

## Some Account of the Rebellion in Ireland.<sup>1</sup>

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Limerick, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1799.

I will now give you some account of the visitation of the Lord in this Country. The Rebellion was chiefly Confined to the Countys Wexford, Wicklow & Kildare, more particularly Wexford. Indeed that Country may well be said to be drenched in Blood. The rebels had entire possession of that Country for a long Time, & exercised such horrid acts of cruelty as is shocking to Humanity, especially against the Protestants of that Country. Odds of a Hundred together would be put into a Barn and it Burnt about them, & when any would attempt to escape through the windows or Doors, they were immediately stabbed with pikes outside by the rebels under a priest of the name of Murphy. I suppose there was hardly a Protestant family in that whole Country escaped from their wicked hands—butchering some in their Houses, hauling others to prison where they kept them till they were executed, and this they would be by 40 or 50 or 100 of a Day, thinking they were serving God to destroy these Heretics as they called them. However they were not suffered to continue long in their Wicked practices, the King's army warred against them & was victorious, but the whole Country became quite Desolate. Thanks be unto God this City had peace & we had no sign of the Rebellion & Destruction which raged within a few miles of us, except 9 or 10 that were hanged from the Country, there was also a good many flogged severly.

WILLIAM KENT.

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As illustrating the definite "leadings" of his Lord, some circumstances connected with John H. Dillingham's attendance at a wedding in Trenton, New Jersey, may be recited. Two Friends of his meeting, associated with the proposed marriage as overseers, knew of his intention to be present, and very kindly made the needful inquiry about trains. The evening before, they went to his house, told him the hour of starting, and proposed that he should join them in good time at the station. To their sore disappointment he did not appear, and they began the journey with feelings of chagrin. Some accident delayed their train, and they did not reach the meeting until the marriage was concluded. To their surprise and relief, upon entering the meeting-house, John Dillingham was sitting in the gallery as they would have desired. He had wakened early in the morning with a sense that it would be better for him to take a train in advance, and yielding to such an intimation, was in his right place by what seemed to all a special good providence.

*John H. Dillingham*, by J. Henry Bartlett, 1912, pp. 129, 130.

<sup>1</sup> See THE JOURNAL, vols. ii. and vii.