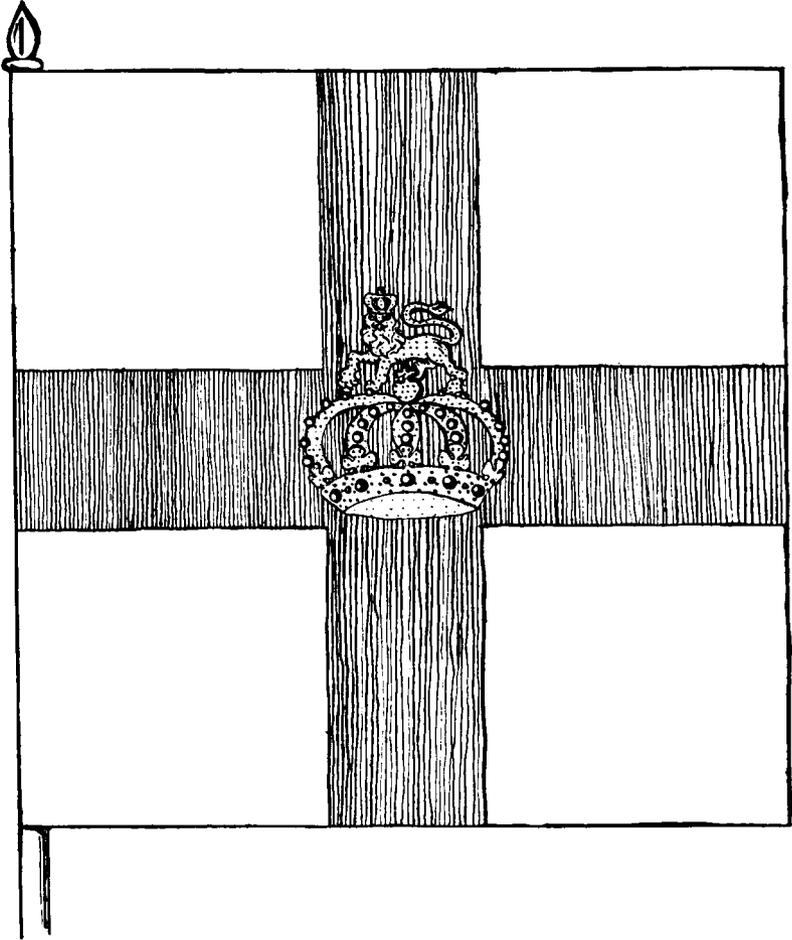


The Walsh Flag

An imposing ceremony took place in Dublin Castle on May 11th, 1959 when the replicas of the flags of the regiments which served France were handed over. A distinguished attendance including the French Ambassador, His Excellency M. Jacques de Blesson, the President of Ireland Mr. Sean T.



Flag of the Walsh Regiment — Red Cross on a White Field with Gold Crown and Lion.

O'Kelly, Mr. Eamon De Valera, An Taoiseach and members of the Dail were present on that occasion.

General Souard, making the presentation paid a warm tribute to the gallant Irish men who served France with such distinction and spoke with feeling on the part played by the Irish Regiments at the Battle of Fontenoy.

The Flags handed over included the Flag of the *Walsh Regiment* (below) which is of particular interest to the people of Kilkenny. The Walsh regiment was commanded by Colonel Antoine Joseph Phillip Walsh, descendant of Captain James Walsh who brought King James II to Ireland for the Battle of the Boyne and to France after the defeat of the Boyne. Captain James Walsh was born in Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny. Colonel Walsh who commanded the Walsh regiment was a descendant of Captain James Walsh, who with his family were devoted adherents of the House of Stuart.

Anthony Vincent Walsh great grandson of Captain James brought Charles Edward Stuart to Scotland for the Rising of the Clans (1745) which ended in disaster to Culloden.

A replica of the Walsh flag which waved over many a European battle field, and was also carried by the Walsh regiment during the American War of Independence in the States when the colonies revolted may be seen in the Chapel Royal, Dublin Castle. There is a plaque in the porch with details of the flags.

Letters of Nell Guin

To James, Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, September, 4th., 1682.

My Lord This is to beg a favour of your Grace, which I hope you will stand my friend in. I lately gott a freind of mine to advance me on my Irish pencon halfe a years payment for the last Lady Day (wch all Peuples have red'ed but me) and I drew bills upon Mr Laurence Steele my Agent for ye Pay'mt of ye money, nott thinking but long before this ye