

PORTUMNA,

A SMALL market and post town, in the parish of Lickmalassy, barony of Longford, and county of Galway, is 99 miles w. by s. from Dublin, 18 s.e. from Loughrea, and 11 s. by w. from Eyrecourt; very pleasantly situated on the river Shannon, which here dividing into two channels forms an island, through the centre of which passes the line of separation between the counties of Galway and Tipperary. The town, which consists of two principal spacious streets, enjoys a good corn market and carries on a tolerable inland trade; and this is the station at which passengers from Dublin to Limerick and the south of Ireland are transferred to the large steam vessels navigating the Shannon. About a mile from the town, the river is crossed by a new bridge, erected in 1841, by the commissioners of the Board of Public Works in Ireland. It is a very fine structure, composed of what may be termed three sections. The central portion stands upon the island, and is built of native stone, the two wings are of iron, supported by strong wooden bearers or pillars, and in the western wing is a swivel arch, to allow steamers and other vessels navigating the Shannon to pass without lowering their masts. The entire length of the bridge is full 252 yards, and it cost upwards of £22,000. At this part of the river is the harbour for Portumna, whence steam vessels sail daily for different parts of the kingdom. The town of late years has been much improved in its streets, and new buildings are now in course of

erection—amongst the latter the court-house will be a conspicuous object. The Marquess of Clanricarde is the spirited and liberal proprietor of the town. General sessions are held twice a year; and the magistrates, who assemble in petty session once a fortnight, superintend the municipal affairs of the town. Portumna is a military and constabulary station, has convenient barracks for both forces, and is the residence of a sub-inspector.

The parish church, re-built in 1832, is a handsome structure of stone, with a spire. The Roman Catholic chapel, erected in 1826, is an elegant cruciform edifice (in an enclosed square) the site for which, and for a burial ground, was the gift of the nobleman before named. A dispensary and a parochial school comprise the charitable institutions. Close to the town stands the ruin of Portumna Castle, the property of Lord Clanricarde, which was destroyed by fire in 1826, and a portion of the building is now only habitable. There are several handsome mansions in the neighbourhood, especially on the eastern side of the town, which, as they peep from among the foliage that fringe the water's banks, impart an air of real beauty to the scenery. The remains of the Dominican friary are beautiful and interesting. The market is held on Saturday; and fairs February 15th, May 6th, July 1st, August 16th, October 17th, and November 15th. The population of the town in 1841 was 1,643.

POST OFFICE, Old street, Margaret Manahan, *Post Mistress*.—Letters from various parts arrive (from ROSCREA, by mail car) every morning at half-past nine, and are despatched thereto every afternoon at three.—Letters from other parts arrive (from EYRECOURT, by mail car) every forenoon at a quarter before eleven, and are despatched thereto every afternoon at ten minutes past two.

NOBILITY, GENTRY AND CLERGY.

Armstrong Rev. Thos. Rectory House
Avonmore Lord Viscount, Belle Isle
Bindon Captain John R. Old st
Brereton Thomas, Esq. (stipendiary magistrate), Old street
Burke Mrs. Badelia, Cladagoff
Burke Rev. Thos. n.c.c. the Chapel
Clanricarde the Most Noble the Marquess of, Portumna Castle
Cowan Rev. Thomas, Woodford
Davis Mr. John, Thornfield
Derry Rev. William, c.c. the Chapel
Dolphin Redmond D. Esq. Corr
Donelan Mr. John, Old st
Doolan Mr. Thomas, Fairy hill
Featherston Cuthbert Esq. Derryhiney
Freer Mr. Thomas, Cloumoilan
Grace Robert, Esq. Earlston
Kelly Edward, Esq. Killeen
McDonogh Mrs. Mary, Glenallan
Monaghan Mr. Michael, Heath Lawn
Nugent the Hon. Anthony, the Palace
Nugent Arthur, Esq. Crane
O'Kelly Ambrose, Esq. J. P. Gurtney
Palmer Samuel, Esq. Palmerstown
Riverston the Hon. Lord, Flower hill
Ryan Rev. Thomas, p.p. the Chapel

PROFESSIONAL PERSONS.

