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This study fills a major gap in the mainstream narrative of Irish history by reconstructing political developments in the year before the restoration of Charles II. It is the first treatment of the complex Irish dimension of the king's return.

The issue of the monarchy did not stand alone in Ireland. Entangled with it was the question of how the restoration of the old regime would affect a Protestant colonial community which had changed in character and fortune as a result of the Cromwellian conquest, the immigration that had accompanied it and the massive transfer of land that followed. As the return of Charles became increasingly probable, Cromwellian and pre-Cromwellian settlers were united in their determination to ensure that the restoration of Charles did not deprive them of their gains. This account discloses how the leaders of the Protestant establishment protected its interests by managing the transition back to monarchy.

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## *Conventions and abbreviations*

For the most part I have used the standard term New English to describe the pre-1641 Protestant colonists and ‘settler’ or ‘newcomer’ to refer to those who came after the outbreak of rebellion. These later arrivals rendered the term New English ambiguous, of course, and contemporaries learned to avoid confusion by speaking of Old and New Protestants. I have adopted this usage where the context required it.

Dates are given in old style except that the year is treated as beginning on 1 January. For the sake of clarity, continental dates have been adjusted to conform to the Julian calendar.

Full bibliographic details of works referred to are given at the first citation: thereafter, short titles are used. The following abbreviations have been employed throughout.

<i>Acts and ordinances</i>	Firth, C. H. and Rait, R. S. (eds.), <i>Acts and ordinances of the Interregnum, 1642–1660</i> . 3 vols., London, 1911
Add. MSS	Additional Manuscripts
<i>Anal. Hib.</i>	<i>Analecta Hibernica, including the reports of the Irish Manuscripts Commission</i> , Dublin, 1930–
<i>Arch. Hib.</i>	<i>Archivium Hibernicum: or Irish Historical Record</i> , Maynooth, 1912–
BIHR	<i>Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research</i>
BL	British Library
<i>Cal. Clarendon SP</i>	O. Ogle, W. H. Bliss, W. D. Macray and F. J. Routledge (eds.), <i>Calendar of the Clarendon state papers preserved in the Bodleian Library</i> . 5 vols., Oxford, 1869–1970
<i>Cal. SP, Adventurers</i>	<i>Calendar of state papers, Adventurers, 1642–59</i> . London, 1903

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<i>Cal. SP, Dom.</i>	<i>Calendar of state papers, domestic series</i>
<i>Cal. SP, Ire.</i>	<i>Calendar of state papers relating to Ireland</i>
<i>Cal. SP, Ven.</i>	<i>Calendar of state papers and manuscripts, relating to English affairs, existing in the archives and collections of Venice</i>
<i>CJ</i>	<i>Journals of the House of Commons</i>
<i>CJ Ire.</i>	<i>Journals of the House of Commons of the kingdom of Ireland</i>
<i>Clarendon State Papers</i>	Scrope, R. and Monkhouse, T. (eds.), <i>State papers collected by Edward, earl of Clarendon</i> . 3 vols., Oxford, 1767–86
<i>Cork HAS jn.</i>	<i>Journal of the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society</i>
<i>DNB</i>	<i>Dictionary of National Biography</i>
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
<i>HMC</i>	<i>Historical Manuscripts Commission</i>
<i>IMC</i>	<i>Irish Manuscripts Commission</i>
'Inedited letters'	Meyer, Joseph (ed.), 'Inedited letters of Cromwell, Col. Jones, Bradshaw and other regicides', <i>Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire</i> , new series, 1 (1860–1)
<i>IRC</i>	<i>Irish Record Commission</i>
<i>Kildare AS jn.</i>	<i>Journal of the County Kildare Archaeological Society</i>
<i>LJ</i>	<i>Journals of the House of Lords</i>
<i>Louth HAS jn.</i>	<i>Journal of the County Louth Historical and Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Montgomery MSS</i>	Hill, George (ed.), <i>The Montgomery MSS (1603–1706): compiled from the family papers by William Montgomery of Rosemount, Esquire</i> . Belfast, 1869
<i>NLI</i>	National Library of Ireland
<i>PRONI</i>	Public Records Office of Northern Ireland
<i>PRO</i>	Public Records Office of England
<i>Regimental history</i>	Firth, C. H. and Davies, G., <i>Regimental history of Cromwell's army</i> . 2 volumes pagged as one, Oxford, 1940
<i>RIA trans.</i>	<i>Transactions of the Royal Irish Academy</i>
<i>RIA proc.</i>	<i>Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy</i>



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<i>RSAI jn.</i>	<i>Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland</i>
SP	State Papers
TCD	Trinity College Dublin
<i>TSP</i>	Birch, Thomas (ed.), <i>A collection of the state papers of John Thurloe, esq.</i> 7 vols., London, 1742
UJA	<i>Ulster Journal of Archaeology</i>

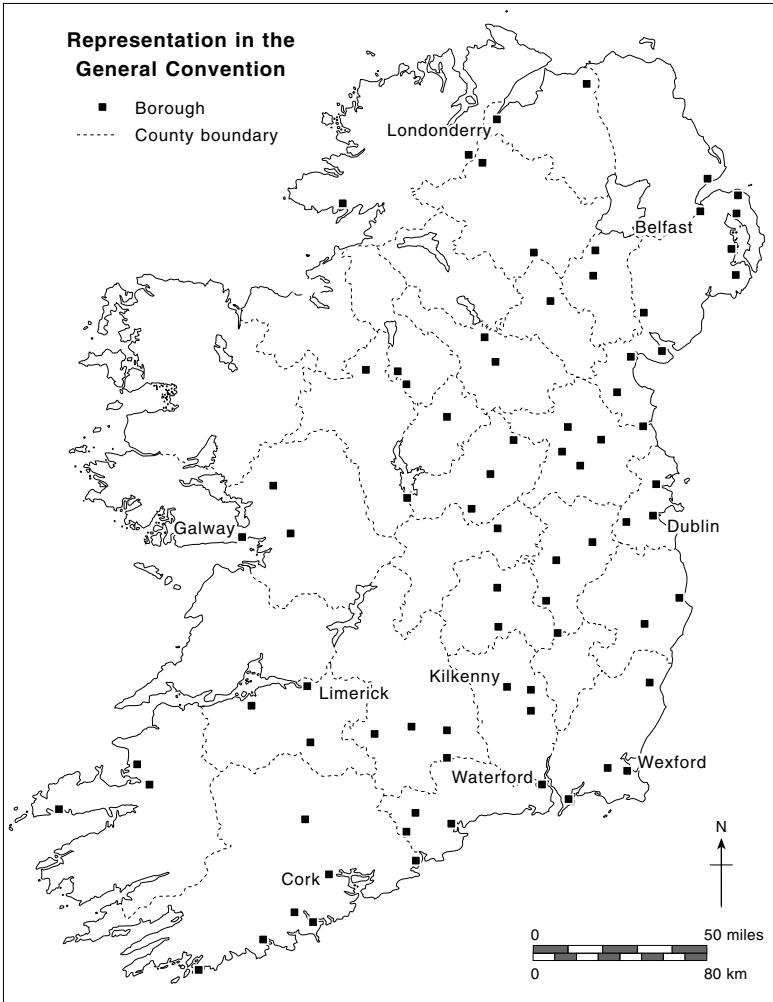
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