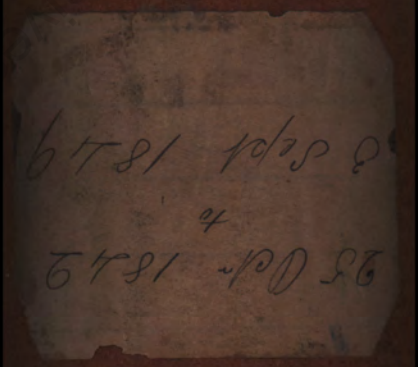

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Minutes of the proceedings of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda

25th Oct. 1842

Election of Aldermen and Town Councillors

25th October 1842

On this day John O Dwyer and George Crawford Esquires Revising Barristers and John Dardis Esquire acting under their appointment made the following return of the Election of Aldermen and Town Councillors for the several Wards of the Borough to Thomas F. Fogarty Esqre Mayor which was published by His Worship on the 26th instant pursuant to the Statute

Municipal Election

3 and 4 Victoria Chap 108.

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Persons Elected in the several Wards

The following is a List of the names of the persons Elected in the several Wards of the Borough of Drogheda at the Election of Aldermen and Councillors holden for the said Borough on the 25th day of October in the year of our Lord 1842 together with the Number of Votes given in favour of each person so Elected —

West Gate Ward

West Gate Ward

names of persons Elected

names of persons elected	Number of Votes
Thomas Carty Alderman	104
Thomas Ennis Alderman	104
James Gavin "	92
Anthony Heappock "	90
John Finegan "	85
Stephen Drew "	82
Patrick Byrne "	81
Daniel Brady "	81

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2. Fair Gate Ward
Names of persons Elected –

Fair Gate Ward

names of persons Elected	Number of Voters
Michael Rogers Alderman	58
Thomas Simcock Alderman	55
Patrick Conway "	50
John Oates " "	47
John Chester "	46
William Campbell	44
Peter Verdon "	42
Patrick Kelly "	42

Saint Lawrence Gate Ward
Names of persons Elected –

Saint Lawrence Gate Ward

names of persons Elected	Number of Voters
Patrick Jernan Alderman	98
James Mathews Alderman	90
John Collins "	86
Patrick Boylan	85
Thomas Hammond	80
Joseph M.c Cann	78
Michael Halsh	71
John Connolly	64

Mayors Proclamat.r

Copy Proclamation by the Mayor

The foregoing is a Copy of the List this day furnished to me by John O Dwyer. George Crawford and John Dardis – Esquires. and I hereby publish the same pursuant to the Statute in that Case made and provided

Signed – Thomas F. Fogarty
Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda

Dated the 26th day of October 1842 –

1st Nov.r 1842
Gen.l Meeting to Elect Mayor for ensuing year –

3 & 4 Vic Cap 108 S83

At a Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held at the Tholsel on Tuesday the 1st day of November 1842 among others to Elect out of the Aldermen or Councillors a fit person to be Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda pursuant to the 83rd Section of the 3rd and 4th of Victoria Cap 108 –

Members present

Present 5 Aldermen
16 Town Councillors –

Aldermen and Town Councillors delivery to Town Clerk a Declaration Made by them

The Aldermen and Town Councillors present previously to entering upon the business of the Meeting, each delivered to the Town Clerk to be Kept by him of Record a Declaration made and subscribed as prescribed by the 85th Section of the act. and they also severally took and subscribed the oaths provided and enjoined by an act made in the 10th year of the Reign of King George the 4th entitled "an act for the Relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects"

Alderman Ennis Voted Chairman

Alderman Jernan moved that Alderman Ennis do take the Chair which was seconded by Alderman Mathews and unanimously agreed to. Whereupon Alderman Ennis took the Chair

Alderman Carty Elected first Mayor for one year

Alderman Jernan then moved that Alderman Thomas Carty be Elected the first Mayor under the Municipal Reform Bill for the ensuing year. and Alderman Mathews having seconded the proposition –

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the question that Alderman Thomas Carty be Elected Mayor was put from the Chair and it was unanimously agreed that Alderman Thomas Carty be Elected Mayor for the ensuing year accordingly

Mayor Elect attends Crown Court and takes oath of allegiance and of Mayor

The Mayor Elect then presented himself before Thomas J. Fogarty Esqre late Mayor who was attending in the Crown Court and took the oath of allegiance prescribed by the 10th of George the 4th. and after having also taken the oath of office of Mayor His Worship with the Aldermen and Town Councillors returned to the Assembly Room

The Three next Quarterly Meetings to be held on Wednesday the 1st Febry. Monday 1st May and Tuesday the 1st August

Alderman Jernan moved that pursuant to the 92nd Section of the Municipal act the three next Quarterly Meetings of the Corporation be held on Wednesday the 1st of February Monday the 1st of May and Tuesday the 1st of August. and Town Councillor Boylan having seconded said Motion the Question that the before mentioned three days be appointed for the Quarterly Meetings was put from the Chair and agreed to

Notice to be given for Election of Auditors and assessors

Ordered. Upon the Motion of Alderman Ennis seconded by Alderman Mathew, that His Worship the Mayor do Cause Notice to be given for the Election of Auditors and assessors on the 3rd instant pursuant to the 70th Section of the act

Thos Carty
Mayor.

3rd Nov. 1842 Elections for auditors and assessors

3rd November 1842

On this day an Election was held by His Worship the Mayor pursuant to public Notice posted on the Tholsel Door for Auditors and Assessors of the Borough

Thos Gernon and James McCann Esqrs were Elected Assessors. and Messrs Christopher Jordan and Felix M.Cabe were Elected Auditors for the Borough for the ensuing year. and said Elections were duly published as the Law directs

On the same day John O Dwyer James Crawford and William O Meagher Esqrs the Revising Barristers for the Borough delivered to the Mayor the Return of the Elections for Ward Assessors held by them respectively on that day whereby Messrs Robert Daly and Patrick Byrne of West St were returned Assessors at the Election for the West Gate Ward

Messrs Patrick White and Nicholas Murphy for the Fair Gate Ward and

Messrs James Bellew and Nicholas Fitzpatrick for the Lawrence Gate Ward

Thos Gernon and James McCann Esqrs Elected Assessors and

Messrs C. Jordan and Felix M.Cabe elected Auditors

Messrs Robt Daly & Patrick Byrne returned

Messrs P. White & N. Murphy for Fair Gate Ward and

Messrs Bellew and Fitzpatrick for Lawrence Gate Ward

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Special Meeting 7th Novr 1842

At a Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held at the Tholsel on Monday the 7th of November 1842 pursuant to Notice dated the 3rd instant signed by the Mayor and fixed on the Door of the Tholsel the several members of the Council having been duly Summoned by Service of Notice on them respectively on said 3rd of November to appoint a fit person to be Mace Bearer and Mayors Clerk to advertize the Selling of the public Cranes to the 1st of November next inclusive - and to appoint from the Body of the Council the undermentioned Committees under the 102nd Section of the Municipal act. a Committee of Finance - a Committee to regulate the Paving of the Borough - a Special Committee to Consider the question of Tolls and Customs and the propriety of providing a Borough Constabulary to perform among others the duty of a nightly Watch - and also the propriety of applying by petition to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant and the Privy Council to grant for the Borough a Court of Quarter Sessions of the peace and a Court of Record for the Trial of Civil actions - Present - The Mayor

Members present

and 5 Aldermen
and 7 Town Councillors

A Memorial was read from

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Memorial of Willm Campbell seeking to be Elected Mace Bearer & Mayors Clerk

William Campbell of Magdalen Street to which a Certificate of Character was annexed seeking to be Elected to the office of Mace Bearer and Mayors Clerk -

also from John O'Donegan soliciting the situation of Mayors Clerk

There was also a Communication read from John O'Donegan with a recommendation signed by 148 Burgesses soliciting the situation of Mayors Clerk -

Mr J. McCann took oath of allegiance

Joseph McCann Esqre Town Councillor took and subscribed the oath of allegiance which was left with the Town Clerk to be Kept of Record -

Mr Michl Levins unanimously Elected Mace Bear and Mayors Clerk

Alderman Ennis moved a Resolution that Mr Michael Levins be appointed Mace Bearer and Clerk to the Mayor and Aldermen Mathews having seconded said Motion the question was put from the Chair that said Resolution do pass and same having been unanimously agreed to. Mr Michael Levins was accordingly declared to be duly Elected to the office of Mace Bearer and Mayors Clerk. whereupon Mr Levins returned thanks -

Public Cranes to be set from 14th Novr instant to the 1st Novr next

Mr Joseph McCann Town Councillor moved a Resolution that the public Cranes be set by public Auction on Monday the 14th instant to be let from that day to the 1st of November next inclusive - and Mr Verdon T. C.

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having seconded said Motion the question — that same do pass, was about to be put from the Chair when Mr. Boylan J. C. moved an amendment which was seconded by Alderman Simcock, that the Council take charge of the Cranes for the ensuing year and appoint a Craner with a Salary to account with the Treasurer of the Borough fund for all fees allowed by the Statute to be received by him. and said amendment having been put from the Chair the same was lost upon a division of the Meeting by a large Majority. and the original Motion was Carried — Alderman Mathews moved that the following be appointed a Committee to have the Work of Sawing and Cleansing the Borough performed to be done by Contract subject to public Competition — Messrs. Patrick Boylan. Thos. Hammond. anthony Heappock Town Councillors. Alderman Thomas Simcock, and Mr. Patrick Byrne J. C. — and Mr. William Campbell J. C. having seconded said Motion the resolution was read by the Town Clerk. and the question that same do pass was put from the Chair and agreed to without any dissentient —

Thomas —

amendment moved

Sawing Committee appointed —

Thos.s Gernon Esq.r Auditor hands in Declaration of office —

Messrs. Daly & McCabe Ward assessors hands in Declaration of office

Special Committee to Consider and Report upon the question of Tolls and Customs

Thomas Gernon Esqre one of the Auditors of the Borough delivered to the Town Clerk the Declaration prescribed by the act which he had subscribed and taken that he would fulfill the duties attached to the office of Auditor

Messrs. Robert Daly and Felix McCabe who had been Elected Ward Assessors also delivered to the Town Clerk the Declaration prescribed by the Statute to be taken by Ward assessors, and which they had severally subscribed and taken that they would fulfill the duties appurtenant to their office

Mr. Patrick Conway J. C. moved a Resolution that Aldermen James Mathews. Patrick Tiernan. Michael Rogers. Mr. William Campbell J. C. Thomas Ennis Alderman and Messrs. James Lavin Patrick Boylan Patrick Kelly and Mich.l Walsh Town Councillors be appointed a Special Committee to Consider and report upon the question of Tolls and Customs and upon the propriety of providing a Borough Constabulary to perform the duty of a Nightly Watch. and also to Consider and report upon the propriety of applying by Petition to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant and the Privy Council to grant for the Borough a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace and a Court of Record for the Trial of Civil actions and that the Committee be authorized to take the advice of Council at the expense of the Corporation upon such particulars as they may Consider it —

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necessary to procure legal assistance, and Mr John Finegan J. C. having seconded said Motion the question that same do pass was put from the Chair and agreed to.

