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the Degradation of Mr. *Dallas*.

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MANY Persons of great Distinction, in this Kingdom, can testify that I long withstood their repeated Sollicitations, to consent that a Narrative of my Proceedings, in the Suit carry'd on against Mr. *Dallas*, in the *Consistory Court* of *Cork*, should be published. For tho' I was fully sensible that the falsest Representations of my Conduct, in that Affair, had been with the utmost Industry spread through this, and the neighbouring Kingdom, by *Pamphlets*, *Letters*, *Harangues*, and all the various Arts of *Calumny* and *Detraction*; yet I was in hopes that the Affair would cool by degrees, and be better understood; and I resolved to bear the lesser Evil for a Time, (tho' I severely felt it) rather than give the least Occasion to a Spirit to exert itself, which I saw wanted but a Pretence to break out. But, at last, such Arguments were used, and by such as had an unquestionable Right to the greatest Influence upon me, that I could not resist; for they unanimously agreed, that the deferring it longer would be, in Effect, subscribing to, and acknowledging the Truth of, what had been with such Confidence asserted to my Disadvantage; and that they could no longer pretend to defend my Conduct, except the

Publick was informed (as well as they had been) of the true State of the *Case*. At the same Time they declared it would not be proper, that this Account should come out in my Name; but they thought it fit that such a State of the *Case* should be wrote, as a Person who was present at all the publick Transactions, and was well acquainted with me, might have given. And when I had agreed that such a State of the *Case* should be printed, it required but little Trouble to prepare such a one for the *Press*. For I had, soon after the Institution of the *Suit*, taken down in Writing all the material *Transactions*, which related to it, as they occur'd. I also from time to time, informed my Friends in *Dublin* of my Proceedings; and the Day on which Mr. *Dallas* was *Degraded*, I wrote four very long Letters, to four Persons of Distinction in *Dublin*, besides those to my *Lawyers*, informing them of the whole Affair. And as soon as I saw how scandalously my Conduct in that Matter had been misrepresented, in a printed Pamphlet, intituled, *A Letter to a noble Lord in Dublin, &c.*

I wrote a State of the *Case*, which I intended to have sent to each of my *Brethren* on the *Bench*, and which was, with only a very little Alteration in the Form of it, the very *Narrative* that is now given of the whole Affair, in the Pamphlet, intituled, *A Letter from a Clergyman of the Diocese of Cork, to his Friend in Dublin, relating the Conduct of the Bishop of Cork, in the Degradation of Mr. Dallas*. And as I have been since often obliged to inform my Friends and others, by *Letters*, and *viva voce*, of the true State of the *Case*; I am confident there are an hundred Persons who were well acquainted with the Substance of the *Narrative*, and in a very minute Manner, long before it appeared in *Print*; many of whom have declared,

clared, that, long since they have heard me repeat it almost *verbatim*.

When the Pamphlet, intituled, *A Letter from a Clergyman of the Diocese of Cork, to his Friend in Dublin, &c.* was published, I was in hopes that no Person, who considered the unhappy Necessity I was under of defending my Conduct, would take the least Offence at any Part of it: Much less did I imagine, that any one could contradict any material Circumstance in it. But I soon found I was mistaken; for I was told by Mr. *Oliver* at the *Castle of Dublin*, that the Author of that Letter had asserted a Falshood, where he had said that it was well known in *Cork* that Mr. *Dallas* had solicited Mr. *Oliver* to marry him in a private House; which Mr. *Oliver* denied that Mr. *Dallas* had done; I then told Mr. *Oliver* that I hoped to prove that he (Mr. *Oliver*) had declared that Mr. *Dallas* had solicited him to that Purpose; but this Mr. *Oliver* insisted could not be done. I then told him that I was the *Author* of that *Letter*.

Before I left *Dublin*, I received, by Letters, full Proof that Mr. *Dallas* had offered his Service to marry Mr. *Oliver* in a private House; however, as I hoped that, upon farther Recollection, Mr. *Oliver* would not have insisted that Mr. *Dallas* had not done so; I made no other Use of them, but to shew them to a few Friends in *Dublin*, who might be able to contradict it, if Mr. *Oliver* should persist in what he had charged the Author of the Letter, &c. with, and this afterwards, (by a Letter I received on the 26th of *December* last, addressed to me in *Print* from Mr. *Oliver*) I found he was determined to do, and to which Letter he was pleased to add the following *Postscript*. P. S.
 “ And that the World may be convinced I am not the
 “ only Person who hath been injured by the false
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“ Representation of *Facts* in your Lordship’s Pamph-
 “ let, I take this Opportunity of publishing the fol-
 “ lowing Declaration, which was transmitted to me
 “ from *Cork*.”

In which Declaration, Mr. *Crofton*, who is *Vicar General* of the Diocess of *Cork*, has asserted, that there are several Paragraphs in a printed Letter from a *Clergyman* of the Diocess of *Cork*, &c. viz. p. 29, 30, 31, highly reflecting on the Character of the *Vicar General* of the Diocess of *Cork*, as he apprehends.---And he informs the *Publick*, that the Assertions in said Pages, relating to the Conduct of the *Vicar General*, contain many *Falshoods*, and that the Conversation, between the *Bishop* and the *Vicar General*, is grossly misrepresented.

