

ATROCITY AND RELIGION
IN EUROPEAN MEMORY

*Choosing Religious Atrocities
in Ireland*

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Adrian IV
(1154-9), the
English pope
who made the
English king
lord of Ireland

The people of Ireland under English rule

- Anglo-Irish ('Old English') minority based in Dublin and the east and south
- Gaelic Irish ('Wild Irish') majority, everywhere but especially in the west and north



Henry VIII (r.
1509-47),
Supreme Head of
the Church of
England from
1534,
King of Ireland
from 1541



These Habits were



PART OF
SCOT
LAND

PART

E N G

L A N D

The Scale of Miles

Printed by W. Woodcock at the Press of the Survey of the Kingdom of Ireland, in the City of London, in the Strand, at the Sign of the Harp, 1704.



Hugh O'Neill, earl of
Tyrone and aspirant
High King of Ireland
(1550-1616)





Thomas
Wentworth,
lord deputy of
Ireland 1632-9

William Bedell (1571-
1642), Protestant bishop
of Kilmore





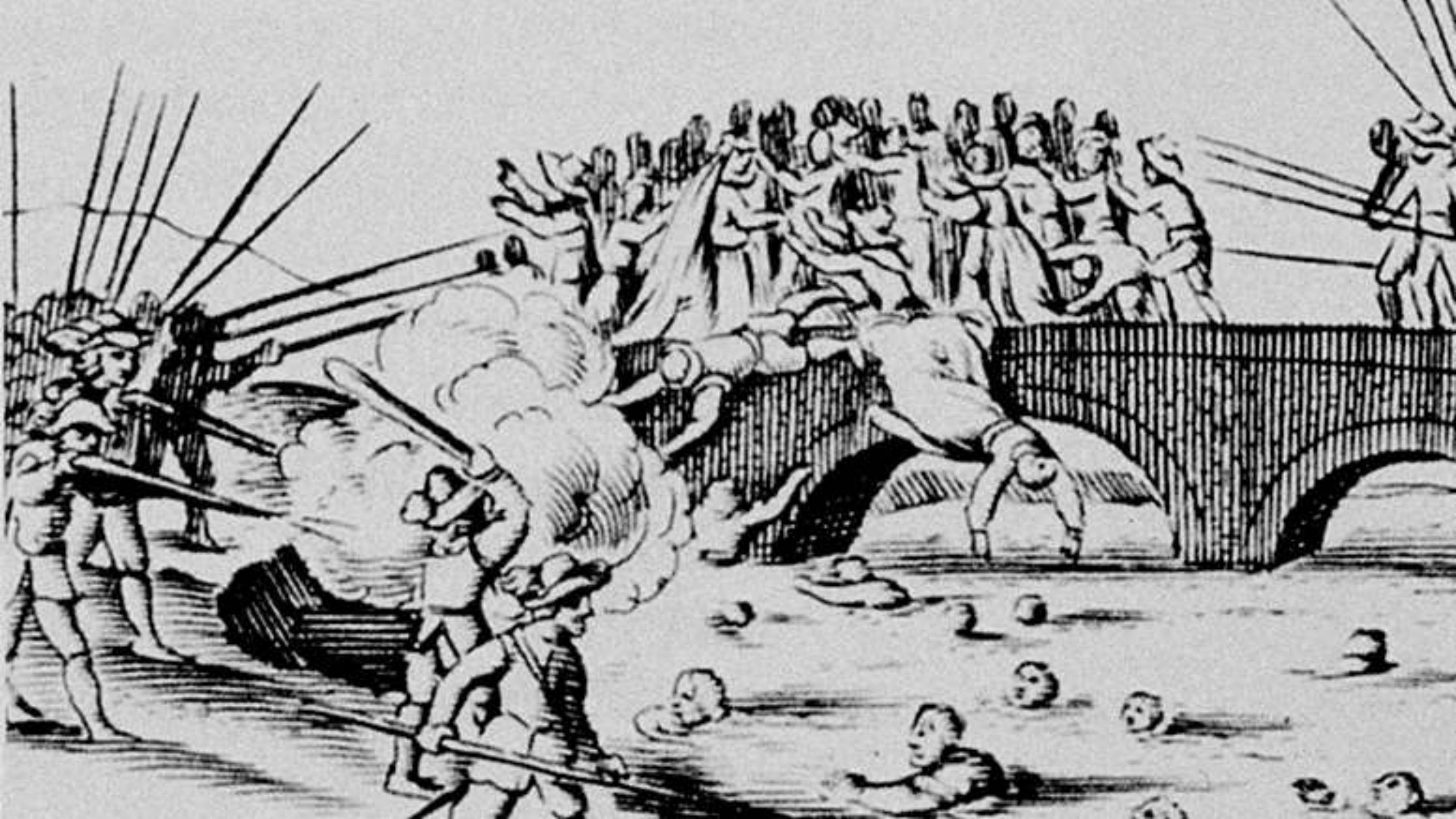
*Companyes of the Rebels meeting with the
English flyinge for their liues falling downe
before them cryinge for mercy thrust their
into their childrens bellyes & threw them into
the water.*