Clarke Ths. master of parochial school
Harrison Miss—, ladies' school, Old st
Heron John, M. D. and surgeon
Skerrit Robert, M. D. and surgeon

INNS & PUBLIC HOUSES.

Carty Stephen, Old st
Holeran Hugh, Old st
Howard Sarah, Old st [New st
Taylor William (& posting-house),

SHOPKEEPERS & TRADERS.

Bethel George, shopkeeper, Old st
Burke Thos. baker, New st [New st
Carey Michael, temperance house,
Clarke John S. corn dealer, New st
Clarke Richard, shoe maker, Old st
Cleary Patrick, pawnbroker, Old st

Clune Thomas, butcher, Cross st
Coghlan Ann, dress maker, New st
Coghlan Jos. haberdasher, New st
Connry Michael, linen draper, Old st
Connor Jeremiah, butcher, Old st
Culleen Daniel, baker, New st
Cunningham Jno. tobacconist, New st
Cunningham Patrick, tobacconist and woollen draper, Old st
Dimond Patrick, leather seller, Old st
Fallon Patrick, grocer & drapr, New st
Farrell Anthony, rag and feather dealer, New street
Farrell Patrick, leather seller, Old st
Fell Laurence, leather seller, Old st
Gleeson Timothy, harness mkr. Cross st
Going Edward, shopkeeper and boat owner, New street
Gougher Robert, nail maker, Old st
Gougher Wm. shopkeeper, New st
Hanlon Thos. boot & shoe mkr. New st
Hannah James, tailor, Old st
Hawksley John, gunsmith, Old st
Healy John, butcher, Old st
Hennessy John, musical instrument maker, Old st [Old st
Higginson Mark, earthenware dealer,
Howard John, carpenter, New st
Hynes Denis, shopkeeper, Old st
Hynes Francis, shoe maker, Old st
Kelly Edward, tailor, Cross st
Kelly John, collector for Shannon commissioners, Shannon bridge
Kelly Patrick, provision dealer, Cross st
Kennedy Patrick, grocer, Old st
Kennedy Robert, shopkeeper, Old st
Larkin Daniel, shopkeeper, Cross st
Maher Wm. provision dealer, Old st
Marshall John J. ironmonger, Old st
Martin John, farmer, New st
Martin William, shopkeeper, New st
Monahan John, corn dealer, Old st
Mullen Honoria, shopkeeper, New st
Naughton Jas. provision dir. Cross st
Nowlan John, carpenter, Old st
Palmer Samuel, corn merchant and miller, PALMERSTOWN MILLS

Quirk John, shopkeeper, Old st
Rush Michael, shopkeeper, Old st
Sullivan Ellen, linen draper, New st
Sullivan Mich. woollen drapr. New st
Tierney Peter, baker, New st
Waldron Richard boot & shoe maker

PLACES OF WORSHIP,

And their Ministers.

PORTUMNA CHURCH, New street—Rev. John Armstrong, rector, Rectory House; Rev. Thomas Cowen, curate, Woodford; William Bethell, clerk, New st
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL—Reverend Thomas Ryan, parish priest; Reverend Thomas Burke & Rev. William Derry, curates.

Public Institutions, &c.

BARRACK (Constabulary), New street—Captain John R. Bindon, sub-inspector, Old street; John Roberts, head constable.

BARRACK (Military), Old street—Patrick Brazell, barrack master.

DISPENSARY, Old st—John Heron, M.D. physician and surgeon.

PETTY SESSIONS HOUSE, Cross street—Thomas Clarke, clerk, Old st

STAMP OFFICE, Old st—John Cunningham, distributor.

To EYRECOURT, a Mail Car, from Taylor's Hotel, New street, every afternoon at two.

To ROSCREA, a Mail Car, from the Post Office, every afternoon at three.

CONVEYANCE BY WATER,

From the Steam Packet Co.'s Office, Portumna Harbour—Edward Petty, agent.

To KILLALOE, the Lady Burgoyne, every afternoon at one: meets the Nonsuch for Limerick.