Finances Committee appointed

Mr Michael Walsh J. C. moved that the following Committee be appointed to investigate all Matters Comprehended under the head of Finance and report thereon upon as early a day as possible. Mr Joseph M.Cann J. C. James Mathews Alderman and Messrs Peter Verdon & Anthony Kearpock Joan Councillors. Michael Rogers Alderman and Messrs John Vale. Thos Hammond. James Sevins. Stephen Drew and Daniel Brady Joan Councillors with Thomas Ennis Alderman. and Mr John Connolly having seconded said proposition the question was put from the Chair that said resolution as proposed do pass and same was unanimously agreed to

Thos Canty
Mayor

14th Novr 1842

14th Novr 1842
Public Cranes set

On this Day the public Cranes of the Borough were set up to be let by public Auction to the highest Bidder by the month from the said 14th day of November instant to the 1st day of Novr next inclusive under the following Conditions

That the fee to be paid for Weighing every Draught of one hundred weight and above is not to exceed one penny. and for every Draught under one hundred Weight one half penny. and the Weigh Master to be Sworn to the performance of his duty pursuant to the requisites of the Statute. The rent to be paid Quarterly in advance the first Quarter to be paid immediately after the Tenant is declared. and the remaining three Quarters to be paid in like manner in advance. and to be secured by three Seperate Bonds of three Solvent persons to be approved of by the Mayor - the tenant to defray the expense of preparing the Bonds and providing Stamp Duty. and to give a receipt for the Weighing Machine. weights Beams and Scales. and to engage to deliver up same as he receives them. and he is also to deposit with the Mayor the sum of £10 to be forfeited in Case of any overcharge being proved before the Mayor and the Contract to be then at an end

James Hand declared Tenant

James Hand was declared the Tenant at £2-18 per Month subject to the foregoing Condition. and he thereupon took and subscribed the oath of Cranes before the Mayor which was prepared in Conformity with the required Regulations. and same was filed in the Town Clerks office

Thos Canty. Mayor

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14th Nov.r 1842 Special Meeting by Notice

At a Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held at the Tholsel on Monday the 14th of November 1842 pursuant to Notice Dated the 10th instant Signed by the Mayor and fixed on the Door of the Tholsel the several members of the Council having been duly summoned by Service of Notice on them respectively on said 10th of November for the purpose of taking into Consideration the Report of "The Paving and Cleansing Committee" and for advertizing for Tenders for Sweeping and Cleansing the different Streets for the supply of such Materials as the Paving Department may require and also to Vote such Sum of Money as may be necessary to Carry the same into effect

Members present — The Mayor Seven with 4 Aldermen and 15 Town Councillors

Chairman of Paving Committee hands in Report — Alderman Simcock Esq.r Chairman of the Paving Committee delivered in their Report which was read by the Town Clerk

Report of Paving Committee adopted — Mr William Campbell J. C. then moved that the report read be received and adopted by the Meeting, and that same be entered on the Minutes, and Mr Lavins J. C. having seconded said Motion the question that same do pass was put from the Chair and agreed to

The following is a Copy of the Report

Report of Paving Committee

"Report of Paving Committee"

"Your Committee Considered it their first duty to
"examine the present Condition of the Streets and
"footways of the Town which we are happy to be able to
"report are in a tolerably good state of repair with the
"exception of the Suburbs or that part of the Town
"without the Gates which we are sorry to report are in

"a most neglected and filthy Condition - our next
"duty we Conceived to be the examination of the
"accounts of the late Board with which we were
"furnished by their Secretary Mr. John Crawford. a
"very large Sum appears to be expended in the Paving
"and Scavengery department the aggregate amount
"of which for four years (from 1838 to 1841 inclusive) is
"£3108-17 a Sum which to us appears much too
"large for the Works that have been Carried into effect
"We find that a large portion of the Expenditure has
"been to officers - which Consist of a Treasurer. a Deputy
"Treasurer. a Secretary. Superintendant and Scavengery
"Inspector. Receiving in the aggregate the Sum of
"£421-10-10½ within the period before mentioned or
"£105-7-8 yearly. From the Complicated nature
"of the accounts and the Quantity of Matter to be
"examined we are not able to go into full Statement
"of all the details of this department within the
"limited time we had to give it Consideration. but
"the urgent necessity of attending to the Cleansing
"of the Streets in this Season of the year obliged us
"to give our more immediate attention to an
"investigation of the Scavengery Department -
"We are sorry to be obliged to report very unfavorably
"of the mode in which this Department has been
"hitherto Conducted. it appears to us that the persons
"employed to Sweep the Streets have been paid but a
"very Small pittance for their Labour averaging at
"the rate of 7/5p Weekly - That their payments have
"been most irregular and unsatisfactory - We found it
"our duty to Call some of the persons employed
"before us for examination. and shall give you their

"their own Words as to their mode of payment - Thos
"Cudden states that he has been more than a year
"employed as a Town Scavenger. that his wages
"averaged from 2/3 to 2-7 per Week. that during
"the time he has been employed he never received a
"payment in Cash. but one Shilling. was obliged to
"take Bread from the Superintendant Mr Moore
"and was charged 2½d for every two penny loaf - was
"charged 1/2 over price for every 1/4 ounce of Tea and Sugar
"and never got full weight in tea Sugar or butter -

"We examined several other of the persons
"employed who all made a Similar Statement -
"We then Called in Mr Moore the Superintendant
"and inquired if the statements made by the
"Sweepers was true or otherwise - he admitted that
"every Word was true and he Could not he said
"Contradict a Word of the statement made

"Your Committee feel it their duty from
"the facts above stated to recommend an
"immediate change in this Department

"We would also recommend that the
"Cleansing of the streets should be let to persons
"willing to Contract for Keeping them perfectly in
"order. subject to some very Stringent regulations
"as to the performance of the duty -

Signed - Thos Simcocks
Chairman"

Jas McCann Esq Auditor hands in Declaration of office

The Declaration of James McCann Esqre who was Elected one of the Auditors of the Borough was left with the Town Clerk to be filed of Record same having been taken and subscribed by him on the 8th instant as prescribed by the statute

Alderman Mathews moved a Resolution that the Committee appointed for

Paving Committee to make such division of the Borough as may appear desirable and that they advertize for Contracts for Sweeping and Cleansing the Borough

Paving and Cleansing the Borough be authorized to make such division thereof as may appear to them desirable and that they advertize for Contracts for Sweeping and Cleansing the Borough every Contractor to stipulate that each division of the Borough shall be swept daily before 9 o'Clock in the morning and the soil to be removed. and also to be subject to such other regulations and Conditions as the Committee may deem necessary and Alderman Ennis having seconded said motion the question that same do pass was put from the Chair and agreed to.

Paving Committee to advertize for Contracts for Paving and Keeping in repair the Borough

Mr Verdon T. C. then moved that the same Committee be authorized to advertize for Contracts for paving and Keeping in repair the Borough for which the Contractors would be required to supply materials to be approved of by the Committee. and the Contracts to be subject to such other Conditions and regulations as the Committee should deem to be necessary. and Mr Campbell T. C having seconded said motion in the terms proposed the question was put from the Chair and agreed to -

Treasurer to pay Chairman of Paving and Cleansing Committee £50.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Levins T. C. seconded by Mr Drew T. C. that the Treasurer of the Borough Fund do pay the Paving and Cleansing Committee thro' their Chairman Alderman Simcocks the sum of £50 - to be applied by said Committee towards the Sweeping and Cleansing the streets of the

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Borough and towards the Paving and Keeping in repair of same until the Sweeping and Cleansing of the Streets of the Borough and the paving and Keeping in repair of same are provided for by Contract pursuant to Resolutions this day entered into by the Council for those purposes

Thos Carty
Mayor

21st Novr 1842
Special Meeting pursuant to Notice

At a Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 21st day of November 1842 pursuant to Notice dated the 15th instant signed by the Mayor and fixed on the Door of the Tholsel the several members of the Council having been duly Summoned by Service of Notice on them respectively to take into Consideration the propriety of having the several public Buildings which belong to the Town Council forthwith Insured, to have the Tholsel and

Mayoralty House lighted with Gas and the necessary fittings for that purpose provided, also to have the Repairs which the several public Buildings require immediately attended to particularly the Corn Market-house and the Public Crane or Weigh house to direct that another Beam with Scales and proper Weights be provided for the Potatoe Market to Consider the propriety of having a Room built to be fire proof for the safe Custody of the Deeds Books and Muniments belonging to the Town Council, and to appoint a Committee to fix and determine upon the most Conspicuous places for Setting up Boundary Marks of the Meres and Bounds of the Borough and of the several Wards thereof, and to determine upon the Material to be used for that purpose to be provided at the expense of the Borough, the said Committee to be authorized to advertize for Contracts which will specify when the Work is to Commence and the time within which the same is to be Completed - also to appoint a Committee to Consider and submit to a General Meeting of the Council, a table of Bye Laws for the good rule and Government of the Borough with power to impose fines for prevention and Suppression of Nuisances and to grant an order upon the Treasurer for such Sum as may be Considered necessary to Carry into effect such of the foregoing Matters as may be determined upon and agreed to

Present. The Mayor 4 Aldermen and 13 Town Councillors

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18 Return of Chief Const. of the Beam Scales & Weights belonging to the different Markets

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Mr James McCartney Chief Constable made a Return of which the following is a Copy of the Beam Scales and Weights belonging to the different Markets delivered by him to James Hand Craner. and Stating the Condition and State of repair of the Weighing Machine in the Butter Market, and of the public Crane or Weigh House —

Copy Return —

Copy return

In the Butter Market	In the Corn Market	In the Potatoe Market
2 Beams and Scales	1 Triangle	1 Triangle
1 Weighing Machine	3 Beams	1 Beam & Scales
11 56lb. Weights	2 Scales	8-56lb. Weights
1. 28lb. Do.	7-56lb. Weights	1-28lb. Do.
1. 14lb. Do.	1-28lb. Do.	1-14lb. Do.
1-7lb. Do.	1-14lb. Do.	1-7lb. Do.
1-4lb. Do.	1-7lb. Do.	
1 2lb. Do.	1-4lb. Do.	
1. 1lb. Do.	1-3lb. Do.	
1 ½lb. Do.	1 1lb. Do.	
1-¼lb. Do.		

