

THE COUNTIE OF CLARE. [a]

This Countie beareth the name of the Castle of Clare belong to the Earle of Thomond. It contayneth Nine baronies [b] and 2 small Byshopricks, Killallo, and Kilfeneraghe, the former subject to the Archbishop of Cashell in Mounster the Latter to the Archbishop of Tooam. This Countie is situated between two Bayes of Limerick and Galloway, the one to the East and the other to the West the Countie of Galloway to the North and the Sheynan to the South-east. It hath 2 market Townes Irish [] and in each ane Abbey,

*Principall
Castles* Bonrattie the Earle of Thomond's chief Hous
Clare belonging to him also
Cowland
Inchequin belonging to the Baron thereof
Towne
Dunnas Mr - Waterhous
Ballivaghan belonging to Sir Turloghe O'Bryen

*Men of Name
in this Countie* The Earle of Thomond his name Obryan.
The L. Baron of Inchiquin, his name in like
sort O'Bryen.

The Two Byshops
Sr Turlogh O'Bryan [c]
Mc ne marre Reaghe [d]
Mc ne marre feu [d]

Mc Mahon [e]
George Blunt of Dunas

Ogardie
Oneyland [f]
O'Laughlin
Oclanchey [g]
George Cusack [h]
Edward Mostyne
Edward Whyte
Mr. Waterhous.

In this Countie the Earle of Thomond's Brother, called Teag O' Bryan,[i] and some few with him are in rebellion.

[a] Carew writes to Cecil in June 1602, 'The Earle of Thomond hath no other suit in England but to annex Thomond to Munster, which if he may not obtain his heart is broken.'

In the county of Clare when I beheld the appearance and fashion of the people, I would I had been in Ulster again ; for these are as mere Irish as they, and in their outward form not much

unlike them ; but we found that many of them spake good English, and understood the course of our proceedings well. The best freeholders next to the O'Briens are the McNemaraes and the O'Laneyes, the chief of which appeared in civil habit and fashion, the rest are not so reformed as the people of Munster.'

— *Sir J. Davis, Car. Cal.* May 1606.

[b] A Trinity Coll. MS., marked E. 2. 14, and the Carew MSS., vol. 611, give the following account of Clare : —

It conteyneth whole Thomond being in length from Leyme Concollen to Killalowe 45 myles, and in bredth from Lymericke to Beallaleynee 25 myles, which of auncient tyme was devi'led into 9 Troghkyeds or hundreds, and is nowe appoynted to be conteyned in 3 Baronies.

The Barony of Tullaghnenaspule conteyneth Macnemaries als Mortimers country by East ; the Baron of Inshyquyn and Donel Reogh mac ne mare chief in the Same. The castles are 38 in number.

Gentlemen, and their Castles.

Tege Oultagh, Ballymogashill

Coverey Mc Shanerey, Quaronenvyre

Cullan

Rory Mc Mahown, of Kelkissin

Lysofine

Lysmieghan

Tirilogh Obrien, of ffomara

and of Tyriedagha

S'hane Mc Nemara, Caepagh

Edmund O'Grady, Sheriffe

Trugh

Rory Moell Mc ffynnyn, Beallagha

The Barony of Dangen conteyninge West Mac ne Mares Country. S'hane Mac ne mare Chief in the Same. Castles, 43.

Gentlemen, and their Castles.

