs to the Savages, Echlins, Baylies and Montgomeries. There is one road on the West side of this country to Newtown and another on the East to Donaghadee; I took the western

* See Harris, p. 23; Reeves, *Antiqq.*, pp. 164-167, 217-219.

road, in two miles I came to Abbacy or Ardquine (a Bishop's estate lease) belonging to the Echlin's, descendants of a Bishop of Down in 1635. It is thought by some from the name to be the site of the Priory of Eynes, which is not known. About two miles further is a seat of the Savages call'd Ardchin pleasantly situated on the Lake ; but not much improved—the sea has covered most of the low land there is in this country which is not much, and made it a Morass, but they have now drained a good part of it. Two miles further is Echlin's Ville, so called from the owner, and as much farther Inishargy the seat of Mr. Bayley, and two miles further is Rosemount, the seat of the Montgomeries, so call'd from a mount on the hill over it, and on the sea there is a small Danish fort. This estate is a purchase of a collateral branch of the family of Sr. James Montgomery, second son of Lord Montgomery, of the time of King Charles the first, who was bred to the Law, had travelled, and by the epitaph in the Church, appears to have been a linguist and a lover of Poetry. The Mansion house is built near the Old Gray Abbey, which is in the style of the Church of Inch, and part of it is repaired for divine service.

A Bell mettle jug was found in 1722, in the bog of Bayleys Murphey near this place, about eight inches high, with a spout and handle, and was presented to the University of Dublin. And in 1728 an earthen Urn with burnt bones in was found on the Abbey lands. The old Town is near the Abbey, and the new town a furlong from it on the sea. They have two or three quarries of very good slate in this Neighbourhood : This part of the country is call'd great Ardes and also Clanbois, from an antient clan as supposed ; the southern part is little Ardes. As we approached towards the North end of the Lough, the road

Newtown.

was more pleasant, as it commanded a better view of the opposite country, from which they cross over the Strand when the tyde is out, having a pillar built on each side as a mark to direct the passengers. I arrived at Newtown most pleasantly situated on the North end of this bay, something like St. Maries near Southampton, the Lough and the lands to the south having much the appearance of Southampton bay and the Isle of Wight: It is a burrough town, and they have a considerable trade in Linnen, especially Diapers. There are remains here of a Dominican Convent, in which Chapters of the order have been held. I omitted to see the beautiful family chapel of the Colviles, who have as I was informed sold this estate to one Mr. Stewart. This town is seven miles from Donaghadee, at which place I landed from Scotland in 1747. A mile in that road is Movilee a monastery of Canons of the order of St. Austin, founded by St. Finian in 550. To the south west of Newtown about a mile is a hill called Scraba or Strabo, where there is a quarry of Free stone; the buildings I saw of it in this country stand very well, tho' it burns black, but I was informed that the stone of the College Library which scales is of this quarry which possibly might be owing to some mismanagement in the quarrying or carriage, and it may be by reason that it might have taken salt water.

I ascended a long hill northward to Bangor; on the top of it they were finishing a thatch'd meeting house; I came to this place in order to cross above two leagues to Carrickfergus, but the wind being high I went round by Belfast.

Bangor is pleasantly situated on a high ground over the Bay of Carrickfergus, it is a poor Burrough town consisting of a long broad street down the side of the hill to the sea, the houses are about 200 in number; tho' they have

a slate quarry near the town, yet the houses are all thatch'd. The chief support of the inhabitants is spinning, Bangor. there being but two fishing boats tho' it is finely situated for a fishery; it was the estate of the Hamiltons Lords of Claneborg, one of which was Earl of Clanbrazil and has been divided between two co-heiresses, the Mother of Lord Ikerrin, now Earl of Carrick and Judge Ward's Lady; the mansion house here is very indifferent, but the spruce firr, the Ilex, Bays, Hollies and other evergreens, planted at first chiefly in the Flower garden are grown to be very fine forest trees: the church is on the side of the old Abbey, in it is a monument to Beatrix Hamilton, with a remarkable copy of English verses, through which there runs a very great strain of piety. There is also a monument to John Gibson the first Protestant Dean of Down in 1623, in which it is mentioned that when he came there, he had only forty communicants, and when he dyed he left 1200. There was here a famous Abbey of Canons, founded by St. Congall about 555, which he himself governed by a particular rule, but afterwards it took the order of St. Austin. It is thought that the History of this Abbey is confounded with that of Bangor in England: in the relation that is given of the great number of monks, and of many of them that were killed at one time. There are remains of one part of it, with the ancient narrow Gothick windows. Mr. Winder* the Minister of this place came to see me, and showed me all these things with great civility. On the high ground here, we saw very plainly that part of Scotland, which is called

* This was the Rev. Peter Winder, Minister of Bangor and son of the Rev. John Winder, who came to Ireland as one of King William's Chaplains. John Winder succeeded Swift as Prebendary of Kilrool. Swift addressed a letter to him from Moor Park, dated 13th January, 1698. See Benn's *History of Belfast*, pp. 377, 385.

the Mull of Galway. A little to the East of Bangor is Groom Port Bay where Duke Schomberg with 1,000 men came to anchor in 1689 and soon took Carrickfergus and was created Earl of Bangor. In great Copland Island at the mouth of the Bay is a slate quarry. I had a very pleasant ride near the Bay for ten miles to Belfast in the County of Antrim, the direct road being but eight, and there are several gentlemen's houses very finely situated over the bay. Belfast stands on the west side of the bay, just at the end of it and is a considerable town of trade, especially in the linnen manufacture, in which they are all concern'd, buying the yarn and giving it to be wove, they also send several ships to the West Indies. It is the Estate of the Earl of Donegal; and the town are very uneasy that they cannot get new leases to build, all of them being near expiring, for the estate is entailed on the sons of Mr. Chichester, who are minors, whose Mother is sister to Sr. Roger Neudigate. This Lord is, as in a state of infancy and in the hands of relations who agree to divide all between them, and have not taken out a Commission of Lunacy: And the guardians of the Minors, oppose the procuring an Act of Parliament to enable him to lett the Lands.*

The river Lagan runs through a very fine country, and falls into the sea at Belfast, where there is a bridge over it, of about 20 arches 840 feet in length, with a Causeway at both ends which make up 1722 feet, it is 22 feet broad. The country on this river, and all the way to Ardmagh is look'd on as the finest spot in Ireland, and being well watered and between the Lough of Strangford and Lough Neagh and Carrickfergus bay, these situations give it a

* See about this matter Benn's *History of Belfast*, ch. xix.

very great advantage. The town of Belfast consists of one long broad Street, and of several lanes in which the inferior people live; the church seems to be an old tower or Castle, to which they have built so as to make it a greek Cross, and it is a very mean fabrick for such a considerable place; indeed the congregation is but small, and most of them of the lower rank, for of 400 houses, there ^{Belfast.} are but about sixty families that go to Church; the richer people with a number of others are of the new light Presbyterians, the rest of the old light and Papists. The new light are look'd on as Arians; and these two lights have a greater aversion to each other, than they have to the Church. The Earl of Donnegals house at the end of the town was burnt down about the beginning of this century and two daughters were burn'd in it;* the garden, groves, meadows and fields on the river belonging to it are very delightful.

On the 29th. It being a wet morning I did not set out till noon for Carrickfergus eight miles distant it is a pleasant road near the bay. This is a poor town tho' well situated, the Castle is built on a rock, which is wash'd on three sides by the sea, it is a strong place and is kept in pretty good order, and no one being permitted to go to it in time of war, the orders have not been taken off in time of peace. Lord Donegal has a very large house here, ^{Carrick-} ^{fergus.} built about the time of Queen Elizabeth, when his Ancestor Sir (? Arthur) Chichester was Lord Deputy of Ireland, and obtained the grants of his great Estate, which in this country as I was inform'd is £8,000 a year, that he has

* See about this fire Benn's *History of Belfast*, p. 571. The fire happened in 1708. The persons who perished on this occasion were the Ladies Jane, Frances, and Henrietta, daughters of Arthur Chichester, third Earl of Donegal. See Lodge's *Peerage*, I., 231, Ed. 1754.

5 or £6,000 a year in other parts, and that if the whole were out of lease it would let for £30,000 a year. There are great plenty of small scollops in this sea: The Mayor has the Admiralty from Fair point to the North to Beer-looms near Strangford, the creeks of Bangor and Belfast excepted, they had also in the same extent all customs which Ld. Strafford purchased for the King for £2,000, after which the Custom house was removed to Belfast, and this town began to decline. I dined here. The Mayoralty here is worth disputing, and has caused a division in the town, for it is about £100 a year, chiefly arising out of lands given for forage for the King's troops, who have not of late years been sent to Barracks here. I set forward on the sea coast and passed by Castle Dobbs, the seat of that gentleman who is member for Carrickfergus, and has so strenuously pushed the affair of a passage through Hudson's Bay, but without success. The Castle is a low situation behind the hill, but he is building on a very fine spot on the rising ground. A little further is a very pleasant mansion house of Mr. Brice: I ascended a little height, at the top of which a new and most beautiful scene appear'd of the delightful harbour of Larne, which comes in between the land, and makes what they call Magee Island a Peninsula; but I could not learn that there was any rivlet or opening from the South end of this bay into the sea, as the maps represent it which would make it an Island. It is about six miles in length and a mile and a half broad, and much resembles the high ground that runs the length of the Isle of Wight, but it is not so high, and there is no level ground on each side but it is all cover'd with corn and rich pasturage. I saw two roads one along the top of it, another on the west with many houses on each side of it, and if I mistake not there is a third on the

east side ; It is without trees the most beautiful and extraordinary spot that can be imagined : this and the country to Larne is the Estate of the Ld. Donnegal, as all to the north belongs to the Earl of Antrim. I travelled near this fine harbour, and came to a new kind of soil a white limestone, which having flint in it, as chalk always has, I do much suspect that it was formerly in that state, for it will now almost mark white ; the flint in it is chiefly of a pale blew and whitish : above this is what they call rotten rock, a sort of crumbling stone, which makes excellent roads, soon dissolving and is easy to the horses feet, but it does not last so long as the lime stone, which tho' much harder yet it soon makes a smooth road, but when narrow and raised in the middle, as is the case here, it is slippery and dangerous at least for horses not accustomed to it. Over the rotten rock is a blackish firestone, called a whine stone, it most of it appears to me, to be of the granite kind, but with very small grains. I passed by a pleasant village in a little vale, from which it has the name of Glyn, and came to a spring on the shoar, in which there is a very small fresh water shell-fish, of the wilk or turbinated kind, and a small limpet, no bigger than a vitch, sticking on the stones, which I never saw before in fresh water : but what is most remarkable about this well, on the shoar, they find the Asteriæ and Astroitæ, some of them smaller than ever I met with before, but they are difficult to be found.

Larne is pleasantly situated at the north end of this bay, a point of land running out to the south east ; directly south of which is the harbour for large vessels, where they are well defended against the weather ; and that point Larne. is a most pleasant rising ground, on which there is an old Castle. Larne tho' a poor town, consists of a street

not much less than half a mile in length, and a rivlet falling from the hills at one end, a race of it is brought along behind the houses, which is a great conveniency as well as beauty. They have a little linnen trade, a few fishing boats and salt works (as along the coast) of salt rock of Cheshire boiled with sea water. They have also some little traffick in sending out lime stone and furnishing the neighbouring parts with lime: near the ancient church there is a Mount, which I take to be of the monumental kind, and beyond this is a field, called the Chapel field, where they say are some marks of the foundation of an old Chapel.

On the 30th I set out northward and ascending the hill, saw a beautifull country between the low hills to the sea, and the mountains to the west, it is almost all covered with oats, with houses very thick all over it, and little plantations about them in their gardens, so that they appear like little groves or clumps of trees all over the country, which strikes the more, as there is not any other tree to be seen in the country: it is entirely an open country like common fields. From this ground I saw the rocks called by the sailors the maidens, and by the country people the Whilkins. I turn'd out of the way to go to the sea cliffs, which are of the black stone, in order to see what they call the black cave, but found it to be nothing but a passage worn through the rock; beyond this is a fine head called Baleygelly the seat of Mr. . I travelled through this fine country, which makes up the great Living of Larne Castle: They are notwithstanding very indifferent husbandmen, their common method being to plough one year and lay down one year, nor have they the method I saw in the County of Down of making folds with green sod, to fold their sheep in order to manure the land.

I ascended a high hill which is the point that makes the bay of Glenarme, and struck out of the road to the east, to go through Lord Antrim's little park, which is the most beautiful and romantick ground I ever beheld; it is the very point which makes the bay to the north, and is a hanging ground over the sea, from which there is a steep ^{Ld Antrim's little park.} ascent, it may be of fifty yards, on which there is a wood, then there is an uneven lawn with some wood in several parts and rocks rising up so as that at a distance, some of them appear like ruins of Castles, then there is a very steep ascent, not less than 80 or 90 yards high cover'd with wood, this leads to a lawn, and going on towards the north the point of ground rises higher and terminates in a beautifull mount which commands a fine prospect, where My Lord often dines: further to the north is another heighth, all the hanging ground from them beautifully cover'd with wood: above this lawn which is within these heights is the perpendicular rock, at least an hundred yards in height, out of which shrubs and trees grow in a most beautifull manner; the ascent up to the door of the park at a lower part of the hill is difficult; above this height is the road from Larne to Glenarme and they tell many extraordinary stories of men and cattle that have fall'n down these precipices and have not been much hurt. I descended a long hill to Glenarme, a village situated on each side of a river in a narrow vale, between the hills on the bay of Glenarme, where Lord Antrim has resided in an ordinary house, since his habitation at Ballimagarry near Dunluce was burnt; but there is an old house with good room in it, without a roof which he is about to repair. There are some remains of an old Abbey on the bay, and a sort of rampart on the north of it, as for a place of defence to retire to in a time of danger. Over the town to

the north is a hill with an easy ascent, on which there is a horse course, which commands a fine view, especially of the great park, and here My Lord has a stable for his race horses ; this nobleman's chief amusement being the fine horses which he breeds every year. Mr. Broome a relation to the late Bishop of Down Dr. Rider, now Archbishop of Tuam, is minister of this parish ; he paid me a visit, and carried me to see Lady Antrim's grotto, in which there are a great number of fine and curious shells, and many of the pinna, which are found off the north east point of Ireland. He brought me compliments from my Lord Antrim that he would be glad to see me. Mr. Broome rid with me to the great park, which is as curious and beautiful as the other, but in a different way : two rivers rise in the hills meet below and make the river of Glenarme, which flows in the narrow valley ; the park wall runs along the top of the hills and almost encloses these three rivers, being about nine miles in circumference : the entrance to the park is about half a mile to the west of Glenarme, and on both sides of the river both below and on sides of the hills, is an agreeable variety of Lawn and wood for a mile ; further on it is all wood and on both sides, and just at the entrance of this wood on an eminence, is a banqueting house in a very romantick situation : when one has enter'd the wood, the bed of the river is deeper, having perpendicular rocks on each side from twenty to forty feet high and trees grow out of them, and one sees between them many beautifull cascades, particularly one near 30 feet high ; about ten feet below the top is a shelf, and at top the rock overhangs so, as no salmon can get up but they frequently leap and fall on that shelf, and often bruise themselves so that they die. Above is another very beautiful cascade in two or three falls in the breadth of

Lord Antrim's great park.

Glenarme.

the river, but the finest in is the middle: I went up the eastern river to see the most beautifull of all; which tumbles down is a sheet near 30 feet; from this we ascended up the hill to the east through the wood and came to a lawn, and had a view to the west of the round high top of the steamish (I am the hill) by way of eminence, near which St. Patrick when he first came from Scotland fed hogs, and on the hill Skerries not far from it, are remains of a church, which is said to be the first in Ireland. We returned home by the hill to the gate of the park we came in at. I waited on Lord and Lady Antrim, and lay at my Lds. house. On the first of July, I walk'd up to the course, and set out; My Lord sent a man five miles with me, and Mr. Brougham and Mr. O'Neale accompanied me three. We passed the end of Kle Glyn and ascended towards a high point called Mount Garran-point, and in the map Ardclinnis point, over which there is a very steep road, and at the bottom of it, is a rock, which, before part of it fell down, was thought to be the figure of a fish. From this point the mountains are very fine, quite perpendicular towards the top with trees growing out of them as in the little park, from which large white lime stone rocks have roll'd down, in many of which I saw Belemnites which are frequently found on the shoar, as well as echini; but it is very difficult to separate them from the rock: the lower part of this opening call'd Red bay is much admired, having the same kind of ground on each side of the valley, but no wood below, so that I think it is not near so beautifull as the ground of the great park; but it is said that the late Lord had thought of making a park there, which he might have done, only by building a wall at the sea and at the west angle. In this road we observed several streams running from the hill, which

flow'd underground into the sea, on the north side of this vale a river falls into the sea, near the mouth of it are cliffs of a sandy red stone in which there are four or five caves, and some families live in them: and just over the point are remains of an old Castle call'd Redbay Castle. On the south side of the bay I observed an old church which answers to the situation of Galbally in Sr. Wm. Petty's map. When I passed this point turning round I was surpriz'd at the sight of the end of the mountain to the north east of the valley, which appeared with a most beautifull square top, and in some situations like a Lozenge this is call'd Clockay Brackeen. I came to another little

Cushendale. valley call'd Cushendale where I dined; Going two miles to Cushenden bay, I was directed about half a mile from the road to see some caves, which are not so curious altogether as the sea cliff, which is the most beautifull I ever saw, it consists of pebbles of a middling size of different colours all cemented together; so that it has the appearance of variegated marble, and is exactly like the Hertfordshire stone which is used for the top of snuff boxes, except that the stones are much larger, that is from about four or five to 8 or 9 inches in diameter. The sheep take shelter in these caves in the winter, and there is in some part of the grotts a cake of their dung near a foot thick, which the people have not as yet taken away for manure. Over the north side of this bay is an old tower, which is I suppose what is called in the map Caries Castle. This head of Land is the most north eastern point of Ireland: We returned to the road on the other side of the river and ascended up a very long hill, to a healthy country, which affords good turf with a gravel under it, and the white lime stone is found in many parts through the country: The soil being alter'd from Red bay to this place, in which

space there is no lime stone: Very fine roads are made here all the way to Ballycastle in which coming near the northern shoar of Ireland we turn'd to the west and passed by Caravadount, below which is a Danish fort, and a little farther to the south is a fine flat hill called Drumnikilliah, which much resembles the situation of Jerusalem: and so we arrived at Ballycastle: From the eastern shore I saw the Isle of Sanda to the east of which a McDonel is Laird: And the Mul of Cantyr in Scotland seemed surprizingly near in the bay of Cushendon, tho' it is almost thirty miles distant, but it is a very high land; They often go over to that land for game: where there is great plenty of what is called the black game, which Lord Antrim has brought over more than once, but could never get them to breed, or keep them long, so that probably they return back. Ballycastle is situated in a sort of a creek, at the mouth of the small river Glenshesk in the large open bay which is made by Fairhead and the point at Balintoy, near which Sheep Island is seen, having the Isle of Rathling stretching to the north of it from east to west. The tyde comes in from the north, and probably the tides meeting off Fairhead and the Mull of Cantire cause such an Eddy current that in the bay the flow lasts nine hours and the ebb only three. Ballycastle is a strong instance of the assiduity and judgment of one person Mr. Boyd to whom the place belongs, who holds it as a fee farm under Lord Antrim, who has made most of his tenants happy in such a tenure; for all this country as I mention'd before belongs to Ld. Antrim; his ancestors from Scotland, the McDonalds, conquer'd it, and Queen Elizabeth granted it to them by patent; The family are now distinguished by the title of Antrim; it extends from near Larne to Colraine: from Larne to Glenarme the people are mostly Presbyterian,

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as well as from Ballycastle to Coleraine; but from Glenarne to Ballycastle they are for the most part Papists.

Mr. Boyd's great work was to make a safe harbour for shipping, which he had done most effectually, having received £10,000 from the publick for that purpose: It was effected by a pier to the north and east made of piles of oak, fixed together with iron, and all fill'd within with large stones, so that it makes three very good Quays. But unfortunately last winter, some of the piles to the north gave way in a violent storm, and about the same time some of the inner piles of the eastern pier fail'd, occasioned by fastening their cables to them: But when they came to examine the foot of the piles, they found they had been eaten by a small worm, of a different kind from those of the Indies or Holland, or from those I saw at Shoreham, being very small about a quarter of an inch long, and as big as a midling pin; Looking on them in a microscope, on the back they appear like a smooth grub, on the belly a little like a shrimp, with seven legs on each side, and I think a smaller pair behind, it has large black eyes and the snout seems to be pointed, and probably has on it such a pair of shells to bore as the larger have, but I could not discern it: They make holes in the length of the part of the wood which is always under the salt water, for the air or fresh water kills them: This mole is on the west side of the little bay: To the east along the shoar which faces it is sandy, and piles are droven in to keep the sea from gaining on the bank, and when it does gain, they fill it again with great expence; and they are now making a strong pier built of stone and mortar, where the piles have fail'd, on one side are store houses, on another smiths forges and all sorts of trades, for building boats and for carrying on the work of the piers, besides this Mr.

Boyd has built a very good Inn, a Brewery, Tan-yard, houses for boyling soap, and salt, making candles, and a very fine bleach yard; all which he farms out. He has also built a handsome house for himself, and a brick wall on two sides of a garden of seven acres; and at the same time has carried on the works of a very considerable colliery, which is to the east towards Fairhead on the sea side; The first is about a mile from the town, where there is a fine boxwheel for raising the water out of the coalpits, turned by a stream brought from the river by a channel cut along the side of the hill, and through some high ground for above a mile; about half a mile further is a Ballycastle. shaft near the top of the cliff, and as much further another to which there is an entrance from the shoar by a passage, the top and side of which are supported by woodwork: At the collieries are quays for shipping them on small vessels made at great expence with large stones. From the first pit there is a way made with wood, as at Whitehaven and Newcastle for two carts to be drawn on. This sea cliff is very curious, but appears most beautifull at Fairhead. There is first a stratum of firestone, which is in pillars of one stone, some of them being near twenty feet long, and this seems to be some tendency towards the naturall production of the Giants Causeway; This in Fairhead has something of the appearance of a Gothick work: then there is what they call Till, which I take it, is a ragged broken stone, then free stone, next a vein of coal followed by Till, and then two layers of free stone of different qualities; for there they have grinding stones and whetstones out of different quarries. They have a vitriol spring in one part, and one sees several perpendicular veins in the cliffs which they call faults in the work, they extend into the sea, and one of them being about fifteen or twenty feet broad, appears like a large Causeway.

This Gentleman in the colliery and all the manufactures he supports, has about 300 people employed every day, and in the years of scarcity he took care to buy corn and have it sold at a reasonable price. All these things undertaken and carried on by one man, are a very uncommon and extraordinary instance in a practical way of human understanding and prudence.

The old Town of Ballycastle is a quarter of a mile from the port, which consists of a short street, and here they hold their markets; and just below it is an old mansion house in ruins of the Antrim family. When I came to Ballycastle Mr. Boyd soon found out, I had compliments to him from the Archbishop of Dublin, he obliged me to make his house my home; where I met my acquaintance his daughter Mrs. Macaulay, married to Dr. Macaulay Vicar General of the Diocese of Dublin. On the 2nd he showed me all these things. To the east of the town is a building they call the Abbey, which I suppose was a Convent, in it is a Chapel, on the side of which is the following inscription.

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Deiparaeque virginis honorem illustrissimus ac Nobilissimus Dominus Randolphus M'Donnel Comes de Antrim hoc Sacellum fieri curavit. An. Dom. 1612.

On the 3d. I set out with Mr. Harrison Minister of the place and another gentleman to see the Charter School, about half a mile beyond the town and founded by Mr. Boyd for boys and girls, and taking leave of them I travelled to the west near the sea cliffs which are of lime stone from a little beyond Ballycastle to the end of Balintoy bay, where the cliffs are of that sort of rock which is in the cliffs of the Giants Causeway. About two miles from Ballycastle I observ'd on the left a long low

hill called Cregeny, where I saw pillars like those in the Giants Causeway of a larger size I measured some of them which were pentagons, one was thirty one inches over, the other twenty; so this is to be reckoned the beginning of this extraordinary natural production. I descended the hill and going along the plain came near the west side of the Bay of Balintoy, passing by the church and village of that name and came to the estate of Mr. M'Neal, where following a rivlet I came to a small bay, where the stones had some litle resemblance of the Causeway at a distance, but I found them in large pieces as in quarries; I dined here by the stream. Going on westward I soon came to a little bay, in which there is a small high peninsula with ruins of a Castle on it, called Donseverick; from which I walk'd along the top of the sea cliffs, and coming to a little bay to which there is a tolerable descent, the cliff being all covered with grass, I descended as I suppose between two and three hundred yards; on the east side of this bay is a curious high rock, and as there are shelves in the steep cliffs, so the goats go along those shelves to feed: Here we found people a' fishing: Returning up we came to Port Maher, for they give all these little creeks or bays the name of ports; I saw the tops of pillars at the bottom of this bay, next we came to Port Forts Frid, where there are pillars in the cliffs, and some of them stand single and in a little port beyond it called Beneagore, are two or three little risings in the manner of the Giants Causeway. The next is port Loganeny, where there is a good way down the cliff and there are pillars towards the top and bottom. The next is Portnabrok, where two eagles flew out of the rocks, which were of a lighter colour than any I have seen, and possibly may be of the vulture kind, but I am inform'd

since that they are the rock Eagle, and are larger than the mountain eagle; here are pillars at the bottom of the shoar, but the two rows above are extremely fine and regular; as well as I could conjecture, there was ten feet of rock, then a tier of pillars forty feet, rock 40 feet, pillars 40 feet, rock 20 ft. and then a steep descent with grass growing on it at least forty feet high: Turning the small end of the glass it had a most beautifull effect, they appeared like a landscape of Portico's at a distance, and not unlike the view we have engraved at Palmyra. The next is Port Noffer and then is Portnespagna, which is formed to the west by the point on which are those pillars call'd the chimneys. This little bay has its name from a tradition that a Spanish man of war came near in hazy heather and thought the rocks and pillars were a fort and fired at them, but the rocks made a melancholy reprizal, when as they say she was soon after dash'd against them. I then walked on and looked down on what they call the Gyants Causeway, which I viewed in 1747, having walked about four miles along the sea cliffs with equal pleasure and astonishment, viewing this wonderful work of nature. From the cliffs I struck down through Bushmills, Danluce, and Ballimagarry to Port Rush, where not meeting with accommodation, I was forced at ten o'clock at night to reture three miles to Ballimagarry, where I took up my quarters. I walk'd along on the top of the sea cliffs half a mile to Dunluce and it was very curious to see the Gulls in their nests, which they have made of clay and sand in the sides of the perpendicular rocks, so as that the nests overhang from the rock, and great numbers of birds flying about make a very great noise, the eagles come often and take their young which are a delicious morsel for them. The Cormorants build with sea weed on little shelves on

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the sides of the rocks and one sees the hen in the nest and her little ones sitting round her and the cock near; which is a very pretty sight. At Dunluce I went to see the Castle which is on a rock joyn'd to the land by an Isthmus that is about thirty feet lower than the top of the rock; and they cross to it by a drawbridge, it is now joyned by a wall about two feet thick and 30 feet over, on which some people go to it: I walk'd over it; It is an old irregular Castle that may be the 8th of a mile in circumference, and under it is a broad cave with an opening to the south and another to the north to the sea. The Earls of Antrim did live in this Castle, and one of their Ladies not liking the noise of the waves, had a house built for her just at the entrance of it, where she liv'd; which house is now standing without a roof: This if I mistake not was the Dutchess of Buckingham widow of the Duke who was stab'd at Portsmouth, and was married to the head of this family, who had the title of Marquise of Antrim. I went by sea to the Giants Causeway, and taking it as near as I could in a triangle, I measured the three sides and took the bearings and measured an Octagon with all the pillars round it; and return'd, landing in the Port of Balintry, at the mouth of the river Bush; here they say was formerly a port of trade which had privileges granted to it. Ascending to the right are two Raths, very near to each other, with a double fossee, they call 'em Danish forts, and say that to this day, some family in Denmark settles these lands on any marriage. A little further but on the cliff is a little cape which is defended by a fossee drawn across the neck of it:—There is a tradition that the Danes went off from this place.

On the 5th I walked two miles to Balywilly church of which Mr. Cuppaige is Curate whom I had met at Bally-

castle, I preach'd for him, and Mr. Stewart near invited me to dine with him, but I excused myself; and a person who showed me some civility by accompanying me home: dined with me; I saw in the way a low rocky hill called Cregahullen-Craig where there are pillars as in the Giants Causeway, some sides of which I measured and found them to be large; There is another a mile further, and I observed even near as far as Solomons porch, six miles beyond Colerain that the rocks have some litle resemblance of the Causeway, but not in true pillars. In the afternoon I went down to the strand to see grottoes and caves in the Lime stone white cliffs, which begin from Dunluce and extend to the strand of Portrush, and they are the most extraordinary and beautifull I ever saw, some in open grottoes, others in large narrow caves going in a great way, having beautifull stalactites in them; one of them exceeds the rest in beauty, being about thirty paces wide and 70 long, with three pillars of rock on the east side, the white colour of the rock and the flints intermixt, and in many parts Belemnites add to the beauty and curiosity of the sight. Portrush is a little creek encompassed with sandy banks, which gain on the land as the sands do in Cornwall: tho' it is well sheltered yet there runs such a sea, that it is not safe for the boats in winter; at some distance from this Creek is an Island called Skerries, and in the map Portrush Island, which makes the sea to the south a pretty good road to ride in during the summer-season, but it is only a shelter to the north, the lands on each side being some litle covering to the East and West. This little town is of so litle consequence that there is not a publick house in it for the accomodation of travellers; they have but one Merchant in the town, who deals chiefly in shipping off corn and kelp. I took a walk also to Ld.

Antrims house close to Baleymagarry, which was burnt down about two years ago; it is a fine situation commanding a view of the sea of Enishowen to the north west and of the sea coast to the east. The house was built of the pillar stones of the quarry I have mentioned near, and I saw one there of nine sides. Lord Antrim had thoughts of building an house on a spot near, but it is said has altered his purpose. From the high lands there is a view of the Island of Illa, where it is sd. is the famous Abbey called Columkil, in which the ancient kings of Scotland are buried; and to the north of this one sees the Island of Jura, appearing like three remarkable hills. There is an ancient kern at Ballimagarry consisting of ground raised five or six feet, it may be 100 feet in diameter, there are some large stones in the middle, they have the name of the person to whose honour, as tradition saies it was made. They have a method in the north of weeding their corn with what they call a Clip, it is a pair of pinchers made of two pieces of wood, and handles standing like those of a pair of sheers, and they pull up the strongest docks with it.

On the 7th I rid to the Giants Causeway, and attended the raising the most curious stones I could find, and in the even on my return waited on Mr. Duncane who lives in the way, with a letter I had to him and came home on the 8th I went to the Causeway late, and Mr. Duncane came and dined with me, and sent a fresh salmon which was roasted before a turf fire, it was cut in pieces and stuck on five or six sticks set in the ground round the fire and sometimes taken up and turn'd. He left Mr. Bromhall with me, his childrens Tutor, and I came with him to his house drank tea and came home. On the 9th I staid within all day and writ letters, Mr. Duncan and Mr.

Bromhall came to see me. On the 10th I went to the Causeway had many more stones raised in the morning; and in the afternoon put aboard a sloop I freighted for Dublin, to be filled with coals at Ballycastle; came off very late called at Mr. Duncan after ten and lay there. Having viewed and examined this wonderfull work of nature the Giants Causeway, with as much exactness as I could, and made on it some observations: which I sent to the Royal Society and they did me the honour to print them in the Philosophical transactions of the year 1753.

