

EYRECOURT

It is a small post, fair, and market town in the county of Galway, seventy-two miles west by south of Dublin, nine south by east of Ballinasloe, and thirty-five east by south of Galway, in the heart of a fine corn country. Contiguous to the town stands Eyrecourt castle a magnificent building, the property of the Eyre family, and at present occupied by Colonel Eyre. The internal part of this castle is worth the stranger's notice; the staircase, in particular, is supposed to be the finest in Ireland. In the demesne, which is well laid down, is a large fort, from which a cave is said to run two miles and a half, and to open near the beautiful and ancient abbey of Meelick. The church is a neat edifice of stone, with a tower and one bell. Here is also building a large and handsome

Roman Catholic chapel, which is calculated to hold a thousand persons. In the court house the sessions are held once a year both for criminal cases, and civil suits; and a manor court is held every month for the recovery of debts under ten pounds. Over the court room is the free parochial school. Besides this there is an endowed school, built in 1777, by the order of Bishop Cumberland; Lord John Eyre, and Archdeacon Alcock are the trustees. The present master is Mr. Lawrence Laffan Quinlan, whose salary of 31l. 3s. 2d. per annum, is paid by the Dublin Board of Education. The market day is Saturday. Fairs are held on the first Monday after Easter Monday, July the 10th, September the 8th, and December the 21st. Population about 800.

**POST OFFICE**—*Post Mistress*, Miss Catherine Usher. The Dublin mail arrives at half-past eleven in the morning, and is despatched at a quarter past one in the afternoon. The Portunna mail arrives at eleven, and is despatched at half-past eleven in the morning. Letters for England and Scotland by the Dublin mail.

NOBILITY, GENTRY AND CLERGY.

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| Allman Capt. John, 48th regt. foot, H. P.            | Eyre Giles, esq.                                     | Seymour Eyre, esq.                              |
| Blackstock Thos, esq, Land agent                     | Eyre John, esq, Woodview                             | Seymour Lieut. Thos., Galway militia, H. P.     |
| Blake Mrs.   | Eyre Mrs.  | Six Lodge                                       |
| Calanan John, esq, Tully                             | Eyre Rev. Richard, L. L. D. Phœnix Lodge             | Seymour Thos., Barrister, Bellevue              |
| Calanan Mrs.   | Eyre Capt. Robert                                    | Skerrett James, esq.                            |
| Cloufert, the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Cloufert House | Flanagan Jas. esq, Wobourn Lodge                     | Skerrett Pat. M. esq.                           |
| Cowan John, esq.                                     | Kelly Rev. Bernard                                   | Purify Lieut. Arnold, 39th regt. of foot, H. P. |
| Egan John, esq.                                      | Martin Lieut. Christopher, 60th regt. of foot, H. P. | Waters Thos. esq, Chief Constable, Lawrencetown |
| Eyre Col., Eyre Court Castle                         | O'Malley Geo. esq, Prospect                          |   |
|  | Seymour Rev. Dav. Ballamore castle                   |   |

MERCHANTS, TRADESMEN, &c.

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| <b>PROFESSIONAL GENTLEMEN.</b>                   | <b>SHOPKEEPERS &amp; TRADERS</b>       | Lovelock Pat. apothecary  |
| Blake Stephen, attorney                          | Coates Saml. farmer                    | Nevin Pat. grocer         |
| Cowan Joseph H. attorney                         | Coen John, linen draper                | Sorgs Wm. baker           |
| Seymour Jos. attorney, and Great Ship-st, Dublin | Dolan Stephen, linen draper            |                           |
| Sharpe John, surgeon                             | Fahy Peter, baker                      | <b>PUBLICANS.</b>         |
| Syan Matthew, classical school                   | Golfagher Anthony, grocer              | Clarke Michael            |
|  | Hobart Joseph, tallow chandler         | Coughlan Patrick          |
|  | Horsman Edw. miller                    | Dermott John              |
|  | Howard Henry, grocer                   | Egan Patrick, (innkeeper) |
|  | Kelly Thomas, grocer and spirit dealer | Mahon Thomas              |

GALWAY,

THE county town of the same name, is distant from Dublin, by the Athenny road, 102 miles. The town with its liberties, extending four miles in all directions, constitutes a distinct county, and is governed by a mayor (who is a magistrate, *ex officio*, of the county at large) a recorder, aldermen, and sheriffs. It was formerly walled, and regularly flanked with towers and bastions; its form was a parallelogram, three sides of which were protected with a strong wall, crowned with ramparts, erected in the most commanding positions; the other side was secured by a deep, broad, and rapid river. The enclosed space consists of four principal streets, running parallel to each other, and intersected by cross streets and lanes, nearly at right angles; some of the ancient castles still exist, and exhibit specimens of skilful and permanent masonry. This ancient town is advantageously situated for foreign and domestic trade, as it lies on a very extensive bay, and has an internal fresh water communication by means of Lough Corrib, which stretches more than 30 miles into the country. This lake discharges its redundant waters by an impetuous current, which in the time of floods, rushes furiously into Galway bay. It is computed to cover an area of 30000 acres, and its