S'hane Mac ne mare, of Dangen

and of Croppoke

Tirilagh Obrien, of Croppoke

Sohane Mac ne mare, of Dangan breake

Donogh Mc Murrogh Obrien, Qyynhi

Domea Mac Mahown, Dromollyn

William Nellan, Beallahanyn

Brene Obrien, of Castleton Nene-
nanogh

James Nellan, of Ballycaston

Ballyally

Conoghor Maglanthy, Ballycharelle

Mughane

Donell Reogh, of Tullaghe

Edmunde O'Grady, of Toymegreene

Edmunde O'Grady, of Muyno

Donogh and } of ffertan
 Rory Macnemare } Garongharagh
 Donell Reogh Macnemare, ffyckle- nearly
 Rorye Mac ne Mares Sons, Iland Cahir
 Donogh Mac ne Mare, of Kilallowe
 Muriertagh, Custos of Obriens bridge
 The Baron of Inshiquin, of Castell Loghe
 Sohane ne Geyllagh, of Dunasse
 Donel Roe, of Cullistecke
 Teige oge Mc Conmea, Neadennury,
 Tirilogh M'Donel roo, Glanomra
 Donel Reoghe, Sohort Castel in
 Tirlagh Obrien, of Glanoradone
 S'hida Mc Rory, Moynengeanagh
 S'hane Mc Namares, Son of Moyintallone
 Donell Reogh, Tyrowanyn
 S'hane Mc Mahoun, Euaghowleyne
 S'hane Mc Donell, of Beallakullen
 Brian M'Donell Roo, Ballgarilly
 Cornea Mc Mahown, Ballmitlayne
 Therle of Thomond, of Castell Callogh
 Donogh Mc Conoghor, Ahereynagh
 ffymyn Mc Laghlin, of Roscoe

DonoghObrien, Ballychara
 Donel Mc Shida Matagh, Granaghane
 S'hane Omulhonery, Ballynegeyne
 Donel Mc Sohida, Ralahyn
 Therle of Thomond, Rosmonagher
 ffynnin Mc laghlin, Legwaro
 Donel Mc Tege, Crathallaghmore
 S'hane Mc Nemare, Crathallaghmoello
 Therle of Thomond, Bunratty
 and of Cloynmoneagh
 Donel Mc ne mare, Crathallaghkell
 Muriertagh Obrien, Dromloyne
 Donogh Maglanchy, of Claynloghane
 TegeMaglanchy, of Balleneclogh
 Muriertagh Maglanchy, Nerlyn
 Brien na fforiry, of ffynis
 Macenery heny, of Ballenecraige
 Donogh Obrien, of Raehavellayne
 Tege M'Murrogh, Ballyconill
 Donogh O'Gradey, Cloyne
 Shan Mac mahown, Corballe
 Donogh Maglanchy, Bodovoher

The Baronie of Cloynetherala conteyninge East Corkewasten. Tege Mac Mahoone Chiefe in the Same, Castles, 7.

Gentlemen, and their Castles.

Tege Mac Mahown, of Dangen Myburke and of Cloynetheralla
and of Cahiracon
and of Ballamacollman

Derecrossan

Tege M c Coner Obrien, of Corubirighane

Tege Mc Muriertagh Cam, Dunegroek

The Baronie of Moyartha which conteyneth West Corke-Wasken. Tirlagh M c Mahoun Cheife
in ye Same. Castles, 8.

Gentlemen, and their Castles,

Charles Cahane, of Inyshkathyn. This man by inheritance is called a Courboe.

James Cahane, of Ballykette

Tirlagh Mc Mahown, of Carrighowly

and of Moyartha

and of Dunlykill

Dunsumayn

Sor Donell Obrien, Knight, Dunmore

and of Dunbeg

The Baronie of Tuogh Morey Conor conteyninge Corkemroe. Sor Donell Obrien, Knight,
Cheife in ye Same, Castles, 23.

Gentlemen, and their Castles,

O' Conor, of Inytsyman

Sor Donell, of Glan

and of Ballighanyre

Tullowmore

Tege Mc Murrogh, of ffante

Ballyngowne

Inshcovee

Ballighany

Ravine

Sir Donell O'Brien, of Beancoroe

Tege Mc Murrogh, of Cahirmenayn

Sor Donel Obrien, of Tullagh

Tege M c Murrogh, Leymenegh

Sor Donell Obrien, of Dunegoir

Tege Mc Murrogh, of Dumnycphellen

Knockefyne

Conogher Maghanchy, Tuomolyn

Tege M c Murrogh, of Ballenelakyn

and of Beallaghe

Loghbuligin

Kyhnuua

Sor Donell, of Dughe

and of Lyscanuire

The Baronie of Gragans conteyning the countrey of Buren, O'Loghlen, Cheife in the Same.
Castles, 20.

Gentlemen, and their Castles.

Ologhen, of Cahircloghan

Lysiglysin

Cahiricnacty

Balleemoroghee

Moghenees

Glensteed

Ologhlen, of Gragan

Glanoeynagh

Ballyveaghane

S'hanemokenes

Novknesno

Kynveare

Turlagh

Glancollayn

Killy

Nacapaghee

Castleton

Ballyheaghayne

Kreaghwill

Rugham

The Baronie of Tullagh Idea. Sor Donell Obrien, Knight, Cheife in the Same. Castles, 24.

Gentlemen, and their Castles.