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The Irish Rebellion.





English Protestants striped naked & turned
into the mountaines, in the frost, & snowe, whe:
reof many hundreds are perished to death,
& many liynge dead in ditches & Sauages
upbraided them saynge now are ye wilde
Irish as well as wee.



Pulling them about the streets by the haire
of the head, dashing the Childrens braines
against the postes saynge, these were the Pigges
of the English Sowes.



M^r Daucnant and his Wife bound in
their Chaires Striped the 2 Eldest Child
ren of 7 years old rosted them upon
Spittes before their Parents faces. Cutt
their throate, and after murdered him.



At one M^r. Atkins house & Papistas brake in
& beate out his braines, then ripped upc his
wife with Childe. after they had rauished her,
& Nero like vewed natures bed of conception
then tooke they the Childe & sacrificed it
in the fire.



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THE
Irish Rebellion:
OR,
AN HISTORY

Of the Beginnings and first Pro-
greſſe of the Generall Rebellion raiſed
within the Kingdom of IRELAND, upon
the three and twentieth day of *October*,
in the Year, 1 6 4 1.

TOGETHER
VVith the Barbarous Cruelties and Bloody
Maſſacres which enſued thereupon.

By Sir IOHN TEMPLE Knight.
Maſter of the *Rolles*, and one of his Majesties
moſt honourable Privie Councell within the
Kingdom of IRELAND.

LONDON,
Printed by R. White for SAMUEL GELLIBRAND, at
the Braſen Serpent in *Pauls Church-yard*.
April 27th 1 6 4 6.





THE PERSECUTION
OF THE PROTESTANT PEOPLE
BY THE CHURCH OF ROME 1600
THE ETHNIC CLEANSING
STILL GOES ON TODAY



Oliver
Cromwell
(1599-1658),
in Ireland
1649-50





• Drogheda

• Dublin



Cromwell's account of the taking of Drogheda

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• Wexford



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- I am persuaded that this is a righteous judgement of God on these barbarous wretches, who have imbrued their hands with so much innocent blood; and that it will tend to prevent the effusion of blood for the future.





BORN
1599

DIED
1658

LIEUTENANT GENERAL
LORD PROTECTOR OF THE PROTESTANT FAITH
OLIVER CROMWELL

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THAN A RELIGION IT IS
A POLITICAL POWER
THEREFORE IM LED TO
BELIEVE THERE WILL BE
NO PEACE IN IRELAND
UNTIL THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH IS CRUSHED
OLIVER CROMWELL

OUR CLERGY PERSECUTED
AND OUR PROTESTANT
CHURCHES DESECRATED
ALSO OUR PROTESTANT
PEOPLE SLAUGHTERED
IN THEIR THOUSANDS
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