

THE FOVRTH TABLE OF IRELAND.



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Ossiria the Higher, beside *Ormondia*, which the *Irish* call *Vrown*, the *English* *Ormond*, and vulgarly *Wormewood*. In both of these there is nothing memorable, but the Earles thereof. For *Ossiria* the Higher hath beene renowned by the Earle *Barnabie Fitzpatrick*, who was dignified by *Edward* the sixt with that honour. And *Ormond* hath had, accounting from *James* the first, thirteene Earles of the famous Familie of the *Butlers*, whom *Edward* the third advanced to that honour, and whose honourable Ancestors were heretofore the *Butlers* of *Ireland*, whence this name *Butler* was given them. That which some of the *Irish*, and those that would be thought men of good credit, doe affirme concerning certaine men in this Country that are every yeare turned into Wolves, I thinke it to be fabulous: Although it may be indeed the abundance of melancholy, wherewith they are possessed, (called by the Physitians *Lycanthropia*) doth stirre up such phantasies, that they imagine themselves to bee transformed into Wolves. Neither dare I imagine any other thing of these *Lycaons* transformed in *Livonia*. At the mouth of *Surius* the *Menapij* held a *Promontorie* toward the Southwest, which is now the Countie *Weishford*, in *Irish* Countie *Reogh*. The name it selfe doth seeme to intimate that these *Menapij* came from the *Menapij* a Maritime people among the *Belgians*. But whether that *Carausius*, who being made King defended *Britaine* against the Emperour *Dioclesian*, was descended from the one or the other, let others determine. For *Aurelius Victor* calleth him a Citizen of *Menapia*, and the Citie *Menapia* is placed by Geographers not in *Holland*, but in *Ireland*. *Ptolemie* calls this *Promontorie Hieron*, that is, holy, and I doubt not but it was called so by the Inhabitants for the same respect. For they called in their Country speech, the farthest Towne hereof, at which the *English* first landed in this Isle, *Banna*, which signifies Holy. From this Holy *Promontorie* the shoare runneth forth in a large tract toward the East and North, neare to which there are shallow sands very dangerous for shipping, which *Saylers* call *The Ground*. The *Cauci*, who were a Maritime people of *Germany*, did inhabite next to the *Menapij*. These had that Maritime Country, which the *Irish* Families of the *O-Mores*, and *O-Brins* doe inhabite, together with the County of *Kildare*. The County of *Kildare* is very pleasant; concerning the pastures whereof *Giraldus* useth these verses of *Virgill*.

Et quantum longis carpunt armenta diebus,

Exiguâ tantum gelidus ros nocte reponit.

How much the flocks doe eate in the long day,

The cold dew in the short night doth repay.

But for the company of Gyants which *Giraldus* placeth in this Country, I leave it to those who admire fabulous antiquities, for I would not willingly doate too much on fables. Beyond the *Cauci* liv'd the *Eblani*, where is now the Countie of *Dublin* and *Meth*, being one of the five parts of *Ireland*. The County of *Dublin* towards the Sea is of a fertile soyle, having pleasant Meddowes, but so bare of Wood, that for the most part they use Turfe and Coale digged in *England*. It is full of Townes and People; where the River *Liffe* hideth it selfe in the Sea, *Houth* is almost environed therewith, from whence the Family of the

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I Camden thinks this *Menapia* to bee that which now is called *Weishford*, see him pag. 659.