islands are said to contain 1000 acres of arable and pasture land; its surface is ascertained to be only thirteen feet nine inches above high water mark, and its medium rise in floods is three feet. Galway, so early as 1278 was a place of note, for we find from the town records, that, about this time, the inhabitants began to fortify themselves, and to build walls and bastions. We also find by the report of the commissioners on the records of Ireland two rolls, one dated in the 6th year of Edward the 1st, empowering the collecting of customs and tolls on various commodities, in aid of, and for building the walls; the other dated in the 49th year of Edward the 3rd, entitled "charter of the staple of Galway"; there is also a third record, dated the 6th of August in the first year of Edward the 4th, granting to Gerwyn Lynch the office of warden and master of the mint in Ireland, and empowering him to coin money for Galway. The merchants carried on an extensive commerce with France and Spain, particularly in wine and brandy; of the former article, their records assert, that they used to import 1200 tuns a year, and this trade they monopolised for nearly four centuries. They supplied all Connaught, Leinster, and part of Munster, and had even their stores and vaults at Athboy, in the county of Meath,

the remains of which may still be seen, and hence they supplied Dublin, Drogheda, and the adjacent town; their exports consisted of wool, beef, pork, butter, and fish. The shops of Galway are plentifully stored with those articles, which vanity requires, or necessity demands. Coarse woollen cloths are manufactured here, but not on an extensive scale, as no capitalists have yet embarked in this speculation. The manufacture of lincens, though but lately introduced, promises to become a flourishing and permanent branch of trade. Kelp burning, and the extensive herring and other fisheries, carried on in the bay and its various creeks and harbours, employ a numerous, hardy, and industrious population. Here is also an extensive salmon fishery, and great quantities of eels are taken at the proper season. The flesh and vegetable markets are plentifully supplied, particularly with veal, kid & lamb. The merchants of Galway used for a long time to furnish the British navy by contract with beef and pork. Their trade and commerce were so lucrative, that the thirteen tribes were enabled, at an early period, to purchase large estates all over Connaught, and part of Munster, many of which, notwithstanding the different revolutions that have occurred, are still enjoyed by their posterity. In some parts of the town the houses are divided into separate estates or properties, for each room of which the respective tenants pay a quit rent to the crown, in consequence of a separate patent having been granted by Oliver Cromwell. The pavement is generally bad, having been much neglected, and the greater part of the old town consists of square edifices upwards of 200 years old, with a small court in the centre; this court communicates with the street by an arched way, on each side of which is a stone staircase. The public buildings are the parochial church, a magnificent Gothic structure, of which the privileges and constitution are unique; a dispensary; a charter school and an hospital; a county jail, which is a noble structure, built in a simple, but elegant style of architecture, at a place called Nuns' Island, situate at the west end of the town; it was ready for the

reception of prisoners in June 1811, and for situation and convenience rivals any prison in the empire; the town jail is contiguous. There are also three barracks for foot soldiers; four nunneries and three monasteries. The poor house, or refuge for the destitute, is a stone building near the college, and was built by the Rev. Mark Fynn at an expense of 700l. A new corn market is erecting in Eyre-square, which, when finished, will be of great utility to the town; over it is to be an elegant ball room; a thousand pounds were granted by government towards the erection of this building. The fish market has undergone considerable improvement by means of the funds sent hither by the English for the relief of the suffering Irish in 1822. New butchers' shambles have also been lately erected in Bridge-street by Mr. William Murphy. The Roman Catholic chapel in Middle-street is a very spacious, stone edifice, and, when the interior is finished, it will be one of Galway's greatest ornaments. In 1822 a savings' bank was established here, as well as a reproductive loan-fund, which is of essential service to the industrious poor; any person of sober and laborious habits may borrow from this fund a sum not exceeding 10l, by finding two responsible persons, as security for the repayment of it at the rate of tenpence in the pound weekly; there is an extension of this privilege to weavers, who manufacture their own cloth; they may be accommodated with 20l, by finding similar security, and repaying it by instalments of five pence in the pound weekly, or twenty pence monthly. Thus many an industrious man is enabled to emerge from obscure poverty to respectable competency. The town of Galway sends one member to the united parliament in the person of Michael J. Pendegast, esq. The county sends two, James Daly, esq. of Dunsandle, and Richard Martin, esq. of Ballynahinch. There are two market days, Wednesday and Saturday, and two fairs, on the 31st of May, and the 4th of September. The population of the town according to the returns of 1821 was 27,827; and, if we include the liberties, the whole will probably yield a total of more than 40,000.

