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2. EXAMINATION OF PETER WAPPALL, LONDON, ENGLAND

12 MARCH 1642

[f. 1r, 349] Peeter Wappall of the City of London Mariner Gouvernor of the good shippe called the Mary Anne of London, sworn & examined 12th daye of March Anno R[egi]s Caroli summi Anglie &c xviii 1641 before John Poyer Esquire Mayor of the Towne of Pembroke touching certaine Armes & ammunition which hee had aborde his said shippe Being demanded who sett those Armes & Ammunitions aboard him; saith that one Sir John Clathworthey¹ knight did by order <Y> from the honorable houses of Parliament: cause those Armes to besett aborde his said vessell, from & out of the Tower of London to be by this Examinante transported to Cierrickvergus in Irelande for his Maiesties seruis there, the Ammunition was as followeth 440 barrells of Powder: 17 Irone Ornam six peeces of brasse ordinantes with Armes & match for about 2000 men, & beinge demande at what time he came forth of the downes, saith that xxvjth day of ffeb: last he came out of the downes & arived in this porte of Milforde 2th day of this Instante being demanded whether any shippes was *appointed* to conuoy this examinant ouer into Irelande with ~~the~~ said Armes & Amunition <Z> saith that one Captaine brooke hauen of London had an order directed vnto him from the honorable house of Comons for to Conuoy the said Examinant to Irelande as aforesaid with the said armes & Amunition & being demanded where the said Captain Brooke hauen now is saith that he knoweth not, for he Left this Examinant with his said shipp at Anchor in Douer roade the 25 day of ffebr Last Leauing behinde him one of the Master mates of the said Captain shipp, on shoare, then Employed by his said Captain to looke affter a certaine hoye loaden with powder & other Amunition to be taken in aborde the said Captain <A> shippe & one other shippe then Employed in his Maiesties seruis for Ireland which other ship this Examinant knoweth not the name there of the said Captain Brooke hauen Leauing this Examinant & the Master mate aforesaid behind him & sett sayle with his said shippe leauing the said hoye Loaden with powder & other Amunitionn behinde him & the said Brooke hauen went away in Company with one of his Maiesties *shipp*s called the Bonaventure [f. 1v, 350] whereof one Captain Stradling was Captaine & bounde with his said shippe for Kingsale in Ireland, but whether the said Captain Brookehauen were Comanded by the said Captain Stradling to leaue this Examinant behind him or whether the said Brooke hauen did soe leaue this Examinant of his

¹ Sir John Clotworthy, an Antrim settler who represented Maldon in Essex in the English Commons, had been appointed colonel of a regiment to serve in Ulster (*see DIB*).

owne voluntary will this Examinant knoweth not or to what Intent the said Brookehauen did soe leaue this Examinant he knowes not. & beinge demanded what shippes came away out of the downs in his Company saith that one Captaine Counstable of London, at present beinge Employed by ~~the one of the~~ honorable house of Parliament in his Maiesties seruis for <C> the kingdome of Irelande came in Company forth of the downes aforesaid vnto the Lands ende of Englande & there left this Examinant with his said ship the winde beinge then att east the said Counstable bering away for kingsale & this Examinant saith that haueing not a Conuoy any further did sett into the hauen of Milford: there to take in a pilott & to Learne how the state of Irelande now stooode in the Northerne parts: where he this Examinant was bounde, And this Examinant beinge demanded what Company hee had aboard him, more then was alowed him by my Lord Admiralls warrant saith <D> that there are fiue persons two wherof are surgions to the Lord Conways² Regiment & 3 other gentlemen which this Examinant desires might be sent for to be Examined for that he this Examinant was profered 100 li. to Carry two strangers passengers into Ireland which this Examinant refused, not knowing what their intendments were:

Peeter Wappell

John Poyer, Mayor of Pembroke

[f. 2r, blank] [f. 2v] ~~Examinacions out of Wexford~~ | 12 March 1641 | Examinacions touching munition for knockfergus | Peter Wappall | Rec 21 Martij 1641

