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THE CORKE JOURNAL

17 *June* 1756 : " To let at Carrigeen two fields and a large garden near the Sugar House, part of estate of late William Sleigh."

The Carrigeens belonged to the pre-Reformation Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem. The South Infirmary and the Gas Works now occupy part of the land. It is likely that the Sugar House referred to, occupied the Augustinian priory buildings we know as the Red Abbey. Sleigh's Marsh is now occupied by the City Hall and adjacent buildings.

" To be let by Hugh Millard part of Monard for three lives. Every encouragement offered to good Protestant tenants."

" Jonas Morris, son of John Morris, has commenced brewing at his father's concerns at the Watercourse. Captains of ships, householders, etc., will be supplied with all kinds of ale and beer."

9 *September* : " To let during the minority of Sir John Meade, Bart., the lands of Monaperson, Humkilihane, and Ballyphilibeen, being in the liberties of Castlemore, now in possession of Denis McCarthy of Glynn, and his undertenants. All situated in barony of Barretts. Apply to Lady Cavendish, guardian of said Sir John Meade of Kildare St., Dublin ; Rev. Dean Meade, Ballintubber, or Joseph Harrison, Esq. "

The Castlemore in question overlooks Mourne Abbey and is known as Barretts Castle.

21 *September* : "To be let by Jonathan Busted a house on the Mall of Cork near Tuckeys bridge. Apply Samuel Bromwell, Tuckeys Quay."

The Mall was along the eastern side of the present Grand Parade ; Tuckey's Quay was on the opposite side, and a bridge connected both, where the Berwick Fountain now stands.

30 *September* : " On last Saturday Mr. Thomas Smith, Burgess of Charleville was married to Miss Letitia Vance, of Bandon, a young lady of great beauty and merit, and possessed of a handsome fortune."

" On Saturday a great match of hurling was held on the Commons of Crumlin, between married men and bachelors for 20 guineas a side."

11 *October* : "To let from March 25, 1757 to Protestants for three lives or to Papists for 21 years, part of estate of Sir Richard Cox, Bart., all within four miles of Dunmanway where there is a flourishing linen manufacture. Lands of Glaun, parish of Bally-

money, Milleenagun, parish of Kilmeen, Lettergorman in Drinagh, Mileenamanig in Fanlobbus with profitable mountain and turf-bogs. Proposals to Sir Richard Cox Dunmanway, who will give great encouragement to industrious persons, who will settle on the lands. He gives to all the inhabitants of his estates as many flax wheels as they can use."

18 October : " To be let from March 25 part of estate of Justin McCarthy of Cloghroe, the half townland of Carrigeenbleast (near Cloughduv), Raheen (Knockavilla) Gortdonaghmore (near Blarney) Killeen (near Tower), Cloghroe and Dromen, adjoining Cloghroe and the middle quarter of Cloghphilip. The said Justin McCarthy will make leases for any terms of years or lives to good Protestant tenants of said lands. Proposals to be sent to Justin McCarthy at the Honourable Lady Meades house in Abbey St., Dublin, the house of Thomas Alleyn, Attorney, Cork, or Sir John Freke, Bart., of Castle Freke."

Sir Richard Cox, the planter baronet, seems to have given more consideration to Catholics in his advertisement than did this last McCarthy of Cloghroe, lineal descendant of the McCarthys, Kings of Munster.

" To let for two lives or 21 years, lands within a mile of Bantry, Keelnaskarty, Caherogillane, Dreen, Guenarigh, all part of lands of Skart. Also lands near Macroom called Glaunanarig, part of Gortnalicky, part of Kilgobinet, part of Bawnatanacknock, part of Bridgemount and Cahircagin, all part of estate of Horatio Townsend, Esq. Proposals to said Townsend at his house at Bridgemount (Clondrohid) or at Clogheen near Clonakilty. Will give good encouragement to improving tenants and particularly Protestants, to whom he will grant long leases or make them freeholders."