On the 10th I returned to Ballimagarry and set out for Coleraine, and observed the pillars of stone at Cross Reagh within 2 miles of Colrain: I came to that town which is pleasantly situated on a rising ground to the east of the river Bann, which here divides the County of Antrim from the County of Londonderry. This town has large liberties being an Estate with other lands especially Derry that was forfeited by the rebellion of the OKanes in the time of Queen Elizabeth, and was granted by King James the First to the twelve Companies of London, who divided most of the lands between 'em, but some are in common and particularly the salmon fishery. Out of each of Twelve Companies two persons are chose, which make what they call in London the Irish Society, for the management of these estates; and most of them are lett at a low rent, and purchased according to the improved value: There is a little town on the other side, which is the parish of Killowen. There is a handsome town house in Colerain built by the Society; and they have a great market every Saturday for Linnen and yarn which is the chief support of the place. I rid a mile below Colerain to see the salmon fishery which is very great; they catch 'em with what I think is called a seine-net, that goes across the river, and

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so they draw in the net. They have caught sometimes, tho' very rarely 2500 in a day; sell 'em here for a penny a pound fresh, but most of 'em are salted. The fish go up in June and July, spawn in August, and those fish are called fry at first; they come down into the sea about March and April, and return from between 5 and ten pounds in weight, and then they are call'd Grants, and are of a lighter colour than what they call salmon, and rather better for present use, not so strong as salmon, but do very well for salting; Afterwards they are call'd salmon and sometimes grow to fifty pounds weight, and that as it is imagined in 3 or 4 years: The white salmon trout besides the colour, differs from them in having a double row of teeth. I returned to Colerain and went a mile up the river to see the salmon-leap, the river falls down about ten feet in two or three falls, divided by the rocks: They leap up, and very handsome apartments are made for them above with grates to let the water in, and so they can go no further, and are taken up by a hand net; this diversion I saw.

Over this is a pleasant situation, the house of Mr. Richardson a member of Parliament, who married Sr. John Eyles daughter and purchased of the Society that Estate, opposite to it is a pretty Mount call'd Mount Sandal, which seemed to be monumental. On the 11th I set out with Mr. Fitzgerald a surveyor of the Revenue, who had accompanied me yesterday, and with whom I had been acquainted formerly in Munster. We rid four miles to a village pleasantly situated called Ardeau, and a mile further came on the strand from a Glyn between the high cliffs through which a rivlet falls into the sea. Even about this part at a distance the rocks appear a little like the Causeway, but they consist only of large stones of the

rocks in strata something in that manner. The cliffs are very high, at top is a stratum of stone, then of rotten rock and then fine white lime stone. From the height I saw the barr of sand at Coleraine harbour which crosses the mouth of the river in such a manner as that no vessel of any burthen can come over it, and this appears by the sea breaking against it. At these cliffs which extend from near Colerain to Magilligan four or five miles, that chain of mountains end which run through the County of Londonderry, Tyrone and Monaghan and as I take it, end to the south in low hills in the County of Cavan : I came to these cliffs to see a grotto much talk'd of, call'd Solomons porch, but it is nothing compared with those beautifull grottoes I saw at Ballimagarry : It is only a long narrow cave, the entrance of which without doubt was handsomer before it was very much choak'd up with sand as it is at present. I observed here that the flint lay more in strata than in other parts. near this grotto is a fine cold spring up the cliff, they come and take a hearty draft of the sea water and then when it purges drink of this water plentifully. We came to the west end of the cliff, and I was sufficiently recompenced for my dissappointment by the pleasure I had in the ride afterwards first for two miles along the strand ; and afterwards when I turned to the south through a plain having high clifly hills to the east with a gentle ascent for some way from the bottom, the rich hay country of Magiligan to the west makeing out in that point to the north west towards Greencastle in Innisohowen and makes the entrance about two miles broad into that bay which is called the Lough of Derry, then the high hills of Innishowen cover'd with corn almost to the top : We had a very good road and passed by the house for Lodging of such people resort to this place in order to drink goats whey,

and came into a plain which extends farther to the East ; and came to the direct road from Coleraine and arrived at Newtown Limne Vaddy pleasantly situated on the river Newtown. Roe, near which are some seats with good plantations very finely situated. This town consists of one broad Street, and tho' it has a mean appearance, yet it has a great trade in linnen and linnen yarn, insomuch that there are many in the town who can at any time give considerable bills of Exchange on London. This is also an estate of the Society in the hands of Mr. — stopping here to dine my acquaintance Dr. Bacon Minister of Ballykeley whom I did design to visit, was passing through and came and dined with me, and then accompanied me to Limnavaddy. We passed by the river Roe, on each side of which are high rocky cliffs with trees growing out of them, and a wood on each side and some beautifull cascades of water rush through the rocks ; we came to the sight of the old castle of Limne Vaddy, the fortress of the OKanes, the ancient Lords of this Country : It has the name of Limne Vaddy (the dogs leap) from a narrow passage of the river beneath the rocks a litle higher up, over which a dog may leap, and young men divert themselves by vaulting over it. This estate was in the possession of that Philips and his descendants who was sent over to divide the land beneath the Companies : and they tell a comical story, that he represented that he could no way make the division so as to take in this estate, and that on this they gave it to him for his trouble : But I was informed that he having a grant of the lands of the Convent of Colerain exchanged them for these : However that may be, it is an exceeding fine spot of ground : and the Philips's I have had the pleasure to be long acquainted with, are a younger branch of that family, a cosin of Captn. Philips being the person who sold

the estate. There are several Danish forts about this place, some of which the gentlemen have planted with clumps of firrs which have a beautifull effect. There is a lime stone here which is of a slaty kind or runs in thin strata, and I was inform'd that when polished, it is of the dove colour of the Ardbraccan Marble, and I then went two miles farther to Dr. Bacons parsonage house, a good brick edifice with large gardens and a well improved glebe; the house and part of the improvements were built and made by my worthy friend Dr. Owen Dean of Clonmac noise. This parish of Ballykelly consists of about 700 houses, 30 or 40 acres being a great farm, which gives the country a very rich look all being under corn and good pasturage, for they have a shell bank in the Lough of Derry which affords fine manure, ten quarters of shells, each of them two barrels being excellent manure for four years, and will produce two crops of barley and two of oates. From this I went to the Charter school, very lately open'd for twenty boys and twenty girls founded by the encouragement of the Earl of Tyrone, who gave 64 acres at twenty shillings a year. I went on to the mansion house of this estate, which came to the Earl from General Hamilton and belongs to the Society. The house has been lately burnt and is to be re built. Ld. Tyrone designing to give this estate to his second son: The estate is finely planted, mostly with firrs and delightfully situated on the Lough. I took leave of Dr. Bacon and went on towards Kerry, a most pleasant ride: For the Lough growing narrower, the country on the other side appeared in much greater beauty. I observed some very Romantick situations on the rising ground to the south: To the north I saw a small Lough or large pond, with an Island in it, and over it in a most pleasant situation an old Church;

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This is called Anack, and is I suppose the same that Sr. Wm. Petty calls Ardnenoymak. I came to the river Fin over which I crossed to Londonderry; this river rises out of Lough fin which is very near the western coast: The towns of Lifford and Strabane are situated on it, opposite to each other, and it is an exceeding fine country all up the river. Londonderry is situated on a height over the river which runs on the east and north sides of it; it is ^{London}_{derry.} something like the situation of Guildford, commands a view of a well improved hilly country, of the river and the narrow part of the Lough or rather the mouth of the river: From the situation of two or three Church yards, where there were old Churches, I concluded that the old town of Derry was situated on the side of the windmill hill to the north west and perhaps extended down to the valley below, as I was informed it did. When this estate was granted to the Companies, it was on condition that they should fortifie it, which they did as it now remains in the modern way, but without any subterraneous works, so that on that account and being encompassed with hills it is by no means a strong place, nor can it possibly be made strong: The walk round the ramparts is very pleasant. The Society also built a handsome Townhouse, and a church at the first settlement, which is an handsom parish church; something like many Churches in large country towns in England with an organ and Gallery at the west end. The Bishops and Deans seats are pointing to the west, on each side of the opening to the Chancel; and the stalls of the Prebends are to be in a line with them. There is a monument in the church of Mr. Elvinope of the first inhabitants who died in 1676—102 years old. The bases of the pillars are of oxes heads, which I take to have been an old Roman altar cut in two pieces, brought pro-

bably from Scotland or the north of England—The present Primate gave a new organ to the church, who was first Dean and then Bishop of this church. There is a foot Barrack in the town for a Regiment, and a Magazine for powder, and an arsenal for their old Canon. They bombarded and played the canon on the town from the wind-mill hill and from another height to the south west, and it is said that when they began to batter the town,

^{Siege} _{1690.} besieged sent to 'em not to hurt the town which would be

their own, and that they need not batter, as the gates were open for them to come in; and it is said that a Colonel of a Regiment offering his service to try, if he could enter the gates which were actually left open; they having notice of it, planted Canon one over another, gave them a terrible fire, sallyed out and cut the whole Regiment to pieces. Below the town about three miles is Culmorefort at the mouth of the river, across which a chain was drawn to prevent any relief coming to them, but a ship went against it under full sail, broke the chain, and brought them provisions when they were in great distress. In the church are two of the Standards which the besieged took from the enemy. The Governor is styled Governor of Culmore and Londonderry and has a salary of £600 a year. The commanding officer is Deputy Governor, and when no troops are in it the Mayor, who is the returning officer of Members both for this town and the County, as I was informed. They have here a great market every Wednesday for linnen and flaxen yarn; Colerain, Newtown Limne Vaddy and Strabane having linnen markets on other days of the week for the same purpose, to which the Merchants go round and buy up the linnens and yarn, the latter is sent to Manchester. On the 12th I spent the day with the Bishop, who on visiting him, insisted on my coming to his house,

and sending my horses to his stables ; I walked round the ramparts with Mr. Bernard, preached, and in the even walked round the town and to Windmill Hill.

On the 18th, It rained very hard all the morning, and I set out in the afternoon towards Lough Swiley to spend the evening with Dr. Ledwich ; I met him and he went back with me : This Gentleman is married to a niece of the Bishop : About two miles out of the town I saw on a hill Eloch Castle with a tower close to it, which appeared to me to be a round tower. This side of the river Finn is in the County of Donegal and Barony of Innishowen, which Barony takes in from Birte inclusively all the Peninsula to the North, and this is in the Diocese of Derry. The rest of the County of Donegal if I mistake not is in the Diocese of Rapho. I crossed the river which rises near Muff and came to Fantham commonly called Fawn, very pleasantly situated on Lough Swilley opposite to Inch Island. This Lough is formed by the river Swilley, and the tyde which overflows the flat. That river rises near the western coast, and running by Letterkenny, a little below it spreads to near two miles in breadth, it then forms a bay to the south, which with the lake below makes a peninsula of what they call Birte Island, and a little further on the opposite shoar a bay is formed by the river which comes from about Tully : below this is Inch (Island) a high ground which covers all this bay to the point on which Rathmullen stands, where there is a ferry from Fawn about a league over, in passing of which last month a boat was oversett, and almost all the people thirteen or fourteen were drowned : it then takes a pretty direct course to the sea, being all the way about two miles broad ; and it is a very pleasant lake. I walked out on the banks of it towards the sea,

and in the way came to the Church, where there is a very old Cross, an oblong-square stone with a Cross work'd on it in Bas relief and many ornaments round it, there was also a Cross before the churchyard. I then came to a well called St. Mary's well ; they have a religious regard for it, and it is arch'd over. A little beyond this is a slaty rock, which opens on the shoar and is very curiously shaped in most of the members of Architecture. I brought away a piece which forms on each side a different compleat Cornish ; this I take to be owing to the rock on which this slate is formed, as it is supposed to be under that head of natural productions, which is formed by incrustation ; and it is not at improbable that the several members of Architecture were taken from some such natural formations in the earth. There is an account in History, that St. Patrick was at this place, and crossed over to Rathmullen.

On the 14th I set out to go round Ennishowen and came in two miles to the strand, where I saw people at work with wooden shovels, in turning up the sand, as the sea left the strand, and enquiring what they were about, they told me they were catching sand eels ; I observ'd that the moment the wave leaves the sand, they run in the shovel, and turn up the sand and the fish are taken ; they are about 4 or 5 inches long, very small for their length, are made like a whiteing and they say are very good : We came to Burn Cranmer a village of one Street on a little height over the sea, between two rivlets, one of which gives name to the place, Burn signifying a rivlet. Here Mr. Vaughan endeavoured to establish a linnen manufacture and erected buildings for that purpose, but the people breaking, his design came to nothing. A little beyond the village Mr. Vaughan has a house pleasantly

situated, with fine fields and plantations about it. I went on towards Desert Egnè and passed by the old church, there being a chapel below for divine service. From this place we ascended still higher and found all bog and heath, and passing two or three hills, we crossed a river, which I suppose is that in Petty called Owen Kirk, and even here the herdsmen who keep the cattle have two or three acres under corn, gained out of the heath and morass. On a height near Desert Egni I observed some stones set up an end as in a circle round a single stone, like those in Cornwall.

We had high rocky mountains to the north, the barriers against the northern ocean, and going over a high hill, came to the country called from the parish Clanmany, a very rough spot of ground, but surprizingly improved, where ever a plough and spade can work: Coming to a rivulet which runs into a bay, I saw a road which leads to Bigny a hamlet to the north west of the point made by these hills ; we went on and came to the Strand Strabeghy (the deceitful Strand) by reason that it is full of holes and difficult to pass. I was too late and was obliged to go all round it, having been directed this way in hopes of getting the strand ; for otherwise the short way is directly across the mountain by Carne, which road they told me was not ^{too} good. The way was on the south and east side of the strand and crossing a rivulet at the east end of it on a bridge, I came into that peninsula which is called Malin : The morass to the east is called Monei reilta (the starry bog) for there being several holes in it full of water it appears in a moonshiny night like stars, which may serve as an instance of the significancy of Irish names, which commonly are descriptive of the Place. We went westward near the Strand and turning to the north passed by

Malin. an old church called Malin Church, where they say there was a Convent, and going over two hills I came to what they call Malin well, which is the most northern point of Ireland in the degree of 55.19. they told me they had not above two hours night in which they could not read in the longest days, and that the sun was excessively hot in summer. This is farther north than ever I was before: Coming near the sea cliff I look'd for the house I was going to, and could see none, but came to a passage down the cliff where I found the house on the beach under the rocks, and enquiring for the well, they showed me a hollow under a rock at the south end of a high small rocky Island, which at low water is a peninsula: Here people bathe with great success, the water being very salt, as not mixed with the fresh. And the Roman Catholicks plunge in with superstitious notions that the water receives some virtue from the Saint (Terence Marialla) who lived in a cave in the rock of the cliff, where poor people lodge, who come for cure. The house for accomodation is exceeding bad. There is a high beach of pebbles which are esteemed the best in Ireland, except those of a port to the north of Green Castle. They are mostly Jaspar, some jaspar Agates, Cornelian and Agates; and I met with one which seems to be Chalcedony. I had a letter to Mr. Harvey within a mile of the wells, which I sent to him, and soon followed, and met with a most hospitable reception: they presented me with several curious pebbles and a very curious crab dried, the legs of which are mark'd with winding lines that are white; and from the variegated colour 'tis supposed that it has obtained the name of the Highlander; they are exceeding scarce, and it may be they do not meet with one in seven years. I observ'd a fine square head of land to the west called Malin Arde, which

is under corn and appears very beautifull, being a peninsula: To the east are very high rocks, where there are eagles which frequently carry off lambs; and a man being let down by ropes to the nest of one of them, in which he found eggs, he met also with a salmon and a Breme; the former swimming in shallow water might easily be taken, but the Breme keeping deep in the sea must have been supposed to have been thrown up. The fishermen observe an extraordinary thing here, that if they find a stone in the cod fish that it is a certain sign of an approaching storm, and it is supposed they swallow it in order to sink themselves to the bottom of the sea, that they may not be dashed against the rocks, as they frequently are, and are taken up dead sometimes in great numbers; It is supposed also that they have a power of disgorging the stone; on the 15th Mr. Harvey sent his man with me to Coledaff: Coledaff. passing the bridge which I came over to this country. I observed a fine habitation over the sea to the north east, Mr. Donorty's called Catridge. In five miles we came to Coledaff, where there is a church, and Mrs. Young has a good house with a plantation of trees about it. We soon passed by Redfort the house of Mr. Elwood Minister of the place, which probably had its name from a red vein of soil about this place; I observed an Island at the north east point and saw Clonkan Church to the south west, Redfort. which is the Parish Church of Mallin: We had an unpleasant road across the mountains to the south east, and came to the rivlet, which runs along a valley that meets another which ends in the bay of Clanmeny, that I had pass'd and going eastward three miles, came to the Lough of Derry near Moville Parish where Mr. O'Neal has a house pleasantly situated, and I went two miles to the north along the shoar to Green Castle where I dined. I went to see the Green Castle.

fine old Castle, built on a rock, the entrance is defended by two towers, where the chief apartments were; the north end is also defended by towers and it is a strong and delightful situation, it was the strenght of the O'Donorty's, the last of which family going to London to Queen Eliza. was Knighted; but afterwards being in rebellion, his estate which was all Ennishowen was forfeited, most part of which now belongs to the Earl of Donnegal; This Castle may have its name from the green fire stone it is built of: A quarter of a mile from it is a chapel which seemed to have been built with pinnacles and with large windows, and is very uncommon in this country. This is the passage of two miles from the opposite point of Magilligan, near which I had passed before from Colerain. I set out

Redcastle. southward and came in five miles to Redcastle, where Mr.

Carew has a very handsom house near the sea, I went *White Castle.* two miles further to White Castle and two to Turn, near which the direct road from Mallin comes in, which it is said is through a most pleasant vale, in which I suppose the river runs, that is placed in the large map of Ireland near White Castle. I came five miles to Muff, where the poor Inns were all full, being the market day of Derry, from which it is five miles distant. So I sent to Mr. Hart half a mile from the town, a pleasant situation near the Lough of Derry, brother of Alderman Hart, who has been Ld. Mayor of Dublin,* who sent me a welcome and

Muff. his son received me, as the father was gone to repose.

On the 16th Mr. Hart treated me with great civility, invited me to spend the day, and sent his son Captn. Hart

* This seems a mistake on Pococke's part. Henry Hart was Sheriff of Dublin in 1732-33 in conjunction with Daniel Cooke. The latter became Lord Mayor in 1745-46. Hart's name, however, does not occur in the list of Lord Mayors till 1774-75, more than twenty years after this tour was taken.

to show me the neat Chapel of Muff, and a pleasant view from a hill, from which among other things I saw Culmore Church: He accompanied me with great civility as far as the strand which crosses to Birt. I crossed that strand the southern side of which is bad, enter'd on it, two miles from Fatham or Fawn Dr. Ledwiches. On the other side of the Strand is a large Meeting house to which there was a great concourse of people from all parts being the Fast day before the Sacrament, and they had a sermon, to which they come fasting and afterwards take their repast. I went on three miles and passed by Mr. Forwoods, having had a view of the fine hill of Birte a peninsula called an Island, on the top of which are the remains of an old round Tower; This is part of Mr. Forwoods estate: a little mile further brought us to Newtown Cunningham, the estate of Mr. Hamilton, where his brother the Curate now lives, they are sons of Archdeacon Hamilton, who formerly lived here, he is a very fine old Gentleman between 80 and 90, I dined here and came to the top of a high hill, by an easy ascent, from which there was a most glorious view of all Lough Swilly seen behind three or four heads of land which lock in and divide it in a most beautiful manner; To the south west we had a view up the river Swilly beyond Letterkenny, a very fine vale to the south, the Country of Manor Cunningham and some adjacent villages, as an Amphitheater, encompassed with hills well improved, rising gently over one another to a considerable height, on the other side of which is Rapho. I came to Manor Cunningham three miles from Newtown. It is a large village; I went a little beyond it to the Charter School of Ray founded by Dr. Foster late Bp. of Rapho on 22 acres Ray. of land given by John Leslie Esqr. at a small rent, and 2 in perpetuity without rent, for 20 boys and 20 girls. I went on five miles westward to Letterkenny; Nothing can

be imagined more beautifull than the winding of the Swilly and several streams running into it, all at that time full with the tyde : The view of Letterkenny of Mr. Spaws house beyond it and opposite to it Captn. Chambers and above it Major Staffords page to King James the 2d., who has been some time dead, add greatly to the beauty of the prospect.*

This high ground on each side the river being most like the fine views on the Aire in Yorkshire. At Newtown Cunningham I came into the Barony of Raphoe and the Diocese of that name ; the Barony of Enishowen being in the Diocese of Derry. I was informed that the place of residence of the Bishop of Derry was first at Newtownstewart and then at Marra, they had no Episcopal house at Derry, till Bishop King purchased the present house of the Normans by the lease of Fawn which they now enjoy. Nor could I be certainly informed that there was ever any Cathedral Church at Derry, and the present seems not to be properly a Cathedral, but only made use of by the Bishop and Chapter, the parish belonging to the Deanery, as most of the parishes do near Derry.—Letterkenny seems to have its name, as some other places from being the grant or letter to one of the name of Kenny, so in Boylagh Letter—
McWard was probably granted by patent or Letter it may be from the head of a clan to a family of the name of McWard—Letterkenny is more beautifull in prospect than when one enters it, consisting of one Street meanly built, with gardens behind the houses: and there are remains of an old Square Castle. The chief trade of the town consists of shops to furnish the country to the north, and a market for oats and Barley, wheat, some yarn and flax. We here

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* A relative doubtless of the Dr. Stafford appointed by James II. Roman Catholic Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in place of the legal Dean.

enter'd the Barony of Kilmacrenan, and I was detained all the morning of the 17th by rain. In the afternoon I cross'd for five miles over two hills excessive bad roads to Kilmacrenan, on the road I saw a new kind of round fort, common here, made of loose stones well put together the walls are ten feet thick and about eight high encompassed with a fosse and about seventeen yards in Diameter within.

Kilmacrenan is a very poor village on a river called Gannon, which runs through rocks beautifully adorned with trees ; and all over the Country there is an agreeable variety of Hills, Rocks, Wood and Cornfields. The church

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is thought to be part of an old Convent of Minorets founded by O'Donnel ; over the door is a relief of a mitred head. We here came to the fine new road which is making from Letterkenny to the north west point of this Barony chiefly carried on under the direction of Mr. Wray of Ardes : It leads over a very high hill, on which there is a fine lake call'd Lough Farne which is about a mile long and a quarter of a mile broad, the new road being carried on three sides of it, and the hills rise above it all round being very high to the south, and on this side is the extraordinary old road, which seems to have been very difficult as well as frightfull to the traveller, being over a precipice with the deep lake directly under it : To the right of the passage down to Doe is a small lake on the side of the hill into which this empties itself and from that the river runs down into the sea. To the East coming up to this lake, I saw another about a mile in circumference it is called Lough Castle Culane. Going up the low hills to the north of the lake, I was extremely surprized at the view of the Country, consisting below of a great number of small Loughs, in a healthy country and some spots of corn to the north and east, two bays winding in and forming several strands for some miles, many

of them appearing when the tyde is in like serpentine rivers, not without many spots of corn and wood. The countries here are distinguished by general names, probably the old names of the clans, by which they are now called and also by the names of the parishes which have generally the same bounds. As the country to the East comprehending the parish of Clandevadoge is called Fanet, a parish finely bounded by the sea, by Lough Swilley by the bays and Strands, which are formed by the sea, which comes in at an opening between this and a division to the westward, call'd Rosquil named by the Lord Boyne whose estate it was Rosapenna and now belongs to Mr. Clements. This opening is mark'd in the map of Ireland by the name of the river Mullroy, and by a river in Petty's map, but neither of them show the large bays and strands which are formed by this inlett. Dr. Bedford lives in that parish, which tho' hilly is all under corn, and it is a most delightfull retirement. This clergyman is greatly regarded by the people, to whom he is a father, and there being plenty of corn, he has put them in a way of exporting it, by freighting a ship and advises them in everything for their interest. Rosaquill is another head of land, the parish if I mistake not, is called Carrigart the church of which is just opposite to Rosapenna house. The next division is Doe, divided from this by another bay, which is called Ship haven, this is the parish of Claudia hurky; taking in Ards Mr. Wrays and Horn head Captn. Stewarts. The fourth part is Clo ha heny, which takes in all the country to the west, as far as that which is called the Rosses, and has in it the Parishes of Ray and Tullaghobegly, of all which I shall be more particular, when I passe thro' them as I determine on this most romantick prospect of these countries. I returned to Letterkenny.

On the 18th I set out for that country by a diferent way,

going towards Tully in a road about half a mile distant from Lough Swilly and passed by a fort of the same kind as the other called Lis Ballyart, the walls of which are twelve feet thick, the diameter within twenty two paces, the fossee fourteen and the rampart is eight broad ; I observed that the houses are built with sods, supported within by a wooden frame, which the poor people sometimes leave with their effects, when the collector of the hearth money approaches : The roof indeed of all their cabins are built with stone and clay, are fixt on wooden posts within the wall, which is not strong enough to support the roof. I came to Tully consisting only of a few poor scatter'd houses and an Iron work, there being Iron mines at Lismonokan, about a mile west of Letterkenny, and at Pluck two miles from it. We had seen Rathmellan a mile to the East a small town at the south west corner of the bay, on which Rathmellan stands opposite to Fawn where Dr. Ledwich lives. I was informed that there are remains of an old Convent here called Kilodonogh which is probably the Convent of Franciscans called by Ware Kilodonel. Kilodonel. We went on and crossed the river Gannon which runs through Kilmacrenan, and between the same beautifull rocks and trees, which are seen all over the country, especially about Mr. Grove's at Balymoyle to the south, with an agreeable variety of corn fields. Over this seat is a fort of the same kind as the others called Lis Brunhal, and in the country below are four small Loughs. A little beyond Tully to the west is Lough Ferne above a mile long, and winding round the north end of it there are at that end two or three small Islands in it. In two or three miles from Tully we came to a village call'd Berene-nalagah : From this place for three miles to Cranford the seat of Mrs. Cunningham the road was most pleasant, being in the sight of a wood and by the edge of it. We

descended towards it and came to Brinian bay, a strand, which winds round from the great strand to the west of Clandevadoge, and is formed by the inlet of the sea between Rosquil and Fanet : we crossed the river which falls into it at the west end, and went along this Strand at the edge of a wood which covers the hill, and from this place between woods and rocks and other strands two computed miles to Cranford. Mrs. Cunninghams, a most exceeding pleasant ride : Afterwards we rid by the great Strand, the bay appearing like a large Lake and saw Rosurkils and near it the Church of Clandevadoge, the country to the west being rough ; We passed by several little strands, saw some ruined salt pans and works for boyling the salt, and came near the Church of Carrigart, which is the parish in the division of Rosapenna or Rosquil ; and passing the end of the strand on which Rosapenna house stands, I dined on the west side of it : Here I observed a long sort of sea weed, much like a rush peeled for lights and pretty long, the call it Raff, I found it five or six yards long and growing to a stone : They say, it is sometimes twenty yards long and that it twines round people in the water to such a degree, that it often occasions drowning : We went on mostly through sands banks, which are rabbit warrens and came near the strand, which from the opening to the west of Rosquil forms a bay, that extends first to the south and then to the west beyond the Castle of Doe. We came opposite to Ards Mr. Wrays seat a fine plantation and afterwards to the Castle of Doe, to which we might have crossed, if the tyde had been out ; but were obliged to go above a mile farther, and came into the new road from Letterkenny and Salt hill and turned to the north. I here observed a stone, which appear'd like a slaty grey marble, but they told me that it is not a lime stone, it is formed

like the slate at Fawn in the form of several members of Architecture. We passed a river on a bridge which rises from Lough Vah, a Lake in a very Romantick vale, called Glysivah which is to the south of the mountain called Muckish judged to be one of the highest in Ireland. Coming near the west end of the Strand, on which the Castle of Doe is built, I saw a beautifull fall of water which descends from Lough Meur; and going northward I passed by a chapel of ease to Clonharkurky church, and a little beyond it a remarkable fort on a high rocky hill, of the same kind as the other walled forts, which is called Lismore (the great fort) and passing over a bridge observed a rivulet falling in beautifull Maeanders into the sea. Half a mile farther we came to the new Church which is now building for this Parish, with rustick Quoin stones of grey marble, which they have near Dunfanahy, and the upper members of a basement round the church, the design is a Venetian window at the end, and four windows on the south side, the frames of which are to be of the same marble: It is a very fine situation, and the ornamental part is very much to the honour of the Gentleman who is to be at the expence of it, Dr. Obins, late fellow of Trinity College, the minister of this place. We descended down to Jeshiah Lough, about two miles in circumference with a small Island in the middle, but it is one of the finest Lakes I ever beheld; the beauty of it chiefly consists in the hills, that are to the south side of it which rise gently from the middle of one side of the Lake and are covered with wood, on each side of which the ground is bolder and affords a most agreeable variety of rock and wood. We then soon came on the strand and turning westward, arrived in less than a mile at a very poor small town called Dunfanahy on a small creek in this great Bay, Jeshiah Lough.

which is made by an inlet of the sea to the East of Horn head ; I found I could get no sort of accommodation here, and so sent a note to Mr. Stewart at the west end of the bay, who returned a Welcome in answer ; I went and took up my quarters at his house. As soon as I was set down to supper a messenger came to me from Mr. Wray six miles with a letter in which he informed me, that hearing I had passed and knowing there was no accommodation at the place, he desired me to come the next day to his house and that on Monday he would ride with me and show me the curiosities of the Country.

On the 19th I rid with the family to Church and preached, met Mr. Wray and family there, who came and dined at Mr. Stewarts. This Gentlemans house is situated on the side of the hill over the bay, which extends to the north east and makes Horn head ; The house is fortifyed in some manner, and stood a siege against a privateer's crew in the wars at the beginning of this century ; There is a bay on the main sea to the north west, called Trahemore (the great Strand) between that and the other strand is a great bank and hillocks of sand, which gain on the ground to the east, this and some ground bordering on it, make a very large warren belong to Mr. Stewart, of which he makes about £500 a year, killing commonly 14 or 1500 dozen in a year, the skins of which he sells for about nine shillings a dozen, and the flesh for six pence a dozen. In the evening we rid across it to the bay, on each side of which the rocks are very fine, the beach consists of large pebbles, and finding ridges of them farther from the sea under the sand, they conclude that the sea looses here. We went to the north west side of the bay to the sea cliffs, to see that great curiosity Mac Suines Gun. The cliffs about 100 feet high form a little triangular creek

at the bottom of which is a hole in the rock like a large arch, it may be fifty feet wide, this may go in about thirty feet, and over it is an opening which is irregular, but at the top forms a triangle it may be fifteen feet on one side and thirty on the two others ; on the arch mentioned on the outside we saw the waves roll in, and filling the hole, they tumbled back with a great noise, 'tho it was a very fine calm evening ; but in stormy weather when the waves are drove in with great violence, and one succeeding another very quick, the water is forced up to the top with the very stones, and sometimes with such force that it forms a jetteau in a large body rising very high, some said, a height hardly to be believed, but probably an hundred feet, the wind blowing the water with great force over the land, so as that there is no standing against it, not only on account of the water, but likewise of the stones which it throws up. From this I went over the stony ground, in which the stones are laid along in rows in many places as for bounds, but in some places so near to one another, that I concluded many of them, were pickt up by the herdsmen to clear the ground. The rocks at Horn head are very high, and it is a curious sight to see the birds when they are breeding ; being much like that of the Isle of Wight ; They are of three sorts, the Puffin about as big as a partridge, called also Coulterneb, they have a parrots bill : the Razor bill or Auk, as big as a Pheasant, with a parrot bill likewise : the Furun with a sharpe picked bill ; on the strands they have a seapye with a red bill and legs, which lays in the rocks on the shoar and does not go into the sea, and I was informed that Curlieus lay in the rocks of inland mountains : Passing through the water over a strand, I was made to observe that the birds follow'd the horses, and dived down where 'ere

they had trod, which is to take up the sandees, and other small fish that are pressed out of the sand by the feet of the horses. I went to see the marble quarry near Dunfanahy, it is a white marble with some bleuish veins, the bed may be about six or seven feet thick, in which there is one layer near three feet thick, of much better marble than the rest : It lyes in a large patch from the mountain to the sea, where a stream spreads itself from the mountain ; By the look of it and by the manner in which the bed lyes, I concluded it to be an Alabaster made by the running of the water which brings the fine particles of the stone that unite and form the Alabaster as in the Stalactites ; Asking the quarriers whether it was an Alabaster, they said it was not, but a lime stone, which I imputed to their ignorance, if so be that Alabaster will burn to lime, as if I mistake not, it does. Going from church in the morning I observed a circumstance, which added to the Romantic view of the mountains to the south : In the side of one of them a sort of Amphitheatre is formed in the rock ; here I saw several hundred people spread all over that plain spot and the priest celebrating Mass under the rock, on an altar made of loose stones, and tho' it was half a mile distant, I observed his Pontifical vestment with a black cross on it ; for in all this country for sixty miles west and south as far as Connaught, they celebrate in the open air, in the fields or on the mountains ; the Papists being so few and poor, that they will not be at the expence of a public building.

