CORPORATION
OF
DROGHEDA

MINUTE
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11 OCTOBER 1734
TO
14 JULY 1809

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At A Generall Assembly held before William Ogle Esq.r Mayor James Barlow & Jonathan Nicholls Esq.r Sherriffs the Aldermen & Comon Councill being Present the Eleventh day of October 1734

Mayr of the Staple — Ald.n Edward Meade Elected & Sworn Mayor of the Staple & Justice of the Peace for the Ensuing Year

Constables. — Ald.n William Shepheard & Ald.n Thomas Wye Elected and Sworn Constables of the Staple for the Ensuing Year

Coroners. — Ald.n William Shepheard & Ald.n Thomas Wye Elected & Sworn Coroners for the Ensuing Year

Audrs — Ald.n James Meade
Ald.n Franc.s Leigh
Ald.n John Broughton
Ald.n Will.m Shepheard
Ald.n Edw.d Hardman
Mr. Edw.d Jones.
Mr. Franc.s Donagh
— Auditors & Veiw.rs

Proctors. — Mr. John Leland & Mr. Robert Ford Elected proctors of St. Johns Poor house for the Ensuing Year

Treasurer. — Ald.n Edw.d Meade Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing Year

Mast.r of Gild. — Ald.n Will.m Graham Elected Master of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Wardens. — Ald.n Edw.d Meade & Mr. Fran.s Donagh Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Officers. — The Officers of the Sword Mace & Marshall to Continue during the pleasure of the Corporation

St Johns poor house — Ordered that the Undertakers of the building of St. Johns poor house do Make up their Accots of Said building against Next Genll Assembly

Mr

Comon Councilman for the Skinners

Mr. Thomas Knight Elected and Sworn a common Councilman for the Fraternity of Skinners

water Customs

Ordered That the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected for one Year from the 15th day of October Inst. by Such ffyon or ffyons as Mr. Mayor Shall think fitt to Appoint

gate Customs.

The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Sett to Alderman Francis Leigh for Seven pounds Sixteen Shillings p week to Commence from the 15th day of October Inst.

Corpn Lands in the hands of papists

Ordered That a Comittee be Appointed to Examine the books and Report to the next Generall Assembly what Leases of any part of the Corporation Lands in the Possesion of Papists are Expired or Near Expiring, and when they determined, and if any grants have been Made of the Lands, & to whom & when Made

Comittee appointed to Examine the books & to Report

Ordered that the Comittee Consist of Mr. Mayor the Auditors & Viewers & whoever else that Mr. Mayor Shall think fitt to Call to his Assistance

Sealing Day

Ordered That Monday the 4th day of Novr Next be a Sealing day for Corpn Leases

Novemb. ye 18th 1734

free-merchant

John Graham Esq. upon his Petn granted by the Assembly was Sworne a Freemerch.t of this Corpn paid the Usuall fees & Signed the Instrument

freemerchant

The Same day John Carroll upon his Petn Granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a Freemerch.t of this Corpn paid the Usuall fees & Signed the Instrument

At a Post Assembly held before the Said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen being present the 15th day of Janry 1734

James

Alderman Elected

James Barlow Esq. one of the present Sherriffs Unanimously Elected an Alderm.n of this Corpn in the Room of Henry Smith late Aldn Dec.d And the Said James Barlow Esq. was then Sworn an Alderm.n Pursuant to his Election

At a gen.ll Assembly held before the Said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen & Comon Councill being present the 17th day of Janry 1734

Serjeant at mace appointed.

Ordered That Alexand.r Shephoard be Appointed Serjeant at Mace in the Room of John Sharp, during the Pleasure of this Corporation and that Mr. Mayor take Such Security for his behaviour in Said Office as he Shall think fitt

time Enlarged for the Comittee to Examine the books

Whereas a Comittee was appointed Last Gen.ll Assembly to Examine the books and Report to this Assembly what Leases of any part of the Corpn Lands in the possesion of papists are Expired or Near Expiring, and when they Determined, And if any grants have been made of the Said Lands, and to whom & when made, and whereas the Said Comittee have Mett Accordingly & Come to Severall Resolutions & Desire that their time may be Enlarged, It is Therefore Ordered by this Assembly that the Said Comittee be Continued, and to make their Report to the Next Easter Gen.ll Assembly

Discovery of Lands belonging to the poor of St Johns

Whereas Aldn John Haden hath informed this Assembly that he is in Possession of a Small park of Land Near the Lands of Beabag belonging to the poor house of St Johns for which he has no Lease, and desires this Assembly may take the Same out of his hands for the use of the Said Poor of St Johns It is ordered by this Assembly that Mr. Mayor do give Directions for the Posting up Notice for Setting Said Lands by Publick Cant for Sixty one Years from Easter Next & that whoever Takes the Said Land Shall pay a Years Rent fine, on the ffection of the Leases

Whereas

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Lands belonging to the poor of St. Johns discovered —

Whereas Ald.n Francis Leigh hath Informed this — Assembly that a small Dock in the Barter of Mallen — Belonging to the Poor of St. Johns was Sett by Lease to — Ald.n Edmond Schoales in the Year 1720. by the Corporation along with other Lands without the Proctors of the said Poor house being made Parties to said Lease, or any Notice taken of the Same belonging to St. Poor of St. Johns, It is Ordered That Mr. Mayor together with the Auditors & Vestors be Appointed a Committee to Examine what Rent Shall be paid for the said Land that belong to St. Johns poor-house, and what Rent for the Other Concerns, to the Corpn., & Report their Opinion to the Next Genll. Assembly —

Committee to Examine the Value of St. Lands

and the Accots. of the Building of St. Johns poor house —

Whereas Ald.n John Rencher & Ald.n Henry — Ashland having brought in their Accots. of the building of St. Johns Poorhouse, according to Act of Last Genll. Assembly It is Ordered that the Above Mentiond Comittee do Inspect the said Accots. and report their Opinion to the Next Genll. Assembly in what Manner the Mony Shall be raised, in Order to pay off the Ballance that Shall appear to be Due on said Accounts —

Robt. Elliot & Ambrose Sharp discharged of their bond ab Veuntz for John Sharp —

Upon the Petn. of Robert Elliot & Ambrose Sharp — Setting forth that they became bound for the behaviour of John Sharp late one of the Seryeants at Mace, who is Now Removed from said Office & praying to be Discharged from their — bond It is Ordered that the said Robert Elliot & Ambrose — Sharp be Discharged Accordingly —

Thomas Norman Relieved

Upon the Humble Petn. of Thomas Norman Setting forth his low circumstances & praying Some Relief: It is Ordered by this Assembly that the Sum of three Pounds be Immediately paid to him by The Treasurer for his present Relief, and the further Consideration of the said Petn. be Referred to the Next Easter Genll. Assembly —

Upon

Francis Davis relieved —

Upon the Humble Petn. of Richard Painter Setting forth that he hath been at Charges in Supporting Francis Davis & Praying Something from this Assembly, in Consideration thereof, Ordered by this Assembly that the Sum of twenty Shillings be paid to the said Rich.d Painter by the Treasurer —

Robert Heale relieved —

Upon the Humble Petn. of Robert Heale Butcher Setting forth that by an Unfortuneate Accident which happened to him last Holladge he is very much Reduced, and praying Some — Relief, Ordered by this Assembly that the Sum of one pound Ten Shillings be Immediately paid him by the Treasurer —

Allowance to Geo: Rencher for keeping the house of Correction —

Upon the Humble Petn. of George Rencher Setting forth — that he hath been at the Trouble of Receiving Prisoners Ordered for the house of Correction for Some time Past & praying an — Allowance for his Attendance therein Ordered by this Assembly that the said George Rencher be Allowed the Sum of Two pounds Ten Shillings Yearly, for keeping the house of Correction during the Pleasure of the Corpn. —

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermn being Present the 16th day of Apll 1735

Alderman Elected & Sworn

Mr. Sherriff Nicholls Elected an Ald.n in the Room of — John Godfrey late Ald.r of this Corp.n Dec.d and the said Mr. Sherriff Nicholls was then Sworn an Ald.n Pursuant to his — Election —

Mayor Elect

Aldermn John Broughton Elected to Serve Mayor for the Next Ensuing Year According to the Laws of Succession —

Sherriff Elect.

John Graham Esqr. Elected to Serve Sherriff for the Next — Ensuing Year —

At a Genll. Assembly held before the Said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermn & Comon Council being present the 18th day of April 1735

Sherriff Elect —

Mr. Toomly Dilken Elected to Serve Sherriff for the Next — Ensuing Year with John Graham Esqr.

Ordered —

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Election of the Mayor & Sheriffs Certified

Order'd That the Election of the Mayor & Sheriffs be forthwith Certified to the Governm.t for their Approbation

Overseers of the highways

M.r Thomas Knight M.r John Haythorn M.r Edw.d Norman & Rich.d Durkan appointed Overseers of the Highways from Westgate to the End of the Liberties on the Road Leading to Slane, & that the Inhabitants without Westgate on that Road, & on the Turnpike Road do work their Six days Labour

Overseers

M.r James Dromgoole, M.r Van Homrigh, M.r Nicholls M.r George Elliot, and M.r William Kane Appointed Overseers of the Highways Leading to Manimore, and that the Inhabitants of West Street, & Dirty Lane, do work their Six days Labour

Overseers

M.d.r James Meade, M.d.r Fran.s Leigh, John Carton & Thomas Thornton Appointed Overseers of the Highways Leading to Carntown, and that the Inhabitants of North Quay, Shop street, Dyer street, Pillory Street & Upper Pillory ward, do work their Six days Labour

Overseers

John Leigh Esq.r & Peter Rooney Appointed Overseers of the Highways from Laurence's Gate to Green hills, and that the Inhabitants of Laurence Street & without the Gate & the Strand, & the adjacent lanes, do work their Six days Labour

Overseers

John Sotheby and Brabazon Eccleston Esq.rs Elected Overseers of the Highways in the parish of Ballymakenny and on the Lands of Carntown, and that the Inhabitants of said parish, & on said Lands of Carntown do work their Six days Labour at said Highways

Receivers of the Rents of y.e Comons

M.d.r Fran.s Leigh & M.r James Seaton Appointed Receivers of the Rents of the Comons for one Year Comencing this Easter

Ordered

Tythes of Ennismott

Order'd That Notice be posted up for Receiving Proposals for Setting the Tythes of Ennismott, to the best Bidder for a Term Not Exceeding thirty one Years, Giving good Security for the Payment of the Rent, which Proposals are to be Directed To M.r Mayor in Order to be Communicated to this Assembly, & that M.r Mayor and whoever he Shall Call to his Assistance do Sett the said Tythes for this Present Year

Town Wall Goal & Bridewell

Order'd That M.r Mayor & whoever he Shall Call to his Assistance, be Appointed a Committee to Inspect that part of the Town Wall Lately fallen down, and likewise to Consider about Rebuilding the Goal and Building a Bridewell, and to Meet when M.r Mayor Shall think Proper, and Call a Speciall Assembly Accordingly, to Report their Opinion

Pensioners on the Commons

Order'd That the Undernamed persons be paid the Severall Sums to their Severall names annexed for one Year from Michas Last & Ending Michas Next

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Wid.o of Edw.d Stoker	2	0	0	Seth Marsdin	3	0	0
Rich.d Lucas & wife	3	0	0	John Cain Sen.r & wife	3	0	0
Wid.o Stapleton	2	10	0	W.m Bould	2	0	0
Rich.d Bonus	2	10	0	Wid.o of Nat.l Buckhill	2	0	0
Wid.o of John Curran	2	0	0	James Wilhely	1	10	0
Wid.o Flinders	2	0	0	Henry Simpall Jun.r & wife & Children	2	0	0
Wid.o Dickering	3	0	0	Wid.o of John Sharp	2	0	0
John Bolton	2	0	0	Wid.o of Edw.d Chambers & five Children	5	0	0
Wid.o of John Ogle	2	0	0	Wid.o of John Andrews	3	0	0
Rich.d Painter	2	0	0	Wid.o of John Deaken	3	0	0
Tho.s Gullard	2	0	0	Two Child.n of Hen Geddons	5	0	0
Frah.r Evans	2	0	0	Wid.o of Tho.s Shepherd	3	0	0
Fran.s North	1	10	0	M.d.r Ackland for Four Child.n of Tho.s Barton	8	0	0
Wid.o Isaac	4	0	0	Tho.s Corby	2	0	0
Joseph Appleyard	1	10	0	Michael Leland	2	0	0
Barbara Sotich	2	10	0	Wid.o of Peter Gaynar	3	0	0
Ellinor Foster	1	0	0	Wid.o Saunders	3	0	0
Furrs of y.e Commons	8	0	0	Joseph Rencher	3	0	0
Wid.o of Tho.s Boddington	3	0	0	Richard Shorten	2	0	0
D.o for 2 Children of Tho.s Purcells	2	10	0	Wid.o of W.m Barron	3	0	0
James Moore	2	0	0	Wid.o Buxton	3	0	0
Arth.r Carroll	2	0	0	Wid.o Daws	2	0	0
Wid.o of Arth.r Freeman	2	0	0	John Cloff	0	14	2
Mary Fuson	2	0	0				
John Chapman	2	0	0				
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Ralph Lynah

Granted to Ralph Lynah the Vacancy in S.t Johns Poorhouse, and he to Drop his Pension out of the Rents of the Commons, which is now Granted to Margery Davis

Mary Kerton Relieved

Upon the Humble Pet.n of Mary Kerton Setting forth her Deplorable Circumstances & praying Some relief, It is Ordered by this Assembly that She be paid the Sum of Thirty Shillings Sterl.g by the Treasurer of this Corporation, and the Same to be Allowed the Treasurer in Passing his Accots

Widow Gartside & Surrender of her Lease of the Comons

Upon The Humble Pet.n of Ann Gartside Wid.w Setting forth that her late Husband Obtained a Lease from this Corporation of Eleven Acres of Land part of the North Commons, which being at too great a Rent, Rec.d no Advantage thereby, So that the Said Land is thrown on her hands by the Undertents who held it at the Same rent, & praying this Assembly to Accept of a Surrender of the Said Lease, It is agreed by this Assembly that they accept a Surrender of the Said Lease & Lands from the Said Ann Gartside, and She to pay all Rent & Arrears due the 25.th of March last

Oliver Fairbrough's Surrender of his Lease of the Comons

Upon The Humble Pet.n of Oliver Fairbrough Setting forth that his father took a Lease from this Corp.n of the first Second & fifth Lotts of the Lands Called the North Comon, which being at too dear a rent, Lost Considerably thereby, & the Said Pet.r praying this Assembly to Accept of a Surrender of the Said Lease, It is Agreed by this Assembly that they do Accept a Surrender of the Said Lease & Lands, and that all Rent & Arrears, be paid & Cleared of the 25.th day of March last

Said Lands to be Sett

Ordered That all the Said Lands be Sett by Publick Cant on Monday Next, to the highest, & fairest bidder, for the Term of Sixty One Years from the 25.th of March last, and that whoever takes Said Lands, to Pay a Years Rent Fine

Whereas

Report of the Committee about the building of S.t John's poorhouse

Whereas a Comittee was Appointed Last Gen.ll Assembly To Inspect & Examine the Accots of John Rencher and Henry Ackland Alderm.n about the Rebuilding of S.t Johns Poorhouse, & to report their Opinion to this Assembly wch they have Accordingly done, & is as follows Viz.t

Pursuant to an Order of Reffference of the Last Gen.ll Assembly we have Examined the Accounts of John Rencher & Henry Ackland relateing to the Rebuilding of S.t Johns Poorhouse, and find that the whole Charge Amounts to Three Hundred & Twenty Two Pounds five Shillings and three pence and that the Said Accomp.ts had received the Sev.ll Contributions following Viz.t From the Treasurer of this Corp.n by Order of the Gen.ll Assembly Fifty Pounds, from the Rev.d M.r John Singleton And the Honble M.r Drume Sec.y Singleton One Hundred Pounds, From the R.t Honble William Graham Esq.r Fifty Pounds, From the Ex.rs of M.r John Godfrey Deceas'd Ten Pounds, From M.r Edward Hale Apothecary Ten Pounds, which Severall Contributions Amount in the whole to Two Hundred & Twenty Pounds, So that there Appears to be a Ballance due to the Said Builders of One Hundred & two pounds five Shillings and Three pence, And Whereas by the Aforesaid Order of Reffference we are desird to Consider in what Manner the Ballance that Shall Appear to be due Shall be Discharged, & to report the Same to the present Gen.ll Assembly, in pursuance of which, we have Examined into the State of this Corp.n, also that of the Said Poorhouse, & do find that in the Year 1675. the then Proctors of Said Poorhouse, haveing in their hands the Sum of Fifty Pounds, which Belong'd to Said Poorhouse, the Same was by Order of the Gen.ll Assembly paid to the Treasurer of this Corp.n and an Order was at the Same time Made, that the Treasurer Should pay the Said Proctors Intrest for the Said Sum till the Same was Repaid by this Corp.n

We also find that after that, in the Year 1675. the Said Sum together with what Interest was due, was turn'd into a Principall Sum of Seventy Pounds which then Bore Interest & that after that, in the Year 1692. the Sum of Seventy pounds with Some Interest that was due was

turned Into

Report

A further principall Sum of Eighty pounds which Carrys Intrest at the rate of Ten pounds p Cent from said time to this day; So that it Appears that this Corpn is now Indebted to the Proctors of said poorhouse in the principall Sum of Eighty pounds, which we are of Opinion cannot better be Applyed than in discharge of part of the ballance that is due to the Builders of the said poorhouse, in regard that the poor in the said house will now have as Much Money distributed among them as they had before the said house was rebuilt, when the Interest of Eighty pounds was part of their Yearly Revenue the Interest of said Sum being Seldom Sufficient to keep the Old house in Repair

We Care of further Opinion that the fourteen pounds Fine which is to be paid by Aldn Edmond Schoals for a New Lease of part of the Lands belonging to the said poorhouse, be paid in part of the said Ballance, And Whereas there will be a Ballance of Eight pounds Five Shillings & three pence Still Unprovided for, Aldn William Shepheard who is Tenant to part of the Land belonging to said poorhouse, is pleased to Contribute so Much to Compleat the whole Sum

All which we Thumbly Submit to your worships Consideration, Drogheda April ye 12th 1735

James Meade
Franc Leigh
John Broughton
Edwd Gardman
Willm Shepheard
Edwd Jones
Franc Donagh

Audrs & Viewrs

Confirmed

It is therefore Ordered by this Assembly that the said Report, be & is hereby agreed to & Confirmed by this Assembly, and that the said Sum of Eighty pounds which is now due by this Corpn to the Proctrs of St Johns poorhouse be paid by the Treasr of this Corpn in Order to Discharge the balle and that the same be allowed the Treasr in passing his Accounts

Whereas

Lands belonging to the Poor of St. John

Whereas a Small park in the Bater of Platten belonging to the poor of St John's being Sett by Lease to Aldn Edmd Schoales in the Year 1720. by this Corpn along with other Lands, without the Proctors of said Poorhouse being Made parties to said Lease or any Notice taken of the Same belonging to said poor of St Johns, and Whereas a Comittee was at the Last Genll Assembly, Appointed, to Examine what Rent Should be paid for the Lands that belong to said Poorhouse, & what Rent to the Corpn for the Other Concerns, and to Report their Opinion to this Assembly, which Report is as follows Viz.

Reported

We have Viewed the Lands & premisses in the said Lease mentioned which bears date the Eighth day of Novemr 1720. and do find that the Land in the said Lease is one park the left hand of the Road to Platten now in the Possession of Mr William Jones as Tent to the said Schoales Containing by a Survey thereof Lately made Two Acres one Rood & thirty Six perches which belongs to the poor of St Johns, and do likewise find that the Land belonging to the Corpn is two Cabbins and Garden in Duleek Street now in the possession of said Jones as Tent to the said Schoales

We also find that the said Schoales is in Possesion of one Croft of Land in Fishers Bater Containing one Rood, Thirty Two perches which belongs to said poor of St Johns; Consideration being had of the said Matter to us Referrd we are of Opinion that the said Aldn Edmond Schoales on his Surrendering the said Lease so made to him by this Corpn Shall have a New Lease from this Corpn of the said Two Cabbins & Garden which were built by the said Aldn or his Under Tent at the Yearly Rent of two Shillings for Sixty One Years from Easter Last & likewise a Lease of said Park & Croft from this Corpn & the Proctors of St Johns poorhouse for Sixty one Years from the twenty fifth of March last at one pound Eight Shillings Rent, & fourteen pounds fine he paying all rent that was due the twenty fifth of March Last Inclusive on the said Lease so Made in the Year 1720 as aforesaid

We

We are further of Opinion that No fees Shall be paid for said New Leases Except for the Engrosements; all which is humbly Submitted to Your Worships Consideration
April ye 12th 1735

Jam^s Meade
Fran^s Leigh
John Broughton
Edwd Hardman
Willm Shepheard
Edwd Jones
Frah^s Donagh
} Audit^rs & View^rs

Whereupon this Assembly do Now Agree to & Confirm the said report, and order the Same to be Entered

July ye 1st 1735

Free-Taylor

Charles Dugry upon his humble Pet^n granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a free Taylor of this Corp^n paid the usual fees, Signed the Instrum^t & paid Twenty Shillings Fine

At a generall Assembly held before the Said Mayor & Sherriffs the Ald^n & Comon Counsell being present the 18th day of July 1735

Ald^n James Meade Town Clerk Resigned

Ald^n James Meade the present Town-Clerk having Informd this Assembly that he being very much advanced in Years, and thereby not able to Discharge the Severall dutys belonging to the Office of Town Clerk, Moves this Assembly that he may have Liberty to Resign the Said Office, which Accordingly is accepted of

Ald^r Edwd Meade Elected Town Clerk

Whereas the Office of Town-Clerk is now Vacant by the Resignation of Ald^n James Meade the Late Town Clerk: It's Unanimously Agreed by this Assembly that Ald^n Edwd Meade be, & is hereby Elected to Serve in the Said Office of Town Clerk during his good behaviour and that he has Liberty to Choose a Deputy

Ordered

Election to be Certified to the Governm^t

Ordered that the Election of Ald^n Edward Meade to be Town Clerk, be forthwith Certified to the Governm^t for their Approbation

Abuses Committed in the River & Channell

Whereas This Assembly are Informed that Severall Abuses are Committed in this River by Vessells and Boats throwing their Ballast over Board into the Channell and by not taking up their Ballast out of proper Places

John Owens appointed Overseer

This Assembly taking the same into their Consideration came to the following resolution that John Owens be Appointed Overseer of the Said Channell, and that he doe Oblidge all Ships & Vessells taking in Ballast to take the Same from such part of the River as he Shall Judge Proper with the Approbat^n of the Mayor, and that he be paid a Sallary of Forty Shillings Pann^d to be paid Quarterly from Midsummer Last, the Same to Continue during the Pleasure of this Corp^n

Mr Mayor to receive proposals abt rebuilding part of the town wale

Ordered that Mr^r Mayor Receive Propos alls from such Persons who will undertake to Rebuild that part of the Town Wall lately fallen down and that the Said Propos alls be given in to Mr^r Mayor before Thursday Next by such Persons who will Undertake the Same, & that a Speciall Assembly be Called to Consider of the Said Proposalls

Lease to be made to Ald^n John Haden

Ordered that a Lease be made to Ald^n John Haden of a Small park of Land belonging to the poor of St John's which is in his Possession, Containing One Acre for the Term of Sixty One Years from Easter Last at the rent of Seventeen Shill^s Pann^d and paying Seventeen Shillings Fine, and that a Mapp of Said Land be Affixed to Said Lease

Pat^k Mc Ginnis grantes the house on Ol Corn mark^t hill for teaching School

Upon the Humble Pet^n of Pat^k Mc Ginnis Setting forth that he is Lycenced for Teaching an English School in the parish of St Mary's Drogheda and having produced his Said Lycence, & praying this Assembly to grant him the benefit of the Vacant house wherein John Meredith late Pet^r Taught School, being on the Old Corn Market hill, It is ordered by this Assembly that the S^d Pat^k Mc Ginnis Enjoy the Said house during the pleasure of this Corp^n paying the Sum of Sixpence Sterl^g p^ann. & Keeping the Said house in Repair

ordered

Sealing Day. Order'd That Monday the first day of Septemb.r Next be a Sealing day for Corp.n Leases —

a Special Assembly. At a Speciall Assembly held before the Said Mayor & Sherriffs the Ald.n & Comon Councill being Present The 24.th day of July 1735 —

Ald.n Edw.d Meade Sworn Town Clerk. Ald.n Edward Meade pursuant to his Election of Town Clerk, and their Excellencies the Lords Justices Approbation of him to the Said Office was Sworn Town Clerk of this Corp.n & took the Oaths as Usuall —

Proposalls for building part of the Town wall. M.r Mayor Lay'd before this Assembly the proposall of Ald.n John Rencher, which is the Only One that has been Given in for Rebuilding that part of the Town Wall fallen Down Near Sundays Gate —

accepted. Resolved that the Said proposalls be Accepted of, and that Articles in pursuance thereof be drawn up by the Treasurer to be Executed by the Said Ald.n Rencher for the Performance of the Said Work According To Agreement —

Septemb.r y.e 13.th 1735

Free-Merchants. Charles Broughton and Samuel Gerrard Upon their Pet.ns Granted them by the Assembly were Sworn Free Merch.ts of this Corp.n paid the Usual fees & Signed the Instrum.t —

At A Generall Assembly held before John Broughton Esq.r Mayor John Graham & Townley Patten Esq.rs Sherriffs the Alderm.n & Comon Councill being Present the Tenth day of Octob.r 1735 —

Mayor of the Staple. Ald.n William Ogle Elected and Sworn Mayor of the Staple & Justice of the Peace, for the Ensuing Year —

Constables. Ald.n James Barlow & Ald.n Jon.an Nicholls Elected & Sworn Constables of the Staple, for the Ensuing Year —

Coroners. Ald.n James Barlow & Ald.n Jon.an Nicholls Elected & Sworn Coroners, for the Ensuing Year —

Audit.rs & View.rs. Ald.n James Meade, Ald.n Fran.s Leigh, Ald.n Edw.d Hardman, Ald.n Will.m Shepheard, M.r Edw.d Jones, M.r Fran.s Donagh — Audit.rs & View.rs —

Proctors. M.r Fran.s Donagh & M.r Will.m Jones Jun.r Elected Proctors of S.t John's Poorhouse, for the Ensuing Year —

Treasurer. Ald.n Edw.d Meade Elected Treasurer, for the Ensuing Year —

Mast.r of Guild. Ald.n Fran.s Leigh Elected Master of the Guild for the Ensuing Year —

Wardens. M.r Fran.s Donagh & M.r James Seaton Elected Wardens of the Guild, for the Ensuing Year —

Officers of the Corp.n. The Officers of the Sword, Mace, & Marshall, to Continue during the Pleasure of the Corp.n —

Water Customs. Order'd That the water Customs of this Corp.n be Collected for one Year, from the 15.th day of October Ins.t by Such person or Persons as M.r Mayor Shall think fitt to Appoint —

Gate Customs. The Gate Customs of this Corp.n were Sett to Ald.n Thomas Sandiford for Seven Pounds Nineteen Shillings p.r week for One Year to Commence from the fifteenth day of Octob.r Ins.t —

Clock Keeper. Moses Painter Appointed Clock-Keeper during the Pleasure of this Corporation —

Comon Council-man for the Shoemakers Edw.d Norman. Upon The Humble Pet.n of the Master & Wardens and Fraternity of Shoemakers, Setting forth that they want a Comon Councill-man to Represent them in the Gen.ll Assembly in the room of M.r John Hughes the present Sword Bearer, & having return'd Three Members of their Said Fraternity, and praying this Assembly to Choose One thereout. It is Order'd by This Assembly that M.r Edw.d Norman, one of the Said three persons returned, be, & he is hereby Elected & Chosen a Comon Councill-man for the Said Fraternity, and the Said Edw.d Norman being Called in, was Sworn a Comon Councillman Accordingly —

Upon —

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John Cain apppoint.d Comon Councilman for the Butchers.

Upon The Humble Pet.n of the Master & Wardens & Fraternity of Butchers Setting forth That they want a Comon Councillman to Represent them in the Generall Assembly in the Room of Mr. Jonathan Nicholls, who is Now an Ald.n on the Bench; and having returnd three of their said Fraternity, & praying this Assembly to Choose one thereout; It is Ordered by this Assembly That Mr. John Kain Jun.r one of the said Three persons returned, be & he is hereby Elected & Chosen a Comon Councillman, for the s.d Fraternity, and the said John Kain being Called in, was Sworn a Comon Councillman Accordingly —

Mary Kerton Relieved.

Upon The Humble Pet.n of Mary Kerton, Setting forth her Sickness, age, & Miserable want, & praying Some Relief, It is Ordered by this Assembly, That She be paid the Sum of Three pounds by the Treasurer, and the same to be Allowed him, on passing his Accounts; and that for the future, no Notice be taken of any Pet.n or Application from the said Mary Kerton on the like Account —

John Cooke Relieved.

Upon the Humble Pet.n of John Cooke Setting forth his great want, occasioned by Sickness; & praying Some Speedy releif for himself & family. It is ordered by this Assembly that he be paid the Sum of Thirty Shillings Sterl.g by the Treasurer for his present releif, and the same to be Allowed The Treasurer on passing his Accounts —

The 13.th of Nov.r 1735 — At a Special Assembly then held

Ald.n Elected & Sworn.

Mr. Sherriff Patten Elected an Ald.n in the Room of Oliver Fairclough late Ald.n Dec.d and the said Mr. Sherriff Patten was then Sworn an Ald.n Pursuant to his Election —

At a Gen.l Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sherriff the Aldermen & Comon Councill being present the 16.th day of January 1735

Rich.d Morgan Esq.r & Christ.n his wife Pet.rs to Surrender.

Upon The Pet.n of Richard Morgan Esq.r & Christian his wife Setting forth that John Godfrey late Ald.n dec.d to whom the said Christian is Administratrix Obtained Three Severall Leases from this Corp.n of Lands Called The —

Sev.ll Corp.n Leases of the Commons.

The Cow Leas or South-Commons without Dulech gate, and a Field without Sundays gate, and of Lands Called the North-Commons at the Yearly Rent of Forty pounds four Shillings & three pence, and paying a years rent fine, which being held by him at a far greater rent than they were worth, and the said Pet.r proposing a Surrender of said Severall Leases after the 25.th of March Next, and praying this Assembly to remit the years rent which will then become due to the Corp.n —

Accepted.

It is Resolved by this Assembly that a Surrender of the said Leases be Accepted of the 25.th of March Next on the payment of all rent then due thereon, if the Pet.r think proper to Surrender the same and that Six Months time be given to pay the Last Half years Rent —

The Lands to be Sett by pub.c Cant.

Ordered that in case the aforesaid Pet.r Shall think proper to Surrender their said Leases of the Commons Mentioned in their Pet.n upon the Terms agreed to Accept the Same, That the said Lands be Sett by Publick Cant to the Highest bidder Some Convenient time before the 25.th of March Next for the Term of Sixty one years, and that a years rent be paid by way of fine and that whatever can be made more of the said Land than the Present rent be fined off & paid to the said Pet.r and that the Pet.r have a Copy of this Order, & the Resolution on their Pet.n

Catherine Kenny turned out of the poor house.

Complaint being made to this Assembly against Catharine Kenny a pensioner in St. John's Poor house, of her Misbehaviour in the House to the great disturbance of the rest of the Pen.rs — Ordered by this Assembly that the said Catherine Kenny be turnd out of said house, and that the Proctors pay her Sixpence p.r week during the pleasure of this Corp.n; and that from hence-forth She be not Intituled to any the perquisites or benefits of said House —

Standing Committee for the Town walls gates &c.

Ordered That the Undernamed persons be Appointed a Standing Committee to Inspect from time to time the Condit.n of the said Town Walls, the gates, the Bridge and the River Walls, and wherever they find the same defective or any way out of repair to report the same to Mr. Mayor for the time being, & that Mr. Mayor with said Committee or the Majority of them have power to act therein as they shall think Proper —

Ald.n James Meade
Ald.n John Kenches
Ald.n Henry Ogle
Ald.n Wm. Ogle
Ald.n John Arden
Ald.n Henry Ackland
Ald.n Franc.s Leigh
Mr. Wm. Pickering
} Committee —

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Navigation of the River Boyne. Considerd.

A New Survey of the River Boyne from the Town to the Barr, being Laid before this Assembly to Consider in what Manner the Navigation of the Said River may be helpd; It is Ordered that the Same be referrd to Mr. Mayor and Such of this Assembly as he Shall Call to his Assistance, and that they be Impowered to Apply to Skillfull persons for their Opinion and to report to this Assembly what may be adviseable to be done, and that the Expences of Such Application be defrayed by this Corpn. and that Mr. McDowell the Surveyor be paid the Sum of Ten Guineas for his Trouble in Surveying and Making Maps of Said River

Richd. Jebb. Charged w.th entering goods of persons not free, to the prejudice of the Customs.

This Assembly being informed That Mr. Richard Jebb a freemerch.t of this Corpn. has at Severall times Entered the goods of other persons, Not being Free, as his own, whereby the Town has been defrauded of their Customs, to their Prejudice, It is Ordered that the Undernamed persons be Appointed a Committee to Examine into the Matters of the Said Complaint and that they do report their Opinion thereon to the Next Generall Assembly

Committee appointed to Examine y.e matter & report.

Committee.

Mr. Mayor
Mr. Mayor of the Staple
Aldn. Henry Ogle
Aldn. John Rinchot
Aldn. Franc.s Leigh
Aldn. Edwd. Meade
Aldn. James Barlow
Mr. Franc.s Donagh
Mr. Robt. Ford

Committee or any five
The Mayor being One

Committee appointed to Examine the Value of the Lands of Killaneer.

ORDERD That a Comittee be Appointed to Examine into the Value of the Lands of Killaneer belonging to the Corporat.n, the Lease of which Lands being Near Expiring, and that the Committee do Consider in what Manner this Corporat.n Shall Sell the Said Lands to the best Advantage and that a New Survey be made of Said Lands; and that the Said Committee Consist of

Mr. Mayor
Mr. Mayor of the Staple
Aldn. James Meade
Aldn. Edwd. Meade
Aldn. Henry Ogle
Aldn. Franc.s Leigh
Aldn. Wm. Shepheard
Aldn. John Raden

Or any five

and

& Report.

And that they Do Report their Opinion thereon at the Next Easter Genll. Assembly

Lettice Bransill.

Granted to Lettice Bransill Widow the present Vacancy in St. Johns Doorhouse

January 26.th 1735

Free-merch.t

James Sandiford upon his Petn. was Sworn a free Merch.t of this Corporatn. paid the Usual fees and Signed the Instrument

March the 22.d 1735

Free Merch.t

George Rencher upon his Petn. was Sworn a free Merch.t of this Corpn. paid the Usual fees & Signed the Instrument

Special Assembly.

At a Special Assembly held before the Said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldn. & Common Councill being present the 29.th day of March 1736

To Employ Thom.s Steers abt mending the Navigation of the River.

Mr. Mayor informed this Assembly that in Pursuance of an act of the Last Assembly Application had been made by Aldn. Scholes and Aldn. Edward Meade by their Correspondents Mr. Robert Armitage & Mr. Henry Pippard of Leverpool to One Mr. Thomas Steers a person of Reputed Skill & Knowledge there, for his Opinion about mending the Navigation of this River, and they having reported to this Assembly their Opinion that the Said Tho.s Steers is a fit person to be Consulted & Employed in Such an Undertakeing; It is Resolved by this Assembly that the Said Edmond Scholes & Edward Meade be Empowerd to write to their Correspondents in Leverpool to agree with the Said Tho.s Steers to Come over here to View the Said River, and that Such Sum as they Shall agree to be payd him for his coming over, Shall be payd by this Corpn. and the Same to be Allowed the Treasurer in Passing of his Accounts

At a Last Assembly held before the Said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldn. being Present the 5.th day of May 1736

Mayor Elected.

Aldermn. Henry Ackland Elected Mayor for the Ensuing Year According to the Laws of Succession

Sheriff Elected.

Mr. Henry Sheills Elected Sheriff for the Ensuing Year

At

At a Gen.ll Assembly held before the Said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermn & Comon Councill being present The 7th day of May 1736

William Graves Comon Councillman for the Carpenters.

Mr. William Graves Elected a Comon Councillman for the Fraternity of Carpenters, in the Room of Joseph Rencher Late Comon Councillman for Said Fraternity who hath Resigned his Said place, & was Sworn Accordingly

Sherriff Elected.

Mr. Richard Jebb Elected to Serve Sheriff for the Next Ensuing Year, with Mr. Henry Sheals

Election of Mayor & Sheriffs to be Certified.

Ordered That the Election of Mr. Mayor & Sheriffs be forthwith Certified to the Government for their Approbn.

Overseers.

The Overseers of the Highways in the parish of St Peters, Ballymakenny, & Duid of Carntown, Continued for the Ensuing Year

Receivers.

The Receivers of the Rents of the Commons Continued for the Ensuing Year

Accounts of Money due to Prime Sergt. to be Stated.

Ordered That the Auditors and Viewers do State the Accounts of what Principall & Interest Moneys is due to the prime Sergt and that the Same be referrd to the Next Gen.ll Assembly with their Opinion thereon in what Manner the Same may be paid

Tythes of Ennismoth.

Ordered that Aldr. Henry Ogle's Proposal for the Tythes of Ennismoth be Accepted of, and that a Lease be Made to him of the Same by this Corporatn for the Term of Thirty One Years to Commence from the 25th day of March last at the Rent of Fifteen pounds per Annum pursuant to his proposal

Town Custom taken off Salt imported. &

Ordered That no Town Custom be demanded or rec.d for Salt imported into this Town for one Year from this Assembly

Taken off Beef Wooll & Tallow Exported. for one year

Ordered That the Town Customs on Beef Wooll & Tallow Exported be taken off for One Year from this Assembly

Ordered

Ordered That the Undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their names annexed for one Year to Commence Michas Last, and Ending Michas Next

Pensioners on the Commons.

	£ s d		£ s d
Wd.w of Edw.d Stokes	2 0 0	John Cain Sen.r & wife	3 0 0
Rich.d Lucas & Wife	3 0 0	Will.m Bould	2 0 0
Wid.w Stapleton	2 10 0	Wid.w of Nat.l Brickhill	2 0 0
Rich.d Bonus	2 10 0	James Witherly	1 10 0
Wid.w Lurdes	2 0 0	Henry Simpall Junr. wife & Children	2 0 0
Wid.w Pickering	3 0 0		
John Bolton	2 0 0	Wid.w of John Sharp	2 0 0
Wid.w of John Ogle	2 0 0	Wid.w of Edw.d Chambers & five Children	5 0 0
Tho.s Fullard	2 0 0		
Fran.s Evans	2 0 0	Wid.w of John Andrews	3 0 0
Fran.s North	1 10 0	Wid.w of John Daken	3 0 0
Wid.w Isaac	4 0 0	Two Children of Wm Geddes	5 0 0
Joseph Appleyard	1 10 0	Wid.w of Tho.s Shepheard	3 0 0
Barbara Souch	2 10 0	Mr. Ackland for 4 Child.n of Tho.s Barton	8 0 0
Elinor Foster	1 0 0		
Furrs of the commons	8 0 0	Tho.s Corby	2 0 0
Wid.w of Tho.s Boldumpn	3 0 0	Mich.l Leland	2 0 0
D.o for Two Children of Thom.s Purcells	2 0 0	Wid.w of Peter Gaymar	3 0 0
		Wid.w Saunders	3 0 0
James Moore	2 0 0	Joseph Rencher	3 0 0
Arthur Carroll	2 0 0	Rich.d Shorton	2 0 0
Wid.w of Ant.o Freeman	2 0 0	Wid.w of Will.m Barron	3 0 0
Mary Huson	2 0 0	Wid.w Ruxton	3 0 0
John Chapman	2 0 0	Wid.w Daws	2 0 0
Seth Marsdin	3 0 0		£62 10 0
	£59 10 0		

Committee Continued

Ordered That the Committee Appointed to Examine into the Complaint against Mr. Richard Jebb, in Regard of the Town Customs, be Continued; and they to Make their Report thereon to the Next Gen.ll Assembly

Sealing Day.

Ordered That Johnson Monday Next be a Sealing day for Corporation Seals

May

May 9 10th 1736

Free-member

Charles Holt upon his Petn was Sworn a free member of this Corpn paid the Usual fees & Signed the Instrumt

June 9 9th 1736

Free-Shoemaker

John Hollywood upon his Petn was Sworn a free Shoemaker of this Corpn paid the Usual fees and Signed the Instrument

Special-Assembly

At a Speciall Assembly of the Mayor Aldermn Sherriffs & Common Councill Calld the 9th day of July 736 to Consider of the Mapp and Scheme drawn up by Mr Thomas Steers, for making the River More Navagable below the Bridge

about making ye River more Navigable below the Bridge

Order'd That so Much of the work as is lay'd down by the Said Scheme and Mapp, as adviseable to be done this present Summer, be begun and pursud with all Convenient Speed, to have the Assistance and direction of the Said Mr Steers, during his Stay here, & that the following persons be a Standing Committee to provide proper Materials, employ workmen, & do whatever else they may see Necessary, for Setting on foot & Carrying on the Said work this Summer; the Expence & Charge of which 'tis agreed by this Assembly, to be Layd upon the Corpn and the Treasr is hereby Authorized & directed, to pay Such Orders, as Shall from time to time be drawn on him upon Account of the Said work, wch Shall be Signed by Mr Mayor & any four of the Said Committee which are as follow

a Standing Committee Appointed for Carrying on the work.

Mr Mayor & Sherriffs	Aldn Ackland	a Comittee whereof any five may Act
Aldn James Meade	Aldn Barlow	
Aldn Rencher	Aldn Edwd Meade	
Aldn Leigh	Mr Graves	
Aldn Schoales	Mr Pickering	

At a Genll Assembly held the 16th day of July 736

To the Worshipfull the Mayor Aldermn Sherriffs & Common Councill

Report of the State of the Prime Serjts Account

The Report of the Auditors & Viewers, of the State of the Prime Serjts Account

In

Report.

In Pursuance of the Order of Reference of Last Assembly, whereby we are required to State an Account of what Money is due from this Corporation to Henry Singleton Esqr his Majestys Prime Serjt and Report our Opinion how the Same may be raisd to pay him

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We find by an Acct Stated & Settled in pursuance of a former Act of Assembly for that purpose between the Exrs of the Late Aldn Edward Singleton and this Corporation bearing Date the 16th day of January 726. there was then due to the Said Exrs being the Ballance of the Said Account the Sum of £1282,,11,,8¼ for which Sum the Corporation was to Pay Interest at the rate of £6: ℔ Cent ℔ annum we find that only one Years Interest has been paid for which the Prime Serjt gave his Recpt Ending the 16th Janry 727. being £76,,19,,0. he having accounted with the other Exr; the Said Ballance & Interest thereof is now due to him only, which Computed to the 16th Inst being Eight years & a half comes to £1936,,13,,2¼

We also find that Some time in the Year 1721. the Said Henry Singleton Layd out in the purchase of Some houses in Maryfoot from Mr Thos Newton the Sum of £150,,0,, which houses he gave up to the Corporation to accomodate them upon Building the Bridge, and by Act of Assembly it was Orderd that the Said Sum of £150,,0,, Should be Secured with the Above Ballance to the Said Henry Singleton, and Interest Charged thereon which Computed from the 16th Janry 721. to the 16th Inst being fourteen Years & a half comes to £280,,10,,

We also find that the Said Henry Singleton paid to one Gernon by Direction of the Bridge Committee the Sum of £11:10,, for his Interest in Some holding that was Pulled downe Near the Bridge which Sum has not been Charged in any Account to the Corporation, So that there is due in the whole from this Corporation to the Said Henry Singleton for Principall & Intert to the 16th Inst the Sum of £2228,,13,,2¼

And we are of Opinion that in Order to raise Money for the discharge of the Said Debt and to provide for the Payment of a Great Arrear due by the Corporation on Account of the Vicars Choral being ten Years & upwards which Your Comittee thought not Improper to take Notice of here, that the Lands of Killancers belonging to this Corpn be Sett by Publick Cant reserving only the Present rent Payable thereout to the Corporation, and that the Lands of St James's also belonging to this Corporation, when

The

The Lease Shall be Near Expired, be Sett so as to raise as much Money as they can, reserving no More than the present Rent; all which is Submitted to your Worship's Consideration; Dated this Sixteenth day of July 736

James Meade
Edwd. Hardman
Franc. Leigh
Edward Jones
Franc. Donagh
} Auditors & Viewrs.

To The worshipfull the Mayor Aldermen Sherriffs & Common Councill

Report of the Lands of Killaneer

Report from the Committee appointed to Consider in what Manner the Lands of Killaneer belonging to the Corporation of Drogheda Shall be Sett to the best Advantage &c

Your Comittee pursuant to Said Order met and have caused a New Survey to be Made of Said Lands, by which it Appears that Said Lands do Contain in the Whole 445 a. 0 r. 0 p. your Comittee are of Opinion that Said Lands will raise Considerably more Money to be Sett in Parcells than to be Sett all together, to which End your Committee have Caused Said Lands to be laid out in five Covenient Farms or Lotts, as the Same is now described on the New Mapp Each Farm having Convenient Farm houses on it, and Lying compact together, the Severall Farms as they are now Sett out Contain as follows Viz.t

No.	a	r	p
1	99	2	
2	125	1	
3	61	1	
4	90	2	
5	68	2	
	445	–	

Your

Report

Your Committee are of Opinion that the Rent to be reserved on Each Lott or Farm be not Less than £4 10 p ann which will make up the Rent now payable out of Said Lands, and that in Order to raise a Large Fine, the Leases to be made of Said Lotts or Farms be for 999 Years, or Some Such long Term, and that the Said Lands be Sett up by Publick Cant (being first Publickly Advertized in some of the Publick papers Some Convenient time, before the time fixed on for Said Cant) that on the Said Cant each Lott or Farm be Sett up by the Acre, and that Every person bidding on the Cant, do raise three pence p acre at Least at each time of Canting, and when any person is declared the fairest Bidder on the Cant, the rent of the Lott So Sett by Cant be Computed by the Acre and made into a gross Sum, which rent is to be fined down to £4 10 the Rent reserved to the Corpn. and Twenty years Purchase to be paid for all the Rent Fined off, one fifth part of which to be Immediately payd downe to the Treasurer of the Corporation, and if the person so declared to be the fairest bidder on the Said Cant Shall refuse to pay down 1/5 of the purchase money, in Such Case the person who bid immediately before him to be declared the fairest bidder, and so back till some one person bidding on the Cant do Comply with These terms, the remaining part of the Fines to be paid on the perfection of Leases under the Corporation Seal, all which is humbly Submitted to your Worship's Consideration, Dated this 16th day of July 1736

James Meade
Wm. Ogle
Franc. Leigh
} John Haden
Edwd. Meade
Henry Ogle

The Two foregoing Reports being read, were Unanimously agreed to, and Orderd to be Enterd in the Assembly Book And 'tis farther Orderd That the Committee of the Report, for Setting the Lands of Killaneer, do against Next Genl. Assembly draw up an Advertizement in Order to be Published, Setting forth the Said Terms, and fixing on a day for the Said Sale, the Same to be layd before the Assembly for their Approbation

Richd. Jebb

Report from Mr. Jebb's Committee

It appears to this Committee that Mr. Jebb Sends his Spirits to his Customers in the Country from his distilling house In Drogheda custom free, and that he Apprehends he has a right So to do, being free of this Corporation

It

It Likewise appears to this Committee that Some time agoe before Mr. Hugh Wheldon was admitted a free merch.t of this Corp.n he was in Partenership with Mr. Jebb and at that time Mr. Jebb Sent the whiskey, which was in Common between them, custom free, under Colour of his freedom from this Corporation —

It Likewise Appears to this Committee that Last Summer Mr. Jebb Enterd 40,, Doz.n Scyths in the Customhouse, in his own Name, for which no Custom was paid this Corporation, that Said Scyths were not the Property of Mr. Jebb, but the property of Mr. Henry Dowdall, & that the Custom is Still Unpaid —

And Whereas it was reported that Mr. Jebb Enterd Two Ship Loads of Herrings as his Property, one of wch was the Property of Mr. Teeling, which did not pay the Farmer of the Water Customs any duty, on Enquiry into the fact, it Appears that the duty or Custom was paid the Farmers Collector tho' No return was Made of it to the farmer, which was the Occasion of the Report, All which is humbly Submitted to Your Worships Consideration, 14th July 1736 —

James Barlow —
Robt. Ford —
Fran.s Leigh —
Edwd. Meade —
Wm. Ogle —
John Rencher —
Henry Ogle —

John Cooke — Upon the Det.n of John Cooke Setting forth his Low Condition & Circumstance, Orderd that he be paid the Sum of forty Shillings by the Treasurer of this Corp.n in Such payments as Mr. Mayor Shall direct, and the Same to be allowed the Treas.r in his Acco.ts —

Mary Mason — Granted to Mary Mason widow upon her Det.n the Present Vacancy in St. John's Poorhouse —

Serj.t at Mace — Henry Sweetman Admitted into the Office of Serj.t at Mace in the room of Alexander Shepheard the Late Serj.t To Continue during the Pleasure of this Corp.n he giving proper Security to the Mayor for his due behaviour in Said Office —

The

Digging Gravell on the Strand. — The Assembly being inform'd that Severall People digg Gravell upon the Strand to the Prejudice of the River, 'tis Order'd that a Stop be put to the Same and that Mr. Mayor do Give Directions Accordingly —

July ye 20th 1736 —

Free-Carpenter — Thomas Thompson upon his Det.n, was Sworn a Free Carpenter, paid the Usual fees & Signed the Instrument —

Sep.r ye 27th 1736 —

Free Carpenter. — Henry Freeman upon his Det.n was Sworn a free Carpenter, paid the Usual Fees & Signed the Instrument —

At A generall Assembly held before Henry Ackland Esq.r Mayor Henry Sheils & Richard Jebb Esq.rs Sherriffs the Aldermen & Common Councill being Present the Eighth Day of October 1736 —

Comon Councillman — John Graham Esq.r Elected & Sworn a Comon Councillman —

Mayr. of the Staple — Ald.n John Broughton Elected & Sworn Mayor of the Staple & Justice of the Peace for the Ensuing Year —

Constables — John Graham Esq.r & Ald.n Townley Patten Elected and Sworn Constables of the Staple for the Ensuing Year —

Coroners — John Graham Esq.r & Ald.n Townley Patten Elected & Sworn Coroners for the Ensuing Year —

Audit.rs & View.rs — Ald.n James Meade
Ald.n Fran.s Leigh
Ald.n Edwd. Hardman
Ald.n Wm. Shepheard
Mr. Edwd. Jones
Mr. Fran.s Donagh
Audit.rs & View.rs —

Proctors — Mr. Francis Donagh & Mr. Wm. Jones Jun.r Elected proct.rs of St. John's Poor house for the Ensuing Year —

Treasurer — Ald.n Edwd. Meade Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing Year —

Ald.n

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Master of y.e Guild

Aldn. Edwd. Meade Elected Master of the Guild for the Ensuing Year —

Wardens. —

Aldn. Willm. Shepheard & Aldn. Thomas Wyse Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing Year —

Officers.

Officers of the Sword Mace & Marshall to Continue during the Pleasure of the Corporation —

Water Customs.

ORDERD That the Water Customs of this Corporat.n be Collected for one Year from the 15th day of October inst. by Such person or persons as Mr. Mayor Shall think fitt to Appoint —

Gate Customs

The Gate Customs of this Corporat.n were Sett to Aldn. John Broughton at Seven pounds two Shillings per week for one Year to Comence from the 6th day of October Inst. —

Laurence Pilly

Upon The Humble Det.r of Laurence Pilly an ancient inhabitant of this Town, Setting forth his poor Condition & praying Some releif. 'tis Ordered by this Assembly that he be paid the Sum of Forty Shillings by the Treasurer in Such payments as the Treasurer Shall think proper, and the Same to be allowed in his Accounts. —

Jam.s Farrell Tanner

Upon The Det.r of James Farrell Tanner Praying Redress on account of Severall Charges of Town Custom, which as an Inhabitant of this Town he ought to be exempt from, 'tis Ordered by this Assembly that the Said James Farrell Shall pay Custom for his Green Hides going out of the Gates to his own house, That his Bark Coals and Corn, for his own use only, go out Custom free and that his Tann Leather pay no Custom coming in the Gates —

provided that nothing in this Order Shall give the Det.r greater Priviledges than any popish Tanner has living within the Town; and that all Complaints arising here-in Shall be determined by the Mayor for the time being, & this Order to Continue during the Pleasure of the Corp.n & no longer —

The —

Lands of Killaneer.

The Committee appointed to Examine into the Lands of Killaneer, being directed to draw up an Advertizement for Setting of Said Lands, to be laid before this Assembly the Same is as follows —

To be Lett for any Term of Years from Easter 1738. — By Publick Cant to the Highest and fairest Bidders, the Lands of Killaneer belonging to the Corporat.n of Drogheda & Lying within the Liberties of the Said Town, as the Same are laid out in five Severall Lotts — Viz.t —

Lotts No.s	Cont.a	a	R	P
1	Cont.a	99	2	0
2		125	1	0
3		61	1	0
4		90	2	0
5		68	2	0

The Said Lands to be Sett up by the Acre on Tuesday the 12th day of April Next about Eleven O Clock in the forenoon at the Tholsell of the Said Town, & the rent to be fixed down to £4 10 0 p.r ann. on Each Lott at Twenty Years purchase; Articles to be Entred into imediately after Said Cant. and one fifth part of the Fine to be paid down to the Treasurer of Said Corporat.n and the remainder to be payd on the perfection of Leases under the Corporat.n Seal —

The Mapp of Said Lands may be Seen at the Town Clerks Office — which Advertizement being read in Open Assembly the Same was unanimously agreed unto, and Ordered to be Publickly Aver.d Some Convenient time before the Said day of Cant —

John Ross.

Upon the Det.r of John Ross merch.t praying to be allowed for his interest in a house formerly Scithaik in Mary foot. which was pulled down on building the bridge to make the way more Comodious & the Said Det.r being referr.d to the Bridge-Committee to make their Report thereon which is as follows —

We have Considered the within Det.r Care of Opinion that the Petition.t be paid Eighteen Pounds for his interest in the within mentioned premisses, & interest for the Same from 1724 to this time Dated Octob.r 6.th 1736 — Henry Ackland Mayd.

Thom.s Gerrard
John Renezet —
Abrm. Wilson —

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Which Said report being read was agreed to & confirmed by this Assembly, & the Said Sum of Eighteen pounds together with the interest thereof Ordered to be paid by the Treasurer and to be allowed him on passing his accounts —

Indentures of Apprentices to be Enrolled. — Resolved That for the time to come all Indentures of Apprenticeships be Inrolled in the Town Clarks Office within three Months after the same shall be Executed, and that no Petitions for freedoms be received by this Assembly from any person or persons by reason of their having served their Apprenticeships in the town unless a certificate be annexed to the Said Petn Signed by the Town Clark certifying the Inrollment of Such Indentures — Together with a certificate from the Master of Such Apprentice, of their having also served their — full time according to their Indentures — and its further Ordered by this Assembly that all Indentures of Apprentices now Subsisting in this Corporation that have not been Inrolled as afores. be forthwith Inrolled otherwise the Petitions of Such Apprentices to be Rejected —

Alterations in the Docquet of y Gate Customs — ORDD by this Assembly that the following Alteration be made in the Docquet of the Gate customs Vizt In the Article of Iron, Every Carr Load of Do to pay but threepence; In the Article of butter & Cheese — Every Carr Load of Do to pay but threepence — In the Article of Corn, Corn coming in to be malted & afterwards going out, the property not being altered, to pay but once; In the Article of Wooll, Every Carr Load of Do above two hundred weight, to pay but — fourpence; In the Article of Live Cattle, Sold in the Market, on Tuesdays not being fair days not to pay any custom going out; In the Article of Tobacco, Every hogshead, or Carr load of Leafe or Roll Tobacco to pay — but threepence; Every back Load of Do two pence — In the Article of Bread & Meat for private familys going out of Town, to pay nothing; Timber & all — other materials for the Corporatn use not to pay —

The —

The foregoing alterations were agreed to, & confirmed by — this Assembly, & Ordered to continue for one year from this time —

October y 11th 1736 —

Free-Smith — Moses Painter upon his Petn Granted by the Assembly — was Sworn a Free-Smith of this Corpn paid the Usual fees & Signed the Instrument —

Free-Cordwainer — John Wood Junr upon his Petition granted him by the — Assembly was Sworn a free Cordwainer of this Corpn paid the Usual fees & Signed the Instrument —

Free-Carpenter. — Rowland First upon his Petn granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a free Carpenter of this Corpn paid the Usual fees — & Signed the Instrument —

At an Assembly held by Speciall Appointment before the Said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen & Comon Councill being Present the first day of November 1736 —

John Hughes Turnd out — Mr Mayor Acquainted this Assembly that he was informed that Mr John Hughes the Sword bearer had lately Uttered & Spoke Severall very Abusive words & Expressions of Alderman William Ogle, and the Said John Hughes being Called in did Confess he was Guilty of the Charge against him, of Saying Such Abusive words, but that he was not in his Senses when he Uttered Said words, and Humbly begged pardon for the same Whereupon its ordered by this Assembly that the Said John — Hughes be, & he is hereby discharged & turned out of his Said Place of Sword bearer, for Uttering Abusive words of the Aldermn of this Corporation —

and Restored. — Aldermn Willm Ogle then Applyed to this Assembly in — behalf of the Said John Hughes, and in regard of his Poor — Condition, prayed they would be so Charitable as to restore him; This Assembly therefore at the request of the Said Aldn Willm Ogle, have, and do hereby Restore the Said John Hughes to his former place of Sword Bearer during his good — behaviour —

At a Post Assembly held before the Said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermn being present the 20th day of April 1737 —

Aldermn Elected. — John Graham Esqr was unanimously Elected and Chosen an Aldn of this Corporatn in the Room of Abraham Wilson late Aldn Decd upon Notice given, pursuant to the Statute —

Aldn

Mayor Elect — Alderm.n Wild.m Shepheard Elected to Serve Mayor for the next Ensuing year according to the Laws of Succession —

Sherriff Elect — Wild.m Graves Esq.r Elected to serve Sherriff for the next Ensuing Year —

At a generall Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sherriffs the Alderm.n & Comon Councill being present the 22.d day of April 737 —

Sherriff Elect — M.r Edw.d Cheshire Elected to Serve Sherriff for the Next Ensuing year along with Wild.m Graves Esq.r —

Election Certified — Ordered That the Election of the Mayor & Sherriffs be forthwith certified to the Governm.t for their Approbation —

Overseers. — John Leigh Esq.r & M.r Robert Ford Appointed Overseers of the High road Leading from St. Laurence Gate to Green hills, and that the Inhabitants of Laurence Street wards, within & without, Shopstreet & North Quay wards, do work their six days Labour at said High Road —

Overseers. — Ald.n Edw.d Meade Ald.n Fran.s Leigh & M.r Edw.d Norman, are Appointed Overseers of the high road leading from Sundays Gate to Carntown, & that the rest of the Inhabitants of St. Peters parish not Already Appoint.d to work their six days Labour are to work at said high road

Overseers. — The Overseers of Ballymakenny road & Land of Carntown are Continued —

Bridge of ye Commons. — Ordered That the Sum of Twenty Shillings be laid out in repairing the bridge near the North Commons, and that the Overseers of the high road leading to Carntown have the Direction & Managem.t of the Same —

Receivers. — Ald.n Henry Ogle & Wild.m Pickering are Appointed Receivers of the Rents of the Commons for one year Commencing Last Easter —

Franchises Rid. — Ordered That the Franchises of this Corporat.n be Ridd on Whitsun Tuesday Next —

Ordered —

Ald.n Leigh — Order'd That the Sum of Thirteen pounds three shillings & Eleven pence be paid by the Treasurer to Ald.n Fran.s Leigh being the Ballance due to him on his Accounts of the Rents of the Commons; and that the Same be repaid to the Corp.n as Soon as the Receivers of those Rents have so much in their hands to Answer it —

M.r Prime Serj.t Singleton — Order'd That the Sum of five Hundred & forty pounds One Shilling & ten pence, being the fifth part of the Fines received on Setting the Lands of Killanee.t, be paid by the Treasurer to M.r Prime Serj.t Singleton & that he take his receipt for the Same on account of Interest due to him by this Corporat.n

Marg.t Haines als. Freeman — Granted to Margaret Haines als Freeman a Vacancy now in St. John's Poorhouse —

Joanna Morgan — Granted to Joanna Morgan a Vacancy now in St. John's Poorhouse

Order'd That the Undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their Names annexed for one Year to Commence Michas last, and ending Michas Next —

Pensioners on the Commons

	£ s d		£ s d
Wid.e of Edw.d Stoker	2 10 0	Seth Marsden	3 10 0
Dich.d Lucas & wife	3 10 0	John Cain Sen.r & wife	3 10 0
Wid.e Stapleton	2 10 0	Wid.e of Nat.l Brickhill	2 10 0
Rich.d Bonus	2 10 0	James Wotherly	1 10 0
Wid.e Lunders	2 10 0	Henry Simpale Jun.r & wife & children	2 10 0
Wid.e Pickering	3 10 0		
John Bolton	2 10 0	Wid.e of John Sharp	2 10 0
Wid.e of John Ogle	2 10 0	Wid.e of Edw.d Chambers & Children	3 10 0
Tho.s Fullard	2 10 0		
Fran.s Evans	2 10 0	Wid.e of John Andrews	3 10 0
Fran.s North	1 10 0	Wid.e of John Deaken	3 10 0
Wid.e Isaac	4 10 0	two Child.n of Hen: Creddons	5 10 0
Joseph Appleyard	1 10 0	Wid.e of Tho.s Shepheard	3 10 0
Barbara Souch	2 10 0	Ald.n Ackland for 4 Child.n of Tho.s Barton	8 10 0
Elinor Foster	1 10 0		
Surv.s of the Commons	8 10 0	Tho.s Corby	2 10 0
Wid.e of Tho.s Boddinton	3 10 0	Mich.l Leland	2 10 0
D.o for one Child of Thom.s Purcells	1 10 0	Wid.e of Pet.r Gaymar	8 10 0
		Wid.e Saunders	3 10 0
James Moore	2 10 0	Joseph Benches	3 10 0
Arthur Carroll	2 10 0	Rich.d Shorten	2 10 0
Wid.e of Ant.o Freeman	2 10 0	Wid.e of Wm Barron	3 10 0
Mary Awon	2 10 0	Wid.e Ruston	3 10 0
John Chapman	2 10 0	Wid.e Daws	2 10 0
	£55 10 0		£47 10 0

John Cook — Upon The Petn of John Cook Setting forth his poor condition Ordrd that he be paid the Sum of Forty Shillings by the Treasurer, and the Same to be allowed the Treasr in his Accounts —

May ye 3: 1737 —

Ald.n Sworn. — John Graham Esqr was Sworn an Aldn of this Corpn pursuant to his Election —

May ye 11th 1737 —

Free-mercht. — Miles Robinson upon his Petn granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a free mercht of this Corpn paid the usual fees, & Signed the Instrumt, & paid Twenty Shillings Fine —

June ye 25th 1737 —

Free-merchts — Thos Sandiford upon his Petn granted by the Assembly, was Sworn a free mercht of this Corpn paid the usual fees & Signed the Instrument —

At a Post Assembly held before the Said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermn being present the 13th day of July 1737 —

Ald.n Elected. — Mr Sherriff Sheils was Unanimously Elected an Aldn of this Corpn in the room of Thos Gerrard late Aldn Decd upon Notice being Posted up pursuant to the Statute —

At a gen.ll Assembly held before the Said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermn & Comon Councill being present the 15th day of July 1737 —

Sr Tho.s Taylor. Ald.n Fra.s Leigh. Ald.n Edw.d Meade. — Upon The Petn of Sr Thomas Taylor Bart Fran.s Leigh & Edwd Meade Aldermn Setting forth that they are in their own rights in Possession of a Leave under the Corpn Seal of the Severall Premises following Viz.t The white House Backside Garden & orchard without St Laurences gate, one park without Sundays gate & a park Called Treacys park without St Laurence gate,

and

And one Tenement & Garden without St James gate, at the yearly rent of Two pounds five Shillings Sterl.g which Premises being now divided among them, & each part paying a distinct rent, and praying they may have Seperate Leaves of each person part of Sd Leave reserving on the whole the rent payable to the Corpn for the Same Term of Years that are unexpired, & the Said Petn being referrd to the Auditors & Brewers, and their Report thereon made, It is Ordrd that the Said Petitioners have Seperate Leaves of their Severall parts of the Said premises for Twenty Three Years from Michas Next being the term yet unexpired of their Said Leave, and Each person to pay the yearly rent following Viz.t — St Thomas Taylor for the white house, Backside Garden & Orchard without St Laurence gate, & one park without the Said Gate Called Treacys park the yearly rent of one pound Seven Shillings & Sixpence, Aldn Edwd Meade for one park without Sundays gate the yearly rent of twelve Shillings & Sixpence; and Aldn Franc.s Leigh for one Tenement & Garden without St James gate the yearly rent of five Shillings Sterl.g and paying each the usual & accustomed fees for their Said Leases —

Mary Hoult — Upon The Humble Petn of Mary Hoult Widow of Charles Hoult Decd late a freeman of this Corpn Setting forth that She is left by her Said Husband in a poor distressed Condition having Six Small Children, & nothing to support them and praying Some present releif: It is Ordrd by this Assembly that the Said Mary Hoult be paid the Sum of Forty Shillings by the Treasurer and the Same to be allowed in his Accounts —

Eliz.th M.Cartney. — Upon The Humble Petn of Elizabeth McCartney wife of Robert McCartney a freeman of this Corpn Setting forth that her Said Husband is Confined in Goal on an Execution, and She now in Child-bed with Seven Small Children about her, and nothing to Suport her & them and praying Some releif: It is Ordrd by this Assembly that the Pet.d Elizabeth McCartney be paid the Sum of Forty Shillings Sterl.g by the Treasurer at twelve pence per week, and the Same to be allowed in his accounts —

September ye 8: 1737 —

Ald.n Sworn — Mr Sherriff Sheils was Sworn an Aldermn of this Corpn Pursuant to his Election —

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At a Generall Assembly held before William Shepheard Esq.r Mayor William Graves and Edward Cheshire Esq.r Sherriffs the Aldermen and Comon Councillmen being present the Seventh day of October 1737.

Comon Councillman — Mr. Richard Jebb Elected & Sworn A Comon Councillman —

Mayr of ye Staple. — Ald.n Henry Ackland Elected and Sworn Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the Ensuing Year —

Constables. — Ald.n Henry Sheiles and Mr. Richard Jebb Elected & Sworn Constables of the Staple for the Ensuing Year —

Coroners. — Ald.n Henry Sheiles and Mr. Richard Jebb Elected & Sworn Coroners for the Ensuing Year —

Audit.rs & Viewers — Ald.n John Rencher
Ald.n James Barlow
Ald.n Jon.a Nicholls
Ald.n John Graham
Mr. Richard Jebb
Mr. Will.m Jones
Mr. Edw. Norman
Elected Audit.rs & Viewers

Proctors. — Mr. Francis Donagh and Mr. William Jonas Jr. Elected Proctors of St. Johns poor house for the Ensuing Year —

Treasurer. — Ald.n Edw. Meade Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing Year —

Ald.n

Master of the Guild. — Ald.n William Ogle Elected Master of the Guild for the Ensuing Year —

Wardens. — Ald.n James Barlow & Ald.n Jon.a Nicholls Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing Year —

Tho.s Norman. appointed Mace bearer — Upon The Petition of Mr. Thomas Norman Eldest Son of William Norman late Ald.n of this Corp.n Dec.d praying to be Admitted into the Mace-Bearers place in the Room of Mr. Thomas Ogle Late Mace Bearer Dec.d; Tis unanimously Agreed to by this Assembly that the said Thomas Norman be, and he is hereby Admitted into the place of Mace-Bearer in the Room of the said Thomas Ogle Dec.d during the pleasure of this Corp.n —

Officers — The Officers of the Sword Mace & Marshall to Continue during the Pleasure of this Corporation —

Tho.s Howard Serj.t — Upon The Pet.n of Thomas Howard Serjant of the Franchises, praying Leave to Resign his said Place on Account of his Age and other Bodily Infirmitys, and humbly begging of this Assembly to grant him some Yearly Allowance for his Subsistance, tis Ordered by this Assembly, That the said Thomas Howard be permitted to Resign his said place, and also that he be allowed the Sallary during the pleasure of this Corporation —

Serjant of the Franchises — The place of Serjant of the Franchises being now Vacant tis agreed to by this Assembly That it be Referred to Mr. Mayor and Ald.n Edward Meade to Approve of & Appoint a fit person to be Serjant, in

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The Room of the said Thomas Howard taking the proper Security, and such person to be Appointed to Continue during the pleasure of this Corpn.

George Rencher Marshall

Upon The Petn. of George Rencher Marshall of this Corporation praying to be Releived from the payment of Four pounds Eight Shillings & five Pence on Account of an Escape of one Nathaniel Cavenagh a Prisoner some time agoe in the Marshalsea of this Town on an Execution, Occasioned by the insufficiency of the said Marshalsea, Tis Ordered by this Assembly That the said George Rencher be releived from the Payment of the said Sum, and that the same be paid by the Treasurer if it Appears to him y.t so much is Marked at the foot of said Execution

Committee to Inspect the Marshalsea & Goal

Ordered That the following person ** be appointed a Committee to Inspect into the State of the present Marshalsea & Goal and to Consider in what Manner the same may be rebuilt So that the Marshalsea Goal & Bridewell be Altogether in the New Building, and to Report their Opinion thereon to the Next Generall Assembly

Mr. Mayor & the Sheriffs for the time being
Ald.r Achland
Ald.r Rencher
Ald.r Leigh
Ald.r Hen: Oyle
Ald.r John Graham
Ald.r Edw.d Meade
Ald.r Barlow
Ald.r Nicholls
Mr. John Leland
Mr. Will.m Jones Jr.

} Or any seven whereof the Mayor to be one

Ordered

Mr. Jebb added to the River Comittee

Ordered That Mr. Richard Jebb be added to the Comittee Appointed to Mend the Navigation of the River Boyn in the Room of Mr. Will.m Dickering Dec.d

Receiver

Ordered That Mr. Edw.d Norman be joyned with Ald.n Henry Oyle to Receive the Rents of the Commons in the Room of Mr. William Dickering Dec.d

John Huson

Ordered That John Huson be paid the Sum of Twenty Shillings Quarterly for his Trouble & Attendance in taking Care of the Water Engine and working the same when Occasion shall Require, and that the Sum of Twenty Shillings be paid him for his Care for the time past

Water Customs

Ordered That the Water Customs of this Corporat.n be Collected this Year by such person or persons as Mr. Mayor Shall think fitt to Appoint

Gate Customs.

The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Set to Ald.n Henry Achland at Six pounds Eighteen Shill.s per week, for One Year to Commence from and after the 15.th day of October Instant

At A Generall Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen & Comon Councill being present the 18.th day of January 1737

Comon Councilman for the Carpenters.

Upon The Petition of the Masters & Wardens & the Fraternity of Carpenters Setting forth that by the Death of Mr. William Dickering there is a Vacancy of a Comon Councillman to Represent them in the Generale Assembly and According to Ancient Custom have Nominated three persons to Choose one thereout Viz.t Mr. Oliver Fairbrough Mr. Thomas Thornton & Mr. John Holland Jr. Therefore Ordered by this Assembly That the said Mr. Oliver Fairbrough be, and he is hereby Unanimously Elected & Chosen a Comon Councillman for the

said

said Fraternity, and the said Mr. Fairbrough being Called in was Sworn a Comon Councillman Accordingly

Goal & Marshalsea — The Committee appointed by the Last Generale Assembly to Examine into the State and Condition of the Goal & Marshallsea and to Report their Opinion for Rebuilding the same together with Abredewell, having Layd before this Assembly a Plan of the New Goal with a Marshallsea howse, and a howse of Correction or work-howse, this Assembly do Agree with the Committee to Carry on the said building according to the said Plan and this Assembly do further Impower the said Committee or any Seven of them, to agree with builders, to build the same in the best and Cheapest Manner they Can, and to Dispose of the Materials of the Old Goal and Marshallsea to the best Advantage towards Carrying on the New Building

Sealing Day — Tuesday the fourth day of April Next Appointed by this Assembly, a sealing day for Corp.n Leases

Henry Singleton Esq.r — Upon the Petition of Henry Singleton Esq.r Setting forth That a Lease being formerly Sealed to him by this Corporation of a Old Ruinous house and Garden on the North side of West Street Near West Gate bearing Date the 4.th day of November 1734. wherein a Mistake was Made in Describing the Meares & Bounds, and praying that the said Mistake might be Rectified and a New Grant Made to him of the said premises, and the said Petition being Referd to the Auditors & Viewers and their Report thereon Made; It is Ordered by this Assembly that the said Mistake, being, where the Lease Mentions Mearing & bounding to Backneys Land, west, it ought to be East and by the Town, East, it ought to be west, the same

be

Rectified and a New Grant made and Lease perfected To the said Henry Singleton Esq.r of the Premisses

Laur.: Pilly — Upon The Petition of Laurence Pilly Setting forth his poor Miserable Condition and praying some Relief, It is Ordered by this Assembly that the Sum of Forty Shillings be paid him for one year in such Manner as the Treasurer Shall think proper, and that the same be Allowed the Treasurer in Passing his Accounts

January 5.th 1737

Free-Shoemaker — Thomas Swetman upon his Petition Granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a free Shoemaker of this Corporation paid the Usual fees & Signed the Instrum.t

Free-member — Robert Dennis was the same day upon his Petition Granted him by the Assembly, Sworn a free member of this Corporation paid the Usual fees & Signed the Instrument

At a Last Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen being present the 12.th day of April 1738

Mayor Elect. — Mr. James Barlow Elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the Next Ensuing Year

Sherriff Elect — Mr. Oliver Fairbrough Elected to serve Sherriff for the Next Ensuing Year

At a generall Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen & Comon Council being present the 14.th day of April 1738

Sherriff Elect — Mr. George Elliot Elected to serve Sherriff for the Next Ensuing Year with Mr. Oliver Fairbrough

Elect.n Certify'd — Ordered That the Election of the Mayor & Sherriffs be forthwith Certified to the Government for their Approbation

Ald.r

Overseers.

Aldn Edward Meade and Councell. Leigh Elected Overseers of the Highways Leading from St. Laurence Gate to Green hills, and that the Inhabitants of Laurence Street Ward within & without do work their Six days Labour

Overseers.

Aldn John Haden Mr. James Seaton and Wm. Logan Elected Overseers of the highways Leading from the Top of the Barrack hill to Blamore, and that the Inhabitants of St. Marys parish, if not Already Appointed by Act of Vestry, Shop street & North Quay Wards, do work their Six days Labour at Said Highways

Overseers.

Aldn Francis Leigh Aldn Thomas Wye & Mr. Edward Norman Elected Overseers of the Highways Leading from Sundays Gate to the End of the Liberties at Ballymakenny and that the Inhabitants of the parish of Ballymakenny and the other Wards not Already disposed of, to work their Six days Labour

Recevers.

Aldn Henry Ogle and Mr. Edward Norman are Continued Recevers of the Rents of the Commons for one year

Mrs Mary Wilson

Ordered That Mrs. Mary Wilson Widow of Abraham Wilson Late Alderman of this Corpn. Dec. upon her Petition be, and She is hereby Granted a pension of Ten pounds pann. to be paid her by the Treasurer to Commence from Easter Last, and to Continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Mr. Prime Serjant

Ordered That Mr. Mayor together with the Auditors and Viewers do meet to Settle an Acct. of what Money is due to the prime Serjant, and that whatever Money Appears to be due to him for principal and Interest be Immediately paid him by the Treasurer of this Corporation

Ordered

Committee abt the Lands of St. James's

Ordered That a Committee be Appointed to Treat with Mr. Henry Dippard for his Interest in the house and Lands of St. James's, and that they do make a Report thereof at a Special Assembly to be Appointed hereafter for that purpose and the said Committee to Consist of

Aldn Edward Meade
Aldn Francis Leigh
Aldn John Haden
Aldn James Barlow
Aldn John Broughton
Mr. Richard Tebb
Mr. Oliver Fairtlough
Mr. William Jones

Or Any five

and that it be an Instruction to said Committee to View the said Lands & take a survey of said Lands

Pensioners on the Commons.

Ordered That the Undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their Names Annexed for one Year to Commence Michas Last & Ending Michas Next

	£ s d		£ s d
Wido. of Edwd. Stoker	2:00:00	Wido. of Nat. Brickhill	2:00:0
Wido. Stapleton	2:10:00	Jamd. Witherly	1:10:00
Richard Bonus	2:10:00	Henry Simpall Esq. wife & Children	2:00:00
Wido. Sanders	2:00:00	Wido. of John Sharp	2:00:00
Wido. Pickering	3:00:00	Wido. of Edwd. Chambers & Children	3:00:00
John Bolton	2:00:00	Wido. of Jno. Andrews	3:00:00
Wido. of Jno. Ogle	2:00:00	Wido. of Jno. Deaken	3:00:00
Thomas Tullard	2:00:00	Two Children of Henry Creddons	5:00:00
Franc. Evans	2:00:00	Wido. of Tho. Shephard	3:00:00
Franc. North	1:10:00	Aldn Ackland for 4 Children of Tho. Barlow	8:00:00
Wido. Isaac	4:00:00	Mich. Edland	2:00:00
Joseph Appleyard	1:10:00	Wido. of Peter Gaynard	3:00:00
Barbara Couch	2:10:00	Wido. Saunders	3:00:00
Elinor Foster	1:00:00	Joseph Reneches	3:00:00
Furs of the Commons	8:00:00	Richard Shotten	2:00:00
Wido. of Tho. Boddington	3:00:00	Wido. of Wido. Barron	3:00:00
Do. for one Child of Tho. Purcell	1:00:00	Wido. Burton	3:00:00
James Moore	2:00:00	Wido. Dawe	2:00:00
Arthur Carroll	2:00:00		£53.10.00
Wido. of Ant. Freeman	2:00:00		
Mary Hutson	2:00:00		
Seth Marsden	3:00:00		
John Cain & wife	3:00:00		
	£56.10.00		

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Patrick Roel Surgeon

Upon The Petition of Patrick Roel Chirurgeon Setting forth that he hath for several Years past given his Attendance on the Door of St. Johns Poor-house on the Prisoners in the Marshalsea, and other poor in the Town of Drogheda in bleeding them, & other Operations in Chirurgery for which he received no Manner of Reward and praying to be allowed some Reasonable Salary for his said Attendance. It is Ordered by this Assembly that the said Patrick Roel be paid the Sum of Two pounds Ten Shillings Ster.g: and one Moiety whereof to be paid by the Treasurer of this Corp.n & the other Moiety to be paid by the Rector of St. Johns Poorhouse and to Continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

April 17th 1738

Free-Taylor

Thomas Clark upon his Pet.n granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a Free Taylor of this Corporation paid the Usual fees & Signed the Instrument

At a generall Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen & Comon Councill being prevent the 14th day of July 1738

Elinor Bould.

Upon the Petition of Elinor Bould Widow Setting forth that She had petitioned Last Gen.ll Assembly for a pension out of the Common Money, & that She was Informed the same was granted, but never paid her, & praying for some Relief; It is Ordered by this Assembly that in Consideration of her poor Condition and that She hath not received any thing tho' it was then Designed for her, that the said Elinor Bould be paid the Sum of Forty Shillings by the Treasurer, and the same to be allowed him in passing his Accounts

At

At a generall Assembly held before James Barlow Esq.r Mayor Oliver Hairbrough & George Elliot Esq.r Sheriffs the Aldermen & Comon Councill being Prevent the Sixth day of October 1738

Mayr. of ye Staple

Aldrm.n William Shepheard Elected & Sworn Mayor of the Staple & Justice of the Peace for the Ensuing Year

Constables

Mr. Edward Cheshire & Mr. James Seaton Elected & Sworn Constables of the Staple for the Ensuing Year

Coroners.

Mr. Edward Cheshire & Mr. James Seaton Elected & Sworn Coroners for the Ensuing Year

Auditrs

Ald.n John Rencher
Ald.n Willm. Ogle
Ald.n Jon.an Nicholls
Ald.n John Graham
Mr. Richd. Jebb
Mr. Edwd. Chaihire
Mr. Edwd. Norman
} Auditors & Viewers

Proctors.

Mr. William Graves & Mr. Edward Cheshire Elected Proctors of St. Johns Poorhouse for the Ensuing Year

Treasr.

Ald.n Edward Mende Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing Year

Master of ye Guild

Ald.n John Broughton Elected Master of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Wardens.

Ald.n Townly Patten & Ald.n John Graham Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Officers.

Officers of the Sword Mace & Marshale to Continue During the Pleasure of the Corporation

Water Customs

Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporat.n be Collected this Year by such person or persons as Mr. Mayor Shall think fitt to Appoint

Laur: Dilly.

Upon The Pet.n of Laurence Dilly Setting forth his poor Condition, and Praying some Relief; It is Ordered by this Assembly, That the Sum of Forty Shillings be paid him for One Year in such Manner as the Treasurer Shall think Proper & the same to be Allowed the Treasurer in Passing his Accounts

Ordered

Ald.n Nicholls & Mr. Fairtlough added to the Town Wall Comittee

Ordered That Ald.n Jon.a Nicholls & Mr. Sheriff Fairtlough be, and they are hereby Added to the Standing Committee for Inspecting the Town Walls, Gates, Bridge, & River Walls

Streets

Ordered That the Cleaning the Streets & Lanes of this Town, and Carrying away the dirt thereof for the Ensuing year be Referred to Mr. Mayor to direct therein as he Shall think proper

Gate Customs.

The Gate Customs of this Corporation were sett to Alderman Jonathan Nicholls at Seven Pounds two Shillings per Week for One year to Commence from and after the fifteenth Day of October Instant

At a Generall Assembly held before the Said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen & Common Councill being present the 12th day of January 1738

Comon Councilman for the Taylors.

Upon The Petition of the Master Wardens & Fraternity of Merchant Taylors, Setting forth that by the Death of William Jones Junr. late one of their Representatives there is a Vacancy of a Common Councilman to Represent them in the Generall Assembly, and that they According to Ancient Custom have Nominated three persons to Choose One thereout, Viz.t William Jones, John Marsdin and John Longe, Its therefore Ordered by this Assembly that the Said William Jones be, and he is hereby Unanimously Elected and Choven a Common Councilman for the Said Fraternity and the Said William Jones being called in was Sworn a Common Councilman Accordingly

Seth Marsdin

Granted unto Seth Marsdin upon his Petition that he may Continue in St. John's poor house Until Easter Next

Mary Freeman

Granted unto Mary Freeman Widdow upon her Petition a Vacancy now in St. John's poor house She Resigning her Pention out of the Common at Easter Next

Bill Fyled by Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Mayor having Informed this Assembly that he and the Sherriffs had been served with Subpanes to Answer a bill fyled in the High Court of Chancery against this Corporation by the Revd. Price Hughes Vicar of St. Peters. Its Ordered by this Assembly that Mr. Mayor with any three of the Auditors and Viewers which he Shall Call to his Assistance do

Examine

Examine the Records of this Corporation to Inform themselves of what may be material for their Answer and that Mr. Mayor do Retaquaint the Recorder therewith, and and desire him to Draw the Answer for the Corporation

Vault under the Tholsell

Mr. Mayor having Informed this Assembly of the Inconvenencys by Smoke from a Vault under the Tholsell, which is in Lease to Alderman Leigh from this Corporation, To remove Said Inconveniencys, Alderman Leigh is willing to Surrender the Same, on Such Terms as the Corporation Shall think fitt

It is therefore referred by this Assembly to the Auditors and Viewers, to Consider the Same, & Report their Opinion thereon to the Next Generall Assembly

Goal & Marshalsea

Whereas The Goal & Marshallsea Cannot be built on the Ground formerly intended; It is referred to the former Committee Appointed for that purpose, to Consider of Some other proper ground for building the Same; And that Mr. Mayor do Call a Speciall Assembly to Consider the Report of the Said Committee when they Shall be prepared to Make the Same

March 29th 1739

Free Taylor

Richard Cooper upon his Petition granted him by the Generale Assembly was Sworn a free Merchant Taylor paid the Usual fees & Signed the Instrument

At a Speciall Assembly held before the Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen & Common Councill being present the Second day of Aprile 1739

Ground for building the Goal &c

The Committee Appointed to Inspect the ground for building a Goal Marshalsea and house of Correction have Reported to this Assembly that a Sott of ground, South Side of James's Street Containing in front Seventy two feet, is a proper place for building the Same, the Said Committee Judge the Said ground to be worth four pounds Ten Shillings, and whereas the Said ground is the Estate of this Corporation and in Lease to Catherine Hatch Widow who hath Assigned to William Graves Esqr. who doth agree to Sell Said ground to this Corporation during the Continuance of Said Lease at four pounds Ten Shillings pand. from Easter Next, which Report is agreed to by this Assembly

Whereas

Plan of the Building. — Whereas a plan for the aforesaid building has been layd before this Assembly by Alderman John Rencher and Alderman Henry Ackland; It is Ordered that the Said plan do Lye in the Tholsell Office to be Viewd by Such persons as shall desire to See it, in Order to make their proposals for Carrying on all or any part of the Said work, and that Publick Notice be Given that Such persons as are inclined to Engage in Said work May Send their proposals to Mr Mayor or the town-Clerk According to the above plan, or any other that may be Contrived to Answer to the purposes intended, at the Least Expence —

At a Post Assembly held before the Said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen being present the Second day of May 1739 —

Mayor Elect — Alderman Thomas Wye Elected to Serve Mayor for the Next Ensuing Year, according to the Law of Succession

Sherriff Elect — Mr John Blacker Ellected to Serve Sherriff for the Next Ensuing Year —

At a Generall Assembly held before the Said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen & Common Councill being present the 4th day of May 1739 —

Sherriff Elect. — Mr George Rencher Elected to Serve Sherriff for the Next Ensuing Year with Mr John Blacker —

Electn Certifyed. — Ordered that the Election of the Mayor & Sherriffs be forthwith Certified to the Government for their Approbation —

Receivers. — Alderman Henry Ogle & Mr Edward Norman are Continued receivers of the Rents of the Commons for One Year —

Jane Hughes. — Granted to Jane Hughes a Vacancy now in St John's poorhouse by the Death of Elizabeth Marsdin —

Elizth Barefoot — Granted to Elizabeth Barefoot the Vacancy in St John's poorhouse by the Death of Mary Howard —

Treasr Discharg'd of Several Arrears. — Ordered That the Treasurer be Discharged of the following Arrears, in his Accounts —

For Rent due from the Exes of Aldn Michll Smith	0:19„11
For an Arrear of Rent due by Robt Regmaiden	7„3„0
Do from the Exes of Aldn John Sandiford	1„2„6
Do from the Exes of Aldn Henry Smith	1„11„9
Do from the Exes of Robt Scott	0„7„0

	ld s d
For fine of John Carncross for his freedom	5„10„0
For the fees of three freemen not Accounted for by Alderman Dendleton	1„10„0
For an Order of Alderman Wilson's which he paid and was not allowed in his Accounts	0„2„2

Other Arrs to be Sued for — Ordered That the other Arrears Charged in the Treasurers Accounts be Sued for at Law by the Treasurer in Such manner as he Shall best Advise —

Pensioners — Ordered That the Undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their Names Annexed for one Year from Michas Last and Ending Michas Next —

	ld s d		ld s d
Wido of Edwd Stoker	2„0„0	Henry Simpall Jr wife & Children	2„0„0
Wido Stapleton	2„10„0	Wido of John Sharp	2„0„0
Richard Bonus	3„0„0	Wido of Edwd Chambers & Children	3„0„0
Wido Lunders	2„0„0	Wido of John Andrews	3„0„0
Wido Dickering	3„0„0	Wido of John Deaken	3„0„0
John Boulton	2„0„0	Two Childn of Hen: Creddons	5„0„0
Wido of John Ogle	2„0„0	Aldn Ackland for four Childn of Thos Bartons	8„0„0
Thomas Fullard	2„0„0	Michle Leland	2„0„0
Francis Evans	2„0„0	Wido of Peter Gaymar	3„0„0
Francis North	2„0„0	Wido Saunders	3„0„0
Joseph Appleyard	1„10„0	Richard Shorten	2„0„0
Barbara Souch	2„10„0	Wido of William Barron	3„0„0
Elinor Foster	1„0„0	Wido Ruxton	5„0„0
Furrs of the Commons	8„0„0	Wido Daws	2„0„0
Wido of Thos Boddington	3„0„0	Ann Knight	3„0„0
Do for one Child of Tho Durcells	1„0„0	Elinor Bould	2„0„0
James Moore	2„0„0	Mary Hoult	2„0„0
Arthur Carroll	2„0„0	John Cloff	1„10„0
Seth Marsdin	4„0„0	Thomas Bently	1„10„0
John Cain Sr & wife	3„0„0		
Wido of Nat: Brickhill	2„0„0		
James Witherly	1„10„0		

Assembly Ajourned — Ordered That this Generall Assembly be Adjourned to Monday the Seventh of May Instant; and the Same was Adjourned Accordingly —

At a Generall Assembly held by Adjournment the Seventh day of May 1739 —

Whereas —

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Plan & Agreem^t. for building ye Goal &c

Whereas two Severall plans have been layd before the Assembly for building the Goal Marshal:sea and house of Correction, one plan by Alderm^n Rencher and Alderman Ackland, and the other by Alderman Nicholls, This Assembly having taken the same into Consideration do Approve of the plan Given in by Alderman Nicholls, Upon which Alderman Rencher and Alderman Ackland have now agreed with this Assembly to build the said Goal Marshalsea and house of Correction According to the said Approved plan, and their proposals now Given in; for the sum of Five Hundred and fifty three pounds Ten Shillings; and they are to Enter into bond for the performance of said building; and that they Execute the said plan According to the bill of Scantling and Computation given in Alderman Nicholls's Estim:ate, and to finish the said building by the first of June in the Year 1740

How the money is to be paid.

Order'd That the Sum of two Hundred pounds be paid in hand to Alderman Rencher and Alderm^n Ackland; towards Carrying on the said building; that the further Sum of Two Hundred pounds be paid them as Soon as the said building is Roofed and Slated, and the Remaining Sum of One Hun:dred and fifty three pounds Ten Shillings be paid when the said building is Compleat & finished

Ald^n Nicholls Order'd 20: Gum^s for his Plan.

Alderman Nicholls having been at a Considerable Expence in procuring the said Second plan for building the Goal Marshalsea & house of Correc:tion by which this Corporation Save a Great deal of Money, It is unanimously agreed to, and Order'd by this Assembly That the said Alderman Nicholls be paid Twenty Guineas by the Treasurer for his trouble and Expence, and the Same to be Allowed the Treasurer in passing his Accounts

Comittee to Inspect the Building.

Order'd That the following persons be appoint:ed a Committee to Inspect in the said building, and to See that the Same be properly Carryed on & finished

James Barlow Esqr present May^r
Ald^n Francis Leigh
Ald^n Edward Meade
Ald^n Broughton
Ald^n Nicholls
Mr Graves
Mr Jebb
Mr Leland

At

At a Post Assembly held before the Worship full the Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen being present on Wednesday the 11th day of July 1739

Ald^n Elected.

William Graves Esqr Unanimously Elected an Alderm^n of this Corporation in the Room of Alderman Thomas Sandiford Deceased

At a Generall Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen & Common Councill being present the 13th day of July 1739

Survey to be Taken of ye Lands of St James's

Order'd That the Committee which was Appointed by the Assembly held the 12th of April 1738. to treat with Mr Pippard for his Interest in the Lands of St James's, doe forthwith Cause a New Survey to be made of said Lands and that the Same be Layd before Mr Mayor when finished with their Opinion thereof that he may Call a Special Assembly, if necessary, to Come to Some Resolution about Setting said Lands

money to be Borrow'd for building ye Goal.

Agreed by this Assembly that the Sum of two Hund:red pounds being the first payment now to be made towards building the Jayl and Bridewell, be forthwith borrowed upon the best Terms it may be had, and this Assembly do agree to Grant a Mortgage for the Secur:ing the Same on the Lands of Town Rath or Such other Lands belonging to this Corporation as Shall be Sufficient Security to the person from whom the Same Shall be borrowed

Corp^n Float Cools & Buckets not to be Lent

Order'd that neither the float, which was built by the Corporation to be made use of, for Mending the Navigation of the River nor the Cools and Bucketts which were made to be us'd upon Occasion for Extinguishing fires, nor the town pickaxes, nor any other tools or Implements belonging to the town be hereafter lent to any person or Applyd to any Private Use, but that the Same be Kept for the Uses they were designed, and that John Huson to whom the Care of the Water Engine is Committed, have the Care of all the said Implements. Except the float the Care of which is Committed to Mr Mayor for the time being and the Rest of the River Committee, and that said Huson doe not Lend any of the Aforesaid Implements without an Order in Writing from Mr Mayor

Sep^r

Sep.r 6.th 1739

Ald.n Sworn — William Graves Esq.r was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation pursuant to his Election

Septemb.r 27.th 1739

Free-merch.t — M.r George Nchoales, upon his Petition Granted him was Sworn a free merchant of this Corporation paid the Usual fees and Sigred the Instrument

At a Generall Assembly held before Thomas Wye Esq.r Mayor John Blacker and George Rencher Esq.r Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councill being present the 5.th day of October 1739

May.r of y.e Staple — Alderman James Barlow Elected and Sworne Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the Ensuing Year

Constables. — M.r Oliver Fairtlough and M.r George Elliot Elected and Sworn Constables of the Staple for the Ensuing year

Coroners. — M.r Oliver Fairtlough and M.r George Elliot Elected and Sworn Coroners for the Ensuing Year

Auditors. — Alderman John Rencher, Alderman William Ogle, Ald.n Jonathan Nicholls, Alderman John Graham, M.r Richard Jebb, M.r Edward Cheshire, M.r Edward Norman — Auditors & View.rs

Proctors. — Alderman William Graves and M.r Edward Cheshire Elected Proctors of Saint.t John's Poor house for the Ensuing year

Treasurer — Alderman Edward Meade Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing Year

Mast.r of y.e Guild. — Alderman Henry Ashland Elected Master of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Wardens. — Alderman Henry Sheils and M.r Richard Jebb Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Officers. — Officers of the Sword Mace and Marshall to Continue during the Pleasure of the Corporation

Water Customs. — Ordered That the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected this Year by such person or persons as M.r Mayor shall think fitt to appoint

Streets. — Ordered That the Cleaning of the Streets and Lanes of this Town and Carrying away the Dirt therefrom for the Ensuing Year be referred to M.r Mayor to act therein as he thinks proper

Laur.ce Pilly. — Upon The Petition of Laurence Pilly Setting forth his poor Condition and praying some Relief; It is ordered by this Assembly that the Sum of Forty Shillings be paid him for one Year, by the Treasurer, in such manner as he shall think proper, and the same to be allowed the Treasurer in passing his accounts.

Com.n Councilman for the Carpent.rs — Upon the Petition of the Master and Wardens & Fraternity of Carpenters Setting forth that they want a common Councillman to Represent them in the Generall Assembly in the Room of William Graves Esq.r who is an Alderman on the Bench, and having nominated three persons Viz.t John Holland, Edward Hamilton, and David Fisher, for this Assembly to Choose one thereout, It is Ordered by this Assembly that the said Edward Hamilton be and he is hereby unanimously Elected and Choven a Common Councillman for the said Fraternity; And the said Edw.d Hamilton being called in was Sworn a Common Councilman accordingly.

Gate Customs. — The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Sett to Alderman Jonathan Nicholls at Seven pounds Fifteen shillings per week for one Year to Commence from and after the Fifteenth day of Octoberb Instant.

At a Generall Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councill being present the 10.th day of January 1739

Susanna Lynam — Granted to Susanna Lynam Widow of Ralph Lynam deceased upon her humble petition the Vacancy now in St. John's Poorhouse by the Death of the said Ralph Lynam

Ann Cooke — Upon the Petition of Ann Cooke widow of George Cooke late of Drogheda Shoemaker deceased Setting forth that her said Husband was a Freemember of this Corporation and the Son of a Sherriffs Peer, and that he died in very low Circumstances, leaving behind him Seven small helpless Children, and praying some present relief for to Support herself and them, Ordered by this Assembly that she be paid the Sum of Twenty Shillings by the Treasurer for present Relief, and the same to be allowed the Treasurer on passing his accounts.

Ann Shepheard. — Upon the Petition of Ann Shepheard daughter of Thomas Shepheard and Grand daughter of Alderman David Shepheard both deceased, Setting forth her great Age and bodily Infirmity, and in miserable wants, and praying relief, Ordered by this Assembly that she be paid by the Treasurer the Sum of Thirteen pence per week until the next Generall Assembly and the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his accounts.

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Henry Freeman Disfranchised.

Whereas it appears to this Assembly that several Bills of Indictment are found against Henry Freeman a Free member of this Corporation for Felonys, and that he fled from Justice, This Assembly therefore unanimously agreed that the said Henry Freeman be and is hereby Disfranchised of all his Priviledges as a free member of this Corporation

William Betty Disfranchised.

And also it appearing that William Betty an other free member of this Corporation was Transported from Liverpoole to some of his Maties Plantations in America for some felonious practices, this Assembly have therefore Unanimously agreed that the said William Betty be and he is hereby disfranchised of all his Priviledges as a free=member of this Corporation

The Mayor's of this Corp.n to Entertain on the 23.d of Octob.r & 5.th of Novem.r as usuall.

A Motion being made, and the Question put, whether the Succeeding Mayor's of this Corporation shall Entertain this Corporation on the Twenty third of October and Fifth of November, as usuall before this Year, at the usuall Sallary, it was Carried in the affirmative

At a Speciall Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councill being present the 3.d day of March 1739

Answ.r of y.e Corp.n to M.r Hughes's Bill.

The Draft of the Answer of the Mayor Sherriffs Burgesses and Commons of this Corporation to the Bill of Complaint of Pierce Hughes Clerk Vicar of the Parish of Saint Peters in the Town of Drogheda being read to this Assembly, The same is unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be Engrossed, and that M.r Mayor do Call a speciall Assembly in order to have the Common Seal of this Corporation affixed to the said Answer

money to be borrow.d for building y.e Goal

Ordered That the Sum of Two hundred pounds, being the Second payment to be made to Alderman Rencher and Alderman Ackland towards the Expence of Building the Jayl Marshalsea and house of Correction, be borrowed upon the same Terms, as the former Two hundred pounds, and that Security be given for the said Sum with the other according to the Act of Assembly of the 13.th of July last for that Purpose

At a Speciall Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councill being present the 10.th day of March 1739

Answer to M.r Hughes's Bill Seal'd

The Answer of this Corporation to the Reverend M.r Hughes's Bill in Chancery being Engrossed, was read, and Compared in this Assembly with the draft, and the Common Seal of this Corporation was thereto Affixed, in the presence of Hugh Henry and Samuel Clark, by Virtue of a Commission to them directed for that purpose.

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen being present the 16.th day of April 1740

Mayor Elect.

Alderman Jonathan Nicholls Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the next Ensuing year

Sherriff Elect

M.r William Skelly Elected to Serve Sherriff for the Ensuing Year

At a Generall Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councillmen being present the 18.th day of April 1740

Sherriff Elect

M.r Hugh Wheldon Elected to Serve Sherriff for the next Ensuing Year with M.r William Skelly

Elect.n Certifyed

Ordered That the Ellection of the Mayor and Sherriffs be forthwith Certifyed to the Government for their approbation

Receivers

Alderman James Barlow and M.r Richard Jebb are appointed receivers of the Rents of the Commons for one year Commencing at Easter last

Elinor Foster

Granted to Elinor Foster one of the Vacancys now in S.t John's Poor house

Adam Parkinson

Granted to Adam Parkinson the other Vacancy now in S.t John's Poor house

Ordered

Pensioners.

Ordered That the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their names annexed for one year from Michaelmas last and Ending Michaelmas next

Widw. of Edwd. Stoker	2 " 0 " 0	Widow of John Deaken	3 " — " —
Widw. Stapleton	2 " 10 " —	a child of Henry Creddon's	3 " — " —
Richard Bonus	3 " — " —	Alx. Ashland for two Children	4 " — " —
Widw. Lunders	2 " — " —	of Thomas Barton's	3 " 4 " —
Widw. Pickering	3 " — " —	Widow of Mich. Leland	2 " — " —
John Bolton	2 " — " —	Widow of Peter Gaymar	4 " — " —
Widow of John Ogle	2 " — " —	Widow Sanders	4 " — " —
Thomas Fullard	2 " — " —	Rich. Shorten	1 " — " —
Francis Evans	2 " — " —	Widow of William Barron	4 " — " —
Francis North	2 " — " —	Widow Ruxton	5 " — " —
Joseph Appleyard	1 " 10 " —	Widow Daws	2 " — " —
Barbara Sclach	2 " 10 " —	Ann Knight	3 " — " —
Furrs of the Commons	0 " — " —	Elinor Boyld	2 " — " —
Widw. of Thom. Boddington	3 " — " —	Mary Holt	2 " — " —
James Moore	2 " — " —	John Cloff	2 " — " —
Arthur Carrol	2 " — " —	Thomas Bently	1 " 10 " —
Seth Marvin	4 " — " —	Widw. of Geo: Cash & 7 Children	3 " 10 " —
Widow of John Cain	3 " — " —	Richd. Shortins Child	2 " — " —
Widw. of Nat: Brickhill	2 " — " —	Thomas Brooks	1 " — " —
Henry Simpale Wife and Children	2 " — " —	Thomas Wright wife & Child.	1 " — " —
Widw. of Edwd. Chambers and Children	3 " — " —	John Wallale's Wife and Children	2 " — " —
Wife of John Andrews	3 " — " —	Widow of Jos: Rollins & Child.	2 " — " —
		John Cooke	1 " — " —
	50 " 10 " —		55 " — " —

Franchises to be Rid.

Ordered That the Franchises of this Corporation be Rid on Whitsun Tuesday next.

Lease of St. James's Expired.

Mr. Mayor having acquainted this Assembly that the Lease of St. James's Expired at Easter last when he together with the Sherriffs repaired to the said Lands, and there demanded the Possession of the same in the name of the Corporation where a Servant of Mr. Henry Lippard told him he was ordered by his Master to keep the possession, and not to deliver it up to him

It is ordered by this Assembly That the Town Clerk do acquaint the Recorder herewith and desire his advice how the Corporation is to proceed for the recovery of said Lands

June the 9th 1740

Free-member

Thomas Jones was Sworn a Freemember of this Corporation paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument

Free-Baker

The same day Edward Ashland was Sworn a Free Baker of this Corporation paid the usual Fees and Signed the Instrument

Free-Butcher

The same day George Hamilton was Sworn a Free Butcher of this Corporation paid the usual Fees and Signed the Instrument

At a Generall Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 10th day of July 1740

Sarah Norman

Granted to Sarah Norman Widow upon her Petition the Vacancy now in St. John's Poor house.

Ann Shepheard.

Upon the Petition of Ann Sheapherd Widow a Native of this Corporation Setting forth her great Age and Bodily Infirmity, and praying some Relief. It is ordered by this Assembly, That she be paid the Sum of Twelve pence per week by the Treasurer until next Easter Assembly, and that the same be allowed the Treasurer in his accounts.

Joseph Rencher

Upon the Petition of Joseph Rencher setting forth That he formerly had an allowance of Three pounds p Ann out of the Rents of the Commons which was Struck off at the Easter Assembly 1739 on Supposition that the benefit of his Imployment as Town-Mayor was Sufficient for his Support, and praying to be Restored to the same allowance. It is ordered by this Assembly That the Petr. in regard to his being an old Inhabitant and Common Councilman, and his low Circumstances, be paid the Sum of Three pounds a year during the pleasure of this Assembly to be Computed from Easter next and that the same be allowed the Treasurer in his Accounts.

At an Assembly held by Special Appointment before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 10th day of August 1740

Geo: Rencher Marshall Suspended

Mr. Mayor having informed this Assembly that George Rencher Marshall and Serjeant at Mace of this Corporation lyes under a Charge of Suffering a Prisoner to Escape Committed to the said Sherriff by a Transmit Warrant from the Lord Chief Justice of the Kings Bench, for which he is to Answer at the next Commission of Oyer and Terminer for the County of Dublin this therefore Ordered by this Assembly that the said George Rencher be, and he is hereby Suspended from his Imployment of Marshall and Serjeant at Mace, and to Continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Robt. M.Cartney appointed Marshall

Ordered That Robert M.Cartney be appointed Marshall and officer at Mace in the Room of the said George Rencher upon his giving Security to the Satisfaction of Mr. Mayor

September the 29th 1740

Free-Member

Charles Sallary upon his petition granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a Freemember of this Corporation paid the usual Fees and Signed the Instrument

At a Generall Assembly held before Jonathan Nicholls Esq.r Mayor William Skelly and Hugh Wheldon Esq.r Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councilmen being present the Tenth day of October 1740

Com.n Councilmen — Mr. John Blacker and Mr. George Rencher Elected and Sworn Common Councilmen

May.r off.e Staple — Alderman Thomas Wye Elected and Sworn Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the Ensuing Year

Constables. — Mr. John Blacker and Mr. George Rencher Elected and Sworn Constables of the Staple for the Ensuing Year

Coroners. — Mr. John Blacker and Mr. George Rencher Elected & Sworn Coroners for the Ensuing Year

Auditors. — Alderman William Graham
Alderman Henry Ashland
Alderman Toonley Latten
Alderman Henry Sheels
Mr. Robert Ford
Mr. George Elliot
Mr. Oliver Fairclough
} Auditors & Viewers

Proctors. — Alderman William Graves and Mr. Edward Cheshire Elected Proctors of St. John's Poorhouse for the Ensuing Year

Treasurer — Alderman Edward Meade Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing Year

Mast.r of the Guild. — Alderman William Shepheard Elected Master of the Guilds for the Ensuing year

Wardens. — Alderman William Graves and Mr. Edward Cheshire Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Officers. — Officers of the Sword Mace and Marshale to Continue during the pleasure of the Corporation

Water Customs. — Ordered That the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected this Year by such person or persons as Mr. Mayor shall think fitt to appoint.

Streets — Ordered That the Cleaning of the Streets and Lanes of this Town, and Carrying away the Dirt thereof for the Ensuing Year be Referred to Mr. Mayor to Act therein as he shall think proper

Robt. M.Cartney Continued Marshall — Ordered That Robert M.Cartney the Present Marshall and one of the Serjeants at Mace be Continued in the said Offices during the pleasure of this Corporation he giving Security to the Satisfaction of Mr. Mayor

Gate Customs — The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Sett to Mr. John Rencher at Seven pounds Thirteen Shillings p.r week for one Year to Commence from and after the Fifteenth day of October Instant.

Laur.s Lilly — Upon the Humble Petition of Laurence Lilly Setting forth his poor Condition and praying some relief: It is Ordered by this Assembly that the Sum of Forty Shillings be paid him for one Year ending Michaelmas next by the Treasurer in such manner as he shall think proper and the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his accounts.

Rose Jones. — Upon the Petition of Rose Jones widow of Arthur Jones dec.d late a Freemember of this Corporation Setting forth her poor circumstances and praying some Relief: It is ordered by this Assembly that she be paid the Sum of Forty Shillings by the Treasurer for her present Relief and the same to be allowed him in his accounts.

At a Gen.l Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councilmen being present the 16.th day of January 1740

Will.m Shepheard Ald.n — Upon the Petition of William Shepheard Alderman Setting forth That he is in possession of a House and Garden in St. John's Street by Virtue of a Lease from this Corporation to his Father, the said house having been used for some Years past as the Marshalls Prison and Soon to be given up to him, very much out of Repair; and praying the Assembly to cause to be a Surrender of his present Lease, and to grant him a new Lease in his own name of the said premises, Together with the waste Spott of Ground thereto adjoyning Eastward to the Bridge; and the same being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon made It is ordered by this Assembly, That for the Incouragment of Building the said Alderman Shepheard upon Surrendring his present Lease have a Lease made to him in his own name of the said House and Garden together with the said waste Ground for the Term of Sixty one Years, paying the Yearly Rent of Twenty Shillings, and Twenty Shillings Fine; And upon Condition That he build the whole Front with one or more good Slated Houses, not to Project further in John's Street than the present Buildings thereon nor to come out further Eastward than to Range even with the House which Alderman Ashland Built on the other end of the Bridge The said Buildings to be made within Three years from the date of this Lease: Reserving to this Corporation the Iron Work and other materialls that have been laid out on the Premisses at the Expence of the Corporation

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Alderman being present the 8th day of April 1741.

Mayor Elect — Alderman Townley Patten Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the next Ensuing Year according to the Laws of Succession.

Sherriff Elect — Mr. George Schoales Elected to Serve Sherriff for the next Ensuing Year.

At a Generall Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Comon Councill being present the 10th day of April 1741.

Sherriff Elect. — Mr. Anthony Bury Elected to Serve Sherriff for the next Ensuing Year with Mr. George Schoales

Elect.n Certifyed. — Ordered That the Election of the Mayor and Sherriffs be forthwith Certifyed to the Government for their approbation.

Receivers. — Alderman James Barlow and Mr. Richard Jebb continued Receivers of the Rents of the Commons for one Year Commencing Easter Last.

money allowd ym wch they paid to John Bolton — Ordered that the Sum of Twenty Shillings be allowed the Receivers of the Rents of the Commons which they paid to John Bolton by the Approbation of a Former Assembly

money order'd Henry Creddons Child — Ordered that the Receivers of the Rents of the Commons do pay Ann Mathews the Sum of Ten Shillings out of the Ballance now in their Hands towards the maintenance of Henry Creddons Child

William Cain — Ordered That the Receivers of the Rents of the Comons do pay William Cain the Sum of Thirty Shillings out of the Ballance now in their Hands, being so much be near due to his Stepmother the Widw. Cain at the Time of her Death

Mary Ellis. — Ordered that the Receivers of the Rents of the Commons do pay Mary Ellis Widow the Sum of Eleven Shillings & Five pence the remainder of the Ballance in their Hands

John Clough — Ordered That the Sum of Twenty Shillings be paid to John Clough by the Treasurer for the Charges attending the Sending of his Daughter to the Work house in Dublin; And that the same be Allowed him in his accounts.

Pensioners — Ordered That the undernamed Persons be paid the Severall Sums to their Severall names annexed for one Year from Michaelmas last and Ending Michaelmas next

	£ s d		£ s d
Widow of Edward Stoker	2 — —	Alderman Ackland for two Children of Thomas Bartons	4 — —
Widow Stapleton	2 10 —	Widow of Peter Gaymar	4 — —
Richard Bonus	3 — —	Widow Sanders	4 — —
Widow Lunders	2 — —	Richard Shorten	1 — —
Widow Pickering	3 — —	Widow of William Barron	4 — —
John Bolton	2 15 —	Widow Ruxton	5 — —
Thomas Fullard	2 — —	Widow Daws	2 — —
Francis Evans	2 — —	Ann Knight	3 — —
Francis North	2 — —	Elinor Bould	2 — —
Joseph Appleyard	1 10 —	Mary Holt	2 — —
Barbara Souch	2 10 —	John Clough	2 — —
Furze of the Comons	8 — —	Thomas Bently	1 10 —
Widow of Thos. Boddington	3 — —	Widow of George Cook and Seven Children	3 10 —
James Moore	2 — —	Richard Shorten's Child	2 — —
Arthur Carroll	2 — —	Thomas Wrights Child	1 — —
Seth Marsden	4 — —	John Wallace's Wife and Children	2 — —
Widow Brickhill	2 — —	Widow Holmes and Children	2 — —
Henry Simpall Wife & Children	2 — —	John Cooke	1 15 —
Widow of Edwd. Chambers & Children	3 — —	Margaret Ellis	3 — —
Widow of John Andrews	3 — —	Mary Ellis	1 10 —
Widow of John Deaken	3 — —	James Fleming	2 — —
Henry Creddons Child	3 — —		
£	60 5 —	£	53 5 —

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Robt. Ford Merchr. — Upon the Petition of Robert Ford Merchr. Setting forth that he is in possession in his own Right of Three Small parks lying without Sundays gate which he holds under a Lease from this Corporation which is near Expiring, and within the Rules, And Praying this Assembly to grant him a New Lease of the premisses and the same being refferred to the Auditors & Viewers and their Report thereon made It is ordered by this Assembly that the said Robert Ford have a new Lease made to him in his own Name of the said premisses for sixty one Years from this Easter He Surrendring the Old Lease and paying the Yearly Rent of Sixteen Shillings and Sixteen Shillings Fine

Report of the Committee abt. ye Goal — We The undernamed being of the Committee appointed to Report the Building of the Jayl Marshalsea and House of Correction have observed from Time to Time how the said Building were Carryed on, & have aslo Taken a View of them Since they were Finished, and are of Opinion That the Said

Said Work is Executed Agreeable to the plan, Layd down, and That the undertakers Ald.n John Rencher and Ald.n Henry Ashland be paid what Money remains due according to the Agreement entered into with them by the Treasurer in behalf of this Corporation Given under our Hands the 6th of April 1741

Jonathan Nicholls Mayor
Francis Leigh
James Barlow
Dow.d Meade
Henry Ogle
Wm Sheley
Hugh Skelton } Sherriffs

The Last paym.t to the undertakers of the Jayl &c.

Ordered That the Sum of One hundred and fifty three pounds, Ten Shillings being the last payment agreed to be made to Ald.n John Rencher and Ald.n Henry Ashland upon Finishing the Jayl, Marshal=sea and House of Correction be Borrowed upon the same Terms as the former two Sums of Two hundred pounds each, were Borrowed and paid by the Treasurer to the said John Rencher and Henry Ashland & that Security be given for the said Sum with the Two other Sums that have been Borrowed from the Recorder according to the Act of Assembly of the 13th of July 1739 for that Purpose

Part of the Quay to be Laid open

Ordered That Instructions be given to the Committee for Inspecting the Town Walls Gates Bridge and River Walls, That that part of the Quay where the Necessary house Stood be Laid open and Repaired as the rest of the Quay Walls are and that the said Comittee have Power to agree with

Old Wreck

any person or persons for any Sum not exceeding Ten pounds for the taking away the Old wreck near the Crane, which Sum is not to be paid untill the Work is done

Poor Housekeepers

Ordered That Mr. Mayor do Call to his Assistance Such persons of this Assembly as he Shall think proper, to Consider of the State of the Poor housekeepers within this Town and County and that he be Impowered to draw on the Treasurer

of this Corporation for any Sum not Exceeding Thirty Pounds to be Disposed of in such manner as Mr. Mayor and his Assistance shall Think fitt; and that the Treasurer be allowed the same in passing his accounts

Thom.s Wye Ald.n

Upon The Memorial of Ald.n Thomas Wye Setting forth that in the Year 1700 he attended James Barlow Esq.r the Mayor of this Corporation in taking down the Lists and numbers of the Houses and Land within the Liberties of Drogheda for the Space of Ten days in Order to make a Valluation thereof pursuant to a Presentment made at the Assizes; And afterwards Engrossed a fair Forty Sheets of paper in making up said Valuation, and drew Warrants to the Several Constables for Collecting the Tax thereupon, for which he never received any recompence; And praying to be allowed &c. For his said Attendance and Trouble Ordered by this Assembly that the said Ald.n Thomas Wye be paid the Sum of Eleven pounds Seven Shillings and Six pence by the Treasurer and the same to be allowed him in his accounts

At a Court Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen being present the 15th day of July 1741

Ald.n Elected

Mr. Robert Ford was unanimously Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the Room of William Shepheard late Alderm.n of this Corporation deceased

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being Present the 17th day of July 1741

Will.m Graves Ald.n

Upon the Petition of William Graves Ald.n Setting forth that he is in possession in his own Right of one Tenement called the Corner house or Landys Castle in St Peters Street in the Town of Drogheda which was granted by Lease from this Corporation in the Year 1702. And praying a New Lease thereof as to him within the Rules, and the same being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon made; It is Ordered by this Assembly that the said William Graves have a Lease made to him in his own name of the premises for Sixty one Years from Laster last at the Yearly Rents of Three pounds and paying three pounds Fine

Mary Winslow

Granted to Mary Winslow Widow upon her Petition the Vacancy now in St. John's Poor house

September the 14th 1741

Ald.n Sworn

This Day Mr. Robert Ford was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation pursuant to his Election

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At a Generall Assembly

held before Tobonley Patten Esq.r Mayor George Scholas & Anthony Bury Esq.r Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councillmen being present the ninth day of October 1741

Comon Councillmen. Mr. William Shelly and Mr. Hugh Whelton Elected and Sworn Common Councillmene

Mayr. of ye Staple. Alderman Jonathan Nicholls Elected & Sworn Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the Ensuing Year

Constables. Mr. William Shelly and Mr. Hugh Whelton Elected and Sworn Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year

Coroners. Mr. William Shelly and Mr. Hugh Whelton Elected and Sworn Coroners for the Insuing Year

Auditors. Audit.rs & Viewers

- Ald.n William Graham
- Ald.n Henry Ashland
- Ald.n Henry Shiels
- Ald.n Robert Ford
- Mr. George Elliot
- Mr. Oliver Fairlough

Comon Councilman for the Cordwainers. Mr. John Wood Elected and Sworn Common Councill=man for the Fraternity of Cordwainers

Comon Councilman. for the Carpent.rs Mr. Thomas Winslow Elected and Sworn Common Council man for the Fraternity of Carpenters

Proctors. Ald.n William Graves and Mr. Edward Cheshire Proctors of St. John's Poorhouse until Easter next

Treasurer. Ald.n Edward Meade Elected Treasurer for the Insuing Year

Mast.r of ye Guild. Ald.n James Barlow Elected Master of the Guild for the Insuing Year

Wardens. Mr. Oliver Fairlough and Mr. George Elliot Elected wardens of the Guild for the Insuing Year

Officers. Officers of the Sword & Mace and Marshall to Continue during the pleasure of the Corporation

Water Customs. Ordered That the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the Insuing Year by such person as Mr. Mayor shall appoint

Streets. Ordered That the Cleaning of the Streets and Lanes within the Town and Carrying away the dirt for the Insuing Year be referrd to the direction of Mr. Mayor and his Worship to Call to his Assistance such Aldermen as he shall think fitt

Sarah Wallis. Granted to Sarah Wallis widow the Vacancy now in St. Johns Poor house

Receivrs. of ye Rents of ye Comons to Accot. once a year. Ordered That the Receivers of the Rents of the Commons do once every Year before Easter Assembly settle their accounts with the Auditors and Viewers to be Reported to the Generall Assembly

No Custom for Live Cattle. Ordered That no Custom be taken for Live Cattle bought or Sold in the Markets of this Town on Tuesdays for Seven Years to Come

Gate Customs. The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Sett to Ald.n John Rencher at Eight pounds per Week for one Year to Commence from and after the Fifteenth day of October instant

Money presented at the Assizes paid by ye Corp.n This Assembly being Informed by the Town Clerk that Several Sums of Money have from time to Time for these Two Years past been presented according to Act of Parliament by the Grand Jury at the Severall Assizes to be raised off this Town and County at Large and paid to the respective Sherriffs for the Transporting of Severall Felons as by the said presentment may appear, and that the said Felons have been Transported according to the Severall orders for that purpose, But by reason of the poverty to which great numbers of the Inhabitants within the said Town and County are reduced (by the Calamity of the Times) who are liable to their proportions of the said Cess, the same hath not been raised but remains due, and is returned upon the Queries at every Assizes which if longer postponed may occasion Fines to be layed on the Corporation This Assembly therefore Taking the same into their Consid.n do unanimously agree That (in regard to the poor Condition of so great a number of the Inhabitants within the said Town and County who are Liable to their Proportion of the said Tax) the Severall Sums That have been so presented as aforesaid and have not been raised but remain now due be paid to the said Sherriffs by the Treasurer of this Corporation or to such person or persons with whom they may have Contracted and have accordingly Transported the said Felons and that Allowance for every of the said Severall Sums when paid, be allowed the said Treasurer on passing his accounts: but that no farther Sum or Sums of money that may be presented at any future Assizes be payable by the Treasurer by Virtue of this act of Assembly

Lawr: Pilly

Ordered That the Sum of Forty shillings be paid unto Laurence Pilly for one Year Ending Michaelmas next, by the Treasurer of this Corporation in such manner as he shall think proper, and the same be allowed the Treasurer in his accounts

January the 2d. 1741

Free-merch.t

Mr. John Jebb was Sworn a Freemerchant of this Corporation paid the usual Fees and Signed the Instrument

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen & Common Councillmen being present the 6th. day of January 1741

Common Council-man for the Smiths

Mr. William Humphryson Elected a Common Councillman for the Fraternity of Smiths, and being Called in was Sworn a Common Councillman for the said Fraternity accordingly

Ld. Chief Justice Singleton

Upon the Petition of the Rt. Hon.ble Henry Singleton Lord Chief Justice of his Majesties Court of Common Pleas and Recorder of this Corporation, Setting forth, That he is in possession of the Lands Called the Twentys, Containing about Twenty acres, together with Dobbins's park, Containing Ten acres, four acres of Meadow adjoyning, Ten acres of Land formerly called Nugents, Two acres of Meadow thereto adjoyning, one acre and half of Meadow under the Twentys formerly called Garnetts, and Two parks Containing Twelve acres joyning the Town Commons, on Louth side, by Virtue of a Lease made by the Corporation to his Father, at the yearly Rent of Ten pounds fifteen shillings and Tenpence, which being within the Rules for Renewing and praying a new Lease in his own name of the said premisses; And the said Petition being refferred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon made. It is ordered by this Assembly that the said Right Hon.ble Henry Singleton have a new Lease made to him of the said Lands and presses, for the Term of Sixty One Years from Easter next, paying the yearly Rent of Ten pounds Fifteen shillings and Ten pence, paying a Years rent by way of Fine and Surrendring the old Lease

John Keary.