The Weighing Machine in the Butter Market not in order - Five Panes of Glass broken in the Windows and the Roof in very bad repair

Signed — James McCartney —

Petition of Christ. May seeking to be appointed Inspector of Fish Market read

Petition from Christopher May read seeking the appointment of Inspector of the Fish Market on which there was not any motion made as the subject of the petition was not matter for the Consideration of the Meeting —

His Worship to have the Public Buildings of the Borough Insured

Mr Verdon J. C. moved a Resolution that His Worship the Mayor be requested to have the following Public Buildings of the Borough Insured for the several sums annexed to same respectively in the Sun Insurance Office. Namely

The Tholsel for the Sum of £3000 —
The Corn Market House for the Sum of £1000
The Mayoralty House for £2000
The Public Crane or Weigh House for £250 - and
The Chief Constables house and Watch house for £500 — and Mr

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Mr Anthony Reappock J. C. having seconded said Resolution the question thereon was put from the Chair and the same was agreed to. authorizing the Mayor to have the several Insurances effected accordingly

Committee appointed to examine the Public Buildings of the Borough

Alderman Mathews moved that Alderman Ennis. Mr Anthony Reappock J. C. Alderman Thomas Simcocks. and Messrs Daniel Brady. Patrick Boyland Thomas Hammond. Joseph McCann. Patrick Kelly and Peter Verdon Town Councillors be appointed a Committee to examine the public Buildings of the Borough particularly the Corn Market house and the public Crane or Weigh house and that they report what repairs are necessary to be made to each Building. and that they be authorized to accept Contracts for the repairs and to make arrangements for lighting the Tholsel and Mayoralty house with Gas. and for providing the necessary fittings for that purpose. also to procure another Beam and Scales with proper Weights for the Potatoe Market and to fix and determine upon the most Conspicuous places for setting up Boundary Marks of the Meleraud bounds of the Borough and of the several Wards thereof. and Mr James Sevins J. C. having seconded said Motion the question thereon that same do pass was put from the Chair and agreed to —

Committee appointed to Consider and submit to a Genl Meeting of the Council a Table of Bye Laws

Mr Stephen Drew J. C. moved that Aldermen Ennis. Jennan. Mathews and Rogers with Messrs Thomas Hammond. Patrick Kelly Peter Verdon and James Sevins be appointed a Committee to Consider and submit to a General Meeting of the Council a Table of Bye laws for the good

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rule and Government of the Borough with power to impose fines for prevention and suppression of Nuisances. and that they also make the necessary arrangements for building a Fire proof Room for the safe Custody of the Deeds Books and Muniments belonging to the Town Council. and Mr. Michael Walsh having seconded said Motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to. thereby appointing said Committee for the purposes aforesaid.

Bonds of Craner for ensuing year dispensed with

It was ordered that James Hand the Tenant to the Cranes for the ensuing year instead of Entering into three Bonds with Sureties for the payment of the three last Quarters pursuant to the terms of the Setting be permitted to pass three Promisory Notes with two Sureties in each for the said three Quarters of the year. the Council thereby relinquishing the Receipt of the Fees heretofore paid to the Town Clerk for preparing the Bonds.

Consideration of Tenders for sweeping the different Streets deferred

The taking into Consideration the Tenders for Contracts for Sweeping and Cleansing the different Streets was postponed there being only three Tenders Lodged in the Town Clerks office.

No Money order on Treasurer until Reports from the Committees are received

It was not Considered necessary to direct that any Money order on the Treasurer should be prepared until Reports from the Committees are received. and until the expense of providing the Beam Scales and Weights for the Potatoe Market is ascertained.

Tho Canty
Mayor

2nd Nov. 1842

Special Meeting pursuant to Notice

At a meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 28th day of November 1842 pursuant to Notice dated the 23rd instant Signed by the Mayor and fixed on the Door of the Tholsel. the several Members of the Council having been duly Summoned by Service of Notice on them respectively to Elect a Law agent and Town Clerk in the room and in place of the present Law agent and Town Clerk. the person or persons who shall be so appointed will be required to undertake that he or they will pay such Compensation to the present Law agent and Town Clerk as he may be Considered fairly entitled to. and also for the purpose of appointing a fit and proper person to regulate the Fish Market.

Members present

Present The Mayor
5 Aldermen
and 17 Town Councillors

Alderman Ennis moved a Resolution that the person or persons who shall be appointed Law agent and Town Clerk of the Council will be required to pay to. and account with the Borough fund thro' their Treasurer for the amount of such Compensation as the present Law agent and Town Clerk may be found to be entitled to. and Alderman Fernan having seconded said Motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to

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Sevices of present Law agent & Town Clk dispensed with

Mr Anthony Reappock J. C. moved that at the rising of this Meeting the sevices of our present Town Clerk and Law agent Mr Joseph Holmes be dispensed with and Mr Patrick Kelly J. C. having seconded said Motion the question that same do pass was put from the Chair and agreed to. Mr Joseph M'Cann J. C. proposed a Resolution to the effect that whoever should be Elected Law agent or agents to this Corporation shall be bound not to charge any Costs except those out of Pocket in any Law Suit in which he shall not succeed. The Town Clerk then stated to the Mayor that he felt bound in the performance of his duty to express a doubt of the legality of the principal Contained in the Resolution, and some discussion having arisen in which the propriety of withdrawing same was suggested as such a Resolution might tend to embarrass future proceedings of the Council. Mr M'Cann thereupon with leave of the Meeting withdrew same.

Messrs Magee & Cantwell proposed as Law agents.

Mr Patrick Boylan J. C. moved that John Magee Gentleman Attorney and John M'Namara Cantwell Gentleman Attorney. be appointed Law agents to the Council of the Borough of Drogheda. and Alderman Simcock having seconded said Motion. the question thereon that same do pass was put from the Chair and several members having dissented thereto.

Messrs Kelly & Cantwell proposed as Law agents

Alderman Ennis then moved that Thomas Kelly and John M'Namara Cantwell Gentlemen be appointed Law agents to the Council of the Borough which Motion was seconded by Mr William Campbell J. C.

Mr Richard Archbold proposed as Law agent

Alderman Mathews proposes that Mr Richard Archbold be appointed + + + + + + Law agent and John Chester Esqre J. C. seconded said proposition after which Mr Drew J. C. begged to remind the proposer and Seconder of an understanding and arrangement into which it appeared the Council had previously entered. that Mr Cantwell was to be named in Conjunction with the person or persons to be appointed Town Clerk and Law agent. and Alderman Mathews having admitted that such arrangement and understanding did exist yet on the part of his Friend he stated he Could not submit to the Conditions and the Meeting not being disposed to entertain his Motion otherwise he with the assent of Mr Chester withdrew same.

The Election for Law agent between Messrs Magee and Cantwell and Messrs Kelly and Cantwell was then proceeded upon and the several Members being Called and having Voted Viva Voce there appeared for Messrs Magee & Cantwell 9 Votes and for Messrs Kelly and Cantwell 11 Votes

Messrs Kelly and Cantwell Elected Law agents

Whereupon Messrs Kelly & Cantwell were declared by the Mayor to be elected Law agents by a Majority of two Votes.

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28th Novr 1842 –

Messrs Kelly & Cantwell Elected Town Clerks

Alderman Ennis then moves that Messrs Thomas Kelly and John McNamara Cantwell be appointed Town Clerks and Mr William Campbell T. C having seconded said Motion and no other person or persons having been proposed for that office the question that Messrs Kelly and Cantwell be elected Town Clerks was put from the Chair and same was unanimously agreed to. and Messrs Kelly & Cantwell were declared by the Mayor to be duly elected Town Clerks

The appointment of a Care taker to the Fish Market is postponed to the next Meeting to be held on the 5th of December next

Thanks Voted to Joseph Holmes Esq late Town Clerk and Law Agent

Mr John Collins T. C. moved that the thanks of the Council of the Borough be passed to Joseph Holmes Esquire our late Town Clerk and Law Agent for his urbanity upon all occasions whenever the Council required his information and assistance and for his general gentlemanly demeanour towards them individually, Upon which Mr John Oates T. C rose for the purpose of seconding same when several other members of the Council having stood up for a like purpose, the same was passed by acclamation.

Wm Carty.
Mayor

5th Decr 1842
Special Meeting pursuant to Notice

At a Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 5th day of December 1842 pursuant to Notice Dated the 1st of December instant signed by the Mayor and fixed on the Door of the Tholsel the several members of the Council having been duly summoned by service of Notice on them respectively to appoint a fit and proper person to regulate the Fish Market and to receive the report of the Paving and Scavengery Committee –

Members present

Present. The Mayor
3 Aldermen
and 13 Town Councillors

Petitions from John O'Farrell. Peter Hoey. Chr. May N. Mulholland Wm Glover. John Walsh Pat. Kelly. Peter Caulfield Jas. Leonard & Jas. Carberry to be appointed Inspectors of Fish Market read

Petitions from John O'Farrell. Peter Hoey Christopher May Nicholas Mulholland. Willm Glover John Walsh. Patrick Kelly. Peter Caulfield James Leonard and James Carberry seeking to be appointed Inspectors over the Fish Market were each severally read by the Town Clerk

Committee appointed to examine into the foregoing applications

Alderman Ennis then moved that Aldermen Mathews and Simcocks with Messrs William Campbell. Stephen Drew. Anthony Keappock and James Levins do Compose a Committee to enquire into and examine the Various applications for the situation of Inspector

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of the Fish Market with the View of making a report thereon. and Mr Brady J. C having seconded said proposition the question that Same do pass was put from the Chair and agreed to - Whereupon the Committee accordingly retired for that purpose and shortly after returned with their report for the adoption of the Assembly of which the following is a Copy

Report of Committee appointed to enquire into the application of persons seeking to be appointed Inspectors of Fish Market read

"Your Committee recommend that Peter Hoey and John O Farrell be appointed Inspectors and Caretakers of the Fish Market at a Salary of Fifteen pounds per annum each and that they receive no other Stipend from the Corporation during their Continuance in this office and that the Stalls be numbered and that no Charge whatever be made for their use. and that the Market be Swept and the Stalls washed daily and the whole of the interior whitewashed four times in the year Signed "James Mathews"
"5th Decr 1842"

and adopted

Mr Patrick Boylan J. C. then moved that the foregoing Report be Confirmed and Mr Hammond J. C having seconded said Motion the question thereon that same be received and Confirmed was put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to

Chairman of Paving Committee hands in report

Alderman Simcock as Chairman of the Paving Committee handed in their report which was read by the Town Clerk

Report of Paving Committee rec.d and adopted

Mr William Campbell J. C. then moved that the report now read be received and adopted by the Assembly and that the same be entered on the Minutes. and Mr Daniel Brady J. C having seconded said Motion the question that same do pass was put from the Chair and agreed to -

