



A P P E N D I X

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THE HISTORY OF LIMERICK,

No. I.

Articles agreed upon, between Francis I. King of France, and James Fitzjohn Earl of Desmond: Extracted by Tillet out of the Records in Paris. Anno 1523.

THAT as soon as the Kings ships should land in Ireland, the said Earl in person, and at his own charge, should take Armes against his soveraign King Henry VIII. not onely, to conquer that part of the kingdom wherein he lived (which should be to the proper use and benefit of the said Earl, except onely one port, which should be reserved for the French King for ever, for to harbour his ships in; and that port to be left at the election of the King, out of one of these three, viz. Kinsale, Cork or Limerick) but also for to restore the Duke of Suffolk to the Crown of England, from whence he was banished, and at the present living in France.

The Earl of Desmond for this War was to raise

raife 400 horfe, and 10,000 foot; and if need required, to increafe them into 15000, or more.

The King covenanted to entertain them at the rate of two Angels le peece for every man armed with Corffelets and Mayle for three months; and for every man furnished onely with Swords and Halberts, at one Angel le peece for the like time,

That for the draught of the Artillery which should be sent into that land by the King and the Duke of Suffolk, the Earl should provide horfes sufficient.

That after the war was begun, the French King should not at any time make truce or peace with the King of England, without comprehending therein the said Earl and Turloghe O'Brian with his nephew.

That if King Henry VIII should, after a truce or peace accorded, make war upon the said Earl, the French King was to send them aid of men, ships and artillery.

That if during the said truce or peace, the said earls subjects or tenants should refuse to pay him such rents and duties as anciently they were accustomed, that then the said King at his own charge, was to send two ships well appointed to be at his command, until the said subjects or tenants were reduced to their former obedience, and the said ships to be victualed by the earl.

That the King should give unto the earl of Desmond a convenient pension during his life; and unto David Mac Maurice, of Rathkeal, the earls seneschal, an yearly pension of five hundred livres during his life.