Upon The Petition of John Keary Setting forth that at the Summer Assizes held for this Town and County in the Year 1740 the Grand Jury Presented the Sum of Three pounds Sterling to be raised off the County at Large and paid to him for

For his good Service in apprehending and Convicting Patrick Denny otherwise Johnson for Horse Stealing That he hath not received any Benefitt from the said Presentment the Money having not been raised thereon; and praying this Assembly to Take his Case into their Consideration; It is ordered by this Assembly That the said John Keary be paid the said Sum of Three pounds by the Treasurer, and the same to be allowed in passing his accounts.

Lucretia Lee

Upon the Petition of Lucretia Lee Widow of Walter Lee deceased late an Inhabitant of this Town, Setting forth her poor Condition having four small Children, and praying some present relief to Carry her and her Children to her Friends; It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Lucretia Lee be paid the sum of Three pounds by the Treasurer, to enable her to remove herself and family out of this Town and that she be acquainted therewith, and that no future application will be received from her by this Assembly on the like account, and that the said Sum be allowed the Treasurer in passing his accounts

Report from the Auditors and Viewers

Old ruinous House in West Street

Pursuant to the Directions of the General Assembly held the ninth day of October last; We have Viewed the old ruinous house in West Street opposite to Alderm.r William Ogle's House and are of opinion That the same as it now Stands, is a great Obstruction to passengers and Carriages by Coming into the Street (which is very narrow) farther then the rest of the Houses on the same side; and we find the same house in the possession of Mr. Edward Cheshire who is willing (as farr as in him lyes) to agree that so much of the said House as projects into the said Street, and Obstructs the passage Containing in Front Eleven and half feet and Three feet in depth be removed and the ground opened to the Street; and for that purpose we are of opinion That the Corporat.n may take a Lease of the same from the said Edward Cheshire for the Term of Seventy Years from Easter next, which he has power to make paying Ten Shillings per ann, Rent; or Fine off the said Rent at Sixteen Years purchase and take the Lease at a Pepper Corn; Which is humbly Submitted to this Assembly dated the 11th. January 1741

Audit.ds & View.rs

W Graham
Hen Sheils
Rob.t Ford
Oliver Fairtlough
Geo: Elliot

Upon

Upon Reading of which Report, Resolved That it is the opinion of this Assembly, That this Corporation do accept of a Lease from Mr. Edward Cheshire of the said mentioned piece of Ground for the Term of Seventy Years from Easter next at the yearly Rent of Ten Shillings Sterl.

Sarah Woodhouse. Granted to Sarah Woodhouse Widow upon her Petition the Vacancy now in St. John's Poor house

Town Clerk to attend in Dublin with the Corp.n Books. Ordered That the Town Clerk do attend in Dublin with such Books of this Corporation as may be necessary in the Cause now depending between the Corporation and Mr. Henry Lippard about the Lands of St. James's.

Sealing Days. Ordered That the First eighth and Seventeenth days of March next be Sealing days for the Severall Leases lattely granted by this Corporation

January the 26.th 1741

Free-Merch.t Mr. William Fairlough was Sworn a Free merchant of this Corporation paid the usual Fees and Signed the Instrument

Free-Member The same day Mr. John Lorry was Sworn a Free member of this Corporation paid the usual fees & Signed the Instrument

At a speciall Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councilmen being present the First day of March 1741

Sealing Day. It is agreed by this Assembly that the Three Severall Leases granted by this Corporation to Ald.n Robert Ford Ald.n William Graves, and the Right Hon.ble Lord Chief Justice Singleton Recorder, for which the first, Eighth and Seventeenth days of this Month were appointed Sealing days, be all Sealed together this day notwithstanding the order of the last Generall Assembly

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen being present the 20.th day of April 1742

May.r Elect. Alderman John Graham Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the next Ensuing Year according to the Laws of Succession

Sherriff Elect. Mr. Edward Norman Elected to Serve Sherriff for the next Ensuing Year

At a Generall Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councilmen being present the 30.th day of April 1742

Sherriff Elect. Mr. John Wood Elected to Serve Sherriff for the next Ensuing year with Mr. Edward Norman

Elect.n Certified Ordered That the Election of the Mayor and Sherriffs be forthwith Certified to the Government for their approbation

Pensioners. Ordered That the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their Names annexed for one Year Commencing Michaelmas last and ending Michaelmas next.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Widow of Edward Stoker	2	–	–	Widow Sanders	4	–	–
Widow Stapleton	2	10	–	Richard Shorton	1	10	–
Richard Bonus	4	–	–	Widow of Wm. Barron	4	–	–
Widow Sunders	2	–	–	Widow Buxton	5	–	–
John Bolton	3	–	–	Widow Daws	2	–	–
Thomas Fullard	2	–	–	Ann Knight	3	–	–
Francis North	2	–	–	Elinor Boisd	2	–	–
Francis Evans	2	–	–	Mary Holt	2	–	–
Jos: Appleyard	2	–	–	John Clough	2	–	–
Barb: Souch	2	10	–	Thomas Bently	1	10	–
Furze of the Commons	0	–	–	Widow of George Cooke and 7 Children	3	10	–
Widow of Thos. Bobbington	3	–	–				
James Moore	2	–	–	Richard Shorten's Child	2	–	–
Arthur Carrol	2	–	–	Thom.s Wright's Children	2	–	–
Widow Brickhill	2	–	–	John Wallaces Wife and Children	2	–	–
Henry Simpall Wife and Children	2	–	–				
				Wid.w Holmes & Children	3	–	–
Widow of Edward Chambers and Children	3	–	–	John Cooke	1	15	–
				Margaret Ellis	3	–	–
Widow of John Andrew	3	–	–	Ann M.cEvoy	3	–	–
Widow of John Deaken	3	–	–	Mary Donnelly and Children	2	–	–
Ald.n Ashland for 2 Children of Thomas Barton	4	–	–				
				Frances Marsden	2	–	–
Widow of Peter Gaymar	4	–	–				
	£60	–	–		£51	5	–

Mr. Edw.d Cheshire. Ordered That the receivers of the Rents of the Commons do pay Mr. Edward Cheshire Fifteen Shillings out of the Balance in their Hands being so much paid by him to James Witherly deceased late one of the pensioners on the Commons List

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Ann Andrews. Ordered That the Sum of Fifteen Shillings and Eight pence halfpenny be paid to Ann Andrews by the Receivers of the rents of the Commons for the maintenance of Henry Creddons Child for the last Year, over and above what she hath been already paid; and also That she be paid the Sum of Eighteen pence a Week for the maintenance of said Boy untill he be put out apprentice, to Commence from the First day of May 1742

Proctors. Alderman John Broughton and Mr. Oliver Fairtlough Elected Proctors of St. Johns poorhouse for one Year to Commence from Easter last

Abigal Twist. Granted to Abigal Twist Widow upon her Petition the present Vacancy in St. Johns Poorhouse

Robt. McCartney Goaler. Ordered That the Sum of Three Shillings p Week be paid by the Treasurer to Robert McCartney Goaler from the First day of January last to the first of May next for his Extraordinary Expence and Charges in Watching & Securing the prisoners on account of the Defficiency of the Jayl; and the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his accounts

At a Generall Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councillmen being present the 16th. day of July 1742

Record.r Resigns his place. Mr. Mayor having laid before this Assembly a Letter which he received from the Right Hon.ble Lord Chief Justice Singleton Recorder of this Corporation Signifying his desire to Surrender his place of Recorder, and likewise a Resignation of said Office under his Hand and Seale bearing date the 13th. day of this Instant July. It is unanimously agreed by this Assembly to accept of the said Surrender, and the same is hereby accepted.

Surrend.r Fyled. Ordered That the said Surrender be Fyled in the Town Clerk's Office

Resolved That Mr. Mayor be Desired to write an Answer to the said Letter, Returning his Lordship the Thanks of this Assembly for his Constant Care of the Corporation during the Time of his being Recorder, and for all his past Favours and his assurance of the Continuance of his regard toward them.

Day Appointed for ye. Election of a Recorder. Mr. Mayor has Declared to this Assembly that he will proceed to the Election of a Recorder in the Room of the Right Hon.ble Lord Chief Justice Singleton on Munday next the 19th. Instant at Ten o Clock in the Tholsell, and that he will now adjourn the Assembly to that Time, for the said Election, to which this Assembly do unanimously agree.

Assembly Adjourned. And this Assembly is accordingly adjourned to Munday next at Ten o Clock in the forenoon

At a Generall Assembly held pursuant to Adjournment before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 19th. day of July 1742

Record.r Elected. Harry Smith Esq.r Counsellor at Law is unanimously Elected Recorder of this Corporation in the Room of the Rt. Hon.ble Lord Chief Justice Singleton who has resigned

Elect.n Certified. Ordered That the Election of the Recorder be forthwith Certified to the Government for their Approbation

July the 16th. 1742

Free Cordwainer. Thomas Stoker was Sworn a Free Cordwainer of this Corporat.n paid the usual Fees & Signed the Instrument

At an Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen being present the 20th. day of July 1742

Record.r Sworn. Harry Smith Esq.r Counsellor at Law was Sworn Recorder of this Corporation pursuant to his Election and the approbation of their Excellencies the Lords Justices bearing date the 23d. day of July 1742

August the 9th. 1742

Free Smith. John Parkinson was Sworn a Free Smith of this Corport. paid the usual Fees and Signed the Instrument

At an Assembly held by Speciall appointment before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen being present the 14th. day of September 1742

Alderm.n Elected. Mr. George Rencher was unanimously Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the Room of Henry Ackland late Ald.n deceased

and Sworn. And the same day the said George Rencher was Sworn an Alderman pursuant to his Election

September 23d. 1742

Free-merch.t — Mr. John Leland was Sworn a Free merchant of this Corporation paid the usuall Fees and Signed the Instrument

September the 29th. 1742

Acts Compared — This day the aforegoing acts of Assembly were Compared before us and ordered to be Entred as usuall

At a Generall Assembly held before John Graham Esq.r Mayor Edward Norman and John Wood Esq.rs Sherriffs the Alderman and Common Councillmen being present the Eighth day of October 1742.

Comon Councill men — Mr. George Schoales and Mr. Anthony Bury Elected and Sworn Common Councillmen.

Mayr of the Staple — Ald.n Townley Patten Elected and Sworn Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the Ensuing year

Constables — Mr. George Schoales and Mr. Anthony Bury Elected and Sworn Constables of the Staple for the Ensuing year

Coroners — Mr. George Schoales and Mr. Anthony Bury Elected and Sworn Coroners for the Ensuing year

Ald.n Will.m Graham
Ald.n Henry Sheils
Ald.n Will.m Graves
Ald.n Robert Ford
Mr. George Elliot
Mr. Oliver Fairtlough
— Audit.rs & Veiwers

Treasurer — Ald.n Edward Meade Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing year

Mast. of y.e Guild. — Ald.n Thomas Wye Elected Master of the Guild for the Ensuing year

Wardens — Ald.n George Rencher and Mr. John Blacker Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing year

Officers. — Officers of the Sword and Mace, and Marshall to Continue during the pleasure of the Corporation.

Streets. — Ordered That the Cleaning of the Streets and Lanes within the town and Carrying away the dirt for the Ensuing year, be referrd to the direction of Mr. Mayor; and his Worship to Call to his Assistance Such Aldermen as he Shall think fit

Water Customs. — Ordered That the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the Ensuing Year by Such person as Mr. Mayor Shall appoint

Laur: Pilly. — Ordered That the Sum of Forty Shillings be paid unto Laurence Pilly for one year Ending Michaelmas next by the Treasurer of this Corporation in Such manner as he Shall think proper and the Same to be allowed the Treasurer in his Accounts.

Old Wreck — Whereas at a Generall Assembly held the 10th. Day of April 1741. it was Ordered that the Committee for inspecting the town walls, Gates, Bridge & River Walls, Should have power to Agree with any person or persons for any Sum not Exceeding ten pounds, for the taking away the Old wreck near the Crane which Sum was not to be paid untill the work Should be done; which Committee made the following Report to this Assembly.

Report. — We of the above Committee whose names are hereunto Subscribed have Enquired into and had full demonstration of the Service done by Capt.n Ambrose Sharp of Drogheda Mariner in destroying the old wreck, which time beyond the memory of man lay in the River Boyne near the Crane in Drogheda and we are of Opinion, that for his Said Service he very well deserves the Sum of Ten pounds Ster.d which we Submit and Referr to the next Generall Assembly: given under our hands this 23d. day of August 1742.

John Haden — Townley Patten Mayr
Hen: Ogle — Fran.s Leigh
Jona.n Nicholls — mayrs of the Staple
Jn.o Rencher
Oliver Fairtlough

Upon Reading of which Report; It is Ordered by this Assembly that the Said Ambrose Sharp be paid the Sum of Ten pounds by the Treasurer of this Corporat.n and the Same to be allowed the Treasurer in passing his Accounts.

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Lord Boyne made free

Ordered That the Rt Hon.ble Gustavous Lord Viscount Boyne be presented with his freedom of this Corporat.n in a Fiat.

Harry Smith Esq.r Record.r made free

Ordered That Harry Smith Esq.r Recorder of this Corporat.n be presented with his freedom of this Corp.n in a Fiat

Gate Customs

The Gate Customs of this Corporat.n were Set to Mr Oliver Fairtlough at Eight pounds four Shillings per week for one year to Commence from and after the fifteenth day of October instant

Post Assembly held the 12.th day Jan.y 1742

Lord Primate

Generall Assembly held the 14.th day of Jan.y 1742

Resolved That it is the opinion of this Assembly that his Grace Doct.r John Hoadley Lord Primate of all Ireland be presented with his freedom of this Corporation in a Gold Box as his predecessor was upon his first Coming to this Town

Post Assembly held the 13.th April 1743.

Mayor Elect

Henry Sheils Ald.n Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporat.n for the next Ensuing year according to the Rule of Succession.

Sherriff Elect

Mr Charles Sellery Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corporat.n for the next Ensuing year

Generall Assembly held the 15.th April 1743.

Common Councilman for.d Taylor.

Upon the Master and Wardens & Fraternity of Merch.t Taylors Setting forth that they want a fit person to Represent them in this Assembly in the Room of Robert Elliot their late representative who hath been appointed Mace-bearer to this Corporation, & having according to their usual Custom returned three persons to this Assembly in Order to Choose one thereout Namely, Thomas Clark Richard Cooper & Leonard Robinson, and praying this Assembly to Elect a fit person thereout to Represent them as aforesaid: Order.d That Richard Cooper be and he is hereby unanimously Elected a Common Councilman for said Fraternity, and he being Called in was then Sworn a Common Councill man accordingly.

Sherriff Elect

Mr James Sandiford Merch.t is Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the next ensuing year along with Mr Charles Sellery.

Election of Mayr & Sheriffs to be Certified

Order.d That the Election of the Mayor & Sherriffs of this Corporation for the Ensuing year be forthwith Certify.d to the Government for their Approbation

Receiv.r of the rents of the Commons

Alderm.n George Rencher and Mr George Schoales are appointed Receivers of the rents of the Commons for one year commencing Easter last.

Pensioners on the Commons

Order.d That the undernamed persons be payd the following Sums to their names annexd out of the rents of the Commons the said paym.t commencing from Michas last and ending at Michmas next.

	£	s			s
Widow of Edw.d Nohet	2	—	Widow Euston	15	—
Wid.w Stapleton	2	10	Wid.w Davis	2	—
Wid.w Lunders	2	—	Ann Knight	3	—
John Bolton	4	—	Elinor Bould	3	—
Tho.s Hullard	2	—	Mary Holt	2	—
Fran.s North	2	—	John Clough	2	—
Fran.s Evans	2	—	Thom.s Bently	1	10
Jos.s Appleyard	2	—	Wid.w of George Gothe and Seven Children	3	10
Barb.s Souch	2	10			
Surge of the Commons	8	—	Rich.d Shorten's Child	2	—
Wid.w of Tho.s Boddington	3	—	Tho.s Wright's Children	2	—
James Moore	2	—	John Wallace's wife & Child.n	2	—
Arthur Carroll	2	—	Wid.w Holmes & Child.n	4	—
Wid.w Brickhill	2	—	John Cook	1	15
Hen.y Simpall wife & Child.n	2	—	Marg.t Ellis	3	—
Wid.w of Edw.d Chambers & Child.n	3	—	Ann M.c Evoy	3	—
Wid.w of John Andrew	3	—	Mary Donnelly & Child.n	2	—
Wid.w of John Deaken	3	—	Frances Marsden	2	—
Wm Ashland for two Child.n of Tho.s Barton	4	—	Wid.w of John Ashland	2	—
Wid.w of Peter Gaymar	4	—		45	15
Wid.w Sanders	4	—		66	10
Rich.d Shorten	1	10		£112	5
Wid.w of Will.m Barron	4	—			
	£66	10			

Elin.r Walker.

Upon the petition of Elinor Walker Widow praying to be admitted into the Vacancy now in St Johns Poor house Order.d that the said Elinor Walker be and She is hereby admitted into the said Vacancy by the death of the Widow Heale

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Master of the House of Correction.

Upon The proposal of Robert M.Cartney to be master of the house of Correction or Workhouse belonging to this Corporation the S.d Robert M.Cartney is appointed Master or keeper thereof at the usual Salary he giving proper Security before M.r Mayor for the due discharge of the trust to be repos'd in him before he Enters on Said Employment

Franchises to be Ridd.

Order'd That the Franchises of this Corporation be Ridd on Whitsuntuesday next as Usuall

Joseph Harper Surgeon

Order'd That M.r Joseph Harper Surgeon be paid the Sum of Five Guineas for his Extraordinary care and readiness in attending and relieving the Sick & poor persons of this Town that require his assistance, and that the Same be paid him by the Treas.r of this Corporat.n and to be allowed him on passing his accounts.

Post Assembly held the 13.th July 1743

Generall Assembly held the 15.th July 1743.

Oliver Fairtlough Merch.t

Upon The petition of Oliver Fairtlough Merch.t for Renewall of a Lease under this Corporation of a parcell of Land call'd S.t Laurences park near the Twentys also an Orchard place without Duleck gate now in two parcells whereon are built two or three thatch'd Cabbins, and the Same having been referr'd by the last Generall Assembly to the Auditors and Viewers to make their Report thereon, which report being now made, this Assembly doth agree thereto that the Petitioner have a new Lease made to him of the premisses for sixty one years at the old Rent of Twenty Shillings per ann and paying Twenty Shillings fine and surrendring the old Lease.

Freeman Admitted

Edw.d Carroll Staymaker upon his humble Pet.n is admitted a freeman of his Corporat.n paying the usuall fees & signing the Instrument

July 18.th 1743

Sworn

The Said Edw.d Carroll was Sworn a free member of this Corporation before M.r Mayor

Ann Elliott Widow

Upon The Humble Petition of Ann Elliott Widow of Robert Elliott late Mace bearer Dec.d Setting forth that She is very poor and hath a large Charge of Children, It is Order'd by this Assembly that the Quarters Sallary which will be due for the Mace-bearer at Michmss next be paid to the Said Wid.w Elliott, and that the Treas.r be allow'd the Same in his acc.tts

Mace-Bearer

Thomas Knight is Elected Mace bearer in the room of Robert Elliott Deceas.d to Continue during the pleasure of the Corporation

At

Lord Primate invited to a Dinner

At a Special Assembly held the 10.th day of August 1743. M.r Mayor acquainted this Assembly that his Grace the Lord Primate is expected in this town upon his Visitation, on monday next; Resolved That it is the opinion of this Assembly that his Grace be invited to a Dinner at the Expence of the Corporation upon his return from Armagh to this town and that M.r Mayor do acquaint the Assembly whether his Grace accepts of Said Invitation.

At a Special assembly held the 16.th day of August 1743.

Accepts of the Invitation

M.r Mayor acquainted this Assembly that his Grace the Lord Primate had accepted of the invitation to a Dinner and had mentioned wednesday Sennight as a day convenient to him to wait on the Corporation; Order'd That an Entertainm.t be made for His Grace the Lord Primate at the Tholsell on wednesday Sennight, and that M.r Mayor do give Such proper directions for the Same, that it may be done in the most decent manner, and for the Expence thereof that M.r Mayor do Sign an Order on the Treasurer To be allowed him on passing his acco.ts when pay'd

At a Generall Assembly held before Henry Sheils Esq.r Mayor Charles Sallery and James Sandiford Esq.rs Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councill being present the Seventh day of October 1743.

May.r of y.e Staple

Ald.n John Graham Elected and Sworn Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the Ensuing year

Constables.

M.r Edward Norman and M.r John Wood Elected & Sworn Constables of the Staple for the Ensuing year

Coroners.

M.r Edward Norman and M.r John Wood Elected & Sworn Coroners for the Ensuing year

Auditors.

Ald.n Will.m Lucas
Ald.n Edm.d Schoales
Ald.n Edw.d Hardman
Ald.n Will.m Graves
Ald.n James Barlow
M.r George Schoales
M.r Will.m Skelly
M.r Hugh Wheldon

} Auditors & Viewers.

Treasurer.

Ald.n Edward Meade Elected Treasurer for the next Ensuing year

Mast.r of y.e Guild.

Ald.n Jonathan Nicholls Elected Master of the Guild for the next ensuing year

Wardens.

M.r Will.m Skelly and M.r Hugh Wheldon Elected Wardens of the Guild for the next Ensuing year.

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Officers. The Officers of the Sword & Mace and Marshall to Continue during the pleasure of the Corporation

Streets. Ordered That the Cleaning of the Streets and Lanes within this Town and Carrying away the Dirt for the Ensuing year be referr'd to Mr. Mayor and his Worship to Call to his Assistance Such Aldermen as he shall think fitt

Water Customs. Ordered That the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the Ensuing year by Such person as Mr. Mayor Shall appoint

Vaults under the Tholsell. Ordered That the Vaults under the Tholsell which were made use of for the Old Jayl be Set up to be Let to the highest bidder being a Freeman of this Corporation to be Sett under the Same Retrictions which they were formerly Sett, and Such as may be thought Necessary; and that Mr. Mayor do Cause proper Notice to be publish'd for Setting the Same, and to Call to his Assistance Such Members of this Assembly as he Shall think proper; and that One years Rent by way of Fine be paid upon the perfecting the Leases.

George Rencher Ordered That Mr. Mayor do Enquire how much money has been Raisd and payd to George Rencher in part of the Sum of Ten pounds which was presented by the Grand jury at a former Assizes here to be paid to him for prosecuting and Convicting a Popish Schoolmaster, and that Mr. Mayor Do Sign an Order on the Treasurer for what Shall appear to be due to the Said George Rencher to discharge the Said Sum of Ten Pounds. —

Gate Customs The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Sett to Mr. Oliver Fairtlough at Eight pounds ten Shillings per Week for one year to Commence from and after the fifteenth day of October instant.

Laurence Pilly Ordered That the Sum of Forty Shillings be paid unto Laurence Pilly for one year ending Michas next by the Treasurer of this Corporation in Such manner as he Shall think fit, and the Same to be allowed the Treasurer in his Accounts. —

At a Generall Assembly held before the Said Mayor and Sherriffs the Alderm.n & Common Council being present the 13th day of January 1743. —

P. Chief Justice Singleton Upon The Petition of the Right Honble Henry Singleton Lord Chief Justice of his Majestys Court of Comon Pleas praying for the Renewal of a Lease of a house in West Street where Hugh Charnock formerly dwelt two houses & Gardens one being part of the Ash park without Westgate formerly held by Peter Gregory, Two Parks known by the names of Blackneys Park and the Shamrock Park lying on the East Side of the Road to Mannimore, and a Meadow Containing Three Acres in Landsharra; as also for Renewal of a Lease of the Dwelling house formerly his fathers in Saint Peters Street together with the Old Slate house and backside thereto adjoyning in Fairstreet; Also a Strip of ground Called Murthering Lane, and a Small Garden in Fairstreet called Teslings Garden, and the Old Chappell Walls and Hall of Saint Mary de Ursoe next without Westgate with the gardens thereto belonging, and a House Stead and Garden without the Said gate, lately

lately held by Edmond Meighan, which Petition being Referd to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon made, It is Ordered by this Assembly That the Said Henry Singleton have a new Lease granted to him in his own name of the Said house in West Street the two Tenements and Gardens lying together without Westgate, The two Parks called Blackneys park and the Shamrock park, and the Meadow in Landsharra, for the Term of Sixty one years from Easter next, at the yearly Rent of Three pounds Eighteen Shillings and four pence, and Three pounds eighteen Shillings and four pence Fine, and that a Mapp of said premisses be annexd to said Lease; And that he also have a new Lease made to him in his own name, of the house in Saint Peters Street formerly Alderman Singletons with the Old Slate house and backside thereto adjoyning in fairstreet, also of the Strip of ground Called the Murthering Lane, also of the Small garden in Fairstreet Called Teelings Garden, and also the old Abby Walls and Gardens of Saint Mary de Ursoe, for the Term of Sixty one years from Easter next at the yearly Rent of Two pounds fifteen Shillings, and two pounds fifteen Shillings Fine, and that a Mapp of the Said Premisses be annexd to said Lease. —

John Broughton Ald.n Upon The Petition of John Broughton Ald.n praying for the Renewal of a Lease of a house or Tenement on the North Quay in Drogheda, mearing and bounding to the Said North Quay on the South, to the Guild hall and Shop Street on the West, To Balls Land on the North and to Pippards Land on the East, wherein the Widow Walsh now Lives, and the Same being Referd to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon made, It is Ordered by this Assembly that the Said John Broughton have a new Lease made to him in his own name of the Said premisses for Sixty one years from Easter next at the yearly Rent of One pound ten Shillings payable to the poor of Saint Johns Poorhouse, and one pound ten Shillings Fine, and Ten Shillings yearly to the Corporation of Drogheda, and Ten Shillings Fine. —

Char.s Caldwell Esq.r Upon The Petition of Charles Caldwell Esq.r praying a Lease of Some Corporation ground on the West Side of Shop Street Containing in Front to the Said Street about Forty feet, and in depth backwards from Said Street about thirteen feet; as also a Plot of ground behind Saint Saviours Church lying South of the Said Petitioners ground, in order to build and improve thereon; and the Said petition being referr'd to the Auditors and Viewers, and their Report thereon made; It is Ordered by this Assembly that the Said Charles Caldwell have a Lease made to him in his own name of the premisses for Sixty one years from Easter next at the yearly rent of one pound, and One pound fine, with a Saving however to the Corporation for any former Grant or Agreement which may have been heretofore made of any part of the premisses to Ald.n George Blacker

March 2.d 1743.

Freemerch.t Henry Leland upon his Petition granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a Freemerch.t of this Corporation paid the usual fees, and Signed the Instrument.

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Free Taylor — The Same Day Richard Lucas upon his Petition granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a Free Taylor, paid the usual fees and Signed the Intrument

March 27th 1744.

Free Cordwainer — Robert Hatchet upon his Petition granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a Free Cordwainer paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument

At a Special Assembly held before the Said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermn & Common Councill being present the 28th day of March 1744.

Draft of an Address to his Majesty — Mr Mayor having layd before this Assembly the Draft of an Address to his Majesty and the Same having been Read is unanimously agreed to by this Assembly and Orderd to be fairly Engrossed on parchment and the Seal of this Corpn affixed thereto, and That the Right Honble William Graham and Francis Leigh Esqr our Representatives in Parliament be Desired to present the Said Address to his Grace the Lord Lieutenant to be Transmitted to his Majesty; which Address is as follows —

Address — To The Kings Most Excellent Majesty

The Humble Address of the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda

We your Majestys most duty full and Loyal Subjects humbly beg Leave to Express our hearty abhorrence of the designs in agitation of invading your Majestys Kingdoms in favour of a Popish Pretender

The uninterrupted enjoyment of all our Rights Civil and Religious Since the Accession of your Majestys Illustrious House to the Crown of these Realms and the many instances We have had of your Majestys Paternal Care for the Welfare of your People, will be Ever had in most gratefull remembrance by us: and We persuade our Selves, that Obligations of this Sort have so united all your Majestys Subjects, that every attempt to deprive us of that happyness will be Rendered vain and ineffectual, it being impossible to Shake a Throne that's Strengthend by the Justice of a King and guarded by the Affections of his People

We Further beg Leave to Assure our Most Gracious Sovereign, That We will not only at this Critical Juncture but on every other Occasion exert our Selves to the Utmost of our power, and think our Lives and Fortunes only Valueable, as they can Assist, in preserving to us the Blessings of your Majestys Government, and in Supporting the Succession of the Crown in your Royal Line upon which our happyness and that of our Posterity depends —

At a Post Assembly held before the Said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermn being present the 4th day of April 1744. —

Mayor Elect — Ald.n William Graves Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the Ensuing Year according to the Law of Succession

Sherriff Elect — Mr Gilbert Austin Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the Ensuing year

At a Generall Assembly held before the Said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermn & Common Councill being present the 6th day of April 1744. —

Sherriff Elect — Mr Will.m Humphryson Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the Ensuing year along with Mr Gilbert Austin —

Elect.n Certified — Orderd That the Election of the Mayor and Sherriffs be forthwith Certified to the Government for their Approbation —

Pensioners — Orderd That the undernamed persons be payd the following Sums to their names Annexed out of the Rents of the Commons the Said payments Commencing from Michas last and Ending at Michas next

	£ s. d		£ s. d
Widow Napleton	3 10 : —	Widow Daws	2 — —
Widow Lunders	2 — —	Ann Knight	3 — —
John Bolton	4 — —	Elinor Bould	3 — —
Thom.s Fullard	2 — —	Mary Holt	2 — —
Francis North	2 16 11	Widow of Tho.s Bently	1 10 —
Francis Evans	2 — —	Wid.w of Geo: Cooke & Seven Child.n	3 10 —
Joseph Appleyard	2 — —	Rich.d Shortens Child	2 — —
Barb.a Souch	2 10 —	Thom.s Wrights Children	2 — —
Furze of the Commons	8 — —	John Wallaces wife — } and Children — }	2 — —
James Moore	2 — —		
Widow of Tho.s Boddington	3 — —	Wid.w Holmes & Children	4 — —
Arthur Carroll	2 — —	John Cooke	1 15 —
Widow Brickhill	2 10 —	Margaret Ellis	3 — —
Sten: Sunpall wife & Child.n	2 — —	Ann M.cEvoy	3 — —
Wid.w of Edw.d Chambers and Children }	3 — —	Mary Donnelly & Child.n	2 — —
		Frances Marsden	2 — —
Widow of John Andraw	3 — —	Widow of John Ackland	2 10 —
Widow of John Deaken	3 — —	Widow of Robert Elliot and Children }	5 — —
Mr.s Ackland for one Child of Thom.s Barton }	2 — —	Mary Bonus	1 10 —
Widow Sanders	4 — —	Edw.d Ackland for a Son of Edward Hamilton }	1 10 —
Widow of Will.m Barron	4 — —		
Widow Ruxton	5 — —		£47 5 —
	£64 6 11		

Rich.d Shorton — Orderd That Richard Shorten be admitted into the Vacancy now in St Johns poor house by the death of Adam Parkinson he giving up his Pension out of the Rents of the Commons. —

Recorder — Resolved That the Thanks of this Assembly be given to the Recorder of this Corporation for preparing the Address layd before the Last Speciall Assembly to be presented to his Majesty. —

Fra.s Leigh Esqr — Francis Leigh Esqr acquainted this Assembly that pursuant to the directions of a Special Assembly of the 28th of March last, he waited on his Grace the Lord Lieutenant the next day and presented the Address of this Corporation to be Transmitted to his Majesty, which Address his Grace was pleased to Receive, and returned the following Answer

I will Take Care that this Address be forthwith Transmitted to Great Brittain, to be laid before his Majesty. —

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Allowance for the Tholsell-Office — Orderd That the Allowance for finding Paper, Pens, Ink and other necessarys for the use of the Tholsell Office be for the future Three pounds a year

John Gilbert Aldn. — Upon The Petition of John Gilbert Aldermn. Setting forth that he is in possession of three Small Parks of Land Containing about Seven acres without Duleek gate Drogheda belonging to this Corporation, and within the Rules for renewing, and praying a Lease for Sixty one years of the Said premisses, and the Same being referrd to the Auditors and Viewers, and their Report thereon made; It is Orderd by this Assembly that the Said John Gilbert have a new Lease made to him in his own name of the Said premisses for Sixty one years, at the yearly Rent of Fifteen Shillings, and paying fifteen Shillings Fine, and Surrendering the Old Lease, and that a Mapp of Said premisses be affixed to Said Lease:

Sealing Days. — Orderd That the Seventh and fourteenth days of May next be Sealing Days for Corporation Leases.

May the 7th 1744.

Free-member. — This Day William Elliot upon his Petition granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a free-member of this Corporatn. paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument.

Free-Taylor — The Same Day John Woodhouse upon his petition granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a Free Taylor paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument

At a Genll. Assembly held before the Said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermn. & Common Councill being present the 13th day of July 1744

Comn. Councill-man — Upon The Petn. of the Master & Wardens and Fraternity of Butchers Setting forth that there is a Vacancy of a Common Councillman in the Generall Assembly to Represent Said Fraternity, in the Room of William Kain Deceasd and having according to their usual Custom Returned three persons of their Fraternity to this Assembly in Order to Choose one thereout, namely, John Thornton, Anthony Parks, and Henry Moore and praying this Assembly to Choose a fitt person thereout; Orderd that the Said John Thornton be, and he is hereby unanimously Elected a Common Councill man for Said Fraternity, and he being Called in was Sworn a Common Councill man accordingly.

Charls. Caldwell Esqr. — Upon The Petition of Charles Caldwell Esqr. Setting forth That he not apprehending that the Scite of St. Saviour's Church belonged to this Corporatn. omitted mentioning it in the Petn. which he lately presented to the Assembly for a Lease of some ground adjoyning to his Estate, and the Vault which was under Said Church as is Set forth in Said Petition and praying to have the Said Scite of the Church added to the premisses & included in the Lease which this Corpn. are pleased to grant him and the Same being referred to the Auditors & Viewers, and their Report thereon made; It is Orderd by this Assembly, that the Said Charles Caldwell have a Lease made to him in his own name of

of All Such part of the premisses as belong to the Corpn. for Sixty one years from Easter last at the yearly rent of Two pounds, and two pounds Fine, the whole to be in one Lease, and a Mapp to be annexd thereto.

Added to the Jayl Committee — Orderd That Aldn. William Graves, Aldn. John Broughton, Mr. Richard Jebb, and Mr. Oliver Fairtlough be added to the Jayl Committee

P. Ch: Justice Singleton — Orderd That the Auditors & Viewers do Examine what money is due from this Corporatn. to the Lord Chief Justice Singleton, principall and Interest, and that they do Consider of a proper Security to be given to his Lordship for the Principall Sum due to him, and that they Likewise Consider of the payment of the interest now due, & hereafter to become due, and Report the Same to the next Assembly

August 8th 1744.

Free-member — George Foster on his petition granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a Free-member of this Corporatn. paid the usual fees & Signd the Instrument

September 24th 1744.

Free Taylor. — John Dixon on his petition granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a Free-Taylor of this Corpn. paid the usual fees & Signed the Instrument.

At a Generall Assembly held before William Graves Esqr. Mayor Gilbert Austin and William Humphryson Esqrs. Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councill being present the Fifth day of October 1744.

Comn. Councill-men — Mr. Charles Sallery and Mr. James Sandiford Elected and Sworn Common Councillmen.

Late Mayr. Excusd Serving Mayor of the Staple — Aldermn. Henry Sheils the Late Mayor having Desired to be Excused the Office of Mayor of the Staple he being Oblidged to Reside in the Country; this Assembly doth therefore Excuse his Serving in the Said Office.

Aldn. Fras. Leigh Elected Mayr. of the Staple — Aldermn. Francis Leigh is Elected and Sworn Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the Ensuing year

Constables. — Mr. Charles Sallery and Mr. James Sandiford Elected & Sworn Constables of the Staple for the Ensuing year.

Coroners. — Mr. Charles Sallery and Mr. James Sandiford Elected & Sworn Coroners for the Ensuing year

Auditors. — Aldn. Willm. Lucas, Aldn. Edmd. Schoales, Aldn. Edwd. Hardman, Aldn. James Barlow, Mr. George Schoales, Mr. Willm. Skelly, Mr. Hugh Wheldon } Auditors & Viewers.

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Treasuer. — Ald.n Edward Meade Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing year —

Mast.r of y.e Guild. — Ald.n Townley Patten Elected Master of the Guild for the Ensuing year —

Wardens. — M.r George Schoales and M.r Anthony Bury Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing year —

Officers. — The Officers of the Sword & Mace and Marshall to Continue during the pleasure of the Corporation —

Streets. — Order'd That the Cleaning of the Streets and Lanes within this Town and Carrying away the Dirt for the Ensuing year be referr'd to M.r Mayor and his Worship to Call to his Assistance Such Aldermen as he Shall think fit

Water Customs. — Order'd That the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the Ensuing year by such person as M.r Mayor Shall appoint —

Crainage Pd. Tun to persons not free — Order'd That it be an Instruction to the person who Shall Collect the Water Customs, that he Suffer no person that is not a Freeman, to Craine any goods in the Craine on the Kay, without paying four pence per Ton Crainage according to the Docket —

Millstones not to be landed by the Crane — Order'd That no Millstone be Suffer'd to be Crained at Said Craine —

Laur: Pilly. — Order'd That the Sum of Forty Shillings be paid unto Laurence Pilly for one year Ending Michaelmas next by the Treasurer of this Corporat.n in Such manner as he Shall think fit and the Same to be allowed the Treasuer in his Acco.ts

Money Borrow'd from L: Ch: Justice Singleton — An Acco.t of Money borrowed by the Corporation from the Right Honble Lord Chief Justice Singleton in pursuance of an act of Assembly to Raise Money for building the Jail Marshalsea & Bridewell &c:

1739. July 31.t Then rec.d from him	200 " — " —
1740. april 16.th Then rec.d from him	200 " — " —
1741. april 25.th Then rec.d from him	153 " 10 " —
Principall	£553 " 10 " —

Three years Interest for the above Money from the 25.th april 1741 to the 25.th April 1744 at £5 — pr Ct. pann.d his Lordship only requiring the Interest to be Charged on the whole from the time of the last payment £83 " — " 6 —

Report. — We have Examined the above acc.t in Obedience to the Order of Reference of the last Generall Assembly and find the Same to be right and that there is due by the Corporation to the Right Honble Lord Chief Justice Singleton the principall Sum of Five hundred fifty three pounds ten Shillings being so much borrowed from him and received by the Treas.r and expended for building the Jail Marshalsea & Bridewell &c. and We are of Opinion that

that Some Sufficient Security be perfected to his Lordship for Securing the payment of the Said principall Sum in Such manner as M.r Recorder Shall advise —

We Likewise find by Information from the Treas.r that there hath not been any Interest payd for the Said Sum and that he hath directions from his Lordship to Charge the Corporation at the rate of £5 — pr Ct. only and that not to Commence till the time of the last payment of the above Sums which being the 25.th April 1741. there was due the 25.th April last three years Interest which comes to £83 " — " 6, and which we are of Opinion Should be discharged by the Treas.r as Soon as possibly he can and the growing Interest be likewise duely payd him and he to be allowed the Same on passing his Acc.ts which we Submitt to your Worships Consideration October 5.th 1744 —

Edw.d Hardman
James Barlow
Edm.d Schoales.
W.m Shelly
Hugh Wheldon
} Auditors & Viewers

The Above Acco.t and Report being Read the Same were agreed to, and Confirm'd by this Assembly, and Order'd to be Enter'd. —

M.r Percivall's Pet.n Rejected. — M.r William Percivall having Petitioned this Assembly for the renewall of a Lease of Four little Crofts in the Dale Cont.ng two Roods and twenty five perches, a Tenement on the Cornmarket hill in the possession of George Dawson's Widow, and a Park in the Fishers Bater Cont.ng Eight acres & Twenty four perches, formerly made by the Corp.n to his father Ald.n Thomas Percivall, and the Said Petition having been Rejected; It is Order'd That the Auditors & Viewers do View the Said premisses, and do Report their Opinion to the next Assembly how the Same may be Set again to the best Advantage for the benefit of this Corporat.n, and that they Cause a Survey to be made of the Said premisses. —

goods not to pay Custom — Order'd That goods coming into Town for private Gentlemen's use, and for Consumption in their Family's, do pay no Custom

not Salt — Order'd That Salt made in this Town, and to be Carried out of town, to be free from Custom.

Gate Custom's — The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Set to Alderm.n Jonathan Nicholls at Seven pounds a week for one year to Commence from and After the Fifteenth day of October instant —

November 6.th 1744.

Free Cordwain.r — Samuel Fewtrill upon his petition granted him by the Assembly was this day Sworn a Free Cordwainer paid the usual Fees and Signed the Instrument.

At a Gen.ll Assembly held the 18.th day of January 1744.

Whereas M.r William Percivall having petitioned the Last Assembly for the renewall of a Lease of Four little Crofts in the Dale Containing two roods and twenty five perches, a Tenement on the Cornmarket hill in the possession of George Dawson's Widow, and a Park in the Fisher's Bater Containing Eight acres and twenty four perches — which petition being then Rejected; It was order'd that the Auditors.

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Auditors and Viewers Should view the Said Premisses and report their Opinion thereon to this Assembly how the same may be Sett again to the best Advantage for the benefit of this Corporatn, which report is as follows. —

Report

Pursuant to the above order of Reference to us directed We have Viewed and Caused a Survey to be made of the Said premisses, or so much thereof as we find Said Percivall to be in possession of as Tenant to this Corporation, and find the four Crofts in the Dale Said by the Said Lease to Contain two roods and twenty five perches, are now but three Crofts and Contains only two roods and twelve perches, the Tenement on the Corn market hill now in the possession of George Elliott Contains only twenty four perches, and on which Said Elliott has lately built four Small Cabbins. The park in the Fishers Baker Said by Said Lease to Contain eight acres and twenty four perches, Contains only Five acres and twenty Six perches that the Said Percivall is in possession of, but we take leave to inform your Worships that there is a piece of Meadow South of Said Park containing one Acre two roods which by the mearing in Said Percivalls Lease appears to be part of Said park of Eight Acres & twenty four perches which is now Enjoyed by the Tenant of Robt Rigmaden who Claims it as his Estate, as heir to Robert Smith, who we find has been in possession of it 55: years. —

We are of Oppinion Said Lands are worth Twenty Shillings an acre, and that it will be most for the Interest of this Corporation to Set Said Lands by Cant or proposall to the best bidder for Such Term of years as this Assembly Shall think fitt and to fine of all the rent reserving only the present rent of Eleven Shillings a year payable to this Corporation and that Mapps be annexed to Said Lease or Leases; all which We humbly Submitt to your Worships Consideration Given under our hands this 18th day of January 1744. —

Edwd Hardman
Edmd Schoales
Wm Lucas
Geo: Schoales
Wm Skelly
} Auditors & Viewers.

Which Report being now read; It is Orderd by this Assembly that the Said mentioned premisses, which are now in the holding of Mr Percivall or his under-tenants except that part in the possession of George Elliott be Sett up by Publick Cant at the Tholsell on the 25th day of March next, to the highest bidder for the Term of Sixty one years from Easter next at the reserved rent of Ten Shillings yearly to this Corporatn. The Said Cant to be held between ten and twelve O'Clock in the forenoon —

George Elliott

Granted unto George Elliott upon his Petition a Lease of all that Spott of ground on the Old Corn market hill now in his possession Containing twenty four perches, whereon he hath lately built four Small Cabbins, for the Term of Sixty one years from Easter next at 9d yearly rent of Eleven Shills Sterl.

Mr Rowan

Orderd That the Sum of one pound ten Shillings be paid to the Revd Mr Rowan for Preaching before this Corporatn on Michaelmas day last; and that for the future there be not any thing paid by this Corporation for preaching on the Said Day. —

Corn to pay Water Custom.

Resolved That it is the Opinion of this Assembly that all Corn brought to this Town by Water be liable to the Same Customs, as if the Same came by Land-Carriage. —

Jos: Harpur Surgeon.

Orderd That Mr Joseph Harpur Surgeon be paid the Sum of Five guineas for his extraordinary care and readiness in attending and releiving the Sick and poor persons of this Town that require his Assistance, and that the Same be payd him by the Treasurer of this Corporatn and to be allowed him on passing his accounts. —

January 21st 1744. —

Free-mercht.

Hugh Henry upon his Petition granted him the last Generall Assembly was this day Sworn a Free-mercht of this Corporatn paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument —

Free-member

The Same Day Martin Carroll upon his Petition granted him was Sworn a Free-member of this Corporation paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument —

At a Special Assembly held the First day of Aprill 1745. —

£150: to be pd Mr Hughes.

Mr Mayor having Layd before this Assembly a Copy of the following Order, with which he has been Served, and the Same being read; It is unanimously agreed, in Obedience to the Said Order, that the Sum of One hundred and fifty pounds mentioned therein be payd to the Revd Pierce Hughes by Aldn Edward Meade Treasr who is desired to Advance or procure the Same and this Assembly doth hereby engage to Repay the Said Sum with Interest, and discharge the Same whenever the Said Edward Meade Shall require it —

Lord Chanr

Tuesday the 5th March 1744. —

Between the Revd Pierce Hughes Vicar of the Parish of St Peters Drogheda, Plt —

The Mayor Sherriffs Burgesses and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda and his Majestys Attorney General — Defts —

Order of Chancery

This Cause comeing on to be heard on the 2d & 4th March Inst and this day upon a Report bearing date the 6th day of December last made in this Cause by Doctor Wall one of the Masters of this Court pursuant to an Order of the Second of June last, upon opening of the matter It appeared to the Court that this Cause was heard in this Court on the Second day of June aforesaid, and it was then amongst other matters Ordered adjudged and Decreed that it Should be and was thereby referred to Doctor Wall one of the Masters of this Court to State and Settle an account of what was due from the Defts to the Corporation of the Said Town for the yearly Sum of 54 in the pleadings mentioned from the time the Plt became Vicar of the Parish of St Peters in the Said town of Drogheda in the pleadings mentioned, on which Said account all just Allowances were to be given, and it was further Ordered that the Said Master Should receive proposalls for the future Application of

of the Said Sum of 54. a year and to Report his Opinion to what use it would be most proper to the Apply the Same, and on Return of the Said Report his Lordship was pleased to Declare, he would direct to whom the arrears then due by the Said Corporation Should be paid, and would also make Such further Order as would be fitt, that pursuant there=to the Said Master made his Report bearing date as aforesaid which was duly fyled in the proper Office, wherein he Reported that he found by the Admission of the Said Defts there was due from them for the Said annuall Sum of fifty four pounds, and the arrears thereof for Seventeen years and an half from the 25th of Decemr 1726. being the time the Plt became Vicar of the Said Parish to the 24th June 1744. the Sum of Nine hundred and forty five pounds Sterl. and further reported that it had been proposed to the Said Master by the Plt that Since the Said yearly Sum of 54li could not then be applyed to the Orginall design in the pleadings mentioned that the Same Should be applyed and paid for the future under the Sanction of a Decree of this Honble Court to the Vicar of St Peters Church aforesaid for the time being in Order the better to Enable him the Said Vicar to main=tain two Curates to assist in the performance of Divine Service or prayers thrice Every day and preaching a Sermon every Sunday in the afternoon, and It was further proposed by the Said Plt that both Said Curates Should be appointed by his Grace the Lord Primate of all Ireland for the time being and that they Should be paid by the Said Vicar the yearly Sallary of Forty pounds to the first Curate and thirty pounds to the Second Curate payable half yearly so long as the Said yearly Sum of fifty four pounds Should be paid to the Said Vicar of the Said Church for the purpose aforesaid, And in Regard the Defts had made no Objection to the Said proposall, the Master was of Opinion that the method proposed was proper for the future application of the Said 54li a year and accordingly came the 2d & 4th Instant to be heard on the Said Report and merrits and on this day to be heard on the Said Report and merrits in presence of Councill Learned for both Sides, Whereupon and upon Opening the pleadings reading Said order and Report and on full debate of the matter It is this Day, that is to Say, Tuesday the 5th March 1744. Ordered Adjudged and Decreed by the Rt Honble the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, that it be, and is hereby Referred back to the Said Dr Wall to Enquire what Sum or Sums of money the Plt has paid or Engaged to pay to the two Curates Officiateing at Droghda from the time the Plt has been Inducted into the Said Vicarage to this Day, as also what the Said Vicar laid out upon Repairs of the house Called the Vicars Choralls House, and what will now be proper to Repair the Same and on Return of the Said Report Such further Order will be made as will be fitt, and it is further ordered that the Said Defts the Corporation of Droghda do pay unto the Plt the Sum of One Hundred and fifty pounds in the mean time Subject to the further Order of this Court

Dobson for the Plt
Jones for the Defts

Anth: Malone
Har: Smith

Signed the 15th March 1744

(a Copy) Tho Cooper D. R.

Vicrs Chorall — Ordered That the Auditors and Viewers do Consider and Report their Opinion to the next generall Assembly how the money due from this Corporation to the Vicars Choralls may be raised to be ready for payment when a Decree of the Court of Chancery shall determine that Cause; and that they likewise Consider what Expences, which the Corporation have been heretofore at may be Lessend or layd aside here=after in Order the better to provide for the payment of the Debts which the Corporation is now Subject unto.

At a Post Assembly held before the Said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermn being present the 24th day of April 1745.

Mayor Elect — Aldermn Robert Ford is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporat for the Ensuing year according to the Law of Succession

Sherriff Elect — Mr John Leland is Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the Ensuing year

At a Genll Assembly held before the Said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councill being present the 26th day of April 1745.

Sherriff Elect — Mr John Jebb is Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the Ensuing year along with Mr John Leland.

Election to be Certifyed — Ordered That the Election of the Mayor and Sherriffs be forthwith Certifyed to the Government for their Approbation

Proctors — Aldn John Graham and Mr Edward Norman are Elected Proctors of Saint John's Poorhouse

Receiver — Mr George Schoales is Appointed Receiver of the Rents of the Commons for one year from Easter Last with power to Enforce the payment of the Said Rents by Distress or otherwise

Willm Ogle Aldn — Upon The Petition of William Ogle Aldermn Setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of one Messuage and Garden near St Mary's Church Stile; One Small Spring park in the fishers Bater Containing three acres three roods and thirty four Perches, One Messuage without Duleek Gate, The Rotten Roe mearing to the South Quay, also a Thatch'd Tenement in St John's Street, under a Lease from this Corporat which is now near Ex=piring and within the Rules for renewing and praying a new Lease to be granted him for Sixty one years of the Said premises; and the Said Petition being referr'd to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon made; It is Ordered by this Assembly that the Said William Ogle have a new Lease made to him in his own name of the Said premises for Sixty one years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of Eleven Shillings Sterling and paying Eleven Shillings fine, and that a Mapp of the premises be annexed to Said Lease

Ordered

Order'd That the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their names annexed out of the Rents of the Commons, the said payments Commencing from Michaelmas last and ending at Michas next

Pensioners

Widow Stapleton	£3:10:0	Widow Daws	2:—:—
Wid.w Lunders	2:—:—	Ann Knight	3:—:—
Francis North	2:—:—	Elinor Bould	3:—:—
John Bolton	4:—:—	Mary Holt	2:—:—
Thom.s Fullard	2:—:—	Wid.w of Tho.s Bently	1:10:—
Francis Evans	2:—:—	Wid.w of George Cooke and Seven Children	3:10:—
Joseph Appleyard	2:—:—		
Barb.a Souch	2:10:—	Rich.d Shorten's Child	2:—:—
Fforze of the Commons.	8:—:—	Thom.s Wrights Child	1:10:—
Wid.w of Thom.s Boddington	3:—:—	John Wallace's Child	1:—:—
Arthur Carroll	2:—:—	Joseph Holmes's Children	4:—:—
Wid.w Brickhill	2:10:—	John Cooke	1:15:—
Henry Simpall wife and Children	2:—:—	Margaret Ellis	3:—:—
		Ann M.cEvoy	2:—:—
Wid.w of John Andrew	3:—:—	Mary Donnelly & Children	2:—:—
Wid.w of John Deaken	3:—:—	Frances Marsden	2:—:—
M.rs Ackland for a Child of Thom.s Barton	2:—:—	Wid.w of John Ackland	2:10:—
		Wid.w of Rob.t Elliott & Children	5:—:—
Widow Sanders	4:—:—	Mary Bonus	1:10:—
Wid.w of Will.m Barron	4:—:—	M.r Geo: Schoales for a Son of Edw.d Hamilton	1:10:—
Widow Ruxton	4:—:—		
Wid.w of Edward Chambers and Children	3:—:—	Mary Taylor	3:—:—
		Widow of Will.m Cain	2:—:—
£60:10:—		Rich.d Lucas for a Child of John Dixon	1:—:—
			£50:15:—

Informat.n ag.t the Corporat.n

Ald.r Edward Meade having layd before this Assembly a Coppy of the Information of his Majestys Attorney Gen.l against the Corporat.n which is fyled in the High Court of Chancery in the Cause with the Rev.d Pierce Hughes Vicar of St. Peters about the Vicars Chorals money, and the same being read in Open Assembly; Order'd That the Recorder be desired to prepare an answer for the Corporation to the said Information, and that the Treasurer be allowed all such Sums of money as he hath already or shall hereafter advance in this Cause, or any other now depending in behalf of the Corporat.n upon producing proper Vouchers for the same —

Auditors Report abt the Vic.rs Chorals money &c. —

In Obedience to the Order of Reference directed to us, by a Speciall Assembly held the first day of Aprill last, to Consider how the money due to the Vicars Chorals may be raisd and what Expences may be lessend or layd Aside, which the Corporation is now Subject to: We are of opinion that the money wanting for the purpose aforesaid must be borrowd, where it can be had upon the Easiest Terms, and upon such Security as M.r Recorder shall think adviseable for the Corporation to give; And we have Considered the present Income and Circumstances of the Corporation, which we find will not admitt of any new burthen being already overloaded, and therefore in order the better to provide

provide for the payment of the Interest of the money already borrowd by the Corporation, and what will be farther requisite to discharge the aforesaid Debt, We are of Opinion that every reduction of the present annual Expences of the Corporation that can be thought of, should be made thereby to raise a fund for the payment of the Interest of the whole Debt, until such time as it shall be in the power of the Corporation to discharge or Lessen the Same; And we humbly Submit it to the Consideration of the Assembly whether the following Reduction which we apprehend may be made without offence or prejudice to any person, Should not be Resolved on to answer the purposes aforesaid.

First Agreed.	A Reduction of the Mayors Salary and his Worship to be excused the Entertainments heretofore made at his Expence on the 23.d of October & 5.th of November and the four quarterly post Assembly's	£30:—:—
2.dly Agreed.	The Expence of Riding the Franchises computed to come to about £20 p.ann to be taken off the Corporation	20:—:—
3.dly Agreed	The English News to be Dropp'd and only one Dublin paper to be Continued, which we Compute will Save near	10:—:—
4.thly Agreed.	The Expence of two Sermons to be Dropp'd	3:—:—
Agreed	D.o Musick	3:10:—
Agreed	Powder	1:10:—
Agreed	Reduction of the Ale to the Barracks allowing the Army for Six days when here viz.t the Kings Birth day, Coronation, Prince of Wales's Birth day, 23.d of October 5.th of November, and first of July, a Barrell each day not Exceeding Twenty five Shillings p.r Barrell	10:—:—
Agreed.	Reduction of the Bang-beggars Salary	1:6:—
	which Several Reductions will amount to	£79:6:—

And We farther Submit to this Assembly as we think a farther reduction necessary if it can Conveniently be made, whether the following annual Charges viz.t —

Agreed. To Drop from 24.th June	To the Bridewell keeper	£5:—:—
This. postpond	Sexton	3:—:—
This. postpond	Overseers of the Float & Piles	13:—:—
This postpond	Scavangers	22:—:—

may not likewise be lessend in Some degrees during the present necessitys of the Corporation as this Assembly Shall think fit given under our hands the 26.th Aprill 1745. —

Wm Lucas
Edw.d Hardman
James Barlow
Wm Shelly
Geo: Schoales
} Auditors & Viewers

Which Report being Read the Same was Order'd and agreed to by this Assembly, as it is mentiond in the Margent of the Said Report

Order'd —

Town-work — Order'd That whenever any Town-work (the finishing of which Shall Exceed forty Shillings) is to be Done the Mayor Shall give Six days notice to be posted on the Tholsel that he is ready to receive proposals for executing Such work, and that at the End of Such Six days, he Shall Call a Committee of Six Aldermen Such as he Shall think proper, to Consider of the received proposals and in what manner Such work can be Cheapest and best done: and that no person Shall be Employed in the Town-work till he has first agreed with the Mayor & Said Committee, and fixed the price at which he will finish Such work, as he then undertakes, and that the Treasurer Shall not pay any Bill for work done for the Corporation Exceeding forty Shillings till he has received a Certificate from the Mayor and the Committee to be appointed as aforesaid, or a Majority of them that Such work was previously agreed for by them, and that it is finished according to agreement

Merch.ts Quarteridge to y.e repair y.e Crane — Order'd That for the Future the Expences of repairing the Crane be paid out of the Merch.ts Quarteridge

Sealing Day. — Order'd That monday the Seventeenth day of June next be a Sealing Day for Corporation Leases.

At an Assembly held by Special appointment before the Said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen being present the 17.th day of May 1745.

Ald.n Elected. — M.r George Schoales was unanimous Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the Room of George Blacker late Alderm.n of this Corporat.n Decea'd.

At a Special Assembly held before the Said Mayor and Sherriffs the Alderm.n & Common Councill being present the 17.th day of June 1745.

Answ.r to y.e Informat.n — Ald.n Edward Meade having inform'd the Assembly that he had received from the Recorder the Answer which he was directed by Act of the last Gen.ll Assembly to draw for the Corporation to the Informat.n fild in the High Court of Chancery ag.t the Corporat.n in the Cause with the Rev.d Pierce Hughes Vicar of S.t Peters about the Vicars-Chorals money, and the Same being read in open Assembly: and agreed to, as the Answer of this Corporation to the Said Information; 'tis Order'd by this Assembly that the Seal of this Corporat.n be affixed thereto agreeable to the Commission annex'd to it for taking the Said Answer

Barr-perch — M.r Mayor having inform'd this Assembly that the Barr-perch is out of Repair, It is Order'd that M.r Mayor Ald.n John Rencher, Ald.n Edm.d Schoales Ald.n Ford Ald.n George Schoales Ald.n George Rencher, M.r Richard Jebb and M.r Oliver Fairtlough or any four of them be a Committee to Order the Said Barr-Perch to be Sufficiently repaired and that they or any four of them Sign an Order on the Treas.r for the Costs and Charges attending the Said Work

July 8.th 1745.

Free-Carpenter — George Rencher on his Petition granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a Free Carpenter paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument

At a Gen.ll Assembly held before the Said Mayor and Sherriffs the Alderm.n and Common Councill being present the 19.th day of July 1745.

Comon Coun.l man for y.e Cordwainers — Upon the Petition of the Master & Wardens and the rest of the Fraternity of Cordwainers Setting forth that they want a Common Councill man to Represent them in the Gen.ll Assembly in the Room of M.r John Wood their late Representative Decea'd, and have therefore according to usual Custom nominated three of their Fraternity viz.t M.r John Chapman, M.r Thomas Holland and M.r Thomas Sweetman and pray this Assembly to Choose a fit person thereout to Represent them as aforesaid: It is therefore Order'd by this Assembly, that the Said Thomas Holland be and he is hereby Elected and Chosen a Common Councill man for the Said Fraternity and the Said Thomas Holland being Called in was Sworn a Common Councill man accordingly.

River Comittee — Order'd that the following persons be added to the River Committee viz.t Ald.n Hardman, Ald.n John Graham, Ald.n Ford, Ald.n George Rencher, Ald.n George Schoales, M.r Oliver Fairtlough and M.r Edward Norman and that the Said River Committee do imediately meet and Apply to Some person Skilled in Drudging, to make an Estimate of the Expence of Drudging and Cleansing the Swash, and to Report their proceedings thereon imediately to M.r Mayor who is to Lay the Same before a Special Assembly, if he thinks proper.

Mary Stapleton — Upon the Petition of Mary Stapleton Daughter of the Widow Stapleton Decea'd late a pensioner on the Commons praying the half years pension due at Michaelmas next to help defraying the Charges in the time of her Sickness: It is Order'd by this Assembly that the Receiver of the Rents of the Commons do pay the Petitioner the half year that will be due at Michaelmas next

Receiv.r of y.e rents of y.e Comons to Acco.t — Order'd that the Late Receiver of the Rents of the Commons Do make up his Accounts before M.r Mayor and the Auditors Sometime before Michaelmas next.

Proctors to acco.t — Order'd that the Severall Proctors of S.t John's poorhouse that have been Since the year 1735. Do make up their Accounts before M.r Mayor and the Auditors some time before Michaelmas next

Sealing Day — Order'd That Monday the 12.th day of August next be a Sealing day for Corporation Leases.

August 15.th 1745.

Free-merch.t — John Chamney upon his Petition granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a Freemerchant of this Corporat.n paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument

August 19.th 1745.

Free-merch.t — Phillip Pendleton upon his Petition granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a Freemerchant of this Corporat.n paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument

Free-Carpent.r — The Same Day John Urmston upon his Petition granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a Free Carpenter paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument

August 26.th 1745.

Free-Cordwain.r — Ames Ash upon his Petition granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a Free Cordwainer of this Corporation paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument

Free-Taylor. John Elliot upon his Petition granted him by the Assembly was on the 28th day of March 1743 — Sworn a Free-Taylor of this Corporation paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument, & omitted to be Enterd before. —

Free-Taylor. Edward Jones upon his Petition granted him by the Assembly was on the 28th day of March 1743 — Sworn a Free-Taylor of this Corporation, paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument and omitted to be Enterd before. —

Free-Mercht. John Rencher upon his Petition granted him by the Assembly was on the 11th day of April 1743 — Sworn a Free-Merchant of this Corporation, paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument, and omitted to be Entered before. —

Special Assembly. At a Speciall Assembly held before Robert Ford Esqr Mayor, John Leband & John Sibb Esqrs Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the First day of October 1745. —

Mr Mayor having layd before this Assembly the Draft of an Address to his Majesty, and the Same having been Read, is unanimously agreed to by this Assembly, and Ordered to be fairly Engrossd on Parchment and the Seal of this Corporation Affixed thereto, and the Same to be Presented to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant by the Representatives of this Corporation or one of them in Order to be Transmitted to his Majesty; which Address is as follows —

Address to the King

To The Kings Most Excellent Majesty

The Humble Address of the Mayor Sherriffs Burgesses and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda

We your Majestys most faithfull Subjects beg leave upon this occasion, to Declare our hearty Detestation of the present wicked and Vain Attempts against your Majestys Crown and Kingdoms in favour of a Popish Pretender

Our Sufferings and Depression in the Reign of the Late King James, Our Reveral and happy Delverance by the hand of the Great King William and the Accession of your Illustrious House to the Crown of these Realms, have for Ever Armed us against Popery and Arbitrary Power; and the innumerable Blessings derived to us from your Majestys Mild and Just Administration, firmly convince us, that when We're most Vigilant for your Majestys Safety, We provide most Effectually for our own —

Permit

Permit us, Royal Sr, animated with these principles to Tender the warmest Efforts, for the Defence of your Majestys Sacred Person, that True Loyalty and Affection can Inspire, and to Assure our most Gracious Sovereign, that we Shall think our Lives and fortunes only Valueable, as they can Assist, in preserving to us the happyness of your Majestys Government, and the Succession of it in your Royal Line, upon which the Welfare of us, and our Posterity depends. —

At a Generall Assembly held before the Said Mayor and Sherriffs the Alderm.n and Common Council being present the Eleventh day of October 1745.

Com: Councilman. Mr Gilbert Austin Elected and Sworn a Common Council man —

Mayr of ye Staple. Aldn William Graves Elected and Sworn Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the Ensuing year —

Constables. Mr Gilbert Austin and Mr Willm Humphryson Elected and Sworn Constables of the Staple for the Ensuing year —

Coroners. Mr Gilbert Austin and Mr Willm Humphryson Elected and Sworn Coroners for the Ensuing year —

Auditors. Aldn Willm Lucas, Aldn Edmd Schoales, Aldn Edwd Hardman, Aldn James Barlow, Mr George Schoales, Mr Willm Shelly, Mr Hugh Wheldon — Audtrs & Viewers —

Treasurer. Aldn Edward Meade Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing year —

Mr of ye Guild. Aldn John Graham Elected Master of the Guild for the Ensuing year —

Wardens. Mr Edwd Norman and Mr Charles Sallery Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing year —

Officers. The Officers of the Sword & Mace and Marshall to Continue during the pleasure of the Corporation —

Streets. Ordered That the Cleaning of the Streets and Lanes within this Town, and Carrying away the Dirt for the Ensuing year be referrd to Mr Mayor, and his Worship to Call to his Assistance Such Aldermen as he Shall think fit —

Water Customs. Ordered That the Water Customs of this Corporat.n be Collected the Ensuing year by Such person as Mr Mayor Shall Appoint —

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Salt not to pay town Custom.

Ordered that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which has been bought in this Town, for one year from the 15th instant

Laur: Pilly.

Ordered that the Sum of Forty Shillings be paid unto Laurence Pilly for one year Ending Michaelmas next by the Treasurer of this Corporation in Such manner as he Shall think fit, and the Same to be allowed the Treasurer in his Accounts.

Eliz.th Heale.

Granted unto Elizabeth Heale upon her Petition the present Vacancy in St. John's Poorhouse

Gate Customs.

The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Sett to Ald.r George Rencher at Seven pounds Sixteen Shillings a week for one year to Commence from and after the Fifteenth day of October instant

Money Ordered for Transmitting two Highway men

Ordered that the Sum of One pound fifteen Shillings be paid by the Treasurer of this Corporation to Robert M.Carthey Goaler in full of his demand for Transmitting the Bodys of Owen M.Evagh and Patrick M.Evagh two Highway men from hence to Dundalk by Vertue of a Transmitt Warr.t and the Same to be allowed the Treas.r in passing his accounts.

January the 9th 1745.

Ald.r Sworn.

This day M.r George Schoales was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation pursuant to his Election

At a Gen.l Assembly held the 17th day of January 1745.

Proctors of St. John's poorhouse Accots agreed to

M.r Edward Cheshire and Ald.n Will.m Graves having brought in their Several accounts as Proctors of St. John's Poorhouse and the Same having been Examined and Signed by the Auditors and Viewers are agreed unto and Ordered to be Entered in the Proctors Book

M.r Harpur Surg.n

Ordered that M.r Joseph Harpur Surgeon be paid the Sum of Five guineas for his extraordinary Care and readyness in attending and Relieving the Sick and poor Persons of this Town that Require his Assistance, and that the Same be payd him by the Treasurer of this Corporat.n and to be allowed him on passing his accounts.

Gun-powder

Ordered that a Hundred weight of Gun-powder be bought at the Expence of this Corporat.n for the use of the Militia

April 1.st 1746.

Free-merch.t

William Howard upon his Petition granted him by the Assembly was this day Sworn a Free-merch.t of this Corporat.n paid the usual fees & Signed the Instrument

April 3.d 1746.

Free-man

George Elliott upon his Petition granted him by the Assembly, was this day Sworn a Free-man of this Corporat.n paid the usual fees & Signed the Instrument.

At a Special Assembly held the 3.d day of April 1746.

Water Customs abated the new to Encourage Navig.n above bridge

M.r Mayor having acquainted this Assembly that the Navigation Board have now under their Consideration the making the River Boyne Navigable above the Bridge of Drogheda towards Trim in the County of Meath by Applying the Funds vested in them by act of Parliament thereto; and that it hath been objected at the Said Board, that the Water Customs which this Corporation have a right to by their Charters, if required to be paid for goods and Vessells passing that way, will be a discouragement to the Said Navigation, and Lessen the use of it; This Assembly taking the Same into Consideration, are of opinion to encourage a work so beneficiall to the Publick and Do agree that Ald.n Francis Leigh being a member of the Said Navigation Board be directed to promote it and to Engage for this Corporat.n in Such manner as he Shall think fit for the abatement of all Water Customs which they have a right to, whereby the Said Navigation may be any way discouraged, or the benefit of it Lessened to the Publick; and that a Copy of this Act be Sent to Ald.n Leigh to Dublin

At a Past Assembly held before the Said Mayor & Sherriffs the Alderm.n being present the 9.th day of April 1746

Mayor Elect.

Ald.n George Rencher is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporat.n for the Ensuing year according to the Law of Succession

Sherriff

M.r John Rencher is Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corporat.n for the Ensuing year

At a Gen.l Assembly held before the Said Mayor and Sherriffs the Alderm.n and Common Councill being present the 11.th Day of April 1746.

Sherriff

M.r John Chamney is Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corpor.n for the Ensuing year, along with M.r John Rencher

Elect.n Certified

Ordered That the Election of the Mayor and Sherriffs be forthwith Certifyed to the Government for their Approbation

Franchises.

Ordered That the Franchises of this Corporat.n be Held this present year at Such time as M.r Mayor Shall think fit to Appoint

Recevers

Ald.n William Ogle and M.r John Thornton are Appointed Recevers of the Rents of the Commons for one year from Easter last with power to Enforce the payment of the Rents by Distress or otherwise

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Ordered That the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their names annexed out of the Rents of the Commons, the Said payments Commencing from Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next

Pensioners

Widow Lunders	£2:--:	Elinor Bould	£3:--:
Franc.s North	2:--:	Wid.o of Thom.s Bently	2:--:
John Bolton	4:--:	Wid.o of George Cooke & Seven Children	3:10:-
Thom.s Fullard	2:10:-		
Franc.s Evans	2:--:	Rich.d Shorkens Child	2:--:
Joseph Appleyard	2:10:-	Thom.s Wrights Child	1:10:-
Barb.a Souch	2:10:-	John Wallaces Child	1:--:-
Furze of the Commons	8:--:	Joseph Holmes's Child.n	1:--:-
Wid.o of Tho.s Boddington	3:--:	John Cooke	1:15:-
Arthur Carroll	2:--:	Marg.t Ellis	3:--:-
Wid.o Brickhill	2:10:-	Ann M.cEvoy	2:--:-
Henry Simpall wife and Children	2:--:	Mary Donnelly & Child.n	3:--:-
		Frances Marsden	2:--:-
Wid.o of John Andrew	3:--:	Wid.o of John Ackland	2:--:-
Wid.o of John Deaken	3:--:	Wid.o of Rob.t Elliot & Child.n	5:--:-
Mr.s Ackland for a Child of Thom.s Barton	2:--:	Mary Bonus	1:10:-
		Ald.n Geo: Scholes for a Son of Edw.d Hamilton	1:10:-
Wid.o Sanders	4:--:		
Wid.o of Will.m Barron	4:--:	Mary Taylor	1:--:-
Wid.o of Edw.d Chambers & Children	3:--:	Wid.o of Will.m Cain	2:--:-
		Rich.d Lucas for a Child of John Dixon	1:--:-
Wid.o Ruxton	4:--:		
Wid.o Daws	2:--:	John Cloff	2:--:-
Ann Knight	3:--:	Frances Steale	1:10:-
	£63:--:-		£49:15:-

Corporat.n Float

Upon the Pet.n of George Rencher Alderm.n praying the use of the Corporat.n Float, to help to Remove the Wreck of a Ship belonging to him, which now lyes directly in the Channell and is a Nuisance to all other Ships or Vessells Trading to this Town; It is Ordered by this Assembly that the Said George Rencher have the use of the Said Float for the purpose aforesaid he making good any Damage it Shall Sustain thereby. —

Special Assembly.

At a Speciall Assembly held by the Table of Aldermen the 27.th day of June 1746. — being Present

William Graves Esq.r Mayor of the Staple
John Rencher — Ald.n
Henry Ogle — Ald.n
Franc.s Leigh — Ald.n
Edw.d Meade — Ald.n
Will.m Ogle — Ald.n
John Broughton — Ald.n
James Barlow — Ald.n
Thom.s Wye — Ald.n
Jonath.n Nicholls — Ald.n
George Rencher — Ald.n
George Scholes — Ald.n
John Leland — } Sherriffs.
John Sebb — }

Mayor Elected

Ald.n Francis Leigh is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation untill Michaelmas day next, in the Room of Ald.n Robert Ford late Mayor of this Corporat.n deceased. —

Elect.n Certifyed.

Ordered that this Election be forthwith Certifyed to the Govern=ment for their Approbation under the Seal of this Corporation.

June 30.th 1746.

At a Meeting of the Table of Aldermen

Mayor Sworn

Ald.n Francis Leigh was Sworn Mayor of this Corporation untill Michaelmas Day next pursuant to his Election and the Approbation of the Government now Read. —

July 7.th 1746.

Free-merch.t

Edward Cheshire Jr. upon his Pet.n granted him by the Assembly was this day Sworn a Free-merch.t of this Corporation paid the usual fees & Signed the Instrument

Free-Smith

The Same day George Clegg upon his Pet.n granted him by the Assembly was Sworn a Free Smith, paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument

At a Gen.l Assembly held the 18.th day of July 1746. —

Edw.d Meade Ald.n

Upon the Pet.n of Edward Meade Ald.n Setting forth that he is in posession in his own right of one little House or Shed adjoyning to St. James's Gate on the South side without the walls mearing between Chesvers Land on the South, the Said Gate North, the Town Wall west, and the Street East; also one Small Croft without the Said Gate, mearing to the Town Wall west, to the Deal East, to Town-land in the posession of Ald.n Meade North, and Town land in the posession of the Ex.rs of Ald.n Whorley Dec.d on the South which premises were granted by Lease from the Corporation to Robert Scott Dec.d at three Shillings p.d and purchased by Ald.n Henry Meade under whom the Said Petitioner Derives, but that Said Lease now in his hands is Expired: That he is Likewise in posession of a Park near the Black-bush on Uriel Side bounded to Ald.n Henry Nicholls their Inheritance on the East, to Earll of Anglesys Land West, Town land in the posesion of Thomas Pippard Sen.r North, and town land in the posesion of Sicke Conly on the South, which among other holdings was granted by Lease from the Corporation to Ald.n Henry Nicholls Dec.d and purchased by the Said Ald.n Henry Meade, Subject to the yearly Rent of Fifteen Shillings, and that Said Lease is now neat expiring and within the Rules for renewing; That he is Like=wise in posesion of two Tenements on the North side of West Street One where of was formerly held by Patrick Mooney Dec.d and now by John Collier, the other formerly in the holding of Ignat.s Bird and now in a Ruinous Condition and falling down; which premises were granted by Lease from this Corporation to Ald.n James Meade for Sixty one years from Easter One thousand Seven hundred and Eleven at twenty Shillings p.d and purchased by the Said Petitioner; and that in regard of one part of the premises being in so ruinous a condition, as to require to be Rebuilt and the other so much out of Repair as to require a good deal of money to

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to be laid out upon it, and for the Encouragement of Building, praying a Renewall of the Said Lease, and likewise of the above mentioned premisses and the whole to be put into One in the name of the Petitioner; and the Said Petition being referrd to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon made; It is Orderd by this Assembly that the Said Petitioner have a new Lease of the whole in his own name for Sixty one years from Easter last paying the Old Rent, and One years Rent Fine and Rebuilding that Holding in West Street formerly Ignat.s Birds, and that a Mapp of the Land be annexd to the Leases. —

Char.s Caldwell Esq.r

Upon the Petition of Charles Caldwell Esq.r Setting forth That as Assignee of the Right Honble Henry Earl of Drogheda Deceas.d he is possessed of a House Messuage or Tenement with the Appurtenances Scituate lying and being on the Bullring in the town of Drogheda by Virtue of a Lease from this Corporation bearing date the 15.th day of October 1697. for a Term of Sixty one years from the Feast of St Michael preceding, at and under the yearly rent of £2"5"0. Ster.d which Said Lease will determine at Michas 1758. and that the Said House is decayed and become totally ruinous, insomuch that it is not now habitable, and by reason his interest therein is so Short He hath not any Encouragement to lay out money in Rebuilding or repairing the Same, and praying this Assembly to accept of a Surrender of his Lease, and to grant him a new Lease of the Premisses; and the Said Petition being referrd to the Auditors and Viewers, and their Report thereon made, It is Orderd by this Assembly that the Said Petitioner have a Lease made to him in his own name of the Said House and background containing fifteen feet Eight inches in the front Fifty two feet and a half in depth, and eighteen feet in the Rear, for the Term of Sixty one years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of Two pounds five Shillings, and paying 2 years Rent Fine, and Rebuilding the premisses within Three years, Provided the Said Petitioner makes it appear to this Corporation that he has a power to Surrender the Lease mentioned in his Petition

Philip Nevitt

Upon The Petition of Philip Nevitt Setting forth that he is a Sherriffs Peer and a member of this Assembly and through Sundry concurring misfortunes Old age and other Infirmities is entirely reduced; and praying this Assembly to Order him Such Pension or Provision for his Support, as to them shall Seem meet; It is therefore Orderd by this Assembly that the Said Philip Nevitt be paid the Sum of Five pounds a year by the Treas.r during the pleasure of this Corporation

Mary Nicholls

Upon The Petition of Mary Nicholls Grand Daughter of Mrs. Mary Wilson late Widow of Ald.n Wilson Dec.d praying for the Quarters pension which would have been due to the Said Mary Wilson on the 25.th day of June last, had She lived so long; It is Orderd by this Assembly that the Same be p.d to the Pet.r by the Treas.r of this Corporation

Rich.d Menary. Bridewell Keep.r

Upon The Petition of Richard Menary Keeper of the Bridewell or workhouse of this Town; Orderd that he be Continued in the Said Employment at the Salary of Five pounds a year during the pleasure of this Corporation.

Town-Tent

Orderd That the Town-Tent be Sold by Publick Cant to the highest bidder on Monday the 28.th instant

Sealing day.

Orderd That monday the first day of September next be a Sealing day for Corporation Leases. —

Ald.n Edw.d Meade Disfranchised.

It is unanimously agreed and Resolved by this Assembly that Ald.n Edward Meade be, and he is hereby Disfranchised and Deprived of the Freedom of this Corporation, and of all Liberty.s and privileges thereunto belonging, by his Consenting thereto under his hand

Edw.d Meade

At an Assembly held by Special Appointment before the Said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen being present the First day of September 1746.

Ald.n Elected.

Mr. Edward Cheshire is Elected an Alderman of this Corporat.n in the Room of Robert Ford late Alderm.n Deceas.d — pursuant to Notice. —

At a Generall Assembly held before George Rencher Esq.r Mayor John Rencher and John Chamney Esq.r Sherriffs the Aldermen and Comon Councill being present the tenth day of October 1746.

Common Councillmen

Mr. John Leland and Mr. John Jebb Elected and Sworn Comon Councill men

Mayor of the Staple

Ald.n Francis Leigh Elected and Sworn Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the Ensuing year —

Constables of the Staple

Mr. John Leland and Mr. John Jebb Elected and Sworn Constables of the Staple for the Ensuing year

Coroners

Mr. John Leland and Mr. John Jebb Elected and Sworn Coroners for the Ensuing year

Auditors

Ald.n Henry Ogle
Ald.n William Ogle
Ald.n Jonathan Nicholls
Ald.n Townley Patten
Mr. Richard Jebb
Mr. Gilbert Austin
Ald.n William Humphreyson

} Auditors and Viewers

Treasurer

Edward Meade Esq.r Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing Year

Master of the Guild

Ald.n Francis Leigh Elected Master of the Guild for the Ensuing year

Wardens

Mr. Charles Sallery and Mr. James Sandiford Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

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Officers — The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to Continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Streets — Ordered that the Cleaning of the Streets and Lanes within this Town and carrying away the Dirt for the Ensuing year be referr'd to Mr. Mayor and his Worship to Call to his Assistance Such Aldermen as he shall think fit

Water Customs — Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the Ensuing year by Mr. Daniel Kelly the Collector Clark.

Salt not to pay Town Custom — Ordered that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which has been bought in this Town for one Year from the 15th Instant

Lawrence Pilley — Ordered that the Sum of Forty Shillings be paid unto Lawrence Pilley for one Year ending Michaelmas next by the Treasurer of this Corporation in such manner as he shall think fit and the same to be allow'd the Treasurer in his Accounts.

Frances Hale — Upon the Petition of Frances Heale Widow praying to be admitted into the present Vacancy in St. Johns Poor house Ordered that the said Petr be admitted into the said Vacancy and she to drop her pension out of the Comons.

John Wall — Upon the Petition of John Wall Ropemaker praying to be paid for a new Rope lately made by him for the Crane ordered that he be paid for the same out of the Ballance of Merchants Quarterlidge now in Accr James Barlows hands.

Mary Ackland — Upon the Petition of Mrs Mary Ackland Widow of Henry Ackland late an Alderman of this Corporation dec.d praying to be allowed the usual pension to an Ald.ns Widow of this Corporation. ordered that she be paid the Sum of Ten Pounds a year during the pleasure of this Corporation

Rev.d John Ecklin — Complaint being made to this Assembly that the Rev.d Mr. John Ecklin had taken away Severall Carr loads of Stones from the foundation of the Town Wall Joyning St. Mary's Church belonging to this Corporation It is Ordered by this Assembly that he the said Mr. Ecklin be Sued for said Offence at the Expence of this Corpr. unless he makes good all the damage done by him in a Month from this time to the Satisfaction of the Town Wall Committee

Town Wall Committee — Ordered that the Town Wall Committee do go round the Town Walls and view the State and Condition of them and make a Report thereof to the next Generall Assembly

Gate Customs — The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Sold to Alderman Edward Cheshire at Seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings a Week for One Year to Commence from and after the 15th day of October Inst.

John Leland and John Jebb — Ordered that the Sum of Twelve Pounds be paid by the Treasurer to Mr. John Leland and Mr. John Jebb late Sherriffs of this Corporation for their Charges of Transporting the Body's of two Men and one Woman and the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his Accounts.

At a Generall Assembly held the 16th day of January 1716

Mary Hale alias Morris — Upon the Petition of Mary Hale alias Morris praying to be admitted into one of the Vacancys in St. John's Poor house ordered by this Assembly that the said Petr be admitted Accordingly.

Cicely Lee — Cicely Lee Widow upon her Petition is admitted into the other Vacancy now in St. Johns Poor house

Common Councilman for the Smiths — Upon the Petition of the Master and Wardens and Fraternity of Smiths praying this Assembly to Choose a fit Person to Represent them in the Generalle Assembly in the Room of John Clegg dec.d late Comon Councill man for their Fraternity and they having according to usual Custom Returned three of their Fraternity namely Thomas Jones, Leonard Shorten and Mathew Marsden, for this Assembly to Choose one thereout. It is ordered therefore by this Assembly that the said Thomas Jones be and he is hereby Elected a Comon Councill man for the said Fraternity and the said Thomas Jones being called in was Sworn a Comon Councill man Accordingly.

Daniel Kelly — Ordered that Mr. Daniel Kelly be allowed four shillings in the pound for Collecting the Water Customs of this Corporation from Michaelmas last unthill Michaelmas next

Mr. Harper Surg.n — Ordered that the Sum of Five Guineas be paid by the Treasurer unto Mr. Joseph Harper Surgeon for his great Care and readiness in attending the Poor of this Town that require his assistance and the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his accounts.

At a Speciall Assembly held the 13th day of April 1717

Answr to Bill fyled by Hen. Pippard Esqr. — The Town Clerk having layd before this Assembly the Draft of the Answer of this Corporation to the Cross Bill filed by Henry Pippard Esqr. in the high Court of Chancery in the suit about the Lands of St. James and the said bill and Answer being read It is ordered that the said Answer be engrossed as the Answer of this Corporation in order to pass the Seal before the Commissioners to be appointed for that purpose

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At a Court Assembly held the 29th day of April 1747

Mayor Elect — Ald.n George Schoales is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the next ensuing year according to the Law of Succession

Sherriff — Mr. Henry Cartside is Elected to serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the next ensuing year

May the first 1747

Free Merch.t — Mr. Henry Cartside upon his Petition granted him at a former Assembly was Sworn a Freemerchant of this Corporation paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument

At a Generall Assembly held the 1st day of May 1747

Sherriff — Mr. Edward Cheshire the younger is Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corporation with Mr. Henry Cartside for the next ensuing year

Election Certified — Orderd that the Election of the Mayor and Sherriffs be forthwith certified to the Government for their Approbation

Alice Darcy — Granted unto Alice Darcy Widow upon her Petition the present Vacancy in St. Johns Poor house

Ann Pendleton — Upon the Petition of Ann Pendleton Widow of Samuel Pendleton late an Alderman of this Corporation Deceas.d Setting forth her Circumstances and praying the usual Allowance to the Widow of an Alderman of this Corporation Orderd that she be paid the sum of Ten Pounds a year by the Treasurer during the pleasure of this Corporation

Freemem.br admitt.d — George Williams Innkeeper upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free member of this Corporation paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Lord Primate — Orderd that his Grace the Lord Primate of all Ireland be presented with his Freedom of this Corporation in a Gold Box when he comes to this Town in the same manner it was done to his Predecessors and that the Treasurer do provide a Box accordingly

Pensioners — Orderd that the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their names annexd out of the Rents of the Commons the said payments commencing from Michaelmas last and Ending at Michaelmas next

Francis North & Wife	£3	Rich.d Shortons Child	£2
John Bolton	1	Tho.s Wrights Child	1
Thomas Fullard	2.10	John Wallaces Child	1
Francis Evans	2	Joseph Holmes Children	1
Joseph Appleyard	2.10	John Cooke	1.15
Barb.a Souch	2.10	Margaret Ellis	3
Furze of the Commons	0	Ann M.cEvoy	2
Wid.w of Tho.s Boddington	3	Mary Dormelly & Children	1
Arthur Carroll	2	Francis Marsden	2
Wid.w Brickhill	3.10	Wid.w of John Ackland	2.10
Henry Simpall Wife and Children	2	Wid.w of Rob.t Ellio.t & Child.n Mary Bonne	5 1.10
Wid.w of John Andrew	3	Ald.n George Schoales for a Son of Edw.d Hamiltons	1.10
Wid.w of John Deaker	3	Mary Taylor	1
Wid.w of William Barron	1	Wid.w of Will.m Cain	3
Wid.w Ruxton	1	Rich.d Lucas for a Child of John Dixons	2.10
Wid.w of Edw.d Chambers & Children	3		
Ann Knight	3	John Cloff	2
Elinor Bould	3	Jane Cheevers	3
Wid.w of Tho.s Bently	2	Ann Evans	2
Wid.w of George Cooke and Seven Children	3.10	Catherine Medley	1.10
	£63.10		£19.5

At a Generall Assembly held the 17th day of July 1747

Ald.n Edw.d Hardman — Upon the Petition of Edward Hardman Alderman Setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of one small Stripe of Ground without Tolle Gate containing about one Acre formerly known & Called by the name of Broad Lane meaning to Land in possession of Mr. Taylor of Swords East, to Platten road South, to part of the Lands Lately in the possession of Richard Cooper dec.d West, to the upper bank leading from the rough Causeway to Land of Rathmullan North. As also a pair of Old Walls & Garden in Fair street containing thirty eight perches whereon there was formerly built a Mault house meaning to Bolton Lane West Mr. Pippards Ground North Mr. Ingahams Ground East and Fair Street Suth which premises were granted by Leave from the Corporation to Alderman George Hardman dec.d the Pet.rs Father for Sixty one Years from Michaelmas 1707 at the Yearly Rent of Seven shillings and six pence

That

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That the said Petr is now building three Tenements on the Ground in Fair street, and as part of the premises projected formerly into the Street he has ruin the Front in one direct line so as to make the Street (which is the Horse Fair) 9½ feet wider and that in regard the Land is of very small Value and that the Petr is at great expence for building the premises in Fair street as also in consideration of his widening the Street and making it so much more Commodious and beautifull, and praying this Assembly to Accept a Surrender of the old Lease and to grant him a New Lease of the Whole for Sixty one Years, and the said Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon made, It is ordered by this Assembly that the said Petr have a New Lease made to him of the said premises for Sixty one Years from Michaelmas next he surrendering up the old Lease and paying Seven Shillings and six pence yearly rent and Seven Shillings and six pence fine, and that Mapps of the Premises be annexed to said Lease

Freemenbr admitd. William Shippabottom Cordwainer upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free member of this Corporation paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

Freemenbr admitd. Thomas North Nailer upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free member of this Corporation paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

August 7th 1717

Aldn Sworn This day Mr Edward Cheshire was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation pursuant to his election

August 10th 1717

Aldn Elect This day Mr Richard Ebb was Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the Room of James Meade late Alderman deceased

Aldn Elect The same day Mr Oliver Fairhough was Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the Room of John Rencher late Alderman dec. pursuant to notice

September 20th 1717

Freemenbr Sworn This day Thomas North Nailer was Sworn a free member of this Corporation, paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument

At a General Assembly held before George Scholes Edq Mayor Henry Gartside and Edward Cheshire Edqr Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 9th day of October 1717

Common Councilmen Elect Mr John Rencher and Mr John Chamney are Elected Common Council Men

Common Councilman Sworn Mr John Chamney Sworn a Common Council Man

Mayor of the Staple Aldn George Rencher Elected and Sworn Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing Year

Constables of the Staple Mr John Chamney and Mr John Leland elected and Sworn Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year

Coroners Mr John Chamney and Mr John Leland elected and Sworn Coroners for the ensuing Year

Auditors
Aldn Henry Ogle
Aldn Jona Nicholls
Aldn Willm Ogle
Aldn Townley Patten
Mr Richard Ebb
Mr Gilbert Austin
Mr Willm Humphryson
} Auditors and Viewers

Treasurer Edward Meade Esqr Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing Year

Mast. of the Guild Aldn Graves Elected Master of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Wardens Mr Gilbert Austin and Mr William Humphryson Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Officers The Officers of Sword and Mace and Marshall to Continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Streets Ordered that the Cleaning of the Streets and Lanes of this Town and Carrying away the Dirt thereof for the ensuing Year be referred to Mr Mayor and his Worship to call to his Assistance such Aldermen as he shall think fit

Water Customs Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the Ensuing Year by Mr Daniel Heley the Collectors Clark on the same terms as they were Collected by him last year

Salt not to pay Town Custom for one Year Ordered that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which has been bought in this Town for one Year from the 15th Inst.

County Meath Coales not to pay town Custom for 1 Yr Ordered that no Town Custom be paid for any Coales coming from any of the Pitts in the County of Meath for one Year from the 15th Inst.

Law. Pilly Ordered that the Sum of Forty Shillings be paid unto Lawrence Pilly

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Sherriffs to pay the Sess.s fines to the Treasurer — Orderd that the Sherriffs do account for all Fines by them Levied by order of the Sessions and pay the same into the hands of the Treasurer

Allowance to Alld.n G. Rencher for entertaining the Lord Primate — Orderd that the Sum of Twenty five Pounds be paid by the Treasurer to Alderman George Rencher the late Mayor for his Expence and Trouble in Entertaining his Grace the Lord Primate for this Corporation

Receivers of the Rents of the Commons to vse their Accts — Orderd that the Several Receivers of the Rents of the Commons that have not yet made up their Accts do forthwith Sette their Accts before Mr. Mayor and the Auditors and Viewers to be reported the next Generle Assembly

Bogghouse on the Quay — The Acct of the Charge of Building the Bogghouse on the North quay being laid before this Assembly it is Referrd to Mr. Mayor to Examine and for him to sign an order on the Treasurer for what appears to be due

Gate Customs, Sett — The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Sett to Alldn Jont Nicholls for Seven Pounds ten Shillings pr Week to commence from and after the 15th day of October Inst

November 16th 1747

Free Cordwainer — William Shippabottom Cordwainer was Sworn a free member of this Corporation paid the Usual fees and signed the Instrumt

At a Special Assembly held the 30th day of October 1747

The Town Clark having lay'd before this Assembly the Exceptions taken to the Answer of the Corporation in the Cause with Henry Pippard Esq. and the further Answer of the Corporation to the said Exceptions drawn by the Recorder and the same having been Read it is agreed to as the further answer of this Corporation and Orderd to pass the Seal before the Commissioners for that purpose

December 7th 1747

Freemenbr Sworn — George Williams Innkeeper was Sworn a free member of this Corporation paid the Usual fees and signed the Instrument

December 14th 1747

Alds.n Sworn — Mr. Richard Jebb and Mr. Oliver Fairtlough were sworn Aldermen of this Corporation pursuant to their Election

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councill being present the 15th Day of January 1747

Freemenbrs to be sworn in 3 Months after their admission — Orderd that for the future all persons that shall be admitted upon their petitions free members or freemerchants of this Corporation do within three Months from their said Admission pay down to the Town Clark their Respective fine and fees and take the usual Oathes Otherwise their Petition and Admission to be Void and that all other Persons that have been already admitted free on their Petitions and have not been sworn do Comply with the above order within three Months otherwise their Respective admissions to be Void

Orderd

Mr. Harpur Surgn — Orderd that Mr. Joseph Harpur Surgeon be paid the Sum of Five Guineas for his Extraordinary Care and readiness in attending and Relieving the Sick and Poore persons of this Town that require his assistance and that the same be paid him by the Treasurer of this Corporat. and to be allowed him on passing his Accts

Sarah Brickhill — Upon the Petition of Sarah Brickhill Daughter of Elinor Brickhill dec.d praying for the Half years Pension or Allowance out of the Rents of the Commons that would have been due to the said Elinor Brickhill at Michaelmass day last. it is ordered by this Assembly that the Receiver of the Rents of the Commons do forthwith pay unto the said Sarah Brickhill the said half years Pension or Allowance as aforesaid

February 3.d 1747

Free Taylor Sworn — John Richardson was sworn a free Taylor of this Corporation paid the Usuble Fees and signed the Instrument

At a Post Assembly held the 20th day of April 1748

Mayor Elect — Alldn Edward Chestwire is Elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the Ensuing Year according to the Laws of Succession

Sherriff Elect — Mr. William Fairtlough is Elected to serve Sherriff of this Corporat. for the next Ensuing Year

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councill being present the 22.d day of April 1748

Sherriff Elect — Mr. Henry Leland is Elected to serve Sherriff of this Corporation with Mr. William Fairtlough for the next Ensuing Year

Elect.n Certified — Orderd that the Election of the Mayor and Sherriffs be forthwith Certifyd to the Government for their Approbation

Eliz.th Andrews — Granted unto Elizabeth Andrews upon her Petition the prevent Vacancy in St. Johns Poore house

Marg.t Cope — Upon the Petition of Margaret Cope Widow of John Cope late an Alderman of this Corporation dec.d Setting forth her Circumstances and praying the usual allowance to the Widow of an Alderman of this Corporation Orderd that she be paid the sum of ten Pounds a year by the Treasurer during the pleasure of this Corporation

Freemenbr admd — Charles Evans Brazier upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation paying the usuble fees and signing the Instrument

Freemenbr admd — William Marshall Taylor upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free member of this Corporation paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

Keeper of the water Engine — William Huson upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is appointed keeper of the Water Engine in the room of his Father John Huson dec.d until next Michaelmass Generle Assembly

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Richard Cooper — Upon the Petition of Richard Cooper Perukemaker setting forth that he is in Possession of one Thatched House in Magdalen street by Virtue of a Lease made by the Corporation to Richard Cooper dec.d the Petitioners father dated the 26.th day of July 1700 at the Yearly Rent of £4 11s 6 to Commence from Easter then last past, that the said premises are now in a Ruinous Condition and the term of Years to come of the said Lease not Sufficient to improve on and praying a new Lease to be granted to him, and the said petition being referred to the auditors and Viewers and their report thereon made It is Order'd by this Assembly that the said Richard Cooper have a Lease in his own Name of the said premises for Sixty one years from Easter last at Eleven shillings and six pence Palmuth Rent and Eleven shillings and six pence fine.

Pensioners — Order'd that the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their Names annexed out of the Rents of the Commons the said payments Commencing from Michaelmas last and Ending at Michaelmas next

Francis North & Wife	£3 — —	Richard Shorton's Child	£2 — —
John Bolton	4 — —	John Wallace's Child	1 — —
Francis Evans	3 — —	Joseph Holmes & Child.n	4 — —
James Quash	2 — —	John Cooke	1 15 —
Hester Clark	2 — —	Margaret Ellis	3 — —
Susanna Bowles for her two Brothers	2 10 —	Ann M.cEvoy	2 — —
		Mary Donnelly & Child.n	3 — —
Thomas Thompson	1 10 —	Frankes Marlden	2 — —
Joseph Apleyard	3 — —	Wid.w of John Ackland	2 10 —
Barb.a Souch	2 10 —	Wid.w of Rob.t Elliott and Child.n	5 — —
Furze of the Commons	0 — —	Mary Bonus	1 10 —
Wid.w of Tho.s Boddington	3 — —	Alld.n Geo. Schoales for a Son of Edward Hamilton	1 10 —
Arth.r Carroll	2 — —	Mary Taylor	4 — —
Henry Simpall Wife & Child.n	2 — —	Wid.w of William Cain	3 — —
Wid.w of John Andrews	3 — —	Richard Lucas for a Child of John Dixon	2 10 —
Wid.w of John Deacon	3 — —	John Cloff	2 — —
Wid.w Rueton	4 — —	Jane Cheevers	3 — —
Wid.w of Wm Barron	4 — —	Ann Evans	2 — —
Wid.w of Edward Chamber & Child.n	3 — —	Catherine Medley	1 10 —
Ann Knight	3 — —	Susanna Tullard	1 10 —
Wid.w of Thom.s Berkly	2 — —		£40 15 —
Wid.w of Geo. Cooke and Seven Child.n	3 10 —		
	£64 — —		

May 4.th 1740.

Free Taylor Sworn — William Marshall was this day Sworn a free Taylor of this Corporation paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument

June 13.th 1740

Free Smith Sworn — Charles Evans was this day Sworn a free Smith of this Corporation paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument

At a Special Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 17.th day of June 1740.

Subscription towards the Church — This Assembly taking into Consideration the State of S.t Peters Church and finding that 'tis absolutely necessary that the same should be rebuilt and his Grace the Lord Primate having been pleased of his great bounty to grant a large Sum towards building a new Church and several others having Contributed largely to said work this Corporation Order that the Treasurer do pay towards said work three hundred pounds the same to be paid at £100 p.r annum and that he be allowed the same in passing his Accounts

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 15.th day of July 1740

Sealing Day — Monday the first day of August next is appointed a Sealing day for Corporation Leases

Proctors — M.r Anthony Bury and M.r James Sandiford are appointed Proctors of S.t Johns Poorehouse for three Years from Easter last

late Proctors to make up their Acc.ts — Order'd that Alld.n John Graham and M.r Norman late Proctors of S.t Johns Poorehouse do make up their Accounts some time before the next Michaelmas General Assembly

Spinning School — Order'd that Alld.n Leigh and Alld.n Sebb have the use of the Bridewell or Workhouse of this Town for one Year for a Spinning School

July 16.th 1740

Free Taylor sworn — John Fitzgerald was this day Sworn a free Taylor of this Corporation paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument

Free smith Sworn — William Huson was this day Sworn a free smith of this Corporation paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument

At a General Assembly held before Edward Chefshire Esq.r Mayor William Fairkough and Henry Leland Esq.r Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 7.th day of October 1740.

Common Councilmen — M.r Henry Gartside and M.r Edward Chefshire are Elected Common Councilmen and Sworn

Mayor of the Staple — Alld.n George Schoales is elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn

M.r

Constables of the Staple

Mr. Henry Gartside and Mr. Edward Cheshire are Elected Constables of the Staple for the Ensuing Year and Sworn

Coroners

Mr. Henry Gartside and Mr. Edward Cheshire are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Aud.rs & View.rs

Alld.n Henry Ogle
Alld.n Jonathan Nicholls
Alld.n William Ogle
Alld.n Townley Patten
Alld.n Richard Sebb
Mr. Gilbert Austin
Mr. William Humphryston

} Auditors and Viewers

Treasurer

Edward Meade Esq.r elected Treasurer for the Ensuing Year

Master of the Guild

Alld.n Francis Leigh elected Master of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Wardens of the Guild

Mr. John Sebb and Mr. John Leland elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Order'd that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the ensuing year by Mr. Daniel Kelly the Collector Clark on the same terms as they were Collected by him Last year

Salt not to pay Custom, for one year

Order'd that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which has been brought in this Town for one year from the 15th Inst.

Lawrence Pilly

Order'd that the sum of Forty shillings be Continued to be paid unto Lawrence Pilly for his Support for the Ensuing Year

Cleaning of the Streets

Order'd that the Cleaning of the Streets and Lanes of this Town and Carrying away the Dirt thereof for the ensuing year be referred to Mr. Mayor and his Worship to call to his Assistance such Aldermen as he shall think fit

Chatmangill Tax not to be Demanded

Order'd that for the future no Officer of this Corporation do presume to demand or take the tax or Custom called Chatmangill under pain of being Suspended and turnd out for the same

Boats with uncur'd Fish not to pay Anchoridge

Order'd that any Boat or Boats coming into this Port and Harbour Loaden with any kind of uncured Fish shall not pay Anchoridge for one Year from this Assembly

Water Bailiff to take nothing from boats with uncur'd fish

Order'd that for the future the Water bailiff take nothing for any Fishing Boats coming into this Port and Harbour Loaden with Uncured Fish

John Rencher paid for Transporting And.w Dowdall

Order'd that Mr. John Rencher be paid the Sum of Four pounds for his Charges in Transporting Andrew Dowdall a Convict Prisoner in the Jail of this Town and that the same be paid by the Treasurer to be allowed him in passing his accounts

Jane Curley

Jane Curley Widow upon her petition is admitted into the present Vacancy in St. Johns Poore House

Gate Customs

The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Lett to Mr. William Fairbrough for Seven pounds two shillings per Week for one Year to Commence from and after the fifteenth day of October Inst.

Louth County Archives

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 13th day of January 1718

Thomas Gore made Water Bailiff

Mr. Thomas Gore a Sherriffs Peer of this Corporation upon his Petition was admitted into the place and Office of Water Bailiff vacant by the Death of James Domvile and is thereby obliged to take the Charge and Care of the Piles in the River Boyne without any Addition to his Sallary of Water Bailiff and he is also to account with the Widow of said Domvile and pay her all the perquisites belonging to said Office which he receiv'd and that became due unto this day and that the said Widow Domvile be also paid the Quarters Sallary due and ending the 25th day of December last

Freemerchant Admitted

Mr. George Ackland upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a Freemerchant of this Corporation paying the usual Fees and signing the Instrument

Freemerchant admitt.

Mr. John Clark upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a Freemerchant of this Corporation paying the usual Fees and signing the Instrument

Free Carpenter admitt.

John Keegan upon his Petition is admitted a free Carpenter of this Corporation paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

Free Carpentr. admitt.

Thomas Richardson upon his Petition is admitted a free Carpenter of this Corporation paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

Free Smith admitt.

John Bagnal upon his Petition is admitted a free Smith of this Corporation paying the usual fees and signing the instrument

Rect. of the Rents of the Commons to make up his acct.

Order'd that Alld. George Rencher late one of the Receivers of the Rents of the Common do make up his accounts for the receipts of the said Rents with the Auditors and Viewers to be laid before the next General Assembly, and that he be Served with a Copy of this act of Assembly

Jos: Harpur

Order'd that Mr. Joseph Harpur Surgeon be paid Five guineas for his great Care and readyness in attending the sick and poore of this Town that require his assistance, and the same to be paid by the Treasurer of this Corporation to be allowd him in passing his accounts

January 16th 1718

Free Carpenter Sworn

John Keegan upon his Petition granted him by the last Assembly was sworn a free Carpenter of this Corporation paid the Usual fees and signed the Instrument

January 23d 1718

Free Carpenter Sworn

Thomas Richardson upon his Petition granted him by the last Assembly was sworn a free Carpenter of this Corporation paid the Usual fees and signed the Instrument

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Free Smith Sworn

John Bagnal upon his Petition granted him by the last Assembly was sworn a free Smith of this Corporation paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument

March 6th 1718

Freemercht.s Sworn

Mr George Ackland and Mr John Clark upon their Petitions granted them by the last Assembly were sworn free Merchants of this Corporation paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen being present the 5th day of April 1719

Mayor Elect

Alld.n Richard Jebb is Elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the next ensuing Year according to the Law of Succession

Sherriff Elect

Mr. William Howard is Elected to serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the next ensuing Year

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 7th day of April 1719

Sherriff Elect

Mr Samuel Gerrard is Elected to serve Sherriff of this Corporat.n for the next ensuing Year, along with Mr. William Howard

Order'd

Elect^n Certified

Order'd that the Election of the Mayor and Sherriffs for the next Ensuing Year be forthwith Certified to the Government for their Approbation

Pensioners

Order'd that the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their Names Assigned out of the Rents of the Commons the said payments commencing from Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Fran^s North & Wife	3	:	:	Wid^w of John Deakens	3	:	:
John Bolton	1	:	:	Wid^w Hupton	1	:	:
Francis Evans	3	:	:	Wid^w of Edwd Chambers & C^h	3	:	:
James Quash	3	:	:	Ann Knight	3	:	:
Hester Clark	2	:	:	Wid^w of Thos Bentley	2	:	:
Susanna Bowles for her two Brothers	2	:	10	Wid^w of Jo^r Ackland	2	:	10
				Wid^w of Robt Weir & C^hil^r	1	:	:
Thomas Thompson	1	:	10	Mary Bonus	1	:	10
Barb^a Touch	2	:	10	Mary Taylor	1	:	:
Wid^w of Geo Cooke & 2 Chil^n	2	:	:	Wid^w of Wm Cain	3	:	:
Richd Shorton's Child	2	:	:	R^d Lucas for Jo^r Dixon's C^h	2	:	10
John Wallace's Child	1	:	:	John Coff	2	:	:
Jos: Holmes's Child^rn	1	:	:	Jane Cheevers	3	:	:
John Cooke	1	:	15	Ann Evans	2	:	:
Marg^t Ellis	3	:	:	Eliz^th Medley	1	:	10
Ann Mc Evoy	3	:	:	Wid^w of John Huson	2	:	:
Mary Dombelly & Child^n	3	:	:	Wid^w of Jos: Appleyard	2	:	:
Frances Meredith	2	:	:	Wid^w of Ja^s Dombrell	1	:	:
Furrs of the Commons	8	:	:	Wid^w Brunton	3	:	:
Wid^w of Thos Boddington	3	:	:	Rob: Gibson	2	:	:
Arth^r Carrole	2	:	:	Eliz^th Barefoot	2	:	:
Hen: Simpall Wife & Chil	2	:	:	Mary Stapleton	2	:	:
Wid^w of John Andrews	3	:	:		58	:	:
	£ 61	:	5		61	:	5
					£ 119	:	5

Rec^rs of the Rents of the Commons appointed

Ald^n Townsey Patten and Mr John Jebb are appointed Receivers of the Rents of the Commons

Franchises

Order'd that the Franchises of this Corporation be Rid on Whitsuntuesday next

Merch^ts Quarteridge to be paid the Treas^r

Order'd that for the Future the Merchants Quarteridge be Collected and paid into the hands of the Treasurer to be applyed towards Rideing the Franchises of this Corporation

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Counsil being present the 14th day of July 1749

Common Councilman for the Smiths

Upon the Petition of the Master and Wardens and Fraternity of Blacksmiths setting forth that by the Death of Mr William Humphryson late one of their Representatives there is a vacancy of a Common Councilman to Represent them in the General Assembly and that they according to Ancient Custom have nominated three of their Fraternity to Choose one thereout vizt Ambrose Sharp Matheu Marliden and John Parkinson it is therefore order'd by this Assembly that the said Ambrose Sharp be and he is hereby Elected and Chosen a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity

At a General Assembly held before Richard Jebb Esqr Mayor William Howard and Samuel Gerrard Esq^rs Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councill being present the 6th day of October 1749

Common Councilman Sworn

Mr Ambrose Sharp was Sworn a Common Councilman pursuant to his Election

Idem

Mr William Fairtlough and Mr Henry Leland are Elected Common Councilmen and Sworn

Mayor of the Staple

Ald^n Edward Cheshire Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the next ensuing Year and Sworn

Constables

Mr William Fairtlough and Mr Henry Leland are Elected Constables of the Staple for the next ensuing Year and Sworn

Coroners

Mr William Fairtlough and Mr Henry Leland are Elected Coroners for the next ensuing Year and Sworn

Auditors and Viewers

Ald^n Edward Cheshire
Ald^n Barlow
Ald^n Graves
Ald^n George Scholes
Mr Anthony Bury
Mr John Chamney
Mr John Jebb

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Treasurer — Edward Meade Esq.r Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing Year

Master of the Guild — Alld.r George Schoales Elected Master of Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens — Mr. John Rencher and Mr. John Chamney Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Officers — The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to Continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs — Order'd that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the Ensuing Year by Mr. Daniel Kelly the Collectors Clark on the same terms as they were Collected by him last Year

Laurence Pilly — Order'd that the Sum of Forty Shillings be continued to be paid unto Laurence Pilly for his Support for the Ensuing Year

Salt not to pay Custom — Order'd that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which has been bought in this town for one Year from the 15.th Inst.

Cleaning of the Streets — Order'd that the Cleaning of the Streets and Lanes of this Town and Carrying away the Dirt thereof for the Ensuing Year be Referred to Mr. Mayor and his Worship to call to his assistance such Aldermen as he shall think fitt

Freemember — John Aberly on his Petition granted him was admitted a free member of this Corporation, paying the usual Fees and Signing the Instrument

Idem — John Hathorn upon his Petition was admitted a freemember of this Corporation paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Militia Arms — Order'd by this Assembly that Mr. Mayor do give directions for calling in all the Militia Arms belonging to this Corporation in order to be locked up in the Stores

Schoolhouse Green — Order'd that for the future no Person be Suffer'd to lay any Dirt or Rubbish on the Green near St. Patrick's Well called the Schoolhouse Green and that Alld.r Cheshire, Alld.r William Ogle and Mr. Henry Leland are hereby appointed Overseers to take Care of the Same

Gate Customs — The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Sett to Alld.r Oliver Fairtlough for Seven pounds a Week for one Year to Commence from and after the 15.th day of October Inst.

October the 9.th 1749

Freemembers Sworn — This day John Aberly and John Hathorn were Sworn Freemembers of this Corporation, paid the usual Fees and Signed the Instrument

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 12.th day of January 1749

Freemerchant — Mr. Jeremiah Smith on his Petition is admitted a Freemerchant of this Corporation paying the Usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Freemember — Mr. William Blakeney on his Petition is admitted a freemember of this Corporation paying the Usual Fees and Signing the Instrument

Idem — John McCartney on his Petition is admitted a Freemember of this Corporation paying the usual Fees and Signing the Instrument

Joseph Harpur Surgeon — Order'd that the Sum of Five Guineas be paid unto Mr. Joseph Harpur Surgeon for his great Care and readyness in attending the Poore of this Town that require his assistance, the same to be paid by the Treasurer to be allowed him in passing his accounts.

January the 22.d 1749

Freemember Sworn — William Blakeney on his Petition granted him the last Assembly was Sworn a Freemember of this Corporation paid the usual Fees and Signed the Instrument

January the 29.th 1749

Idem — John McCartney on his Petition granted him the last Assembly was Sworn a Freemember of this Corporation paid the usual Fees and Signed the Instrument

March the 21.st 1749

Freemerchant Sworn — Jeremiah Smith on his Petition granted him the last Assembly was Sworn a freemerchant of this Corporation paid the usual Fees and Signed the Instrument

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At a Post Assembly held before the Said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen being present the 23th day of April 1750

Mayor Elect — Ald.r Oliver Fairclough is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the next Ensuing Year according to the Laws of Succession

Sherriff Elect — Mr. Jeremiah Smith is Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the next Ensuing Year

At a general Assembly held before the Said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 27th day of April 1750

Idem — Mr. Philip Pendleton is Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the next ensuing Year along with Mr. Jeremiah Smith

Election Certified — Ordered that the Election of the Mayor and Sherriffs for the next Ensuing Year be forthwith Certifyed to the Government for their Approbation

Ordered that the Undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their Names annexed out of the Rents of the Commons the said payments Commencing from Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next

Pensioners on the Commons

	£			£	
Fra.s North & Wife	3		Wid.o of Jo.n Andrews	3	
John Bolton	1		Wid.o of Jo.n Deaken	3	
Fra.s Evans	3		Wid.o Ruston	1	
James Quash	3		Wid.o Chambees & Child.n	3	
Hester Clark	2		Ann Knight	3	
Susanna Bowles for her two Brothers	2	10	Wid.o of Tho.s Bentley	2	
Tho.s Thompson	1	10	Wid.o of Jo.n Ackland	2	10
Barb.a Souch	2	10	Wid.o Elliott & Child.n	1	
Wid.o of Geo. Cooke and two Children	2		Mary Bones	1	10
Rich.d Shorton's Child	2		Mary Taylor	1	
Jo.n Wallace's Child	1		Wid.o of Wm Cain	3	
Jos. Holmes & Child.n	1		Rich.d Lucas for Jo.n Dixons Child	2	10
John Cooke	1	15	John Cloff	2	
Marg.t Ellis	3		Jane Cheevers	3	
Ann M.c Evoy	3		Ann Evans	2	
Mary Donnelly & Child.n	3		Cath.e Medley	1	10
Fra.s Marsden	2		Wid.o of Jo.n Ruson	2	
Turrs of the Commons	8		Wid.o of Jos. appleyard	2	
Wid.o of Tho.s Boddington	3		Wid.o of Ja.s Donville	1	
Arth.r Carroll	2		Wid.o Brunton	3	
Hen. Simpale Wife & Child.n	2		Rob.t Gibson	2	
	£58-5		Eliz.th Barefoot	2	
			Mary Appleton	2	
				61	
				58-5	
				£119-5	

Freemember — James Ellis upon his Petition is admitted a Freemember of this Corporation paying the Usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Idem — John Holland Jun.r upon his Petition is admitted a Freemember of this Corporation paying the usual Fees and Signing the Instrument

Robert M.c Cartney — Upon the Petition of Robert M.c Cartney Setting forth his poore Condition Ordered that the Sum of Five pounds be paid to him for Relief the Same to be paid by the Treasurer to be allowed him in passing his accounts

July 9th 1750

Freemember Sworn — This day John Holland Jun.r upon his Petition granted him by the last Assembly was Sworn a freemember of this Corporation paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument

At a General Assembly held before the Said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Councill being present the 13th day of July 1750

Edw.d Meade Esq.r restored — Whereas Edward Meade Esq.r late one of the Aldermen of this Corporation was on the 18th day of July 1746 at a General Assembly, Disfranchised and Deprived of his Freedom of this Corporation and of all Liberty's and priviledges thereunto belonging: Now it is ordered by this Assembly that the Said Edward Meade be and he is hereby made Free and Restored to his Freedoms of this Corporation and of all the priviledges, Rights, Liberty's and advantages thereof as he formerly stood in place held and Enjoyed the Same, And that M.r Mayor upon his application to him Shall and may admister the Usual Oaths to him

Rob.t Bran — Upon the Petition of Robert Bran Setting forth his poore Condition. It is Ordered by this Assembly that he be paid the Sum of Twenty Shillings by the Treasurer of this Corporation, and the Same to be allowed the Treasurer in his Accounts

August 22.d 1750

Ald.r Elect — This day M.r Francis Donagh was Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the room of the Right Honble William Graham Esq.r late Alderman dec.d pursuant to Notice

September 3.d 1750

Edw.d Meade Esq.r Sworn — This day Edward Meade Esq.r took the Oaths of a Freeman and of an Alderman pursuant to the Act of the Last General Assembly

September 5th 1750

Ald.r Sworn — This day M.r Francis Donagh was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation pursuant to his Election

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At an Assembly held by Special appointment before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 5th day of September 1750

Justice of the Peace Elected — Alld.r Edward Meade is Elected a Justice of the peace in the Room of James Meade late Alderman of this Corporation dec.d

Sworn — The Same day Alld.r Edward Meade was Sworn a Justice of the peace pursuant to his Election

At a General Assembly held before Oliver Fairlough Esq.r Mayor, Jeremiah Smith and Philip Pendleton Esq.rs Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 5th day of October 1750

Common Councilmen — Mr. William Howard and Mr. Samuel Gerrard are Elected Common Council men and Sworn

Mayor of the Staple — Alld.r Richard Jebb is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the Ensuing Year and Sworn

Constables of D.o — Mr. William Howard and Mr. Samuel Gerrard are Elected Constables of the Staple for the Ensuing Year and Sworn

Coroners — Mr. William Howard and Mr Samuel Gerrard are Elected Coroners for the Ensuing Year and Sworn

Auditors and Viewers

Alld.r Cheshire
Alld.r Barlow
Alld.r Graves
Alld.r Geo. Schoales
Mr. Antho. Bury
Mr. John Chalmney
Mr. John Jebb

Treas.r — Alld.r Edward Meade is Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing Year

Mr.s of the Guild — Alld.r Edward Cheshire is elected Master of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Wardens of D.o — Mr. William Fairlough and Mr. Henry Leland are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Officers — The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshal to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs — Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the Ensuing Year by Mr. Dan.l Kelly the Coll.r Clerk on the Same terms as they were Collected by him last Year

Law.o Pilly — Ordered that the Sum of Forty shillings be continued to be paid to Lawrence Pilly for his support for the ensuing Year

Salt not to pay Custom — Ordered that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which has been brought in this town for one Year from the 15th inst.