Report of Paving Committee

The following is a Copy of said report

"your Committee having Considered the several "tenders for the supply of Materials required for "the Paving and Macadamizing the Streets - "recommend the acceptance of the Tender of Peter "Carroll for the supplying of Broken Stones at the "rate mentioned in his proposal. and that "the Tender of Peter Hanratty for the supply of "Paving Stones and Sand be also accepted

"Drogheda 5 Decr 1842" Signed "Thos Simcock Chairman"

Statement of Treasurer read

The Town Clerk read a Short Statement or Memorandum of the Cash account as furnished by the Treasurer. Commencing 25th Oct.r last and ending this day

Chairman of Paving Committee hands in a further report

Alderman Simcock as Chairman of the Paving and Scavengery Committee handed in a further report which was read by the Town Clerk of which the following is a Copy -

Report

"Your Committee report that the following "Lots for which Tenders for Cleansing the Streets are to "be accepted - Viz

"No 1 Filgimons to get £2 10 0 and the Manure
" 2 M.c Cormick to get the Manure only
" 3 Henry Fairclough £5 and the Manure

and

" and for the remaining lots we recommend
" that a portion of the present Staff of Sweepers
" be Continued until the Committee Can
" otherwise have it executed. and that Christr
" Collins be authorized to superintend the
" persons so employed "

Drogheda 5th Decr 1842
Signed - Thomas Simcock,
Chairman "

Further report of Paving Committee received

Mr Levins T. C. then moved that said report be received. and Confirmed by the Meeting and that it be inserted on the Minutes. and Mr Daniel Brady T. C. having seconded same the question that the report be received and Confirmed was put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to.

Thos Carty
Mayor

Special Meeting pursuant to Notice

At a Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 19th day of December 1842 pursuant to Notice Dated the 15th instant signed by the Mayor and fixed on the Door of the Tholsel the several members of the Council having been duly summoned by service of Notice on them respectively on said 15th day of December to give such instructions to the Law agents as the Town Council may deem necessary for enforcing the payment of the sum due on foot of the Bonds of James Greene. late Toll Collector - also to Consider what steps should be taken in reference to the Deed of Rent charge which was sealed and executed by the late Corporation on the 6th of October last to the Trustees of the Protestant Orphan Society of Drogheda. and also to take into Consideration the Claim of Mr Henry B. Fairclough for damages expenses and Costs had against him at the suit of one Patrick Carroll. and the order of Assembly of the late Corporation in reference thereto - to receive the report of the Paving Committee and to

Consider

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Consider the accounts as furnished by the Revising Barristers of the expences incurred in Carrying into effect the provisions of the Municipal act in this Borough. and of appointing if deemed advisable a proper person as Superintendant and Inspector of the Sweeping and Cleansing of the Borough

Members present

Present The Mayor
2 Aldermen
and 13 Town Councillors

Minutes of last assembly read

The Town Clerk having read the Minutes of the last days proceedings. which were approved of and signed by the Mayor —

The Council having proceeded to discuss the propriety of enforcing payment of the balance still due on foot of the bonds of James Greene late Toll Collector. and the Town Clerk having read the order of the late Corporation in reference thereto. after Considerable discussion upon the Matter

Law agents to take such steps as they may find necessary to enforce the payment of the sum due upon foot of the Bonds of Mr James Greene

It was Moved by Mr James Lewins T. C. and Seconded by Mr Stephen Drew T. C — that the Law agents be instructed to take such steps as they may find necessary and advisable for the purpose of enforcing payment of the Sum due on foot of the Bonds of James Greene late Collector of the Tolls and Customs. and the question that said Resolution do pass was

put from the Chair and the same was agreed to without any dissentient —

The question thereupon was, thereupon canvassed as to whether proceedings should be taken in relation to a Certain Deed of Rent Charge executed by the late Corporation to the Protestant Orphan Society of Drogheda. and the Town Clerk having read to the Meeting the opinion of Francis Bacon Esq. Recorder and Law Adviser to the late Corporation as written on the Draft of said Deed which had been submitted to him on their behalf and which stated. they Could not execute a Valid Rent Charge

Law agents to take such steps as they may find necessary to impeach the Deed of Rent Charge which was granted to the Trustees of the Protestt Orphan Society

It was thereupon moved by Patrick Boylan Esq T. C that the Law agents be instructed to take such steps as they may find necessary and advisable in impeaching the said Deed of Rent Charge. which had been sealed and executed by the late Corporation to the Trustees of the Protestant orphan Society at Drogheda. and which was granted in opposition to the opinion of the Recorder of the late Corporation as appeared by the Draft of the Deed submitted to him on the 17th of September last. and Mr Anthony Reappock T. C having seconded said Motion the question thereon that same do pass was put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to

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Particulars of the Claim of Mr. He. B. Fairlough to Compensn read

The Town Clerk having read the particulars of the Claim of Mr. Henry B. Fairlough one of the Charter Justices of the late Corporation to Compensation from this Corporation for damages and Costs obtained against him in his Magisterial Character by Patrick Carroll of Castletown in the County of South Linen Manufacturer for false imprisonment.

Referred to the Finance Committee

Mr Hammond J. C. thereupon moved that the Matter be referred to the Finance Committee for their Consideration and report. and Mr John Collins J. C. having seconded said Motion the question that same be referred to the Finance Committee was put from the Chair and agreed to

Chairman of Paving Committee hands in report

The following Report was handed in by Alderman Simcock as Chairman of the Paving Committee which was read by the Town Clerk

Report

"Report of Paving Committee"

"Your Committee in Consequence of an "indefinite description of the Materials proposed "to be supplied and of the quantities stated to be "given for a Certain Sum in several of the Tenders "for the Supply of Broken Stones Sand and "Paving Stone found it necessary to re-advertize "for Tenders for the supply of these Articles the "particulars and weights of which has been defined "in the Notice put before the public — For the "more immediate supply of the different Articles

"required. your Committee were obliged to give an "order to Peter Carroll for a Quantity which we "recommend to be taken from him —

"On this day several Tenders have been "received which we submit to the Council. and we "find that the Tender of Felix Hannathy is the "lowest for the Articles required. and the Security offered "by him is unobjectionable" —

Signed Thomas Simcock
Chairman"

Report of Paving Committee adopted

Mr Daniel Brady J. C. then moved that the report as read be received. and that same be inserted in the Minutes. and Mr Michl Walsh J. C. having seconded said Motion the question that same be received was put from the Chair and agreed to —

Accounts of the different Collectors and Bills of Printers as furnished by the Revising Barristers of the Expenses incident to Carrying into effect the provisions of the Municipal act referred to Finance Committee

Patrick Boylan Esq J. C. moved and Mr John Connolly J. C. seconded that the several accounts of the different Collectors. and of the expenses incurred in Printing Burgess Roll and Notices. and in other Matters. incident to Carrying into effect the provisions of the Municipal Reform act in this Borough as furnished by the Revising Barristers be also referred to the Finance Committee for their Consideration and enquiry. and the question that said Several accounts be referred to the Finance Committee was put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to.

It was moved by Mr John Collins

Paving Committee to report to next assembly the duties and Salary of a Superintendant for the Paving and Cleansing of the Borough

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T. C. that it is the opinion of this Council that a proper person should be appointed for the purpose of Superintending the Paving and Cleansing of the Borough. and that the Matter be referred to the Paving Committee to report to the next meeting of the Town Council the duties which such person would have to perform. and the amount of Salary to be given him. and Mr. Patrick Conway T. C. having seconded same the question thereon that same do pass was put from the Chair and the reference was accordingly agreed to unanimously

Thos Canty
Mayor

Special Meeting pursuant to Notice

At a Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Record Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 2nd day of January 1843 pursuant to Notice Dated the 29th day of December 1842 signed by the Mayor and fixed on the Door of the Tholsel the several Members of the Council having been duly summoned by Service of Notice on them respectively on said 29th day of December for the purpose of appointing a Law Committee to define the duties of such Committee one of which should be to report on the duties of the officers of the Corporation to Elect Proctors over the poor of Saint Johns funds in the Room and in place of the present Proctors to take into Consideration the most effectual mode of making such arangements as may be agreed upon in reference to the land heretofore Called "The Aldermans acres" and to take into Consideration the proposed Code of Bye laws for the good rule and government of the Town Council of the Borough. and also to receive the report of the paving and Scavengery Committee

Members present

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen
and 14 Town Councillors

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Proceedings read

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The proceedings of the former Assembly having been read by the Town Clerk and approved of —

Law Committee appointed

It was resolved on the Motion of Mr. Peter Verdon J. C. seconded by Mr. William Campbell J. C. that a Committee to Consist of seven persons be appointed from the Counsel five members of which said Committee to form a Quorum and to be denominated the Law Committee of the Counsel. and the question that said resolution be Confirmed was put from the Chair and agreed to

Law Committee to instruct Law Agent as to the necessary proceedings to be taken by them in Case of emergency and to define the duties of the Officers of the Corporation

It was moved by Mr. S. Drew J. C. that the following Gentlemen be appointed a Law Committee whose duty it shall be to instruct the Law Agents in Case of emergency as to necessary proceedings to be taken by them to define the duties of the Officers of the Corporation and to require of each of them their strict and punctual performance of their respective offices. Aldermen Fernan Mathews and Ennis with Messrs Peter Verdon Anthony Kappock. James Swins and Thomas Hammond Town Councillors which being seconded by Mr Michael Walsh the question thereon that the said resolution should pass. and that the before named Gentlemen do Compose said Committee was put from the Chair and agreed to without any dissentient

Messrs G. Ackland & G. H. Evans proctors of poor of St. Johns removed — and Messrs Kelly and Drew Town Councils elected in their place

Mr. James Swins J. C. moved a Resolution to the effect that George William Evans and Graves Ackland the present Proctors of the Poor of Saint Johns be removed and that Messrs Stephen Drew and Patrick Kelly Town Councillors be appointed in their place, which was seconded by Alderman Mathews and the question on the dismissal of the Proctors of the late Corporation and upon the Election of Messrs Kelly and Drew as the present Proctors in their place having been put the same was agreed to —

Law Committee to enquire and report as to the best mode of obtaining possn of the Aldermens acres

Resolved on the Motion of Mr. Daniel Brady J. C. seconded by Mr Patrick Kelly J. C. that it be referred to the Law Committee to enquire and report as to the best and most effectual mode of obtaining possession of the Land heretofore Called and Known by the Name of "the Aldermens Acres" with a View that said Committee be empowered to instruct the Law Agents as to the preliminary steps which they may deem necessary for the recovery of the possession of the said Land and His Worship the Mayor having put the question on Same from the Chair the said resolution was agreed to. —

