

“ should allow that the cruelties of the Irish out of war extended to these numbers, which, considering the nature of several of the depositions, *I think in my conscience we cannot, yet to be impartial we must allow that there is no pretence for laying a greater number to their charge.* This account is also corroborated by a letter, which I copied out of the council books at Dublin, written on the fifth of May, sixteen hundred and fifty-two; ten years after the beginning of the rebellion, from the Parliament commissioners in Ireland to the English Parliament. After exciting them to further severity against the Irish, as being afraid ‘their behavior towards this people may never sufficiently avenge their murders and massacres, and lest the Parliament might shortly be in pursuance of a speedy settlement of this nation, and thereby some tender concessions might be concluded,’ the commissioners tell them that it appears ‘*besides eight hundred forty-eight families, there were killed, hanged, burned, and drowned, six thousand and sixty-two.*’ — WARNER, 297.

Thus I close this subject with stating, that these hundreds of thousands are reduced by Carte to 20,000, less “several thousands” and “6000 women and children,” and “others;” and by Warner to about 12,000, of whom only 4028 were murdered, a large portion of which detail, “in his conscience” he cannot allow! Would it not be an insult to the reader to offer another word to prove the utter falsehood of all the terrific statements given of the subject, whereby the world has been so long and so grossly deceived?

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