On the 20th I went with this family by invitation five or six miles to the south east to Mr. Wrays and saw in the way Doe Castle, it is a fine square turret of five stories and near sixty feet high, it is encompassed with an inner Wall and Turrets and with a second almost all round. This

was the strength of the MacSwines, who were masters of this Country ; and after the wars the head of them being offered part of his lands, as they say, refused them, unless he had all, and the books being shut he lost all. Near this Castle are some small remains of a Convent of Minorites, which must be that Monastery called by the Historians Baley MacSuine near Doe : They also mention another called Beleaghan, which I could not hear of, no more than of Muchish Abbey put down in the Maps. To the north of this, is what they call the Marble rock, it is a bad white, with large spots of a sort of Ash-colour : what they have raised does not polish well, but if they dug deeper, they might probably find a better vein ; it is a very uncommon marble. I went on to Mr. Wrays called Ardes, on a rising ground on the north side of the bay, which is formed by an inlet of the sea, half a mile to the east of it, the gardens are on the descent to the bay, that forms a beautifull basin before the house, which is well shelter'd not only by the hills to the north, but by the fine plantations about it, and from those hills there is a beautifull prospect of the sea, and of the Country and the bays that are near, here I saw Melons ripe, and fruit in great perfection. This gentleman is married to a daughter of Archdeacon Hamilton mentioned before who in the troubles went to Magdalen College in Oxford, and is above eighty years old with all his senses and understanding in great perfection : To the publick spirit and activity of Mr. Wray those fine roads are owing, which are made over Lough Salt Mountain and in other parts, laid out so as to be finished in about seven years : by allotting such a measure of road yearly to each house, according to the value of the land they hold : they are twenty one feet broad, with a margin on each side of green turf about

two feet wide ; they are first raised with the earth that is thrown up to make a fossee on each side, then they lay a coat of broken quarry stone ; on that some earth and then gravel at top. These roads considering the cheapness of carriage on little truckles drawn by one horse, almost answer the end of water carriage, for they will draw a hogshead of wine, or anything not exceeding 600 lb. weight and one man will attend three or four of them ; they commonly feed their horses on the grass they find in the road, so that they will carry a hundred and fifty miles for about three shillings a hundred.

On the 21st I took leave and with Mr. Stewarts family went three miles beyond his house to the west to Ray to the house of Mr. Hartley the Minister who had invited us to dine with him. Mr. Babington who met us on the road, went with me in the way to see the marble quarry. At Ray. the Church at Ray is a very curious old Cross broken in pieces. I here met young Mr. Orphilts a very accomplished young Gentleman, married to another daughter of Archdeacon Hamilton, he carried me half a mile to his father's house, where I lay, walking out to the sea side, they here thatch with a course grass called bent, with which also they make cords.

On the 22d. Mr. Orphilts went with me a mile to Mr. MacSuines, where I set out with two hired men and horses to carry my provisions, as well as to show me the way ; there are no more gentlemen to the west nor to the south for near thirty miles, till one comes to Eniskeel : Mr. Orphilt accompanied me some way farther, but whilst I was waiting in the last place, a large Eagle flew directly over the yard and the fowl came all running towards us, and making a noise, from which I judged that they were alarmed by the noise of the eagles wings when he flies.

They have in these parts two doors to their Cabbins, keeping one only open on the side that is not expos'd to the wind, as they have no light commonly, but by the door. In all these parts the drinking of Whisky very much prevails, they call it in Irish Usquebaugh, which is I suppose the general name for Spirits, as Arraki is in the east, so the eastern Spirit is called Arrack, as the spirit for which Ireland is famous is called Usquebaugh. Whiskey is made of Barley, they also distill it from water press'd from potatoes after they are boyled to a mash, which they ferment with barme; they have a notion here that it is the wholsomest of spirits; tho' I have reason to think it is the worst of that kind; and has tended very much to debauch and corrupt the common people. We passed by a hamlet called Ballinascagh, where there is a very large stone of Granite so equally poised, that a man putting his shoulder to it, moves it very easily, after the manner of the rocking stones in Cornwal. I here saw the machine for twisting straw ropes, which has been thought to have been one of the Egyptian Hieroglyphics, in honour of the person who invented it, it is in this shape

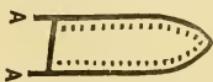


the straw is fixed to the top, it is held at the bottom and turn'd round there being a swivel at p. this instrument they call in Irish Corhougan.

Going on farther I saw stones set up an end, seeming to be of that kind of monument which is seen in Cornwall and Wales call'd the Cromlech, of a large stone laid on three or four stones and are called ——. For three miles we went through a very rough road over the hill called Crocheniniary, having Morass to the south full of litle loughs and a rivlet to the west, which falls into the sea at Clanashour bay where there is a village. I observed at the top of the hill we passed some of the Grey Granite

extending from east to west mostly in two lines, which probably is the top of some bed of Granite, there being no other pieces about the hill, which rises much higher to the north: A mile further we saw a bay called Olinio, where there were some Cottages bordering on the bog, which we passed with some difficulty; being now come to the western shoar; and having turn'd our faces to the south, we had another hill to the north called Culsolich, which is the hill that makes the north west point, we came to Bolileneu, where I sat down by a river and dined, having passed these bogs; some poor came about me and I bless God Almighty that I had to feed them! The Irish Grace was said. Raghnakoude nrahan, agles da jesk ring Dieu erna Koub Mille; diring Dieu rockown re dering ren en ring er argoud, agus er argoron. In English thus, God blessed the five loaves and the two fishes and divided them among the five thousand; may the blessing of the Great King who made this distribution descend on us and our provision.

We went on half a mile to Glashau, here I observed a sort of ash coloured Granite, of which all the rocks are to the sea; and then travelled between sandy banks a quarter of a mile to Carig and about two miles to Logniau and a mile further to Makery Clogher, in half a mile came to a river and in a mile to Nickart Wullery, where I proposed to cross over the river Slady on the strand in a Curragh and to swim my horses. A Curragh is a very extraordinary boat, about seven feet long and three feet and a half wide, and about two feet and a half deep in this shape



it is made of strong wicker, covered over with the raw hide of a horse or bullock.

It is set up an end on the frame which is continued on each side as at .a .a in order to dry it when

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they take it out of the water, as they always do; I saw a woman carrying one to a Lough and two children following her, she paddled it along at the head, sometimes on one side, sometimes on the other, and when a puff of wind came she held up her gown for a sail. We cried out to her Brahaskin (well done) and she answered Maugiliore (well enough). The horse that swims at the end of these is held with a bridle by one in the boat. The tyde was come in too far so I took my lodging in a Cabbin at the village, where the farmer told me I was the first that ever eat of his own provision in his house. On the 23d. I set forward and in less than a mile passed over the river Slady on a bridge, which runs beautifully down the rocks and here they have a salmon fishery, we now entered into the Country called the Rosses, or as I suppose the heads, *probably an old word* Ros in Cornish and the Ers signifys a Valleye. derived from the Arabick Ross a head or cape of Land, and it is the parish of Temple Croan, here the rocks are of the same red Granite as that of Egypt, of which the Obelisks are made. We then went a mile and half and came to a Strand called Trakern bay, and in a mile more to Molah Durack and in two miles to strand Bernientileh, having all the way a most agreeable variety of Strand, rocks and litle Loughs and views of Strands or Bays, with rocky Islands in them. We had also Islands in the seas all along on this coast—A litle farther south is Colain, then Ennisboy, farther south Enisurnak and then Enniskoul left dry by the tyde, here I was to have crossed over: The mountains from Doe westward are Muckish, Iacca, Altam, behind which is Glyn Vah, then Mulock, then Argile, a most beautifull pointed mountain the highest of all, as some think, and the top when seen above some hills appeared like the great Pyramid: Then Slea Snaiteh (snow mountain): And the low chain of hills running

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Cowan.

west of these and to the south are called Carantricanah. Having passed the Strand we came to Kedu, and had in our view to the left a long beautifull Lough called Wellan, appearing like a serpentine river. We passed by Temple Cowan Church, which is a mean low, thatched building ; this Living of £80 a year is in dispute and is lapsed to the Crown, and is most desolate and I may say uninhabited part in the world. We came on to a boggy part of the Country, and having past some difficult places, the guide desired me to walk a short way to Glasbegginnill and went in search of a good pass but could not find any and was obliged to come back and go in the comon way near a rivlet which turns that Mill, which I passed with great difficulty on foot ; I saw they were obliged to come to it ; the Miller came to meet us, and I asked him if there was a door or a board to lay for the horses to pass ; he said there was not ; but the guide went to the mill and brought a board and an Oxes skin ; So laying sods and heath the skin and the board on that, and sods on each side of it to keep the horses from slipping in, we cross'd on them safely, and passing on still over bog, when we came to any narrow passes, the horses leap'd them ; And taking another guide we came to Letter McWard, a hamlet of three or four houses. I observed they chose to go on the edges of hanging grounds over rivlets or low places which are driest. We had this morning the Isle of Arran to the west, which is about two miles long and a mile broad, and some other Isles south of it, and passed the rivlet called Cloghnehich (The grey stone) on which there is held a yearly fair for Cattle : Before we came to Letter McWard, we went two miles on a Strand called Trianah into which falls the river Goninesh. And when we had pass'd over the hill of

Letter McWard we came to a strand and the river Gubarrow, which is crossed in a Curragh and the horses are led in and swim across. This river rises to the North east and directly west is a high hill, on the side of which is Lough Fin, out of this lake the river Fin rises: Then there is a chain of hills between that and the Swilly: The mountain to the north of Gubarrow is called Dirliaconnel, then going north, follow Croiveh, Craheh, Carvan Trianch and Bloody Farrel. This country being entirely unknown I have been the more particular in relation to it, for my own satisfaction. From the Ferry I went westward along the Strand, and passed under an old Church called Kilkenny, a chapel of Ease to Enniskeel, a mile farther I came to a village called Balyaristan: and having a letter to Mr. Stewart the Minister of Inniskeel I came in two Inniskeel. miles to his house, the first half on the strand and the remainder within the sand banks; opposite to it is a small Island called Keel or Inniskeel (Island Red) in which are two churches, about one the Protestants bury, and at the other the Papists; At low water they ride over to it. This Parish extends for near thirty miles from the western point as far as Lough Fin; near that Lough there is a road from it to Strabane; and all that country on the Fin and the Swilly, is called the Laggan. There is a voluntary division made of the parish for this turn, there being a chapel to the west served by a clergyman who has half the profits. On the 24th I set out in the afternoon and going along the strand for a mile, ascended the hill to the west and came to Lough Kildairar, and observed an Island in it, with a building on it; We then came to Locrasmore bay, and to a bridge over the river Oneck, where there is a stone set up an end nine feet high, four broad and three thick, they call it Fin McCoues shoulder

stone, with which he used to divert himself by throwing it like a Quoit. We then went over the Ardragh on a bridge and soon had Locrasbeg bay to the west. There are three chains of mountains which run the length of the head of land, one on the Northern shoar, another on the southern, and the third running along the middle of the country are called the mountains of Boylagh, from the half barony of that name; the other half barony of Banagh being to the south, we came to Mugurry on the entrance between the mountain in the middle, and passing several streams came to Mulmussack mountains which are part in Boylagh and part in Banagh and at length to the long bog called Stragate mountain, over which there is a very good road made to a village call'd Carrignabouhil on a rivlet called Bougoshton that falls into the bay of Killibegs, at which place we arrived; a very poor town or rather village, situated on the west Killibeg. side of the bay, about a mile from the sea, and from the north end of the bay; it is esteemed one of the finest harbours in Ireland: There is a narrow entrance to it, on the inside of which is an old Castle, and over it the foundations of another, call'd Cat-Castle. At the lower Castle the East india ships when they came in during Queens Anns war, planted a battery and another on the opposite side, and there is a height over the town, where they say, there was a Castle: There are a very few fishing boats here; but ships belonging to Ballyshannon Merchants come here and unload, having Warehouses for that purpose; Baleyshannon being a bad harbour, by reason of a barr which hinders any ship of Burthen from coming into a safe place. To the west there is an open bay call'd Ti or Tilcers, where there is a curious cave, and beyond it at Mount Sleavebag there is a bed of Marble. On the 25th,

I set out for Donegal : In three miles we came to Dinhoney and a mile farther to Brocla's bay, on which there is a Castle ; two streams fall into the bay of Killibegs and three into this. We had St. Johns point to the south, where there is a hole like that called MacSuines Gun : There is also a large cave with a table in it, cut in the rock, which they call Temple Sugan. Three miles farther we came to Inver another large bay, where I observed a kind of granite lying loose in the bay of a light liver colour with large grains in it, of a kind of sparr. The country to the north is mostly beautifull and well improved and particularly three miles farther about Mount Charles on the Bay into which the river of Donegal falls : Here the country consists of small hills all covered with herbage or corn, and some wood to add to the beauty of it. The land running sometimes into the bay in such little hills, makes the view from Mount Charles which is almost all covered with wood one of the most delightful I ever saw. Three miles more brought us to Donegal which stands on the east side of the river Eask that rises out of a Lough of that name three or four miles to the north west of the town. It is but a poor small town built almost all round a sort of triangular Green : There is an old Castle which had been improved into a good house with the help of some addition to it, particularly there is in it, a very well designed chimney piece in the style of ^{Donegal.} Inigo Jones, but not executed in the best manner : It was the Castle of the O'Donnells formerly Lords of this Country, and now belongs to Sr. Arthur Gore ; whose Grandfather lived in it. A quarter of a mile out of the town are the remains of an old Convent of Minorites, said to be founded by Odo surnamed Rufus O'Donel in 1473 and that there was a good Library in it. The cloyster consists of small

arches, supported by couplets of pillars on a basement : in one part are two narrow passages one over another, about four feet wide, ten long and seven high, which seem to be places for depositeing valuable effects in time of danger ; the upper one is covered with stones laid along on the beams of stone that cross it, and the lower one with stones laid across on the walls, both exactly after the Egyptian manner ; and in a building over it are plain marks of a regular Roman pediment tho' there had been some other building raised against it, which made me conclude that this was the remains of some very ancient building either converted into a Convent, or it may be new founded by O'Donnel. Donegal is a Corporation consisting chiefly if not altogether of out Burgesses. There is a way when the tyde is out to Balintra five miles off, but I went the inland way and struck out of the high road to the south east to go to the Caves called the Pulleins near Colonel Hamiltons house a mile from Balintra, by which place I ought to have come instead of going chiefly along by a rivlet a very bad road for three miles : These caves are large and a rivlet runs at the bottom of them, goes under ground and afterwards comes out, but they were so overflowed that I could not go in. Colonel Hamiltons is a fine plantation and a well improved estate. I came through Balintra a very poor town, and in five miles more came by a very fine road to Ballishannon, where Mr. Conelly being to make some short stay there was such a concourse of people, that the Inns were full ; So I sent to Mr. O'Neal the Minister to accommodate me with a bed, which he did with great politeness. Ballyshannon is most delightfully situated near the mouth of the Erne, on the north side of it on a bold rising ground, this river rises in the County of and forms that beautifull

lake which is known by the name of Lough Erne, and perhaps exceeds any in the world for the beauty of Land round it, and of the Islands in it covered with wood. The mouth of this river is blocked up not only by sand, but by a ridge of rocks that cross it, above which there is a fine basin; above that is a shelf of rocks crossing the river which forms most beautifull cascades of water, that fall about fifteen feet which has a fine effect from the height under the church, as well as from the other side: and here is a famous salmon leap.

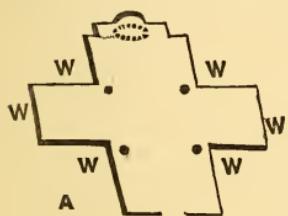
On the 26th I walk'd to see it and met Mr. Conolly, who was pleased to take knowledge of me, and to desire me to joyn—and to go and dine with him at Colonel Foliots: We went to Church, where a dependent of Mr. Conolly's preached before him, after church Colonel Foliot invited me to dine with him, and introduced me to Lord Adam Gordon brother to the Duke of Gordon, an officer of his Regiment, who is with him at his country house, and his Lordship took me with him in the Colonels chaise; and we dined a large company at Colonel Foliots, who brought me back near two miles in his Chaise. On the 27th Mr. Oneal rid with me to Badeke three miles where there is a fine hanging ground, wood, Islands and several cascades, altogether making a most beautifull appearance; we rid four miles further opposite to Sr. James Calwells house, this gentleman has spent most of his time abroad, was Aid de camp in the Austrian service to General Odonnel, whose father dined with us yesterday, and they say is the head of that family descended from the Earl of Tyrconel and tho' he has only leases, yet he is the head of the Roman Catholicks in this country, and has a great interest, is a sensible man, and well vested in the Irish History, both written and traditional: and it is said that Sr. James Lough Erne.

being agreeable to the Empress was made a Count of the Empire, which title he does not take upon him. Lough Erne and the Islands appear very beautiful from this Hill, there being many considerable seats on it as at Bel Turret Ld. Lansborough's, Castle Hume, the seat of Loftus Hume, where there is a black marble with a brown cast and so not an agreeable black, but polishes pretty well ; and many others. The Lough is divided into two parts the communication being by a narrow channel, on which stands the town of Enniskilling. The road we were in is the way to Lough Derg, where is the famous place of pilgrimage, called St. Patricks Purgatory. There is a good road as far as to Pettigoe where Mr. Skelton lives, who has lately wrote very well against Deism. Lough-derg is three miles beyond it through a very rough road. I return'd and dined with Colonel Murray (who had come to see me in the morning) I dined in company with Mr. Conolly, and many others, this Gentleman is brother to Lord Elebanck and to Mr. Murray who made so much noise in the Parliament of the year 1750 and is Lieutenant Colonel of foot. I had also in the morning been to visit Mr. and Mrs. Moore and Mr. Taylor her brother, son to Sr. Thomas Taylor, who with two four wheel'd Chaises were come from Lough Erne and were going to Giants Causeway &c. : I walked in the even to see a cascade three quarters of a mile above the town : The river falls in a narrow channel between the rocks, and there is a descent for a great way, which makes the river very rapid. I observed in the rocks of Marble the Trochi, Entrochi and Asteriae. I walked also down towards the mouth of the river on the east side to a house of Lord Foliot to whom this estate did belong, but descending to the Heirs General, it was sold to Mrs. Connelly : The house is particular as it is brick on the

outside and stone within. The Ancestor of that Lord came over from England in office; And the Colonel and Captn. Foliot are descended from Collateral branches. The Lime stone is seen here in many places on the surface of the ground, and the softer parts being worn away, it appears in many odd figures above ground. On the opposite side Colonel Foliot's estate is well improved: Beyond it is Clary Castle, the stronghold of that family who have since taken the name of Clark, and beyond that is a curious Grotto, the top of which appears like a fine Arch. On the 28th Mr. Oneal went out with me three miles to the south to see Lough Melieri, which to the south is bounded by the mountains in the County of Leitrim and extends from the north east to the south west about eight miles and ^{Lough} _{Melieri.} may be between two and three miles long; there are about half a dozen Islands in it covered with wood, a river runs into it from Lough Cane which has a communication with Lough Nilly, and the water of it falls into the sea at Bundrcoose, and all these waters are this way the bounds between Ulster and Connaught and between the Counties of Donegal and Sligoe. I went to take leave of Mr. Connolly and Col. Murray, the former was not at home: and I set out for Sligoe, stopped on the other side of the river at Bundrose, where there is a Castle on the river which comes out of the Lake Melvin; Here I sat down in the County of Sligoe in Connaught and dined, the river being beautifully divided into four streams, by beds of pebbles on each of which are boxes to take salmon. In the road from Ballihaven in two miles I passed by Finnah Church, and then travelled two miles to the river Drock, at the mouth of which is a Castle called Bundrouch, in half a mile we came to Castle Duncarbery, and in a mile more to the manor of Ward-house belonging to Mr.

Gore who has a jayl for Debtors for a certain sum. Half a mile further we came to a rivlet there being an opening to the south in the mountains called Glanedy, through which there is a road to Bally-Hamilton. I observed beyond this a fine mountain called Gartue, which seemed to be detached from the rest, but when I came to the west of it, I saw it joyned on to them: beyond this is the most beautiful mountain I ever beheld, called Ben Wall ben. The upper part is perpendicular, but being worn in a sort of rough pillars by the rain, it appears like a Gothic work, the rest of the mountain is a steep descent and a fine verdure; I saw on it many flocks of sheep which added to the beauty of it: the top of this mountain is flat and here the hills turn to the south. I came to Bundutt in about a quarter of a mile, and had Millino head to the south west, a mile further to Castle Buiskin, in two miles to Der Innis, and as many more to Rahamly, in a mile to the river Grause, where we turned to the south, in three to Faranangam river and in a mile to the river Drumdive, where in a churchyard is a curious old cross, on one side of which is a relief of Adam and Eve at the tree of knowledge, and some other defaced reliefs on the other side. Turning to the west I came in three miles more to Mr Knoxes fine farm to Sligoe, having been informed of something curious this way, on the shoar seven miles from Sligoe, but omitted to make a particular enquiry concerning the nature of it. Sligo is situated on the south side of the river Gilly: There is also Sligoe. a sort of suburb to the north in which there is a barrack, and there is another barrack a little way out of the town, called the Strand barrack, both which are for horse; There is a foot barrack on the other side, within an old regular fortification in Olivers time, without any fossee,

that now appears the bastion being built high. It is a town of some small trade, tho' a ship of 100 tun can come up only at spring tides, and the ships of any burthen commonly lye down at Poole, about a mile or two below the town. There are remains of an old Convent here, in which the high altar is seen entire, adorned with Gothick reliefs, and there are two or three old monuments in the church; In the Cloyster are remains of a stone pulpit. The church of Sligoe the design of Mr. Castels is in this



shape, with windows at w, and galleries at every end except the east; the roof is a curious piece of work, and every way it is one of the best designs* I have seen. Mr. Ormsby has a large house in the

town; but the thriving state of the town and the country round, next after the barracks, and Colonel Wynnes improvements, is chiefly owing to the industry and spirit of Mr. Knox; and it may be reckoned the capital of this north west part of the kingdom. On the 29th I went two small miles to see Col. Wynnes house on Lough gilley, and in the way viewed the charter school, which is building out of Erasmus Smiths Charity: There are three good rooms on a floor, a kitchen and two schools, being built for sixty children, the Governor of Erasmus Smiths Schools gave first £500 and then £200, and Colonel Wynne gave 4 acres of ground for ever; They have raised

* See the Dictionary of National Biography for a memoir of Castels, who, though a German by birth, was a leading Dublin architect in the first half of the eighteenth century. His name is there spelt "Castle." He built several Churches, besides Leinster House, the Rotunda Hospital, and the other public buildings mentioned in that article.

it to the first floor, it is built of the slaty lime stone near it. Col Wynnes house is situated on an eminence ; which has the Lough to the south and east, which is most beautiful in Islands and in the fine rocky hills that are on the south and east sides of it, both the one and the other in great part cover'd with wood. The house is built of a marble, in which I saw shells, as in the Kilkenny marble, and it appeared as if it would polish of a black colour. It is Mr. Castels design, six rooms of a floor and very well finished insomuch that it may be looked on, as one of the best houses in the Kingdom. I had met Captn Wynne the second son on whom I waited, he introduced me to his elder brother, who in the fathers absence, with great politeness showed me the house and pressed me to stay dinner, and invited me to stay two or three days. I took leave returned to Sligoe and waited on Mr. Knox Mrs Stewart of Hornhead her brother, and afterwards Mr. Mitchelburn Knox, the person to whom this Town and County are so much indebted ; After dinner I set out on my journey, going first southward three miles to Belere-joneh bay and soon to Beleseclair bay, where if the tyde had been out we should have crossed the strand, but being obliged to go round, we passed a road that goes to Cloninè and came to Beltrace, where there is a Church ; we had almost all the way gone round a fire hill called Knockrach which makes the head to the west of Sligoe, on the top of it is a remarkable Kerne or Mount, which if I mistake not is called Muscarrow.* I saw in all this road the stones full of that petrifications of Coral. I have

* It is difficult to recognise the names which Pococke assigns to many places in Sligo and Mayo. He seems to have been much puzzled by the Connaught pronunciation, when such a well-known mountain as Benbulben becomes for him Ben Wall ben.

reason to think from observations I have since made, that they extend all the way along that country to Newport Pratt on the western Ocean. We turned to the west and in a mile came to Balinley rivlet, and saw near it the ruins of an old Convent, called Balinley Abbey, for here they call all Convents Abbies and in Irish Monastere. Just beyond this we passed by Bureen Castle and in three miles came to Arnaglans, where there is a large old Castle and two mounts near the village ; a mile farther we passed by a height where there were some foundations of Castle Arragh and had to the right Gargaandouch, a hunting Lodge of Mr. Wynnes. We then came to a bay and turned up Donecoi, about two miles from Castle Arragh, where there is a large old Castle on a rivlet that runs of a rocky bed, in which I observed the stones lay very much as in square rocky pillars and in their strata. I saw Grange Castle about a mile to the east and passed by a Danish Mount and in two miles came to a poor Village called Doneal where there is a Castle and rivlet ; here I lay in a very indifferent Inn. On the 30th I set forward and in a mile came to Bellonrow rivlet, in two miles to Eskan bridge, here is the shell of a good Church and of the Priests house adjoining to it : Towards this place I had seen the Mycetites or petrified Coralline growth of the fungus kind, and saw towards the sea a place called Leaught, I here also observed a sort of large square pillar on each side of which there are niches as for statues, which probably was a Cross. We came in a mile to a rivlet called Finich and being come to the bay of Killalla turned southwards ; and here the country is no more stony, except a sort of rubble stone under the good soil ; I observed that it is a very fine pasturage, which is converted to sheep walks. In a mile we came

to Ricleheny rivlet, and as much farther nearer to Castle Ducani, which is on the sea and two rivlets run by it, having an old Church on the east called Kiliaglass, we passed thro an old Rath, opposite to which to the south is another a rivlet running between them ; in half a mile we came to Carrihubbuck village and rivlet, in as much more to Inniscrua, and at the same distance to rivlet Belavaddy and in a mile to Suemmore village, Castle and river, and here there is a boat to the opposite side and horses swim over : To the north of this is Delakish, and about this part there is a lime stone, which is full of the Conchae, Anomiae, as well as Cockles and continue for some way : In a quarter of a mile we came to Doneen, and soon after to Kilch village and rivlet, and in a mile to Castle Connaught where there is a rivlet, This Castle is situated on a height almost opposite to the Abbey of Rosserick, we afterwards passed these rivlets not above a quarter of a mile from each other Rallenon, Farengrohen, Tramiliese, Cayeck, Couquiseen, and Bau-rive which latter is large and falls in beautiful cascades down its rocky bed ; and so we soon came to Ballina on the Moye, which rises to the south falls into Lough Conn and passing out of it again runs by Foxford and so it falls into the sea below Killalla : We here enter'd into the large County of Mayo, bounded by the northern and western ocean, being the north west part of the Kingdom. Ballina is pleasantly situated on the west side of the Moye and is a market town by which, and a foot barrack it is chiefly subsisted. It is but a poor place and belongs to

On the east side are the remains of a Monastery, where there is a very good Gothick door case, which consists of about twelve members. From Ballina I took a ride to

Lough Conn, which extends in length about eight miles from Newtown Gore, Sr. Arthur Gores seat near as Foxford and is about a mile broad; the high mountain of Nevin is to the south of it, and it is a fine Lake. I returned to Ballina and rid to Killalla, the Bishop was expected home on Saturday, so I took up my abode at his house. On the 31st Mr. Carter the Curate of the place came to see me, and I set out on a journey into Erris along the northern Coast. In a mile I came to Palmerstown, a village on a rivlet which falls into the sea a little below it, Mr. Palmer lives at this place, and there are some little remains of an old Castle. Here they have a lime stone, and a little further a yellow free stone, which I observed also in the cliffs near Killalla. In about half a mile we passed near the ruins of the Abbey of Rafrane, which must be the Monastery of Rathbran: further on I observed some stones as in a circle and some set up an end, after the manner of the ancient burial places in Cornwall. I saw Castle Cariganas to the left, and in about three miles came to a village and river called Gartotui where Mr. Bark lives. We went on about two miles to another hill and began to ascend towards Donfiny where there is an old Parish Church, and from this height the high rocks are seen off the eastern point, which makes the harbour of Broadhaven: These rocks from being very high and sharp, are called the stags of Broadhaven: but the weather being very bad I put into a Cabin, and din'd and returned in the evening to Killalla, the rains making this journey impracticable. On the first of August, I rid with Mr. Carter along the strand two miles southward to Abbey Moye, which is remarkable for having a square tower built, on one side (that is not on the point) of the two Gable ends that form the quire and the body of the Church, Hexagon arches

being turned on consoles from east to west, fixed in the Gable ends, which is a bold execution: there is much good stone work and Masonry about the Church Convent and Cloyster, the latter is built on plain pillars in Couplets as at Sligoe, this is called in Ware a FirIery. We went on about two miles to Rossurk or Rosserich Convent, where the tower is built in the same manner, but exactly on the middle point of the Gable ends: It is remarkable in both these Convents, that there is a closet built of hewn stone for two Confessors to sit in and hear Confessions, with a hole on each side, for the persons who confess to speak through. We went to the side of a rivulet and din'd, and I distributed what I had prepared for my western journey among the poor. In a wall I saw many of the sunci Lapidei and petrified corals called by some Tonchae-anomiae. Mr Linet a neighbouring Gentleman farmer came and invited me to take a glass of wine, I staid with him half an hour, and found the Bishop come home at Killalla. Killalla. This is a poor town but very pleasantly situated on the east side of the bay near the mouth of the river Moye, which runs on the east side of some Islands that are between the river and Killalla, this river is easily crossed in fair weather: The Islands in the bay afford a very delightful prospect. On the 2nd I preached at the Cathedral, and on the third I went through Balina, where by Captn. Owen in whose company I had dined there, I received a very kind and pressing invitation from Mr. Vaughan near Lough Conn, but being engaged to go on, I excused my self and went forward: There is a road on both sides of the river to Foxford, but the new road is on the west side, and after riding about 4 miles, we crossed a hill from which we had a view of Lough Conn, and particularly of the south east end of it, from which as I was

inform'd, there is an outlet into the river Moye, on which Foxford stands. We had a view also of all that Morassy ground to the west of Foxford, to which place we came, it is situated on the edge of the bog and under rough rocky ^{Foxford.} hills to the east in a very bad air, and all the water about it exceeding bad, except a spring a mile distant; it is a very poor town, but they are building a new Church: They have a barrack for foot, and formerly had iron works here, which before the revolution were in Judge Wards family, who was born in this Country, but on the wars that family retired to their own estate in the County of Down. They brought the iron ore from the mountain called Nevin to the west for all these mountains as far as the sea are full of iron ore; They work it up with the ore of Lancashire, which hardens it; otherwise it would be too soft. They have now iron works at Mullamore, nine miles to the west; And they collect together the wastings of the ore here and carry it to those works. I dined here and visited Mr. Evelyn the Minister, and went on: They are searching for coal at Sleave Horn a mountain near. In a mile I passed by Baky Lough Castle and went over a river of that name on a bridge and I saw Toramore Castle to the left. In about a mile more we passed by an old Church called Temple a Strada and soon after I took a view of a Convent called Strada where the high altar is beautified with Gothick ornaments and in the middle is a dead Christ in ^{Strada} the Virgins lap, and a person in relief in a compartment on each side. There is also a tomb adorned with curious reliefs, of four kings in different compartments; in another one kneels before a mitred person and there is a relief of St. Peter and St. Paul: In a mile we passed by Ballicurry and saw Currane Castle to the right and Turlaws Church on a height, where I thought I saw one of the round

towers : A mile further brought us to Minola, a poor small town situated on a rising ground to the West of a rivulet : It is chiefly a Colony of Protestants, settled here as Free-holders by Mr. Brown of the Neal, who founded a Charter School here for 12 boys and 12 girls, by giving 10 acres for ever and twenty at five shillings an acre,*

which I went to see and travelled on towards Castlebar three miles farther, I saw to the west Elm Hall, a seat and good plantation of Mr. Cuffs of Ballinroab, passed by

the house and Estate of Mr. Domick Brown, and about a mile from Castle bar saw Mr. Millars.