Cleaning of the Streets — Ordered that the Cleaning of the Streets and Lanes in this Town and Carrying away the Dirt thereof for the ensuing year be referd to Mr. Mayor and his Worship to call to his assistance such Aldermen as he shall think fitt

Freemember — John Shortell on his Petn granted him by this Assembly is admitted a freemember of this Corporation paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Cellar under the Tholsel — Ordered that the Cellar under the Tholsel in the holding of Mr. John Leland in case he does not take out his Lease and pay the fine and Arrears due thereout before the first day of November next be advertized to be Sett again to the highest bidder

Committee about the Porters — Ordered that Mr. Mayor and Sherriffs, Alld.r Jebb, Alld.r Graves, Alld.r Geo. Schoales, Alld.r Barlow, Alld.r Hardman, Alld.r Cheshire, Mr. William Fairlough, Mr. William Howard, Mr. Henry Gartside and Mr. Ambrose Sharp, be a Committee to enquire into the present State of the Porters of this town in order to ascertain the number of them and to put them under such regulations as to their Wages and otherwise as they shall judge reasonable and to report their Opinion to the next General Assembly

South County Archives

Freemens Ships not to pay Anchoridge

Order'd that no Anchoridge be paid for Ships or Such parts of Ships as belong to Freemen of this Corporation during the pleasure of this Corporation

Gate Customs

The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Sett to Alld^n. Edward Cheshire at Seven pounds one shilling a Week for one Year to commence from and after the 15th. day of October Ins^t.

October 8th. 1750

Freemember sworn

This day James Ellis was Sworn a freemember of this Corporation paid the usual ffees and signed the Instrument

November 12th. 1750

Idem

This Day John Shortell was Sworn a freemember of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual ffees and Signed the Instrument

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Alld^n. and Common Council being present the 18th. day of January 1750

Vicars Chorals

Order'd that the Treas^r. be allowed in his Acco^ts. all Such Charges as he hath already paid and shall necessarily pay in the Cause now Depending about the Vicars Chorals money

Clerk and Sexton of St. Peter's parish

Order'd that the Salary's heretofore paid to the Clerk & Sexton of St. Peter's Parish be continued to be paid to the present Clerk and Sexton during the pleasure of this Corporation

Jos. Harpur

Order'd that the Sum of Five Guineas be paid unto M^r. Jos: Harpur Surgeon for his Care of the Poore of this town that require his Assistance, the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his acc^ts.

New Gowns for the Sword & mace bearers

Order'd that New Gowns be provided for the Sword and Mace bearers at the expence of the Corporation to be allowed the Treasurer in his acco^ts. and M^r. Mayor to give orders Accordingly

Cellars under the Tholsel Set to Alld^n. Jebb

Order'd that Alld^n. Richard Jebb have the Cellars under the Tholsel late in the occupation of M^r. John Leland at the rent of three pounds p Ann^t. during the pleasure of this Corporation the rent to Commence from Easter next

Freemember

John Graham Esqr. upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is Admitted a ffree Member of this Corporation paying the usual ffees

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Alldermen being present the 17th. day of April 1751

Mayor Elect

Alld^n. Francis Donagh is elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the next Ensuing Year according to the Rule of Succession

Sherriff

John Graham Esqr. is elected to serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the next Ensuing Year

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs, the Alldermen and Common Council being present the 19th. day of April 1751

Idem

M^r. John Aberly is elected to serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the next ensuing Year with John Graham Esqr.

Elect^n. Certify'd

Order'd that the Election of the Mayor and Sherriffs for the next ensuing Year be forthwith Certify'd to the Government for their approbation

John Collier relieved

Order'd that the Sum of Thirty shillings be paid to the wife of John Collier by the receivers of the Rents of the Commons, to be allowed them in their acc^ts.

Order'd that the Undernamed Persons be paid the following Sums to their names annex'd out of the Rent of the Commons the said payments Commencing from Michaelmass last and ending at Michaelmass next

Pentioners

Fra^s. North and Wife	£3 — —	Wid^w. of John Deaken	£3 — —
John Bolton	4 — —	Wid^w. Ruxton	4 — —
Fra^s. Evans	3 — —	Wid^w. of Edwd. Chambers & C^n.	3 — —
James Quash	3 — —	Ann Knight	3 — —
Hester Clark	2 — —	Wid^w. of Thos. Bentley	2 — —
Thos. Thompson	1 . 10 —	Wid^w. of John Ackland	2 . 10 —
Barb^a. Souch	2 . 10 —	Wid^w. of Robt. Elliott & C^n.	4 — —
Wid^w. of Geo. Cook and 2 Chil^n.	2 — —	Mary Bonus	1 . 10 —
Rich^d. Shortell's Child	2 — —	Mary Taylor	4 — —
John Wallace's Child	1 — —	Rich^d. Lucas for Jo^n. Dixon's C^d.	2 . 10 —
Jos. Holmes's Child^n.	4 — —	John Cloff	2 — —
John Cook	1 . 15 —	Jane Cheevers	3 — —
Marg^t. Ellis	3 — —	Ann Evans	2 — —
Ann M^r. Evoy	2 — —	Cath^d. Medley	1 . 10 —
Mary Donnelly & Child^n.	3 — —	Wid^w. of John Huson	2 — —
Frances Marsden	2 — —	Wid^w. of James Domvill	3 — —
Furs of the Commons	8 — —	Wid^w. Brunton	3 — —
Wid^w. of Thos. Boddington	3 — —	Robt. Gibson	2 — —
Art. Carroll	2 — —	Wid^w. of Jos. Appleyard	2 — —
Hen. Simpall Wife & Ch^n.	2 — —		50 — —
Wid^w. of John Andrews	3 — —		57 : 15 —
	£57 : 15		£107 : 15

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Proctors of St. Johns Poorehouse

Alld.r Francis Leigh and Mr. Edward Chesshire are appointed Proctors of St. Johns Poorehouse for three Years from this Easter Assembly

Freemember

Edward Purcill upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a freemember of this Corporation paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

Rate to be paid to Porters

Ordered that the Rate to be paid to the Porters for Carrying Coales out of any Ship or Cabbard to the Quay and laying them on Carrs Standing at the Ships be no more than one farthing for each Load Containing half a Barrel, and that all persons be at Liberty to Carry their Coales when Landed from the Quay by Carrs at such Rates as shall be settled hereafter

8th July 1751

Freemember Sworn

Edward Purcill was Sworn a freemember of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 19th day of July 1751

Subscription to St. Patricks Hospital Dublin

Ordered that Edward Meade Esq.r do pay for the account of this Corporation fifty Guineas to the Treasurers of St. Patricks Hospital Dublin, the Mayor Signing an ord.r on him for that purpose, the Same to be allowed him in his Acco.ts

D.o towards building a bridge on the road to Platten

Ordered that Edward Meade Esq.r Treasurer of this Corporation do pay to Francis Leigh Esq.r the Sum of Five Guineas towards the building of a Bridge which is to be erected at Leggaworen on the Great Road leading from Drogheda to Platten, the Mayor Signing an order on him for that purpose, the Same to be allowed him in his acc.ts

Marshal's Pet.r

Upon the Petition of Thomas Metcalfe Marshal, Setting forth that one Francis M.Gragh a Debtor lately Confined in the Marshalsea made his Escape over a Wall in the Yard of the said Marshalsea on account of the lowness thereof, and that he was a great Sufferer thereby — That there is a small necessary House adjoyning the said Wall which helps the prisoners confined in the said Marshalsea to make their Escape and praying this Assembly to order the said necessary House in to a more Convenient place in the said Yard and likewise to order the said Wall to be riven Something higher for the better Securing the Prisoners confined in said Marshalsea, It is therefore Ordered by this Assembly that the said Petition be referred to Mr. Mayor and the Goal Committee, and they to do what is necessary in the premisses

Referred to Mr. Mayr. & the Goal Committee

Freemember

Edward Jones Stonecutter upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Carpenter of this Corporation paying the Usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Alld.r Chesshire's Pet.n for Lease

Upon the Petition of Edward Chesshire Alld.r Setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of a small Garden in Featherway Lane meaning and bounding to the said Lane East, Land formerly in the possession of Mr. John Tyan South, Town Land formerly in the possession of Christopher Pippard West, and Land formerly in the possession of Mrs. Catherine Newton North. One House and Garden without St. Lawrence's Gate meaning and bounding to the Lane leading to Tooting Tower East, Town Land formerly in the possession of Maurice Berkley South, the Rampier formerly in the possession of Alld.r Henry Meade West, and Land formerly in the possession of Thomas Morgan North, as also one House and Garden lying on the Northside of West Street meaning and bounding to the said Street South, Land formerly in the possession of Alld.r James Meade East, the late Alld.r John Leighs Land formerly in the possession of John Clegg West, and Conleys Land North, under a Lease from this Corporation to Alld.r Henry Smith dec.d bearing date the 20th day of May in the Year of our Lord 1714 for the term of 61 years to Commence from the Michaelmass following at the Yearly Rent of Thirteen shillings and two pence Sterling. — That the buildings on said premisses are in a Ruinous Condition and the Pet.r intending to rebuild the same but the term unexpired in the said Lease being too Short for him to lay out as much Money as he must necessarily do to rebuild the same, and praying this Assembly to accept of a Surrender of his present Lease and to grant him a New one for Sixty one Years to Enable him to build as he intends on the premisses

Aud.rs & View.rs Report

Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon made, Viz.t We have viewed the Lease and premisses mentioned in the within Petition to which a Map of the Concerns mentioned in the Lease is annexed and find the Contents to be true and are of Opinion that the Pet.r may have a Lease of said Concerns for 61 years from Easter last at the Yearly Rent of Fifteen shillings all which We Submitt to your Worships. — It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the Pet.r have a Lease of the said Premisses in his own Name for 61 Years from Easter last he Surrendering the Old Lease at the Yearly Rent of Fifteen shillings Sterling, and one shilling fine, and that Maps of the premisses be annexed to the Lease

Grant

4th September 1751

Freemember Sworn

This day John Graham Esq.r was Sworn a freemember of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance and paid the usual fees

At a General Assembly held before Francis Donagh Esq.r Mayor, John Graham and John Aberly Esq.rs Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 11.th day of October 1751.

Common Councilmen — Mr. Jer. Smith and Mr. Philip Pendleton are Elected Common Council men and Sworn.

Mayor of the Staple — Ald.r Oliver Fairlough is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the Insuing Year

Constables of Do — Mr. Jer. Smith and Mr. Philip Pendleton are Elected Constables of the Staple for the Insuing Year and Sworn

Coroners — Mr. Jer. Smith and Mr. Philip Pendleton are Elected Coroners for the Insuing Year and Sworn

Auditors and Viewers
- Ald.n Barlow
- Ald.n Graves
- Ald.r Chefshire
- Ald.r Geo. Schoales
- Mr. John Chamney
- Mr. Ant. Bury
- Mr. John Jebb

Treas.r — Edward Meade Esq.r is Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing year

Mast.r of the Guild — Ald.n Rich.d Jebb is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens of Do — Mr. Samuel Gerrard and Mr. Wm. Howard are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Insuing Year

Swordbearer — Gilbert Austin Elected Sword Bearer in the room of John Hughes d.d deceased

Officers — The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to Continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Custom — Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the Insuing Year by Mr. Dan.l Kelly the Coll.r Clerk on the same terms as they were Collected by him last Year

Law.ce Pilly — Ordered that the Sum of Forty shillings be Continued to be paid to Lawrence Pilly for his Support the Insuing Year

Salt not to Pay Custom — Ordered that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which has been bought in this Town for one year from the 15.th Inst.t

Cleaning of the Streets. — Ordered that the Cleaning of the Streets and Lanes in this Town and Carrying away the Dirt thereof for the Insuing Year be referd to Mr. Mayr. and his Worship to Call to his Assistance such Alld.n as he shall think propper

Bridewell keeper — Thomas Metcalfe Jailor of this Corporation is appointed Bridewell Keeper at the Usual Salary during the pleasure of the Corporation

Eliz.th Johnston — Elizabeth Johnston admitted into the present Vacancy in St. John's Poor house in the Room of the Wid.w Smith Dec.d

Gate Customs — The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Sett to Ald.n Nicholls at Eight Pounds a Week for one year to Commence from and after the 15.th day of October Inst.t

Mayor of the Staple Sworn — 4.th November 1751
This Day Ald.n Oliver Fairlough was Sworn Mayor of the Staple & Justice of the Peace pursuant to his Election last Assembly

Free Member Sworn — 21.st Octob.r 1751.
Edward Jones Stonecutter was this Day Sworn a free Member of this Corporation, pursuant to his admittance last July General Assembly paid the Usual fees and Signed the Instrument

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs Aldermen being Present the 15.th day of January 1752

Ald.n Elect — John Graham Esq.r is Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the Room of John Kadon late an Alderman deceased. Pursuant to Notice

At a General Assembly held before the Said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 17.th day of Jan.ry 1752

free member admitd — David Appleyard Smith, upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Joseph Harpur Surgeon — Ordered that the Sum of five Guineas be paid to Mr. Joseph Harpur Surgeon, for his Care of the Poore of this Town that require his Assistance the same to be Allowd the Treas.r in his Acc.ts

Ald.n Sworn — 18.th March 1752
This Day John Graham Esq.r was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporat.n pursuant to his Election last Post Assembly

free memb.r Sworn — 23.d March 1752
This day David Appleyard Smith was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation, pursuant to his Admittance last Assembly, paid the usual ffees and Signed the Instrument

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At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen being present the 8th. day of April 1752

Mayor Elect — John Graham Esqr. Alderman is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the next Ensuing Year according to the Rule of Succession

Sherriff Elect — Mr. John Clark is Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the next Ensuing Year

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs, the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 10th. day of April 1752

Idem — George Ackland is Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the next Ensuing Year with Mr. John Clark

Election Certifyed — Orderd that the Election of the Mayor and Sherriffs for the next Ensuing Year be forthwith certify'd to the Governmt. for their approbation

Receivers of the Rents of the Commons — Mr. Sherriff Aberly and Mr. Henry Gartside are appointed Receivers of the Rents of the Commons for three years from this Easter Assembly

Franchises — Whitsontuesday next is the day appointed for Riding the ffranchises of this Corporation, the Several ffraternities to ride in the Usual manner

freemember admitt'd — William Smith Shoemaker upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitt'd a freemember of this Corporation paying the usual ffees and Signing the Instrument

John Cook — Orderd that the sum of one pound ten shillings be paid to John Cook being half a years Pension due to Francis Evans decd. the same to be paid by Mr. John Jebb late Recr. of the Rents of the Commons out of the Ballance in his hands

Thos. Bowles — Orderd that the Sum of one pound five shillings be paid to Thomas Bowles being half a years Pension due to him for maintaining his Brother Richard Bowles, the same to be paid by Mr. John Jebb late Recr. of the Rents of the Commons out of the Ballce. in his Hands

Robt. McCartney — Orderd that the Sum of one pound fourteen shillings and Seven pence half penny be paid to Robert McCartney for his Relief, the same to be paid by Mr. John Jebb late Receiver of the Rents of the Commons being the Remainder of the Ballance of that Acct. in his Hands

Orderd that the undernamed Persons be paid the following Sums to their Names annex'd out of the Rents of the Commons the said Payments Commencing from Michaelmass Last and ending at Michaelmass next

Pensioners

Franc. North & wife	£3	Ann Knight	£3
John Bolton	4	Widw. of Thos. Bentley	2
James Quash	3	Widw. of John Ackland	2.10
Hester Clark	2	Widw. of Robt. Elliott & Childn.	4
Thos. Thompson	1.10	Mary Bonus	1.10
Barba. Souch	2.10	Mary Taylor	4
Widw. of Geo. Cook & 2 Childn.	2	John Cloff	2
Richd. Shortell's Child	2	Jane Cheevers	3
John Wallace's Child	1	Ann Evans	2
Jos. Holmes's Childn.	4	Cathl. Medley	1.10
John Cook	1.15	Widw. of John Huson	2
Margt. Ellis	3	Widw. of James Domvile	3
Ann McEvoy	3	Widw. Brunton	3
Mary Donnolly & Childn.	3	Robt. Gibson	2
ffrances Marsden	2	Widw. of Jos. Appleyard	3
Furs of the Commons	8	John Collier	3
Henry Simpall & wife	4	Elizth. Barfoot	2
Widw. of John Andrews	3	Robt. McCartney	1.10
Widw. of John Deacon	3		
Widw. Ruxton	4		45
Widw. of Edwd. Chambers & Childn.	3		62.15
	£62.15		£107.15

Thoms. Rea agst. Robt. McCartney late Marshall £8:17:½ wth. yr. Recordrs. opinion — Mr. John Rencher having layd before this Assembly a State of a Case at the Instance of Thomas Rea against Robert McCartney late Marshall whereby it appears that the said Marshal stands Indebted to the Sd. Rea in the Sum of £8.17.½ on acct. of an Execution Issued out of the Tholsel Court and Executed by the said McCartney. with the Recorders opinion that the Corporation is lyable to the said Debt, It is orderd that the Treasr. do pay the said Rea the Plt. or his Attey. the said Sum of £8.17.½ upon a proper discharge, and that the said McCartney's Bail be obliged to pay the same to the Treasurer

to be paid by the Treasr. & to be recoverd from McCartney's Bail

8th June 1752

freemembr. sworn — This day William Smith Shoemaker was Sworn a freemember of this Corporation paid the usual ffees and Signed the Instrument

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 17th. day of July 1752

freemember admitt'd — Philip Apperson Skinner upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a freemember of this Corporation, Paying the usual ffees and Signing the Instrument

Idem — Ephraim Evans Cabinet Maker upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a ffreemember of this Corporation, paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

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Thos. Smith admitted Serjeant at Mace

Thomas Smith Upon his his Humble Petition granted him by by this Assembly, is admitted one of the Serjeants at Mace of this Corporation, upon his giveing Sufficient Security. to Continue during the Pleasure of this Corporation

Ann Appleyard admitted in St. John's Poorehouse

Ann Appleyard Widw. of Jas. Appleyard, upon her Humble petition granted her by this Assembly, is admitted in the Poore house of St. John's, in the Vacancy of the Widw. Ennis dec.d

10th. August 1752

freemember Sworn

This day Ephraim Evans Cabinetmaker was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation, paid the usual Fees and Signed the Instrument

Idem

The Same Day Philip Apperson Skinner was Sworn a free member of this Corporation, paid the usual ffees and Signed the Instrument

At a General Assembly held before John Graham Esq.r Mayor John Clark and George Ashland Esq.rs Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being Present the 6th day of October 1752

Comon Council man

Mr. John Aberly is elected a Common Councilman and Sworn

Mayor of the Staple

Aldn. Francis Donagh is elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the ensuing Year & Sworn

Constables of Do.

Mr. John Aberly and Mr. Henry Leland are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Coroners

Mr. John Aberly and Mr. Henry Leland are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year & Sworn

Auditors and Viewers

Aldn. Francis Leigh
Aldn. Henry Ogle
Aldn. Olivr. Fairlough
Aldn. Richard Webb
Mr. Wm. Fairlough
Mr. Saml. Gerrard
Mr. Phil: Pendleton

Treas.r

Edward Meade Esq.r is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Mr. of the Guild

Alln. Oliver Fairlough is elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens of Do.

Mr. Jere. Smith and Mr. Phil. Pendleton are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshal to Continue during the Pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Daniel Kelly the Collectors Clerk on the Same terms they were Collected by him last year

Law.ce Pilly

Ordered that the Sum of Forty Shillings be continued to be paid to Lawrence Pilly for his Support the ensuing Year

Salt not to pay Custom

Ordered that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which has been bought in this Town for one Year from the 15th. Instant

Cleaning of the Streets

Ordered that the cleaning of the Streets and Lanes in this Town and carrying away the Dirt thereof for the ensuing Year be Referred to Mr. Mayor, & his Worship to call to his Assistance Such Aldermen as he shall think Proper

Serjeants Sallary augmented

Ordered that the Sallarys of Henry Swetman and Thomas Smith Serjeants of Mace and Franchises be augmented to Six Pounds a Year Each, from the 24th. day of June last

Thos. Gore Water Bailiffs inability

Consideration being had of the Age and Inability of the Present Water Bailiff Thomas Gore, and that said Office Requires an Active stirring Man, & a Man used to that business, and acquainted fully with the Duty of a Water Bailiff

Amb. Sharp appointed Water Bailiff and continued in the Councie

It is Ordered by this Assembly that Mr. Ambrose Sharp be, and he is hereby appointed Water Bailiff of this Corporation for one Year from Michaelmas last, and that his being so appointed shall not incapacitate him from Sitting in this Assembly as Common Council man for that Fraternity he Representa. And in regard to said Gore it is Ordered by this Assembly that the Treasurer of this Corporation do Pay said Gore fifteen Pounds a Year Quarterly, for his Subsistance during the Pleasure of this Corporation and no Longer

Subsistance allowed Thos. Gore

Aldn. Chefshire allowed for riding the Franchises

Ordered that the Treasurer do Pay to Aldn. Edward Chefshire Eleven Pounds Six Shillings and two pence ½ penny to make good his Charges for Riding the Franchises the Year of his Mayoralty, this Assembly having Engaged to make good the Same to him

Esther Anderson

Esther Anderson is admitted into the Present Vacancy in St. John's Poore House in the Room of the Widow Tullard dec.d

ffree Merchant admitted

Robert Ford upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a ffree Merchant of this Corporation paying the usual fees & Signing the Instrument

The

Gate Customs

The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Sett to Alld.n Oliver Fairlough at Seven Pounds twelve Shillings a Week for One Year to commence from and after the 26.th of this Inst.t October and ending the 26.th of October next 1753 Inclusive

16.th October 1752

ffree Merchant Sworn

This day Robert Ford was Sworn a ffree Merchant of this Corporation, Paid the usual fees & Signed the Instrument

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being ffsent the 10.th January 1752

Alld.n Elected

Mr. Jeremiah Smith is Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the Room of William Lucas late an Alderman dec.d Pursuant to Notice

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being ffsent the 12.th January 1753

Jos. Harpur Surgeon

Ordered that the Sum of Five Guineas be paid to Mr. Joseph Harpur Surgeon for his care of the Poore of this Town that require his Assistance, the same to be allowd the Treasurer in his Accounts

30.th April 1753

Alld.n Sworn

This Day Mr. Jere. Smith was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation Pursuant to his Election last Post Assembly

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being ffsent the 2.d day of May 1753

Mayor Elect

Alld.n Jere. Smith is elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the next ensuing Year according to the Rule of Succession

Sheriff Elect

Mr. Robert Ford is Elected to Serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the next ensuing Year

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen & Comon Council being ffsent the 4.th May 1753

Idem

Mr. George Foster is Elected to Serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the next ensuing Year with Mr. Robert Ford

Election Certified

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor & Sheriffs for the next ensuing Year, be forthwith Certifyed to the Goverment for their Approbation

Pensioners

Ordered that the following Persons be paid the following Sums to their Names annexed out of the Rents of the Commons the said Payments commencing from Michas last and ending at Michas next

Francis North & Wife	3	Wid.w of John Ackland	2 10
John Bolton	1	Wid.w of Rob. Elliott & Child.n	1
James Quash	1	Mary Bonus	1 10
Hester Clark	2	Maby Taylor	1
Thomas Thompson	1 10	John Cloff	2
Barb.a Souch	2 10	Jane Cheevers	3
Wid.w of Geo. Cook & 2 Child.n	2	Ann Evans	2
John Wallaces Child	1	Wid.w of John Huson	2
Jos. Holmes's Child.n	1	Wid.w of James Domvile	3
John Cook	1 15	Wid.w Brunton	3
Marg.t Ellis	3	Rob.t Gibson	2
Ann M.c Evoy	3	John Collier	3
Marg.t Donnelly & Child.n	3	Eliz.th Barfoot	2
Frances Marsden	2	Rob.t M.c Cartney	1 10
Tuns of the Commons	8	Hen. Credon	2
Hen. Simple Wife & Child.n	1	Mary Hamilton	1
Wid.w of John Andrews	3	Wid.w Humphryson	1
Wid.w of John Deacon	3	Wid.w of Leon.d Robinson	1
Wid.w Ruston	1	Mary Cash	10
Wid.w of Edw.d Chambers & Child.n	3		41
Ann Knight	3		66 15
Wid.w of Tho.s Bently	2		£107 15
	£66 15		

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being ffsent the 13.th day of July 1753

John Moffitt Innkeeper upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a freemember of this Corporation paying the usual fees & Signing the Instrument

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At a Generall held before Jeremiah Smith Esqr Mayor Robert Ford and George Foster Esq^rs Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being Present the 5th day of October 1753

Common Council Men — Mr John Clark and Mr George Ackland are Elected Common Council Men and Sworn

Mayor of the Staple — Alderman Francis Donagh is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Coroners — Mr John Clark and Mr George Ackland are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Constables of the Staple — Mr John Clark and Mr George Ackland are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Aud^rs & Viewers

Auditors & Viewers.
- Alderman Francis Leigh
- Alderman Henry Ogle
- Alderman William Ogle
- Alderman Richard Jebb
- Mr William Fairtlough
- Mr Samuel Gerrard
- Mr Philip Pendleton

Treas^r — Edward Meade Esqr is elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Maist^r of the Guild — Alderman Francis Donagh is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens of D^o — Alderman John Graham and Mr John Aberly are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Officers — The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to Continue during the Pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs — Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the ensuing Year by Mr Daniel Kelly the Collectors Clerk on the Same Terms they were Collected by him last Year

Lawrence Pilly — Ordered that the Sum of Forty Shillings be continued to be paid to Lawrence Pilly for his Support the ensuing Year

Ordered

Salt not to pay Custom — Ordered that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which has been bought in this Town for one Year from the 15th Instant

Cleaning of the Streets. — Ordered that the cleaning of the Streets and Lanes in this Town and Carrying away the Dirt thereof for the ensuing Year be Referred to M^r, Mayor and his Worship to call to his Assistance such of the Aldermen as he Shall think proper

Water Bailiff's Sallary for keeping up the Perches — Ordered that the Sum of Forty Shillings be paid yearly to Mr Ambrose Sharp present Water Bailiff to provide and Sett up Perches in the River wherever they shall be wanting and also for keeping up the Same And that he be paid the Same for the Year ending Michaelmas last

James Sandiford's Petition for Lease — Upon the Petition of James Sandiford Merch^t Setting forth That He is in Possession in his own right of one old Stone House called the Old Tholsel or Castle of Comfort on Meathside in the Town of Droghed^a Also One House in Dyer Street in the said Town under a Lease granted by this Corporation to Alderman Joseph Tomlinson for 61 Years from Michas 1697. at the yearly Rent of £3.7.6 Ster^g: in which said Lease was likewise granted to the said Tomlinson One little House or Tenement lying on the West Side of the North end of the Old Bridge; adjoining to Guild Hall which House Never was in the Petitioners Possession being Sold to this Corporation and Pulled down upon Building the new Bridge, and for which 2/6 Yearly: of the said reserved Rent was taken off and the said Petitioner now Pays £3.5.— Yearly: that the buildings on the said Premisses is in a Ruinous Condition and the Term unexpired too Short to Layout Money in Rebuilding the Same And therefore praying this Assembly (for his encouragement to Rebuild) to accept of a Surrender of his present Lease and to grant him anew One in his own Name for 61 Years. Which Petition being Referrd to the Auditors & Viewers and their Report thereon made And a Plan of a new House to be built where the Castle of Comfort now Stands being also laid before this Assembly And the said Petitioner having Agreed to Rebuild the same accordingly It is therefore

Aud^rs & View^rs Report

Grant — Ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner have anew Lease of the said Premisses in his own Name for 61 Years from Michas 1752 (on surrendering the present Lease) at the yearly Rent of £3.5.— And that Maps of the Premisses be annexed to the new Lease

Free Member admitted — Haden Leland, Tanner, upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation paying the Usual fees & signing the Instrument

Idem — Samuel Smith, Chandler, upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation paying the Usual fees & signing the Instrument

William

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free Member admitted

William Cain, Butcher, upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation paying the Usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Idem

Thomas Athins, Merch.t upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation paying the Usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Gate Customs

The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Sett to Alderman Edward Chefshire at Eight Pounds four Shillings a Week for One Year, to commence from and after the 26.th of this Instant October and ending the 26.th day of October next 1754 Inclusive.

At a Special Assembly held before the said Mayor and George Foster one of the said Sherriffs the Aldermen being Present the 10.th day of October 1753

Sherriff Elected

Mr. John Thornton is Elected Sherriff of this Corporation in the room of Robert Ford late Sherriff deceased

Election Certifyed

Ordered that the Election of the said John Thornton be forthwith Certifyed to the Government for their Approbation

Sherriff Sworn

13.th October 1753 This Day John Thornton was Sworn Sherriff of this Corporation in the room of Robert Ford late Sherriff dec.d

four free Members Sworn

15.th October 1753 This Day, Haden Leland, Samuel Smith, William Cain and Thomas Athins were Sworn free Members of this Corporation pursuant to their Admittance last Gen.l Assembly paid the usual fees & Signed the Instrument

Idem

The same Day, John Moffitt was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation pursuant to his admitt.ce last July Assembly paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen being Present the 16.th day of January 1754

Alderman Elect.d

Mr. Philip Pendleton is Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the room of John Graham late an Alderman of this Corporation dec.d pursuant to Notice

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being Present the 18.th day of January 1754

Jos.: Harpur Surgeon

Ordered that the Sum of Ten Pounds Ster.g be paid to Mr. Joseph Harpur Surgeon, for his Care and attendance of the Poore of this Town that require his Assistance for the ensuing Year. the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his Accounts

Marshall's Petition for money he paid for an Escape Grant.d

This Assembly Agrees to the Report of the Auditors & Viewers upon the Petition of Thomas Metcalfe Marshall and the Treasurer is hereby Authorized to Pay him the Sum of Twenty two Pounds Sterling being the Sum he paid for Francis Magragh a Debtor who made his Escape by reason of the insufficiency of the Marshallsea Walls Mr. Mayor Signing an Order on the Treasurer for the said Sum

free Memb.r admitted

Samuel Taylor upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is Admitted a free Member of this Corporation paying the usuall fees and signing the Instrument

Idem

Abraham Knight upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation paying the Usuall fees and Signing the Instrument

2 free Members Sworn

25.th February 1754. This Day Samuel Taylor and Abraham Knight were Sworn free Members of this Corporation paid the usual fees & Signed the Instrument

Alderman Sworn

20.th April 1754. This Day Philip Pendleton was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation pursuant to his Election last Post Assembly

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen being Present the 24.th day of April 1754

Mayor Elect.

Alderman Philip Pendleton is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year according to the Rule of Succession.

Sheriff Elect.

Mr. George Williams is Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year

At

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being Present the 26th. day of April 1754

Sherriff Elect — Mr. George Clegg is Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year with Mr. George Williams

Election to be certifyd — Ordered that the Election of the Mayor and Sherriffs for the ensuing Year be forthwith Certifyd to the Government for their approbation

Proctors — Alderman Edward Meade and Mr. William Howard are appointed Proctors of Saint John's Poore House for three Years from this Easter Assembly

Cellars under the Tholsell — Alderman Richard Jebb having Desired give up the Cellars under the Tholsel. Ordered that Notice be Posted for Setting the Same again to such Persons as Mr. Mayor the Sherriffs and the Auditors and Viewers shall approve off to be held during the Pleasure of this Corporation

free Member admitted — Benjamin Rencher, Carpenter upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation paying the usual ffees and signing the Instrument

Eliz.th Shepheard's Petition for a Lease — Upon the Petition of Elizabeth Shepheard Widow of Ald.n Will.m Shepheard dec.d Setting forth that She is in Possession of a Lease made by this Corporation to the said Wm. Shepheard of a Peice of Ground in Saint John Street cont.a in Front to the said Street 82. Feet, and on the East and in Front to the Bullring cont.a 61, Feet, for the Term of 61. Years from Easter 1741. at the yearly Rent of £1 —— that the v.d Shepheard Covenant'd to Build the Premisses that soon after the Comencement of said Lease the said Shepheard died and the said Lease being mislaid & the Petitioner not knowing of the Covenant on said Shepheard to Build or what Term was unexpired of the said Lease occasiond the said Concerns to lye in the Ruinous Condition they now are Praying this Assembly to Accept of a Surrender of the present Lease and to Grant Her a new Lease of said Premisses for 61. Years Subject to the Covenant for Building. Which Petition being referrd to the Auditors & Viewers & their Report thereon made It is ordered by this Assembly that the Petit.r have a new Lease of the said Premisses for 61. Years from Easter last at the ffent Rent of £1 —— Sterl.g on Surrendering the ffent Lease which must be Lawfully done by the Person or Persons intitled thereto: And that in the new Lease a Covenant be inserted to Oblige the Petr to Rebuild according to the Covenant in the ffent Lease in the Space of three Years from last Easter or in Default of Building the said new Lease to be absolutely null and Void

Grant'd upon the Aud.rs & View.rs Report with a Proviso to Build

Ordered

Ordered that the undernamed Persons be paid the following Sums to their Names anne.d out of the Rents of the Commons the said Payments commencing from Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next

Pensioners

	£	s	d
Francis North & Wife	3		
John Bolton	1		
James Quash	1		
Hester Clark	2		
Thomas Thompson	1	10	
Barb.a Souch	2	10	
Wid.w Geo. Cook & 2 children	3		
Geo. Rencher & Wife	1		
John Cooke	1	15	
Marg.t Ellis	3		
Ann M.cEvoy	3		
Marg.t Donnelly & Child.n	3		
Frances Marsden	2		
Surs of the Commons	8		
Hen. Simple, Wife & Child.n	4		
Wid.w of John Andrews	3		
Wid.w of John Deacon	3		
Wid.w Ruxton	4		
Wid.w Chambers & Child.n	3		
Ann Knight	3		
Wid.w of Thom.s Bentley	2		
	66	15	

	£	s	d
Wid.w of John Ackland	2	10	
Wid.w of Rob.t Eliott & Child.n	4		
Mary Taylor	4		
John Cloff	2		
Jane Cheevers	3		
Ann Ivans	2		
Wid.w of John Huson	2		
Wid.w of James Domvile	3		
Wid.w Brunton	3		
Robert Gibson	2		
John Collier	3		
Eliz.th Barfoot	2		
Robert M.cCartney	1	10	
Henry Credon	2		
Mary Hamilton	1		
Wid.w Humphryson	1		
Wid.w of Leo.d Robinson	1		
Mary Cash	1		
Dorcas Jones	1		
	41		
	66	15	
	107	15	

9th. July 1754. This Day Benjamin Rencher was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument

free Memb.r sworn

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being Present the 19th. day of July 1754

free Memb.r admitted — Robert Keegan upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation paying the usual ffees and Signing the Instrument

Henry Gartside's Petn for a Lease — Upon the Petition of Henry Gartside Merch.t Setting forth that He is in Possession in his own Right of a House & small Garden on Duleek Hill another House & Garden on the Hill leading to Duleek Gate a House and Premisses in St. John Street also two Parks near the Cowleys cont.a about 3 Acres together with one other Park near Platten Road calld the Harps Park, cont.a about 1½ Acre under a Lease

Lease made by this Corporation to Ann Gartside for 20 Years from Easter 1736. at the yearly Rent of £5-10-— that the Same is within the Rules for Renewing And praying a new Lease in his own Name and so forth. Which Petition being Referrd to the Auditors & Viewers and their Report thereon made; It is therefore Ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner have a new Lease of said Premises in his own Name for 61 Years from Easter last at £5-10-— Yarm: & paying £5-10-— Fine, on Surrendering the ffsent Lease and that Maps of the Premises be annexed to said new Leases.

Grant

Alderman Francis Leigh having Promised to Grant by Lease to this Corporation the Garden lying on the West End of the new Custom House Quay contain in length from North to South 91 Feet and in breadth from East to West 25 Feet; for 500 Years at 5/ Yarm: in order to Build thereon a convenient Place for Merchants to lay Yarn and other Dry Goods while weighing and Shiping and for such other purposes as this Corporation shall Direct provided that no Lease be ever made of the said Ground; but that it be always kept for the use of the Corporation and Traders of Drogheda. It is Ordered by this Assembly that the Corporation Seal be put to the said Lease whenever Mr. Recorder Settles a Draft thereof and that the old Crain on the Quay be not taken down untile the said new Building is in Order for the Merchants and then that it be taken down and laid Level with the said Quay And it is further Ordered by this Assembly that the Treasurer of this Corporation have Power to Pay any Sums or Sum of Money not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds as the Same May be wanted to Begin & Carryon the said intended Building the Same to be allowd him in His Accounts.

Ald.r Leigh's promise of a Lease to the Corpor=ation

Accepted

Treas.r impowerd to pay £200 for carrying on the Building

Alderman Edward Meade having acquainted this Assembly that the Right Honble Lord Chief Justice Singleton had ordered him to give another Hundred Pounds to this Corporation towards Repairing the Works of the Piles for mending the Navigation of the River; Ordered that the Thanks of this Assembly be returned to his Lordship by Mr. Mayor for this and his former generous Contribution to so necessary & beneficial a Works

L.d Ch: Ju: Singleton's Contribution towards Repairing the Piles

thanks ret.d his L.dsp.

23. September 1754 This Day Robert Keegan was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation pursuant to his admit.ce last Assembly paid the usual fees & signd the Instrument

free Member Sworn

At a General Assembly held before Philip Pendleton Esq.r Mayor, George Williams and George Clegg Esq.rs Sherriffs, the Aldermen and Common Councile being Present the 11.th day of October 1754.

Com. Council Man — Mr. George Foster is Elected a Common Councile Man and Sworn.

May.r of the Staple — Ald.n Jeremiah Smith is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn.

Constables of D.o — Mr. John Thornton and Mr. George Foster are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year and Sworn.

Coroners — Mr. John Thornton and Mr. George Foster are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year and Sworn.

Treasurer — Edward Meade Esq.r is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year.

Mast.r of the Guild — Alderman John Graham is Elected Master of the Guild, for the ensuing Year.

Ward.ns of D.o — Mr. John Clarke and Mr. George Ackland are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year.

Auditors and Viewers

Ald.n Francis Leigh
Ald.n Henry Ogle
Ald.n Richard Jebb
Ald.n John Graham
Mr. Willm. Fairtlough
Mr. Henry Leland
Mr. George Ackland

} Auditors and Viewers, or any three of them.

Officers — The Officers of the Sword and Mace, and Marshall to continue, during the Pleasure of this Corporation.

Water Customs — Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation, be Collected the ensuing Year, by Mr. Daniel Kelly, the Coll.rs Clerk, on the same Terms they were Collected by him last Year.

Law.ce Pilly — Ordered that the Sum of Forty Shillings, be continued to be paid, to Laurence Pilly, for his Support the ensuing Year.

Salt not to pay Custom — Ordered that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which has been bought in this Town for one Year from the 15.th Instant.

Cleaning the Streets — Ordered that the cleaning of the Streets & Lanes in this Town & Carrying away the Dirt thereof, for the ensuing Year, be Referred to Mr. Mayor, & his Worship to Call to his Assistance such Aldermen as he shall think proper.

free Carpenter admitted — Richard Holland, upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly, is admitted a free Carpenter of this Corporation, paying the usual Fees and Signing the Instrument.

Thomas

free March.t admitt.d

Thomas Howard, upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly, is admitt.d a free Merchant of this Corporation; paying the usuall ffees and signing the Instrument

Idem

William Holmes, upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation; paying the usual ffees and Signing the Instrument

Gate Customs

The Gate Customs of this Corporation, were Sett, to Ald.n Edward Chesshire, at Seven pounds fifteen Shillings a Week, for one Year, to commence from and after the 26.th of this Instant October; Ending the 26.th of October next 1755 inclusive.

21.st October 1754.

free Members Sworn

This Day Thomas Howard and William Holmes, were Sworn free Members of this Corporation, pursuant to their Admittance, last Assembly, paid the usual & signd the Instrument

23.d December 1754

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This Day Richard Holland, was Sworn a free Carpent.r of this Corporation, pursuant to his admitt.ce last Assembly, paid the usual fees and signd the Instrument

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen being Present, the 15.th January 1755

alderman Elected

Mr. William Howard is Elected an Alderman of this Corporation, in the room of Oliver Fairclough late an alderman of this Corporation deceased; pursuant to Notice

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sherriffs, the Aldermen and Common Council being Present the 17.th January 1755

Chas. Evans Elected a Com: Coun: Man for the Fraternity of Blacksmiths in the room of Amb. Sharp Dec.d

Upon the Petition of the Master, Wardens and Fraternity of Blacksmiths, Setting forth, that by the death of M.r Ambrose Sharp late one of their Representatives there is a Vacancy of a Common Council Man, to Represent them in the General Assemblys; and that they according to ancient Custom have nominated three of their Fraternity to have a fitt Person Chosen thereout viz.t Charles Evans, Thomas North and Mathew Marsden: It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Charles Evans be, and he is hereby Elected and Chosen a Common Council Man for the said Fraternity; and the said Charles Evans, being called in, was Sworn a Common Council Man for the said Fraternity accordingly

Ordered

Jos. Harpur Surgeon

Ordered that the Sum of Eleven Pounds, Seven Shillings and six pence be paid to M.r Joseph Harpur, Surgeon; for his Care and attendance of the Poor of this Town that require his Assistance, for the ensuing Year, the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his Accounts

free Member

William Norman, upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitt.d a free Member of this Corporation; paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

free Taylor

George Cooke upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitt.d a free Taylor of this Corporation; paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

ald.n Donagh Wat.r Bailiff

Ald.n Francis Donagh, upon his Petition granted by this Assembly is appointed Water Bailiff of this Corporation in the room of Ambrose Sharp late Water Bailiff dec.d

ald.n Sworn

22.d March 1755 This Day William Howard was Sworn an alderman of this Corporation, pursuant to his Election last Post Assembly

free Member Sworn

25.th March 1755 This Day William Norman was Sworn a free Memb.r of this Corporation, pursuant to his Admitt.ce last Assembly, paid the usual fees and Signd the Instrument

free Taylor Sworn

4.th April 1755 This Day George Cooke was Sworn a free Taylor of this Corporation, pursuant to his admitt.ce last Assembly, paid the usual ffees and signd the Instrument

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen being Present, the 9.th April 1755

Mayor Elect

Ald.n William Howard is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year according to the Rule of Succession

Sherriff Elect

Mr. William Blakeney is Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being Present the 11.th April 1755

Idem

Mr. Thomas Jones is Elected to Serve Sherriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year, along with Mr. William Blakeney

Election Certified

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor and Sherriffs for the ensuing Year be forthwith Certified to the Government for their Approbation

Franchises to be Ridd

Ordered that the Franchises of this Corporation be Ridd on Whitsuntues Day next the several Fraternitys to Ride in the usual manner

Ald.n

Recrs of the Rents of the Comons appointed

Aldn Francis Leigh and Mr. Sherriff Williams are appointed Receivers of the Rents of the Commons for three Years from this Easter Assembly

Ballce of said Rents in the hands of the late Receivers ascertaind & disposed of

Mr. Henry Garkside, one of the late Receivers of the Rents of the Commons, having laid before this Assembly an Account of the said Rents; it appears, that there is a Ballance of Five Pounds Nine Shills & seven pence p. due by John Abberly late Receiver of the said Rents deed; and that there is also a Ballance of Seven Pounds Nineteen Shillings & seven pence p. due by Mr. Garkside: It is therefore Ordered by this Assembly that the said Ballances amounting in the whole to Thirteen Pounds Nine Shillings and three Pence, be paid into the hands of Aldn Francis Leigh, one of the present Receivers; and that He pay the following Persons the following Sums to their Names annexed out of the said Ballances

Widow of Samel Tewtrell	3	Frances Marsden Widw	2
Elizth Wallace Widw	2-5-6	Mary Staplehill	2
Margt Robinson Widw	2		4
Elizth Fitz Gerald	2		9-5-6
	£9-5-6	in all	£13-5-6

Pensions

Ordered that the undernamed Persons be paid the following sums to their Names annexed, out of the Rents of the Commons the said Payments comencing from Michas last and ending at Michas next

Francis North and Wife	3	Widw of Robt Elliott & Child	4
James Quash	4	Widw of Samel Taylor	4
Hester Clarke	2	Jane Cheevers	3
Thomas Thompson	2	Ann Evans	2
Barbara Souch	2-10	Widw of John Huson	2
Widw of Geo. Cook & 2 Child	3	Widw of James Domvile	3
Geo. Rencher & Wife	4	Widw Brunton	3
John Cooke	2-10	Robt Gibson	2
Margt Ellis	3	John Collier	3
Ann Milvoy	3	Elizth Barefoot	2
Mary Donnelly & Child	3	Robt M Cartney	1-10
Fras Marsden Widw	2	Henry Creedon	2
Turs of the Commons	8	Mary Hamilton	1
Hen. Simple & Wife	4	Widw Humphryson	2
Widw of John Andrews	3	Widw of Leo. Robinson	1
Widw of John Deacon	3	Mary Cash	1
Widw Ruston	4	Elizth Bolton	3
Widw Chambers & Child	3	Dorcas Needham Widw	1-15
Ann Knight	3		41-5
Widw of Thomas Bently	2		66-10
Widw of John Ackland	2-10	in all	£107-15
	£66-10		

free Member admitted

William Sweetlove upon his Petion Granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation paying the usual fees & Signing the Instrument

free Mercht admitted

Roger Ford upon his Petition Granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Mercht of this Corporation, paying the usual fees & Signing the Instrument

Mary

Mary Parks, admitted into the Poore House

Mary Parks Widw upon her Petition, granted by this Assembly is admitted into one of the present Vacancys in Saint John's Poore House

Ann Skip, idem,

Ann Skip Widw upon her Petition is also admitted into one of the Vacancys in Saint John's Poor House

Ann White, idem,

Ann White upon her Petition is likewise admitted into one of the Vacancys in Saint John's Poor House

Draft of a Lease from Aldn Leigh to the Corporation agreed & approved off

Mr. Mayor having laid before this Assembly, Mr. Recorders draft of a Lease from Aldn Fras Leigh, to this Corporation, of the Ground on the North Quay, together with a Plan of the Building to be erected thereon for the uses of this Corporation; the said Lease and Plan are Approved of; and It is ordered by this Assembly that the said Lease be Engrossed & executed when Mr. Mayr shall think proper, and that the Corporation Seal be affixed to both parts of said Lease

19th April 1755

free Membr Sworn

This day William Sweetlove was Sworn a free Member of this Corporan pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees & signed the Instrument

14th July 1755

free Merchr Sworn

This Day Roger Ford, was Sworn a free Merchr of this Corporation, pursuant to his admittce last Assembly paid the usual fees & signed the Instrument

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council, being Present the 18th July 1755

Fines on the Mayor & Sherrs in the K. B. discharged

Ordered that the Sum of Five pounds thirteen Shillings & nine pence be paid by the Treasurer to Aldn Fras Leigh, being so much he paid, in his Maties Court of Kings Bench, by order of this Assembly, to get the Fines that were imposed upon the Mayor & Sherriffs, in that Court, taken off and discharged; the said Fines being imposed for insufficient Returns, upon Habeas Corpus's brought by Mark Langan, and Peter Crawley, two Prisoners lately in Custody of the Marshall of this Hosteel Court; the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his Accounts

Sealing day

Monday the Eighth day of September next, is appointed a Sealing Day for Corporation Leases

River Comittee enlarged

Aldn Edward Hardman, Aldn George Scholes, Aldn George Rencher, Aldn William Howard, Mr. William Fairtough, Mr. Henry Garkside and Mr. Edwd Chelshire are added to the Comittee for inspecting the Navigation of the River below the Bridge

free Carpenter admitted

Thomas Latimer, upon his Petition, Granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Carpenter of this Corporation, paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Do Sworn

4th Augst 1755 This Day Thomas Latimer was Sworn a free Carpentr pursuant to his admittce paid the usual fees & signed the Instrument

At

At a general Assembly held before William Howard Esq.r Mayr. William Blakeney and Thomas Jones Esq.rs Sherriffs the aldermen and Common Councill being Present the 10th. day of October 1755.

Common Counil Men Sworn — Mr. George Williams and Mr. George Clegg are Elected Common Council Men and Sworn

Mayr. of the Staple — Aldn. Philip Pendleton is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the ensuing Year & Sworn

Constables. — Mr. George Williams and Mr. George Clegg are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year & Sworn

Coroners — Mr. George Williams and Mr. George Clegg are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year & Sworn

Treasurer — Aldn. Edward Meade is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Mast.r of the Guild — Aldn. Jeremiah Smith is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens. — Mr. John Thornton and Mr. George Foster are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Aud.rs & View.rs — Aldn. Francis Leigh, Aldn. Henry Ogle, Aldn. Richard Jabb, Aldn. John Graham, Aldn. Philip Pendleton, Mr. Willm. Fairbrough, Mr. Henry Leldns, Mr. George Ashland — Auditors and Viewers

Officers — The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshal to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs — Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Daniel Kelly the Collectors Clerke on the same Terms they were Collected by him last Year.

Lau. Pilly — Ordered that the Sum of Forty Shillings be continued to be paid to Laurence Pilly, for his Support the ensuing Year.

Salt not to pay Custom — Ordered that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which has been bought in this Town for one Year from the 15th. October Instant

Mr. Edwd.

Edwd. Norman's Proposal to be Scavenger for 10 Years at £30 p.ann: accepted — Mr. Edward Norman having Proposed to this Assembly to Carryaway the Dirt from the Streets and Lanes of this Town as a Scavenger, for Ten Years to commence from the 9th. day of November next at Thirty Pounds p.annum It is therefore Ordered by this Assembly that Mr. Norman's proposal be accepted: And that there be a proper Article of the Agreement prepared for him to Execute whereby Mr. Norman is to Covenant to Carryaway the Dirt out of this Town during the said Term to the satisfaction of Mr. Mayor for the time being; otherwise that he shall not be intitled to the said Sum of Thirty Pounds Sterl. p.ann:

Rails in Stock = well Lane &c to be Repaired — Ordered that Mr. Mayor Imploy proper Workmen to Repair the Rails at the River in Stockwell Lane, the same being now broke down & become a very Dangerous Nusance; And that he also cause the Grates and Shores in Shop Street to be properly Repaired

Road without Dulcek Gate — Ordered that the Sum of Fourteen Pounds and two pence Sterl. be paid to Francis Smith, the same remaining due to him and the Labourers &c, that Repaired the Road leading from Dulcek Gate to the end of the Liberties of this Town; to be allowed the Treas.r in his Accts.

free Merch.t admitt'd — William Ogle Son of Aldn. Henry Ogle upon his Petition Granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Merch.t of this Corporation, paying the usual fees & Signing the Instrument

free Member admitt'd — John Graham the Younger upon his Petition Granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Gate Customs — The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Sett to Aldn. Edward Reeshire at Seven Pounds Seven Shillings Sterl. a Week for one Year to commence from and after the 26th. Day of October Instant and ending the 26. Day of October next (1756) inclusive

free Merch.t Sworn — 14th. Novembr. 1755 This Day William Ogle Son of Aldn. Henry Ogle was Sworn a free Merchant of this Corporation, pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees & Signed the Instrument

freemember Sworn — 15th. December 1755 This Day John Graham Junr. was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation, pursuant to his admittance last Assembly, paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen being Present the 14. January 1756

Mr. Henry Garthside is Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the Room of John Gilbert late an Alderman of this Corporation deceased, pursuant to Notice

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At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being Present the 16th Jan.y 1756

Aldn. Edwd. Meade Petn. for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Edward Meade Alderman Settingforth, That he is in Possession in his own right of one Tenement & Garden now a small Tann Yard on the North side of St. John Street on Meath side in the Town of Drogheda; also two small Parks lying in the Yellow Batter on Uriel side in the County of the said Town, calld about 2 Acres of Land, and Containing by a late Survey 5 Acres, under a Lease Granted by this Corporation to Katherine Cheevers late of Drogheda Widow decd. for 61 Years from Michas 1696 at the yearly Rent of 14s. pd. amd: That the said Lease is within the Rules of Renewing, and praying a new Lease in his own Name and so forth. Which Petition been Referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being now Read It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby Granted a new Lease of the said Premisses in his own Name (pursuant to the said Report) for 61 Years from Michaelmas last at £1..10.. pd. amd: and paying £5.. Fine, on his Surrendering the old Lease; And that Maps of the Premisses be annexed to the said new Leases

Grantd

Richd. Cooper's Petn. (for a Lease)

Upon the Petition of Richard Cooper, Common Councilman, Settingforth, That he is in Possession in his own right of two Parks lying on Meath side in the Liberties of Drogheda joining the Road leading to Platten, Containing together 9 A.. 1 R.. 0 P.; also one Park near the Cowleaze Bridge Containing 2 A.. 1 R.. 20 P.; Also a Park in the Yellow Batter on Uriel side in the said Liberties Containing 1 A.. 1 R.. 10 P.; and likewise one Park in the Green Batter Containing 1 A.. 3 R.. 15 P. under a Lease granted by this Corporation to William Newton late of the same Alderman decd. for 61 Years from Michas 1697 at the yearly Rent of £1..16.. pd. amd: And that the said Lease is now near expired and within the Rules for Renewing, And praying a new Lease of the Premisses in his own Name for 61 Years and so forth. Which Petition been Referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon made; It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the Petitioner be and he is hereby Granted a new Lease of the said sevl. Parks (Containing in the whole 14 A.. 3 R.. 5 P.) in his own Name, according to the Report of the Auditors & Viewers, for 61 Years from Michas last at the yearly Rent of £5.. pd. amd: and paying £10.. Fine; on his legally Surrendering the old Lease; And that Maps of the said Parks be annexd to the new Leases

Grantd

Leases in the possn. of Papists &c not to be Renewd

This Assembly having taken into their consideration the present circumstances of this Corporation and the several necessary Works & Repairs wanting therein, particularly about the Tholsel the River Boyn &c, and other occasions that may happen Do unanimously Order, Resolve and Agree, in order the better to Enable them to provide for the same; And it is hereby Orderd, Resolved and Agreed that for the time to come no Petitions shall be Granted for the Renewall of any Lease or Leases of Lands or Tenements

Tenements which now are in the hands or possession of Papists or other Persons not being ffree and qualified according to the Custom of this Corporation to Renew the Same; And that for the future when any such Lease or Leases shall appear to have been purchased by any Member of this Corporation in order to Entitle such Member to Petition for a Renewall of the same, as has been practiced heretofore, That in all such Cases such Petition shall not be Granted, but upon the expiration of such Lease or Leases or sooner if thought necessary the Premisses therein Contained and mentioned shall be Sett up to Publick Cant, at the General Assembly, for the benefitt of this Corporation, to be Sett to the highest Bidder being a free Member of this Corporation, And one Moiety of the Rent if in Land, to be fined off at 14 Years purchase, and if in Houses at 10 Years purchase; and that if any suspicion arises upon any Petition that may hereafter be Perferred by any free Member of this Corporation for the Renewall of any Lease, of any Trust concealed therein, for any Person not Qualified or free of this Corporation, that in such Case the Auditors and Viewers shall satisfie themselves by the Oaths of such Persons as they shall require to be examined before Mr. Mayor for the time being, and if such Persons so to be required shall refuse to ~~refuse to~~ be examined upon Oath as aforesaid, or upon examination do not prove that there is no such Trust concealed for any Person disqualified as aforesaid, then such Petition shall be rejected and made Void

but are to be Sold by Publick Cant

Petns. for Leases to conceal no Trust for Psons not free

Jo. Harpur Surgeon

Orderd that the sum of Eleven Pounds Seven Shillings and six pence be paid to Mr. Joseph Harpur Surgeon for his Care and Attendance of the Poor of this Town that require his assistance for the ensuing Year, the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his accounts

free Member admittd

Henry Ackland upon his Petition Granted him by this Assembly is admittd a free Member of this Corporation, paying the usuall fees and signing the Instrument

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Paul Tibbo upon his Petition Granted him by this Assembly is admittd a free Baker of this Corporation on paying the usual fees and signing the Instrumt.

idem

John Dennyson upon his Petition Granted him by this Assembly is admittd a free Carpenter of this Corporation on paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

free Men Sworn

2d. Febry. 1756 This day Henry Ackland, Paul Tibbo & John Dennyson were Sworn free of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last Assembly, paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument

20th. April 1756 This day Henry Gartside was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation pursuant to his Election last Post Assembly

At

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen being Present the 28th April 1756.

Mayor Elect — Alderman Henry Gartside is Elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year according to the Rule of Succession

Sheriff Elect — Mr Roger Ford is Elected to serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being Present the 30th April 1756

idem — Mr William Sweetlove is Elected to Serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the Ensuing Year with Mr Roger Ford

Election Certified — Ordered that the Election of the Mayor & Sheriffs for the ensuing Year be forthwith Certified to the Government for their Approbation

Cellars under the Tholsel — The Cellars under the Tholsel Late in the occupation of Aldn Richard Jebb are Sett by this Assembly to Mr Sherriff Jones at two Pounds p Annm from Easter Last (1756) During the pleasure of this Corporation

Late Sherriffs allowed £6 for a Transport — Ordered that the Treasurer do pay Mr Geo: Williams & Mr Geo. Clegg late Sherriffs of this Corporation the Sum of Six Pounds Ster: for transporting the Body of one Thomas Williams pursuant to a Warrant from the Judges of Assize, the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his Accounts

Jo. Rencher — Ordered that the Pension of £3 p annm hitherto paid Joseph Rencher as a Reduced Common Council Man be Augmented to £5 p annm from Easter last, And that Mr Mayor sign an Order for the same on the Treasurer quarterly or otherwise, the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his Accounts

Recrs of the Rents of the Commons — The Receivers of the Rents of the Commons been directed by the last Genl Assembly to Pay Edwd West, Elizabeth Hale and the Children of Edwd Jones one Pound Ster: each out of the Ballance then in their hands It is now ordered by this Assembly that the said Sums be allowed in their Accounts of the said Rents

Pensioners — Ordered that the undernamed Persons be paid the following Sums to their Names annexed out of the Rents of the Commons, said Payments commencing from Michas last and ending at Michas next

Frax North & Wife	3	Geo. Rencher & Wife	4
James Quash	4	John Cooke	2 10
Hester Clarke	2	Marg. Ellis	3
Thomas Thompson	2	Ann Mc Evoy	3
Barbara Touch	2 10	Mary Dohelly & Child	3
Widw Geo. Cooke & 2 Childn	3	Frax Marsden	2
Carrys over	£16 10	Carrys over	£17 10

Brought from the other side	34	Widw of John Collier	3
Furs of the Commons	8	Elizth Barefoot	2
Henry Simple & Wife	4	Rob. M.Cartney	1 10
Widw of John Andrews	3	Henry Creedon	2
Widw John Deacon	3	Mary Hamilton	1
Widw Ruxton	4	Widw Humphryson	2
Widw Chambers & Childn	3	Widw of Leo. Robinson	1
Ann Knight	3	Mary Cash	1
Widw of Thomas Bentley	2	Elizth Bolton	3
Widw of John Ackland	2 10	Dorcas Needham	1 15
Widw of Rob. Elliott & Childn	4	Elizth Hale Widw	1 2 9
Mary Taylor	4	Sarah Brickhill	1 2 9
Jane Chevers	3	Ann Stoker	1 2 9
Ann Evans	2	Hannah Mc Dowell	1 2 9
Widw of John Hueson	2	Edwd Jones Childn	1 2 9
Widw of James Domvile	3		23 18 9
Widw Brunton	3		89 10
Rob. Gibson	2		£113 8 9
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Right Honble Hen. Singleton's Petn for a Lease — Upon the Petition of the Right Honble Henry Singleton Esq. Master of the Rolls and Aldn Setting forth that he is in possession in his own Right of One Park lying without Sundays Gate near Pages Mill; one park on Meath side near the Poormans Causeway and the Lands of Corbollis under a Lease Granted by this Corporation to his Father Aldn Edwd Singleton dec. for 61 Years from Easter 1697 at the Yearly Rent of £2 5 p annm and that the same is within the Rules of Renewing; and praying a new Lease of said Premises in his own Name &c. Which Petition been Referred to the Auditors & Viewers as usual and their Report thereon made, is in the words following, to wit. We have Viewed the Premises in the annexed Petition mentions and have caused a Survey to be made of the same, which Contain as follows, viz: the Park without Sundays Gate near Pages Mill 5 1 25; The park on Meath side near the Poormans Causey 7 2 0, and the Lands of Corbollis which are interminged Contain in one Part 13 2 0, in another 18 2 0, and in another 17 2 0, Meard and bounded as p Map; We find said Lands are now Vested in the Petitioner and pay Yearly to this Corporation £2 5 and that the same are within the Rules for Renewall; And We are of opinion that the said Petitioner may have a new Lease of said Premises for 61 Years from Easter last at the old yearly Rent of £2 5 and paying £2 5 Fine, on his Surrendering the old Lease, All which we Submitt to your Worships consideration. Which Petition and Report being now Read It is therefore Ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby Granted a New Lease of the said Premises in his own Name for 61 Years from Easter last at £2 5 p annm on paying £2 5 Fine, and on Surrendering the old Lease; and that Maps of the Premises be annexed to said New Leases

Auditors & Viewers Report

Grant

free Cordwainer Admitted — Edward Chambers upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly, is admitted a free Cordwainer of this Corporation, paying the usual Fees & Signing the Instrument

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Mr. Mayot having laid before this Assembly the Draft of an address to his Majesty, and the same being Read is unanimously agreed to, And ordered to be fairly Engrossed and the Seal of this Corporation to be thereunto affixed, And that Francis Leigh and John Graham Esqrs. our Representatives in Parliament be desired to Present the same to his Grace the Lord Lieu.t in order to be transmitted to his Majesty; which address is as follows

Address to his Majesty

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty

The humble Address of the Mayor, Sherriffs, Burgesses and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda, in Common Council assembled

We your Majestys most dutifull and loyal Subjects humbly beg leave, at this critical conjuncture to approach your Throne, and to express our Resentment at the Indignity offerd to your Majesty by the insolent attempts of a neighbouring faithless Power

As this Rash Enterprize must be the object of your Majesty's contempt, it can serve to no other end, than firmly to unite all your Majestys Subjects, in the defence of your Majesty and the civil & religious Rights of a free People, whereof your Majesty has been the great and good Guardian

Duty, Gratitude and affection to your Majesty, Regard to ourselves and Posterity and every motive this is interesting call upon us, on this important occasion, to exert our utmost endeavours, to the Defeating of your Majestys enemies

May the Divine Providence, which has so often interpos'd in favour of our Religion and liberties, give to your Majestys Arms Victory and Success! and preserve to us the blessings of your Majestys Government and the Succession of it in your Royal Line!

In Testimony whereof &c. &c. &c.

31.st May 1756. This day Edward Chambers was Sworn a free Cordwainer of this Corporation, pursuant to his admittance last Assembly, paid the usual fees and sign'd the Instrument

free Cordwainer Sworn

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sherriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being Present the 16.th July 1756

John Holland the Younger upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Carpenter of this Corporation paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

free Carpenter admitt.d

Monday the Second day of August next is appointed a Sealing Day for Corporation Leases

Sealing Day

Ordered

£200 ordered for the Mayoralty House

Ordered that the Treasurer do pay, towards carrying on the Building on the North Quay, the further Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Sterl.g as the same shall be wanted to carry on the said Building, the same to be allowed on passing his Accounts

26.th July 1756. This day John Holland the Younger was Sworn a free Carpent.r of this Corporation, pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees and Signd the Instrument

free Carpenter Sworn

Michas Assembly 1756 Wm. Howard Mayr.

At a general Assembly held before Henry Garstide Esq.r Mayor Roger Ford and William Sweetlove Esq.r Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 8.th October 1756.

Com. Council Man Sworn

Mr. William Blakeney is elected a Common Council man and Sworn

Mayr. of the Staple

Ald.n William Howard is elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Constables

Mr. Wm. Blakeney and Mr. Thos. Jones are elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing year and Sworn

Coroners

Mr. Wm. Blakeney and Mr. Thom.s Jones are elected Coroners for the ensuing year and Sworn

Treas.r

Ald.n Edw.d Meade is elected Treasurer for the ensuing year

Master of the Guild

Ald.n Philip Pendleton is elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing year

Wardens

Mr. Geo. Williams & Mr. Geo. Clegg are elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing year

Auditors & Viewers

Ald.n Francis Leigh
Ald.n Henry Ogle
Ald.n Richard Jebb
Ald.n John Graham
Ald.n Philips Pendleton
Mr. Wm. Fairtlough
Mr. Henry Leland
Mr. George Achland

Auditors and Viewers or any five of them

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Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Orderd that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Daniel Kelly the Collectors Clerk on the same terms they were collected by him last year

Sall not to pay Custom

Orderd that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which has been bought in this Town for one Year from the 15th. October Instant

Jo. Rencher allowd £10 a year as a Reduced Com: Cou: man

Orderd that the Pension heretofore paid Joseph Rencher as a reduced Common Councilman be augmented to Ten pounds p Ann: during the pleasure of this Corporation; He satisfying Allen Sherrott for his attendance as Mr. Mayor shall direct

Hen. Appleyard appointed Regulator of the Watch &c.

Henry Appleyard upon his Petition is appointed Regulator of the Watch, and Guard keeper, and keeper of the Lamp Oyle & Coals in the room of Jos. Rencher who hath resigned on the same terms of his predecessor Jos. Rencher, during the pleasure of this Corporation

Revd. Mr. Norris allowd £10 a year towards the Support of a 2d. Usher in his Schoole

Orderd that the Sum of Ten pounds p Ann: be paid to the Revd. Mr. Norris, Schoole Master, to enable him to support the Charge of a second Usher in his Schoole to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

£10 allowd towards the loss upon Oatmeal for the Poore

Orderd that the Treasurer do pay the Sum of £10 towards the Loss upon the Oatmeal bought by Aldn. Leigh & other Gentn. & distributed among the poore in small quantitys at one penny p lb.

Mayors Sallary Augmented to £150

Orderd that the Mayors Sallary be augmented to the Sum of One hundred and Fifty Pounds p Ann: from Michaelmas last, during the pleasure of this Corporation

3 free Members admitted

John Ogle Esqr. Eldest Son of Aldn. Henry Ogle, Wm Ogle only Son of Aldn. Wm Ogle and John Monkhouse upon their Petitions granted by this Assembly are admitted free Members of this Corporation upon their paying the usual fees & signing the Instrumt.

a free Smith admitted

Thos. North, Nailor, Son of Wm North decd. upon his Petition granted by this Assembly is admitted a free Blacksmith of this Corporation paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Set to Aldn. Edwd. Cheshire at Eight Pounds p Week for one Year to comence from and after the 26th. day of October Instant and ending the 26th. day of October next (1757) inclusive

19th

19th October 1756

4 free men Sworn.

This day the foregoing John Ogle, William Ogle, John Monkhouse and Thomas North were sworn free of this Corporation pursuant to their admittances paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument

Spicial Assembly 3 Decr. 1756

At a special Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present this 3 Decemb. 1756

£1000 to be borrowed & laid out for Meal for the Relief of the Poore

It is Agreed by this Assembly that the Sum of One thousand Pounds be borrowed by this Corporation, to be laid out in the purchase of Oatmeal which is to be laid up and retailed in small quantitys for the relief of the Poore, when the markett price may be too high for them to buy at; and that such Security shall be given for the Money to be Borrowed as Mr. Recorder shall advise; And in the Mean time any person disposed to lend any part of the above Sum not less than one hundred Pounds may pay the same to the Treasurer of this Corporation and take his Receipt for the same to be repaid with legal Interest; for which the Treasurer shall be indemnified, and the said Sum and Interest be chargable upon and made good by this Corporation; And Mr. Mayor and Sheriffs Aldn. Francis Leigh, Aldn. Edwd. Meade, Aldn. Edwd. Hardman, Aldn. Richd. Jebb, Aldn. Geo. Schoales and Mr. Geo. Ackland are appointed Trustees and managers for Purchasing the said Oatmeal and for distributing the same

Idem 20 Decr. 1756

At a special Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 20th. December 1756

The Right Honble Hen. Singleton Esqr. Master of the Rolls lends £1000 for 9 Months Intrest free to buy Meal for the Poore

Aldn. Edward Meade the Treasr. of this Corporation having acquainted this Assembly that the Right Honble Hen. Singleton Esqr. Master of the Rolls has been so kind to Lend to this Corporation without Interest the Sum of One thousand Pounds which was ordered by Act of a special Assembly made the 3 day of Decemr. Instt. to be borrowed at Interest and laid out in the purchase of Oatmeal for the support of the Poore. And that he the Said Treasr. hath accordingly received the said Sum of one thousand pounds from the said Henry Singleton upon the Credit of this Corporation under a promise to Repay the same within nine Months Now It is unanimously agreed and acknowledged by this Assembly that the said Sum of One thousand pounds borrowed as aforesaid and received by the Treasr. is a debt due and owing by this Corporation to the said Henry Singleton for the payment of wch within nine Months from the Date hereof they do by this Act of Assembly Bind themselves and Successors; And the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to take care of the due payment thereof

Thanks ord. to him for the same

Orderd that the thanks of this Assembly be given to the Right Honble Henry Singleton Esqr. Master of the Rolls for this instance and many others of his favours to this Corporation and Mr. Mayor is directed to acquaint him thereof

At

Post Assembly 12th Jan.y 1757

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 12th January 1757

Alderman elected

Mr. George Ackland is elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the room of John Broughton late an Alderman of this Corporation dec.d pursuant to notice

Gen. Assembly 14 Jan.y 1757

At a Gen.l Assembly held before the s.d Mayor & Sheriffs the Ald.n & Com. Cou.n present 14th Jan 1757

Upon the Petition of Henry Ogle Ald.n seting forth that he is in possession in his own right of Concerns on the northside of Fair Street whereon his father built a large Slated House wherein he now dwells under a Lease made by this Corporation to his said father Ald.n Hen: Ogle dec.d for 61 Years from Michaelmas 1698 at £2:6:— p.ann.

Ald.n Henry Ogle's Petition for a Lease

And that he is also in poss.n in his own right of two other Gardens in the said Street, together with one park in the Green Batter, call'd Priors-park cont.g 3 acres, under a Lease made by this Corporation to Margaret Poole Widow of Francis Poole late of Drogheda Alderman dec.d for 61 years from Michaelmas 1698 at £1:2:— p.ann.: — That the said Leases are near expired & within the Rules for renewing And praying a new Lease of the whole Concerns in his own name and so forth — Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being now read, is as follows —

Report thereon

We have Viewed the Premisses to which the said Petition refers and find the same vested in the Petitioner who is in posion thereof We have had the same surveyed and find the Houses and Gardens in Fair Street contain in front 147 feet and in depth 225 feet & lye all together. The park called Priors-park in the Green Batter joyns the Lands of Newtown and contains by new Survey 4 acres. And that the said Leases will expire at Michs 1759 and are within the rules for renewall, We are therefore humbly of Opinion that the Petitioner may have a new Lease made him of the whole as prayed for by his petition, at the yearly rent of £5.— and £5 — Fine

Granted

It is therefore order'd by this Assembly that the s.d Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Premisses in his own name for 61 Years from Michas last at £5 p.ann.: and paying £5 — Fine, on his surrendering the old Leases And that Maps of the Premisses be annexed to the new Lease

Ald.n Edw.d Hardman's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Edw.d Hardman Ald.n Seting forth that he is in posion of a Lease made by this Corporation to Jos. Tomlinson late an Alderman of the same dec.d, of one House in St. Peters Church Yard wherein Mossam Wye formerly dwelt and since rebuilt for a Charity Schoole, also one Meadow containing by a late Survey 5a:2r:0p lying beyond backbush on Uriel side, and also one small spot of Ground in Laurence Street; for 61 years from Michs 1697 at the yearly rent of £2:2:6 — That the House in Saint Peters

Peters Church Yard has not been possessed by the Pet.rs since the Charity Schoole was built, that the spot of Ground in Lau.ce Street never was in the Pet.rs possession And that the Meadow or park on Uriel side is all the Pet.r is possessed of altho' the whole reserved rent is and always was paid by him — That the said Lease is within the rules of renewall and praying a new Lease of said Meadow in his own name for 61 years from Michs last and so forth —

Granted

Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being now read; It is therefore order'd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Meadow in his own name for 61 years from Michas last at £2:2:6 p.ann.: and £2:2:6 fine, on surrendering the old Lease, and that a Map of said Meadow be annexed to the new Lease —

Ald.n Jas. Barlow's Pet.n for a Lease

Upon the Petition of James Barlow Ald.n seting forth that he is in possession in his own right of two parks without Sundays Gate known by the name of the Mary Parks cont.g by a late Survey 3a:2r:20p by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Ald.n Jos. Tomlinson dec.d for 61 years from Michas 1698 at the yearly rent of £0:13:0 — That the said Lease is by assignment vested in your Pet.r and praying a new Lease of said Parks for 61 years in his own name and so forth —

Granted

Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers whose report thereon being now read It is therefore order'd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the s.d Parks in his own name for 61 years from Michaelmas last at £1:17:6 p.ann.: and £1:17:6 fine, on surrending the old Lease and that a Map of the said Parks be annexed to the new Lease —

Mr. Geo. Elliott's Pet.n for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Mr. Geo. Elliott Common Council man seting forth that he is in poss.n in his own right of two parks lying on the Northwestside of the Town of Drogheda near the Town Wall (called four acres) and containing by a late survey only 3a:2r:22p under a Lease made by this Corporation to Tho.s Percival late an Alderman of the same dec.d for 61 years from Michaelmas 1698 at the yearly rent of one pound — That the said Lease is near expired and by assignment vested in your Pet.r and praying a new Lease in his own name and so forth —

Granted

Which Petition being referr'd to the Auditors & Viewers and their Report thereon being read It is therefore order'd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Premisses in his own name for 61 years from Michas last at £3:10:— p.ann.: and £3:10 — fine, he surrendering the old Lease & that a Map of the Premisses be annexed to the new Lease —

Mr. Jas. Sandiford's Pet.n for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Mr. James Sandiford Common Council man seting forth that he is in possession in his own right of one House & Garden on the old Corn Markett Hill in Drogheda, also of two parks or parcels of Ground lying on Meathside within the Liberties of Drogheda adjoyning to the Lands of Rathmullen containing by a late survey 8a:3r:10p under a Lease Granted by this Corporation to Ald.n Richard Jackson

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Jackson dec.d for 61 years from Michaelmas 1697 at the y.ly Rent of £2:10:— That the said Lease is near expired & within the rules for renewing and praying a new Lease in his own name and so forth.

Granted

Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers & their Report thereon being read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petr be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Premisses in his own name for 61 years from Michaelmas last at £4— p.ann: and £4— Fine on his surrendering the Old Lease, and that Maps of the premises be annexed to the new Lease.

Wid.w Bolton admitted into the Poor House

Elizabeth Bolton widow of John Bolton dec.d upon her Petition is admitted into the present Vacancy in St Johns poor House in the room of Ann Simple Widow dec.d

Petitions referred last Assembly to stand over till next Gen.l Assembly & then to be reported

Ordered that such Petitions as were referred at the last Gen.l Assembly to the Auditors & Viewers to make their report upon, and which the said Aud.rs & View.rs have not been able to prepare for this Assembly Do stand under the said order of Reference 'till next Gen.l Assembly when the Aud.rs & View.rs are to make their report upon the said sev.l Petitions under the said order of Reference.

The further sum of £200 to be advanced for the Mayoralty House, & the Treas.r to be allowed Interest for such sum.s as he is or shall be in advance

Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to advance the further sum of Two hundred pounds Ster: towards carrying the building of the Mayoralty House, the same to be allowed on passing his Accounts; wherein he is also to be allowed Interest for any sum or sum.s of Money which he is or shall be in advance for this Corporation.

Jos. Harper, Surgeon

Ordered that the sum of Eleven pounds seven Shillings & six pence be paid to Mr Jos. Harper Surgeon for his care and attendance of the Poor of this Town that require his assistance for the ensuing Year, the same to be allow.d the Treas.r on passing his Accot.

Alice Metcalfe Widow to be allowed for taking Care of Geo. Ironton a Lunitick

Alice Metcalfe Wid.w of Thos. Metcalfe late Marshal dec.d & Mother of Wm Metcalfe present Marshal of this Corporation having Petitioned this Assembly and prayed and allowance or consideration for the Care trouble and expence which She and her said husband were at for these 3 years past and upwards in attending and taking Care of George Ironton a Lunitick by the directions of several Gentlemen of this Corporation, Ordered that the said Petition be referred to Mr Mayor who is to consider the same & sign an Order on the Treas.r for such a sum as to him shall seem reasonable

Alderman Sworn

18th April 1757 This day Mr George Ackland was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation pursuant to his election last past Assembly.

At

Post Assembly 20th April 1757.

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 20th April 1757.

Mayor elect.

Ald.r George Ackland is Elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year according to the Rule of Succession.

Sheriff elect.

Mr John Ogle is elected to serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year

Gen.l Assembly 22d Ap.l 1757.

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 22d April 1757.

Sheriff elect.

Mr William Ogle is elected to serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year, along with Mr John Ogle.

Election Certified

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing Year be forthwith Certified to the Government for their approbation.

Proctors appointed

Ald.r George Scholes and Ald.r Philip Pendleton are appointed Proctors of St Johns poore House for three years from this Easter Assembly.

Late Proctors Accot. Settled

Ald.r Edw.d Meade & Ald.r Wm Howard late Proctors of St Johns Poore House having laid before this Assembly their Account for three years ending this Easter Ordered that the Ballance thereof in their hands being £6:14:3 be paid over to the present Proctors. And it is further ordered that the former Proctors of the said Poor House that have not yet settled or made up their Accounts do immediately lay their respective Accounts before the Aud.rs & Viewers who are hereby authorized to examine and settle the same, the sev.l Ballances, if any, to be also paid over to the present Proctors.

former Proctors to settle their acc.ts with the Aud.rs & View.rs

£200 more granted for the Mayoralty House.

Ordered that any further sum of Money not exceeding two hundred Pounds Ster: be paid by the Treasurer as the same may be wanted to carry on and towards finishing the Mayoralty House.

Ald.n Jn.l Graham's Petn for a Lease

Upon the Petn of Ald.n Jn.l Graham setting forth that he is in poss.n in his own right of two parks called the Lady parks, a park near the Gallows called Doct.r Bathe's park & one Tenem.t & Garden without Lau.ce Gate formerly in the hold.g of Peter Morgan under a Lease made by this Corporation to Petrs grand father Jn.l Graham late an Ald.n of this Corporation dec.d for 61 years from Mich.s 1698 at the yearly Rent of £2:11:6— and also setting forth that he is likewise in possession in his own right of two Houses & Gardens in West Street, one Tenement & Garden without Lau.ce Gate called Dowdings Orchard, and two parks in the Green Batter near the Commons under a Lease made by this Corporation to his said grand father for 61 y.rs from Mich.s aforesaid at the yearly Rent of £1:9:4— And further setting forth that the said Leases are within the rules for renewing and praying a new Lease of the said premisses and so forth.

Granted

Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petr be and he is hereby Granted one new Lease of the whole Premisses containing by a late Survey as follows; The Lady parks 11a 2r 10p, The park called Doct.r Baths park 7a 0r 20p, The Tenem.t & Garden without Lau.ce Gate 0a 1r 36p, The two Houses and Gardens in West Street now only one House and Garden on the South 21¾ feet, on the North 23 feet on the East 191 feet and on the West 189 feet, The Tenem.t & Garden without Lau.ce Gate called Dowdings Orchard 0a 2r 18p, and the two small

small parks in the Green Batter 3:0:14 for 61 years from Michaelmas last at the yearly rent of £11 — and on paying £11 — fine, on surrendering the old Lease, and that Maps of the said Premisses be annexed to the new Lease ~

Ald.n John Graham's Pet.r for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.n John Graham setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of two parks lying on the Eastside of the Gallows Green without Sundays Gate under a Lease made by this Corporation to Jos. Tomlinson late an Ald.n of the same dec.d for 61 years from Mich.s 1698 at the yearly rent of 15.s — That the said Lease is within the Rules for renewing and praying a new Lease and so forth ~

Granted

Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers & their Report thereon being read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said two parks containing by a late Survey 5:0:29 for 61 years from Michaelmas last at the yearly rent of £4 — and on paying £4 — Fine, he surrendering the old Lease and that a Map of the p.mises be annexed to the new Lease ~

Ald.n John Graham's 3.d Pet.n for a Lease of Concerns belonging to the Poore of St. Johns

Upon the further Petition of Ald.n John Graham setting forth that he is in poss.n in his own right of one House with old Walls & Garden Situate in Magdalen Street in the said Town of Drogheda under a Lease made by this Corporation and the Proctors of St. Johns Poore House to Margaret Poole Widow of Francis Poole late of the same Ald.n dec.d for 61 years from Michaelmas 1698 at the yearly rent of £0:8:0 — That the same is near expired, and pray a new Lease and so forth ~

Granted

Which Petition being referred to the Auditors & Viewers & the Proctors of the said Poore House and their report thereon being read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Pet.r be and he is hereby Granted a new Lease of the said Premisses containing by a late Survey 26 perches for 61 years from Mich.s last at the yearly rent of £3 — and £3 — Fine, on surrendering the old Lease and that a Map be annexed to the new Lease of the p.mises ~

M.r Sheriff Ford & Jn.o Graham Jun.r their Pet.rs for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Roger Ford Esq.r Sheriff of this Corporation & John Graham the Younger a free Member of the same setting forth that they are in possession in their own right of one park without Lawrence Gate called the Moate park one park at the Green Batter without Sundays Gate, two small Crofts in the Lane leading to Bolton Tower and one House and Garden without Dulcek Gate under a Lease made by this Corporation to Rob.t Ford & Will.m Elwood late of the same Aldermen dec.d for 61 years from Mich.s 1696 at the yearly rent of £1:10:— and praying a new Lease & so forth ~

Granted

Which Petition being referred to the Auditors & Viewers & their report thereon being read and considered by this Assembly It is therefore ordered that the said Pet.rs be & they are hereby granted a new Lease of the said Premisses jointly for 61 years from Mich.s last at £9:— pa.m. and £9:— fine and that Maps of the p.mises be annexed to the new Lease ~

Part of the p.mises not being in their poss.n they are not to be allowed any abatem.t of the new rent ~

And Whereas the said p.mises were Surveyed and a Map thereof laid before this Assembly by the Auditors & Viewers whereby it appears that the Moate park contains 5:2:30, The park lying at the Green Batter without Sundays Gate 7:1:30, The two small Crofts in the Land leading to Bolton Tower one 1:1:7 the other 26 p.s and the House and Garden without Dulcek Gate 0:3:0, all which are in the poss.n of the said Pet.rs except the House and Garden without Dulcek Gate which is now in the possession of one Bird who claims some right thereto and hath built several Cabbins thereon, but as it appears from the old Lease made to the said Ford and Elwood that the whole premisses were then in their poss.n under it and former Leases made by this Corporation, This Assembly do therefore order and agree that if the poss.n of the said House and Garden cont.g 3 Roods cannot be recovered by the said Pet.rs that there shall not be any deduction or abatement made in the new rent of £9 — because the Pet.rs or the persons under whom they derive as Tenants to this Corporation lost the possession of the said House and Garden through their own neglect and not for want of a sufficient Title ~

Ald.n Will.m Ogle's Pet.n for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.n Will.m Ogle setting forth that he is in poss.n in his own right of four Thatched Tenements or Houses lying together on the Northside of Fair Street and one Garden or backside to them adjoyning cont.g ten perches in front to the said Street; And also three Messuages & Gardens on the Southside of the said Street cont.g 139 feet in front to said Street under a Lease made by this Corporation to his father Ald.n Henry Ogle dec.d for 61 Years from Mich.s 1698 at £2:10:— pa.m: In which Lease was likewise Demised The Town Pinfold or Pound at the upper end of Magdalen Street adjoyning to the Wall of the Abby of the Preaching Fryars for the same term at the further rent of £0:10:0 pa.m. — That the said Lease is within the Rules of renewing and praying a new Lease &c. ~

Granted

Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being read as usual It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby Granted a new Lease of the said Premisses in his own Name for 61 years from Mich.s last at the yearly rent of £4 — and paying £4 — Fine, on surrendering the old Lease and that a Map of the p.mises be annexed to the new Leases ~

Jn.o Graham Jun.r Pet.n for a Lease

Upon the Petition of John Graham the younger a free Member of this Corporation setting forth that he is in possession of a Park or Parcel of Land without West Gate containing by a late Survey 17:1:10 commonly called the Justices parks, under a Lease made by this Corporation to Will.m Elwood late an Alderman of the same dec.d for the term of 61 Years from Michaelmas 1698 at the yearly rent of £3 — That the said Lease is near expired and by assignment Vested in the said Petitioner, and praying a new Lease and so forth ~

Granted

Which Petition being referred to the Auditors & Viewers & their Report thereon being read as usual It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby Granted a new Lease of the said Premisses in his own name for 61 years from Mich.s last ~

last at the yearly rent of £12 — and £12 — Fine, on surrendering the old Lease and that a Map of the premisses be annexed to the new Lease

Two Tenem.ts & Gardens without Duleek Gate Set by Cant to Mr. Edw.d Cheshire

Whereas the Lease (No. 206) made by this Corporation to Isaac Jackson late an alderman of the same dec.d of a Tenement and Garden without Duleek Gate and one small spot of Ground near Blind Gate for 61 years from Easter 1696 at the yearly rent of 5s. is now expired, and the said premisses not being now or for some time past in the hands or possession of a Member of this Corporation qualified to accept of or obtain a renewal of the same This Assembly have therefore Sold by public Cant to Mr. Edward Cheshire the highest bidder and a member of this Corporation a new Lease of the said premisses for 61 Years from Easter Instant (1757) at the yearly rent of £2:13:— which is to be fined off pursuant to a former act of Assembly made for that purpose, the 16 Jan.y 1756

a free Carpenter admitted

Austin Martin Cabinet maker upon his Petition Granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Carpenter of this Corporation upon paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

Isabella Reed admitted into the Poore House

Isabella Reed upon her Petition granted by this Assembly is admitted into the present Vacancy in Saint Johns poor House

as to all Ball.s of the Commons Money

Whereas it appears to this Assembly that there is a Ballance of £3:2:10 remaining in the hands of the present receivers of the Rents of the Commons after discharging the Pensions to Mich.s last, Ordered that the said Ballance be paid to the following Persons viz.t

disposed of

John Fitz Gerald's Wife £1:10:— Tho.s Thompson £0:10:0 Robert Gibson £0:10:0 and Barbara Souch £0:12:10

Pensioners

Ordered that the following ps.ons be paid the following Sums to their Names annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one year commencing from Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next

Fra.s North & Wife	3:—:—	Jane Cheevers	3:—:—
Jas. Quash	4:—:—	Ann Evans	2:—:—
Hester Clarke	2:—:—	Wid.w of John Huson	2:—:—
Tho.s Thompson	2:—:—	Wid.w Brunton	3:—:—
Barb.a Souch	2:10:—	Rob.t Gibson	2:—:—
Wid.w of Geo. Cooke & 2 Child.n	3:—:—	Wid.w of John Collier	3:—:—
Geo. Rencher & Wife	4:—:—	Rob.t M.Cartney	1:10:—
Jn.o Cooke	2:10:—	Hen. Credon	2:10:—
Marg.t Ellis	2:—:—	Mary Hamilton	1:—:—
Anh. M.Evoy	3:—:—	Wid.w of Leo.d Robinson	1:—:—
Marg.t Donnelly & Child.n	3:—:—	Mary Cash	1:—:—
Fra.s Marsden	2:—:—	Dorcas Needham	2:15:—
Turs of the Commons	8:—:—	Eliz.th Hale	1:2:9
Hen. Simple & Wife	4:—:—	Sarah Brickhill	1:2:9
Wid.w of Jn.o Andrews	3:—:—	Ann Stoker	1:2:9
Wid.w of Jn.o Deacon	3:—:—	Hannah M.Dowell	3:2:9
Wid.w Ruxton	4:—:—	Edw.d Jones's Children	1:2:9
Wid.w Chambers & Child.n	3:—:—	Edw.d West	2:2:9
Ann Knight	3:—:—	Geo. Griffin	1:10:—
Wid.w of Tho.s Bently	2:—:—	Wid.w of Jas. Domvile	3:—:—
Wid.w of Jn.o Ashland	2:18:—		£39:1:6
Wid.w of Rob.t Elliot & Child.n	4:—:—		74:10:0
Mary Taylor	4:—:—		£113..11..6
	£74:10:—		

Regulator of the Watch his Sallary Augm.d to £10 a year

Upon the Petition of Henry Appleyard Regulator of the Watch & Keeper of the Lamp Oyle and Coals praying and Augmentation of his Sallary Ordered that the same be Augmented to Ten pounds p.ann. from Easter last

free Carpenter Sworn

9.th May 1757 This day Austin Martin was Sworn a free Carpenter of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument

Gen.l Assembly 15 July 1757

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 15.th July 1757

Sealing Day

Monday the fifteenth day of August next is appointed a Sealing day for Corporation Leases

a free Taylor admitted

John Kelly Staymaker upon his Petition granted by this Assembly is admitted a free Merchant Taylor of this Corporation paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

Mayoralty House & Offices ordered to be proceeded upon

The Plan of the Offices and the remainder of the Works necessary to complete the Mayoralty House being layd before this Assembly the same are approved off; And it is ordered that the building thereof be proceeded upon immediately; and that Mr. Mayor and Sheriffs and Ald.n Leigh be and they are hereby impowered on the behalf of this Corporation to treat and agree with Miss Kimberly's for the peice of Ground which lyes contiguous to the said Mayoralty House, and which will be wanted to render the said Building and Offices commodious

a free Taylor Sworn

29.th August 1757 This day John Kelly was Sworn a free Taylor of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance paid the usual fees & signed the Instrument

Acts compared

29.th September 1757 about 10 o'Clock in the forenoon This day the foregoing Acts of Assembly were compared before us and Ordered to be entered in the Assembly Book as usual

(a Copy) Signd Hen. Gartside } Mayor

Wm Howard M.D
Fra.s Leigh
Jn.o Graham
Jona.n Nicholls
} Aldermen

Roger Ford
Wm Sweetlove
} Sher.s

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Mich.s Assembly 7 Oct. 1757

Geo. Ackland Mayor

At a general Assembly held before George Ackland Esq.r Mayor, John Ogle and William Ogle Esq.rs Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 7.th October 1757

Com: Cou: men, Sworn

Mr. Roger Ford and Mr. Wm. Sweetlove are elected Common Council men and Sworn

Mayor of the Staple

Ald.n Henry Garside is elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing year and Sworn

Constables of Do.

Mr. Roger Ford & Mr. Wm. Sweetlove are elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing year and Sworn

Coroners

Mr. Roger Ford and Mr. Wm. Sweetlove are elected Coroners for the ensuing year and Sworn

Treas.r

Ald.n Edw.d Meade is elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Master of the Guild

Ald.n Philip Pendleton is elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens of Do.

Mr. Wm. Blakeney and Mr. Thomas Jones are elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing year

Aud.rs & Viewrs

Ald.n Francis Leigh
Ald.n Richard Jebb
Ald.n John Graham
Ald.n Philip Pendleton
Ald.n Wm. Howard
Ald.n Henry Garside
Mr. Wm. Fairtlough
Mr. Hen. Leland

Auditors and Viewers, or any five of them

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Daniel Helly the collectors Clerk on the same terms they were collected by him last year

Salt not to pay Custom

Ordered that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which has been bought in this Town for one Year from the 15.th Instant

£1000 borrowed from the Master of the Rolls Repaid

Ald.n Edw.d Meade Treas.r hath acquainted this Assembly that He hath Repaid the Right Honble Henry Singleton Esq.r Master of the Rolls the Sum of One thousand Pounds borrowed from him pursuant to an Act of a special Assembly held the 26.th Decemb.r last and

and for which he hath given a Discharge, a Copy whereof is ordered to be entered in the Acts of this Assembly (and is as follows)

his Discharge

I acknowledge to have received from Edw.d Meade Esq.r Treas.r of the Corporation of Drogheda the full Sum of one thousand Pounds which I lent the said Corporation as appears by their Act of Assembly of the 20.th December last. Witness my hand the sixth Day of August 1757 (seven)

£1000

(a Copy)

Henry Singleton

Town Pump.

Mr. Charles Evans having acquainted this Assembly that the Town Pump is in such bad order that it cannot be effectually repaired It is therefore ordered that Mr. Mayor examine the same and cause one or two new Pumps to be erected if necessary

a free Member admitted

Joseph Holmes upon his Petition granted by this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation on paying the usual fees & signing the Instrument

Eliz.th Hale Widow admitted into the Poore House

Elizabeth Hale Widow upon her Petition is admitted into the present Vacancy in St. Johns poore House in the room of Elizabeth Treacy dec.d

The Auditors and Viewers having drawn up and laid before this Assembly a State of the Accounts and Circumstances of this Corporation and the same being read and examined is Agreed to and approved of; And it is ordered that a Copy thereof be entered in the Acts of this Assembly (which is as follows)

A Report from the Aud.rs & Viewrs of the State of the Accts. of the Corporation

A Report from the Auditors and Viewers of the Corporation of Drogheda on their Settling Accounts with Ald.n Edw.d Meade Treas.r on the 12.th September 1757

We have settled the Accounts of this Corporation to and for the Rents payable to this Corporation ending Easter 1756, and for the Gate Customs ending the 19.th Octobr 1756, and the 26.th October 1756, and for the Water Customs ending the 19.th Octobr 1756, and for the fines of Freemen admitted and Sworn to and in the year end.g Mich.s 1756, and for the fines and Seals of Leases granted to and in the said year And we find there is a Ballance due from this Corporation to the Treasurer on the said Account of £84:7:9

We find there is a principal Sum of £353:10: due by this Corporation to the Right Honble Henry Singleton Esq.r Master of the Rolls, for which this Corporation pays Interest

We find there is a principal Sum of £150 due by this Corporation to Ald.n Edw.d Meade for which this Corporation also pays Interest, the said Sum being borrowed from him and paid to the Rev.d Patrick Hughes dec.d late Vicar of St. Peters Drogheda on account of the Arrears of the Vicar Chorals Money due by this Corporation, and pursuant to an Order of the high Court of Chancery

We also find that there is due by this Corporation an Arrear of the said Vicars Chorals Money or Sallary, of St. Peters Church Drogheda payable to those thereto intitled and to whom it shall appertain to and for the 24.th June 1757 a Sum not less than £1416

And

Report from the Aud.rs & Viewrs about the Treas.r Accot.

And We find the Treasurer hath taken credit for the following Rents and Arrears of Rent due to this Corporation at Easter 1756 viz.t

No.1	Excors of Anthony Bird	75..—4
2	Widow of Do.	3..10—
3	Excors of Abr.m Pickering	1..—..—
4	Excors of Wm. Percival (now Excors of Counsl.r Cooper)	10:15:9
5	Excors of Ald.r Thom.s Sandiford	26..2—
6	Excors of Robt. Scott	6..13—
7	Excors of Luke Conly	—..4..6
8	Excors of Sam.l Clarke	—..4..10
9	Excors of John Leland (3/4 q.r Rent due Easter 51)	—..17..10
	Making in the whole	£145..5..7

We find the first article (No.1) on the Excors of Anthony Bird to be a long Arrear for several Denominations of Lands & Houses (at £4:1:4 p.am) which Francis Bird present representative of Anthony Bird pretends to have a Lease off, made in the year 1688

The 2.d article is arrears of Rent for the old Shambles in West Street which the said Francis Bird is in possession of, under a Lease made to Ald.r Wm. Elwood dec.d but since the expiration of that Lease he hath over held the same and claims it for his Inheritance

The 4.th article is arrears of Rent due from the representatives of Wm. Percival dec.d (who now are the Excors of Coun.l Cooper dec.d) for several Crofts in the Deal which being sometime ago out of Lease were set up to Rent and a new Lease thereof Sold for 61 years from Easter 1745 at 10/ p.am: and a Fine of £124— paid by Mr. Cooper who became the purchaser, and tho' Mr. Cooper paid the fine he neglected taking out his Lease pursuant to the Sale, and we are of opinion that notice should be given to his Excors that unless the o.d Arrear be paid and the Lease taken out in some short time that the Grant will be void

The 6.th article is an Arrear of 19 years Rent due from the Excors of Robert Scott at 7/ p.am. for a concern in Bezars-Lane which Mr. James Sandiford hath been in the possession of for sometime, and we are of opinion that Mr. Sandiford doth not pay the Arrear, that the Corporation should reenter for want of Distress and then it may be set up to Rent for the use of this Corporation

The 7.th article charged to the Excors of Luke Conly is one years Rent for a park in the Batter of Platten and a House & Garden in West Street, but Mr. Ignatius Conly who formerly paid this Rent alledges he is not Tenant to this Corporation for any such concerns, and refuses to pay any Rent for the future, nor can we find where these Concerns lye so as to take a Distress

The 9.th article for 3/4 years Rent due for Cellars under the Tholsel charged to Mr. John Leland dec.d ought to be dis-

Report from the Aud.rs & Viewrs about the Treas.r Accts

-discontinued, as it appears that he surrendered said Cellars at Mich.s 1747 being Tenant at Will at £5— p.am: and they lay waste 'till Easter 1751 at which time they were set to Ald.r Richard Tebb at £3— p.am:

The 3.d 5.th and 8.th articles are Arrears of Rent which the Tenants promise immediately to discharge, and probably will

We find there are Arrears of Gate Customs, Water Customs and Tythes of Inniscorth between the years 1728 and 1734 regularly charged on the Treasurers Accounts amounting in the whole to £96:9:3¾ which being insolvent, or the Corporation by length of time excluded from the recovery thereof We are therefore of opinion that the Treas.r should be discharged from carrying on the said Arrears in his Accts for the future

We must observe that John Hutchins and William Fegan have each £7:16:— p.am. on the establishment for keeping the Town clear of Strange Beggars and such other business as the Magistrate directs And we are of opinion that two properer persons should and ought to be got in their room (particularly in the room of the former who is of no use) and that they ought to be protestants

Upon the whole the present State of the Corporation Accounts Stands thus

The yearly Rents, Gate Customs & Water Customs for the year 1756 w.ch is the last year Accounted for amo.t to	832:11:2¾	The orders paid for the year 1756 amount to	750:4:1
Ballance against the Corporation Yearly	8:6:4¾	The yearly Interest of £603:18:— is	36:13:6
		The Vicars Choral's Sallary yearly is	54:—
	£840:17:7		£840:17:7

We must observe that the yearly Rents reserved by Leases made this year are advanced £28:2:8, so then there would remain a Ballance in favour of the Corporation of £19:15:3¼, but we must likewise observe that there are Augmentations of Sallarys this year of £48— by which there will still be a Ballance against the Corporation of £28:4:8¾ yearly, besides a principal Debt not less than £2119:10:—

All which we submit to your Worships Consideration: Given under our hands the 13 September 1757

Jas.s Leigh
Ph. Pendleton
Geo. Ackland
Wm. Fairtlough
Hen. Leland
} Aud.rs & Viewers

Gate Customs Set

The Gate Customs of this Corporation were set to Ald.n Edw.d Chesshire at eight pounds ten Shillings Sterl.g per Week for one year to comence from & after the 26.th October Inst.t & ending the 26.th October next 1758 inclusive

a free Member Sworn

17.th October 1757 This day Joseph Holmes was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual Fees and Signed the Instrument

At

post Assembly 11 Jan. 1758

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 11th day of January 1758

Alderman Elected

Mr William Fairtlough is elected an Alderman of this Corporat.n in the room of Henry Sheils late an Alderman of this Corporat.n Dec.d pursuant to notice

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Mr. Edward Norman is elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the room of Edmond Scholes late an Alderman of this Corporat.n Dec.d pursuant to notice

Gen.l Assembly 13 Jan. 1758

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being present the 13 Jan.y 1758

Sam.l Taylor elected Common Councilman for the Butchers in the room of Jn.o Lain Dec.d

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens & Fraternity of Butchers setting forth that by the death of John Lain late one of their Represent.tives there is a Vacancy of a Common Councilman to Represent them in the general Assemblys; And that they according to ancient custom have nominated three of their said Fraternity to have a fit person chosen thereout Viz.t Samuel Taylor, Tho.s Andrew and John Shortele; It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Samuel Taylor be and he is hereby elected and chosen a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity, and the said Samuel Taylor being called in was Sworn a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity accordingly

Ald.r Fra.s Leigh's Pet.r for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Francis Leigh Ald.r setting forth that he is in poss.r in his own right of one Tenement & Garden lying without St James Gate meaning & bounding on the North to the River Boyne, on the South to the Turnpike Road leading to Dublin, on the West to Town Land in Lease to Ald.r Ben. Smith dec.d and on the East to Town Land called the Tennis Court in Lease to ald.r Jn.o Leigh dec.d at the yearly rent of 5.li Ster.g: That the said Lease is within the Rules for renewing and praying a new Lease in his own name &c. Which Petition being referred to the Auditors & Viewers and their Report thereon being read, It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Premisses in his own name for 61 years from Easter next at Ten Shill.gs Stg.m: and on paying ten Shillings fine and that Maps of the said Premisses which contains two toods and sixteen perches be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Ald.r Edw.d Meade's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.r Edw.d Meade setting forth that he is in poss.r in his own right of one House with its appurtenances on the South side of West Street in Drogheda commonly

called the Fryary together with five Acres of Land without Sundays Gate under a Lease made by this Corporation to yours Pet.rs Uncle Ald.r Henry Meade dec.d for 61 years from Mich.s 1699 at the yearly Rent of £6 — That he is also in poss.n of one small park without said Gate (adjoyning the above five acres) under a Lease by this Corporation to him for 23 years from Mich.s 1737 at the yearly Rent of £0:12:6 And that he is likewise in poss.n of a concern without Lawrence Gate (formerly in his fathers holding) called the White House and a park called Treacys park under a Lease made by this Corporation to Sir Thomas Taylor Bar.t dec.d for 23 years from Mich.s aforesaid 1737 at the yearly rent of £1:7:6. That the said Leases are within the Rules for renewing and praying a new Lease of the said Premisses &c — Which Petition being referred to the Aud.rs & Viewers and their report thereon being read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby

Granted

Granted a new Lease of the whole premisses for 61 years from Easter next at the yearly rent of £15 and paying £15 fine; on his surrendering the three old Leases, and that Maps of the said premisses containing by a late survey as follows be annexed to the new Leases.

The House contains in front to said Street 32 feet — The five Acres of Land without Sundays Gate and the small park thereto adjoyning contain together 8:1:10; The park called the White House contains 1:2:0 and Treacys park contains 3:0:10

a free Smith & a free Baker admitted

John Hughes and John Appleby upon their Petitions Granted them by this Assembly are admitted free members of this Corporation the former of the fraternity of Black Smiths and the latter of the Fraternity of Bakers, upon their paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Regulater of the Watch &c. appointed

George Rencher the Elder upon his Petition is appointed Regulator of the Watch in this Town, and keeper of the Lamp oyle and Coals in the room of Henry Appleyard dec.d

Emelia Cope granted £10 a.n.m

Emelia Cope upon her Petition is Granted the sum of ten Pounds a year to be paid her during the pleasure of this Corporation

River Comittee impowered to repair the Navigation thereof

Ordered that the River Committee do take the best and most effectual method to mend the navigation of the River from new quay towards Morningtown point, and they or any five of them whereof Mr. Mayor for the time being to be one, are hereby authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for such sums of Money as may be necessary for carrying on the said Works, which this Assembly desire they will set about as soon as the Season will permitt

Jos. Harpur Surgeon

Ordered that the Sum of Eleven pounds seven shill.gs & six pence be paid to Mr. Joseph Harpur Surgeon for his care and attendance of the poor of this Town that require his assistance for the ensuing year, the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his Accounts

two free Members Sworn

1758 Feb.y 6th This day John Hughes and John Appleby were Sworn free of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees & signed the Instrument

an Alderman Sworn

1758 April 1st This day Mr. William Fairlough was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation pursuant to his Election last past Assembly

Idem

1758 April 4th This day Mr. Edward Norman was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation pursuant to his Election last past Assembly

Post Assembly 3 April 1758

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 3d April 1758

Mayor elect

Aldn. William Fairlough is elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year according to the Rule of Succession

1st. Sheriff Elect

Mr. William Norman is elected to Serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year

Genl. Assembly 7th April 1758

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being present the 7th April 1758

2d. Sheriff elect.

Mr. Samuel Taylor is elected to Serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing year along with Mr. Wm. Norman

Election Certifyed

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor & Sheriffs for the ensuing Year be forthwith Certifyed to the Government for their approbation

Rec.rs of the Rents of the Commons

Aldn. Wm. Howard and Mr. Edwd. Chesshire are appointed Receivers of the Rents of the Commons for three Years from this Easter Assembly

Richd. Holland disfranchised

It appearing to this Assembly that Richard Holland a free Member of this Corporation was lately convicted for being a Rioter and is now in Custody for the same It is therefore ordered that he be and hee is hereby disfranchised from being a free Member of this Corporation

Franchises to be Ridd

Ordered that the Franchises of this Corporation be Ridd on Whitsuntuesday next the several Fraternitys to Ride in the usual manner

Pensioners

Ordered that the following Persons be paid the following sums to their names annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one year commencing from Michs last and ending at Michas next

Francis North & Wife	3..	Jane Cheevers	3..
Hester Clarke	2..	Ann Evans	2..
Thos. Thompson	2..	Widw. of John Huson	2..
Barbe. Souch	2..10	Widw. of James Domvile	3..
Widw. of Geo. Cooke & Childn.	3..	Widw. Brunton	3..
Geo. Rencher & Wife	4..	Rob. Gibson	2..
John Cooke	2..10	Widw. of John Collier	3..
Margt. Ellis	3..	Rob. McCartney	1..10
Ann M.Ivoy	3..	Mary Hamilton	1..
Margt. Donnelly & Childn.	3..	Widw. of Leo.d Robinson	1..
Frances Marsden	2..	Dorcas Needham	2..15
Twos of the Commons	8..	Sarah Brickhill	1:2:9
Henry Simple & Wife	4..	Ann Stoker	1:2:9
Widw. of John Andrew	3..	Hannah McDowell	3:2:9
Widw. of John Deacon	3..	Edwd. Jones's Children	2:15:6
Widw. Ruxton	4..	Edwd. West	2:2:9
Widw. Chambers	3..	Geo. Griffin	1:10..
Ann Knight	3..	Widw. of James Quash	2..
Widw. of Thos. Bently	2..	Widw. of Hen. Appleyard	2..
Widw. of Jno. Ackland	2..10	Widw. of Antt. Parks	2..
Widw. of Rob. Elliott & Childn.	4..	Richd. Lucas	1..
			43..1..6
Mary Taylor	4..		70..10..
	£70..10..		£113:11:6

Geo. Rencher resigns being Regulator of the Watch &c.

Hen. Credon appointed in his Room

Geo. Rencher the Elder having Petitioned this Assembly to permit him to resign his office of Regulator of the Watch &c. which by means of sickness he finds himself unable to execute. And Henry Credon having also Petitioned this Assembly to be appointed to the said Office It is therefore ordered that the said Henry Credon be appointed and he is hereby appointed Regulator of the Watchmen in this Town, and keeper of the Lamps Oyle and Coals for this Corporation in the Room of the said Geo. Rencher

Wm. Norman elected Com. Coun.: for the Shoemakers in the room of his Father Edwd. Norman now an Alderman

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens and Fraternity of Shoemakers in this Town Setting forth that by the promotion of Mr. Edwd. Norman to be an Alderman of this Corporation there is a Vacancy of a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity, and that according to ancient custom they have returned the Names of three of the free Brothers of the said Fraternity that is to say, William Norman, William Shippabottom and William Smith one of whom they pray may be chosen by this Assembly in the room of the said Edwd. Norman to represent the said Fraternity in the general Assemblys; It is therefore ordered that the said Wm. Norman be and he is hereby Elected and chosen a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity of Shoemakers in the room of his Father the said Edward Norman now an Alderman of this Corporation, And the said William Norman being called in was Sworn a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity accordingly

Robert

4 free Members admitted

Robert Wynne is admitted a free Merchant, William Ashe a free Shoemaker and Rundle Austin and Edwd Singe were admitted free Members of this Corporation upon their several Petitions to this Assembly; each of them paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

Mary Cash admitted into the Poor House

Mary Cash Widow upon her Petition is granted the present Vacancy in Saint Johns poore House

Sevl Denoms of Lands Set by Cant to

The following Denominations of Land Situate on Meathside in the County of This Town being Surveyed and Maps thereof laid before this Assembly by the Auditors and Viewers, were Set by public Cant for Sixty one Years to the undernamed Persons, at the following Rents and fines and from the following times (this is to Say)

Aldn Richard Jebb

One park called the Mutton park lying without St Johns Gate, a parcel of Cabbins and Gardens without Dulcek Gate and a croft near the Cowbeaze Bridge, containing together 3: 0: 35 a r p were Set to Aldn Richard Jebb for 61 years from Easter 1758 for £4: 2: 6 per Acre, one moiety of the rent to be fined off at 14 years purchase

Note. These concerns are now in the possn of Hen. Pippard Esqr & his under Tenants, by virtue of a Lease No. 205 made by this Corporation to John Stoker late an Alderman of the same decd which expired at Easter last 1757

Aldn Geo. Schoales

Set to Aldn George Schoales for 61 years from Michas next one park called the Forty park and Rood Acre thereto adjoyning containing 7: 1: 30 a r p Situate on the South side of the Road leading to Platten without Dulcek Gate at £2 — p acre one half of which is to be fined off at 14 years purchase

Mr John Ogle

Set to Mr Sheriff John Ogle for the same term and from the same time of the last One parcel of Land called Bathes parks Situate without Dulcek Gate and joyning the Lands of Rathmullan containing 15: 1: 10 a r p at £1: 10: — per acre one half whereof to be fined down at 14 years purchase

Note. The two last parcels of Land are in the possn of Mr Bartlo Bird & his under Tents by Lease from this Corporan to Aldn Jos. Tomlinson decd (No 214/10th) will expire at Michas next 1758

4 free Members Sworn

1758 April 10th This day Robert Wynne, William Ashe, Rundle Austin and Edward Singe were Sworn free of this Corporation pursuant to their several admittances last Assembly paid the usual fees & signed the Instrument

post Assembly 12 July 1758

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 12th July 1758

Aldn Wm Ogle made Justice of the peace

Alderman William Ogle is elected Justice of the peace for this Corporation in the room of Aldn Henry Ogle decd and was Sworn a Justice of the peace accordingly

Gent. Assembly 14 July 1758

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 14th July 1758

Right Honble Hen. Singleton's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of the Right Honble Henry Singleton Esqr Alderman Seting forth, that he is in possession in his own right of one Forty park in the Yellow Batter and a park adjoyning the same called Laundys park, And one other park near the Cowbeaze on Meathside under a Lease made by this Corporation to his father Aldn Edwd Singleton decd for the term of 61 years from Easter 1700, in which Lease was also demised one croft near the Deal without St James Gate of which he never was possessed, and also one of the Stony Shops under Guild Hall which he surrendered to this Corporation upon the building of the Bridge, and yet he always paid the full rent reserved by said Lease being £3: 16: 1/4 p ann. That the said Lease is near expired And praying a new Lease of the said premisses now in his possession &c so forth — Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report being made and read to this Assembly It is therefore ordered that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby Granted a new Lease of the said parks in the Yellow Batter cont.g by a late Survey 13 Acres, and of the park near the Cowbeaze on Meathside cont.g 4: 3: 0 a r p for the term of 61 years from Easter last at the yearly rent of £7 — & paying £7 — fine, on surrendering the present Lease And that Maps of the said parks be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Aldn Edwd Meade's Petn for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Aldn Edward Meade Seting forth, that he is in possn in his own right of three Gardens in Irish Street, a park in the Green Batter and a Tenement & Garden without Laurence Gate under a Lease made by this Corporation to Henry Watkins decd for 61 years from Easter 1700 at the yearly rent of £2 — and that the said Lease is near expired & praying a new Lease and so forth — Which Petition being Referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report being now read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said three Gardens in Irish Street containing 40 perches, the park in the Green Batter 3: 3: 0 a r p and the Tenement and Garden without Laurence Gate containing 30 perches for 61 years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £2: 10: — and £2: 10: — fine, on Surrendering the present Lease, and that Maps of the premisses be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Upon

Ald.n Edw.d Norman's Petn for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.n Edw.d Norman Seting forth that he is in poss.n in his own right of a Lease made by this Corporation to William Graves dec.d of two small parcels of Land joyning together without Dulcek Gate and one Messuage near St.s Johns Gate on meath side, and also of one small park in the Yellow Batter without Sundays Gate called Quiches park, and also of two Acres of Meadow near the Town Commons on Vielside for 61 years from Mich.s 1699 at the yearly rent of £1:5:2 ~ That the two small parcels of Land without Dulcek Gate never was in his possion, nor can they be now found by the old discription thereof in the present Lease, And that the Messuage without Johns Gate is claimed by George Ball Esq.r as his Inheritance ~ That he the said Petitioner is also in possion of a Tenement & Garden without Laurence Gate, a park called the White park and another park near the same without Dulcek Gate under a Lease made by this Corporation to said Pet.r for 21 years from Easter 1734 at £4:2:10 p.r ann.: ~ And that the said Leases are near expired and praying a new Lease of the premisses or so much thereof as is now in his possession &c.a forth ~ Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being Read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Pet.r be and he is hereby granted one new Lease of the said Premisses now in his possession, containing as follows, the small park in the Yellow Batter 1 a. 3 r. 33 p., The Land called two acres of Meadow near the Town Commons 2 a. 1 r. 14 p., The White park 2 a. 3 r. 8 p. and the other park without Dulcek Gate 1 a. 3 r. 2 p. which with the Messuage claimed by Mr. Ball cont.s 28 p. makes in the whole 10 a. 0 r. 25 p. for 61 years from Easter last at £4 ~ p.r ann.: and £4 ~ fine, on Surrendering the present Leases and if Mr. Ball recovers the possion of the 28 per.r no abatement to be made of the said rent, and that Maps be annexed to the new Leases ~

Granted

Ald.n Town. Patten's Pet.n for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.n Townley Patten Seting forth, that he is in possession in his own right of two parks without West Gate one cont.g 1 a. 3 r. 12 p. and the other 4 a. 2 r. 20 p. under a Lease made by this Corporation to Henry Nicholls late an Alderman of the same dec.d for 61 years from Easter 1700 at the yearly rent of £1:6:3 and that the same is near expired and praying a new Lease and so forth ~ Which Petition being Referred to the Auditors and Viewers & their Report being now Read ~ It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby Granted a new Lease of the said Parks for 61 years from Easter last at £6:10: p.r ann.: and £6:10: ~ fine on Surrendering the present Lease, and that Maps of the said Parks be annexed to the new Leases ~

Granted

Upon

Mr.s Eliz.th Irwin's Pet.n for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Elizabeth Irwin Seting forth that pursuant to an Order made by this Corporation (18.th Jan.y 1744) One park of Land in the Fishers Bater containing 5 a. 0 r. 26 p. and three little Crofts in the Deal cont.g 0 a. 2 r. 12 p. were Set by public Cant at the Tholsel of this Town on the 25.th March 1745 for the term of 61 years from Easter then next at the yearly rent of ten Shillings p.r ann.: and £124 ~ fine, to Thomas Cooper Esq.r the highest bidder, who took the said Lands in trust for the Rev.d William Percivall Clarke Son of Thomas Percival formerly an Alderman of this Corporation dec.d and to whom a Lease of the said Lands (with other concerns) was formerly made, which expired on or about the said year 1745, That the said William Percival paid the fine of £124 ~ to this Corporation and shortly after happened to Dye before Leases of the said premisses were perfected, And that by his death his Interest therein decended to and became vested in the said Thomas Cooper as his Nephew and Heir at Law ; That the said Thomas Cooper also happened to Dye without obtaining Leases of the said Premisses and by his last Will did bequeath his Interest therein to the Pet.r Elizabeth Irwin his Sister whom he hath appointed his Sole Executrix ; And praying a Lease of the said Premisses to be granted to her for the term unexpired of the 61 years for which the same was set, being 48 years from Easter last at the yearly rent of 10/ p.r ann.: (the said fine being already paid) pursuant to the said agreement and so forth ~ Upon reading which Petition It is ordered by this Assembly that the same be Referred to Mr. Recorder for his Opinion, Whether the said Petitioner be intitled to and qualified to accept of a Lease of the said Premisses? and Whether this Corporation may with Safety Grant her a Lease of the same? ~

Referred to Mr. Recorder for his Opinion ~

Sealing Day

Monday the fourteenth day of August next is appointed a Sealing Day for Corporation Leases ~

Sarah Appleyard admitted into the Poor House ~

Sarah Appleyard Wid.w of Ben. Appleyard upon her Petition is admitted into the present Vacancy in the poor House ~

Acts compared

1758 September 29.th This day the foregoing Acts of Assembly were Compared before us and Ordered to be entered in the Assembly book as usual

Signed ~ Geo. Ackland } Mayor

Fra.s Leigh
Edw.d Meade
Wm Ogle
Jon.a Nicholls
Jn.o Graham
Edw.d Chesshire
Edw.d Norman
} Aldermen

John Ogle
Wm Ogle
} Sher.s

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Mich.s Assembly 6 Octob.r 1758 / Wm. Fairbrough Mayr.