TCD, MS 838, ff 1r-2v

3. EXAMINATION OF ARTHUR GORE, N.P.

3 JUNE 1644

[f. 3r, 525] The examination of Serjeant Major Arthur Gore taken before the right honorable the Earle of Roscomon³ and Sir James Ware⁴ knight etc and vpon oath ministered by the Clerk of the Councell⁵ by direccion of the right honorable the Lord Lieutenant & Councell the third day of June 1644 The said Serjeant Major Arthur Gore beeing duly sworne and examjned saith that of the three Regiments which were sent out of Ireland into Scotland about a quarter of a yeare sithence, hee only sawe the Regiment comanded by Lieutenant Collonell Saint Clere, amongst whom hee observed many that ~~we~~ by their habit and language hee knewe to bee Irish but whether of the Irish partie or not hee knoweth not, having noe other knowledge of them then his observation of them as they paste by him, <A> Hee saith that the Scottish forces remaining in Vlster doe daily take onn as many Irish papists as come to them, ~~and doe~~ towards recruiting of and as many as come to them from the English guarrisons, they their companies, *either give them double pay or []* Hee saith that [f. 3v, 526] <d> hee was present at Belfast about 3 weekes sithence when Generall Major Monroe⁶ with his forces came to Belfast, and the next day after the English Regiment which had lye

² Edward Conway, 2nd viscount of Castle Conway in the English peerage and Viscount Killultagh in the Irish peerage, was colonel of a second Ulster regiment supported by the English parliament (see *DIB*).

³ James Dillon, 3rd earl of Roscommon.

⁴ Sir James Ware, privy councilor, auditor general, antiquarian, MP for TCD (see *DIB*).

⁵ Sir Paul Davies (see *DIB*).

⁶ Commander of the Scottish expeditionary force to Ulster.

there was removed thence, & some of ~~Coll~~ Generall Major Monroes forces were quartered in their roomes by direccion of the said Generall Major Monroe, <e> Hee saith that hee heard it generally reported amongst the Scottish forces in the Claneboyes that there were at Dublin many that were well affected to their Covenant, & woud bee joyfull to have the said Covenant brought to Dublin, & that they there ~~joyed~~ were confident that the Covenant woud bee taken at Dublin

Arth: Gore
Roscomon, Ja: Ware

[f. 4r, blank] [f. 4v] 3 Junij 1644 | Examjnation of Serjeant Major Gore

TCD, MS 838, ff 3r-4v

4. EXAMINATION OF THEOPHILUS JONES,⁷ N.P.

3 JUNE 1644

[f. 5r, 527] The examjnation of Serjeant Major Theophilus Jones taken before the Right honorable James Earle of Roscomon, and Sir James Ware Knight ~~both~~ etc and vppon oath ministred by the Clerk of the Councell by direccion of the right honorable the Lord Lieutenant & Councell the third of June 1644 <f> The said Serjeant Major Theophilus Jones beeing duly sworne and examined saith that about 2 or 3 monthes sithence the regiment comanded by Lieutenant Collonell Saint Clere, the regiment comanded by Collonell Cambell, and another regiment whose chief Commander the examinant knoweth not were sent forth of Ireland into Scotland, and were shipped some at Carigfergus some at Belfast, some at Donoghadee, and some <g> at other ports, And hee saith that of those (*as the examinant in parte observed & was generally reported*) there were very many Irish *papists* that had been nerely before in Armes with the Irish and <h> of their partie, Hee saith alsoe that the residue of the Scottish forces yet remaining in the province of Vlster have been Lately recruited and very many Irish of the condition aforesaid taken on towards recruiting th [f. 5v, 528] <i> severall companies of the said remaining forces of the Scotts, All which Irish are provided for ~~by~~ as the rest of the said forces are, And hee conceives that the numbers of the Irish soe taken on for recruits are well=neere a fift or a sixt parte of their whole forces, And hee saith that before that new recruiting the <k> Scottish Regiments for the most parte were not above 500 *or* 600 men in a Regiment, but the *regiments* are now by the taking on of the said Irish & some Scotch ~~will~~ be neere complete a thowsand eache, Hee further saith that vppon ~~Major~~ Generall *Major* Monroes coming with his forces to Belfast beeing about the 13-14 of May last, hee promised <l> not to disturbe any there, ~~and~~ yet but only take quarter for his men, and yet the next day after hee gott thither, hee removed all the English Regiment that then laye there, savng two foote companies, and Coll: Chichesters own foote companie⁸ that were in his castle <m> at Belfast, And within 3 or 4 dayes after one of the said 2 companies namely that comanded [f. 6r, 529] by Capten MacAdam was alsoe removed from <n> thence, And not long after both the serjeants of that Company, with ~~350~~ of 53 of their men (as the said Capten