I was indeed surprized when I had read this Declaration of Mr. *Crofton*’s, as I never had intended by any Part of that Pamphlet (or any other Way) to give him the least *Offence*. And as I could not see how any thing he is therein represented to have said, or done, could be strained to reflect on his *Character*. I immediately sent to three of the four Gentlemen who were present when this Conversation passed between the *Vicar General* and Me; and they, having before, on three several Occasions, been desired to recollect the Particulars of what passed in the *Vestry*, most readily and clearly *attested* the *Truth* of the Account, which is given of said Conversation in the *Vestry*, in the 29th, 30th and 31st Pages of the *Letter from a Clergyman of the Diocess of Cork*, &c. and on the 26th of *December* last they signed the following Certificate; which Mr. *Waterhouse*, who was the only other Person present, has since signed at *Bath*; which Certificate, with another of the same Date, whereby I acknowledged that I was the *Author* of the *Letter from a Clergyman* of
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of the Diocess of *Cork*, &c. was printed on the Day following, viz. the 27th of *December* last, and some Hundreds of them were dispersed through, and posted up in the most publick Places of the City of *Cork*; and on that Day, viz. the 27th of *December*, Alderman *Millerd* and Mr. *Spread* signed two Certificates relating to what Mr. *Oliver* denied; and these four were on the *Friday* following, viz. *December* the 29th, printed in the *Cork News-Paper*. And having afterwards received a Letter from Mr. *Bristow* at *Bath*, which puts the Subject of Alderman *Millerd*'s and Mr. *Spread*'s Advertisements in a clear Light, and was printed in the publick Papers, I have inserted it here also.

AS I have been frequently applied to, to know whether the Facts are true which are related in a Pamphlet lately printed in *Dublin*, intitled, *A Letter from a Clergyman of the Diocess of Cork, to his Friend in Dublin, relating the Conduct of the Bishop of Cork, in the Degradation of Mr. Dallas*; I think it proper in this publick Manner to acknowledge, that I am the Author of that Pamphlet.

Cork, 26th of Dec. 1749.

JEMMETT, *Cork and Ross*.

WE do hereby certify, that we were present in the *Vestry* of the Cathedral Church of *St. Finbary, Cork*, the Day on which Mr. *Dallas* was degraded, and that the Conversation related to have passed at that Time in the *Vestry*, between the Bishop of *Cork* and the *Vicar General*, in the 29th, 30th, and 31st Pages of a Pamphlet printed in *Dublin*, (intitled, *A Letter from a Clergyman of the Diocess of Cork, to his Friend in Dublin, relating the Conduct of the Bishop* of

of Cork, in the Degradation of Mr. Dallas) is faithfully and impartially related; and that the Words there said to be spoke by the *Bishop* and *Vicar General*, are, to the best of our Recollection, the Words used by each of them.

Dated Cork, 26th Dec. 1749.

THOMAS MILLERD, Clerk.

St. JOHN BROWNE, Clerk.

SAMUEL BROME, Clerk.

Dated Bath, Jan.

PETER WATERHOUSE.

10, 1749.

N. B. The only Persons who were present when the above Conversation passed, were the *Bishop*, the *Vicar General*, and the above four *Subscribers*.

Note, The above-mentioned Conversation is also related in the 44th, 45th, and 46th Pages of said Pamphlet, as re-printed in Cork by M. Pilkington.

I Do hereby certify, that in some Conversation I had with *Philip Oliver*, Esq; relating to the Suit carrying on against Mr. *Dallas*, said Mr. *Oliver* declared, that he intended to be married in the Church as other *Persons* were, until Mr. *Dallas*, by Letter, offered his Service to marry him out of Church.

Cork, 27th Dec.

1749.

HUGH MILLERD, *Junr.* Alder.

I Do hereby certify, that soon after Mr. *Dallas* had been cited to the *Bishop's Court* of Cork, to answer for having married *Philip Oliver*, Esq; and his Lady, in a private House, I being in Company with Mr. *John Gray*, Uncle to Mr. *Oliver's* Lady, and it being mentioned that that *Suit* was likely to be expensive to Mr. *Oliver*, that Mr. *Gray* said he saw no Reason why it should be so, for that Mr. *Dallas* wrote a Letter to Mr. *Oliver*, which Mr. *Oliver* received just before
Dinner,

Dinner, at his (Mr. Gray's) House; in which Letter Mr. Dallas offered his Service to marry him out of Church, to save his and his Lady's *Virgin Blushes*, and that Mr. Gray said, Mr. Oliver immediately gave the said Letter to him to read, which when Mr. Gray had done, he asked Mr. Oliver if he intended to accept of Mr. Dallas's Offer, and that Mr. Oliver made answer, he did intend it, if the Lady pleased, and that Mr. Dallas best knew how far he could answer it. And Mr. Gray further said to me, that he did not approve of this Manner of doing it, as it was a Matter concluded by Consent of Parties on both Sides, and that therefore he would have been better pleased to have had it solemnized in the Church, according to the present Usage of the Diocess.

Cork, 27th Dec.
1749.

MATTHIAS SPREAD, Clk.

The above Certificates are printed, as the only Answer proper for the Bishop of Cork to give to the Contents of a printed Letter addressed to him, and signed Philip Oliver, and to the Postscript of said Letter, signed P. Crofton.

My LORD,

Bath, Jan. 13th, 1749.

HAVING seen a Letter from your Lordship to Mr. Waterhouse, in which is mentioned a Conversation I had with Mr. Oliver before his Marriage, I think it necessary to acquaint your Lordship with the Particulars.