The Baron of Inshiquin, Inshiquin

Sor Donell, of Killinbury

Mahown Mc brene O'brien, Ballycrotry

Quarowduffe

Tirmc brayne

Tege Mc Murrogh, of Bohneill

Muriertagh Garagh, Cahir Corkrayne

Rahe

Tege mc Murrogh, of Dromenglasse

Mahown Odea, of Beallnelykee

Mowghowny

Ogriffie, of Ballygriffie

Donogh Duffie Mc Cosedin, of Ballyharaghan

Therle of Thomonde, Moethrie

The Baron of Inshiquin, Dereowen

Manygriffane

Mahown Obrien, of Cloynenouayne

Dermot Obrien, of Cloyneseleherne

Owarow negule

Owen Mc S'wyne, Dunymulvihill

Carigentogher

Owen Mc S'yne, Bealnefirvearnayn

Donell Moel Odea, Desert

Mahown the B. Sonne, Kilkidry

The Baronie Cloynrawde, conteyninge y e troghkied of Cloynrawde and ye Ilands. Therle of Thomonde, Cheife in the Same. Castles, 19.

Gentlemen, and their Castles.

Therle of Thomond, Clonrawde
and of Clare
and of Inish
The Baron of Inshiquyn, Killoyne
and of Ballevecoode
Conogher Maglanchy, Enenshy
Brene Duffe, of S'hally
Tege Mc Murroge, Moghoony
Tege Mc Conor O'brien, Inishvacwochny
and of Inishdaghrome
and of Inishnivar
Mc Gylerervgh, of Craigurien
Tirviglay
Mc Graigh, of Ilandvecraigh
Tege Mc Conor, of Beallchoricke
The Baron of Ibrikan the {
Earle of Towmond's } Moyobran
eldest Sonne

Therle of Thomond, Cahir Rivish
Tege Mac Conogher, Tromra
Tege Mac Murrogh, Dunogane

There are 8 Baronies, 79 parish churches, and 172 castles, and 8 Abbayes.

The Abbayes and Religious Houses are

Th abbay of Clare possessed by Sor Donell and Tege Mc Conor his brother.

Inish by James Nellan.

St. John's a nunrye by

ye Baron of Inshiquyn.

Corkomoree.

Iland Chanens by Therle

of Thomonde.

Kiltena.

Quynhye, occupied by ffreers.

Th abbey of Insh Cronan.

From *Car. Cal*, year 1601-1603, p. 472, it appears that this Description was written by Sir T. Cusack in 1574.

[c] In 601 Sir Torlogh's son and heir, Teig, was mortally wounded fighting against the English ; he was taken care of by his enemy and kinsman, Lord Dunkellin ; but soon died and ' was buried successively at Loughrea and Athenry.' ' He was expert at every warlike weapon, of remarkable energy, agility, mildness, comeliness and hospitality.' In 1602 Torlogh and Conor O'B. were driven out of the castles of Derryowen and Ballyanchaislen by the Earl of Thomond. Torlogh escaped, but the chieftains Conor and Brian O'B., with their followers, were hanged on trees in pairs face to face. In 1602 Torlogh, grandson of Bishop O'B. was slain by Burke of Derrymaclachtyn. — *Four Masters*.
Morogh O'B. of Duagh lived at this time, and had a son mar. to a dau. of Edward O'Hogan. — *Lodge*.

[d] 'The two Mac Namaras, if the countrie were quiet, might live like principal Knights in England.'

— *Sydney's Letters*, fol. vol. i., p. 102.

'Mac Conmara Fionn (John son of Teig) d. in 1602 ; his son Donnall took his place.'

— *Four Masters*.

[e] Teig Caoch MC M., Lord of West Corcabhascin, captured an English ship in 1598, which put in near his Castle of Carriganchobhlaigh (Carrigaholt) ; he also took back Dunbeg, one of his own castles, from a Limerick merchant who 'held it in lieu of debt;' in 1599 he was driven out of his territory by Lord Thomond; he then joined the Earl of Desmond, assaulted by night Thomond's son, Donnall, wounded him, slew many of his people and imprisoned him. In 1602, being asked by O'Sullevan for a loan of his ship to send to Spain for assistance, he refused, sent his son and other guards to defend it, and when O'Sullevan approached in a boat to seize it, Teig, who was with him, called to his men to fire on O'Sullevan, and was accidentally shot by his own son.

