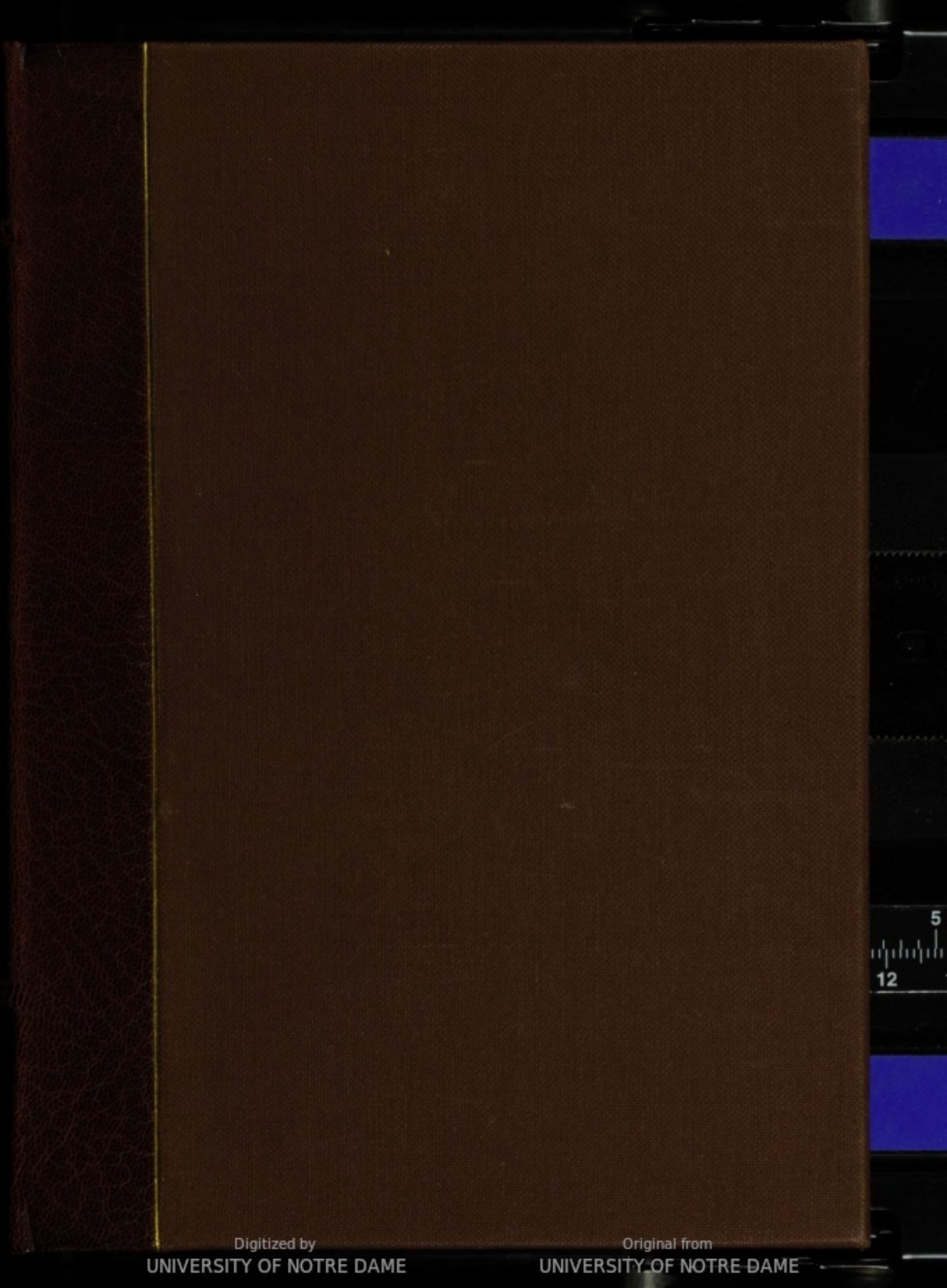
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No. 19

OR,

A TRVE RELATION

Of the great overthrow which the *English* gave the Rebels before *Droheda*, sent in a Letter bearing date the 27 of *February*, to Sir *Robert King* Knight at *Cecill* House in the Strand.

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or a true relation of the great overthrow which the *Engliſh* gave the Rebels before *Drobeda*. &c.

Noble Sir,

IN my laſt to you, I ſignified to you, the difficulties which were like to befall us by the releeving of *Drobeda*, but God by his infinite mercy hath freed us (I may ſay miraculouſly) from that hazard: for when our men there were driven to that extremitie to eat horſe-fleſh, Sir *Henry Tichbourne* ſallied out of the Towne with only fourty Musketiers, and fourty Horſe, and beat off foure hundred of the Enemies, killed above threeſcore of

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of them, recovered foureſcore Cowes and Oxen, and two hundred ſheepe; burned foure townes, and brought home two of their Collours; Beſides, I muſt relate unto you Gods abundant goodneſſe nnto us, in that the night before the reliefe and ſuccours which we ſent by Sea from *Dublin* to them, ſhould have entred into the Harbour of *Droheda*, (which was ſtrongly fenced over with a Chaine and ſeverall boates) there happened a ſtorme which broke their chainer, and gave our men ſo free a paſſage, as with little difficulty they came ſafely to the towne. The Rebels were gathered at *Kilſhalgham* within ſeven miles of *Dublin*, above two thouſand men, where they were ſettled in a very ſtrong wood. My Lord of *Ormond* carried out part of our Army, and beat them out of that great ſtrength (for they would not come into the Champaine) and killed above a hundred of them, without any conſiderable loſſe of our ſide, only Captaine *Iames Rochfort*, a moſt gallant and couragi-

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couragious gentleman. This was an act of great bravery, wherein Sir *Charles Coote* did, (as he doth alwayes) beyond expectation, exposing his person to as much danger as any man living could; and in truth he is a gallant man, full of courage and good affections, and deserves great incouragement from that side. Our souldiours are in great want of money, which causes a generall want of all other necessaries, yet notwithstanding God hath infused such courage into them (for undoubtedly it is his worke) that they thinke there is no danger so great, but they may attempt it.

Colonell *Munke* is arrived here with my Lord Lieutenants Regiment of fifteen hundred foot, and Sir *Richard Greevill* with neere foure hundred Horse, which puts much heart into us, and makes us looke big upon our neighbours, yet we grieue wee cannot be able to releeve our friends in other parts; but I hope when our full succours shall come, we shall not

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only defend this place, but adde comfort to our poore distressed friends abroad.

The enemy though their numbers bee very great, even beyond beleefe, yet their hearts begin to faint, and I beleeve they repent their furious madnesse.

If my Brother be in *London*, I pray you impart this Letter to him, I would have written to him, but that I thought he was at *Chester*, or on his way thither; By the next hee shall heare from me at large, and I shall likewise trouble you.

I must now only tell you, that I thanke you for your care of those things which concerne mee, and that I am, Sir,

your most affectionate

servant,

Feb. 27. 1641. *Ed. Loftus*, *Martii* 7mo.

'Tis this day ordered forthwith That this Letter be published in Print,

H. Elsing Cler. *P.D. Com.*

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