Castle bar is very pleasantly situated on a rising ground to the east of the river which falls out of the Lough of Castle bar that has communication with several beautifull Loughs round about. It is a pretty good small town, having a good market and a Horse Barrack, and they have lately built a handsome church of Mr. Castles design, it is the Greek Cross with three galleries : The windows and Cornish are of hewen lime stone which is the finest black marble, and is without mixture polishing as well. The Church is covered with a very good light stone slate of which there is a quarry in a mountain near called Slean-bawn ; and about two miles from the town they have a quarry of good flags of the same kind of lime stone as the ornamental parts of the Church : There is also the black medicinal slate in some mountain near. This is the estate of Sr. Charles Bingham now abroad on his travels, who has a small house near the town, built on the scite of an old Castle after the revolution : The two large round towers of the Castle remain in which his grandfather lived with his Father-in-law Dr. Vesey Archbishop of

* This Protestant colony had practically vanished by 1831, when the number of Protestants resident at Manilla was returned as 54.

Tuam in King James's wars and defended themselves against the enemy. On the 4th Mr. Ellison the Clergyman of the town and Mr. Johnson a neighbouring Clergyman came to see me: I set out at noon and observed the road at Killalla which comes to the West of Lough Conn and to the east of Nefin; and going near a mile saw another road which leads into Erris, we soon came near to Lough Honey to the which falls into the lake of Castle bar and passed by Lough barry from which there is a communication by a river into the other. I observ'd here that the rocks are chiefly a cement of pebbles a little like that of Hertfordshire, and many fine stones might be found among them that would polish very beautifully with a variety of good colours: In two miles we came to a rivulet and a little farther to the river Broheh which rises out of Lough Belta, call'd in the maps Blata about two miles to the north east and in about two miles falls into the bay of Newport.

We came to Newport called anciently Ballyvickan or Baleyvaughan, it is most beautifully situated on a height to the north of a small river which about a mile

Newport
Pratt

lower falls into that famous bay which is full of beautifull Islands. Westport a much older town being at the south east angle of it. This estate was a lease of 999 years from the Ormond family to Commissioner Medlicot and tho' consisting of 70,000 acres, yields at this time but £1700 a year, it was then valued only at £600 a year, of which £200 a year was fined off. Mr. Pratt who was clerk of the Treasury had a lease of it from Medlicot, built this little town, which from him was called Newport Pratt. On his failing he suffered himself to be ejected: and now Mr. Medlicot has bought the reversion of the £400 a year of Ld. Arran after that Lords death. It

consists of the Mannor of Burifool, which has great privileges as a Court for Civil Causes not exceeding £40. The old Mansion house and Castle, are on a little Peninsula on the bay of Burryfool, which winds up from the harbour towards Lough Furren, it was converted into a barrack where Theophilus Bolton late Archbishop of Cashel was born, when his Father was a Captain quartered here ; opposite to it is the Convent of Burrifoole which is a poor church and building, tho' it makes some figure at a distance ; in it I copyed this inscription on a tomb, *Orate pro anima Davidis Oge Kelly qui me fieri fecit sibi et heredibus suis Anno Domini 1623 et ejus uxori Arabla Barret.* It is said that this Convent was founded in the time of Henry VII by the Butlers, and they have a great Pattern or festival here on August the 4th St. Dominicks day : near it is the ancient Parish church of Burrifool, removed by an act of Vestry and Council to a Glebe about a furlong above Newport on the opposite side. At this place there was formerly a little town, and at present there are a few scatter'd houses. This being the port and a place of some small trade untill Newport was built. The Market of Newport consists chiefly of frieze, yarn stockings and different sorts of Corn ; the provisions in this place are very cheap from June to Christmas. Beef a penny, Mutton five farthings a pound, chicken pence a piece, a fat goose for six pence, a Turkey for the same and fat Ducks two pence a piece, fish also is very cheap, and they have a Merchant who imports very good French wine at £16 a Hog:head. On the 5th I set out with a guide on hired horses for the Barony of Erris and particularly the Mullet. We came in a mile to a rivlet they call the Ford, which falls into the bay by the Abbey, half a mile further we were to the

east of Lough Furren a beautifull Lake into which the tyde comes, tho' we could not see the communication : It is about a mile long and half a mile broad, Lough Rafarn falls into it from the north and is much higher, this is almost as wide and long : on the east side of it, the hills are cover'd with wood, and on the west are high mountains ; I observed here a reddish free stone : We went over a hill from which there is a fine view of these lakes and the bay, which appear all like one Lough full of Islands extending for twelve miles to Crow Patrick. We went to a river which we crossed several times, and another falls into it, which we also crossed often and went frequently along the bed of it, and in my return I observed in it towards the Lough near which I went in another road, several bodies of trees lying in it, which they grew on the spot, and were washed down by the torrent. We past Letikeyn a few houses to the east of the rivulet, called four miles from Newport ; We here turned to the west, going up the hill for some way along the bed of the rivulet ; here I found myself as in an Amphitheater, encompassed with high mountains which made a very Romantick appearance, To the east Bockworth and Billing Carragh, to the north Carnen, and west of that Mamarakty and of that little Nefin. To the west Crooknegrath (sheep mountain) to the south Furcleogh : We gain'd the top and descending had a small Lough to the right, passed through some very difficult bogs, and ascended on the side of Mamarakty having those high mountains to the south, which stretch towards the Island of Achil to the west and make the northern point of the bay of Newport : These mountains about five one beyond another have a very curious aspect, the tops of most of them appearing with escalllop hollows in perpendicular broken

rocks; They are full of Red Deer, which are very indifferent food, being never fat, however the hunting of them affords good diversion to those who traverse the mountains on foot, but they frequently escape the dogs. This mountain that I had ascended was of a sort of silver mica, which is not a lime stone, for they have none beyond the first hills we crossed to the river, but there is from that to the bay a vein of blew lime stone gravel which is good manure, they have also in many places about Newport a marle with shells in it, but the land being stiff, it is not a proper manure for it. (We here sprung a cock Grouse the only one I had ever seen flying and appeared very beautifull.) Having gained the height on the side of the hill, we turned northward, and dined at a stream which gushes out of the side of it, from which place I had a glorious view of the mountains of the Isle of Achil, of the sea and some fine mountains to the north east; descending for a mile, we crossed four rivlets and ascended along the foot of a mountain called Kormestity, which appears very beautifully like two grand bastions. We travelled on and had to the east another high steep and rocky mountain, and we went by a road which is over a rivulet, and coming to a large vale, in which there is a house and farm, we crossed a mountain torrent and ascending went round the side of the hill for three miles, to what they call the river, in the map it is called the salmon fishery, and the mouth of it is part of the black sod harbour; I here observ'd a stone, a sort of silver mica, which lyes very much in the form of the members of Architecture, and one I saw much like a large Cornish: As soon as we had the mountain to the east of us, we had to the west a morass extending to the sea now full of little fords: The most

Island Achil

dismal looking country I ever saw, and they say, the greater part irreclaimable; Here are however not far from the foot of the hills, three or four little farms which chiefly belong to herds. The river we crossed was a rough bottom and very dangerous in time of floods: there is a road by this river to the east into Tirawley which rizes out of the mountains near Lough Conn, but it is very boggy and almost impassible, except after that there has been dry weather for some time: We here got into a Cabbin where they had clean straw and clean blankets;—but the man observing the smoak was very troublesome to me, he made me a low seat near the fire, and I found it was not so inconvenient, the smoak rising up and condensing above. The guide called for an egg, broke off the top and emptyed it into a scollop shell, as I thought to dress it, for the poor here use scollop shells for all uses they can, as they do on the Red sea, but I was surprized when I saw him give a dram about in the egg shell; the woman also melted tallow in a scollop and dipt the rushes in it, and another time they twisted several rushes together, to make a larger light, and stuck it on a slit stick, the base of which was a large turf into which they run one end of it. The common people of the country live too much on these poor wretches when they travel, seldom bringing anything with them; and they were surprized when I distributed my bread and meat and what I had among them, and that I gave them a piece of money when I went away. All their vessels are of wood, most of them cut out of solid timber, their stools are long and narrow like a stilion, and their table is a long sort of stool about twenty inches high and broad and two yards long; their food chiefly oat cakes baked on the griddle and potatoes with their butter milk: they had

killed a goat and were boyling part of it; but I suppose it was not very good, as they industriously concealed it from me; but they offered to prepare me what they had to eat, which for strangers, is new milk, eggs, butter and oat cake: They have here a french potatoe with a purple blossom, it is something like an apple, but is watery and not so good as the other kinds. However this potatoe does best in sandy and I believe boggy grounds, and the cold and moisture of the potatoe is a good corrective of the heat of the oaten diet. It is the custom for the poor especially the children to come in and sit by the fire of those who are in better circumstances as well as travellers of all kinds, and they give to all, of what is going in their own way. On the 6th We set forward the

Gratefull Host accompanying us above a mile to show us the way through a bog to a large Lough to the north west called Curraghmore Leterahery out of which the

^{Curragh} river Munry rises, which we crossed: The Lake does not moor. appear very large in this situation, but seeing it from an higher, I observed two large bays extending to the east and west, there is a small Island near the side we pass'd the ground to the south being on a declivity, I observed that the bog hung over at this part of the Lake, and in some places hung down for two or three yards, kept together by the heath, tho' the hard ground did not appear to have been lately worn away, but was greenish and some plants grew out of it, and I was informed that especially in wet seasons water runs between the bog and the hard ground which made me inclined to think that where bogs are on a declivity and the lower part of them as here is broken away, that they do actually move by their gravity; as the Ice in the Glacieres of Savoy certainly does, and falls down into the valley, and they

affirm, that the ice when it moves is attended with a great noise: We had a boggy way for a mile, and passing by two houses soon came to a Vale, in which there runs a rivulet, and there are two or three natural mounts in it, one of which has been fortifyed; here I stop'd and took some refreshment, and crossing over the foot of a hill, came to a strand which is made by the blacksod harbour to the south and stretches along the south east side of the country within the Mullet; A very beautiful Peninsula stretches out into the bay, joined to the eastern land by a long narrow Isthmus. They have a bed of small oysters here, which at spring tides is left by the sea, and the people go and pick 'em up, pickle 'em and send them to Dublin: They sell them here for a penny a hundred, and on the bank they will load a horse for fourpence. We continued winding round the strand to avoid the bog above, on which the sea has gained in some places, insomuch that there is in some parts, bog on the strand, and one cannot ride on the sea weed, there are also several stumps of trees on the strand. From this strand in my return I went up to the height to see the bay which is formed by Broadhaven to the north, and with this bay forms that neck of land which is called the Mullet, and joyns that long strip of land to the mainland which is called Erris within the Mullet: on the south side of this neck of land Sr. Arthur Shanes, whose estate it was began to build a little town, and actually cut a communication across the Isthmus large enough for a small boat to pass, which is now choaked up: They laid out also much money on roads into this country, made along the sides of the hills, by cutting away the bog, but this was found to be a bad way, for it makes a course for the water, and rain washing away the earth, leaves it a very

stony rough road, and when this is done in a flat country, it has not only this effect, but the bog fills up the trench again: for the true way of mending their roads is by raising a Causeway of gravel, and where it is very soft, ^{Erris.} by laying a little heath under it. All the half barony of Erris consists of two parishes, Kilcommon taking in all without the Mullet; and Kilmore all that is within the Mullet; and they have some time ago obtained an Act of Parliament to build a church on the Mullet for the united parishes. We came within Mullet to that fine peninsula which is about twelve miles long from north to south and about a mile broad one place with another; the north end is chiefly high heathy ground, from which I saw the stags, as they call 'em, off Broadhaven: the rest of the land is partly in small hills, and partly consists of long rising ground, of good land and some sandy banks and loughs; being altogether a most delightful spot in summer. In these sand banks they find a great variety of shells, and lately they found some very curious vertebrae of fish, of which I produced a specimen: They have also discovered some tombs, which they call the tombs of Lugnadumme they say they are of an extraordinary size, but now they were all covered over again by the sand. I went to the house of Mr. Anthony Odonnel to whom I was recommended by Mr. Odonnel of Newport; I met his Nephew on the road, who very politely showed me the way, and among other questions asked me if I had any acquaintance there, which was on purpose to have invited me to his house, tho' he had the good sense not to say it; I dined at Mr. O'donnels, took a walk and saw the old walls of the church of Tarman Carra buried in sand, which they say was the church of a Nunnery. I took a ride in the

evening along the sea shore to the north east, which consists of little bays, made by the low rocky cliffs, and the waves rolling in on these rocks in calm weather, has one of the most beautiful effects I ever saw. I observed a small detach'd rock, which had some fortification on it, and going further saw a little head, which was defended by a modern fortification, made across the neck of it in Queen Elizabeths time, as they say, in order to deposite goods that were ship wreck'd, that they might not be plundered by the country: They had also built two barracks, one at Carne on the Mullet, the other at Learne on the east side of this Land within, in order to prevent the landing of privateers, but Queen Annes peace prevented the turning them to that use. I went on further and returned seeing a little to the westward a passage under ground from the sea, where the tyde goes in about fifty yards and is seen from a large hole over it. On the 7th I set out with Mr. Odonnels son and newphew to ride to the south of this land: To the south of this part is a strip of land called Annah joyned only by a ^{Annah.} small neck; and the strand east of it, as well as that to the north is called the strand of Annah; this in the map is made an Island, and called Emlok rash, the reason of which is this, it was in one farm with the land to the east of Tarmon Carrah, which goes by this name. We then came to an open strand called Baludurish, in which there are several rocks under the water which render'd it terrible to the sight, even in a calm when the tyde was coming in; but when we return'd and the tyde way going out, it was very beautifull: on the point to the south of it, are the remains of a Convent called the Convent of the cross and near it is a church of the same name, which the Protestants had begun to repair, for Sr. Arthur Shane

planted about twenty Protestant families here, on leases for ever of small farms, mostly under a hundred acres: This Gentleman left two daughters, one married to Mr. Bingham of Newbrook, the other first to Mr. Wynne, and now to Mr. Carter second son of the Master of the Rolls, these ladies hold the estate in Co partnership.*

Isle Inisclory. Opposite to this is the Isle of Ennis Clory, which is a great burial place, of this Island they say no rat or mouse will live in it, and go so far as to affirm, that if they bring the earth and shake it in a reck of corn, none of these Vermin will touch it. To the south of this is Enniskerah and south of that Enniskeah, where if I mistake not, is a mineral water, and to this land people frequently go to pass some time for their diversion. The people in this Country are very hospitable, if you cannot stay to have a sheep killed they offer Ale a dram, Eggs and butter, and the woman of the house sits at the table and serves you: They have an odd way in some parts in the north, I did not see it here, when they would preserve meat, they put it into meal to preserve it from the flies, as I suppose, but it becomes musty and very disagreeable. We came to Lough Cross, a beautiful lake about two miles in circumference, here are wild Ducks, which as we rode within a few yards of them did not move into the water, and when I rode towards 'em, only walked gently in like tame ducks, and there is a little Island in it, in which I suppose they breed. An

* See Otway's *Sketches in Erris* for the history of this Protestant colony and of the Shaen property. The names of the colonists are given on p. 349. On p. 90 is a description of the Church of the Cross. The fortifications referred to above are fully described by Otway, pp. 64-71. Pococke's earlier narrative serves to correct his speculations about them. See also the Ordnance Survey Letters, and their account of Erris, and Knight's *Erris in the Irish Highlands*.

extraordinary thing happened in relation to this lake a few years agoe ; there was a rivulet run from it, to the sea, with a mill on it, in a great flood, it carried away the mill, and the passage was stop'd up, on which the lake retired near a hundred yards from its western bank, so that probably there is some communication under ground from the sea. We came soon after to the Lough of Leame near which is the building designed for a barrack ; Riding on we came to Castle Tarah, the ruin of a large old building : Towards the south point of the land we ascended Mount Tarman, a round hill not long ago covered with herbage, but the rabbits, burrowing in the land, the wind blew it away, and has left a more curious top all cover'd with beautifull large flat stones of grey granite : From this hill is a fine view of the Island of Achill, which is very mountainous and about 2 leagues distant : There are in it 25,000 acres of land, and it lets for £300 a year ; the inhabitants have a kind of sheep here, with a coarse wool fit for yarn stockins, which they spin and knit and sell the stockins for about ten pence a pair ; and with this produce they pay their rent ; They have oats and potatoes sufficient for their own use ; this is part of Mr. Medlicotes estate. There is a great knowledge gained by experience, as to feeding their cattle on all these mountains, they find that for six months or some certain time they thrive on the same spot and then fall off, so that they move 'em to other parts ; some parts are fit for cattle of different ages, and some at different seasons of the year. We came down from this hill to Mr. Gambles house, and took some refreshment there ; which was very civilly offer'd us : and returning we went to the east side and near Mr. Markhams the pleasantest situation in the place which command a view of the

Mount
Tarman.

Lough, of the sea and Islands and of Blacksod harbour, of Mullet and Erris to the east, as well as the Isle of Achil ; that Island is represented as divided in the middle by a chanel ; there is water goes almost through, but not so as to divide it into the greater and lesser as represented in the Map ; but little Achil as I was informed, is only that very small Island at the south point, which is placed in the Map without name. They have a custom of raising heaps of stones called here Iaktch, in other parts Kerns, to the memory of the dead, mostly in the shape of sugar loaves, which are kept up as long as their friends remain, and are raised commonly not far from the church, in the way to and from the house ; some are built with mortar and have inscriptions on them. We came to the Mullet and when we were out of it, we took some refreshment ; I parted with my friends and the cattle they had mounted me on, and set forward the same way I had come with Mr. O'Donnel the gentleman I had met at my entrance into it, who was going to the Fair of Balyheen.* The way I was coming into this Country by Broadhaven is round by that bay very difficult and boggy and is two days journey from Killalla.† Going along the bog I saw an Eagle and crows about a carcase, for these birds never take notice of their brethren the carnivorous race ; It was of the large kind, and he seemed

* This fair seems to have vanished. It is not mentioned in the Statistical Survey of Mayo, or in the Ordnance Survey Letters, when treating of the Parish of Ballyhean.

† The Rev. Caesar Otway's *Sketches in Erris* may be compared with the whole of this narrative. It will be seen from it that there was not much change in Western Mayo between 1750 and 1840. Mr. O'Donnel of Erris is also mentioned by Otway, perhaps the grandson of Pococke's friend ; but the circumstances of the family were much decayed by Otway's time. See *l.c.*, p. 57, and above, p. 90.

to attempt to raise himself, but remained very near us, and when we went towards him, he flew low to a turf stack at a little distance, for in a calm they sometimes find it difficult to raise themselves from the ground: About half an hour after we saw him fly over us to the north east to the sea. We took up our lodging about a mile to the north of the river at Mr. Nashes farm house where we had a fine view of the lake; here is an old Square Castle in ruins called Clonatekilly; a little below it are two caverns, about six feet wide and high and ten long, covered with stones laid across, within one of them was a narrow hole about three feet square like a drein; these seem to be places to hide in upon any danger. They have a way in this country of burying children in some little plat near the house, when they are at a distance from the church, and such a burial place I saw. On the 8th We set out and crossed the river on each side of the banks of which towards the sea are little spots of arable land and several houses; and one part of it goes by the name of Kilkenny, where they have a considerable salmon fishery. Several people joyned us going to the fair and we made up a little caravan of about seventeen horses: and when we stop'd twice and I divided my bread and liquor among them, and to the two or three protestants my meat also, I was had in great esteem among them, and so early in the evening I finished this curious uncommon journey and arrived at Newport; where my friends of Newport spent the evening with me.* On the 9th Mr. Herne the Minister

* Knight's *Erris* furnishes in the Appendix an account of the extraordinary method of travelling in that country before roads and wheeled vehicles were introduced in 1820. Knight explains a method of passing sloughs and bogs, to which Pococke refers on p. 66, above. This scarce little work gives interesting details of pre-historic customs of land tenures, agriculture, etc., then existing.

came to see me, and I preached at his Church. He, Mr. Odonnel and Mr. Moore the Collector invited me to dine with them ; the last very politely by a card the night before, being a litle indisposed with the Gout, the other that even :—but I was first engaged to Captn. Cantillon the commanding officer of the foot here. I drank tea with the Collector, rid with Mr. Herne to see the Monas-
Islands off
Newport. tery of Burrisool, and spent the evening with the Collector, and lodged at Mr. Hernes. On the 10th At noon we set out, all the officers, Mr Herne and the Collector on an expedition in the Revenue Sloop to the Islands, and had a most delightfull voyage through them to the south west. The sea gains on them and some are almost divided into two ; there are fine stones on the shoar round them, some of the petrified coral rubbed into pebbles and some of the Mycetites ; They are Islands covered with pasturage and some with corn ; forty of them belong to Mr. Medlicot, some to the Archbishop of Tuam, some to Mr. Brown of Westport and other proprietors on the bay ; they say there are 300 of them, and it is look'd on as the Archipelago in miniature and is a most singular beautiful bay :—At the mouth of it is Clare Island, belonging to the old proprietors the Omellies, I was told it was worth £200 a year ; To the south west of it is Buffin, belonging as I was informed to Lord Clanrickard and worth £150 a year ; They have in these two Islands a pretty breed of small horses : they do not submit to pay any tax but the hearth money, and have good water in them, and so have many of the small Islands. About ten leagues off is a bank, where there are plenty of Cod, and it is supposed that it is part of that bank which extends to Newfoundland, being supposed to be hills in the sea where the fish lye : on this they have

between 40 and 50 fathom water : the fish have very much failed on all the coast since they have burnt the sea weed for kelp, which they not only take away as the sea leaves it, but they cut it off in the sea that it may be thrown up, the fish spawning on this weed. We returned to Newport and they spent the evening with me. In the river of Newport they have the large fresh water pearl muscle. On the 11th I set out to the south and all the officers went ^{Newport.} with me and dined with Mr. Brown of Westport, who had sent compliments to me that he should be glad to see me. The road is very pleasant near those little bays which are westward from the harbour and in sight of delightfull Islands. I went to the top of some hills to have a view of them ; About two miles and a half distance we came to a rivulet called Moinah, which goes under a hill about a quarter of a mile into the sea, and the tyde comes in by the same passage. A little farther we came to a well wall'd round which they call Omeles Well : concerning which there is a tradition in the country, that a female child of this family, being dipt in it became a male, which was probably some trick in order to secure the estate of the family in that child. We descended to Westport a small village situated on a rivulet which falls into that bay, and makes the south-east corner of the great bay, in which there are some small Islands. The foot of Crow Patrick mountain comes into it which is called (the Eagle mountain) by reason that it appears like an Eagle stretching out its wings ; tho' from the north east from Castle bar it does not appear in that manner : It is not determined whether this mountain or Nefin is the higher. The coast extends about ten miles farther to the County of Galway, where the country on the western ocean is called Connemarrah () probably the

name of some ancient clan ;—This it is likely is about the extent of the Barony of Ballynehinch ; to the north east of this is the Joyces country on Lough Mash and Lough Chorrib, probably the Barony of Ross. To the south east is the country of Eyre Connaught, taking in I suppose the Barony of Moyeulau. I had designed to have rode along Westport. the sea coast, but the weather was so unpromising, that I laid aside that design. Mr. Brown's house is very pleasantly situated on the south side of the rivlet over which he has built two handsome bridges, and has form'd Mr. Browns. Cascades in the river which are seen from the front of the house ; which is built of Hewen stone, a course marble they have here : It is much like Bedford house in Bloomsbury Square, except that it has a pavilion in the middle over the Attick story in which there is a large convenient Bed chamber for the young people, of the size of the hall, the design is with nine windows on a floor and for five rooms ; one of which a back wing is not built : It is an exceeding good house and well finished, the design and execution of Mr. Castels : Mr. Brown designs to remove the village and make it a Park improvement all round ; there are fine low hills every way which are planted and improved, and the trees grow exceedingly well : the tyde comes just up to the house ; and the Cascades are fine Salmon leaps. In the house are handsom chimney pieces of the Castle bar marble, which are a good black without any white in them like the Touchstone, which the Italians call Paragonè and value very much. On the 12th I rid out with Mr. Brown to a hill to see the prospect and to the Park, where he has several red as well as fallow Deer, and in the afternoon I walked out to the quarry and to the side of the bay. I had forgot to mention a small Island called Ennis Turk to the south west of Clare Island,

there is a good slate quarry in it. They have here a marble with which they manure sandy lands, but I could not be informed that it had any shells in it. Mr. Brown makes use of oxen to draw dung, stones, &c. : on sledges which they easily load.

On the 13th Mr. George Brown a younger son, who is at the College, and Mr. Blake a young gentleman of Estate, going my way accompanied me, and showed me three miles off, a little beyond a village call'd Baleyburk, a cave to the right, into which the river Anne falls, and goes for some way under ground, and coming out again falls, as they told me into Lough Carray, and is a river which in the maps is represented as lost in a very small Lough to the west of Lough Carrah. It is a very fine face of a rock, consisting of about fifteen strata which lay very regular, I believe most of them are of plain black marble, as I was informed it is of that colour, but some of them when broke are of a brown colour. The river runs principally into one hole, which is as a beautifull arch, the strata rising one over another and each beyond the other, until it extends to the face of the rock, the passage may be forty feet wide and long, about 20 high, this leads to the grotto in which the river runs about sixty feet wide from the passage, seventy long, and 50 high, through this the river runs, but being then a flood, it was all over flow'd; To the west of this are two or three other passages into which the river runs when it overflows. Returning to the road we saw Kil Turk a little beyond it to the left, a fine old ^{Kil-Turk.} ruined Mansion house of Mr. Browns in which his father lived, and to the north of that we saw Holyhill, Mr. Chambers's. About three miles farther we came to Balin Tubber Convent; Near Kilturk we passed through Balie-keen, where the famous Fair had been held just 3 measured

miles from Castlebar ; This is an handsom Convent, called also De Fonte, from the Irish name which signifies the Town of the Well or Spring : there are handsome pillars and arches in it, and at the east end are two windows of the Saxon Architecture. The Lords of Mayo have their burial place here in a chapel in which there is a handsome altar piece and an altar of hewn stone, round the latter are the figures of our Saviour and the eleven Apostles in relief. Here I took leave of those gentlemen who went on in this road, which leads first to Castle Burk, the seat of Lord Mayo, where I heard there were some petrified stumps of trees and some underground passages to the Castle ; beyond it is Rusk Garrah, Sr. Henry Lynches on Lough Carrah, it then goes to Holy Mount, the Estate and seat of Vesey Archbishop of Tuam, which was esteemed a fine place in those times, and so it goes to Tuam ; But I crossed to the Ballinrobe road I had left a little before ; we soon came near Lough Corra at Ballikeneh and I went to a rivlet and took some refreshment. I saw to the north about two miles Newbrook Mr. Bingham, and going on came to the bridge of Fere, under which Lough Carrah passes into Lough Maske, tho' it is spoken of as a great work, yet it is only a long Causeway, with one arch in the middle which is not large. We passed over a greater work, a road made across a morass, having had a view of Lough Mask to the south for some time, I came to Balinrobe, a very small town pleasantly situated on the river Robe, which about a mile below it falls into the Lough Mask. The large map of Ireland makes a small Lough here which is wrong. They have a handsom sessions house built of hewn stone, the assizes being held at this place and at Castlebar alternately : They have here fine quarries of a dark grey marble which rises so well that

they make ashler very little inferior to hewn stone. This town belongs to Mr. Cuff who lives close to it, and is endeavouring to improve the town. There is a Charter School here for thirty children which I went to see; where Mr. Miller, Minister of the place and Mr. Lanergan a clergyman of a neighbouring parish came to me and they spent the evening with me. There are remains of a church of a Monastery of Augustinian hermits near the town. On the 14th I breakfasted with Mr. Miller, having received an invitation from Mrs. Cuff in her husbands absence to breakfast with her, but her hour being too late, I was obliged to send an excuse. Mr. Miller set out with me towards Lough Mask; About a mile from the town I saw a large kern of loose stones, it may be twenty feet high and forty feet diameter, another about a mile to the south with a fosse round it, and a smaller between them, the tradition is, that two armies engaging there, Kerns were erected over the slain of the principal of them: We came to a fine old Castle called Castle Mask, from the top of which I had a beautiful prospect of Lough Mask, with many Islands in it cover'd with wood and one in particular with a pleasure house belonging to Mr. Cuffe: We had also a view of the mountains of Joyces country. This Castle belonged to one of the Burks of Ld. Clanrickard's family. On the top of Benlevagh in Joyces Country I was informed that there was a large Lough near this country of the Joyces in Lough Cherrib is an Island called Castle Chirk which is the name of Mr. Middletons house in Kirk Denbighshire in Wales. I was told that at Long Abbey there is a stone head said to be design'd for Roderick O'Connor King of Connaught. Beyond Lough Mask to the north west towards the sea is a mountain called Ferr-

more on which there is such a debt to the Crown that no one will occupy it; on it they say are traces of a town, sd. to be begun to be built by some stranger who came to settle in these parts, and as it is supposed by those people who afterwards built Galway. In Lough Mask is an Island call'd Inch en Keill, consisting of about sixty acres, in which there are two churches. There is also another Island called Innish Enearton (The Earls Island) to which they say Strongbow fled and was killed there, and if I mistake not they show some place for his tomb. We got into the road from Balinrobe to Hetford, which passes thro' the Nail, from which we had gone from Cong to Tuam three years ago: We came to Garn church a mile from the Nail, where I saw a quarry of fine marble, which pollishes a brownish black, they work it with the hammer for about sixpence a foot. We saw on Lough Chorrib a point of land called Baley Cumea, a very fine situation of Mr. Lynches, and to the east we saw Skrool famous in History for a very horrid Massacre: In this road I observed what they call the Terloughs, that is meadows that are cover'd with water in the winter, which goes off as it comes in, by underground passages; some of them are good meadows and some only marshes. We crossed Ross river into the County of Galway, and saw the large Abbey of Ross. About a mile lower on the same water: We came to Hetford a small town where there is a barrack and a Mansion House of late Lord St. Georges, now of General St. George, but leased by the late Lord to his daughters heir, married on Mr. Usher now Usher St George, who lives there; I was met two miles from this town by the Revd. Mr. Fletcher brother to my Agent in Dublin, to whom I had sent that I would come and dine with him, he conducted me half a mile beyond

Hetford to his house, where after dinner taking leave of Mr. Miller ; Mr. Fletcher went with me six miles in my road. I passed over Achlin bridge and saw an old castle Ballinacort lately fitted up ; it is in a fine situation and the seat of Mr. Kirwall. In three miles I came to Baliclareh ; Bali
clareh. and near it on a rivulet saw Clare Galway Abbey, where the high tower in the middle of the Church built on arches is a curious piece of architecture ; I saw the chapel of the church converted into a Mass house. Three miles more brought me to Galway ; where I went to the house of my old friend Mr. Simcocks Warden of Galway.