At a general Assembly held before William Fairbrough Esq.r Mayor, William Norman and Samuel Taylor Esq.rs Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 6.th October 1758

Com.n Coun.l

John Ogle and William Ogle Esq.rs late Sheriffs are Elected Common Councilmen and Sworn

Mayor of the Staple

Ald.n Geo. Ackland is Elected Mayor of the Staple & Justice of the peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Constables &.c

John Ogle and William Ogle Esq.r late Sheriffs are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year & Sworn

Coroners

John Ogle and William Ogle late Sheriffs are elected Coroners for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Treasurer

Ald.n Edward Meade is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Master of the Guild

Ald.n Henry Garstide is elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens of D.o

Mr. Roger Ford and Mr. William Sweetlove are elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Aud.rs & View.rs

Ald.n Francis Leigh
Ald.n Richard Jebb
Ald.n John Graham
Ald.n Philip Pendleton
Ald.n Willm. Howard
Ald.n Henry Garstide
Ald.n Geo. Ackland &
Mr. Henry Leland

} Auditors and Viewers or any five of them

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshal to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Daniel Kelly the Collectors Clerk on the same terms they were Collected by him last Year

Salt not to pay Custom

Ordered that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which shall be manufactured in this Town for one Year from the 15 Instant

Ordered

£200 granted towards finishing the Steeple & Church Yard

Ordered that the Treasurer be and he is hereby Impowered to pay the further Sum of Two hundred Pounds Sterling towards finishing the Steeple of Saint Peters Church and Inclosing and clearing the Church Yard, and that he be allowed the same on passing his Accounts

a House in West Street & discovry demanded from A. Peppard

Ordered that the possession of a House in West Street and the Lands of Liscurry, now in the posaion of Henry Peppard Esq.r and his under Tenants be demanded from him or his Agent, the Lease thereof having expired in the year 1757; and that Mr. Mayor do impower some proper person to demand the same for this Corporation

A lease granted to Eliz.th Irwin pursuant to Mr. Recorders Opinion

Upon Mr. Recorders Opinion given at this Assembly concerning the Petition of Elizabeth Irwin referred to him last general Assembly; It is now Ordered that a Lease be made to her as Devisee and Sole Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Thomas Cooper late of the City of Dublin Esq.r dec.d who was Sole Executor and Devisee of the Rev.d Wm. Percival Clke dec.d Of one park in the Fishers Batter and three little crofts in the Deal containing together 5: a 2: p 28 for the term of 48 Years from Easter last Subject nevertheless to the Devises and limitations in the said last Will of the said Thomas Cooper mentioned and contained of and concerning his Leasehold Interests in Drogheda, at the yearly Rent of 10£ p.r ann.m and that the said Lease be Sealed on Monday next

free Merch.t admitted

John Marshall upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free Merchant of this Corporation on paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Gate Customs

The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Set to Ald.n Edw.d Chestwice at Eight Pounds eight Shillings Sterl.g per Week for one year to commence from and after the 26.th day of October Instant, and ending the 26.th Day of October next 1759 inclusive

free Merch.t Sworn

1758 November 6.th This day John Marshall was Sworn a free Merchant of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last gen.l Assembly paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 12.th January 1759

Fairfax Innis elected Com.n Coun.l for the Taylors in the Room of Wm. Jones Dec.d

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens & Fraternity of Merch.t Taylors in this Town Setting forth that by the death of William Jones late one of their Representatives in Council there is a Vacancy of Common Councilman to Represent them at the Gen.l Assemblys; And that they according to ancient Custom have nominated three of their said Fraternity to have a fit person chosen thereout (that is to say) Fairfax Innis, John Woodhouse & George Cooke; It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Fairfax Innis be and he is hereby Elected and Chosen a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said Wm. Jones dec.d and the said Fairfax Innis being called in was Sworn a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity accordingly

Ordered

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Weigh House

Ordered that the Auditors and Viewers be and they are hereby Impowered and directed to treat with Ald.r John Graham for a Lease of the Weigh House or Crane Scituate on the South side of West Street, for the use of this Corporation, and to report their agreement to the next general Assembly which shall be held after they shall conclude such agreement

30.l to be paid for a Sermon on Michs. day

Ordered that the Vicar of this parish and his Curate be paid the sum of one pound ten Shillings for preaching a Sermon alternately on every Michaelmas Day, during the pleasure of this Corporat.n

Jos. Harpur Surgeon

Ordered that the sum of Eleven pounds seven Shillings & six pence be paid to M.r Jos. Harpur Surgeon for his care and attendance of the Poore of this Town that require his assistance, for the ensuing Year, the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his Accots.

Wid.w Chambers admitted to the Poor House

The Widow of Edward Chambers upon her Petition is admitted into the present Vacancy in S.t Johns Poor House

a parc.l of Land Set to M.r Edw.d Chesshire

A parcel of Land without Duleek Gate on the Road to Platten now in the posion of M.r John Shepheard or his under Tenants cont.g 7: 1: 30 a r p being Set up to Cant, the same was Set to M.r Edw.d Chesshire for 61 Years from Easter next at £1: 11: pacre, one moiety of said Rent to be fined off at 14 years purchase

post Assembly 25 April 1759

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 25.th April 1759

Mayor elect

Ald.r Edward Norman is elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year according to the Rule of Succession

1.st Sheriff elect

M.r William Holmes is elected to Serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year

gen.l Assembly 27 April 1759

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being present the 27.th April 1759

2.d Sheriff elect

M.r Charles Evans is Elected to Serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year along with M.r Wm Holmes

Election Certified

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor & Sheriffs for the ensuing Year be forthwith Certified to the Governm.t for their Approbation

Treasurers Accots Settled

M.r Mayor and Sheriffs and the Auditors & Viewers having settled the Treasurers Accots, they have thereon drawn up and laid before this Assembly the following Report, which is ordered to be entered, and is as follows

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A Report thereon

"A Report from the Mayor and Sheriffs and the Auditors and Viewers of the Corporation of Drogheda on their Settling Accounts with Ald.r Edward Meade Treasurer the 27.th Day of April 1759

Upon application made to us by Ald.r Edw.d Meade Treas.r to examine and Settle his accounts with this Corporation, We met accordingly in the Tholsel and examined the same having compared his Vouchers therewith, which he has given up, and there appears to be due to him the sum of £685: 18: 6.d upon Ballance thereof, which he has from time to time advanced for the use of the Corporation as their occasions have required according to sev.l Acts of Assembly heretofore made for that purpose, and for w.ch Interest was ordered to be paid him, which We not being able to fix at any certain period of time, as the Money he so advanced made his Ballance sometimes more and sometime less, We chose to Submitt the charge of Interest to himself, which he is satisfied should commence from the first of January last at £5 p Cent.: for the said Ballance, that now appears due to him, altho' he has been constantly considerably in advance for many years past, upon all occasions where Money was wanting, but could not without closing his Accounts ascertain the Interest, nor we without seeing every day how the Ballance altered; tho' We think it necessary to observe that he must always have kept Cash in his hands to answer the Demands of the Corporation as they came upon him and were paid, therefore We are of opinion that the said Ballance and the Interest thereof should be secured to him, as well as any other Money he may have advanced for this Corporation not yet charged in his Accounts. Which we Submitt to this Assembly. Given under our hands this 27.th April 1759

Signed Wm Fairtlough } Mayor
Wm Norman } Sheriffs
Sam.l Taylor }
Francis Leigh
Wm Howard
Geo. Ackland
Hen. Garside
Hen. Leland
} Auditors and Viewers

Agreed to, & the Ball.: due the Treas.r to bear Interest

Which Report this Assembly doth unanimously agree to and acknowledge the said Ballance of £685: 18: 6.d to be a Debt due by this Corporation to the said Edward Meade Treas.r And it is ordered that the payment thereof with the Interest from the first day of January last be secured to him in such manner as M.r Recorder shall advise

Sealing Day

Ordered that on Monday the 11.th June next the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to the Lease of the Lands which M.r Edward Chesshire took last gen.l Assembly, and also to a Lease from M.rs Joyce and Margaret Kimberly to this Corporation of a peice of Ground belonging to them whereon part of the Mayoralty House is Built

2 free Members admitted

William Acton is admitted a free Member and William M.cCartney a free Shoemaker of this Corporation, on their petitions to this Assembly, upon their paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Wid.w Parks admitted into the poor House

Suwanna Parks Widow upon her Petition is admitted into the present Vacancy in S.t Johns poore House

Elizabeth

Eliz.th & Mary Sheils granted £6

Elizabeth and Mary Sheils orphans and daughters of Ald.r Hen.r Sheils dec.d upon the petition of Ald.r Edw.d Meade in their behalf are Granted £6 for their Support for one year from this Easter, to be paid them by the Treas.r and to be allowed him in his accounts

a concern in Kezars Lane

Ordered that the Concern in Kezars Lane in Lease to Robert Scott and now in the posion of Mr James Sandiford, upon which there is a long Arrear of Rent due to the Corporation, be set next Assembly, unless Mr. Sandiford pays off the said Arrear in the mean time

Wheel Barrows

Ordered that the Wheel Barrows that were made for the use of the navigation below Bridge, be Sold in lots by Mr. Mayor wher he shall think proper

Pensioners

Ordered that the undernamed Persons be paid the following sums to their names annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for One Year commencing from Michas last and ending at Michs next

Jno.r North & Wife	3	Wid.w of John Huson	2
Hester Clarke	2	Wid.w of James Domvile	3
Thos. Thompson	2	Wid.w Brunton	3
Barb.a Touch	2.10	Rob. Gibson	3.10
Wid.w of Geo. Cook & Child.n	3	Wid.w of Jn.o Collier	3
Wid.w of Geo. Rencher	4	Rob. McCartney	1.10
John Cooke	2.10	Mary Hamilton	1
Marg.t Ellis	3	Wid.w of Leo.d Robinson	1.15
Ann M.Covy	3	Dorcas Needham	2.15
Marg.t Donnelly & Child.n	3	Sarah Brickhill	1.2.9
Fra.s Marsden	2	Tho.s Stoker's Child.n	2
Twrs of the Commons	8	Han. McDowell	3.2.9
Hen. Simple & Wife	4	Edw.d Jones's Child.n	2.15.6
Wid.w of John Andrews	3	Edw.d West	2.2.8
Wid.w of John Deacon	3	Geo. Griffin	1.10
Wid.w Ruxton	4	Wid.w of James Quash	2
Ann Knight	3	Rich.d Lucas's Wife & Child.n	1.15
Wid.w of Thom.s Bently	2	Wid.w of Jos. Rencher	1
Wid.w of Jn.o Ackland	2.10	Martha Beatty Wid.w	1
Wid.w of Rob. Elliott & Child.n	4	Mary Staplehill	1.2.9
Mary Taylor	4		41.1.5
Jane Chevers	3		72.10
Ann Evans	2		
	£72.10		£113.11.5

2 free Members Sworn

1759 May 28th This day William Acton and William M.Cartney were Sworn free of this Corporation pursuant to their Admitt.a last Assembly paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument

At.

gen.l Assembly 13th July 1759

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 13th July 1759

Rt. Hon.ble Henry Singleton's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of the Right Hon.ble Henry Singleton Esq.r Master of the Rolls and alderman Seting forth, that he is in posession in his own right by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to his brother Ald.r Edw.d Singleton Dec.d of a House Brew House and Malt House in S.t Peter Street Drogheda formerly in the posession of Ald.r John Sawkill; one other House in the said Street with a backside thereto belonging formerly in the posion of John Leland Sen.r; one other House or Tenem.t in Fair Street on the South side formerly in the posion of Ald.r John Byrne; one other House or Tenement and Garden on the Northside of Fair Street formerly in the posn of Ald.r Henry Ogle; one other House and Garden near the Longstones or Bridge of Mullary in the parish of Mullary and County of Lowth wherein Farmer Hill formerly dwelt and now in the holding of Thomas Owens and one other House and Garden in Magdalen Street in Drogheda formerly in the posion of Richard Cooper dec.d for the term of 61 years from Michas 1723 at the yearly rent of £ That the House or Tenement & Garden on the Northside of Fair Street formerly in the posion of Ald.r Henry Ogle dec.d was lately pulled down being in a ruinous condition and unproffitable; And praying for his encouragement to Rebuild the same which he intends immediately to do in a handsome manner to accept a Surrender of the said Lease and to Grant him a new Lease for 61 years of the said premisses on the Northside of Fair Street; and another Lease for the term unexpired of the said old Lease of the several other Concerns thereby demised and soforth Which Petition being referd to the Auditors and Viewers and their Opinion being reported and read to this Assembly It is therefore Ordered that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby Granted a new Lease of the said premisses on the Northside of Fair Street (which is now Rebuilding with other Concerns into two Dwelling Houses by John Ogle Esq.r) for 61 Years from Michaelmas next at 5£ p.ann: And also one other Lease of the Several other Denominations comprized in the said old Lease for 26 years (which is the term yet unexpired) at 15£ p.ann: on his surrendering the said old Lease, and that Maps be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Ald.r Wm Graves's Pet.n for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.r Wm Graves seting forth that he is in pos.n of a House and backside in Shop Street by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Richard Smith late an Alderman of the same dec.d for 61 years from Easter 1701 at the yearly rent of £1:3:4 That the said Lease is within the Rules for renewing and praying a new Lease &c.a soforth. Which Petition being Referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Opinion being Reported and read to this Assembly It is therefore ordered that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said House and Concerns containg on the East side in front to Shop Street 23 feet 4 inches and in depth 108 feet, for 61 years from Easter last at £2:5:6 p.ann: and £2:5:6 fine, on surrendering the old Lease, and Maps to be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Ald.r Jn.o Graham's Pet.n for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.r John Graham seting forth that he is in pos.n in his own right by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to his Grand father Ald.r John Graham dec.d of one park without S.t James Gate called S.t Catherines park containing by a late Survey 9a 2r 2p and also of one small Croft without S.t Laurence Gate containg 0a 1r 34p for 61 years from Easter

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Easter 1700 at the yearly rent of £0:15:1p. That the said Lease is near expired and within the rules for renewing and praying a new Lease in his own name and so forth ~ Which Petition being referrd to the Auditors and Viewers and their Opinion being reported and read to this Assembly It is therefore ordered that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby Granted a new Lease of the said Premisses Cont.g together ar p 10: 0: 1 for 61 Years from Easter last at the yearly rent of £6 — and £6 — fine, on his surrendering the old Lease and that Maps be annexed to the new Lease ~

Granted

Mr. James Sandiford having neglected to discharge the arrear of Rent due to this Corporation for a Concern in Kezars Lane in Lease to Robert Scott Decd. The said Concern being now a Waste peice of Ground was Set up to publick Cant at this Assembly pursuant to an Order made last Assembly, and a Lease thereof is hereby agreed to be made to Mr. Sheriff Taylor, the highest bidder, for 61 years from Michas next at the yearly rent of £0:13:0 and £6:10 fine ~

a Concern in Kezars Lane Set to Mr. Sher: Taylor

Monday the thirteenth day of August next is appointed a Sealing Day for Corporation Leases ~

Sealing Day

John North Taylor, upon his Petition granted by this Assembly is admitted a free Merch.t Taylor of this Corporation on paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

a free Taylor admitted

Ald.n Francis Leigh having laid before this Assembly a letter addressed to him by Henry Pippard Esq.r dated from Ostend 27.th June 1759 relating to the Settling the Accots. of the mean profits of the Lands of Saint James, for which this Corporation have got Judgment against said Pippard, which letter is in the words following ~

Copy of a letter from Hen. Pippard to Ald.n Fra.s Leigh about S.t James's

Francis Leigh Esq.r

Ostend 27.th June 1759

Dear Sir

The occasion of my giving you this trouble is to acquaint You, that upon my Appeal being Dismissed by the Lords (upon a point which never occured to the Council in Ireland or England) I wrote to know how We were to proceed in conformity thereto, and am advised that the usual method will be very tedious & expensive, but may be avoided by referring the value of the mean rates and improvements to Gentlemen indifferently chosen by each party armed with a Commission to examine Witnesses upon Oath, and this method will answer the same end as litigating the matter at Law in an expensive manner, and bring the affair sooner to a conclusion, which has been too long depending already: Now as I approve of this proceeding I am to desire the favour of You, that you'll please to lay this proposal of mine before the Gentlemen of the Corporation at your next meeting, and if they approve

thereof you will oblige me with a line on which I shall immediately do my part in such manner as shall be thought necessary for me to do ~ I shall please God be home in ten days &c. ~ I am very much ~ Sir Your most humble Servant ~ Henry Pippard

Mr. Recorder's advice to be taken thereon

It is therefore ordered that when the Injunction for giving the Possession of the said Lands of S.t James's is executed that then Mr. Recorder be advised with on the Subject of the said letter, and that his advice and direction be followed ~

Lands of S.t James

And it is also ordered by this Assembly that when possion is given to Mr. Mayor of the said Lands belonging to this Corporation in S.t James's that then He with the Auditors and Viewers do Set the Grass of the same in the whole or in parcels till Michaelmas day next by public Cant, and that in the mean time the Auditors and Viewers do cause the said Lands to be Surveyed and Maps made thereof, and to distinguish in such Survey & Maps the contents of the whole and each particular park of said Lands, And that they Report their opinion of the said Lands and in what parcels or lots the same may be Set for the best advantage of this Corporation from Michaelmas aforesaid for 61 years ~

to be Set from Mich.s next for 61 years

Ordered that the House hitherto used as a Bridwell be used as an Infirmary or Hospital for the reception of the poor people of this Town, during the pleasure of this Corporation ~

Bridwell to be used as an Infirmary

1759 July 18.th

This day John North was Sworn a free Merchant Taylor of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument

free Taylor Sworn

At a special Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being present the 4.th August 1759 ~

Special Assembly 4.th Aug.t 1759

Mr. Mayor having laid before this Assembly his Majestys Writ of Injunction Directed to the Sheriffs of the Town and County of the Town of Drogheda, which writ is in the words following ~

Injunction for the Poss.n of S.t James's

George the second by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the Faith and so forth To the Sheriffs of the County of the Town of Drogheda for the time being Greeting We Command and strictly enjoin You under the penalty of One thousand pounds that immediately upon sight or receipt hereof, that in pursuance of a Decretal order of our Court of Chancery in Ireland in certain Causes there depending between the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commons of the Town and County of the Town of Drogheda, the Rev.d Wm Godley, Benjamin Woodward and Isaac Holroyd Plaintiffs and Henry Pippard Esq.r defendant, and the Contrary, You put establish and confirm or cause to be put established and confirmed the said Mayor Sher.s Burgesses and Commons of the Town and County of the Town of Drogheda, the Rev.d Wm Godley Benj.a Woodward and Isaac Holroyd and their Assigns in the actual and

and peaceable possession of All that and those the Hospital of St. James without St. James's Gate of Drogheda lying & being near the said Town of Drogheda with all and singular the Houses, Windmill, Tenemts. Lands, Messuages, Edificies, Buildings, Meadows, Furze, Parks, Pastures Church & Church Yard and all other Lands Fields and Hereditaments with the Appurtenances whatsoever belonging or in anywise appertaining to the same & that you preserve and defend the said Mayor, Sheriffs, Burgesses and Commons their Tenants & Assigns in such quiet and peaceable possession of the premisses & every part and parcel thereof from time to time according to the purport true intent and meaning of the said Decree & herein fail not. Witness our Lords Justices Genl. & General Governors of our said Kingdom of Ireland at Dublin the thirteenth day of July in the Thirty third year of our reign

Deane (a Copy) Singleton Master of the Rolls

Indorsd = By the Lord Chancellor of Ireland = B.C. = Injunction to put the Plts. in possn. = Corporation of Drogheda against Pippard

Mr. Mayor impowerd to take the possn. of St. James

It was thereupon orderd and agreed by this Assembly that a letter of Attorney under the Corporation Seal should be Granted unto Wm. Fairtlough Esqr. present Mayor to take & detain possion in the name of the Corporation of Drogheda and of the Revd. Wm. Godly, Benja. Woodward & Isaac Holroyd for the sole benefit of the Corporation according to the tenor of the foregoing Writ, And the same was accordingly granted in the words following

Letter of Attorney for that purpose

Know all men by these presents that his Majestys Writ of Injunction bearing date the thirteenth day of July one thousand seven hundred & fifty nine has been sent & directed to the Sheriffs of the County of the Town of Drogheda thereby Commanding them under a certain penalty therein contained to deliver the quiet & peaceable possion of the Hospital of St. James near the said Town of Drogheda together with all the Land & appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the Mayor, Sheriffs, Burgesses and Commons of the Town & County of the Town of Drogheda, and to the Revd. Wm. Godley, Benja. Woodward & Isaac Holroyd for the proper use & benefit of the said Corporation Now know ye that the the said Mayor, Sheriffs, Burgesses and Commons in Common Council assembled Have made ordained constituted deputed & appointed and by these presents do make ordain constitute depute and appoint Wm. Fairtlough Esqr. Mayor of Drogheda to be our true and Lawfull Attorney and in our names & in the names of the Revd. Wm. Godley, Benja. Woodward, and Isaac Holroyd to take and receive peaceable & quiet possession and Seizin of the said Hospital of St. James and of all & singular the Lands & Appces in any manner thereunto appertaining, and the same possion so had & taken to detain and keep for the sole use and benefit of the said Corporation and for no other purpose whatsoever. In Witness whereof We have hereunto affixed our Common Seal, this 4 day of August 1759 Signd by order E. Meade Pmt. Clk

(a Copy)

Acts Compared

1759 Septembr. 29th: This day the foregoing acts of Assembly were Compared before us and Orderd to be enterd in the Assembly book as usual

Wm. Norman } Shers.
Saml. Taylor }

Wm. Fairtlough } Mayor
Geo. Ackland } Mayr. Staple
Francis Leigh }
Thoms. Wye } Alderman
Jere: Smith }

genl. Assembly 5 Octob. 1759
Edwd. Norman Mayr.

At a general Assembly held before Edward Norman Esqr. Mayor William Holmes and Charles Evans Esqrs. Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 5th. October 1759

Mayor of the Staple

Aldn. Wm. Fairtlough is elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Constables of do.

Mr. Willm. Norman and Mr. Saml. Taylor are elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Coroners

Mr. Wm. Norman and Mr. Saml. Taylor are elected Coroners for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Treasr.

Aldn. Edwd. Meade is elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Master of the Guild

Aldn. Geo. Ackland is elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens of do.

John Ogle and Willm. Ogle Esqrs. are elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Audrs. & Viewrs.

Aldn. Francis Leigh
Aldn. Richard Jebb
Aldn. John Graham
Aldn. Phil: Pendleton
Aldn. Willm. Howard
Aldn. Hen. Gartside
Aldn. Geo. Ackland &
Mr. Henry Leland
} are Elected Auditors and Viewers or any five of them

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Orderd that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Daniel Kelly the Collectors Clerk on the same terms they were collected by him last Year

Salt not to pay Custom

Orderd that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which shall be manufactured in this Town for one year from the 15 Instant

free member admittd

Thomas Bagnall Velvet Weaver upon his Petition granted him by this Assembly is admitted a free member of this Corporation on paying the usual fees & signing the Instrument

A Report from the Audrs. & Viewrs. about St. James's

The following Report from the Auditors & Viewers about the Lands of St. James's being read to this Assembly the same is Orderd to be entered, and is as follows

A Report from the Auditors & Viewers to the general Assembly of the Corporation of Drogheda, held this 5th October 1759

Pursuant to an Order made at the last general Assembly directing us to cause a Survey and Maps to be made of the Lands of Saint James's belonging to this Corporation and to report our Opinion to this Assembly concerning the said Lands and in what parcels or lots the same may be set to the

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A Report about the Lands of St. James's

the best advantage; We have accordingly caused the said Lands to be surveyed and find the same contains 56: a. 1: r. 26: p. of arable Land, Meadow and Pasture and 5: a. 1: r. 10: p. of Marshy Ground between the Road and the River Boyn which is overflown when the Tide is at Flood being a narrow Strip. We have divided the whole premisses into six lots or parcels and have had Maps made of each, and in such Lots We apprehend the said Lands will answer and set to the best advantage of this Corporation; The first lot being the Marshy Ground (and Numbered 1 in the Map) We are of Opinion the Corporation should not Set in Lease at present, but had better keep it in their own possession as it will produce very little Rent and may be wanted and of great service hereafter in properly inclosing the Sand Beds now Piled in; The second lot (being No. 2 in the Map) Contains 10 Acres; The third lot whereon the House and Offices Stand contains 13: a. 2: r. 36: p.; The fourth Lot contains 10: a. 1: r. 0: p.; The fifth Lot Contains 9: a. 0: r. 10: p. and the sixth lot which lyes in the Mountain of St. James Contains 13: a. 1: r. 20: p. (as by the Maps) and we are of Opinion that each Lot should be Set by Cant at this Assembly to the highest bidder for 61 Years from this Michaelmas, except the first lot, and one moiety of the Rent be fined of at 14 Years purchase; all which We Submitt to your Worships consideration

(a Copy) Signed Francis Leigh, Wm Howard, Geo. Arkland, Hen. Gartside, Hen. Leland — Auditors and Viewers

Agreed to, and the said Lands Set by Cant in Lots

Which Report was agreed to by this Assembly and the said Lands of St. James being Set up to public Cant at this Assembly were accordingly Set in Lots to the following Persons for 61 years from this Michaelmas at the following Rents one moiety whereof is to be fined off at 14 years purchase

2d & 3d lot Set to Ald.r Wm Graves

The second Lot being the East part of the said Lands adjoyning Stagreenan Cont.g 10 acres Set to Ald.r Wm Graves at £1: 1: 0: p acre.

Third Lot being the House, Offices, Gardens & sev.l Parks Cont.g 13: a. 2: r. 36: p. Set to the said Ald.r Wm Graves at £3: 1: 0: p acre

4th Lot Set to Edw.d Chesshire Junr.

Fourth Lot being sev.l Parks adjoyning the Lands of Newtown Cont.g 10: a. 1: r. 10: p. Set to Mr. Edw.d Chesshire Junr. at £1: 15: 0: p acre

5th Lot Set to Ald.r Wm Graves

Fifth Lot called the Nine Acre park & Cont.g 9: a. 0: r. 10: p. Set to the said Ald.r Wm Graves at £2: 13: 0: p acre

6th Lot Set to Sher.s Holmes

Sixth Lot called the Mountain of St. James's Cont.g 13: a. 1: r. 20: p. Set to Mr. Sheriff Holmes at £1: 12: 0: p acre

1st Lot Set to Ald.r Wm Graves for one Year

The first Lot of the said Lands being the Marsh Cont.g 5: a. 1: r. 10: p. being Set up to Cant was also Set to Ald.r Wm Graves for one year from Michs aforesaid for which he is to pay the rent of £5: 10: 0:

Wednesday

Sealing Day

Wednesday the Twenty sixth day of December next is appointed a Sealing Day for Leases of the foregoing Lands

Gate Customs

The Gate Customs of this Corporation were Set at this Assembly to Ald.n Edw.d Chesshire and Son for £9: 7: 0 p Week for one year to commence from and after the 26th day of October Instant and ending the 26th day of October next 1760 inclusive

free Member Sworn

1759 October 15th. This Day Thomas Bagnall was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual Fees and Signed the Instrument

post Assembly 16 Jan.y 1760.

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 16th January 1760

Alderman elect.

John Ogle Esq.r is elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the Room of his father Henry Ogle late an Alderman of the same dec.d pursuant to Notice

Gen.l Assembly 18 Jan. 1760

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 18th Jan.y 1760

Sydn.m Towke alias Singleton Nephew of the Rt. Hon.ble Hen. Singleton dec.d admitted free

Whereas the Right Honble Henry Singleton Esq.r late Master of the Rolls for many Reigns Recorder of this Corporation of Drogheda and for many Years an Alderman of the same, did by his last Will and Testament Devise the most considerable part of his Real Estate to Sydenham Towke now Sydenham Singleton Esq.r his Nephew who is by said Will ordered and required to take upon himself and for ever after to use the Sirname of Singleton only, by which he is now become the principal Representative of the name and Family of the said Henry Singleton, whose Family for very many Years have been Ornaments and singularly serviceable to this Corporation Now We the Mayor, Sheriffs, Burgesses and Commons of the said Corporation of Drogheda in Common Council Assembled In Testimony of our gratefull acknowledgment of the many eminent Services performed by the said Henry Singleton for this Corporation, and of the several large Sums of Money by him most generously granted for the publick Buildings and Works of this Town, and for the frequent relief and Support of several of the poor Inhabitants thereof Do unanimously Grant the Freedom of this Corporation to the said Sydenham Singleton Esq.r

Petitions Referred

Ordered that the Petitions which were Referred to the auditors and Viewers last gen.l Assembly and which they could not prepare Reports upon for this Assembly do Stand over under the said orders of Reference till next General Assembly

a free Member admitted

Nicholas Knight Weaver upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation upon paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

Fire Engine Keeper

Mathew Marsden upon his Petition to this Assembly is appointed to take of and attend the Fire Engine belonging to this Corporation in the Room of

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of William Huson Decd at the usual Sallary during the pleasure of this Corporation

Jos. Harpur and Wm Cleapam Surgeons

Ordered that Mr Joseph Harpur and Mr William Cleapam Surgeons be paid the Sum of Eleven pounds seven Shillings & six pence each for their Care and attendance of the Poor at the Infirmary of this Town the ensuing Year the said Sums to be allowed the Treasurer in his Accots

free Member sworn

1760 March 17th This day Sydenham Singleton Esqr was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation, pursuant to the grant made him of his Freedom last Assembly

alderman Sworn

1760 April 1st This day John Ogle Esqr was Sworn an alderman of this Corporation pursuant to his Election last post Assembly

free Member Sworn

1760 April 8th This day Nicholas Knight was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation, pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees & Signed the Instrument

post Assembly 16 April 1760

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 16th day of April 1760

Mayor elect

Aldr John Ogle is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year according to the Rule of Succession

1st Sheriff elect

Sydenham Singleton Esqr is elected to Serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year

Genl Assembly 18 April 1760

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 18th April 1760

free Merchs admitted

Robert Ball Esqr upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Merchant of this Corporation upon paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

idem

Hamilton Bury upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Merchant of this Corporation upon paying the usual fees & Signing the Instrument

idem

Peter Allen upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Carpenter of this Corporation upon paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

idem

James Appleyard upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Cordwainer of this Corporation upon paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

idem

Nicholas Ashe upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation upon paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Robert

2d Sheriff elect.

Robert Ball Esqr is elected to Serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year along with Sydenham Singleton Esqr

Election Certifyd

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing Year be forthwith Certified to the Government for their approbation

Lord Drogheda made free

It is unanimously agreed by this Assembly that the Right Honble Charles Earl of Drogheda be presented with his Freedom of this Corporation in a Silver Box Gilt

Proctors

Mr Roger Ford and Mr Samuel Taylor are appointed Proctors of St Johns poor House for three Years from this Easter Assembly

Wm Esqr & Mary Sheils granted £6

Ordered that Elizabeth and Mary Sheils Daughters of Henry Sheils late an alderman of this Corporation decd be paid the Sum of Six Pounds by the Treasurer for their Support the ensuing Year and that the same be allowed on passing his Accots

2 Widows admitted into the Poor House

Frances Marsden and Elizabeth Fitz Gerald Widows upon their Petitions to this Assembly are admitted into the two Vacancys in Saint Johns poor House

Pensioners

Ordered that the undernamed Persons be paid the following Sums to their names annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one year commencing from Michas last and ending at Michas next

Francis North and Wife	3	Widw of John Huson	2
Hester Clarke	2	Widw of Jams Domvile	3
Thos Thompson	2	Widw Brunton	3
Barba Touch	2 10	Rob. Gibson	3 10
Widws of Geo. Cooke & Child	3	Widw of John Collier	3
John Cooke	2 10	Robt McCartney	1 10
Margt Ellis	3	Mary Hamilton	1
Ann M'Evoy	3	Widw of Leod Robinson	1 15
Margt Donnelly & Child	3	Dorcas Needham	2 15
Furs of the Commons	8	Sarah Brickhill	1 2 9
Henry Simple & Wife	4	Thos Stoker's Children	2
Widow Ruxton	4	Edwd Jones's Children	3 9 6
Widw of Rob. Elliott	4	Edwd West	2 2 8
Widw of Geo. Rencher	4	Geo. Griffin	1 10
Mary Taylor	4	Widw of James Quash	2
Widow of John Andrews	3	Richd Lucas's Wife & Child	1 15
Widw of John Deacon	3	Martha Beatty	1
Ann Knight	3	Mary Staplehill	1 2 9
Widw of Thos Bently	2	John Dixon's Child	1 6
Widw of John Ackland	2 10	Davd Appleyard	1
Hannah M'Dowell	3 2 9		39 18 8
Jane Cheevers	3		73 12 9
Ann Evans	2		£113 11 5
	£73 12 9		

Upon

Ald.r Edw.d Hardman's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.r Edw.d Hardman seting forth that he is in poss.r in his own right of a Lease granted by this Corporation to his father Ald.r Geo. Hardman dec.d of a small Privy Park adjoyning to Ramullen Land and also two Tene=ments lying on the Hill on meathside adjoyning to the Mile Mount for 61 years from Michas 1700 at the yearly rent of 11/

That the said Lease is near expired and praying a new Lease and soforth — Which Petition being Referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Opinion being reported to this Assembly It is therefore orderd that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Park con=taining 2a 2r 10p and of the Tenements and Gardens in Dulek Street adjoyning the Mile Mount containing 1a 3r 30p for 61 years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £1 — and £1 — fine; and that Maps be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Land called Liscorry & a House in West Street Set to

The Land called Liscorry in the Libertie's of this Town ad=joyning Tullaghesker and Philipstown in the County of Lowth, and a House on the Northside of West Street both belonging to this Corporat.n and late in the poss.n of Henry Pippard Esq.r were Set by Cant (pursuant to Notice) at this Assembly to the following presons for 61 years from Easter last at the following Rents and Fines Viz.t

Ald.r Hon. Gartside & Ald.r Geo. Ackland

The said Lands of Liscorry Containing 34a 0r 20p were Set to Ald.r Henry Gartside at 14/ 6d per Acre, one half of said Rent to be fined off at 14 years purchase

The House in West Street was Set to Ald.r Geo. Ackland at £16 — a year, one half of said Rent to be fined off at 10 Years purchase

Sealing Day

Tuesday the first day of July next is appointed a Sealing Day for the foregoing Corporation Leases

a free member Sworn

1760 April 18.th This day Robert Ball Esq.r was sworn a free member of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last Assembly held same day / paid the usual fees & signed the Instrument

2 idem

1760 April 28.th This day Nicholas Ashe and James Appleyard were Sworn free of this Corporation pursuant to their admittances last Assembly paid the usual fees & signed Instruments

idem

1760 May 19.th This day Hamilton Bury and Peter Allen were Sworn free of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees & signed the Instruments

At

Gen.l Assembly 18 July 1760

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 18.th July 1760

Ald.r Edw.d Meade's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.r Edward Meade seting forth That he is in possession in his own right of one Water Mill without Sundays Gate called Pages Mill and one park thereto adjoyning; and also one other Water Mill without the said Gate called Saint Lawrences Mill, together with the Bogg of Manninore, by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to his Uncle Ald.r Henry Meade dec.d for 61 Years from Easter 1702, at the yearly rent of £10 And praying a new Lease of the said Premises and Soforth

Granted

Which Petition being Referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being read to this Assembly, It is therefore orderd that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Mills and the Park and Water Courses thereunto adjoyning containing 6a 1r 20p together with the Lough and Bogg of Manninore containing 18a 1r 30p for the term of 61 years from Easter last at the yearly rent of £12 — and paying £12 fine and Surrendering the old Lease, and that Maps of the Premises be annexed to the new Leases

Ald.r Jn.o Graham's Petition for Leases

Upon the Petition of Ald.r John Graham seting forth, that he is possessed in his own right of one large Slated House with backside and backhouses lying on the Southside of Batchellors Lane opposite the bottom of Kezars Lane now a Malt House and Brewry commonly called Gibralter and containing in front 68 feet; And also one Tenement called the old Town Cellar being the corner House turning from Karps Lane to the Lane that leads from the North Quay to Batchellors Lane, by virtue of a Lease made made by this Corporation to his grand father Ald.r John Graham dec.d for 61 Years from Michs 1701 at the yearly rent of £1:0:6 — That he is also possessed of one Marsh or peice of Marshy Ground without S.t James Gate, two small parks lying on the Hill going towards Dublin two small Crofts or Millsteads lying on the East of S.t Johns Hill, and a pair of old Walls on the East side of the Lane without S.t Johns Gate leading to Dunore, by virtue of another Lease made by this Corporation to the said Ald.r John Graham dec.d for 61 Years from Michs aforesaid at the yearly rent of £2:8: — That he is likewise possessed of one park called 4½ Acres lying in S.t Johns Hill, 1½ Acre of Land lying in a park called Bakers park without Dulek Gate, a garden lying on the Northside of Dyer Street, a Tenem.t & Garden lying without Dulek Gate together with a small park called half an Acre lying near the Cowleaz=Bridge, by virtue of one other Lease made by this Corporation to the aforesaid Ald.r John Graham dec.d for 61 years from 1701 at the yearly rent of £2:14:8

That the said Leases are near expired and praying a new Lease or Leases of the said Premises and soforth — Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being read to this Assembly It is therefore orderd that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted three new Leases of the said Premises (except the concern called the old Town Cellar) for the following terms and subject to the following rents and fines (that is to say) One Lease of the Marsh or peice of Marshy Ground without

Granted 3 Leases

1.st Lease

without St. James Gate adjoyning the Lands of St. James Cont.g 5:1:28 A R P for the term of 99 Years from Easter last at the yearly rent of £5 untill he shall inclose all the Strand between said Marsh & low Water Mark either with a Stone Wall or Pile Work & Faggots covered with Stones and keep the same in constant repair, at least four feet higher than the said Strand or Marsh, and from the time the same shall be so inclosed or Piled in at the yearly Rent of £0:5:0 for the remainder of the said term

2d. Lease

One other Lease of the two small Crofts or Mill steads lying on the Eastside of St. Johns Hill cont.g 1:0:25 A R P, one park lying in St. Johns Hill cont.g 5:0:20 A R P and a pair of old Walls on the eastside of the Lane without St. Johns Gate leading to Dunore cont.g 3 perches, for 61 Years from Easter last at the yearly rent of £3 and £3 fine

3d. Lease

And one other Lease of the House & its Appurtenances in Batchellors Lane cont.g in front 68 feet; the large Slated House on the South Quay in front 48 feet 6 inches, the two small parks lying on the Hill going to Dublin cont.g 2:3:0 A R P, a peice of Land in Bakers Park without Duleek Gate cont.g 1:2:0 A R P, one Garden lying on the Northside of Dyer Street now Houses and old Walls cont.g in front 115 feet 10 inches, one Tenement & Garden without Duleek Gate cont.g 1:28 R P, and a small park lying near the Cowleaz Bridge called half an Acre & cont.g 3 roods for the term of 61 years from Easter aforesaid at the yearly Rent of £8: and £8 fine, on Surrendering the old Leases, & giving up the old Town Cellar in order to be pulled down to open the Way or passage from the Quay and Mayoralty House to Batchellors Lane, the said passage being at present too narrow

John Graham Junr.s Petition for Leases

Upon the Petition of John Graham the younger Esq.r Seting forth that he is in poss.n of a Garden South of St. Peters Church Yard at the yearly rent of £1 And also of a park near the Gallows, one Tirry park on the Westside and one other park on the eastside of the Yellow Batter, St. Laurences Hospital without St. Laurences Gate with the Haggard place, Garden, Orchard, Church & Church Yard and the Green Lane thereunto adjoyning at the yearly rent of £3:16:1¼ That the Leases of the said Concerns are near or quite expired & praying a new Lease or Leases & so forth Which Petition being referr'd to the Aud.rs & View.rs & their Report thereon being read to this Assembly It is therefore order'd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner & he is hereby Granted a new Lease of the said Garden lying on the Northside of Wind=Hillary Lane & South of the Church yard whereon sev.l Cabbins now Stand cont.g 24 perches for 61 years from Easter last at the old rent of one pound & paying one pound fine

Granted 1st. Lease

And also another new Lease of the Park near the Gallows cont.g 4:2:10 A R P, The Tirry park on the Westside of the Yellow Batter cont.g 5:1:15 A R P (on the Southside of wch. Park a Road for Cars is to be reserved as a passage to the Lady parks) The other park on the Eastside of the Yellow Batter cont.g 4:3:10 A R P, and St. Lau.ces Hospital with the Haggard place, Garden, Orchard, Church and Church Yard and the Green Lane thereto adjoyning without St. Lau.ce Gate containing together one

2 Lease

one Acre two roods and one perch for 61 years from Easter aforesaid at the yearly Rent of £10..10 and £10..10 fine; on Surrendering the old Leases & that Maps of the premisses be annexed to the new Leases

Old Walls at the Church Gate

Order'd that the Surrender of a Lease of a pair of old Walls on the Westside of Saint Peters Church Stile be accepted off from Jn.o Graham the Younger Esq.r who proposed to give up the same in order to make the Entry into the Church Yard more commodious and extensive

A Lease of the Weigh House or Crane accepted from Ald.n Jn.o Graham

Ald.n John Graham having proposed to make a Lease to this Corporation of the Weigh House or Crane in West Street for 61 years or 99 Years in case the same is Rebuilt in the space of 7 Years from Easter last at £8 p.ann.: Order'd that the said Lease be accepted off by this Corporation on the said Terms

Sealing Day

Monday the first day of September next is appointed a Sealing Day for Corporation Leases

Mayoralty House

Order'd that the Mayoralty House and its Offices be forthwith finished, and the Treasurer is hereby Impowered to advance such Sum.s of Money for this Corporation as shall be wanted for the same

An Account of the Proffits of Saint James's to be Settled with Hen. Pippard

Whereas the matter for some Years past in dispute between Henry Pippard Esq.r and this Corporation, as to the Validity of a reversionary Lease of the Lands of Saint James made in the year 1688 to Christopher Pippard his Father by the then Corporation is now brought near a conclusion after a long course of Law, wherein a Decree was obtained in the Court of Chancery here in favour of this Corporation and afterwards affirmed (upon an Appeal) before the House of Lords in England; And Whereas the said Henry Pippard hath without any further dispute given up the Lands of Liscorry and a House in Drogheda (of which he likewise had another reversionary Lease granted as aforesaid) upon the commencement thereof; so that there only now remains (to put an end to all Disputes) to settle with the said Henry Pippard, who is now in this Town for that purpose, an Acco.t of the Proffit of the said Lands of Saint James for and during the time he overheld the same, and of whatever Costs this Corporation may have aright to recover by the Law Suit, and of what allowance (if any) is to be made for improvements on the said Lands, upon the foot of the said Decree

Committee for that purpose

It is therefore order'd by this Assembly that the Auditors and Viewers with the Mayor Recorder Sheriffs and Treasurer all for the time being be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take into consideration all such Matters as remain to be Settled with the said Henry Pippard as aforesaid and finally to agree with him upon such fair and reasonably terms as to them shall seem met

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met, And this Assembly doth hereby engage to abide by and confirm such Agreement as shall be so made by the said Committee or the majority of them; and the said Committee or the majority of them be and they are hereby also impowered upon such Agreement being made with and performed by the said Henry Peppard to perfect such Release or Releases as Mr. Recorder shall advise, to prevent any further trouble on either side hereafter.

2 Free Men admitted

Edward Bull upon his Petition is admitted a free Merch.t and Michael Richardson upon his Petition is admitted a free Carpenter of this Corporation on paying the usual fees and signing Instruments.

Mary Connor admitted in the Poor House

Mary Connor Widow upon her Petition is admitted into a vacancy now in St. Johns poor House.

1760 August 11th

2 Free Men Sworn

This day Edward Bull was Sworn a free Merch.t and Michael Richardson was Sworn a free Carpenter of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last general Assembly paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument.

Acts Compard

1760 September 29th. This day the foregoing Acts of Assembly were compared before Us and Orderd to be entered in the Assembly Book as usual.

(a Copy) Signd Edw.d Norman Mayor
Wm Fairlough M.S.
Fras. Leigh
Wm Ogle
Edw.d Chefshire
Rich.d Jebb
John Graham
Wm Howard
Geo. Ackland
John Ogle
} Aldermen

Wm Holmes
Chas Evans
} Sheriffs

Michs 1760

At a General Assembly held before John Ogle Esq.r Mayor of Drogheda Sydenham Singleton and Robert Ball Esqrs Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 10th October 1760.

Mayor of the Staple

Alderman Edward Norman is elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn.

Common Council

William Holmes is elected a Common Councilman and Sworn.

Const.s Staple

William Holmes and Charles Evans are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year and Sworn.

Coroners

William Holmes and Charles Evans are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year & Sworn.

Treas.r

Alderman Edward Meade is elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year and Sworn.

Mast.r Guild

Ald.r Wm Fairlough is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year.

Wardens

William Norman and Samuel Taylor are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year.

Aud.rs & Viewers

Ald.rn Francis Leigh, Ald.rn John Graham, Ald.rn Wm Howard, Ald.rn Henry Garstide, Ald.rn George Ackland, Mr. John Jebb, Mr. Henry Leland and Mr. Wm. Norman are Elected auditors and Viewers or any five of them.

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshalls to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation.

Water Customs

Orderd that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Daniel Kelly the Collectors Clerk on the same terms they were collected by him last year.

Salt

Orderd that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which shall be manufactured in this Town for one year from the 15th Instant.

Marsh

The Marsh of Saint James cont.g 5a 1r 10p was Set at this Assembly to Mr. Thomas Winslow for one Year from Michaelmas last for which he is to pay the rent of £2.

accot. w.th Hen. Peppard about St. James's Settled

The Committee appointed to Settle the Account with Henry Peppard Esq.r relative to St. James's having reported to this assembly their Resolutions thereon It is therefore ordered by this assembly that upon his the said Henry Peppard's paying and securing to this Corporation the sum of seven hundred pounds he shall be discharged by this Corporation from all demands on the said account, he also perfecting a proper Release to this Corporation; one half of the said sum of seven hundred pounds to be forthwith paid by the said Henry Peppard & the other half thereof secured by his Bond & Warrant payable in one year to the Treasurer for the use of this Corporation.

Orderd

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Drogheda light Dragoons

Orderd that the subscription entered into by the Inhabitants of this Town (whereof part cannot be collected) for lodging and accommodating his Majestys Regiment of Drogheda light Dragoons commanded by the Right Honble the Earl of Drogheda now quartered here, or any defficiency in or of the said Subscription be paid and made good by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation upon Mr. Mayor & the Sheriffs signing an Order for the same

Luke Carvan, Pilot.

Orderd that the Treasurer do pay the sum of five Guineas to Luke Carvan, Pilot, for his trouble & attendance for the time past at the Navigation of the Boyne below the Bridge of this Town Accot. of this Corporation

Gate Customs

The Gate Customs of this Corporation were set by publick Cant to Aldn. Edwd. Chesshire at Nine pounds six shillings per Week for one year to commence from and after the 26th. day of October Inst. and ending the 26th. day of October next (1761) inclusive

Copy of Hen. Pippard's Release to the Corporation

The following are true Copys of the Releases passed by Henry Pippard Esqr. to this Corporation and by the Treasurer to him, pursuant to the above Order of Assembly relative to St. James's

Be it remembered that I Henry Pippard of Crosby hall in the County of Lancaster Esqr. have this day settled and agreed all matters in dispute between the Corporation of Drogheda and me about two Leases which I held under them, one of the Lands of Saint James's and the other of the Lands of Liscorry & a House in West Street Drogheda And I do hereby declare my consent to and approbation of the said Agreement which is now perfected between us and ascertained by their act of Assembly held this day; And I do hereby release and for ever quit claim to the said Corporatn. of and from all demands whatsoever which I could or might have for or on account of the said Lands and premisses or on any other pretence whatsoever relating thereto. Witness my hand in Drogheda this 10th. October 1760 Hen. Pippard

present (a Copy)
Corns. M. Laughlin
Wm. Holmes

and of the Treasrs. Release to him

Whereas at a General Assembly of the Corporation of Drogheda held the 10th. day of October instant all matters that have been in dispute between Henry Pippard Esqr. and the said Corporation about the Leases of the Lands of Saint James and the Lands of Liscorry & a House in West Street Drogheda were taken into consideration, And all the said Lands and premisses being now in the quiet possession of the said Corporation or their Tenants, It was unanimously consented to and agreed (for divers other considerations as well as to put an end to all disputes for ever hereafter in relation to the said Lands and premisses) to accept of and receive from the said Henry Pippard

Pippard the sum of Seven hundred pounds in full satisfaction of all Claims costs and damages whatsoever which the said Corporation might have or be intitled to for or on account of his overholding said Lands and premisses or otherwise concerning the same; and that the said sum of Seven hundred pounds be paid one half (being three hundred and fifty pounds) in hand, and the other half (being three hundred and fifty pounds) secured by his bond & warrant payable in one year to the Treasurer for the use of the said Corporation

Now I Edward Meade of the Town of Drogheda Esqr. Treasurer of the said Corporation do hereby acknowledge that in pursuance of the said Act of Assembly I have recd. from the said Henry Pippard the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds; and also his bond & Warrt. for the further sum of three hundred & fifty pounds payable to me in one year for the use of the said Corporation which when paid will be in full satisfaction of all demands as aforesaid Witness my hand in Drogheda this 14th. October 1760 Edwd. Meade Treasr.

(a Copy)

Present
Corns. M. Laughlin
Wm. Holmes

The following Bye Law against Swine was printed & published pursuant to the resolution of the Assembly

Whereas many dangers & inconveniencys may & do arise as well to the Inhabitants as to Stangers passing through this Town by suffering Swine of all kind to go at large through the Streets Lanes and other passages within the said Town and the suburbs thereof

By Law against Swine

In order therefore to put a stop to so dangerous and offensive a practice for the time to come It is orderd by the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses & Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda at their General Assembly held this day that from and after the 20th. day of October instant all persons to whom any Swine of what kind so ever do or shall belong shall keep them up confined so that they may not be found at large in the Streets or any other passages within the said Town or the liberties thereof; and if hereafter any be found so at large the Owner shall forfiet for each Hog, Pig or Sow so found the sum of one Shilling which if not paid by the space of 24 hours shall be levied by distress and Sale of the said Swine or other the goods of the person offending one half of the said penalty to go to the Informer and the other half to the Poor of the Town in such manner as Mr. Mayor for the time being shall direct and appoint the said penalty to be paid into the hands of the Town Clerk or his Deputy for the purposes aforesaid And it is further orderd that Copies of this Bye Law be posted up at the Tholsel Gates and other publick places of this Town and that it likewise be proclaimed by the Bellman through the Streets in the most publick manner that it may be known to all persons and that none hereafter plead ingorance dated this 10th. October 1763

Signed by order
Edwd. Meade Mr. Clk.

a Copy

At

post Assembly Jan. 1761

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 14th. Jan.y 1761

Alderman elected

Mr. Edward Chesshire the Younger is elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the room of Jonathan Nicholls late an alderman of the same dec.d pursuant to Notice

Gen. Assembly Jan. 1761.

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the aldermen & Common Council being present the 16th. Jan.y 1761

Mr. Mayor having laid before this Assembly a Draft of an Address to his Majesty upon his accession to the Throne and the same being read & unanimously agreed to as the address of this Assembly, is as follows

Address to the King on his accession

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The humble address of the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda in Common Council assembled

Most gracious Sovereign

We your Majestys most dutifulle & loyal subjects humbly beg leave to express our deep concern for the loss of our late most gracious Sovereign

The uniform and uninterrupted enjoyment of all our rights civil and religious during his beneign reign, his paternal care for the welfare of his People, and his many Royal Virtues, will ever be had in most gratefulle remembrance by us.

Divine providence hath reserved it for your Majesty to supply this great loss. Permit us therefore Royal Sir, to join in congratulations on your accession to the Throne of these Realms, and humbly to tender our hearts inviolably attached to your Majestys sacred person, the support of your Majestys Government, and the succession of the Crown in your illustrious House.

May you long reign in the hearts of a faithfull people, and may your Reign be prosperous & glorious in War, and happy and honourable in peace!

In Testimoney whereof we have hereunto affixed our Commonseal this 16 Jan.y 1761

It is ordered that the said address be fairly Ingrossed on Parchment & Seal of this Corporation affixed thereto and be given to Mr. Recorder to present to the Lords Justices and to pray their Excellencies to cause the same to be transmitted to his Majesty

a free Smith admitted

Tho.s North Junr. upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Smith of this Corporation on praying the usual fees & Signing the Instrument

Edward

a free Taylor admitted

Edward Brooks on his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Merchant Taylor of this Corporation on paying the usual fees & Signing the Instrument

Mary M.c Knight admitted into the Poor House

Mary M.c Knight Widow upon her Petition to this Assembly is admitted into the present Vacancy in S.t Johns poor House

Jo. Harpur & Wm. Cleapem Surgeons ord.d 10 Gs. each

Ordered that Mr. Joseph Harpur & Mr. Wm. Cleapem Surgeons be paid the sum of Ten Guineas each for their Care & attendance of the poor of this Town and at the Infirmary for the ensuing year the same to be allowed in the Treasurers accounts

free Smith Sworn

1761 Jan.y 21.st Tho.s North the Younger was this day Sworn a free Smith of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees & Signed the Instrument

Alderman Sworn

1761 March 16.th This day Mr. Edward Chesshire the Younger was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation in the room of Ald.r Jon.a Nicholls dec.d pursuant to his election last post Assembly

free Taylor Sworn

1761 March 26.th This day Edward Brooks was Sworn a free Merch.t Taylor of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees & Signed the Instrument

post Assembly April 1761.

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 1.st day of April 1761

Mayor Elect.

Alderman Edward Chesshire the Younger is elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year according to the Rule of Succession.

Sheriff Elect.

Mr. John Marshall is elected to serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year

Gen.l Assembly April 1761

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being present the 3. April 1761.

Sheriff Elect.

Mr. John Eathorn is elected to serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing year along with Mr. John Marshall

Elect.n Certified

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor & Sheriffs for the ensuing Year be forthwith Certified to the Government for their approbation

Rec.rs of the Rents of the Commons

Ald.r George Ackland & Wm. Ogle Esq.r Just.s are appointed Receivers of the Rents of the Commons for three years from this Easter Assembly

Light Dragoons Loding

Ordered that an Accot. be taken of the Money due for the lodgings of the three Troops of Drogheda light Dragoons now quartered here & that the Treas.r do pay whatever appears to be due upon Mr. Mayor & Sheriffs signing an order on him for the same, and that the lodgings of the s.d three Troops of Dragoons be discharged & paid by the Treas.r to the first day of January next if they shall continue so long in Town upon Mr. Mayor & Sheriffs signing an order on him as aforesaid for Account of this Corporation, and that the said Payments be allowed in his Accounts

Ordered

Franchises to be Aid.

Ordered that the Franchises of this Corporation be Aid of Perambulated on Thursday in Whitsun Week, the several Fraternitys to Ride in the usual manner

M.r Mayor to order £10 for the repair of any Road

Ordered that M.r Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to Sign an Order on the Treasurer for account of this Corporation for any sum of Money not exceeding Ten pounds to be applied towards repairing any Road within the County of this Town

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens & Fraternity of Glovers & Skinners in this Town setting forth that there is a Vacancy of a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the Room of Edward Chesshire now promoted to the Bench of Aldermen and nominating three of said Fraternity to wit, Abraham Knight Philip Apperson, and Nicholas Knight one of whom they pray may be chosen by this Assembly a Common Councilman in the room of the said Edw.d Chesshire It is thereupon ordered that the said Abraham Knight be and he is hereby Elected & Chosen a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said Edward Chesshire and the said Ab.m Knight being called in was sworn a Common Councilman accordingly

Ab.m Knight Elected Common Councill for the Skinners

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens & Fraternity of Bakers in this Town setting forth that there is a Vacancy of a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of Philip Newitt dec.d and nominating three of said Fraternity to wit, John Holland the Elder W.m Elliott and John Moffett one of whom they pray may be chosen by this Assembly a Common Councilman in the room of the s.d Philip Newett dec.d It is thereupon ordered that the said John Holland the Elder Be and he is hereby elected and chosen a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said Philip Newitt dec.d and the said John Holland being called in was sworn a Common Councilman accordingly

Jn.o Holland jun.r Elected Common Council for the Bakers

Philip Donagh only son of Ald.n Tho.s Donagh upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Merch.t of this Corporat.n on paying the usual fees & Signing the Instrument

a Free Merch.t admitted

Robert Harrison White Smith upon his Petition is admitted a free Smith of this Corporation on paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

a Free Smith admitted

Robert Dunn & James Maitland upon their Petitions are admitted free Members of this Corporation on paying the usual fees & signing the Instrument

2 free Members admitted

M.r Mayor having informed this Assembly that he was yesterday immediately after the adjournment of the Sessions Court served with two Writs of Mandamus which issued out of his Majestys Court of Kings Bench bearing test the 12.th day of Feb.y in the first year of his Majestys Reign one requiring the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses or Aldermen and Commonalty of this Corporat.n to administer the Oath of a Freeman to Ralph Eccleston & to admitt him to the Priviledges of a Freeman of this Town and

M.r Mayor served with 2 Writs of Mandamus, one at the suit of Ra. Eccleston &

the other at the suit of Jos. Appleyard

And the other in like manner requiring them to administer the Oath of a Freeman to Joseph Appleyard and to admitt him also to the Priviledg of a Freeman of this Town or Signifie to the said Court of Kings Bench Cause to the Contrary on Wednesday next after fifteen days from the feast of Easter next coming: To which his Worship M.r Mayor then made answer that he would be advised what was proper to be done by him and refused to administer the Oath of a Freeman to the said Ralph Eccleston or to the said Joseph Appleyard as their Petitions to a former Assembly were rejected; It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that M.r Recorder and M.r Caldwelle the Solicitor be directed to proceed in defending this Corporation in the suits commenced against them in his Majestys said Court of Kings Bench in the names of the said Ralph Eccleston and Joseph Appleyard and to prepare proper returns to be made upon the said Writs of Mandamus; and that the Treasurer be allowed in his Accounts all such sums of Money as have already or shall be hereafter expended in defending this Corporation in said Suits

which is ordered to be defended

Ordered that M.r Caldwelle be directed to take out Copys of all such Charters relative to this Corporation as can be found in any Offices of Record which the Corporation already have not the expence to be defrayed by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation

Copys of the Charters to be taken out

Ordered that the following Persons be paid the following sums to their names annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one Year commencing from Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next

Pensioners

Francis North	3:—:—	Wid.w of Jn.o Huson	2:—:—
Hester Clark	2:—:—	Wid.w of Ja.s Domvile	3:—:—
Tho.s Thompson	2:—:—	Wid.w Brunton	3:—:—
Barb. Touch	2:10:—	Rob. Gibson	3:10:—
Wid.w Geo. Cooke & Child.n	3:—:—	Wid.w Jn.o Collier	3:—:—
John Cook	2:10:—	Rob. M.c Cartney	1:10:—
Marg.t Ellis	3:—:—	Mary Hamilton	1:—:—
Ann M.c Evoy	3:—:—	Wid.w Leo.d Robinson	1:15:—
Marg.t Donnelly & Child.n	3:—:—	Dorcas Needham	2:15:—
Twin of the Commons	8:—:—	Sarah Brickhille	1:2:9
Henry Simple & Wife	4:—:—	Tho.s Stokers's Children	2:—:—
Wid.w Ruston	4:—:—	Edw.d Jones's Children	3:9:6
Wid.w Rob. Elliott	4:—:—	Edw.d Wests Children	2:2:8
Wid.w Geo. Rencher	4:—:—	Elenor Griffin	1:10:—
Mary Taylor	4:—:—	Wid.w Jam.s Quash	2:—:—
Wid.w Jn.o Andrews	3:—:—	Richd Lucas's Wife & Children	1:15:—
Wid.w Jn.o Deacon	3:—:—	Martha Betty	1:—:—
Ann Knight	3:—:—	Mary Staplehille	1:2:9
Wid.w Tho.s Bently	2:—:—	John Dixon's Child	1:6:—
Wid.w Jn.o Ackland	2:10:—	David Appleyard	1:—:—
Hannah M.c Dowelle	3:2:9		39:18:8
Jane Cheevers	3:—:—		73:12:9
Ann Evans	2:—:—		£113:11:5
	£73:12:9		

4 freemen Sworn

1761 April 13.th This day Philip Donagh Son of Ald.n Tho.s Donagh was Sworn a free Merch.t Robert Harrison was Sworn a free Smith & Robert Dunn & James Maitland were Sworn free Members of this Corporat.n pursuant to their several admittances last Assembly paid the usual fees & signed Instruments

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Special Assembly April 1761.

At a Special Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 24th. day of April 1761

Ald.n & dno. Meade the Town Clerk having acquainted this Assembly that he had received from our Recorder the Drafts of the Returns he was by act of last Gen.l Assembly directed to prepare to the two Writs of Mandamus Issued out of his Majestys Court of Kings Bench against this Corporation at the suit of Ralph Eccleston and Joseph Appleyard requiring them to be admitted to the Freedom thereof, and the same having been read in open Assembly It is agreed and Ordered that the said returns be signed by Mr. Mayor as the act and returns of this Assembly and that the said two Writs of Mandamus and the returns thereon be entered in the Assembly Book

2 Writs of Mandamus & returns thereon

Copyed

Copys of the said Writs of Mandamus & the Returns thereon

1. at the suit of Jos: Appleyard

George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.forth To the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commonalty of the Town of Drogheda in the County of Drogheda Greeting Whereas by Charter and antient Custom or usuage from time immemorial hitherto used in the said Town of Drogheda the Sons of Freemen of the said Town are by their Birth and other persons having served a legal and accustomed Apprenticeship for seven Years to any trade to any Freeman of the said Town are by their apprenticeship intitled to be admitted and Sworn Freemen of the said Town And Whereas Joseph Appleyard late of the Town of Drogheda aforesd. Whitesmith ded. was several years before the birth of his Son Joseph Appleyard duly admitted Sworn inrolled and entered in the Records of the said Town as a Freeman of the said Town and continued a freeman as aforesaid untile the time of the death of the said Joseph Appleyard White Smith as by the Records of the said Town may more fully appear And Whereas also Henry Appleyard of the Town of Drogheda aforesd. Shoemaker was several years since duely admitted Sworn inrolled & entered in the Records of the said Town as a freeman of the said Town and continued a freeman of the said Town of Drogheda untile the time of his death as by the Records of the said Town may more fully appear And Whereas the said Joseph Appleyard the Son of the said Joseph Appleyard ded. duely served a legal and accustomed Apprenticeship of Seven Years to the said Henry Appleyard during the time he was a freeman of the said Town of Drogheda as aforesaid And Whereas the said Joseph Appleyard the Son hath after himself offered to take the Oath of a Freeman in that case usually before you taken and required you to the Priviledge of a Freeman of the said Town him the said Joseph Appleyard to admitt and Swear Nevertheless ye the said Mayor Sheriffs

Sheriffs Burgesses and Commonalty of the Town aforesaid not ignorant of the premisses but your duty in this behalf little regarding the Oath in that case usual to the said Joseph Appleyard the Son to administer and him to the Priviledge aforesaid to admitt and Swear have altogether refused & yet do refuse in contempt of us and to the great damage of the said Joseph Appleyard the Son and the manefest hurt and injury of his Estate as by his Complaint we have understood We therefore being willing that due and speedy Justice in this behalf be done to the said Joseph Appleyard the Son as is just Do Command ye and firmly injoyn ye that immediately after the receipt of this Writ the Oath in that case usual to the said Jos. Appleyard the Son ye do administer and the same Joseph Appleyard the Son to the Priviledge aforesaid together with all liberties and Franchises to a Freeman of the said Town belonging and appertaining ye do admitt or Signify ye to us cause to the Contrary least in your default Complaint should come before us repeated And how this Writ ye shall execute make known to us on Wednesday next after fifteen days from the feast of Easter next coming wheresoever we shall then be in Ireland & have ye then there this Writ. Witness Warden Flood Esqr. at the Kings Court the 12th. day of February in the first year of our Reign

Carter

Exd by Tisdale

By the Court
Jo. Kathrens

(a true Copy) Indorsed = allowd
Chrisr. Robinson

The Answer of the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commonalty of the Town of Drogheda in the County of Drogheda

return

We the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses & Commonalty of the Town of Drogheda in the County of Drogheda Do most humbly certifye unto our Sovereign Lord the King in the Court of our said Lord the King before the King himself That by Charter or antient custom or usuage from time immemorial hitherto used in the said Town of Drogheda the Sons of Freemen of the said Town are not by their Birth intitled to be admitted and sworn freemen of the said Town and we further humbly certifye unto our Sovereign Lord the King that by Charter or antient Custom or usuage from time immemorial hitherto used in the said Town of Drogheda persons having served a legal and accustomed apprenticeship of Seven Years to any Trade to any Freeman of the said Town are not by their apprenticeship intitled to be admitted or sworn Freemen of the said Town And We the said Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses & Commonalty of the said Town of Drogheda have not therefore administered to Jos. Appleyard the Son in the within Writ named the Oath of a Freeman or admitted the said Jos. Appleyard to the Priviledge of a Freeman of the said Town with the Liberties & Franchises to a Freeman of the said Town belonging and appertaining as by the within Writ we are Commanded

(a Copy) John Ogle } Mayor

2d. at the Suit of Ra. Eccleston

George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.forth To the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses & Commonalty of the Town of Drogheda in the County of Drogheda Greeting Whereas by Charter & antient usuage or custom from time immemorial hitherto used in the said Town of Drogheda the Sons of Freemen of the said Town are by their Birth & other persons having served a legal and accustomed Apprenticeship of seven Years to any Trade to any Freeman of the said Town are by their Apprenticeships intitled to be admitted and

and Sworn Freemen of the said Town And Whereas Walter Eccleston late of the Town of Drogheda aforesaid Linen Weaver dec.d was several years before his death duly admitted sworn enrolled and entered in the Records of the said Town as a Freeman of the said Town & continued a freeman as aforesaid untill the time of his death as by the Records of the said Town may more fully appear And Whereas Ralph Eccleston of the Town of Drogheda aforesaid Linen Weaver son of the said Walter Eccleston duly served a legal & accustomed apprenticeship of seven years to his Father the said Walter Eccleston he the said Water Eccleston being a long time before and during the s.d Ralph Ecclestons apprenticeship as aforesaid a Freeman of the s.d Town as aforesaid And Whereas the said Ralph Eccleston as well by Charter as antient custom or usuage from time immemorial used in the said Town as well by his Birth as by his Apprenticeship as aforesaid is intitled to the Priviledge of a Freeman of the said Town And Whereas the said Ralph Eccleston hath offered himself to take the Oath of a Freeman in that case usually before you taken & required You him the said Ralph to the Priviledge of a Freeman of the said Town to admit & swear Nevertheless Ye the said Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses or Aldermen & Commonalty of the Town aforesaid not ignorant of the premisses but your duty in this behalf little regarding the Oath in that case usual to the said Ralph Eccleston to administer and the said Ralph Eccleston to the Priviledge aforesaid to admit & swear have altogether refused & yet do refuse in contempt of us and to the great damage of the said Ralph Eccleston and the manifest hurt & injury of his Estate as by his Complaint we have understood We therefore being willing that due and speedy Justice in this behalfe be done to the said Ralph Eccleston as is just Do command & firmly enjoyn Ye that immediately after the receipt of this Writ the Oath in that case usual to the said Ralph Eccleston ye do administer & the same Ralph Eccleston to the Priviledge aforesaid ye do admitt together with all Liberties & Franchises to a Freeman of the said Town belonging & appertaining & signifie to us cause to the Contrary least in your default Complaint should come before us repeated And how this our Writ Ye shall executa make known to us on Wednesday next after fifteen days from the feast of Easter next coming wheresoever We shall then be in Ireland & have ye then there this Writ Witness Warden Flood Esq.r at the Kings Courts the 12.th day of Feb.ry in the first year of our reign Carter

Ex.d by Tisdall (a true Copy) By the Court Jo. Katherns

Indorsd = Allowed Chr. Robinson

The Answer of the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses & Commonalty of the Town of Drogheda in the County of Drogheda

Return — We the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses & Commonalty of the Town of Drogheda Do most humbly Certifie unto our Sovereign Lord the King in the Court of our said Lord the King before the King himself That by Charter or antient custom or usuage from time immemorial hitherto used in the said Town of Drogheda the Sons of Freemen of the said Town are not by their Birth intitled to be admitted or Sworn freemen of the said Town And we further humbly Certifie unto our Sovereign Lord the King that by Charter or antient Custom or usuage from time immemorial hitherto used in the said Town of Drogheda persons having served a legal and accustomed Apprenticeship of Seven

Seven Years to an Trade to any Freeman of the said Town are not by their Apprenticeship intitled to be admitted or Sworn Freemen of the said Town And We the said Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses & Commonalty of the said Town of Drogheda have not therefore administered to Ralph Eccleston in the within Writ named the Oath of a Freeman or admitted the said Ralph Eccleston to the Priviledge of a Freeman of the said Town with the Liberties and Franchises to a Freeman of the said Town belonging and appertaining as by the within Writ we are commanded

(a Copy) John Ogle Mayor

Gen.l Assembly July 1761

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 17 July 1761

Ald.r Graves's Pet.n for a lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.r Wm Graves setting forth that he is in posseion of a small park adjoyning the Bogg of Baymore, a waste piece of Ground adjoyning the Town Wall without Duleek Gate a House & Garden in Dyer Street & a malt house in said Street by vertue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Richard Smith late of the same Alderman dec.d for 58 years from Michaelmas 1706 at the yearly rent of 7/5 8.d and praying a new Lease thereof and so forth — Which Petition being referred to the Auditors & Viewers and their report thereon being read to this Assembly It is therefore ordered that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Premisses for 61 Years from Michaelmas last at the yearly rent of £2:10:— and £2:10:— fine, on surrendering the old Lease and that Maps of the premisses be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

11 Freemen admitted

George Mercer, William Gibbons, Anthony Marshall and Harry Brabazon are admitted Free merchants, John Jones and John Stothard are admitted free Smiths, Thomas Winslow Jun.r and Thomas Simpson are admitted free Carpenters, George Woodhouse is admitted a free Taylor and Thomas Turner and Joseph Sotheby are admitted free Members of this Corporation upon their several Petitions to this Assembly each of them paying the usual fees & signing Instruments

2 Vacancys filled in the poor House

Deborah Dotson & Catherine Ogle Widows upon their Petitions are admitted into the present Vacancys in St. Johns poor House in the room of the Widows Parks and Cash dec.d

a House on the Bullring to be set next Gen.l Assembly

Ordered that the House on the Bullring now in the posseion of Henry Pippard Esq.r be set by public Cant next Gen.l Assembly, Notice whereof to be posted a fortnight before and that the House when pulled down and rebuilt shall not project as it now does into the Street but range even with those adjoyning

Committee to Examine the Gate Customs

Mr. Mayor Ald.n Francis Leigh, Ald.n Edward Hardman, Ald.n Edw.d Chesshire the Elder, Ald.n Geo. Scholes, Ald.n Wm. Fairtlough Ald.n Wm. Howard Ald.n Edw.d Chesshire the Younger and as many other Members of this Assembly as chuse are appointed a Committee to Examine the Dockett of the Gate Customs and to report to next general Assembly such alterations therein as to them shall seem reasonable to be made

Caution to the Water Bailiff

Ordered that the Water Bailiff take particular care that no Ships or Vessells shall take in or load any Ballast in this Harbour but at such place as he shall appoint

Bridge w.th out Johns Gate

Ordered that the Treasurer do pay the sum of Sixteen pounds to Mr. Sheriff Ball for building and finishing a Bridge over the Stream without Saint Johns Gate

Ord.d

5 Guineas ord.d for the Road to the Twentys

Ordered that the Treasurer do pay five Guineas to Ald.n Hen. Gartside for repairing and finishing the Road without West Gate leading to the Twentys and for which (there being ten pounds given before by this Corporation) no further sum shall be granted

£23:1:— ord.d to Edw.d Chefshire Junr. for Damages

Ordered that the sum of Twenty three pounds one Shilling be paid by the Treasurer to ald.n Edward Chefshire the Younger in full for the Damages which he sustained in not geting quiet posfesion of a parcel of Land without Duleek Gate late in the posfesion of John Shepheard Esq.r & now held from this Corporation by the said Edw.d Chefshire

11 freemen sworn

1761 April 13.th This day George Mercer, Wm. Gibbons, Ant.o Marshall, Harry Brabazon, John Jones, John Stothard Thomas Winslow, Thomas Simpson, George Woodhouse, Thomas Turner and Joseph Sotheby were sworn free of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees & Signed Instruments

Acts Compared

1761 September 29.th This day the foregoing acts of Assembly were Compared before us and Ordered to be entered in the Assembly Book as usual

(a Copy)

John Ogle Esq.r Mayor
Edw.d Norman, May.r Staple
Fran.s Leigh
Edw.d Meade
Townley Patten
Geo. Schoales
Geo. Rencher
Edw.d Chefshire
Geo. Acklard
} Ald.n

Syd.m Singleton
Robt. Ball
} Sher.s

Gen.l Assembly 9 Oct. 1761. Edw.d Chefshire Junr. Mayor

At a General Assembly of the Corporation of Drogheda held before Edward Chefshire the Younger Esq.r Mayor John Marshall and John Hathorn Esq.rs Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common-Council being present the 9.th day of October 1761

Mayor Staple

Alderman John Ogle is Elected Mayor of the Staple & Justice of the Peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Constables Do

Sydenham Singleton and Robert Ball are elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Comn. Counc.l

Sydenham Singleton and Robert Ball are Elected Common Council men and Mr. Ball was Sworn

Coroners

Wm. Holmes & Chas. Evans are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year & Sworn

Treas.r

Ald.n Edw.d Meade is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Mas.r Guild

Ald.n Edward Norman is elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens

Wm. Holmes and Charles Evans are elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year

And.rs & Viewrs

Ald.n Francis Leigh Ald.n Edw.d Hardman, Ald.n George Schoales, Ald.n Wm. Fairtlough, Ald.n Edw.d Norman and Ald.n John Ogle, Mr. John Jebb, Mr. Henry Leland and Mr. Will.m Norman are Elected Auditors & Viewers or any five of them

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to Continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Warter Customs

Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Daniel Kelly the Collectors Clerks on the same terms they were Collected by him last Year

Marsh of St. James's

The Marsh of Saint James's containing 5: a 1: r 10: p was Set at this Assembly to Mr. Thomas Winslow for one year from Michas last for £3

Salt

Ordered that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which shall be manufactured in this Town for one Year from the 15.th Instant

Petn. of Ald.n Hardman for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.n Edw.d Hardman setting forth that he is in posfession in his own right of a Lease made by this Corporation to Ald.n Sam.l Stanbridge dec.d of one old House or Tenement in Booth Street alias Shop Street cont.g on the East side in front to said Street 20: 2. in depth on the South side 51: 3. and in depth on the North side 49: 6. and in rear

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on the Westside contg 16:9 in. for the term of 99 years from Easter 1664 at the yearly rent of £1:10:—. That the s.d Lease is near expiring and within the Rules for renewal and that the said House is in a ruinous condition And praying a new Lease thereof and so forth— Which Petn being referred to the Aldn & Viewrs and their report thereon being now ready It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Edward Hardman be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said House or Tenement for the term of 61 years from Michs last at the yearly rent of £2.— and paying £2— fine on his surrendering the old Lease and that Maps of the s.d premes be affixed to the new Lease

Granted

Upon the Petition of Wm Holmes Common Council man Seting forth that he is in possession in his own right of a House & Concerns on the Northside of West Street containing 9 in. in front to said Street 21 feet in depth on the Westside 12:10 in rear on the Northside 22:10 in. and in depth on the eastside 128 feet by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Henry Meade late an Alderman of the same Dec.d for the term of 61 Years from Easter 1723 at the yearly rent of £3— That beside the abovementioned Lease wch the Petr purchased from Edwd Meade Aldn Nephew & Exor of the s.d Hen. Meade he also purchased another old Lease of the said House & Concerns made by this Corporation for 125 Years at 20s a year wch the said Edwd Meade purchased from Ignatius Conly to avoid a Law Suit between this Corporation & the said Ignats Conly, so that the said Edwd Meade under whom the petitioner derives notwithstanding the said first mentioned Lease made to his said Uncle from Easter 1723 did not get possession of the s.d premises untile he purchased the said Jgnr Conlys Interest therein as aforesaid in the year 1732— That the said House & premes are in a ruinous condition and must in a short time be rebuilt or repaired at too considerable an expence for the present term unexpired of the first recited Lease and praying a new Lease thereof and so forth—

Wm Holmes's Petn for a Lease

Which Petition being referred to the Aud.rs & Viewrs & their Report thereon being now read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Wm Holmes be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said House & Concerns for the term of 61 Years from Michas last at the yearly Rent of £3— on surrendering the Lease made to the said Henry Meade for 61 Years and the old Lease under which Ignatius Conly derived for 125 Years and that Maps of the said premises be affixed to the new Leases

Granted

John

John Knight Mason upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Carpenter of this Corporation on paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

free Carpenter admitted

Ordered that the three Tenements on the Eastside of St Peters Street at the corner of Wine hillary Lane with their Appurtenances belonging to Saint Johns Poor House be set by cant next Gen.l Assembly for 61 Years in reversion of the present Lease and that the Purchaser do pay one years rent as a fine and Covenant to expend £100 at least in rebuilding the premisses within the three first years of the reversionary Lease— And it's also ordered that the peice of Ground in Leatherway Lane otherwise Ulster Lane without Law.ce Gate— contg 1:15 p.r wherein several ruinous Cabbins now stand belonging likewise to St Johns poor House be also set by Cant next Gen.l Assembly for 61 Years in reversion of the present Lease the purchaser to pay one Years rent as a Fine, and that notice thereof be immediately posted

Houses belonging to St Johns Poor House to be Sold

Ordered that Mr Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to draw and sign orders upon the Treasurer for account of this Corporation for all such sums of Money as have already been or shall hereafter be necessarily expended in making of a Shore from Patricks Well Lane to the River Boyne, and also in making of a pier Head from the Green to or as near low water mark as shall be necessary

Shore & pier head at the Green

Ordered that the Aud.rs & Viewrs be and they are hereby impowered to treat with Aldn Edward Norman for the concerns belonging to him on the born Market hill, for building thereon a born Market House for this Corporation and that they report to next gen.l Assembly what they do with him herein

a new born Market House intended

Aldn Edward Norman having resigned the Scavengership of this Town Mr Mayor & Sheriffs are therefore hereby impowered to Contract with such persons as they shall think proper for taking & Carrying away the Dirt and Soil out of the Streets and Lanes of this Town as Scavengers and for Sweeping thereof for one Year from the 9th day of November next

Scavenger

The Town Clerk having laid before this Assembly a Draft of an Address to his Majesty drawn up by Mr Recorder to congratulate his Majesty upon his Marriage with her Majesty Queen Charlotte late Princess of Mecklenburgh Sterlitz; and the same being read is agreed to by this assembly and ordered to be entered as follows

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The humble Address of the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda in Common Council assembled

Most gracious Sovereign

We your Majestys most dutifull and loyal Subjects humble beg leave to congratulate your Majesty upon the celebration of your Royal Nuptials; an event of no less importance

Address to his Majesty

importance to your Majesty and these Realms than of real joy to all your Majestys faithfull Subjects ~

on his Marriage

Your Majestys choice of a royal Consort so Eminently distinguished for her princely virtues and exalted endowments and descended from an illustrious line of Ancestors firmly attached to the Protestant Religion and to your Majestys Royal House, the great Protector thereof, confirm in us the most gratefull sense we have of your Majestys most tender care and provision for the true welfare & prosperity of your People, and clearly evince how closely upon this and all other occasions your Majesty hath connected their happiness with your own ~

May this auspicious æra shine in future annals! May this happy union be blessed with a numerous offspring to transmitt your Crown in your Royal line! and may the same descend therein to latest Prosperity ~

In Testimoney whereof we have hereunto affixed our Common Seal this 9th day of Atob.r 1761 ~

And it is orderd that the said Addres be fairly engrossed on Parchment and the seal of this Corporation affixed thereto and be given to Francis Leigh Esq.r one of our Representatives in Parliament to present to his Grace the Lord Lieutenant and to pray his Grace to cause the same to be transmitted to his Majesty ~

a House on the Bullring set for 61 yrs to Mr Turner

The House or Tenement on the Westside of the Bullring containing as it is now built 24 feet in front and 18 feet deep in the occupation of Henry Pippard Esq.r or his under Tenant being set up to Cant at this Assembly pursuant to an Order of the last Gen.l Assembly was set to Mr Thomas Turner a free member of this Corporation for 61 years from Easter next at £4: 5: – a year one half whereof is to be fined off at ten years purchase. Mr Turner is to Rebuild the said House within three years and to make the new Building not to project into the Street but to range even with the new Houses on the Northside thereof ~

Gate Customs Set

The Gate Customs of this Corporation were set by Cant at this Assembly to Ald.n Edward Chelshire the Elder at Eight Pounds ten Shillings per Week for one Year to commence from and after the 26th day of October Instant & ending the 26 day of October next /1762/ inclusive ~

alterations in the Gate Customs

The following alterations were made and agreed to by this Assembly in the Dockets of the Gate Customs before the were set as above, that is to say, – For every stone of Tallow that the Carcass is not brought to the Market to pay but one farthing ~ For a single Roll of Tobacco

Tobacco to pay nothing ~ Oats bought in this Town by Mealmongers who live within the County of this Town going to the Kiln or Mill not to pay any Custom going out the Gates but to pay as usual for the Meal coming in the Gates ~

free Carpenter admitted

1762 Jan.ry 14th This day John Knight Mason was Sworn a free Carpenter of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees & Signed the Instrument ~

past Assembly Jan.ry 1762

At a past Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 13th January 1762 ~

Alderman Elect.d

Mr William Ogle Son of Ald.n Henry Ogle dec.d is Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the room of the Right Honble Henry Singleton Esq.r late an Alderman of the same dec.d pursuant to Notice ~

Gen.l Assembly Jan.ry 1762

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being present the 15th January 1762 ~

Syd.m Singleton Esq.r

Sydenham Singleton Esq.r was Sworn Constable of the Staple and a Common Councilman for this Corporation pursuant to his Election last General Assembly ~

Proctor

Ald.n Francis Leigh is appointed Proctor of St Johns poor House with Mr Roger Ford in the room of Samuel Taylor late Proctor deceased ~

Sealing Day

Easter monday next the 12th April is appointed a Sealing Day for Corporation Leases ~

Surgeons

Orderd that Mr Joseph Harpur & Mr Wm Cheapem Surgeons be paid the sum of Ten Guineas each for their care & attendance of the Poor of this Town and at the Infirmary for the ensuing Year the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his Accots ~

Ald.n Meade's Petn for a Lease

Granted

Upon the Petition of Ald.n Edw.d Meade setting forth that he by leave of last Gen.l Assembly applys for the renewal of a Lease made by this Corporation to his Father for 61 years from Michas 1702 of a House & Concerns in St Lawrence Street and also two Tenemts with backsides and Gardens in West Street at the yearly rent of £2: 7: 6 all wch premes being rebuilt by his said Father, He prays a new Lease of in his own name for 61 years on such terms as shall be thought fit & forth Which Petition being referd to the Aud.rs Views & their report thereon being now read to this Assembly It is therefore orderd that the said Petr be and he is hereby granted (in consideration of his faithfull services to this Corporation) a new Lease in his own name of the said severl Houses with their Appurtenances for 61 years from Michaelmas 1763 at the old rent of £2: 7: 6 and that Maps be annexed to the new Leases ~

Upon

Rog.r Ford's Petr. for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Roger Ford a common Councilman seting forth that he is in possession of a House & Backgrounds on the Northside of West Street in Drogheda which was demised by this Corporation with several other Concerns for 61 Years from Michas 1702 to Ald.n Wm Elwood deceased And praying a new Lease of the said House & Backgrounds &c.a forth. Which Petition being referred to the Aud.rs & View.rs & their report being now read It is therefore ordered that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease in his own name of the said House & background for 61 Years from Michas 1763 at the yearly rent of £2.— and paying £2.— fine on his Covenanting to Rebuild the said House with Bricks and Lime within three Years and that Maps be affixed to the new Leases.

Granted &.

Wm Gibbons's Petr. for 2 Leases

Upon the Petition of Wm Gibbons Apothecary and a free member seting forth that he is in possion in his own right of a Lease made by this Corporation to his grand mother Christian Newton dec.d of a House & Garden without St. James Gate called the Old Slattin Hall also of one House & small Garden in West Street and also one small Messuage in Irish Street for 61 Years from Easter 1702 at the yearly Rent of £3:14:— whereof £2:5:— belongs to the poor of St. Johns for the House and small Garden in West Street, and the remaining £1:9:— to this Corporation for the House & Garden without St. James's Gate called the old Slattin Hall and the small messuage in Irish Street. And that he is also in possession in his own right of one other Lease made by this Corporation to the said Christian Newton of all that the Leaden Hall together with two small Gardens part of and belonging to the same (which lye at the back or Northside of the abovemented House & Garden in West Street) for the term of 61 Years from Easter 1720 at the yearly rent of 15/ which also belongs to the poor of St. Johns. That the said House in West Street is ruinous and within the rules for renewing, and also that the Leaden Hall and Gardens thereunto adjoyning are inseperable therefrom and all belong to the said Poor House & therefore praying new Leases of the said Premisses &c.a forth.— Which Petition being referred to the Auditors & Viewers and Proctors & their Report thereon being now read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petr. be and he is hereby Granted a new Lease in his own name of the said House and small Garden on the Northside of West Street together with the Concern called the Leaden Hall with the two small Gardens belonging thereto and adjoyning the said House & small Garden in West Street all which belong to the poor of Saint Johns for the term of 61 Years from Easter next at the yearly rent of £6.— and on Covenanting to Rebuild the said front House within three Years and that Maps be annexed to the said Leases.

Granted 1.st Lease belonging to St. Johns Poor House

2.d Lease from the Corporat.n

And it is further ordered that the said Petr. be and he is hereby Granted one other new Lease in his own name of the House & Garden without St. James's Gate called the Old Slattin hall together with the small Messuage in Irish Street both belonging to this Corporation for the term of 61 Years from Michas last at the yearly rent of £1:10:— and £1:10:— fine on his surrendering the said two old Leases & Maps to be affixed to the last mentioned new Leases.

2 free Men admitted

Anthony Collier Shoemaker and Isaiah Moore Butcher upon their Petitions to this Assembly are admitted free of this Corporation upon their paying the usual fees & signing Instruments.

Tenem.ts belonging to St. Johns, Set to Edw.d Chambers

The three Tenements with their Appurces on the East side of St Peter Street at the corner of Wine hill Lary Lane belonging to St. Johns poor House being set up to Cant at this Assembly pursuant to an order of last Gen.l Assembly and an Advertisment posted for that purpose were set to Mr. Edward Chambers Shoemaker who is a free member of this Corporation for the term of 61 Years from the expiration of the present Lease which will be at Michaelmas 1763 at the yearly rent of £9.15.— and paying £9:15:— fine on his Covenanting to expend £100 at least in rebuilding the premisses within the three first years of the new Lease.

Item. Set to Jn.o Holland

The peice of Ground with the Appurces in Leatherway Lane to the East of St. Laurence Gate belonging also to St. Johns poor House being likewise set up to Cant as aforesaid was set to Mr. John Holland Common Councilman for 61 Years from the expiration of the present Lease thereof which will be at Michaelmas aforesaid 1763 at the yearly rent of £5:10:— & paying £5:10:— fine.

Alderman Sworn

1762 March 8.th This day William Ogle the Younger Esq.r son of Ald.n Henry Ogle dec.d was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation pursuant to his Election last past Assembly.

Special Assembly March 1762.

At a special Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being present the 11.th March 1762.

Agreem.t with Ald.n Norman for Ground to Build a Market House on

It is Resolved and agreed by this Assembly that the sum of three hundred pounds be paid by this Corporation to Ald.n Edw.d Norman for the peice of Ground whereon three Tenem.ts now stand on the Corn Market Hill for to Build a Corn Market House on, cont.g in front 33 feet in depth 72 feet & in breadth on the rear 15 feet, he making out a good Title thereto & Conveying the fee thereof to this Corporation from the first day of May next, a Map thereof being laid before this Assembly.

March

2 free Men Sworn

March 22d 1762 This day Anthony Coltier was sworn a free Shoemaker and Isaiah Moore a free Butcher of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last Genl. Assembly paid the usual fees & signed Instruments

post Assembly April 1762

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 21st. April 1762

Mayor Elect

Alderman William Ogle the Younger is elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year according to the Rule of Succession

Sheriff Elect

Mr. Harry Brabazon is elected to serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year

Genl. Assembly April 1762.

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 23d. day of April 1762

Sheriff Elect

Mr. Hamilton Bury is elected to serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year along with Mr. Harry Brabazon

Election Certified

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor & Sheriffs for the ensuing Year be forth with Certifyed to the Government for their approbation

Thos. Andrew Sworn Common Council for the Butchers

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens & Fraternity of Butchers of this Corporation setting forth that by the death of Mr. Samuel Taylor late a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity there is a Vacancy of a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in his room, and that they agreeable to their Charter return three of the said Fraternity, to wit, Thomas Andrew, John Shortell and Isaiah Mobre one of whom they pray may be elected and Chosen a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said Samuel Taylor dec.d and the said Thomas Andrew being called in was Sworn a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity accordingly

Ald.n Geo. Schoales's Petn. for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.n Geo. Schoales setting forth that there is a Waste peice of Strand between his Garden in West Street and the River Boyne which he would gladly take in, in order to improve his Garden and praying a Lease thereof and so forth Which Petition being referred last Genl. Assembly to the Aud.rs & Viewrs. and their Report thereon being read to this Assembly It is therefore ordered that the said Petr. be and he is hereby granted a Lease

Grant.

thereof from Easter last for Ever at the yearly Rent of six pence on his walling in the same with Lime and Stone and rangeing said Wall with Ald.n Townley Patten's Garden Wall on the East and Ald.n Edw.d Chefshire's Garden Wall on the West

5 free Men admitted

Oliver Fairclough is admitted a free Merchant John Ackland and John Brown are admitted free Members, Jonathan Clarke Hosier is admitted a free Taylor and Thomas Holland Junr. Cabinet-maker is admitted a free Carpenter of this Corporation upon their several Petitions to this Assembly each of them paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

Geo. Williams appointed Sword Bearer

Upon the Petition of George Williams Sheriffs peer and Common Councilman setting forth that by the death of Gilbert Austin late Sword bearer to this Corporation there is a Vacancy in his room and praying to be admitted thereto It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said George Williams be and he is hereby admitted and appointed Sword Bearer to this Corporation in the room of the said Gilbert Austin dec.d at the usual Sallary during the pleasure of this Corporation

Bridge at the Commons

Ordered that Mr. Mayor and the Auditors & Viewers do examine the Bridge at the Commons leading to Dromshallon and cause such repairs to be made thereon as they shall think proper

Deed from Ald.n Norman to be prepared & perfected

Ordered that Mr. Recorder do examine Ald.n Norman's Title Deeds of the Tenements on the Corn Market Hill which this Corporation agreed to Purchase from him last special Assembly, and that he do prepare a Draft of a Deed to be perfected to this Corporation of the same, and that the said Deed be sealed if requisite with the Corporation Seal by Mr. Mayor as soon as the same is ready

Mr. Mayor to be Repaid his Disbursmts

Ordered that the Treasurer do Repay Mr. Mayor the Money which he disbursed for the interest of an under Tenants Lease of part of the foregoing Tenements bought from Mr. Norman and also for the Plans &c. which he got made of a Market House, he declaring that he purchased the said under Tents interest in Trust for this Corporation

Road to Navan

Ordered that the Treasurer do pay Mr. John Chamney the sum of Five pounds to be laid out in repairing the great Road within this County on Meath side leading to Navan

Ordered that the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their Names annexed out of the Rents

of

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of the Commons for one Year commencing from Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next

Pensioners

Fras North	3	Widw of Jas Domvile	3
Hester Clark	2	Widw Brunton	3
Thos Thompson	2	Widw of Jnº Collier	3
Barbª Souch	2:10	Rob. M. Cartney	1:10
Widw Geo. Cook & Childr	3	Widw of Leo? Robinson	1:15
John Cooke	2:10	Dorcas Needham	2:15
Widw of John Deacon	3	Thos Stoker's Childr	2
Ann M Evoy	3	Edwd Jones's Childr	3:9:6
Margt Donnelly & Childr	3	Edwd Wests Childr	2:2:8
Surs of the Commons	8	Elinor Griffin	1:10
Henry Simple & Wife	4	Widw of Jas Quash	2
Widw Ruston	4	Richd Lucas's Wife & Childr	1:15
Widw of Rob. Elliott	4	Davd Appleyard & Wife	1:17:9
Widw of Geo. Rencher	4	Letitia Austin Widw	4
Mary Taylor	4	Edwd Carroll	2
Widw of Jnº Andrews	3	Paul Tibbs Child	2
Ann Knight	3	Margt Cain	1:15
Widw of Thos Bently	2	Martha Betty	1
Widw of Jnº Ackland	2:10	Mary Staplehill	1:2:9
Hannah M Dowell	3:2:9	Jnº Dicons Child	1:6
Jane Cheevers	3		42:18:8
Ann Evans	2		70:12:9
	£ 70:12:9		£ 113:11:5

Widw Gibbon admitd in the Poor House

Jane Gibbon Widw of Robt Gibbon upon her Petition to this Assembly is admitted into the present vacancy in St Johns poor House

1762 July 13th

5 free Men Sworn

This day Oliver Fairtlough was sworn a free Merchant John Ackland and John Brown were sworn free Members Jonathan Clarke was sworn a free Taylor & Thos Holland Junr was sworn a free Carpenter pursuant to their admittances last Assembly paid the usual fees & signed Instruments

Genl Assembly July 1762

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being present the 16th July 1762

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens & Fraternity of Butchers in this Town setting forth that by the death of Mr John Thornton late one of the Common Councilmen for said Fraternity there is a vacancy of one in his room, and they having

having agreeable to custom nominated and returned to this Assembly three Brothers of said Fraternity to wit John Shortele Josiah Moore and Oliver Fairtlough in order that one of them should be elected & chosen in the place of the said John Thornton decd It is therefore orderd that the said Oliver Fairtlough be and he is hereby elected and chosen a Comon Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said Jnº Thornton decd and the said Oliver Fairtlough being called in was sworn a Common Councilman for the same accordingly

Oliv. Fairtlough Elect. Comn. Council for the Butchers

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens and Fraternity of Merchant Taylors in this Town setting forth that by the death of Mr Richd Cooper late one of the Common Council for said Fraternity there is a vacancy of the same in his room & they having agreeable to their Charter nominated & returnd to this Assembly three brothers of the said Fraternity viz. Messrs Thomas Marsden John M. Cartney and George Cooke in order that one of them should be elected & chosen in the room of the said Richd Cooper decd It is therefore orderd that the said John M. Cartney be & he is hereby elected & chosen a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said Richard Cooper decd and the said John M. Cartney being called in was Sworn accordingly

Jnº M. Cartney elected Comn. Coun: for the Taylors

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens & Fraternity of Glovers and Skinners in this Town setting forth that by the appointment of Thos Knight (late one of the Common Council to said Fraternity) to be Mace bearer to this Corporation there is a vacancy of a Common Councilman for the s? Fraternity in his room and they having agreeable to Custom nominated & returned to this Assembly three of the brothers of said Fraternity viz? Nicholas Knight John Knight and Philip apperson in order that one of them should be elected and chosen a Common Councilman in the room of the s? Thos Knight It is therefore orderd that the said John Knight be and he is hereby elected & chosen a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the place of the s? Thomas Knight removed & the said John Knight being called in was sworn accordingly

Jnº Knight Elected Comn. Coun: for the Skinners

Upon the Petition of Ald?n Edwd Norman setting forth that he is in possn in his own right of a Lease made by this Corporation to Hen. Nicholls late an Alderman of the same decd bearing date the 4th September 1704 for the term of 61 years from the Easter then last at the yearly rent of £6:8:- of a Parcel of Land called Morodes Land alias Bailingstown a parcel of Meadow Ground and a Ferry Parke, another parcel of Ferry Land and another small Meadow; and that the said Lease is within the Rules for renewing & praying anew Lease & so forth Which Petition being referred to the Aud?rs & Viewrs & their report thereon being now read It is therefore orderd that the said Petr be & he is hereby Granted anew Lease of the said Land called Morodes Land alias Bailingstown cont.g by anew survey 16:0:21 (a r p), the said parcel of Meadow Ground and Ferry parke wch joyn & contn together 7:0:10 (a r p) & the said other small Meadow cont.g 1:0:6 (a r p) (the other parcel of Ferry Land he is not in possion of the same being recovered from him by Arthur Earl of Anglesey by Ejectm? which this Corpn would not defend) the whole now in his possion Cont.g 24:0:37 (a r p) to be granted by said new Lease for 61 Years from

Ald?n Norman's Petn for a Lease

Grant

Easter

Easter last at the yearly rent of £9-10- on his surrendering the present Lease & that Maps be affixed to the new Leases

Concerns in posion of Jn.o Graham Junr. to be Set by Cant next July Gen.l Assembly

Ordered that the Premises now in the posion of Jn.o Graham Junr. Esq.r by virtue of two Leases from this Corp.n dated 24 Feb. 1702 & both of wch will expire at Michas 1763 Be set by publick Cant in Lots as the same was lately surveyed at next July Gen.l Assembly (he having Petitioned for new Leases thereof and being refused & his Pet.n rejected at this Assembly) And it is also ord.d that the Aud.rs & View.rs do make a Report to next Gen.l Assembly concerning any Damages ch.t the Rev.d Mr. Thos. Fergusson & Mr. Thos. Knight may sustain by their having made improvem.ts upon part of the said premises as under Tenants to Mr. Graham who granted them a longer term than he had himself from this Corporation

a free Butcher admitted

John Ralph Butcher upon his Petition is admitted a free Butcher of this Corp.n upon paying the usual fees & signing the Instrument

Ann Brooks admitd into the Poor House

Ann Brooks Wid.w of Tho.s Brooks upon her Petition is admitted into the present vacancy in St. Johns poor House

Proposal & Agreem.t wth Chas. Evans for Supplying Materials & lighting the Lamps

Upon the Proposal of Chas. Evans Brazier & Com. Cou.l reciting that this Corporat.n have for sev.l years past been at the annual expence of 60 Gs. for Oyle, Lamps & other materials & Labour for enlightening the Streets & Lanes of this Town in Winter & that the same has been thro' mismanagem.t or carelessness very badly done And proposing to furnish this Corp.n with Lamps Oyle & every other material necessary for the number of Lamps hitherto used & to find proper persons to light & attend them effectually for the usual time for Sixty five Guineas Yearly from Michas next wch Proposal being referred to Mr. Mayor & Sheriffs & the Aud.rs & View.rs and their Resolutions thereon being now read It is therefore Ordered that Mr. Evans be contracted with for one half year from Michas day next to the 25 March next And that he be paid half a Guinea for Supplying the Materials & lighting each Lamp & Globe for that time, the present number of Lamps being 86 & of Globes 44. And that Mr. Mayor for the time being be impowered to erect as many more Lamps & Globes as he shall think necessary wch are to be lighted on the above terms; And if Mr. Evans shall not be continued longer in this Imploy then he is to be paid for the new Lamps & Globes he shall erect, he allowing for ays. wear

Musicians

Ordered that Mr. Mayor for the time being have a power to draw on the Treas.r for any sum not exceeding 5 Gs. to defray the expence of Musicians &c. from Mich.s last

Free Butcher Sworn

1762 Sept.r 6th. This day Jn.o Ralph was sworn a free Butcher of this Corp.n pursuant to his admiss.n last Assembly p.d the usual fees & signd the Instrum.t

1 Acts Compared

1762 Sept.r 29th. This day the foregoing Acts of Assembly were compared before us & ordered to be entered in the Assembly Book as usual

Geo. Ackland
Wm. Ogle Junr.
Edw.d Norman

Jn.o Marshall
Jn.o Hathorn } Sher.s

/a Copy/ Edw.d Cheshire Junr. Mayor
John Ogle } M. S.
Tho.s Leigh
Wm.s Ogle
Towrley Patten
Geo. Rencher
Jere. Smith

Mich.s Gen.l Assembly 1761 — Wm. Ogle Junr. Esq.r Mayor

At a General Assembly held before William Ogle the Younger Esq.r Mayor of Drogheda, Harry Brabazon and Hamilton Bury Esq.rs Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being the 8th. day of October 1762

Mayor Staple

Alderman Edward Cheshire the Younger is elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing Year & Sworn

Com.n Cou.l

Mr. John Marshall and Mr. John Hathorn are Elected Common Councilmen and Sworn

Coroners

Mr. John Marshall and Mr. John Hathorn are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Treasurer

Alderman Edward Meade is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Mas.r Guild

Alderman John Ogle is elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens

Mr. Roger Ford and Mr. Oliver Fairtlough are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Offices

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing year by Mr. Daniel Kelly the Collectors Clerk on the same terms they were collected by him last year

Salt

Ordered that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which shall be manufactured in this Town for one Year from the 15th. instant

Marsh of St. James's

The Marsh of Saint James's containing 5:1:10 a r p was Set at this Assembly to Mr. Thomas Winslow for one Year from Michaelmas last for £3-

Charity Schools

Ordered that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to draw upon the Treasurer for account of this Corporation for any Sum not exceeding Thirty pounds Sterling to be applyed towards repairing and fiting up the Charity Schools in St. Peters Church yard for the reception of Poor Boys

Cleansing Streets

Ordered that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to Contract with such persons as he shall think proper for taking and carrying away the Dirt and Soil out of the Streets and Lanes of this Town for one year from the 9th. day of November next

Recorder Smith Resigns

Mr. Mayor having laid before this Assembly a letter which he received from Harry Smith Esq.r Recorder of this Corporation signifying his desire to Surrender his place of Recorder and likewise a Resignation

Resignation under his hand and Seal of said Office bearing date the 5th. October instant It is unanimously agreed by this Assembly to accept of the said Surrender & the same is hereby accepted.

Surrender filed

Ordered that the said Surrender be filed in the Town Clerks Office.

Complimented

Resolved that Mr. Mayor be requested to write an Answer to the said letter returning the said Harry Smith Esq. thanks of this Assembly for his constant care of this Corporation during his being Recorder, and to express their concern for his bad State of health.

Ald.n Graves's Petn. for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Alderman Wm. Graves setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of a House Situate on the Southside of Dyers Street with the yard back Houses and Garden thereunto belonging by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Benjamin Heywood late of the same Merch.t dec.d bearing date the 13th. day of August 1723 for the term of 40 years from the Michaelmas then next at the yearly rent of £1:5:— That the said Lease is now near being expired and within the rules of this Corporation for renewing and praying a new Lease of the said premisses &c.a forth

Granted

Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers & their report thereon being read at this Assembly It is therefore ordered that the said William Graves be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said House and premisses in his own name for 61 years from Michaelmas last 1762 at the yearly Rent of £6— and paying £6— fine on his surrendering the present Lease and that Maps of the premisses be annexed to the new Leases.

Aldermen Meade & Smith their Petition for Leases

Upon the Petition of Edw.d Meade & Jere: Smith Aldermen setting forth that they are in poss.n of a Lease made by this Corporation to the late R.t Hon.ble Hen: Singleton dec.d of three parcels of the Lands of Corbollis in the Co. of Meath cont.g together 49a 2r 0p one parcel of Land without Duleek Gate cont.g 7a 2r 0p and of one park without Sundays Gate near Pages Mill cont.g 5a 1r 25p for the term of 61 years from Easter 1756 at the yearly Rent of £2:5:—. That they have agreed upon a Partition of the said premisses; by which the said three parcels of the Lands of Corbollis and the parcel of Land without Duleek Gate belong to and are possessed by the said Jere:

Jere: Smith subject to £1:15:— yearly of the above reserved rent, and the park without Sundays Gate belongs to and is possessed by the said Edw.d Meade subject to £6:10:0 yearly being the remainder of said reserved rent and praying seperate Leases of their said respective holdings at the said several yearly Rents of £1:15:— and £0:10:0 for the term unexpired of the above mentiond Lease and so forth. It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioners be and they are hereby granted seperate Leases of their said respective holdings according to the said Partition for the remainder of the above mentioned term, and at the said several yearly Rents of £1:15:0 and of £0:10:0 and on their surrendering the above original Lease and that Maps be annexed to the new Leases respectively.

Granted

Report relative to premes in poss.n of Jn.o Graham Jun.r & his und.r Tents

Upon the Report of the Auditors and Viewers to this Assembly concerning the Rev.d Thomas Fergusson Cl.k and Nicholas & Thomas Knight under Tenants to John Graham Jun.r Esq.r for part of the Concerns which the said John Graham petitioned for a renewal of (but was refused last Gen.l Assembly It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that upon the new seting of that part of the said Concerns so Petitioned for by the said John Graham and now held under him by the said Nicholas & Thomas Knights or their representatives (being several Houses and Gardens without Westgate) there be a saving to them of the term unexpired of their Lease which was made them by Doctor John Elwood dec.d for 31 years from 1 November 1737 at the yearly Rent of £6— which is longer by five years one month and one day than the said John Graham has to come of the original Lease thereof under which he derives being made by this Corporation to Ald.r Joseph Tomlinson dec.d for 61 years from Michs 1702. And it is also ordered by this Assembly that that part of the said Concerns Petitioned by the said John Graham and now held under him by the said Rev.d Thomas Fergusson being a park without Sundays Gate called Park Envy cont.g 5a 1r 26p be and the same is hereby set to Mr. Roger Ford for 61 years from Michs next 1763 at the yearly Rent of £14— one half thereof to be fined off at 14 years purchase; the original Lease thereof under which Mr. Graham derives being made by this Corporation to ald.r Wm. Elwood dec.d for 61 years from Michs aforesd. 1702.—

part Set to Rog.r Ford

Thomas Molineux upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free member of this Corporation on paying the usual fees & Signing the Instrument.

free member

Mr. Mayor hath declared to this Assembly that he will proceed to the Election of a Recorder of this Corporation in the room of Harry Smith Esq.r late Recorder on Monday next the 11th. October instant at 10 o Clock in the forenoon in the Tholsell, and that he will adjourn this Assembly to that time, to which this Assembly do unanimously agree

Assembly adjourned for Electing of a Recorder

And this Assembly is accordingly adjourned to Monday next at

at 10 o Clock in the forenoon

Gate Customs Set

The Doors being then opened the Gate Customs were as usual set up to Cant and Set to Aldn. Chesshire & Co. at £9:1:– ⅌ Week for one year to commence from and after the 26th. October instant and ending the 26th. October next 1763 inclusive

Genl. Assembly held by Adjournmt. the 11th. Oct. 1762.

At a general Assembly held pursuant to an Adjournment of the last General Assembly before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 11th. day of October 1762.

John Leigh Esqr. Elected Recorder

John Leigh Esqr. Counselor at Law is unanimously Elected Recorder of this Corporation in the room of Harry Smith Esqr. late Recorder of this Corporation who has resign'd

Election Certified

Order'd that the election of John Leigh Esqr. to be Recorder of this Corporation be forthwith Certified to the Government for their Approbation

Special Assembly held 19th. Oct. 1762

At a special Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 19th. October 1762

John Leigh Esqr. Sworn Recorder

John Leigh Esqr. Counselor at Law was Sworn at this Assembly Recorder of this Corporation in the room of Harry Smith Esqr. late Recorder who resigned, pursuant to the approbation of their Excellencies the Lords Justices read at this Assembly and bearing date the 15th. day of October inst.

Free member Sworn

1762 October 28th. This day Thomas Molineux was Sworn a free member of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last General Assembly paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument

Xmass post Assembly held 12 Jan. 1763

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 12th. Jany. 1763.

Alderman Elected

Mr. Roger Ford is elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the room of James Barlow late an Alderman of the same decd. pursuant to Notice

At

Xmass Genl. Assembly 14 Jan. 1763

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 14th. January 1763

Aldn. Leigh's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Alderman Francis Leigh setting forth that he is in possession of his own right of a Lease made by this Corporation to his father of the corner House turning from Shop Street into St. Laurence Street as also of a small spot of Ground in Batchelors Lane Drogheda where broad Stone Well formerly was containing in front to the Lane leading from Batchelors Lane to the Custom House Quay 35½ feet at the yearly Rent of £1:16:0 That by rebuilding a House of Aldn. Hardman's joining the said corner House the Walls Floors and Partitions of said corner House must be mostly new made and as the said corner House has no background or lights the Petitioner has agreed for lights backward into said Hardman's Ground and therefore praying a new Lease of said corner House for 61 years and so forth

Granted

Which Petition being referr'd to the Auditors and Viewers & their report thereon being read to this Assembly It is therefore Order'd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said corner House turning from Shop Street into St. Laurence Street in his own name for 61 years from Michas last at the yearly rent of £1:16 on his surrendering the old Lease and giving up to this Corporation the concern in the Lane leading from Batchelors Lane to the Quay in order to widen that passage, and that Maps of the corner House be annexed to the new Leases

Sealing Day

Tuesday the first day of March next is appointed a Sealing day for Corporation Leases

Recorder made free

Order'd that John Leigh Esqr. Recorder of this Corporation be presented with his Freedom of this Corporation in a Fiat

2 free men admitt'd

Benjamin Smith Carpenter and Thomas Rogers Butcher upon their Petitions to this Assembly were admitted free of this Corporation, the first a free Carpenter and the other a free Butcher on their paying the usual fees and signing Instruments

Damages of Aldn. Norman

Order'd that the Auditors and Viewers be and they are hereby required to enquire into the damages which Aldn. Norman hath sustain'd by reason of this Corporation not having taken his Houses on the Corn Markett Hill down for building a Markett House upon, pursuant to an agreement made with him by a former order of Assembly and to report the said damages to next General Assembly

2 Surgeons ord'd 10 Gs. a peice

Order'd that the sum of ten Guineas a peice be paid to Mr. Joseph Harpur and Mr. Wm. Cleapem Surgeons for their Care

and

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and attendance of the Poor and at the Infirmary of this Town for the ensuing Year and that the said Sums be allowed the Treasurer on passing his accounts

Mayoralty House to be fited up as a Court House &c.

Order'd that Mr. Mayor and Sheriffs Aldn. Fra. Leigh, Aldn. Edwd. Meade, Aldn. Geo. Schoales, Aldn. Jno. Ogle, Mr. Jno. Marshall and any other members of this Assembly that Mr. Mayor shall think proper to call to their Assistance be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to cause the Mayoralty house on the Quay to be forthwith finished and fited up for the reception of this Corporation as a Town House or Court House for holding the Assemblys, Sessions, Assizes and other Courts within this Town and County (the Tholsel being at present in a very ruinous State) and any Sum or Sums of Money necessary for such Work they or any five of them (whereof Mr. Mayor to be one) are hereby authorized to draw for upon the Treasurer of this Corporation who shall be allowd the same on passing his accounts

Alderman Sworn

1763 March 7th. This day Mr. Roger Ford was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation pursuant to his Election last post Assembly

2 free men Sworn

1763 Feby. 7th. Benjamin Smith was this day Sworn a free Carpenter and Thomas Rogers was Sworn a free Butcher of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees and Signed Instruments

Easter post Assembly 13 April 1763

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 13th. April 1763

Mayor Elect

Alderman Roger Ford is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year according to the Rule of Succession

Sheriff elect

Mr. Oliver Fairtlough is Elected to Serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year

Easter Genl. Assembly 15 April 1763.

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 15th. April 1763

Sheriff Elect

Mr. Abraham Knight is Elected to Serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year along with Mr. Oliver Fairtlough

Order'd

Election Certified

Order'd that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing Year be forthwith Certified to the Government for their approbation

Protors of St. Johns

Alderman Francis Leigh and Alderman Edwd. Norman are appointed Proctors of Saint Johns poor House for three Years from this Easter general Assembly

Aldn. Norman ord. £25

Order'd that Aldn. Edward Norman be paid the sum of Twenty five pounds Sterl: by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation in full for the damages which his Houses received by reason of this Corporation not having taken them down for to Build a Markett House pursuant to a former order of Assembly and according to the opinion of the Auditors and Viewers reported to this Assembly agreeable to the order of last General Assembly

Jno. Tonge's Petn. for a Lease

Upon the Petition of John Tonge a free member setingforth that he purchased a small peice of Ground in Duleck Street adjoyning the Barrack Ditch in this Town in the year 1759 from the Representatives of William Williams decd. for £17:17:10 which peice of Ground the said Willm. Williams had purchased in the year 1756 from John Shepheard of Bettystown Esqr. for 20 Guineas; that the said peice of Ground hath been lately claimed as part of the Barrack Ground but that he hath since discovered that the same Ground belongs to this Corporation and is now in Lease with other concerns to Aldn. Shepheard decd. and that there is now only 16 years to come of said Lease and praying a new Lease of the same Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being read It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the said peice of Ground shall not be granted by Lease to the said Petitioner unless the representatives of Aldn. Shepheard surrender the Lease now in being thereof with other Concerns (No. 309) & ascertain seperate yearly rents for the said peice of Ground & for the other Concerns respectively; and in that case care is to be taken that any improvemts. to be made on the said peice of Ground shall range even with Aldn. Hardman's Houses which lye on the Southside thereof and that also the mearing between the same and the Gripe, Ditch or Foss of the Mill or Barrack Mount be properly and exactly ascertained

refused

Math. Marsden grantd £3 yearly

Mathew Marsden upon his Petition is granted three pounds Sterl: a year from Easter last during the pleasure of this Corporation to be paid by the Treasurer upon the orders of Mr. Mayor for the time being

Pat. Roel grantd £2 yearly

Patrick Roel upon his Petition is granted two pounds Sterl: a year from Easter last during the pleasure of this Corporation to be paid by the Treasurer upon the Orders of Mr. Mayor for the time being

Ann Andrews, put in the poor House

Ann Andrews Widow of John Andrews upon her Petition is admitted into the present Vacancy in Saint Johns poor House

Commons Rents

Order'd that the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their names respectively annexed out of the

Rents

Louth County Council

Rents of the Commons for one year commencing from Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next

Pensioners

	£	s	d
Francis North	3	:	:
Hester Clark	2	:	:
Thos. Thompson	3	:	:
Barbr. Souch	3	:	:
Widw. Geo. Cook & Childn.	3	:	:
John Cook	2	10	:
Widw. John Deacon	3	:	:
Ann M.Evoy	3	:	:
Margt. Donnelly & Childn.	3	:	:
Twrs of the Commons	8	:	:
Hen. Semple & Wife	4	:	:
Widw. Rupton	4	:	:
Widw. of Rob. Elliott	4	:	:
Widw. of Geo. Rencher	4	:	:
Mary Taylor	4	:	:
Ann Knight	3	:	:
Widw. of John Ackland	2	10	:
Hannah M.Dowell	3	2	9
Jane Cheevers	3	:	:
Ann Evans	2	:	:
Widw. of Jas. Domvile	3	:	:
Widw. Brunton	3	:	:
	£ 73	2	9

	£	s	d
Widw. of Jno. Collier	3	:	:
Robt. M.Cartney	1	10	:
Widw. of Leo.d Robinson	1	15	:
Thos. Stoker's Children	2	:	:
Edwd. Jones's Childn.	3	9	6
Edwd. Wests Children	2	2	8
Elinor Griffin	1	10	:
Widw. of Jas. Lnash	2	:	:
Richd. Lucas's Wife & Childn.	2	15	:
Martha Betty	1	10	:
Mary Staplehill	1	2	9
Jno. Dixon's Child	1	6	:
Dav.d Appleyard & Wife	1	17	9
Widw. of Gilbert Austin	4	:	:
Edwd. Carroll	2	:	:
Margt. Cain	2	15	:
Mary Cooper Widw. of Wm. Cooper	2	:	:
Elizabeth Widw. of Jno. Wallace	1	5	:
Widw. Carr	1	:	:
Sarah Magrane	1	10	:
	40	8	8
	73	2	9
	£ 113	11	5

Mid Summer Gen. Assem.t held 15 July 1763 –

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Commonalty being present the 15.th July 1763

Upon the Petition of Ald.n John Graham setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of part of an old House on the South east end of the Bridge on meathside in Drogheda also a little House in the turning from the Bullring to the South Quay by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to his grand father John Graham late an alderman of the same decd. for the term of 61 years from Mich.s 1704 at the yearly rent of £2 –, That he is also in possession in his own right of a waste peice of Ground on the South Quay in Drogheda by virtue of another Lease made by this Corporation to his said grand father Ald.n Jno. Graham decd. for the term of 61 years from Easter 1712 at the yearly Rent of 5/, That the first of the said Leases is now within the Rules of Renewall, and that the peice of Ground in the last mentioned Lease is ruinous and the term thereof unexpired too short for him to improve the same And praying

Ald.n Graham's Pet.n for a Lease

granted

praying a new Lease or Leases of the said Houses or premisses in his own Name and soforth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being now read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said premisses in the first mentioned Lease being now two Houses with an Office or Warehouse at the back of them lying on the South quay and adjoyning the Southeast end of the Bridge of Drogheda on meath side containing by a late Survey on the Westside and on the Eastside 31 feet each and on the Southside and Northside fifty three feet 8 inches each; with the other House formerly called one House or Tenement in the corner turning from the Bullring to the South Quay and now being two Houses cont.g as by the Map is set forth for the term of 61 years from Easter last at the yearly rent of £2 – and £2 – fine on surrendering the said first mentioned old Lease and that Maps of the said Houses be annexed to the new Leases in which there is to be a covenant on the part of the Lessee his Exors Admors and Assigns that whenever this Corporation shall have occasion for the advantage of the Trade of this Town to enlarge the South Quay that then he or they shall & will surrender the said Houses and premisses lying on and adjoyning to the South east end of the Bridge on the South Quay aforesaid on a years notice to be given him or them and on paying to him or them ten Years purchase for the clear profitt rent which he or they shall then have for the same computing one half of the above reserved rent being £1 – to be payable for the said Houses and premisses on the Southeast end of the Bridge and that the other half of the said above reserved rent being £1 – shall remain the rent payable to this Corporation for the other two Houses in the turning from the Bullring to the South Quay aforesaid

Ald.n Leigh's Pet.n for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.n Francis Leigh setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of a waste peice of Ground without Saint Laurences Gate lying between the River Boyne and the Road leading from said Gate to Green Hills by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to his father Ald.n John Leigh decd. for 61 years from Easter 1705 at the yearly Rent of 3/4?, That the said Lease is near expired and within the Rules for Renewall and praying a new Lease and soforth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being now read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said peice of Ground cont.g by a late Survey 1a 1r 13p for the term of 61 years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of 5/ and 5/ fine

granted

Ald.n Norman's Pet.n for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.n Edwd. Norman setting forth that he is in poss.n in his own right of one small park without Westgate in the County of this Town by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporat.n to Henry Nicholls late of the same alderman decd. for 61 years from

Easter

Easter 1704 at the yearly Rent of £0:15:0, That the said Lease is now near expired and within the Rules of this Corporation for Renewing and praying anew Lease & so forth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors & Viewers & their report thereon being now read It is therefore order'd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be & he is hereby granted anew Lease of the said Park containing by a late Survey 1:2:28 (a r p) for the term of 61 yrs from Easter last at the yearly rent of £1:5:- and £1:5:- fine

Granted

Oliver Watson, Wiggmaker is admitted a free Taylor and John Elliott is admitted a free member of this Corporation upon their Petitions to this Assembly on paying the usual fees and Signing Instruments

2 freemen admitted

Order'd that the Sum of Twenty two pounds fifteen Shillings be paid by the Treasurer for account of this Corpn to the Revd Thoms Fergusson Clk Vicar of Saint Marys parish in this Town for carrying on and building of a Steeple to the Church of said Parish and that the same be allowed the Treasurer in his accounts

20 Gs ordd towards buildg a Steeple to St Marys Church

Order'd that the Treasurer do pay the sum of Forty Shillings to John Tibbo being so much due to him for the maintenance of William Tibbo a poor Child who hath been put into the Charity Schoole in this Town and that the same be allowed in the Treasurers accounts

40 Shilts ordd for Wm Tibbo

Order'd that it be an instruction to the Auditors and Viewers to Survey the Lands belonging to this Corporation known by the name of Pentonys Park and two other Parks adjoyning to the same known by the name of Legamory and one other park lying without Sundays Gate on the Northside the Town of Drogheda contg 2 acres, and one small part of Meadow contg about half an acre lying on the Eastend of the Aldermens Acres now in Lease to the Executors or Representatives of Aldn Thomas Stoker decd which Lease will expire at Easter 1764 and to report to the next Genl Assembly in what parcels or Divisions said Lands shall be set by Cant for the advantage of this Corporation at the January General Assembly next

Lands in Lease to Aldn Stoker's representatives to be Surveyd & Set in Lots

Order'd that for the future no Sum exceeding Twenty Shillings be drawn for by Mr Mayor or his Successors for the time being on the Treasurer for any

any Work to be done by any person or persons for the use of this Corporation untill such person or persons or the Workmen who undertakes and executes such Work do first make an Affidavit in writing that such work and the Materials found and charged for the same was fairly and honestly applyed worked & expended upon the said Work according to the account that shall be at the same time made up and produced for such Work & Materials

Corporatn Work to be sworn to

The following Denominations of Lands & Tenemts belonging to this Corporation in the possn of John Graham Junr Esqr and his under Tenants by virtue of two Leases made by this Corpn both bearing date the 24th Febry 1702 for 61 years from Michs then last being set up to Cant at this Assembly, pursuant to a former order of Assembly and an Advertisment posted for that purpose were set in the following Lots, to the undernamed persons from Michs next at the following yearly rents and fines, that is to say,

Lands & S. Set by Cant to

1st Lot, Part of the Ash Park without West Gate mearing the Turnpike Road and the Road to Slane contg as ℘ Map 2:0:28 (a r p) was set to Aldn Geo. Ackland for 61 years from Michs next at the yearly rent of £17:10:- ℘ acre, one half whereof is to be fined of at 14 years purchase, and he is to make good the term now in being of part of the same to Nicholas and Thomas Knight by virtue of a Lease which will expire the 1st Novr 1768. os.

