

Sir George Booth's "Cheshire Rising," being premature, was soon put down. On August 19 at Winnington Bridge near Northwich, the combined Royalist and Presbyterian forces were totally defeated by the Parliamentary General Lambert. Chester was re-taken, and Sir George Booth himself shortly afterwards made prisoner. General Lambert next marched into Wales, and besieged Chirk Castle. After making a show of resistance for a day or two, Sir Thomas Middleton was constrained to surrender, and accept such terms and conditions as he could obtain, observing that it was to no purpose for one man to oppose the whole kingdom when all other persons appeared to be subdued.

The following letter, written by General Lambert to the Speaker, concerning the surrender of Chirk Castle, was communicated to the Parliament:—

"Sir. I now give you an account of the surrender of Chirk Castle—the last remains of the Rebellion—which this day was delivered to us upon the terms inclosed.

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There was about 150 men in this Place, great store of Provisions both for men and horse for many months, one little piece of brass ordinance, a competent quantity of ammunition, the goods and provisions I have already ordered to be converted to the soldiers use; and at the desire of divers well effected in this country, it being also the opinion of several of the chief officers of the army, order that the Castle may be demolished, that it may no longer be an occasion of trouble and inconvenience to this country, as it often hath been. I have now no more to say unto you but to beg of God a Blessing upon your Counsels and endeavours, and that He will anoint you with His Spirit and Presence for Perfecting His Great Work in the World, and that you may finish your Course to His Glory, your own Comfort, and the joy and rejoicing of the faithful and upright in these Nations.

I remain, sir,

Your most faithful humble servant,

J. LAMBERT."

The Articles of Surrender enclosed were as follows:—

"Notices of Agreement made by and between Colonel Jerome Sankey, Colonel Daniell Artell, Major Richard Creed, and Captain John Hat-