

## Oxford and Monmouth's Rebellion

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THOMAS HEARNE, the chronicler and antiquary of Oxford in the earlier part of the eighteenth century, has left a valuable statement of the efforts made to enrol a force at Oxford to resist Monmouth's attempt in the West. He has also given a list of the officers and men in the company raised jointly by Christ Church and Jesus College. The list was supplied, as he says, by one of the corporals, John Urry, of Christ Church. The captain of this company was Lord Norris, eldest son of the Earl of Abingdon, lord-lieutenant of the county. It is interesting to find among the pikemen the name of no less a man than Francis Atterbury, about twenty-three years old at the time of Monmouth's rebellion. He was destined to become Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, and later, Dean of Westminster and Bishop of Rochester. He was noted as a preacher, scholar, controversialist and wit and was the intimate friend of Swift, Pope and other literary men of the time. Of him Pope says, 'perhaps it is not only in this world that I may have cause to remember the Bishop of Rochester'. In 1722, Atterbury was charged with complicity in a Jacobite plot, lost all his preferments and was banished. He died at Paris in 1732 and was buried in Westminster Abbey. His career must have been watched with the greatest interest by many of those who served with him against Monmouth.

Of Urry Hearne says 'He bore arms against the Duke of Monmouth, as several other Oxford Scholars did. His Integrity & Honesty & Loyalty gain'd him great Honour & Respect. He refused the oaths and died a non-juror'.

Urry's list will be of value and interest to all students of the Monmouth episode in the West.

Hearne's account is as follows, and is reprinted from 'Remarks and Collections of Thomas Hearne', vol. v, *Oxford Historical Society*, xlii (1901), 247-9:—

Upon News of the Duke of Monmouth's Rebellion in the West of England, in the year 1685, the University of Oxford, to their immortal Honour, shew'd themselves, on that occasion, very loyal. The Chancellor at that time was the old Duke of Ormond, & the Vice-chanc. was Dr. Lloyd, Principal of Jesus College. After several Meetings of the Heads upon this important Affair, they came at length to a Resolution of raising a Troop of Horse & a Regiment of Foot to oppose the Rebels. In order to carry on this the better, a special Commissioner was fix'd upon to pass to and from London, with Information and Instructions to and from the Duke of Ormond, at that time in London. The Person fix'd upon was Mr. William Sherwin, who was afterwards inferior Beadle of Divinity. Mr. Sherwin was a brisk, active man, & he perform'd his Commission with that Expedition & Dispatch, y<sup>t</sup> he went three times forwards & backwards in one and the same Week. By this means things were soon settled, & by his Grace the Duke of Ormond's Care, Commissions were sent down to the University, & his Grace gave the said Mr. Sherwin his Majestie's Warrant to receive Arms at Windsor Castle for furnishing the before-mentioned Regim<sup>t</sup> with Arms. By Virtue, therefore, of this Warrant, Arms were delivered to Mr. Sherwin at Windsor, he giving his Hand at the same time put to an Indenture for the safe Delivery of them again. The Troop of Horse being first raised, Dr. Ashworth, who was Lieutenant of the said Troop under the L<sup>d</sup> Norris, who was Collonell, came to Windsor (Mr. Sherwin having first of all taken care to see all the Arms put into Waggons) with the said Troop, & took the Arms under their Protection, & so guarding them to Oxford, they delivered them into New College, where every Company were furnished with them. After which they entered into Discipline, and were daily mustered.

At this Distance of time I cannot procure a List of the names of each Company, which I wish, however, had been carefully preserved both for the Honour of the University & of each Person concerned in so loyal and publick an Undertaking. But Mr. Urry of X<sup>t</sup>. Church, who was a Corporal upon this Occasion and kept one of y<sup>e</sup> Halberds by him to his dying Day, having put down the names of such as were members of his own Company, I shall transcribe them exactly as I find them in a Paper under his own Hand, that since his Death, which happened in 1715, came into Mr. Wm. Brome's Hands, who communicated it to a Friend, at the same time noting that this mark ° prefix'd to some names was put by Mr. Urry for *obijt.* being added by him as he got Intelligence of any ones Death.

A<sup>o</sup> p<sup>o</sup> R. J. 2<sup>di</sup>  
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 J. D. M. R<sup>i</sup>. I<sup>mi</sup>.