Town Clk reads Draft Bye laws which he had prepared for the Council

The Town Clerk having intimated to the Assembly that he had prepared a Draft of the proposed Code of Bye laws for the good rule and Government of the Town Council in their Assemblies and for the Borough generally for the prevention and suppression

of Nuisances. and he having read same for the
Meeting down to the Bye Law

Mr Peter Verdon J. C. thereupon moved
and Mr Daniel Brady J. C. seconded that
the Bye law as to the time of Meeting be Changed
from 15 Minutes after the hour appointed for
holding a Meeting to 15 Minutes after the
Chair being taken for all Members to be in
attendance under the penalty Stated. and after
some discussion upon the Subject a Ballot was
demanded and proceeded with when there
appeared for Mr Verdons Motion 5 and for
the Bye law as now read 12

The remainder of the Bye laws
were read by the Town Clerk and approved of

It was then moved by Patrick Boylan
Esq J. C. that the Code of Bye laws as read
be referred to the Law agents to take Counsels
opinion and directions thereon that the same
may be Sanctioned and approved of by His
Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in
Compliance with the requisites of the Municipal
act. and Mr Anthony Reapsprock J. C. having
Seconded said Motion the question that Same
do pass was put from the Chair and agreed to

The two following reports of the Paving
and Scavengery Committee dated respectively
the 26th of Decr and 2nd of January 1843 were then
read by the Town Clerk

"Your Committee having taken into Consideration
"the duties of an officer which the Council decided
"should be appointed as "Superintendant of the Paving
"and Cleansing of the Borough" beg leave to
"report the following as the duty he will be required
"to perform. Viz.
"To examine and approve of all materials for the
"use of the Paving and Cleansing department
"To Keep a Correct account of the quantities received. &
"of the time of the Workmen Employed in using the
"Same. and to report every Friday to the Committee
"the Work executed in the Course of the Week for
"the purpose of having all Claims paid off
"To perform the duty hitherto done by the Inspector
"of Nuisances. and to Carry the Instructions of the
"Mayor fully into effect in that Department

"Your Committee after giving the matter
"the fullest Consideration are of opinion that the
"Salary of the officer to perform the duties as
"above described shall be Forty pounds per annum

"Drogheda 26th Decr 1842
Signed Thomas Simcock
Chairman"

"Your Committee further beg leave to report
"that we have received Tenders for the Cleansing
"of the Streets of the Borough which we now lay
"before the Counsel amounting in the aggregate
"to the Sum of £76-10-0 which we recommend
"to be approved of by the Council

"Your Committee have also made
"application to Mr Austin Nicholl to urge

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"him to Complete the Works now in an
"unfinished State on the North Quay and
"have been given to understand that he will
"have these Works immediately put in
"hands for Completion -

Drogheda 2nd January 1843

Signed Thos Simcock
Chairman"

Reports received and adopted

It was Resolved on the Motion of Alderman Simcock seconded by Mr Thos Hammond T. C. that the said two Reports as read be approved of and entered on the Minutes and that the Town Clerk be accordingly authorized to advertize as recommended for a Competent person for the office of Superintendant on the terms mentioned in said Report

Thos Canty
Mayor

Special Assembly 17th Jany 1843

At a Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Record Court of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 17th day of January 1843 pursuant to Notice dated the 13th instant Signed by the Mayor and fixed on the Door of the Tholsel. the several Members of the Council having been duly Summoned by Service of Notice on them respectively on said 13th of January instant for the purpose of taking into Consideration the Report of the Paving and Scavengery Committee and appointing a Competent person to fill the office of Superintendant of the Paving and Cleansing of the Borough pursuant to advertizement to receive a Report from the Toll Committee and to take such Measures in reference to said Reports as may seem advisable. and to amend and adopt a memorial as prepared by the Town Clerk on behalf of the Council on the subject of the Contemplated amendments in the Irish Municipal Reform act

Present. The Mayor - One Alderm
and 14 Town Councillors

Proceedings read

The Minutes of last days proceedings having been read and approved of the same were signed by His Worship the Mayor

The Paving and Scavengery Committee to whom it had been referred to Consider and report on the Competence of the several Claimants for the office of Superintendant of Paving and Scavengery

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made their report of which the following is a Copy dated the 13th of January 1843 and same having been read

Copy Report

"Your Committee in accordance with your
" directions have taken into Consideration the Sevl
" applications for the Situation of Superintendant
" of Paving and Scavengery, and after giving the
" subject the fullest deliberation as to the qualification
" of the persons offering themselves, have Come to
" the determination of placing before the Council
" the Claim of two of those whom we Consider
" most Competent to perform the duty, namely
" William P. Berrill and William Campbell, one
" of whom we recommend the Council to appoint

"Your Committee are sorry to be obliged to
" report unfavourably of the Conduct of Mr Austin
" Nicholls in neglecting to finish the Works
" now lying in a Very dangerous unfinished state
" on the North Quay. Drogheda 13th Jany 1843

Signed Thomas Simcocks Chairman

Mr Keappock J. C. submitted that it would not be adviseable for the Assembly to act upon that part of the foregoing report which recommended that one of the two persons named therein be appointed Superintendant for as much as two other persons had since the Committee prepared their Report sent in their Claims and as the Chairman of said Committee and other Gentlemen of the Council had not since had an opportunity of Considering these additional applications, he therefore moved that the report be referred back to the Committee with a View of

affording them an opportunity of Considering the Claims of the said additional applicants, and Mr Patrick Byrne J. C. having seconded same the Question thereon having been put from the Chair the reference was accordingly ordered

Mr Keappock J. C. Complained of the dangerous and neglected state of that part of the Town Called the North Quay which is at present in an unfinished State. Whereupon Mr John Collins J. C. suggested to the Assembly that it would be well to have Mr Nicholls the Architect summoned for examination and enquiry as to the time when said Work would be Completed, and said request having been Complied with he was accordingly sent for. The Town Clerk having read a Report from the Toll Committee on the abolition of the Tolls and Customs of the Town of which the following is a Copy

"Your Committee having in the Course of their
" labours applied their attention to the subject of
" Tolls and Customs of this Borough, deem it to be
" of such importance as to require a distinct and
" seperate Report and which they accordingly take leave
" to submit to the Consideration of the Counsel at
" large. This species of impost is of long standing in
" the Town of Drogheda, and was the subject of grant
" by Various Royal Charters obtained by the Corporation
" It is not necessary for any useful purpose to incumber
" this report with any minute reference to these
" muniments beyond stating our impression that the
" charges hitherto enacted in the name, and frequently
" by the direct authority of the former Corporation, had

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" had Very Considerably transcended the limits
" prescribed by the Charter or Known to the Common
" Law of the Land - The exactions made in Drogheda
" under the Name of "Tolls and Customs" assumed
" about the year 1820. such an aspect of oppression.
" and became in fact such an incubus upon Agricultural
" produce and Commercial activity that public
" attention was Called to the System as being Nothing
" short of an intolerable public grievance - The
" resistance which grew out of this —— spirit
" is matter of recollection with every Member of
" the Council. It led on the one hand to riots and
" excesses endangering the public peace. and on
" the other to practices ill Calculated to preserve.
" for the administration of the Law. that respect
" and Confidence which is so essential to peace
" and good order in every well regulated Social
" System. after many fluctuations and Vicissitudes
" this Resistance was successful to the extent
" of obliging the Corporation to abandon the
" Collection of one branch or Class of the Tolls
" and Customs namely the Water Customs. Two
" Branches or Classes remained namely "Gate
" Customs and Pontage". the former of which under-
" went many alterations - the Corporation. on different
" occasions. revising the Schedules. in which they had
" professed to set out the items that they were
" entitled to levy - This fact of the Revision of the
" Schedules supplies a very strong presumption that
" the Schedules to deal with Could not have been
" prepared in strict Conformity with the Charter -
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" a task. which in the opinion of your Law Agents. as
" Communicated to your Committee would at this
" period be one of great difficulty. and in many
" particulars. of utter impossibility - The practice
" existed in the old Corporation of annually farming
" out this last mentioned Class of Tolls and Customs
" This practice was replete with evils and abuses. and
" Should the Council dissent from this Report. and
" determine upon Continuing their Collection still.
" your Committee should hope that the impolicy
" and impropriety of this practice will be so obvious
" as to at least insure its utter and total extinction
" for the future - They Cannot but think that the
" greater Number of the abuses which disgraced the
" Collection of tolls and Customs. not only in Drogheda
" but in every other place where they existed in Ireland
" may be referred to this practice - Your Committee
" also fell it to be their duty to View the subject strictly
" as a Matter of Finance. and altogether independant
" of those Considerations which may be said to be
" directed to the general good. and to the advancement
" of those Moral and Mental Means through which
" it Can only be hoped to effect the improvement of the
" Country at large regarded in that point of View they
" are of opinion that if the Charges be Confined to those
" which are legally leviable. the amount of the Revenue
" produced would not exceed the expenses attendant
" on the Collection and Management of the impost.
" in that Conclusion they are justified by the opinion of
" the Law Agents with whom they have Communicated on
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"the subject it is plain that if this opinion be a
"Correct one. the Continuance of the impost would be
"utterly indefensible on the only ground upon
"which it would be possible to Maintain it
"Namely. as an acquisition to the Funds of the
"Corporate ~~property~~ body. and under all the
"Circumstances. the Members of your Committee
"have unanimously and deliberately Come to the
"determination of recommending that the Collection
"of the Tolls and Customs of the Town should be
"abandoned. and they have less difficulty in
"making this Suggestion. seeing that in 1829 a
"Committee of the former Corporation made a
"Report to the same effect but which unfortunately
"for the peace of this part of the Country. and the
"interest of the immediate Town was not acted upon
"We Can suggest no benefits which Could possibly
"arise from the Continuance of the System. on the
"Contrary we Can see that it would be productive
"of many wide spreading evil Consequences to the
"best interests of the Town and the Surrounding Country
"and we Cannot Conclude this Report without
"expressing the Conviction of our Minds. that under
"proper Municipal government Drogheda will attain
"the position due to her Natural advantages. and
"the spirit of industry and enterprize which admirably
"distinguishes its inhabitants. all which we Certify
"as our Report Dated the 9th of January 1843"

Report of Toll Committee to be reconsidered

It was moved by Mr Patrick Kelly J.C. that the Report now read by the Town Clerk be referred back to the Toll Committee for further Consideration and Mr John Finegan J.C having

seconded said Motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and said Reference was agreed to Whereupon the Toll Committee retired for that purpose. and having reconsidered their said Report shortly after returned with same approved of to the Assembly

