

YOUGHAL

As a considerable market town and sea-port, a parliamentary borough and parish, in the barony of Imokilly, situated in the eastern extremity of the county of Cork, at the western side of the mouth of the river Blackwater, on the mail road between Waterford and Cork, 46 miles w. by s. from the former city, 36 n. from the latter, and 137 s. s. w. from Dublin. The beauty of the harbour, especially from the sea entrance, and also of the town itself, as seen from the county of Waterford, is much admired by travellers, as well as the fine scenery of the Blackwater river, which is navigable nearly as far as Lismore, and by which large quantities of merchandize are conveyed in barges and small vessels to that and the other neighbouring towns. In ancient writings the name of the town appears to have been *Ochill* or *Ychill*, signifying either a young wood or the place of a wood, and this seems accounted for by the remains of a large submarine forest which, after high spring tides and violent storms, can be discovered, on the neighbouring beach, covering a very considerable surface. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth Youghal held out against the Desmond rebellion, in favour of the crown, but, in the great civil war, it was compelled to submit to the forces of Cromwell, who resided in the town for some time, and is reported to have hanged the mayor on his arrival; the corporation were among the first to proclaim the restoration of Charles II. Sir Walter Raleigh, after his return from America, landed in Youghal, and there first introduced potatoes into Ireland. His house is still shown—an old mansion in the Elizabethan style, the interior of which is remarkable for some antique and most curious carvings: it has been a long time in the Hayman family, by whom it was lately rented to Lieut.-Colonel Faunt, whose widow now occupies it. The town of Youghal, in former times, possessed a much greater relative importance in the south of Ireland than it does at present, owing to its harbour and fortifications, the remains of which latter are still existing. The town has, however, of late years been considerably improved and enlarged, the streets repaired, and flagged pavements laid down, under the direction of commissioners elected by the ratepayers of the borough, under the provisions of the lighting and cleansing act of George IV. The corporate property passed into their hands at the passing of the Municipal Reform Bill, when the corporation of Youghal was abolished. The town consists principally of one street, nearly a mile in length, divided into two parts, denominated the North and South Main streets; the separation is effected by a lofty square building, called the Clock-gate, containing the town clock and bell, surmounted by a dome and cupola. At the northern extremity of the harbour, about a mile from the town, is a wooden pile bridge, erected partly by a government loan and partly by shareholders. The bridge connects the counties of Cork and Waterford, and is considered the longest in Ireland; a small toll is charged both for passengers and goods. By this bridge the road to Waterford is shortened fourteen miles, but it is not used by the mail. The principal public rooms are the coffee-room, in the mail-house, and news-room of the Protestant Association, where monthly lectures, on literary and scientific subjects, are delivered. The savings' bank is a handsome building, in Nelson-place: here the business of the loan fund society is also conducted; the other public buildings are, the Branch Bank of Ireland, the Provincial Bank, lately erected, and the custom-house.

The harbour is both safe and commodious, although the entrance to it has been considered dangerous in consequence of a bar stretching across the mouth of it, and the water not being sufficiently deep in the channel for large vessels. An admirable chart has been lately prepared by a scientific gentleman, and published by Mr. Norie, by means of which the most perfect stranger can bring his ship in, at flood tide, by either the eastern or western channel, and moor her, in safety, opposite the town. There are several good quays and piers for discharging merchandize. The staple trade of the town is the exportation of corn and provisions, and the importation of coal, culm, timber, and slate. There is little foreign trade now to what existed formerly; the merchants of Lismore, Fermoy, Tallow, and Cappoquin,

ship their goods and unload their consignments in the port and clear out in the Youghal custom-house, which is an *apannage* to the Cork port, and conducted by a pro-collector and comptroller. The custom-house is also connected with the coast-guard station. The woollen manufacture, which formerly flourished here, has now entirely ceased; some business is still, however, done in the dyeing way. A large brewery and starch manufactory have been lately established; there are also several rope, cabinet, and soap manufactories, and it has, for some time, been celebrated for the manufacture of brown earthenware.

The government of the town is vested in the hands of three magistrates, who are also justices for the county, and hold petty sessions in the court-house every Thursday. There is neither gaol or bridewell, but exertions are being made for the erection of one of the latter, with a handsome court-house, which seems necessary as one of the quarter sessions for the East Riding of the county is held here, in the month of July, by the assistant barrister. The date of the incorporation of Youghal, as a borough, is a most remote and ancient one. The earliest charter in existence, that from Edward IV, in 1462, does not profess to incorporate the town, but acknowledges the several privileges granted before to the corporation. Several subsequent charters have been also granted, and in the second parliament convened in Ireland, Youghal is mentioned as having sent two members thereto, and it continued to be so represented until the Union, since which period it has returned one member to the Imperial Parliament: the representative is the Hon. C. Compton Cavendish, Burlington House, London. The constituency numbers about four hundred, and the Duke of Devonshire's influence preponderates. A head constable of police is resident in the town, who is under the magistrates, and is assisted by a constable and twelve sub-constables.