Aldn Ackland

2d Lot, Part of said Ash Park without West Gate being now a Cabbin, Gateway with a House and Appurtenances backward Contg 0:0:26 (a r p), was not set up to Cant it being to be held by the said Nicholas and Thomas Knight untill the said 1 Novr 1768 at £3:3:- ℘ annd.

3d Lot, A park without Sundays Gate in the Fishers Batter near the Commons Contg 3:2:20 (a r p) was set to Alderman Henry Gartside for 61 years from Michs next at the yearly Rent of £2:7:- ℘ acre, one half whereof to be fined off at 14 years purchase

Aldn Gartside

4th Lot, Another park without Sundays Gate at the Corner joining the Roads leading to Carntown and Green Hills Contg 1:3:30 (a r p) was set to Mr Thomas Andrew Common Council for 61 years from Michs 1763 at £3:13:- ℘ acre, one half whereof is to be fined off at 14 years purchase

Thos Andrew

5th Lot, A Tenement and Garden without St Johns Gate lying South of said Gate and joyning thereto Containing 30 perches was set to Mr John Marshall Common Council for 61 years from Michs next (1763) at the yearly rent of £4 one half of which is to be fined off at 14 years purchase

Jno Marshall

6th Lot, A Tenement and Garden on the old Corn Markett Hill in the Town Contg 22 perches was set to Aldn Edwd Chesshire the Younger for 61 years from Michs aforesaid

Aldn Chesshire

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aforesaid (1763) at the yearly Rent of £4:5:— one half of which is to be fined off at 10 years purchase

26th. October 1763 This day Oliver Watson Wigmaker was Sworn a free Mercht. Taylor and John Elliott was Sworn a free Member pursuant to their admittances last General Assembly paid the usual fees and signed the Instruments

2 freemen Sworn

29th. September 1763 This day the foregoing Acts of Assembly were compared before us and Orderd to be Entered in the Assembly Book as usual

Acts compared

and Signed

Will.m Ogle } Mayor
Edw.d Chesshire Junr. } M. S.
Fra.s Leigh
Townley Patten
Geo. Rencher
Jere.: Smith
Geo. Ackland
John Ogle
Roger Ford
Harry Boabazon } Sheriffs
Ham. Bury

(a Copy)

Mich.s Gen.l Assembly 7.Oct. 1763

At a General Assembly held before Roger Ford Esquire Mayor of Drogheda and Oliver Fairtough and Abraham Knight Esquires Sheriffs of the Same the 7th. Aldermen and Common Council being present the 7. October 1763

Mayor Staple

Alderman William Ogle the younger is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Com.s Cord.s

Messrs. Harvy Boabazon and Hamilton Bury are Elected Common Council men and Sworn

Coroners

Messrs. Harvy Boabazon and Hamilton Bury are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Const.s Staple

Messrs. Harvy Boabazon and Hamilton Bury are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year & Sworn

Mas.r Guild

Alderman Edward Chesshire the younger is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wards. do

John Marshall and John Hathorn Esqrs. are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Years

Treas.r

Alderman Edward Meade is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshals to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Orderd that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Daniel Holly the Collectors Clerk on the Same terms they were Collected by him last year

Salt not to pay Custom

Orderd that no Town Custom be paid for any Salt going out of the Gates which shall be manufactured in this Town from hence forth during the pleasure of this Corporation

nor Lime

Orderd that no Town Custom be paid for any Lime going out of the Gates which shall be manufactured in this Town during the pleasure of this Corporation

Marsh of St. James's

Ald.n Geo. Ackland having proposed to this Assembly to Pile in that part of the Marsh of Saint James lying between the Land in Lease from this Corporation to Ald.n Jn.o Graham and the first Row of Piles opposite the House of St. James's Orderd that the consideration of this matter be referred to the Auditors and Viewers and that they report their Opinion thereon to next General Assembly and that in the mean time the whole Marsh of St. James's be and the Same is now set to Mr. Thomas Winslow for one year from Michaelmas last for £3

Orderd

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Cleansing Streets &c.

Ordered that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to Contract with such persons as he shall think proper for taking and carrying away the Dirt and Soil out of the Streets and Lanes of this Town for one year from the 9th. day of November next

Weigh House or Crane

Ordered that Mr. Mayor and Sheriffs & Mr. Mayor and Constables of the Staple be and they are hereby impowered to examine the Weigh House or Crane and cause such repairs to be made thereon as they shall think proper or see necessary

Ald.n Meade's Petn for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.n Edw.d Meade seting forth that he is in poss.n in his own right of a House & Garden without St. James's Gate as also the aftergrass of the Aldermens acres and a waste spot of Ground adjoyning the Town Walls without St. Laurence Gate by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to his uncle Henry Meade late an Alderm.n of the same dec.d for the term of 61 years from Easter 1705 at the yearly rent of £1:16:8 That the said Lease is near expiring and within the Rules for Renewing and praying anew Lease and so forth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Pet.r be and he is hereby granted anew Lease of the s.d premisses in his own Name for 61 years from Michs last 1763 at the yearly Rent of £2:10:— and £2:10:— fine on his surrendering the old Lease & that Maps of the said premisses be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Ald.n Ford's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.n Roger Ford seting forth that he is in possession in his own right of a Lease made by this Corporation to his grand uncle Wm. Ford late an Alderman of the same dec.d of all those formerly Old Walls on the Southside of St. Laurence Street in Drogheda whereon four Houses now Stand for the term of 61 years from Easter 1713 at the yearly rent of £0:1:0; That the Petitioner hath lately expended near £300 in improving the said Houses which were before much decayed, altho' before he made such improvement he well knew that the term unexpired of said Lease was too short, but he deferd applying for a Renewall untill he had completed the same which is now done and therefore praying anew Lease &c.a Which Petition be referred to the Auditors & Viewers & their report thereon being read It is therefore ordered by this

Granted

Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby Granted anew Lease of the said Premisses in his own name for 61 years from Michaelmas last at the yearly Rent of £2:— and £2— fine on his Surrendering the present Lease and that Maps of the s.d Houses be annexed to the new Leases

Jn.o Blacker's Pet.n for a Lease

Upon the Petition of John Blacker Common Council Seting forth that he is in possession of a peice of Ground on the South Key and extending to St. James's Street in Drogheda by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Wm. Graves for 61 years from Easter 1732 at the yearly Rent of £1:1:—; That the term unexpired is not sufficient encouragement to Build on as he is determined to do and praying anew Lease thereof for 61 years &c.a &c.a Which Petition being Referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted anew Lease of the said peice of Ground in his own name for 61 years from Michs last at the yearly rent of

Granted

£1:10:— and £1:10:— fine, on his Surrendering the present Lease and Covenanting to Build on good House on said premisses fronting St. James's Street in the space of 7 years, and that Maps be annexed to the new Leases

Hen.: Leland's, Pet.r for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Henry Leland Common Council Seting forth that he is in poss.n in his own right of two Houses and appurces on the West Side of St. Peter Street, one House or Tenement on the Southside of Fair Street, a Tenement & Garden on the Westside of Magdalene Street in Drogheda and of a Cabbin and Garden near Long Stones by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to the late R.t Honble Henry Singleton Esq.r dec.d for the term of 26 years from Michs 1758 at the yearly Rent of £0:15:0; That the said Houses are all in great want of Reparations but that the term unexpired of said Lease is too Short for him to expend the money thereon which will be requisite and praying anew Lease thereof and so forth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted anew Lease of all the said premisses save the House or Tenement on the Southside of Fair Street for 61 years from Michas last at the yearly Rent of £1:10:— and that he surrender up to this Corporation the said House or Tenem.t

Granted

on the Southside of Fair Street, which may be wanted to Enlarge the old Markett House, and that he be paid the sum of £45 by this Corporation in consideration of his surrendering up the same, Maps of the said Houses with their appurces to be annexed to the new Leases

Wm. Holmes & Jn.o Hathorn's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Wm. Holmes and John Hathorn Common Councilmen seting forth that they are in poss.n in their own right of the Corner park lying on the Northside the Road without West Gate leading to Dundalk whereon several Tenements now Stand by virtue of a Lease

made

made by this Corporation to John Rencher late of the same Merch.t dec.d for 61 years from Michs 1717 at the yearly Rent of £7 — That the said Tenements are now very ruinous and the term unexpired too Short for the said Pet.rs to lay out the money which will be necessary for the improvement of the premisses & praying anew Lease & soforth Which Petition being referrd to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being now read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioners be and they are hereby granted anew Lease of the said Park with the Tenements thereon cont.g together 3a. 0r. 10p for 61 years from Michas last at the yearly Rent of £7 — on their coven: anting to Build proper Houses for Weavers thereon any time within Seven Years and on their Surrendering the old Lease, Maps to be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Upon the Petition of Mary Byrne Wid.w of Ald.n Chas. Byrne dec.d Seting forth that She is in possession in her own right of a Lease made by this Corporation to her said Husband of one House & Garden in Fair Street for 61 years from Easter 1730 at the yearly Rent of 10/, That the said House is much out of repair at present and by the pulling down of the House adjoyn: ing on the West thereof and now rebuilding by Mrs Eliz.th Sweetlove the Pet.rs said House & back houses are laid open and a great part of them Script and will require a considerable Sum of Money to put them in proper repair; That the term unexpired of said Lease is too Short for her to be at the expence of making such Repairs & praying a new Lease and soforth. — Which Petition being referrd to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being now read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Pet.t be and She is hereby granted a new Lease of the said House and Garden & appurces cont.g in front to Fair Street 28½ feet and in depth 144½ feet for 61 years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of 15/ on her Surrendering up the old Lease and that Maps of the said premisses be annexed to the new Leases

Mary Byrne's Pet.r for a Lease

Granted

The Auditors and Viewers having pursuant to an order of last General Assembly laid before this Assembly their Report upon and also Maps of several parcels of Land in poss.n of the Exors or Representatives of Ald.n Thomas Stoker dec.d by vritue of a Lease from this Corporation which will expire at Easter next It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Lands be Set by Cant next general Assembly to any person who is a free member of this Corporation, one half of the acreable rent to be fined off at 14 years purchase, and that

Report relative to Land &c. in Lease to Ald.n Stoker dec.d

ord.d to be set by Cant

that the same be Set up in the three following Lots, that is to say, 1.st Lot a parcel of Land adjoyning the Lands of Plattin and Rathmallan in the County of Meath and Situate without Dulcek Gate in the County of this Town commonly called Bentonys Park and two Parks adjoyning thereto called Legamory cont.g together 20a. 1r. 10p. 2.d Lot, A park lying without Sundays Gate in the County of said Town cont.g 2a. 2r. 22p exclusive of Road — 3.d Lott a small peice of Meadow on the Eastside of the Aldermens acres cont.g 0a. 2r. 30p. And that each Lot be set for 61 years in reversion of the present Lease abovemen.d and that Notice of the same be posted at least a fortnight before next General Assembly

in Lots

The following Report being laid before and read at this Assembly the same is agreed to and approved of & and it is Order'd by this Assembly that the same be Entered among the acts of this Assembly, and is as follows

A Report from the Auditors & Viewers of the Corporation of Drogheda on their settling Accounts with Alderman Edward Meade Treasurer for the years of Alderman John Ogle and Ald.n Edward Chesshire Jun.r Mayoralty which Accounts is signed the 22.d August 1763

Report relative to the Treasurers Accounts

We have Examined and Settled the Accounts of this Corporation with the Treasurer for the two years abovementioned viz.t for the Rents payable to the Corporation Ending Easter 1762 for the Gate and Water Customs end.g the 19.th and 26.th October 1762 for the fines of Freemen admitted and Sworn, fines and Seals of Leases granted and Sealed within the said two years ending Michs 1762 And we have likewise examined and compared the several Orders and receipts for the Disbursments made by the said Treasurer on account of the Corporation, which are locked up in the Chest with the said Accounts, and We find there remains a Ballance due from the Treasurer to the Corporation upon the foot of said Accounts of £115.. 12.. 7 to be accounted for by him in his next Account

We find there is due by this Corporation an arrear of Vicars & Chorals Sallary of Saint Peters Church Drogheda to and for the 24.th June 1763 a Sum not less than £1740

We find an arrear of Rent due to the Corporation by Jn.o Graham Jun.r Esq.r for old Walls at the Church yard Gate of S.t Peters, which he promis'd to Surrender his interest of, which he has not yet done, We are therefore of Opinion that the Rent should be paid or the Lease Surrendered

We find one Years Rent due from Hen. Pippard Esq.r for Concerns on the Bullring, Lately Set to Mr. Turner by Cant, and we desired the Treasurer to write to Mr. Pippard to know his reason for not paying it, the years Rent is one pound

We find one years Rent paid by this Corporation to Ald.n John Graham for the Crane or Weigh House in West Street ending

ending Michs 1761 which we apprehend should be repaid by Mr. Mayor for that Year

We must observe that the Auditors and Viewers in their Report 13 Sept.r 1757 made the following observation; that John Hutchins and Wm. Tegan have each £7:16:— yearly on the establishment of this Corporation for keeping the Town clear of Strange or Sturdy Beggars and such other business as the Magistrates direct, and the Aud.rs & Viewers were then of opinion that two properer persons for that business ought to be got in their room particularly in the room of Hutchins and that they should be Protestants. Which Report was agreed to at the Gen.l Assembly following, We must now observe that they still continue and we Submitt to the consideration of every person in this Assembly whether the Town is not fuller now of Strange Beggars and Nusances of Swine in the Streets than it every was, which we apprehend to be owing to the neglect of those persons, who there is reason to beleive make a proffit in suffering them to continue in Town. All which is Submitted to your Worships consideration this 4.th Octob.r 1763 — signed by. Edward Hardman, Fras. Leigh, Geo. Schoales, Edw.d Norman, John Ogle, John Jebb, and Henry Leland, Auditors and Viewers

freemember admitted

The Reverend Thomas Fergufson Clke Vicar of St. Marys parish in this Town upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a freemember of this Corporation on paying the usual fees & signing the Instrument

Sealing Day

Monday the second day of January next is appointed a Sealing Day for Corporation Leases

Gate Customs Set

The Gate Customs were Set by Cant to Ald.r Edward Chefshire and Son the highest bidders for £9-9-— p.t Week for one Year commencing the 26.th day of October instant and ending the 26.th day of Octobr (next) 1764 inclusive

freemember Sworn

1763 December 19.th This day the Reverend Mr. Thomas Fergufson Clke Vicar of St. Marys parish was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation pursuant to his Admittance last Assembly, paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument

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Ens.s Gen.l Assem.y 13 Jan.y 1764

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 13.th January 1764

Ald.r Jebbs Pet.r for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.r Rich.d Jebb setting forth that he is in posession in his own right of a Lease of one House & Garden without Saint Laurence Gate and also of one House and Garden in Sunday Street, on which several Cabbins were Built, made by this Corporation to Henry Smith late an Alderman of the Same dec.d for the term of 61 years from Mich.as 1725 at the yearly Rent of £1:—:—; That the said Cabbins are now all ruinous and the term to come of the said Lease too Short to Rebuild them and therefore praying a new Lease for his encouragem.t of Building &c.a forth — Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being read at this Assembly It is therefore ordered that the said Pet.r be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Premisses in his own name for 61 years from Easter next at the yearly Rent of £1:5:— and £1:5:— fine, on Surrendering the Old Lease and Covenanting in the new Lease to build one or more good House or Houses of Lime and Stone or Brick and to Slate the Same, on each lot or parcel of the said premisses under the the penalty of £20 — and that Maps of the said Premisses be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

2 freemen admitt.d

George Cain, Sadler is admitted a free merch.t Taylor and Kennedy Crowson Shopkeeper is admitted a free Baker upon their several Petitions to this Assembly, on their paying the usual fees & signing Instruments

Surgeons

Ordered that the sum of Ten Guineas apeice be paid to Mr. Joseph Harpur and Mr. Wm. Cleapem, Surgeons for their care and attendance of the Poor and at the Infirmary of this Town for the ensuing Year and that the said Sums be allowed the Treasurer on passing his Accounts

Lands Set by Cant, to

The following Lots or parcels of Land now in Lease to the Representatives of Ald.r Thomas Stoker dec.d which will expire at Easter next, was Set up at this Assembly pursuant to an Order of last General Assembly and a Notice posted for that purpose & were Severally Set to the following persons for 61 years from Easter aforesaid (1764) at the following areable rents one half whereof to be fined off at 14 years purchase, to wit, 1.st Lot, or parcel of Land adjoyning the Lands of Platten & Rathmullan without Dulcek Gate commonly called Pentonys Park and two parks adjoyning thereto called Legamony cont.g together 20:a 1:r 10:p were Set to Rob.t Ball Esq.r Commoncouncil for £1:11:— p.r acre, for 61 years from

Rob.t Ball Esq.r

Easter

Easter next one half of the said Rent to be fined off at 14 years purchase — 2.d Lot. One park without Sundays Gate containing exclusive of the Road 2:2:22 (a r p) was Set to Mr. Thomas Andrew Common Council for £7 — pacre for the said term from the same time and one half of the said Rent to be fined off as aforesaid — 3.d Lot, One small peice of Meadow on the Eastside of the Aldermans Acres contg 0:2:30 (A R P) was Set to Aldn. Hen. Gartside at the rate of £2:1:— pacre, for the above term from the above time and on one half of the said rent being fined off as abovementioned —

Thos. Andrew

Aldn. Gartside

1764 Jany 22.d George Cain Sadler was this day Sworn a free Mercht. Taylor and Kennedy Crowson a free Baker of this Corporation pursuant to their admittances last Assembly paid the usual fees & signed the Instrument —

2 freemen Sworn

At a special post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 30.th day of April 1764 —

Special post Assembly 30 April 1764

Mr. John Jebb is Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the room of Thomas Wye late an Alderman of the same decd. pursuant to a notice posted for that purpose —

Alderman Elected

And the said John Jebb being called in was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation accordingly —

& Sworn

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 2.d day of May 1764 —

Easter post Assembly 2 May 1764

Alderman John Jebb is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year from Michaelmas day next according to the Rule of Succession —

Mayor Elect

Mr. Henry Ackland is Elected to Serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year —

Sheriff Elect

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being present the 4.th May 1764 —

Easter Genl. Assembly

Alderman John Jebb is Elected at this Assembly to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year from Michaelmas day next —

Mayor Elect

Mr.

Mr. Henry Ackland is Elected at this Assembly to Serve Sheriff of this Corporation for the ensuing Year from Michaelmas day next —

Sheriff Elect

Mr. William Gibbons is Elected at this Assembly to Serve Sheriff of this Corporation along with Mr. Henry Ackland for the ensuing Year —

Idem

Orderd that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing Year be forthwith Certified to the Government for their approbation —

Election Certifyed

Alderman Francis Leigh and Mr. Hamilton Bury are Elected Receivers of the Rents of the Commons for three Years from this Easter Assembly —

Recrs. of the Rents of the Commons

Monday the second day of July next is appointed a Sealing day for Corporation Leases —

Sealing day

Orderd that the Franchises of this Corporation be Perambulated on Whitsuntuesday next, the several Fraternitys to Ride in the usual manner —

Franchises

Orderd that Alderman William Fairtlough be paid the sum of Twelve pounds five Shillings by the Treasurer for Account of this Corporation being so much remaining due of the Money expended by him at the last Franchises, he being then Master of the Guild —

Aldn. Fairtlough ordd. £12:5:—

Orderd that the Treasurer do pay to the Stewards of the Charity Schoole in St. Peters Church yard in this Town towards defraying the expences of that Charity the sum of Thirty pounds Sterl: and that the same be allowed on passing his Accounts —

Charity Schoole ordd. £30

Upon the Petition of Alderman Edwd. Chesshire Senr. seting forth that he is in possession in his own right of All that and those the Eastermost part and proportion of the Augustin Friary near the West Gate with the several Tenements or Houses thereon fronting to Patricks Well Lane, together with the Fish boards or custom of the Fish market all in the said Town of Drogheda by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Richard Jebb now of the same Alderman for 61 years from Easter 1734 at the yearly Rent of £3:9:6 — That the said Tenements or Houses fronting Patricks Well Lane are at present in very bad repair and but very low indifferent buildings covered for the most part with Straw and that

Aldn. Chesshire Senrs. Petition for a Lease

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that the term unexpired of said Lease is too Short for the Petitioner to expend Money upon to advantage for the Rebuilding or improvement of the said premisses and therefore praying anew Lease for 61 years and so forth

Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being read at this Assembly It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted anew Lease of the said Easter-most part and proportion of the Augustin Friary near West Gate with the several Tenements or Houses thereon fronting to Patricks Well Lane in the Town of Drogheda containing in front to the said Lane 136 feet 10 inches and in Depth backwards 462 feet and containing in the whole half an Acre of Ground, together with the Fish boards or custom of the Fish market of the said Town of Drogheda for 61 years from Easter last at the yearly rent of £3:10:— and on paying £3:10:— fine, he surrendering the old Lease and covenanting by the new Lease to Rebuild the said Houses or Tenements in front to Patricks Well Lane within the first seven years, and to cover them with Slates and that a Map of the said Ground be affixed to the new Lease

Granted

Upon the Petition of Henry Gartside, Willm Fairtlough, Edward Chefshire Sen.r and Edwd Norman Aldermen and Abraham Knight Merch.t Seting forth that they are in possession of All that parcel of Land lying without Westgate of the Town of Drogheda commonly called and known by the name of the Mill Fields said to contain by estimation 18 acres, but containing by a new Survey only 15:1:6 also two thatched Houses & Gardens commonly called the Culver House park lying also without said Gate containing by a new Survey 2:1:0 by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Edwd Singleton late of the same Alderman decd for 61 years from Easter 1708 at the yearly Rent of £5 — That the said Petitioners have agreed upon and made a Partition of the said premisses and by such Partition are in their own rights seperately possessed of their own respective Share or proportion of the said premisses at and under a certain share and proportion of the said yearly Rent — That the said Premisses lye near this Town and is very convenient for

Petition of Aldermen Gartside, Fairtlough, Chefshire, & Norman & Abm Knight for new Leases

Building

Building of Cabbins on, of which there are now many thereon that are very ruinous, and that the term unexpired of said Lease is too Short for to make such improvements on the said premisses as they would chuse and therefore praying Seperate Leases of their respective parts or proportions of the said premes for 61 years and so forth — Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being read at this Assembly and Maps distinguishing particularly the said Petitioners several holdings being also laid before this Assembly It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the said Petitioners be and they are hereby granted seperate Leases of their said respective holdings for 61 years from Easter last on their surrendering the old Lease, and that the reserved rent for Aldn Gartside's holding containing 4:0:36 on his new Lease be £4:4:6, that the rent for Aldn Fairtlough's holding containing 3:3:20 on his new Lease be £3:17:6; that the rent for Aldn Chefshire's holding containing 2:1:20 on his new Lease be £2:7:6; that the rent for Aldn Norman's holding containing 1:0:20 on his new Lease be £1:2:6; and that the rent for Mr Knight's holding containing 5:3:30 on his new Lease be £5:18:9; and that each of them do pay one years rent of the said new rent respectively as a fine, and that those of them who have ground part of said premisses adjoyning the Roads capable of and convenient for building Cabbins on do covenant respectively to Build good Cabbins thereon within the first seven Years of their new Lease And that Maps of their several holdings be affixed to their respective Leases

Granted

Upon the Petition of Aldn John Ogle seting forth that he is in possession in his own right of the impropriate Tythes of the Church of Ennismott in the Barony of Slane and County of Meath by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to his father Henry Ogle late an alderman of the same decd for 31 years from the 25 March 1736 at the yearly Rent of £15— That his said father was at the time of the making of the said Lease & for many years before a yearly Tenant under this Corporation for the s.d Tythes, he not chusing before to accept a Lease thereof, the yearly produce being much less than the abovementioned rent and with difficulty collected in, but he having some Lands and other Tythes his Estates in the neighbourhood of Ennismott did take the said Tythes belonging to this Corporation by Lease as aforesaid, to prevent the trouble of taking them yearly, and could then have got, but did not chuse to take the said Lease for a longer Term than 31 years at the said Rent — That the said Petitioner is now possessed of the said Lands and other Tythes which were his late Fathers and now are his Estates in the neighbourhood of Ennismott, and the Lease of the said Tythes belonging to this Corporation being near

Aldn Jno Ogle's Petition for a Lease

expired

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expired and within the Rules of this Corporation for renewals, he the said Petitioner therefore prays a new Lease thereof and soforth — Upon consideration whereof

Granted

It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Tythes of the Church of Ennismoth belonging to this Corporation for the term of 61 years from Easter last at the aforesaid yearly rent of £15 — on his surrendering the old Lease

free Merch.t admitted

Miles Lucas upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Merchant of this Corporation on his paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Petitions postpond

The consideration of several Petitions for part of the Rents of the Commons is postpond to next Gen.l quarterly Assembly

Special Gen.l Assem: 18.th May 1764

At a Special general Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 18.th May 1764

Mr. Mayor having this day laid before this Assembly the following letter to him from the Recorder of this Corporation which by reason of the late Sitting of last Easter General Assembly he had not then time or recollection to do; the same is ordered to be entered & is as follows —

Dublin May 1.st 1764

Recorder's letter to Mr. Mayor Relative to the Vicars Chorals Money

Dear Sir

I request you will inform the General Assembly on Friday next, of the following message which I received about ten days ago from the Lord Primate — "His Grace has for many years paid a Curate to assist the Vicar of Drogheda an annual income of fifty pounds; the sum advanced is become considerable and the Primate apprehends himself intitled to a Reimbursment out of the Arrears of Vicars Chorals Money due by this Corporation, but as this cannot be done without an Application to and a Decree of the Court of Chancery, His Grace is desireous that a Suit for this end and also for determining the future application of the Vicars Chorals Money should be carried on in an amicable manner

manner and is satisfied to be at half the expence if the Corporation will agree to advance the other half as it shall be wanted in the progress of the Cause" — This Sir you will please to Submitt to the consideration of the General Assembly and to let me know the sense of it as I have promised an answer to my Lord Primate — In my Opinion what the Primate offers is extreamly fair and what he desires from the Corporation is very proper for them to grant as nothing can be more advantageous for them then to have a matter of so long Standing and so great moment speedily and finally Settled —

I am Sir &.c &.c John Leigh

This Assembly therefore taking the same into their consideration do unanimously agree to what his Grace the Lord Primate proposes and as Mr. Recorder advises and It is now orderd by this Assembly that the Treasurer of this Corporat.n be and he is hereby authorized and required to advance & pay regularly as the same shall be wanted one half of the Costs of the Suit for obtaining a Decree and Settling the Arrear of Vicars Chorals money and that the same be allowed him on passing his Accounts —

a free Merch.t Sworn

1764 May 25 This day Miles Lucas was Sworn a free Merch.t of this Corporation pursuant to admittance last general Assembly paid the usual fees & signed the Instrument —

Mad Sumer Gen.l Assem: 13 July 1764

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 13.th day of July 1764 —

30 Gs ordered to the Boyne Society

Ordered that the Treasurer do pay into the hands of Ald.n Edw.d Chefshire the Younger for the use of the Protestant Boyne Society of this Town the Sum of Thirty Guineas, and that the same be allowed the Treasurer on passing his Accounts —

Anth.o Foster Esq.r made free

Ordered that the freedom of this Corporation be presented in a Silver Box Gilt to Anthony Foster Esq.r one of his Majestys Council at Law for his great Care and trouble in framing an Act of Parliam.t passed last Session for promoting the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom, and for his constant attention to the Linen Trade of this Town, and that the Town Clerk do present him therewith as soon as is convenient —

Materials of old Market House to be Sold

Ordered that the Materials of the old Corn Market House be Sold by publick Cant on Thursday next at 12 o'Clock and that the person or persons who purchase the same or any part thereof

do

do pay down the money for which the same shall be Sold and pull down and remove from the premisses such Materials in the space of 14 days afterwards

Aldn. Gartside's Petn. for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Aldn. Hen: Gartside Setingforth that he been in possn. in the year 1757 of a Lease made by this Corporation to Joseph Tomlinson late an Alderman of the same decd. of one House in St. Peters Church Yard a Meadow near Blackbush and a Spot of Ground in St. Laurence Street for 61 years from Michaelmas 1697 at the yearly rent of £2:2:6 assigned the same over to his Uncle Aldn. Edwd. Hardman to apply to this Corporation for a new Lease in trust for the said Petitioner who then happened to be Mayor of this Corporation That the said Edwd. Hardman accordingly preferred a Petition to and obtained from this Corporation a new Lease of the said Meadow near Blackbush only, the House in St. Peter's Church Yard being along time ago given up to this Corporation for to build the Charity Schoole in its place, and the ground in St. Laurence Street not being then in possn. of the Petitioner nor could the same be then discovered by the Auditors and Viewers so as to have it Surveyed That the Petitioner hath lately discovered the said Spot of Ground in St. Laurence Street being now a dwelling House on the North side of said Street in possn. of Isaac Holroyd Esqr. or his under Tenants who have enjoyed the same these many Years past without paying any rent thereout either to this Corporation or Your Petitioner or those under whom he derives altho' the Petitioner always paid to this Corporation the full rent payable for the who Concerns by the said old Lease, and therefore praying a new Lease in his own name for 61 years of the said House in St. Laurence Street, he Coventg. to recover the possn. thereof at his own expence and so forth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors & Viewers and their report thereon being read at this Assembly It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be & he is hereby granted a Lease of the said House in St. Laurence Street contg. 14 feet 3 ins. in front & 32 feet 3 ins. in depth for 61 years from Michs next at the yearly rent of 5/ and on his Covenanting to recover the same at his own expence

Granted

without

without puting this Corporation to any, and that Maps be affixed to the new Leases

Richd. Lucas

Richard Lucas upon his Petition to this Assembly is appointed Regulator of the Watch in this Town in the room of Henry Credon (who has resigned) during the pleasure of this Corporation, at the usual Sallary

Hen. Credon

Henry Credon late Regulator of the Watch upon his Petition to this Assembly Setingforth his great age and infirmities and his inability of longer discharging the Duties of said Employmt. is therefore granted a Pension of Five pounds a year from Easter last to be paid by the Treasurer quarterly or otherwise upon Mr. Mayor for the time being signing orders for the same during the pleasure of this Corporation

Jas. Foarde

James Foarde, a poor old man, for many years a Watch Man and Constable of this Town upon his Petition to this Assembly is allowed Forty Shillings a year from Michas last to be paid him by the Treasurer quarterly or otherwise upon Mr. Mayor's orders for the time being during the pleasure of this Corporation

Commons Rents

Order'd that the undernamed persons be paid the following sums to their names respectively annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one Year comencing from Michs last & endg. at Michs next

Pensioners

Francis North	£ 3 —	Robt. McCartney	1:10: —
Hester Clark	2: — : —	Widw. of Leod. Robinson	1:15: —
Thos. Thompson	3 —	Thos. Stoker's Children	2: — : —
Widw. of Geo. Cooke & Childn.	3 —	Edwd. Jones's Children	3:9:6
John Cooke	2:10: —	Edwd. West's Children	2:2:8
Ann McEvoy	3 —	Elinor Griffin	1:10: —
Margt. Donnelly & Childn.	3 —	Widw. of Jas. Quash	2: — : —
Furs of the Commons	8: — : —	Martha Betty	1:10: —
Hen. Simple & Wife	4: — : —	Mary Staple hill	1:2:9
Widw. Ruxton	4: — : —	Jno. Dixon's Child	1:6: —
Widw. of Rob. Elliott	4: — : —	Davd. Appleyard's Wife & Childn.	1:17:9
Widw. of Geo. Rencher	4: — : —	Widw. of Gilbert Austin	4: — : —
Mary Taylor	4: — : —	Edwd. Carroll	4: — : —
Ann Knight	3: — : —	Margt. Cain	2:15: —
Widw. of Jno. Ackland	2:10: —	Mary Widw. of Richd. Cooper	2: — : —
Hannah McDowell	3:2:9	Elizabeth Widw. of Jno. Wallace	1:5: —
Jane Cheevers	3: — : —	Widw. Carr	1:10: —
Ann Evans	2: — : —	Sus: Widw. of Greg. Gerrard	2: — : —
Widw. of Jas. Domvile	3: — : —	Mary Foster Widw. of George	3: — : —
Widw. Brunton	3: — : —	Margt. Latimer Widw. of Thomas	1:10: —
Widw. of Jno. Collier	3: — : —	Widw. of Math: Marsden	1:5: —
	£70:2:9		43:8:8
			70:2:9
			£113:11:5

Acts Compared

1764 September 29th: The foregoing Acts of Assembly were this day Compared by us & orderd to be entered in the Assembly Book as usual

Signed by = Roger Ford, Mayor, Willm. Ogle, M.S. — Franc. Leigh, Wm. Ogle, Jere: Smith, Geo. Ackland, Jno. Ogle, Jno. Jebb

Olivr. Fairtlough } Shevs.
Abm. Knight }

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Micho Gen.l Assembly 5 Oct. 1764

At a General Assembly of the Corporation of Drogheda held before John Jebb Esq.r Mayor Henry Ackland and William Gibbons Esq.rs Sheriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being present the 5.th day of October 1764

Mayor Staple

Ald.r Roger Ford is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing year & Sworn

Constables

Mess.rs Oliver Fairlough & Ab.m Knight are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing year & Sworn

Coroners

Mess.rs Oliver Fairlough & Ab.m Knight are Elected Coroners for the ensuing year & Sworn

Master Guild

Ald.r Wm Ogle the Younger is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing year

Wardens

Mess.rs Harry Drabazon and Hamilton Bury are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing year

Ald.r Wm Ogle Jun.r Treasurer

Ald.r Wm Ogle the Younger is Elected Treasurer of this Corporation for the ensuing year, and it is orderd that he and two others do give Security by Bond to Mr. Mayor in the Sum of £500 for the due discharge of that Office

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Ald.r Meade resigns his Office of Tn. Clke

Mr. Mayor having laid before this Assembly a letter which he receivd from Ald.r Edw.d Meade the present Town Clerk of this Corporation signifying his desire to surrender his place of Town Clerk by reason of his advanced years and uncertain State of health whereby he is unable to discharge the several Dutys of the said Office, and also a Resignation under his hand and Seal of his said Office of Town Clerk bearing date the 5.th day of October instant; It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the said Resignation be & the same is hereby accepted of, And Mr. Mayor is hereby requested to return the thanks of this Assembly to the said Edw.d Meade for his great care and for his long & faithfull Services done for this Corporation during his continuance in said Office, and to express the concern of this Assembly for his present bad State of health

Complimented

Ald.r Wm Ogle Jun.r made Town Clke

Ald.r Wm Ogle the Younger is unanimously Elected by this Assembly into the place and Office of Town Clerk of this Corporation in the room of the abovenamed Ald.r Edw.d Meade who hath resigned & it is orderd that the said William Ogle have

have liberty to chuse a Deputy

Election of Tn. Clke Certified

Orderd that the Election of Ald.r Wm Ogle the Younger to be Town Clerk of this Corporation be forthwith Certified to the Government for their approbation

Water Customs

Orderd that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Daniel Kelly the Collectors Clerk on the same terms they were collected by him last year

late Mas.r Guild ord.d £43:14:8

Orderd that the Treasurer do pay to Ald.r Edw.d Chesshire the Younger late Master of the Guild the Sum of Forty three pounds fourteen Shillings and eight pence being so much expended by him in riding the last Franchises; and that the same be allowed the Treasurer on passing his Accots

Auditor

Mr. Oliver Fairlough is Elected an Auditor & Viewer in the room of Mr. Mayor

Cleansing Streets

Orderd that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to Contract with such persons as he shall think proper for Carrying away the Dirt and Soil out of the Streets and Lanes of this Town for one Year from the 9.th day of November next

Ald.r Rich.d Jebb's Memorial

Upon the Memorial of Ald.r Rich.d Jebb setting forth that the convenience of a Quay at the end of Dyer Street and Stockwell Lane is loudly called for by all the Inhabitants of West Street and proposing to give up part of his Garden in Dyer Street adjoyning the River Boyne for that purpose on his being granted a Lease of other concerns adjoyning thereto by this Corporation and the same being refer'd last Gen.l Assembly to the Auditors and Viewers to report their opinion thereon to this Assembly and the said Memorial and report being now read It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the said Memorialist be and he is hereby granted a Lease from this Corporation from Michs last for 99 years of All that part of a concern on the Southside of Dyer Street in Drogheda now in Lease (with other Concerns) to the Representatives of Wm Foxleth Ald.r dec.d formerly called one Messuage or Tenement commonly called the new Nunnery in Dyer Street with a long Garden and Pidgeon House & being now several Tenements, Warehouses and background with a Gateway containing in front to said Street 141 feet a pepper corn yearly during the Term yet to come of the Lease now in being of the whole concerns which was made to the said Ald.r Wm Foxleth dec.d and which will expire in nine years and after the expiration thereof at the yearly Rent of £2; He the said Memorialist imediately Surrendering up to this Corporation all his now Garden and Yard part of the aforesaid Premisses containing in front to the said Street 134 feet 4 inches in order to be laid open to said Street and added to the Watering place in Stockwell Lane, for to make a Quay for the publick use and service of the Trade of this Town, which Quay will contain 161 feet from East to West and when Walled in from or

Grant

New Quay to be made in Dyer Street & Stockwell Lane

near

near low Water mark will be 124 feet from North to South, the said Memorialist Covenanting by his new Lease to Wall in all the Strand at the back of the Concerns so to be demised to him in the Space of two Years and to range his Wall with the Wall which this Corporation shall Erect to inclose the said intended Quay; And it is further ordered by this Assembly that the said intended Wall to be built for inclosing the Sd. Quay be begun as soon as conveniently may be, when the said Memorialist shall begin his Wall so that the whole Work may go on together, and in the mean time that part of the said Garden Wall which is to be given up to this Corporation be forthwith thrown down and the Same Layd open for any person with Mr. Mayors consent to lay down any Rubbish or Stuff that shall be proper for filling the Strand that is so to be Walled in by this Corporation

Alderman Fairtlough & Wm Holmes's Petition for Leases

Upon the Petition of Aldn. Wm. Fairtlough & Wm. Holmes Merchts. Seting forth that they are in posession in their own rights of a Lease made by this Corporation to Hen. Meade late of the same Alderman decd. of a House in West Street now in the posession of Bartl. Bird and also of one Small park in Landsharra without Sundays Gate for 61 years from Easter 1714 at the yearly Rent of £0:10:0; That the said Petitioners have made a Partition of the said Premisses the said Wm. Fairtlough being posessed of the said House at 7/6 p Ann: and the said Wm. Holmes being posessed of the said Park at 2/6 p Ann. That the said House is very old and requires to be Rebuilt and that the park being very Small and adjoining other Land of the said Wm. Holmes also wants improvement, but the term unexpired of the said Lease being short, they pray new Leases of their respective holdings &c. &c. and the said Petition being referred last Genl. Assembly to the Auditors & Viewers to report their opinion thereon to this Assembly & the same being now read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioners be and they are hereby granted new Leases of their said respective holdings for 61 years from Michs last the reserved yearly Rent on the said Wm. Fairtloughs new Lease for the House in West Street to be 10/ p Ann: & 10/ fine and the reserved yearly Rent on the said Wm. Holmes's new Lease of the parke in Landsharra Contg. 1a. 2r. 0p. 10 to be 5/ p Ann and 5/ fine, and that Maps be annexed to the new Leases

Granted to Aldn. Fairtlough

to Wm. Holmes

Aldn.

St. Johns poor House

Aldn. Francis Leigh's account of the Receipts and payments by him as Proctor of St. Johns poor House was examined and approved of by this Assembly, being for 1 year ended last Michaelmas; and it is ordered that he do pay to the 24 Widows now in said Poor House 1/2 Guinea each of the money in his hands, and that the 12 Senior Widows of said poor House be paid for the future 4/4 each per month

9 free Men admitted

John Bolton, John Fairtlough, James Forde and Oliver Fairtlough Son of Aldn. Wm. Fairtlough are admitted free Merchants, John North and James Shortell are admitted free Smiths, Richard Ennis is admitted a free Taylor, Edward Robinson is admitted a free Cordwainer and Denis Mc. Owen is admitted a free Member of this Corporation, on their Several Petitions to this Assembly on their paying the usual fees and Signing Instruments

Gate Customs Set

The Doors being opened the Gate Customs of this Corporation were Set up to Cant as usual and were Sold to Aldn. Edwd. Chesshire Senr. and Son the highest bidders for one year to commence the 26th. day of October instant at £10:3:— p Week, and ending the 26th. day of October 1765 inclusive

Special Assembly 12 Oct. 1764

At a Special Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 12th. October 1764

Wm Ogle the Younger Esqr. one of the Aldermen of this Corporation was Sworn at this Assembly Town Clerk of this Corporation in the room of Edward Meade Esqr. late Town Clerk who resigned pursuant to his Election last General Assembly and the approbation of their Excellencies the Lords Justices read at this Assembly bearing date the 8th. day of October instant, and the said Wm Ogle took the usual Oaths belonging to the said Office

Wm Ogle Sworn Town Clk

1764 October 15th. This day John Bolton, John Fairtlough, James Forde and Oliver Fairtlough Son of Aldn. Wm. Fairtlough were Sworn free Merchants, John North and James Shortell were Sworn free Smiths, Richard Ennis was Sworn a free Taylor, Edwd. Robinson was Sworn a free Cordwainer and Denis Mc. Owen was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation pursuant to their Severals Admittances last Genl. Assembly paid the usual fees and Signed Instruments

9 free Men Sworn

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 18th. Jan.y 1765

Genl. Assy. 18 Jan. 1765

Upon the Petition of Aldn. Edwd. Norman Seting forth that he is in posession in his own right of two Houses now a Malthouse Situate in Harps Lane in Drogheda by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Michael Smith decd. for 61 years from Michs 1710 at the yearly Rent of £1:10:—. That the said House is old and ruinous and the term unexpired

Petition of Aldn Edwd. Norman for a Lease

unexpired too Short for him to make such improvements thereon as is requisite and therefore praying anew Lease and soforth. Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being now read It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted anew Lease of the said House in his own name for Sixty one Years from Michs last at the yearly Rent of £1:10:— and £1:10:— fine, on his Surrendering the old Lease and that Maps of the said premes be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Upon the Petition of John Leigh Esqr. Recorder of this Corporation setingforth that he is in possession in his own right of one House and backside in Batchelors Lane in Drogheda one park or parcel of Land lying without Cowgate on Urielside in the liberties of Drogheda Contg 4:1:25 (a r p); one other park adjoyning to the aforesd. park without said Gate contg 2:1:18 (a r p) and also one other park without Sundays Gate in the Lane leading from the Gallows to Green Hills contg 3:1:11 (a r p) by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Henry Hawkins Mercht. decd. for 61 years from Michs 1715 at the yearly Rent of £1:14:—, in which Lease was also demised a Tower or Pidgeon House lying on the Town Wall on the Northside of the Lord Primates Garden, which was sometime ago taken down by the Corporation, and further setingforth that the said House in Batchelors Lane lately fell down and is now a heap of ruins and therefore praying anew Lease of the said premisses now in his possession & soforth. Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being now read It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted anew Lease of the said premisses now in his possession for 61 years from Michs last at the yearly Rent of £8— and £8— fine, on his Surrendering the old Lease, Maps of said Premisses to be annexed to the new Leases

Jn. Leigh Esqrs. Petition for a Lease

Granted

Edward Hardman the Younger Son of Aldn. Edward Hardman, James Barlow Esqr. Son of Aldn. James Barlow decd. and Thomas Wynne Chandler upon their several Petitions to this Assembly are admitted free Merchants of this Corporation, on their paying the usual fees and Signing Instruments

3 free men admitted

Amelia Thompson Widow of Thomas Thompson decd. upon her Petition to this Assembly is admitted into the present Vacancy in St. Johns Poor House

a Widow admitted into the Poor House

Mr.

Mr. Hugh Darley having preferred a Memorial to this Assembly seting forth that he sometime ago at the instance of Aldn. Franc. Leigh made several Plans &c. of the Mayoralty House belonging to this Corporation and superintended that building while it was going on for which he never received any consideration It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the Treasurer do pay Mr. Darley Twenty Guineas in full for his trouble relative to said Building, which is granted him in order to fulfill Aldn. Leigh's engagement with him, the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his accots.

Mr. Hu. Darley ordd. 20 Gs.

Orderd that the sum of Ten Guineas apeice be paid to Messrs. Joseph Harpur and Wm. Cleapem Surgeons for their care and attendance of the poor and at the Infirmary in this Town for the ensuing Year, the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his accots.

Surgeons

Orderd that the walling in of the intended Quay at Stockwell Lane and Dyer Street be forthwith begun under the direction and inspection of Mr. Hamilton Bury, and that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to draw and Sign orders on the Treasurer of this Corporation for any Sum or Sums of Money that shall be wanted for carrying on the said Work, which sums are to be allowed in his accounts

New quay in Dyer Street

Orderd that Mr. Mayor do put the Seal of this Corporation to a Deed which Mr. Recorder has approved off, conveying the Right of this Corporation to the new intended Road from the foot of Dublin Hill thro' Mr. Shepheard's park and part of the Lands of St. James in the possession of Aldn. Wm. Graves and his under Tenants, upon the Treasurer being paid £117:8:6 the sum which a Jury awarded to be paid to this Corporation for Damage; out of which money the Treasurer is to pay the several under Tenants their respective shares and proportions thereof

new Road thro' St. James Land

Orderd that the Auditors and Viewers do forthwith agree with the different persons who are Tenants to this Corporation for the Cellars and Butchers Shambles under the Tholsel and that Mr. Mayor & Sheriffs & the Auditors and Viewers or any five of them whereof Mr. Mayor to be one do draw and Sign orders on the Treasurer for any sum or sums of Money that they shall think a proper consideration for said Tenants interests; And it is further orderd that Mr. Mayor & Sheriffs and the Auditors and Viewers or any five of them Mr. Mayor being always one and such other Gentlemen of this Corporation as they shall think proper to call to their assistance be and they are hereby appointed a Committee for to have the old Tholsel pulled down immediately and to consider of a proper Plan of a new Tholsel to be Built, and they are hereby impowered to Sell and dispose

Tholsel Committee

of

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of such of the old Materials as they shall think proper for the benefit of this Corporation and also to draw and Sign orders on the Treasurer for any money that shall be wanted for pulling down the old Tholsel which is to be allowed in his Accounts and as soon as they have fixed upon a Plan of a new Tholsel Mr. Mayor is hereby requested to call a special Assembly to consider & approve thereof

1765 February 11th. Edward Hardman the Younger James Barlow Esqr. and Thomas Wynne were this day Sworn free Merchants of this Corporation pursuant to their Sevl. admittances last General Assembly paid the usual fees and Signed Instruments

3 freemen Sworn

Easter Genl. Assly 19 April 1765

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 19th. day of April 1765

Mayor Elect

Aldn. John Ogle is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the next ensuing year from Michaelmas day next

Sheriffs Elect

Mr. Edward Hardman Junr. and Mr. John Fairtrough are elected to Serve Sheriffs of this Corporation for the said year

Certified

Orderd that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing year be forthwith Certifyed to the Govern.t for their approbation

Lord Primate Robinson presentd with his Freedom in a Gold Box

Orderd unanimously that the Freedom of this Corporation be presented to his Grace the Lord Primate of all Ireland in a Gold Box, in the same manner that his Predecessors were complimented by this Corporation and that Mr. Recorder do wait upon his Grace & acquaint him thereof and desire to know from his Grace Whether he will do this Corporation the honour of Dining with them on his first coming to this Town, or at what other time?

The following report being laid before & read at this Assembly the same is agreed to and approved off; and it is ordered by this Assembly that the same be Enterd amongst the acts of this Assembly. viz as follows

Report of the Mayr. & Sheriffs &

A Report from the Mayor & Sheriffs & the Auditors & Viewers of the Corporation of Drogheda upon their Settleing the Corporation Accounts with Edward Meade

Meade Esqr. late Treasurer on the 28th. day of March 1765

Audrs & Viewrs relative to the late Treasurers Edwd. Meade's Account

We have examined and Settled the Accounts of this Corporation with the late Treasurer for payments in the years of Aldn. Wm. Ogle Junr. & Aldn. Roger Ford's Mayoralty's and for the rents payable to the Corporation for two years ended Easter 1764 and for two Years Gate Customs and Water Customs ended the 19th. and 26th. October 1764 and also for the fines and Seals of Leases granted and Sealed and the fines of Freemen admitted and Sworn for two years ended Mich.s 1764 And We have likewise examined & compard the several Orders and Receipts for the payments made as afores.d by the said late Treasurer as also the Rent Roll and other Books of this Corporation And we find the said Accounts to be very just and right and that there remained a Ballance thereon due to the Corporation of £958: 7: 10¼ which the said Edwd. Meade the late Treasurer paid over in our presence to Wm. Ogle Esqr. the present Treasurer for the use of this Corporation; And we are therefore of Opinion that the said late Treasurer should be released by this Corporation of and from all demands relative to his said Accounts.

Ballance

Jas. Sandiford

We find an arrear of £30:11:9 due by Mr. James Sandiford returnd in said Account outstanding and due at Easter 1764 which we are of opinion the present Treasurer of this Corporation should immediatly demand and if not paid that he should be empowerd to take such Steps in Law for recovery thereof for the use of this Corporation as Mr. Recorder shall advise

Dean Cox's Charity

We also examined and settled an account of the Receipts and payments of the Fund established by the late Dean Cox dec.d formerly Vicar of St. Peters Drogheda for puting the Sons of Freemen of this Corporation apprentices, and we saw the same examined & settled by the Justices of the peace of this Town who are the Trustees appointed by the Purchase Deeds of the said Fund for disposing of and examining into an Account of the said Fund money, and we find the same contain a just and fair State of the said Charitable Fund during the time of the said Edwd. Meade's being Treasurer of this Corporation and that there remained a Ballance due by him thereon of £6 86: 10:- which he also paid over in our presence to the said Wm. Ogle the present Treasurer for the uses appointed by the said Purchase Deeds to be disposed of by the said Trustees for the purposes therein mentioned. Witness our Hands the day & year first within Written Signed John Jebb, Mayor, Henry Achland, Wm. Gibbons, Sheriffs, Fra.s Leigh, John Ogle, Wm. Norman, Chris.r Fairtrough, Geo. Schoales, Edwd. Norman, Henry Leland, Edwd. Hardman Auditors and Viewers

Test

Orderd

late Treas.r releas'd

Ordered that the late Treasurer Edw.d Meade Esq.r be Released by Deed under the Corporation Seal of and from all Demands of this Corporation, in the same manner that his Predecessors were

Report of the Tholsel Committee

The following Report being laid before & read at this Assembly the same is agreed to and it is hereby order'd to be enter'd and is as follows

A Report from the Auditors & Viewers & the Committee appointed by the General Assembly the 18.th January 1765 for the pulling down of the old Tholsel and to consider of a proper consideration for the Tenants interests to the Cellars & Standings under the same

relative to Ald.r Leigh's Lease to be given up.

We find that Ald.r Fras. Leigh hath a Lease of the Butchers Standings and a small Shop under the old Tholsel Dated the 17.th March 1740 for 61 years from the Michs then last at the yearly Rent of £2:-:- in which Lease was also demised two Houses Garden and Hill without S.t Laurence Gate called the Green Hills and one small park opposite to the same called the Flaggery Park, And Whereas we find that the said Standings and Shop under the Tholsel produced the yearly rent of £9:10:- to the said Fras. Leigh; We think as the Corporation will have occasion for all the money they can make up for the Rebuilding of the Tholsel and other publick works that they should avoid purchasing the said Rents of £9:10:- a year, for the term unexpired of the said Lease, And Ald.r Leigh having proposed to surrender up said Lease to the Corporation in consideration of a new Lease being granted to him of the Concerns mentioned therein (exclusive of the said Standings and Shop) together with the Concerns demised by four other Leases whereof he is now possessed viz.t a Lease of a House Backside & Garden or Orchard with the park thereto adjoining and the little Marsh backwards lying without S.t James Gate made for 61 years from Michs 1727 at the yearly Rent of £1:10:-/ Another Lease of a Tenement and Garden without said Gate containing 2a 2r 16p for 61 years from Easter 1758 at 10/ p.r ann: Also another Lease of another House without said Gate made for 61 years from Michs 1724 at the yearly Rent of 13/4 and also another Lease of a House and Garden without S.t Laurence Gate made for 61 years from Easter 1720 at the yearly rent of 8/; the reserved rent upon such new Lease to be £4:10:- We are therefore of Opinion that Mr. Leigh's said Proposal should be accepted of by this Corporation, but this We Submitt as he also does to your Worships consideration

Given

Test

Given under our Hands this 28.th March 1765 - Signed - John Jebb, Mayor - Henry Ackland, Wm. Gibbons - Sheriffs, Edw.d Hardman, Geo. Schoales, John Ogle, Wm. Norman, Edw.d Norman, Henry Leland - Auditors and Viewers = Fras. Leigh

Confirm'd & Lease granted Mr. Leigh

Upon reading of which Report the same is agreed to and the said Mr. Leigh's proposal is accepted of by this Assembly and it is therefore order'd by this Assembly that the said Mr. Leigh be & he is hereby granted a new Lease for 61 years from Easter last of the said several Denominations above mentioned save the said Standings & Shop under the Tholsel at the yearly Rent of £4:10:- on his surrendering the said several Leases, Maps of the said premisses to be annexed to the new Leases

Ald.r Meade's Petition for Leases

Upon the Petition of Ald.r Edw.d Meade setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of one Lease made by this Corporation to his father James Meade late an Alderman of the same dec.d for 61 years from Michs 1706 of a small Croft called about three Stangs lying at Black-bush near Mannimore also one small park in the procession Batter without S.t Laurence Gate and a House and Garden without said Gate also one House & Garden on the Eastside of Duleek Street near the old Corn Markett Hill in Drogheda and also one Ferry park now three Meadows without S.t James Gate and also a Cellar under the Tholsel at the yearly Rent of £1:16:8; And also of another Lease made by this Corporation to his uncle Ald.r Hen. Meade dec.d of two parks beneath Mannimore and one park late Luke Thomas's near Mannimore at the yearly Rent of £1:10:- That the said Leases are near expired and within the Rules of this Corporation for renewing and making a new Lease or Leases of said Premisses save the Cellar under the Tholsel which will be wanted by the Corporation upon the rebuilding of that Edifice - Which Petition been referred to the Auditors and Viewers & their report thereon being read to this Assembly It is therefore order'd that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted two new Leases of the said premisses both for 61 years from Easter last viz.t One new Lease of the two parks beneath Mannimore Cont.g 6a 2r 0p, the park called Luke Thomas's park near Mannimore Cont.g 2a 2r 10p and of the small park called three Stangs at Blackbush near Mannimore Cont.g by a late Survey 1a 0r 10p making together 10a 0r 20p at the yearly Rent of £5 - - - and £5 - - - fine; And one other new Lease of the park at the procession Batter without S.t Laurence Gate Cont.g 1a 3r 22p, the House & Garden without said Gate cont.g 2r 38p, the House & Garden on the Eastside of Duleek Street in Drogheda near the old Corn market Hill cont.g in front to said Street 53 feet 6 inch and of the parcel of Land lying without S.t James Gate cont.g 6a 0r 4p making together 9a 0r 4p at the yearly rent of £9 - - - & £9 - - - fine, on his surrendering the two old Leases & that Maps of the s.d premes be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Tuesday

Sealing Day

Tuesday the fourth day of June next is appointed a Sealing Day for Corporation Leases

2 free Men admitted

Abraham Grier, Merch.t is admitted a free Merch.t and Thomas Miller, Stone Cutter, is admitted a free Carpenter of this Corporation, upon their Petitions to this Assembly on their paying the usual fees & Signing Instruments

Town Pumps

Ordered that John Coleman, Carpenter be paid £10 a year from Easter last for taking care of and keeping in repair the Pumps opposite the Tholsel belonging to this Corporation, during pleasure

Goaler ord.d 3 Gs.

Ordered that William Metcalfe Goaler be paid by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation the sum of three Guineas for his trouble in apprehending John Neale, Rob.t Bran and Roger Lucas upon an Assize Capias, they being Indicted for Murder

Fairfax Ennis Comm.n Coun.l resigns

granted £5 yearly

Fairfax Ennis one of the Common Councilmen for the Fraternity of Merch.t Taylors having Petitioned this Assembly seting forth his Poverty and praying leave to resign his said Place of Common Councilman and to be allowed a Pension by this Corporation for his Support It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that his resignation of said place of Common Councilman be accepted of And that he be paid £5 a year from Easter last as a Pension from this Corporation which the Treasurer is to pay him quarterly or otherwise upon Mr. Mayor for the time being Signing orders for the Same

Rob.t M.Cartney granted £5 yearly

Robert M.Cartney Deputy Mace bearer upon his Petition to this Assembly seting forth his Poverty is granted £5 a year from Easter last to be paid by the Treasurer quarterly or otherwise upon Mr. Mayors orders during the pleasure of this Corporation

Reward to apprehend Felons

Ordered that Mr. Mayor for the time being be & he is hereby impowered to draw or Sign Orders on the Treas.r for any Sum of Money not exceeding £5 to be paid to any person or persons who shall hereafter apprehend and take any person or persons who shall Commit any Burglary or Felony within this Town & County to be paid as a Reward upon the conviction of the Offenders

Ordered

Commons Money

Ordered that the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their names annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one year commencing from Mich.s last and ending at Mich.s next

Pensioners

Francis North	£3	Edw.d Jones's Child.n	3-9-6
Hester Clarke	2	Edw.d Watts Child.n	1-10
Wid.w Geo. Cooke & Child.n	3	Elinor Griffin	1-10
John Cooke	2-10	Wid.w of Jac.b Quash	2
Ann M.Evoy	3	Martha Betty	1-10
Marg.t Donnelly & Child.n	3	Mary Staplehill	1-2-9
Jurs of the Commons	8	John Dixon's Child	1-6
Henry Simple & Wife	4	Dav.d Appleyard, Wife & Child.n	1-17-9
Wid.w Rupton	4	Wid.w of Gilb.t Austin	4
Wid.w of Rob. Elliott	4	Edw.d Carroll	4
Wid.w of Geo. Rencher	4	Marg.t Cain	2-15
Mary Taylor	4	Mary Cooper Wid.w of Rich.d	2
Ann Knight	3	Elizabeth Wid.w of Jn.o Wallace	1-5
Wid.w of Jn.o Ackland	2-10	Wid.w Carr	1-10
Hannah M.Dowell	3-2-9	Wid.w of Greg. Gerrard	2
Jane Cheevers	3	Wid.w of Geo. Foster	3
Ann Evans	2	Wid.w of Tho.s Latimer	1-10
Wid.w of Jam.s Damerile	3	Wid.w of Math. Marsden	2
Wid.w Brunton	3	Ann Shortele	1-1-8
Wid.w of Jn.o Collier	3	Jane Blith	2
Wid.w of Leo.d Robinson	1-15	Wid.w of Moses Painter	1-6
Tho.s Stokers Child.n	2		42-13-8
	£70-17-9		70-17-9
			£113-11-5

2 Freemen Sworn

1765 April 29.th This day Abm Grier was Sworn a free Merch.t & Thomas Miller, Stone Cutter was Sworn a free Carpenter of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees & Signed Instruments

Mid Sum.r Gen.l Ass.y 19 July 1765

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 19.th July 1765

Jn.o North Elected Comm.n Coun.l for the Taylors

Upon the Petition of the Master, Wardens & Fraternity of Merch.t Taylors of this Corporation seting forth that by the resignation of Fairfax Ennis late one of the Common Council for said Fraternity there is a Vacancy in his room, and nominating John North, John Woodhouse & Patrick Roe[illegible] three of said Fraternity to have one of them chosen by this Assembly in his room It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said John North be and he is hereby Elected & Chosen a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said Fairfax Ennis and the said John North being called in was Sworn a Common Councilman accordingly

Upon

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Upon the Petition of Ald.r William Ogle the Elder seting forth that he is in posession of several Houses or Tenements lying together on the Northside of Fair Street in this Town cont.g in front 210 feet with the Gardens and back-ground thereunto belonging and also several other Tenem.ts or Houses with Gardens and background lying together on the Southside of the same Street cont.g in front 139 feet together with the Town pinfold or Pound at the upper end of Mag-dalen Street by virtue of a Lease made to him by this Corporation for 61 years from Michs 1756 at the yearly Rent of £4 —

Ald.r Wm. Ogle Sen.r Petition for a Lease

That part of the said premisses lying on the Northside of Fair Street have been lately rebuilt and improved in an handsome manner at a considerable expence but not the whole nor has any of the Premisses on the Southside of said Street been yet improved tho' in very bad order but the Petitioner proposes to improve the same in a very short time at a considerable expence and therefore praying for his encouragement that the Corporation will upon his surrend-ering the said Lease grant him a new Lease of said Premisses for 61 years. Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being now read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said William Ogle be & he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Premisses for 61 years from Easter last at the old rent of £4 — he surrendering the old Lease and Covenanting to expend £100 — at least in making further buildings and improvements on the said premes within the first three years of the new Lease, Maps to be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Upon the Petition of Ald.n John Ogle seting forth that he is in possession in his own right of a Lease made by this Corporat.n to his father Hen. Ogle dec.d late an Alderman of the same, of his dwelling house and a Malt house in Fair Street and a park in the Green Batter cont.g 4.a for 61 years from Michs 1756 at the yearly rent of £5 —; That he is also in poss.n in his own right of another Lease made by this Corporation to the R.t Honble Hen. Singleton dec.d late an Alderman of the same of a small lot of Ground in said Fair Street adjoining the above premes for 61 years from Michs 1759 at the yearly rent of 5/; That he hath lately very much improved the said Ground in Fair Street & expended £700 — & upwards thereon & intends to make further improvements and therefore praying for his encouragement a new Lease of the said premisses in Fair Street & so forth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors & Viewers & their report thereon being now read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be granted one new Lease for 61 years from Easter last of the whole of the said premisses lying on the Northside of Fair Street at the yearly Rent of £3:5:— he covenanting to expend £400 — in making further improvements thereon within the

Ald.n Jn.o Ogle's Petition for a Lease

Granted

first three years; and another Lease of the said park in the Green Batter for 58 years from Michs last (being the term unexpired thereof by the Old Lease) at the yearly rent of £2 — he surrendering the old Leases abovementioned; and maps to be annexed to the new Leases respectively

Upon the Petition of M.r Oliver Fairclough Sen.r seting forth that he is in posession in his own right of a garden in Mallard's Lane in Drogheda by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Hen. Meade late an Alderman of the same dec.d for 61 years from Michs 1723 at the yearly rent of 10/, that the said premisses were never built on & that he intends to Erect houses thereon but the term unexpired thereof is too short & therefore praying a new Lease and so forth Which Petition being referd to the Auditors & Viewers & their report thereon being now read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said premes for 61 years from Easter last at the old yearly rent of 10/, on his surrendering the said old Lease and Covenanting to build one or more good Brick House or Houses on the said premisses within the first 7 Years, Maps of the said premisses to be annexed to the new Lease —

O. Fairclough Sen.r his Pet.r for a Lease

Granted

Upon the Petition of M.r John Bolton seting forth that he is in poss.n in his own right of a Lease made by this Corporation to Mary Meade dec.d of one House and two Gardens on the Northside of Fair Street and on Garden on the Southside of the same Street for 61 years from Michs 1705 at the yearly Rent of 5/ — That the said premisses are ruinous and within the Lakes for renewing and praying a new Lease thereof Which Petition been referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being now read It is therefore ordered that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Premisses for 61 years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £1 — and £1 — fine. He surrendering the old Lease and Covenanting to build one or more good brick House or Houses on each lot of the said premisses within the first 7 years and to range the new building on the Northside of said Street with the Houses on the East side thereof by which the said Street is to be made 11 f.t feet Wider than it now is, under the penalty of £100 — Maps of the said premes to be annexed to the new Leases

J.n Bolton's Pet.n for a Lease

Granted

Upon the Petition of Ald.r Henry Gartside seting forth that he lately bought from this Corporation a Lease of a park or parcel of Land without Sundays Gate which was set by publick Cant at the Gen.l Assembly 15.th October 1761 for 61 years from Michs then next at the rate of 47/ ℔ acre, one half of which he fined off at 14 years purchase and that by the survey and Map then made and produced of the said Lands the same was set forth to contain 3:2:20 a.r p. which at the rate aforesaid came to £60-8-1 fine and £4:6:7½ yearly rent, That your Pet.r in a short time after he had got said Lease & paid

Ald.n Gartside's Pet.n for to set right an Error in a Lease

the

the said fine, had the same Surveyed over again and found that the said Land did not contain more than 3:1:8 (a r p) which is 1:22 (r p) less than he paid for, whereby he has paid & is over charged £6-2-6 in the fine, and 9/1 (s d) in the yearly rent for said Lands & praying to be repaid the same & so forth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors & Viewers & their report thereon being now read It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the Treasurer do (re) pay the said Petr. the overcharge on the said Land being £6:2:6 fine, and 13/7½ (s d) for a year & a halfs rent to Easter last in all making £6-16-1½; And that a new Lease of the said Land according to the new Survey now made thereof being 3:1:8 (a r p) be granted to the said Petr. for 59½ years from Easter last at the yearly rent of £3:17:6½ he surrendering the present Lease, Maps to be annexed to the new Leases which are to be done at the expence of this Corporation

Granted

John Siddall is admitted a free member, Noy Denis is admitted a free Blacksmith, and John Jones Stone Cutter is admitted a free Carpenter of this Corporation, upon their Several Petitions to this Assembly ~~on their~~ paying the usual fees & signing Instruments

3 free men admitted

Orderd that Messrs. Cheshire the present Farmers of the Gate Customs be paid the sum of Ten Guineas by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation in lieu of the Custom on Provisions or other articles for home consumption coming from the Country to any Gentlemen or others Inhabitants of this Town, the same to be allowed in his accounts

10 Gs. ordd. Messrs. Cheshire in lieu of some Customs

Orderd that the sum of Twenty pounds be paid by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation to Messrs. Jno. Chamney and George Clegg to be expended by them in repairing the great Road leading from St. Johns Gate of this Town towards Navan in the County of Meath the same to be allowed in his accounts

£20 ordd. for repairing a Road

Orderd that Mr. John Marshall be and he is hereby impowered at his own expence under the inspection and with the consent of the Auditors and Viewers to take down part of the Town Wall between St. Laurence Gate and Blind Gate of this Town that is now ruinous as they shall direct

part of the Town Wall ruinous

Orderd that the Treasurer be & he is hereby required to write a letter to the Rt. Honble Lord Headfort to acquaint him that Mr. Peter Dromgoole his Lordships Tenant for part of Mannimore belonging to this Corporation is now committing waste upon said Lands by burning Bricks thereon, which the Corporation desire his Lordship will stop & prevent him from doing for the future

Waste on Mannimore

1765

1765 August 5th This day John Siddall, Noy Denis and John Jones were Sworn free of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees & signed Instruments

Spec. Assly 9 Augt. 1765.

At a Special Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 9th day of August 1765

Orderd that the two Plans of a new Tholsel now layd before this Assembly by Mr. Hamilton Bury and Mr. George Darley be forthwith transmitted by the Treasurer of this Corporation to Mr. Myers an eminent Architect now in this Kingdom for his opinion Which of said two Plans is the most Eligible and proper; and the Treasurer is hereby impowerd to pay Mr. Myers such a Gratuity for his trouble as he shall think sufficient, And it is hereby resolved and agreed by this assembly that Mr. Myers's Opinion be decisive to this Corporation and that whichever of said Plans he shall approve of, the same shall be Errected and carried into Execution forthwith by this Corporation

2 Plans of a new Tholsel by Mr. Bury & Mr. Darley

Spec. Assly 23 Augt. 1765

At a Special Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 23d August 1765

The Treasurer of this Corporation having laid before this Assembly a letter from Mr. Chris. Myers architect wherein he approves of & recommends the Plan and Elevation of a Tholsel made by Mr. Geo. Darley as a proper Design for this Corporation to follow and carry into execution with such alterations as he shall think necessary It is therefore orderd and agreed by this Assembly that the said Plan and Elevation of a Tholsel be the one carried into execution by this Corporatn. And it is also orderd that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowerd to employ Masons and Workmen to begin the said Building forthwith so as to have the foundations laid and as much of the Work of the under Ground Story done this Season as is possible and that Mr. Hamilton Bury be and he is hereby impowerd to Oversee that it be done in the best manner; and the Treasurer is hereby impowerd upon Orders on him signed by Mr. Mayor for the time being to pay such sum or sums of Money as shall be wanted for the same which sum or sums of money are to be allowed in his accts. And it is further orderd that the Treasurer be & he is hereby impowerd to publish an advertisment that any person or persons willing to undertake and complete the said Building may send in Proposals to him any time on or before the first day of January next for the finishing thereof so as that the same may be proceeded upon by the first day of March next at farthest

Mr. Darley's Plan of a Tholsel approved off. and orderd to be carried into Execution

1765 September 29th The foregoing Acts of Assembly were this day compared before us, and orderd to be enterd in the Assembly Book as usual, & Aldn. Jno. Ogle Mayor Elect & Messrs. Edwd. Hardman & Jno. Fairtlough Sheriffs Elect were this day Sworn into their Offices before us for the ensuing year, pursuant to their Elections & the approbation of their Excies the Lds. Justices of Ireland.

Acts Compard and Signed

Signd = Jno. Jell, Mayr. = Hen. Ackland, Wm. Gibbons, Sheriffs, Roger Ford, M. S. Fras. Leigh, Townley Patten Geo. Schoales, Edwd. Cheshire, Hen. Gartside, Geo. Ackland, John Ogle, Edwd. Cheshire Junr. & Wm. Ogle — Aldermen

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Michs Genl. Assembly held 11th Octr. 1765

At a General Assembly of the Corporation of Drogheda held before John Ogle Esqr. Mayor Edward Hardman Junr. and John Fairtlough Esqr. Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 11th day of October 1765

Mayor Staple

Aldr. John Jebb is elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing Year & Sworn

Comn. Coun.

Messrs. Henry Ackland and William Gibbons are Elected Common Council men and Sworn

Constables Staple

Messrs. Henry Ackland and William Gibbons are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year & Sworn

Coroners

Messrs. Henry Ackland and William Gibbons are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year & Sworn

Mas. Guild

Aldr. Roger Ford is elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wards. Jo.

Messrs. Oliver Fairtlough and Abraham Knight are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Treas.

Aldr. Wm. Meade is elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Sergeants

Ordered that Thomas Smyth and Samuel Walsh the two Sergeants of this Corporation be discharged from their Employments as Soon as Mr. Mayor can get two proper persons in their room

Water Customs

Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Daniel Kelly the Collectors Clerk on the Same terms they were Collected by him Last year

Auditor

Aldr. John Jebb is Elected an Auditor and Viewer in the Room of Mr. Mayor

Cleansing Streets

Ordered that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to Contract with such persons as he shall think proper for Carrying away the Dirt and Soil out of the Streets and Lanes of this Town for one Year from the 22d. day of November next

Custom Broges Struck off

Ordered that the Custom now paid for Brouges & pumps manufactured in the County of this Town coming in or going out the Gates to or from Market be Struck off for the future

Ordered

20 lyr. ayr. ordd. Wm. Holmes as Clk to Justices

Ordered that Wm. Holmes be paid the Sum of Twenty Guineas a year for his trouble in attending the Justices of the peace of this Corporation for the time as a Clerk from Michaelmas last, and that he be paid the Same for the year last past, the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts and to continue to be paid him during the pleasure of this Corporation

March of St. James

Ordered that the March part of the Lands of St. James's belonging to this Corporation and late held from year to year by Mr. Thos. Windlow, which is not yet Piled in, be Set by Publick Cant next General Assembly to the highest bidder a free member of this Corporation for the term of 99 Years from Michaelmas last one half of the rent to be fined off at 14 years purchase, and the person who takes it to Covenant to Pile in the Same from low Water mark in the first three years of the Lease under the penalty of two hundred Pounds

Aldr. Edwd. Norman's Petn. for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Aldr. Edwd. Norman Setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of all that and those a dwelling house in St. Peter Street with an old House and backside thereto adjoyning in Fair Street as also a Strip of Ground thereto adjoyning called the Murdering Lane and also a small Garden in Fair Street called Teelings Garden together with the Old Abby Walls and Garden of St. Mary de Ursoe next without West Gate by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to the Right Honble Henry Singleton Esqr. decd. for the term of 61 years from Easter 1744 at the yearly rent of £2. 15. — That the said House and Concerns in St. Peter Street and Fair Street are now greatly out of repair as are also the concerns without West Gate but the term unexpired of said Lease being too short to encourage him to make the proper improvements on said Premisses He therefore prays a new Lease &c. forth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being now read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Premisses for 61 years from Easter last at the yearly rent of £3 — and £3 — fine on his surrendering the Old Lease, Maps to be annexed to the new Lease and on his Covenanting to put all the said Premisses in Tenantable order

Granted

Aldr. Rogr. Ford's Petn. for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Aldr. Roger Ford Setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of one House lying on the Northside of St. Laurence Street in the said Town by virtue of a Lease made to Your Petitioners Uncle Aldr. Wm. Forde decd. at the yearly rent of 15s.; That said Lease is within the Rules for renewing and praying a new Lease &c. forth. Which Petition being referred to the Auditors & Viewers & their

Report

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Report thereon being now read It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said House containing in front to the said Street 39 feet for the term of 61 years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £1:10:— and £1:10:— fine on his Surrendering the old Lease & Maps of the said premes to be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

The Doors being opened the Gate Customs of this Corporation were Set up to Cant as usual and were Sold to Aldn. Edwd. Cheshire Senr. and Son the highest bidders for one year to commence the 26th day of October instant at £10.5:— ⅌ Week and ending the 26th day of October 1766 inclusive

Gate Customs

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 17th January 1766

Xmass Genl. Assembly 17 Jan. 1766

Orderd that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowerd to draw on the Treasurer of this Corporation for the sum of two pounds five Shillings and Sixpence to be paid as he shall think fit for the present relief of Thos. Smyth late Serjeant of the Franchises and his Family

Thos. Smyth relieved

Orderd that Mr. Mayor and the Sheriffs be & they are hereby impowerd to draw on the Treasurer of this Corporation for the sum of Twenty two pounds fifteen Shillings to be distributed by them and such other Gentlemen of this Corporation as they shall think proper to call to their assistance to and amongst such poor House-keepers and others in this Town as shall be thought in want of relief at present, the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

Poor Housekeepers &c. relieved

Orderd that the Treasurer do accept for this Corporation the surrender of a Lease of a pair of old Walls joyning the Entrance into St. Peters Church yard now in the possession of John Graham Junr. Esqr. whenever the same shall be tendered by the said John Graham

Surrender of a Lease of old Walls to be accepted from Jno. Graham Junr.

Orderd that his Excellency Francis Seymour Conway Earl of Herfort and Lord Lieutenant of this Kingdom be presented with the Freedom of this Corporation in a Gold Box on his passing through this Town to the North, which is Shortly expected, and that the Treasurer do get one prepared in the usual manner the Cost whereof to be allowed in his Accounts

Earl of Herfort, Lord Lieut. presented with his Freedom, in a Gold Box

Orderd

Orderd that the sum of Ten Guineas apeice be paid to Messrs. Joseph Harpur and Wm. Cleapem Surgeons for their care of the Poor and at the Infirmary in this Town for the ensuing year, the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

2 Surgeons ordd. 10 Gs. apeice

Orderd that the Estimate layd before this Assembly by Mr. George Darley of the City of Dublin Architect for building and finishing a Tholsel for this Corporation pursuant to a Plan and Elevation made by him thereof and approved of at a former Assembly be and the said Estimate is accepted of and agreed to by this Assembly, such alterations however to be made in the prices as shall be thought reasonable by such Master Builders as this Corporation shall lay the said Estimate before, agreeable to a proposal of the said Geo. Darley

Mr. Darley's Estimate for building a Tholsel accepted

Orderd that the Treasurer of this Corporation be and he is hereby impowerd to borrow or take up at interest for the use and in the name of this Corporation the sum of £500 in such manner and on such terms as he shall think most adviseable and to give a proper security for the Same for which he shall be indemnifyed and made secure by this Corporation

£500 to be borrowd at interest

That part of the Marsh of Saint James's situate without St. James Gate in the County of the Town of Drogheda late in the Tenure of Mr. Thomas Winslow as Tenant at Wile to this Corporation which was orderd to be Set by Cant at this Assembly, being accordingly set up to Cant (pursuant to the former Order and an advertisement posted for that purpose) the Same was Set to Thomas Winslow at this Assembly he being the highest bidder for the term of 99 years from Michas last at the yearly rent of £1:11:— ⅌ annm: whereof one half is to be fined off at 14 years purchase and the said Thomas Winslow is to Covenant to Pile or inclose in the Sandy or Waste Slimy Ground lying between the same and low Water mark within the first 3 years and to keep the same so Piled or inclosed in from or near low Water mark during the said term under the penalty of £200

part of the Marsh of St. James Set to Thos. Winslow

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 9th day of April 1766

Easter post Assbly 9 April 1766

Robert Ball Esqr. is Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the room of Edward Meade Esqr. late an Alderman of the same deceased pursuant to an Notice posted for that purpose

Alderman Elected

The same day the said Robert Ball was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation in the room of Edward Meade late an Alderman of the same deceasd pursuant to the above Election

Sworn

At

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Easter Genl. Assembly 11 April 1766

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 11th April 1766

Mayor Elect

Alderman Robert Ball is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the next ensuing year from Michaelmas day next according to the Rule of Succession

Sheriffs Elect

Messrs James Forde and John Ackland are Elected to Serve Sheriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing year from Michs day next

Election Certified

Orderd that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing year be forthwith Certified to the Government for their approbation

Proctors of St Johns

Messrs Oliver Fairthough and Henry Ackland are Elected Proctors of Saint Johns Poor House for three years from this Easter Assembly

Jnº Leigh's Pet. for a Lease

Granted

Upon the Petition of John Leigh Esqr Recorder of this Corporation Setting forth that he is in posession in his own right of a House in West Street which his grand father built in the year 1727 That the said House and background thereto adjoyning partly belong to this Corporation and partly to the Pet.r as his real Estate but are not distinguished by any bounds that can be found of the seperate propertys, nor is there any Entry in the Corporation Books of the date or commencement of the Lease from this Corporation but the rent payable to this Corpn for the same is 15/; That the said House is out of repair which under the circumstances aforesaid he cannot with safety make and the Pet.r proposing in order to avoid any dispute to surrender the whole Premises to this Corporation their granting him a new Lease of the same for 61 years Wherefore Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers & their reports thereon being read at this Assembly It is therefore orderd that the said Pet.r be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said House and Concerns cont.g in front on the Northside 21 feet 3 inches and in depth 317 feet 1 inch for 61 years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £1.10.- on his first surrendering up to this Corporation all his Estate right title and interest of in and to the said premises & Maps to be annexed to the new Leases

Sealing Day

Wednesday the fourth day of June next is appointed a Sealing Day for Corporation Leases

The

£500 borrowed from Alderman Chesshire

The Treasurer having acquainted this Assembly that he hath this day taken up from Alderman Edward Chesshire the Younger the sum of £500 at interest for the use of this Corporation for carrying on the building of the new Tholsel pursuant to an Order of the last General Assembly It is therefore orderd resolved and agreed by this Assembly that the said Sum of £500 shall be and the same is hereby declared & acknowledged to be a Debt due and owing by this Corporation to the said Edwd Chesshire and that the same shall bear interest from this day at the rate of £5 pCent.m pAnn.m

Agreemt for building the Tholsel to be Sealed

Orderd that the Corporation Seal be affixed to a Duplicate of the Articles of agreement to be entered into by Mr George Darley for building of the new Tholsel

Sergeants

Orderd that the Sallary of the two Serjeants at Mace of this Corporation be augmented from £6 to £8 pannum each from Easter last

£50 for a Road

Orderd that any Sum or Sums of Money not to exceed in the whole £50 be paid by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation to Mr Oliver Fairthough & the other Overseers of the great Road beginning at Dulcek Gate and leading to Platin the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Account & to be accounted for by the said Overseers

4 freemen admitted

Thomas Hathorn & Moses Hadfield were admitted free Merchts Joshua Lamprey, Cuttler was admitted a free Blacksmith & Mathew Rupton, Carpenter was admitted a free Carpenter of this Corporation on their Petitions to this Assembly, each of them to pay the usual fees & Sign Instruments

Commons Money

Orderd that the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their names respectively annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one Year comencing at Michas last and ending at Michas next

Pensioners

Rester Clark	2.-	Widw of James Quash	2.-
Widw of Geo. Cooke & Childn	3.-	Martha Betty	1.10
John Cooke	2.10	Mary Staplehill	2.-
Ann Mc Evoy	3.-	John Dixon's Child	1.6
Margt Donnelly & Childn	3.-	Daod Appleyard Wife & Childn	1.17.9
Surs of the Commons	8.-	Edwd Carroll	4.-
Ken. Semple & Wife	4.-	Margt Cain	2.15
Widw Rupton	4.-	Widw of Richd Cooper	2.-
Widw of Rob. Elliott	4.-	Widw of John Wallace	1.5
Widw of Geo. Rencher	4.-	Widw Carr	1.10
Mary Taylor	4.-	Widw of Gregory Gerrard	2.-
Ann Knight	3.-	Widw of George Foster	3.-
Widw of Jnº Ackland	2.10	Widw of Thos Latimer	1.10
Hannah Mc Dowell	3.2.9	Widw of Mathw Marsden	2.-
Jane Cheevers	3.-	Ann Shortell	1.1.8
Ann Evans	2.-	Jane Bleth	2.-
Widw of Jnº Donvile	3.-	Widw Walsh	4.-
Widw Brunton	3.-	Mary Ennis Widw of Faviscut	2.-
Widw of Jnº Collier	3.-	Willm Ash	2.-
Thos Stokes's Childn	2.-	Jane Fisher Widow of James	1.13.9
Edwd Jones's Childn	3.9.6	Mary Smith	1.-
Elinor Griffen	1.10		42.9.2
	£71.2.3		£71.2.3
			£113.11.5

Orderd

Sus: Lyster

Ordered that Susanna Lyster alias North Daughter of Francis North dec.d be paid the sum of thirty Shillings by the Treas.r the same to be allowed in his accots

Wid.w Dotson turned out of the poor House

Ordered that the Widow Deborah Dotson now a Pensioner of St. Johns poor House, be turned out of said House for irregular behaviour, and as she has a sufficiency otherwise to support herself

3 Widows admitted into St. Johns poor House

Margaret Robinson Widow of Leonard Robinson, Jane Wilcocks otherwise Curran Widow, and Elizabeth Credon Widow of Henry Credon upon their Petitions to this Assembly, are admitted into the three present Vacancys in Saint Johns poor House

4 free Men Sworn

1766 May 5.th This day Thomas Hathorn and Moses Hadfield were Sworn free Merchants, Joshua Lamprey, Cutler was Sworn a free Black Smith and Mathew Rupton, Carpenter was Sworn a free Carpenter of this Corporation pursuant to their admittances at last General Assembly paid the usual fees and Signed Instrum.ts

Mid Sumer Gen.l Ass.y 18 July 1766

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the aldermen and Common Council being present the 18.th July 1766

Hugh ONeills Pet.n for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Hugh ONeill of Bettystown in the County of Meath Gent.l setting forth that he lately purchased from John Shepheard of Bettystown aforesaid Esq.r his interest in one Stone House and backyard situate in Harp Lane now called Bessea Well Lane in the Town of Drogheda the fee of which is in Hugh Lyons Esq.r bounded on the East by Corporation Ground, now waste being a narrow Strip lying between the said House & back ground and the Street or Lane leading from Batchelors Lane to the North quay on the West by a yard & premes being also Corpor:ation Ground held by the Pet.r under the said John Shepheard, on the South by Harp Lane otherwise Bessea Well Lane aforesaid & on the North by other Land belonging to the Corporation of Drog:heda and John Leigh Esq.r; That he the said Pet.r hath lately Built a Ware House upon the said premisses so purchased by him and intends to lay out a considerable sum of money in making further improvements thereon, but he has deferr'd the same untill he knows the intention of this Corporation with respect to the said waste strip of Ground lying on the East side between the said premes and the said Street or Lane leading from Batchelors Lane to the North quay which Strip is of little or no value save to him, And proposing to accept of a Lease thereof from this Corporation and Build a hansome dwelling house to front the said Street or Lane leading from

from the said Quay to Batchelors Lane, and to range such new House on a line with the Mayoralty House belonging to this Corporation whereby the said Street or Lane will be widend and more regular Which Petition being referr'd to the Auditors & Viewers & their report thereon being made to this Assembly It is therefore ordered that the said Pet.r be and he is hereby granted a Lease of the said Strip of waast Ground cont.g about 26 ½ feet in length from N. to S. and about 8 feet 5 inches in breadth [illegible] on the South end, and 8 ½ feet in breadth on the North end, for 61 years from Easter last at the yearly rent of 10.l He covenanting to Build the new House which is to be Built partly thereon in the space of three years and to range the front of the same with the Mayoralty House as aforesaid, whereby the said Street or Lane will be made wider and more uniform, Maps of the said Strip to be annexed to such Leases

Granted

Ware Houses in Flint Lane

Ordered that Mr. Mayor and Sheriffs and the Auditors & Viewers do examine into the Titles and terms unexpired of the respective Executors, Tenants or Assignees of Ald.n John Godfrey and Ald.n John Johnson dec.d of in and to two Cellars or Ware Houses situate on the West side of the Street or Lane called Flint Lane leading from the North Quay to Batchelors Lane, and they are hereby impowerd to make such agreements with them for such terms unexpired of the said Concerns which are the Estate of this Corporation, as they the said Mayor, Sheriffs, Auditors & Viewers shall think proper and reasonable, to the end that the said Concerns may be given up to this Corporation and layd open to the said Street or Lane as the late holdings of Ald.n John Graham & Ald.n Isra.l Leigh under this Corporation therein now are, which agreements are to be layd before the General Assembly for their approbation

North quay

Ordered that an Advertisement be posted that a Plan and Estimate for Widening the North quay from the Bridge to the Spur at Ald.n Leigh's House be received from any person inclined to undertake the doing thereof, and that Mr. Mayor upon receiving such Plan and Estimate do call a Speical Assembly if he shall think proper to consider the same

Hen. Leland ord.d 10 Guineas

Upon the Petition of Mathew Magrane late under Tenant to Mr. Hen. Leland for a House & premes adjoyning the Tholsel in West Street setting forth that upon the Pulling down of the old Tholsel the said House was laid open & damaged & the Chimneys thereof intirely taken down It is thereupon ordered by this Assembly that ten Guineas be paid by the Treas.r for accot of this Corporation to the said Hen. Leland agreeable to the report of the Aud.rs & View.rs made on the said Petition, the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

Upon

John Tommin ord.d 10 Guineas

Upon the Petition of John Tommin Seting forth that upon pulling down the old Tholsel his House adjoyning thereto in Shop Street was damaged & the Chimneys thereof taken down It is thereupon orderd by this Assembly that ten Guineas be paid him by the Treasurer for Account of this Corporation agreeable to the Report of the Auditors & Viewers made on the said Petition, the same to be allowed in the Treas.r accot.r

3 free men admitted

James M.c Kinsey, Taylor & Adam Johnston, Perukemaker are admitted free Merchant Taylors, and Brabazon Courtney Flapdresser is admitted a free Commoner of this Corporation upon their several Petitions to this Assembly on their paying the usual fees & Signing Instruments

Charitable fund to relieve the poor

Orderd that any Sum or Sums of Money that shall be deficient upon the closing the Account of the Charitable fund for relief of the Poor of this Town by buying in Oatmeal & selling it out in small quantitys at a low rate during the present Scarcity & dearness of Provisions, be made good by this Corporation, And M.r Mayor is hereby impowered to Sign Orders on the Treasurer for the same for Accot. of this Corp.n

3 free men sworn

The 4.th August 1766 This day James M.c Kinsey & Ad.m Johnston were Sworn free Merch.t Taylors and Brabazon Courtney was Sworn a free member of this Corporation pursuant to their several admittances last Assembly paid the usual fees & Signed Instruments

1766 September 29.th This day the foregoing Acts of Assembly were compared before us and Orderd to be Entered in the Assembly Book as usual, And Ald.n Robert Ball Mayor Elect and Mess.rs James Forde & Jn.o Ackland, Sheriffs Elect were this day Sworn into their respective Offices before us for the ensuing Year pursuant to their Election and the Approbation of his Excellency the Earl of Hertford Lord Lieu.t Gen.l and Gen.l Governor of Ireland — John Ogle, Mayor
Edw.d Hardman, Jun.r John Fairtlough, Sheriffs, Jn.o Jebb, M.r
Tra.s Leigh, George Schoales, Hen. Garstide, Geo. Ackland,
Edw.d Chefshire, Wm. Meade, Roger Ford, Rob.t Ball — ald.n

Mich.s Gen.l Assem.y 10 Oct. 1766

At a General Assembly of the Corporation of Drogheda held before Robert Ball Esq.r Mayor, James Forde & John Ackland Esq.rs Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 10.th day of October 1766.

Mayor Staple

Ald.n George Ackland is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Com.n Coun.l

M.r Edward Hardman Jun.r and M.r John Fairtlough late Sheriff.s are Elected Common Council men and Sworn

Coroners

M.r Edward Hardman Jun.r and M.r John Fairtlough are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year & Sworn

Const.ls Staple

M.r Edward Hardman Jun.r & M.r John Fairtlough are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year & Sworn

Mas.r Guild

Ald.n John Jebb is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens &c.

M.r Henry Ackland and M.r William Gibbons are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Treas.r

M.r William Holmes is Elected Treasurer of this Corporation for the ensuing Year and Sworn; And it is orderd that he and two others do give Security by Bond to M.r Mayor in the Sum of £500 for the due discharge of that Office

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Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshale to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Enquiry about Lands &c.r in poss.n of Papists &c.

Orderd that the Mayor & Sheriffs and the Auditors & Viewers and any other Gentlemen of the Corporation that can give any advice or information to them be and they are hereby directed and impowered to enquire into the State and circumstances of all Lands and Houses belonging to this Corporation that are now in the Possession of Papists or other persons not legally intitled thereto and that they report their opinion thereon to the next General Assembly or to a special Assembly if M.r Mayor shall think proper to call the same

Water Customs

Orderd that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the ensuing Year by M.r Daniel Kelly the Collectors Clerk on the same terms they were collected by him last year

Cleansing Streets &c

Orderd that M.r Mayor be and he is hereby impowerd to Contract with such persons as he shall think proper for Carrying away the Dirt and Soil out of the Streets and Lanes of this Town for the ensuing Year from the 22.d day of November next; And that such Contracts be made

pursuant

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pursuant to the late Act of Parliament for that purpose

New Tholsel

The Auditors and Viewers are requested to inspect into the Building of the new Tholsel now carrying on by Mr. Darley and that they take care the same be properly and well executed, And they or any other Gentlemen of this Corporation are requested to report to Mr. Mayor and the Assembly any thing that they shall find improper or wrong

Answer relative to the Vicars Chorals

Ordered that Mr. Mayor do put the Corporation Seal to the answer of this Corporation to the Information of his Majesties Attorney General relative to the Vicars Chorals money, which Answer Mr. Recorder prepared a Draft of & laid before this Assembly

Town Pumps

Ordered that John Coleman who is at present paid the sum of £10 a year for keeping the two Cross pumps in order, be paid the further sum of £5 a year from Michaelmas last for keeping the new Pump in order which was lately erected in Magdalen Street near the Bound by this Corporation

Application of Eph.m Cuthbert Vicar S.t Peters for a Lease

Upon the Application of the Rev.d Eph.r Cuthbert Vicar of Saint Peters in writing to this Assembly setting forth that it was sometime ago ordered by this Corporation that on Mr. Graham Jun.r resigning a Lease of a waste peice of Ground at the entrance of Saint Peters Church Yard, it should be granted to the Parish for forming a more elegant & commodious passage to the Church which cannot be effected without at the same time part of his (Mr. Cuthberts) property being converted to the same purpose, which he is willing to give up upon being granted a waste Strip of Ground lying betuixt his present holding from this Corporation and the Sextons Garden, which is at present a Common Nusance and was lately presented as such: And upon the Report of the late Mayor and Sheriffs thereon, and also upon the resignation or Surrender of the said Mr. Graham of the said Lease It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Mr. Cuthbert be and he is hereby granted a Lease of the said Waste Strip of Ground lying between his present holding from this Corporation & the Sextons Garden and to his Successors the Vicars of Saint Peters for 999 Years from Mich.as last at 6.d p.ann: on his accommodating the Parish with as much of his other holding from this Corporation as shall be wanted to make the entrance to the Church Elegant and commodious with the waste Ground Surrendered by Mr. Graham

Granted

Upon

Thos. Winslow's Pet.n

Upon the Petition of Thomas Winslow Seting forth that he lately took a Lease from this Corporation of part of the Marsh of St. James in which Lease there is a mistake, the same not demising so much Ground as was intended to be Set by this Corporation and upon the Report of the Auditors and Viewers thereon It is therefore resolved and agreed by this Assembly that the said Lease Demises all that was intended to be set or that was Set by this Corporation to the said Thomas Winslow, and that there is not any error or mistake therein

Resolution thereon

Report about Warehouses in Flint Lane to be purchased & thrown down to widen said Lane

Upon the Report of the late Mayor and Sheriffs & the Auditors and Viewers to this Assembly relative to two Warehouses in Flint Lane pursuant to an order of the last July General Assembly & upon reading thereof It is ordered by this Assembly agreeable to the said Report that John Godley Esq.r present possessor of one of the said Warehouses or Cellars upon his surrendering to this Corporation the present Lease thereof whereof there is 22 years unexpired from Easter last (being made by this Corporation to Ald.n John Godfrey dec.d for 61 years from Easter 1727) Be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of a House and Concerns in St. Laurence Street (demised in the same Lease with the said Warehouse) at the yearly rent of £3 being the present rent reserved by the old Lease for both concerns, for 61 years from Michaelmas last; And it is further ordered that the Excors or Representatives of John Orson dec.d the present possessors of the other Warehouse or Cellar in said Lane, under a Lease made thereof by this Corporation to Ald.n John Johnson dec.d for 61 years from Easter 1712 at 17/6 p.ann: upon their surrendering the same to this Corporation be and are hereby granted a new Lease of several Cabbins and Gardens in Sunday Street for 61 years from Michaelmas last at the yearly rent of 5/ p.ann: which is the present rent Reserved thereout by a Lease made to the said John Johnson by this Corporation for 61 years from Easter 1726; And it is further ordered by this Assembly that Mr. Mayor & Sheriffs and the Auditors and viewers be and they are hereby impowered to agree with the under Tenants of the said Godley and Orsons Excors for the immediate possession of the said Warehouses or Cellars in order that they be thrown down to widen the said Flint Lane or Street for the convenience of the Publick

Report relative to Works conducted by Ham: Bury

Upon the Report of the late Mayor & Sheriffs & the Auditors and Viewers to this Assembly relative to the Accounts of Mr. Hamilton Bury for Works which he Conducted for this Corporation It appears that he received from the Treasurer at different times by Several orders £728 and that there were Several other orders paid by the Treasurer to different persons to the amount of £56.4.1 which with £23:6:10½ received by Mr. Bury for old materials Sold by him

makes

to wit, makes in all £807:10:11½, which appears to be expended by him as follows viz.t For Work and Materials taking

Town Wall down and rebuilding part of the Town Wall between Sundays Gate and WestGate £48:17:7½; For Work and Materials wall=ing in and making the New Quay called the Corn Quay in Dyer=

Corn Quay Street at the foot of Stockwell Lane £590:19:11¾; and for Work and Materials pulling down the old Tholsel £150.....¾

Tholsel amounting to £789.17.8 which with £17:13:3½ being the Ballance remaining in Mr. Bury's hands makes in all the above Sum of £807:10:11½; Upon reading of which Report the same is allowed and agreed to And it is orderd by this Assembly that Mr. Bury be paid the Sum of £39:4:2½ to make up with the above Ballance in his hands of £17:13:3½ the Sum of Fifty Guineas, as a Gratuity for his Care and trouble in overseeing and conducting the said Several Works, the said Sum of £39:4:2½ to be allowed in the Treasurers Acco.ts upon Mr. Burys Receipt for the same

2 freemen admitted Henry Coddington Gent.n is admitted a free member and Wm. Fewtrell Shoemaker is admitted a free Shoemaker of this Corporation on their Petitions to this Assembly, on their paying the usual fees & signing Instruments

Gate Customs The Doors being opened the Gate Customs were set up to Cant as usual, and were set to Ald.n Chesshire, for one Year from the 26.th October instant to the 26.th October next (1767) at £10:15:- ⅌ Week, payable every four Weeks and he entered into Bonds for the same accordingly

Special Assembly 13 Oct. 1766 At a Special Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 13.th October 1766

Ald.n Jn.o Ogle Elected & sworn a Justice of the Peace Alderman John Ogle is Elected a Justice of the Peace for the County of the Town of Drogheda in the room of Edward Meade Esq.r late an Alderman of this Corporation Dec.d and a Justice of the peace for the said Town and County, and the said John Ogle was Sworn a Justice of the peace accordingly

2 freemen Sworn The Same day Henry Coddington Gent. was Sworn a free Memb.r & Wm. Fewtrell Shoemaker was Sworn a free Shoemaker of this Corporation pursuant to their admittances last General Assembly paid the usual fees and Signed Instruments

At

Xmass post Ass.ly 14 Jan. 1767 At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 14.th January 1767

2 Aldermen Elected & sworn Mr. John Marshall is Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the room of Edward Chesshire the Elder late an alderman of the same dec.d And Mr. Edward Hardman the Younger is Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the room of Townley Patten late an Alderman of the same dec.d pursuant to an Notice posted for that purpose, and the said John Marshall and Edward Hardman being called in were both Sworn Aldermen of this Corporation accordingly

Xmass Gen.l Ass.ly 16 Jan. 1767 At a General Assembly held Before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 16.th January 1767

Mich.l Richardson orderd £30 Upon the Petition of Mich.l Richardson Carpenter Seting forth that he in the years 1763, 1764 and 1766 at different times by the directions of the Gent.n of this Corporation made Plans &c. of a Tholsel, and was employed 28 Weeks in carrying on & conducting the execution of the foundations and Vaults of the new Tholsel now building, for all which he never received any payment; And upon the Report of the Auditors and Viewers to whom the said Petition was referred It is orderd by this Assembly that the said Michael Richardson be paid the Sum of Thirty pounds by the Treasurer in full for the said Work and all other demands against this Corporation the same to be allowed in the Treas.rs Accounts

a freeman admitted Andrew McEvoy upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation on paying the usual fees and Signing an Instrument

2 Surgeons ord.d 10 Gs. each Mess.rs Joseph Harpur and William Cleapem Surgeons are by this Assembly orderd the Sum of ten Guineas each for their Care and attendance of the Poor of this Town that require their assistance for the ensuing Year the same to be paid them by the Treasurer and to be allowed in his acco.ts

Directors of the Watch ord.d £10 ayear Orderd that the Directors of the Watch of this Town be paid the Sum of £10 ayear by the Treasurer from Michas last, to be paid by them to such person or persons as they shall think proper to employ to assist the Constables to Shut and open the Gates and on other occasions, the same to be allowed in his acco.ts

Drumer ord.d £6 ayear Orderd that Thomas Dotson, Drumer be paid the sum of Six pounds ayear by the Treasurer from Michs last during the pleasure of this Corporation for his attendance at the Watch House as hitherto, the same to be allowed in the Treasurers acco.ts

Orderd

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Gratuity of 3 Gs ord: Watchmen

Ordered that Mr. Mayor & Sheriffs be and they are hereby impowered to draw or Sign Orders on the Treasurer for account of this Corporation for any Sum not exceeding three Guineas to be paid to the Directors of the Watch, to be by them distributed to any one or more of the Watchmen for their late good behav.r and conduct in preserving the publick peace of this Town

Manninore ord.d to be Surveyed

Ordered that the Auditors & Viewers be and they are hereby directed and required to cause an exact Survey to be made of that part of the Lands of Manninore belonging to this Corporation, now in the possession of the Earl of Bective and his under Tenants and that they lay the same before the next July General Assembly of this Corporation

the 2.d paym.t of £350 for building the Tholsel ord.d to Mr. Darley

£400 borrowd from Ald.r Cheshire, at Interest for which with £500 before borrowd from him Bonds are ord.d to be perfected by Mr. Mayor

The Treasurer having acquainted this Assembly that he hath been lately applyed to by Mr. George Darley for the sum of £350 being the second payment to be made him for building the new Tholsel now carrying on by him for this Corporation It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to take up and borrow at interest from Ald.r Edward Cheshire the Sum of £400, and the same is hereby acknowledged and declared to be a Debt due and owing by this Corporation to the said Edward Cheshire and shall bear interest from this day at £5 p.r Cent: And it is ordered that the said Sum of £350 be forthwith paid to the said George Darley thereout And it is further ordered by this Assembly that Bonds by way of Debentures for £100 each be perfected by Mr. Mayor under the Seal of this Corporation to the said Alder.n Cheshire for the said £400 and for the Sum of £500 before borrowed from him for the same purpose, the interest of the said £500 to be paid off to this day so as that the whole £900 may bear interest from the same day And it is also further ordered by this Assembly that Abstracts of such Bonds or Debentures (a Copy whereof was laid before and approved of by this Assembly) be enterd by the Town Clerk in the White parchment Book and that he Attest the execution thereof

Wid.r Metcalfe admitted into the poor House

Alice Metcalfe Widow upon her Petition to this Assembly is admitted into the present Vacancy in St. Johns poor House

a free member Sworn

1767 April 27.th This day Andrew M.c Evoy was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees & signed the Instrument

At

Easter Gen.l Ass.ly 1 May 1767

At a Generale Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 1.st day of May 1767

Mayor Elect

Alderman John Marshall is Elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing year from Michaelmas day next according to the Rule of Succession

Sheriffs Elect

Anthony Marshall and John Graham Jun.r Esq.r are Elected to Serve Sheriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing Year

Certified

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing Year be forthwith Certified to the Government for their approbation

Rec.r of Com.n Rents

Mess.rs William Norman and Ab.m Knight are Elected Receivers of the Rents of the Commons for three Years from this Easter Assembly

Franchises to be Perambulated

Ordered that on Whit Sun Tuesday next the Franchises of this Corporation be Perambulated according to ancient Custom, by Mr. Mayor and Sheriffs attended by the Officers of this Corporation and by the Master and Wardens of each Fraternity and such other Freemen of this Corporation as shall Chuse

Report of the late Treas.r Gs Accounts

The following Report being laid before this Assembly was agreed to and approved off and it is Ordered that the same be entered amongst the acts of this Assembly and is as follows

A Report from the Mayor & Sheriffs and the Auditors & Viewers of the Corporation of Drogheda to the General Assembly upon their Settleing the Corporation Accounts with William Meade Esq.r late Treasurer on the 16.th day of April 1767

Ballc.e paid the pres.t Treas.r

late Treas.r Released

We have examined and Settled the Accounts of this Corporation with the late Treasurer William Meade Esq.r for two Years Rents ending Easter 1766, two Years Gate and Water Customs ended October 1766, and for the fines & Seals of Leases, and the fines of Freemen admitted and Sworn from Michs 1764 to Michs 1766 all payable to this Corporation and also for the Disbursements paid by him for the use of the Corporation for two Years ended Michas 1766 during the Mayoraltys of Ald.n John Jebb and Ald.n John Ogle & we Compared and examined the several Vouchers and orders of the said Accounts which we find to be just and right and the Ballance thereon due by him to this Corporation being £219:14:11.p was by him paid over to William Holmes the present Treas.r for the use of this Corporation Wherefore we are of Opinion a Release should be given by this Corporation to the said William Meade to discharge him from all demands concerning his said Accounts We must observe that there is an arrear of Rent returned outstanding and due at Easter 1766 in the said Accounts against Mr. James Sandiford of £50:19:9, which if not immediately paid we think should be Sued for at Law, and that be brought for recovery of the Sev.l Concerns he holds

arrear due by Jas. Sandiford

under

under this Corporation; And we are of Opinion that if any Tenant of the Corporation suffers himself to be more than a years Rent in arrear that Ejectments should be immediately brought and Served against such Tenant without further directions from the Corporation, and this we think should be a Standing Order or Rule for the direction of the Treasurer.

Ten.ts not to be suffer'd to run in Arrear, or Ejected

We are of opinion that the two persons employed by this Corp.n for keeping the Town clear of strange Beggars and the Streets free from Swine and doing other business by order of the Magistrates for which they are paid £15:12:- yearly, are so far from doing their Duty and the Works they are directed to do, that they encourage and licence foreign Beggars to sit down here, to the loss of the real poor of the Town & burthen of the Inhabitants, and with great submission hope they may be discharged by order of this Assembly and that Mr. Mayor may provide to properer persons in their places.

Bang Beggars to turned out & others provided

We are of Opinion that the £6.— yearly allowed to Ald.n Sheils's Daughters should be discontinued from this Easter Assembly as they are now grown up & able to earn their bread; We find a charge of £3:2:11 for Boards got from Mr. John Hathorn to make a Pillory when Thomas M.Ardle was Pillored lately, but cannot get any Account of what became of them since, and think the Bridwellkeeper should have the care of them, that the Corporation should not be put to such an expence on every occasion of that kind.

Pension paid to Ald.n Sheil's Daurs discontinued

Pillory to be put in Care of the Bridwellkeeper

We also Examined and Settled an Account of the Fund established by the late Dean Cox for puting the sons of Freemen apprentices and find the same just and right, the Ballance thereon being £81:10:- was paid over by the said William Meade the late Treas.r to the said Wm. Holmes the prest. Treas.d for the uses of the said Charitable fund, the Justices of the peace of this Corp.n being the Trustees for the disposal and managem.t thereof. Witness our hands the day and Year first within Written.

Acco.t of Dean Cox's Charity Settled

Test

Rob.t Ball, Mayor. - James Forde, John Ackland, Sheriffs, Fra.s Leigh, Edw.d Norman, Geo. Schoales, Wm. Norman, Edw.d Hardman, John Jebb, Auditors & Viewers

Upon the Petition of Ald.n Edw.d Hardman setingforth that he is in possession in his own right of a Lease made by this Corporation to his father Ald.n George Hardman dec.d of one small Strip of Land now in two Lots cont.g 1.a 1.r 29.p without Toll Gate on Meathside, also

Ald.n E. Hardman's Petition for a Lease

also a Mault House and Garden now Tenements and Gardens in Fair Street for 61 years from Michs 1707 at the yearly Rent of 7/6d.

That he is also possesst in his own right of another Lease made by this Corporation to Henry Singleton Esq.r Administrator of the said George Hardman dec.d of one House and backside in Shop Street on the East side thereof for the term of 61 years from Easter 1727 at the yearly rent of £4.—; That the first mentioned Lease is within the Rules for renewing, and the House in Shop Street in a ruinous Condition and praying a new Lease of the said premisses for 61 years. Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being read It is thereupon orderd by this Assembly that the said Edw.d Hardman be and he is hereby granted one new Lease of all the said Premisses for 61 years from Easter last at the yearly rent of £4:10:- and £4:10:- fine, on his surrendering the said two old Leases and Covenanting to Rebuild the House in Shop Street in two years from the commencement of the said new Lease, and Maps of the said Premisses to be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Upon the Petition of Ald.n Fra.s Leigh setingforth that he is in possession in his own right of one parcel of Ground on which Stands a Thatched dwelling house in St. James's Street next the Gate with the background thereunto belonging which premisses were demised by this Corporation to Geo. Delahoyd Merch.t dec.d for Eight Score years at the Rent of 5/- That it does not appear either by the Deeds relative thereto in your Petitioners hands or by the Corporation Books when the said Lease commenced and therefore praying (to prevent disputes hereafter) a new Lease for 61 years. Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being made It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Premisses in his own name for 61 years from Easter last, at the yearly rent of 5/- on his surrendering all his Interest thereto derived under the said old Lease Maps of the premisses to be annexed to the new Lease

Ald.n Leigh's Pet.n for a Lease

Granted

Upon the Petition of Ald.n Roger Ford Setingforth that he is in possession in his own right of a House Backside and Garden on the south side of John Street, two Tenements and Gardens on the old Corn Markett Hill by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to his father Ald.n Rob.t Ford dec.d for the term of 61 years from Easter 1732 at the yearly Rent of 11/. That the improvements which were made on the said premisses on the old Corn Markett Hill were lately destroyed by an accidental fire and the other parts of the said Premisses are much out of repair and therefore praying for his encouragement to improve a new Lease of the said Premisses for 61 years years in his

Ald.n Ford's Pet.n for a Lease

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his own Name — Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Roger Ford be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said several Concerns for 61 years from Easter last, at the yearly Rent of 15/ and 15/ fine, on his surrendering the old Lease, Maps to be annexed to the new Lease, and he Covenanting to Rebuild the Houses which were burned on the old Corn Market in the two first years of the said new Lease

Granted

Upon the Petition of Wm Holmes, Common Councilman setingforth that he is in possession in his own right of a House & premisses on the Northside of St Laurence Street by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Wm Ford late an Alderman of the same dec.d for 61 years from Michaelmas 1719 at the yearly Rent of £1.—, That the said House is very much out of order, but the term unexpired too Short by said Lease for him to expend the money which is requisite for the improvement thereof and therefore praying a new Lease for 61 years. Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said William Holmes be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said House and Premisses in his own Name for 61 years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £1:10:— & £1:10:— fine, on his Surrendering the old Lease and Maps of the said Premisses to be annexed to the new Leases

Wm Holmes's Petn for a Lease

Granted

William Brown, Samuel Austin and Patrick M.Entegart are admitted free Merchants, John Andrews, Staymaker is admitted a free Taylor, and John Ironton is admitted a free Baker on their several Petitions to this Assembly upon their paying the usual fees and signing Instruments

5 free Men admitted

Thursday the fourth day of June next is appointed a Sealing Day for Corporation Leases

Sealing Day

Ordered

Ordered that the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their Names respectively annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one Year commencing from Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next

Com.n Rents

Pensioners

Hester Clark	2—	Mary Staplehill	2—
Widw of Geo. Cooke	2—	Jn.o Dixon's Child	1:6
John Cooke	2:10:—	Dav.d Appleyard Wife &c.a	2:17:9
Ann M.cEvoy	3—	Edw.d Carroll	4—
Marg.t Donnelly & Child.n	3—	Marg.t Cain	2:15:—
Furs of the Commons	8:—:—	Widw of Rich.d Cooper	2—
Hen. Simple & Wife	4:—:—	Widw of Jn.o Wallace	1:5
Widw Repton	4:—:—	Widw Carr	1:10
Widw of Rob. Elliott	4:—:—	Widw of Greg. Gerrard	2—
Widw of Geo. Rencher	4:—:—	Widw of Geo. Foster	3—
Mary Taylor	4:—:—	Widw of Thos Latimer	1:10:—
Widw of Jn.o Ackland	2:10:—	Widw of Math: Marsden	2—
Hannah M.cDowell	3:2:9	Ann Shortell	1:1:8
Jane Cheevers	1:10:—	Jane Blith	2:—:—
Ann Evans	2:—:—	Widw Walsh	4—
Widw of Jas Domville	3—	Widw of Fairfax Ennis	2—
Widw Brunton	3—	Will.m Ash	2—
Widw of Jn.o Collier	3—	Widw of Jas Fisher	1:13:9
Edw.d Jones's Child.n	3:9:6	Mary Smith	2—
Elinor Griffin	1:10—	Eliz.th Sheils Widw	2:10—
Widw of Jas Quash	2—	Hen. Hughes	3—
Martha Betty	1:10:—		46:9:2
	£67:2:3		67:2:3
			£113:11:5

Mary Tewtrell upon her Petition is admitted into the present Vacancy in St Johns Poor House

a Widow admitted into the poor House

Ordered that the new Corn Quay at the foot of Stockwell Lane in Dyer Street and also the Brown Causey in Stockwell Lane be Paved at the expence of this Corporation as soon as conveniently may be & Mr. Mayor is hereby impowerd to Sign Orders on the Treasurer for the Costs thereof which is to be allowed in his Accounts

Corn Quay & Stockwell Lane to be Paved

Ordered that Mr. Mayor & Sheriffs & the Aud.rs & View.rs be & they are hereby impowerd to treat for and agree with Mr. Recorder for an Exchange of Ground in the Mayoralty Street formerly called Flint Lane, by giving the Strip of Ground adjoyning said Lane the Estate of this Corporation to him, in exchange for a Strip of Ground at the rere of his House in Batchelor Lane, his Estate, so as that the said Mayoralty Street may be made to run Streight from the Mayoralty House to Batchelor Lane

Ground to be exchanged in the Mayoralty Street to make it Streight

Mr.

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Thos. Omer, ord. 5 Gs.

Mr. Thomas Omer upon his Memorial to this Assembly is orderd to be paid the Sum of Five Guineas by the Treasurer for his trouble in making Plans &c. of a Tholsel and Market House and other Work some time ago, the same to be allowed in the Treas.r accots.

Money to be granted for Roads &c. to be accounted for on Oath.

Ordered that every Sum of Money to be granted by this Corporation for repairing of any of the great Roads or Bridges in this County, be not paid by the Treasurer untill the Work be done and fairly accounted for on Oath, before a Justice of the Peace of this County

1767 June 4th. This day William Brown, Samuel Austin and Patk. M.Entegart were Sworn free Merchants,

5 free men Sworn

John Andrews was Sworn a free Taylor & John Ironton was Sworn a free Baker of this Corporation pursuant to their several Admittances last General Assembly paid the usual fees and Signed Instruments

Mid Summer Gen.l Assy. 17 July 1767

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 17th. day of July 1767

Ground exchanged with Mr. Recorder Leigh in Mayoralty Street

Upon a Report made to this Assembly by Mr. Mayor & Sheriffs and the Auditors and Viewers relative to an exchange of Ground in the Mayoralty Street with Mr. Recorder in pursuance of an Order of the last Assembly It is now orderd by this Assembly that the said Recorder John Leigh Esqr. upon taking down so much of the East end of his House on the Northend of the Mayoralty Street formerly called Flint Lane so as to range the said House in a line with the front of the Mayoralty House and the new Built House at the Eastend of Harps Lane be and he is hereby granted the peice of waste Ground that lyes between the said new Built House at the East end of Harps Lane and his said House at the Northend of the Mayoralty Street turning into Batchelors Lane, and also the fee farm rent of 6/8 payable by him to this Corporation for the Eastend of his said House, which is to be so taken down, the said Strip of waste Ground & fee farm Rent

Rent to be granted to him on the expiration or other sooner determination of his present under Tenants Lease of the said House, when he is to take down the Eastend thereof as aforesaid the expence of Pulling down rebuilding and paving to be paid equally by him and this Corporation

Ald.n Norman's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.n Edw.d Norman setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of two parks of Land in the Yellow Batter without Sundays Gate and a House and Garden in Magdalen Street in Drogheda by virtue of a Lease made thereof by this Corporation to his father William Norman late an Alderman of the same dec.d for the term of 61 years from Easter 1713 at the yearly rent of £1:3:4½; That the said House in Magdalen Street is in a very ruinous condition and must be rebuilt and the said Lease within a few years of being expired and praying a new Lease and so forth Which Petition being referrd to the Auditors & Viewers and their report thereon being read It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Premises the Land cont.g 6a:0r:4p and the House and Garden being 24½ feet in front and 62½ feet deep for the term of 61 years from Easter last at the yearly rent of £3.— & on paying £3.— fine, the old Lease to be surrendered & Maps of the premes to be annexed to the new Lease

Granted

Ald.n Jn.o Ogle's Petition for Leases

Upon the Petition of Ald.n John Ogle setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of a House & premes on the Northside of Fair Street and also of a park in the Green Batter called Brians Park by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to his father Ald.n Henry Ogle dec.d for 61 years from Michs 1756 at the yearly rent of £5; And also of another peice of Ground in the said Street adjoyning the above mentd. premises by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to the Rte Honble Henry Singleton dec.d for 61 years from Michs 1759 at the yearly rent of 5/— That the Petr. did some time ago apply to your Worships for a longer term of the said premises in Fair Street in consideration of the improvements he made thereon and your Worships upon such application did order that the said Premises in Fair Street should be granted to him in one new Lease for 61 years from Easter 1765 at the yearly Rent of £3.5.— And that the Park should be granted to him by another new Lease for the remainder of the term unexpired thereof being 53 years from Michs 1765 at the yearly Rent of £2.— But such new Leases were not executed by reason your Petitioner was Mayor of this Corporation the then next Sealing Day and would not seal said new Leases to himself That your Petitioner hath already layd out a very considerable sum of Money in building of dwelling Houses on the said premises in

Fair Street

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Fair Street with a view more to improve and ornament that part of the Town then through a lucrative motive having bearly the interest thereout of the principal sum which he expended on said Houses, And your Petitioner is now rebuilding the Capital House on said premisses (in which his Grand father and father dwelt and wherein himself served two years Mayor of this Corporation) with Hewn Stone on a very extensive Costly Plan to finish which he computes will require the sum of £2000, or upwards, That the said House is intended for his own use, and were he to let it he beleives he woud not get a Rent for it, equivelent to the interest of the money it will Cost, nor woud he expend so large a Sum thereon, but thro' a motive of improveing the said Premisses for his own residence, & hoping your Worships will grant him a longer term thereof, And praying such a Lease of the said Premisses in Fair Street as is usually given by the Corporation of the City of Dublin in the like cases for the encouragement of Building or such other term as to your Worships shall seem met from Easter last at £3-5— yearly & so forth — Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being now read It is therefore order'd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted (in consideration of the great expence he is at in improving said Premisses) a new Lease of said premisses in Fair Street for 99 Years from Easter last, and for the life of the Person who at the expiratn. of the said term shall then be intitled to the same on his or her application to this Corporation in one year for a Grant of the same for his or her life at the present yearly rent of £3-5—, And also another Lease of the said Park for the term now unexpired thereof agreeable to the late Order made by this Corporation at the yearly rent of £2—, on his surrendering the two old Leases, Maps to be annexed to the new Leases respectively —

Granted

Upon the Petition of Aldn. John Ogle Seting forth that he is in possession in his own right of a Lease dated the 8th. December 1707 made by this Corporation to his grand father James Meade late an Alderman of the same decd. for 61 years from Easter then last, of three parks without Sundays Gate lying near Pages Mill in the Liberties of Drogheda contg. 14 Acres more or less at the yearly rent of £3:10— And that the said Lease is near expired and within the Rules for

Aldn. Jno. Ogle's Petn. for a Lease

Renewal

Renewall and praying a new Lease thereof and so forth — Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon, as also a Map of the said premisses being laid before this Assembly It is therefore order'd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Premisses containing by a late Survey 15 a: 0 r: 10 p for 61 years from Easter last at £7:10:— yearly rent and £7:10:— fine, on Surrendering the old Lease, Maps of the said Premisses to be annexed to the new Lease —

Granted

Paul Parker Watchmaker is admitted a free Smith & Thoms. McCartney, Innholder is admitted a free Member of this Corporation on their Several Petitions to this Assembly on their paying the usual fees and signing Instruments —

2 free men admitt'd

Order'd that the Treasurer do pay Aldn. Edwd. Chesshire four Guineas being so much expended by him for the Year ended Michaelmas last for puting out and taking in the Tables &c. of the Linen Markett, and that he be paid the same yearly from that time during the pleasure of this Corporation the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts —

4 Gs. ordd. for Linen Markett yearly

Tuesday the first day of September next is appointed a Sealing Day for Corporation Leases —

Sealing Day

Order'd that unless the arrears of Rent due to this Corporation by Mr. James Sandiford for his Several holdings to Easter last be paid off before the next General Assembly an Ejectment be brought against him for recovery of the same —

Arrears of Rent due by James Sandiford

Order'd that a proper State of the Case relative to the House in West Street called the old Shambles Leased by this Corporation to Aldn. Gerrard decd. and now in the possession of Oliver Bird or his Representatives for which no rent hath been paid for Several Years be drawn up and layd before Mr. Recorder for his Opinion, How this Corporation shall proceed to obtain the same? —

Old Shambles in West Street

At the request of Aldn. Fras. Leigh praying that Mr. Mayor be authorized to affix the Corporation Seal to two Memorials of two Leases made to him by this Corporation of the first and Second Lots of the Lands of Killaneer dated 4th. April 1738 which he took by publick Cant in order that he may have the said Leases

2 Memorials of Leases to be Sealed for Aldn. Leigh —

Registerd

Registerd It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to sign the Seal of this Corporation to such Memorials that the said Frans. Leigh may Register said Leases at his own expence

Houses on the South Quay to be purchasd and pulled down to enlarge s. Quay

Orderd that the Town Clerk do give Notice to Aldr. John Graham and his Assignee that this Corpn. do intend taking into their possession at Michas 1768 all those two Houses or Tenements with the Office or Warehouse at the back of them all lying on the South Quay adjoyning the South East end of the Bridge in Order to enlarge the said Quay for the convenience of the publick, and that he or his Assignee shall be paid by this Corporation ten Years purchase for the proffit Rent reserved to the s. Graham out of the said Premisses, and will abate 20s yearly from that time of the Rent reserved by the Lease made by this Corporation of the said premisses with other Denominations to the said Graham pursuant to the Covenant contained in the said Lease

2 freemen sworn

1767 September 28th. This Day Paul Parker, and Thomas M.Cartney were Sworn free of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last Assembly, paid the usual fees and Signed Instruments

Acts Compared

1767 September 29th. This Day the foregoing Acts of Assembly were compared before us, & orderd to be Enterd in the Assembly Book; And Aldr. Jas. Marshall, Mayor Elect, and Antl. Marshall & John Graham Junr. Esqrs. Sheriffs Elect were this Day Sworn into their Respective Offices before us for the ensuing Year pursuant to their Election and the Approbation of Government

And Signed

Robt. Ball, Mayor, Geo. Ackland, M.S.
Frans. Leigh, Jere: Smith, John Ogle, Will. Meade,
Roger Ford — James Forde } Shers.
John Ackland }

Miths Genl. Assly 9 Oct. 1767

Corporation of Drogheda, Michaelmas General Assembly held the 9th. day of October 1767 Before James Marshall Esq. Mayor, Anthony Marshall and John Graham Esqrs. Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present

Mayor Staple

Alderman George Ackland is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Comn. Coun:

Messrs. James Forde and John Ackland late Sheriffs are Elected Common Councilmen and Sworn

Coroners

Messrs. James Forde and John Ackland are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Consts. Staple

Messrs. James Forde and John Ackland are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Mas. Guild

Alderman John Ogle is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens

Alderman Edwd. Hardman Junr. and Mr. John Fairtough are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Treas.r

Mr. Wm. Holmes is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Orderd that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Daniel Helly the Collectors Clerk on the same terms they were Collected by him last Year

Dirt & s.