**POST OFFICE**, Flood-street.—*Post Master*, Henry S. Perse, junr. esq. The Dublin mail is despatched every morning, except Saturdays, at eleven, and arrives in the afternoon at three. The Oranmore, Craughwell, Loughrea, Aughrim, and Ballinasloe mails at eleven in the morning. The Oughterard and Clifden, at a quarter past three in the afternoon every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday, and return at nine in the morning. Office open from seven in the morning till nine at night. All foreign letters go by the Dublin mail.

NOBILITY, GENTRY AND CLERGY.

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| His Grace the Archbishop of Tuam, Sea-mount               | Burke John, esq. Rock-town                        | French Anthony, esq. Prospect-hill   |
| Adams Richd. esq. Newcastle-lodge                         | Burke Michael, esq. Market-street                 | French Colonel, Prospect-hill        |
| Adams Wallace, esq. Quay                                  | Burke Patrick, M. esq. Danefield                  | French James, esq. Middle-street     |
| Alexander Jno. esq. Spanish-parade                        | Burke Robert, esq. Murrrough                      | French Rev. James, Dominican-convent |
| Baldwin Mrs. Middle-street                                | Cannon Henry, esq. Dominick-street                | French Mrs. Mary-street              |
| Blair Richard, esq. Coroner, Newtownsmith                 | Cashel Henry, esq. Nuns-island                    | French Mrs. Back-street              |
| Blake Andrew, esq. Flarbo                                 | Cheevers Hysanth, esq. Back-street                | French Mrs. Michael, Middle-street   |
| Blake Charles, esq. Merliu-park                           | Cheevers Mrs. K. Middle-street                    | Fynn Rev. Mark, Abbey gate-street    |
| Blake Colonel, Flarbo                                     | Clinton Henry, esq. Simp-lodge                    | Gill Rev. Thomas, Abbey gate-street  |
| Blake Edward, esq. J. P. Wood-quay                        | Concanon John, esq. Creges                        | Hally John, esq. Eyre-square         |
| Blake Rev. Francis, Abbey gate street                     | Costello Charles, esq. Flood-street               | Hanlan Captain, Flood-street         |
| Blake James, esq. Tully                                   | Cuppeidge Geo. esq. Newtownsmith                  | Higgin Mrs. Back-street              |
| Blake Sir John, Meulo-house                               | Daly Captain, Dominick-street                     | Hudson Captain, Eyre-square          |
| Blake John, esq. Shop-street                              | Daly Rev. Peter, Vicar, Abbey gate-st             | Hughes Rev. Jas. St. Francis-convent |
| Blake Mannis, esq. J. F. Prospect-hill                    | D'Arcy Rev. John, Back-street                     | Hughes Rev. Michl. Abbey-convent     |
| Blake Mrs. Woodstock                                      | D'Arcy Wm. Taylor, esq. Ashley park               | Hynes Mrs. Thomas, Back-street       |
| Blake Mrs. F. Back-street                                 | Lavis Mrs. Middle-street                          | Joyce Lieut. J. R. Rosemary-lane     |
| Blake Valentine, esq. Meulo-castle                        | Devis Paul, esq. Middle-street                    | Joyce Walter, esq. Mer-view          |
| Bloomfield Mrs. Cross-street                              | Denis Captain, Eyre-square                        | Joyes Rev. Matthias, Abbey gate-st   |
| Bolkin James, esq. Rahoon                                 | Devenick Digby, esq. Arran-isles                  | Joyes Peter, esq. Newtown-smith      |
| Brown Nicholas, esq. High Sheriff's Upper Dominick-street | Domainin Anthony, esq. Wood-quay                  | Joyes Richard, esq. Newtown-smith    |
| Browne Alexander, esq. Lakeview                           | Dornelan Mrs. Mary-street                         | Keogh Misses, High-street            |
| Browne James, esq. Browneville                            | Eyre Edward, esq. Back-street                     | Kerney Matt. esq. Newtown-smith      |
| Browne Mrs. Dominick-street                               | Fallon Rev. Jno. Dominican-convent                | Kirwan Rev. Joseph, P. P. High-st    |
| Browne Thomas, esq. Back-street                           | Ferrall Patrick, esq. Middle-street               | Kirwan Mrs. T. Middle-street         |
| Burke Rev. Edward, Nuns-island                            | Fitzsimons John, esq. Governor of the county Gaol | Langford Robert, esq. Eyre-square    |
| Burke James, H. esq. Mayor, Dominick-street               | Flaherty Anthony, esq. Knockbane                  | Lawless Peter, Jenyland              |
|   | Flaherty Captain, Kingston                        | Lynch James, esq. Castle             |
|   | Flaherty Captain, Sea-point                       | Lynch Patrick, esq. Castle           |
|   |   | Lynch Patrick M. esq. Duras-park     |