The places of religious worship in this town are large and commodious. The parish church of Saint Mary is a most ancient structure, in the Gothic style, with a low square tower attached, which is used as a belfry. Several very ancient families are buried within its walls, one of the Earls of Grandison, several of the Earl of Cork's family, in the chancel (which is most curious), a daughter of General Scrope, who was one of the judges of Charles I, that voted for his being beheaded. Attached to the church is a very ancient chapel, the east window of which is in a fine state of preservation, and has attracted the admiration of most travellers. A chapel of ease, at the south end of the town, a more modern structure, is built on lands once in the hands of the Franciscans, who had here a richly endowed abbey, founded by Maurice Fitzgerald, Lord Justice of Ireland, in the year 1224. The Roman Catholic chapel is surmounted by a handsome steeple, and has been lately embellished with a cut stone front; there is also another chapel attached to the Presentation Convent, adjoining the chapel of ease. The Independents, Wesleyans and Society of Friends have each of them respectable places of worship. There are numerous schools for gratuitous education in the town, among these are the endowed school of the Duke of Devonshire; two schools, one in the north the other in the south ends of the town, connected with the Church Education Society; also infants' and national schools and a national school for females, conducted by the nuns at the convent. The following are the principal charities:—the Protestant Relief Society, supported by local contributions; in connexion with this charity, a neat and elegant asylum has been erected by the Protestant inhabitants, capable of containing forty inmates. The Duke of Devonshire's almshouse for six widows; Mr. Ronayne's almshouse for four widows; a lying-in hospital; and an infirmary and dispensary, with fever hospital attached. A Magdalene asylum is in progress of erection. A regatta is annually held here—it generally takes place in the month of August, and is supported with animation and gaiety. The markets are held on Wednesday and Saturday. The annual fairs are Ascension Day and October 18th; and there are fairs for cattle on the first Thursday monthly, held in the Cattle-market. The parish of Youghal contained, in 1841, 12,054 inhabitants, and the town 9,939 of that number.

Directory.

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Munster.

POST OFFICE, Devonshire Arms Hotel, Friar street, Mr. Archibald Merry, *Post Master*.—Letters from DUBLIN and various parts NORTH, &c. also from ENGLAND, arrive every morning at twenty minutes past nine and afternoon at a quarter past four, and are despatched every morning at twenty-five minutes before eight and afternoon at a quarter past four.—Letters from CORK, MIDLETON, CASTLEMARTYR, KILLEAGH and places WEST arrive every morning at a quarter past seven and evening (Sunday excepted) at eight, and are despatched every morning (Sunday excepted) at eight and every afternoon at twenty-five minutes before five. Letters from WATERFORD, KILMACTHOMAS, DUNGARVAN, CAPPOQUIN and LISMORE arrive every afternoon at a quarter past four, and are despatched every morning at twenty-five minutes before eight.—Letters from CLASHMORE arrive (by foot post) every afternoon at four, and are despatched every morning at half-past nine.—Letters from FERMOY arrive every morning at twenty minutes past nine, and are despatched every afternoon at a quarter past four.

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Wakeman Rev. William, Church st
Walsh Mr. Edmund, Gillett's hill
Walsh Miss Margaret, Strand st
Walsh Mr. Terence, Strand st
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Yehender Mrs. Patience Ann, the Mall

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Couche John, William st
Egan James (classical), South Main st
ENDOWED SCHOOL, Church street—
Thomas Wakeman, A. B. master
Fitzgerald John, Water lane
GENERAL FREE SCHOOLS, North Main st—Charles Phillips, master; Eliza Miller, mistress
INFANTS' SCHOOL, North Main st—Eliza Hammett, mistress
Lebert Anthony, Friar st
M'Carthy Laurence, Beaux st
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Kildahl Sobieski (land), Prospect hill
Marks William & Son (house & land) Green's quay [Main st
Peet Mary & Co. (tea), 63 North
Scott William (land), Nelson place
Trotter Edward (tea), Nile street

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M'Carthy Owen, Glory lane
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O'Brien Kennedy, North Main st
O'Regan Lawrence, Nile st
Pope James, Meeting-house lane
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