In April 1748, Mr. Oliver called on me at the Library, and read a Letter written by Mr. Dallas to Mr. Freeman, earnestly desiring to be recommended to Mr. Oliver, for whom, and the Family, in which he had been formerly employed, he had a great Regard, and was willing to marry him privately, notwithstanding the

the Bishop's Injunctions, to whom he had no Obligations, or Fear of his Displeasure, or Words to that Effect. Mr. *Oliver* then asked me, how far Mr. *Dallas* could suffer by it? I sent for the large Prayer Book, and either shewed, or read to him the Canon and the Penalties. The Gentlemen of the Bar, said Mr. *Oliver*, don't mind the Canons. I told him I did not know how far they were pleadable in the Temporal Courts, but certainly had their Force in the Bishop's. If *Dallas* will voluntarily take it upon him, (said Mr. *Oliver*) I don't see why I should scruple it. You'll be bound in Honour (I replied) to support him afterwards; for depend upon it, the *Bishop* will prosecute him to the Extremity of *Law*. How much will it cost (said Mr. *Oliver*) if he does? I told him if it was *smartly* contested, and *appealed* to *Castel*, a Hundred Pounds would not do; and if it went farther, God knows how much. I would throw away a Hundred Pounds (said Mr. *Oliver*) to oblige my Wife. I am to be married on *Friday*, and the whole Town will be at *Christ Church*, she'll be in great Confusion, for myself I don't value it if all the Country was there.

I thought it proper to give your Lordship some *Facts* that are passed, and need no future Proof as they will not be denied, can no way impeach Mr. *Oliver's* Honour, or condemn me for mentioning what could never be designed for a Secret.

*I am, my Lord, your Lordship's
most obedient humble Servant,*

PETER BRISTOW.

This Letter the Bishop of Cork received the 26th Jan. 1749, from the Rev. Mr. Bristow at Bath, and is printed in Support of the Truth of the Certificates (one signed Hugh Millerd, Jun. Alderman, and the

the other signed Matthias Spread, Clerk) and also to confront the evasive Methods that have been made use of to discredit them, and particularly by two Certificates, one signed John Gray, the other signed Philip Oliver.

On the 28th of *December* last, I received a Letter from Mr. *Crofton*, in support of the Charge in his printed Declaration against the *Letter from a Clergyman of the Diocess of Cork, &c.* wherein he says, he hopes that I, and the Gentlemen who had signed the *Certificate*, attesting the Truth of the Account given in the 29th, 30th, and 31st Pages in the Letter from a Clergyman of the Diocess of *Cork, &c.* of the Conversation which passed between *him* and *me*, will recollect that Conversation, and that Justice may be done him. And to this Letter he desires an Answer. *As I was still at a Loss to know how his Character*, even as he states the Matter, had been in the Letter from a Clergyman of the Diocess of *Cork, &c.* any way reflected on; and as we differed so widely about *Facts*, I sent him this Message, that my Answer was in Print; and I think on the Day following, *viz.* the 29th of *December* last, he printed said Letter.

On *Sunday* the 31st of *December*, I heard that a Pamphlet had been published the Evening before, intitled, *The Conduct of the Dean of Cork, and other Clergymen of the same Diocess, in relation to the Suit carried on against Mr. Dallas*; and, upon perusing, I found it contained a very heavy Charge, laid by Mr. Dean Mead, Archdeacon Reader, Dean Goldsmith, Mr. *Crofton* the Vicar General, and Mr. *Jackson*, against the Letter, of which I had, by publick Advertisements in *Cork*, acknowledged myself the Author, the *Wednesday* before, *viz.* the 27th of *December*,
I observed,

I observed, that it was introduced to the *Publick*, under the seeming *Sanction* of an Act of *Chapter*, in pursuance of which it is said to be wrote; and that to make it evident how much the *Chapter* had concerned themselves in the Defence of their Members Conduct, Mr. *Crofton*, the Vicar General of the Diocess of *Cork*, thought it incumbent upon him, in a printed Note at the End of it, but dated the 28th of *December*, to make his *Apology* to the *Chapter*, for not being as ready as the rest of the Complainants with his Defence, and hopes that the *Chapter* will excuse his Silence, until he received an Answer to a Letter from the *Bishop*. Which I must here observe, he did not wait many Minutes for; and also that he printed his *Case*, (*viz.* the *Letter* he wrote to the *Bishop*) a Day before the Pamphlet was published.

I was greatly amazed to find myself thus attacked, for I had sent the Letter from a *Clergyman* of the *Diocess* of *Cork*, &c. to almost all the *Clergy*, under my *Cover*, *Frank* and *Seal*: However, when I had carefully perused the several Gentlemen's *Cases*, as *stated* by *themselves*, I should have doubted much whether it would be necessary to make any *Reply* to them. And I think I should have been inclined to trust to the Candour of the *Publick*, to judge how little material Difference there was in the general, and to account for what did appear to be, between the *Cases* of these Gentlemen, and what is said of them in the *Letter* from a *Clergyman* of the *Diocess* of *Cork*, &c. However, *I am sure*, I should only (after I had applied to the *Clergy* and others who were present at the Transactions said to be falsely and unfairly represented) have published the Testimony they should give to the Account that is given of them in the Letter from a *Clergyman* of the *Diocess* of *Cork*, &c. but when I saw the

the Act of *Chapter* placed at the Head of that *Pamphlet*, it seemed greatly to change the Appearance of the *Matter*. I perceived it would easily lead, at least, the Generality of *People* into an Opinion, that the *Chapter* (the *Bishop's Council*) after solemnly debating and weighing the *Matter*, had judged, that these five Gentlemen had been injured, by the false and unfair Representations in the *Letter* from a *Clergyman* of the *Diocese* of *Cork*, &c. and that the *Chapter* had so far interested themselves in the Treatment their *Members* had received, that they authorized them to undertake the Defence of their Conduct, and even *pointed* out to them the Method of *doing it*. However, from the Perswasion I had of the Integrity of the *five* other *Gentlemen*, who were present when the five *Members* complained, I concluded that the *Matter* did not strike them in this Light; for I was sure they never could thus endeavour to pre-judge any Cause, and I did suppose, that either they did not foresee the probable Consequences of what was done in *Chapter*, or that they had been mislead as to the Proofs, or otherwise. And moreover, I could not see what Pretence the *Chapter* (as such) had to interfere in the *Matter*.

