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are composed chiefly of rivers, lakes, hills, and trees not very large. The soil is bad and worth but little, it surpasses any other part of the world in wildness and real beauty.

"The people here are very fair and not at all bad looking. The only thing I can say of the Red Skins, is, they are as like Paddy Bergan as possible. They are about his size, or I should say they are like what he was. The women are particularly like the tinker's wives you see at home.

"Forty was the smallest party I sat down to dinner with since I left Liverpool. I am living with His Ex. Sir John Harvey for the last two days; he has a world of people here every day. I might easy suppose myself a little king if I had a wish that way.

"I will send Robert all the cash in a short time. I would write more to you and everyone at home if I had time but indeed I have not.

"I go from here to the Grand Falls, and from that along due north line to Quebeck. Send your letters here to the care of His Ex. Sir John Harvey, and write at once or I will not get your answer till I am perhaps out of the reach of any post. With love to all and everyone at home, believe me to be your ever affectionate brother,

"Vernon W. Russell."

"Put M.D. after my name. How are the little dogs, don't forget them. Send this to Fanny and Robert. I was never better in my life, the days are very warm, it would take me half a dozen sheets to say what I saw and heard, but I trust we may yet talk it all over at Ballydavid." "Once more adieu."

"There was a great Ball at the Governor's the night before last. We had from three to four hundred people there. I had a note just this moment asking me to dine with the Mess from the Col. of the 36th Regt.

"Broughton is the best and kindest man in the world, he is like a father more than a Commander. I don't think much of Fetherstonhaugh, he is a real American, a nasty fellow, I must be on my watch with him.

"The hotel I sleep in for the last two or three nights is on the edge of the river St. Johns, it is as handsome as any river in the world. You can see the salmon jump every moment. They are every bit as good as those at home."

"To Miss Russell, Ballydavid, Littleton." "Farewell."

Enquiries.

Darby.—I am seeking a record of marriage, John and Sarah Darby—may be spelt also Derbe, Derby, Darbie, or Darbey—living at Weaver, Co. Devon, Oct. 6, 1717, when they baptised their son. Can you kindly aid me with any data? Believed by some to be d'Esterre—Aix-la-Chapelle family.

141 Culford Road, London, N1. F. J DARBY.

Stapleton.—I am trying for all information of a Brigadier Walter Stapleton, born, I think, 1704. He was one of Prince Charles Edward Stuart's generals in the Irish Brigade in the service of France. O'Callaghan, in his *History of the Irish Brigade*, says he died at Inverness of wounds received at the Battle of Culloden, 16th April, 1746, but I can find no record of his death and burial, and old family notes I have seen say he returned to the land of his adoption (France), lived to the age of 98, and died from a chill. I am informed the name is a County Cork one. I should be very much obliged for any information of this man.

Wootton Cottage, Lincoln. C. STEPHEN.

Rae.—Co. Kerry branch of this family. Formerly of Keel House, near Castle Island, Co. Kerry, and Gardensfield, Monaghay, Co. Limerick, but apparently extinct in the South of Ireland within the last 40 years. Details of family history, &c., wanted. Any information regarding this family may please be communicated.—

G. ROCHFORT RAE, Major,

Mhow, Central India. Indian Army.

Corker.—Maj.-Gen. T. M. Corker, Junior United Service Club, London, will be obliged for any references to:—

(1.) Wm. Corker m. Susan Wallis, 1720-30.
(2.) Jn. Corker m. Susanna Holland, 1765.
(3.) Robert Corker, of Cork, alive 1800.
(4.) Wm. Corker, of Cork, alive 1844.
(5.) Uniform Royal City of Cork Militia (27th) from 1793 to 1815.
(6.) Burial of Thos. Holland Corker, Lieut., 39th Dorsets, in Demerara, 1801.

Spenser.—The Marquess MacSwiney, of Mashanaglass, would be grateful for any information with regard to Colonel Hugh Spenser, of Cork, who served in the armies of France, Spain, and Naples, between the years 1697 and 1739, when he died.

39, Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin.

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