⁷ Brother of Dr Henry Jones (see *DIB*).

⁸ Arthur Chichester, nephew of Lord Deputy Chichester, created 1st earl of Belfast in 1647 (see *DIB*).

McAdam himself toud the examinant, and the examinant beleeveeth to bee true) marched with collors displayed to Belfast and there some stay beeing given them at the gate, they produced a warrant from Generall Major Monroe requiring their free admission <o> into the Towne *and that the Guarrison should bee assistant to them* wherevppon they had admistion to enter, and soe they marched to the markett place, and there ~~too~~ publicly tore in peeces their English Cullors, and distributed the same in small peeces † and soe putt them into their hatts, and in <p> that maner wearing them in their hatts marched away *to Carigfergus* ~~But~~ And hee saith that the said Capten macAdam also tould him (which also the examinant beleeveeth to bee true) that <q> hee the said Capten MacAdam lodging neere the *said* market place, & having had some notice of his mens disorders, hee (while hee was hastening to gett redy for it was timely in [f. 6v, 530] <r> the morning) called at a windoe to the Capten of the watche in the said market place namely Capten Kenedy, & tould him that he had heard that his the said Capten McAdams soldiers then there, were fallen into some mutinous <s> disorder, & desired the said Capten of the watche to stay them vntil hee came downe to appease them, wherevnto the said Capten Kenedy made answer, that hee could not stay them for that they had warrant for what they did, Hee saith that the forces Left at Belfast by <t> Generall Major Monroe ~~at~~ have lately deprived Coll: Chichesters Company of the guards in the Castle of Belfast, And Generall Major Monroe hath of late declared *as the examinant heard from the officers of Coll: Chichesters regiment* that ~~none of the field officers~~ Coll: Chichester and the rest of the field officers that departed thence shall have noe companies there, Hee saith that the Scottish forces *about in Vlster* doe generally ~~reporte that they speake to this~~ <effect> vizt wee have a partie ~~here~~ at Dublin & Drogheda & our ~~that their~~ Covenant ~~at is~~ † † a swearing at Dublin

Theo: Jones

Roscomon, Ja: Ware

TCD, MS 838, ff 5r-6v

5. EXAMINATION OF THOMAS THEAKER, BELFAST

18 JULY 1644

[f. 7r, 531] The Examinacion of Thomas Theaker suffraine of Belfast taken the eighteenth day of July 1644 by the right Honorable James Earle of Roscomon and Sir James Ware knight &c vpon oath ~~before~~ *administred* by the clerke of the Councell <v> Who being duely sworne & examined saith that since the Scotts have possessed themselves of Belfast they have erected a Presbytery *there* consisting of about Twenty Elders and fower Deacons, and *that they* have silenced one Mr Brice and other Ministers in the Scottish quarters for not taking the ~~new~~ Covenant. <w> He saith also that while he this Examinant was resident in Belfast the *free* Commoners of the said Towne (who have ~~wholy is a manner also~~ all of them except a very few taken the said Covenant) ~~about three weekes since~~ preferred a Peticion to this Examinant and to the Burgesses of the same, a true copy of which peticion followeth in these words *vizt* The humble request of the whole free Commoners of the Burrough of Belfast unto the sovereigne & free <x> Burgesses of the same. First our request is and as wee conceive