Galway is pleasantly situated on a fine bay, which is a very good harbor, and on the river which comes out of Lough Chorrib, which spreading here to the east, they call it the Lough ; the river runs on a rocky bed, and dividing Galway. into three parts it forms two Islands to the west of the Town, on one of which there is a Nunnery. This town was inhabited by the Hollerns Fishermen till one Lynch in 1280 got a grant of the lands of it, from Edward II. and as tradition saies built two Castles, both called Reinville, one against the Hollerns the other against the Flakerts of Cunnehmarrah. This was anciently in the Diocese of Anadown, which place I saw on the right on the Lough coming to Galway, it is now absorpt in Tuam. The people of the town got an exemption of this and several other parishes from the Pope, on account as they pretended of the ill behaviour of the clergy the Bishop sent to them : Some say this was when Anadown was united to Tuam. This exemption they got confirmed to them by Charter from Edward the 6th, who gave them a power to elect, a guardian and three Vicars of the Church exempt from all jurisdiction whatsoever ; the Guardian and senior Vicar preach alternately in the morning, the other

two in the afternoon, and the three Vicars take their turns weekly to read prayers and visit the sick. The Corporation also have a power of punishing or even removing them within the year. This town was formerly of great trade, to which they apply'd themselves when the other parts of Ireland were very unquiet: They had a great trade in Spanish wines, which were formerly drank; but above all to America, till the act pass'd which obliged all ships from America to touch in England, from which time the trade of this town began to decay. When the town was in this flourishing condition, there were many large houses built in it of hewn stone, after the Spanish manner, most of which remain and one sees a great number of fine carved windows, Doorcases, chimney pieces, and bow windows in these houses. The trade is now mostly carried on to France and Spain by the Roman Catholicks, who have correspondents there, and are jealous of others coming into any share with them. When the town was in this flourishing condition, the merchants here purchased almost all the Lands in this country which doe not belong to the Church and the Earl of Clanrickard: The descendants of which merchants are now possessed to the value of £100,000 a year, and others have forfeited or sold to a much greater value. They were of the name of Blake, Darcy, French, Linche, Kirwan, Joyce, Martin, Brown, Bodkin, Terrets, Athy, Funt, Penrice, the three last are extinct or near it. If they had submitted to Oliver Cromwell, it would probably have been much better for the town. The remains of the forts he built to attack the town and defend the passes between the Loughs and the sea, are still to be seen. Lord Mountjoy built the Citadell at the south east part of the town. They have a large church adjoining it, the

Lynches have a chapel in which they bury: In the vestry on three large stones are cut as big as human life, Our Saviour, the Virgin Mary to the right, and to the right of that God the Father and over his head the Dove, they were dug up some where about the church: To the north of the town are the remains of a Franciscan Convent, and the face of an altar or tomb with some reliefs of Saints on it. Both the Franciscans and Dominican have Convents here, and there is a Nunnery which serves also for a Boarding School: Just without the gate is a mineral water of a strong taste, which they use for purging, and when drank plentifully, it is said, they answer the end of Scarborough waters. About two miles to the north east in the way I came is a rivlet, which comes out of the river that falls from Lough Chorrib, it is call'd Galway. Pool Hurley, it goes underground there and comes out into the bay of the sea which extends to the east. From a hill about a mile above the town by the canal, is a very fine prospect of the sea, of the country on the other side of the bay, of the isles of Arran, of Eyre Connaught, the Joyces country and Lough Chorrib. They have in Galway three barracks, which hold two Regiments and a half of the present compliment: for it is a garrison town with a Governor who has a salary of £300 a year, but he does not commonly reside, and then the commanding officer acts as Governor.*

On the 22d at Galway I walk'd out morning and

* Pococke's notices about Loughs Corrib and Mask, Galway town, and all that district should be compared with Caesar Otway's *Tour in Connaught*, Wilde's *Lough Corrib*, and a trip into Connemara, made by Miss Edgeworth, in 1834, narrated in the 3rd volume of a Memoir of Maria Edgeworth, printed but not published in 1867. For the history and state of Galway, see Hardiman's *History of Galway*.

evening, and Mr. Heathcote in a regiment here, who was one of Lord Chesterfields pages, came to see me, and spent the day with me : In the evening I look'd into the Assembly to see the Company, for the Clergy go here in their Coats. On Sunday the 23rd I went to wait on the judges and attended them and the Corporation to church and preached before them, Warden Simcocks not being well, I dined with the judges at the Mayors, the Gentlemen of the Grand Jury being there I came home and Dr. Lynch spent the evening with us. On the 24th I took a litle ride, but the weather did not favour. Mr. Darcy came to see me and brought an invitation from the Grand Jury to dine with them, but I was engaged to the Wardens ; That Gentleman spent the even with us. A very remarkable thing happened there in relation to one of the Lynches, so long agoe as that he was the fourth or fifth Mayor of the town : His son was coming in a ship from Spain, murder'd the Spanish Captain, brought the ship into Galway and sold the goods. When this fact came to his fathers knowledge, the son was tryed by the father and condemned, who sat on the bench, and intercession being made for him ; he bid the persons come to him in the afternoon, and when they return'd they saw the son hanging out of the chamber window. This house remains as a specimen of an inferior sort of building, and over the door is a deaths head and bones of a skeleton. I examined some of the records of the Town ;—found that in 1511 butter was a penny a pound and a hundred of Eeles here sold for two pence and a Cod for a half-penny in 1526 a carpenter and mans pay was two pence a day with diet. When six and eight pence only was allowed for the Mayors dinner the twelve Aldermen and such others as he should ask, and there was such a

plenty of fish in 1701 that a thousand Herrings were sold for eight pence. In 1646 they condemned a book as against the King, entitled *Disputatio Apologetica et Manifestiva de Jure Regni Hiberniae pro Catholicis Hibernis aduersus Haereticos*. There is an order that no corn be burned or scortched in the town. In 1632 the oath of Supremacy and Conformity in Religion being required the Mayor and officers resigned, and others were chosen who took the oath. In 1649 they had the plague. In 1654 the Irish were dismissed from all offices, and English protestants chosen in their room. In 1691 the Town surrender'd to Genkle on the 26th of July. Having mentioned the Bishoprick of Anadown or Enaghdun, it is to be observed that the Bishoprick of Mayo was united to it in 1210. The Bishoprick of Enaghdun was long disputed by persons who pretended a right to it from about 1250 to 1318. In the Episcopal Register at Exeter I find Bps of Annadown suffragans to the Bp of Exeter in the following years viz.

Henry in 1395 and 1398.
John 1438.
Thos. 1458.

On the 25th I was at the doors of Mr. Brown and Mr. Darcy, took leave of Captain Heathcote and after dinner set out, young Mr. Simcocks accompanying me three miles to Oranmore, where a rivlet falls into the bay; two miles farther we came to Daren bridge, and half a mile farther to Shilcollogan bridge. I observed several large entrenchments on the mountains of Burien to the west, in the county of Clare, one of them they say was the Residence of O'Laughlin King of Burien, and on the Bay about four miles distant is the Abbey of Corcumro, which they say is a fine ruin, and that on the graves are laid tombs of wood,

many of them being of yew, with some remains of inscriptions on them : It was anciently called St. Marie's Abbey : within a mile of Gort we passed through a village called Kiltorton. The sheep in all this stony country produce ^{Gort.} very fine wool much valued and is sent to Dublin and Cork.

I was at Gort in 1749 in our Tour through Munster and Connaught : it was the estate of the Oshognusses and was forfeited ; and now there is a Barrac in an old Mansion house of that family built within the walls of the (in the) Castle, it is a very poor market town like a village : In my way to this place about six miles from Galway, I had a view of the house of Mr. Walter Taylor, whom I had seen in Galway, he is above four score years old, and told me had seen about 460 descended from his Father, and several great grand children ; he rid lately from Dublin to Tullaghmore in one day, which cannot be less than sixty english measured miles, it is 45 computed irish miles if I do not mistake : As his passion has been to encourage a good breed of horses, so at this time he is a constant attender of all diversions in this country, relating to the improvement of that noble animal. On the 26th I went two miles south west, passing by an uncommon oval Castle at Newtown ; the mountains of Burren appear to be stony, but the summits of most of them are round and appear as in beautifull Terraces. I came to Kilmacduagh situated on a rising ground over some litle Loughs which are to the west. It is the See of an ancient Bishoprick now united to Clonfert and consists only of old buildings and of two or three Cabins ; it was called the church of Duah : About the middle of the 6th Century, it had the name of Kil-mac-duah, that is the church of the son of Duah, commonly called it seems Kil-macough. The first building that offers is the ancient Cathedral in the form of a Latin

Cross; on the south side of which is an ancient Altar in good taste; under a relief of a Bishop is this inscription Sanctus Coloman Patronus Totius Diecesis Duacensis: In the middle is a crucifix and a person on each side with Ave Maria and some devotion round it: In the Oshug-nussy chapel, the old Proprietors, is their tomb of the Corinthian, order and I observed their arms the Castle of Gort supported by two Lyons. In that chapel there is a tomb with this inscription. *Orate pro anima Edmondi ocahel Praepositi et Canonici Duacensis 1742.* To the south is a chapel called Shatraney. To the west in the church yard is a small cell where they say the Patron Saint was buryed, and that the body was afterwards carryed to Agherrim. Between this and the church is Macduaghs Chapel, in which there is a standing large dead Tree, of which they take pieces by way of Relicks; and to the south of this is a raised work of stone, which they call the Saints Bed. In the church yard is one of the round towers, if I mistake not; fifteen feet in diameter: it is finely built of stones well chosen, but do not seem to have been hamerd and they are not all laid in regular courses, the lower Tier sets out 9 inches, the entrance is about twenty feet above the ground: there are five small windows round at top with pointed arches, and there about six others without any order in different parts: By measuring the shadow I concluded it to be about 82 feet high, a litle of the point at top is broken off; This I think is the best I have seen after that of the church of Ardmore. To the east of the church is our Ladies chapel and to the north of it St. John Baptists. To the north of it is the Monastery of Kilmacduagh, said to be of Regular Canons; it is on a neck of Land between two Loughs, of which authors mention, that they empty in summer by whirlpools; but I found that

Macdeagh. the water goes off only in a very dry summer and that rarely; when they do empty they catch Eeles and other fish. The church tho' small is a very neat building the pillars and arches of the entrance to the Altar part and of the east window are in a beautifull style, and the Angles at the east end, are work'd as in pillars, as at Lismore Cathedral: To the south of the church is a Sacristy, and adjoyning to that a room, in which they probably deposited the valuable effects of the church, which because it is arch'd they call the jayl. There is a chapel on the south of these, and a room which I conjectured might be a Refectory, and from the buildings, I imagined the Canons might live in separate houses not built in the best manner. To the north of the church is an old wall about two feet from the other, it is out of its level, and they have a story of its being a place of penance, and that penitents were used to get in between the wall and let themselves down by way of punishment. The Bishops house to the north of St. Johns Chapel, or as some call it the Seminary is a building of two rooms on a floor; what is singular is a building on the outside like a chimney, but from what I could gather, it was the stairs to which there is a passage, by a sort of a bow window which rests on one stone in the wall, from which they say the Benediction used to be given. 27th. In the way to all these buildings is a Holy Well with a circular enclosure. From this place I came again into the high road at Crusha two miles from Gort, where there is a tolerable Inn. At Tuberin we crossed a stream from the County of Galway in Connaught, to the County of Clare in Munster, we came to Loughed bridge which I conjecture to be the river which in part forms those Loughs that are to the west of Crusheen: Crusheen, Half a mile further we crossed another stream and in half

an hour more came to Crusheen on an eminence where there is a very good Inn, at which I dined: Till we came to the County of Clare the face of the country is all rocky being a greyish marble as I conjecture; about Galway it is full of cockles and the Conchae anomiae, and in almost all parts the petrified coral more or less. But here the face of the country is entirely different, all in little well improved hills, not without wood and something like Northampton Shire. We went on and immediately crossed a stream and had a fine view of Lough Rincha-crounah, we passed three streams in a mile and came to Brincastle, and crossed three more below, I came to a village called Span...Hill, where the road strikes out to Ennis which I had formerly gone in. This place is three miles from Crusheen, we soon came to Molieth Mr. Macnamarrahs, well improved and a fine situation, and at the end of three more came to Quin, having had a view of Col Hickmans house and of the plantations of Mr. Burton and Sr. Edward Obrien we had passed in our former journey through this country. Here I saw fine lime-stone with much of the coral in it (in it) entirely consolidated with the marble. We had also in this road a view of the pleasant bay beyond those Gentlemens seats, which extends to the north from the Shannon and is full of Islands. At Quin is one of the finest and most entire Monasteries I have seen in Ireland, it belonged to Franciscan Minorites, and is called in Ware Quinchy; it is situated on a fine stream, there is an ascent of several steps to the church, and at the entrance one is surprized with the view of the high altar entire, and of an altar on each side of the arch to the Chancel; To the south is a chapel with three or four altars in it, and a very Gothick figure in relief of some Saint probably of

St. Patrick on the north side of the Chancel is a fine monument of the Macnamarahs' of Ranace. On a stone by the high altar I saw the name of Kennedye in large letters ; In the middle between the body and the chancel, is a fine tower built on two Gable ends. The Cloyster is in the usual form with Couplets of pillars, but particularly in that it has buttresses round by way of ornament ; there are apartments on three sides of it ; what I supposed to be the Refectory, the Dormitory and another grand room to the north of the Chancel ; with vaulted rooms under them all ; to the north of this large room is a closet over an arch, which leads to an opening, that seemed to be anciently a private way to go down in time of danger, in order to retire to a very strong round tower, the walls of which are near ten feet thick, tho' not above seven or eight feet from the ground ; it has been made use of without doubt since the dissolution, as a pigeon house, and the holes remain in it : In the front of the Convent is a building which seems to have been a Forastieria or apartments for strangers, and to the south west are two other buildings : On the other side of the river is a parish church, with a tower built to the corner of it . . Half a mile to the north east is a beautifull turret of a Castle. We went on three miles further to a small town on a fine Rivlet. On the 28th I went three miles to Six Mile bridge, where there is a handsom new church, and near it Mr. Ivers has a pleasant new built house. The ride from this place to Limerick is very delightful, being well wooded and in sight of the fine river Shannon, and of the beautifull country on the other side of it. The appearance of the Country on this side Galway is very different from what it was farther north for I observed the corn ready for the sickle, and when I passed Gort, I found the

harvest in several places far advanced: It is all a hot lime stone which makes the harvest very forward; and I was told that the cattle turn themselves frequently in the night on account of the heat of the ground. In about 2 miles I saw a large old house, near the river called Bunratty, which was the Mansion house of the O'Briens, the ancient Earls of Thomond. I came to Limerick very strongly situated by nature on the Shannon: To the east of it is Irish town, which is pretty strongly fortified, the whole being about two miles in circumference; excepting the principal street; All the rest of the town consists of narrow lanes, and it is a very dirty disagreeable place; Tho' so large there is not one good Inn where strangers can be well accommodated; they have a tavern indeed which Limerick. has lodgings in it, commonly filled by officers: Both the air and water are looked on as unwholesome, and the army commonly loose many of their men here: They are chiefly quarter'd in a barrack within the citadel on the west side of the town, and this large city, which has such conveniency of water, has not so much as a fire Engine to make use of, in case of any accident of fire. The Cathedral is a very mean heavy building, but the Quire is fitted up in a neat manner; and in it is a magnificent tomb of black marble, erected to the memory of the Grandfather the Earl of Thomond who lived in the time of King Charles the Second, in the place of an old one defaced, of which two couchant Statues remain. This Cathedral was built by Donald O'Brian King of Limerick, and there is a church, in Limerick called St Munchin, now a Parish Church which is said to have been the Cathedral, and that it was founded by St Munchin first Bishop of Limerick. It is remarkable that the present Cathedral stands near north and south; and they have a tradition that it was a palace

of the O'Brians: The Bishoprick of Ardfort probably taking in the County of Kerry is united to this see, and in that is the absorpt Bishoprick of Hoghadoe the church of which I formerly saw over the lake of Killarne. There is an old Convent turned into a Tan-yard, which they call the Abby it is on the north side of the town. They have a good Mole for shipping to lye in: There is a great manufacture of Serges here, and a very great number of working people in the town, greater perhaps than in any place of the size; and I cannot think they can be less than 40 thousand souls in the town and suburbs. They import wine, timber and all sorts of goods for the supply of this country, and great part of the County of Tipperary, as well as the Counties of Clare and Kings County: But Cork lies much more convenient for the Export. I walk'd round the town either on the walls or within them and went to the Cathedral service. On the 29th I rid to the west and in a mile crossed over Brater bridge in another mile to Money or Monterel, commonly called Mongrel, where there are remains of a poor old Convent with a tower, at one corner of the church. I was informed that monks never had towers to their convents, by which I suppose they mean Mendicants Fryars. In two miles we came to Cloynreen village and rivlet and in two more to the ferry over the river Magel, on one side of which is Clogtotacheh Castle, and on the other, Column Castle; Mrs. Hartings house near being called Court, as in the Map. In a mile we came to Kildaimon, in another to Lacerane Castle and Lough, and in another mile to a very small Church on a litle height called Killallatring, the walls of it are very thick, with only such a window in the east end, as is seen in the round towers in this shape

so as that it is probably one of the most ancient churches in this Kingdom. I came in a mile to a large old Castle called Palace with a village near it of the same name, to the south west of which Mr. Bury has begun a new town called Newmarket, and is endeavouring to establish a market there. I soon came to Shanon Grove, where Mr. Bury has made fine plantations and enclosures. The first thing that offers is a fine orchard with a syder house built in elegant taste, the plantations and fields between this and the house are very beautifull ; the situation of the house is pleasant ; commanding a view of the Shanon and of the fine country on the other side between the great bay to the north and Limerick. I then ^{Newmarke} went to see the Charter School which was founded by Mr. Bury, who keeps it in very good order. This Gentle-
mans Mother was daughter of Archbishop Pallasor, and his Lady being sister of Lord Tulloghmore, his son is next heir to that Nobleman, who has no children. I returned two miles in the same way, having the Castle of Cariganiel on a fine high rock near the Shannon in view all the way, as I had also from Limerick. We returned to Kildaimon and struck out of the road we came in, to the south east, and in three miles came to Adair on the ^{Adair.} Magee. This place now a poor village, was they say anciently a walled town, and there are great marks of its having been a place, of some consequence ; In it are remains of a large old Castle, which belonged to the Earls of Desmond, and of three Monasteries ; one at the west end of the village, and is called if I mistake not the Abbey of West gate ; and in the middle a small church ; there is a tower about 30 feet square, which gives it the air of a Castle. Another Monastery is near the bridge, and is called the Steeple Abbey ; the openings of the

Cloyster of this and of the third are like Gothick windows. There are several niches in the walls, besides the seats for the administring persons ; which were probably so many tombs of ancient families : on the north side of the river a quarter of a mile higher, is what they call the Poors Monastery, tho' it is not inferior to the others in building. On the 30th in the morn I saw the Convents, and went to Church, Mr. Quin a Gentleman of considerable estate here, having met me in Dublin, invited me to dine with him, I went to his house and lay there, it is situated on the river, the tyde coming up just to his house. On the 31st I set out and travelled near the river two miles to Croom, passing by the Park and house of Lord Carbery where he lives ; his Lordship has another very fine park between Bruff and Limerick. On each side the river at Croom, there is an old Castle : We went on three miles farther to Alakee or Athlacha crossing a stream which falls into the river ; and leaving that stream we went eastward three miles to Killmallock, where I had been in 1749, as at all the other places I shall mention as seen this day. This is another ancient wall'd town, in which there are if I mistake not, two old Monasteries and as this town Athenree and Adair had a Monastery or Monasteries in them, and do not seem to have been situated for trade, it is not improbable that the Monasteries built walls round these towns, for the security of themselves and their tenants, who probably built some of the oldest houses in them, with windows of the Gothick arch ; and as the Papists in King James's time were ordered to build houses in walled towns, this might be the occasion of building the greater part of the houses the windows of most of them being in the style of that time. I went to see the Charter School near the town, and from that three miles

Killmallock.

to Kilfinane ; where I visited another Charter School ; and meeting Mr. Graves minister of the place, I dined with him, and rode six miles to Charleville.

On the 1st of September I went to visit Dean Bruce Charleville. who was out of town, view'd the Charter School ; this town is finely situated on an eminence which commands a fine view of the Country to the south ; it is the estate of the Earl of Orrery and the town is chiefly supported by the Dragoons, for whom there is a barrack, and by the thorow fare which is very since the road from Limerick to Cork is carryed through this town which before was farther to the east ; near Ard Patrick I crossed over the hills to the Valley in which the river Snider runs, and first came to Buttavant, which gives the title of Buttavant. Baron to the Earl of Barimore and the eldest son by Courtesy takes that title : Here are large remains of an old Convent as well as Castle. We crossed over the Snider and saw Donerail to the left and came to Malloe famous for its waters, which are on a lime stone and have Malloe. something of the virtue of the Bristol waters. There is commonly much company here every summer, and they have a Long Room for Assemblies : It is situated on a small river that here falls into the Blackwater, which we crossed, and going over the hill we passed by Sr. Robert Deanes house, and came to four mile water where I dined, having met in the way Lady Dean and Mrs. Oliver in their Chariot and six, with both of whom I was acquainted and paid my compliments to them. I came 8 miles to Cork finely situated on the river Lee which divides above Cork. the town and running on each side of it, makes it an Island, as it does also below and forms the little and great Island, below which it spreads again and makes the harbour of Cork called the Cove, near which there is

lately built a strong fort to defend the entrance of the harbour ; The part of Cork which is built to the river is pleasant, but most of the streets are narrow and dirty, which makes chairs of great use here, and there are several of them ply in different parts of the town. This See and Church was founded by St. Finbarr in the 7th century, to whom the Cathedral is dedicated and is commonly called St. Barrys ; the See of Ross, is united to Cork, supposed to be founded in the 6th Century by St. Facknan who built there a Priory of Canons of St. Austin. This place is situated to the west on

There are six parish churches in the town, Here was one Abbey, four Monasteries, and a Nunnery. The History of a Settlement of a tower of a church here like that of Pisa, and of their management of it is a great curiosity : there are several Hospitals in the town ; but the foundling Hospital is most remarkable, they have in it about 40, between 2 and 300 abroad, they are well clothed and kept neatly. An act passed lately for their changing children with the Poor house of Dublin, in order to prevent any persons putting in children, with design to get them afterwards to their own disposal. The Exchange and Custom house here are handsom buildings. The County jayl at the South gate, is a noble building of three stories, all Rustick, and of the Tuscan order, and appears more like a palace than a jayl. There are in the town 7366 houses, and the souls are computed to be above 73000. There is a great export from this Port of Beef, butter, wool, and yarn, besides a very considerable import of all sorts of Goods. On the I rid to Kingale crossing the Oun Boy on the road : it is called eight miles, but is a very unpleasant road all up and down hill, and it is four good hours ride. Kingsale is about a mile long

situated over the harbour at the mouth of Bandon river, consisting of one long narrow Street, and one or two over it on the side of the hill. There is a Charter School here for twenty boys, built by the encouragement of Mr. Southwell. It is a very fine harbour and there is a great resort of ships in time of war, and this is the only place in Ireland for refitting the King's ships. The harbour is defended by a strong Fort called Charles's Fort. The resort to this place is so great in time of war, that their leases pay double rent during any war. As soon as I came to Kingsale I walk'd towards the school, and meeting Mr. Woodward who has a Living near, I din'd with him: I set out in the Evening for Innishanon six miles up the river Bandon; this village is pleasantly situated on the East side of the river, having high ground over it, and on the other side is fine hanging ground cover'd with wood: here Mr. Atherly has established a linnen Manufactory in all kinds, where I saw several chiliden apprenticed from the Charter Schools and the workhouse in Dublin; on the heighth is a Charter School finely built for forty children which is just opened, and was founded by Mr. Atherly's encouragement. On the ^{Inishan}_{non.} I saw these things and went three miles up the river to Bandon situated on each side of the river Bandon; it is entirely a Protestant town, and they will not suffer a Papist to live in it: They have a great Woollen Manufactory here, if I mistake not, chiefly of Camblets, and now begin to come into the linnen trade. I went to visit Dr. Brown Brother to the Bishop of Cork, who was out of town: so I went about three miles in the road to Cork, and leaving it on the right went almost directly north through a very uneven Country about six miles to Inniscara, a pleasant situation on the Lee, between two hills

which are not improved. I went to the parsonage house of Dr. Philips which is a beautifull plantation and fine re-tirement, but not finding him at home, I crossed the Lee again over a large bridge, and came five miles to Cork, seeing the Castle of Ballincolly to the right, of which there are great remains. I went to Mr. Falconor my Banker and then to Mr. Penrose where I was invited to lodge. On the 4th I went three miles on the south side of the river to Riverstown, a fine improved estate of the patrimony of the Bishop of Cork: I dined and lay there. On the 5th I set out and came to the river, and going eastward passed in four miles through Carigtohil, where is the burial place of the Cotters; in two miles more to Middletown, a small market town and burrough, near a seat of Lord Middletons, with a fine park belonging to it; this is within two miles of Cloyne. I went three miles to Castlemartyr and saw the charter school for 40 children; founded by the encouragement given by His Excellency Henry Boyle one of the Lords Justices and speaker of the House of Commons, who has a seat near. He has made an artificial water, it may be beyond anything in Europe; for it encompasses the little town to the east of this seat, and one may be rowed four miles on the Canal and serpentine rivers. From this place after I had taken some refreshment, I crossed the mountains of Tallogh in the County of Waterford, having had a fine view of the sea, and of the mouth of the Blackwater. Tallogh is situated about a quarter of a mile south of the river Bride which two miles lower falls into the Blackwater; It is a market town and a Burrough, and they have a Barrack here: It is the estate of the Earl of Burlington. At Curryglass not far distant in the County of Cork is a pleasant seat and plantation, lately Mr. Maynards but now

belongs to the Crown ; The author of the County of Cork saies that there is a fine white clay here with which the park walls are plaster'd and look very beautifull. I came in the evening to Lismore, which is a village most pleasantly situated : The Castle and Cathedral are on a hanging ground, some of which is covered with wood over the Blackwater : From the Castle and the Warren behind the Cathedral is a fine view of the river both ways, of the meadows on each side, of the wood on the hanging ground and of the Cascade from the Salmon Weer ; one sees the beautifull rock of Killree making out like a head to the north ; and below that Cappoquin and its Castle : To the south a mountain torrent called Oen shad Lismore. falls into the Blackwater directly opposite to the Castle through a Glyn or narrow vale, between the mountain, the lower parts of which are adorned with wood, from this there is an opening into the County of Tipperary, and a way into that country by what they call the Devil's Causeway ; on one side of it there is a fine Lough, in which there is the black Trout ; and on each side of this Glyn are high mountains and particularly to the East the highest of them Knockmeildown : the Quire part of the Cathedral is very old, built with sort of Pilasters at the corners, and long narrow windows on each side and at the end. It was founded by St. Carthage als. Mocoddy who was driven by King Blathmac out of the Abbey of Ratheney in the County of Westmeath. He first founded an Abbey of Canons Regular of St. Augustine, where the Castle now is : He also founded a School or University here, which was afterwards governed by St. Cathaldus, who in process of time became Bishop of Tarentum.* This Cathedral was

* See the article on St. Cathaldus in the Dictionary of Christian Biography.

repaired by Munchus King of Munster in 1130. The body of the church is a modern building, probably of the time of King Charles 2d. The Chapter house is a good room, there are remains of the staircase in it, and signs of a room above in which they might keep the Archives of the Church. In the church are remains of the tomb of a Magrath in 1557 probably a relation of Bishop McGrath. The Chapter consists of a Dean, four other Dignitaries and nine Prebends, and it is founded on the rule of the Cathedral of Sarum. There are five vicars Choral, who ought to be presented by the Dignitaries to the Dean as they were formerly, and admitted by him. But the Dean puts them all in. The Author of the County of Waterford saies there was an Anchorite here, to whom Baley-hausey or Anchorets Town did belong. And that there was a Lazaret or Hospital here, the Master of which was called the Prior of Lismore. Tis said the Castle was built by King John, but soon destroyed by the Irish; and when rebuilt was the place of the Residence of the Bishops till Miler McGrath about 1588 granted it and other lands for a chiefry to Sr. Walter Rawleigh, from whom it was purchased by the first Earl of Cork. There is a Free School here founded by that Earl. Sir Robert Boyle was born in this Castle, and if I mistake not Congreve the Poet. I lay at Dean Jervais's and on the I rid through the old Park of Lismore, now disparked two miles to the Blackwater opposite to Drummannah Lord Grandisons, leaving the old mount or Fort to the left in the way to Cappoquin, from which Lismore (The Great Fort) has its name and also Kilbree an estate of the Bishops, where on a hanging ground over the river is an old House, said to be on the site of an old Castle built by King John. A little further to the west is the rock

of Kilbree already mentioned, it is to the left over the river, and is a glorious situation for a house; and also Cappoquin over which one passes by a long wooden bridge; it is a very small town of one Street with a Barrack at the end of it, for one troop of horse: The Castle over the town is a beautifull situation and commands a fine view of the Country every way, and particularly of the rich vale to the east, as far as Dungarvan. Between this and Lismore at Salt Bridge north of the river were Iron works and Iron mines near; and a vein of Iron runs through the Park. There are ^{Drum-}_{manna.} at present Iron works at Araglas to the west of Lismore. I crossed the Blackwater to Drumanna to the Earl of Grandisons, situated on a rock over the Blackwater, where there was formerly a Castle; the hanging ground and wood on it to the south of it is beautifully laid out in Terraces, slopes and walks down to the river which is navigable to Cappoquin for large vessels, and the tyde goes up near to Lismore. There is a handsom avenue to Drumanna house from the east: To the north of which is first a wood and several pieces of Water, and then a Park and fine enclosures down to the Phinisk, which is the bounds between this Estate and Affane; to the south is a new planted wood of many sorts of trees, with firrs on each side of the ridings, and near the house is a Green, on one side of which my Lord has built seven houses; that in the middle is a handsom edifice for an Inn, the other are for necessary tradesmen. On the I went with Ld. Grandison in his chaise half a mile to see a New town he has built called Villers Town; the design is two streets crossing each other with a square in the middle for a market and chapel; There are 24 houses built with a garden to each of them and his Lordship is bringing in