Committee returns to the assembly with their report approved of

Patrick Boylan Esq J.C. thereupon Moved that the Report of the Toll Committee as read be received and adopted by the Assembly and that the Law agents do take such measures as they may deem necessary towards the legal and final abolition of the Tolls and Customs of the Town. and Mr James Levins J.C. having seconded said Motion the question that same do pass was put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to

Report of Toll Committee rec.d and adopted

Mr Arthur Holmes appeared on behalf of Mr Austin Nicholls

Mr Arthur Holmes having appeared on behalf of Mr Austin Nicholls. and in reply to an answer of one of the Members said. that the Work now lying in an unfinished state on the North Quay would be Completed in about three Weeks

Several applications from Pensioners and annuitants of the late Corporation for payment of their allowances were read and referred to the Law Committee for their Consideration and Report

Applications from Pensioners and annuitants read & referred to the Law Committee

The Town Clerk having read the following Memorial to be submitted to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland on the subject of the Contemplated amendments in the Irish Municipal Reform Bill

Town Clk reads Memorial to His Excellency

To

17th January 1843

"To His Excellency the Most Noble Earl
"De Grey, Lieutenant General and
"General Governor of Ireland

"The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen and
"Councillors of the Borough of Drogheda

"That we exist as a Corporation under the provisions
" of the 3rd and 4th Victoria Cap 108 Commonly
" Known by the Name of the Municipal Reform
" act a Statute which is supposed to have been
" Conceived in a Spirit of Legislation anxious to
" adapt the Institutions of this Country to the
" altered Circumstances of the period, and the
" increasing necessities and intelligence of the people
" It is now matter of Memory, and will hereafter be
" subject of history, that in passing through two of
" the processes of legislation prescribed by the
" Constitution of this Empire, this enactment had
" much to Contend against from apprehensions of
" Classes Capable of exercising great influence in
" the making of our Laws, by whom it was professedly
" regarded as embodying a principle unknown to their
" experience, and putting in Motion details which they
" found it difficult to reconcile with any of their
" preconceived Notions of politic government - These
" Circumstances are adverted to, not with the View of
" renewing topics which every good Citizen should
" desire to see buried in oblivion, but rather as an
" essential introduction to the Consideration of your
" Excellency, for those objections and suggestions which
" we now take leave to respectfully submit, in
" reference to the Working of the Law in its present
" shape, for it is to be borne in Mind that perhaps the

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" annals of English Legislation Can present no parallel
" for the Singular Circumstances under which this
" Statute became a law - Circumstances which, when
" brought within the range of Reflection Cannot fail
" to leave the Mind open to the Conviction that many
" of its provisions are Calculated to Mar, and, in not a
" few instances, to altogether defeat the assumed end and
" object of its policy - Its passage through both Houses
" of Parliament gave rise to a long Series of Memorable,
" and too often successful Struggles to Contract the
" Sphere of its policy by the Narrowness and insulableness
" of its provisions, each Section became a battle ground,
" on which was sought to Maintain irrecoverable
" objects, and unfortunately for the practicable
" purposes of its proposed utility, it was not an unusual
" practice with the Contending parties to Compound
" their hostilities by making one and the same
" Custom the representative of their antagonistical
" sentiments thereby giving evidence that the effort
" of Conciliation does not always follow from the
" power of Combination, and producing as the fruit
" of this infelicitous alliance, a Statute, the interpretation
" of which is likely, in the absence of legislative
" interference, to form a Source of Considerable Wealth
" to the bar, and of no ordinary difficulty to the bench
" of this Country - We respectfully repeat,
" that in glancing at the Circumstances we merely
" desire to sustain the View that the Statute in
" question was passed in such a way as to Warrant the
" observation that it did not receive that Consideration
" which, in times of less excitement, would be Considered

"necessary to the making of a law affecting the vast
"body of interest and population which Came within
"the operation of the policy and provisions of the
"Municipal reform act. In the same part we
"Confine ourselves to a few of the leading and striking
"objections which exist to the Mode in which under
"the present law the Statute Can only be Carried out.
"and within these limits we Confine the suggestion
"which we respectfully take the liberty of with
"perhaps the naming of the few following exceptions
"that we feel ourselves bound not only in the
"present but in any future position in which we
"may be placed to avow our Concurrence in the
"almost unanimously expressed opinion of our Country
"men that we see no reason for not putting the
"Municipal franchise in Ireland upon the same
"basis that it is established upon in England. No
"reason has been ever proposed at least none with
"which we are acquainted that should reconcile
"us as Irishmen to the preference given to our richer
"Sister. and we are equally ignorant of any good
"reason which Could dictate to a just or generous
"Statesman the expediency of making the distinction.
"Indeed if there were any good ground for distinction.
"it would most forcibly apply to making it in favour
"of this Country. our Social Condition is different. we
"have much to forget and much to reconcile. in
"neither of which Virtues are we likely to make much
"progress while the Municipal Reform act remains
"in its present Condition. Each of our annual
"Elections brings in review before the mind of every
"Elector nay of every Inhabitant an array of

"Evidence which must satisfy the most stolid. and
"warm the most Cold. with the fact that there is
"made a wide. an essential. an insulting difference
"between the political privileges enjoyed by the people
"of England. and those Conceded to the people of
"Ireland. a difference so strongly marked on all
"occasions where political existence Comes to be
"displayed in political acts. as might well afford
"reason for doubting that the Consolidation of the
"empire was at all times the real policy of the
"governors of the Country. These observations lead
"us to suggest that the law prohibiting the members
"of the Corporations in Ireland from appearing in
"their robes in any other places of Worship but those
"of the Established Church is a prolific Source of
"great public discontent and dissatisfaction in this
"Country. and ought to be repealed as quickly as
"possible. being a law which few Conscience Can
"respect. and no Sagacity Can justify. The
"experience of the last year makes it unnecessary for the
"Memorialists to recapitulate the number of lists which
"it is necessary to Make out to enable the Municipal
"Franchises to be exercised in many Towns in Ireland.
"The bills for printing the lists for Drogheda in the
"past year are before the Government. Their amount
"and their nature Cannot fail to suggest an inquiry
"as to the Means by which to abolish the necessity
"for the repetition of such a Nuisance. Giving to Ireland
"the Municipal franchise of England would accomplish
"all that Could be desired. We ask no more. and it
"is not unreasonable that we should Claim to be
"satisfied why it is we are given less. But as we

are

" are anxious to advance the practical purposes of the
" policy of the Statute. we will pass from the discussion
" of the principle to the suggestion of those means by
" which in our opinion. the administration of the law.
" even with all its restrictions upon the exercise of
" the Franchise. Can be worked with less
" inconvenience to the public no matter of how
" many Sections that Community were Constituted.
" and with a Vast saving of the expense which
" has hitherto attended the Working of the Cumbrous
" and Complicated Machinery of this act of Parliament
" and that must eventually absorb the annual
" revenue of the Various Corporations of the Country -
" and thereby defeat the useful and National object,
" which otherwise it is to be hoped will be realized
" by the proper and legitimate application of the
" property and funds under the Controul of the
" different Corporations now existing in Ireland

" There are six several taxes payable in this
" Borough. of which the Consequence is. that a
" Vast Number of lists must be annually printed
" and published. With respect to the evil which is
" universally Complained of. we would take leave to
" suggest that it might be obviated by amendment
" of a Very simple Nature. such as have been
" suggested by the Report of the Dublin
" Corporation. which with the exception of a few
" details, has met our approbation as a public body -

" As this is not the place at which to enter
" into the details of an intended Statute we would
" merely remark in reference to the plan suggested
" by the Corporation of Dublin that the Collectors
" of poor rate should not return in their lists to

" the Town Clerks the names of any persons but those rated
" to a sufficient amount to entitle them to exercise the
" Municipal Franchise. and that such list be dealt with
" by the Town Clerks of the respective boroughs in the
" manner prescribed by the 40th Section of the present
" Statute - " Memorialists would next solicit your
" Excellency's attention to a Matter which at present
" immediately Concerns Drogheda. and which in
" principle must apply in the same way to many of
" the Boroughs in Schedule "A" Up to the 1st
" January instant there was a Court of Quarter Sessions
" held in the Town of Drogheda under the governing
" Charters of the former Corporation. and which
" Court was altogether independent of the Modern
" Statute law Creating and governing Courts of Quarter
" Sessions for Counties at large. as your Memorialists
" do not Conceive they would be Consulting the interests
" of the Borough in applying for the Record Court
" to be Continued. the Consequence will be that the
" Court of Quarter Sessions referred to will Cease
" to have existence. and all persons who may be
" Charged with having Committed. within the
" Borough. Criminal offences properly treated
" before Tribunals of that Nature will be. in many
" instances detained in Custody until the assizes -
" a result involving Considerations of a prudential
" as well as of a Constitutional Character. in applying
" to this Borough your Memorialists would suggest
" by way of remedy. that the assistant Barrister
" of the County Louth should. in Conjunction with
" the Justices of the Peace for the County of the Town
" have Competent Criminal Jurisdiction to enable

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"the Cases of such Criminals to be disposed of at
"the Quarterly sittings which are held in Drogheda
of the Quarter Sessions Court for the County Louth

"Although not belonging to that Class
"of Corporate bodies within which our borough
"is Comprehended. still we feel that in
"discharge of those duties which we owe Society
"as loyal subjects and good Citizens. we ought
"not omit this opportunity of praying your
"Excellency's Consideration to those boroughs
"in Schedule B. wherein Commissioners have
"been appointed under the 9th George 4th C 82
"and that are now involved in litigation owing to the
"Circumstance that the rating by that statute
"made the test of qualification did not. and does
"not exist in Ireland. This litigation has had its
"origin either in the party motives of Sections. or the
"selfish Views of individuals. who availed themselves
"of the oversight which occurred in the making of
"the act of Parliament to delay. and it may be to
"defeat the practical purposes Contemplated by
"that statute. which as a piece of legislation. may
"be regarded as being quite independent of political
"Considerations, and was introduced. as Memorialists
"believe. under the auspices of the present Premier of
"England for the realization of no other than
"useful and strictly local purposes - It is not
"Competent for us to say of what Value the
"objection to which we advert may be entitled
"in strict point of law. but we respectfully submit
"that. looking at it in subjection to the rules of
"Common sense. it presents a feature in our
"national Concerns which demands the attention

"of the Executive ~~Government~~ portion of the Government.
"and would well warrant the recommendation of
"Legislative interference on the point. and for which there
"would be found apposite and ample precedent in
"the instances of the two Statutes 1st Victoria Cap 78.
"and 5th & 6th Victoria Cap 46

"And praying your Excellency's gracious
"Consideration to this Memorial. we do respectfully
"tender to you. as the Representative of our good and
"gracious Sovereign Lady the Queen. these Sentiments
"of respect and loyalty. which render our allegiance
"to the Throne as ardent and as inviolate. as are our
"feelings of attachment to Ireland and her true
"Interests - In Testimony Whereof we have
"Caused our Common Seal to be hereunto affixed
"at a Special Assembly held the 17th of January
"in the year of our Lord 1843 - (Seal)

"Thomas Carty"
"Mayor"

"Ad Test -
"J. M. Cantwell - and } Jn. Clks.
"Thomas Kelly }

"Alderman Ternan then moved
that the Memorial now read be signed by His
Worship the Mayor and Countersigned by the
Town Clerks. and that same be forwarded for
presentation to His Excellency which was seconded
by Mr Peter Verdon J. C. and the question thereon
having been put from the Chair it was unanimously
agreed to

Thos Carty
Mayor

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General Quarly Assembly 1st Feby 1843.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 1st day of February 1843. Present. The Mayor with 4 Aldermen and 15 Town Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read and same being approved of were Signed by the Mayor

Letter received by the Mayor from Mr. Lucas acknowledging receipt of Memorial

His Worship the Mayor having informed the Assembly that he had received a Communication from Mr. Lucas Under Secretary acknowledging the receipt of the Memorial which had been forwarded from the Council on the last day of Meeting for presentation to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant same was read by the Town Clerk and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes.