To SHANNON HARBOUR, the Gazelle, every afternoon at one: meets the night Packet for Dublin, calling on its way at Banagher.

CARS.

To EYRECOURT, a Mail Car, from Taylor's Hotel, New street, every afternoon at two.

To ROSCREA, a Mail Car, from the Post Office, every afternoon at three.

BOATS FOR GOODS FROM THE HARBOUR.

To LIMERICK, and also to DUBLIN & intermediate places, Edward Going's Boats, at uncertain periods.

ROSCOMMON,

A MARKET and corporate town and parish, the capital of the county of its name, and formerly a parliamentary borough, in the barony of Ballintobber, is 87 miles w. from Dublin, 25 s. from Boyle, 19 n. w. from Athlone, about 18 s. e. from Castleroa, and 12 s. from Strokestown; seated principally on the eastern and southern sides of a gently rising hill, below which are the remains of its ancient and venerable ecclesiastical edifices and its once stately castle. Roscommon, it would appear, derived both its name and origin from Ros-Coeman, or 'Coeman's Marsh,' from the establishment of an abbey of Canons Regular (in a low situation here) by Saint Coeman or Comanus, about the middle of the sixth century. The castle of Roscommon, now in ruins, is situated at the northern extremity of the town, overlooking an extensive plain of grassy land. It was in 1268 that this castle was begun to be built, by Sir Robert de Ufford, the chief justice. In 1277 Thomas de Clare and O'Brien Roe having contentions, the latter was taken and beheaded, yet afterwards de Clare and his partisans were obliged to give hostages to make satisfaction for O'Brien's death, and to surrender the castle. In 1566 Sir Henry Sidney took this castle, which had been in the possession of the Irish one hundred and forty years. The building is flanked by four lofty towers of massive masonry; its length, including the towers, is 223 feet, and its breadth 173. In 1642 the English garrison of Roscommon bravely defended themselves against the Irish; however, it afterwards fell into the hands of the latter, and, in 1652, was delivered up to Colonel Reynolds, a parliamentary officer. On the estate of Mr. H. Moriarty, occupying an inclined plain of meadow land, are the remains of a Dominican friary, founded here about the middle of the thirteenth century by Phelim Mac Cashel (or Cahill) Crooidearg O'Connor, King of Connaught, who was interred within its walls in 1265. His tomb represents the statue of the monarch, reclining on the top, with his guards in martial costume on the sides. A few arched windows of the abbey are still in tolerable preservation, but the building is fast going to decay, which was accelerated by the storm in 1839.

The town consists of one main street, from which several smaller ones diverge; the principal street expands at one extremity into a wide open area, round which are some of the public buildings, and the best of its most ancient houses. The staple commerce of the place is grain, of which large quantities are forwarded to Lanesborough, and thence shipped on the Shannon. This trade has greatly increased since the improvements of the roads, and the facilities afforded by the Royal Canal navigation. The shops in the main street are handsome and well stored with all the articles of fancy,

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NOBILITY, GENTRY AND CLERGY.

Armstrong Oliver, Esq. Emlasoy
Barlow James, Esq. Bushey Park
Battersby Rev. Wm. Carrowroc Park
Blakeney Charles, Esq. (barrister), Hollywell
Booth William, Esq. Clover Hill
Browne Mattw. C. Esq. J. P. Abbey ville
Burke Lieut. Samuel, Abbey Town
Burke Walter, Esq. Cams
Connor Mr. Bernard, Corbally
Connor Mr. Martin, Lara Ballymoe
Corr Henry, Esq. Durham
Crefton the Hon. Lord, Mote Park
Croughan Mr. Thomas, Main st
Digby George, Esq. J. P. Drumdaff
Duff Capt. David (stipendiary magistrate), Abbey Town
Farrell Daniel, Esq. J. P. Beechwood
Green Mr. Thomas, Ballymoe
Hawkes Charles, Esq. Briarfield
Hawkes Rev. L. Faregher
Hudson Samuel, Esq. Auburn
Hudson Samuel, Esq. Knockmain
Hurst William, Esq. Clover Hill
Irwin D. H. Esq. Beechwood

