

of this volume.* From the proceedings and resolutions of the house of lords, it would appear as if all its fancied apprehensions of danger from the Catholics had arisen from this part of the kingdom, and particularly from Galway, to which its attention was principally directed. But these instances of persecution, which, for some time past, had been much more severe than frequent, henceforth ceased; and, since this last and most violent gasp of expiring bigotry, the Catholic population of Galway, with very few exceptions, have remained unmolested on account of their religion. In the year 1740, a return was made, pursuant to the directions of government, of the state of the town militia. It then consisted of "three hundred effective Protestant inhabitants," divided into five companies, the particulars of which were laid before the lords justices, and a list of the officers was also submitted for their approbation.† There being no arms in the town, an order issued, in 1743, for one thousand muskets and bayonets for the town and county, of which two hundred and fifty were delivered to the militia by colonel Wynne, then governor of the town. A return of the ordnance in the garrison was soon after made, by which it appeared there were in the town ninety-three pieces of cannon, but that almost the entire were dismounted and unserviceable.‡ During the Scottish

* That part of the report which related to the "popish" schools, stated that the mayor, on the information of Mr. Garnett, master of the free school, gave him his warrant against one Gregory French whom he alleged to be a popish school-master, and to keep a Latin school; and that having called upon Mr. Garnett to know what he had done under the warrant, he said that French had dropped his school; and being further examined, he declared he knew of no other Latin school, and that he could give no account of any other, or of any English or writing schools, except that some of his scholars went out of school daily to learn to write, but could not tell from whom. He referred the mayor, however, to a licensed school-master, who returned the names of *Lally Bermingham, Thomas Adams, Nicholas Cox, William Casberry, Thomas Burke, George Foster, Denis Creaghane and Bryan Hynes*, popish school-masters and teachers of reading, writing and arithmetic.—*Con. Jour. Vol. III. p. 170.*

† First Company.

Dominick Burke, esq. vice E. Eyre, deceased, capt.
Robert Cook, alderman, — J. Feusquire, do. 1st lieutenant.
Robert Mc. Mullen, do. — Geoffry Cook, 2d ditto.
Henry Lewis, Burgess, — Thomas Holland, ensign.

Second Company.

Henry Ellis, esq. vice G. Staunton, dec. capt.
James Disney, alderman, — T. Hendron, do. 1st lieutenant.
Mathew Pennefather, do. — E. Barrett, do. 2d ditto.
Ambrose Poole, — Howel Price, do. ensign.

Third Company.

Rickard Fitzpatrick, esq. vice S. Simcookes, dec. capt.
Francis Simcookes, aldm. — F. Simcookes, 1st lieutenant.
William Hinde, do. — Robert Andrews, 2d ditto.
Aston Swanwick, Burgess, — M. Hughes, dec. ensign.

Fourth Company.

Thomas Shaw, esq. vice Robert Shaw, dec. capt.

Charles Gerry, alderman, vice G. Gerry, dec. 1st lieutenant.
Robert Andrews, ditto — William Hinde, 2d do.
Simon Trulock, Burgess, — E. Shields, dec. ensign.
Fifth Company.

James Ribett Vigie, esq. vice J. Ribett Vigie, sen. deceased, captain.

Thomas Holland, aldm. — Charles Gerry, 1st lieutenant.
Henry Vaughan, gent. — E. Rhodes, dec. 2d do.
John Johnson, — John Manion, do. ensign.

Orig. return, 27th May, 1740.

‡ The ordnance was then placed in the following positions round the town.

Inside the quay gate on the parade	15 guns
Outside do. on the quay	2
Quay canton	2
Quay bastion	8
The royal battery	3
Citadel, barrack yard	16
Citadel bastion	10
South bastion	16
East bastion	1
North bastion	4
Citadel gun-room, and under it in the street	2
Lyons-tower	8
Abbey-gate	1
Maio guard	1
William's-gate, an embrasure shut up	2
William's-gate guard-house	2
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	Total 93

All dismounted except five, and of these four of the carriages are broke and rotten. There lies in the citadel store one brass mortar 15 inches diameter, weight by estimation 2000lbs. but there are neither budge-barrels, handspikes, nor shafts for ladders or rammers to serve the cannon.
Richard Hudson, gunner.