I immediately applied to these Gentlemen, to explain this Affair to me; and I received great Consolation from them all, for they, separately, declared the same thing: And the Substance of what they assured me was as follows; that they meant no more, when the Complaint was made, and the Question asked, in the *Chapter*, than to declare, what they thought must have been said in any other Place, or by any other Persons, on the like Complaint, *viz.* That all Men who thought themselves *injured* by any *Falsities*, &c. had a Right to *vindicate* their *Conduct*; and that they did not mean to be understood, as if they thought the *Chapter* had any
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Right to interfere in the Matter, or that their five *Members* Conduct had been falsely and unfairly represented in the Pamphlet then named; and that no Proofs, nor Particulars of what had been complained of, were mentioned: That it was not their Intention, that the *Chapter* should do any thing to countenance this Complaint, or represent that *Body* as thinking their *Members* had been *injured*: And they declared, they did not suppose that the *Use* would have been made of what passed in *Chapter*, that has been since made; and *this they authorized me to say*.

Now it is evident that these Gentlemen could never have had any other *Intentions*, or *Sentiments* in this *Affair*; for three of them, Mr. *Brome*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *White*, could not suspect that the Conduct of those Gentlemen had been so falsely and unfairly represented, as appears by their having signed the *Certificate* printed in this *Appendix*; and as to the two others, Mr. *Davies* and Mr. *Woodroffe*, the former left the *Visitation* indisposed, before Mr. *Dallas's* *Affair* came on, and the latter was then in *Dublin*.

Having been now entirely satisfied as to the Conduct of these five Gentlemen, I thought it would be highly proper upon their Accounts, as well as my own, that their Purposes in the *Chapter*, and *Sentiments* of what had been done since, should be clearly understood by the *Publick*. But to prevent all Possibility of Mistake, I committed to Writing what these Gentlemen, before Witness, had authorized me to say, intending to send it to them to peruse, that I might know whether they would still authorize me to say so, and to publish the Contents of that Paper as their *Sentiments*. I first sent it by a Gentleman to Mr. *Davies*, to whom Mr. *Davies* said, he would not sign any thing in this *Affair*; nor would he have his Name in any Declaration to be published

lished about what the *Chapter* had done, for that he had hitherto kept, and was still resolved to keep, out of the Scrape; yet he did not except to any thing in the Paper, only that he said, he could not declare he did not suspect that the five Complainants had been *injured*, as they alledged they had; tho' he acknowledged that no Proofs, nor Particulars of the Complaint, was mentioned in *Chapter*; that he was not at the *Visitation* when the *Transactions*, said to be falsely represented, passed, and that he had never read the Letter complained of, until some time after the Complaint was made. Therefore, the following Declaration is only made by the *Authority* of the other four *Gentlemen*, who upon perusing it, most readily acknowledged, that their *Sentiments* were clearly express'd in it, in *Words* and *Phrase* to their *Satisfaction*, and fully authorized me to *publish* it as their genuine Purposes in *Chapter*, and *Sense* of what has been done in that Affair, *viz.*

I am authorized by the Reverend Mr. *Samuel Brome*, Chancellor, the Reverend Mr. *John Smith*, Treasurer, the Reverend Mr. *Thomas White*, Prebendary of *Killbrittain*, and the Reverend Mr. *Samuel Woodroffe*, Prebendary of *Drumdaleigue*, to say for them, and in their Behalf, that when a Complaint was made in the *Chapter*, by the Reverend Mr. *Dean Meade*, the Reverend Mr. *William Reader*, Archdeacon, the Reverend Mr. *William Jackson*, Prebendary of *Cahirlag*, the Rev. Mr. *Isaac Goldsmith*, Prebendary of *Kilanully*, and the Reverend Mr. *Perkins Crofton*, Prebendary of *Desertmore*, that they had been *injured* by several Misrepresentations and Falsities in a Pamphlet, lately published in *Dublin*, intitled, *A Letter from a Clergyman of the Diocess of Cork, to his Friend in Dublin, relating the Conduct of the Bishop of Cork, in the Degradation of Mr. Dallas*,

Dallas, and which was then produced ; and that when the Question was asked, whether they ought not to justify their Conduct, That, by the Answer they gave, they meant no more than to declare, what they and all other Persons must have done in any other Place, or on any the like Occasion, *viz.* That all Persons who thought themselves injured, by any kind of Misrepresentations or *Falsities*, had a Right to vindicate their Characters, and that they did look on this as a Question to which no *Negative* could be given.

And they further declare, that by any thing they said on that Occasion, they did not mean to give the least Colour for any Person to suspect, that the *Chapter* did think the *Gentlemen* who complained, had, in any Way, been injured or misrepresented in that *Pamphlet*; or that the *Chapter* did any way interfere in the Matter ; and that no Particulars of those Gentlemen's Complaint was mentioned, nor any Proofs offered to be made.

They further declare, that the Matter was quite a Surprize to them ; that they knew nothing of the Intention of those Gentlemen to mention their Complaint in the *Chapter* ; and that they then thought, as they do still, that the Chapter was no way concerned in it. And they declare, that if an Act of *Chapter* has been drawn up, which may seem to represent the *Chapter* as thinking that there was any Ground for the Complaint made, that it was far from the Intention of these five Gentlemen, that any Act to that Purpose should be conceived ; and that they did not suspect that any Use could ever be made of what passed there, to countenance these Gentlemen's Complaint, or authorize their Defence ; and that they could not suppose the Use would be made of it that has, and that an Act of *Chapter* would be published with the Defence of those

those Gentlemen's Conduct, as an Authority for their undertaking it.

