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THE CORKE JOURNAL

1 *January* : "Garrett Ahern, Gardener, Nursery Seedsman, living above the old barrack in Cat Lane, sells all classes of fruit and forest trees."

"Ran away : A negro servant the property of Dr. Carroll. Who ever brings him to the Widow Cotter's at Cove, or Mr. Silvester Ryan's at Cork will be paid four guineas reward."

"A University scholar intends to open a private Academy in Cork to instruct the rising generation in the learned languages and the liberal Arts from the Hornbook to the Sublime Sciences. He lodges at Mr. Smith's next door to the farrier's forge, near the New Inn in Hammond's Marsh" (the present Grattan St.).

"Edmund MacSwiney, son-in-law to the late Roger MacSwiney at the Blackamoor's Head in Mallow, has fitted up that remarkable Inn in the most decent manner fit for the accommodation of man and horse."

"Maurice Colbert, son of Edward Colbert, staymaker, has set up for himself at Paul St., opposite St. Paul's church, where he makes stays of all kinds including Mantua and French stays. He has served in London for three years and Ladies may expect to have their work done by him in the neatest manner."

"John McGrath, merchant tailor, has opened shop at the corner of Castle St. Makes Ladies' riding jackets and petticoats in the best style."

"To be sold by Richard Newman of Newberry Mannor the woods of Gortroe on the Blackwater west of Mallow. Apply Mr. Richard Newman in Dublin, Counsellor Weekes, Cork, or George Boulster, Mr. Newman's woodrieve who lives near the wood". Newberry Manor is now the Nazareth Home.

"To be set for 21 years from March 25, 1756 a number of farms at Rochfordstown ; on the road to Bandon now held by James Warner and John Mongane, lately in possession of James Hanlon and James Corragan. Also farms lately held by Daniel Murphy and Denis Kelleher. Each farm contains about 100 acres. Also the Brickfields at Glancatane, formerly in possession of John Slattery. Apply Swithin White esq., or Mr. Thomas Parker at Carrigrohane."

The Whites were landlords who resided near the present Chetwynd Viaduct, and had a town house called Castle White, now known as Lapp's Charity Institute, off College Road, Cork. By giving short leases they could let their lands to Catholic farmers, undisturbed by the Penal laws. When the leases expired they were renewed if the landlord or his agent thought fit, otherwise the tenant would have to go, with out any compensation.

Glancatane with variants such as Clankittane was the townland extending from the present Collins Barracks to the North Channel of the Lee. St. Patrick's Church was formerly known as the Brickfields chapel.

"Last Sunday at his seat in Mallow died Anthony Jephson, M.P. for the said town."

"Mary Lynch living in Cross St., will teach any persons how to make pork and mutton sausages, collared and potted beef, also Bologna puddings. Fee, Five shillings for each person taught."

8 *January* : "A Premium of £8 will be given by the Dublin Society to those who gather the greatest amount of linen rags for the paper-makers of Cork during 1756. The Mayor, John O'Reilly Esq., will determine the values."

12 *January* : "It is estimated that the merchants of Cork have lost by the late earthquake in Lisbon over £4,300, in beef, butter, pork and other exports".

"To let the lands of Ballymagooly on the Blackwater river 600 acres all enclosed with stone walls. Also ten large mountain farms adjoining the Nagle mountains with choice turf bogs. Part of Knockbrack called Gortanilig, 250 acres with 600 acres of improvable pasture. Lands near the Four Mile Water on the turnpike road from Mallow to Cork. To be let in parcels for terms of lives or on leases renewable for ever. Good encouragement given to improving tenants who will reside thereon. A hundred in-calf cows and a rabbit warren well stocked will be also disposed of. Apply James Cotter Esq. Rockforest near Mallow."

Presumably the vendor was son to James Cotter Jun. (1689-1720) whose tragic story is so well described by William Hogan and Liam O Buachalla, in the *Journal* for 1963.

22 *January* : "Yesterday Mr. Denham Jephson elected M.P., for Mallow took his father's seat."

"Last week Robert O'Callaghan, Burgess in Parliament for Fethard, took his seat in the [Irish] House of Commons." He resided at Shanbally near Clogheen in Co. Tipperary. A few years ago the O'Callaghan mansion and demesne there were purchased by the Irish Land Commission, and the beautiful mansion was demolished despite the strenuous opposition of Professor Denis Gwynn.

26 *January* : "Peter Besnard, sailmaker, Cork, has taken into partnership his son Julius Besnard and his daughter-in-law Mary Anne Besnard, widow".

4 *March* : "To let a house near the Clock-gate of Youghal. Apply to Owen Callanan near the South Gate of Cork."

"To be let by the Executors of the late Richard Hungerfort about 300 acres of lands at Dunmore. Also 70 acres at Youghalls near Cloughnakilty. Proposals to Standish O'Grady at the Island (Finnis?) near Bandon."

"We hear that the Rt. Hon. Henry Boyle, Esq., speaker of the [Irish] House of Commons, is to be created earl of Shannon, and that Lord Viscount Dungarvan, eldest son of the earl of Cork, will be M.P. for Co. Cork. Also that Thomas Pakenham Knight of the Shire for Co. Longford, will be created a Peer with the title of Viscount Longford." All rumours proved correct.

"The Brethren of the Antient and Benevolent Order of the Friendly Brothers of St. Patrick, Bandon Knot, will meet at the house of Mr. Roycroft in the town on St. Patrick's Day at 9 a.m., and proceed to Church. Thereafter they will perform the duties of the day in the usual manner. Signed Charles F. McCarthy, Secretary."