Copy Letter

Copy said Letter

"Dublin Castle
30th January 1843

Sir

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to
" acknowledge the receipt of the Memorial Signed by
" you on behalf of the Corporation of the Borough of
" Drogheda, and to request that you will Convey to
" the Corporation His Excellency's thanks for their
" expression of respect to Him as representative of
" Her Most Gracious Majesty. With reference
" to that part of the Memorial which adverts to the
" administration of Justice in the Borough. His
" Excellency desires me to state that by the 172nd & 173
" Sections of the Municipal Corporation Act. the Court
" of Quarter Sessions for the County in or adjoining to
" which the Borough of Drogheda is situate will
" have jurisdiction to try all offences Cognizable at Quarter
" Sessions. As regards the remaining subjects alluded

" to in the memorial. I am to add that His Excellency
" suggests the propriety of petitioning the Legislature
" for such amendments in the Law as the Corporation
" may Consider necessary. I have the honor to be
" Sir
" The Mayor your most obt. Servant
" of Drogheda E. Lucas"

The Report of the Paving and Cleansing Committee was handed in and read

Report of Paving and Cleansing Committee received

Patrick Boylan Esqre J. C. then moved that the report now read be received and Confirmed and that it be inserted on the Minutes which having been seconded by Mr. Thomas Hammond J. C. the Question that said report be received and adopted was put from the Chair and agreed to

Copy Report

Copy Report

" Your Committee agreeably to the direction of the Council
" on their last day of Meeting have taken into
" Consideration the Claims of persons offering for the
" Situation of Scavengery Inspector. and in Consequence
" of some further Claims being forwarded on the Evening
" of the day advertized for. We are inclined to recommend
" for the further Consideration of the Council the Claims
" of Mr. Thomas Elliott in addition to those of Mr.
" William Beirne and Mr. Wm. Campbell

"Drogheda 1st February 1843

Signed. Thomas Simcock
Chairman"

A Memorial from Thomas D. Fogarty Esq praying for a Surrender of his Lease of the lot of ground being the 2nd lot of the Culver House Park. also a Memorial from Edward Atkinson Esq praying for such a reduction in the Rent of his holding being the first lot of the Culver House Park as he might

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in justice be thought entitled to-as also for an extension of time to Carry the building ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Covenants of his Lease into effect- And also a Memorial from Thomas North Esq which prayed for a Reduction of Rent of his holding being the 3rd lot of the said Lands were each severally read by the Town Clerk

It was ordered on the Motion of Mr. Thomas Hammond J. C. seconded by Mr. Anthony Reappock J. C. that the foregoing Memorials be referred to the Law Committee for their Consideration and report

The Town Clerk reads to the Assembly a letter from Miss Mc Entegart which was given him by the Treasurer of the Late Corporation: to whom it had been addressed in reference to her Pension- also a Petition from Mr. Obediah Wisdom for an order on the Treasurer for a Continuance of the Misses McCanns Pension or Weekly allowance of 4s. a Week. to him in liquidation of an arrear of rent amounting to £10 12 which he stated was still due by them. and which pension or Weekly allowance. he had been in the habit of receiving from the late Corporation in Compliance with the Misses McCanns request-

also an application directed to the Mayor from Joseph Kearns an old Servant of the late Corporation for the Continuance of his pension

Ordered. that the Matters Contained in the fregoing be each referred to the Finance Committee for their enquiry Consideration and report

The Town Clerk Notifies to the Assembly that he had received a letter from Mr. Graves Ackland Receiver of the Rents of the Common Fund and poor of Saint Johns fund. and he

having read same. after a good deal of discussion on the Matter —

It was moved by Mr. Thomas Hammond J. C. Seconded by Mr. Drew J. C. that said letter be inserted on the Minutes. and that the Town Clerks do Notify to Mr. Ackland the disappointment which the Council felt as there was no attendance on the part of Mr. Codd or any account furnished by him or by any other person on his behalf- and that it Cannot be recognized as a right in any of the officers Connected with the Corporation to depute to any other person the performance of their duties. and the Question thereon being put from the Chair the same was agreed to

The following is a Copy of said letter

"Messrs Kelly & Cantwell "Templemore
Gentlemen, 30th January 1843

"In reply to your Notification dated "28th January inst requiring my attendance at the Quarterly "Meeting of the Corporation to be held on the 1st of "February to present a Statement of my accounts as "Receiver of the Commons fund and the Poor of Saint "Johns fund and to receive whatever instructions on the "general Management of these Estates the Council "might deem necessary. I have directed Mr. Wm. Codd in "my behalf to lay before the Meeting of the Council the "accounts relating to the Common fund. and to the "poor of Saint Johns fund. and he will attend for me to "receive such instructions & directions as the Council may deem "necessary and to afford any information and explanations "which may be required. and the requisites of your Notification "being thus fully Complied with on my behalf I shall "hope the Council will dispense at present with my "personal attendance. Your obt. Servant "
Graves Ackland

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A Statement of James Hand public Cranes shewing a loss upon the Quarter now ended and praying relief having been read same was referred to the Finance Committee for their Consideration and report

A petition from James Gill an old native of Drogheda for the Continuance of his annuity was read and ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee for their Consideration and enquiry - A Petition from Jane Bagnall for relief was likewise read, which was not entertained her Claim for support never having been recognized by the late Corporation

A Communication was read from Mr. Hardman threatening proceedings on behalf of his Client Mr Kelly for Compensation for his Services and loss of time in furnishing list of the Parish Cess also list of the prayers of prayers of Ministers Money and for Making out a Compleat Burgess list and for Keeping office open for inspection of same - Mr Kelly having appeared and explained the Nature of the duties which had been imposed on him to the Assembly

Mr John Collins thereupon moved that the Claim of Mr Kelly be referred back to the Finance Committee for Re-Consideration and that they be requested to give the Matter the fullest Consideration and Mr Patrick Kelly J.C. having seconded same the question thereon was put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to

Alderman Mathews moves that Mr William Patrick Berrill be Elected Superintendant of the Paving and Cleansing Department

which nomination being seconded by Patrick Boylan Esq J.C. When Mr Patrick Byrne J.C. at this Stage of the business begged leave to withdraw the Name of Mr William Campbell as a Candidate for the said Situation - The question was then put from the Chair on the Election of Mr William Patrick Berrill, and no other person having been proposed as a Candidate Mr Berrill was thereupon declared duly elected -

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Monday the 13th of February inst

W. McCarthy
Mayor

At an adjournment of the Quarterly Assembly of the 1st of February instant of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room at the Tholsel on Monday the 13th day of February 1843 -

Present. The Mayor
4 Aldermen
and 11 Town Councillors

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read and being approved of were signed by the Mayor - Town Clerk reads to the Assembly a Report from the Finance Committee of which the following is a Copy -

" Your Committee having taken into Consideration
" the Claim of Henry B. Fairtlough Esqre for Compensa-
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"for losses sustained by him in Consequence of an
"action at law instituted against him by one Patrick
"Carroll for an alleged false imprisonment
"arising out of Charges preferred against said
"Carroll before the said Henry B Fairbrough as a
"Magistrate are of opinion that said Claim is
"unfounded in as much as the loss resulted to him
"from an error Committed by him in his Magisterial
"Capacity on a Matter entirely unconnected
"with the Corporation and in which neither their
"rights privileges nor policy were in anywise involved

"Your Committee having proceeded to ~~Hear~~
"examine the several accounts of the different
"Collectors and of the expenses incurred in printing
"Lists Burgess Rolls &c and in other Matters
"incident to Carrying into effect the provisions of
"the Municipal act found that

"Mr Patrick Kelly Claiming	£27	1	6	was entitled to £23	16 6
"Messrs W.J. Apperson Claiming	41	13	4	were entitled to 30	0 0
"Mr S Wisdom Claiming	27	0	0	was entitled to 20	10 0
"Mr John McAlindon Claiming	20	0	0	was entitled to 5	0 0
"Mr Jas Hussey Claiming	10	0	0	was entitled to 3	10 0
"Mr Patrick Clarke Claiming	10	0	0	was entitled to 3	10 0
"Mr Thos Kelly Claiming	35	0	0	was entitled to 15	0 0

"And Your Committee find that the several
"persons above Named have accepted the several sums
"so awarded them and have passed their receipts for
"the same amounting to £101 6 6 and which with
"the several Sums following amounting to £13 5 0
"and making together £114 11 6 have been paid

"Mr John McNamara "	"	£3 0 0
"Mr Thomas Doyle "	"	1 0 0
"Mr Anthony Smith "		2 0 0
"Mr John Smith "	"	1 0 0
"Mr William Codd "	"	1 0 0
"John Dardis Esq "	"	5 5 0
		£13 5 0

"Your Committee further report that they are using
"every exertion in their power with the assistance of the Town
"Clerks to reduce the amount Claimed by the Barristers
"appointed by the Lord Lieutenant to Revise the Burgess
"Roll and hold the Municipal Elections, and hope they
"will be enabled to effect a Reduction therein. With respect
"to the general Finances of your Corporation your
"Committee are exerting themselves and investigating
"such Matters as will, they hope enable them to lay
"before the next Assembly a report shewing the
"present Nett income of the Corporation together with
"the Claims to be satisfied out of same, which your
"Committee Certify as their report this 13th Feby 1843

Signed — "James Mathews
Chairman"

Report of Finance Committee read & adopted

Mr James Devins J.C. then moved that the report of the Finance Committee as now read be adopted and that it be inserted on the Minutes which was seconded by Mr Daniel Brady J.C. and the Question thereon that same be adopted was then put from the Chair and agreed to

Town Clerk reads report of Law Committee

Town Clerk reads to the Assembly the following Report from the Law Committee on the Memorials of Edward Atkinson Thos F. Fogarty and Thomas North Esqrs which had been referred to them for their Consideration and Report from the last General Assembly

"Your Committee having taken the several Memorials
"of Thomas North Thomas F Fogarty and Edward
"Atkinson into Consideration and having Viewed the
"respective premises described in their Memorials
"Find first with respect to Thomas North that we
"Conceive he has just Cause of Complaint as respects

"the Nuisance stated by him to be now remaining
"unabated or Continued on that portion of the property
"demised to Thomas J. Fogarty.