A List of y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup> the L<sup>d</sup> Norris's Company of Foot raised in y<sup>e</sup> University of Oxford out of Ch. Ch. & Jesus Colleges in the Year of God one thousand six hundred & eighty five, in the Month of June.

The Rt. Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mountague, L<sup>d</sup>. Norris, Captain.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Harry Mordaunt, Esq<sup>e</sup>, Lieutenant.

Mathew Seyes, Esq<sup>e</sup>, Ensigne.

John Rawlins, Muster Master.

W<sup>m</sup>. Sherwin } Sergeants.

J<sup>no</sup> Townsend }

Kenric Puleston } Corporalls.

J<sup>no</sup> Urry }

W<sup>m</sup>. Snelson } Drums.

W<sup>m</sup>. Harris }

<i>Right division of Shot.</i>	<i>Pikemen.</i>	<i>Left Division of Shott.</i>
Kenr. Puleston, corp.	Mr. Brereton	Geo. Smalridge <sup>1</sup>
Rich. Deer	Tho. Nicholson	Cha. Moncton
Edm. Price	Will. Griffith	. . . James
. . . Wilkins	Edw. Lloyd, X <sup>t</sup> ch, capt.	°J <sup>no</sup> Severn
J <sup>no</sup> Fothergill	Ja. Badiley	Rich. West
Warw. Hawkey	Fra. Atterbury	°Tho. Walcot
Dav. Games	Tho. Guillim	Luke Mahon
Tho. Baker	Cha. Yaroth	Rich. Stone
J <sup>no</sup> Jones	Tho. Armsted	J <sup>no</sup> Shocklidge
W <sup>m</sup> Williams	Tho. Evans	J <sup>no</sup> Downing
Dav. Gwynne	J <sup>no</sup> Hancock	Hen. Watkins
Mau. Jones	Tho. Bankes	J <sup>no</sup> Heywood
Ja. Harris	B., E. of Denbigh	J <sup>no</sup> Loder
Owen Rowlands	Aug. Spalding	J <sup>no</sup> Oakes
Robt Lloyd	°Jonat. Willoughby	J <sup>no</sup> Heron
Nic. Arnold	Cha. Pocock	°Cha. Dowson
°J <sup>no</sup> Robinson	°Shirly Okeover	Tho. Jones
J <sup>no</sup> Hutton	W <sup>m</sup> Whitfield	° . . Peirse
Robt Parry	Rog. Jones	J <sup>no</sup> Wotton
Rich. Traherne	Robt Creed	J <sup>no</sup> Vesey
Will. Rawlins	J <sup>no</sup> Griffith	Luke Williams
°Chr. Martin	Chr. Baynes	J <sup>no</sup> Howes
Lewis Lloyd	W <sup>m</sup> Milward	°J <sup>no</sup> Betts
Alexr Ford	Sr Ro. Worsly	J <sup>no</sup> Bridges
Herbt Hooke	Mr. Chr. Yelverton	Edw. Greaves
Robt Humphries	Ant. Read	Will. Brome
. . . Powell	°Ja. Harrington	°J <sup>no</sup> Osbiston
Ja. Talbot	Rich. Chapman	°Mat. Loveday
Edw. Lloyd	Ja. Honnywood	Geo. Powell
Edw. Parry	°J <sup>no</sup> Fisher	Tho. Waring
Hum. Bradford	Ed. Lloyd, Mus. Ashm.	Griff. Jones
Ashb. Toll	Edw. Hannes	°Geo. Lee
Rich. Jones	. . . Tomkins	J <sup>no</sup> Parry
. . . Pember	Dan. Mann	Tho. Hutchins
. . . Arnwell	Edw. Wake	°Wic. Mitchel
Geo. Griffiths	°Jacob Allestry	J <sup>no</sup> Urry, corpl.

<sup>1</sup> George Smalridge was contemporary with Addison at Lichfield Grammar School. He went to Christ Church and became Dean. He was consecrated Bishop of Bristol in 1714, and is alluded to by Swift as 'the famous Dr. Smalridge'. Addison calls him 'the most candid and agreeable of the bishops'. He was on intimate terms with Atterbury. There is a fine portrait of Smalridge in the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery.