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Against the Rebels at *Dungons-Hill*
IN IRELAND, *August 8. 1647.*

By the Forces under the Command of
Colonel *Michael Jones.*

With a Letter from the said Colonel, to the right
Honorable, The Committee at *Derby house.*

Together with a perfect LIST of all that
were slain, and taken Prisoners.

Ordered by the Commons assembled in Parliament, That
this Relation be forthwith printed and published:

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To the Right Honorable, The Committee at *Derby-House*.

Right Honorable,

I Have herewithal given your Lordships an accompt of passages in our late advancing against the Rebels; the observations therein given, drawn up by others, have been perused and approved for true by such as were upon the place & action: It is much from my dispositiō to take notice, much less thus to publish matters of this kinde, wherein I am so concerned; But at this time I have been thereunto enforced, in the over-forwardness of some who have taken upon them to give out Relations of this Service, not onely short, but far from truth, and of much disadvantage to the Publique. This Victory had been well leading to a perfect Conquest of this Kingdom, were we thereunto enabled by supplies of Men, Moneys, and other Provisions necessary for the Service. In the very noise of what is now done, I might (by Gods assistance) have advanced far into the enemies chiefest strengths, and well nigh at once shut up what of this work were to be done in this Province, had I

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been furnished with Carriages, Provisions and
Pay for the Soldiers; for want of which I have
been enforced to march home, whereby time
and means may be given to the Enemy for re-
cruiting, to our further disadvantage: for we
had not provisions of Victuals in the field for
one day, and Money there was not here for
one weeks Pay. That of greatest value seized
on, was the Train of Artillery, and particular-
ly Sixty four Oxen, worth 16. l. the yoke:
These were the Soldiers due, who possessed
themselves of them; yet I have gathered them
in from several hands for the publike service,
promising recompence out of the publike
Treasure, which I desire may there be thought
upon, and satisfaction therein given: Our loss
was not in men (not twenty being found mis-
sing) but in horse, many whereof were kill'd,
and rendred unserviceable; the Riders are cast
off from present service, if not again mounted,
which I humbly desire may be there thought
of, for the speedy and vigorous prosecution
of the War, which is to be done principally
by Horse and Dragooners, the Foot not being
able to march in winter. I am

Dublin, 12 Aug.

1647

Your Lordships most humble Servant,

MICHAEL JONES.

A DIARY and Relation of passages in and about Dublin, from the first of August, 1647. until the tenth of the same.

AUGVST I.

FOR relieving of *Trim* (a considerable garison of ours, 20. miles distant from *Dublin*, besieged by *Col. Preston*, the Rebels General of *Leynster* with his whole strength, *Col. Michael Jones* Commander in chief of the *Leynster* Forces, marched from *Dublin*, Aug. 1. 1647. with about 3800. foot, and two Regiments of horse, two Demiculverings, one Saker and four Sakaruts. That night the Army quartered at a village called *Swords*, six miles from *Dublin*, being something out of the rode to *Trim*, but leading towards the Rendezvous appointed for meeting with the *Drogheda* and *Dundalk* Forces, joyned with a party of horse and Foot expected out of the North of *Ireland*.

AUGVST II.

Monday the 2. they marched to *Ballinrouthery*, six miles from *Swords*.

AUGVST III.

Tuesday the 3. They marched over the Hills of *Hollywood*, a mountainous country, to a place called the *Naal*, and that night to *Garishtown*, where *Col. Jones* received Intelligence of the advancing of the expected supplies.

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AVGVST IV.

Wednesday the 4. The Army marched to the Hill of Skreen, where they met with Sir Henry Titchborn, with the Drogheda Forces, Col: Moor, with those of Dundalk, Newry and Carlingford, and Col: Conway with a party of the Northern old British, all making up about 700. Horse and 1200. Foot, and two pieces of Ordnance: Thither came from Trim, Major Cadogan and Captain Arthur Graham, informing that the Enemy had that morning burnt his camp about Trim, and retired to the old lurking place called Portleister, a great and secure fastness, about five miles westward from Trim. The same day our Army marched to the Hill of Tarra, where they were drawn up, and mustered 1500. Horse, & about 5000. Foot. That night they quartered at the foot of the Hill of Tarra, at a place called Dodestown; here Col. Jones cald a counsel of war.

AVGVST V.

Thursday the 5. The Army marched to a place called Skurlockstown, within one mile of Trim, where they quartered that night.

AVGVST. VI.

Friday the 6. They marched through Trim, to a place called Trimbleston, wherein the Enemy had a garison; this place Col: Jones surrounded in view of the Enemy, then encamping at Portleister two miles

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miles off, thereby to draw him forth, if possibly it might be, to engage himself to fight.

AVGVST VII.

Saturday the 7. A party of fifty horse of ours was commanded out for discovering of the Enemy, and observing his motion; about ten a clock that day the Enemy was observed to move, and rising from Portleister to cross the countrey, and march towards Maynouth, a place within ten miles of Dublin; this confirmed the intelligence formerly given us, of the Rebels intending to come betwixt us and home, and marching to Dublin for surprising of that place in absence of our forces engaged at the siege of Trimbleston. Whereupon Col: Jones resolved to rise with the Army and to follow the Enemy, and had scarcely spoken the word for Drums to beat, but (by especial providence) at the same instant did the Castle beat a Parley, offering to surrender, if permitted to march away with Bag and Baggage, and Colors flying; which with advice of a Council of War, was assented unto, We receiving the place, and placing therein a garison. That night our Army marched back through Trim, and quartered at Skurlockstown, as before said therein, in four hours marching, as far as before they had done in a whole day: That night

night a convoy, with some provisions, came from Droghedah to the Army: That night a commanded party of 500. Horse was sent out from our Army, with Orders to follow the Enemy, & beat up his quarters if enquartered, otherwise to follow him to Dublin if marching forward, the body of our Army being to follow after with all possible expedition: This commanded party found the enemy quartered behinde a very great Bog, so as no approach could be made to him; whereof Col: Iones being certified, he the next morning advanced towards the Enemy with the whole Army.

AUGVST VIII.

The Army marched through the strong fastnes of Demigan belonging unto Westy, wherein was a garison of the Enemies that shot at our men in their passing by, the village we fired, but the Castle held out: That day about ten a clock our army came to a place cald Lynchesknock, within one mile whereof the Enemy was drawn up on Dungan hill, a place to him of all advantages, being an high ground, whereunto adjoynd a Wood and a Bog (their usual refuge in distress) The Enemy also stood possessed of great ditches, within which he was as in so many strong works intrenched; hereunto may be added the advantages of wind and Sun.

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