our right is by his Maiesties lettres patents that wee may all of vs have our free votes in electing & choosing [f. 7v, 532] of Burgesses as occasion of vacancy may require, if not wee protest against the election as unlawfull. Further our request <y> is that such men as shall be chosen to be free Burgesses bee of the Inhabitants & resident within our Corporation and free of the same and men of good respect, and such as have subscribed to the Covenant for reformation of religion for the true worship & service of God the Honor of our King and good of his people otherwise wee hould all other ~~people~~ persons nominated <z> or elected to be chosen otherwise to be malignants & wee protest against any other election as inlawfull Whereas also there ~~as~~ are some of the free Burgesses that are neither Inhabitants within the Corporacion neither Assistants for any good or welfare of the same, Therefore wee thinke it fitt that such shall be removed according to the Orders & Customs of this said Towne warranted by the said Lettres patents. He saith also that the said Peticion was <a> delivered to *him* this Examinant *about three weekes since at which* ~~at such time~~ ~~are~~ he kept the Court for the Towne & Burrough of Belfast. But vpon purusal of the Contents of the Peticion ~~and~~ finding the same to be of dangerous Consequence he refused to assent therevnto, and having [f. 8r, 533] <Chichester> adjourned the Court within a few dayes after he ~~too~~ repayred to Dublin to acquaint Collonell Chichester who is principally interested in the said Towne with the Contents of the said Peticion, being still insisted vpon by the said Commoners. ~~He saith also that as he conceives []~~

Tho: Theaker
Roscomon, Ja: Ware

[f. 8v] 18 July 1644 | The Examination of Thomas Theaker Suffraine of Belfast taken the 18th of July 1644

TCD, MS 838, ff 7r-8v

6. EXAMINATION OF RANDALL DOMVILLE, BELFAST

3 JUNE 1644

[f. 9r, 534] The examjnation of Randall Dumvil ~~of~~ Late of Belfast in the County of Antrim Gent, aged 30 years or thereabouts taken ~~vpon~~ before the Right honorable James Earle of Roscomon and Sir James Ware knight &c vpon oath ministerd by the Clerk of the Councell by direccion of the right honorable the Lord Lieutenant & Councell the 3 day of June 1644 <c> The said Randall Dumvil beeing duly sworne and examjned saith that the Regiment comanded by Lieutenant Collonell Cambell which was sent out of Ireland into Scotland about 3 monthes *agoe* was recruited newly before their going, with many Irish, many of them beeing taken out of prison, where they lay for criminal *offences as being of the Irish partie* ~~forces~~ others of them taken ~~from~~ ~~shippboard~~ ~~where they had been putt to~~ *as they were going on shippboard* to the end to bee carried <d> to the Indies, Hee further saith that the generall voice in these parts of Vlster is, that those Regiments of the Scottish forces which yet remaine in this Kingdome have been newly recruited, and that they tooke on Scotts & Irish, ~~Rebells~~ without distinction of any though [f. 9v, 535] <e> they ~~were~~ *had been formerly* in Rebellion, to recruit their Regiments and those soe taken on by them provided for in

the Regiments as the rest are, Hee also saith that hee hath heard some amongst the Scotts say that they conceived that they had a considerable partie at Dublin that were well affected to their wayes Hee <f> saith that now they take on *men* promiscuously *for recruiting their Regiments* without examining of what Cuntry or nation *or religion* they are soe as they take the Covenant