Villers town. about eighty acres of Land at great expence for pasturage for the town for as they are all linnen weavers they are not to be diverted by farming : Here are above twenty of the Charter boys apprenticed to the weavers ; and My Lord settles a Curate here and intends to build a Chapel ; This Chapel is since built. One of the Streets is to be carryed down to the river, at a place where a small rivulet runs into it, on which, above the town, is a very good bleach yard. His Lordship is about to build a wall to enclose the land for a park between what is designed for this town and the other lands which he has cultivated. I walked in the afternoon about the garden improvements, and went to see the houses on the Green. On the 1st of September I took leave of the Earl and Countess for so that Lady is distinguished, the daughter being made Viscountess Grandison by Patent to descend to her Heirs Male and is married to Mr. Mason. I crossed the Phinisk on a bridge and came near Affane famous for a particular sort of Cherry, something like a white heart, which Sr. Walter Rawleigh brought from the Canary Islands. At new Affane is a quarry of black and white marble ; and a little below it at Torrein Mr. Nettles is a marble of many colours mostly Brown, white, yellow, and blew. This place is also famous for Cyder ; the plantation of apples having been made in these parts, by the tenants of the Earl of Cork. I crossed to the other road leading from Cappoquin to Dungarvan, leaving the Parish of Whitechurch to the right, in which at Ballylemon they have good marle, and in digging for it, they found the horns and most of the bones of a Mouse Deer or Elk, which I saw at the Earl of Grandisons, a rib also was found a mile from Whitechurch, thought, to be of an Elephant, but possibly might be the rib of a Whale. At Ballylemon also there is a quarry of

fine dove-coloured and white marble, and at Kilvercrum in the parish of Whitechurch is a black marble, which lies deep and is therefore neglected. I left this road and got into the Clonmell road which crosses the Parish of Modeligo, in which I saw some little remains of Mountain Castle and another entire Castle called Slady, both belonging anciently to the Magrathes. I came into the road from Cappoquin to Clonmell and passed by an old Redout for soldiers against Raparees now an Alehouse called Ballinemult in the parish of Seskinan: Ascending the hill beyond this place, I had a glorious view of the fine country of Tipperary and of the river Sure, which runs towards Clonmell: We crossed here a small part of that County and descended to Four mile water or the Nier, at a bridge over it, where there is a small village at which we dined; and crossing the river came again into the County of Waterford. This river rises out of the same mountains as the Tey which runs by Killrossanty, and the Malon which runs by Kilmac Thomas, and runs into the sea at Knockanmahon, and the Cloough which runs by Curraghmore Ld. Tyrone's seat and so by Portlaw in the road from Waterford to Clonmell and falls into the Sure. Ascending the foot of an hill, we had a view of Kilbruantine a very pleasant seat of Mr. Rode Greens over the Sure; just opposite to it is Knocklofty an exceeding fine situation of Mr. Hutchinsons in the County of Tipperary. Near Clonmell is a spaw water, not much frequented at this time. About two miles further brought us to Clonmell on the other side of the Sure in the County of Tipperary, a very pleasant situation and a thriving town well laid out. Here they have a Manufactory of Serges and other woollen goods, the Assizes are held at this place for the County of Tipperary, and at that time great contracts are made for

Clonmell. wool : It was the Capital of the Duke or Ormonds Palatinate of the County of Tiperary, which was dissolved on the forfeiture of that Noblemans estate. There is one parish Church in this town, and the Church of the Convent of Minorets, is converted into a Meeting house. Near this town is a very neat well regulated Charter School, for 20 boys and 20 girls, founded on a legacy left by Mr. Dawson. There is a horse barrack in this town : on the County of Waterford side is a spaw water formerly frequented. I set out for Cashel, call'd 8 miles but cannot be less than 12 measured miles. I passed by Donoghmore and in sight of the large Castle of Mocklerstown. Cashel is situated in a very fine Country two miles from the Sure, and at the foot of the hill on which the old Cathedral stands called the rock of Cashel ; It is a poor town, but as the new road from Dublin to Cork is to pass through it, it is probable that will improve the town. There is no certain account of anything relating to the See of Cashel before Cormac King and Bishop of Cashel in 901, who is said to have built that curious old Chapel adjoyning to the Cathedral, called King Cormac's Chapel, which is arched over and adorned with many little pillars like the buildings about the time of William the Conqueror : In 1134 Donald O'Brien King of Limerick built a new Church, probably the old Quire, and made a Chapel or Chapter house of the old Church : there is a fine arch now decaying over the middle of the Cross Isle. To the west of the Church and adjoyning to it, is a building called King Cormacs palace which was the habitation doubtless of the succeeding Bishops. There are remains in the Church yard of a very ancient Cross. This church is built on a very fine high rock, the top of which is cover'd with Verdure and Archbishop Bolton made an easy ascent up to it ; it commands

a fine view of all the country round about. In 1569 the See of Emly was united to this Archbishoprick. In Archbishop Price's time, a few years ago the Cathedral service was removed from this place to the parish Church. There are remains of a Convent here, for there were two, one of Mendicants, and the other of Minorites. Near this town is Hore Abby of St. Mary which belonged to Cistertians. A very fine house was begun here by Archbishop Goodwin and finished by Bolton, with offices for Registry and Library and he left the best part of his Books to it : The late Archbishop Price was a Benefactor towards building a Sumptuous Charter School for sixty children. I went to see it, I set out to the west and passed by New Park, Mr. Pennyfeather's seat two miles from Cashel, and in three computed miles more came to Killenaul, a small poor town near the Collieries of Coal, which go by that name, a swifter coal than the Kilkenny coal, and not so full of Sulphur ; here I lay, and the next day the 14th (by the change of the style from the old to New) I went forward and travelling five miles to the north came to Kilcooly where there is an old Castle and near it the seat of Sr. William Barker just on the edge of the bog of Menela. There is another road from Killeneaule to Kilkenny by Callaghan but much worse. I then turned to the east, and entering the County of Kilkenny in two miles came to Killaghy and saw near it Kilrush, the seat of General St. George, which his Brother the Dean who is in remainder has taken from him ; this is a very fine County. We soon came to St. Albans, a handsome park and plantation of Councillor Cuffs, who has a good house here. Ascending a hill we had a glorious view of the fine Country Northward along the Nore beyond Durrow and southward to Callaghan and all the country below Kilkenny on the Nore :

and after riding about four miles came to Kilkenny most
pleasantly situated on the Nore. Kilkenny consists of two
parts, the city to the south, and the Burrough of St.
Kennys to the north belonging to the Bishop. The See
of Ossory was first fixed by St. Kiaran at Saiger now
Seir-Keran in Ely O carol in the time of St. Patrick,
which about 1052 was removed to the Abby of Aghabo,
of which in 599 St. Kenny was first Abbot and was
there buried: in the time of Henry 2d. the See was
removed to Kilkenny: Bishop Hacket is said to have
built the Belfery of polish'd marble. There is a fine
round tower here, probably built to the honour of St.
Kenny. The Bishop had houses at Aghore and Freinston,
repaired by Bishop Canewell: This Cathedral is looked on
as one of the best in Ireland. Near it is the Bishops
house most pleasantly situated on a height over the river.
There was a Priory on the east side of the town for
Canons of St. Augustine founded by William Marescall
the elder, Earl of Pembroke, which I take to have been
where there are the remains on a Convent on the east
side of the Nore; The sides of the church are all window,
and it looks very light. There was a Convent of Minorites
on the bank of the Nore, which I take to be the church
lately rebuilt near the bridge. There was also one of
Mendicants founded by William Marescall junior Earl of
Pembroke in 1225. There is a free school here with an
endowment, if I mistake not of £120 a year, a house and
pleasant meadows on the river; and is the only one in
Ireland that has some face of a publick school; but the
prices are risen so high, that it is to be feared it will fall in
its credit. This school was I suppose founded by the Ormond
family, who resided in the Castle here, which is a noble
house situated on a height over the river with a hanging

ground under it, covered with wood. There is a grand Corinthian gate at the entrance of this house, and at each angle in front a noble round tower: it was very finely furnished, and the furniture was bought by one Hacket a Creature of the family, who when he came to take down the hangings and tapestry, found a second sett under them, which no one knew of, the others being as tis suppos'd put up in haste. There are building here a hand-som Session house and Jayl of Kilkenny Marble, with which marble the houses are built, and the streets are paved: of this place it is said that, There is fire without smoke, Water without mud, and Air without Fog; The former is not a benefit as the Coal is so full of Sulphur, that people who are not used to it, cannot bear it in a room; but when burnt first in the Kitchen, the Cinders make a good tolerable fire, but it never flames, must not be stirr'd and looks like red hot iron, it makes an excellent kitchen fire: The coal is found in the hills about five or six miles to the north east of the town; and the Collieries belong to Lord Castlecomer. The Kilkenny marble quarry is half a mile to the south of the town, and is a very fine one; they can raise stones of any length; I have seen them fourteen feet long in entire pillars and jaumes of doors of one stone; They have Machinery turned by water for sawing and polishing, and formerly they had them even for turning, and made punch bowls, tea dishes, saucers and frames of pictures. The marble is of two or three kinds, the white being mostly made by petrified shells, but there is a sort called the feather marble from some resemblance of feathers. Some of the marble of the County of Kerry, is still more beautifull than this, in a variety of petrified shells: This marble makes very fine cisterns, which have been carryed into Italy and much

valued. The park of Kilkenny is on the Nore and much esteemed for the pleasantness of it; and beyond it are some remarkable Caverns. The Charter School for forty boys is a mile out of the town and is very well regulated.

Bennets
Bridge.

I dined at Kilkenny, walk'd to the school, and rode three miles in the evening to Bennets bridge, on the Nore; Here frequent camps have been pitched in order to discipline and review the army, particularly one in 1745. On the 15th I crossed this bridge and went on the east side of the river, and soon saw on the other side a very pleasant seat on the hanging ground over it, belonging to Mr. Griffith: I soon after passed by

the seat of the Lord Ikeran now Earl of Carrick, with fine plantations about it, and saw to the east Dungarvan, where there is near the Church, one of the round towers. I came to Thomas

Town, a small market town and Burrough on the Nore,

Thomas
town.

to which place it is navigable for small boats: Between this and Ross is another burrough town called Innisteag.

At Thomas town are remains of a fine large Church: A mile beyond the town in the way to Waterford are great remains of the Abby of St. Mary of Jerpont, it was for Cistertian Monks, founded by Donald King of Ossory in 1180, whose monument is here, as well as that of Felix O'Dallan, who transferred the See of Ossory to Kilkenny; the Abbot had a seat in Parliament. A little lower the river

falls from the west into the Nore which rises at Kilcooly, by which I passed out of the bog of Monela, then runs by Callan a small town which I have been at, near Lord Diserts seat: and afterwards by Kells, through which I have passed in the way from Kilkenny to Carrick, at which place there is a round tower, there was a Priory of Augustinian Canons. Going on over the heathy mountain I saw to the west Knocktopher, where I

have often been, and where there was a Carmelite Convent founded by James the Second Earl of Ormond in 1356. In seven miles from Thomas town we passed by Lukes Well, a place of great Devotion, and in seven more came to Waterford, a city which stands very pleasantly on the river Sure, having the finest Key in Europe, except that of Messina in Sicily and is half a mile long and of a good breadth. This city was built some hundred years before Henry 2nd by the Ostmen or Danes. The old town was in a triangular form with a tower at each corner, first Reginalds or Ring tower at the south east corner, then it went along by High Street westward to Turgesius's Tower in Baron Strand Street, from which it extended to St. Martin's Castle by Lady lane and so to Ringtowar: It afterwards took in all to Johns Gate, Stephens Gate, Waterford. Patrick gate and to the Key, and it is probable the river came anciently to the town walls: and that the pill or mill race from it washed the southern walls: The City was then enlarged by the English; and I observed the old walls to the Key were built of large stones, which are a cement of pebbles and must have been brought from the other side, all the Country being of that kind of stone. Near Patricks Gate was a square Fort by way of Citadel, where the Barracks are now built. The Cathedral called Christ Church dedicated to the Trinity is said to have been built by the Danes; and Malchus was the first Bishop in 1096. It is a plain building consisting of the body, the Quire, two Isles and the parish Church of Trinity behind the Quire. To the north was Rices Chapel and the Chapter house, both now pulled down: In the former was a curious Monument of the Rices now in the parish Church: On the south side is St. Saviours Chapel, now the Bishops Court, and St.

Nicholas now the Vestry and Chapter house ; There is also a chapel opposite to the Bishops Court. The Quire has lately been much ornamented if intermixture of Grecian with Gothick Architecture be call'd an ornament by a Corinthian Altar piece, which is the gift of Mrs. Susannah Mason and cost £200 ;—by a very handsom Canopy over the seat of the Mayor and Aldermen, and by the same over the galleries, and the seats of the families of the Bishops and Dignitaries, by making a Gallery to the north for the Soldiers, to the west over the Organ for the Charity boys—by adorning the Galleries with handsome Ballustrades, New seating the Church and paving it with black and white marble, to which besides the white marble The Revd. Dr. Jeremiah Milles, Chantor of the Cathedral of Exeter as he was likewise formerly of this Church and Treasurer of Lismore, gave the sum of fifty pounds :* St. Olaves and St. Patricks Church are both paved with black and white marble, adorned with handsom Altar pieces. Pulpits and thrones, and all the seats are so disposed, that the people stand with their faces to the east, the men on one side and the women on the other : These Churches were order'd in this manner and adorned under the care of Dr. Thomas Milles Bishop of Waterford and Lismore ; who published a learned edition of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, and writ a Treatise against Mr. Dodwell of the Immortality of the Soul.† There was a

* Dr. Jeremiah Milles was nephew of Bishop Thomas Milles of Waterford. He was Treasurer of Lismore, 1735-45, and afterwards Dean of Exeter. He was a very learned man, and became a Fellow of the Royal Society, and President of the Society of Antiquaries. He died in 1784.

† Dr. Thomas Milles was Bishop of Waterford from 1708 to 1740. He was previously Regius Professor of Greek at Oxford.

Dominican Convent in this city, called the White Fryars, the Church of which is now the County Court house : The Benedictine Convent of St. John, founded by King John, and the Franciscan Convent of the Holy Ghost, the Church of which now belongs to the French ; another part of it is an Hospital for twenty four Popish widows, founded by the Walshe's. Lastly, St. Catherines Priory for Canons of St. Victor. The Lepers Hospital was founded by the Powers Lords of Tyrone, and the lands are now applied to an Infirmary, and £100 a year to ten decayed house keepers ; and adjoyning to it is another Infirmary founded by the late Countess of Tyrone, which are attended by the same officers : Opposite to the Cathedral is built a very handsom House called the Apartment, for ten clergymens widows, and there are two houses more ; they have £10 a year ; all the Benefaction of Bishop Gore ; it is built on the place where King Johns house was situated. The Bishops House is a fine building of hewn stone begun by Bishop Este, but is not finished. The city Court house and Exchange, the city jayle and the fish market, are also handsom buildings of hewn stone, and the Custom house of Brick, with hewn stone windows. The Charity School founded by Bishop Foy, for 75 boys, is also of Hewn stone, a low Decent building, they are cloth'd and taught, the master has £60 a year and the Catechist £15 ; and there is a fund for binding them out apprentices. Mrs. Mary Mason also erected a good building of Brick, with stone window Cases for thirty girls, who are clothed, fed, lodged, taught to read and work. Behind the Bishops House where the Mill dam was, is a fine walk, planted with double rows of trees, and is called the Mall ; just beyond which at the end of the Key, is a fine Bowling green on the River. Mr.

Barkers hanging gardens are very beautiful. Mr. Wyses Mills are well worth seeing, in which the preparing of wheat to make flower is performed by Water Wheels; he has also a smelting house there, a manufacture of pins and several other works. There is also a Dock in the marsh for repairing of ships with water pipes laid to it. They have a considerable trade here to Cadiz, sending Butter, Herrings, &c :

and bring back, fruit, spanish wines, &c. : They send butter to Holland ; the Newfoundland ships come here and take in Pork, course Linnen and other provisions : They send work'd woollen yarn, Raw hides and Tallow to England. The Linnen Manufacture is carried on here of late years with great success. Near Waterford Kilbarry is a parish where there was a Preceptory belonging to the Knights of Jerusalem, and the lands of the whole parish belong to it. On the 18th I went from Waterford to Tramore bay, passing by Balinemona the seat of Mr. Carew. Tramore bay is about two miles broad, and has an exceeding fine strand, a rivlet falls into it at the east end where the tyde coming in, makes the north strand, divided from the other by a strip of land and some sandy hills, and it contains if I mistake not near 2000 acres, and when the tyde is in, it appears like a fine lake. There is a

^{Namore} bay. great Concourse of people of late to this place, in the summer to bathe, and to drink the salt water : and My Worthy friend Dr. Thomas Archdeacon of Lismore and Vicar General of the Diocese, has built a turret here, in a beautifull situation, with one large room up one pair of stairs, and great conveniences under it.* At this bay are a great variety of curious granites, marbles and jaspars, that have been rolled from the sea ; some of which I have had polish'd

* Edward Thomas, LL.D., Archdeacon of Lismore, A.D. 1751-1753.

and are very beautifull ; and to the west is a litle bay called, if I mistake not, Carols Bay, in which I have been informed are many curious pebbles. There is a bed of excellent oysters in the river which falls into the bay, but they are very scarce. On the other side of this rivlet, on the north side of which is a harbour for small craft, Mr. Wyse has a small country house, to which one fords the river ; on the sands near it, I have seen Asparagus grow wild, as Eringo does also in great plenty. Going along the sea coast towards Waterford harbour are several caves from the sea, with openings from them to the surface above : one of the finest of them is called the Bishops hole ; a litle within the mouth of the harbour is a very small bay, called white house bay : on one side are the remains of an old Castle and opposite to it, is a pleasant box call'd Nymph Hall belonging to Dr. John Alcocks Dean of Ferns and left him by Mr. Henry Mason : Beyond it is Dunmore Castle, and a litle further Woodstown the seat of Mrs. Motloe, from which there is a strand to Passage ; but before one comes to it in land is Crook Castle and a church that belonged to the Templars. Passage is the place where ships lye that wait either to go up to the town or sail out of the harbour. The litle town is situated on a narrow slip under a steep high hill. Further on is Faith leg Mr. Boltons house and estate, on it is Cheek-point hill, from the top of which is a glorious prospect : The Nore and Barrow joyned above Ross fall into the Sure. Opposite to this place, having made

what is called the Great Island, tho' it is only a peninsula ; Going on towards Waterford is Ballymakill the seat of Mr. Dobbyn, a very ancient family, opposite to which is the litle Island, a fine spot of ground of about an hundred acres, there is a Castle on it, but no spring. Inland

Killure a Preceptory of the Knights Templars, and Bishops Court a ruined Country house of the Bishop of Waterford. Passing Waterford and continuing up the river first is Grace Dieu where there is an house on a height, a most pleasant situation and beyond it a good house by the water side which belongs to Mr. Anderson. About two miles further is Skilloteran, a very neat church on a rivlet, and opposite to it is the Charter School for forty children, founded on the encouragement given by the city of Waterford and neighbouring Gentlemen. Near this is a very fine slate Quarry, and about half a mile farther in a bottom on a small rivlet is Whitfield, a seat of Mr. Christmas's, a small house with a handsom Apartment added to it; the gardens are pretty and a proper advantage is taken of the great command of water; Mrs. Christmas made a beautifull shell-room of a Summer house, in which there are a great number of fine shells, Corals and pieces of Statuary and Grotesque China. Near Lisnekil church in an ancient Danish fort were found two urns of Coarse earth, in one there was a black earth or Ashes, in the other a bracelet of pure gold, weighing about five ounces. At the mouth of this rivlet on the Sure is a pleasant box, late Mr. Ivies, now the habitation of Mr. Southwell. To the south east of Lisnekil is an old Castle called Butlers Castle. It is to be observed that all along on this side of the Sure there is no lime stone, but plenty of it on the other side, except that about Kilmeaden they find it in a marle they have there, some of which is in large lumps: but this marle is of such a nature, that tho' it has been tryed every way, they cannot find it does any good to the land. At Kilmeaden just over the water is a small house of Lord Donerails, now inhabited by Mr. Usher; there is also a spaw water at Kilmeaden: and Mr. Wyse has

lately made a rivulet navigable from the Sure about half a furlong to Mills he has built for rowling Copper, smiteing Iron and several other works. Going further up the river, close to it is Mayfield, the seat of Mr. May built adjoyning to Rochets Castle ; near this the river Clodugh falls into the Sure, on which about two miles higher is Curraghmore, the seat of the Earl of Tyrone, situated in a bottom. The house is grand and comands a view of the mountains to the south west. To the west of it, is a ^{Curragh} _{more.} fine artificial Serpentine river and walks are cut through a beautiful wood of well grown oaks. Lady Tyrone is making a fine Grotto near it, in which there is a grand profusion of curious shells and Corals. They have a piece of Chrystal in this family of which the country people have a notion, that if is put into the water which the Cattle drink, it will cure the Murrain, it is sent for even from distant places for this purpose.* In a bog near this place, two of those brass heads of an ancient offensive weapon call'd Celts were found, of which so many have been dug up in several parts of England. Lord Tyrone has rebuilt in a very elegant manner the parish Church of Clonegam. Following the course of the Sure above Mayfield is a ruinous house in a pleasant situation over an height caled Montpelier, and belongs to the Bolton family. We then come to Carrick-beg opposite to Carrick in the County of Tiperary ; here was a Minoret Convent, the tower of which is remarkable, it is built on the side wall of the Church from one point as in the middle of the wall below. At this place is the church of Kilmolleran, a parish absorpt in that of Desert, from which it is called the Prebendary and Vicaridge of Desert and Killmolleran ; but

* See my *Ireland and the Celtic Church*, p. 124, for a note on this superstition, which is as old as St. Columba's day.

the bounds of the two ancient parishes are not known tho' probably it was the stream at Coolnemuckey : At Carrickbeg is a large stone bridge over the Sure. In a quarry of soft stone above this place are many Dendrites, formed by the shooting of some minerals, but they easily wash out. To the south at a distance from the Sure, is the large parish of Mothil ; near the parish church are remains of an old Convent of Cistertian or Augustinian Monks. Coolnemucky on the Sure is an old Castle of Mr. Walls, to the East of it I saw formerly an oak standing called the Blahoge, the trunk of which was about ten feet diameter, and the boughs spread as it is said, over near an acre of ground : On the side of the hill to the south of Cool ne Muchy, is a fine plantation of 20,000 firrs, which thrive much : A litle further is Churchtown the seat of Mr. Disney on the river where there is a ford, and there is another about three miles higher, and on a river a litle beyond the Church of Desert is Glyn a house belonging to Mr. Congreve, formerly a Castle of the Everards : At Bolenhendeport upon the mountain, saies the Author of the County of Waterford, was an Abby, rather a Convent of St. Madock for Canons regular of St. Augustine. On the first mountain are the houses of several gentlemen farmers, who have small estates here, mostly the Powers. This flat on the top of the hills is a pretty good country, and extends two or three miles to the high mountains of Cummora, which stretch near as far as Dungarvan : on the top of them I have been informed, is a large Lake. This country and the eastern part of the Barony of Decies, is called the Powers Country because it was mostly inhabited by people of that name. Within two miles of Clonmell is an old Castle, if I mistake not, called Tuchencore, belonging to Sr. William Osborn : about two miles

above Clonmell on the Sure, they find excellent marle, and from it the estate of Mr. Moore is called Marlefield. As I have before given an account of this country, as I travelled through it as far as Drumanna and Villerstown, I shall go on with it to the south from those places. And first on the west side of the Blackwater. To the west of Tallon is the Castle of Lisfinny formerly belonging to the Earls of Desmond. Towards Youghall on a rock over the river is the Castle of Strancaley, from which there is a passage cut through the rock to the river; There are traditions of the Earl of Desmonds confining people here, leaving them to perish, and seizing on their Estates, on which part of the Castle and rock were blown up. Lower are the Castles of Temple Michael and Rhincrow alias Kilkrow, of which there is a tradition that it was the place of the Knights Templars. Near this is Balyntray, the house of Mr. Smith, opposite to which is an island called Der Inis and sometimes the Isle of S. Molanfloe or Molanna, from a Convent there of Regular Canons founded by that saint in the 6th Century. Here they say Reymond le Gross was buried, who in the time of Henry II^d. had a great share in the Conquest of Ireland. Near this is the bounds of the County of Cork round by a rivulet to the south: Going on the other side of the river we met with a large Castle, said to be built by King John, and is called in Irish Clough, I should before have mentioned that on the Phinisk north of Drumanna is Bewley, where there are ruins, said to be an house of the Templars, but there is no account of it. At Ballina Multina there is a quarry of good slates. About Clashmore the river Lichey falls from the east into the Blackwater, on which is the Castle of Balyheny; At Clashmore there was a Convent of Canons regular founded in the 7th Century by St. Cronan Mockoa.

Kinsale beg is opposite to Youghal, where the church was roofed and covered by Bishop Milles, but all the Protestant inhabitants leaving the Parish it was not finished. Near it is Prospect Hall, the seat of Mr. Bernard, from which there is a fine view of Youghall on the river which is built up the side of a hill, a little like the situation of Constantinople, to the south west was a fine Strand four miles long, but by some accident was spoiled for riding: Pilestown is the estate of the Walshes ^{Ardmore.} where judge Walsh lived, who is supposed to be the author of the forged Commission in favour of the Irish Rebels, in the time of King Charles the first, according to the Author of the County of Waterford. We now leave the river and turn eastward along the shore and soon came to Ardmore, the great (head or height) from a head of land at this place; It was anciently the See of a Bishoprick founded by St. Declan of this county who was the first Bishop, about the time of St. Patrick: They say, he founded a Monastery here, which might be at the old church over the Sea-cliff; where there are remains of a very ancient building; the Cathedral probably was where the present parish church is, at the west end of which are some curious old reliefs of Saints, of Adam and Eve, &c.: the chancel only is covered for the Parish church. Near it is a small square building where St. Declan is buried: there is the finest and best built round tower here in the Kingdom, fifteen feet in diameter and above a hundred high, it is divided into five parts by four water tables, there are at top two or three beams of timber for hanging a Bell, for which use it certainly served, there being very plain channels in the stones at the bottom of the door worn by the ropes. There are also remains of an old Castle here; on the head of land were formerly lead

mines, and searching of late for ore they found they were worn out. This parish extends a great way into the mountains to the north and four miles to the eastward. There is a great Pattern held here on St. Declans day and penances are performed by creeping under a stone, concerning which they have some strange tradition: old mines also are seen over the mountains, which if I mistake not, are said to have been Iron mines. They have a fine Strand here and a pretty good fishery: Between this and Dungarvan is Rineogonah parish, from which one may pass over the Strand to Dungarvan: but the more common way is over very dismal mountains, which are near on a level with the ground towards the sea, but there is a great descent from them to the vale in which Dungarvan is situated on a Bay into which the small river of Colligan and Briskey fall, the latter is a great torrent after rains. It is situated on the south side of the river and is a good fishing town, and famous for an export ^{Dungar-} _{van.} of potatoes to many parts of Ireland, and I am told they export the yolks of eggs boyld hard and salted for Spain to be eaten as sauce with their salt fish; There is a bank about ten leagues from Dungarvan, where they catch quantities of Hake and Haddock, Cod, Ling, and many other kinds of Fish. They have also a bed here of very large oysters. There is a barrack built in the old Castle, of which there was formerly a Constable: on one side of Dungarvan is Shandon, the seat of the Hores, and on the east side Clonkasteran, Mr. Nugents; opposite to the town on the north side of the river is an old Convent of Augustinian Eremites, founded by the MacGraths in the thirteenth century. Going along the coast eastward, Clonea is a flat country, and under the Strand is a bog, the turf of which is disagreeable to the smell when it is

burnt within land, in Killrossanty are the Castles of Barnakill and Baleykeroge. In Stradbally at Ballivony is a large building and two remarkable wells, which communicate with each other and they are fed by water, brought by a Subterraneous passage: There is a descent by steps to one of them: it is thought to have belonged to the Knights of Jerusalem. At Kilmacthomas is a strong Castle of the Powers, and a litle farther about two miles from the sea is Newtown, laid out in Streets, and paved and a few houses built, but now ruined all by Mr. Greatrakes. Going along the Coast is Killarimeden, where on Lord Ranelaghs estate some lead mines have been discovered, which did not answer, but on Knockanmaham the Bishops estate they have worked some copper mines with good success, tho' now they say the vein is grown very small and hardly worth pursuing. I saw some ore which look'd like glass and like broken bugles and some pure native copper: Between this and Tramore is nothing remarkable, but Island Ikane, so called from very small Islands opposite to it, about two miles from Tranmore bay. On Monday Octr. 2d 1752 I set out from Waterford to Ross and crossed over to the County of Kilkenny, in about two miles I passed by a small Kern with a Cross on it, and had soon to the left a rocky hill of that cement of pebbles, chiefly of the Alabaster kind, which abound all over the country and of which the walls of Waterford are built; after riding about two miles farther, we passed by an old church call'd Kilmacoivow: we had a fine view of the river Sure and then of the Nore and Sure and going up to a height, I had a delightful prospect of the mouth of the harbour, of the winding of the Nore and of what they call the great Island, which is only a Peninsula. We came to the Nore

and crossed it into the County of Wexford to Ross; all the Country we passed over is a union of Vicaridges in the gift of the City of Waterford. Ross is very pleasantly situated on the river and on the side of the hills over it, ^{Ross.} a rivulet runs down the middle of it through the street in a little hollow between the two hills; it is encompassed with a wall defended by turrets; on the top of the hill is the large church of the Convent of the Minorits, the east end of which serves for a Parish Church; there is a handsom tower to it, which commands a view of the Country, of the Barrow falling into the Nore about a mile higher, a fine flat on the river below, a little like the Campo of Scio, except that instead of wall'd gardens, it is laid out in beautiful meadows. In the church they show the tomb of Rosa Marra, who they say built the Town walls and the Church, and near it is what they call the tomb of her son, who being drowned as they say, she built Hook Tower at the mouth of the Harbour of Waterford. Under the south cross Isle are two or three vaults which are open. The body of the church is cover'd with lead. There is a good Town house here, built of a very fine white mountain stone or Granite. The Key is a most pleasant walk. Half a mile from the town in the road to Inniscorthy is a Charter School for twenty boys and twenty girls.

On the 3d I set out and went about a mile to the south ^{Inniscorthy.} west in view of the river, and leaving the road to Ducannon Fort struck into the road to Nash Balligarvan and Clamines I went near Slea quiltah which is over the river, in about a mile we came to Castle Terri and soon came to Aglamar and in half a mile further to Dunmain Mr. Reyleys having lost the way to Nash further to the north, but came into it at Balligarvan. The house of

Dunmeen was the habitation of Lord Altham, where it is said he parted from his Lady, and when afterwards a dead child was born of one of the name of Esther, they afterwards came together, and then it was, as I understood that it is said she was delivered in the house of Mr. Annesley, who now again sets up for the estate and title.* We soon passed near Abbey Kilbrayney belonging to Mr. Cliff: and farther to the east saw on a height Brianstown Mr. Tenches; we came in half a mile to Castle Boley, and in half a mile more to Dungulow Castle and soon after to Clamines, which they say was formerly a town of trade, tho' there is now only one house in it, but there are three old towers or Castles remaining in it, one of which is near the Parish church of St. Nicholas, and in it was an arch'd chapel with an apartment over it. The other two are in a line, and they say there was a row of houses between them and another row built so as to make a street, and part of the Cross of the Market place is remember'd as standing: Just over the river are remains of a Convent, which I was informed was of Augustinian Monks; near it is St. Marie's chapel: Just above, the Blackwater from the west, and Folkes's mill river from the north unite, and make the river of Clamines, which lower is called the river of Bannoe; The Tyde comes up here making a sort of a bay and at low water they cross over on a kind of a Causeway they have made, but the water comes three or four feet over it: This is a Burrough, Mr. Annesley's estate, but the Burrough is in Lord Loftus. I here dined on the provisions I had brought, and a dish of fish the Farmer provided for me, of the white

Clamines.

* See Burke's *Vicissitudes of Families*, and his *Extinct Peerages*, under Annesley, Earl of Anglesey, for a notice of this celebrated case.

