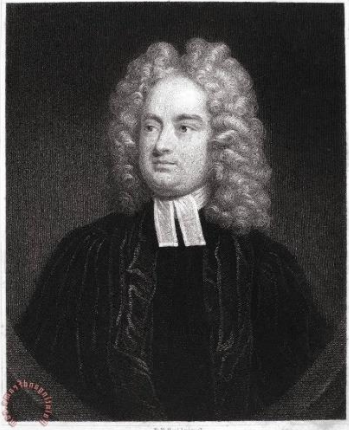


Jonathan Swift connection with Rathcoole

In 1713 Dean Swift (portrait below) who was waiting his promised appointment to Dean of St Patricks Cathedral wrote the letter below to the then Archbishop William King of Dublin (portrait below)



Dean Swift



Archbishop William King of Dublin

‘The other day Mr Thacker, Prebendary of Saggart and vicar of Rathcoole died. It would be a mark of your goodness in your Grace as well as a personal favour to me, if you would please to dispose of his living in favour of Mr Thos. Warburton, who was for many years my associate in the curacy of Lacoor, has behaved himself altogether unblamely, and is a gentleman of very good learning and sense. If I knew anyone more deserving, I would not recommend him, neither would I do it. However because I know your Grace has a great many dependants, but that it will be a great use to me to have a vicar in one of my rectories, and upon my deanery, in whom I can confide, I am told his livings amount to £120 per annum at most.’

Archbishop King denied the Dean's request and appointed instead a Rev. Edward Drury who served until 1737. Jonathan Swift did become Dean of St Patricks later in 1713 and remained Dean till 1745. Where he wrote many of his famous writing. Swift had his county house in Saggart.