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Along with the family's traditional Scottish followers in the , Antrim's tenants provided him with an important power base during the coming wars. Desperate for Catholic cannon-fodder, Spain accepted.

History Ireland

Mixture of annihilation and assimilation Despite this rhetoric contemporaries from the king down continued to regard the Gaelic Irish and, to a lesser extent, the Highlanders, both mentally and culturally as a lower form of humanity. In Ireland Antrim was chief of the Irish MacDonnells and, thanks to the discerning marriages of his siblings, he was related to the leading Old English families in the Pale and to the native Irish ones in Munster, in Connaught and above all in Ulster. He sought to establish a power base in quite Protestant England, while being no less concerned to preserve Catholic Ireland.

Randal MacDonnell (1st Marquess of Antrim) (The Diary of Samuel Pepys)

The couple lived a lavish lifestyle, and Dunluce ran up large debts in England which troubled him for the rest of his life. Randal MacDonnell, second Earl and first Marquis of Antrim-power broker on both sides of the North Channel. In the event Antrim's grand strategy to solve his royal master's British problems was frustrated by the outbreak of the Irish rebellion in October 1641.

Publications

He had to prove that he was innocent of any involvement in the Irish rebellion.

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JULIAN GOODARE Civil War and Restoration in the Three Stuart Kingdoms: The Randal MacDonnell, Marquis of Antrim, 1609-1683. In Ireland, Antrim also blatantly defied the king's authority and from January 1647 he threw in his lot with the Irish Confederates.

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