

Cathedral Church, sacred to St. Canice (did restore to its pristine worship, cleansing it from heresy and schism).” The words in brackets are erased and are supplied by tradition.

The tomb of Richard Viscount Mounegarret was restored for the then Lord Mountgarret in 1763 by Mr. William Colles of Kilkenny. The base, the panel on which the inscription is cut and a small portion of the frieze are the original work.

He fought with O'Neill, Earl of Tyrone, against Queen Elizabeth, but was reconciled through the influence of his cousin, Thomas Earl of Ormonde. He became leader of the Confederate Catholics, General of their forces, and President of the Supreme Council, and died in 1651, aged 73.

In Graves and Prim's 'History of the Cathedral Church of St. Canice,' which is the principal authority for these notes, comment is made on the deterioration of monumental art in the 18th and first half of the 19th century. "Pagan emblems such as the inverted torch and cinerary urn usurped the place of the insignia of Christianity and inflated encomiums of the deceased superceded the simple 'Hic Jacet' of our fathers."

The hope is expressed that the erection, then promised, of a monument to the second Marquis of Ormonde would inaugurate a new era of good taste. This monument now dominates the South transept. It is carried out in Caen Stone on a plinth of grey limestone and is highly ornamented with the armorial bearings of the family.

The monument is surmounted by a beautifully carved figure of the deceased dressed in the robes and wearing the collar of the Order of St. Patrick.

Later monuments take the form either of mural tablets or of stained glass windows.

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RAIL JUNCTION

The bill establishing a Railway communication between Mountrath and Kilkenny and for forming a junction between the Waterford and Kilkenny and the Irish South Eastern Extension line, with the Great Southern and Western in a southerly direction has met the approval of the Committee of the House of Commons. It is confidently anticipated that an alteration will be made in the Bill making Maryborough, instead of Mountrath the junction point.

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