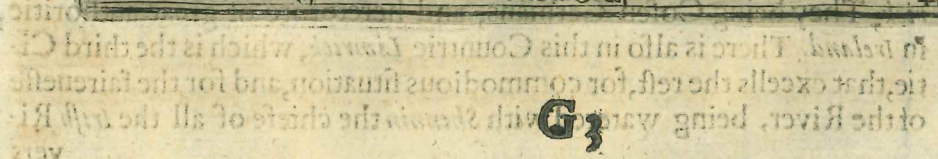


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the first Earle of *Desmond* in the yeare of Grace 1355, & left so firme & so established an inheritance, that the aforesaid honour in a continued successiō did descend to this wretched rebel, of which I have spoken before, who was the tenth Earle after him. Next to the *Iberni* dwelt the *Vdia* who are also called *Vodia*, of which names there remaineth some tokens in the Country of *Kilkenni*; for the greatest part is called *Idou* & *Idouth*. These did inhabit the Counties of *Corke*, *Triperarie*, *Linrick*, *Kilkenni*, and *Waterford*. In the Countie of *Triperarie*, there is nothing worthy of memorie, but that there is a *Palatinate* in it, and the little Towne called *Holy Crosse*, that hath great immunities and freedoms granted (as the Monkes have perswaded them) in honour of a piece of our Saviours Crosse which was kept there. The famous River *Suirus*, which the inhabitants call *Showr*, is carried out of this Countie of *Triperarie* into *Kilkenni*. This River running out of the Mountain *Blada* through *Ossiria* the Lower of which the *Butlers* are stiled Earles, and afterward *Thurles*, of which they are stiled Vicounts, first passeth by the Citie *Cassilia* or *Cassel*, adorned by Pope *Eugenius* with an Archbishop, under whom are nine Suffragan Bishops. And from thence growing bigger by the receipt of two other Rivers into it, neere *Waterford* it dischargeth it selfe into the *Ocean*. Hitherto I have runne over this part of *Ireland* with *Camden*, now it remaines to unfold some things concerning the Cities and Townes in the same. Among them the first that offers it selfe is ^a *Waterford*, which is the second Citie in *Ireland*, and alwaies faithfull and obedient to the *English* government. For after *Richard* Earle of *Pembroke* conquered and tooke it, it alwaies continued in peacable quietnesse and obedience to the *English*, endeavouring to bring *Ireland* into subjection; whence the Kings of *England* did grant them many and divers immunities and freedoms, which *Henry* the seventh did encrease and confirme, because the Cittizens did behave themselves valiantly and wisely against *Perkin VVarbeck*, who with the wings of impudence thought to aspire to the royall Throne. This Citie was built by Pyrats of *Norway*, which although it have a thick aire, a soile not very pleasant, and very narrow streets, yet such is the conveniencie of the Haven, that it is the second City in *Ireland* for wealth & populousnes, & is filled with many wise & well-behaved Citizens. It hath a safe & quiet Haven, & which is often full of outlandish & forraine ships. For there are many Merchants in *Waterford*, who in trading do so wisely use their stock, & so warily cast up their accoûts, that in a short time they get great store of wealth; they are not for the most part indebted, but have ready money. There are very few usurers, which by fraudulent & intolerable interest live upon the goods & spoile of the Cittizens by taking them to pawne. The Citizens are curteous, bountifull, thriftie, hospitable to strangers, and serviceable both in private and publique affaires. This Citie was anciently called *Menapia*, as *Dublin Eblana*: or rather *Amellana* from *Amellanus*, who built it, as it is reported that *Sitaracus* built *Waterford*, and *Ivorus Limrick*; They being Cosen-Germans, and heretofore of great authoritie in *Ireland*. There is also in this Countie *Limrick*, which is the third Citie, that excells the rest, for commodious situation, and for the fairenesse of the River, being watered with *Shennin* the chiefe of all the *Irish* Rivers

The Rivers,
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^a This Citie
the *Irish* and
Brittaines call
Porthlargo.