"A series of grand Cock-matches will be fought at Tallow through five days between

cocks owned by Digby Foulkes of Tallow Esq. and Arthur Gifford of Aghern Esq. for 50 guineas the main and 2 guineas the battle."

"To let 1000 acres part of estate of Philip Lavallin Esq., at Shawnlier, Gortadotia, Ballyellis, Lisheenowen, Dromgaruv, and Slieve Dotia, all contiguous to Whitechurch. Fields well divided walled and sheltered. Good encouragement given to Protestants and other improving tenants. Apply Philip Lavallin Thresherstown, Whitechurch."

"To be sold by William Clarke at Crosses Green outside the South Gate, choice Montserrat in puncheons and hogsheads. He has several fields to let at Pouladuff. They are divided by ditches sown with furze seed."

25 *March* : "To let the wellknown publichouse at the sign of the 'Harp and Crown' within one mile of Rathcormac. Pleasantly situated near the Bride river (Bridebridge). Apply to Mr. Eady Murphy at the house."

"We hear that Parliament has devoted the sum of £2,000 to make the river Lee navigable from Cork to Macroom, and £6000 to make the Blackwater navigable for the coalpits at Dromagh and Desert, west of Mallow, to the bridge of Cappoquin in Co. Waterford." The Navigation road and some remnants of a canal are the only relics of this last scheme.

3 *April* : "Died Mr. John Moylan of Fair Lane, a very considerable Butcher in this city; and a man of fair and unblemished character."

5 *April* : "Died lately Daniel Cronin of Knocknagree, a gentleman much lamented."

8 *April* : "On yesterday John Lott one of the Bottle Hill gang, with David Lyne otherwise Lauder and Patrick Croneen of Blackpool were sentenced to death for enlisting men for the French service."

15 *April* : "Wanted a new Milch ass. Whoever has such an animal will hear of a purchaser by applying to Mr. Webber at Lota, or Mr. Noblett Breton, near St. Peter's Church at Cork."

"The lands of Glandarta, 600 acres in the parish of Caheragh, lands in Sherkin including the two Slieves More, Clodagh, Kilmona and Harbour's Mouth part of estate of John Townsend Beecher to be set to the highest bidder from May 1st. Proposals to owner at his house Ann Grove near Middleton, or Francis Townsend his agent at Castletownsend."

"To be set by Jonathan Busted his house at Dundanion near Blackrock and 30 acres of land adjacent to the river. Also 80 acres at Kildarah in the parish of Ballinadee lately held by William Halinan."

17 *May* : "All lovers of the Royal Sport of Cockfighting will be delighted to learn that a match between the gentlemen of Leinster and Munster for 5 guineas a battle, and 300 guineas the main will be fought at Clogheen, Co. Tipperary during Whitsun Week."

31 *May* : "Last Saturday war was proclaimed against France in the city of Cork in the following manner. First in a procession were the several societies of tradesmen with their banners displayed, then soldiers carrying fixed bayonets, with the drums and fifes of the different regiments. Next came the City Officers with the Silver Oar and Mace, then the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Councillors with the City Music playing 'Britons! Strike Home'. Sir Henry Cavendish's Company of True Blues was received with loud Huzzas, all striving to show their love and loyalty to the best of Kings, and their abhorrence of the French."

14 *June* : "On Sunday June 6 Miss Susannah Grove was forcibly taken away from

the Church of Tipperary during Divine Service by Henry O'Grady of Ballylahiffe, Co. Limerick, assisted by several villians under arms, mostly Papists. All Justices of the Peace, Officers of His Majesty's Services and other gentlemen are required to aid in securing the said O'Grady, or his accomplices. £300 reward offered."

17 June : Letter from Waterford relates how O'Grady and his men conveyed the young lady through the counties of Tipperary and Waterford to Lymph Hall near Tramore where a sloop lay at anchor. Next day they went on board and the sloop sailed for the Isle of Man. A later account states that Henry O'Grady had been taken in London and would be charged with the carrying away of Miss Susannah Grove.

17 June : "Members of Lodge 27 of the Free and Accepted Masons are to meet at the house of Keane Mahony in the city of Cork on June 24 to celebrate the Festival of St. John. William Snowe, Master, Thomas Newenham and John Roe, Wardens."

"To be let part of lands of Riggsdale in Kinalea, where the late Mr. St. John Webb Riggs lived. Apply to Mr. George Stammers, Rathdrought, near Ballinadee."

"Whereas at the last Assizes John Lott of Carrigoon, near Mallow was capitally convicted and on May 1st was taken to execution. His collar was there opened and he was carefully examined. After hanging for fourteen minutes and to all appearance until he was dead, he must have revived later and is said to be now lurking around Carrigoon. The Loyal Protestant Society of Mallow will give a reward of £5 and the Under Sheriff 10 guineas to anyone who will within three months lodge the said John Lott in any of His Majesty's gaols."

"To be let the tanyard at Tallow Bridge. It is noted for the excellence of its water. This can be vouched for by Mr. John Moxeley, Cork, or Mr. Thomas Biggs of Bandon. Apply John Kirby, Tallow Bridge."

"To be let the ploughland of Gurthard, bounded by Creagh and Baltimore. Also the ploughland of Gullane bounding the river Rowry, near Rosscarbery, part of estate of Robert Atkins of the City of Cork."

"To be set by Ahraham and Jonas Morris, part of lands of Brooklodge or Ballydeloher, late in tenancy of John Mahony. Proposals to Abraham at his lodgings at Zackary Morris' house, Hammond's Marsh, or to Jonas Morris at Castle Salem, near Rosscarbery."