" John Hopkins, seventh son of the seventh son. In the said John Hopkins, are concentrated all the rare medicinal virtues, appended to and delegated to such persons. He makes a composition which gives safety in the most excruciating fits, or paroxysms of the gout or rheumatism. Another for the Kings evil or oedematus swelling. He relieves children who are " bresten bellied ", and lodges at the sign of the White Swan, at the corner of Bishops lane at St. Barry's, Cork."

" To be sold by Mr. Swiney proprietor of this paper, the Brennans famous eye-water from London. Cures all disorders of the eyes, strengthens the sight of young and old, wears away all fibrous skins that obstruct or weaken the sight. Prevents cataracts, head aches, toothaches, or breaking out in the face. Dissipates all saline and acrimonious humours. Large bottles one and sixpence each."

CORK EVENING POST

(published by Phineas and George Bagnell)

Monday 22 Nov. 1756 : " Last Thursday night died at Kinsale Mr. James O'Hea of wounds he received some time since."

" To be let by Thomas Dorgan, lands of Kippagh in Carbery within two miles of Dunmanway, now held by George Woods, Paul Donovan and Tim Hallissey. Good encouragement given to improving Protestant tenants."

" To be let by Thomas Austen, lands of Ballinverencig on the road to Bandon. Also house, pound and forge, on the high road to Bandon at Inniskerry, fit for a public house and stage stop, being well frequented, and the best stage between Cork and Bandon."

In all likelihood this was at Warners Cross on the old mountain road from Cork to Bandon near Waterfall. Races were held there and a public house stood at the cross until recent times.

"To let the concern, formerly a sugar house, near the South Gate. Could be converted into a brew or malt house."

Beamish's brewery now occupies the site.

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20 December 1756 : "To be sold, woods of Kilglenny in East Carbery. Apply Daniel O'Donovan of Bawnlahan, Esq."

"The three ploughlands of Knocknagree are to be set during the lifetime of Mrs. Mary Cronin of Killarney. Proposals to Daniel Cronin, Henry Duggan, and Denis Duggan, executors of will of Mr. Daniel Cronin, late of Knocknagree."

30 December : "David Roche an Alderman of Limerick was married at St. Peter's Church, Cork to Miss Winthrop, daughter of Mr. Stephen Winthrop, a wealthy Cork merchant. The young lady is endowed with a considerable fortune."

Thursday, 13 January 1757 : "The Gentlemen of the Kinalea Patriot Club held a meeting at the house of Ann Donovan at Ballyfeard, and give notice that they intend to prosecute by law, any disqualified persons keeping greyhounds and destroying game."

"Andrew Mullane of Brooklodge will sell his interest in the lease of the house in Mallow where Pat Mullane resided."

24 January : "Whereas Mr. Andrew Mullane has signified his intention of selling the house where Patrick Mullane lived, I give notice that I have been for some years in possession, C. Hennessy."

"Whereas Elizabeth Walsh, otherwise Brogan : aged 45 years of a long, thin visage with swarthy complexion, black eyes and hard in hatred and contempt for the law, seduced and carried away her daughter Mary Brogan, from the Charter School of Inishannon and caused her to run away from her Master, William Moxeley. Any person who will be good enough to apprehend the said Elizabeth and Mary, and lodge them in any of His Majesty's Gaols will be handsomely rewarded. Mary is about 15 years and like her mother."

"Pilula Salutaris. This pill, prepared by virtue of His Royal Majesty's Letter Patent, cures scurvy and rheumatism in their most malignant stages, sold by Nicholas Roche at the sign of the Prince of Wales, in the town of Kinsale."

Extract from a Private letter from London :—

"It has been found very difficult to raise a sufficient number of recruits for overseas service in Great Britain and Ireland. A scheme is now on foot to take 12,000 Danes into our pay who are to be quartered in Ireland and the troops there sent to America. It is also said that 18,000 Irish Roman Catholic troops are to be raised and sent thither. They will be incorporated with other veteran troops in His Majesty's American Dominion. They are to have free exercise of their religion. If this project succeeds it will be a fatal stroke to the French who have always been beaten by Irish troops when opposed by Irish troops. We all know that the French King would have been taken prisoner by our troops at the battle of Fontenoy were it not for the Irish Brigade, who were in his pay at the time."

