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LETTER
FROM
CHESTER

Of the 24th of August,
Giving a TRUE ACCOUNT of the Posture of
AFFAIRS at

DUBLIN

And in other Parts of IRELAND.

By a Person who left DUBLIN on Sunday the 18th before:
As also of the taking of COLERAINE, and the Pro-
gress of the Protestant Army in that Kingdom: To-
gether with a FULL ACCOUNT of the Forces
embark'd to re-enforce D. SCHOMBERG, since his
Arrival in IRELAND.

S I R,

28. Aug. 1689

ON Thursday last there arrived here from Dublin one
Smallman, a Quaker, that lived in Backlane, who tells
us, That the News of the Defeat of Major General
Mac Carty's Party, so seized on the Irish Court, and
Army in Dublin, that they were ready to sink in the
Ground: He was in Limerick when the News thereof was brought
thither by Three or Four several Persons that ran from Mac Car-
ty to Limerick without looking back: And they, to colour their
flight, reported, and swore, That all the Limerick Men that were ab-
sent were with the Inskilling Party: Whereupon they forthwith im-
prisoned

prisoned all, both *Quakers* and others, but releast most of them again in about Six Hours time. The *Limerick Irish* Women were so enraged at the News, that they desired Liberty, and would undertake to murder all the *Protestant* Women and Children in those Parts. About Ten Days past, our Fleet appearing before *King'sale* and *Cork*, alarmed that Country: Whereupon the Lord *Clare* went with several Regiments from *Limerick* to *King'sale*, where he assembled all the *Roperees*, (*viz.* Men with Skanes and Half Pikes,) of that Country, and is forming a Camp there. The Camp which was but young, at *Rathfarnam*, near *Dublin*, marched through the City on *Saturday* last, and encamp'd at *Drumcouragh*, where they stay till their Regiments are recruited; and then they march Northward to fight Duke *Schomberg*: They are also forming a Camp near *Athbloane* of Six Thousand Men (I suppose to secure their Retreat to *Connaught*.) Copper half Crowns, and Shillings as well as Sixpences are plenty in *Dublin*, and pals current: This *Smallman* was forced to take the value of one hundred and fifty Pound of that Coin, which he left in *Dublin* when he came away on *Sunday* last, and that after the great Slaughter made by the *Iniskilling* Men in the *Irish* Army, and the drowning near one whole Regiment of *Irish* Horfe, they advanc'd with two hundred Horfe to *Sligoe*, and the Enemy immediately left it, and behind them Fourteen pieces of Cannon, and one Mortar piece. Major General *Kirk* has also taken *Coleraine*, though the *Irish* thought to have burnt it, and in order thereunto, had pitched the Bridge to have fired it, but upon his approach they all fled.

On *Monday* last sailed from *Higblake* two Regiments of Foot, and one of Horfe; on *Wednesday* sailed the *Queens* Regiment of Dragoons with two Regiments of Foot more; they had good Winds, and I doubt not but they are now with the Duke. Yesterday went to *Higblake* the Lord *Delamere's* Regiment of Horfe, and Sir *Thomas Cole's* Regiment of Foot; and I suppose they embarked last night, and sailed this morning, the wind being fair: We expect three Regiments of Horfe here this Night or to Morrow. Governour *Walker* was receiv'd here with great joy, the Bells Ringing, &c. and treated by the City in the *Penthouse*: Yesterday he took Coach for *London*, and will be there on *Tuesday* next.

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