Orderd that Mr. Mayor be & he is hereby impowerd to Contract with such persons as he shall think proper for carrying away the Dirt and Soil out of the Streets and Lanes of this Town for the ensuing from the 22d. day of November next, and that such Contracts be made pursuant to the late Act of Parliament for that purpose

Widw. Metcalfe

Orderd that the Widow of Wm. Metcalfe late Goaler and Marshall of this Corporation be paid the Sum of Five pounds by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation in consideration of the faithfull discharge of his Duty in the said several Offices under this Corporation and of her extream poverty

Green Hills Bridge

Orderd that Mr. Mayor do Sign an Order on the Treas.r for one moiety of the expence of repairing and widening Green Hills Bridge being the mearing Bridge between this Town & County and the County of Louth

Orderd

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Roads to be repaired

Ordered that Mr. Mayor & Sheriffs do order the great Road from WestGate to the Bridge at the mearing between this County of the Town and the Lands of Mell in the County of Lowth to be repaired in such manner as they shall Judge proper, and that Mr. Mayor do Sign an Order on the Treasurer for the expence thereof And that the Road from Blind Gate to the Strand be repaired and that part of it which is not inclosed with Walls be layd open Twenty one feet wide in the clear pursuant to an Act of Parliament, And that Mr. Mayor do Sign an Order on the Treasurer for the expence of doing thereof

Assemblys to be held in the forenoons instead of afternoons

Ordered that for the future the post & General Assemblys of this Corporation be held in the forenoons instead of the afternoons, and that the hour of meeting be at ten o'clock in the forenoon, so as to be able to proceed to Business by the hour of Eleven o'clock at said Assemblys respectively

£350 borrowed from Mr. Barlow, towards build.g the Tholsel

Ordered that the Sum of Three hundred & fifty pounds be borrowed by this Corporation from Mr. Alth: Barlow, to be paid to Mr. George Darley being the third payment for building the Tholsel and that Bonds or Debentures be passed to her under the Corporation Seal by Mr. Mayor to bear interest at 5 p.C.t p.Ann: in like manner as those lately passed for the money already borrowed by this Corporation for the said Work

£20 ord.d the late Sheriffs for transports

Ordered that the late Sheriffs Mess.rs Ja.s Forde & John Ackland be paid the Sum of Twenty pounds Ster.g for transporting four Convicts pursuant to Warrants from the Judges of Assize during their Sheriffry the same to be allowed in the Treasurers accounts

3 freemen admitted

John Apperoon Breechesmaker is admitted a free Baker, Joseph Lane, Shoemaker is admitted a free Shoemaker, and John Fleming Stationer is admitted a free Merchant on their Several Petitions to this Assembly on their paying the usual fees & sign.g Instrum.ts

The

Gate Customs

The Doors being Opened the Gate Customs were Set up to Lett & Set to Alderman Edward Chichester for one Year from the 26.th October instant to the 26.th October next (1768) inclusive at £10:16:— p.r Week, payable every four Weeks and he perfected Bonds for the same

3 freemen Sworn

1767 October 12.th This day John Apperson, Joseph Lane and John Fleming were Sworn free of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees & Signed Instruments

Extraord.y Gen.l Assem.ly 15 Jan.y 1768

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 15.th Day of January 1768

Goal repaired

Ordered that Mr. Mayor and Sheriffs and the Auditor & Viewers be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine into the repairs necessary to be done in the Goal, and that they cause the same to be done at the charge of this Corporation

Ald.n Wm Ogle to be repaid £5:15:10

Ordered that the Sum of Five pounds fifteen Shillings & ten pence disbursed by Ald.n Wm Ogle one of the Justices of the peace of this Corporation to Constables & other persons for exerting themselves in apprehending of Felons be repaid him by the Treasurer and allowed in his accounts

£33:11:2 1/2 p.d for Chains &c. fixt in the Quay Walls

Ordered that the Sum of Thirty three pounds eleven Shillings & two pence ½ incurred for fixing of Iron Chains and Rings in the Quay Walls for mooring of Vessells and now due to Robert Harrison, Smith be paid him by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation, upon Mr. Mayors Signing an Order for the same

Deficiency of the Watch money to be made good

Ordered that Mr. Mayor & Sheriffs and the Auditors & Viewers be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to Examine into the State of the Accounts of the Directors of the Watch, and if it shall appear to them that there be any Deficiency in the present fund to defray the charges thereof, they are hereby empowered to draw and Sign Orders on the Treasurer of this Corporation for such Sums as shall appear to them to be so deficient and remaining due to any person or persons on that Account, which Sums are to be allowed the Treas.r in his accounts

Buoys to be fixt at the Bar.

Ordered that Ald.n Rencher and Ald.n Fairtlough be requested to provide two proper Buoys at the charge of this Corporation to be fixed at or near the Bar of this Harbour for the direction & Safety of the Vessells trading to this Town

Ordered

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Water Bailiff to attend more punctual or employ a Deputy and Streaks to be usued by Mas.r porters

Order'd that Mr. Mayor be requested to acquaint the Water Bailiff that it is the sense of this Assembly that he should attend his Duty as Water Bailiff or employ a Sufficient Deputy to be approved off by Mr. Mayor to attend the same more punctual, and that he cause the Master Porters or Measurers to use Streaks in measuring of Coals and Culm for the future

Goods &c. not to lye on the Quays more than 14 days, or in the Mayoralty House more than 6 days

Order'd that any Timber or other Merchandize that shall be hereafter Landed on any of the Quays or on the Hyde Markett in this Town be carryed away by the Owners as soon as possible after landed, and at farthest not to remain thereon longer than fourteen days; and it is further order'd that there be no goods or Merchandize kept in the Mayoralty House belonging to this Corporation, Save what is intended to be immediately Shipt or is landed and to be taken away in six days after at farthest

Wind Hillary Lane to be Leveled & Paved

Order'd that Mr. Mayor do cause Wind Hillary Lane to be Leveled fit for Paving at the charge of this Corporation the Inhabitants thereof proposing to Pave the same at their own expence

Old Shambles in West Granted in reversion to Wm. Gibbons for 61 years

Order'd that the old House & premisses situate on the Northside of West Street called the Old Shambles, at present in Lease to Alderman Thomas Gerrard dec.d for 61 years from Easter 1723 at 12 £ Pann.: the possession whereof is now illegally held by the Representatives of Oliver Bird dec.d be and the same is hereby granted to Mr. William Gibbons for 61 years in reversion of the Lease granted to the said Gerrard which will expire at Easter 1783 at the said rent of 12 £ Pann.: upon the said Mr. Gibbons Covenanting to commence a Suit immediately and to recover the possession thereof at his own expence as Tenant to this Corporation

Plans &c. of a Corn Markett House

Order'd that Notice be Given that Plans and Estimates will be received by Mr. Mayor for building of a convenient House at the corner of Peter Street and Fair Street for the use of this Corporat.n as a Corn Markett House & the same to be laid before next Gen.l Assembly

3 freemen admitted

Samuel Brown & Connolly Jones are admitted free Merch.ts & George Evans, Shoemaker is admitted a free Shoemaker of this Corporation upon their several Petitions to this Assembly each of them paying the usual fees & signing Instruments

a Wid.w admitted into St. Johns poor House

Jane Evans Widow of Edward Evans upon her Petition to this Assembly is admitted into Saint Johns Poor House to fill the present Vacancy therein

3 freemen Sworn

1768 February 1.st This day Samuel Brown & Connolly Jones were Sworn free Merchants and George Evans was Sworn a free Shoemaker of this Corporation pursuant to their admittances last Gen.l Assembly paid the usual fees & signed Instruments

Easter Gen.l Ass.ly 15.th April 1768

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 15.th day of April 1768

Mayor Elect

Alderman Edward Hardman the Younger is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the next ensuing Year from Michaelmas day next according to the Rule of Succession

Sheriffs Elect

Mess.rs Philip Donagh and Oliver Fairtlough Jun.r are Elected to Serve Sheriffs of this Corporation for the said Year

Election Certifyed

Order'd that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the next ensuing Year be forthwith Certifyed to the Government for their Approbation

Jn.o Vrmston, Com. Cou.l resigns and grant'd a Pens.n of £5 yearly

Mr. John Vrmston one of the Common Councilmen for the Fraternity of Carpenters of this Corporation having Petitioned this Assembly seting forth his poverty and praying relief It is thereupon order'd that upon his giving a proper resignation of his said place of Common Councilman he be and he is hereby granted a Pension of £5. Yearly from Easter last to be paid quarterly by the Treasurer during the pleasure of this Corporation, the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

Ald.n Meade als Ogle Town Clerk, Resigns

Alderman William Meade otherwise Ogle the present Town Clerk of this Corporation having acquainted this Assembly with his desire of resigning the said Office of Town Clerk together with the incidental Dutys of Clerk of the peace of this County and Register of the Tholsel Court of this Town; and having also tendered to this Assembly a Resignation and Surrender of the said Offices under his Hand & Seal of this date It is therefore order'd by this Assembly that the said Resignation be and the same is hereby accepted off

Complimented by the Assembly

Order'd by this Assembly that Mr. Mayor be & he is hereby requested to return the thanks of this Assembly to the said William Meade Esq.r for his faithfull discharge of the said several Offices which he lately enjoyed under this Corporation

Mr.

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Wm Holmes. Elected Town Clerk &c.

Mr William Holmes is Elected into the Office of Town Clerk of this Corporation, and also Clerk of the peace of this County and Register of the Tholsel Court of this Town in the Room of ~~William~~ Meade Esq. resigned

Election certifyed

Ordered that the Election of the said William Holmes to the Office of Town Clerk of this Corporation be forthwith certifyed to the Government for their approbation

Hen. Leland's Pet. for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Mr Henry Leland Seting forth that there is a small waste Strip of Ground belonging to this Corpn lying on the Southside of the new Tholsel which could not be made any use of in that Building by reason of its being bevel thereto; that the said Strip of Ground is of very little or no value, more than that it joyns and is convenient to a House and peice of Ground which he holds by Lease under the Reverend William Countney And praying a Lease of the said Strip of Ground — Which Petition being referred to the Auditors & Viewers and their report thereon being now read It is thereupon ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be & he is hereby granted

Granted

a Lease of 17 feet in length part of the said waste Strip of Ground lying Eastward of Mr Countney's Estate and between the Tholsel and Alderman Leigh's Estate held by John Tomens, being 3½ feet in breadth on the Westend, and 2 feet on the Eastend, for 61 years from Easter last at £0:1:0 p annum; He covenanting not to Erect any building upon the said Strip of Ground that shall blind or obstruct the Light of the three Windows of the Tholsel which look into the Same under the penalty of £1000 And it is further ordered that maps be annexed to the Leases of said peice of waste Ground

Thos Collier, appointed Marshall & Bridewell-keeper

Thomas Collier upon his Petition to this Assembly is appointed Marshall and Bridewellkeeper, at the usual Sallarys of £10 and £5 from Easter last during the pleasure of this Corporation

Surgeons

Ordered that the Sum of Ten Guineas apeice be paid by the Treasurer to Messrs Joseph Harpur and Wm Cleapen Surgeons for their Care and Attendance of the poor of this Town that require their Assistance for the ensuing Year, the Same to be allowed in his Accounts

Ordered

£800 borrowed from Alderman Cheshire towards building the Tholsel

Ordered that the Sum of Eight Hundred pounds be borrowed by this Corporation from Alderman Edward Cheshire at interest towards making the fourth and fifth payments now due to Mr George Darley for building the Tholsel and that Eight Bonds or Debentures be perfected by Mr Mayor on behalf of this Corporation of £100 each to said Edwd Cheshire payable with interest at £5 p Centum p annum in like manner as those perfected for the other money lately borrowed by this Corporation

Repairs to be done at Mayoralty House

Ordered that Mr Mayor and Sheriffs and the Auditors and Viewers do Examine into the repaire necessary to be done at the Mayoralty House and report their Opinion thereon to a Special Assembly to be called for that purpose

Committee about a Ballast office

Ordered that Mr Mayor and Sheriffs, Alderman Geo. Schoales, Alderman Rencher, Alderman Cheshire, Alderman Meade, Alderman Hardman Junr. Mr Leland and Mr Oliver Fairtlough or any five of them whereof Mr Mayor to be one be and they are hereby appointed a committee to enquire into the Utillity of Erecting a Ballast Office in this Town pursuant to the Act of Parliament for that purpose and report their Opinion thereon, to next Special General Assembly abovementioned

Bridge & Road

Ordered that the said lastmentiond persons be alsoand they are hereby appointed a Committee to Examine the Bridge without Sundays Gate in this County leading to Carntown & also to Examine the Road without Johns Gate in this County leading to Navan & report their Opinion to the said special Assembly

Commons Rents

Ordered that the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their Names severally annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one year commencing from Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next vizt

Pensioners

	£	s	d
Hester Clark	2	0	0
Widw of Geo. Cook	2	0	0
Jno Cooke	2	10	0
Ann Mc Evoy	3	0	0
Marg^t Dorbelle & Childn	3	0	0
Proctors of St Johns poor House for Rent of the Commons	8	0	0
Hen. Simple & Wife	4	0	0
Widw of Rob. Elliott	4	0	0
Widw of Geo. Rencher	4	0	0
Widw of John Ackland	2	10	0
Hannah Mc Dowell	3	2	9
Ann Evans	2	0	0
Widw of Jas Domvile	4	0	0
Widw Brunton	3		
Widw of Jno Collier	3		
Edwd Jones's Children	3	9	6
Elinor Gripin	1	10	0
Widw of Jas Quash	2	0	0
Martha Betty	1	10	0
Mary Staplehille	2	0	0
Jno Dixons Child	1	6	0
Dav. Appleyard Wife Widw	2	17	9
Edw. Carroll		4	
	£68	16	0

	£	s	d
Marg^t Cain	2	15	0
Widw of Richd Cooper	2		
Widw of John Wallace	1	5	
Widw Kerr	2		
Widw of Greg. Gerrard	2		
Widw of Geo. Foster	3		
Widw of Thos Latimer	1	10	
Widw of Nath. Marsden	2		
Ann Shortelle	1	1	8
Jane Blith	2		
Widw Walsh	4		
Widw of Fairfax Ennis	2		
Willm Ashe	2		
Widw of Jam^s Fisher	1	13	9
Mary Smith	2		
Widw of Jas Sheils	2	10	
Hen. Hughes	3		
Richd Lucas	2		
Widw of Edwd Jones	3		
Jno. Cotter Widw	1	10	0
Dorthy Robinson	1	10	0
	44	15	5
	£68	16	0
	£113	11	5

William

Wm Ashe granted a Batt.e of the Com.n Rents

William Ashe upon his Petition to this Assembly is granted £2: 3: 9p, being the Ballance of the Rents of the Commons in the Receivers hands for the preceding Years Rents due at Michas last

Special Gen.l Ass.bly 22.d April 1768

At a Special General Assembly

held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 22.d Day of April 1768

Wm Holmes Sworn Town Clerk &c.

Mr. William Holmes was Sworn as this Assembly Town Clerk of this Corporation as also Clerk of the peace of this County and Register of the Tholsel Court of this Town in the room of William Meade otherwise Ogle Esq.r late Town Clerk who resigned, pursuant to his Election to the said Offices last General Assembly and his Excellency the Lord Lieutenants approbation read at this Assembly bearing date the 20.th Day of April instant And the said William Holmes took the usual Oaths belonging to the said Offices

a free Memb.r sworn

1768 July 4.th This day the Right Honble Anthony Foster Esq.r was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance by Fiat at Midsummer Gen.l Assembly 1764

Midsummer Gen.l Ass.bly 15 July 1768

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and

Sheriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being present the 15.th Day of July 1768

4 free men admitted

Thomas Elliott, Thomas Greene & Richard Lee are admitted free Merchants and Richard Riley, Barrier is admitted a free Member of this Corporation on their several Petitions to this Assembly upon each of them paying the usual fees & signing an Instrument

10 Gs. ord.d Wm Coddington for leveling Wind Hillary Lane

Ordered that the sum of Eleven pounds seven shillings & six pence be paid by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation to Wm Coddington Esq.r & the other Inhabitants of Wind Hillary Lane to defray the expence of leveling said Lane and that the same be allowed in the Treasurers accounts

Committee to fit up the Mayoralty House

Ordered that the present Mayor & Sheriffs & the Mayor & Sheriffs Elect or any four of them be & they are hereby appointed a Committee to employ proper Workmen and cause the Mayoralty House of this Corporation to be fitted up in a proper decent manner for the reception of the Chief Magistrate and this Corporation at their quarterly Entertainments and for the other purposes of this Corporation and that they be and they are hereby impowered to draw.d & Sign Orders on the Treasurer of this Corporation for the Costs & expences attending the said Work which are to be allowed in his Accounts

Ordered

Committee for the Bridge without Sundays Gate

Ordered that the abovenamed Committee and Ald.n John Ogle, Ald.n John Jebb and Ald.n Chefshire or the majority of them be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to cause the Bridge without Sundays Gate on the Road in this County of the Town leading to Carntown to be properly repaired & widened and they are hereby impowered to draw and Sign Orders on the Treasurer for the Costs and charges thereof which is to be allowed the Treasurer on passing his Accounts

River to be Drudged

Ordered that Mr. Mayor be & he is hereby impowered to Employ Lighters and Workmen to Drudge such parts of the River of this Town as want drudging and that the Charges thereof be allowed the Treas.r in his Acco.t upon Mr. Mayors Orders

Serjeants Sallarys augmented

Upon the Petitions of William Moore & William Mallies two Serjeants of this Corporation each of their Sallarys is augmented from £ 8 — to £ 10 — yearly by this Assembly during the pleasure of this Corporat.n to comence from the 24 June last

a Widow admitted into the Poor House

Upon the Petition of Ann Brandel, Widow to this Assembly she is admitted into the present Vacancy in St. John's Poor House

4 freemen Sworn

1768 July 25.th This day Richard Riley was Sworn a free member Thomas Greene, Thomas Elliott and Richard Lee were Sworn free Merchants of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees and Signed Instruments

post Ass.bly 26 Sep.r 1768

At a special post Assembly held before the said

Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 26.th day of September 1768

3 Aldermen Elected

Mr. Henry Leland, Mr. William Norman and Sydenham Singleton Esq.r are Elected by this Assembly Aldermen of this Corporation in the room of Richard Jebb, William Graves and George Renchee late Aldermen of this Corporation deceased pursuant to an Notice posted for that pursuant to a Notice posted for that purpose

Acts Compared

1768 September the 29.th This day the foregoing Acts of Assembly were Compared before us and Ordered to be Entered in the Assembly Book as usual; And the same day Ald.n Edward Hardman Jun.r Mayor Elect and Mess.rs Philip Donegh and Wm. Fairtlough Jun.r Sheriffs Elect were Sworn before us into their respective Offices for the ensuing Year pursuant to their Election & the Approbation of Government

And Signed

John Marshall, Mayor, Geo Ackland, M. S. — Fra.s Leigh, John Ogle, Will.m Meade, Roger Ford, Antho: Marshall, John Graham — Sher.s

Michas Genl. Assly 7th Oct. 1768

At a general Assembly held before Edward Hardman Junr. Esqr. Mayor of the Corporation of Drogheda, Philip Donagh and Oliver Fairtlough Junr. Esqrs. Sheriffs of the Same, the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 7th. day of October 1768

Mayor of Staple

Aldn. John Marshall is elected to serve Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Commonpouncilmen

Antn. Marshall & John Graham Esqrs late Sheriffs are Elected Common Councilmen, and the said Antn. Marshall was Sworn a Common Councilman

Coroners & Constables of the Staple

The said Antn. Marshall & John Graham are Elected Coroners and Constables of the Staple and the said Antn. Marshall was Sworn

Master & Wardens of the Guild

Aldn. Robert Ball is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year Messrs. James Forde & John Ackland are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Treasurer

Mr. William Holmes is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshalls to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Daniel Holly the Collrs Clerk on the Same ~~terms~~ they were collected by him last Year

Cleansing Streets

Ordered that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby improwered to contract with such persons as he shall think proper for Carrying away the Dirt and Soil out of the Streets and Lanes of this Town for the ensuing Year from the 22d. day of November next, And that he appoint Gentlemen Inhabitants of the different Streets to oversee and enforce a due obedience and Execution of the Contracts to be enterd into by the persons who shall undertake the Work

£20 to late Sheriffs for transports

Ordered that the Sum of Twenty pounds be paid by the Treasr. to the late Sheriffs Antn. Marshall & John Graham Esqr. for the expence they were at during their Sheriffry in transporting Convicts and that the Same be allowed in his Accounts

£300 borrowed for build'g the Tholsel

Ordered that the Sum of three hundred pounds be borrowed at interest by this Corporation to be paid to Mr. Darly towards building the Tholsel and that Mr. Mayor perfect Bonds or Debentures under the Corporation Seale for the Same in the Same manner as those already passed for the other money borrowed for that building

Ordered

£200 borrowed to pay for Houses adjoyning the Bridge to be thrown down

Ordered that the Sum of two hundred pounds be borrowed at interest by this Corporation for purchasing Aldn. Graham or his Assignees interest in the Houses adjoyning the Bridge on the South Quay in order that the Same be thrown down and the said Quay enlarged for the convenience of the publick pursuant to a former order of Assembly and a Notice Served for that purpose agreeable to a Covenant in the Lease by which the said Houses are held under this Corporation And that Bonds or Debentures be perfected by Mr. Mayor under the Corporation Seale for the said Money

Committee to provide a Barr perch

Mr. Mayor, Aldn. Marshall, Aldn. Chefshire, Aldn. Scholes, Mr. James Forde and Mr. John Fairtlough are appointed by this Assembly a Committee to See a proper Barr perch erected at the entrance of this Harbour at the expence of this Corporation

Fish, Roe & Fruit Markets removed

Resolved that the Fish Market, Roe Market and Fruit Market of this Town be removed from St. Lawrence Street to Corn Quay at the foot of Stockwell Lane in Dyer Street forthwith

Ball's & Watch acct. to be paid

Ordered that the present and the late Mayor and Sheriffs be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to inspect the Accounts of the late Directors of the Watch and to draw and Sign an Order on the Treasurer of this Corporation for any Sum or Sums of money that shall appear to them to be due to the said Directors on that account which shall be allowed in his accounts

Free Member admitted

Henry Sandiford upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation on paying the usual fees & Signing an Instrument

Robt. M'Cartney's Pens. augmented

Robert M'Cartney upon his Petition to this Assembly is allowed an Augmentation of his Pension from five pounds to Eight pounds yearly from Michaelmas last during the pleasure of this Corporation

Gate Customs

The Doors being Opened the Gate Customs were Set up to Cant and Set to Alderman Edward Chefshire for Nine pounds thirteen Shillings per Week for one Year to commence the 26th. day of October instant and ending the 26th. October 1769 inclusive, and he passed 13 bonds for £38:12:- each, payable every four Weeks

Free Member Sworn

1768 November 3d. This day Henry Sandiford was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual fees and Signed the Instrument

Special Assembly 16 Nov. 1768

At a Special Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 16th day of Novemb. 1768

Mr. Mayor having acquainted this Assembly that he had thought proper to call the Same to inform them that Peter Dromgoole a Merchant of this Town having lately imported and landed in this

port

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port Ten Hogsheads of Leaf Tobacco refused to pay the Water Customs due to this Corporation thereon to Mr. Daniel Kelly the Collectors Clerke of this port who Collects the Water Customs of this Corporation, And that he as Chief Magistrate distrained the said Tobacco for the said Water Customs in the name & on behalf of this Corporation, as he apprehended it was his Duty so to do, Whereupon the said Peter Dromgoole brought a Chancery Replevin and Writ of ReCaption returnable into his Majestys Court of Kings Bench directed to the Sheriffs and had the said Tobacco Replevyed Whereby a Suit is commenced by the said Peter Dromgoole against this Corporation and their Title to the said Water Customs called in question which they have held and enjoyed uninterrupted these many hundred Years past by virtue of their Charters and Grants from the Crown, which proceedings he (Mr. Mayor) desires this Assembly may take into their consideration and make such Order thereon as to them shall seem eligible This Assembly having accordingly taken the premisses into their consideration do hereby unanimously approve of Mr. Mayors conduct on this occasion, And it is Ordered that the advice of Mr. Recorder be forthwith taken thereon And that Mr. John Ackland be and he is hereby appointed Agent and Attorney for this Corporation to take the most effectual and necessary Steps in the Law to defend the said Suit and for to support the right & privilege of this Corporation to the said Water Customs, And that the Costs and charges attending the same to be paid by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation which shall be allowed in his accounts

Law Suit commenced with Pet. Dromgoole about Water Customs

Mr John Ackland appointed Law Agent

post Ass.y 11 Jan. 1769

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 11.th Jan.y 1769

1769 January 13.th This day Mr. Henry Leland, Mr. William Norman and Sydenham Singleton Esq.r were Sworn Aldermen of this Corporation pursuant to their Election at a special Assembly held the 26.th day of September last

3 Aldermen Sworn

Genl. Assembly 13 Jan. 1769

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 13.th day of January 1769

Jno. Leigh Esq.r Recorder resigns

Mr. Mayor having laid before this Assembly a letter which he received from John Leigh Esq.r Recorder of this Corporation signifying his desire to surrender his office of Recorder and likewise a Resignation under his hande and seale of the said office bearing date the 10.th day of January instant It is unanimously agreed by this Assembly that the said Surrender and resignation be accepted and the same is hereby accepted accordingly

filed

Ordered that the said Surrender be filed in the Town Clerks Office

Complimented

Resolved unanimously by this Assembly that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby requested to write an Answer to the said John Leigh Esq.r letter returning him the thanks of this Assembly for his diligent and honourable discharge of the said Office of Recorder and acquainting him that they have accepted of his Surrender in consequence of his desire

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens and Fraternity of Carpenters of this Corporation Seting forth that John Urmston one of the Common Councilmen of the said Fraternity hath lately Surrendered his said place of Common Councilman on Account of his Poverty and age and accepted a Pension from this Corporation whereby a vacancy is made in his Room to represent the said Fraternity in the General Assemblys And the said Petitioners having returned to this Assembly the names of three brothers of the said Fraternity to wit John Regan, Peter Allen, and Thomas Holland Junr. praying one of them to be chosen a Common Councilman for the saide Fraternity in the room of the said John Urmston whose resignatn under hand and Seale is also returned to this Assembly It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Thomas Holland Junr. be and he is hereby Elected a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said John Urmston resigned, And the said Thomas Holland Junr. being called in was Sworn a Common Council man for the said Fraternity accordingly, the said resignation of the said John Urmston being first accepted by this Assembly and ordered to be filed

Thos. Holland Junr. Elected Com: Coun.: for the Carpenters in the room of Jno. Urmston resigned

Henry Stewart is admitted a free Merch.t, William Dowdall is admitted a free Smith, and Henry Ashe and James McCartney are admitted free Shoemakers of this Corporation by this Assembly upon their several Petitions on paying the usual fees & Signing the Instrument

4 Freemen admitted

Robert Harrison, Engine keeper to this Corporation upon his Petition to this Assembly is granted an Augmentation of his Sallery from £4 — to £6 — Sannum from Xmas last for his care of and attend.ce on the Fire Engine of this Corporation

Rob.t Harrisons Sall.y as Engine keeper

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Assembly adjourn'd

Mr. Mayor having declared to this Assembly that he will proceed to the Election of a Recorder of this Corporation in the room of John Leigh Esq.r late Recorder on Monday next the 16th. day of January instant at 10 o'clock in the forenoon in the Mayoralty House And that he will adjourn this Assembly to that time and place to which this Assembly do unanimously agree And this Assembly is accordingly adjourned to Monday next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon

4 freemen Sworn

1769 January 16th. This day Henry Stewart was Sworn a free Merch.t William Dowdall was Sworn a free Smith, and Henry Ashe and James M.Cartney were Sworn free Shoemakers of this Corporation pursuant to their admittances last Gen.l Assembly paid the usual fees and Signed Instruments

Gen.l Assembly held by Adjournm.t 16 Jan. 1769

At a general Assembly held (pursuant to Adjournment of the last General Assembly) before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Alderm.en and Common Council being present the 16th. January 1769

Syd.m Singleton Esq.r Elected Recorder

Sydenham Singleton Esq.r Councelor at Law is unanimously Elected Recorder of this Corporation in the room of John Leigh Esq.r late Recorder of this Corporation who has resigned

Election Certified

Ordered that the Election of Sydenham Singleton Esq.r to be Recorder of this Corporation be forthwith Certified to the Government for their Approbation

Special Assembly held 1. March 1769

At a special Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 1st. March 1769

Syd.m Singleton Esq.r Sworn Recorder

Sydenham Singleton Esq.r Councellor at Law was Sworn at this Assembly Recorder of this Corporation in the room of Jn.o Leigh Esq.r late Recorder who resigned, pursuant to the approbation of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant read at this Assembly bearing date the 14th. day of February last

Jn.o Graham Jun.r Esq.r Sworn Com.r Com.r & Coroner & Const.r Staple

Same day John Graham Jun.r Esq.r was Sworn a Common Council:man of this Corporation and also into the Offices of Coroner & Constable of the Staple, pursuant to his Election last Michaelmas Gen.l Assembly

At

Easter Gen.l Assly held 7 April 1769

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 7th day of April 1769.

Mayor Elect

Alderman Henry Leland is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year commencing at Michaelmas next according to the Rule of Succession

Sheriffs Elect.d

Mess.rs Robert Wynne and Austin Martin are Elected to Serve Sheriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing Year commencing at Michaelmas next

Election Certified

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing Year be forthwith Certified to the Government for their approbation

Proctors

Alderman Edward Chesshire and Mr. Abraham Knight are Elected Proctors of Saint John's poor House for three Years from this Easter Assembly

2 Surgeons ord.d 10 Gs apeice

Ordered that Mess.rs Joseph Harper and William Cleapem Surgeons be paid the sum of ten Guineas apeice for their care and attendance of the poor of this Town that require their assistance for the ~~ensuing~~ Year ending at Xmas.s next and that the same be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

Auditors & Viewers

Alderman Edward Hardman, Alderman Francis Leigh, Ald.n George Schoales, Alderman Edward Norman, Alderman Edward Chesshire, Mr. Oliver Fairtlough, Mr. Anthony Marshall, Mr. John Chamney and Mr.s James Forde are Elected Auditors and Viewers of this Corporation for three years from this Easter Assembly

Copy.s books &c.

Ordered that the Town Clerk deliver unto Mr. Recorder all such Copys of Charters Books and Deeds belonging to this Corporation as he shall think proper to calle for, or have occasion to inspect in Dublin relative to the different Law Suits now depending in the Courts there

£29: 3: 7½ ord.d to T. Wynne for candles for the Watch

Ordered that the Treasurer do pay the Sum of Twenty nine pounds three Shillings & seven pence ½ to Mr. Thomas Wynne being so much due to him for Candles furnished to the Watch House of this Town for the Year ended Michaelmas last, the Cess for the said Year being deficient for defraying the said charge, the same to be allowed in the Treas.rs Acco.t

Jn.o Regan Elected Com.n Cook for the Carpenters in the room of Tho.s Winslow dec.d

Upon the Petition of the Master, Wardens & Fraternity of Carpenters of this Corporation setting forth that by the death of Mr. Thomas Winslow late one of the Common Councilmen of the said Fraternity there is a Vacancy of the place of Common Councilman to represent the said Fraternity in the Gen.l Assembly of this Corporation, that they agreeable to their Charter do nominate and return John Regan, Peter Allen and Nathaniel Evans three free brothers of the said Fraternity for this Assembly to chuse one thereout in the place of a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said Thomas Winslow dec.d It is therefore order'd by this

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this Assembly that the said John Kegan be and he is hereby Elected a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said Thomas Winslow dec.d and the said John Kegan being called in was sworn a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity accordingly

Rob.t Hatchett Elected a Com.n Cou.n for the Fraternity of Shoemakers in the room of Wm. Norman made an Alderman

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens & Fraternity of Shoemakers of this Corporation Seting forth that by the promotion of Mr. William Norman to the place of an Alderman of this Corporation there is a vacancy of a place of a Common Councilman for to represent the said Fraternity in the Gen.l Assembly of this Corporation in the room of the said William Norman late a Comon: Councilman for the said Fraternity And that they agreeable to their Charter do nominate and return William Shippabottom Edward Chambers and Robert Hatchett three free brothers of the said Fraternity for this Assembly to chuse one thereout a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said William Norman now an Alderman of this Corporation It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Robert Hatchett be and he is hereby Elected a Comm.n Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said William Norman and the said Robert Hatchett being called in was Sworn a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity accordingly

Rents of Commons

Pensioners

Ordered that the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their Names respectively annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one Year commencing at Michaelmas last viz.t

	£			£	
Hester Clark	2	: – : –	Marg.t Bain	2	: 15 : –
Wid.w of Geo. Cooke	2	: – : –	Wid.w of Rich.d Cooper	2	: – : –
John Cooke	2	: 10 : –	Wid.w of Jn.o Wallace	1	: 5 : –
Ann M.cEvoy	3	: – : –	Wid.w Kerr	2	: – : –
Marg.t Donnelly & Child.n	3	: – : –	Wid.w of Greg. Gerrard	2	: – : –
Proctor of S.t Johns for the Fines of the Commons	8	: – : –	Wid.w of Tho.s Latimer	1	: 10 : –
Hen. Simple & Wife	4	: – : –	Wid.w of Math. Marsden	2	: – : –
Wid.w of Rob.t Elliott	4	: – : –	Ann Shortelle	1	: 1 : 8
Wid.w of Geo. Rencher	4	: – : –	Jane Blith	2	: – : –
Wid.w of Jn.o Ackland	2	: 10 : –	Wid.w Walsh	4	: – : –
Han. M.cDowell	3	: 2 : 9	Wid.w of Fairfax Ennis	2	: – : –
Ann Evans	2	: – : –	Will.m Ashe	2	: – : –
Wid.w of Jas. Domvile	4	: – : –	Wid.w of Jas. Fisher	1	: 13 : 9
Wid.w Brunton	3	: – : –	Mary Smith	2	: – : –
Wid.w of Jn.o Collier	3	: – : –	Wid.w of Jas. Sheils	2	: 10 : –
Edw.d Jones's Children	3	: 9 : 6	Hen. Hughes	3	: – : –
Elenor Griffin	1	: 10 : –	Rich.d Lucas	2	: – : –
Wid.w of Jas. Quash	2	: – : –	Jn.o Cotter	1	: 10 : –
Martha Betty	1	: 10 : –	Dorothy Robinson	1	: 10 : –
Mary Staplehill	2	: – : –	Tho.s Rogers for Jn.o Dejons Child	1	: 6 : –
Dav.d Appleyard Wife & Child	2	: 17 : 9	Wid.w of Jn.o Moffett	2	: – : –
Edw.d Carroll	4	: – : –	Wid.w of Rob. Dunn	3	: – : –
	67	: 10 : –	Wid.w of Jn.o Fitzgerald	1	: – : –
				46	: 1 : 5
				67	: 10 : –
				113	: 11 : 5

Catherine

2 Widows put in the poor House

Catherine Brown and Mary Sweetman Widows are admitted (upon their Petitions to this Assembly) into the two present Vacancys in Saint Johns Poor House

Bye Law ag.t Lumber &c. on the Quay

Whereas by reason of the narrowness of the North Quay of this Town there is scarce room for the ordinary business of the Merchants and others to Ship and land their Goods yet it appears that great part of the said Quay is generally taken up with Ballast Boats Masts Lumber & other improper things to the great prejudice of the publick and of the Traders of this Town It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the Water Bailiff of this Corporation do for the future to the utmost of his power prevent all such Nusances and interruptions and cause the same to be removed as soon as may be And it is further ordered by this Assembly that in case any person or persons shall suffer any such Nusances to remain on the said Quay of his her or their property longer than forty eight hours then and in such case the Owner or Owners of such Nusances shall forfiet and pay the penalty of Five Shillings Sterling for every offence over and above the Costs and expence of removing the same to be levyed by Distress and Sale by Warrant from the Chief Magistrate for the time being and the said penalty to be by him disposed of to the Informer or to the poor of this Town And it is further ordered by this Assembly that the Town Clerk do cause a Copy of this Act of Assembly or Bye Laws to be posted up on the Mayoralty House on the said Quay and that the Water Bailiff do acquaint all Masters of Ships coming into this Harbour of the Same

£200 ord.d for a Linnen Hall

Resolved that this Corporation shall pay the Sum of two hundred pounds Sterling towards erecting of a Linnen Hall on the Hyde Market in this Town as soon as a proper Fund shall be raised to complete the said Building; And that Ald.n Meade, Ald.n Schoales, Ald.n Chesshire, Ald.n Tarlough, Mr. Jn.o Tarlough, Mr. Henry Ackland & Mr. Ab.m Knight be and they are hereby appointed a Committee for management thereof

£40 for a Road

Ordered that the Sum of Forty pounds be paid by the Treasurer to Ald.n Ball to be applyed by him towards building a Walle and raising the Road without S.t Johns Gate in this County which is now overflown by the River Boyne at high Water, the Same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

£20 for a Road

Ordered that the Sum of Twenty Pounds be paid by the Treas.r to Ald.n Ball, Mr. John Chamney and Mr. George Clegg to be by them applyed towards repairing the Road and Bridge without Saint Johns Gate in this County leading to Navan, the Same to be allowed in his Accounts

Idem

Ordered that the Sum of Twenty pounds be paid by the Treasurer to Ald.n Meade, Ald.n Ford, Ald.n Marshall and Mr. Sheriff Donagh to be by them applyed towards repairing the great Road leading from Saint Lawrence Gate to Green Hills in this County the Same to be allowed in his Accounts

At

Special Assembly 6 July 1769

At a Special Generale Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 6th day of July 1769

Ground granted for a Linen Hall

Resolved and agreed that so much of the little Green now called the Hyde Markett being the Estate of this Corporation lying at the foot of Patricks Well Lane in this Town and County as is necessary for building of a publick Warehouse or Markett House upon to contain according to a Plan thereof now layd before this Assembly 140 feet in length from East to West and thirty feet in breadth from North to South for lodging in and exposing to Sale Flaxen or Hempen yarn, Flax or Hemp, Flaxseed or Hempseed be and the same is hereby granted to the Reverend Robt Leavens of the Town of Drogheda Clerk and to his Heirs In Trust for erecting the said Ware House or Markett House thereupon for the use of the Merchants, Buyers and Sellers of the said Goods resorting to the Markett of this Town and County To hold the same from this day for Ever at a pepper corn yearly

Mid Sumer Gen.l Ass.ly held 14 July 1769

At a generale Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 14th day of July 1769

£30:10:6 ord.d to C. Evans for lighting Lamps

Ordered that the Sum of Thirty pounds ten Shillings & six pence Sterl.: being the Ballance of Mr Chas. Evans's Acco.t for lighting finding materials and attending the Lamps of Drogheda from the 29 Sept.r 1767 to the 25 March 1768 be paid him by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation, the same being a deficiency of the Cess applotted for that purpose on the Inhabitants of Saint Peters parish for the said Year, pursuant to an Account and report from the Mayor & Sheriffs & the Aud.rs and Viewers layd before this Assembly and that the Treasurer be allowed the same in his Accounts

Jn.o Knight & Pat.k Roe readmitted freemen

Upon the Petitions of John Knight of Drogheda Mason & Patrick Roe of the same, two free members of this Corporation setting forth that upon the last Election of Members to Serve in Parliament for this Town they were not permitted to give their Votes it having been alledged they were seen at the Popish Chapel and that they to remove all objections of that sort have gone thro' the several requisites which the Law requires to confirm them established Protestants And praying to be readmitted freemembers of this Corporation

It

It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said John Knight & Patrick Roe be and they are hereby readmitted free Members of this Corporation without paying any fine or fees upon their being Resworn and Signing the Instrument

a free man admitted

William Latimer Bricklayer upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Carpenter of this Corporation on paying the usual fees and Signing the Instrument

Jno. Lane disfranchised

It is Orderd resolved and agreed by this Assembly that Joseph Lane of the Town of Drogheda Shoemaker a free Member of this Corporation shall be and he is hereby disfranchised and deprived of his Freedom of this Corporation for his willfull neglect to do his Duty as Warden of the Fraternity of Shoemakers of this Corporation agreeable to his Oath & the Rules and Bye Laws of the said Fraternity & this Corporation

Avenue from Dulcek to the Bridge to be repaired.

Ordered that Mr. Mayor and Sheriffs & the Auditors & Viewers be and they are hereby appointed a committee to examine the Causeway or Avenue from Dulcek Gate to the Northside of the Bridge of this Town and to cause the same to be repaired in the most effectual manner at the expence of this Corporation which they are hereby impowered to draw for on the Treasurer who is to be allowed the same in his Accounts

Waste committed on Mannimore

Ordered that Notice be forthwith given to the Right Honble the Earl of Bective and his under Tenants for the Lands of Mannimore belonging to this Corporation that they immediately desist from committing of waste upon said Lands by quarrying of Lime Stone thereon otherwise Mr. Recorder is hereby impowered and requested to take the proper method in Law to prevent them

Lamps to be purchased

Ordered that Mr. Mayor & Sheriffs and the Auditors & Viewers be and they are hereby appointed a committee to purchase a sufficient number of Lamps and Globes at the expence of this Corporation for enlightening the Streets and Lanes of this Town and that they Sign an Order on the Treasurer for the Coots thereof which is to be allowed in his Accounts

£20 for a Road

Ordered that the further Sum of Twenty pounds be and the same is granted by this Assembly to Mr. Sheriff Donagh for repairing the great Road leading from Saint Laurence Gate to Green Hills and that the same be allowed in the Treasurers accounts

Shore to be made in Patrick Well Lane

Sewer

Ordered that there be a Shore made at the expence of this Corporation from the present Shore (made by Ald.n Chetshire) in Patricks Well Lane to the main Shore near the Well in said Lane

2 freemen Sworn

1769 July 31st. This day John Knight, Mason, & Patrick Rock, Surgeon, were Sworn free Members of this Corporation pursuant to an Order of last General Assembly and each of them Signed an Instrument

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1769 September 25th. This day William Latimer, Bricklayer was Sworn a free Carpenter of this Corporation pursuant to his Admittance last General Assembly paid the usual fees & Signed an Instrument

Acts compared

1769 September 29th. This day the foregoing Acts of Assembly were compared before us and Orderd to be Enterd in the Assembly Book as usual

Signed — Edwd. Hardman, Junr. Mayor, Philip Donagh, Olivr. Fairtlough Junr. Sheriffs, John Marshall M.S. Frar. Leigh, Geo. Schoales, John Ogle, Edwd. Chefshire, William Meade, Roger Ford, Henry Leland, Wm. Norman, Sydm. Singleton Aldermen

Mayor & Sheriffs Elect Sworn

And on the same day last abovementioned, Aldr. Henry Leland, Mayor Elect, and Messrs. Robert Wynne & Austin Martin Sheriffs Elect, were Sworn before us into their respective Offices for the ensuing Year pursuant to their Election and the Approbation of Government

Signed — Edwd. Hardman Junr. late, Mayor, Philip Donagh, Olivr. Fairtlough Junr. late Sheriffs, John Marshall, M. S. Frar. Leigh, Geo. Schoales, Edwd. Chefshire, Sydr. Singleton, Aldermen

Michas Genl. Assly 6 Oct. 1769

At a General Assembly held before Henry Leland Esqr. Mayor, Robert Wynne and Austin Martin Esqrs. Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 6th. day of October 1769

Mayor of Staple

Aldr. Edward Hardman the Younger is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the ensuing year

Com: Coun.

Messrs. Philip Donagh and Oliver Fairtlough the Younger are Elected Common Council men and Sworn

Constables of Staple & Coroners

Messrs. Philip Donagh and Oliver Fairtlough the Younger are Elected Coroners and Constables of the Staple for the Ensuing year and Sworn

Master Guild

Aldr. John Marshall is Elected Master of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Wardens

Ant. Marshall and John Graham Esqr. are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Treas.

Mr. Wm. Holmes is Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing Year

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to Continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Orderd that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the Ensuing year by Mr. Daniel Melly the Collectors Clerk on the same Terms they were Collected by him last Year

Cleansing Streets

Orderd that Mr. Mayor be and is hereby impowered to contract with such Persons as he shall think Proper to carry away the Dirt and Soil out of the Streets and Lanes of this Town for the ensuing year from the 22nd. day of November next

Watch money

Orderd that the sum of Twenty Six pounds three Shillings and Eleven pence a Ballance due to the Directors of the Watch for the last year and which the Cess Raised of the Inhabitants of this Town is insufficient to discharge be paid to said Directors by the Treasurer and allowed in his Accounts

2 Members Disfranchised

It is unanimously agreed and Resolved by this Assembly that Aldr. Edwd. Hardman and Mr. Wm. Holmes be and are hereby disfranchised and deprived of their Freedom of this Corporation & of all Liberty's and priviledges thereunto belonging by their Consenting thereto under their hands Subscribed hereunto

Edwd. Hardman
Wm. Holmes

Orderd

Tn. Clk. to attend with the Corpn. Books &c. in Dublin

Order'd that the Town Clerk do attend at Dublin and lodge with the proper Officer of the Kings bench such of the Books and Charters of this Corporation as shall be necessary pursuant to an order of the said Court made in the Cause therein depending between this Corporation and Ralp Eccleston

late Sheriffs to be pd. £5 for a transport

Order'd that the late Sheriffs Messrs. Ph: Donagh and Oliver Fairtlough be paid the sum of Five pounds by the Treasurer for Transporting a Convict last Year and that he be allowed the same in his Accounts

Chas. Evans to be paid a defficiency of the Cess for Lamp Money last Year

Order'd that Mr. Mayor and Sheriffs and the Auditors and Viewers be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to inspect Mr. Charles Evans's account for Supplying Materials and lighting the Lamps of this Town for the last year and they or the Majority of them Mr. Mayor being one are hereby impowered to draw an Order on the Treasr. of this Corporation for any sum of Money that shall appear to them to be due to him for the same which the Cess raised of the Inhabitants of this Town is not sufficient to discharge

£400 to be borrow'd at interest

Order'd that the sum of Four hundred pounds be Borrowed by this Corporation at interest to pay for the New Barr perch lately brought from England to be fixed up at the Entrance of this Harbour and also to pay off the Two Hundred pounds lately ordered to be Given towards Building of a Linnen Hall, which is now carrying on; and that Mr. Mayor perfect four Bonds or Debentures of one Hundred pounds each for the said Money for Account of this Corporation

Petr. of the Fraternity of Glovers

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens and Brethern of the Fraternity of Glovers of this Corporation setting forth that upon the late Election of Members to Serve in Parliament for this Town John Knight one of the Common Council men of the said Fraternity was not admitted to give his Vote it being then alledged that he had been seen in his Youth at the Popish Chapel that the said John Knight was at the time of his being admitted a freeman of this Corporation and when elected a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity looked upon to be and the Petrs. believe he was a Protestant of the Church of Ireland as by Law established, but in order to Obviate all objections of the above nature he hath lately performed the Several qualifications required by Law to confirm him an established protestant And

relative to Jno. Knight one of their Comn. Cou.

hath

hath since being readmitted & sworn a freeman of this Corporation; That the said Petitioners have since his performance of the above requisites read:mitted and Sworn the said John Knight a free brother of the said Fraternity and in order to remove any Objection to his being a legal Common Council Men for the sd. Fraternity, the said Petitioners pray the said John Knight may be ReElected and Sworn a Common Council Man for the said Fraternity It is thereupon order'd by this Assembly that the said John Knight be and he is hereby ReElected a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity and the said John Knight was Sworn a Common Coun:cilman at this Assembly for the said Fraternity accordingly

who is ReElected & sworn a Comn. Cou: for said Fraternity

free Merchr. admitted

John Donagh of Drogheda Merchr. upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Merchant of this Corporation on paying the usual fees and signing the Instrument

Gate Customs Sett

The Doors being opend the Gate Customs were set up to Cant and were set to Alderman Edward Chesshire for Ten pounds three Shillings pr. Week for one year to commence the 26th day of October instant and ending the 26th day of October next (1770) inclusive & he passed Security for payment of the same

free Merchr. Sworn

1769 October 9th This day John Donagh of Drogheda Merchant was Sworn a free Merchant of this Corporation pursuant to his admittn. last Assembly paid the usual fees and Signed an Instrument

Mayor Staple Sworn

1769 October 30th This day Alderman Edwd. Hardman the Younger was Sworn Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing year pursuant to his Election last Genl. Assembly

Special Assly 8 Nov. 1769

At a Special General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 8th day of November 1769

called by Mr. Mayor to consider of

Mr. Mayor having called this Assembly to consider of an Application to Parliament for Aid towards fixing and deepening the Channell of the River Boyne below the bridge of Drogheda And having layd before this Assembly a Draft of a Petition for that purpose from this Corporation and the several Merchants and Traders of this Town the said Petition is agreed to by this Assembly And Mr. Mayor is hereby impowered to affix the Seal of this Corporation to the same, Which petition is as follows

a Petition to Parliament for

To the Right Honble. and Honble. the Knights Citizens & Burgesses in Parliament Assembled

The humble Petition of the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda and the

Several

Several Merchants and Traders of the same on behalf of themselves and the Several Inhabitants of the Countys of Louth and Meath near and adjoyning the River Boyne

Aid towards inclosing fixing & deepening the Channell of the River Boyne below the Bridge of Drogheda

Sheweth

That the Corporation for promoting and Carrying on an Inland Navigation in Ireland have for Several years past and Still are carrying on an Inland Navigation on the River Boyne from the Town of Drogheda to the Town of Trim in the County of Meath which is about Twenty five Miles in length

That the Bar at the entrance of the said River Boyne is about four Miles distance from the said Town of Drogheda and was formerly for the Greatest part very broad and mostly filled with Shifting sands and the Channell thereof so Shallow even at common Spring Tides as to obstruct the Sailing up of Vessells that Drew no more than Eight feet Water

That sensible of this great Obstruction to the Safe Navigation of the said River and the Publick Trade of the said Town and the Ajacent Countys this Honble House did formerly grant at two Several Sessions the sum of £4000 to the said Corporation for promoting and Carrying on an Inland Navagation in Ireland to be by them applyed towards inclosing fixing and Deepening the Channells of the said River from the Pile worth below the Bridge of Drogheda to the Bar of the said River, which Sum has been by them expended thereon as was also the Sum of £1700 at different times since the year 1740 previous to the expenditure of the said £4000 and also the further Sum of £1000 since which said two Sums amounting to £2700 were paid towards the said usefull Work by the Corpor.n of the said Town of Drogheda out of their private funds

That the said Work so far as the same has been done has fully answered the intention your Pet.rs apprehend does evidently appear from the Great increase of his Majestys Revenue arising from the Trade of the said Town for these few years past And it being found more difficult and expensive than was at first estimated to complete the same effectually and the greater part of the Channell of the said River below the Bridge of Drogheda between the pile work and the Bar still remaining unfinished. Your Pet.rs apprehend that the further Sum of £5000 will be requisite to complete the same

May it therefore please your Honours to take the Premisses into consideration and grant such Aid therein as to you shall seem meet

And they will pray &c

In Testimoney whereof &c forthwith

Gen.l Assy 12 Jan.y 1770

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 12th January 1770

Ald.n Hardman restored

Whereas Edw.d Hardman the Elder Esq.r late one of the Aldermen of this Corporation was at a Generl Assembly held the 6th day of October last Disfranchised and deprived of his Freedom of this Corporation and of all Liberties and priviledges thereto belonging Now it is ordered by this Assembly that the said Edw.d Hardman be and he is hereby made free and restored to his Freedom of this Corporat.n and to all the Priviledges Rights Liberties and advantages thereof in as full and ample manner as he formerly Stood in place held and Enjoyed the same And Mr. Mayor is hereby impowered to administer to him the Oath of a Freeman and of an Alderman of this Corporat.n And the said Edward Hardman was accordingly Sworn by Mr. Mayor at this Assembly a free Man and an Alderman of this Corporation

Wm Holmes restored

Whereas Mr. Wm Holmes late one of the Common Councilmen of this Corporation was at a General Assembly held the 6th day of October last Disfranchised and deprived of his Freedom of this Corporation and of all liberties and Priviledges thereto belonging Now it is Orderd by this Assembly that the said Wm Holmes be and he is hereby made free and restored to his Freedom of this Corporation and to all the priviledges Rights liberties and advantages thereof in as full and ample manner as he formerly stood in place held and Enjoyed the same And Mr. Mayor is hereby impowered to administer to him the oath of a Freeman and of a Common Council Man of this Corporation and the said Wm Holmes was accordingly sworn by Mr. Mayor at this Assembly a freeman and a Common Councilman of this Corporation

9 free men admitted by Birth

The Right Honble Philip Tisdall Esq.r his Majestys Attorney General and Thomas Tisdall Esq.r both sons of Richard Tisdall Esq.r deceased Blayney Balfour Esq.r son of Blayney Townsley Esq.r dec.d Mr. Adams Schoales son of Ald.n Edm.d Schoales dec.d Mr. Robert Gartside son of Wm Gartside dec.d Mr. John Greene son of Wm Greene dec.d the Rev.d James Forde Clerk son of Alderman Robert Forde dec.d and the Rev.d Thomas Sandiford Clerk son of Mr. James Sandiford are admitted free Members of this Corporation and Mr. George Evans Brazier son of Mr. Charles Evans is admitted a free Smith of this Corporation upon their Several Petitions granted by this Assembly on their Severally taking the usual Oath and paying the usual fees, their Fathers being freemen of this Corporation at the time of the said Petitioners Births respectively

4 free men admitted by special favour

Mr. Robert Taylor Apothecary, Mr. Robt Elliott Merch.t and Mr. John Callen Merch.t are admitted free Merch.ts of this

this Corporation and Wm. Coddington Esqr. is admitted a free Member of this Corporation upon their Several Petitions Granted by this Assembly on their Severally taking the usual oath paying the usual fees and sign:ing the Instrument

Belhow's Sallary augmented to £6

Upon the Petition of Denis Morgan Belhour to this Corporation his Sallery is augmented from £4.5 to £6 yearly from Xmass last during the pleasure of this Corporation

£50 ord. Mr. Clke for his expences & attendce. in Dubn. wth. Corpn. Books &c.

Order'd that the sum of Fifty pounds be paid to Mr. Wm. Holmes Town Clerk for his Expences of Several Journeys to and Attendance in Dublin with the Corpn. Books pursuant to the orders of the Court of Kings Bench and of this Assembly the same to be allowed on passing his accounts as Treasurer

£1000 borrowed at interest

Order'd that the sum of one thousand pounds be forthwith borrowed by this Corporation at interest to discharge Several debts now due by the same, & that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby Impowered to perfect Ten Deben:tures or Bonds of £100 each for the said Sum with interest a £5 p Centm. pr. annum in like manner as those already passed for the Money lately borrowed by this Corporation

2 Surgeons ord. 10 Gs. apeice

Order'd that the sum of Ten Guineas apeice be paid to Messrs. Joseph Harpur and Wm. Cleapen Surgns. for their care and attendance of the poor of this Town that require their Assistance the ensuing year the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

Bench &c. for Court

Order'd that the Mayor and Sheriffs. Aldn. Geo. Schoales. Aldn. John Ogle and Aldn. Edward Hardman Junr. be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine and approve of the plan for a Bench and Seats and Dock to be made in the Court in the Tholsel laid before this Assembly by Mr. George Darley

4 free men sworn

1770 January 26th. this day Messrs. Robert Taylor Robt. Elliott and John Callen were Sworn free Merchants and Wm. Coddington Esqr. was Sworn a free Member pursuant to their admittance last Assembly paid the Usual fees and Signed the instrument

Same

2 free men Sworn

Same day George Evans Brazier son of Charles Evans was sworn a free Smith and John Greene son of Wm. Greene decd. was sworn a free Member pursuant to their admittance last Assembly & paid the usual fees

Genl. Assly 27 Aprl. 1770

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 27th. April 1770

Mayor Elect

Alderman Wm. Norman is Elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing year from Michaelmas day next accord:ing to the rule of Succession

Sheriffs Elect

Messrs. John Donagh Junr. and Mr. Thomas Wynne are Elected to serve Sheriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing year from Michaelmass day next

Certifyed

Order'd that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing year be forth Certifyed to the Government for their Approbation

Receivers of the Commons Rents

Messrs. John Fairtlough and James Forde are Elected and appointed Receivers of the rents of the Commons for three years from this Easter General Assembly

Franchises to be perambulated

Order'd that on Whit Sunteusday next the Franchises of this Corporation be preambulated according to ancient Custom by Mr. Mayor and Sheriffs attended by the Officers of this Corporatn. and by the Master and Wardens of each Fraternity and such other Freemen of this Corporation as chuse

Fraternitys to be paid £5 each

Order'd that the sum of Five pounds be paid the Master of each Fraternity of this Corporation to enable them to attend Mr. Mayor on Whitsuntuesday to preambulate the Franchises in a Decent Manner

Aldn. Jno. Ogle's Petition for a Lease

Upon the petition of Alderman John Ogle seting forth that he is in possession in his own right of a Lease made by this Corporation to his Late Unkle Aldn. Edwd. Meade decd. of Two Tenements and Gardens without St. James's Gate and adjoyning thereto bounded on the North by the low water mark of the River Boyne also one Strip of Ground without St. Laurence Gate adjoying the Town Wall Containing 4: 4 R P with the after Grass of the Aldermen's Acres for the Term of 61 years from Michaelmas 1763 at the yearly rent of Two pounds Ten Shillings That part of said premisses without Saint James's Gate adjoyning the River Boyne is at present Waste but is capable of being improved to advantage if the same was properly Walled in at or near low Water Mark which would also prove advantageous to the said River but as a Considerable sum of Money would be requisite for such improvement and as the Term unexpired of said Lease is too Short

for

for him to expend such a sum he therefore prays a longer term of said premisses without Saint James's Gate &c. &c. forth Which petition being referred to the auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being now read It is therefore Ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and is hereby

Grant

granted a new lease of all the premisses in the said recited Lease mentioned (save that part of them adjoyning the said River now in the Tenure of Mr. David Jebb as under Tenant of the Petitioner) for the term now unexpired of the said recited Lease being 54½ years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £2 and another new Lease of the part of the said premisses in the Tenure of the said David Jebb except 25 feet within the Spur that runs into the said River from the Town Wall for 99 years from Easter last at the yearly rent of 10s he Surrendering the present Lease and Covenanting to erect a quay at his own expence 25 feet at least within the said Spur and to leave a road or Lane to the River on the East side thereof as broad at least as the present lane leading thereto and to build Warehouses not less than 53 feet with the range Wall of the said Key and to expend within the first three Years of the said last mentioned Lease on the said quay and Warehouses a Sum not less than £700 and that a bond of the penalty of £1000 be entered into for performance of said Covenant &c. Maps to be annexed to the said New Leases

The Honble Thomas Tenison Esqr. Second Justice of his Majesty's Court of Common Pleas in Ireland son of Henry Tenison Esqr. decd. James Edwards Esqr. son of John Edwards Esqr. decd. Wm. Brabazon Esqr. of Drogheda son of Wm. Brabazon Esqr. decd. Stephen Sibthorp Esqr. son of Robert Sibthorp Esqr. decd. John Owens Esqr. son of Wm. Owens Esqr. decd. Joseph Fairtlough Esqr. son of Oliver Fairtlough Esqr. decd. the Revd. Thos. Foster Doctor in Divinity son of John Foster Esqr. decd. the Revd. Townley Smith Clke. son of Jeremiah Smith Esqr. decd. the Revd. John Forster Doctor in Divinity son of John Forster decd. Wm. Regan Dyer of the Town of Drogheda son of Mr. John Regan of the same Wm. David Williams son of Mr. George Williams of Drogheda John Eastwood son of John Eastwood decd. Zachariah Rencher son of Joseph Rencher decd. John Seaton son of Jas. Seaton decd.

15 free Men admitted by Birth

And

And Joseph Barton of Scribblestown in the County of Dublin Gentn. son of Thomas Barton decd. are admitted free Members of this Corporation upon their Several petitions granted by this Assembly on their Severally taking the usual Oath and paying the usual fees their Fathers being freemen of this Corporation at the time of the said Petitioners Births respectively

Wm. Adams of Drogheda Esqr. upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation on paying Five pounds fine with fees taking the usual Oath and Signing the Instrument

freeman admitted pay £5 fine

Mr. Philip Wilkinson of Drogheda upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Member of this Corporation on paying two pounds Sterling fine with fees taking the usual Oath and Signing the Instrument

idem £2 fine

Thomas Ashe of Drogheda Gentn. Maurice Barlow of the same Esqr. Trevor Williams of the same Gent. Thos. Williams of the same Mariner Thomas Collier of the same Shopkeeper Denis Finigan of the same Innholder. David Kearns of the same Shopkeeper. Robert Reaney of the same Shopkeeper and Wm. Greene Gent. are admitted free Members of this Corporation by Speciall favour upon their Several Petitions granted by this Assembly on their Severally taking the usual Oath paying the usual fine & fees and Signing the instrument

9 freemen admitted spec. grat.

Resolved unanimously that the Freedom of this Corporation be presented to the Revd. Richard Norris Doctor in Divinity in a Silver Box In Testimoney of the high Opinion this Corporation entertain of his great abilities and Learning and also for the great care and attention he pays to the Education and Morals of the Youth under his Tuition whereby the School of Drogheda over Which he presides is become one of the first Seminarys of Learning in this Kingdom and Mr. Recorder is requested to prepare a proper Inscription on this Occasion

Doctr. Norris presented with freedom in a Silver Box

Upon the Petition of Benjn. Rencher Musician to this Corporation Setting forth that he intends adding his son to the Band of Musick to attend on this Corporation and praying an Augmentation of his Sallary. It is therefore Ordered by this Assembly that the said Benjn. Rencher's Sallery as Musician to this Corporation be augmented from five Guineas to eight Guineas per year from Easter last he supplying a proper band of Musick to attend this Corporation on the usual days during pleasure

Musician's Sally augmented to 8 Guineas

Ordered

County Archives

Pensioners on the Common List

Order'd that the undernamed persons be paid the following sums to their names respectively annexed out of the Rent of the Commons for one year commencing at Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next Viz.t

	£	s	d
Hester Clarke	2	~	~
Widow of Geo. Cooke	2	~	~
Ann M.c Evoy	3	~	~
Marg.t Donnelly & Child.n	3	~	~
Proctors of St Johns poor house for the Furs of the Commons	8	~	~
Widow of Rob.t Elliott	4	~	~
Widow of Geo: Rencher	4	~	~
Widow of Jn.o Ashland	2	10	~
Hannah M.c Dowell	3	2	9
Ann Evans	2	~	~
Wid.w of Jas Donville	4	~	~
Wid.w Brunton	3	~	~
Wid.w of John Collier	3	~	~
Edw.d Jones's Child.n	3	9	6
Elinor Griffin	1	10	~
Wid.w of Jas Quash	2	~	~
Marth.a Betty	1	10	~
Mary Staplehill	2	~	~
Dan.l Appleyard Wife & Child.n	2	17	9
Edw.d Carrole	4	~	~
Mary Cain	2	15	~
£	63	15	~

	£	s	d
Wid.w of Rich.d Cooper	3	~	~
Wid.w of Jn.o Wallace	2	~	~
Wid.w of Greg.y Gerrard	2	~	~
Wid.w of Tho.s Latimer	2	10	~
Wid.w of Mat.w Marsden	2	~	~
Ann Shorlell	1	1	8
Jane Blith	2	~	~
Wid.w of Fairfax Ennis	2	~	~
Wm.m Ashe	2	~	~
Wid.w of Jam.s Fisher	2	10	~
Mary Smith	2	~	~
Wid.w of Jas. Sheilds	2	10	~
Henry Hughes	3	~	~
Rich.d Lucas	3	~	~
Susanna Cotter	1	10	~
Dorothy Robinson	1	10	~
Tho.s Rogers for Jn.o Dixon's Child.n	1	6	~
Wid.w of Jos. Moffett	2	~	~
Wid.w of Rob.t Dunn	3	~	~
Wid.w of John Fitzgerald	2	10	~
Mary Simple	4	~	~
John Robinson	2	8	9
£	49	16	5
	63	15	~
£	113	11	5

Report to be made of a Tenement &c. the foot of Patricks Well Lane

Order'd that the Auditors and Viewers be and they are hereby impowered to report to next Michael General Assembly their Opinion of the terms that a lease in reversion of the present Lease may be made from that time by this Corporation of the Tenement and concerns at the foot of Patricks Well Lane adjoyning the River Boyne belonging to this Corporation

Geo. Darley's Accot. of Work at the Tholsel exclusive of his original Contract Referred

M.r Geo. Darley having layd before this Assembly an Accot. of the Works he done at the Tholsel of this Town exclusive of what was estimated for in his Original Contract with this Corporation for that Building amounting to £505..8..4½ and also a Memorial Setting forth among other things that he has been a considerable looser in Several of the Articles Estimated for. It is Order'd by this Assembly that the consideration of the said Memorial

And

and Account be Referred to M.r Mayor & Sheriffs and the Auditors and Viewers and such other Members of this Assembly as shall chuse to attend who are hereby appointed a Committee to report their Opinion thereon to next General Assembly

£20 for a Road

Order'd that the sum of Twenty pounds be paid to M.r Mayor. Aldr. Cheshire and M.r John Fairtlough to be layed out on Repairing the Road leading thro' Mannimore to the Twenty[s] the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

£40 idem

Order'd that the sum of Forty pounds be paid to M.r Recorder to be applyed towards Repairing the great Road without Dulcek Gate in the liberty[s] of this Town leading to Platin the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

£20 idem

Order'd that sum of Twenty pounds be paid to M.r Geo: Clegg to be applyed towards Repairing the Great Road without John's Gate in this County of the Town leading by Donore to Navan the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

£20 Idem

Order'd that the sum of Twenty pounds be paid to M.r James Jorde to be Applyed towards Repairing the great Road without Sunday Gate leading to Drumshallon the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

£300 borrowed

Order'd that the sum of three hundred pounds be borrowed by this Corporation at Interest upon Bonds or Debentures to be prepared by M.r Mayor under the Corporation Seal in the usual manner. and that two hundred pounds be paid to M.r George Darley in part of his Demand Remaining due for building the Tholsel

5 Freemen Sworn

1770. April 30th. This day Wm Brabazon Esq.r Son of Will.m Brabazon dec.d John Owens Esq.r Son of Wm. Owens Esq.r dec.d Joseph Fairtlough Esq.r son of Oliver Fairtlough Esq.r dec.d Wm Regan Dyer son of John Regan and Zachariah Rencher Carpenter Son of Joseph Rencher dec.d were Sworn Free Members of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last Assembly and paid the Usual Fees

9 Freemen Sworn

Same day Thomas Ashe Gent.r Maurice Barlow Esq.r Trevor Williams Gent.n Thomas Williams Mariner. Tho.s Collier Shopkeeper. Denis Finegan. Innholder; David Kearney Shopkeeper & Robert Kearney Shopkeeper all of Drogheda. Wm Greene Gent.n were Sworn Free Members of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last Assembly paid the Usual fees and Signed Instruments

1770

Freedom presented to Dr. Norris

1770 July 11th. This day the Revd. Doctr. Richd. Norris was presented with his Freedom of this Corpora.n in a Silver Box, pursuant to an Order of last Assembly

a freeman Sworn

1770 July 12th. This day Ralph Eccleston was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation pursuant to a peremp: tory Writ of Mandamus for that purpose issued forth of of his Majesties Court of Kings Bench in Ireland bear: ing test the 23d. June in the 10th. year of his Majesty's Reign and returnable into said Court on Tuesday next after the Morrow of all Souls next coming and paid the usual fees

Genl. Assembly 13 July 1770

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayr. and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Commons Council being present the 13th. July 1770

Aldn. Edwd. Hardman's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Aldn. Edward Hardman setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of a Lease made by this Corporation to his Father Aldr. Geo: Hardman decd. of three parks called the Land of Buckland cont.g 10..1..18 one park near the same called Borebadogh cont.g 2..2..35, also one Tenement and Garden without St. Laurence Gate over against Tooting Tower cont.g 0..1..24 also a Tenement and Garden called the Pidgeon House Orchard cont.g 0..1..29 and also two Tenements within Sundays Gate one leading from the Gate to Tooting Tower cont.g 20 perches and the other over against said Gate cont.g 23 perches, for 61 years from Easter 1711 at the yearly rent of £3..19..— that the said Lease is within the Rules for Renewing &c. praying a new Lease &c. and so forth. Which Petition being referred to the Auditors & Viewers and their Report thereon being Read It is there: upon Ordered by this Assembly that the said Edward Hardman be and he is hereby granted a New Lease of the said premisses for 61 Years from Easter last containing in all 14..0..29 at the yearly Rent of £10 & £10 fine on Surrendering the Old Lease, Maps to annexed to the New Leases

Granted

Upon

Revd. Mr. Pountney's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of the Revd. Wm. Pountney &c. setting forth that there is a Waste peice of Strand lying between his Estate on the South side of West Street in Drogheda and the low Water Mark of the River Boyne which is at present of little or no Value, but if taken in would be of Advantage to him and improve the River, and praying a Lease of said waste peice of Strand, which petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being now read, It is therefore Ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a Lease of said Waste peice of Strand for 500 years from Easter last a 6d. p Annm. on Covenanting to take in and inclose the same on a Range with Alderman Schoales Garden and the East end of the Hyde Market Wall, Maps to be annexed to the said Lease

Granted

Sealing Day

Monday the thirteenth day of August next is appointed a Sealing day for Corporation Leases

3 Freemen admitted 2 by Birth & 1 by Service

John Sheils of the City of Dublin Gent. son of James Sheils decd. Samuel Heale of the Town of Drogheda Shoemaker Son of Robert Heale decd. and Henry Martin of Drogheda Cabinetmaker are upon their several Petitions Granted by this Assembly admitted free Members of this Corporation on their paying the usual fees and taking the usual Oath the two first by Birth their Fathers being freemen of this Corporation at the time of the said Petitioners births respectively & the last by Service he having Served a Regular appren: ticeships of Seven Years to a Freeman of this Corporation

2 Freemen admitted by Sped. grat.

Henry Smith of Beabeg in the County of Meath Esqr. & the Revd. Robert Gorges of the Town of Drogheda &c. upon their Petitions Granted by this Assembly are admitted free Members of this Corporation on their paying the usual fees & taking the usual Oath & Signing the Instrument

Coll. Burton Voted Free by Fiat

Resolved that the Freedom of this Corporation be and the same is hereby unanimously Ordered to be presented unto the Honble. Lieutenant Colonel Wm. Burton Esqr. in a Fiat

Petitions for Freedom referred to a Jury

Ordered that the several Petitions referred at this and former Assemblys to a Jury to be Sworn to Enquire into the Claims of several Petitioners for the Freedom of this Corporation be and the same are hereby appointed and Ordered to be heard & enquired into by such Jury on Monday the Tenth day of Septem.r next

to be ballotted for and Sworn to enquire into the Petrs. Claims

next at the Tholsel of Drogheda at Ten O Clock in the forenoon. And it is hereby Order'd that the Sheriffs of this Corporation do prepare and return a list of the names of Twelve Common Councilmen and twelve free men of this Corporation of whom Mr. Mayor is to Ballott out six of each to make said Jury & to whom he is hereby authorized and required severally to administer the following Oath, to wit. "You shall well and truely Enquire

Oath of Juror

"into the Several Petitions preferred to the Corporation of the "Town of Drogheda which shall be laid before You, and a "true Verdict give Whether any and which of the Petitioners "are Protestants of the Church of Ireland as by Law established "and Whether any and which of them who Petition for their "Freedom in right of Birth were born after their Fathers "were made free of the said Corporation And also Whether "any and which of the said Petitioners who Petition for their "Freedom in right of Service have duly served a regular "apprenticeship of Seven Years to any trade to a free Member "of this Corporation and duly enrolled their indenture of "apprenticeship agreeable to the Bye Laws of the said "Corporation, and in all other things touching the said "Petitions respectively, you shall declare the truth "according to the Evidence, So help you God". And it is

Notice to be posted

hereby further Order'd that one Month's previous Notice be published by the Town Clerk that the Merits of the said Petitions will be enquired into on the day and place aforesaid when and where the Several Petitioners are required personaly to attend and produce Evidence & be Examined upon Oath touching their respective Petitions or the Petitions of those who will not attend not to be enquired into

John Jones to Shew cause why he shd. not be disfranchised

This Assembly being informed that Mr. John Jones Stone Cutter a free Carpenter of this Corporation is Married to a popish Wife. It is Order'd that unless he Satisfies the next General Assembly of the Contrary, or that his Wife did within a Year and a day after his Marriage conform to the Protestant Religion and that she Since such conformity continues a protestant, he shall be from thenceforth disfranchised and Stand deprived of his Freedom of this Corporation

New Clock for Tholsel

Order'd that Mr. Mayor & Sheriffs be and they are hereby authorized & required to bespeak a new Clock to be fixed in the Steeple of the Tholsel of this Corporation

Order'd

House keeper at Mayoralty House £6 yearly

Order'd that Mr. Mayor and his Successors be & they are hereby impowered to draw upon the Treasurer of this Corporation for any Sum not exceeding Six pounds Yearly to be paid to such person as he or they shall appoint to take care of and attend at the Mayoralty House of this Corporation as House keeper and for keeping the same and the furniture thereof Clean and in proper decent order; And also a Sallary of four pounds yearly to such person as Aldn. Hardman, Aldn. Schoales, Aldn. Chesshire Mr. Ol. Favitlough and Mr. Antº. Marshall Merchants shall appoint to take care of keep Clean and attend to Open and Shut the Gates of the Change at the said Mayoralty House

Change keeper same House £4 yearly

a Vacancy declard in Poor House

Order'd that the place of the Widow Metcalfe one of the Pensioners in St. Johns poor House be and the same is hereby declared Vacant, she not residing therein

3 Widw. admitted in Poor House

Widow Morton, Elizabeth Williams and Susanna Hughes three poor Widows upon their Petitions granted by this Assembly are admitted to the three Vacancys in St. Johns poor House

Mannimore to be Surveyed & Set in Lots next Genl. Assembly

Order'd that the Auditors and Viewers do forth with cause a fair Map of the Lands of Mannimore to be made & lodged in the Town Clerks Office distinguishing the same in such lots as they shall think most eligible to divide and Set it in And that an Advertisement be published for Seting thereof at next October Genl. Assembly by the Acre to the highest bidder being a free Member of this Corporation for 61 Years to commence from the Expiration of the Lease now in being of said Lands, one half of the rent to be fined off at 14 years purchase, one Moiety of such fine to be paid down at the time of sale, and the other Moiety on the perfection of the Leases

Colº. Burton presented with his Freedom

1770 July 23 this day the Honble Lieutenant Colonel Wm. Burton was presented with his freedom of this Corporation in a Fiat pursuant to an Order make last General Assembly

2 freemen Sworn

1770. August 6th. This day Henry Martin Cabinetmaker & Saml. Heale Shoemaker both of Drogheda were Sworn free Members of this Corporation pursuant to their Admittance last Assembly & paid the usual fees

Order served on Jno. Jones

Same day Served John Jones Stone Cutter with Copy of an Order made last Assembly to shew Cause next Assembly Why he should not be disfranchised

Same

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Notice posted relative to the Claims of sev.l Petitioners for Freedom

Same day posted Notice that the Merits of the Several Petitions for Freedom referred last and former Assemblys to a Jury would be enquired into at the Tholsel on the 10th day of September next pursuant to an Order last Assembly

Notice posted for the Setting of Mannimore

1770 August 27th This day posted Advertisements on the Tholsel, Gates, &c. of the Lands of Mannimore being to be Set in Lots next Genl. Assembly pursuant to an Order of last Genl. Assembly and agreeable to the Map and divisions of said Lands agreed to by the Auditors and Viewers,

Proceedings of Jury on sev.l Petns for Freedom

1770 September 10th This day a Jury was returned ballotted for and Sworn pursuant to an order made last General Assemby to enquire into the Claims of Several Petitioners for the Freedom of this Corporat.n when the Petitions of Edward Brunton son of Richd. Brunton dec.d John Carroll son of John Carroll dec.d James Fisher Son David Fisher dec.d Edw.d Hamilton Son of Edw.d Hamilton dec.d James Hughes son of John Hughes dec.d John Newett son of Philip Newett dec.d John Staplehill son of Thomas Staplehill dec.d and Richard Quash Son of James Quash dec.d were all

8 Petrs admitted by Birth

Admitted by Birth

2 Petrs Rejected and 18 Petrs absent

The Petitions of Samuel Bagnell Son of John Bagnell and Philip Griffin Son of George Griffin dec.d were Rejected And Eighteen Several other Petitioners being duly called upon to make good their Claims absented themselves and did not Appear wherefore their Petitions were not enquired into

Acts compared Test

1770 September 29th This day the foregoing Acts of Assembly were compared before us and Ordered to be Entered in the Assembly Book as usual

Signed Henry Leland, Mayor, Robt Wynne, Austin Martin, Sheriffs. Franc.s Leigh, John Ogle, Roger Jorde, Wm. Norman, Aldermen

And

Mayor & Sher.s Elect Sworn

And on the same day Aldr. William Norman Mayor Elect and Messrs. John Donagh Junr. and Thos. Wynne Sheriffs Elect were Sworn into their respective Offices for the ensuing year pursuant to their Elections and the Approbation of Government

Michs Genl. Assembly 5th Octr. 1770.

Michaelmass General Assembly held before William Norman Esqr. Mayor John Donagh Junr. and Thomas Wynne Esqrs. Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 5th day of October 1770

Mayor of Staple

Aldr. Henry Leland is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the Ensuing Year

Com. Council

Messrs. Robt. Wynne and Austin Martin are Elected Common Councilmen and Sworn

Constables of Staple & Coroners

Messrs. Robt. Wynne and Austin Martin are Elected Coroners and Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Master Guild

Alr. Edwd. Hardman Junr. is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Messrs

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Wardens

Messrs. Philip Donagh & Oliver Fairtlough Junr. are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing year

Treasurer

Mr. Wm. Holmes is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year. and it is Ordered that his Sallery be augmented to fifty Guineas in consideration of extraordinary trouble attending that Office

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Daniel Kelly Clerk to the Collector of this port on the same terms he collected them last year

Cleansing Streets

Ordered that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to contract with such persons as he shall think proper to carry away the Dirt and Soil out of the Streets and Lanes of this Town for the ensuing Year from the 22d. day of November next

Report of the Aud.rs & View.rs relative to a House & Lease in Patrickswell Lane in possession of Ald.r Leland

Upon the Report of the Auditors and Viewers made to this Assembly touching an Order made last Gen.l Assembly of the terms that a Lease in Reversion of the present Lease may be made by this Corporation of the Tenement and Concerns at the foot of Patrickswell Lane adjoining the River Boyne It is ordered by this Assembly that a Lease of said Tenement and Concerns be and the same is hereby granted to Ald.r Henry Leland for 61 years to commence from Michas 1781 (when the present Lease thereof will expire) At the Old Yearly Rent of £3 he covenanting in three years from the commencem.t thereof to inclose the Strand on the South side of said premisses with a lime and Stone Wall on a Range with the new Wall of the Hyde Market next the Boyne and also to build a range Wall from his House to the Boyne on the West side of said Hyde market under the penalty of £300 it appearing to this Assembly that the said Leland hath already layd out a very considerable sum to make the said premisses habitable, Maps of said premisses cont.g by a late Survey one Rood and thirteen perches to be annexed to the new Leases

Lease in Reversion granted to him

2 freemen admitt by Birth

Wm. Foster Esq.r Son of John Foster late of Dunleer Esq.r dec.d and Shepheard Esq.r Son of Wm. Shepheard Esq.r late an Alder.n man of this Corporat.n dec.d upon their Petitions granted by this Assembly are admitted free Members of this Corporation by birth their said Fathers being freemen thereof at the time of the said Pet.rs birth's respectively each of them to pay the usual fees & take the usual Oath

4 freemen admitted by special favour

James Cattin of Drogheda Esq.r Robert Johnston of the same Mariner John Holmes of the same Merchant and Hyacinth Cheevers upon their Sev.l Petitions granted by this Assembly are admitted free Members of this Corporation of special favour on their severally paying the usual fees taking the usual Oath and signing the Instrument

Ball.ce of Mr. Darleys Acct for Building the House & Ordered to be paid

Upon the report of the Auditors and Viewers & Committee to whom the Memorial and account of Mr. George Darley were referred and now layd before this Assembly It is Ordered that the said George Darley be paid the sum of three hundred and five pounds eight shillings and four pence ½ being the Ballance remaining due to him by this Corporation for the Extraordinary Work.s &c. done by him at the House exclusive of his Original Estimate and Contract for that Building the same to be allowed in the Treas.r Accot.s

Sealing day

The first Monday in January next is appointed a Sealing Day for Corporation Leases

Order relative to Jno. Jones postponed

Ordered that the Consideration of the Memorial of Mr. Jno. Jones laid before this Assembly and the Order conceived relative to him at the last Gen.l Assembly be postponed to next General Assembly

Ald.r Cheshire's Accot for Linnen Hall to be exam.d

Ordered that the Account of Ald.r Edw.d Cheshire for Building the Linnen Hall on the Hyde Market be referred to the Auditors and Viewers and that they report to next General Assembly the Ballance that shall appear to them to be due to him thereon

Gate Customs set

The doors being opened the Gate Customs were set up to Cant and were set to Ald.r Edw.d Cheshire for thirteen pounds thirteen shillings per Week for One year to commence the 26th. day of October instant and ending the 26th. day of October next (1771) inclusive

The

Lands of Mannimore Setby Cant

The Lands of Mannimore were then Set up to Cant pursuant to an Order of last Gen.l Assembly and an Advertisem.t posted for that purpose and were Set in the following lots to the following persons for 61 Years from Easter 1772 at the acreable Rent to their Names Respectively mentioned one half whereof to be fined off at 14 Years purchase one Moiety to be paid down the other on the perfection of the Leases Viz.t

In lots, the Contents and to whom set

	A	R	P		
1st Lot (N.o 182 in Map) Cont.d	11:	1:	13,	to M.r Jn.o Fairlough at	£2..11..— pacre
2d lot (N.o 3&4	5:	2:	31	to Austin Martin at	£2..11..— pa.
3d lot (N.o 5.)	4:	2:	25	to M.r Robt. Wynne at	£2..14..— pa.
4th lot (N.o 6)	3..	1..	36,	to Alder.n Frat.s Leigh at	£3..10..— pa.
5th lot (N.o 7)	5..	3..	—	to Ant.o Marshall Esq.r at	£3..12..— pa.
6th lot (N.o 8&19)	7..	3..	33,	to L.d Ch. Baron Foster at	£5..—..— pa.
7th lot (N.o 9&18)	4..	0..	24,	to M.r Robt Wynne at	£4..2..— pa.
8th lot (N.o 10. 11&20)	4..	2..	38,	to M.r Jas. Forde at	£4..6..— pa.
9th lot (N.o 12)	3..	3..	30,	to Alder.n Geo. Schoales at	£4..—..— pa.
10th lot (N.o 13&14)	4..	2..	20,	to Alder.n Geo. Achland at	£5..3..— pa.
11th lot (N.o 15)	4..	0..	0,	to Alder.n Edw.d Cheshire at	£4..12..— pa.
12th lot (N.o 16)	2..	3..	27,	to M.r Robt Wynne at	£4..16..— pa.
13th lot (N.o 17)	2..	1..	20	to D.o at	£5..—..— pa.
14th lot (N.o 21&28)	8..	3..	23,	to Alder.n Jn.o Jebb at	£4..15..— pa.
15th lot (N.o 22&25)	4..	3..	30,	to M.r Jn.o Ellis 19 at	£3..16..— pa.
16th lot (N.o 23)	4..	1..	26	to D.o at	£3..3..— pa.
17th lot (N.o 24)	6..	0..	2,	to D.o at	£3..3..— pa.
18th lot (N.o 26)	4..	0..	10	to M.r Abm Knight at	£4..9..— pa.
19th lot (N.o 27)	2..	3..	10,	to M.r Jn.o Fairlough at	£4..15..— pa.
20th lot (N.o 29)	3..	2..	6,	to Ant.o Marshall Esq.r at	£5..1..— pa.
21st lot (N.o 30)	4..	0..	35	to M.r Wm Brown at	£6..—..— pa.
22d lot (N.o 31)	3..	1..	30	to Alder.n Jn.o Marshall at	£5..5..— pa.
23d lot (N.o 32, 33, &34)	4..	2..	24,	to M.r Robt Wynne at	£5..16..— pa.
24th lot (N.o 35, &36)	5..	3..	24,	to Alder.n Ch.s Cheshire at	£3..16..— pa.
25th lot (N.o 37, 38&39)	6..	0..	0,	to D.o at	£4..—..— pa.
26th lot (N.o 40&41)	6..	1..	8	to D.o at	£4..13..— pa.
27th lot (N.o 42&43)	6..	1..	30,	to Alder.n J. Marshall at	£4..14..— pa.
28th lot (N.o 44)	5..	3..	30	to M.r Jn.o Fairlough at	£5..10..— pa.
29th lot (N.o 45)	5..	3..	6	to D.o at	£5..14..— pa.
30th lot (N.o 46)	6..	3..	14	to M.r Hen. Stewart at	£5..15..— pa.
31st lot (N.o 47)	4..	2..	10	to M.r Jn.o Fairlough at	£6..—..— pa.
32d lot (N.o 48)	4..	3..	28	to Wm Coddington Esq.r at	£6..—..— pa.

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A Freeman Sworn

1770 Oct.r 13th. This day Stephen Sibthorpe Esq.r Son of Robert Sibthorpe Esq.r dec.d was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last Easter Gen.l Assembly and paid the usual fine and fees

3 Freemen Sworn

Same day Edward Brunton Son of Richard Brunton dec.d and Edward Hamilton Reedmaker Son of Edward Hamilton deceased were Sworn free Members pursuant to the Verdict of the Jury given the 10th Sept.r last and pay'd the usual fine and fees

2 Freemen Sworn

1770. Nov.r 26. This day Robert Johnston Mariner and John Holmes Gent.n were Sworn free of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last Assembly paid the usual fine & Signed Instruments

Spec.l Gen.l Asm.bly 7th Jan.y 1771

At a Special General Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 7th Jan.y 1771

Pt. of Mannimore taken by Robt. Wynne Relinquish'd

Ord.d that the small peice of waste Ground containing 14 perches which was Set last Assembly to M.r Robt Wynne with a no thor parcels of the Lands of Mannimore at the Rate of £4..2 pacre be not included in or demised by the Lease to be Sealed to him of the other parts of said Lands, the said Waste peice of Ground being a Road for the Convenience of the said Lands and the said Robert Wynne consents at this Assembly to Relinquish all right or Claim to the Same

Quarry's &c.a of Mannimore grant.d to the Late Tenants

Ord.d that in the Leases to be this day Sealed of the Lands of Mannimore pursuant to the Setting thereof last Gen.l Assembly a grant be contained from this Corporation to the Several Lessees of all Quarrys of Marble and Lime Stone Gravel & Sand pits and also the Clay on the said Lands with full and free liberty to them to dig Search for and Carry away the same on their respective holdings and to dispose thereof as they shall think fit

A Freeman Sworn

1771. Jan.y 10th. John Eastwood Son of John Eastwood dec.d was Sworn a free Member pursuant to his admittance at last Easter Gen.l Assembly & paid the usual fees

At

Post Assembly 16th Jan: 1771

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 16th day of January 1771.

3 Aldn. Elected

Messrs. James Forde, Anthony Marshall, & Abraham Knight are Elected Aldermen of this Corporation in the Room and places of Jeremiah Smith, William Fairtlough and Henry Gartside late Aldermen of the same deceased pursuant to Notice

Genl. Assembly 18th Do.

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being present the 18th January 1771.

2 freemen admitted by birth

Thomas Jones Junr. Son of Mr. Thomas Jones. & Thos. Tonge Son of John Tonge decd. upon their petitions to this Assembly are admitted free members of this Corporation by Birth their Fathers being free thereof at the time of the said Petrs. Births respectively, each of them to pay the usual fine and fees & take the usual Oath

2 freemen admitted Specl. favour

Mr. John Jones Mercht. is admitted a free Mercht. & John Marshall is admitted a free Member both by special favour on their Petitions to this Assembly on taking the usual Oath paying the usual fine and Signing the Instrument, And the said John Jones to be Subject to Gate Customs untill the 26 day of October next

Mr. Thos. Wynnes Acct. for Candles Ordd. to be paid £74..11..7.

Orderd that the sum of £74..11..7 being the amount of Mr. Thomas Wynne's Accounts for two years Candles at Michs last delivered for the use of the Watch House of this Town be paid by the Treasurer and allowed in his Accounts

Accots. of the Directors of the Watch to be examd.

Orderd that the Auditors and Viewers do Examine into the Accounts of the present and preceding Directors of the Watch of this Town and report fully their Opinion thereon to next General Assembly And in the meantime that Mr. Mayor do appoint a more proper person to regulate the Watchmen than John Appleby the present regulator of them

Upon

Ballce. due to Aldn. Chesshire for buildg. Linen Hall pd.

Upon the Report of the Auditors and Viewers made to this Assembly upon Aldn. Edwd. Chesshires Account of Receipts and payments for building the Linnen Hall in this Town pursuant to an Order of last Assembly It is orderd that the sum of £105..9..5/2 being the Ballance due to him thereon be paid him by the Treasurer and allowed in his Accounts together with the further sum of Twenty Guineas to finish the said Building

Surrendr. of a Lease by Miss Emelia Cope & Annuity of £20. granted her

Orderd that in consideration of the surrender by Mrs. Emelia Cope of a Lease of a House or Cellar in St. Hellin's Lane made by this Corporation to her father Aldn. John Cope decd. She be & is hereby granted an Annuity of £20 yearly during her life from Michs last. And that the said House or Cellar be set by Cant next Genl. Assembly for 61 years from Easter next, one Moiety of the Rent to be fined off at 10 years purchase

Organ

Orderd that Mr. Mayor be and is hereby impowered to draw on the Treasurer for such sum as will be necessary to pay for the Salvage, Freight, package, repairing and putting up the Organ lately purchased by the Gentn. of this Corporation for Saint Peter's Church which Cost £300 in London, the ship wherein part of said Organ was being Wrecked at Skerries in the late Storm, the same to be allowed in his Accounts

New Gate at the West end of Fair St.

Consideration being had of the very great inconvenience to the Publick by the Throng of Cattle and Carriages at the West Gate of this Town on Markett and Fair days by which passengers are Stopt and obstructed from coming into and going out of the same to their great danger delay and detriment It is Orderd that Mr. Mayor the Sheriffs Audrs. & Viewers or the Majority of them do Consider in what manner a publick gate may be made at the West end of Fairstreet thro. the Town Wall to the Turnpike Road leading to Dunleer and that they cause an estimate to be made of the expence of pulling down so much of said Wall as will be necessary & of the Building of a proper Gate for the same

Window Curtains & Carpetts for Mayorally house

Orderd that Mr. Mayor do provide proper Window Curtains and Carpetts for the great Room of the Mayoralty House at the Charge of this Corporation

Orderd

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Ordered that the Sum of £10 be paid by the Treasurer to Mr. Robert Hatchett towards the Maintenance of the two Infants of Richard Ennis who has deserted & left them destitute of Support

Rich.d Ennis's Child.n

Upon the proposale of Ald.r Wm. Meade made at this Assembly to lay out the sum of £500 interest free upon Oatmeal to be retailed out to the poor at a moderate price in time of Scarcity It is ordered that the like Sum be advanced by this Corporation for the same laudable purpose And Ald.r Hardman. Ald.r Schoales. Ald.r Cheshire. Ald.r Jebb. Mr. Jas. Forde. Mr. Oliver Fairlough and Mr. John Fairlough are hereby appointed a Committee for the management of the said Charitable fund: And this corporation will garrantry to the said William Meade the said principal sum of £500 to be advanced by him as also any further principal sums that shall be advanced by any other person for the like purpose

Meal for the poor

Mr. Thomas Knight the present Mace bearer to this Corporation having desired leave to resign his Office, his resignation is Accepted: And Robert Mc Cartney is appointed in his Room untill Easter next

Mace bearer

The Orders conceded against Mr. John Jones at the last Mich.s and preceding Gen.l Assembly are hereby discharged

Orders ag.st Jn.o Jones discha.d

1771 Jan.y 28 This day Wm. Adams Esq.r and Mr. Philip Wilkinson were Sworn free Members of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last Easter Gen.l Assembly the former paid Five pounds the latter two pounds fine with fees took the usual Oath and Signed the Instrument

2 Freemen Sworn

Same

Same day the Rev.d Robt. George Gorges Clk was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last July Gen.l Assembly paid the usual fine and fees took the usual Oath and Signed the Instrument

free Member Sworn

1771 April 9. This day Mess.rs James Forde, Anthony Marshall and Abraham Knight were Sworn Aldermen of this Corporation pursuant to their Election last past Assembly

3 Aldermen Sworn

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 12.th April 1771

Gen.l Ass.y held 12. Ap.l 1771

Ald.r James Forde is Elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year from Michaelmas day next

Mayor Elected

Mess.rs William Coddington and Thomas Elliott are Elected to serve Sheriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing Year from Michaelmas day next

Sheriffs Elected

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing Year be forthwith Certifyed to the Government for their Approbation

Certifyed

Mr. James Schoales Merch.t is admitted a free John Richardson, Shoemaker is admitted a free Shoemaker & Mr. Hugh Carmichael Gent.r is admitted a free member of this Corporation on their Several Petitions to this Assembly the two first by Service the latter by Special favour on their paying the usual fine & fees taking the usual Oath and the latter signing the Instrument

3 Freemen admit.d

Robert Hatchett Shoemaker upon his petition to this Assembly is appointed Mace bearer of this Corporation in the Room of Thomas Knight late Mace bearer, on the usual terms during the pleasure of this Corporation

Mace bearer appoint.d

Mr. Henry Stewart's Account for boards &c. got for the use of this Corporation amounting to the sum of Thirty one pounds twelve Shillings & Eleven pence being laid before this Assembly with a Report from the Auditors and Viewers thereon Ordered that the same be paid by the Treasurer & allowed in his accounts

Hen. Stewart's Acco.t for Boards paid

The

The Auditors and Viewers having reported to this Assembly the State of the Accounts of the Directors of the Watch of this Town pursuant to an Order of the last General Assembly and there being a Ballance of Forty two pounds six Shillings and three pence due to Alderman Ackland thereon since the year 1767 Order'd that the same be paid him by the Treasurer and allowed in his Acco.ts

Ball.ce of Watch Acco.ts to be paid

Order'd that the sum of Five pounds three Shillings & five pence half penny a Ballance due to Ald.n Knight as a Director of the Watch for the present year be paid him and allowed the Treasurer in his Accounts

Item

Order'd that Mess.rs Jos. Harpur and Will. Cleapem Surgeons be paid ten Guineas each for their care and attendance of the poor of this Town that require their Assistance for the ensuing Year from Xmass last the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Acco.ts

Surgeons

Order'd that Mr. Mayor and Sheriffs and the Auditors and Viewers be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to Contract with such person or persons as they shall think proper to Build a House on the Waste Ground at the Corner of Saint Peter Street and Fair Street for the use of this Corporation and that the Costs thereof be paid by the Treasurer and allowed in his Accounts

House to be built the Corner of Pet.r St. & Fair St.

Mr. Oliver Fairtlough Jun.r and Mr. Rob.t Wynne are Elected Auditors and Viewers in the Room of Mr. Anthony Marshall and Mr. James Forde lately promoted Aldermen of this Corporation

Auditors

Mr. Mayor having laid before this Assembly a letter to him from Alderman William Ogle and also his Resignation of the Office of one of the Justices of the peace for the Town and County of the Town of Drogheda Order'd that his said Resignation be and the same is hereby accepted & that his said letter be inter'd which is as follows

Ald.n Wm. Ogle's Resign.n as Justice of the peace

Wm.

Wm. Norman Esq.r May.r of Drogheda

Drogheda Ap.l 8th 1771

Sir

I have for many years had the Welfare and prosperity of the Corporation of Drogheda much at Heart, I have always endeavour'd in the Several Offices I have been honoured with faithfully to discharge the trust reposed in me, and hope my Endeavours have not been in Vain my inclinations are Still very Strong to promote good Order and to enforce due Obedience to the Laws, but I find the Execution of my Duty as a Justice of the peace too burthensome at this time of life

his Letter to Mr. Mayor

I must therefore beg leave to resign that Office and request that Sir you will please to lay my resignation before the Gen.l Assembly and return my most gratefull thanks for those marks of esteem I have received from the Corporation

I am Sir
Yr. Obed.t hum. Serv.t
Wm. Ogle

Order'd that the particular thanks of this Assembly be given by Mr. Mayor and Mr. Recorder to Ald.n William Ogle for the faithfull discharge of the Several Offices he has Sustained in this Corporation and especially for his upright conduct and close attention to his duty as a Justice of the peace for many Years past

Thanks Ret.d him

Order'd that the Mayors Sallery of this Corporation be augmented from One hundred and fifty pounds to two hundred pounds ⅌ annum from Michaelmas last the better to Enable them to give their Entertainments at the Mayoralty House of this Corporation

Mayor's Sallary Augm.t to £200

Order'd that the sum of three pounds be paid Frances Rencher by the Treasurer and allowed in his Accounts

Frances Rencher

Order'd that the sum of Twenty five pounds be paid by the Treasurer to Ald.n Robert Ball to finish the Road with:out Saint Johns Gate in this County leading towards Old Bridge the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

£25 for a Road

Order'd

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Order'd that the sum of one hundred pounds be paid for repairing the Road leading from the Turnpike road thro' the Lands of Mannimore to the Twentys in the Liberties of this Corporation, Aldn. Chesshire, Aldn. Knight, Mr. John Fairtlough, Mr. Sheriff Wynne & Mr. Henry Stewart Overseers the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

L100 to a road.

Order'd that the sum of Twenty pounds Sterling be paid to Aldn. Hardman Junr. for repairing the great road without Sundays Gate to the Bridge at the Green Latter the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accot.

L20. to do.

Order'd that the sum of Twenty five pounds be paid to Mr. Oliver Fairtlough to finish the Road from the Old Corn Market Hill to Duleek Gate the same to be allowed in the Treasrs. Accots.

L25. to do.

Order'd that all sums of Money granted at this Assembly or hereafter to be granted by this Corporation for repairing roads and all other publick Works be accounted for upon Oath

All money grant.d to be account.d for upon Oath

Order'd that the under named persons be paid the following sums to their names annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one year commencing at Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next Vizt.

Commons money.

Pentioners

Hester Clarke	£2.0	Widow Brunton	£3
Ann Mc Evoy	3	Widow of John Collier	3
Marg. Donnelly & Childn.	3	Edwd. Jones's Children	3..9..6
Proctors of St. John's Poor House for the Furs of the Commons	8	Elinor Griffin	1..10
Widw. of Robt. Elliott	4	Widow of James Quash	2
Widw. of George Rencher	4	Martha Betty	1..10
Widw. of John Ackland	2..10	Mary Staplehill	2
Hannah Mc. Dowell	3..2..9	Davd. Appleyard Wife & Childn.	2..17..9
Ann Evans	2	Edwd. Carroll	4
Widow of Jas. Domville	4	Margt. Cain	2..15
		Widow of Richd. Cooper	3
	£35..12..9		29..2..3
			35..12..9
			£64..15

Widow of Thomas Latimer	2..10	Dorothy Robinson	£1..10
Widow of Math. Marsden	2	Thos. Rogers for Jno. Dixon's Child	1..6
Ann Shortell	1..1..8	Widw. of John Moffitt	2
Jane Blith	2	Widw. of Robt. Dunn	3
Widw. of Fair. Ennis	2	Widw. of Jno. FitzGerald	2..10
William Ashe	2	Mary Simple	4
Widw. of Jas. Fisher	2..10	Jno. Robinson	2..8..9
Mary Smith	2	John Head	2
Widw. of Jas. Sheils	2..10	Frances Rencher	2
Hen. Hughes	3	Richd. Ennis's Childn.	2
Richard Lucas	3		22..14..9
Susanna Cotter	1..10		26..1..8
	26..1..8		64..15
			113..11..5

The doors being opened the House or Cellar in St. Hellin's Lane late in the possession of Mrs. Emelia Cope was set up to Cant pursuant to an Order of last Genl. Assembly and a Notice posted for that purpose for 61 years from Easter last and the same was set to Mr. Oliver Fairtlough the highest bidder for the said Term at £10 ℔ annum one half whereof to be fined off at 10 years purchase

House in Hellin's Lane set to Mr. Ol. Fairtlough

At a Special post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 15th. April 1771

Post Assbly. 15 Apl. 1771

Aldn. George Schoales is Elected a Justice of the peace for the County of Town of Drogheda in the Room of Aldn. Wm. Ogle late a Justice of the peace for the said County of the Town resigned pursuant to Notice given for that purpose and the said George Schoales was sworn a Justice of the peace Accordingly

Aldn. Geo. Schoales Elected a Justice of peace & sworn

1771 April 15th. This day Thomas Tonge and Hugh Carmichael were sworn free members James Schoales a free Mercht. & John Richardson a free Shoemaker of this Corporation, pursuant to their respective admittances, the former at last Janry. Genl. Assembly the three latter at last Genl. Assembly each paid the usual fees took the usual Oath and the said Hughe Carmichael Signed the Instrument

4 Freemen sworn

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1771 April 29th This day Henry Baker Esqr. Son of William Baker deceased was sworn a freemember of this Corporation by Birth paid the usual fees & took the usual Oath pursuant to the Verdict of a Jury Sworn this day for that purpose agreeable to an Order of Reference made upon his Petition last January General Assembly

freeman sworn

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 19th July 1771

Genl Assbly 19th July 1771

The Auditors and Viewers having laid before this Assembly the following Report on their Settling accounts with Mr William Holmes Treasurer the same is agreed to & Confirmed by this Assembly and Ordered to be Entered and is as follows;

Report of the Audrs &c on Settlg the Treas. Accts

"Report of the Auditors and Viewers on Settling accounts with Mr William Holmes Treasr. of the Corporation of Drogheda the 7th June 1771

"We have examined & Settled the Accounts of the Treasurer for one years Rents ended Easter 1768 and for one years Gate Customs ended the 26th October 1768 and for one years Water Customs ended 15th October 1768 and for the fines of Freemen in that year Aldr. John Marshall being Mayor the same for the year 1769 Aldr. Edward Hardman Junr. Mayor the same for the Year 1770 Aldr. Henry Leland Mayor and of all fines of Leases Sealed to the 7th Jany. 1771 which includes the Several fines of the Leases of Mannimore except that part taken by Mr Wm Brown of which only the half is paid which was the deposite; And we are of opinion that unless the other half with Interest from the 1st Jany. last is paid the said part shd be set up to Let again before next Jany. Assembly that the possession may be given to the purchaser on the Expiration of the present

present Lease which is now in the Tenure of Lord Bective and will Expire at Easter next; We find there is £1005 due by Bonds by Several of the purchasers of different lots of Mannimore which should be forthwith called in and applyed in discharge of the Debts due by this Corporation so far as it will go

"We also observe and think it very extraordinary that tho' the Account now Settled by us with the treasurer takes in Only the Rents to Easter 1770 yet that there are Arrears of those Rents outstanding due from Several Tenants to the amount of £262.0.9½ We are therefore of Opinion and hope this Assembly will agree with us and that it be made a Standing Order of this Corporation that when any Tenants shall neglect or refuse to pay their Rents Regularly one half year before the other becomes due the Treasurer in such case be Authorized and Required in the Name and on behalf of this Corporation to bring Ejectments for non payment of such Rents against such Tenants as shall so neglect or refuse to pay their Rents as aforesaid

"By the said Account now Settled this Corporation is charged with £827..3..2 paid for Oatmeal bought up for to be Retailed to the poor at a moderate price & is Credited for £300 advanced on that Account by Aldr. Wm Meade which we are of Opinion shd be Repaid him so soon as that sum comes in by the Sales of said Oatmeal, and the Ballance that shall be remaining on said Charitable fund to be brought to the Credit of this Corporation in the Treasurers next Account

"Upon the whole we find the said Account to be fairly and truely Stated and that the same is just and right (having carefully examined the Vouchers thereof). And there is a Ballance Remaining due thereon by this Corporation to the said Treasurer of £52..2..03/4 over and above a sum not less than £300 advanced by him for this Corporation Since Michaelmas last which is not Charged in this Account, All which we submit to your Worships Consideration this 7 June 1771 Edward Hardman Junr.

test

Leigh. Geo. Schoales. Edwd Chesshire. Alr. Fairclough Junr.

Auditors and Viewers

upon

Upon the petition of Mary Smith Widow setting forth that she is in possession in her own right of a Lease of a paire of Old Walls & Garden Situate near the Bullring formerly in the possession of Hen Trantlin bounded as therein mentioned That her father Abm Pethering (to whom said Lease was make) built a House on said premisses, which She set to a Tenant who suffered the same to fall & Runaway greatly in her debt, that said Lease will expire at Michs 1774 that the Petr is Old infirm and Cannot rebuild unless she be granted a Tenewall; which she prays, otherwise she prays an Annuity for her life such as this Assembly thinks fit and she will Immediately Surrender the said Lease and premisses. Which Petr being referred to the Auditrs & Viewrs & their report thereon being now read and considered It is thereupon Ordered by this Assembly that the said Petr be and She is hereby granted an Annuity of Ten pounds Sterling during her life to commence from Michs next on her paying all rent and surrendering said premisses to this Corporation same time And it is further Ordered by this Assembly that the Barrack Lane which lyes on the North of said premisses shall be widened for the Benefit of the publick agreeable to the line laid down on the Map thereof laid before this Assembly And also that the said premisses be set by Cant by Mr Mayor at the Tholsel on Monday the 2d Septr next in three lots as laid out by said Map, One half of the Rent to be fined off at 10 years purchase

Petr of Mary Smith & prems in Barrack Lane Surrendered by her on Annuity of £10 during her life

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens & Fraternity of Shoemakers of this Corporation Setting forth that by the Appointment of Robt Hatchet late one of their Common Council to the Office of Mace bearer of this Corporation there is a Vacancy of a Common Council man for said Fraternity, And nominating & returning Nicholas

Common Councilman for Shoemakers

Nicholas Ashe James M.Cartney & Edw.d Robinson three of said Fraternity & praying one of them to be Elected a Common Councilman in the Room of the said Robert Hatchett. It is thereupon Ordered & by this Assembly that the said Nicholas Ashe be and he is hereby Elected a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the Room of the said Robt Hatchett

Edw.d Caldwell of Drogheda Merch.t upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free merch.t of this Corporation on paying the usual fine and fees taking the usual Oath and Signing the Instrument

Freeman admitted

Order'd that the sum of £2:18:3½ due to Mr John Fleming for Stationary Ware furnished by him for the use of the Watch House be paid him by the Treasurer and Allowed in his Accots

Stationary ware for Watch house

1771 July 22 This day Mr Nicholas Ash was sworn a Common Councilman for the Fraternity of Shoemakers of this Corporation in the room of Robt Hatchett pursuant to his Election last Assembly

Common Councilman Sworn

Same day Mr Edw.d Caldwell was Sworn a free Merch.t pursuant to his admitt.ce last Assembly

Freeman Sworn

1771 Aug.t 1st This day Hyacinth Cheevers was Sworn a free Member pursuant to his admitt.ce last Michaelmas Assembly paid the usual fees and signed the Instrument

Freeman Sworn

1771 Sept.r 2d This day the three lots of Ground belonging to this Corp.n situat on the South side of the Barrack Lane and West side of Castle Lane or Pitcher Hill was Set by Cant at the Tholsel & by Mr Mayor to the following persons for 61 years from Michaelmas next pursuant to an Order of last Assembly and agreeable to the Map made of said Ground by Samuel Bowe and an advertisment posted for that purpose one Moiety of the Rents to be fined off at ten years purchase

Prems in Barrack Lane set by Cant

1st Lot Cont.g 71 feet in front to the Barrack Lane and 56 feet 5 inches in front to Pitcher Hill (or 6 perches) be the same more or less, Set to Mr Michael Richardson for £6:16:6 a year

1st Lot to Mr Michael Richardson

2d

2nd Lot to Mr Wm Holmes

2nd Lot contg 76 feet 5 ins in Front to Barrack Lane Set to Mr Wm Holmes for £8 — a year

3d Lot to do

3d Lot Contg 48 feet 8 ins in front to said Barrack Lane Set to the said Wm Holmes for £7.13 — p annum

The Lessees are to Covenant to widen the Barrack Lane agreeable to the line Markt on the Map of said premes

Freeman Sworn

20th Septr 1771 This day Joseph Barton of Scriblestown in the County of Dublin Gent son of Thomas Barton decd was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance at Easter Assembly 1770 paid the usual fine and fees and took the usual Oath

Acts compared

1771 Septr 29 This day the foregoing Acts of Assembly were compared before us & Order'd to be enter'd in the Assembly book as usual

Test

Signed — William Norman Mayor, John Donagh, Thomas Wynne Sheriffs Franc Leigh, Geo. Schoales, Geo. Ackland, John Ogle, Will Meade, Henry Leland, Roger Ford, Jno Jebb, James Forde,

May. & Sheriffs Elect Sworn

Same day Aldn James Forde was Sworn Mayor & Messrs William Coddington & Thomas Elliott Sheriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing year pursuant to their Election and the approbation of Government

All Which J Attest

Wm Holmes Fn Clk

Michs Genl Assembly 11th Octr 1771

Michaelmas General Assembly held before James Forde Esqr Mayor William Coddington and Thomas Elliott Esqrs Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 11th day of October 1771 —

Mayor of Staple

Aldn William Norman is Elected Mayor of the staple and Justice of the Peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Com. Council

Messrs John Donagh and Thomas Wynne late Sheriffs are Elected Common Council Men and Sworn

Constables of Staple

Messrs John Donagh and Thomas Wynne are Elected Constables of the staple for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Coroners

Messrs John Donagh and Thomas Wynne are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Master Guild

Aldn Henry Leland is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens

Messrs Robert Wynne and George Clegg are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Treasurer

Mr William Holmes is Elected Treasurer of this Corporation for the ensuing Year

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Order'd that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing Year by Mr Daniel Helly Clerk to the Collector of this port on the same Terms he collected them last Year

Cleansing Streets

Order'd that Mr Mayor be and he is hereby impower'd to contract with such Persons as he shall think proper to carry away the Dirt and soil out of the streets and Lanes of this Town for the ensuing Year from the 22d day of November next

£10 to late Sheriffs for Transports

Order'd that the Sum of £10 be paid to the late Sheriffs by the Treasurer for — transporting two Convicts in their Sheriffry and that he be allowed the same in his Accounts

£4:10:5 to Chas Evans

Order'd that the Sum of £4 - 10 - 5 due to Mr Chas Evans for Lanthorns &c furnished for the Watchhouse and also the Money due to

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Wm Dowdall

To Wm Dowdall on the same Account be paid them by the Treasurer and allowed in his Accounts

Cloaks for Watchmen

Orderd that Mr. Mayor be impowered to provide new cloaks for the Watchmen of this Town at the Charge of this Corporation

New Gate Westend of Fair Street

Orderd that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to draw on the Treasurer for the Expence of making a new Gate in the Town Wall at the Westend of Fair street the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accots

3 Freemen admitted

Wm Sheils Esqr. son of Aldn Henry Sheils decd and Thomas Chamney son of Mr Jno Chamney are admitted Free Members by Birth on taking the usual Oath and paying the usual Fine and Fees; and Mr John Norcott is admitted a Free Merchant by Spel favr on the like Terms and signing the Instrument upon their several Petitions to this Assembly

Wm Wilsons Petn referred to a Jury

Wm Wilson, Wigmaker, on his Petition to this Assembly praying to be admitted free by Service is referred to a Jury to be impannelled and sworn to enquire into the merits thereof agreable to the Bye Law of this Corporation

Wid.d Smith admitted into the poor House

Mary Smith Widow upon her Petition is admitted into the present Vacancy in Saint Johns Poor House

Lease of Ft. Mannimore Set to Wm Brown to be made to Wm Holmes

Orderd that a Lease of the Lot of the Lands of Mannimore containing A R P 4 : 0 : 35 which was Set to Mr Will. Brown last October general Assembly be made and Sealed from this Corporation to Mr Wm Holmes on the same Terms that the said Wm Brown took the same agreable to a Conveyance thereof under hand and Seal bearing date the 7th of September last made to the said Wm Holmes by the said Wm Brown and which was produced to and laid before this Assembly

Petition to Parliamt for aid to repair the Navigation of Boyne

Orderd that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to a Petition to Parliament for Aid towards repairing the Navigation of the River Boyne below the Bridge of this Town which Petition was read and approved of at this Assembly

The

Gate Customs Set

The Doors being opened the Gate Customs were Set up to Cant and were set to Aldn Edwd Hardman Junr at £15 ₱ Week for one year to commence the 26th day of October instant and ending the 26th day of of October next 1772 inclusive

Free Merchts Sworn

1771 October 28th John Norcott of Drogheda Merchr sworn a Free Merchr pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual Fees and signed the Instrument

Freemember Sworn

1771 November 2. James Patten Esqr sworn a Free Member pursuant to his Admittance Michaelmas Assembly 1770 paid the usual Fees and Signed the Instrument

Idem

1771 November 5th John Jones of the County of the Town of Drogheda Esqr sworn a Free Merchr pursuant to his Admittance last January Assembly paid the usual Fees and signed the Instrument

Genl Assembly 17th Janry 1772

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 17th day of January 1772

Free Member admitted Spel favr

David Jebb of Slane in the County of Meath Esqr upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a Free Member of this Corporation by Special Favour on paying the usual Fees taking the usual oath and signing the Instrument

Copy Freemans Oath & Certificate to be furnished

Orderd that for the future every person who shall be Sworn free of this Corporation be furnished with a Copy of his Oath and Certificate of his being sworn, and that such Freemen as can be conveniently served therewith do get a Copy of their Oath

Bequests towards Charity Schools or Infirmary of Mr Graves & Mrs Dixie

Mr. Mayor is requested by this Assembly to wait on Mr Chamney Exor and Residuary Legatee of the late Aldn Graves and on Mr Dixie Exor and Residuary Legatee of the late Mrs Arabella Dixie to know their Intentions as to the disposition of the Bequests of the said Aldn Graves and Mrs Dixie towards a Charity School or Infirmary in this Town and that he report their Answers to next general Assembly

Jos. Harpur Surgeon

Orderd that Mr Joseph Harpur Surgeon be paid the Sum of Ten Guineas at the Expiration of the present year for his Care and Attendance on the Poor of this Town that require his Assistance for the said Year, the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accots

Orderd

£400 to be borrowd at Interest

Order'd that the Sum of four hundred Pounds be borrowed at Interest by this Corporation to discharge several Demands now on them and that Mr. Mayor do perfect Debentures for the same in the usual form

Widw. Apperson admitd. into the poor House

The Widow of Philip Apperson upon her Petition to this Assembly is admitted into the present Vacancy in Saint Johns poor House in the Room of Widow Andrews

Free Member sworn

1772 February 3d. Thomas Chamney Son of John Chamney was this day sworn a Free Member of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last Assembly and paid the usual Fine and Fees

Idem

1772 March 10th. John Sheils Son of James Sheils was this day Sworn a Free Member of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance the 13th. July 1770 and paid the usual Fine and Fees

Genl. Assembly 1st. May 1772

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 1st. day of May 1772

Mayor Elect

Aldn. Anthony Marshall is Elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing year from Michael=mas day next

Sherriffs Elect

Messrs. Henry Stewart and Henry Coddington are Elected to serve Sheriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing year from Michaelmas day next

Certifyed

Order'd that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing year be forthwith Certifyed to the Government for their Approbation

£42:3:9 due Michl. Richardson to be paid

Order'd that the sum of Forty two Pounds three Shillings and Nine pence be paid to Michael Richardson by the Treasurer for Account of this Corporation the same being

Being due to him for the Lamp Irons and Hewn stones opposite the Tholsel and for other Works done by him for this Corporation pursu=ant to a report made on his Account layd before this Assembly

£65:1:8 due Thos. Richardson to be paid

Order'd that the sum of Sixty five Pounds One shilling and eight pence be paid to Mr. Thomas Richardson by the Treasurer for Account of this Corporation being for extraordinary Work done by him at the House at the Corner of Fair street and Peter street which was not included in his Original Contract for that Building pursuant to a Report made on his Account by the Auditors and Viewers to this Assembly

Jno. Siddall elected a Comn. Coun. man for the Fraternity of Bakers in the room of Jno. Holland decd.

