

LOST AND “FOUND” AT THE BALLAUGH FAIR
(1804) *



IRISH BANK NOTES LOST.

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LOST or mislaid, at BALLAUGH FAIR, on the 27th Instant, Three Guinea Notes of the Bank of Ireland — A certain Person is suspected to have found the same; and, if returned, will not be prosecuted.

The said Notes are indorsed by JOHN DUFF, of Castletown, to EDWARD KELLEY.

If the same are returned to EDWARD MAGEE, of Kk Marown, or to the Owner, a handsome Reward will be given. — Aug 30, 1804.

“Irish Bank Notes Lost.” *Manks Advertiser* 1 September 1804: 1a.

Brinkmanship at work here in 1804—the notes are useless to the person who, as it was carefully worded, “found the same,” but sought by their rightful owner who stood to lose a substantial sum if they were to be destroyed to avoid detection and prosecution. The Ballaugh Fair that year had drawn Edward Magee, an Irishman living in Marown to attend. Whatever the attractions on offer there, he had returned home not so much empty-handed but with an empty pocket...

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