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(AND AFTERWARDS DEAN OF CORK,)
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WITH NOTES, AND AN APPENDIX,
AND SOME ACCOUNT OF THE AUTHOR AND HIS FAMILY,
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Lieutenant Prinn, and dined with him, but, there being no beer in the house, I drank water. After dinner we went to Cornet Pope's quarters, who gave us a bowl of punch, but before we drank it we received the news of the King's landing,^a and being at Belfast; whereupon we went immediately toward the Park, but in the way met the Lieutenant-Colonel, Major, Captain South, &c. coming home, who assured us of the truth of what we heard; and so, returning with them to the Lieutenant-Colonel's quarters, we had a bonfire there, and several volleys; saw the fire-works at Belfast, and spent the night joyfully.

15th. All the officers of our regiment went together to wait on his Majesty, whom we found in the garden, and stood until he passed by us; after which we all went into the hall, and were presented to him, and particularly myself by Count Schomberg, our Colonel, and kissed his Majesty's hand. Then we dined at Mr. Bourke's, for each four shillings. After dinner I went with Mr. Pooley to Mr. Cox, with whom and Dr. Walker we sat an hour; and then I walked home with the Adjutant, the town being crowded by the multitude of officers in it.

16th. The Lieutenant-Colonel and Major went to Belfast, and Captain Aldworth to Belurbet, in hope to get a company under Colonel Foulk. This day the remainder of the Dutch foot and most of the dragoons arrived, insomuch, that there were not less than 500 sail of ships together in the Lough. In the afternoon I went to the mountain's foot to bury Corporal Smith, of Captain Coote's troop, which I did at an old burying-place within a half mile of Belfast, called Shankill, and as I returned through the town I saw the King coming home with his guards, having been at the White-house and seen his train of artillery, above 40 pieces.

former of whom inherited the estates of his uncle Pooley Molyneux, but dying without issue, they came to his brother Molyneux, created Lord Shuldham.

^a See *Macartian Exortium*, edited by John G. O'Callaghan, for the Irish Archaeological Society, note, p. 339.

17th. In the morning early we drew out in the Park, and about ten of the clock the King came and viewed our regiment. He rode between all the ranks, and then, taking a stand before the left squadron, we all filed off troop by troop, and marched man by man before him. After he went home I dined with the Lieutenant-Colonel, and returning thence home met Frank Burton, and spent the evening with him.

19th. We drew out in the morning, and encamped in the park about ten of the clock. The King passed by us, and, having viewed some regiments of Dutch horse, went to Hillsborough, giving us orders to march after him to-morrow.

20th. We rendezvoused all our regiment at Lambey, and, marching through Lisburn, encamped at Garabane, about the midway between it and Hillsborough.

21st. We decamped very early, and marched to Dromore, where we encamped before the town before nine of the clock.

22nd. We marched to Loughbrickland,^a where the whole army rendezvoused in the afternoon. The King came up and viewed us, and pitched on a hill to the left of us, our post being on the first line on the right wing, next the Dutch troop of guards. In the evening, two Scotch ensigns, that deserted King James, came in to us, and gave an account that he was encamped with twenty thousand men near Dundalk, resolving to dispute the pass near Moyra castle.^b Whereupon it was concluded that Major-General Scravenmore should view the country, and find another way to march our cannon; and accordingly, about midnight, he went out with two hundred horse and one hundred dragoons. We had also an account this

^a On an exact review here, the army was found to consist of 36,000 English, Dutch, French, Danes and Brandenburgers, all well appointed in every respect. (Harris's *Life of William III.* p. 264.)

^b Moyra pass, now known as Ravensdale, a noted defile leading into Ulster, and frequently contended for during Tyrone's rebellion.

10th June 1690.

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Excerpt from the journal of the very,

Reverend Rowland Davies, LL, D. Dean of Ross, Chaplain to the Williamite Cavalry 1690.

In memory of Corporal Smith and all those soldiers from across Europe who passed through this area as part of King William III's army en-route to the Battle of the Boyne July 1st 1690.

At rest within sight of an Orange encampment.

At rest in the company of fellow comrades through the ages.

At rest, neath the shade of the trees.