'There was no triochoa-chead (barony) of which Teig was not worthy to be Lord, for dexterity of hand and bounty, for purchase of wines, horses and literary works. Mortagh MC M. of Cnocanlacha d. in 1598.' — *Four Masters*.

'Slain in 1599 by Turlogh O'Brien, whose lands he held.

[f] James O'N., who kept open house, d. in 1599.

[g] Baolach Mc Clancy of Cnoc-Finn d. in 1598 ; he was fluent in Latin, Irish and English ; was M.P. for Clare in 1585. Also Maolin Oge M'Brody, who in 1563 succeeded his brother as Ollav of Hy-Bracan and Hy-Fearmaac, d. at Ballybrody in 1602. There was no one in Eire who was, together, a better historian, poet, and rhymer than he.

— *Four Masters*.

O'Daly had a white house at Finnyvara, 'great its wealth, bestowing without folly ; it were a sufficiently loud organ to hear his pupils reciting the melodies of the ancient schools.'

— *Tribes of Ireland*.

Dermot O'Dea of Tully O'Dea was killed in 1598; Hugh O'Hogan was slain in 1597, in a battle between the O'Briens and the Clanwilliam Burkes ; 'he was by no means the least distinguished son of a chieftain for goodness and wealth.'

— *Four Masters*.

In 1585 the 'Lords spirituall and temporall, chieftains, gents, &c, of Thomond were — Donogh Earle of Thomond; Murrough lord baron of Inchiequin; the Reverend fathers in God, Mauricius Bishopp of Kyllalowe ; Daniell elect bishop of Kyllffinoraghe; Donogh O'Horane dean of Kyllalow; Daniell Shinnaghe, deane of Kyllffinoraghe; Denis, arch-deacon of the same; Sir Edward Waterhouse of Downassee, knight; Sir Tyrrelagh O'Brien of Ennestyvey, knight ; John Mcnemara of Knappock, otherwise called Mc Nemarra of Westcloncullun ; Donell Reagh Mc Nemarragh, of Garrowelagh, otherwise called Mc Nemarraghe of East Cloncullin; Teig Mc Mahoune of Clonderralae, otherwise called Mc Mahoune of Castle-Corkowaskin; Tyrrelaghe Mc Mahoune of Moyurtye, chief of his name in West Corkowaskin ; Moriertagh O'Brien of Dromeleyne, gen. ; Mahowne O'Brien of Clondewan gen.; Owny O'Laughleine of the Gragans, otherwise called O'Laughlene; Rosse O'Laughlin of Glancollum-Kyllie, tanest to the same O'Llaghlen; Mahone and Dermott O'Dae of Tulla-

adae, chieffe of their names; Connor Mac Gilreoghe of Cragbreane, chieffe of his name ; Tyrrelaghe MacTeig O'Brien of Beallacorege, gen. ; Luke Bradey sonne and heire of the late bishopp of Meath; Edward White of the Crattelagh, gen. ; George Cusacke of Dromoylen, gen.; Boetius Clanchie of Knockfynney, gen.; John Mc Nemara of the Moetullen, gen. ; Henry O'Grady of the iland of Inchechronan, gen. ; Donnogh Mc Clanchie of the Urlion, chieffe of his name; Donnoghe Garraghe O'Brien of Ballecessye, gen. ; Connor O'Brien of Curharcorcae, gen. ; and George Fanning Limerick merchant.' — See *Iar-Connacht*, p. 358.

[h] He had 600 f. and 50 horse in 1599, and not one castle there kept for the Queen.'
— Moryson.

Teig had mar. Slaine, dau. of Teig O'Brien, of Smithstown, son of the 1st Earl of Thomond, and by her was father of Tirlough of Ballyslattery, Colonel Morogh, and Dermot 'the Good.'
— Hist. Memoir of the O'Briens, p. 496.

In 1598 Teig took the Bridge of Portcroisi, the castles of Cluain, and Sgairbh. In 1599 eight companies of English and Irish soldiers were march- ing from Kilkeedy, through Bealach an Fhiodhfail (Rockforest), Teig's people attacked them ; more of the Queen's people were slain, but the Irish lost a gentleman named Dermot Roe O'Brien. Teig then made peace with the Queen, and dismissed his hirelings ; and the English and Irish besieged and took the castle of Cahirminane belonging to Tirlough O'Brien, whose brother Dermot was slain at Rockforest. — *Four Masters*.

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