Ran: Domville
Roscomon:/, Ja: Ware

[f. 10r, blank] [f. 10v] 3 Junij 1644 | Examjnation of Randall Dumvill

TCD, MS 838, ff 9r-10v

7. EXAMINATION OF EDWARD TREVOR, N.P.

14 JUNE 1644

[f. 11r, 536] The examjnation of Capten Edward Trevor aged 21 yeares or therabouts taken before the Right honorable the Earle of Roscomon and Sir James Ware knight &c. vppon oath ministered by the Clerk of the Councell (by direction of the right honorable the Lo: Lieutenant *and Councell*) the 14 of June 1644 <g> The said Capten Edward Trevor beeing duly sworne and examjned saith that hee knoweth that the Scottish forces now in the North of Ireland who have taken the ~~late~~ Covenant lately sent out of Scotland into Vlster have taken on a very great number of Irish and Papists lately in armes with the Irish partie, <h> and hee saith that hee verily beleeveth that the number of those of that kinde soe taken on as aforesaid are soe great as they make a fowrth parte of their *marching* ~~men whole strength~~ or neere thereabouts, and saith that *hee hath credibly heard that* those soe taken on as aforesaid are vsually fedd ~~out of the~~ as others of their men are out of the provisions that were sent ~~out~~ from the Loe Cuntries <l> which arived *lately* at Carrigfergus, and hee saith that some of those of that kinde soe taken on that afterwards run away from them, with the clothes [f. 11v, 537] <k> they had gotten from them toud the examinant that those men soe taken on as aforesaid were fedd out of the said provisions as the rest are

Edw: Trevor
Roscomon, Ja: Ware

[f. 12r, blank] [f. 12v] 14 Junij 1644 | The examjnation of Capten Edward Trevor

TCD, MS 838, ff 11r-12v

8. EXAMINATION OF MICHAEL DUN, N.P.

14 JUNE 1644

[f. 13r, 538] The examjnation of Lieutenant Michael Dun aged 24 yeares or thereabouts taken before the right honorable James Earle of Roscomon and Sir James Ware Knight etc vppon oath ministered by the Clerk of the Councell (by direccion of the right honorable the Lord Lieutenant *& Councell*) the 14 day of June 1644 <L> The said Lieutenant Michael Dun beeing duly sworne and examjned saith that before the cessation of armes and since, the Scottish forces in the province of Vlster, have taken

on a number of Irish and papists, that had formerly been of the Irish partie, in armes against his majestie for recruiting of their Companies, and the examinant hath heard that many of those of that kinde soe taken on have been sent into Scotlande, And hee <m> saith that the said Irish and papists are provided for out of the stores there (aswell those *provisions that* came out of Scotland as those that came from the Lowe=Cuntries to Carrigfergus) as the rest of the Army that come out of Scotland are, Hee saith also that it is generally reported amongst the officers and others of the Scottish Army in Vlster [f. 13v, 539] <n> that they have a partie in Dublin and Drogheda and the officers give out that theyr first marche wilbee to Dublin, And hee saith that hee verily beleeveth that since the ~~the said~~ first coming of the ten Regiments out of Scotland into Vlster, there have been taken on into the said Regiments, of Irish that have been sent into Scotland, and remain stil amongst the Scottish forces in Vlster to the number of betweene three and fowre thowsand men,

Michael Doyne
Roscomon, Ja: Ware

[f. 14r, blank] [f. 14v] 14 Junij 1644 | The examjnation of Lieutenant Michael Dun