Being now thus called upon, to support the *Truth* of that Part of a Letter from a *Clergyman* of the Diocese of *Cork*, to his Friend in *Dublin*, relating the Conduct of the Bishop of *Cork* in the Degradation of Mr. *Dallas*, which had been complained of by some of the *Members* of the *Chapter*, as giving a *false* and *unfair* Account of their Conduct: I applied to the *Clergy*, and others present, when the Transactions, said to be *falsly* and *unfairly* represented, passed, for their *Testimony* to that Part of the Letter, &c. complained of, and do here publish their Certificates. And lest any might be stirred up to object also to other Parts of said Letter, which give an Account of what passed in *Publick*, I desired from such as I could find were present on those Occasions, that they would testify whether those *Transactions* had been *fairly* represented in said Letter, whose *Certificates* to that Purpose I here insert.

The following *Certificate* relates to that Part of the Letter from a *Clergyman* of the Diocese of *Cork*, &c. in which the *Dean* and other *Members* of the *Chapter* complained, that they had been greatly *injured* by several *Misrepresentations* and *Falsities* in it.

WE do hereby certify, that we have read a Pamphlet, printed in *Dublin*, intituled, *A Letter from a Clergyman of the Diocese of Cork to his Friend in Dublin, relating the Conduct of the Bishop of Cork in the Degradation of Mr. Dallas*; and that the Account given in said Pamphlet, from the 20th to the 28th Page inclusive, of what passed at a Visitation held by the Bishop of *Cork*, and at which we were present, is a *fair* and an *impartial Relation* of what did pass at said Visitation, as far as it related to the Af-
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fair of Mr. *Dallas's* Degradation; and that (as far as we can charge our Memories, in a Matter that we could not suppose would ever be disputed) the Words used in that Part of said Pamphlet, which gives an Account of what passed, as to Mr. *Dallas's* Case, are the Words made use of by the several Persons who are there represented to have spoke in that Affair.

John Thomas Atkins, Clerk.

John Eustace, Clerk.

Arthur Echlin, Clerk.

J. Delacourt, Clerk.

Edward Cottrell, Clerk.

Thomas Millerd, Clerk.

Thomas Bermingham, Clerk.

John Denis, Clerk.

Patrick Elmsly, Clerk.

Thomas Daunt, Clerk.

James Doherty, Clerk.

Paul Limerick, Clerk.

John Smith, Clerk.

Edward Browne, Clerk.

Achls. Daunt, Clerk.

Peter Waterhouse, Chanter.

John Smith, Treasurer.

St. John Browne, Prebendary of *Kilbrogan*.

Hart Smith, Prebendary of *Inskenny*.

Peter Bristow, Clerk.

Francis Elmsly, Ch. Ward. of *St. Finbarry*.

Thomas Browne.

I do sign to the Truth of the above *Certificate*, except as I was not near enough in the Beginning, I did not hear the Clergy desire the Dean to speak, though I could perceive they did speak.

Matthias Spread, Clerk.

According

According to the best of my Recollection and Apprehension, the Transactions mentioned in the above *Certificate*, are fairly stated in the above-mentioned Pamphlet.

SAMUEL BROME, Chancellor.

I Attest the *Truth* of the *Certificate*; but being engaged in Discourse with Mr. *Thomas Parker*, I did not hear what Mr. *Jackson* said; nor did I hear, for the same Reason, several of the Clergy desire the Dean to speak; but I heard one Clergyman desire the Dean to speak, and I left the Place before the Dean spoke to the Bishop, when the Bishop proposed to Mr. *Dallas* to acknowledge his Crime the *Sunday* after.

JOHN WRIXON, Clerk.

I WAS present at the above-mentioned *Visitation*, and do certify, that the Account mentioned in the above Pamphlet, of what passed at said *Visitation*, has the *Air* and *Complexion* of what did pass there; but at this Distance of Time my Memory will not serve me to be more particular. But I do think, that after the *three Clergymen* spoke, when the Bishop had called on any of the Clergy to deliver their Opinions, that no one did speak, and that there was a Silence for some Time.

THOMAS WHITE, Preb. of *Kilbrittain*.

AS I was at some Distance when they spoke, I cannot so particularly say what Dean *Goldsmith* and Mr. *Jackson* said, nor did I hear the Clergy desire the Dean to speak for them; but except these Particulars, I readily attest the *Truth* of the upper *Certificate*.

THOMAS PARKER.

ON the 31st of *March* last past, I was present at the Consistory Court of *Cork*, with some other Clergymen, when Mr. *Dallas's* Cause was called, and, having read the 15th, 16th, and 17th Pages of a printed Letter from a Clergyman, &c. relating the Conduct of the Bishop of *Cork* in the Degradation of Mr. *Dallas*, do, to the best of my Recollection, declare the exact Correspondency in Substance of what is there related, with what passed, was spoke and delivered that Day. As also Part of the 18th Page, except what Conversation the Bishop had with Dean *Mead*, which I did not hear so exactly as to mention. Just after the last Visitation, Business being over, I was also present at said Court, when Mr. *Dallas* said he was willing to make some Acknowledgment before the Clergy. And the Substance of what follows in the 21st Page of said Pamphlet, I think is fairly and impartially relating what passed for so much. And Part of 22d Page, where Mr. *Dallas* would not allow his *Acting* to be against *Law*, but said he was open to *Conviction*: On which Mr. Dean *Mead*, and some others near the Bench, spoke, but not loud enough that I could hear distinctly; but to which one of the Clergy replies, and told Mr. Dean he had no Right to speak for the Clergy, as they had not been consulted. This Clergyman said, he thought Mr. *Dallas* had been sufficiently punished in being silenced, as Part of 23d Page. Another Clergyman spoke, who, though he seemed to blame Mr. *Dallas's* Conduct, yet he was cautious, and did not allow that the Crime deserved Degradation. Another Clergyman spoke, who said some Things relating to the Archbishop and Diocese of *Dublin*, but which I cannot so well remember as to set down. What further Conversation

