

To the Governor, and Mayor and Aldermen, of the City of Kilkenny: These.

'Before Kilkenny,' 22d March, 1649.

GENTLEMEN,

My coming hither is to endeavour, if God so please to bless me, the reduction of the City of Kilkenny to their obedience to the State of England;-from which, by an unheard-of Massacre of the innocent English, you have endeavoured to rend yourselves. And as God hath begun to judge you with His sore plagues, so will He follow you until He hath destroyed you, if you repent not. Your Cause hath been judged already in England upon them who did abet your evils: what may the Principals then expect?-

By this free dealing, you see I entice you not to a compliance. You may have Terms 'such' as may save you in your lives, liberties and estates, according to what may be fitting for me to grant and you to receive. If you choose for the worst, blame yourselves. In confidence of the gracious blessing and presence of God with His own Cause, which by many testimonies this is,-I shall hope for a good issue upon my endeavours.

Expecting a return from you, I rest,

Your servant,
OLIVER CROMWELL.