Trout and Plaice, the latter very little inferior to Turbet. He had a son who is dumb, but very sharp in country business and has a very strong sense of Religion. I here left my horses to cross over to go to Bannoe and took horses to ride four miles south to Fethard ; Having travelled about half way I came to the old Convent of Tintern, turned into a mansion house of the Colcloughs ; The church is was large with a great tower in the middle, the Chancel part was converted into a house with three floors and chimneys, of which I never saw an instance ^{Tristern.} before : I was informed that this family came over in Queen Elizabeths time, that an Ancestor marrying a Papist went over to the popish religion, but in the present is a Convert who has fixed a Spinning School here and a linnen Manufactory and built a little market house in the village. I came to Fethard pleasantly situated on the north side of a small river, about a mile from the Bay of Bannoe. It is a Burrough belonging to Lord Loftus who has built a little town here ; It was a Mannor of the Bishop of Fernes, but exchang'd for another Estate. The Castle was the Bishops house one of the name of Ram was the last that ^{Fethard} liv'd in it : It was afterwards the Mansion house of the Loftus family. There are remains of an old chapel and of a building which they say, was the Bishops Study and that there was a Terrace to it from the Castle : There is a turret near the town built like a Castle, which is on the Glebe, and is supposed to have been the Parsonage house : In this bay there is a small oyster bed for Lord Loftus's use ; I had been formerly at this place and the places I shall describe.—Bag and Bun a mile to the south east where Strongbow landed in the time of Henry 2d. in a little bay made by that head and the head to the north of it at the mouth of Fethard river. It is said he came with

Duncannon.

two ships, one named Bag, the other Bun ; there is a double entrenchment round it : A narrow strip of Land extends to the south on the east side of the harbour of Waterford, on which stands a Light house called Hook Tower and there being a place call'd Crook opposite to it, 'tis said that on landing the General declared he would take Ireland by Hook or by Crook. Here is Loftus Hall the seat of Lord Loftus a descendant of Primate Loftus, no tree will grow above the shelter of the walls ; The mulberry tree thrives best of any with that shelter : This strip of land is exceeding rich, as it is constantly manur'd by the spray of the sea. About two miles farther to the west is Duncannonfort, which was built to command the passage up the river, the lower works are cut out of the rock, and the channel being close to it, no ship can go up but must be within canon shot ; some soldiers are always here in Garrison ; near this fort is a very good chalybeat spring. King James had a ship ready here in case of any disaster, and after the battle of the Boyn he lay in Dublin ; and came here the next day and embark'd for France. About two miles farther is Ballyhack opposite to Passage and under the hill in the same manner ; here are some great Fairs held for tame fowls of all sorts which sell very cheap, as also white course frieze at low prices. On the 4th I left Fetheard and walk'd a mile on the south side of the river to the Mole, in which a vessel of an hundred tun can lye safe, but in a storm a ship cannot be secure abroad, except it may be from a westerly wind. I crossed over in about about half a league to Bannoe and landed on the strand at that creek of land which joyns what they call the Island of Canoe to the land : here they say was the old and safe entrance when Clamines was a town of trade ; but now the entrance

is to the west of it, and is choaked up by several barrs of sand that would make it very difficult, for a ship to pass with safety when the tydes are high: This Peninsula is is fine low round hill covered mostly with corn and appears very beautifull. There are only three or four houses at Banoe and ruins of a good old church, in which there is an old Font, a tomb with a Latin inscription on it, in the old character and a stone coffin with a hole cut in it to receive the head. This is in the Barony of Bargie, which as well as that of Forth is a great corn country, insomuch that they say these two have sent some years from Wexford, as one told me 140,000 barrels of Barley, that is half that number of quarters. These countries are entirely different from any other part of Ireland exceedingly well inhabited, especially in and towards the Barony of Forth; a gentlemans house is seen almost every mile, and besides Villages and Hamlets one sees a house at every $\frac{1}{2}$ quarter of a mile distance, the farms being from five to sixty acres and mostly above twenty, the people neat well dress'd and very honest. The Barony of Forth are a Colony from England about the time of Henry 2d., and they are so wedded to their own country, that they have not gone much out of it till of late years, they are become so very populous that they now go to Newfoundland, to England, and also to harvest to many parts and take farms in Bargie and about Eniscorthy where they have manure of marle, for having been used to those improvements which are the gift of nature, they do not care to go where they have not either lime or marle, and this has raised the price of land very much in those parts: In Bargie which is not altogether so populous, there is a greater appearance of wealth; notwithstanding in Forth they live as neat as can be on such small farms and keep

all clean about 'em, their food is Potatoes, barley bread, Bacon, cheese and milk ; at the great festivals they have the old English way of making a feast ; inviting their friends and their neighbours, the Landlord and the priest, and they have beef, mutton and pudding in great plenty : as they sow horse beans very much and grey pease, so they eat both the one and the other with bacon dry as well as green. Near the sea they manure with sea weed, sowing every year and manuring every year, and change the grain, Barley, oats, beans, pease, but no wheat ; what they want is bought at Wexford. If they lime it holds nine years and marle I believe the same. As to their particular Customs, it has been said they go to bed in the middle of the day, which they might do formerly ; and now, as the Irish, they lye down for an hour in hot weather : All contracts are transacted by exchanging money, and so the contract of marriage is made here ; the young man goes with his friends, gives the woman a piece of money ; and it having happened sometimes that among people not of good character consummation has ensued, this has been the ground for saying that it was commonly so, and that they married in form afterwards. We went on close to the sea side ; in two miles came to Cullingtown and soon after to Bali Teague Island, as it is called, tho' only a Peninsula it is a warren and is a long strip extending westward, and at the west end of it the sea enters and makes those bays to the north of it, which are called the Broadwater ; in half a mile we came to Coolhill Castle, and in a mile more to a little town called Duncormuck, where there is a church and a bridge over a rivulet, I saw Kai Mr. Wilsons to the north, and to the east of Ballyhenny Mr. Vigors ; I then passed by Kilcooly Castle and rivulet, and observed a singular building on it, like a small

house, this castle seems to have been destroyed on purpose to get the limestone out of it, for from this rivulet, if I do not mistake to Bridgetown they get a reddish lime stone, for which they dig in pits, finding it in pieces mixed with the soil, and this has made this country very populous, probably by Colonies from Forth. In a mile we came to Baldwinstown where there is a Castle and rivulet, and all about it is great plenty of lime stone, which they carry to the distance of four or five miles, they make kilns of sods in the field they would manure and build up the lime stone in a Cone, and burn it with furze and the old kiln remains till they want to make use of it again ; but when once a field is arable they keep it for a long time under corn by manuring it again ; for in all the road to Ladies Island I saw only one piece of fallow, opposite to this part are the Saltee Islands, which abound in rabbits and sea birds, there are good springs in them but they are not inhabited. In a mile I came to Bridgetown, where there is a large bridge over the river ; near it is the Church of Mulranchy in which parish it is : in the] Church yard is this inscription on a tomb—

Here lyes a jolly merry blade
Who's gone ;—but now he's but a shade
To teach the Ghosts a Masquerade :
But Pluto likes not such a Guest,
Bids him depart and go to Rest

WILLIAM HOSKINS, Dancing Master, 1748.

The estate on this side of the river belongs to the Ivery family, who set leases of lives renewable for ever to Protestants, and then sold the estate : so that there are as they say more protestants in this Union, than in all the two

Baronies of Bargie and Forth ; that is I suppose Gentlemen's families excepted ; However that may be, there are, as they say, about fifty families, and they have all sorts of trades and seem to be very happy and wealthy ; and truely the face of these two Baronies appeared to me like an enchanted Country, so different from anything I had seen indeed anywhere. I took some refreshment here, and in about two miles came to the Bridge of Bargey, where there is a Castle ; here I came into the Barony of Forth, the miles before were so long that three make about five, but in Forth they seem to have introduced the English mile, for here I found the miles very short : They call it six miles to Ladies Island ; and here I saw the marble pits, for manuring the land : I saw Hia Castle about a mile from Ladies Island, and at the Same distance passed through a village called Broadway, and passing over a bridge near an old Church, I observed just opposite to the

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Island the white sand which is famous here, it is a stratum a foot below the surface, and is carried to all parts for the use of sand boxes,—but they have the same sort on the sea side to the east. Ladies Island is about a mile round, it is now become a Peninsula one sees where there was a fossee for the water to pass, and at that place there is a Tower called Maidentower which has settled on one side, the foundation appears to be laid on the green sod ; here they say was a Draw bridge, there seems to have been a wall built on each side to this tower, and there is a Causeway of large stones to it, to pass over when the Lough was full ; within this and about fifty yards is a Gateway and another wall built at about the same distance within ; that is the old church, where there is a font of red Granite of which there is great plenty in these parts, there is also in a nich an alabaster

statue of the Virgin and our Saviour and before it an old brass Cross, with one of the four Evangelists in each of the ends of it. This is a place of great devotion among the Roman Catholicks, probably set on foot by the English Colony, that they might have everything within themselves ; and they come to do penance here by walking once round the Island barefooted, and three times round the Church and sometimes they perform this three times over, and some on their knees : The tracks of their feet is seen all round the Island ; There is an enclosure by the church for the accommodation of pilgrims, who come mostly between the Festival of the Assumption in August, and that of the Nativity of the V. Mary in September : and all the roads are exceeding fine in these parts. But the Lake here is a natural curiosity, it rises so high in about seven years, that it would overflow the inland Country round it ; and then three or four hundred people come in and mark out in the sand banks to the south west a fossee about an hundred feet wide and begin to open it in the middle, narrowing it as they go down, they then open it to the sea and at last work upon it towards the Lake ; if they find the water coming they must instantly leave it, for it gushes out as a great torrent and falls down in a Cascade into the sea, the bottom of the lake being about ten feet above the surface of the Ocean ; sometimes it breaks away the bank at night, but if it happens by day they take great quantities of fish, mostly Plaice ; but if it goes out by night as it did the last time they loose the fish : the first high wind fills up the opening, the lake fills slowly, as it leaks out for some time at the place they open, but when that is closed up with the slime and earth from within, it fills faster, and in about seven years begins to overflow the lands ; the water with the spray of the sea is brackish ;

Lake a natural curiosity.

great quantities of wild fowl lye on it. I saw the black Gull and green plover, for this Country is famous for Wild fowl ; the widgeons are excellent, but the best sort are call'd the Wynniards, so also is the Barnicle, the first go inland to the bogs and breed, the Barnacles go to the parts from which they came, to the north, and are seen by the Ships at sea northward with the Tyde ; when they are attack'd by Eagles or Hawks by a wonderful instinct, they gather all together and keep beating with their wings and raise the water, so that the bird of prey cannot see to attack 'em, but if any one is disabled and cannot close with them, they are surely taken ; they have bounds of furze bushes round this Island to lye unobserved and shoot at them. I set out on the 5th and went two miles to Carne village and Head, where one Mr. Pallasur lives the Land-lord of the place : Carnehead is the south east point of Ireland, and makes out to the south in Rocks of Granite, chiefly of the red kind, such as at the Cataracts of the Nile of which the Obelisks were made, some of it is greyish in large veins like some in Cornwall. I went on to the point which is covered with muscles, that fix to it with their beards, there are also welks and limpets on these rocks, and a boy seeing me walk on them came and grop'd for Crabs, and I observed he knew every hole tho' it was under Water ; the seals also came very close to the rock and I whistled to them, to which they seemed to give attention, but when they saw me they div'd. I then went along by the sea side northward passed by Carne Church and afterwards St. Margarets Major Nuns being a great Landlord in these parts, then by Baley Trant Mr. Hughes's, and by an old Church ; I went along the Strand for some way, and saw the seals lying out of the water on rocks about an hundred yards from the waterside, they

took no notice of any noise I made to frighten 'em, but when I whistled their whole body was in agitation, as if sensibly affected by it, we saw the heads of others in the water near them which I took to be young ones. In another mile we came to Balihiar and at the same distance to Ballygeny, in half a mile near Kilroan Castle and saw inland Brinikan Houli, and Kilstoran Church in repair and Hil Castle and so came to Roslaer, where I dined in a Cabin on what I had brought with me ;— Having travelled on a bank over the sea for about three miles the Coast here making such a turn that we had the sea to the north of St. Eblin's point, we passed to the south making a great shallow bay with the land of Wells in the way to Gory. I came some part of the way on the strand, as I might have come all along but as I had no view of the country I chose to ride on the Cliffs over the sea which are a kind of blew clay with herbage on them, the sand to the southward as well as here being all white, and there is a great variety of Granite among the pebbles on the beach. I rid a mile and half farther northward on the point to Whitehouse Mr. Boyd's, where in the waren on the sandbanks I saw the dwarf withy. I observed them making ropes with rushes twisted with the same kind of instrument I described before, which is here call'd a Crook : At the end of this point is what they call the Fort, where a Custom house officer resides. We passed again near Roslaer Castle and in about a mile passed by Grange ; in about two miles we came to Clonck where there was a pattern or rood, and I saw the young men playing at hand tennis : I observed the women were dressed extremely neat with their short cloaks of cloth. In a mile we had Kileny Castle at a little distance Mr. Harvey's, and in another we came to Kilau, where there is

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a rivlet, and here they dig very good Limestone in quarries: I was told also that they are in search of a rich mine in this place: We had gone since we turn'd our faces to the East under the mountain or hill of Forth, which extends westward for seven or eight miles, the foot of it this way is rocky and I observed from this place to Wexford it consists of a reddish stone; we came in another mile to Wexford. The common people of the Barony of Forth are mostly Roman Catholicks, and I shall conclude this Barony with some account of their language which is the English of the time of Henry III and comes pretty near to Chaucers. They now indeed almost all affect to speak good english, and do speak it with a very good accent, and I met but one who did not speak tolerable modern english, but they make use of some particular expressions, and many of them talk very broad. I took down some of the words and expressions.

Right well	very well	Ichas our Ladies Island Ilone last yere or Vorn yere.
Broad way	High way	Wast ere in Divline? Dublin.
Ichas - -	I was	Ichas nere in my lieve. But if Ish live shall go to it fiste March.
Cal - - -	Horse	How old art thou? fourscore going on five.
		God Almighty keep thee saf upon zee and Lone.
Cales - -	Horses	Keep you your health and send you well abrode and better home.
Kine - -	Cows	Just before the downing.
Kew - -	Cow	I had a good friend going along with me and I did not heed it.
Well e new	Well enough	

When they come in old age what kin is then upon 'em.
This last I cannot explain tho' I writ it down.

Wast ere upon Mountain a Forth? this is the hill I
mentioned near Wexford of which they tell a story of a

person who was going to it and had never been out of the Barony and finding it a great way, return'd, and said that such a one had been in France and Spain, but was nere so far off. And another who seeing the prospect from the top of it was struck with astonishment and said what a weid worn this is. What a wide world is this. And tho' the difference is so litle, yet when I heard it spoken I could understand very litle by reason of the different pronunciation.*

Between Grenon point I have mentioned and Rane point north of it, is the entrance to the bay of Wexford, which extends southward like a great lake, just opposite to the entrance is an Island called with a Castle on it ; the town of Wexford is situated on the south side of the bay on the angle where the land turns from the north to the west, and a cape extending towards it from the north, it is there only a mile over, opening to the west in a large ^{Wexford} basin, which appears like a fine lake, with high ground round it beautifully improved with plantations of wood, and particularly Sr Arthur Gore's Kilpatrick to the north west, and Athtraman Mr. Stevensons. Wexford consists chiefly of two streets, one on the flat, the court and gardens behind the houses extending to the sea, so that there are only two piers built out as keys, the other street is over it on the side of the hill : The Streets are very narrow, and there is a wall built round the town which is near a mile in length and the town may be about a furlong broad, the houses are mostly mean buildings, for it is a town of no great trade, by reason that there is a dangerous barr at the entrance of the harbour : The chief

* See all the authorities and references about the dialect of the Baronies of Forth and Bargy in *Ireland and the Anglo-Norman Church*, by George T. Stokes, D.D., p. 79.

trade is an export of corn, and an import of deal boards and some wine, it is the nearest land to England, being about eighteen leagues from St. David's head, Wicklow is about the same distance from the head of Carnarvonshire which is seen very plainly from Bray head and from the mountains of Wicklow, whereas Holyhead is about twenty leagues from the hill of Howth near Dublin, so that there have been thoughts of having packet boats from St David's to Wexford: This is the market town of the south west part of the County and especially of the Barony of Forth and Bargie: There is one church in service St the other old churches within the walls are St Oulaks, St Patricks and St Maries. Out of the town St Peters, St Michael and St John, I saw also in the principal street St Ivers a sort of chapel with a saxon door to it. Besides these there is a church call'd Selsker with a very large tower in the middle of it, which I suppose is that of the Priory of St Peter and St Paul, de Selster for Canons regular of St Austin. St. John is probably the Priory of St John and St Bridget founded by Wm. Marescall Earl of Pembroke for Knights of the Hospital, of this there are hardly any remains. A Fryery of Mendicants is also mention'd as founded in the time of Henry IIId. There is a good Courthouse here for the Assizes which are always held at this place, it is esteemed one of the cheapest places in Ireland, and they have great plenty of wildfowl in the season, especially widgeons and that kind of them call'd wyniard which are thought to exceed the wild duck, they have also Barnacles: The reason why the market is so cheap, is that it is a nook of Ireland, and by its situation and rivers is cut [off from a convenient communication with other places. The south supplies 'em with barley and oats, beans and Pease, the north with wheat, and all

the country round with tame fowl ; the sea with plenty of fish especially oysters for which they are famous. There is a very good chalybeat spaw here which purges by urine, it is at the west end of the town, and there is a walk and long room, formerly much frequented.

On the 6th I crossed over the broad ferry, there is another higher up across the river Slany which leads to Inniscorthy, and the navigation up that river is very pleasant : there are three roads to Gory, one close by the sea, another on the high land over it, and the third the high road I went in, which is the farthest to the west. In a mile we passed by Tramore Castle Mr. Prestons, and soon after by Castle Bridge, in about three miles we passed over a rivulet called Arbrohan and a little further had Newfort Mr. Kennys to the right : half a mile further we passed Carclough a hamlet and rivulet, and going as much farther came to Ballinemona beg, where about five feet below the surface they have a good manure of sand, full of broken pieces of shells, and beyond this they find in the fields a sort of sparr, which is red, blew and white and make use of it for mending the roads ; In another mile we came to Oula, where there is an old castle, and a rivulet rises here from four or five streams, which come out of the foot of the hill, and on the side of the hill they have a quarry of rough building stones ; this is nine computed miles from Wexford and half way to Gory, and here I dined. In a mile we came to Killiguian rivulet and a mile farther to Wells, where Mr. Doyne has a large brick house, From this place we had a view of a fine vale to the east having a high ground between it and the sea ; and all along this vale is a good marle : in half a mile we passed by Bayley Ray Mr. Boltons, and as much farther through a Hamlet called Bally Edmond, where there is a rivlet

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also; a little farther we passed Ballinatra hamlet and river, and saw Mr. Lindons to the right and several other Gentlemens houses, and descending into a fine vale which forms a sort of Amphitheatre, encompassed with hills and all well wooden and finely improved, we had to the right a wood and house of Lord Anglesea's called Monroe and came to Ballicocon a large village, where there is a church in repair; I then passed the river which runs through this vale, and rid over Ballinenah hill to the vale in which Gory stands to the south west of the hill Tarah, which like a promontory is seen from the Barony of Forth: on this hill we passed over I saw many red stones like the jasper on which the ancients frequently cut seals, a piece of which I took with me, to have it polished and see the nature of it. Gory is a very small neat town, consisting of one broad street about a furlong in length; this with two other adjoining parishes belong to the Deanery of Ferns, and there is a neat small church here. Ramsfort is not a quarter of a mile from the town, the seat of Mr. Ram, who is building a grand house of six rooms on a floor, all of it except the grand front is built of the mountain stone or Granite brought from the hills about Agherin on the river of Arklow, it has in it a sort of silver mica and looks as well as fine white freestone; the grand front is of brick with window and door frames of this stone; there is a fine avenue and plantations about it and a large park. Six miles south west of this place is Ferns, which I had formerly seen, there are great remains there of the Bishops Castle and other buildings; Branduh King of Leimster gave Ferns to St. Edan or Moedog the first Bishop of it and made it an Archbishoprick and the metropolis of Leinster. The Bishop was after this for

some time called Bishop of Wexford, that is probably of the County, and then without doubt after the Archbishop of Dublin was made the Metropolitan. On the 7th I set forward and in a mile saw Balinatra to the left Mr. Esmonds's and farther on Castletown to the right, Mr. Mastersons, and in four miles from Gory came to a good village called Coolgrany, and coming into the County of Wicklow, in three more came to Arklow Charter School for twenty boys and twenty girls on Lady Allens Estate,* which I visited and went on a quarter of a mile to Arklow, a poor fishing town, without a Custom house, pleasantly situated near the mouth of the river. They formerly had much fish in the river, but the Coperas of the mines has corrupted the waters, so as that most of the fish are destroyed. They have a good hard marle here, which lasts Arklow. a considerable time. There is a foot Barrack in this place, and there was a convent here of Friars preachers founded by Tibald Butler in 1264, it is said his statue is in the church of it, where he is buryed. up the river is Mr. Howards son of the late Bishop of Elphin,† Ballyarklow Mr. Sims; on the southern branch of the river is Agherim, that to the north rises near Ballinderry on the next and the principal is Rathdrum which rises in two Branches, one coming from Glandelough the other from Lough Tee which falls into Lough Dan and so both of them from this river, and the eastern branch comes from Glanely: and all this country is very finely improved and adorned with wood and even timber in some parts, all the way as far as Rathdrum and along Glanely. This country abounds very

* This lady was Elizabeth, daughter of the second Viscount Allen of Stillorgan. She married, in 1750, John, first Lord Carysfort.

† Right Rev. Robert Howard, F.T.C.D., Bishop of Killala, A.D. 1726, of Elphin, 1729, was father of Ralph Howard, and first Lord Wicklow.

much in copper mines and they have found a sort of Oker which produces lead, out of which they get silver with much gold in it, that is worth ten shillings an ounce : They have also a water which comes from the mines so strongly impregnated with copper that finding an old carr and some tools that were of iron precipitated into copper, they now lay bars of iron in it, and in twelve weeks they are turned to copper, which I was told sometimes weighs heavier than the iron they put in. I crossed over Redcross Hill and in five miles came to a village called Red cross in a fine vale, which is divided from another by some low hills, in which vale stands Dunganstown an old ruined castle belonging to Mr. Hoy, who began to build a large house near it : This is about two miles from the sea, and farther south of Ardaery (The eastern heighth.) A high tower of this castle and part of the main building is still standing, it having been destroyed in the wars of 1641 by order of the Council of Kilkenny, the Lord Deputy having given offence to them. About two miles from Redcross are some of the chief of the mines and on or near the river of Arklow, they have a smelting house for the Lead ore. I went to Dr. Wynnes at Dunganstown, who lives there during the minority of his Nephew ; I staid there on the 8th and on the 9th I set out crossed over the hill five miles to Brinewbridge and passed Captn. Johnsons seat to Newry bridge near Mount Usher a litle to the west of which is Mr. Tighs, a fine finished box and plantations. I came on in the Dublin road and went out of it to the west five miles to Alta Dora to Major Brownings, passing by a village called Newtown Mount Kennedy and near it Mount N y which is very beautiful in its plantations chiefly of Firrs, and beyond it is Teny Park, formerly so famous for the beauty of its situation. I passed by Hermitage a pretty

box of Mr. Butlers Captn. of the Battle axes and brother to Lord Lanesborough, it is in a beautiful Glyn or narrow vale, at the head of which a fine cascade tumbles down the hills beautifully adorned with wood ; Altadura is on the height over it and commands a most delightful view of the rich country below and of the sea, it is well shelter'd by the eminence above it every way at about the distance of three miles except to the east and south east and north east ; It was the retirement of the late General Pearce, who affected to build it as a thatched cabin, and erected a tower to make it look like a village with a church to it : ^{Teny Park.} Major Browning having purchased it, has improved it with great taste ; in the middle is a building consisting of a Hall and beautiful parlor and over them excellent bed-chambers for strangers, with a fine staircase ; on each side a wing is built to it,—in one are the apartments for the family,—in the other the kitchen and rooms for servants ; Two yards to the south with all offices, and to the north and west the garden rises with three or four terraces one over the other, and to the north west are meadows and fields all well planted :* In a retired part which commands a view of the fine country below and of the sea there are cut on a piece of white marble these lines over which may be placed the Bust of the Laughing Philosopher.

* Pococke's description of Altadura and Hermitage may be compared with Taylor and Skinner's *Roads of Ireland*, for notices in 1783 ; and W. Wright's *Guide to Wicklow*, for a full account of them, as they were sixty years ago. In 1783 Altidore, as Taylor's *Roads* spells it, was owned by General Pomeroy, and Hermitage by Colonel Cary. In 1834 Altidore was owned at first by Mr. Blackford, and then purchased by the Rev. Mr. Hepenstall. In 1834 Hermitage seems to have been in ruins, though it was still a show place. Wright gives almost the same description as Pococke of those places.

O Sacred Solitude ! Divine retreat !
Choice of the Prudent ! Envy of the Great !
Here from the wayes of men, laid safe ashore,
We smile to hear the distant billows roar ;
Here blest with health, with business unperplexed
This Life we relish and insure the next.

On the 11th I set forward and in three miles came in the road to Wicklow and passing by Wingates a fine situation on a height near the sea, we crossed Brayhead and passed by Lord Meaths house, where in the gardens are fine hedges and plantations, and going to Bray, saw to the left Mr. Odairs, an improvement in very good taste, and at a distance Powers Court, belonging to Lord Powerscourt, where there is a large house and great improvements, but the slopes are rather too steep and unnatural ; In the Park two miles from the House, is the famous fall of Water, which is a cascade that falls in one spout without breaks for feet, the river which makes it falls into Bray river, which rises out of two Loughs up in the side of the mountain, at the west end of Glancree : The high ground on each side covered with wood in the way to it is very fine. Below Powers Court the Dargil a hanging ground over the river covered with wood affords a beautiful scene. About three miles from this is the Glyn of the Downes, which leads from Dublin to a place called the Downs, about two miles from Alta Dora, it is a deep Narrow Valley, with high hills on each side, part of them covered with wood and one of them is called the Sugar loaf. All this country is most exceeding Romantick and beautiful : Near Powers Court ; Mr. Monk has a pleasant country house with good plantations about it. The County of Wicklow is remarkable for wood, which grows extremely

well in it, they have a saying that a stick put in the ground will grow : Myrtle thrives in their gardens, and is planted abroad in the natural ground.

Bray is prettily situated on a height over the river is a very small town, with a Barrack in it. Three miles ^{Bray.} miles further is Loughlinstown an Inn, and a few houses, near which Mr. Domville has a ruinous seat, very finely situated, over it is a hill on which Mr. Malpas erected an obelisk, to employ the Poor in the year of famine ; at the foot of that hill on the sea are lead mines.* I came by Stilorgan Lady Allens seat, where in the Park is a fine obelisk erected on four arches of rustick Grostesque Arches, in the manner of that in the Piazza Navonna at Rome, but much larger. We then came by Mirian the seat of Lord Fitzwilliam, a most glorious situation commanding a fine view which appears very beautiful from the top of the hill, through the Visto's cut in the Grove of firr trees. Butlerstown is the same kind of situation where Lord Fitzwilliam has let his land in small parcels for building country houses. From this place I came by Donibrook to Dublin.

DUBLIN, *July 17th, 1753.*

HONOURED MADAM !

I left Dublin on the 19th of June and went by Tallogh a mansion house of the Archbishop of Dublin, repaired by Archbishop Hoadley ; and then coming in between the mountains came by Blessington, a village where Lord

* The Killiney Obelisk, to which Dr. Pococke refers, was erected in the winter of the great frost, A.D. 1739-40. It was built in imitation of the Obelisk at Newtown Park, which is probably about thirty years older. The shaft of the lead mines can still be seen on the sea-shore. It is now boarded up.

Blessington has a seat, and turning to the south I crossed Kings river at Burgage where there is a remarkable old cross about fifteen feet high of one piece of mountain stone ; Passing by Mr. Leesons fine new built house and offices I came to the Liffy, which we cross'd over Horspeth bridge, near which I sat down and dined by the river, and the poor children coming about me, I had the pleasure of feeding them. From this place for about half a mile there are several beautifull falls of the river between the rocks ; the banks on each side being high and steep, these falls are called Pooley pucky : We soon came to the small village and church of Holywood, and passed through the Glyn or narrow vale of Holywood, which is very beautifull having on each side steep hills covered with wood, and is something like the Glyn of the downs near Bray : At the entrance of it I saw they had been working for ore. We came to Donard a poor small town like a village ; with a ruinous church : About this place three or four rivlets come out of the mountains and form the river Slaney which runs through the Counties of Carlow and Wexford, and falls into the sea at Wexford ; the first I crossed is called the litle Slaney, the next is the principal stream near Donoghmore Church : Here Mr. Howard has an estate, he is son of the late Bishop of Elphin, whose patrimony it was : He has a park here and a hunting house. All this country on the Slaney is finely improved and planted in most parts of the way which I went to Balkinglass five miles further, coming into the high Dublin road from Ballymore-Eustace, near two miles from Balkinglass, from which the road all the way is through a wood having Mr. seat to the right on the river Balinglass is eight computed miles from Ballymore, which is seventeen measured miles from Dublin, eleven Irish measured miles making fourteen

English: But the way I came it must be thirty of our measured miles. Baltinglass is a very pleasant village, tho' call'd a market town, situated in a bottom on the Slaney, and the country round about it is beautifully improved in plantations of Wood: It belongs to Mr. Stratford, who has a small park here on the side of a hill, but lives four miles from this place: He has built houses for weavers, a spinning school and Bleach yard, but it does not take much. There was an Abbey here of St Mary of Baltinglass or de valle Salutis, the Monks were Cistertians, it was founded by Dermot son of Murchard King of Leinster in 1148.

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On the 20th in the afternoon I went through a very fine country five miles to Castledermot, I observ'd in the way some ruins of a place call'd Grany and was informed that it had been a convent; it was an Augustinian Nunnery founded about 1200 by Gualter de Ridelesford: In Castledermot anciently called Tristledermot is a Priory and Hospital of St John Baptist for cross bearing Friers founded by Walter de Riddlesford, Lord of the place in King John's time. This town had its name from St. Diarmitius who lived here as a Hermit, from whom it was called the desart of Diarmitius. There is a round tower at the Parish church of a larger kind than the common towers of that sort in Ireland. They have a Charter School here for forty boys, founded by the encouragement of the late Lord Kildare. I went on towards Athy and in about a mile came to Kilkea hill, which appeared as if it had been anciently fortified, and at the foot of it, on a rivlet which falls into the Barrow is a Castle of that name; within a mile of Athy we passed by a remarkable old Rath or fort called Shanrath and arrived at Athy, a small market town well situated on the Barrow, they have a new

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market house and it is a Burrough, there is a large stone bridge here over the Barrow. There was a Dominican friery here built in 1257, where several Chapters of the order were held: and on the other side of this bridge was a Priory of St. John for the order of Cross bearers founded in King Johns time by Richard de S. Michael Lord of Reban. On the 21st I went four miles to Ballykilcavan the seat of the Welsh's where they have pleasant park. I observed in the limestone of this country some of the petrified coral. I came to Stradbally a small market town in a well improved Country. Near it is Mr. Cosby's seat with the finest improvements of high hedges, of white thorn, Horn beam &c: I ever saw round the quarters, which are full of Kitchen stuff and excellent fruit trees. Mr. Pigot is building an handsom house in a park near the town, the most beautiful part of this garden is a Terrace, over a river and other walks about it, and another river which falls into it: And between these rivers begins that gravelly bank, covered with green sod, called the Escarp, which I shall have occasion to mention below. This might be made a very beautifull thing, tho' they are carrying part of it away for gravel for the roads, over one of these rivers the County are building a bridge on the Carlow road, which leads to the Charter School: on the other side of the river is a very handsom Charter School for forty or three score boys and girls, and it is large enough to hold an hundred: it was founded chiefly on the bounty and under the direction of Mr. Cosby. Here was a Convent of Minorites founded by Omore, and its thought to be the Convent called Levasia, for it is called Strallbally in Lese, and this County, Kings-County and some other parts were called the County of Lese. I went along a pleasant road through a fine Country, mostly

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on the bank of gravel call'd the Escar and in English the ridge, which they say runs almost through the whole country, it is between the two rivlets above mentioned; it is probably that anciently they were larger rivers than at present and that this was the bank between them: After going about three miles I came to Timohoe, where there is a remarkable round tower, with a door to it of Saxon architecture which is singular. We came to Ballyroan a Timohoe. large village on a rivlet, which falls into the Nore, and crossing that river came to Springmount the seat of Mr. Brereton, near the remains of a fine ruined Castle, on the Nore called Killeny.