versation the Bishop had with the Dean, I did not hear, because I was at a Distance; but heard the Bishop say he had a Son in Orders, and did assure openly, that had he been in Mr. *Dallas's* Case, he had acted from the first with him, as he did by Mr. *Dallas*. This is the Substance of what I can recollect, and can fairly and impartially subscribe.

GEORGE TISDALL, D. D.

Besides the Twenty-five Clergymen who have signed the above Certificates, (except the Dean, and the other four Members of the *Chapter* who complained) there were no other of the Clergy assembled in *Visitation*, but Mr. *Davies*, Mr. *Donnellan*, Mr. *Burgh*, Mr. *Meade*, Mr. *Mac Clellan*, Mr. *Farmer*, Mr. *Keeffe*, Mr. *Barry*, Mr. *Bear*, Mr. *Baily*, and Mr. *Wood*; as to Mr. *Davies*, he left the *Visitation* (indisposed) before Mr. *Dallas's* Affair came on --- and I have not thought proper to apply either to Mr. *Donnellan*, Mr. *Burgh*, or Mr. *Meade*, (the Dean's Son) to sign the Certificate; though I have no Reason to think they have any Objection to the *Truth* of the Pamphlet, intituled, *A Letter from a Clergyman of the Diocese of Cork, &c.* Mr. *Mac Clellan*, also, and Mr. *Farmer* left the *Visitation* indisposed; Mr. *Keeffe* is in *Great Britain*, and Mr. *Barry* dead. When I spoke to Mr. *Baily* and Mr. *Bear* upon this Occasion, they declared they could not charge their Memory with what had passed at the *Visitation*, relative to Mr. *Dallas*; and Mr. *Wood* has, by Letter, (as he says the signing the Certificate might prejudice him in the Opinion of the Gentlemen concerned in this Controversy) desired to be excused.

I insert here the other *Certificates* which relate to the two other publick Transactions mentioned in the *Letter from a Clergyman of the Diocess of Cork, to his Friend in Dublin, &c.*

WE do hereby certify, that we were present in the *Consistory Court of Cork* some time the Beginning of *March* last, when Mr. *Dallas* gave in his personal *Answer to Articles* exhibited against him; and that the Account of what passed in said Court, in the ninth, tenth and eleventh Pages of a Pamphlet printed in *Dublin*, intituled, *A Letter from a Clergyman of the Diocess of Cork, to his Friend in Dublin, relating the Conduct of the Bishop of Cork in the Degradation of Mr. Dallas*, is a true Account of what was said and done in relation to Mr. *Dallas's* Affair.

I Do certify the above to be true, with this Difference, that after Mr. *Dallas* had confessed to the *Articles*, and signed them, the *Proctor of Office* moved that Mr. *Dallas* should be *admonished* to appear next Court Day to hear his *Penance*; to which the Bishop answered, that the *Law* had made but one *Punishment* for his (Mr. *Dallas's*) Offence, which the Bishop said was *Degradation*, and which he must inflict, if he did any.

HUGH MILLERD, *Jur.*

The Contents of the two above Certificates I certify to be true.

THOMAS BERMINGHAM, *Clk.*

I also

I also certify the Contents of the two Certificates above to be true.

EDWARD BROWNE, Clerk.
THOMAS WEEKS, Register.
RICHARD BEARE, Surrogate.

WE the undernamed Persons do certify, that we were present in the *Consistory Court* of *Cork*, on the 31st Day of *March* last, when the Bishop of *Cork* sat in Court, attended by a great Number of the Clergy; and that the Account given of the publick Transactions of that Day, whilst the Bishop was in Court, in the 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th Pages of a Pamphlet printed in *Dublin*, intituled, *A Letter from a Clergyman of the Diocess of Cork, to his Friend in Dublin, relating the Conduct of the Bishop of Cork in the Degradation of Mr. Dallas*, is an exact and fair Narration of what did pass at that Time.

John Thomas Atkin, Clerk.
Amb. Jackson.

John Eustace, Clerk.
Arthur Echlin, Clerk.

John Colthurst.

Robt. McClellan, Clerk.

Js. Delacourt, Clerk.

Edward Cottrell, Clerk.

Hugh Millerd, Jun.

Thomas Browne.

Thomas Bermingham, Clerk.

Edward Browne, Clerk.

Peter Waterhouse, Clerk.

According to the best of my Recollection and Apprehension, the above-mentioned Transactions are fairly stated in the above-mentioned Pamphlet.

SAMUEL BROME, Clerk.

According to the best of my Recollection, at this Distance of Time, the above Account is true.

THOMAS WHITE, Clerk.

I have only no Recollection of what the Dean said.

THOMAS WEEKS, Register.

I attest the above, to the best of my Recollection; only as to the Conversation between the Bishop and the Dean, which I utterly forget.

RICHARD BEARE, Surrogate.

The following Certificate I received from Mr. Gibbons, Teacher in the Anabaptist Congregation.

