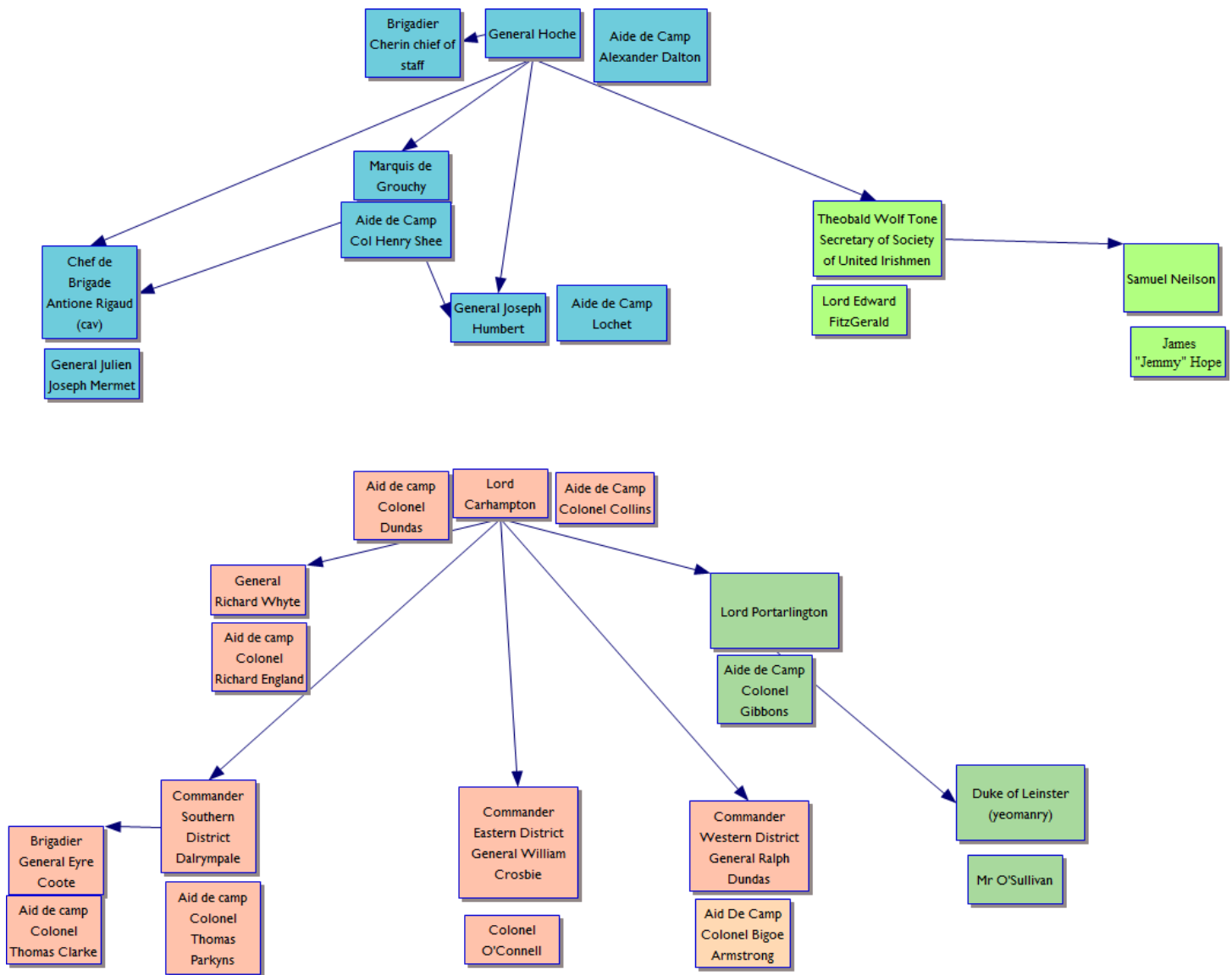


French Invasion of Ireland 1796, What if?

French/Irish and British/Irish roles and command structure. The roles and command structures are based on historic ones with a bit of poetic license (It is a 'What if?' after all...)



The above shows the command structures of both sides. Light green are Irish 'rebels', Dark green Loyalist Irish. Below is a brief overview of those structures but please don't worry if they sound like gobbledy gook as I will send out a more detailed outline for each role nearer the time! **'Aid de camps'** are officers who are there to help, advice, run errands and even lead troops on behalf of the commander they are with.

British/Loyal Irish: Ireland was divided into military districts each with its own commander, there was a recently appointed Commander responsible for the interests of the newly raised Militia (though the militia was distributed amongst the various district commands) a commander responsible for the Yeomanry/orange order/any other locally raised 'defence' volunteers and an overall commander for Ireland.

The French had an overall commander who appointed a second in command (Historically Grouchy) Wolf Tone of the Society of United Irishmen was nominally second in command. Within the Society of United Irishmen Lord Fitzgerald was his equal. Samuel Nielson and Jemmy Hope were in charge of, and the main organisers of, the local Irish defence committees ('Defenders') and Society of United Irishmen local members across rural Ireland – charged with the role of disrupting the British and furthering the rebellion*.

British/Loyalist Irish		
Lord Carhampton	Commander in Chief	Norman Battye
Colonel Collins	Aid de camp to Carhampton	Matt Tippin
Colonel Dundas	Aid de camp to Carhampton	Ethan Jones
Lord Portarlington	Commander in chief of Militia	Jerry Elsmore
Colonel Gibbons	Aid de camp to the above	Ben Davies
General Crosbie	Commander of Eastern District	Robin Murray
Colonel O Connell	Aid de camp to the above	Miguel Costa
General Dalrympale	Commander of Southern District	Ben White
Colonel Thomas parkins	Aid de camp to the above	James Barber
General Eyre Coote	Attached to command of Dalrympale	Keith Wright
Colonel Thomas Clarke	Aid de camp to the above	Sean Easby
General Richard Whyte	Attached to command of Carhampton	John Sharp
Colonel Richard England	Aid de camp to the above	James Macpherson
General Ralph Dundas	Commander Western District	Jonathan Campbell
Colonel Bigoe Armstrong	Aid de camp to the above	Rob Pate
Duke of Leinster	Commander of local forces including Yeomanry (Counter insurgency)	Pete Sizer
Mr O Sullivan	Aid de camp to the above	Nathan Jones

French/Revolutionary Irish		
General Louis-Lazare Hoch	Commander in Chief	Andrew Fergar
Colonel Alexander Dalton	Aid de camp to Hoch	Mark Holden
General Louis-Nicolas-Hyacinthe Chérin	Chief of Staff to Hoch	Jon Higgins
(General) Marquis de Grouchy	Brigade commander	Paul Hayes
Colonel Henry Shee	Aid de camp to Grouchy	Phil Walker
General Joseph Humbert	Commander of Legion de France D'Ouest	Andrew Hadley
Chef de Brigade Pierre-Charles Locht	Aid de camp to Humbert	Simon Braithwaite
General de brigade Antoine Rigaud	Brigade commander	Dean Heathcote
General Julien Augustin Joseph Mermet	Aid de camp to Hoch	James Titterton
Wolf Tone	Secretary Society of United Irishmen	Dave Phillips
Lord Edward Fitzgerald	Military commander of the above	Jason Cowell
Samuel Nielson	Political officer Society of United Irishmen (*)	Simon Thornton
James 'jemmy' Hope	Organiser & commander of the regional 'Defenders' groups (responsible to the above) (*)	James Gallagher

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