TCD, MS 838, ff 13r-14v

9. EXAMINATION OF JOHN MACADAM, N.R.

14 JUNE 1644

[f. 15r, 540] The examjnation of Capten John MacAdam aged 28 yeares or therabouts taken before the Right honorable James Earle of Roscomon and Sir James Ware knight etc vppon oath ministered by the Clerk of the Councell (by direccion of the Right honorable the Lo: Lieutenant *Councell*) the 14 of June 1644 <o> The said Capten John MacAdam aged being duly sworne and examjned saith that in the month of May last the foote company *then* commanded by the examinant in Collonell Arthur Chichesters Regiment, being quartered at Stramillis within lesse then a mile of Belfast, *and* the examinant having necessary occasion to repaire to Belfast, left the charge of the said company with one of his serjeants James McRuller and soe the examinant went to Belfast where hee <p> lodged that night, And hee saith that early the next morning one John Plunckett a Gentleman then of the examinants said foote company came to the examinant to his chamber, and tould him that the said foote company were broken, and that many of them that were Covenanters had by order of Generall Major Monroe [f. 15v, 541] <q> marched that morning from Stramillis to Belfast, with tucked drums and cullors flying, and that by like orders from ~~the~~ Generall Major Monroe they had that morning torne in peeces their cullors in the markt place at Belfast, whervppon the examinant (his chamber windowe looking into the markt place) ran imediatly to his <r> chamber windowe, and looking out, and seeing one Capten Kenedy Capten of the watche in the markt place, the examinant called to the said Capten Kenedy; and taking notice to him of the mutinous and disordered carriage of the examinants said company, desired the said Captain <s> Kenedy to stay them vntil the examinant could gett redy and goe to them, whervppon the said Capten Kenedy answered that it was to noe purpose, and that hee could not doe it, for what

the said company had don was by order of Generall Major Monroe, and that hee <t> the said Capten ~~had~~ Kenedy had scene and read the said order vnder the hand of Generall Major Monroe wherby it was appointed that the said company should marche with cullors & drum as they did [f. 16r, 542] <v> to Belfast and there openly in the markt place to teare the cullors of the examinant as Capten of the said Company in Collonell ~~Chichester~~ Chichester regiment, and that don to marche imediately with the said Company to Carigfergus, and ~~when~~ (as the said Capten Kenedy *then* tould the examinant) <w> there was in the said order signed by Generall Major Monroe a clause requiring Collonell Hume who comanded the Guarrison at Belfast to bee ayding and assistant to execution of the said order

John McAdams
Roscomon, Ja: Ware

[f. 16v] 14 Junij 1644 | The examjnation of Capten John MacAdam

TCD, MS 838, ff 15r–16v

10. EXAMINATION OF KATHERINE GRAHAM, KILLMAKEVITT

15 MARCH 1653

[f. 17r, 2855] The examinacion of Katherin Greame Singlewoman aged 20 yeares or thereabouts, & seruant to Mrs Jane Elly of Kilmakeuit, in Com. Antrim taken the 15th of March 1652 Whoe deposeth that aboute a fortnight after the Rebellion, being the day Maior Rawdens⁹ house was pillaged, she saw one Collo o Cnogher & Pat: oge o Hallan, & 2 or 3 more whose name shee knowes not, but heard priest o Hullan was one of them, & they came into John Porters house of Kiltva with their Swords drawne, & there kild in that howse one Hugh Wild a Tayler, & another English man a Tayler being there fled out of the house & they all followed him with their drawne Swords in their hands & tooke him & killed him vpon a little hill not farr from the said house, but which of them killed him she did not see; nor which of them wounded the said Hugh Wild, but shee sawe their bodyes after, & the said Hugh had many wounds vpon him, & the other body vpon the Hill had 3 wounds about his hearte, & those murderers inquired after this Examinantes father, Georg Greham, whoe was since kild in seruice, to haue kild him, but he had hid himselfe in a bogge, there being noe other men, in place but onely woemen & children, and being demanded if any of those women & children be alieu, saith she knowes of none but heard latly that one of the said Taylors wife is liuing in the Claneboys & that John Porter tould her soe./

Jur. Geo: Rawdon

[f. 17v, 2856, blank] [f. 18r, 2857, blank] [f. 18v, 2858] 42 | The Examinacion of Katherin Greames | Versus | Cullo o Knogher | Patt: oge o Hullan

TCD, MS 838, ff 17r–18v

11. EXAMINATION OF ROBERT JAMESON, LONGMORE, CO. ANTRIM

29 JANUARY 1653

⁹ George Rawdon, MP for Belfast and major in Lord Conway's regiment (see *DIB*; McGrath).