I Do hereby certify, that I was in Court the 31st of March; that what is related in *A Letter from a Clergyman of the Diocese of Cork, &c.* printed by Mrs. Pilkington, 1749, is a fair and honest Narrative (to the best of my Recollection) of the Transactions of that Day, Pages in said Letter 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26; but know nothing of the Conversation that Day between the Bishop and Dean Mead, as I was at some Distance, and could not hear; but the Bishop, upon the whole, behaved with great Calmness, and expressed himself with much Lenity.

EBENEZER GIBBONS.

N. B. *The Pages in this Certificate relate the same Transactions which are mentioned in the 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th Pages of the Letter from a Clergyman of the Diocese of Cork, &c. printed in Dublin.*

Some time after Mr. *Beare*, Surrogate to the *Vicar General*, had signed the Certificates relating to the public Transactions mentioned to have passed, in the *Letter*, &c. some time in the Beginning, and on the 31st of *March* last, I received from him the following *Letter*, which, as he has desired, I have published with his Certificates.

My LORD,

I Did imagine (when I certified the Transactions of the Court Day, contained in Pages 9, 10, 11, as also of another Court Day, in Pages 15, 16, 17, 18, of a *Clergyman's Letter*, &c. printed in *Dublin*, to be, to the best of my Recollection, *fairly and impartially related*) that by so doing, I had not given the least Room for Censure; yet it seems I have been mistaken: I am called upon to answer the following Objections, which I take the Liberty to send your Lordship, with my Answers thereto, to the Intent that, if any Use be made of my Certificate, this may go along with it; or (if your Lordship thinks it cannot be conveniently inserted) my Name erased.

* *Objection* I. *Clergyman's Letter*, &c. says, Page 9th, That the new Articles contained in this Charge only, &c. *Answer*, There is an Error here, for the Word *Clandestine* is omitted, which was in the Articles.

Objection II. The same Page, After Mr *Dallas* had spent some Time in Reading, &c. *Answer*, I cannot charge my Memory whether he at all read the *Articles*, before he offered to submit.

* The Word CLANDESTINE is not in the Articles, but the Word *Clandestinely* is; and neither that Term, nor the Word *Unduly*, which is joined with it, are in the Letter, &c. nor is there any Necessity they should, as they are but Terms, or Epithets, applied to the Crime.

Objection

Objection III. That by certifying the Transactions, I seem to concur with the Author in his Remarks. *Answer*, This your Lordship may remember I objected to on the Reading, and your Lordship very properly replied, that I only *certified* the *Transactions*.

Objection IV. That I am *partial*, in not declaring my Sentiments, as to every Part of the Book, as well as those particular Pages. *Answer*, I own I differ in Opinion from Clergyman's Letter, &c. in many Parts. I am sorry I am under the Necessity of troubling your Lordship with these Explanations, but the Vindication of my Conduct makes it necessary. I am,

My LORD,

Your Lordship's most dutiful

and obedient humble Servant,

Cork, Jan. 25, 1749.

RICHARD BEARE.

As to Mr. Dean Meade, I cannot comprehend why he should be offended, (as I fear he is) at my having related the *Justice*, which he so readily and clearly did me, in the Face of all his Brethren, at the *Visitation*; and especially, when he knew that I then required it of him, on account (as I publicly told him and them) of some false Rumours of what had passed between him and me, relative to Mr. Dallas's Affair; and was it not natural for me, when an Account of what passed between us was dispersed through the two Kingdoms to my Dishonour; was it not natural for me, when I was thus drove to a Necessity of *justifying* my *Conduct*, to *defend* it, by relating, in how clear and honourable a Manner Mr. Dean Meade had acquitted me,

me, from such Imputation, before the whole Body of the *Clergy* in *Visitation* assembled? And that he did so, I thought was manifest beyond Contradiction; for I never yet heard that any Person who was present seemed to doubt it. And indeed, it was done in so remarkable a Manner, that it could not easily be forgot by any who attended to it; for, it took up a good deal of Time, as I distinctly, and audibly, related every Thing that I had ever said to Mr. Dean *Meade* on that Affair; and every Answer he made to me through the whole Transaction; and with all the Circumstances of it, as related in the *Letter* from a *Clergyman* of the *Diocese* of *Cork*, &c. and to all which Mr. Dean *Meade* most exactly and readily agreed, so as, most effectually, to acquit me from some Things, which had been rumoured to my Disadvantage; and this, even to a Degree of Suspicion that we had concerted the Matter between us. Mr. Dean has been pleased, indeed, to relate what passed between us after a very different Manner from what he acknowledged so publicly at the *Visitation*; although the Substance of the Encouragement given to Mr. *Dallas* (even as he mentioned it) does not materially (I think) differ from what I have declared he acknowledged it to be at the *Visitation*. But which of us are mistaken in this whole Affair, I must submit to the Publick, when they shall have considered the Evidence I have produced.

I was sorry indeed to find myself under an absolute Necessity of introducing the three *Clergymen*, viz. Archdeacon *Reader*, Dean *Goldsmith*, and Mr. *Jackson*, as having spoke at the *Visitation*; but as the great and popular Argument in favour of Mr. *Dallas*, was the Sense, it was confidently said, the whole Body of the *Clergy*, in *Visitation* assembled, expressed to my Face, of the Severity, Unreasonableness, and Illegality

lity of my Conduct; I did not see how I could avoid it: For this was an Argument that carried *great Force* with it, to the Generality of People, many of whom, perhaps, would not be at the Trouble, others might not have Leisure, nor Opportunity, and some, probably, would not be qualified, to judge properly of the Matter. So that really, the representing the venerable Body of the *Bishop's own Clergy*, unanimously offended with, and inveighing against the *Severity, Unreasonableness, and Illegality* of his Proceedings, was a dreadful Instrument of Calumny in the Hands of a railing Defamer; and accordingly, it was made use of with the utmost Industry, and became the common Topick of Harangues. And Mr. *Dallas* has made it an *Article* in his *Libel to Castel*, that the *Sentence* was pronounced against the express Opinion, Advice and Approbation of the Reverend the *Dignitaries* and beneficed *Clergy* of the united Diocess of *Cork and Ross* in *Visitation* assembled. (*Altho' the two Diocesses were never yet visited by the Bishop together.*)