On the 24th I went to Abelaix, the seat of Lord Knapton son of Sr. Thomas Vesey late Bishop of Ossory, Abelaix.—Here was an Abbey of Cistertians supplied from the Abbey of Baltinglass in 1183, it is said to be founded by Cocheger Omore, buried there, and in the Street a tomb remains, said to be of Omore in the spot where the Church stood. I went from this place further to Water Castle, Mr. Lyons, a fine spot of ground, well adorned with plantations, through which the river Nore runs, just as the Willey runs through Wilton, and it might be made a fine thing, commanding a view of a very beautifull country all round. On the 26th I crossed on a bridge at Gortineclea an old Castle, a rivlet called the gulley, which rises towards Burres, in Ossory and falls into the Nore below Water Castle, passing most of the way through a morassy ground: Going to the south of this Morass, I came to Aghaboe, a large village where there are remains of a Monastery, and of a singular tower to a building, probably the Refectory now a Church: The tower is five sides of an octagon, near it is a Mount for defence. This was an Abbey of Dominicans, built by

the Lords of upper Ossory : It is said to have been first founded by St. Kenny son of Laidee a famous poet, and that he was the first Abbot : He dyed in 599 : 'tis thought the See of Ossory was moved from Saiger now called Seir-Kean to this place about the year 1052 for then a Church was built there, and St. Kennys tomb placed in it ; the See was afterwards moved to Kilkenny.

On the 27th I went three miles westward to Reshal on the turnpike road to Limerick and fifty miles from Dublin ; this is a ruined seat of Lord Montraths, it was the estate and Mansion house of Costegan the old proprietor, who was proclaimed as a rebel, and his estate Reshal granted to Sr. Charles Coote, who in 1641 did great services in Ireland and was made Earl of Montrath in 1660—was one of the Lords justices and died in 1661 and was succeeded by his son Charles who in 1696 was also one of the Lords justices : The small old mansion remains, to which Sr. Charles made great additions, and the Court and garden are encompassed by walls and defended by Turrets, it is a fine situation, commanding a view of the country to the east and the vale to the west and south west, in which the Nore runs by Burres in Ossory. We returned by Castletown, where are remains of an old Castle held by Col. FitzPatrick for King Charles the first, who forfeited, and going abroad on the restoration had all returned to him ; and Richard FitzPatrick of this family was created Baron of Gowran in the County of Kilkenny : His wife was daughter and heir of Sr. Jno Robinson of Farmingwood in Northamptonshire, which estate his son now enjoys, as well as a large estate in Ireland. He is a branch of this house the head of which in the time of Henry 8th was made Baron of upper Ossory. This title somehow or other was not asserted ;

and lying dormant the present Lord Gowran was created Viscount of upper Ossory ; tho' it is said there is an heir to that title. A mile beyond this place is Montrath, a small market town, where Ld. Montrath has a small house. Both these places are on the high road, one forty eight, the other forty seven from Dublin. On the 29th I went by Gortineclea and going on southward passed by Cuffs borough, Mr. Cufs, where I observed Trochi and Entrochi in the limestone which lyes loose in the earth all over this country ; and at Donoghmore, Mr. Morri's, they have great quarries of this stone, which is a coarse black marble, but not used because the Kilkenny is much better. Going on we saw a small lake to the East called Ardevin and near it Grantsown an old castle which is now inhabited. Coming on a heighth, I saw to the west a Morass, round which are several places, as near the road Kilbredy a ruined Castle ; and near that a fortified Mount, called Motchneloiaik (The middle mote) from which Mr. Floods seat has its name ; we then came to a small stream which rises out of the morass : About two miles farther is Donoughmore, where there is a barrack for one troop of horse : going about a quarter of a mile farther we crossed over the river Erkin on a bridge, Near Coolcany. it is Coolcany the house of Mr. Baldwin : We had left the road of Rathdowny, a small town on the south side of the Morass, belonging to the heir of Mr. Prior the great patriot of this Kingdom ; and going on about two miles came to an old fort called Rath Philip on a heighth with a burial place near it, 'tho no sign of a church : about a mile farther we came at Whites wall from the Queens County into the County of Kilkenny, and in about two miles to Farta an old monastery, where there is an old round tower, twelve feet in diameter and by measuring

the shadow I found it to be eighty three feet high, but the top point is much decayed and there is crack down the East side of it. There is a church in repair, with some old carved work about it; To the north of it is an old chapel in which there is a tomb of the with an inscription on it, on the tomb is a mezzo releivo of a man in armour with a dog at his feet, a sword in his hand stretched on his thigh, and his hand lying on his other leg; the tomb is adorned with sculpture. near it I saw the top of another tomb, which seemed to be of a woman, with a singular Head dress, rising up on each side as in two horns. This is I suppose the Priory of Kiaran of Augustinian Canons said to be at Fest-re-gerah. I went a furlong farther to Beggars Inn, on the new turnpike road from Dublin to Cashel, five miles from Longford pass and fifteen from Cashel; near it is a ruin call'd Baun Richen, which they call part of the old monastery, and probably was the farm house belonging to it. The Caley hills extend from Darrow beyond this place to the east of the turnpike road; and from this place is a road to Kilkenny ten miles off, through a Glyn or Vale between the hills, in the middle of which is a little hill, on the top of which there seemed to be a rath or fort: Going on towards Durrow in our return we came in less than a mile to Aglishaw Castle, where is a rivlet that comes out of the Glyn, and a little farther we had a mile to the west an old Monastery called Agha Macart, and nearer a large fort or Rath. This was a Priory of St. Tigernac for Augustinian Canons. In a mile we passed Calahil Castle, a large enclosure with two or three buildings like Chapels. A mile farther we came to Cahil Castle to the west, and a little beyond saw a very pretty seat called Newtown. We then passed a stream,

which rises from a Holy well, a litle to the west called Tubberboh ; and in about a mile and half, by a pleasant road between the woods of Castle Durrow, we came to Durrow a a small market town, and now a great thoroughfare, the Turnpike road from Dublin to Cashel being carried through it. Lord Ashbrook who till lately had the Title of Castle Durrow has a seat here well situated with a fine Park and Woods. I am &c.

July 3d. 1753. I went from Springmount to Burres in Ossory, a village pleasantly situated on the north west side of a chain of beautiful litle Hills finely improved which extend to the south west towards the mountains called Devils bit, out of which the rivers Sure and Nore rise. This is an estate given by King Charles the first to the favourite Duke of Buckingham and is now the estate of one of his family, of the name also of Villers. There is a good Mansion house on it of the Architecture of those times, which seems to have been built to an old Castle, this place is 53 miles from Dublin. A litle beyond it we crossed the Nore, which almost from its rise runs through a morassy ground to Montrath. We passed in sight of Gorvan Castle, on one of those hills to the south, and to the north by Cloneuis Castle, two miles from Borres, it is the estate of Lord Montrath. We came to those hills which divide the Queens County from the Kings County, and in a line from them is the bounds between Queens County and the County of Tiperary, which is marked by a stone a litle beyond the 56th mile stone on the east side of this hill ; just at the end of it is a large Castle called Ballaghmore Castle with a wall and ramparts round it. I saw further on to the south as in the Morass a Church with trees planted round it called Monatinchelich. We came to Roscrea 58 miles from Dublin, pleasantly situated

on a rivulet between the little hills, which form a sort of Amphitheater round it, and are bounded by higher hills to the south and north ; It is a small town tho' with a little encouragement in the Woollen manufacture it might be greatly improved. At the entrance of the town is the front of a very old church to a modern building, it consists of a door and two flat arches on each side of the Saxon Architecture and a Mezzo relievo probably of St Cronan to whom it is dedicated appears over it much defaced. At a little distance is a Cross in a circle, with the Crucifix on one side and another figure on the other, and adjoyning to it a stone carved in several figures and at each end a Mezzo relievo of some saint, they are both of a sandy stone with pebbles in it, in which these hills abound, they are both if I mistake not called the Shrine of St Cronan. To the North west is a round tower fifteen feet diameter with two steps round it at the bottom about fifteen feet from the ground is a window with a regular arch, and as much higher another with a pointed top : it appeared to be only about fifty feet high, but the height was probably seven diameters, which seems to be the proportion they observed, that is 105 feet high, the top of it having probably fallen to decay. On the river at the north west part of the town, are pretty perfect remains of the Convent of Minorites founded by Biliana Widow of Melron O Carol. There is a barrack here for one company of foot. This estate did belong to the Bishops of Killaloe, who gave it the Crown for the lands of Newcastle in the County of Wicklow and some other lands which the Bishop never got. The Crown granted it to the Earl of Ormond, it was sold by that Duke to Mr. Curtis who sold it to Mr. Daymore. There was a fine old Castle on it, and near it is built a good Mansion house ; Some walls appear

about the grove to the north, probably the circuit of that Castle : It is no Corporation, nor is there any justice of peace within some miles of it, as I was informed ; and most of the inhabitants are Papists. I returned to Springmount by Aghaboe. I set out from Springmount on the 5th of July and went to Aghaboe from which place I got into the road to Thurles and passed near the Castle of Kilbredy already mentioned, and going towards Donoghmore, came within a quarter of a mile of it, to a ruin call'd Castletown, it is part of a tower, with foundations of walls about it extending a considerable way ; and west of it are foundations of another tower ; There seems to have been a large village about the Castle which belongs to the Villers, being in the Manor of Buries. I came to Donoghmore pleasantly situated on a height over the rivlet, which runs by Rathdowny, here is a church and a barrack. it is the estate of Lord Gowran ; crossing over the rivlet on a heighth, is a Rath call'd Donoghmore or, the great hill which has given name to this place. After travelling about four miles I saw to the North west two beautiful Hills ; At the east end of the eastern hill is Ivrin where there is a ruined church, and I have been informed that there is a monument there like a cross, to a son of one of the old Lords of upper Ossory of the Fitzpatrick family ; We went across the bog by the pass called Gortahie ; ~~I~~ ^{Gortahie.} saw to the right an old Castle call'd if I mistake not Kinslaney ~~X~~ About this place came into the County of Tipperary, and to a large old Castle with two round towers at the corners, and large apartments joyning, to one now in ruins, the enclosure is about half an acre, it is called Tulleah McJames near which there is such a round tower as is seen often in Ireland near churches, which is singular. I saw a large enclosure two miles to the east called Baunac-

carah, passed through a Village call'd Ballyerle, where I observed there was a large school at the chapel or Mass-house, where they are taught Latin : Within two miles of Thurles I came to Rahelty Castle, a good building rounded off at the Angles, an excellent regular arch at the entrance ;
Baleycree. The rooms on each floor about twenty by thirty, there is a very extensive view from the top of it, of the mountains to the west called Devils bit, out of which the Sure and Nore rise very near to each other ; hills to the south of them called Kilnemanogh, the Galty mountains on the borders of the County of Tiperary, Limerick, and Cork, Knockmandown towards Lismore, the mountains of the County of Waterford and to the south east Sleannemane, which is seen plainly from the Key of Waterford and stretches its foot near to Carrick and Clonmell and then to the East the hills on which Killenaul stands which running to the north east are joyned by Cullyhill which extends to Darrow. I arrived at Thurles situated on the river Sure, twelve long miles from Roscrea, seven from Cashel and fifteen from Kilkenny. There is a bridge here Thurles. over the river, the first being at Loughmore three miles higher. This river abounds in Pike, Eeles and large Trout. The town consists of one short street, with a market town in the middle, at the end of it is the old Castle, now the seat of Mr. Mathews in which he has built a handsome modern house, in the garden is a Mount with a winding ascent, which probably was an old Danish fort. On the East side of this river is the church which is built to the tower of an old church, the east part of this church being an Arch under the tower ; to the east of that is a chapel in which there is a monument of the Archers of Archers Court near, who had contentions with the Lords of Thurles. The head dress of the woman is like that at

Farta already described, but not so much pointed at each corner. On the same side are the remains of a convent, a tower and some part of the Cross Isle to the north ; it was founded by the Butlers for the order of St. Mary of Mount Carmel. There is a large popish chapel built chiefly by Mr. Mathews according to an inscription set in a wall near it. They have some tradition I believe without foundation, that this Castle did belong to the Knights Templars : There are two barracks here for three troops of horse— On the 8th of July I left Thurles came in about nine miles to Burres en Leough, probably Burres on the Lough, being an Island on the bog, which might anciently be a Lough. Here Mr. Mathews has a seat ; this is called the bog of Monela, which extends northward near to Roscrea. These Islands consist of a lime stone gravel and large pebbles of lime stone ; five miles from Thurles we came to Longford pass, where there was a barrack* for half a company of foot, which is now in ruins, not having been used for near twenty years. Three miles from Thurles, the road to Cashel leaves the road to Thurles, pointing almost directly south. A little beyond Longford pass, the road goes to the East to Kilkenny, and I turned northward in the road to Durraw, having the hills to the East, which extend along the west side of the river Nore. There is a hill to the west side of these, on the side of which there is a house called Ballispellean ; a quarter of a mile above it is a mineral water which runs through a black slate, which is Medicinal, and its said there is a composition of sulphur in it ; it is esteemed good for all kinds of scrophulous disorders. I came down from this place to Farta already mentioned and continuing two miles along the road to

* There is a large portion of this page struck out. He says it belongs to a former letter, dated July 3, 1753.

Durrow, I went out of it to the west about half a mile to the monastery of Agha Macarth mentioned before, in which there is nothing remarkable, but a gate at the entrance with a true arch of good workmanship, and there are stone sockets for the gate to turn on. This place is on the rivulet called the Goula, which runs near Farta, and a little below this joyns the river which runs from Rathdowney; I crossed the river about 2 miles above it and came to Grantstown Castle which is oval. Passing by Agha gouran a ruined church, I came to a little Mount, which is called the Leap, and so returned by Gorthniclea to Springmount.

On the 13th of July I left Springmount, stop'd at Stradbally and came to the Barrow at Riverstown, where one Mr. Brown has has a pleasant seat. This a ^{Rivers} full place, and mostly resembles old Windsor; the ferry is ^{town.} crossed in a very bad boat, and I was obliged to swim one of my horses. I came to Kildare on the 14th I passed over the Curragh and came to Newbridge; here I saw part of the Head and horns of an Elk, dug out of a Neighbouring bog, where they have also found several bones of this animal, and have been informed that they seldom find a skeleton together, but the bones dispersed, probably not only by the current of the water, but where they are found on a descent by the moving of the earth. I stop'd at Furnace and arrived at Dublin in the evening.

I am &c :

HONOURED MADAM,

On Monday the 6th of August 1753 I left Dublin to go to Ardblacan which is two miles beyond Navan, in the county of East Meath. I went through the Phoenix Park, and had on the right the rivulet which rises above Dunboyn and falls into the sea by Bally baw bridge, near

Dublin, having passed by Finglass and Glasnevin some parts of it which are planted and are very beautiful. On the top of the hill to the right, is the old ruined church of Malahilhart, to which the people resort much out of devotion especially on the Patron day. We crossed the river about a mile from Dunboyn, and came from the County of Dublin into the County of East Meath. Near Kileen Castle I saw Dunsany, where Lord Dunsany lives, a Roman Catholick Lord of about £200 a year. We came up to Tarah at the top of the hill of that name, where the Kings of Meath, one of the five divisions of Ireland, are said to have resided; and they have a tradition, that in a field to the west of the church, the five Kings of the five Tarah. provinces of Ireland used to meet. I saw five barrows in this situation on which it is possible the five kings O^{north} sat with their people round them, I conjectured also O O that they might bear some relation to their respective situations on the southern one is a stone or O pillar set up which might belong to the Emperor or head O of them the King of Munster. In the churchyard also there is an ancient stone set up, on which there is an unshapen short figure, something like Pusterus the German Deity. About a small mile to the south, I had seen the remains of a large Rath, called Errameath, probably the place of residence of the Kings of Meath. Close to Tarah is Brabazon lodge the seat of Mr. Brabazon, brother and heir to the Earl Brabazon. of Meath; it is a large house, and its said to have been a much greater building, probably round a Court. They say it was built by Stopford Secretary to Oliver Cromwell, from whom I am informed the Stopfords of this County are descended. I went a mile across this demeasn to the north to Skreens: on another summit of the hill; here is

a good old church with a high tower ; the east end of the Skreens church is in repair. Over the south door is a Mezzo relieveo of St. Columb, to whom the church is dedicated, it is very well executed, in the left hand is a book, in the right, a staff. A little below the church are the remains of the friery of Augustinian Hermits, to which I was informed 40 acres of land did belong. Descending from Skreens, I observed a point of land which has been fortified and beyond it on the west side of the vale is a large Rath, near this is Lismullen, an estate of the Dillons : From this vale a river runs down to the high road and meets another, which passes through the vale to the east of Bellenter and both of them fall into the Boyne opposite to Ardsallah. I arrived at Ardblacan the Bishop of Meaths, two miles beyond Navan, from which place I made several excursions, in which and at other times, I made such observations on the Country about the Boyne, as I shall send you the first opportunity. I am &c :

HONOURED MADAM,

The Boyn is said to rise out of a Spring at Castle Carbery in the County of Kildare called the Mother Spring of the Boyn ; but I observed that the larger stream rises out of a Bog, near the Charter School, and that this small stream falls into it. Castle Carbery is an estate belonging to the two Coheiresses Miss Cooleings, and is finely situated on a heighth improved with plantations which is seen at a great distance. I went farther down the Boyn I see Ballybogan in the County of Meath, a place on the Boyn ; which I take to be a Priory dedicated to the Holy Trinity ; it was called also Laude Dei and belonged to Canons Regular of St Austin. And I once saw some large ruins this way, which are I suppose the remains of that Monastery : Lower is Clonard the See of

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an ancient Bishoprick, where I saw some ruins and there was here a Convent of Canonesses, a Priory of St Peter of Canons Regular of St Austin, and another Convent of some Order, founded by St Firmian. About two miles above Trim the river of Trimleston falls into the Black-water; on this river is Trimleston, the seat of Lord Trimleston built to an ancient Castle, that was mostly destroyed in Olivers time. The present Lord married young and retired to Paris, where his genius leading him to Botany, he studyed Physick, and often gave his advice to the Princes of the Blood and other Nobility: about six years ago he returned on the death of his Father and brought a great collection of Exotic plants, among 'em the Cinamon-tree and the Hermaphrodite, the latter has on it the leaves of Orange, Lemon Citron and Cedra, and each fruit contains in it, the fruit of these four kinds, which caused great speculation at Paris, but it was determined it could not be done by any inoculation or Art, but that it was a tree of this kind. As his Lordship's skill in Physick soon became known, people of all conditions resorted to him, and now he allots fridays to hear them all, and he not only hears the poor but gives them drugs, the rich who come to consult, putting into a Box for that purpose; He is a Nobleman of excellent sense and of great politeness and address; He has found out near his house thirty six uncommon plants, most of which he has brought into his garden. The River of Trimleston has a large black Trout, exceeding that of the Boyn, and also very good Eeles; I found in it several small shell fish of different kinds, and among them I found one about as big as a silver threepence, a most compleat Ammons horn and alive. They have very good quarries here of Lime Stone, some of which rises as flags or broad

stones. And Mr. Barnewall My Lords eldest son has sent me petrifications of small Nautilus's found in the quarries. Lord Trimleston has a dark avenue to his house, near an English mile long. Three miles beyond it is Athboy, where was a Convent of Carmelites, and in a chapel of the church I saw an ancient Monument : near it is the hill of Ward, from which there is a fine prospect of Skeles, Andbracean, Trim and a great tract of country. Athboy stands on the river Trimleston, and almost all the way to the west of it, is a bog, the further side of which is the bounds between the County of East Meath and West Meath. To the north of the Hill of Ward is Rathmore the ruined seat of Lord Darnley,—where there is a large wood. We now come to Trim. Trim on the Boyn, a small town situated on both sides of the river ; it has anciently been walled, and there are remains of the walls and gates, one to the west of the Street from Dangan, another still in repair called Athboy gate : A high tower remains in part of the Dominican Convent, but one side of it was blown up by Olivers army. There was a Convent of Black friers and Grey Friers one where the barrack is, and the other to the north of the town : But the greatest piece of Antiquity is a very large Castle, called King Johns Castle, which is a building of great strength, the enclosure extending to the river. About half a mile from Trim on the Boyn, is the Priory of St Peter and St Paul of Newtown near Trim, which was also an ancient Bishops See, of which there were several in the Diocese of Meath, many of them consisting of some one of the present twelve Deaneries of the Diocese. They were here Canons of St Victor, and I was informed that a daughter of King John lyes buried here of the name of and that they show a stone, said to be over her tomb. Near Trim the Earl of Roscommon

had an estate, who was succeeded by his Brother, that Earl's widow who had the estate at her disposal, was afterwards marryed to the Father of Mr. Carter Master of the Rolls, who now enjoys it. At Ardcreagh in the way to Navan was an old Castle called Ardcreagh, to which the Dutchess of Tyrconnel, sister to the Dutchess of Marlborough, retired for three or years after the battle of Agherim, and then went to London and Paris. Going from Trim towards Dublin on the road is the Charter School for 20 Boys and 20 Girls. About a mile farther is the church of Laracor which belonged to Dean Swift, and he lived a month or two in the summer in a litle house near it. We soon after came to Dangan the seat of Lord Mornington situated on a most beautifull flat, with an Amphitheater of hills rising round it, one over another, in a most beautifull manner ; at the lower end is a very large piece of water, at one corner of which is an Island, it is a regular fortification, there is a ship a sloop ^{Dangan.} and boats on the water, and a yard for building ; the hill beyond it, is improved into a beautifull wilderness : on a round hill near the house is a Temple, and the hills round are adorned with obelisks : Pillars and some buildings, altogether the most beautifull thing I ever saw.* A mile beyond it is Summerhill, Mr. Rowleys a commanding ^{Summerhill.} Eminence, the house is like a Grand Palace, but in the Vanbrugh Style ; the prospect from it is very fine and there are great plantations about it ; the country behind it does not answer to the other parts in beauty, for it presents to your view a very disagreeable Bog. Not far from this is another fine place belonging to Lord Raw-

* Mrs. Delany, in her *Autobiography*, gives an animated account of the beauties of Dangan. It is now a ruin, and a fine one, well worth a visit.

dons brother, call'd Bramhall. Returning to the Boyn the next place is the Corn Mills belonging to Mr. Carter, and below it is a pleasant seat of Mr. Worthingtons. Near this on the Boyn, are large ruins of the Bernardine Abbey of Bectiffe or de Beatitudine founded by Merchand O-Melaghlin Prince of Meath about the year 1150. the Cloyster is almost entire with a tower. At this place there is a bridge over the Boyn, which is the shortest road from Athboy to Dublin: Below this near the road from Dublin to Navan is Belenter, Mr. Prestons a very handsom new built house of six rooms a floor, with convenient offices, joyned by a Corridore, and a Court of offices on each side; there is a fine view of the Boyn from it, which is at the distance of a furlong from the house. After the Boyn has run to the east all the way from its rise it here takes a turn a litle to the north, and at the angle is Ardsallagh Mr. Ludlows seat, lately married to the present Earl of Scarboroughs sister, the house is just over the Boyn, the garden laid out in the old way, has the Boyn on two sides, and there is a shady walk near the river, having the rock on the other side, which appears in several strata, and is a most singular and beautiful thing; At the mill beyond it there is a rough ford across the river. Below this is a Bridge over the Boyn and a litle beyond it Athumley lately the seat of Mr. Coddington, from which there is a beautiful hanging ground over the river, partly planted with wood, it extends much in the same manner all the way to the mouth of the river on both sides; and half a mile further is the old house of Athlumley, very large, and they say never finished; it is the estate of Sr Quaile Sommerville: This house was built by Sr Luke Dowdle one of the principal fomenters of the Massacre in 1641. The river

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then runs to Navan and very near it turns to the East. Navan. Navan is well situated on an eminence, at the confluence of the Blackwater and the Boyn, and there is a beautifull hanging ground from the town covered with trees. Passing over the Blackwater, I rid on the north side of the Boyn and in a mile came to the church of Donoghmore, ^{Donogh-}_{more.} over which is an ancient round tower fifteen feet in diameter, the three lower tiers of stone set out about half a foot and make three steps round it, the door is about fifteen feet from the ground, there are three members round it, which is not common, and a head on each side ^{Tower.} of the spring of the arch, and what is singular a Crucifix over the arch, cut in a barbarous manner, as they are usually cut on old crosses. A litle below this is the Castle of Dunmow. In two miles we came to Stackallen, first passing by the road which leads to a bridge over the Boyn. Stackallen is the seat of the late Lord Boyn and now of Mr. Hamilton brother to the present Lord. near opposite to this, on the other side are the seats of Mr. Meredith and Mr. Lambert, the former has a large new built house ; Mr. Lambert is building a very good house on an eminence over the Boyn where it makes a short turn, so that this situation commands a fine view of the river. near it are some Copper Mines : Going further on the north side of the river I came to Barstown Cross, on which there is an inscription, and down to the Castle of Slane a large house of Mr. Cunninghams, since who I saw this place has been created Lord Mount Charles, it is very finely situated on the river : A litle above it on the other side is a small rocky hill, from which a perpendicular rock extends down the river for a quarter of a mile, appearing like a wall with trees and shrubs growing out of it, and has a most beautifull effect. Above this about a

furlong from the river is the poor town of Slane. They were in search of coal about a mile from this town, and it is said there is certainly coal there, of the kind of Kilkenny coal, but that they cannot get it worked by the obstinacy of the Proprietors. From this place to the mouth of the Boyn, I gave you an Account in a letter I writ last May of a tour I made into that Country.

I am &c :

HONOURED MADAM,

I mentioned in my last that the Blackwater falls into the Boyn at Navan. This river rises out of the Lough Ramor in the County of Cavan and passes by Kells a small market town situated on an eminence ; about three miles below Kells, the river Monalty falls into it, which rises likewise in the County of Cavan near Ballyborow ; on it about six miles from its source is Monalty a poor village finely situated, there are remains of the enclosure of a Castle, which belongs to the Beta's the old proprietors ; and there is an old Mount in Mr. Maxwells garden to whom the place belongs. The river then runs near Ardbraccan and by Liscartan, the family estate of Lord Cadogan, which is set in lives for ever at £200 a year ; his ancestor was a Colonel in Olivers Army and governor of Trim, had great estates and considerable influence in this Country.

I made an excursion northward from Ardbraccan, and cross'd the river a mile above Lord Cadogans at Dunogh Patrick bridge : We had a flat morassy country to the west, all the rest hilly rising to the east towards Navan and Slanes the Castle of which we saw, and in about three miles came to the high road from Navan to Nobber to Coote Hill and to the middle parts of the Kingdom :

Here is a large Rath commanding an extensive view of a very fine Country. I went northward a mile and a half in the road to Atherdee and within a mile of Suddan near the borders of the County of Lowth in order to observe the course of the rivers and the Geography of this Country, in which I found the Maps very far from being correct. I turned along a rivulet, which falls into the river call'd Owen More (the great river) a little below Nobber, which is a very poor town, pleasantly situated on that river. The family of the Balfs were formerly in some condition here, and they show their ancient monuments. A mile above Nobber on the river is Brittes the seat of General Blithe brother of Lord Darnley, a neat box and fine plantation, Nobber with some ornamental buildings: A little above it the river forms a Lough called Kilmainham about a mile in circumference; here I suppose was the Preceptory of the Knights of Jerusalem, said to be at Kilmainham near the Nobber. The country about Nobber and for three miles beyond it is covered with loose free stone of a reddish and yellow colour; they told me that Carrickeleg at about that distance is a rock of free stone, so that these stones have probably rolled down from this rock. It is on the eminence which must command a view of that valley, in which the river Lagan runs and falls into the sea at Garlandstown between Dunleer and Dundalk, and in some parts the County of Monaghan from the Counties of Cavan and Lowth. In sinking a well at Nobber near forty feet they found it a gravel mostly consisting of the free Stone and with it large pebbles of Limestone. I went two miles in the high road and turn'd out of it a quarter of a mile to White wood Lord Gormanstowns: This is a fine eminence over the vale between Kilmainham Lough and Lough Carr about half a mile above it made by the same

river and it commands a view of both. The house is new built of the free Stone found over the fields. I returned to the road and soon left it, going down near Lough Carr to the river above it, and came to a very beautifull narrow vale, in which the river runs between two hanging rocky grounds covered with trees. We went through this for half a mile and came to a hilly country and in about half a mile to Everch Lough, out of which they say the river Owenmore rises, but a river falls into it from Lough Muff about a mile higher, which must be the rise of the Owen more. On the south side of the Lough there is a Meeting-house. We then passed a skirt of the County of Cavan, and came again into the County of Meath, and had to the right a ruin'd Castle called Faun Breehen and to the left the river Carig which falls into Monalty river. There is marle along this Valley with shells in it, and so it is in most parts of the Country I passed through ; in the bottoms it is mostly in patches in different parts. I saw here a long hill called Shribogh, on which I observed several little barrows, as if there had been niches sunk in it, but I could not be informed of any such thing. We had travelled along the foot of the hills which are the bounds between this county and that of Cavan, but towards Monalty we came into a fine well improved hilly Country. I came to Monalty and returned to Ardblacan and to Dublin. I am &c :

HONOURED MADAM,

On Monday the 27th of August 1753 I went by Cromlin into the road to Naas, turned out of it in about six miles from Dublin up to Sagart on the foot of the mountain and in a mile came to Coolmine Castle, on the side of the mountain, and a litle farther at Newtown, saw three

stones set up on end in a field, they are about five or six feet high, and seem to be part of some piece of Antiquity: in all the streams about these hills are fine stones, which are a Composition of pebbles and would polish. We had a fine view of the Country to the west on each side of the Liffy, and came to Rathmore, a very large Rath or fortress, said to have been the place of Residence of the Kings of Leinster, it is about twelve miles from Dublin. After travelling about three miles farther we came into a beautifull plain country extending to the Liffy, in which there are some good houses of Gentlemen Farmers, which have a fine effect in the prospect, and came to Loughlantown an old Castle belonging to the late Mr. Calvin who owned the estate we pass'd through. Half a mile brought us to Hamitown the estate of Mr. Eustace, situated on a rising ground and commanding an extensive view every way, particularly of the course of the Liffy. The park is a remarkable fine spot well planted, and below it a command of water, which might be improved into a beautifull serpentine river. I went two miles further to Kilcullen bridge; over the Liffy a quarter of a mile below it, is Castle Martyn, a pleasant seat of Mr. Carter Master of the Rolls, especially the meadows of the river afford most delightfull walks; on the opposite Northern side there are high cliffs over the Liffy. Half a mile above the bridge is the new Abbey, of which the Church remains, and there is a fine old monument in it of Rowland Eustace and his wife, who are represented in in Mezzo relieveo, the former in armour and the woman with a very

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