

THE

BATTLE OF AUGHRIM.

ACT I. SCENE I.

Scene—A Camp.

The play opens with a martial sound of kettle-drums and trumpets behind the scenes, after which the curtain goes up and discovers Sir Ruth, Lord Barnfield, and Col. Gordon O'Neill, all sitting in council; they rise and come forward.

ST. RUTH.

Secure, brave Barnfield, in our camp we lie,
And from our lines the British force defy;
Two in their cause both Dutch and Danes do join,
To boast their dear bought conquest of the Boyne.
From yonder hill, my Lord, I can survey
Some great rejoicing in their camp to-day.
For in the air I could behold afar,
Their ensigns wavering in the pomp of war,
Their cannon firing and a smoke arise,
As with their acclamations reach the skies.
Believe me, sir, these whiggish winds do bring
Some lying packers from their orange king,
The vicious allies do some fort invest,
Or else the fleet has cannonaded Brest.
But let their arms in Flanders so proceed,
By us the fam'd Hibernia shall be tried.
Our Fleur de Luce and Harp we will display
To fright those wolvish and hony-cub'd bay,
These non-stanchioners, that pollute the soil,
And grow back for us to wean with our spoil.