But I hope, when these three *Gentlemen* calmly consider the Matter, they will not be offended at their being mentioned to have spoke; for, surely, they must see the Necessity there was for it, in order to shew that what was said on the Affair, at the *Visitation*, by any of the *Clergy*, could not amount to the unfair Representation that had been made of the Conduct and Opposition of the *Clergy* on that Occasion. And I hope, these *Gentlemen* will be less offended, when they reflect, especially the *two former*, that I could not easily, and consistent with Truth, have related their Conduct in a gentler Manner; and that I used some *Tenderness* in doing it, I am confident those who were present can bear ample Testimony.

These *Gentlemen*, I find, are *offended*, at the Account that is given of their rising to speak, in the *Letter*, &c. but I must observe, that the *Letter*, &c. does not pretend to account for the rising of any of them but Archdeacon *Reader*; and I am sure, it was intended there, that it should be understood he *rose* to speak on the very Motives he declares he did, viz. *provoked at (or urged by, if he pleases)* the Dean's undertaking to speak for the *Clergy*, as they had not been consulted, and in order to deliver his own Opinion. I sincerely profess, this was what I intended should be understood to have been the Occasion of his rising to speak; and I do think, that the Manner of his rising, mentioned in the *Letter*, &c. when the Words, which he is made to say when he did rise, are considered, so plainly point out, that he did rise provoked at the Dean's undertaking to speak for the *Clergy*, and resolved to deliver his own Sentiments, that I am surprized it should be mistaken.

As to Mr. Dean *Goldsmith*, I cannot see how he could be offended at the mention that is made of his *Conduct* in the *Letter*, &c. I never intended to account for his rising, and think I have expressed his Sense of the Matter exactly as he has, except that he has inserted these Words, viz. (*or at least in Prudence ought to be*) which neither he, nor any Person, did say on that Occasion. And surely, he is represented in the *Letter*, &c. as delivering his Opinion in very decent and modest *Phrase*, and with great Caution. And I assure him, that had my Brother, or best Friend, thought himself on that Occasion called upon to deliver his Opinion, and had said, what in the *Letter*, &c. Mr. Dean is made to say, I should have thought he had shewn a decent Respect to the *Bishop*, at the same Time that he meant to express his Care for the *Clergy*,

Clergy, and that it would not have given me the least Offence. And, therefore, I hope Mr. Dean will judge, that I did not endeavour to represent him improperly.

As to Mr. Jackson, that he did say the Words, which he is made in the Letter, &c. to say, I must insist upon; and indeed the Answer there said to be made to him on that Occasion, would have been *absurd*, had he not. However, I must acknowledge, I never understood what he said in the Sense he thinks it may be taken; for tho' he seemed to be in a little *Hurry*, and not very *delicately* to have chose his *Phrase*, yet I looked upon what he said rather as a kind of *Palliative*, and as the mildest Thing he could say in support of the Opinion of his two Friends, and to be to this Purpose, viz. That though he could not say whether *Degradation* was the *legal Punishment* for Mr. Dallas's *Crime* or not; yet, that as he had known the same Regulations had been attempted to have been carried into Execution in the *Diocess of Dublin* without Success, that he could not but suppose there must be some Reason, why the Practice had not obtained there; and I here assure Mr. Jackson, that I never supposed, from any Thing he said at the *Visitation*, that he intended to spirit up the *Clergy* of the *Diocess of Cork* to oppose their *Bishop*; nor was I in the least offended at any thing he said that Day; and could I have thought, that what he is represented in the Letter, &c. to have said, was liable to the Construction he thinks may be put on it, and that it would have given him the Uneasiness it seems to have done, I should have guarded what was said by him from any such Interpretation, by expressing my Sense of his Meaning.

As to Mr. Crofton, I hope he will not think himself ill treated, because mention has been made in the Letter,

ter, &c. of our Conversation, and the *Circumstances* attending it, in the *Vestry*; for, as an Account had been given in Print, to my Prejudice, of Part of my *Conduct*, on the Day Mr. *Dallas* was degraded, and which I thought I could easily refute, by relating the Conversation which passed between Mr. *Crofton* and me in the *Vestry*, and the *Circumstances* which happened whilst I was there, I could not avoid it, and therefore I hope he will think it was not unnecessarily mentioned.

As for the many other *Pamphlets*, &c. which have been published upon this unfortunate *Occasion*, the *Folly*, *Insolence*, and *Calumny* of them is so evident, that they can affect none but the *Authors*. Therefore, to them I shall only say, That I hope God will give them Grace sincerely to repent of their *Wickedness*, that they may escape the dreadful *Punishment* which will otherwise surely be their *Doom*.

I cannot but look upon it as a great *Affliction*, that I have been under the Necessity of justifying my *Conduct* from the heavy Charge that has been brought against it in *Print* by five of my *Clergy*; however, I hope I have endeavoured to vindicate it as becomes me, as I have for the sake of Peace among us, declined making any unnecessary *Observations*.

And here I earnestly invite them to join me in this *Petition* to HIM who alone can order the *unruly Wills* and *Affections* of *sinful Men*, That he will cause us to see the Things which belong to our *Peace*, before they are hid from our *Eyes*.

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