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that led to the dissolution of the new police in 1795 is both pointlessly partisan ('the loyal police force continued to patrol the streets of Dublin until September, dignified to the end' (p. 151)) and also inaccurate, suggesting a return to the pre-1786 system, whereas what in fact emerged was a new compromise between central and local control. It is in any case difficult to feel confidence in the judgements of an author who thinks that a hanger was a truncheon (p. 128) and that benefit of clergy meant the presence of a clergyman at the gallows (p. 191). This last blunder in particular must raise questions about the refereeing policies both of the Irish Academic Press and of the three separate academic bodies that have helped to finance this publication.

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THE DUBLIN PAPER WAR OF 1786-1788: A BIBLIOGRAPHICAL AND CRITICAL INQUIRY, INCLUDING AN ACCOUNT OF THE ORIGINS OF PROTESTANT ASCENDANCY AND ITS 'BAPTISM' IN 1792. By W. J. McCormack. Pp 165. Dublin: Irish Academic Press, 1993. IR£27.50.

ANY reader who comes to this book, as I did, unfamiliar with the intense but narrow (if significant) scholarly dispute to which it is the latest contribution is likely to find the structure rather ramshackle, the argument almost impenetrable, and the style verging on the inaccessible. The author is so intense and so locked into the debate about when the term 'Protestant ascendancy' first came into regular use in public discourse, and to what rhetorical period the *concept* of the 'Protestant ascendancy' can be applied, that he takes for granted that any reader will be as conversant with every aspect of this scholarly dispute as he is. The result is that he cannot step back from his close and emotional involvement in the debate in order to introduce the reader to it in a clear and coherent fashion. Only at the end of a very close reading of an over-compressed and complex argument is an unprepared reader likely to start to appreciate quite what the issues are. Some of the key arguments propounded in the controversy are not introduced until almost the very end of this book and, even then, only in the footnotes. This is not the way to steer any reader through what is a very complex debate.

For several years past, in articles and essays, the author has maintained a dispute with James Kelly (and to a lesser extent with Thomas Bartlett) about when the term 'Protestant ascendancy' first came to be regularly used by all sides in an ideological and political debate and whether the *concept* of the Protestant ascendancy can be usefully or properly employed by a present-day historian of any period preceding its introduction into regular use in public discourse. To defend his position, he often resorts not to the kind of methodology normally used by political historians, but to the linguistic analysis, literary critical theories and bibliographical inquiries more usually used by scholars in other disciplines. While this approach, especially as it presupposes that the reader is familiar with all the scholars and theories compressed into the densely packed pages, leads to some arguments which are difficult to follow and have perhaps not been fully understood by this reviewer, the case that is made eventually becomes quite convincing—but only so long as one accepts the rather narrow way in which McCormack has defined the issues in dispute.

McCormack subjects the long and acrimonious exchange of pamphlets in Dublin in 1786-8 which surrounded the publication of Richard Woodward's

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