14 February : "Whereas several persons smothered and armed, broke into the dwelling house of Mr. Garrett Nagle of Renny, near Ballyhooly and robbed silver plate, including spoons marked J.N. and M.B. with a crest—a falcon on a perch. Reward."

“ Last Saturday died suddenly in her 80th year at Garrettstown the seat of her son Francis Kearney, Mrs. Kearney, mother to the said gentleman.”

10 *March* : “ To let lands of Ballybeg with a good slate dwelling house within a small mile of Mitchelstown, and two of Kilworth. Apply to Mr. Garrett Nagle at said house, or Athanasius Nagle, Ballylegan.

14 *March* : “ To be let by William Raymond, the Red House at the upper end of the Mardyke Wall, Cork. Garden remarkable for its fruit.”

This is now incorporated in the College of the Sacred Heart.

11 *April* : “ Last Tuesday was married John O’Mahony of Dunloe castle, Kerry, Esq., to Miss Haly of Ballyhaly (Fermoy) a young lady of great beauty and merit.”

30 *May* : Extract from London letter : “It is in no way surprising that the King of Prussia should be so successful in war because he has above 300 brave Irish officers in his army, to whom he gives the greatest encouragement, knowing all personally and calling each by name. The Irish in the Austrian and French services are so sensible of this that many are deserting to the Prussians.”

“ To be let for any term not exceeding 61 years the lands of Poble O’Keeffe in Duhallow containing 5981 acres. Apply Louis Jones, Esq., Cork, John Galway, Esq., or John O’Donoghue, Draper, near the Exchange.”

“ Whereas there were two notes, one dated March 8, 1757 signed by Richard and Thomas Dawson for £800, and payable to Joseph Nagle since deceased and another by David Latouche, dated 26 March, 1757 for £457, payable to the said Joseph Nagle, which were not endorsed by him. If any person will deliver either of those notes to David Nagle, nephew and administrator to the late Joseph Nagle, to Ald. Dawson at his house in Gervais St., or to David Latouche in his house, Castle St., or to Richard Burke, Attorney, at his house in Lower Ormonde Quay, Dublin, will be rewarded.”

The Nagles were relatives of Blessed Nano Nagle, and it is likely that Richard Burke was father to Edmund Burke, the statesman of a later day.

2 *June* : “ Denis Hurley of Shanacrane in the parish of Inchigeela bought a red cow lately from William and Thomas Trindle, is afraid she was not honestly come by. Will give cow to any person proving ownership on payment of expenses.”

Extract from a letter from Prague, June 26, 1757.

“ The defeat of the King of Prussia, who attacked the Austrian army on the 18th instant, was mainly due to Irish troops serving with the latter. When the Austrian army began to give way, Count Daun sent for General O’Donnell, and desired him to attack the Prussians. This he did and turned the tide of battle. The next day Count Daun had the army assembled, and before all present returned sincere thanks to the Irish officers and soldiers who had so distinguished themselves.”

22 *September* : “Died lately at Paris in her 73rd year, Dame Catherine Sheldon, widow of Mr. Arthur Dillon, late Lieut-Gen. in the French service and Colonel of an Irish Regiment therein.”

“ Last Sunday died at Westcourt, Co. Tipperary, the Rev. Christopher Butler, a gentleman of exemplary piety.”

This was probably the Catholic Archbishop of Cashel but the penal laws were still in force, and he could not be so described publicly.

“ This day died in Mallow lane, the Rev. Denis O’Brien, greatly regretted.”

1 *December* : “ To let 300 acres of Templehill otherwise Lackenshoneen, on north side of Lee commanding a beautiful prospect from Inniscarra bridge to the City of Cork. Apply James Marten, Templehill.”