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens and Fraternity of Bakers of this Corporation Seting forth that by the Death of Mr. John Holland late one of the Common Councilmen of the said Fraternity there is a Vacancy of the place of Common Councilman to represent the said Fraternity in the Genl. Assembly of this Corporation, that they agreable to their Charter denominate and return John Siddall John Ireton, and Thomas Marsden three Free Brothers of the said Fraternity for this Assembly to chuse one thereout in the place of a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said John Holland deceased It is order'd by this Assembly that the said John Siddall be and he is hereby Elected a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said John Holland deceased and the said John Siddall being called in was sworn a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity Accordingly

£36:-:11 due Mr. Leigh for Organ to be paid

Order'd that the sum of Thirty Six Pounds and Eleven pence be paid to Francis Leigh Esqr. by the Treasurer for account of this Corpora=tion being a defficiency of the Subscriptions towards the first Cost of the Organ lately errected in Saint Peter's Church and which defficiency was advanced by him over and above his own and the other subscriptions for the said Organ

£47:5:11 Costs incurred by Tents. for Pt. Mannimore to be paid

Order'd that the sum of Forty Seven pounds five shillings and Eleven pence the amount of Four Several Bills of Costs paid

By

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By different Tenants to this Corporation for part of Mannimore to obtain Injunctions against Several persons from commiting Waste on said Lands the Estate of this Corporation be repaid the said Tenants by the Treasurer for Account of this Corporation

£12 : 4 : 9 Costs incurred by Aldn. Hardman to be paid

Orderd that the sum of Twelve pounds Four Shillings and Nine pence the Amount of a Bill of Cost paid by Aldn. Hardman Junr. in a Cause commenced against him by Thomas Andrews in the Kings Bench and Exchequer relative to said Hardman's exercising his Office as Mayor of this Corporation be repaid him by the Treasurer for Account of this Corporation

3 freemen admitd. Specl. favr.

John Van Homrigh Esqr. and John Fleming Printer are admitted free Members, and James Mc. Dannell Baker, is admitted a Free Baker, by Special favour, on their several Petitions to this Assembly on their taking the usual Oath paying the usual Fine and signig the Instrument

Willm. Cleapem Surgeon

Orderd that Mr. William Cleapem Surgeon be paid the sum of Ten Guineas at January next for his Care and Attendance on the poor Objects of this Town that shall require his assistance for the present year the Same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

Proctors

Mr. Sheriff Coddington and Mr. Sheriff Elliott are appointed proctors of Saint John's Poor House for three years from this Easter General Assembly

£5 a year addl. Sallary to Regulator of Watch

Orderd that the Directors of the Watch of this Town be allowed an additional sum of Five pounds yearly from Easter last to be by them paid with the Ten pounds hitherto Allowed yearly by this Corporation to a Proper Carefull

person

Person such as they shall appoint to Superintend the Watch Men and keep the Accounts and take care of the other Buisiness belonging to that Office, the same to be allowed in the Treasurer's Accounts

Pensioners on Commons list

Orderd that the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their Names annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one year commencing at Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next vizt.

Hester Clarke	£2:0	Martha Betty	1:10
Ann Mc. Evoy	3	Mary Staplehill	2
Margt. Donnelly & Children	3	Margt. Cain	3
proctors of St. John's Poor House for the Furze of the Commons	8	Widw. of Richd. Cooper	3
		Widw. of Thos. Latimer	2..10
Widw. of Robt. Elliott	4	Widw. of Math. Marsden	2
Widw. of Geo: Rencher	4	Ann Shortell	1:1:8
Hannah Mc. Dowell	3:2:9	Jane Blith	2
Ann Evans	2	Widw. of Fairfax Ennis	2
Widw. of Jas. Domvile	4	Wm. Ashe	2
Widw. of Jno. Collier	3	Widw. of James Fisher	2:10
Edwd. Jones's Childn.	3:9:6	Widw. of James Sheils	2:10
Elinor Griffin	1:10	Hen: Hughes	3
Widw. of Jas. Quash	2	Richd. Lucas	3
Susannah Cotter	1:10	Jno. Robinson	2:8:9
Dorothy Robinson	1:10	Jno. Head	2
Thos. Rogers for Jno. Dixon Child	1:6	Francis Rencher	4
Widw. of Jno. Moffitt	2	Richd. Ennis's Children	3
Widw. of Robert Dunn	3	Margt. Rowell	3
Widw. of Jno. FitzGerald	2:10	Widw. of Davd. Appleyard	3
Mary Simple	4	Jno. Kelly's Childn.	4
	58:18:3	Edwd. Brooks	1:2:9
			54:13:2
			58:18:3
			£113:11:5

Wm. Howard and Ab. Grier

The Resolutions of the House of Commons of this Kingdom of the Twenty third day of March last relative to the wicked premeditated Schemes of Wm. Howard and Abram. Grier Members of this Corporation

To

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To defraud the Publick being upon motion read This Assembly do unanimously Resolve and agree that the said William Howard shall be and he is hereby disfranchized and deprived of his Fredom and Office of Alderman of this Corporation and of all rights and Priviledges belonging or appertaining to the Same And this Assembly do hereby also unanimously Resolve and agree that the said Abraham Grier shall be and he is hereby disfranchized and deprived of his Freedom of this Corporation and of all rights and priviledges belonging or appertaining to the Same

disfranchised

Free Baker sworn

1772 May 4 This day Jas. McDonnell was sworn a free Baker of this Corpn. pursuant to his admitt. last Assy. paid the usual fees took the usual Oath & signed the Instrument

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 17 July 1772

Genl. Assembly 17th July 1772

Upon the Petition of Graves Chamney Esqr. Setingforth that he is possessed in his own right of the dwelling House and Concerns lying on the Westside of the Mayoralty House belonging to this Corporation on part of the Mearing Wall of which said Concerns the Corporation built the additional House fronting Bessex Well Lane; that there is a small spot of Ground lying between the said House and the Mayoralty House fronting the Quay of no Conveniance to that Building and of some to his Tenant. And praying a Lease of said Waste spot of Ground and soforth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Opinion thereon being reported to this Assembly It is therefore Orderd that the said Petitioner be granted a Lease of the said Waste spot of Ground for the Term which he has to come of the dwelling House on the Westside thereof from Easter last at 6d. yearly rent

Graves Chamney Esqrs. Petition for a Lease

Granted

John

John Williams Son of George Williams, sword bearer and James Baker of the City of Dublin Cutler Son of Wm. Baker late of Drogheda Chandler decd. upon their Petitions to this Assembly are admitted Free Members of this Corporation their said Fathers being free at their respective Births, each of them paying the usual fine and Fees and taking the usual Oath

2 freemen admitd. by Birth

Orderd that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowerd to draw upon the Treasurer for any sum not exceeding Ten pounds to be applyed towards enabling the Inhabitants of Magdalen Street and others to sink a Well and fix a Pump in the said street agreable to their Petition perferred to this Assembly

£10 for a Well & pump in Magdalen Street

Resolved that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby requested to call and hold a Special General Assembly on Monday the 3d. day of August next to examine and compare the Dockets of the Gate Customs of this Corporation

Special Assembly to examine Docket of Gate Customs

Orderd that the Auditors and Viewers do cause a Survey to be made of that part of the Marsh of Saint James belonging to this Corporation which is not at present Leased distinguishing the Same into such lots or parcels as they shall think most proper to let the same by Lease, and that they report their Opinion thereon to a Special General Assembly to be held the first Monday in August next

Marsh of St. James's ordd. to be surveyed

Orderd that Mr. Mayor and Sheriffs Aldn. Hardman Aldn. Schoales Aldn. Chesshire and Mr. Oliver Fairtlough Junr. be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to cause the Change or under part of the Great Room of the Mayoralty House of this Corporation to be properly floored with such Materials as they shall judge proper the Cost whereof to be paid by the Treasurer upon their Order for Account of this Corporation

Change at Mayoralty House to be floored

Orderd

part of new House at Corn Market to be set

Ordered that such part of the new House at the corner of Peter Street and Fair street lately built by this Corporation as is not wanted for an office and appartments for the reception of Mr. Mayor attending the Corn Market be Set by Cant at the Tholsel on the first Monday in August next to the highest Bidder being a free Member of this Corporation for the Term of Seven years to Commence the 29 September next and that one years Rent be paid down at the time of Sale as a fine

Reward for apprehending M.Gwire for Murder

Ordered that Mr. Mayor do offer a reward in the publick Newspapers of Twenty Guineas for apprehending M.Gwire against whom Examinations are sworn for the Murder of James M.Laughlin late one of the Watchmen of this Town

1772 August the 3d This Day that

part Corner House at the Corn Market Set to Mr. John Ackland for 7 years from Mich.s 1772 at £16 — Fine & £16 — Fine

Part of the House at the Corner of Fair street and Peter street belonging to this Corporation which was Order'd to be Set last Assembly being Set up to Cant at the Tholsel pursuant to advertisment the same was Set to Mr. John Ackland the highest Bidder for Seven years from Michaelmas next at the yearly Rent of Sixteen Pounds and paying Sixteen pounds Fine; the Room or appartment in said House fronting Saint Peter street was not Set but the Same is reserved for an Office for the Chief Magistrate attending the Corn Market

1772 September 29 This day the

acts compared

foregoing Acts of Assembly were compared before us

and

And Order'd to be Entered in the Assembly Book as usual

Test

James Forde } Mayor
Will. Norman } M.S
Will. Meade
John Marshall
Roger Ford
Geo: Ashland
John Jebb
Wm Coddington } Sheriffs
Thos Elliott }

May.r & Sheriffs Elect Sworn

Same day Ald.r Anthony Marshall was sworn Mayor and Mess.rs Henry Stewart and Henry Coddington were sworn Sheriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing year pursuant to their Election and the Approbation of Government

All Which J. West
Wm Holmes Forbes

M.rs Ras Gen.l Assembly 9th Oct.r 1772

At a General Assembly held before Anthony Marshall Esq.r Mayor Henry Stewart and Henry Coddington Esq.rs Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 9th day of October 1772

Mayor of Staple

Ald.n James Forde is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing Year and sworn

Com. Council

Mess.rs Wm Coddington and Tho.s Elliott late Sheriffs are Elected Common Council men and the said Wm Coddington and

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And Thom.s Elliott were sworn Common Councilmen accordingly

Constables of Staple

Messrs. Wm. Coddington and Tho.s Elliott late Sheriffs are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year and the said Wm. Coddington and Tho.s Elliott were sworn Constables accordingly

Coroners

Messrs. Wm. Coddington and Tho.s Elliott late Sheriffs are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year and the said Wm. Coddington and Tho.s Elliott were sworn Coroners accordingly

Master of Guild

Ald.r Wm. Norman is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens

Messrs. John Donagh Junr. and Thomas Wynne are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year.s

Treasurer

Mr. Wm. Holmes is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Daniel Kelly Clerk to the Collector of this Port on the same terms they were collected by him last Year

Cleansing Streets

Ordered that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to contract with such persons as he shall think proper to carry away the Dirt and Soil out of the Streets and Lanes of this Town for the ensuing Year from the 22. November next

Aud.rs & Viewrs

Ald.rn Edward Hardman, Ald.r Fra.s Leigh Ald.r Geo. Schoales Ald.r Edw.d Norman Ald.rn Edw.d Cheshire Mr. John Chamney Mr. Oliv. Fairclough sen.r Mr. Oliv. Fairclough Junr. and Mr. Rob.t Wynne are continued Auditors and Viewers

£10 to late Sheriffs for Transports

Ordered that the Sum of £10 be paid to Messrs. Wm. Coddington and Tho.s Elliott late Sheriffs by the Treas.r for transporting two Convicts in their Sheriffalty and that he be allowed the same in his Accounts

Ordered that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to cause the Walls and Steps of the Quays to be properly repaired and

And that he draw Orders on the Treas.r for the Costs thereof the same to be allowed in his Accounts

Organ

Ordered that Mr. Mayor be impowered to give an Order on the Treas.r for Six Guineas to be paid to Mr. Morrison Organ Builder for his trouble in tuning and repairing the Organ in St. Peters Church

Fire Engine

Ordered that a new Fire Engine be provided at the Expence of this Corporation whenever the Inhabitants of this Town will be at the Expence of providing a second new one

£7:3:5 to be paid Jn.o Knight

Ordered that the Sum of £7:3:5 be paid by the Treas.r to Mr. John Knight being so much remaining due to him for Masonwork on the Wall at the Road under Mr. Balls Grove without St. Johns Gate in this County the same to be allowed in the Treas.rs Acco.t

Mr. Thos. Hamlin

Whereas it is alledged that Mr. Thom.s Hamlin has encroached upon a Holding in Dyer Street the Estate of this Corporation now in Lease to Ald.rn Jebb Ordered that the Auditors and Viewers do enquire into that matter and report their Opinions thereon to next Gen.l Assembly

Ald.rn Edw.d Norman's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Alderman Edward Norman seting forth that he is in possession in his own right of three parks in the Yellow Batter and one park formerly in the possession of Ralph Eccleston and John Richardson by Virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to the Rt. Honble. Father Wm. Norman late an Alderman of the same deceased bearing date the 12th. March 1710 for the term of 61 Years at the yearly Rent of £3:3:4 That the said Lease is within the Rules of this Corporation for Renewall And praying a new Lease of said Premises in his own Name and so forth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being now read It is

Granted

therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said several parks or parcels of Land all lying without Sundays Gate in the Yellow Batter in the County of this Town and containing together according to the Survey lately made of them by Samuel Bowie and annexed to the said report 13a. 3r. 37p. for the term of 61 Years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £6:10 — per A: and paying £3:3:4 Fine he surrendering the old Lease and Maps of the said premisses to be annexed to the new Leases

2 Freemen admitted

Jeremiah Smith of Beabeg in the County of Meath Gent.n Son of Alderman Jeremiah Smith deceased upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a Freemember of this Corporation by Birth on paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual Oath And Anthony Sallery of the Town of Drogheda Merch.t upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a Free Merchant of this Corporation by Special Favour on his paying the usual fine and fees taking the usual Oath and signing the Instrument

Gate Customs Set

The Doors being opened the Gate Customs were Set up to Cant and the same were set to Ald.rn James Forde the highest bidder for £14:14: per

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per Week for one Year to commence the 26th day of October instant and ending the 25th day of October next (1773) inclusive

Copy of Docket of the Pontage and Gate Customs

The following is a true Copy of the Docket of the Pontage and Gate Customs of this Corporation which was examined and compared with the old Dockets and being agreable thereto was approved of and confirmed that is to say

A Docket of the Pontage and Gate Customs belonging to the Corporation of Drogheda

Pontage

For every Carrload of Butter passing thro' the Town, three pence
For every Horse or backload of the same, one penny
For every Ox Bull or Cow going thro' one farthing
For every Score of Sheep or Lambs ditto, one penny
For every Barrell of Corn (except Oats) ditto one half penny
For every Barrell of Oats . . . ditto one farthing
For every hundredweight of Oatmeal ditto one farthing
For every Horseload of Poultry . . ditto one penny
For every Horseload of Oysters Herrings & all kind of Fish one half penny
For every Horseload of Wood . . ditto one penny
For every Carrload of ditto, three pence
For every Carrload of Tallow . . . ditto three pence
For every Carrload of Woollen Goods ditto two pence
For every Horse or backload of ditto . ditto one penny
For every Carrload of Lead . . ditto two pence
For every Carrload of other Goods and Merchandize not herein before mentioned going thro' three pence
For every Horse or backload of the like one penny
Memorandum. All old Household Goods upon removal paying thro' the Town, Nil
For every Horse or back load of Glasses one penny
For every ditto of Lemons one penny
For every Carrload of new Household Goods three pence
N.B. When Pontage is paid no Gate Custom is paid

Gate Customs

For every pound of Ginger
For every ditto of Saffron
For every ditto of Pepper
For every ditto of Galingale
For every ditto of Cloves
For every ditto of Mace
All Spices worth twelve pence
For every hundred weight of Wax
For every ditto of Almond Rice
For every ditto of Allome
For every Frail of Figgs or Raisons
For every hundred weight of Leek seed
For every twelve pounds of Onion seed
For every pound of Silk
For every Head of Yarn

For

For every hundred Ells of Canvas
For every Bolt of Isingham
For every peice
For every peice of Irish Linnen Cloth
For every Frail of Bater
For every peice of Cadaws, one penny
For every peice of Woollen Goods of the Manufacture of Ireland one penny
For every Dozen of Felt Hats one half penny
For every peice of Flegs, one penny
For every peice of English cloth containing twenty yards, four pence
For every peice of ditto under twenty yards two pence
For every Carrload of Iron three pence
For every hundred weight of Iron one penny
And not to pay for less than a Stone and that one farthing
For every Horseload of Pewter one penny
For every Carrload of Lead three pence
For every Pig of Lead one half penny
For every hundred weight of Throff one penny
For every Carrload of Haberdasher Ware three pence
For all kind of Haberdasher Ware worth to the Value of twelve pence to be sold one farthing
For every Carrload of Nails or Spikes three pence
For every hundredweight of ditto one penny
For every half hundd. weight of ditto one half penny
For every quarter of hund. weights of ditto one farthing
For every Dozen of Shares one penny
For every hundred of Sheerlings one half penny
For every hundred of Lambfells one half penny
For every hundred of Woolfells two pence
For every Carrload of Lonny Skins three pence
For every Horse or backload of ditto two pence
For every — hundred of . . ditto one penny
For every half hundred of . . ditto one half penny
For any Number under half a hund. of ditto and not less than a Dozen one farthing
For every Carrload of Calves Skins three pence
For every Horse or backload of ditto two pence
For all other single Calves Skins of twelve pence Value one farthing
For every Kipp skin one half penny
For every Carrload of Butter or Cheese three pence
For every hundred weight of Butter and Cheese one penny
For every half hundred weight of ditto one half penny
For every single Cheese above twelve pence Value one farthing
For every Crock of Butter one farthing
For every great Cauldron one penny
For every Saddle Nil
For every Hogshead of Wine three pence
For every Pipe of . . ditto four pence
For every Barrel of Ale or Beer one penny
For every Barrel of Wheat, Rye, Meslin, Bear, Bear Malt, Peases, Beans Barley, and Barley Malt one penny
Memorandum, Wheat Meslin and Rye sent by the Bakers of this Town to Mill or Kiln & brought back in Meal Nil
And Corn coming in to be Malted and afterwards going out the property not being altered, to pay but once

For

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For every Stone of Tallow that the Carcass is not brought to the Market one farthing

For every Carcass of Beef with Hyde and Tallow coming to be Sold in the Market two pence

For every Horseload of Oysters Herrings and all kinds of Fish one half penny

For every Cartload of Fish one penny

For every Barrel of Herrings coming in one penny

For every Barrel of Herrings going out one half penny

For every hundred weight of Salt one half penny

Memorandum Salt manufactured in this Town Nil during pleasure

For every Barrel of Oats one half penny

For every hundred weight of Oatmeal and other Corn Meal one half penny

Memorandum, Oats bought in this Town by Mealmongers who live within the County of this Town going to Kiln or Mill not to pay any Custom going out the Gates, but to pay as usual for the Meal coming in the Gates

For every Bag of Wool upon a Carr above two hundred weight three pence

For every ditto under two hundred weight one penny

For every Horse or backload of ditto one penny

For any under and not less than a Stone weight of Wool per Stone one half penny

For every Green Salt or Tanned Hyde one half penny

For all other Hydes value twelve pence one half penny

For every Horse Mare or Gelding bought or Sold four pence

For every Ox Bull or Cow ditto four pence

For every two years old Heifers or Bullocks two pence

For every yearling ditto one penny

For every Veal or Calf one half penny

For every Hog Sheep or Goat coming to the Market to be Sold one half penny

For every Lamb or Kid ditto one farthing

For every Hog Goat or Sheep coming into the Market and Sold in and out one penny

For every Lamb or Kid ditto one half penny

For every Salmon or two Colgans one farthing

For every Basket of any other Fish by Man or Woman on their Backs and all other Fish worth twelve pence one farthing

For every new Carr one half penny

For every Cartload of unwrought Timber two pence

For every Horse or backload of ditto one penny

For every Cartload of wrought Timber four pence

For every Horse or backload of ditto two pence

For every Cartload of Hoops or Laths two pence

For every Horse or backload of ditto one penny

For every Ton of Coals four pence

For every Bag of Hops three pence

For every Pocket of Hops two pence

For every hundred weight of Hops two pence

For none less of ditto than a dozen pounds one farthing

For every Barrel of ground Bark one half penny

For every Barrel of unground Bark one farthing

For every Hogshead of Tobacco three pence

For every parcel of Tobacco less than a Hogshead to pay per hundred weight two pence

For every Single Roll of Tobacco and for no less than a quarter of a hundred weight of Leaf ditto Nil

For

For every hundred weight of Madder three pence

For every Cartload of Madder but three pence

For every Cartload of Shaw the usual Custom a sheaf or one penny

For every Cartload of Furze and Fury Nil

For all Lime Bricks and Slates to be used in Town Nil

Memorandum Lime manufactured in Town Nil during pleasure

For every Cartload of Lime Bricks or Slates going out of Town and passing thro one half penny (Lime manufactured in Town excepted as above)

For every Mill Stone Six pence

For every Barrel of Coals one half penny

For every half Barrell of ditto and no less to pay one farthing

For every Barrel of Malt one penny

For every Cartload of any sort of Merchandize bought in Town going out not herein before mentioned three pence

For every Horse or backload of the like one penny

For every Carcass of Beef bought in Town one penny

For every Side of ditto one half penny

For every Barrel of Potatoes or Turnips one half penny

For every Cartload of Potatoes Carrots or Turnips two pence

For every Cartload of Apples and all Fruits two pence

For every Horse or backload of ditto one penny

For every Barrel of Nuts one penny

For every Horse load of Rabbits two pence

For every Dozen pair of Rabbits one penny

For no less than Six pair of ditto, one half penny

For every Load of Hay coming into Town to publick Inns one half penny

For every Cartload of Oats, unthrashed one half penny

For every Cartload of other Grain unthrashed one penny

For every Horseload of Eggs one penny

For every dozen of Scythes one penny

For every half dozen of ditto one half penny

For every three Scythes one farthing

For every Cartload of Earthen Ware two pence

For every Horse or backload of ditto one penny

For every Cruse of Pipes one penny

For every Barrel of Dying Stuff called Rottenwood one half penny

For every Barrel of Raddle one penny

For every Barrel of Pitch or Tar one penny

For every large Iron Pot one half penny

For every ~~every~~ Small ditto one farthing

For every dozen of Deal Boards one penny

For every deal Beam two pence

For every Horse or backload of Stockings two pence

For every Stone of Feathers one half penny

For every Horse or Backload of ditto two pence

For every Horse or backload of Besoms one penny

For every Barrel of Ashes (except for the use of Linen Manufacture) one half penny

For every Horse or backload of Glasses two pence

For every Horse or backload of Lemons two pence

For every Pedlers Box (Linnen excepted) one half penny

For every Crock of Honey one penny

All Provisions bought in Town for private Familys under twenty Shillings going out Nil

All Cattle and Provisions brought to Town by private Familys for their own use therein Nil

For

For every other kind of Goods and Merchandize whereof mention is not herein before made worth two Shillings to pay one half penny
And for every Carrload of such Goods and Merchandize not herein before mentioned three pence
Live Cattle Sold in the Market on Tuesdays (not being Fayr days) not to pay Custom going out
Timber and all other Materials for the Corporation use not to pay
Bark for Tan Yards within this County of the Town not to pay

Free Merchant Sworn Item

1772 October 12th This day Anthony Salley was Sworn a free Merchant pursuant to his admittance last Assembly
19th John Fleming Printer Sworn a freemember pursuant to his admitt. last Easter Gen. Assembly

Post Assembly 13th Jan.y 1773

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen being present the 13th day of January 1773

Alderman Elected

Mr. Philip Donagh is elected an Aldermen of this Corporation in the Room of Abm Knight late an alderman of the same deceased pursuant to Notice posted for that purpose

Petitions Disposed of

Several Petitions were read and disposed off some being referred and some rejected

Gen.l Assembly 15th Do.

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 15th January 1773

Freemans Oath altered & Instrum.t discontinued

Resolved that that part of the Oath of Freemen of this Corporation which bars them from claiming the Right of Freedom longer than while resident in this Town be expunged and that the Instrument heretofore signed and sealed by Freemen on their being Sworn be for the future discontinued And it is further Resolved and Ordered by this Assembly that the following words be inserted or added to the Oath to be taken by Freemen of this Corporation to wit. "You shall not cover any Goods whereby the King or this "Corporation may lose their Customs or Advantages"

4 Freemen admitted Spec.l favr

John Baine of the Town of Drogheda Esq.r William Ferguson of the same Merch.t Charles Channell of the same Cooper and John Finigan of the same Publican are upon their several Petitions admitted freemembers of this Corporation by Special favour on their taking the Oath of a freemember and paying the usual Fine and Fees

a freeman admitted by Birth & favr.

Samuel Woodhouse of the Town of Drogheda Hatter Son of Jn.o Woodhouse late of the same Hatter dec.d upon his Petition — — — is admitted a free Merch.t Taylor of this Corporation by Birth and Service on taking the Oath and paying the usual fine and fees

Laur.e Gate and West Gate to be repaired

Ordered that Mr. Mayor and Sherriffs and the Auditors and Viewers do examine Laurence Gate and West Gate and cause such alterations and repairs to be made on them as shall appear to be necessary

Ordered

Surgeons

Ordered that Messrs Joseph Harpur William Cleapem and James Betre Surgeons be paid the Sum of ten Guineas each at the Expiration of the present Year for their Care and Attendance on the poor of this Town that shall require their Assistance for the said Year the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his acco.ts

Mace bearer's Sallary augmented to £22:15:—

Robert Hatchett Mace bearer of this Corporation upon his Petition to this Assembly is ordered an augmentation of his Sallary from £15— to £22:15:— p annum from Xmas last

5 freemen Sworn

1773 January 18th This day John Baine Esq.r Will.m Fergusson Charles Channell, Cooper, John Finigan, and Sam.l Woodhouse were Sworn free of this Corporation pursuant to their admittance last Assembly

2 freemen Sworn

And same day John Shephard Esq.r and David Jebb Esq.r were also Sworn free of this Corporation, pursuant to their respective admittance 5th Oct.r 1770 and 1st May last

Alderman Sworn

1773 March 22d This day Mr. Philip Donagh was Sworn an Alderman of this Corporation pursuant to his Election last January post Assembly

free Member Sworn

John Bartinton Van Homrigh Esq.r was Sworn a free Member of this Corporation the 8th Febry last (1773) pursuant to his admittance 1 May 1772

Post Assembly 21st April 1773

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen being present the 21st April 1773

Petitions Disposed of

Several Petitions read and disposed off some referred and some rejected

Gen.l Assembly 23d Do

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 23d day of April 1773

Mayor Elect

Alderman Philip Donagh is Elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year from Michas day next

Sherriffs Elect

Messrs William Adams and Thomas Turner are Elected to serve Sherriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing Year from Michaelmas day next

Certified

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor and Sherriffs for the ensuing Year be forthwith Certified to Government for their Approbation

free Member admitted by Birth

Edward Sandiford, Son of James Sandiford upon his Petition is admitted a freemember of this Corporation by Birth on paying the usual fine and fees and taking the Oath of a free member

Marshall's Sallary augmented to £15

Thomas Collier Marshall of this Corporation upon his Petition to this Assembly is granted an Augmentation of his Sallary as Marshall from £10 to £15 p year from this Easter Assembly, during pleasure

Mary

Widow Lucas admitted into the poor House

Mary Lucas Widow of Richard Lucas upon her Petition to this Assembly is admitted into the present Vacancy in Saint Johns poor house

£86:7:— an arrear Due Chas. Evans for lighting Lamps to be paid

Upon the Account of Mr. Charles Evans relative to his lighting and attending the Lamps of this Town Layd before last January Genl. Assembly and an Order of Reference then made thereon to the present and four preceeding Mayors to examine the same and upon their Report now made to this Assembly It is Ordered that he be paid the Sum of £86:7:— by the Treasurer for acct. of this Corporation being a Ballance due to him for lighting and attending the said Lamps for the years 1769 1770, 1771 and 1772 and which the Cess levyd for that purpose in the said years was not sufficient to discharge but fell short off

Pensioners or Commons list

Order'd that the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their names respectively annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one Year commencing at Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next viz.t

Hester Clark	£2:—:—	Wid.w of Jn.o Sheils	2:10:—
✓ Ann M.c Evoy	3:—:—	Henry Hughes	4:—:—
Marg.t Donnelly & Child.r	3:—:—	Susanna Copper	1:10:—
Proctors of St. Johns poor House for the Furze of the Commons	8:—:—	Dorothy Robinson	1:10:—
		✓ Tho.s Rogers for John Deacons Child	1:6:—
Widow of Rob.t Elliott	4:—:—	Widow of Jn.o Moffitt	2:—:—
Hannah M.c Dowell	3:2:9	Wid.w of Rob.t Dunn	3:—:—
Ann Evans	2:—:—	Wid.w of Jn.o Fitzgerald	2:10:—
Widow of Jn.o Collier	3:—:—	✓ John Read	2:—:—
✓ Edw.d Jones's Child.r	3:9:6	✓ Fra.s Rencher	4:—:—
✓ Elenor Griffin	3:1:6	Rich.d Ennis's Child.r	3:—:—
Wid.w of Ja.s Quash	3:—:—	Marg.t Roe	3:—:—
✓ Martha Betty	1:10:—	Wid.w of Dav.d Appleyard	3:—:—
✓ Mary Staplehill	2:—:—	John Kellys Child.r	4:—:—
Marg.t Cain	3:—:—	Edw.d Brooks	3:—:—
Wid.w of Rich.d Cooper	3:—:—	Wid.w of Lie.d Shortell	2:—:—
Wid.w of Tho.s Latimer	2:10:—	✓ Wid.w of Geo. Cooke	2:—:—
Wid.w of Nath. Marsden	2:—:—	Ralph Eccleston	2:—:—
Ann Shortell	1:1:8	Wid.w of Ja.s M.c Kinsey	3:—:—
Jane Blith	2:—:—	Wid.w of Jn.o Holland	3:—:—
Wid.w of Fain. Ennis	2:—:—		52:6:—
Willm Ashe	2:—:—		61:5:5
Wid.w of Ja.s Fisher	2:10:—		£113:11:5
	£61:5:5		

Premises on Percivals Ecctors to be Surveyed and

The Lease of a Parcel of Land near Blatten a House and Premisses in St. John Street and the Fishing of the River Boyne now on the Charge of the Ecctors of Ald.n Thomas Percival at £3:10:— p.r ann. being expired last Easter Order'd that the

Auditors

Set by Cant

Auditors and Viewers do forthwith cause the said Lands and House to be surveyed and Maps made thereof And that the said Lands and House be set by Cant at the Tholsel in two lots on Monday the 14.th June next for 61 Years from Easter last one half of the Rent of the Premisses in John Street to be fined off at 10 Years purchase and one half of the Rent of the Land to be fined off at 14 Years purchase

Lands belonging to the Poor of St. Johns to be set by Cant

Order'd that the Proctors of Saint Johns poore House and the Auditors and Viewers do cause a Survey to be made of a parcel of Lands belonging to said Poor House now in the Tenure of William Meade Esq.r the Lease of which is near expiring and that the same be set by Cant at the Tholsel on Monday the 14 June next for 61 Years in Reversion of the term now in being and that two years Rent be paid to the Proctors of the said Charity as a fine for the new Lease

Sealing Day

Monday the twenty first day of June next is appointed a Sealing day for Corporation Leases

Franchises to be perambulated

Resolved that the Franchises of this Corporation be perambulated by M.r Mayor and Sherriffs on Whitsuntuesday next

Spec.l Ass.bly 8.th June 1773

At a Special Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 8.th day of June 1773

Memorial to Lord Lieutenant about Vicars Chorals money

M.r Mayor having laid before this Assembly a Memorial of Doctor Richard Robinson Arch Bishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland and of this Corporation, addressed to his Excellency Simon Earl Harcourt Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland Setting forth the State and Circumstances of the Vicars Chorals money due by this Corporation and the tedious expensive proceedings had both at Law and in Equity in order to obtain a Decree of the Court of Chancery as well for the disposition of the Arrears due as for the future Application thereof And praying his Excellency to move his Majesty to signify his Royal pleasure that out of the arrears thereof which have accrued the Several Sums that have been advanced by the different Primates of all Ireland for many years past for the purposes therein mentioned may be in the first place discharged and that as to the future Application of the same his Majesty would be graciously pleased to order the same to be applied to found a Lecturer and Catechist to preach every Sunday in the Afternoon in the Church of St. Peters, and to read Prayers twice every other Day in the Week and to perform such other Duties as the Arch Bishop of Armagh for the time being shall think fit to appoint for the assistance of the Vicar And that the said Lecturer and Catechist may from time to time be appointed by the Arch Bishop of Armagh for the time being Which Memorial being read and approved of at this

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Assembly It is Ordered that the same be Sealed by Mr. Mayor with the Common Seal of this Corporation as the Memorial of this Corporation

Several parcels of Lands Set by Cant

1773 June 14th This day the following Lands and premisses were Set at the Wholsel pursuant to order of last Assembly and Advertisemt posted for that purpose viz.t

1st lot to Ol. Fairtlough Junr. for Ald.r Jn.o Marshall

No 1 A parcel of Land belonging to this Corporation containg a r p 7:0:20 Situate without Dulech Gate, adjoyning the Lands of Blatten, Set to Mr. Ol. Fairtlough Junr. for Ald.r Jn.o Marshall for 61 Years from Easter last at £2:5:6 P. acre one half to be fined off at 14 Years purchase

2d lot to Thos. Elliott for Edwd. Brunton

No 2 A Tenement on the Southside of St. John Street contg in front 57 feet 11 inches, Set to Mr. Thos. Elliott for Mr. Edwd. Brunton for 61 Years from Easter last at £11:10:— a year one half to be fined off at 10 Years purchase

3 lot to O. Fairtlough Junr. for Ald.r Jn.o Marshall

No 3 A parcel of Land called St. Robt. Forde's Meadows contg a r p 13:1:30 belonging to St. Johns poor House and lying near the Twentys, Set to Mr. Ol. Fairtlough Junr. for Ald.r John Marshall for 61 Years from Michaelmas 1774 at £1:16:— P. acre; two years Rent to be paid down as a fine

Spec.l Gen.l Assembly 13th July 1773

At a Special General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Commonlouncil being present the 13th July 1773

Simon Earl Harcourt L.d Lieut.t of Ireland to be invited to Dine & presented his Freedom in a Gold Box

Mr. Mayor having informed this Assembly that his Excellency Simon Earl Harcourt Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland intends shortly to visit this Town It is therefore Ordered by this Assembly that his Excellency be invited to honour this Corporation with his presence to dine at the Mayoralty House and that he be at the same time presented with his freedom in a Gold Box

Rt. Hon. Jn.o Blaquiere Secretary, his Freedom ord.d in a Silver Box

Ordered that the Right Honble John Blaquiere his Excellency the Lord Lieutenants Secretary be also presented with his freedom of this Corporation in a Silver Box

Post Assembly 14th July 1773

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen being present the 14th July 1773

Petitions disposed off

Several Petitions read and disposed off, some being referred to next General Assembly and some rejected

Genl. Assembly 16th July 1773

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Commonlouncil being present the 16th day of July 1773

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Smyth

3 freemen admitted Spec.l favr.

The Revd. William Nesbitt, Caleb Barnes Esqr. and Mr. John Smyth all of the Town of Drogheda upon their several Petitions to this Assembly were admitted freemembers of this Corporation, by Special favour, on their paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual Oath respectively

Geo. Williams ord.d £10 & his Sallary as Sword Bear.r augmn.d to £22:15

George Williams Sword bearer upon his Petition to this Assembly is granted £10 for his extraordinary trouble and Attendance for the present year untill Michaelmas next, and from thenceforth his Sallary as Sword bearer is hereby augmented to twenty two pounds fifteen Shillings a year during the pleasure of this Corporation

Ann Simple admitt into the poor House

Ann Simple upon her Petition to this Assembly is admitted into the present Vacancy in St. Johns poor House

£16:11:2½ to Cat. McEntegart

Ordered that the Sum of £16:11:2½ laid out and expended by Cat. McEntegart Deputy Water Bailiff relative to the Bar perch and other necessary works about the River be paid him by the Treasurer for acco.t of this Corporation and allowed in his Accots agreable to a Report of the Auditors and Viewers

premes in Lease to Thos. White to be Surveyd & Set by Cant

Ordered that the Auditors and Viewers do cause a Survey to be made of the Close or Park near the Windmill Field, a Small Park without Sundays Gate called the Thorny Park and a Garden near St. Peters Church yard held by Lease from this Corporation to Thomas White for 61 Years from Easter 1714 at £1:11:8 P. ann.m And that the same be set by Cant at the Wholsel on Monday the 30th of August next in Lots for 61 Years in Reversion of the present Lease, one Moiety of the Rent of the Parks to be fined off at 14 Years purchase and one Moiety of the Rent of the Garden to be fined off at 18 Years purchase

Lands belonging to St. Johns poor to be Canted

Ordered that the Land lying near the Twentys within the County of this Town belonging to St. Johns poor House contg a r p 13:1:30 now in the Tenure of William Meade Esqr. and his under Tenants be set by Cant at the Wholsel on Monday the 30th August next for 61 Years in Reversion of the present Lease and that two years Rent be paid down immediately after the Sale to the Proctors of said poor House as a fine for the use of said poor

Special Assembly 24 July 1773

At a Special General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sherriffs the Aldermen and Commonlouncil being present the 24th day of July 1773 to consider what persons who attended his Excellency Earl Harcourt Lord Lieutenant of Ireland on his Visit to this Town last Thursday the 22d inst. are to be complimented with their Freedom and other Matters relative to what past upon his Excellencys Reception

Gentlemen that attended the Lord Lieut.t & were entertained by the Corporation

Ordered unanimously that the undernamed Gentlemen, who attended his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant and were entertained with him by this Corporation as Officers of his Household on Thursday last be presented with their Freedom of this Corporation in Fiats that is to say

Lieutenant

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Three of them made free

Lieutenant Colonel James Patterson Aid de Camp to his Excellency

John Lees Esqr. Private Secretary to his Excellency

And Charles Ruxton Esqr. one of the Gentlemen of the Bed Chamber to his Excellency

Question put & passed in the negative

The Question being then put Whether the Freedom of this Corporation be presented to any of the other persons who were entertained on the above mentioned Occasion? It passed in the negative

Complimentary address by Mr. Recorder to Lord Lieutenant

Motion being made, that a Copy of the Complimentary address made by Mr. Recorder to his Excellency Earl Harcourt Lord Lieutenant of Ireland on his being received by this Corporatn. and presented with his Freedom in a Gold Box on Thursday last, be requested from Mr. Recorder? the same passed unanimously in the affirmative. And Mr. Recorder having accordingly laid before this Assembly a Copy of the said address and the same being now read It is therefore unanimously Ordered that it be copyed amongst the Acts of this Assembly and the same is as follows

ordered to be Entered

"My Lord

"His Majestys antient and loyal Corporation of "Drogheda with the greatest pleasure attend your Excellency to "acknowledge the Honour they receive by your presence, an honour "not inferior to any our Predecessors enjoyed when they most valued "themselves upon the frequent residence of the Chief Governors of this "Kingdom and the Sessions of many Parliaments held here"

Copy thereof

"A comprehensive knowledge of all foreign and domestick "affairs, a distinguished Zeal for his Majestys Service and the "Welfare and prosperity of his Subjects, an unwearied application, "Steady Conduct, Integrity, and ready address in matters of the "greatest consequence, are so remarkable parts of your Excellencys "character, that we flatter ourselves with Sanguine hopes that "this Kingdom will derive great advantages from the "administration of such a Viceroy"

"These Qualities and accomplishments, adorned with all "the useful and polite parts of Learning, rather given than received "lustre from your high Station, and have already carried you to "the Satisfaction of Prince and People, thro' provinces of the highest "Trust and Dignity"

"We cannot therefore, My Lord, sufficiently express, how "truely sensible we are of his Majesty's goodness to his Subjects "of Ireland, in committing the Government of this Kingdom "into your hands, And as we are fully convinced of your care "of our Religion and of our Civil Rights, We beg leave to assure "you, that there is not any part of this Kingdom more devoted

"to

"to your Excellency's or that hath an higher Veneration for your person"

"As a Small token of which they have unanimously chosen "you one of their Citizens, and I am directed to present your Freedom to "you in this Box, not doubting but their Choice of so illustrious a Citizen "will be remembered to their honour by Late posterity"

Thanks voted to Mr. Recorder for same

Resolved unanimously that the thanks of this Assembly be presented to Mr. Recorder by Mr. Mayor for his polite and Comprehensive conveyance of the Sentiments of this Corporation in the said Address

Sevl. Denoms Set by Cant

1773 August 30th. This day the following Lands and premisses were Set at the Wholsel pursuant to an Order of last General Assembly and Advertisement posted for that purpose

to Ald.n Wm. Norman

1st. Lot. One Small Close or park near the Windmill Field without Sundays Gate in the County of the Town of Drogheda contg. a. 0 : r. 1 : p. 30 Set to Ald.n Wm. Norman for 61 Years from Easter 1775 for £1 : 11 : — a year one half of which Rent is to be fined off at 14 Years purchase

to Sam.

2d. Lot. one other Small Park without said Gate called the Thorny Park contg. a. 1 : r. 2 : p. 26 Set to said Willm. Norman for the above term at £2 : 11 : — p. acre one half of which Rent is to be fined off at 14 Years purchase

to Sam.

3d Lot One Garden near Saint Peters Church Yard in Drogheda contg. a. 1 : r. 0 : p. 20 Set to the said Wm. Norman for the like term of Years as the above at £10 : 3 : — a year one half of which Rent is to be fined off at 10 Years purchase

to Ald.n Jas. Forde

4th Lot A parcel of Land called St. Robert Fordes Meadows contg. a. 13 : r. 1 : p. 30 belonging to St. Johns poor House and lying near the Twenty's Set to Ald.n James Forde for 61 Years from Mich.as 1774 for £1 : 9 : — p. acre two Years Rent to be paid down as a fine to the Proctors for the use of said poor House

Acts Compared

1773 September 29th. This day the foregoing acts of Assembly were compared before us and ordered to be entered in the Assembly Book as usual

Signed

Signed

Anthony Marshall Mayor. Henry Stewart Henry Coddington Sherriffs George Schoales. Wm. Meade Ogle. Roger Forde John Gebb. John Marshall Philip Donagh

New Magistrates Sworn

Same day Ald.n Philip Donagh was Sworn Mayor and Mess.rs William Adams and Thomas Turner Sherriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing Year pursuant to their Election and the approbation of Government

All Which I Attest

Wm. Holmes Town Clerk

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Gen.l Assembly 8 Oct. 1773

At a general Assembly held before Philip Doragh Esqr. Mayor, William Adams and Thomas Turner Esqrs. Sheriffs, the Aldermen and common Council being present the 8th day of October 1773

Mayor Staple

Aldn. Anthony Marshall is elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Com: Council

Messrs. Henry Stewart and Henry Coddington late Sheriffs are Elected Common Councilmen and Sworn

Constables Staple

Messrs. Henry Stewart and Henry Coddington late Sheriffs are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Coroners

Messrs. Henry Stewart and Henry Coddington late Sheriffs are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Master Guild

Aldn. James Forde is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens

Messrs. William Coddington and Thomas Elliott are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Treasurer

William Holmes is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Officers Sword Mace &c.

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to Continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Thomas Elliott Clerk to the Collector of this Port on the same terms they were Collected by Mr. Daniel Kelly late Clerk to the Collector of this Port

Scavengers

Ordered that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby empowerd to contract with such persons as he shall think proper to carry away the Dirt and Soil out of the Streets and Lanes of this Town for the ensuing Year from 22nd November next

Aud.rs & View.rs

Aldn. Edw.d Hardman, Aldn. Francis Leigh, Aldn. George Schoales, Aldn. Edw.d Norman, Aldn. Edw.d Chestshire, Mr. John Chamney, Mr. Ol. Fairtlough Senr. Mr. Ol. Fairtlough Junr. & Mr. Robert Wynne are continued Auditors and Viewers for the ensuing Year

Petition of Aldn. Edw.d Norman

Upon the Petition of Aldn. Edw.d Norman Setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of a House and Garden without St. John's Gate and a spot of Ground without Dulcek Gate by Virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Michael Smith dec.d for 61 years from Easter 1714. at the yearly Rent of 8s. that the same is near expired and within the Rules for Renewing, and praying a new Lease thereof and the same being referred to Auditors and Viewers whose Report thereon was now Read, It is

thereupon

Granted

Ordered by this Assembly that the said Petition be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said premisses in his own Name for 61 years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £1..10..- and £1..10..- fine on his surrendering the Old Lease and that Maps of the said House and Garden without Johns Gate Cont.g A. R. P. 1..1..3 and of the Spot of ground without Dulcek Gate cont.g 19 perches be annexed to the new Leases

Jn.o Stothard Elected Comm.n Cow.n for Smiths in room of Chas. Evans

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens and Fraternity of Blacksmiths of this Corporation Setting forth that by the death of Chas. Evans late dec.d there is a Vacancy of the Place of a common Councilman for the said Fraternity and that they nominate and Return Francis North, John Parkinson, and John Stothard three free brothers of said Fraternity to this Assembly in order that one of them be chosen by this Assembly a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said Chas. Evans dec.d and the said John Stothard being called in was Sworn a Common Councilman Accordingly

6 freemen elders admitted

Zachariah Dawson Williams, Son of Geo. Williams is admitted a free Member by birth, and Latham Blacker Esqr. Theo.s Bourke Esqr. Thomas Tonge Gent.n Chas. Elliott Grocer, and Thomas Elliott are admitted free Members by Special favor on their Several Petitions to this Assembly each of them paying the usual fine and taking the usual Oath

£223:7:3½ to Jn.o Siddale for Entertainm.t furnished for Lord Lieut.

Ordered that the Sum of Two hundred and Twenty three pounds Seven shillings and three pence halfpenny being the amount of Mr. John Siddalls bill for the Entertainment furnished by him and given by this Corporation to his Excellency Lord Harcourt Lord Lieutenant of Ireland on the 21st July last be paid to the said John Siddall by the Treas.r who is to be allowed the same in his Accounts

Committee to regulate fees &c. of Pilots

Aldn. Edw.d Hardman, Aldn. Geo. Schoales, Aldn. Edw.d Hardman Junr., Aldn. James Forde, Aldn. Edw.d Chestshire, Mr. Ol. Fairtlough Senr. and Mr. John Fairtlough are Elected a Committee of Merchts. to enquire into the fees payable to the Pilots of this Port and to regulate the same in an equitable reasonable manner and to Report their Opinion thereon to next Gen.l Assembly

Sealing day

Monday the twenty fifth day of October instant is appointed a Sealing day for Corporation Leases

Marsh &c. of Saint James's to be Set

Ordered that the Marsh and Sand beds of Saint James's belonging to this Corporation which is not already in Lease be Set for 999 years to any person or persons who will on the most advantageous terms for the Corporation undertake to Pile and Wall in the same on the Old Foundations or Piles, and that will contract to keep the same effectually inclosed, and that an advertisement be Published that any person or persons inclined to become Tenant or Tenants to this Corporation for the said Marsh and Sand beds are to send their Proposals in writing to the Town Clerk to be layd before next General Assembly

Resolved

Resolved that the Auditors and Viewers be and they are hereby impowerd to treat with Aldn. Jebb for his Ware house on the South side of Dyer Street adjoyning Corn quay and they are hereby Impowered to agree with him for the same on behalf of this Corporation in Order the same may be made into a Publick Weigh House or Crane

Aldn. Jebb's Ware Houses &c. Southside of Dyer Street, to be taken for a Weigh House or Crane

Order'd that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to affix the Corporation Seal to a Petition of the House of Commons of this Kingdom praying some Aid towards improving the Navigation of the River Boyne below the Bridge of Drogheda

Petition to Parliamt. for aid for River

The Doors being opened the Gate Customs were Set up to Cant as usual, and Mr. Ol. Fairtlough Junr. being the highest bidder took them for one Year from 26th. October inst. to the 26 Oct. next (1774) at £13..15:- ℔ Week

Gate Customs set

1773 Octr. 18. This day Charles Elliott of the Town of Drogheda Grocer was sworn a free member pursuant to his admittance last Assembly

a freeman sworn

1773 Octr. 20th. This day Lathum Blacker of the Town of Drogheda Esqr. Theobald Bourke of the same Esqr. and Thomas Tonge of the same Gentn. were sworn free members pursuant to their admittance last assembly

3 do.

At a Special General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 8th day of November 1773

Special Gen. Assly. 8 Nov. 1773

Alderman James Forde is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the remainder of the present year in the Room of Aldn. Anthony Marshall deceased and Sworn

Mayor Staple

1773 Novr. 20th. This day William Sheils was Sworn a free member pursuant to his admittce. 11 Octr. 1771

a freeman sworn

Decr. 13th. This day Thos. Elliott of Kearntown in the County of Meath Gent. was Sworn a free member pursuant to his admittance last October Genl. Assembly

Item

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 12th. January 1774.

post Assly. 12 Jan. 1774

Oliver Fairtlough Esqr. is Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the Room of John Ogle Esqr. late an Alderman of the same deceased pursuant to Notice

Alderman Elected

William

William Coddington Esqr. is Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the Room of Anthony Marshall Esqr. late an Alderman of this Corporation decd. pursuant to Notice

Item

Aldn. Edwd. Chesshire is Elected a Justice of the peace for the County of the Town of Drogheda in the Room of John Ogle Esqr. decd. and the said Edwd. Chesshire was Sworn a Justice of the peace Accordingly

Justice peace Elected

Several Petitions read and disposed off

1774 Janry. 14. Oliver Fairtlough and William Coddington Esqrs. were this day sworn Aldermen of this Corporation pursuant to their Election last post Assembly

2 Aldermen sworn

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 14th. day of January 1774

Gen. Ass: 14 Jan 1774

Mr. Joshua Fergusson upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free member of this Corporation by Special favour on paying the usual fine & fees and taking the usual Oath

freeman admitted

Order'd that the sum of Seventy four pounds six shillings and three pence being the amount of Mr. Thoms. Wynne's three Several accounts for Candles furnished for the Watch House of this Town for the three years ending Michaelmas last be paid him by the Treasurer and allowed in his accounts

£74:6:3 to Thos. Wynne for Candles

Order'd that the sum of Fourteen pounds Seventeen shillings and four pence English money being the Costs of a Bouy and Chain lately fixt near the Bar perch and furnished by Samuel Johnston of Liverpoole be paid by the Treasurer to Captn. Robert Johnston what has an Order from the said Samuel Johnston to receive the same which is to be allowed in the Treasurers accounts

£14:17:4 Eng): to Rob. Johnston for Bar Bouy

Order'd that the sum of Seven pounds and eight pence being the amount of Mr. Robert Taylor's Accot. for Medicines furnished by him for Several poor Objects be paid him by the Treasurer and allowed in his Accots.

£7:-:8 to Robt. Taylor, for Medicines

Order'd that the sum of Four pounds sixteen shillings and Nine pence half penny being the Costs which Edward Brunton is out of Pockett in bringing an Ejectment and recovering the possession of a Tenement in John's Street which he is Tenant for to this Corporation be paid him by the Treasurer and allowed in his Accounts

£4:16:9½ to Edwd. Brunton for Costs

Order'd

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Surgeons

Ordered that Messrs. Joseph Harpur, William Heapem and James Petrie Surgeons be paid the sum of Ten Guineas each at the Expiration of the present year for their care and attendance of the Poor of this Town that shall require their Assistance for the said year the same to be allowed the Treasurer in his Accounts

Hull of a Wreck

Ordered that the Auditors and Viewers and such Merchants of this Town as they shall think proper to call to their Assistance be and they are hereby Impowered to Purchase the Hull of a large Dutch Vessell lately Wrecked in this harbour for the Purpose of Sinking the same in a proper part of the River by way of a Pier head in Order to help to deepen the Channell thereof and that the Auditors and Viewers do draw on the Treasurer for the Costs of the same which are to be allowed in his Accounts

3 freemen Sworn

1774 Janry 24th.

Joshua Ferguson was Sworn a free Member pursuant to his admittance last Assembly & Hen. Smith Esqr. Sworn the 19 inst. and Jere. Smith Esqr. Sworn the 22 Do.

post Assembly 13 Apr. 1774

At a Post. Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 13th April 1774

Petitions disposed of

Several Petitions were read and disposed of at this Assembly some being referred and some Rejected

Genl. Assembly 15 Apl. 1774

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 15th April 1774

Mayor Elect

Aldr. Oliver Fairtlough is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing year from Michaelmas day next

Sheriffs Elect

Messrs. Thomas Tong the Elder and Anthony Salley are Elected to Serve Sheriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing year for Michaelmas day next

Election Certified

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing year be forthwith certified to Government for their approbation

Robert

5 freemen admitted

Robert Portland of the Town of Drogheda Grocer Arthur Maginnes of the same Doctor of Physicke Lancelot Fisher of the same Gentn. Charles Lopdale of the same Grocer are admitted free Members and Samuel Bagnall of the same Shoemaker is admitted a free shoemaker of this Corporation: all by Special favour on their several Petitions to this Assembly on their paying the usual fine and taking the usual Oath

John Shortall Elected Comn: Cow: for the Butchers in the room of Aldr. Ol. Fairtlough

Mr. John Shortall a free Butcher of this Corporation being nominated and returned with Isaiah Moore and Thomas Rogers two other free Butchers of the same by the Master Wardens and Fraternity of Butchers in order that one of them be Elected a Common Councilman for said Fraternity in the Room of the Alder. Oliver Fairtlough, and the said John Shortall being called in was sworn a Common Councilman accordingly

John Fairtlough Elected Water Bailiff

Mr. John Fairtlough upon his Petition is Elected Water Bailiff of this Corporation in the Room of Alderman Francis Donaghlate Water Bailiff of the same deceased and was Sworn Water Bailiff Accordingly

The following Report of the Mayor and Sheriffs and the Auditors and Viewers relative to the Treasurers Account being laid before this Assembly the same is agreed to and Ordered to be entered and is as follows

Report of Audrs & Viewers &c. on Treasurers accounts

"Report of the Mayor and Sheriffs and the Auditors and Viewers of the Corporation of Drogheda on their Settling the Corporation Accounts with the Treasurer the 31st March 1774

"We have Examined and Settled the Accounts of this Corporation with the Treasurer for three years Rents ending Easter 1773, three years Gate Customs ended the 26th October 1773 two years eight months & five days Water Customs ended 24th June 1773 and for the fines of Freemen Sworn for three years ended Michaelmas last Also for the Fines and Seals of Leases Sealed to the 25th October last, and for the Proceeds of Oatmeal Brought and Retailed to the Poor in the year 1771 and other Articles. And We have carefully examined the Vouchers of the said Account for payments made by the Treasurer for three years ended Michaelmas last in the Several Mayoralty's of Aldr. William Norman Aldr. James Forde and the late Aldr. Ant. Marshall deceased and find the same to be just and true and that there is a balance due on said Account to this Corporation of £67. 15: 7¼ And We also find that there is the Sum of £342. 2: 3 returned in said Account as arrears of Rent outstanding and due at Easter 1773 as also the Sum of £323. 6: 1 due and unpaid of the Fines of the Leases of Mannimore, which We are of Opinion should be forthwith called in and applyed to discharge of the Debts due by this Corporation Given under our hands the day and year first above Written Ph. Dorrington Mayor Wm. Adams, Thomas Turner, Sheriffs, Geo. Schoales, Edwd. Chepshire, Ol. Fairtlough Junr. Robt. Wynne, Auditors and Viewers

Ordered

Tenants in arrear to be Ejected

Order'd that the Several Tenants of this Corp.n who are in arrear of Rent be acquainted that unless they forthwith pay the same Ejectments for Nonpayment thereof will be brought against them and Ejectments are hereby Order'd to be brought accordingly unless said Arrears be paid before the last day of next Term

Wm. Dowdall £4:2:– yearly add.ll for Pumps

William Dowdall, Brazier and Plumber, upon his Petition to this Assembly is allowed £4:2:– a year from this Easter Assembly for taking care of and keeping the Cross Pumps in Order over and above the Sallery payable by his Contract, this additional allowance to be paid him only during the pleasure of this Corporation

£11:16:3½ to Rob.t Wynne for Nails &c

Order'd that the sum of £11..16..3½ be paid by the Treasurer to Mr. Robert Wynne being the amount of his Account for Nails &c. furnished for the use of this Corporation the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

Rec.rs of Commons Rents

Mess.rs Oliver Fairtlough Jun.r and Robert Wynne are Elected Receivers of the Rents of the Commons for three Years from this Easter Assembly

Ten.ts for Commons in arrear to be Ejected

Order'd that the Several Tenants for the Commons of this Corporation that are in arrear and do not discharge their Rents before the last day of next Term be Ejected for Nonpayment thereof

Pensioners or Commons list

Order'd that the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their names respectively annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one year commencing at Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next. Viz.t

Hester Clark	£2:–	Widow of James Sheils	£2:10.–
Marg.t Donnelly & Child.n	3.–	Henry Hughes	4.–
Proctors of St. John's Poor for Furze of Commons	8:–	Sus.a Cotter	1..10
Wid.w of Rob.t Elliott	4.–	Dorothy Robinson	1..10
Hannah M.c Dowell	3..2:9	Wid.w of John Moffitt	2.–
Ann Evans	2.–	Wid.w of Robt. Dunn	3.–
Widow of John Collier	3.–	Wid.w of John Fitzgerald	2..10
Widow of James Quash	3.–	Rich.d Ennis's Child.n	3.–
Marg.t Cain	3.–	Marg.t Roe	3.–
Widow of Richard Cooper	3.–	Wid.w of David Appleyard	3.–
Widow of Thomas Latimer	2..10:–	John Kelly's Child.n	4.–
Widow of Mathew Marsden	2.–	Edw.d Brooks	3.–
Ann Shortell	1..1..8	Wid.w of Leon.d Shortell	2.–
Jane Blith	2.–	Ralph Eccleston	2.–
Widow of Fairfax Ennis	2.–	Wid.w of Jas. M.c Kinsey	3.–
William Ashe	2.–	Wid.w of Jn.o Holland	3.–
Widow of James Fisher	2..10:–		£43.–
	£48..4..5		£48..4..5
		Remains undisposed off of the years Rents	£91:4:5
			£22:7.–
			£113..11..5

Ground on South Quay Leased to Ald.n Graham to be layd open for publick use

Resolved that the peice of Ground on the South Quay which was Leased to Ald.n John Graham dec.d for 61 years from Easter 1712 and which Expired at Easter 1773 be forthwith layd open to enlarge said quay for the Convenience of the Publick Trade of this Town, and if any Obstruction be given thereto Mr. Mayor is hereby requested to direct Mr. John Ackland Mr.y to take the most Speedy and effectual Steps in Law to recover the possession thereof for this Corporation so as to enable them to carry their intentions into Execution

New Meal Crane

Resolved that a new Meal Crane be built by this Corporation about the Center of the New Quay in Dyer Street and that Notice be published to receive a plan and Estimate for building the same, And Mr. Mayor and Sheriffs and the Auditors and Viewers are hereby Appointed a Committee to fix upon the dimentions of said Building and to carry the same into Execution

£10 to Ald.n Fair:tlough for a Bridge

Order'd that the sum of Ten Guineas be paid to Ald.n Oliver Fairtlough to be laid out in repairing the Bridge on Plattin Road within this County and that the Treasurer be allowed same in his Acco.ts

4 freemen sworn

1774 May 9.th This day Robert Pentland Lancelot Fisher Charles Lopdale and Samuel Bagnall were Sworn free pursuant to their Admittance last Assembly

post Ass.ly 13 July 1774

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 13.th July 1774

Petitions disposed off

Several Petitions read and disposed off

Gen.l Ass.ly 15 July 74

At a general Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 15.th day of July 1774

3 freemen admitted

Edward Chesshire the Younger son of Ald.n Edward Chesshire is admitted a free Merchant by birth Lancelot Dowdall is admitted a free Merchant by Special favor and Hugh Montgomery Lyons Esq.r is admitted a freemember by Special favor on their Several Petitions to this Assembly upon their paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual Oath

David

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£3 — David Kearnes on Commons list

David Kearnes upon his Petition is granted three pounds on the Commons list from Mich.s last

two Poor Widows admitted in Poor House

Margaret Keating and Elizabeth Lewis Widows upon their Petitions are Admitted into S.t John's Poor House

River Committee

The following Gentlemen are Appointed the River Committee for three Years from this July General Assembly

Alderman Hardman
Alderman Schoales
Alderman Chefshire
Alderman Hardman Junr.
Alderman James Forde
Mr. Hamilton Bury
Mr. Harry Brabazon
Mr. John Fairtlough
Mr. Henry Stewart

Freeman Sworn

1774 August 8.th This day Lancelot Dowdall was sworn free pursuant to his Admittance last Assembly

Acts Compared

1774 September 29 This day the foregoing Acts of Assembly were compared before us and Ordered to be entered in the Assembly Book as usual

Signed

Philip Donagh Mayor, Geo. Schoales
W. Mead Ogle, Roger Ford, Jn.o Jebb
Syd.m Singleton, T. Turner, W. Adams sheriffs

All which I Attest

Wm Holmes Jr. Clk

post Assy 5 Oct. 1774

At a Post Assembly held before Oliver Fairtlough Esq.r Mayor Thomas Tonge and Anthony Sallery Esq.rs Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 5.th day of October 1774

Petns disposed off

Several Petitions were read and disposed of some were referred to next General Assembly

Gen. Ass.y 7 Oct. 1774

At a General Assembly held before the said Oliver Fairthough Esq.r Mayor Thomas Tonge and Anthony Sallery Esq.rs Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 7.th day of October 1774

Mayor of Staple

Alderman Philip Donagh is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Com.n Cou.l

Mess.rs William Adams and Thomas Turner late Sheriffs are Elected Common Councelmen and the said Thomas Turner was Sworn

Constables Staple

Mess.rs Thomas Turner and Oliver Fairtlough Junr. are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing year and Sworn

Coroners

Mess.rs Thomas Turner and Oliver Fairtlough Junr. are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Mas.r Guild

Alderman James Forde is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing year

Wardens Guild

Mess.rs Henry Coddington and Henry Stewart are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Treas.r

William Holmes is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing year

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing year by Mr. Thomas Elliott the Collectors Clerk on the usual terms

Scavengers

Ordered that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to contract with such persons as he shall think proper to carry away the Dirt and Soil out of the Streets and Lanes of this Town for the ensuing Year from the 22.nd day of November next

Aud.rs & View.rs

Ald.r George Schoales Ald.r Edward Chefshire Ald.r Roger Shorde Ald.r William Norman Ald.r James Forde Mr. John Chamney Mr. Robert Wynne Mr. Oliver Fairtlough Junr. and Mr. Thomas Wynne are Elected Auditors and Viewers for the ensuing year

Upon

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Wm Holmes's Pet.r for Lease

Upon the Petition of William Holmes Setting forth that he is in Posession in his own right of one small Strip of Ground without Dulech Gate by Virtue of a Lease made by this to Jaret Rencher late of the same dec.d for 61 Years from Easter 1714 at the yearly Rent of one Shilling — That the said Lease is near expired within the Rules of this Corporation for renewing And praying anew Lease thereof and Soforth: Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being now read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said premisses containing according to a Survey lately made thereof one Rood and Thirty Six perches for the term of Sixty one years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of five Shillings Sterl.g on his Surrendering the old Lease Maps of the said Premisses to be annexed to the new Leases

granted

2 freemen admitted

Mildmay Dixie Esq.r is admitted a free member by special favour and Francis North, Nailor Son of Thomas North is admitted a free member by Birth on their several Petitions to this Assembly each of them paying usual fines and the usual Oath

£40 — yearly to Mary Byrne on her giving up premes

Orderid that Mrs. Mary Byrne be and She is hereby granted the sum of Forty pounds a year during the pleasure of this Corporation to be paid Quarterly upon her surrendering to this Corporation a Lease made by them to her Father Alds.n Thos. Gerrard dec.d dated the 3. September 1716 for 61 years from Michaelmas then next at the yearly Rent of £3..2..6 of one Acre and a Stang of Meadow in Hellins Meadow four Acres of Meadow in Clanshorragh and the Flaggery park containing about one Acre

Mr. Ben.: Houghton presented his Freedom

Resolved that the Freedom of this Corporation be presented in a Fiat to Mr. Benjamen Houghton of the City of Dublin Merch.t for his Assistance given to the Corporation Instituted for the Relief of the Poor of the County of this Town

old Clock given to St. Peters parish

Orderid that the old Town Clock belonging to this Corporation be presented as a Gift to the Parish of Saint Peters to be set up in the Steeple of Saint Peters Church

admitted to Poor House

Elizabeth Dunn otherwise Cain Widow upon her Petition to this Assembly is admitted into the present Vacancy in St. Johns Poor House

Eliz. Elliott £3 — yearly for cleaning Tholsel &c

Ordered that Elizabeth Elliott Wife of John Elliott Bellhowr be paid three pounds a year Sallary from Mich.s last during pleasure for keeping Clean and making Fires in the Tholsel and Market House

Gate Customs Set

The Doors being opened The Gate Customs were set up to Cant and were struck off to Alds.n Edw.d Chesshire the highest bidder for £13..13.. p.d Walsh for one year to commence the 26 day of October inst.t and ending the 26.th day of October next 1775 inclusive

Comd.: Cow.d Sworn

1774 October 8.th This day Wm. Adams one of the late Sheriffs was Sworn a Common Councelman of this Corporation pursuant to his Election last Assembly

freeman Sworn

1774 October 17.th This day Francis North Nailor was Sworn a free Member pursuant to his admittance last Assembly

ho: Ass.: 11 Jan.: 1775

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Alds.n being present the 11.th day of January 1775

Petns disposed of

Several Petitions were read and disposed of at this Assembly some being referred and others rejected

Gen.l Ass.y 13 Jan.: 1775

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 13.th day of January 1775

4 freemen admitted

Robert Parkinson of Drogheda Carpenter son of John Parkinson Glazier and Ant.o Parks of Drogheda Shoemaker son of Ant.o Parks dec.d are admitted free members by Birth and Toonley Woodside of the same Attorney and William Cleapem of the same Surgeon are admitted free Members by special favour on their several Petitions to this Assem.y upon their paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual Oath

Poor House

Jane Fisher Widow upon her Petition to this Assembly is admitted into the present Vacancy in St. Johns Poor House

Rob.t Harrison's Sallary for attend.g Fire Engines augm.d

Robert Harrison keeper of the Fire Engines of this Corporation upon his Petition to this Assembly is hereby Ordered an Augmentation of his Sallary from Six Pounds to Nine Pounds two Shillings a year from this Xmas Assembly during pleasure in consideration of his care and attending with a proper Assistant when required to work the two Fire Engines of this Town

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Lands Surrendered by Mary Byrne to be set by Cant

Order'd that a Survey be made of the Lands lately Surrendered by Mrs Mary Byrne to this Corporation and that the same be set by Cant next Easter Genl Assembly for 61 years one moiety of the rent to be fined off as usual

Revd Jo. Fairtlough £12

Order'd that the Treasurer do repay the Revd Mr Joseph Fairtlough the sum of £12.. being an Overcharge of Interest upon a Debt that was due and lately paid by him to this Corporation the same to be allowed in the Treasures Accts

£15 to late Sheriffs for 3 Convicts

Order'd that the sum of £15 be paid by the Treas. to the late Sheriffs Wm Adams and Thomas Turner Esqrs for trasporting of three Convicts during their Sheriffalty the same to be allowed in the Treasrs Accts

Surgeons

Order'd that Messrs Joseph Harper William Cleapem & James Petrie Surgeons be paid the sum of Ten Guineas each at the expiration of the present year for their Care and attendance on the poor of this Town that shall require their assistants for the said year the same to be allowed in the Treasurers accts

2 freemen Sworn

1775 Jany 16 Townley Woodside and William Cleapem were Sworn free Members this day pursuant to their admittce last Assembly

1 do

1775 March 2d James Tisper Sworn, admittce 13 July 1770

1 do

1775 April 24 Hugh Montgomery Lyons Esqr was this day Sworn a free Member pursuant to his admittance last July Genl Assembly

post Assy 26 Apl 1775

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 26 April 1775

Petns disposed of

Several Petitions read and disposed of at this Assembly

Gen. Ass. 28 Apl 1775

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Councel being present the 28th day of April 1775

Mayor Elect

Alderman William Coddington is Ellected to to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing year from Michaelmas day next according to the Rule of Succession

Sheriffs Elect

Hugh Montgomery Lyons and John Jones of Listoke Esqr are Elected to Serve Sheriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing year from Michaelmas day next

Election Certifyed

Order'd that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing year be forthwith Certifyed to Government for their approbation

Proctors

Mr George Clegg and Mr John Donagh are Elected Proctors of Saint Johns Poor House for three years from this Easter Assembly

Quay Walls

Resolved that Mr Mayor and the River Committe do forthwith cause such repairs to be made on the Quay Walls as to them shall appear requesite and draw on the Treasurer for Costs of same

Suit with Peter Dromgoole

Order'd that the Corporation Law Agent in the Cause with Peter Dromgoole relative to the Water Customs do forthwith proceed to Dismiss the Writ of Error loged to remove the same unless the Pl in Error proceed thereon next Term

5 freemen admitted

Isaac Norman of Liverpoole Mercht Son of Aldn Edw Norman is admitted a free Mercht by Birth William Finlay of Drogheda Mercht is admitted a free Merchant by special favour Samuel Jones of Drogheda Gentn son of Thomas Jones is admitted a free Member by birth and Allen Roel of Drogheda Shoemaker and William Williams of the same Cabinetmaker are admitted free members by Service on their several Petitions to this Assembly each of them to pay the usual fine and fees and to take usual Oath

£25:8:4½ to Hen. Stewart for boards

Order'd that the sum of Twenty five pounds eight shilling and four pence halfpenny be paid by the Treasurer to Mr Henry Stewart being the amount of his Account for Timber and Boards delivered by him for the use of this Corporation at different times from 5th Feby 1773 to the 15 July last pursuant to a Report made by the Auditors and Viewers to this Assembly

Poor House

Sarah Marsden Widow upon her Petition is admitted into the present vacancy in saint Johns poor House

Pensioners on

Order'd that the under named persons be paid the following sums to their names respectively annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one year commencing last Michs Vending at Michs next

Hester

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Commons List

Hester Clark	£2
Marg.t Donnelly & Children	3
Proctors of St Johns Poor Houses for Fuage of the Commons	8
Widow of Robert Elliott	1
Hannah Mc Dowell	3..2..9
Widow of John Collier	3
Widow of James Quash	3
Margaret Cain	3
Widow of Rich.d Cooper	3
Widow of Thos Latimer	2..10
Ann Shortell	1..1..0
Jane Bleth	2
Widow of Thairfax Ennis	1
William Ashe	2
Widow of Jas Shiels	1
Henry Hughes	1
Dorothy Robinson	1..10
Widow of John Moffett	2
Widow of John Fitzgerrald	2..10
	£57..14..5

Richard Ennis's Children	£3
Marg.t Roeb	3
Widow of David Appleyard	3
John Kelly's Children	1
Edward Brooks	3
Widow of Leondad Shortell	2
Ralph Eccleston	2
Widow of James Mc Kinsey	3
Widow of John Holland	3
Alice Eaton	2
Mary Winslow Widow	1
Adm Johnston's Children	3
Thomas Rogers	1
Ann Simpson Widow	1
David Kearns	3
	£46
	57..14..5
	103..14..5
Remains undisposed off of the years Rent	9..17
	£113..11..5

Monday the fifth day of June next is appointed a Sealing Day for Corporation Leases

Sealing Day

The following parcels of Lands late in the possession of Mr.s Mary Byrne and her under Tenants were set at this Assembly for 61 years pursuant to an order of last Assembly and an advertisement posted for that purpose

Sev.l Denoms Set by Cant.r to Ant.o Sillery

1.st Lot, one park or parce of Land adjoining the Town Wall at Saint Marys Church yard containing 0.a 3.r 26.p Set to Mr. Sheriff Sallery for 61 years from Easter last for £3..15.. a year one half of which is to be fined off at 15 years purchase

2.nd Lot, One park or parcel of Land in Mellins Meadow near the Twenty's containing 1.a 0.r 25.p Set to Ald.n Philip Donagh for 61 years from Easter last at £1..19.. p acre one half whereof to be fined off at 15 years purchase

Ald.n Ph.s Donagh

3.d Lot A parcel of Land at Clanshannagh containing 4.a 3.r 25.p set to Ald.n John Jebb for 61 years from Easter last at £2..... p acre, one half to be fined off at 15 years purchase

Ald.n Jn.o Jebb

1.st May 1775 This day Isaac Norman and William Finlay were Sworen free Merchants pursuent to their admittance last Assembly

2 freemen Sworn

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 12.th July 1775

po: Asb.y 12 July 1775

Sev.l Petitions read & disposed off

Petns disposed of

Gen.l Asb.y 14 July 75

At a Gen.l Assembly held before the said Mayor Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 14 July 1775

Thomas Fairtlough Gent.n Son of Alderman William Fairtlough dec.d upon his Petition is admitted a free Member by Birth on paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual Oath

a freeman admitted

The Rev.d Joseph Fairtlough Clk a free Member of this Corporation and a Regular Clergyman of the established Church of Ireland upon his Memorial to this Assembly is nominated and appointed Chaplain to this Corp.n with a yearly Sallary of Forty pounds Ster.g to be paid him from the 24.th day of June last during pleasure

£40 yearly to Rev.d Jos. Fairtlough as Chaplain

Resolved that proper Ornaments be provided at the Expence of this Corporation by Mr. Recorder and Mr. Mayor elect for lighting the Stare Case and Appartments of the Mayoralty House

Mayt.y House

Orderd that the sum of Thirty pounds Eighteen Shillings be paid to George Evans by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation being a deficiency of Lampmoney due him by the parish of Saint Peters for the years 1773 & 1774 in the Mayoraltys of the late Ant.o Marshall dec.d and of Alex.r Philip Donagh who engaged to make good to him such deficiency

£30:18:— to Geo. Evans for Lamps

Mr. Recorder having laid before this Assembly a draft of Memorial from this Corporation to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland which he was requested to prepare relative to the repairing of Maiden Tower and the other Land Mark near same Orderd that the said Memorial be engrossed and the Seal of this Corporation affixed thereto and that the same be presented to his Excellency or his Secretary by Mr. Recorder who is hereby requested to present the same And it is also Orderd that the said Memorial be entered in the Assembly Book and is as follows

Memorial to Lord Lieut.t about Maiden Tower

To his Excellency Simon Earl of Harcourt Lord Lieutenant of all Ireland

The Memorial of the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda

Copy

That there has been a Tower commonly called Maiden Tower time out of mind standing upon the shore near the Bar at the mouth of the River Boyne below High Water mark within the Jurisdiction of the County of the Town of Drogheda and also one other small Tower nearly adjoyning the said Maiden Tower above high Water mark which Towers are of Singular service to Mariners who navigate Vessells bound to the port of Drogheda and also to all others coming from the Northward who are bound to the port of Dublin and also to all those who sail from the southward to the northward

Your Memorialists further beg leave to represent to your Excellency that the said Towers are now much out of Repair and become less conspecious and consequently less serviceable than they used to be, the bright colouring of the

same

Same being worn off and scarsely to be discovered by Mareners and are apprehensive that great losses may be sustained if suffered to remain in that state they now are for the ensuing Winter

Your Memorilists further show that they have lately employed proper persons to repair and Whiten the said Towers in order to make the same answer the purpose for which they were at first intended, but said persons have been obstructed in said Work by James Brabazon Esqr. Tenant to the Right Honble Lord Mornington whose Estate is contiguous to the said Towers and said James Brabazon alledges he is instructed by said Lord Mornington to prevent them from carrying on said Work tho. soley calculated and intended for the publick Good

Your Memorialists therefore apprehending that his Majesty has full power by virtue of his Royal perogative to cause and procure all Beacons Towers and other Land Marks of General utility to be kept in such condition and order as will best answer their Original design the publick service do most humbly request your Excellency will take the same into your consideration and give such order therein as to your Excellency shall seem meet

In Testimony whereof we have hereunto Affixed our Common Seal this 14th day of July 1775

1775 Septr. 29th This day the foregoing Acts of Assembly were compared before us and Orderd to be Enterd in the Assembly Book

Acts compared

Oliver Fairtlough Mayor
Philip Donagh M: S:
George Schoales
W: Meadebgle
Sydn. Singleton Recr.

Anth: Sillery } Sheriffs
Thos. Tonge }

Same Day Aldr. William Coddington was Sworn Mayor and Hugh Montgomery Lyons and John Jones Esqrs. were Sworn Sheriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing year from Michaelmas day inst pursuant to their Ellection and the Approbation of Government

po. Assly. 4 Oct. 1775 At a Post Assembly held before William Coddington Esquire Mayor Hugh Montgomery Lyons and John Jones Esqrs. Sheriffs the Aldr. being present the 4th day of October 1775

Petns. disposed off Several Petitions prefferred to this Assembly were read and disposed off

Gen. Ass: 6 Oct. 1775 At a General Assembly held before the said William Coddington Esqr. Mayor Hugh Montgomery Lyons and John Jones Esqrs. Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Councel being present the 6th day of October 1775

Mayor Staple Aldr. Oliver Fairtlough is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the Ensuing year and Sworn

Com: Cou: Messrs. Thomas Tonge and Antj. Sillery late Sheriffs are Elected Common Councel Men and Sworn

Constables Staple Messrs. Thomas Tonge and Antj. Sillery are Elected Cunstables of the staple for the Ensuing year and Sworn

Coroners Messrs. Thomas Tonge and Antj. Sillery are Elected Coroners for the Ensuing year and Sworn

Masr. Guild Aldr. Philip Donagh is Elected Master of the Guild for the Ensuing year

Wardens Messrs. William Adams and Thomas Turner are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing year

Treasr. Mr. William Holmes is Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing year

Officers The officers of the sword and Mace and Marshall to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs Orderd that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the Ensuing year by Mr. Thomas Elliott the Collectors Clerk on the usual Terms

Scavengers Orderd that Mr. Mayor be and is hereby impowered to Contract with such persons as he shall think proper to carry away the dirt and Soil out of the streets and Lanes of this Town for the Ensuing year from the 22nd day of Novr. Next

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Aud^rs. & View^rs.

Ald^r. John Marshall Ald^r. Henry Leland Ald^r. Roger Ford. Ald^r. William Norman Ald^r. James Forde M^r. John Chamney M^r. Robt. Wynne M^r. Oliver Fairtlough Junr. and M^r. Thomas Wynne are Elected Auditors and Viewers for the Ensuing year

freeman admitted

Richard Bagnall of the Town of Drogheda Nailor upon his Petition is admitted a free smith of this Corporation by Service on paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual Oath

Item

The Rev^d. Bigoe Henzell of the Town of Drogheda Clke upon his Petition is admitted a free member of this Corporation by special favour on his paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual Oath

Water Bailiffs Sallary augmented to £25

John Fairtlough Water Bailiff of this Corporation upon his Memorial to this Assembly is Order'd an Augmentation of Sallary from Six to Twenty pounds a year with five Pound a year for keeping up Perches as usual from Michaelmas last

£15 yearly to John Rencher a reduced Com: Cow:

John Rencher a reduced Sheriffs peer of this Corporation upon his Petition to this Assembly is granted a Pention of Fifteen pounds a year from Mich^s last to be paid quarterly by the Treas^r. upon Orders to be signed by M^r. Mayor for the time being during the pleasure of this Corporation

£70:-:6 to Samuel Austin for Damask Table Linen

Order'd that the sum of Seventy pounds and Six pence be paid by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation to M^r. Samuel Austin Damask Weaver being the amount of his acco^t. layed before this Assembly for Damask Table Linnen and Napkins furnished by him for the use of this Corporation & Delivered at the Mayoralty House

Goods &c. at Mayoralty House

Order'd that an Inventory of all the Household Goods and Furniture belonging to this Corporation in the Mayoralty House be made out and loged with the Town Clerk and that M^r. Mayor for the time being be accountable for same

£22:15:- to Stewards of Charity Schools

Order'd that the sum of Twenty Guineas be paid to the Stewards of the Charity Schools of Saint Peters Parish by the Treas^r. for account of this Corporation in aid of that Charity

2 admitted into Poor House

Mary Tonge Widow and Alice Chambers upon their Petitions to this Assembly are admitted into two Vacancys now in Saint Johns Poor House

Gate Customs

The Doors being opned The Gate Customs were set up to Cant and were Struck off to Ald^r. Edwd. Chesshire the highest bidder for £15..1...ff Week for one year to commence the 26th October inst. and ending the 26 October next (1776) inclusive

freeman Sworn

18th Decr. 1775 This day Richard Bagnell, Nailor was Sworn a free Smith pursuant to his admittance last Assembly paid the usual fine & fees

po: Ass: 10 Jan. 1776

At a post Assembly held before the Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 10th January 1776

Alderman Elected

M^r. William Holmes is Elected Unanimously an Ald^r. of this Corporation in the room of Francis Donagh late an Alderman of the same dec^d. pursuant to Notice

Item

M^r. Oliver Fairtlough Junr. is Elected Unanimously an Alderman of this Corporation in the Room of Robert Ball late an Ald^r. of the same dec^d. pursuant to Notice

Gen: Ass: 12 Jan. 1776

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 12th day of Jan^ry 1776

Petition of Ald^n. Jam^s. Forde for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Alderman James Forde Seting forth that he is in possession in his own right of a Lease made by this Cop^r. to Alderman William Ogle of several Houses and Gardens on the south side of Fair Street in the Town of Drogheda and also of the Town Pinfold or Pound in Magdalen Street for the term of 61 years from Easter 1765 at the yearly Rent of £4.. That Petitioner hath already expended a considerable sum of money in making improvements thereon And therefore praying for his encouragement to proceed on such further improvements a new Lease for 99 years and so forth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being now read It is thereupon Order'd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Leace of the said premisses in Fair Street in his own name for 99 years from Easter last at the old yearly rent of £4.....on his Surrendering the Old Lease and on his covenanting to lay out £300 in making further improvements within the two first years, the Town Pinfold or Pound not to be demised by the new Lease and maps of the Premisses in Fair Street to be annexed to said new Lease

Granted

Thos.

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2 freemen admitted

Thomas Cheshire of Drogheda Gent.n son of Alder.n Edw.d Cheshire is admitted a free member by Birth and Arthur Forbes Esq.r of Drogheda is admitted a free member by special favour on their respective Petitions to this Assembly on each of them paying the usual fine & fees and taking the usual Oaths

£30 — to Jn.o Elliott for a Wall at S.t James's

Ordered that the sum of Thirty pounds Ster.g be paid by the Treasurer for acco.t of this Corporation to Mr. John Elliott in full as a consideration from them for a Wall built by him at the Marsh and Sand Bank of Saint James without Saint James's Gate belonging to this Corporation pursuant to a Report made to this Assembly by the late Mayor and Sheriffs and other Gent.n upon his acco.t of the said Work

£26:6:2 to Thom.s Wynne for Candles

Ordered that the sum of Twenty Six pounds Six Shillings and two pence Ster.g be paid by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation to Mr Thomas Wynne being the amount of his acco.t for Candles delivered at the Watch House and Tholsel from Oct.r 1774 to Oct.r 1775 pursuant to a Report made to this Assembly by the Auditers & Viewers upon his said acco.t

Surgeons

Ordered that Mess.rs Joseph Harpur William Cleapem and James Petrie Surgeons be paid the sum of Ten Guineas each at the expiration of the present year if they shall give their care and attendance on the poor of this Town that shall require their assistance for the said year the same to be allowed in the Treas.r Acco.t

White Parchm.t Book to be rebound

Several leaves of the White parchment book belonging to this Corporation being loose and the binding broke It is Ordered that the said Book be Rebound in the most complete manner under the inspection of Mr. Mayor of the Staple and Alderman Donagh

Town pumps

Resolved that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to Contract with such persons as he shall think proper for repairing and keeping the Town pumps in order for the use of the publick

Town Walls & Gates

Mr. Mayor and Sheriffs and the Auditors and Viewers are requested to Examine the state and Condition of the Town Walls and Gates and to report same to next General Assembly

1776 March 4th this day the following four persons were Sworn free Members pursuant to their several admittance viz.t

four freemen Sworn

Doct.r Arthur Maginnes . . . admitted 15. Ap.l 1774
Mr. Thomas Cheshire . . . . admitted last Assembly
Rev.d Mr. Wm Nesbitt . . . . admitted July 1773
Arthur Forbes Esq.r . . . . admitted last Assembly

2 Aldermen sworn

1776 March 11th This day Mess.rs William Holmes & Oliver Fairtlough Junr. were Sworn Aldermen of this Corporation pursuant to their several Elections last past Assembley

freeman Sworn

Same day Allan Roe was Sworn a free Shoemaker pursuant to his Admittance April Assembly 1775

Item

March 21st Wm David Williams of Dublin Coachmaker Sworn free this day pursuant to his admitt.ce April 1770

po. Aps. 17 Ap.l 1776

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 17. April 1776

Petitions disposed of

Several Petitions presented to this Assembly were read and disposed off, some rejected and some referred to next General Assembly

Gen. Aps. 19 Ap.l 1776

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 19th day of Ap.l 1776

Mayor Elect

Alderman William Holmes unanimously is Elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing year from Michaelmas day next according to the rule of Succession

Sheriffs Elect

Mr. Theobald Bourke and Mr. George Evans are Elected to serve Sheriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing year from Michaelmas day next

Election Certified

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the Ensuing year be forthwith Certified to Government for their Approbation

Upon

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Petition of Jn°. Leigh Esq°. for a Lease

Upon the Petition of John Leigh Esq°. setting forth that he is posession by virtue of a Lease from this Corporation granted in the year one thousand seven hundred and Seventeen of a Park without Dulech Gate & a Tennement & Old Walls & Gardens in Castle Comfort Lane for Sixty one years at the yearly rent of £1..2..— made to Alº. Smith & that the same is within the Rules for Renewal and praying that the Premises may be considered & Setforth Which Petition being referred to the auditors & Viewers and their report made to this Assembly It is therefore Ordered that the said Pett°. be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said Park without Dulech Gate containing two Acre three Roods and Twentyfour Perches and of the Premises in the Castle Comfort street or old hill contg. in front 68 feet & in Depth 51½ feet for the term of 61 years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £3:8:3 and £3..8..3 Fine; he surrendering the old Lease & Maps to be annexed to the new Leases

granted

5 freemen admitted

Thomas Norman of the Town of Drogheda Gent. Son of Alº. Edward Norman dec°. is admitted a free Member by Birth Wm. Jocelyn Shaw of the same Esq°. the Revd. Stearne Ball of the same Clerk and Francis Sallery of the same Shopkeeper are admitted freemembers by Special favour and Benjamen Dix of the same Sawyer is admitted a free Carpenter by special favour on their severally paying the usual fine & taking the usual Oaths

Pro tor

Mr. Anthony Sillery is elected one of the Proctors of St. Johns poor House in the Room of Mr. John Donagh dec°.

2 admitted into the House

Alice Appleyard Widow of David Appleyard and Ann Hughes Widow of Henry Hughes upon their several Petitions are admitted into the two Vacancys now in Saint Johns Poor House

Pensioners on

Orderd that the following persons be paid the following sums to their Names respectively annexed out of the rents of the Commons for one year commencing at Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next

Hester

Commons List

Hester Clark	2..—	John Kellys Children	4..—
Mary°. Donnolly & Children	3..—	Edward Brooks	3..—
Proctors of Saint Johns Poor House for Twoze of the Commons	8..—	Widº. of Leonº. Shortell	2..—
		Ralph Eccleston	2..—
Widow of Robert Elliott	1..—	Widow of James Mº. Kinsey	3..—
Hannah Mº. Dowell	3..2..9	Widow of John Holland	3..—
Widow of John Collier	3..—	Alice Eaton	2..—
Widow of James Quash	3..—	Widº. of Phoº. Winslow	4..—
Ditto for her Son John Quash	2..—	Adam Johnstons Children	3..—
Mary°. Cain	3..—	Thomas Rogers	4..—
Widº. of Richard Cooper	3..—	Ann Simpson Widow	4..—
Widow of Phoº. Lattimer	2..10..—	David Kearnes	3..—
Ann Shortell	1..18..9	Thomas Marsden	3..—
Jane Blyth	2..—	Widow of John Andrews	2..10..—
Widow of Fairfax Ennis	4..—	Widow of John Woodhouse	2..10..—
William Ashe	2..—	John Hughes	4..—
Widow of John Sheils	4..—	Thomas Stokes Children	2..—
Dorothy Robinson	1..10..—		51..—
Widow of John Moffett	2..—		62..11..5
Widow of John Fitzgerald	2..10..—		
Richº. Ennis's Children	3..—		£113..11..5
Mary°. Roe	3..—		
	£62..11..5		

Thoº. Marsden & Widº. Head

Ordered that the sum of twenty Shilling a Peice be paid to Thomas Marsden and the Widow of John Head out of the Ballance now in the hands of the Receivers of the Rents of the Commons

£3 yearly for Billeting Soldiers

Orderid that the Mayor for the time being be impowered to draw upon the Treasurer of this Corporation for any sum not exceeding three pounds yearly to be paid to such person as he shall appoint as Constable for Billetting his Majestys Forces passing and repassing thro°. this Town

£107: 4: 4 to Alº. Chefshire for Costs

Orderid that the sum of one hundred and Seven Pounds four Shillings and four pence Sterling being the amount of a Bill of Costs layed before this Assembly by Edward Chefshire Esq°. and incurred in a prosecution lately carried on in the Kings Bench by James Brabazon Esq°. against Philip Donagh Esq°. Geo: Schoales Esq°. & the said Edwd. Chefshire as Justice of the peace of this Corporation & which prosecution was dismissed be repaid the said Edward Chefshire by the Treasº. for accoº. of this Corporation and that the same be allowed in his Accoº.

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Quay Wall

Orderd that the River Committe be and they are hereby impowered to contract with such person or persons as they shall think proper on behalf of this Corporation for repairing and rebuilding one hundred and Eighty Seven feet of the Wall of the River at the North Quay agreeable to a Plan layed before this Assembly

10 Gs a peice to Peter Allen & Geo. Flinn

Resolved that the sum of Ten Guineas a peice be paid by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation to Peter Allen and George Flinn for their spirited behaviour in apprehending lately near this Town three notorious High Way Robbers

piece of plate £20 val: to Mr. Sheriff Lyons

Resolved unanimously that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby requested to present in the name of this Corporation to Hugh Montgomery Lyons Esq.r one of the present Sheriffs a peice of Plate of the Value of £20 In Testimony of our approbation of his Spirited Conduct in the execution of his Office

£9: 11:— to Ald.n Holmes for Costs

Orderd that Ald.r Wm Holmes be paid the sum of Nine Pounds Eleven Shillings Ster.g being the Amount of a Bill of Costs expended by him in recover: ing possession of a Peice of Ground without Dulcek Gate as Lessee of this Corporation which was claimed by Casey, the same to be allowed on passing his Acco.t

£13: 2:— to Ald.n Chefshire for a Road

Orderd that the sum of Thirteen Pounds two Shillings be paid by the Treas.r to Ald.r Edward Chefshire being so much lately advanced by him for repaving the great Road without West Gate in this County leading towards Slane. the same to be allowed in the Treasurers acco.t

Ground at Laurence Gate, to be Surveyd and reported if eligible for a Corn Market

Alderman Schoales Ald.r Hardman Jun.r Ald.r James Forde, Alderman Chefshire Ald.r Marshall Ald.r Fairthough Sen.r and Mr. Hamilton Bury or any five of them are appointed a Committee to view and make a Plan of two peices of Ground adjoyning together one within: in and the other without the Town Wall on the North Side of St. Laurence Gate now in the posession of the Lord

Lord Primate or his under Tenants and to report their Opinion to this Assembly (to be held by adjournment on Thursday next for the purpose of receiving same) Whether the said Ground will be eligi: :ble and proper to be made into a publick Corn Market place for this Town

Franchises

Resolved that the Franchises of this Corporation be Perambulated by Mr. Mayor and Sheriffs on Whit Sun Tuesday next and that the sum of £50 be allowed the Master of the Guild to defray the expences thereof and that the sum of five Pounds be paid upon Mr. Mayors orders on the Treas.r to the Master of each Fraternity that shall attend upon that occasion

25th Ap.l adjourn'd to

This Assembly is adjourned to Thursday next the 25th April Inst.o

25 Ap.l 1776

At an adjournment of the last General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 25th April 1776

Report relative to Ground at Laur.ce Gate

The Committee appointed last General Assembly to view and make a Map of the two peices of Ground adjoyning together one within the other without the Town Wall on the Northside of St. Lawrence Gate now in the Posession of his Grace the Lord Primate and his under Tenants & to report their Opinion thereon to this Adjournment of the said Assembly, having accordingly made a Plan of said Ground and report: :ed their Opinion to this Assembly, to wit, "that the said two Lots of Ground would if laid open and joined together by removing that "part of the Town Wall which devides them completly Answer for holding the Corn Markett of this Town, This Assembly do unanim: :mously agree in Opinion with the said Committee in the said Report, and It is thereupon Orderd that Mr. Recorder be and he is requested by this Assembly to apply to his Grace the Lord Primate to know upon what terms his Grace would Give said Ground for the abovementioned purpose

eligible for a Corn Market

Freeman Sworn

1776 April 25
The Rev.d Sleaine Ball 6th Sworn a free menber

Item 2

1776 May 2d
Wm Jocelyn Shaw Esq.r & Francis Sallery Sworn free Members

1 Do

1776 June 27 Benj.a Dix, Sworn a free Carpenter, admitted the 19 April last

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Freeman Sworn

July 17 Edward Bridges of Drogheda Carpenter Sworn a free Carpenter, pusuant to the Verdict of the Jury given the 2 May last upon his Petition by service referred last October Genl Assembly and paid the usual fine & fees

po. Ass. 17 July 1776

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 17 July 1776

Petns Disposed off

Several Petitions preferred to this Assembly were read and disposed off

Gen. Ass. 19 July 1776

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 19th day of July 1776

Wm Holmes, Jnr Tk Resigns

Aldr Wm Holmes the present Town Clerk having acquainted this Assembly with his desire of resigning the said Office of Town Clerk together with the incidenal Duties of Clerk of the peace of this County and Register of the Tholsel Court of this Town and having tendered to this Assembly a Resignation and Surrender of said Offices under his hand & Seal of this date It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Resignation be and the same is hereby accepted off

Ph. Donagh Elected Town Clk

Aldr Philip Donagh is Elected into the office of Town Clerk of this Corporation and also of Clerk of the peace of this County and Register of the Tholsel Court of this Town in the Room of Aldr William Holmes resigned

Election Certifyed

Orderd that the Election of the said Philip Donagh to the Office of Town Clerk of this Corporation beforthwith Certifyed to Government for their approbation

Geo. Schoales & Edwd Chefshire Justices of the peace Resign

George Schoales and Edwd Chefshire Esqrs two of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for this Town and County having acquainted this Assembly of their desire of resigning their said Offices of Justices of the peace and each of them having tendered to this Assembly a Resignation and Surrender of their said Offices under their hands and Seals this date It is therefore Ordered by

by this Assembly that their said Several Resignations be and they are hereby accepted off

Thanks returnd them

Resolved unanimously that the thanks of this Assembly be and the same are hereby given to the said George Schoales and Edward Chefshire Esqrs for their great care and trouble with which they severally discharged the Office of Justices of the peace with advantage to the publick & Honour to themselves

£60 to Matth: Ruston for Work as Mayty House

Ordered that the sum of Sixty pounds be paid to Mathew Ruston by the Treas. on acco. of his Bill for Work by him at the Mayoralty House

Tholsel Clock

Orderd that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowerd to employ a proper person to take care of the Tholsel Clock in the room of Ben: Renchero

Tholsel & Mayty House to be painted

Orderd that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowerd to cause the Tholsel & Mayoralty House to be forthwith Painted and also to lead the loft over the Tholsel Clock

Spes: ps: Ass. by 23 July 1776

At a Special past Assembly held befor the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 23rd July 1776

Aldn Geo. Ackland & Aldn Wm Norman Elected Justices of the peace & Sworn

Alderman George Ackland and Alderman William Norman are Elected Justices of the peace for the County of the Town of Drogheda in the room of Aldr George Schoales and Aldr Edward Chefshire who resigned and the said George Ackland was Sworn a Justice of the peace accordingly

1776
July 27 This day William Norman was Sworn a Justice of the peace of this County pursuant to his Election

Freeman Sworn

3 September 1776
This day Isac: Dawson Williams was Sworn a free Member pursuant to his Admittance the 6th Oct. 1773

Item

10 Sept. 1776
This day John Williams was Sworn a free member pursuant to his admittance the 17 July 1772

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Acts Compared

Sept.r 29. This day the foregoing Acts of Assembly were read and compared before us and Ordered to be entered in the Assembly Book

Hugh Montg.y Lyons, John Jones } Sheriffs

Wm. Coddington Mayor
W. Meade Ogle
James Forde
Henry Leland
John Jebb
Philip Donagh

po: Assly 9 Oct. 1776

At a Post Assembly held before William Holmes Esquire Mayor Theobald Bourke and George Evans Esquires Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 9th day of October 1776

Petns Disposed off

Several Petitions presferred to this Assembly were read and disposed off

Gen. Assly 11 Oct. 1776

At a General Assembly held before the said William Holmes Esquire Mayor Theobald Bourke and George Evans Esquires Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 11th day of October 1776

Mayor Staple

Alderman William Coddington is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justices of the peace for the ensuing year and Sworn

Com: Coun:

Messrs. Hugh Montgomery Lyons and John Jones Esquires late Sheriffs are Elected Common Council Men and Sworn

Const. Staple

Messr. Hugh Montgomery Lyons and John Jones Esquires are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing year and Sworn

Coroners

Messrs. Hugh Montgomery Lyons and John Jones Esquires are Elected Coroners for the ensuing year and Sworn

Mas.r Guild

Alderman River Fairtlough is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing year

Wardens do.

Messrs. Thomas Jonge and Anthony Sillery are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing year.

Treas.r

Alderman Philip Donagh is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing year and Sworn

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing year by Mr. Thomas Elliott the Collectors Clerk on the usual terms

Scavengers

Ordered that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to contract with such persons as he shall think proper to Carry away the Dirt and Soil out of the Streets and Lanes of this Town and out of the Roads and Avenues leading thereto in the Liberties thereof for the ensuing year from the 22d. day of November next

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And.rs & Viewers

Alderman John Marshall Alderman Henry Leland Alderman Roger Ford Alderman William Norman Alderman James Forde M.r John Chamney M.r Robert Wynne M.r John Fairtlough and M.r Thomas Wynne are Elected Auditors and Viewers for the Ensuing year

2 admitt.d into the Poor House

Susanna M.c Kenny and Mary Frazier upon their Petitions are Admitted into the two Vancaneys now in Saint Johns Poor House

3 freemen admitted

Thomas Richardson the younger Bricklayer and Edward Richardson Carpenter both of Drogheda sons of Thomas Richardson of the same Carpenter are admitted free Carpenters by Birth and John Wynne of Drogheda Distiller is admitted a free Member by Special favor on their Several Petitions to this Assembly upon their Severally paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual Oath

River Committee

Ordered that the River Committee be impower=ed to Examine into the extraordinary Work done by William Latimer and George Flinn at North quay Wall and that they Settle the charge thereof and draw upon the Treasurer for the amount and they are impowered to contract for the remainder of the Work

Clock & Bell for Mayt.y House

Ordered that a Clock and Bell be provided by M.r Mayor at the expence of this Corporation for the use of the Mayoralty House

Barrila ashes not to pay custom

Ordered that no Custom be taken for Barrid=la Ashes during the pleasure of this Corporation

Gate Customs

The Doors being Opened the Gate Customs were set up to Cant and Set to Alderman Edward Cheshire for £13:11s p.r Week for one year commencing the 26.th day of October inst.t and ending the 26.th October next (1777) inclusive

freeman Sworn

17 October 1776 John Wynne of Drogheda Distiller Sworn a free Member pursuant to his admittance last Assembly

At

po: Ass: 15 Jan: 1777

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 15 day of January 1777 Sev.l Petitions read & dis=posed of

Gen. Ass.y 17 Do

At a General Assembly held before said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 17.th day of January 1777

2 freemen admitted

Thomas Donagh of the Town of Drogheda Currier and William Stewart of the same Gentlemen upon their several Peti=tions to this Assembly are admitted free Members of this Corporation by special favor on paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual Oath

Jam.s Sandiford's Petn for a Lease

Upon the Petition of James Sandiford Gentleman Setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of a part or parcel of Land commonly called the Culver House parth situate without Saint Lawrences Gate in the County of the Town of Dro=heda by Vertue of a Lease made by this Corporation to his Lat.e Father Thomas Sandiford late an Alderman of the same deceas.d for the term of 61 years from Michaelmas 1717 at the yearly Rent of Fourteen Shillings that the said Lease is near expiring and within the Rules of this Corporation for Renewing and pray=ing a new Lease of the said premisses and soforth Which petit=ion being Referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being read at this Assembly It is thereupon Ordered that the said Petitioner being and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said premisses containing by a new Survey 5 Acres no Roods 28 perches for 61 years from Michaelmas last at the yearly Rent of Twenty Shillings p.r Acre and one years Rent fine on his opening the Road on the South side of said premisses leading to Green Hill agreeable to a dotted line layd down by a Map thereof which is to annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Ald.n Coddington's Petition for a Lease

Alderman William Coddington having lately a purchased a Lease made by this Corporation and the proctors of Saint Johns poor House of 30.A 2.R of Land called Blackbush and part of Saint Marys Church Land situate on Meath side in the Liberties of this Town and there being 7 Acres thereof as he alledges with held from him by the Heir or Under Tenant of the late Henry Pippard Esquire It is therefore Resolved by this Assem=bly that M.r Coddington shall be allowed by this Corporation such expences as he shall be at in endeavouring to Recover the said

said

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said 7 Acres of Land provided he does not succeed but if he shall succeed and Recover the same then he shall be allowed by this Corporation only one half of the Costs of Suit

Masters of Vessells to observe Orders &c

Resolved that all Masters of Vessells or Lighters Resorting to or plying in this port that shall not conform to the Orders and Regulations of this Corporation for the preservation of the River and quay Walls which the Water Bailiff is hereby enjoyed carefully to enforce shall upon their Refusal or neglect of such Orders and Regulations be prosecuted by him in the name and at the charge of this Corporation

Freeman Sworn

7th March 1777 Thomas Donagh was Sworn a free Member pursuant to his admittance last Assembly

post Asbly

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 9th day of April 1777

Petitions

Several Petitions read and disposed off

Genl Assembly

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 11th day of April 1777

Mayor Elect

Alderman Oliver Fairbrough Junr is Elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing year from Michaelmas day next

Sheriff Elect

Messrs. William Jocelyn Shaw and Lancelot Dowdall Elected to Serve Sheriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing year from Michaelmas day next

Election Certifyed

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing year be forth with Certified to Government for approbation

Surgeons

Ordered that Messrs. Joseph Harpur William Cleapem and James Petrie Surgeons be paid the sum of Ten Guineas each at the expiration of the present year for their Care and attendance on the poor of this Town that shall Require their assistance for the said year the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accts

Sealing day

Wednesday the 4th of June next being the Anniversary of his Majestys Birth day is Appointed a Sealing day for Corporation Leases

£8. paid to Ralph Eccleston Wm Ash & Susa Rencher Commons Money

Ordered that the sum of two pounds a pice be paid to Ralph Eccleston and William Ash and the sum of four pounds be paid to Susana Revch Widow out of the Balance now in the hands of the Receivers of the Rents of the Commons

Contract for a Main Shore

Resolved that Mr. Mayor be and is hereby impowered to contract with such persons as he shall think fit for the making of a Main Shore from West Street opposite Barretts through Mockwell Lane to the Shore at the New Quay

£60 - for a Road

Ordered that any sum not exceeding £60:- be paid to John Ibb Alderman and John Jones Esqr towards Widening Repairing and making Streight the great Road from Drogheda to Drumshallon thro Carntown and Ballymakenny in the Liberties of this Town the said sum to be paid when the said Road and every part of it shall be effectually done to the Satisfaction of the Mayor Sheriffs the late Mayor and William Meade Ogle Esquire

Wm Meade Ogle Esqr for a Lease

Upon the Petition of William Meade Ogle Esquire setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of one House and Garden without Sundays Gate of Drogheda by Virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Henry Smith late an Alderman of the same deceased for 61 years from Easter 1716 at the yearly Rent of £0:12- That he is also in possession in his own Right of a House backside and Garden on the Northside of West Street in Drogheda by Virtue of a Lease made by the Corporation to John Johnson late of the same Alderman deceased for 61 years from Easter 1726 at the yearly Rent of £1:10:-

That the first mentioned Lease is within the Rules of this Corporation for Renewale and the Premisses in the last mentioned Lease in a very Ruinous State & the term unexpired too short for him to make the necessary improvement thereon and pray new Leases of the said premisses &c So forth. Which Petition being

being Refferred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being now read It is therefore Orderd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said premisses without Sundays Gate for 61 years from Easter last (1777) at the yearly rent of £1:— and £1:— Fine And another new Lease of the House and premisses in West Street for Ninety nine years from Easter aforesaid at the yearly rent of £2:— and £2:— Fine on his surrendering the Old Leases and Covenanting to Repair or Rebuild the dwelling house in Weststreet in an effectual and Substantial manner within the three first years of the new Lease under the penalty of £500 Maps of the Several holdings to be annexed to the Respective Leases and the old Leases be surrenderd

Granted

Jam^s. Barlow Esqr. Petition for a Lease —

Upon the Petition of James Barlow Esquire Seting forth that he is in possession in his own right of one House on the Northside of Weststreet in Drogheda by Virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Thomas Norman late of the same Merchant deceased for 61 years from Easter 1718 at the yearly Rent of £0:5:— That the said Lease is within the Rules of this Corporation for Renewall and praying a new Lease and Soforth Which Petition being Refferred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being now read It is thereupon Orderd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said House with its Appurtenances for 99 years from Easter last (1777) at the yearly Rent of £2:— and £2:— Fine on his surrendering the old Lease and Covenanting to Rebuild the said House in Weststreet in an effectual and Substantial manner within the 3 first years of the said new Lease under the penalty of Five hundred pounds Sterling Maps of the premisses to be annexed to the new Leases

Granted —

Ja^s. Sandifords Petition for a Lease —

Upon the Petition of James Sandiford seting forth that he is in possession in his own right of one pair of old Walls or Cellar Situate on the Northside of Batchelors Lane and Westside on Kezars Lane in Drogheda by Virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to his Father Thomas Sandiford late an Alderman of the same deceasd for 61 years from Easter 1732 at the yearly Rent of £0:15:— That the said premisses are now in a very ruinous State and the term unexpired of said Lease too short for him to improve the same and praying a new Lease and soforth

Granted

Which Petition being Referred to the auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being now read It is therefore Orderd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said premisses for 61 years from Easter last (1777) at the yearly rent of £1:— and £1:— Fine on his surrendering the Old Lease and Covenanting to Rebuild the said premisses within the first three years of the new Lease and to range the Front to Batchelors lane with the Buildings on the East and Westsides of said premisses under the Penalty of £300 Maps to be annexed to the new Leases

Rog^r. Forde Ald^n. and Jno. Grahams Petition for a Lease —

Upon the Petition of Roger Ford Alderman and John Graham Junr. Esquire seting forth that they are in possession of one park without Lawrences Gate called the Moat park containing 3^a: 2^R: 20^P also one other park or parcell of Land without Sundays Gate at the Green Batter containing 7^a: 1^R: 20^P also two small Crofts in the Lane leading to Bolton Tower. one containing 0^a: 1^R: 17^P the other containing 26^P and one parcell of Land without Duleek Gate conj 3 Roods by Virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to your Petitioners for 61 years from Michaelmas 1756 at the yearly Rent of £9:— That at the time of making said Lease the moiety wherein the said Roger Ford was interested was Vested in his Uncle Alderman Edward Hardman as a Trustee under the Marriage Settlement of the said Roger Fords father for the uses therein mentioned which Settlement still subsists That the Petitioners haven lately come to a partition of the said premisses and upon such Partition your Petitioner the said Roger Ford is Now possessed of the park or parcel of Land without sundays Gate at the Green Batter and the shall Croft in the Lane leading to Bolton Tower containing 26 perches as and for his full part and proportion of the whole of the said premisses Subject to one moiety of the whole Rent being £4:10:— That your Petitioner the said John Graham is now in possession of the Moate park without Saint Lawrences Gate the parcel of Land without Duleek Gate and the Croft in the Lane leading to Bolton Tower containing 1^R: 17^P as and for his full part and proportion of the whole of the said premisses Subject to the other moiety of the said yearly Rent being £4:10:— And praying this Corporation to accept of a surrender of the said Lease and to grant them Seperate Leases of their respective holdings according to the Partition above mentioned for the term unexpired of the Old Lease from Easter last at the of £4:10: each new Lease which makes the old Rent of £9:— the new Lease to the said Roger Ford to be Subject to the Trust Subsisting under the Marriage Settlement of his said Father And this Assembly do therefore Order that the said Petitioner be and they are hereby granted new Leases of the said premisses according to the prayer of the said Petition

Granted

2 freemen admitted

William Cheshire Son of Alderman Edward Cheshire is admitted a free Member by Birth and Joseph Holmes is admitted a free Member by Special favour on their several Petitions to this Assembly on their paying the usual fine and taking the usual Oath

1 admitted into the Poor House

Rebecca Deerdan upon her Petition to this Assem=bly is admitted into Saint Johns poor House

Commons Money

Ordered that the following Persons be paid the sums to their names Respectively annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one year commencing from Michaelmas Last and ending at Michaelmas next

Pensioners

Hester Clark	2:	Richard Ennis's Children	3:
Margaret Donnolly and Children	3:	Margaret Roe	3:
		John Kelly's Children	4:
Proctors of St. Johns poor House for Junes of Comms	8:	Edward Brooks	3:
		Wid.w of Leo. Shortell	2:
Widow of Robert Elliott	4:	Ralph Eccleston	2:
Hannah M.c Dowell	3:2:9	Wid.w of Jam.s M.c Kinsey	3:
Widow of John Collier	3:	Wid.w of John Holland	3:
Widow of James Quash	3:	Alice Eaton	2:
D.o for her Son Jo.n Quash	2:	Wid.w of Tho.s Winslow	4:
Margaret Cain	3:	Adam Johnstons Chil.d	3:
Wid.w of Rich.d Cooper	3:	Thomas Rogers	4:
Wid.w of Tho.s Latimer	2:10:	Ann Simpson Widow	4:
Jane Blith	2:	David Kearans	3:
Ann Shortell	1:18:8	Thomas Marsden	3:
Wid.w of Favisax Ennis	4:	Wid.w of John Andrews	2:10:
Widow Ash	2:	Wid.w of John Woodhouse	2:10:
Wid.w of James Shiels	4:	John Hughes	4:
Dorothy Robinson	1:10:	Thomas Stokers Chil.d	2:
Wid.w of John Mossett	2:		£57:0:
Wid.w of John Fitzgerald	2:10:		
	56:11:5		
	57:0:0		
	£113:11:5		

Special Gen.l Assembly the 5.th of May 1777

At a special General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 5.th Day of May 1777

Contractors for a Shore through Stockwell Lane

Ordered that M.r Mayor, Alderman Scholes Alderman Hardman Jun.r Alderman Leland Alderman James Forde Alderman Faithfough and M.r Anthony Sallery be impowered to contract and agree with such persons as they shall think proper to make and finish a Shore from West Street to the Gate in Stockwell Lane at the end thereof and that they or any four of them whereof the Mayor to be one be and they are hereby impowered to draw upon the Treasurer for the Costs and Charges thereof to be allowed him in his Acco.t

2 freemen Sworn last

1777 June 23. Wm Cheshire & Jos. Holmes Sworn free pursuant to their admit.ce

Post Assem.y

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 16 July 1777

Petitions

Several Petitions were Read and disposed of at this Assembly

Gen.l Ass.ly

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 18 day of July 1777

Ald.n Edw.d Cheshire's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Alderman Edw.d Cheshire Setting forth that he is in possession in his own Right of a Lease made by this Corporation to his grand Mother Martha Cheshire deceasd of part of a House and a plot of Ground at the Rere there of situate without Saint James's Gate and of a small Croft in the Dale without said Gate for the term of 61 years from Easter 1719 at the yearly Rent of £0:15:0 And praying a new Lease and Setforth Which Petition being referred to the auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being now read It is thereupon ordered by this Assem=bly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted two new Seperate Leases of the said Premisses to wit one Lease of the Tene=ment or part of a House and the Plot of Ground at the Rere thereof without Saint James's Gate containing 1:26 for 99 years from Easter last at £0:10:0 p annum and 10.s Fine on his Cove=nanting and giving bound of the Penalty of £200 to Rebuild the said House or part of a House within the three first years of said Lease and one other Lease of the Croft in the Dale containing 1:1:25 for 61 years from Easter aforesaid at the yearly Rent of £1:5: and £1:5: Fine on his surrendering the old Lease Maps of the said premisses to be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Ald.n Philip Donagh's Petition for a Lease —

Upon the Petition of Alderman Philip Donagh Setting forth that he is in possession in his own Right of two Tene=ments and Gardens without Saint James Gate in this County by Virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Francis Byrne deceasd for 61 years from Michaelmas 1725 at the yearly Rent of 5ℓ — that the said premisses lye between the great Road and the River Boyne and are at present in a very ruinous State but the term unexpired too Short for him to improve them and praying a new Lease and so forth Which Petition being Referred to the auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being now Read It is thereupon ordered that the said petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said premisses containing in front 72 feet for 999 years from Michaelmas next at the yearly Rent of £1:— and £1:— fine he Covenant=ing and giving bond of the penalty of £200 — to Rebuild the said premisses in front within the first three years and surrendering the old Lease a Map of the said premisses to be annexed to the next Lease

Granted

a Widow admitted into St Johns Poor House —

Martha Bray. Widow upon her Petition is admitted into Saint Johns poor House

Terms on the Admission of Freedom

Resolved that every person that has applied for and obtained an Order for Admission to the Freedom of this Corporation be allowed a Further time of three Months from this Assembly to comply with the terms of such Order and if not done within that time then such Order of Admission shall be and is hereby declared Null and Void: and it is also Resolved that every person that shall hereafter apply for and obtain an order for admission to the Freedom of this Corporation shall within three Months after obtaining the same Comply with the terms of such Order otherwise the same to be Null and Void

Report. relative to Ground out Blind Gate

Ordered that the auditors and Viewers and the River Committee be and they are hereby Required to have a Plan made of the piece of Waste Ground lying without Blind Gate between the River Boyne and the Road to Green Hills the Estate of this Corporation and which piece of Ground being Leased many years ago by this Corporation to the late Alderman James Meade deceasd was lately proposed to be surrendered to this Corporation by his Heir William Meade Ogle Esquire who is intitled to the interest unexpired of said Lease: and that they Report to next General Assembly their opinion upon the

the expendiency of inclosing the said Ground for the purpose of a Ballast yard for the use of the publick Trade of this Town: and that they also along with the said Report lay before the said Assembly an Estimate of the Expence of inclosing the same

£20 part of £60 grant.d for a Road

Ordered that the sum of Twenty pounds part of Sixty pounds granted at the last Assembly to John Jebb and John Jones Esquires for Repairing the Road from Drogheda to Drumshallon through Carntown and Ballymakenny in the Liberties of this Town be paid to the said John Jebb and John Jones and the same be allowed to the Treasurer in his accounts

Acts compared

1777 September 29.th The foregoing Acts of Assembly were this day compared by us and Ordered to be entered in the Assembly Book

Theobald Bourke
George Evans
} Sheriffs

William Holmes Mayor
Philip Donagh
George Schoales
Sydn.y Singleton
Oliv.r Fairtlough Jun.r
John Jebb
James Forde
Wm. Meade Ogle

Mayor and Sheriffs Elect Sworn —

Same day Alderman Oliver Fairtlough the Younger was Sworn Mayor and William Jocelyn Shaw and Lancelot Dowdall were Sworn Sheriffs for the ensuing year pursuant to their Election and the approbation of Government dated 16 June Last

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Post. Affs 4th of Oct. 1777

At a post Assembly held before Oliver Fairtlough Junr. Esqr. Mayor William Jocelyn Shaw and Lancelot Dowdall Esqrs. Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 8th. day of October 1777

Petitions disposed off

Several Petitions read and disposed off, some referred and some rejected

Genl. Assembly

At a General Assembly held before the said Oliver Fairtlough Junr. Esqr. Mayor William Jocelyn Shaw and Lancelot Dowdall Esqrs. Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 10th. October 1777

Mayor. Staple

Alderman William Holmes is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Com. Cou.

