

TRIBUTE TO IRISH VALOUR:

The pages of two centuries of history were unfolded at Dublin Castle. It was the anniversary of the battle of Fontenoy in which an Irish Brigade fought as part of the French Army. President O'Kelly inspected the Guard of Honour. French General Soudard took the salute. Replicas of Irish standards borne at the battle had been brought from France, a gift by the French Army to the Republic of Ireland. Banished from their own country the Irish warriors in 1745 served under the French. Their bravery was the admiration of Europe. The presentation of the colours was a gracious tribute by France to a friendly nation. And as British military history also affirms the world knows no braver soldiers than the Irish.