



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

cannot receive any money without yo'r Graces's Positive order to ye Farmers fir it.

Your Grace formerly upon the King's Letter (w'ch this enclosed is the cobby of) was so much mine and Mrs Foster's friend as to give the necessary orders for our Pay'mts, notwithstanding the stop. I hope you will oblige me now, upon this request to give yo'r direcons to ye Farmers ;yt we may be pair our Arrears; and what is growing due & you will obleige.

My Lord,

Ellen Gwin.

To Richard, Earl of Arran, eldest son of the Duke of Ormonde and Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, November 26th, 1682.

My Lord — I hope yo'r Lords'hp will obleige me so much as to stand my Freind. I have w'th importunity gott ye Lords of the Treaty to give an order to my Lord Ormonde to cause the Arrears of my Pencon stopt in Ireland to be paid what is due to me to last Michas with my sisters Mrs Forster & others whome their Letter mencons; my Agent is Mr Laurence Steele to whome I have sent this letter to your Lordshp hoping for my sake you will be pleased to give him a speedy dispatch in this business & obleige you Lordshps most humble servant to command.

Ellen Gwin.

These two copies of letters of Nell Gwynn were submitted by our good member, Martin Brennan of 35 High Street, West Molesey, Surrey. He adds that Nell never learnt to write, dictated her letters and in block letters put the E.G. Sometimes, as here, the writer of the letters signed them "Ellen Gwin."

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