Messrs. Theobald Bourke and George Evans late Sheriffs are Elected Common Councilmen and Sworn

Constables Staple

Messrs. Theobald Bourke and George Evans are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing year and Sworn

Coroners

Messrs. Theobald Bourke and Geo. Evans are Elected Coroners for the ensuing year and Sworn

Mas. Guild

Alderman William Coddington is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing year

Wars. Guild

Hugh Montgomery Lyons and John Jones Esquires are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing year

Treasurer

Alderman William Holmes is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing year

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Orderd that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing year by Mr. Thomas Elliott the Collectors Clerk of this port on the same terms they were Collected by him last

Scavengers

Orderd that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to contract with such persons as he shall think proper to Carryaway the Dirt and Soil out of the Streets and Lanes of this Town and out of the Roads and Avenues leading thereto within the County of this Town for the

Ensuing

Ensuing year from the 22 day of November next

Auditors & Viewers

Alderman George Scholes Alderman John Marshall Alderman Henry Leland Alderman Edward Hardman Junr. Alderman James Forde Mr. Robert Wynne Mr. Thomas Wynne Mr. John Fairtlough Mr. Harry Blabazon are Elected Auditors & Viewers for the ensuing year

Ph. Donagh Tn. Clk Resigns

Alderman Philip Donagh the present Town Clerk having acquainted this Assembly with his desire of resigning the said Office of Town Clerk together with the incidental Duty's of Clerk of the peace of this County and Register of the Tholsel Court of this Town and having tendered to this Assembly a Resignation and surrender of said Offices under his hand and Seal of this date It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the said Resignation be and the same is hereby accepted off

Alds. Wm. Holmes Elected Town Clerk

Alderman William Holmes is Elected into the Office of Town Clerk of this Corporation and also of Clerk of the peace of this County and Register of the Tholsel Court of this Town in the Room of Alderman Philip Donagh resigned

Election Certify

Orderd that the Election of the said Alderman William Holmes to the Office of Town Clerk of this Corporation be forthwith Certified of Government for their Approbation

Resolved unanimously that the thanks of this Corporation be returned to Alderman Philip Donagh the late Town Clerk for his faithfull discharge of the said Office

Wm. Gibbons Petition for a Lease

upon the Petition of William Gibbons Doctor of Physick seting forth that he is in possession in his own right of two Cabbins and Gardens without Duleek Gate by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Thomas Gerrard late one Alderman of the same deceased for 61 Years from Easter 1720 at the yearly Rent of 3l. That the Cabbins that were on said premises are all down and the Concerns in a ruinous state for the most part waste and untenanted and the term unexpired of said Lease is too Short for his encouragement to improve them And praying a new Lease and setforth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being Read It is therefore orderd by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said premises in his own name for 61 years from Michaelmas last at the yearly Rent of £1 and £1 Fine on his Surrendering the Old Lease Maps of the premises which contains by a late Survey 3: 3R 30 to be annexed to the New Lease

Granted

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Daniel Rencher, Son of John Rencher, William Fairtlough and Edward Fairtlough Gentlemen Sons of Alderman William Fairtlough deceased are admitted free Members by Birth, Anthony Stewart Merchant Son of Henry Stewart Merchant admitted a free Merchant by Service and Samuel Martin Upholder admitted a free Member by special favor on their several Petitions to this Assembly on their paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual Oath

5 freemen admitted

Mr. Nicholas Ashe upon his Petition to this Assembly is appointed to the Office of Macebearrer of this Corporation in the Room of Robert Hatchett late macebearer deceased and the said Nicholas Ashes place of Common Councilman for the Fraternity of Shoemakers is hereby declared Vacant by acceptance of the said office

Mace bearer

Mary Todd upon her Petition to this Assembly is admitted into a vacancy now in St. John's poor House

Admitted in St. Johns Poor House

Resolved nem: con: that the Freedom of this Corporation be presented to Lambert Brabazon Esqr. Lieutenant in his Majestys Navy in a Silver Box gitt in Testimony of our approbation of his publick Spirit and of his late Services in protecting the Trade of this Kingdom whilst the Coasts thereof wer lately infested by american Privateers

Freedom to be presented in a Silver Box

Ordered that the Masters and Wardens of the several Fraternitys of this Corporation do make a Return to the next General quarterly Assembly of the names of their respective Members and likewise the Names of the persons by whom they are respectively represented in the Common Councie And that the Town Clerk do cause a Copy of this Order to be served upon the Masters and Wardens of each Fraternity one month at least previous to next general Assembly

Order to be Served upon the Mastrs & Wardens of each Fraternity

Ordered that the Auditors and Viewers be and the are hereby required to View and Examine into the State and Condition of the Gates and Town Walls of the Town and that they do report to next General Assembly Whether any and what repairs are necessary and lay an Estimate thereof before said Assembly

Condition of the Gates and Town Walls to be Examined

Ordered that the Sum of £31: 2: 6: being one years and a half Rent due Michaelmas last to Mr. Anthony Sillery for part of the Palace Ground be paid him by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation

£34. 2. 6 p.d Mr. Anthony Sillery

Ordered that the Corporation Seal be affixed to a Petition from this Corporation to Parliament for aid towards deepening and improving the River Boyne below the Bridge of this Town

Petition to Parliam.t for River Boyne

Ordered that the sum of £7: 18: 2: be paid by the Treas.r for account of this Corporation to Hamp. Nicholson Esquire being one half of the Money expended by him in pulling down and rebuilding part of the Town Wall at Lawrence Gate adjoyning his Stable and that he be impowered to underpin that part of the Town Wall between Law.ce Gate and Blind Gate upon the terms which by his Petition to this Assembly he proposes being 30p.d the work to be effectually done before the Money be paid

£7. 18. 2 to Hamden Nicholson Repairs of the Town wall

The Doors being opened the Gate Customs were set up to Cant and Sel to Alderman Edward Cheshire for £12: 13: — p.d Week for one year commencing the 26 day of October instant and ending the 26 day of October (1778) inclusive

Gate Customs

1777 October 22 Samuel Martin Sworn free pursuant to his admittance last Assembly

freeman Sworn

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 1st day of January 1778

Post. Ass.y

Hugh Montgomery Lyon Esquire is Elected an Ald.n of this Corporation in the Room of Edward Norman late an Ald.n of the Same deceased pursuant to Notice

Alderman Elected

William Gibbons Esq.r is elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the Room of John Graham late an Alderman of the Same deceased pursuant to Notice

Alderman Elect.d

Several Petitions read and disposed off

Petitions

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Councie being present the 16th day of January 1778

Gen.l Ass.y

The Fraternity of Shoemakes having returned three of their free brothers to this Assembly to wit William Shippatbottom Edward Chambers and John Richardson in order that one of them

Common Councilman for Shoemakes

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Them be elected a Common Councilman for said Fra: ternity in the Room of Nicholas Ashe late one of the Common Council thereof who is now Mace bearer to this Corporation, The said John Richardson is accordinly Elected a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the Room of the said Nicholas Ashe and Sworn

Upon the Petition of James Barlow Esq.r Seting forth that he is in posession in his own right of one House and premisses Situate on the South side of West Street in Drogheda bounded by the said Street North Alderman Schoales's House and Concerns East, the River Boyne South and a House and Concerns Now Anthony Foster's Esquires Inheratance West by Vertue of a Lease made by this Corporation to William Norman late an Alderman of the same deceased for 61 Years from Michaelmas 1719 at the Yearly Rent of 10s.. The said Lease is near expiring within the Rules of this Corporation for Renewal, And praying a new Lease of said premisses and to forth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said House and premisses for 61 years from Michaelmas last at the Yearly rent of £1 and £4 fine on his surrendering the Old Lease, Stamps to be annexed to the new Lease

Ja.s Barlow Esq.r Petition for a Lease

Granted

James Forde, Perukemaker upon his Petition is admitted a free Taylor of this Corporation by special favour on his paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual oath

freman admitt.d

Peter Allen, a free Carpenter upon his Petition is Elected Marshall and Bridwell keeper of this Corporation in the Room of Thomas Collier late Marshall and Bridwell Keeper deceased during the pleasure of this Corporation and on his giving bond with two Surities to be approved off by M.r Mayor of the penalty of £500 for his due performance of said offices

Marshall & Bridewell keeper

Amelia Flinn Widow upon her Petition is admitted into a Vacancy now in Saint John's poor House

Widow admitted in St. Johns Poor House

Resolved unanimously that the Freedom of this Corporation be presented in a Silver Box gilt to The Honourable Christopher Robinson Esquire Second Justice of his Majestys Court of Kings Bench in this Kingdom In Testimony of the high Opinion We Entertain of his great abilities and uniform conduct in an impartial administration of Justice

Freedom to be presented

Ordered that William Meade Ogle and Sydenham Singleton Esquires be requested to present the same

Ordered that the Sum of Fody five pounds Twelve Shillings Sterling be paid by the Treasurer for account of this Coporation to M.r Thomas Wynne being the amount of his Account for Candles delivered for the use of the Watch in this Town for two Years last past to wit from Sept.r 1775 to 1777 and to which Sum the Watch Cess for the said two Years is not Sufficient to discharge

£75..12 to Tho.s Wynne for Acct. of Candles

1778 February 16th

This day Hugh Montgomery Lyons and William Gibbons Esquires were Sworn Aldermen of this Corporation pursuant to their Election last past Assembly

Aldermen Sworn

1778 April 8th James Forde of Drogheda Perukemaker was this day Sworn a free Taylor of this Corporation pursuant to his admittance last Assembly

Freeman

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 29 April 1778

Post Ass.ly

Several Petitions read and disposed off

Petitions

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 1st May 1778

Gen.l Ass.ly

Alderman Hugh Montgomery Lyons is unanimously elected to Serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing year according to the Rule of Succession

Mayor Elect

John Van Homrigh Esq.r is unanimously Elected one of the Sheriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing year

Sheriffs Elect

M.r William Chesshire is also elected to Serve one of Sheriffs for the ensuing year

Ordered that The Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing year be forthwith Certified to Government for their approbation

Election Certified

Resolved

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Resolved unanimously that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to the following Addres to his Majesty on the present critical juncture of affairs and that the Same be presented by our Representatives in Parliament William Meade Ogle and Sydenham Singleton Esquires to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of this Kingdom humbly requesting his Excellency will be pleased to transmit the Same to his Majesty —

Addres to His Majesty —

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty —

The humble Addres of the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda —

Most Gracious Sovereign —

We Your Majestys most faithfull Subjects of Your ever Loyal and antient Corporation of the County of the Town of Drogheda at a full and General Assembly humbly desire to approach your Throne with hearts full of dutifull affection to your Royal person —

Prompted by duty inclination and Gratitude and animated by the late Insolence of our natural Enemy the French King permits us in the present critical Situation of affairs to assure your Majesty of our Steady attachment to your Royal person and determined resolution to Support the Dignity of your Crown and the Honor of your Government —

Fully perswaded that the sole object of your Majestys ambition is to render all your People happy and that your tender concern for the welfair of your Subjects will Suggest Such means as are adequate to the importance and difficulty of the present circumstances: We take the earliest opportunity to declare that We will to the utmost of our abitity do every thing on our part to preserve the publick peace and repel the attempts of every Enemy —

In Testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our Common Seal the 1st day of May in the Year of our Lord 1778 —

Freedom presented

Mr Recorder having acquainted this Assembly that he and William Meade Ogle Esqr pursuant to our order of last General Assembly waited on and presented the Freedom of this Corporation in a Silver Box gift to Mr Justice Robinson and having laid

laid before this Assembly his Answer on that occasion It is therefore ordered that Mr Justice Robinsons Said answer be entered amongst the Acts of this Assembly and is as follows —

Mr Justice Robinsons Answr on the presenting his Freedom

"In holding the Assizes under his Majestys Commission, "which I have had the Honour of being from time to time, in the Town "and County of Drogheda, I met frequet opportunities of observing "with Satisfaction, Such an attention in the Corporation, To the "Administration of Justice To the Preservation of the public peace, "To the prudent Regulation of the Police, and To the Despositions of their "Revenues in Works of Public use, as persuades me, they have Just and "proper motions of the Laws Intention, in Instituting and Endowing "Corporations for Local Government Permit me therefore, to request, "that You will inform them It is with Gratitude and pleasure I receive "this mark of Esteem, from such a Respectable Body as the Mayor "Sheriffs and Citizens of Drogheda" —

"To you Gentlemen, I return many thanks for your "Polite manner of communicating the obliging Sentiments of "those you so worthily Represent" —

Ordered that the Vote of Freedom of this Corporation to Mr Justice Robinson with his answer be inserted in the publick papers —

Proctors of St Johns Poor House

Alderman William Coddington and Alderman William Gibbons are Elected Proctors of Saint Johns poor House for three Years from this Easter Assembly —

Receivers of the Rents of the Commons

Alderman Philip Donagh and Alderman Ol. Fairtlough are Elected Receivers of the Rents of the Commons for three Years from this Easter Assembly —

Ordered that the following Persons be paid the following Sum, to their Names respectively annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one year commencing from Michs and ending at Michaelmas next

Pensioners or Commons List —

	£	s	d
Hester Clark	2	0	0
Margaret Donnelly	3	0	0
Proctors of St Johns for the Furze of the Commons	8	0	0
Hana M Dowell	3	2	9
Widow of John Collier	3	0	0
Widow of James Quash	3	0	0
Ditto for her Son John Quash	2	0	0
Margaret Cain	3	0	0
Widow of Thomas Latimer	2	10	0
Jane Blith	2	0	0
Ann Shortelo	1	18	8
Widow of Fairfax Ennis	4	0	0
Widow of James Sheil	4	0	0
Dorothy Robinson	1	10	0
Widow of John Moffitt	2	0	0
Widow of John Fitz Gerald	2	10	0
Richard Ennis's Children	3	0	0
Margaret Rock	3	0	0
John Kelly's Children	4	0	0
Edward Brooks	3	0	0
	£ 60	11	5

	£	s	d
Widow of Leod Shortelo	2	0	0
Ralph Eccleston	3	0	0
Widow of James M Kensey	3	0	0
Widow of John Rolland	3	0	0
Alice Eaton	2	0	0
Adam Johnston's Children	3	0	0
Thomas Rogers	4	0	0
Ann Simpson Widow	4	0	0
David Kearns	3	0	0
Thomas Marsden	3	0	0
Widow of John Andrews	2	10	0
Widow of John Woodhouse	2	10	0
John Hughes	4	0	0
Thomas Stokers Children	2	0	0
Widow of Benjn Rencher	3	0	0
Widow of George Evans	3	0	0
Widow of Robt Hatchett	3	0	0
Widow of Thomas Collier	3	0	0
	53	0	0
	60	11	5
	£113	11	5

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Committee for purchasing a Lease in Dyer St.

Mr. Mayor Alderman Schoales Alderman Hardman junr. Alderman James Forde and Mr. John Jones are appointed a Committee for purchasing for this Corporation Alderman John Jelbs Corporation Lease of Concerns on the Southsides of Dyer Street in this Town

3 freemen admitted

The Reverand Bernd. Dogherty of the Town of Drogheda Clk and John Molineux of the same Salt Refiner are admitted free Member by Special favor and William Armstrong of the same Carpenter is admitted a free Carpenter of this Corporation by Special favor on their p. Several Petitions to this Assembly on their paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual Oath

Mace bearer

John Stothard, Common Council for the Fraternity of Smiths of this Corporation upon his Petition to this Assembly is appointed Mace bearer of this Corporation during pleasure in the Room of Rob Hatchett late Mace bearer deceased on his resigning his place of Common Councie for said Fraternity

freeman Sworn

1778 May 8. John Molineux was this day Sworn free pursuant to his admittance last Assembly

Post. Ass.ly

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 15. July 1778

Petitions

Several Petitions were read and disposed off

Gen.l Ass.ly

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Councie being present the 17 July 1778

Alderman Ph. Donaghs Petition for a Lease

Granted

Upon the Petition of Alderman Philip Donagh Seting forth that he is in possion in his own righ of a Stable and Yard near Saint Laurence Gate in this Town bounded on the East and South by Mr. Nicholson's House and Garden on the West by Mr. Petrie's House and Concerns and on the North by the said Street by Virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Rowland Singleton Clk deceased for 61 Years from Easter 1734 at the yearly rent of 5s. That said Lease is near expiring and the premises must be rebuilt And praying a new Lease Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report being read It is thereupon ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease

Lease of the said premises in his own name for 99 years from Easter last at the yearly rent of 10s and 10s on his rebuilding the premises and surrendering the Old Leases — Maps to be annexed to the new Lease

Ald.n Wm. Coddingtons Petition for a Lease

Granted

Upon the Petition of Alderman William Coddington Seting forth that he is in possesion in his own right of a dwelling House and premises on the Northside of Laurence Street in Drogheda by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Roger Ford Alderman for 61 years from Easter 1765 at the yearly Rent of £1: 10 — That the House is ruinous and requires to be Rebuilt And praying a new Lease and So forth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being now read It is thereupon ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner being and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said premises his own name for 99 Years from Easter last at £1: 10 p annum and £1: 10: — fine on his Surrendering the old Lease and Covenanting to rebuild the said House within 5 Years under the penalty of £300 and that the East end of the front Wall of the intended Building be built 18 inches further in from the Street than the present Front Maps to be annexed to the new Lease

Ald.n Wm. Gibbons's Petition for a Leave

Granted

Upon the Petition of Alderman William Gibbons Seting forth that he is in possesion in his own right of a park without Dulcek Gate and a waste piece of Ground of the Southside of John Street by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to John Rencher late of the same Merchant deceased for the Term of 61 Years from Easter 1720 at the yearly Rent of 13s 4d — The same as within the Rules for renewing And praying a new Lease and So forth — Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being read It is thereupon ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said park or parcel of Land out Dulcek Gate containing A. R. P. 6: 3: 10 for 61 Years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £7 — and £7 — fine and another new Lease of the Ground in John Street for 99 years from Easter last at 5s p annum and 5s fine the Surrendering the old Lease and Covenanting to Rebuild the premises in John Street within 5 years under the penalty of £100 Maps to be annexed to the New Leases

Ald.r William Holmes's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Alderman William Holmes Seting forth that he is in possesion in his own right of Several Houses and appurtenances on the Southside of Saind Laurence Street in Drogheda containing in front 84: 10 feet inch. and in depth 52 feet by Virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Roger Ford Alderman for 61 Years from Michaelmas 1763 at the yearly rent of £2 — That said premises are for the most part in a ruinous State and require to be rebuilt a repaired And praying a new Lease and So forth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being now read It is thereupon ordered that the said Petitioner be

Granted — Be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said premiss as in his own Name for 99 years from Easter last at the yearly rent of £2 — and £2 — Fine upon his surrendering the old Lease — Maps to be annexed to the New Lease

Sealing day — Wednesday the 12 day of August next is appointed a Sealing day for Corporation Leases

Freedom to be presented — Resolved unanimously that the Freedom of this Corporation be presented in a Fiat to Robert Wade Esquire of Clonabrainey in the County of Meath

Freeman admitted — George Thomas of Drogheda Grocer upon his Petition is admitted a freemember of this Corporation by Special favor, on paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual oath

Common Councilman for Smiths — Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens and Fraternity of Black Smiths of this Corporation Setting forth that by the appointment of John Stothard to the place of Mace bearer of this Corporation there is a Vacancy of a Common Councilman for said Fraternity; And they having nominated and returned James Shortele, Thomas North and Noy Dennis three free brothers of the said Fraternity in order that one of them may be Elected a Common Councilman in the Room of the said John Stothard It is thereupon ordered by this Assembly that the said James Shortele be and he is hereby Elected and chosen a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said John Stothard and the said James Shortell being called in was Sworn a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity accordingly

£25:18:2 to Alderman Oliver Fairtlough on Acct. of so much Levied by Thos Collier Dec — Ordered that the sum of £25:18:2 be paid Alderman Oliver Fairtlough by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation being so much levyed by Thomas Collier late Marshall by Virtue of Process as out of the Tholsel Court of this Town which he did not pay over to the said Mr Fairtlough the Pltf

Inspector — Alderman Roger Ford is appointed to inspect any publick Work to be undertaken by or on account of this Corporation and is to be Recompenced for his Trouble upon his making returns thereof to each Assembly of this Corporation

Committee to inspect into the Repairs of Gates & Walls of the Town — Mr Mayor and Sheriffs Alderman Scholes Alderman Hardman Junr Alderman Fairtlough, Mr John Fairtlough Mr Anthony Sillery and Mr Henry Stewart are appointed a committee to inspect the Gates and Walls of this Town and to cause such Repairs to be made thereon as they shall think requisite And any five of them Mr Mayor being one are hereby impowered to draw on the Treasurer for the expence thereof

Surgeons — Ordered that the sum of Ten Guineas a piece be paid Messrs Joseph Harpur William Cleapem and James Petrie Surgeons at the end of the present year for their care and attendance on the poor of this Town that shall require Assistance the same to be allowed in the Treasurers account

£34:2:6 towards a Charitable fund — Resolved that the sum of Thirty Guineas be paid by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation towards a charitable fund lately set on foot by the Gentlemen and inhabitants of this Town for the relief of the industrious poor thereof in the present Scarcity and dearness of Provisions

Orders for Agreement With Robt Ashworth for his Title in Meat. Markt — Resolved that this Corporation will carry into Execution the Agreement made with Mr Robert Ashworth for his Interest in the New Markett so soon as he shall be able to make out a clear Title such as the Corporation can with safety purchase under to be approved of by Stephen Radeliffe Esquire

Freeman Sworn — 1778 July 21st George Thomas, Sworn free pursuant to his admittance last Assembly

Special Gen.l Ass.y — At a Special General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 25 August 1778

Contract with Mr Robt Ashworth for Ground Call'd Pattens Garden — Resolved that a Contract be made and executed by Mr Mayor under the Seal of this Corporation on their behalf with Robert Ashworth Esquire for a Lease to be made or caused to be made by him or his Trustee to this Corporation for 999 years from the first day of November last of all that Ground and Concern formerly called Pattens Garden with the dwelling Houses Stalls and Building thereon Situate on the West Side of Stockwell Lane and the New quay in Dyerstreet in this Town at the yearly Rent of Six pence and also the annual Rent payable for said premisses to James Patten Esquire and that a fine or consideration of £500

be

Be paid by this Corporation for such Lease to Mr. Robert Ashworth on executing the same, he first producing the Opinion of Joshua Davis Esquire & some other eminent Councie that he has a clear good Title to make such Lease And that in the mean time he be paid £5 p Cent p annum by this Corporation for the said £500 from the said first day of November last And it is further resolved by this Assembly that the Auditors and Viewers of this Corporation do immediately take into their care and management the said Concern Houses Stalls and premises and make agreements with such Butchers as they shall think proper for said Stalls on behalf of this Corporation and employ a proper person to Supperintend as a Clerk in the Collection of the Rents and other business relative to the premises at such Yearly Sallary as they shall think reasonable And also that said Auditors and Viewers do examine the Several Leases of the Inhabitants of West Street who may be affected by the Removal of the present meat Market from said Street to the said Concern or new meat market in Stockwell Lane and enquire what Rents they are respectively paid for the Stall, Opposite their Houses in West Street and report to Next January General Assembly the progress they shall make in the premises

freeman Sworn — 1778 September 14 William Armstrong Sworn free pursuant to his admittance the 1st May last

Acts Compared — 1778 September 29 This day the foregoing Acts of Assembly were compared before us and ordered to be entered in the Assembly Book as usual

Wm Jocelyn Shaw, Lancelot Dowdall } Sheriffs — Oliver Fairtlough Junr Mayor, Wm Meade Ogle, Roger Ford, Philip Donagh, William Gibbons, William Holmes, Obiver Fairlough, Jamr Forde

Post Assy — At a post Assembly held before Hugh Montgomery Lyons Esquire Mayor John Van Homrigh and William Crepshire Esquires Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 8 Day of October 1778

Petitions — Several Petitions were read and disposed off

Genl Assy — At a General Assembly held before the said Hugh Mont. Lyons Esquire Mayor John Van Homrigh and William Crepshire Esquires Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Councel being present the 9th day of October 1778

Mayr Staple & Justice Peace — Alderman Oliver Fairtlough Junr is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing Year & Sworn

Com. Cou. — William Jocelyn Shaw and Lancelot Dowdall Esquires late Sheriffs are Elected Common Councilmen and the said Lancelot Dowdall was Sworn

Constables of Staple — William Jocelyn Shaw and Lancelot Dowdall Esquires are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year and the said Lancelot Dowdall was Sworn

Coroners — William Jocelyn Shaw and Lancelot Dowdall Esqrs are Elected Coroners for the ensuing year and the said Lancelot Dowdall was Swear

Mastr Guild — Alderman William Holmes is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing year

Wardr Guild — Messrs Theo. Bourke and George Evans are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing year

Treasurer — Alderman William Holmes is Elected Treasure for the ensuing year

Officers — The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marsall to continue during the pleasure of this Coporation

Water Customs — Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing year by Mr Thomr Elliott the Collector of this ports Clerk on the same terms they were Collected by him last year

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Cleansing the Streets —

Orderd that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to Contract with such persons as he think proper for carrying away the Dirt and Soil of the Streets and Lanes of this Town and the Roads and avenues leading thereto within the County of this Town for the ensuing Year from 22 day of November next

Auditors & Viewers —

Alderman George Schoales, Alderman John Marshall, Alderman Henry Leland, Alderman Edward Hardman Junr. Aldn. James Forde Mr. Robert Wynne, Mr. Thomas Wynne, Mr. John Fairtlough and Mr. Harry Brabazon are Elected auditors and Viewers for the ensuing Year

Common Council for Shoemakers

Upon the Petition of Master Wardens and Fraternity of Shoemakers of this Corporation Setting forth that by the death of George Elliott one of the Common Council for the said Fraternity there is a vacancy of said place and returning the Names of Messrs. Pat. M'Entegart Edward Chambers and Trevor Williams three free brothers thereof in order that one of them be Elected by this Assembly to fill said Vacancy It is thereupon ordered by this Assembly that the said Trevor Williams be and he is hereby Elected a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the Room of the said George Elliott deceased and was calld in and Sworn accordingly

freeman admitted

George Thornton of Broughan in the County of Louth Gintleman son of Thomas Thornton a free Carpenter deceased upon his Petition is admitted a free Carpenter by birth on paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual Oath

Widow admitted in St. Johns Poor House —

Ann M'Neal Widow upon her Petition is admitted into Saint Johns poor House

Orders for to Pull down Jebbs Ware House in Dyer Street —

Ordered that the old Ware Houses and other old buildings Standing on the Ground late Aldr. Jebbs and which was lately purchased by Alderman Edward Hardman Junr. in Trust for this Corporation (under a Sheriffs Sale by Virtue of a Fieri Facias) Situate between Dyer Street and the River Boyne in

to Erect a New Crane & Meal-Market —

In this Town be immediately pulled down and the Materials thereof sold by Action and carryed away by the purchasers on or before the first day of December next in order that the new Ware House on the said Ground may be converted in to a publick Weigh House or Crane and Market place for Oatmeal And the Auditors and Viewers are hereby required to cause the said new Ware House and Ground to be fited up for the said purposes at the expence of this Corporation and to draw on the Treasurer for the same

Resolution

Resolved unanimously that the New Meat Market place at the foot of Stockwell Lane is the most eligible and proper place for the flesh Market of this Town

Flesh Meat to exposed to Sale in the New Market

Ordered that the meat Market of this Town be held at the said New Market place, And that no Flesh meat shall from and after the 17th day of October instant be exposed to Sale at any other place in this Town

And it is also Orderd by this Assembly that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby desired to take the most effectual Means to enforce the foregoing Act of Assembly

Case for the Opinion of Mr. Samuel Bradstreet —

Ordered that the Law agent of this Corporation do forthwith prepare a Case for the opinion of Sir Samuel Broad Street Whether this Corporation has not a power of making Bye Laws for Regulating the Markets of this Town and fixing them in such places as they think the most eligible and convenient for the Publick utility

Gate Customs

The Doors being opened the gate Customs were put up to Cant and Set to Edward Hardman Junr. Esquire for £11:12:0 ℔ Week for one year commencing the 27 Oct. instant and endg the 26 October next [1779] including

freeman Sworn —

1778 Oct 10th. Robert Wade Esquire was this day Sworn free pursuant to his admittance last July General Assembly

2 freemen Sworn —

Thomas Richardson Junr. Bricklayer and Edward Richardson Carpenter were Sworn free Carpenters the 6th. Instant pursuant to their admittance at Meths Genl. Assembly 1776

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Post. Apl.

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 13th day of January 1779

Petitions

The Several Petition preferred at this Assembly were Read and disposed Off

Genl. Apl.

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 15th day of January 1779

Comn. Council-
Const. Staple
& Coroner

William Jocelyn Shaw Esquire was Sworn a Common Councilman Constable of the Staple and Coroner pursuant to his Election last General Assembly

Alds. Oliver Fairlough's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Oliver Fairlough Alderman Setting forth that he is in possession of two Houses and premisses on the Southside of Dyer Street in Drogheda now in the Tenure of his under Tenant Joseph Fegan by Virtue of an Article or Contract made to him thereof by Richard Jebb late an Alderman of this Corporation deceased for a Term of 99 Years from Michs 1764 at the Yearly Rent of 10s that the said Tenements are part and parcel of premisses demised by this Corporation to the said Richard Jebb by Lease dated the 4 June 1765 for 99 Years from Michs 1764 at a peppr corn for the first 9 years and £2 - - - p. and afterwards that the said Lease made by this Corporation to the said Richard Jebb was lately Sold by the Sheriffs of Drogheda by Virtue of a Fieri Facias and purchased by Alderman Edward Hardman In Trust for this Corporation in order to be converted into a Crane or Weigh House and Market place for Oatmeal And praying a Lease of the said Tenements pursuant to the Contract made him by the said Richard Jebb Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being now read It is therefore ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said premis demised to him by the said Richd. Jebb for 99 years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of 10s. and 10s fine on his surrend.g said contract Map to be annexed to the New Leases

Granted

Resolved

Freedom presented

Resolved unanimously that the Freedom of this Corporation be presented in a Fist to Richard Cooper of the Town of Drogheda Esquire

freeman admitted

Thomas Collins of Drogheda Gentleman upon his Petition is admitted a free member of this Corporation by Special favor on paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual Oath

Alderman Trat. Leigh's Beguest

An Extract from the Will of Francis Leigh Esqr. late an Alderman of this Corporation in the words following that is to say "I hereby give to the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda and their Successors for Ever the Lands called Priors Park joining Killaneer in the County of the Town of Drogheda upon Trust that they always set the same at the best Rent that can be got from a Solvent Tenant and not for a longer term than 21 years in possession and upon further Trust that they pay the Rents thereof Yearly for Ever to such poor House Keepers resident in Drogheda and in such proportions as the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commons of the said Town shall once every Year that is to say at their Easter General Assembly appoint to receive the same and whenever they shall fail to execute this Trust then the Devise to cease and be Void and I then devise the said Lands of Prior Park as the rest of my real Estate is by this my last Will devised" having been laid before this Assembly and several Title Deeds relative to the said Devise having been Deposited with the Town Clerk for the use of this Corporation upon the Trust mentioned therein Resolved that this Assembly have the most gratefull respect and Veneration for the memory of the said Francis Leigh and do with most thankfullness accept of the said Devise upon the Trusts aforesaid

Receivers of the Commons Rents

Alderman Oliver Fairlough and Aldn. Philip Donagh Receivers of the Rents of the Commons are directed by this Assembly to give notice to the several Tenants to the Commons Lands of this Corporation that are in arrear that it is expected they forthwith pay same And if not paid before the 12th February next then the said Receivers are hereby directed to bring Ejectments for recovery thereof

Resolved

Widow admitted in St. Johns Poor House —

Dorothy Fergisson Widow upon her Petition is admitted into Saint Johns poor House —

Innovations represented to Disturb the Antient Rights of this Corporation —

It having been represented to this Assembly that an attempt has been lately made to wrest from this Corporation all Fines amerciaments and Recognizances forfeited at the General quarter Sessions of the peace held in and for the County of this Town and which have been granted and Confirmed to them by several Charters and uniformly held and Enjoyed by them for time immorial, And that fines for the purpose of effecting such improper attempt have gone into Process against the Clerk of the peace for not returning into the Court of Exchequer Estreats of said sessions: It is therefore Resolved by this Assembly that the said innovation being calculated to disturb this Corporation in the possession of their antient rights and to augment the perquisites of the Officers of the Court of Exchequer be opposed in every legal manner by the Law agent of this Corporation who is hereby directed to take the most Speedy and effectual method to defeat such attempts and establish the Rights of this Corporation to all such fines Forfietures and Amerciaments agreeable to their Charters —

£37-11-11 to Mr. Jn.o Ackland Law business of this Corp.n —

Ordered that Mr. John Acklands bill of Costs amounting to £37-11-11 for Law business of this Corporation relative to the new Market in Stockwell Lane be paid him by the Treasurer and allowed in his Accounts —

one of the River Committee —

Alderman Henry Leland is appointed one of the River Committee in the Room of Alderman Edward Hardman late deceased —

Interest & Rent due Mr. Ashworth to be paid by the Treasurer —

Ordered that the Interest and Rent due to Mr. Robert Ashworth under the Contract made by him to this Corporation of the New Market in Stockwell Lane be paid by the Treasurer and allowed in his Acct.s —

Ordered

Debentures —

Ordered that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to perfect to Mr. Robert Ashworth five Debentures of £100 — each with Interest at 5 p.r Cent p.r Ann.m so soon as he shall execute to this Corporation a proper Deed of Conveyance of the New Market and its appurtenances and on his giving a bond of Indemity of the penalty of £500 — to make good the Title thereto —

Notices —

Ordered that the several Tenants that are in arrear to this Corporation be served with Notice that unless the same be discharged before next Easter Assembly the most effectual methods will then be taken for recovery thereof —

Orders Relative to a House in Dyer Street —

Ordered that the Auditors and Viewers do cause a Map to be made of a House and Concerns on the Northside of Dyer Street in this Town late in the possession of the Represent.s of Capt. John Sotheby deceased and which were Leased to Alderman Joseph Tomlinson for 61 years from Michaelmas 1717 at £4-15- p.ann and that the same be sold by publick Cant immediately after the next General Assembly for 99 yrs from Easter next one half of the Rent to be fined off at ten years purchase —

£19-2-17 to Wm. Lattimer for Work —

Ordered that a Ballance of £19-2-17 remaining due to William Latimer for Work and materials making a Shore thro' part of West Street in the Year 1777 be paid him by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation —

£9-6-8 to Rob.t Taylor for Drugs &c —

Ordered that £9-6-8 being the amount of Mr. Robert Taylor apothecary's bill for Drugs & furnished by him to several poor objects by order of different Magestrates since the year 1774 — be paid him by the Treasurer and allowed in his Acct.s

Lambeth Archives

Post. Ass. by

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 14 day of April 1779

Petitions

Several Petitions read and disposed of some being referred and other rejected

Gen. Ass. by

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 16 day of April 1779

Mayor Elect

Alderman William Gibbons is unanimously Elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing year from Michaelmas day next according to the Rule of Succession

Sheriffs Elect

Henry Smith and Thomas Chamney Esquires are unanimously Elected to serve Sheriffs for the ensuing year

Election Certified

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing year be forthwith Certified to Government for their approbation

Treasurer's Acco.

The following Report of the Auditors and Viewers relative to the Treasurers accounts being by them laid before this Assembly the same is allowed of and agreed to and ordered to be Entered among the Acts of this Assembly and is as follows

A Report of the Auditors and Viewers of the Corporation of Drogheda on their settling the Treasurers Accounts the 29 day of March 1779

"We have examined and Settled the accounts of this
" Corporation with the Treasurer for five Years Rents ending
" Easter 1778 five years Gate Customs ending the 26 October
" 1778 and Water Customs from 24 June 1773 to the 15 Oct
" 1778 Also for the fines and Seals of Leases Sealed to the 12th
" August last, and for the Fines of Freemen Sworn for 5
" Years ending Michaelmas last and other Articles And
" We have carefully examined the Vouchers of the said Account
" for payments made by the Treasurer for five years ended
" Michaelmas last in the Several Mayoralties of Alderman
" Philip Donagh Alderman Oliver Fairtough Alderman
" William Coddington Alderman William Holmes and
" Alderman Oliver Fairtough Junr and find the
" same to be just and true and that there is a Ballance due
" on said Account to this Corporation of £586:17:13½
" And We also find that there is the sum of £812:11:11½
" returned in said Account as arrears of Rent outstanding and
" due at Easter 1778 Which We are of opinion should be
" immediately called in and applyed to discharge the Debts
" due by this Corporation We likewise find by said Acct
" that this Corporation is in advance the sum of £280:6:2
" being the Ballance of Payments and Receipts on Acct
" of the new Market over and above the annual Rent
" of £65:0:6 and the principal sum of £500 due to
" Robert Ashworth Esquire for the same Given under
" our Hands this 29 March 1779: Geo: Schoales, Henry
" Leland, James Forde, John Fairtough, Robert Wynne
" Thomas Wynne Auditors and Viewers

Freeman admitted

Faulkener Elliott of the City of Dublin son of John Elliott is admitted a Free member by Birth on his Petition to this Assembly on his paying the usual fine and fees and Taking the usual Oath

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£22-15 to Alderman Ph. Pendleton as a Pension

Alderman Philip Pendleton upon his Petion to this Assembly is granted a Pension of £22::15:— yearly to be paid him quarterly of the Treasurer for his Suppor during pleasure.

£34-2-6 to Mr Anty Sillery Rent for part of the Palace Gd

Mr Anthony Sillery upon his Memorial to this Assembly is ordered to be paid 30 Guineas being a year and a half Rent of part of the Palace Ground due Easter last upon his giving a full acquitance to this Corporation of and from all further demands Relative to said Ground which this Corporation now gives up to him and he now accepts of And the said Anthony Sillery hath agreed at this Assembly to rebuild that part of the Town Wall on said premisses which fell down by his digging for sand for the further sum of 20 Guineas which is also ordered by this Assembly to be paid him along with the said Rent when the said Worke shall be effectually done

Pensioners or Commons list

Ordered that the following persons be paid the following sums to their Names respectively annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one year commencing from Michs last and ending Michs next

Margt Donnelly	3:0:—	Widow of Jam^s McKinsey	3:0:0
Proctors of saint Jno for the Furze of the Commons	8:0:0	Widow of John Holland	3:0:0
Hannah McDowell	3:2:9	Alice Eaton	2:0:0
Widow of Jno Collier	3:0:0	Adam Johnston Wife & Chd^n	3:0:0
Widow of Thos Quash	3:0:0	Thomas Rogers	4:0:0
D^o for her son Jno Quash	2:0:0	Ann Simpson Wid^w	4:0:0
Marg^t Cain	3:0:0	David Kerans	3:0:0
Wid^w of Thomas Latimer	2:10:0	Thomas Marden	3:0:0
Jane Blith	2:0:0	Wid^w of John Woodhouse	2:10:0
Ann Shortell	1:18:8	Wid^w of Ben Archer	3:0:0
Wid^w of Fairfax Ennis	4:0:0	Wid^w of Geo Evans	3:0:0
Wid^w of James Sheils	4:0:0	Wid^w of Robert Hatchet	3:0:0
Dorothy Robinson	1:10:0	Wid^w of Thos Collier	3:0:0
Wid^w of John Moffitt	2:0:0	Wid^w of Chas Evans	4:0:0
Wid^w of John FitzGerald	2:10:0	Mary Hughes for Robt Watson's Child	1:0:0
Richd Ennis's Children	3:0:0	Wid of Richd Holland	3:0:0
Margaret Roel	3:0:0	Mary Humphreys	2:0:0
Edward Brooks	3:0:0	Matt^w Evans	1:0:0
Wid^w of Leo^d Shortell	2:0:0	Edwd Purcell	2:0:0
Ralph Eccleston	3:0:0	Sus: Lyster Widow	1:10:0
	£59:11:5	Tot^l	£113:11:5

Surgeons

Ordered that the sum of ten Guineas a piece be paid Messrs Jos: Harpur, William Cleapem and James Patrie Surgeons at the end of the present Year for their care and Attendance on the poor of this Town that shall require their Assistance the same to be allowed in the Treasurers account

Orders to Survey & Cant

Ordered that a park without Dulek Gate belonging to Saint Johns poor House Leased to George Blacker (N°308) which expird last Easter, be surveyed and set by Cant next General Assembly for 61 Years from Easter last, for the benefit of said poor. the Tenant to pay two years Rent as a fine

Item

Ordered that the premisses without Saint James Gate and Spot of Ground in Dulek Street the Estate of this Corporation Leased to John Shepheard (N°309) which Expired last Easter be Surveyed and Set by Cant in Lots next General Assem^{bly} for 61 Years, one half the Rent of the Land to be fined off at 14 years purchase and half the Rent of the Ground in Dulek Street to be fined off at 10 y^{rs} purchase

Franchises

Resolved that the Franchises of this Corporation be perambulated on Whitsun Tuesday next and that the sum of £50— be allowed the Master of the Guild to defray the expences thereof and that the sum of £10— be paid upon Mr Mayors orders on the Treasurer to the Master of each Fraternity that shall attend on the occasion

The Doors being opened

Sold by Cant to Mr Taylor

The House and Concern on the Northside of Dyer Street Leased to Jos: Tomlinson which was ordered to be set last Assembly was this 16 April 1779 set by Cant to Mr Robert Taylor of free member for 99 years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £6:10 half whereof is to be fined off at 6 years purchase and he is to Covenant (note) to convert or cause the premisses to be used as a publick Market place or Butchers Shambles under the pengalty of £1000

County Archives

Post Apr 12

At a post Assembly held before the said May and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 12th day of July 1779

Petitions

Several Petitions read and disposed off

Gen.l Apr 16

At a General Assembly held before the said May and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 16 day of July 1779

Justice of the Peace Resigns

A Resignation and Surrender of Alder William Norman under his hand and Seal of the Office of Justice of the peace of this County being layed before this Assembly the same is accepted off

Common Council man Resigns

A Resignation and Surrender of Mr. Thomas Andrews under his hand and Seal of his place and office of Common Councilman for the Fraternity of Butchers of this Corporation being layed before this Assembly the same is accepted off

Alder. H. Selands Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Alderman Henry Leland Seting forth that he is in posession in his own right of one lot or peice of Ground with the dwelling House offices and Garden thereon formerly called one House and orchard Situate on the West side of St. Patricks Well Lane in the parish of Saint Peters in the Town of Drogheda by Virtue of two Several Leases granted by this Corporation one of them made to John Byrne late of the same alderman Deceased for 61 years from Michaelmas 1720 at the Yearly Rent of £3-5-0 the Other made to the Petitioner in Revertion for 61 years from Michaelmas 1784 at the like Rent, That he lately expended a considerable sum in improvements on the said premisses and praying a new Lease thereof for 99 years and so forth It is thereupon Ordered by this Assembly agreeable to the auditors and Viewers report on said Petition that the Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said premisses for 99 years from Easter last

(Granted

Last at the yearly Rent of £3-- on his surrendering the said two Leases, Maps to be affixed to said New Leases

6 freemen admitted

Thomas Owens alias Blacker and William Blacker both of Aclare in the County of Louth Esquires sons of John Blacker deceased and Samuel Fairtlough of Drogheda Gentleman son of Alderman William Fairtlough deceased upon their Petitions are admitted Free Members by Birth and Thomas Brunker of Drogheda Mason is admitted a free Carpenter by Special Favor and Samuel Jepson of of the same Hatter is admitted a free Member by Special favor on their Several petitions each of them paying the usual fines and fees and taking the usual Oath

Widow admitted into St. Johns Poor House

Ann M.Knight, Widow upon her Petition is admitted in to Saint Johns poor House

£6-18-11 to Michael Richardson

Ordered that the sum of £6-18-11 due to Mr. Michael Richardson for Hewn Stone work for the Quay Wall be paid him by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation

£10-5-3 to Mr. Metcalf

Ordered that the sum of £10-5-3 being Mr. Metcalfs bill of Costs against the Sheriffs of this Town on an application against them by Edward Ball in the Kings Bench which was dismissed be paid him by the Treasurer and allowed in his Accounts

Orders to Survey land & Set by Cant

Ordered that the Land belonging to this Corporation Situate at or near the Old Church of Kilsalaty in the County of Louth containing about ten acres Leased to Alderman John Byrne deceased No. 11 for 61 years from Easter 1719 at £2-10-0 p ann be Surveyed and set by Cant next Gen.l Assembly for 61 years from Easter next, one moiety of the Rent to be fined off at 14 years purchase

House to be Sett for 17 years

Ordered that the House the Corner of Fair-Street belonging to this Corporation now in the Tenure Mr. John Ackland (whose Term thereof will expire next Michs.) be set from that time at next Assembly for 7 years reserving the appartments therein for Mr. Mayor as an Office on Market days

Ordered

Orders to Survey and set by Cant one House & Gard.n & Cellar

Ordered that a House and Garden without Duleek Gate and a Cellar under the House in James Street wherein Ralph Salt formerly dwelt, belonging to Saint Johns poor House and Leased to Alderman John Headen deceased N.315. for 61 years from Easter 1719 at 15/ p annm be Surveyed and set by Cant in Seperate lots next General Assembly for 61 years from Easter (1780) the Tenant to pay down two years Rent as a fine

£45-10- to Alder.n Roger Forde as Overseer to this Corp.n

Ordered that the sum of £45-10- be paid to Alderman Roger Ford for his Attendance and over Seeing the Works of this Corporation for the year past, and that he be continued in said Emply during pleasure

Firelocks &c

Ordered that any number not exceeding one hundred Fire locks with accoutrements be provided at the charge of this Corporation for the protestant Inhabitants of this Town if they cannot be obtained from Government gratis, the care and distributation to be in the Mayor, Mayor of the Staple and Mayor Elect for the time being, and application to be forthwith made to Government for such arms by Memorial under the Seal of this Corporation

Procters of St. John Poor House to Settle Accts

Ordered that the late Proctors of of St. Johns poor House do forthwith make up and Settle their accounts and hand over the same with the Books &c belonging to that charity to the present Proctors who are to lay them before next General Assembly

£28-14-1- to Wm. Latimer for Masons Work

Ordered that the sum of £28-14-1 being the amount of the Workmanship and Materials for repairing and widening the Bridge over the Cowleaze without Duleek Gate in this this County by William Latimer Mason be paid by the Treas.r for account of this Corporation and allowed in his Accounts

£5-14-0½ to Wm. Lattimer for Work at the Goal

Ordered that the sum of £5-14-0½ for Mason Work done by William Latimer at the Goal &c be paid him by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation

The following Denominations were set by Cant pursuant to Order of last April General Assembly being those

Set by Cant

demised to Alderman John Shepheard deceased p.s N.309 which expired last Easter

1.st lot a piece of Ground now a Fallow Garden and waste Spot adjoyning thereto without St. James Gate containing together a. 3. r. 12 Set to Ald.r James Forde for 61 years from Easter last at £2-5-6 yearly one moiety thereof to be fined off at 15 years purchase

2.nd lot A Spark without said Gate containing a. 4. r. 2. p. 28 Set to Alderman William Holmes at the yearly Rent of £3-10- p acre for 61 years from Easter last one moiety of said Rent to be fined off at 15 years purchase

3.rd lot A waste Spot of Ground in Duleek Street set to Ald.r Oliver Fairtlough for 61 years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £1-15- one moiety thereof to be fined off at 14 years purchase

And A Spark in black bush Lane belonging to St. Johns poor House containing a. 3. r. 3. p. 15 demised to Alderman George Blacker deceased p.s N.308 which expired last Easter being set up to Cant pursuant to an Order of last April General Assembly was Set to Alderman William Gibbons for 61 Years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £2-5-6 p acre and two years Rent fine

2 freemen Sworn

1779 July 17 Thomas Owens Als Blacker Sworn a free Member

Spec.l Ass.y

At a Special post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 26 day of July 1779

Justice of the Peace Elect.

Alderman Edward Hardman is Elected a Justice of the peace for the County of the Town of Drogheda in the Room of Alderman William Norman resigned and the said Edward Hardman was Sworn a Justice of the peace accordingly

1779 September 29th

Acts Compared

The foregoing Acts of Assembly were this day compared before us and Ordered to be entered in the Assembly Book as usual

Hugh Montgomery Lyons } Mayor

John Van Homrigh
William Cheshire } Sheriffs

George Schoales
William Meade Agle
William Coddington
William Holmes
Oliver Fairtlough Junr. } Aldermen

Post Ass.

Michaelmas Post Assembly held 6th October 1779 Before William Gibbons Esquire Mayor Henry Smith & Thomas Chamney Esquires Sheriffs The Aldermen being present

Petitions

Several Petitions were read and disposed of

Gen.l Ass.

At a General Assembly held before the said William Gibbons Esquire Mayor Henry Smith and Thomas Chamney Esqrs Sheriffs The Aldermen and Common Council being present the 8th day of October 1779

May.r Staple

Alderman Hugh Montgomery Lyons Esq.r late Mayor is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Com.n Cou.l

John Van Homrigh and William Cheshire Esq.rs late Sheriffs are Elected Common Councilmen and Sworn

Cons.s Staple

John Van Homrigh and William Cheshire Esq.rs are Elected Constables of the Staple for the Ensuing Year and Sworn

Coroners

John Van Homrigh and William Cheshire Esq.rs are Elected Coroners for the ensuing Year and Sworn

Mas.r Guild

Alderman Oliver Fairtlough Junr. is Elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens &c.

Wm. Joce. Shaw and Lanc. Dowdall Esq.rs are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the Ensuing Year

Treasurer

Alderman William Holmes is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace & Marshall to Continue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be collected the ensuing Year by Mr. Thomas Elliot. Clerk to the Collector of this port. on the Same terms they were Collected by him last Year

Cleansing the Streets

Ordered that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to contract with such persons as he shall think proper for carrying away the Dirt and Soil of the Streets and Lanes of this Town and of the Roads and Avenues leading thereto within this County of the Town for the Ensuing Year from the 22 day of November Next

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Auditors & Viewers —

Alderman George Schoales Aldn. John Marshall, Aldn. Henry Leland, Aldn. Edwd. Hardman, Aldn. James Forde, Mr. Robert Wynne Mr. Thomas Wynne, Mr. John Fairtlough and Mr. Harry Brabazon are Elected Auditors and Viewers for the Ensuing Year

Common Council for Butchers

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens and Fraternity of Butchers of this Corporation Setting forth that by the resignation of Thomas Andrews one of the Common Council for said Fraternity there is a Vacancy in his Room and returning Isaiah Moore John Ralph and William Acton, three free brothers thereof in order that one of them be Elected by this Assembly to fill said Vacancy It is thereupon Ordered that the said William Acton be and he is hereby Elected a Common Council for said Fraternity in the room of the said Thomas Andrews and the said William Acton was called in and Sworn a Common Councilman Accordingly

The Rt. Honble. Thos. Conolly is presented with his freedom in a Silver Box —

Resolved unanimously that the freedom of this Corporation be presented in a Silver Box Gilt to The Right Honble Thomas Connolly one of his Majestys Most. Honble privy Council of this Kingdom, as a mark of our esteem for his public Spirit and Endeavours Manifested upon all occasions to promote the Trade and Manufactures of Ireland and that the same be presented him by our worthy Members in Parliament Wm. Meade Ogle & Sydm. Singleton Esqrs.

3 freemen admitted —

Chas. Pendleton Gent. Eldest son of Aldn. Phil. Pendleton is admitted a free Member by Birth, George Potter of Drogheda Watch maker is admitted a free Member by Special favor & Joshua Harrison of the Same Butcher is admitted a free Butcher by Special favor each paying the usual fine & fees and taking the usual Oath

Custom on Lime

Resolved that the Order some time ago made for taking off the Custom on Lime manufactured in this Town (during pleasure) be and the same is hereby expunged and discontinued, and the same is from henceforth to pay Custom as if the said order had never been made

The

Gate Customs

The Doors being opened The Gate Customs ware put up to Cant and Set to Edward Hardman Esqr. for Eleven pounds per Week for one year commencing the 27th October inst. and ending the 26th October next (1780) inclusive

Set by Cant, the followg. Denomns

The following Denominations of Lands & premes were then Set up to Cant pursuant to an Order of last General Assembly vizt.

to Aldn. Ph. Donagh

1st. lot — All that parcel of Land lying together about the old Church of Killslatry in the County of Lowth containing by a late Survey 14a. 1r. 28p. be same more or less were Set to Alderman Philip Donagh for 61 years from Easter next (1780) at twenty Shillings & Six pence per Acre one moiety of said acreable rent to be fined off at 14 years purchase

to Mr. John Ackland —

2nd. Lot — The Corner House of Peter Street & Fair Street was Set to Mr. John Ackland for 7 years from Michas last at the yearly Rent of £8. 1 — The appartmt. theron used by the Mayor of Drogheda as an Office reserved as heretofore

And the following Denominations belonging to St. Johns poor House (Leased to John Headen p. No. 315) were also Set by Cant for 61 years from Easter next (1780) two years Rent to be paid as a fine — Vizt.

The Cellar under the House at the Corner on the North side of James Street and East Side of the Lane leading from said Street to the South Quay, in which House Ralph Salt formerly dwelt and which is now in the possession of the Widow Mc. Laughlin was Set to Mr. George Thomas at the yearly Rent of £2 — and 2 years rent fine

A Tenement & premisses without Duleek Gate containing about 36 perches was Set for the like term to Aldn. James Forde at the yearly Rent of £2 — and two Years rent fine

Louth County Archives

Post Afs.y

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 12th day of January 1780

Alderman Elected

Mr. John Ackland is unanimously Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the room of Francis Leigh late an Alderman of the same Decead. pursuant to Notice

Idem

Mr. John Jones is unanimously Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the Room of Edw.d Hardman late an Alderman of the same Deceased pursuant to Notice

Idem

Mr. William Cheshire is unanimously Elected an Alderman of this Corporation in the room of Edward Cheshire late an Alderman of the same Deceased pursuant to Notice

Aldermen Sworn

1780
Jan.y 14 This Day the above three Aldermen Elected were Sworn

Gen.l Afs.y

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 14th Day of January 1780

Com.n Council for Carpenters

Upon the Petition of the Master Wardens & Fraternity of Carpenters of this Corporation setting forth that by the Death of Thomas Holland Junr late one of their Common Council there is a Vacancy in his room and Returning Thomas Richardson Michael Richardson and Thomas Winslow three free Brothers of said Fraternity in order that one of them be Elected This Assembly thereupon Elected the said Thomas Richardson Common Council for said Fraternity and he being called in was Sworn accordingly

Ald.n Wm Meade Ogle Esq.r Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Wm. Meade Ogle Esqr Alderman setting forth that he is in Possession in his own right of a House & premises on the North side of West Street by virtue of a Lease from this Corporation to Charity Blackburne Widow Decead. for the term of 61 years from Michaelmas 1721 at the

The Yearly Rent of £0-19-0 That he is also in Possn of a Coach House on the Southside of Laurence Street adjoyning Laurence Gate belonging to this Corporation which was demised with other concerns to Ald.n Hen.y Meade dec.d by Lease No 268 but was omitted to be demised by the Renewal of said Lease That the first mentioned Lease is within the Rules of this Corporation for Renewing and praying a new Lease of the said House & premises in West Street and of the Coach House in Laurence Street which petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report being read It is thereupon ordered by this Assembly that the said Wm. Meade Ogle be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said premises for 99 years from Michaelmas last at the yearly Rent of £2-- and £2-- fine on Surrendering the old Lease Maps to be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Ald.n Edw.d Hardman's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Edw.d Hardman Ald.n setting forth that he is in Possession in his own right of one Ware House on the North Quay by virtue of an Assignment on a Lease made thereof by this Corporation (with another Denomination which was not Assigned to him) to Henry Meade late an Alderman of the same Dec.d for 61 years from Easter 1720 at the yearly Rent of £0-6-0 The same is within the Rules of Renewing and praying a new Lease of the said Ware House &c.a Which Petition being referred to the Auditors & Viewers and their report being read It is thereupon ordered by this Assemby that the said Edward Hardman be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said House for 99 years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £2-- and £2-- fine on surrendering the old Lease Maps to be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Alderman Wm Holmes's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of William Holmes Alderman setting forth that he is in Possession in his own right of a House and premises in West Street by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to him for 61 years from Easter 1762 at the yearly Rent of £3-- That he hath made considerable improvements on the premises and intends making further improvements thereon And praying a New Lease and so forth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors & Viewers and their report being Read It is thereupon Ordered by this Assembly that the said Wm. Holmes be and he is hereby granted a New Lease of the said House & premises for 99 years from Michaelmas last at the yearly Rent of £3-- Maps to be annexed to the New Leases

Granted

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Sword Bearer — Trevor Williams upon his Petition is Elected Sword Bearer to this Corporation during pleasure in the room of George Williams late Sword Bearer Dec^d

Sealing Day — Wednesday the first day of March next is appointed a Sealing Day for Corporation Leases

Pensioner — Thomas Andrews a reduced Common Councilman is allowed a pension of £8 yearly during pleasure

admitted into St. John's P. H. — Francis Gayman upon his Petition is admitted into St. John's poor House

£6..18 to Sheriffs for advertisem^ts — Ordered that the Sheriffs be paid the sum of £6..18.. expended by them for inserting Advertisements &c in the news papers relative to the publick business of This Town & Corporation

North Commons — The Auditors and Viewers of the Rents of the Commons are hereby required to get the Lands of Lot No. 6 of the North Commons being about 6a. 3r. 0p. Surveyed and lay same before next Genl Assembly with their report how and in what the same ought to be set Whether with or without fine

Freedom presen^d in a Gold Box — Resolved unanimously that the Freedom of this Corporation be presented in a Gold Box to His Excellency John Earl of Buckinghamshire Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland as a Mark of our Gratitude and respect for his Excellencys upright Conduct and attention to promote the Trade & prosperity of this Kingdom And Mr. Recorder is requested to draw an Address to that purpose & he & Wm. Meade Ogle, Esqr are requested to wait upon his Excellency and present Same

Freedom presented — Resolved unanimously that the Freedom of this Corporation be presented in a Silver Box Gilt to the Right Honble Walter Burgh Esqr his Majestys late prime Serjeant at Law and one of the Representatives in Parliament for the University of Dublin In Testimony of our esteem for his public Spirited and Meritorious Conduct manifested upon all occasions to promote the prosperity Trade and Manufactures of this Kingdom and that the same be presented by our Representatives in Parliament Wm. Meade Ogle & Sydr. Singleton Esq^rs

Spec^l Ass^y — At a Special General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 7th day of March 1780

Address to his Majesty — Resolved unanimously that the following Address to his Majesty be sealed by Mr. Mayor as the Address of this Corporation and that the Same be presented by our Representatives in Parliament Wm. Meade Ogle and Sydr. Singleton Esqr to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in order to be transmitted to His Majesty

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty

The humble Address of the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda

Most gracious Sovereign

We the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses & Commons of the Town and County of the Town of Drogheda beg leave in all humility to approach Your Throne with Hearts full of the purest loyalty to your Majesty & overflowing with the most unfeigned gratitude for that paternal attention Your Majesty has been pleased to give to the Distresses of this Country by the removal of many ruinous restrictions in its Commerce and by the liberal and indulgent grant of a Free Trade

We Assure Your Majesty that the Recollection of such benefits must endear Great Britain to us and We doubt not but good will Harmony and Affection will forever Subsist between two Kingdoms so closely connected by Blood Interest and mutual advantage

We have the most sanguine expectations that the Joint and united efforts of all Your Majestys Brave and Loyal Subjects will render ineffectual the Attempts of the Enemies to your Crown Shortly restore the inestimable blessings of an Honourable peace

We Assure Your Majesty that we shall both in our Corporate and individual Capacities promote to the utmost of our Power Sobriety Diligence and Integrity the sure and solid Foundations of a Flourishing and Commercial People

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Permit us now Most Gracious Sovereign to express our intire approbation of the Earl of Buckinghamshire Your Majestys Representative in this Kingdom; whose prudence moderation and Just Representations of the distresses of your Majestys faithfull and loyal Subjects of this Kingdom We cannot sufficiently applaud! In Testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our Common Seal this 7 Day of March 1780

Resolved unanimously that the following Address to his Excellency John Earl of Buckinghamshire Lord Lieutenant of Ireland be Sealed and presented as his Fiat of Freedom with the Gold Box voted him last General Assembly

Address to John Earl of Buckinghamshire Lord Lieutenant of Ireland

To His Excellency John Earl of Buckinghamshire Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland

We the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commons of the Town and County of the Town of Drogheda convinced of Your unwaried application to the welfare and prosperity of this Kingdom beg leave to return our most unfeigned thanks for your faithfull and very successfull representations to his Majesty in its favor And when we consider Your Excellencys Steady Conduct and Integrity we flatter ourselves with sanguine hopes that this Kingdom will derive Still greater advantages from Your Excellencys just Administration

Freedom presented

And as a Small token of our respect and of our Sincere approbation of Your Conduct as our Chief Governor We have unanimously Chosen Your Excellency one of our Citizens and we have granted & do hereby present unto your Excellency the full Freedom Rights and priviledges of the Corporation of the Town and County of the Town of Drogheda not doubting but the Choice of so Eminent a Statesman will be remembered to our Honor by the latest posterity In Testimony whereof We have hereunto affixed our Common Seal this 7 Day of March 1780

Post Assembly

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 5 Day of April 1780

Petitions

Several Petitions read & disposed off some referred to next General Assembly and some Rejected

Gen.l Ass.y

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 7th day of April 1780

Mayor Elect.

Alderman John Ashland is elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year from Michaelmas Day next according to the Rule of Succession

Sheriffs Elect

Edward Chesshire and Maurice Barlow Esq.rs are elected to serve Sheriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing Year from Michaelmas Day next

Election Certified

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor & Sheriffs for the ensuing year be forthwith Certifyed to Government for their Approbation

Common Council for Bakers

Mr. Patrick Mc. Entegart a Free Baker of this Corporation is elected a Common Councilman for the Fraternity of Bakers in the room of Mr. Trevor Williams lately appointed Sword Bearer of this Corporation and said Patrick Mc. Entegart being called in was Sworn a Common Councilman accordingly

6 freemen admitted

Thomas Andrews jun.r of Drogheda Butcher and George North of the same Son of Thomas North Nailor dec.d are admitted free by Birth, Lewis Austin of the same Damask Weaver is admitted free by Service and Hampden Nicholson of the same Esq.r Alexander Irwin of the same Gent and George Richardson of the same Shoemaker are admitted free by Special favor on their several petitions on their paying respectively the usual fine and fees and taking the usual Oath

Rev.d Smith Loftus D.D Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of the Rev.d Smyth Loftus D.D Vicar of St. Peters Drogheda Setting forth that he lately built a Coach House and Stable upon part of the Glebe Ground in his possession near St. Peters Church Yard which Ground he believes was demised to his predecessor by this Corporation, but as that title is not quite certain

certain, he prays a new Lease thereof Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report being now read It is thereupon Ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby Granted a new Lease of the said premisses thereto adjoyning lately demised to his predecessor the Revd. Ephriam Cuthbert decd. for the term of 999 years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of one Shilling for the use of him and his Successors Vicars of said parish on his Surrendering the said Lease made to the said Ep. Cuthbert (being No 575) Maps of said premisses to be annexed to the new Lease

Granted

Elizabeth Goodin otherwise Cain and Margeret Evans Widows are admitted upon their Petitions into St. Johns poor House

2 admitted into St. Johns Poor House

Ordered that the sum of £53.12.9 being the Amount of Thomas Richardson's Account for Carpentry Work &c at the New Crane or Weigh House on the Southside of Dyer Street be paid him by the Treasurer for Accot. of this Corporation agreeable to the report of the Auditors & Viewers made to this Assembly on said Accot.

£53.12.9 to Thos. Richardson for Carpentry Work

Ordered that the sum of £8.6.8½ the Amt. of John Jackson's Accot. for Painting Work done at the Goal be paid him by the Treasurer for Account of this Corporation pursuant to the Auditors and Viewers report made to this Assembly

£8.6.8½ to Jno. Jackson for Painting

Ordered that Zachariah Rencher and John Dennison two reduced free Carpenters be paid by the Receivers of the Rents of the Commons £3.7.2½ each being the Ballance of last years Rents in their hands

Ballance of the Commons Rents

Orderd that £6.10. a years Rent due last Michs of the late Aldn. Francis Leighs charitable bequest of Land called Priors park at Killaneer in this County be Received by the Receivers of the Commons Rents and be by them paid unto the Widow Blackburn and the Widow Chambers each a Moiety thereof

Receivers of Aldn. Leighs Bequest

Orderd that the undernamed persons be paid the following Sums to their Names respectively annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one year commencing at Michs last and ending at Michaelmas next

Pensioners on Commons List

	£	s.	d.
Margt. Donnelly	3		
Proctors of St. Johns for the Furze of the Commons	8		
Hannah Mc. Dowell	3	2	9
Widow of Jno. Collier	3		
Widow of Jams. Quash	3		
Ditto for her son John	2		
Margt. Cain	3		
Widow of Thos. Latimer	2	10	
Jane Blith	2		
Ann Shortell	1	18	8
Widw. of Fairfax Ennis	4		
Widw. of James Sheils	4		
Dorothy Robinson	1	10	
Widw. of John Moffitt	2		
Widw. of Jno. Fitzgerald	2	10	
Richd. Ennis's Children	3		
Widw. of Leonard Shortell	2		
Widw. of Jas. Mc. Kinsey	3		
Widw. of John Holland	3		
Alice Eaton	2		
Adm. Johnsons Wife & Childn.	3		
	£61	11	5

	£	s.	d.
Thomas Rogers	4		
Ann Simpson Widow	4		
David Kearnes	3		
Thomas Marsdon	3		
Widw. of Jno. Woodhouse	2	10	
Widw. of Ben Rencher	3		
Widw. of Geo. Evans	3		
Widow of Robt. Hatchett	3		
Widw. of Thos. Collier	3		
Widw. of Chas. Evans	4		
Mary Hughes for Robt. Watsons Children	1		
Widw. of Richd. Holland	3		
Mary Humphrys	2		
Edwd. Purcell	2		
Susanna Lyster Widow	2		
Jane Cheevers Widow	3		
Elizth. Donaldson Widow	3		
Edwd. Brook's 3 Children	3	10	
	£52		
	61	11	5
Total	£113	11	5

Committee

Mr. Mayor and the Sheriffs and Aldn. Schoales Aldn. Hardman Aldn. Fairtlough and Aldn. Chesshire are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the title of the late Aldn. Wm. Coddington in and to his late dwelling House and Concerns on the Custom House Quay and to report their opinon thereon to next General Assembly

Wall in the Meal Markt.

Orderd that a Wall be built on the Eastside of the New Meal Markett so as to enclose it from the Ground held from this Corporation by Alderman Fairtlough

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Special Gen.l Assembly

At a Special General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen & Common Council being present the 23.d Day of May 1780

Committee

Resolved that Mr. Mayor and the Sheriffs Ald.r Schoales Ald.r Hardman Ald.r Fairtlough and Ald.r Cheshire be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to treat and agree with the Representatives of the late Alderman Wm. Coddington for the purchase of his House and Concerns on the North or Custom House Quay in this Town

Committees Report & Agreem.t

The above Committee having withdrawn and returned, they reported that they had treated and agreed upon the busines to them referred upon the following terms that is to Say They on the part and behalf of this Corporation agreed to pay Mrs. Sarah Coddington the Widow and Administratrix of the said Wm. Coddington Esq.r the sum of £1400 for the fee Simple and Inheritance of his late Delling House and Concerns on the North or Custom House Quay, on her making a clear Title thereto free from all Debts and Incumbrances It is therefore Resolved by this Assembly that the said Agreement be and the same is hereby accepted and agreed to for and on behalf of this Corporation And Ald.r Geo. Schoales is hereby authorized and impowered to execute a proper Deed with Mrs. Coddington of the said Agreement

Post Ass.y

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 12.th July 1780

Petitions

Several Petitions were read & Disposed off

Gen.l Ass.y

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 14 Day of July 1780

Common Council for Shoemakers

A Petition and return from the Master Wardens and Fraternity of Shoemakers to this Assembly being read setting forth that by the death of Thomas Holland late one of their Common Council there is a vacancy of said Office and they having nominated and returned Wm. Shippabottom William Mc.Cartney and Edw.d Chambers three free brothers of the said Fraternity in order that one of them may be elected by this Assembly in his room, The said Wm. Shippabottom is accordingly Elected a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity in the room of the said Thomas Holland dec.d and the said Wm. Shippabottom being called in was Sworn a Common Councilman for the said Fraternity accordingly

Edward Cheshires Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Edward Cheshire Esq.r Setting that he is in possesion in his own right of all those four Small parcels of Land lying in Lanasharragh in the County of the town of Drogheda containing together a. r. p. 7. 0. 33 by virtue of and under a Lease made by this Corporation to Thomas Gerrard late of the same Alderman dec.d for the term of 61 years from Easter 1722 at the yearly Rent of £1.13.4 That the said Lease is near expiring and within the Rules for renewing and praying a new Lease thereof & so forth Which Petition being referd to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereupon being now made It is thereupon ordered by this Assembly that the Edward Cheshire be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said premises containing by a late Survey a. r. p. 7. 1. 0 for the term of 61 years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £2.14.4 and £2.14.4 Fine he surrendering the Old Lease and Maps to be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Ald.r Wm. Chesire's Petition for a Lease

Upon the Petition of Ald.r Wm. Cheshire Seting forth that he is in possesion in his own right of a certain parcel of Land called Blakes rampier with three Gardens thereunto belonging Situate on the Westside of Barrack Lane in the Town of Drogheda by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Henry Smith late an Alderman of the same dec.d for 61 years from Easter 1721 at the yearly Rent of £0.17.0 That the said Lease is near expiring and within the Rules of this Corp.n for renewing and praying a new Lease thereof & so forth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors & Viewers

and

and their report thereon being now made It is there=
=upon order'd by this Assembly that the Sd. Petitioner
be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the said
Granted premisses containing 2 R. 38 P. 1/2 for 61 years from Easter
last at the yearly Rent of £1..10..– and £1..10..– Fine
on his Surrendering the Old Leases; Maps of the
premisses to be annexed to the new Leases

Auditors & Viewers report relative to the North Commons

The Auditors and Viewers and Receivers
of the Rents of the Commons having laid before this
Assembly their report relative to the 6th lot of the
North Commons pursueant to an order of the last
January General Assembly. It is thereupon order'd
by this Assembly that the said 6th Lot of the North Commons
and every other Lot and part of the North & South
Commons of this Corporation Shall be set by publick
Cant to the highest bidder for 61 years at least
a year before the expiration of the present Leases
in being, and that two years Rent on the new Seting
Shall be paid as a fine to be applyed towards a Fund
for building of an Alms House for poor old decayed
or infirm Freemen residents of this Corporation,
such fines to be paid to the Treasurer of this Corpn.
and to bear Interest untill applyed to the Building
of such Alms House and it is also Order'd that the
said 6th lot of the North Commons containing by a
late Survey 6 a. 2 R. 34 P. be set by publick cant to the
highest bidder at the next General Assembly
for 61 years from Easter next (1781) when the present
Lease No 332 will expire being made to the late Aldn.
John Rencher decd. for 61 years from Easter (1720)
at the yearly Rent of £4..17..6

4 freemen admitted

Thomas Turner of the Town of Drogheda
Esqr. James Metcalf of the same Gentn. Attorney and
Hugh Tighe of the same Gentn. are admitted free
Members by Special favor and Christopher Blythe
Peruke maker is admitted a free Mercht. Taylor by
Special favor on their Several Petitions to this
Assembly each of them paying the usual fine and
fees and taking the usual Oath

Resolution on the Admission of freemen

Resolved that such persons as have been admitted
and have not been Sworn free of this Corporation and that
shall not within three Months comply with the terms of their
admission by paying their fines and fees and taking the
usual Oath such admission Shall be afterwards deemed
void to all intents and purposes a Copy of this Resolution
being first served upon them within one Month from this
Day

Bonds

Order'd that Mr. Mayor do execute under the Seal
of this Corporation Debentures or Bonds for £1400 to be
borrowed for this Corporation and applyed to discharge the
purchase money agreed to be paid by Alderman Geo. Schoales
as a Trustee for this Corporation for the late Alderman Wm.
Coddingtons House & Concerns on the Custom House Quay
pursuant to an Act of Special Assembly held 23rd May last

Sale of Mr. Coddingtons House

Order'd that the Sale of the House and Materials
of the late Aldn. Wm. Coddington on the Custom House Quay
be proceeded upon as soon as convniently may be pursuant
to an Advertisement published for that purpose

River Committee

Alderman Schoales Aldn. Hardman Aldn. Leland
Aldn. James Forde Aldn. Oliver Fairtlough Senr. Aldn. Chesshire
Mr. Ham. Bury. Mr. Harry Brabazon. Mr. John Fairtlough
and Henry Coddington and John Van Homrigh Esqrs. are
appointed a River Committee for three years from this July
General Assembly And they are hereby requested to inspect
into the State of the Fishery of the River Boyne granted by
Charter to this Corporation and to prevent as far as in them
lye all abuses thereof and to report their opinion thereon
to next General Assembly

Committee to inspect into escape of Prisoners

Mr. Mayor and Sheriffs and the Justices of the peace
of this County of the Town together with Aldn. Fairtlough Senr.
and John Van Homrigh Esqr. are appointed a Committee to
enquire into and in what manner three Prisoners lately effected
their escape out of the Goal of this Town and report same to next
General Assembly or sooner if necessary

the Answr. of Walter Hussey Burgh on the presenting his freedom

The following answer of Walter Hussey Burgh Esqr.
to Wm. Meade Ogle and Sydn. Singleton Esqrs. our Representrs.
in Parliament on their Presenting him with the Freedom of
this Corporation pursuant to an order of last January Genl.
Assembly having being laid before this Assembly It is order'd that
the same be entered amongst the acts of this Assembly and
is as follows

Gentlemen

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a Copy —

Gentlemen

I receive with the Deepest sense of Gratitude the Honour conferred upon me by the Town of Drogheda and am particularly happy to find that my endeavours to promote the prosperity Trade and Manufactures of this Kingdom have been so favourably received by that antient Loyal and respectable Corporation —

Sept.r 29.th 1780

acts compared

The foregoing Acts of Assembly were this day compared before us and ordered to be entered in the Assembly Book as usual —

Henry Smith, Thom.s Chamney } Sheriffs Wm. Gibbons } Mayor

Hugh M. Lyons (M.r
Geo. Schoales
W.m Meade Ogle
John Ashland —
Wm. Holmes —

Cost Assembly

Michaelmas Post Assembly held 4th October 1780 Before John Ashland Esquire Mayor, Edward Chefshire and Maurice Barlow Esquires Sheriffs, The Aldermen being present

Gen.l Assembly

At a General Assembly held before the said John Ashland Esq.re Mayor, Edward Chefshire and Maurice Barlow Esquire's Sheriffs, The Aldermen and Common Council being present the sixth day of October 1780 —

Mayr. of the Staple & Justice of the Peace

Alderman William Gibbons Esquire late Mayor is Elected Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the Ensuing Year and Sworn

Comon Co.l men

Henry Smith and Thos Chamney Esq.res late Sheriffs are elected Common Councilmen & the s.d Thos Chamney was Sworn

Constr. of the Staple

Henry Smith and Thomas Chamney Esquires are Elected Constables of the Staple for the Ensuing Year and the said Thomas Chamney was Sworn

Coroners

Henry Smith and Thos Chamney Esquires are Elected Coroners for the Ensuing Year and the said Thos Chamney was Sworn

Mastr Guild

Hugh Mont. Lyons Esquire is Elected Master of the Guild for the Ensuing Year —

Wardens Guild

John Nanhonrigh and William Chefshire Esquires are Elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year —

Treas.r

Alderman William Holmes is Elected Treasurer for the Ensuing Year —

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to continue during the pleasure of this Corporation —

Water Customs

Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the ensuing Year by Mr Thomas Elliott Clerke to the Collector of this Port, on the same terms they were Collected by him the preceding Year —

Cleans.g Streets

Ordered that Mr Mayor be, and he is hereby impowered to Contract with such persons as he shall think proper for carrying away the Dirt and Soil of the Streets and Lanes of this Town and of the Roads and Avenues leading thereto within this County of the Town for the ensuing Year from the 22.d of November next —

Ald.n

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Auditors and Viewers

Alderman George Schoales, Oliver Fairtlough Alderman Hardman Bugh Mont. Lyons, Alderman, Alderman James Forde, Mr. Robert Wynne, Mr. Thos. Wynne, Mr. John Fairtlough and Mr. John Nanhonrigh are Elected Auditors and Viewers for the ensuing Year

4 Freemen admitted

George Armstrong of the Town of Drogheda Merchant Richard Armstrong of the same Merchant are admitted free Merchants, John Shekleton of the County of the Town of Drogheda Distiller is admitted a free Member by special favour, and George Jones of the said Town Cabinet maker is admitted a free Member by Birth on their several Petitions to this Assembly on their severally paying the usual fine and fees, and taking the Usual Oath

Freedom Voted to Earl Charlem.t

The Right Honourable James Earl of Charlemont is unanimously Voted his freedom of this Corporation in a Gold Box as a mark of our respect for his patriotic Conduct, and that same be presented by William Meade Ogle Esquire in a suitable address to be prepared by Mr. Mayor, Mr. Ogle, Mr. Lyons and the Sheriffs

Aud.rs & Viewers report upon Mem.e of Mary Connor

The Auditors and Viewers report upon a Memorial of Mary Connors relative to premisses in her possession held from this Corporation by Lease made to Alderman John Gilbert No. 356 dated 14.th December 1724 is agreed to by this Assembly which report is that it would not be to the advantage of the Corporation to purchase Mrs. Connors Interest in said Lease

Freedom Presented to Capt.n Nich.s Archdale

Resolved unanimously that Captain Nicholas Archdale aid de Camp to the Right Honourable James Earl of Charlemont be presented with the freedom of this Corporation in a Fyat.

Day appointed for Setting the 6.th and 8.th Lots of the North Commons

Monday Sen night the 16.th October Inst.t is appointed for setting the two lots No. 6 and No. 8 of the North Commons for 61 Years from Easter next, two Years Rent to be paid down as a fine for each Lot. No. 6 contains A R P 6 : 2 .. 34 and No. 8 Contains A R P 14 .. 1 .. 5 by late Surveys

Sealing Day

Wednesday the 25.th of October instant is appointed a Sealing day for Corporation Leases

Aud.rs & Viewers ord.d to inspect into the Title of this Corp.n to Ground without James's Gate

Ordered that the Auditors and Viewers do inspect into the Title of this Corporation to a piece of Ground without Saint James's Gate in the possession of Edward Ball Esquire

Liberty to David Jebb for Ferry from the Hyde Market to the Opposite Shore

Ordered that David Jebb Esquire have liberty to Erect and use a ferry for passengers only from the Hide Market to the opposite Shore of the River Boyne, for one Year from this Michaelmas Assembly at the Rent of six pence Sterling

Surgeons

Ordered that the Sum of ten Guineas a piece be paid at the end of the present Year to Messrs. Joseph Harpur, William Cleapem and James Petrie Surgeons, for their Care and attendance of the poor of this Town that require their Assistance within the.s Year; same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

Gate Customs Set to Ald.n W. Cheshire

The Doors being Opened, The Gate Customs were set up to Cant and set to Alderman William Cheshire for one Year to Commence the 27.th day of October Instant and ending the 26.th day of October next 1781 both days inclusive at the Rate of £12 ₰ Week

6.th & 8.th lots North Commons Set

1780 October 16.th The 6.th and 8.th Lotts of the North Commons were this Day set up to publick Cant at the Tholsell for 61 Years from Easter next 1781 pursuant to Order of last Assembly and Notice published for that purpose and were set to the undernamed persons being the highest bidders two Years Rent of each lot to be paid down as a fine Viz.t

To Miles Chester

A R P
6.th lot Containing 6 .. 2 .. 34 Set to Mr. Myles Chester at the Rate of 27.s ₰ Acre Comes to £9 .. 1 .. 2 Yearly Rent and £18 .. 2 .. 4 fine

To Ald.n W. Cheshire

A R P
8.th Lot Containing 14 .. 1 .. 5 Set to Alderman William Cheshire at the Rate of 12 ₰ Acre Comes to £8 .. 11 .. 4 1/2 Rent and £17 .. 2 .. 9 fine

Common Council Coroner & Const.e of the Staple

1781 January 9.th Henry Smyth Esq.re one of the late Sheriffs was this Day Sworn a Common Council Coroner and Constable of the Staple pursuant to his Election last Assembly

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Post Afsembly

At a Post Afsembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 10th Day of January 1781

Petitions

Several Petitions laid before this Afsembly were read and disposed of, some referred to next General Afsembly and one rejected

Gen.l Afsembly

At a General Afsembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs, the Aldermen and Common Councie being present the 12th January 1781

Earl Charlemonts And.r on the presenting his Freedom laid before this Afs.y

The Right Honourable James Earl of Charlemont being waited upon and presented with the freedom of this Corporation in a Gold Box pursuant to an Order of last Afsembly as a mark of our very great respect for his many publick and private Virtues, his uniform Indeavours to prove and extend the Trade and Manufactures of Ireland and his Zeal at all times to preserve the Constitutional Rights and Liberties of this Kingdom, his Lordships Answer given in Writing on that Occasion was laid before and read at this Afsembly and is ordered to be entered amongst the Acts thereof and is as follows

Dublin Nov.r 7.th 1780

"Gentlemen"

"Permit me to return you my most Sincere and "Gratefull acknowledgements for the high Honour your Goodnefs has "Conferred on me, and to afsure you that it shall be my Constant "endeavour as far as in me lies to render myself worthy of so flattering "a Distinction"

"Your Approbation of my Political behaviour affords "me the highest pleasure and would alone be sufficient to insure my "perseverance, if any farther inducement were necessary to incline "me to persevere in a line of Conduct which is the Result of Conviction "and to which I shall ever esteem myself bound by every tye of "Duty"

"I have the Honour to be"
"Gentlemen"
"Your most Obliged, Most Faithfull"
"and most Obed.t Humble servant"
"Charlemont"

"To the Mayor Sheriffs "Burgefses and Com.s "mons of the County "of the Town of Drogh "eda

N.s Archdale Esq.r Lre of thanks on presenting his Freedom

Nicholas Archdale Esq.res Letter of thanks to this Corporation on his being presented with his freedom in a Tyat pursuant to an Order of last General Afsembly, was read at this Afsembly and is ordered to be entered and is as follows.

"To the Mayor Sheriffs Burgefses and Commons of the Town "& County of the Town of Drogheda"

"Gentlemen"

"The great honour you have Conferred on me by present: "ing me with the freedom of your very antient and respectable Corporation "demands my warmest thanks; I shall ever retain a proper Sense of your "kindnefs, and am with the Utmost Respect and Esteem"

"Gentlemen"
"Your Obliged & Obedient Servant"
"Nicholas Archdale"
"Dublin"
"Novem.r 7.th 1780"

3 Freemen admitted

Henry Smyth of the Town of Drogheda Brazier is admitted a free Member by Service, Richard Galway of the same Carpenter is admitted a free ~~xxxxxx~~ Carpenter and Robert Chambers of the same Shopkeeper is admitted a free Shoemaker, by Special favour on their several Petitions to this Afsembly on their paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual Oath

Hen: Smith appointed to attend Fire Engines

Henry Smyth Brazier is appointed to work, attend and take care of the two fire Engines belonging to this Corporation in the Room of Robert Harrison at the usual Sallary being eight Guineas Yearly under the inspection of Mr. Charles Lopdale who has offered to Superintend them Gratis for which kind offer Mr. Mayor is requested to give him the thanks of this Afsembly

Relief of poor persons Suffer.rs by Fire

Ordered that the Sum of Twenty Pounds be paid by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation unto John Ashland Esq.re Mayor and William Meade Ogle Esq.re to be distributed by them towards the Relief of several poor persons Sufferers by two late accidental Fires that happened in this Town, and for Relieving of whom the said Gentlemen have humanely offered to Collect Contributions

Gun powder for Association

Ordered that the Sum of Ten Pounds be paid by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation to Captain Lyons to buy Gun powder for the Use of the Gentlemen of the Armed Association of this Town

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River Committee to get a Wall built, North side the River Boyne

The River Committee are hereby Directed to receive proposals for building a Wall on the North side of the River adjoining the Ground late Mr. Coddingtons now belonging to this Corporation, and to get the Work done as soon as they can

7th Lot North Commons to be Set

Ordered that the seventh Lot of the North Commons Containing A R P 4 " 3 " 21 / the Lease of which No. 333 made to William North dec.d will expire the 25th March next be set by Cant at the Tholsel on Monday the 29th January inst. The Tenant to pay two Years Rent fine

Order for Lease of a Ferry to David Jebb

An Order being made last Assembly that David Jebb Esq.re have liberty to Erect and use a Ferry for passengers only from the Hyde Market to the Opposite Shore of the River Boyne for one Year from last Michaelmas at the Rent of Six pence and it being represented that the expence of erecting such Ferry will be too Considerable for so short a Tenure It is therefore Ordered by this Assembly that a Lease of such Ferry be and the same is hereby Granted to the said David Jebb for 21 Years from Michaelmas last at the Yearly Rent of six pence with a Clause of Reasumption for this Corporation on giving him six Months Notice and paying him the Costs of Erecting said Ferry and and he Covenanting that no more than one halfpenny be paid or taken for every passenger passing such Ferry

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7th Lot. N. Commons Set to Ald.n Holmes

The Seventh Lot of the North Commons Contain.g A R P 4 " 3 " 21 was this day set by publick Cant at the Tholsel pursuant to an Order of last Assembly) and taken by Ald.n William Holmes the highest bidder for 61 Years from 25th March next at 25.s pr Acre and two Years Rent fine

Post Assembly

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 25th April 1781

Petitions

Several Petitions were read and disposed of

Gen.l Ass.ly

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs. The Aldermen and Common Council being present the 27th April 1781

Mayr. Elect

Alderman John Jones is Elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the Ensuing Year from Michaelmas Day next according to the Rule of Succession

Sher.s Elect

Mr. George Armstrong and Mr. Robt. Taylor are Elected to serve Sheriffs of this Corporation for the Ensuing Year from Michaelmas Day next.

Election Certifyed

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the Ensuing Year be forthwith Certifyed to Government for their Approbation

Ald.n James Fordes Petition for a Lease of Tenem.t & Gard.n on Duleek Hill

Upon the Petition of Alderman James Forde setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of all that Tenement and Garden situate on Duleek Hill in Drogheda bounded by Garlands Land on the West, Jonathan Nichols.s Inheritance on the North and to the Road or Street on the East and South; by Virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Charles Byrne late of the same Alderman for 61 Years from Easter 1721 at the Yearly Rent of five Shillings, that the said Lease is near expiring and within the Rule of this Corporation for renewing and praying a new Lease and so forth Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being now read and being as follows to wit "As it does not appear to us that the Petitioner derives his Title "from any person who had a right to a Renewall by the Rules of this Corporation "We are of Opinion that the Lease should not be renewed. But as it is within one "Year of expiring that it should be Surveyed and advertised to be Set in the usual "manner: all which we Submit to your Worships Consideration Given under "our hands this 26th April 1781 Geo. Schoales John Nanhomrigh Edward "Hardman, Hugh Mont. Lyons, Oliver Fairtough Auditors and Viewers" It is thereupon Ordered by this Assembly that the said Report be and the same is agreed unto, and the Premisses in the said Petition mentioned are

Rejected

hereby

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Premes ordered to be Set

hereby ordered to be Set by Cant at the next General Assembly to the highest bidder, a free Member of this Corporation for 61 Years from Easter next (1782) when the present Lease will expire One Moiety of the Rent to fined off at 10 Years purchase agreeable to the Bye Law or Regulation heretofore made by this Corporation

Upon the Petition of Alderman William Gibbons

Ald.r Wm Gibbons's Petition for a new Lease

setting forth that he is in his own right in posfesion of a Lease made by this Corporation to William Jones of a House in Shop Street for 99 Years from Easter 1727 at the yearly Rent of £7.14.— That the Premisses are in a Ruinous Condition and for his encouragement to improve them praying a new Lease and so forth Which Petition being referred to the Auditor and Viewers and their Report thereon being now read, It is thereupon ordered that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby Granted a new Lease in his own Name of the said House and premisses for 99 Years from Easter last at the yearly Rent of £7.14 and £7.14 fine, on his Surrendering the old Lease and Covenanting under the penalty of £600 to rebuild the said House and to lay out thereon the Sum of £300 within the three first Years Maps of the Premisses to be annexed to the new Leases

Granted

Charles Evans of the Town of Drogheda

Freeman admitted

Printer is admitted a free Member by special favour on his paying the usual fine and fees and taking the usual Oath

Alderman Roger Forde and Mr. Patrick

Rec.rs of the Commons Rents

M Integart are appointed Receivers of the Rents of the Commons for three Years from this Easter General Assembly

Ordered that the undernamed persons be paid the Sums to their Names respectively annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one Year Commencing at Michaelmas last and ending at Michaelmas next

Viz.t

Viz.t

Pensioners on Comons List

	£
Proctors of Saint Johns for the Furze of the Commons	8
Ann M.c Doivelle	3.2.9
Widow of John Collier	3
Widow of James Quash	3
D.o for her Son John	2
Marg.t Cain	3
Widow of Tho.s Latimer	2.10
Jane Blith	2
Ann Shortall	1.18.8
Widow of Fairfax Ennis	4
Widow of James Sheils	4
Dorathy Robinson	1.10
Widow John Moffit	2
Widow of John Fitzgerald	2.10
Richard Ennis's Children	3
Widow of Leonard Shortelle	2
Widow of James M.Kinsey	3
Widow of John Holland	3
Alice Eaton	2
Ald.n Johnson's Wife and Children	3
	£58.11.5

	£
Thomas Rogers	£4
Ann Simpson Widow	4
David Kearnes	3
Thomas Marsden	3
Widow of John Woodhouse	2.10
Widow of Ben Rencher	3
Widow of George Evans	3
Widow of Robert Hatchett	3
Widow of Tho.s Collier	3
Widow of Charles Evans	4
Mary Hughes for Rob.t Watsons Child	1
Widow of Richard Holland	3
Mary Humphrys	2
Edward Purcell	2
Sus.a Lyster Widow	2
Eliz.th Donaldson Widow	3
Edw.d Brookes's 3 Children	3.10
Elizabeth Rencher Widow	4
Mary Roel	2
	£55
	58.11.5
	£113.11.5

Ordered that £6.10.— being a Years Rent Due last Michaelmas of the late Alderman Francis Leighs Charitable Bequest out of Land called Friors park at Killancer in this County be received from the Tenants of s.d Land by the Receivers of the Rents of the Commons and be by them paid unto the Widow Blackburne and unto John Staplehill, each a Moiety thereof being £3.5.— a piece.

Proctors of St. Johns Poor House

Alderman Hugh Montgomery Lyons and John Van Homrigh Esq.re are appointed Proctors of Saint Johns poor house for three Years from this Easter General Assembly

Ordered upon the Memorial of the Minister and Church Wardens of Saint Mary's Parish Drogheda that the Sum of twenty Guineas be paid by the Treasurer for acct. of this Corporation towards new Roofing the Church of said Parish

20 Guis for new Roofing St. Mary Church

The

£200 towards buildg a new Spire to St Peters Church

The Spier of Saint Peter's Church being found very defective was lately taken down and a new one is intended to be erected. It is therefore Ordered by this Assembly that any Sum not exceeding £200 shall be paid by this Corporation towards building a new Spire to said Church whenever the same shall be wanted

Rent New Market ordered to be paid to Lanc.t Fisher

Ordered that the Treasurer be and he is hereby impowered to pay the Rent due to James Woodside Patten for the new Markett at the foot of Stockwell Lane in Drogheda to Lancelot Fisher Custodee, at whose Suit said Patten was Outlawed

Widow admitted to St Johns Poorhouse

Mary Chambers Widow is admitted into a Vacancy in Saint Johns poor house

Post Assembly

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 11th July 1781

Petitions

Several Petitions were read and disposed of

Genl Assembly

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 13th July 1781

2 Freemen admitted

Thomas Shaw of the Town of Drogheda Esqre and Henry Dogherty of the same Esqre upon their Petitions to this Assembly are admitted free Members of this Corporation by special favour on the said Thomas Shaws paying a fine of Ten Pounds, and the said Henry Dogherty paying a fine of five Pounds and each of them paying also the usual fees and Oath within the Space of six Months from this Date otherwise their admission to be Void

Resolved

Fund for poor old decayed Freemen

Resolved that such fines as shall be paid for the admission of Freemen by special favour be added to the fines to be raised on the new Setting of the Commons Lands for the purpose of making a fund for Erecting an Alms house for poor old decayed Freemen.

Committee to Exame Titles of Tents Ground N. side Fair Street situation for Corn Market

The Mayor Sheriffs Auditors and Viewers are appointed a Committee to examine into the Titles of the different Tenants and Occupiers of the Lots of Ground on the North side of Fair Street and East of Bolton Lane which it is apprehended woud be a proper Situation for a Corn Markett and that they cause a Map and plan to be made thereof and report their Opinion to next General Assembly

Premes on Duleek Hill Set to Aldn Jas Forde

The Tenements and Gardens situate on Duleek Hill in Drogheda Leased to Alerman Charles Byrne deceased for 61 Years from Easter 1721 at 5s ℔ ann now in the possesson of Alderman James Forde, which at last General Assembly was ordered to be set by Cant at this Assembly was accordingly set up to Cant and set to Alderman James Forde the highest bidder for £6.. 13.. ℔ Annum for 61 Years from Easter 1782, one half said Rent to be fined off at 10 Years purchase

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Acts Compard

September 29th This day the foregoing Acts of Assembly were Compared before us and Ordered to be entered in the Assembly Book as Usual

Test. Edwd Chesshire, Maurice Barlow } Sherf. Signed John Ackland Mayor William Gibbons M. S., William Meade Ogle Roger Forde William Holmes John Jones Aldermen

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post Assembly

Michaelmas post Assembly held the 3d October 1781 before John Jones Esqre Mayor, George Armstrong and Robert Taylor Esquires Sheriffs, the Aldermen and Common Council being present

3 Vacancys

3 Vacancys Vizt
Wm Howd disfranchd
Wm Ogle dead
Wm Coddton dead

Genl Assembly

At a General Assembly held before the said John Jones Esquire Mayor, George Armstrong and Robert Taylor Esquires Sheriffs, the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 5th October 1781

Mayor Staple

Alderman John Ackland late Mayor is Elected to serve Mayor of the Staple and Justice of the Peace for the ensuing Year and Sworn.

Common Councilmen

Edward Chesshire and Maurice Barlow Esqres late Sheriffs are Elected Common Councilmen and the said Maurice Barlow was Sworn

Constables of the Staple

Edward Chesshire and Maurice Barlow Esquires are Elected Constables of the Staple for the ensuing Year and the said Maurice Barlow was Sworn

Coroners

Maurice Barlow and Thos Chamney Esqrs are elected Coroners for the Ensuing Year and Sworn

Master Guild

William Gibbons Esqre is elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Wardens of the Guild

Henry Smith and Thos Chamney Esqrs are elected Wardens of the Guild for the ensuing Year

Treasr

William Holmes Alderman is Elected Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Officers

The Officers of the Sword and Mace and Marshall to Cintinue during the pleasure of this Corporation

Water Customs

Ordered that the Water Customs of this Corporation be Collected the ensuing Year by Thomas Elliott Clerke to the Collector of this Port on the same terms they were Collected by him last Year

Orered

Cleansing the Streets

Ordered that Mr Mayor be and he is hereby impowered to Contract with such persons as he shall think proper for Carrying away the Dirt and Soil of this Town, and of the Roads and Avenues leading thereto within this County of the Town for the ensuing Year from the 22d November next

Auditors and Viewers

Alderman George Schoales, Alderman Oliver Fairtlough, Alderman Lyons, Alderman Hardman Alderman James Forde Mr Robt Wynne Mr Thos Wynne Mr John Fairtlough and Mr John Vanhomrigh are elected Auditors and Viewers for the ensuing Year

Petition of Thos Chamney Esqr for a new Lease

Upon the Petition of Thoms Chamney Esqre setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of one House and Garden Situate on the North side of Fair Street in Drogheda wherein John Langley formerly dwelt, bounding to Town Lands formerly in the possession of the Exeors of Alderman George Hardman and Mr Christopher Pippard and their Under Tenants on the West to Green Lane on the North to Town Land in the possession of Mrs Graham and her Under Tenants on the East and to the said Street on the South by virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to John Sawhill late of the same Alderman deceased for the term of 61 Years from Easter 1723 at the Yearly Rent of 8s/- That the said Lease is near expired and within the rules of this Corporation for renewing, And praying a new Lease thereof and so forth, Which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their report thereon being now read and being as follows, to wit We have Considered the annexed Petition and do not find that the Lease therein mentioned comes within the rules of this Corporation for renewall; This Assembly do therefore agree to the said report

referred to the audrs & Viewers

Report thereon

Committee to Treat with Tents of Lands North side Fair Street for a Corn market place

The Committee appointed last General Assembly to examine into the Titles of the different Tenants and Occupiers of the several Lots of Ground on the North side of Fair Street which it is apprehended would be a proper Situation for a Corn Markett, having laid before this Assembly a Map of said Lots, It is now Ordered that the said Committee be and they are hereby impowered to treat with the said Tenants and Occupiers for said Lots, and to report their progress to a future Assembly

3 Surgeons 10 Gs a piece

Ordered that the sum of ten Guineas a piece be paid at the end of the present Year to Messrs Joseph Harpur William Cleapem and James Petrie, Surgeons for their Care and Attendance of the poor of this Town that shall require their Assistance within the said Year, the same to be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

Roots and Fruit Markett

Resolved, nem. Con: that the several Root and fruit Markets be for the future held at such parts of the New Market at the foot of Stockwell Lane as Mr Mayor shall appoint, and that the several retail Meal Markets be also held there

Ordered

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£20 to buy Gun powder for Volunteers

Ordered that the Sum of Twenty Pounds be paid by the Treasurer for acct. of this Corporation to Colonel Lyons to buy Gun powder for the use of the Volunteer Corps of this Town and that the same be allowed in the Treasurers Accounts

Petition to Parliam.t Ord.d to be Sealed for aid tow.ds Navigation of the River Boyne

Ordered that a Petition be sealed by Mr. Mayor and presented to Parliament for aid towards improving the Navigation of the River Boyne below the Bridge

£18.. Ord.d to be p.d Thos. Filgate Esq.r Costs Suit a Forbes for Tythes

Ordered that the Sum of Eighteen Pounds nineteen Shillings and nine pence be paid by the Treasurer for account of this Corporation to Thos. Filgate Esq.re under Tenant of William Meade Ogle Esq.re for the Tythes of Ennismott the Estate of this Corporation being a loss sustained by the said Thomas Filgate in a Suit instituted by the Rev.d Arthur Forbes who claimed part of said Tythes, and against whom the said Thos. Filgate obtained a Verdict at the Assizes of Trim Lent: 1780.

No Money to be Grant.d in future for Law Expences unless Consent of Gen.l Assem.ly be first had

Resolved that for the future no Money be granted by this Corporation to any person or persons whatever to reimburse him or them for his or their expences in carrying on any Law Suits concerning any part of the Estate of this Corporation unless Consent of the General Assembly for carrying on such Suits be previously had and Obtained

Gate Customs

The Doors being Opened the Gate Customs were set up to Cant and were Set to Alderman William Cheshire at £12 p.r Week for one Year to Commence the 26.th Day of October Inst. and ending the 26.th day of October next 1782 inclusive

Post Assembly

At a Post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present 16.th Jan.y 1782

Gen.l Ass.ly

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 18.th Day of January 1782

Free Member admitted

Francis Graham Fairtlough of Drogheda Gent.n upon his Petition to this Assembly is admitted a free Member by Birth on paying the Usual fine and fees and taking the Usual Oath

Widow admitted to St Johns poor House

Mary Jones Widow upon her Petition is admitted into a Vacancy in St Johns poor House

Resolved that the River Committee be and they are hereby requested to enquire for an intelligent proper Person and to obtain the best information and most eligible plan for the expenditure of one thous.d Pounds Granted by Parliament this Session for improving the Navigation of the River Boyne between the Quay and the Barr of this Harbour and to report their progress to next General Assembly

Freedom presented

Resolved nem: Con: that the freedom of this Corporation be presented in a Silver Gilt Box of five Guineas Value to John Forbes Esq.re Counsellor at Law as a mark of our Esteem for his Patriotic publick Spirited Conduct in Parliament and attention to the General Welfare of this Kingdom

Rec.rs Comons Rent and Proctors Poor of St. John to Settle their Acc.o Vs

Ordered that the late receivers of the Rents of the Commons and proctors of St Johns poor House who have not settled their Accts be and they are hereby Called upon and enjoined forthwith to State & Settle their accounts respectively with the Auditors and Viewers who are to lay the same before the next General Assembly and report their Opinion on them

Recorder requests Permission to Resign

a letter

Mr. Mayor having laid before this Assembly from our present worthy Recorder Shyddenham Singleton Esq.re setting forth his present declining State of Health, and of his being thereby unable to attend his duty in that Office, and therefore requesting permission to resign the same, it is therefore Ordered that Mr. Mayor do acquaint him with our Concern for his indisposition and intention of Resigning, which this Corporation will accept next general Assembly if he then shall think proper to give his Resignation of s.d Office

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Past Assembly

At a past Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the tenth Day of April 1782

Mayor Elect

Alderman William Cheshire is elected to serve Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing Year from Michaelmas Day next according to the Rule of Succession

Petitions

Several Petitions were read and disposed of

Gen.l Assembly

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 12.th April 1782

Sheriffs Elect

Mr. William Fairtlough and Mr. Samuel Martin are unanimously elected to serve Sheriffs of this Corporation for the ensuing Year from Michaelmas Day next

Election Certified

Ordered that the Election of the Mayor and Sheriffs for the ensuing Year be forthwith Certified to Government for their approbation

Costs in a Prosecution for Murder to be p.d Mr. Ashland Att.y

Ordered that two Bills of Costs of Mr. John Ashland Att.y, one for £54 3 7 in a Prosecution for Murder ..... at Summer Assizes 1780 against Richard Wright and sev.l other Soldiers, the other for £7 6 10 in another Prosecution for Murder at s.d Assizes against Tho.s Treacy both amounting to £61 4 5 be paid him pursuant to the Reports made thereon by the Auditors and Viewers to this Assembly

2 Freemen admitted

Philip Pendleton of the County of Meath Gentleman, Son of Alderman Ph.s Pendleton is admitted a free Member by Birth and James Regan of Drogheda Shoemaker Son of Rob.t Regan dec.d is admitted a free Shoemaker by Birth on their Petitions each, on paying the Usual fine & fees. and taking the usual Oath

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Rev.d Wm. Marshall of Drogheda Clerk is admitted a free Member, John Leland of the same Gent.n is admitted a free Smith, and John Reilly of the same Currier is admitted a free Shoemaker by special favour on their sev.l Petitions to this Assembly each paying 20.s/ fine the Usual fees, taking the Usual Oath

Pension of £15

Thomas Jones a reduced Sheriffs peer and Common Council man upon his Petition to this Assembly is granted a Pension £15 a Year from Easter last during the pleasure of this Corporation, on Mr. Mayor for the time being Signing Orders on the Treasurer for the same

A Member of Ass.y Petition.g for Pens.n to Resign his Gown

Resolved unanimously if any Member of this Assembly shall in future apply to the Assembly for a Pension Annuity or other aid for their Support, that before such Pension Annuity or Aid shall be Granted, such person shall resign his Gown, and Vacate his Seat at this Assembly.

Pensioners on Commons List

Ordered that the undernamed persons be paid the Sums to their names respectively annexed out of the Rents of the Commons for one Year Commencing at Michaelmas last and ending at Michas next Viz.t

Proctors of St. Johns Poor House for Furze Commons	£ 8	s	d
Han: M.Dowell	3	2	9
Widow of John Collier	3		
Widow of James Quash	3		
D.o for her Son John	2		
Marg.t Cain	3		
Widow of Tho.s Latimer	2	10	
Jane Blith	2		
Ann Shortell	1	18	8
Widow of Fairfax Ennis	4		
Widow of James Sheils	4		
Dorothy Robinson	1	10	
Widow of John Moffitt	2		
Widow of John Fitzgerald	2	10	
Richard Ennis.s Children	3		
Widow of Leonard Shortell	2		
Widow of James M.Kinsey	3		
Widow of Jn.o Holland	3		
Alice Eaton	2		
Adam Johnson.s Wife & Children	3		
Thomas Rogers	4		
Ann Simpson Widow	4		
	£ 66	11	5

	£	s	d
Thomas Marsden	3	0	0
Widow of John Woodhouse	2	10	
Widow of Ben: Rencher	3		
Widow of Robert Hatchet	3		
Widow Tho.s Collier	3		
Widow of Geo: Evans	3		
Widow Chas Evans	4		
Mary Humphrys	2		
Edw.d Purcell	2		
Sus.a Lyster Widow	2		
Eliz.th Donaldson Widow	3		
Edward Brookes 3 Children	3	10	
Eliz.th Rencher Widow	4		
Mary Roel	2		
Widow of David Kearnes	1		
John Newth	1	10	
Wm. Marshall	1	10	
John Parkinson	1	10	
John Denison	1	10	
	£ 47		
	66	11	5
	£ 113	11	5

Susannah Lyster Widow is granted 30/. being a Ballance in the hands of the Rec.rs of the Commons Rents, by the Death of the Widow of Richard Holland before Michaelmas last

Ordered

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Pensioners

Ordered that £6..10.. being the Years Rent Due last Michaelmas out of Prior Park at Killaneer bequeathed by the late Alderman Leigh be rec.d from the Tenants and paid by the Receivers of the Commons Rents to the following Persons Viz.t

Widow Blackburne	£3..5..
John Staplehill	3..5..
	£6..10

Sydn.m Singleton Esq.r Recorder Resigned

Mr. Mayor having laid before this Assembly a letter which he received from Syddenham Singleton Esq.re Recorder of this Corporation signifying his desire to Surrender his Office of Recorder, and likewise a Resignation under his hand and Seal of s.d Office bearing Date the 16.th day of February last, it is unanimously agreed by this Assembly that the said Surrender and Resignation be accepted and the same is hereby accepted accordingly, and it is ordered that the said Surrender be filed in the Town Clerkes Office

Mr. Mayor to ans.r the late Recorders Letter

Resolved unanimously by this Assembly that Mr. Mayor be and he is hereby requested to write an Answer to the said Syddenham Singleton Esq.rs Letter returning him the thanks of this Assembly for his faithfull and Honourable discharge of the s.d Office of Recorder and acquainting him that they have with Regret accepted his Surrender thereof in Consequence of his desire and expressing their Concern for his ill State of Health and best wishes for its re-establishment.

River Committee

Ald.n Scoales, Ogle, Hardman, James Forde Ob: Fairtlough, Syons, Chefshire & Donagh and Messrs. Brabazon David Jebb, John Fairtlough, Thomas Wynne and John Nanthorn: right are appointed a Special Committee to superintend the expenditure of £1000 Granted by Parliam.t last Sessions for improving the Navigation of the River Boyne between the Bridge & Barr of this Town any 7 of them to be a Quorum, the Money to be received by Mr. Ogle, who is Requested to act as their Treasurer & Mr. Mayor is impowered to perfect under the Seal of this Corporation a proper discharge for s.d Sum if required

Ald.n

Committee to exam.e the Linnen Hall

Ald.n Schoales, Fairtlough and Chefshire are appointed a Committee to examine what Repairs are necessary to be made on the Linnen Hall and to get the same effected.

£20.. towards repairing the Road from Blind Gate to Green Hills

Ordered that Twenty Guineas be paid by this Corporation to the Overseers appointed and in Aid of the presentment made last Assizes of this Town for repairing the Road from Blind Gate to Green Hills along the River Boyne within this County

Day appointed for the Election of a Recorder

Mr. Mayor having declared to this Assembly that he will proceed to the Election of a Recorder of this Corporation in the Room of Syddenham Singleton Esq.re late Recorder, on Friday the 19.th April Inst.t at 12. O Clock at Noon in the Tholsell. And that he will adjourn this Assembly to that time and place to which this Assembly do agree and this Assembly accordingly adjourned to Friday next at 12 O Clock at Noon for s.d purpose

Gen.l Assembly

At a General Assembly (held) pursuant to adjournment of last General Assembly) before the said Mayor & Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 19.th Day of April 1782.

Recorder Elected

John Forbes Esq.re Counsellor at Law is unanimously Elected into the Office of Recorder of this Corporation in the Room of Syddenham Singleton Esq.re late Recorder who Resigned

Election Certified

Ordered that the Election of John Forbes Esq.re to the Office of Recorder of this Corporation be forthwith Certified to Government for their Approbation

Freedom presented

Resolved unanimously that the freedom of this Corporation be presented to Henry Grattan Esq.re for his strenuous Exertions, Spirit ~~and~~ perseverance and Support of the Rights of Ireland manifested on all Occasions particularly by his amendm.t to the address of the House of Commons to his Majesty on Tuesday the 16.th Inst. and that the same be presented him in a Gold Box by

Our

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Our Worthy Representatives in Parliament William Meade Ogle and Sydenham Singleton Esq.res

Gen.l Assembly

At a Special General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs, the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 28th June 1782

Resolved unanimously that an humble address from this Corporation be presented to his Majesty expressing the most unalterable Loyalty and Attachment to his Sacred Person and Government, humbly offering the most Sincere Congratulations on the late Glorious Success of his Arms and returning his Majesty the warmest thanks for his Paternal and Affectionate attention to the Wishes of his faithfull Subjects of Ireland and declaring our entire Confidence in the present Administration of both Countries

Resolved to address his Majesty

Resolved unanimously that an humble Address be presented to his Grace the Duke of Portland Lord Lieu.t General and General Governor of Ireland declaring the pleasure every Member of this Corporation feels in having a Nobleman of such high Rank, such distinguished Merit & such an illustrious Ancestry appointed to preside over this Kingdom.

Resolved to address the Lord Lieu.t

Resolved unanimously that Mr. Recorder be and he is hereby requested by this Assembly to prepare Addresses agreeable to the foregoing Resolutions.

Recorder to prepare same

John Forbes Esq.re Coun.r at Law was Sworn at this Assembly Recorder of this Corporation in the room of Sydenham Singleton Esq.re late Recorder who resigned pursuant to the approbation of his Grace the Lord Lieu.t read at this Assembly bearing Date the 23.d Day of April last

John Forbes Esq.r Recorder Sworn

This

Assembly adjourned

This Assembly was was then adjourned to Tuesday the 2.d day of July next at Noon for the purpose of receiving Addresses to be prepared by Mr. Recorder pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions.

Gen.l Ass.ly

At a Special General Assembly held pursuant to adjournment before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 2.d July 1782.

John Forbes Esq.re Councellor at Law Recorder of this Corporation having laid before this Assembly drafts of the following Addresses to his Majesty and to the Lord Lieu.t of Ireland the same were unanimously agreed to, and it was ordered that they be Engrossed & Sealed with the Common Seal of this Corporation, and that they be presented to his Grace the Lord Lieu.t by William Meade Ogle Esq.re and Mr. Recorder in order that the address to his Majesty may be transmitted forthwith which Addresses are as follows

Address to the King

Most Gracious Sovereign

We your Majestys dutifull and loyal Subjects, The Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commons of your Majestys Town and County of Drogheda beg leave to assure your Majesty of our unfeigned affection to your Royal person and Govern.m.t and that we entertain the most Grateful Sense of your Majestie's virtuous Determination to accede to the wishes of your faithfull people of Ireland expressed in the late Representations of the Lords and Commons of this Kingdom

We assure your Majesty that we are Sensibly affected by the wisdom and Justice of the British Parliament, so Strongly evinced by the Repeal of the Statute of the sixth of George the first and that we shall Consider an unconditional and unqualified Repeal of this Statute by the British Legislature made in pursuance of those addresses of our Parliament which disclaimed any power or Authority of any sort whatever in the Parliament of Great Britain over this Realm as a Compleat Renunciation of all Claims Contained in s.d Statute and of a principal Hostile to the Rights of Ireland and as such we shall Deem it Satisfactory.

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We are happy to join with our Legislature in assuring your Majesty that when the Objects Contained in the late addresses of the Irish Parliament are finally accomplished, no Constitutional Questions between the two Nations will any longer exist which can interrupt their Harmony —

We do assure your Majesty that we learn with singular Satisfaction the accounts of the late signal & important Successes of your Arms in the East and West Indies: and we Trust that Great Britain will find herself not impoverished but enriched by the participation of freedom with her Sister Kingdom That our British fellow Subjects amidst the difficulties inseperable from a State of War will derive new resources from an Union between the two Countries founded on the firm and durable Basis of equal Liberty and Similiar Constitutions, and that your Majesty's Enemies will learn to their utter Confusion and disgrace, that by a wise & liberal System of Government the British empire has acquired a new degree of Solidity which will Set all their attacks at defiance and in the Event make their Violence Recoil on themselves. —

We cannot Omit expressing our Gratitude to your Majesty for the late Change your Majesty has been pleased to make in your Councils and Ministers, at the same time assuring your Majesty that from your Majesty's benign Attention to the Welfare of all your Subjects, and your appointment of a Nobleman of such distinguished Merit as the Duke of Portland to preside over this Country, We are fully Confident that the Measures lately adopted in England for the alleviation of the Burthens of your people and the diminution of undue influence will be extended to this Kingdom and an effectual plan of Oeconomy introduced into every Branch of the publick expenditure. — In Testimony &c &c —

To his Grace William Henry ~~Henry~~ Cavendish Duke of Portland Lord Lieut General and General Governor of Ireland —

The Humble address of the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda

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May it please your Grace

Address to the Lord Lieut

We his Majesties most dutifull and loyal Subjects, the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda having expressed our Gratitude to our Gracious Sovereign for his paternal Regard to his faithfull people of Ireland so recently evinced by his benign attention to ~~our~~ the Representations of our Parliament should hold ourselves deficient in point of Duty to our Prince and Justice to your Grace were we not to advert to a Circumstance by which that Gratitude is peculiarly heightened — His Majesties appointment of your Grace to the Government of this Kingdom, an appointment which we Consider among the important events of this auspicious period which afford to the people of Ireland ample Occasion for mutual Felicitation

We have observed with infinite Satisfaction the great Liberality with which you adopted our Interests, the inaffected Zeal with which you seconded our Representations and the noble pride with which you announced our Freedom. —

We are happy to discover in your Gracious Conduct such unequivocal proofs of your inheriting with the Honours & Titles of your illustrious Ancestors, those Virtuous and Constitutional principles which procured the Confidence and friendship of the deliverer of Britain & the defender of Europe. We have therefore the best founded expectations that while your Grace presides over this Country full effect and Operation will be given to the true and Generous principles of the glorious Revolu.n of 1688 which embraced as its Object ~~not only~~ not only the Restoration of the Religious but the civil liberties of both Countries when we reflect on this Interesting Event our Sensibility is peculiarly awakened the Inhabitants of Drogheda were from their principles and Situation exposed to all the Sufferings attendant on the important and powerfull Conflict by which that memorable period is distinguished the richest blood of our Ancestors was shed in obtaining that Signal Victory on the Boyne which compleated the great work of Britains emancipation —

We cannot Conclude this our Humble Address without assuring your Grace that we have the greatest Relyance on the Integrity of the present Irish Administration and the fullest Confidence that under the influence of a Govern.t founded on principles of Virtue and

Oeconomy

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Oeconomy those friendly and affectionate dispositions which it is our Warmest should at all times mutually Subsist between Great Britain and Ireland, will be firmly Cemented & perpetuated In Testimony &c.

Post Assembly

At a post Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs the Aldermen being present the 17th. July 1782.

No business done

Gen.l Assembly

At a General Assembly held before the said Mayor and Sheriffs, the Aldermen and Common Council being present the 19th. July 1782.

Patrick M.c Entegarts Petition for new Leases

Upon the Petition of Patrick M.c Entegart setting forth that he is in possession in his own right of one House with a back side and Garden in St. Laurences Street and West of Golden Lane now called Schoolhouse Lane bounded by the said Street South the said Lane East Wine Hillary Lane now called William Street North and a House and Premes wherein Ald.n John Godfrey formerly and in which M.r Sam.l Austin now dwells West, also of one other House and Garden on the North side of Wine Hillary Lane otherwise William Street wherein James Fleming Dyer formerly dwelt, and now in the possion of John Achland Esq.re and his Underten.ts bounded by William Street South, the Lane going by the Town Wall East, the Earl of Drogheda's Land, now William Meade Ogle's Esq.re North and M.r Van Homrighs Concerns West, by Virtue of a Lease made by this Corporation to Robert Forde late of the same Merch.t dec.d for 61 Years from Easter 1731 at the yearly Rent of 15/

That

That the said premes are all of them in a Ruinous State and praying for his Encouragement to improve them, a new Lease and so forth, which Petition being referred to the Auditors and Viewers and their Report thereon being now read, It is thereupon ordered by this Assembly that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby granted a new Lease of the Houses and Concerns on the North side of Laurence's Street and West side of Golden Lane otherwise School house Lane for 61 Years from Easter last 1782 at the Yearly Rent of £6 and £6 fine, And also one other Lease of the Tenem.ts and Concerns on the North side of Wine Hillary Lane otherwise William Street on the West of the Lane next the Town Wall which last mentioned Lease by the desire and Consent of the said Petitioner is granted and is to be made to Ald.n John Achland his Underten.t for 99 Years from Easter last at the Yearly Rent of 10/ and 10/ fine, on the said John Achland's Covenanting to let the passage leading to the Houses built by Ald.n Ja.s Forde in Paradice Row remain an open passage or Street as it now is and also Covenanting to Widen the said Wine Hillary Lane or William Street equal to and on a Straight line with the Outside Piers of M.r Vanhomrighs back Gate, also to widen the Lane next the Town Wall to the full Breadth of thirty feet to be measured from the Town Wall at the North and South ends of s.d Concerns in s.d Lane, the Lessee entering into a Bond of £200 for fulfilling the Covenants of s.d last mentioned Lease within twelve Months from the expiration of the present under Ten.ts Leases, Maps of the s.d premises to be annexed to said Leases respectively

Granted

Hem: Grattan Esq.rs Ans.r on presenting his Freedom

William Meade Ogle Esq.re having laid before this Assem: bly the Answer of Henry Grattan Esq.re on his being presented with the freedom of this Corporation in a Gold Box pursuant to a Resolution of the General Assembly held the 19th. April last, ordered that the said Ans.r be inserted amongst the Acts of this Assembly and published and same is as follows

"To the Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commons of the "County of the Town of Drogheda

"Gentlemen"

"The Freedom which you have Conferred on me and the reasons "assigned do me the greatest Honor, I am happy to be of a Body distin- "guished for its Spirit I shall be faithfule to the principles of my "admission, I am Gentlemen

"with the Greatest Respect"

"Your most Humble Servant"

"Henry Grattan"

"July 17th. 1782"

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Ans.r of the L.d Lieu.t to the addres.s of this Corp.n

William Meade Ogle Esq.re acquainted this Assembly that he and M.r Recorder having waited upon the Duke of Portland Lord Lieu.t Gen.l and Gen.l Governor of Ireland with the addres.s of this Corporation to his Majesty agreed to the 2.d July Inst.t received the following Answer from his Grace which is ordered to be entered amongst the acts of this Assembly and is as follows,

Gentlemen

I shall with pleasure transmit this Dutifull and loyal addres.s to be laid before his Majesty

William Meade Ogle Esq.re acquainted this Assembly that he and M.r Recorder having waited upon his Grace the Duke of Portland Lord Lieu.t Gen.l and General Governor of Ireland with the addres.s of this Corporation agreed to the 2.d July Inst.t His Grace gave the following Answer which is ordered to be entered amongst the acts of this Assembly and published and same is as follows.

Gentlemen

The Congratulations which you offer me upon my appointment to the Government of this Kingdom and the very friendly manner in which you Consider the acts of my Administration deserve my best thanks

It gives me the highest Satisfaction to receive so ample a Testimony of the good Opinion you entertain of my principles as there cannot be given a more Convincing proof of their being Consonant to those which formed the Basis of the Glorious Revolution in 1688

I rely with Confidence that the same Spirit which animated your Ancestors in Support of their Civil and Religious Rights will now call forth your exertions in securing the Liberty and Re'establishing the Glory of the British Empire, and you may be assured that the Remembrance of the Conduct of its Inhabitants at that Memorable period to which you allude and the principles which you profess to have inherited from from them, will ever demand my Constant attention in the Interests and prosperity of the Town of Drogheda

Ordered

Aud.rs & Viewers to repair Barrack Lane Duleek St.t &c.

Ordered that M.r Mayor and Sheriffs and the Auditors and Viewers be and they are hereby impowered to Cause the Barrack Lane to be Widened and Repaired, also to Repair Duleek Street and Magdellen Street, and also to have such Repairs made on the Gates and Town Walls as are wanted and likewise to fill the Vaults of the Tholsel with Coals.

1782 September 29.th The foregoing Acts of Assembly were this Day Compared before us and ordered to be entered in the Assembly Book as usual

Acts Compared

John Jones Mayor

George Armstrong
Robt Taylor } Sheriffs

Test.

George Schoales
William Meade Ogle
William Holmes
Roger Forde
John Achland

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