Kelly Edmund, Esq. Rockwood
Kelly Edmund, Esq. Ballymorre
Kelly John, Esq. (county surveyor), Castle view [coote
M'Loughlin William, Esq. Castle
Madden Rev. John, p.p. Abbey Town
Merry William, Esq. Rockley Park
Mitchell Capt. Edward, Castle strange
Molone John R. Esq. (sub-sheriff of county), Court House
Moriarty Henry, Esq. Abbey ville
Nolan James, Esq. Runnemede
Nolan Michael, Esq. Ballymakerly
O'Malley David, Esq. Windfield Lodge
Ormsby Mr. Louis, Church Park
Roper Edward, Esq. Hazelbrook
Sandys Mr. William, Fortfield
Sharkey Michael, Esq. (secretary to the grand jury), Abbey Town

ACADEMIES & SCHOOLS.

Baxter Felix, Lanesborough st
Connor James, Abbey Town
Gavan & O'Leary, Castle st
Glennon Patrick, Church st
PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, Henry st—John Rosbotham, master; Eliza Reymond, mistress

fashion, or domestic requisites. The principal hotels, the 'Royal,' in Castle-street, and the 'Victoria,' in Main-street, are commercial and posting establishments under the best regulations. Pipes and earthenware are manufactured in the vicinity, and afford employment to a considerable number of persons. The public buildings and institutions, together with the places of worship, schools, &c. will be found named under their respective heads. The principal, however, demand, perhaps, more particular notice. The court-house, which is built of native stone, is a fine and spacious building of the Doric order, with a portico formed of large columns resting on an elevation. The interior is in every respect appropriate to the purposes for which it is required; the courts are spacious and lofty, and the grand jury room, the coffee room, and the other apartments, are well adapted to their several uses. The county gaol, which stands within the same enclosure as the court-house, is also an extensive structure, erected in 1819, upon the radiating principle, and of a polygonal form. The county infirmary is a plain edifice, having a centre elevated, and two wings subsequently added, and it is also to be further enlarged. Mrs. Walcott, sister to the late Lord Chief Justice Caulfield, was the founder of this truly valuable institution. The town received its first charter of incorporation in the reign of Edward I; James I and James II also granted charters to the borough, and it was for a long period governed by that of the first James. The government is now vested in commissioners, who have considerably improved the town. The assizes for the county are held here; general sessions twice a year, and petty sessions every Monday. The corporation continued to return two members to the Irish parliament until the Union, when the borough was disfranchised. This is a station both for the military and constabulary forces, and the sub-inspector of the latter resides here.

The church is a neat edifice, with a square tower, in which are a door-way and elegant window; the interior, which is well kept, contains a fine-toned organ. The Roman Catholic chapel is a large and commodious building with galleries. It was formerly the old court-house, and was purchased from the grand jury by the Rev. John Madden, p.p. for £2,000. A belfry has been added, much to the improvement of its appearance. The Wesleyan Methodists have a place of worship. The indigent sick have the benefit of an excellent dispensary, and if unable to attend at the institution are visited at their own habitations. The market, a good one for grain, is held on Saturday. Fairs March 1st, Whit-Monday, September 1st, and December 5th. The parish contained, by the census for 1841, 8,191 inhabitants, and the town 3,439 of that number.

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Reynolds John, Lanesborough st
Rosbotham Ellen, Abbey Town
Sennet Joseph, Abbey Town

APOTHECARIES.

Burke John, Main st
Casserly Miles, Main st
Featherstone Gerald, Main st

ATTORNEYS.

Blakeney Edward, Roxborough
Cusack John (& commissioner for fines and recoveries), Main st, and 2 Upper Dorset st, Dublin
Irwin James, Main st, and 8 Upper Dorset st, Dublin
O'Connor Charles A. Abbey Town

AUCTIONEERS.

James John, Henry st
O'Connor John, Castle st

BAKERS.

Goodman Samuel, Main st
M'Gann William, Main st
M'Namara Francis, Castle st
Odlum William, Main st
O'Rourke Francis, Main st
Rush Michael, Main st