"That altho the Memorialist has in a great
"measure Complied with the Conditions in his Lease
"yet a Certain portion of same remains unperfected
"and under existing Circumstances we do recommend
"the Corporation to grant him an extension of time
"for Carrying said Covenants fully into effect.

"With respect to the Memorial of Thos J
"Fogarty we find he has not as yet taken any
"steps towards fulfilling the Covenants in his
"Lease and a portion of the premises remains a
"perfect Nuisance. We therefore with respect to this
"part recommend the Corporation to require him
"without delay to build a Wall six feet high of
"Brick or Stone Cemented with Mortar opposite
"the Houses at present built by Mr Storth in Thomas
"street, and also to build a Wall or Houses agreeable
"to the Covenant in his Lease on that part of the
"premises fronting the road to Green hills, after this
"portion of the Work is Completed we recommend
"the Corporation to grant him an extension of time
"for the Carrying the Covenants in his Lease fully
"into effect. With respect to the Memorial of
"Edward Atkinson, we find that he has to a Certain
"extent Complied with the Conditions of his Lease,
"but that a large portion still remains unperfected.
"We therefore recommend the Corporation to require
"him to build a Wall six feet high & or houses
"agreeable to the Covenants reserved in said Lease on
"that part of the premises fronting the Road to
"Green hills, after the perfection of which we recommend
"the Corporation to grant him an extension of time.
"with respect to the extension of time to be granted

"the memorialists for the purpose of fully performing
"the Covenants in their respective Leases your Committee would
"suggest that five years from the 1st of June next
"would be amply sufficient, and recommend that in
"each Case the Memorialists should bind themselves
"not to take any advantage of the fact that such
"extension of time if granted may be deemed in Law
"a Waiver of the Covenants in their respective Leases.

"With respect to the prayer of the foregoing
"memorials for a reduction of rent, we regret that our
"predecessors in office have left the Condition of our
"Finances in such a state that however well disposed
"we might have been to recommend such reduction
"situate as the Corporate funds at present are we do
"not feel ourselves justified in doing so.

"Your Committee further beg leave to state that
"the several Questions which have been submitted to
"Counsel for opinion and advice are in a forward state
"and will be submitted to the Consideration of the
"Council when fully prepared, all which your
"Committee Certify as their report this 13th Feby 1843

Signed — James Mathews — Chairman

It was moved by Alderman Inman that the report of the Law Committee as read by the Town Clerk be adopted and that same be inserted on the Minutes and said Motion having been seconded by Alderman Mathews the question that same be received and adopted was put from the Chair and agreed to

Town Councillor Verdon observed with respect to Mr James Greenes Memorial that the Law Committee wished to have an opportunity of re-considering it

Mr Thomas Hammond J.C. thereupon moved that with the View of affording the Law Committee

an opportunity of more fully Considering the Matter the Resolution which was passed on the 19th day of December last be suspended which having been seconded by Mr Peter Verdon J.C. the question that said Motion do pass in the terms proposed was put from the Chair and agreed to without a dissentient Voice

Petitions were read from Mary and Catherine McCann Daughters of the late John McCann also from Joseph Kearns who had been Surveyor to the late Corporation praying that their annuities would be Continued and upon Consideration they were each ordered to be referred to the Law Committee for their enquiry Consideration and report

A letter was read by the Town Clerk directed to His Worship the Mayor from Mr Eckersly Managing Director of the Dublin and Drogheda Railway Company Claiming a Balance of £1303-13-9 on account of Shares in said Company alleged to have been subscribed for by the late Corporation and which letter after some discussion was referred to the Law Committee for their Consideration and Report

The Assembly at its rising further adjourned to Friday the 24th of February instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon

Wm Carty
Mayor

adjourned Meeting 24th Feby 1843

At an adjourned meeting of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room at the Tholsel on Friday the 24th day of February 1843

Members present

Present The Mayor
4 Aldermen
and 11 Town Councillors

proceedings read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings being read the same were approved of and Signed by His Worship the Mayor as Chairman

Memorial of Mr Mich. Walsh for £19-12-6 granted by the late Corporation towards repair of Road or Lane Called the Twenties Lane

The Memorial of Mr Michael Walsh being read stating that he in Common with others is in possession of Certain Lands within the Borough boundary the Road or passage leading to which is by the Lane Called the Twenties Lane which was in a very bad and dangerous State for want of Repair until he and the other persons interested therein had same put in proper order and Condition at some expense to themselves

That the amount for which they Contracted to put said Lane or Road in thorough Repair amounted to the sum of Forty pounds which they found to be impossible to raise by private Subscription as the Inhabitants of that locality are to a great extent in humble Circumstances but they were enabled to raise a sum of £20-7-6 from the Wealthy and independent portion of the Inhabitants of the neighbourhood upon the faith that the late Corporation would be kind enough to make good the difference of £19-12-6 which remained due after the Completion of the Work and which said sum of £19-12-6 the Corporation on application being made for that purpose granted on the 14th of October last and to which order or grant he begged leave to refer as to the

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truth and accuracy of this statement and humbly hoped that as he did not avail himself of the opportunity of obtaining the amount of the Sum granted towards the liquidation of the expenses of said Repairs not having applied for the same while the late Corporation had been in existence being under the impression that whenever he would apply for same it would be paid him. and as the present Corporation are anxious to encourage useful improvements they would be pleased to direct that said Balance of £9-12-6 be paid him

Referred to the Finance Committee

It was moved by Mr Thomas Hammond T. C. seconded by Alderman Rogers that the matter of the foregoing Memorial be referred to the Finance Committee for their Consideration and enquiry. and the Question thereon having been put from the Chair the reference was accordingly ordered

Building Committee to report upon the best mode of letting premises at present out of Lease

It was Resolved on the Motion of Mr Thos Hammond T. C. Seconded by Alderman Semcocks That it be referred to the Building Committee to report upon the best and most advisable mode of letting or demising the House with the back Ground situate on the North side of Laurence's Street. together with the several Tenements and premises thereto adjoining on the West side of Freeschool Lane and South side of William Street and which will be out of Lease at Easter next. and also several other Tenements and Gardens Called Blakes Rampier situate near the Barrack lane. and which was out of Lease at Easter 1841. and the Question thereon being put from the Chair the reference was unanimously agreed to

Resolved on the Motion of Patrick Boylan Esq T. C. Seconded by Mr Stephen Drew T. C. That the Law agents do Communicate to Mr Close the Barrister the serious inconvenience which the Corporation as well as the Inhabitants and Interests of this Borough are experiencing from the Want of a proper and efficient Code of Bye Laws a Draft of which had been submitted to him. and that he be requested to return the same with his approval within ten days from this date at farthest the Question upon the foregoing Resolution was then put from the Chair and agreed to

Resolved on the Motion of Alderman Semcock That the Town Clerks do Cause to be Served upon Joseph Holmes Esqre the former Town Clerk the necessary Notice requiring him to give and deliver to the Council through the Medium of the Town Clerks the accounts lists and satisfaction provided for by the 95th Section of the 3rd and 4th Victoria Cap 108 and that he will be pleased to attend a Meeting of the Council on Monday next for the purpose of rendering and affording to the Council the satisfaction which It is entitled and bound to receive on the Subjects aforesaid. and said Resolution being Seconded by Patrick Boylan Esq T. C. the question that said Resolution do pass was then put from the Chair and agreed to

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday next the 27th instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock at Noon

Wm Canty
Mayor

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27th February

Adjourned Meeting 27th Feby 1843

An adjourned meeting of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 27th day of February 1843

Members present

Present. The Mayor
3. Aldermen
and 11. Town Councillors

Late Town Clerk & Law Agent examined

Mr Holmes the late Town Clerk and Law Agent having attended pursuant to Notice served upon him remained for some time under examination by the Council —

proceedings read

The Minutes of last days proceedings were read by the Town Clerk and same being approved of were signed by His Worship the Mayor —

Town Clerk reads Report

Report

Town Clerk reads Report of Law Committee of which the following is a Copy

" your Committee having taken into Considera-
" tion the Letter of Mr James Greene late Farmer
" of the Tolls and Customs which had been
" Referred to them for their Consideration and
" Report and which prayed to be allowed for a
" loss amounting to upwards of £130 which he
" alleged had been incurred by him on the years
" account, and having examined Mr Greene and
" made an accurate and diligent enquiry into the
" Comparitive Imports of Corn &c into the Town
" within the last year and the year before, are
" of opinion that no sufficient Cause has been

" shewn to induce them to recommend such an allowance
" to be made, that on the Contrary instead of a
" deficiation there should have been an encrease in
" the receipts from Tolls and Customs in the past
" year, the Harvest having been unusually early and
" the Crops both of Wheat and Oates superior to those
" of 1841 and owing to the Very dry Season, large
" quantities of Oates Came in the Summer and
" Autumn part of this year, the Country Mills having
" no Water the reverse of which was the fact in the
" preceding year when the Millers being enabled
" to Work the Manufactured article Came in Toll
" free, and as a proof that such has been the fact
" a Return from Several of the Corn Merchants produced
" before the Committee shews, that the receipts should
" have been in many instances Considerably encreased.
" and such being the fact Your Committee submit
" that without imputing the least intentional mis-
" statement to Mr Greene, if due diligence had
" been used by him and fair returns made by the persons
" employed in the Collection, no loss would have resulted
" and Consequently no sufficient grounds exist for
" making the Claimed allowance, your Committee
" however recommend that on paying £60 now out of
" £180 due, Mr Greene be allowed three, six and nine
" months to pay the Balance of £120 that will
" then remain, Viz: £40 in three months, £40 in
" 6 months and £40 in nine Months from the 1st of

"March next - your Committee having enquired
"into and examined the account referred to in
"the letter addressed to His Worship the Mayor by
"Mr. McKeraly on behalf of the Dublin and
"Drogheda Railway Company dated 1st of Feby
"instant and Claiming a Balance of £303-13-9
"on post of Shares in said Company alleged to have
"been Subscribed for by the late Corporation. Find
"that at the period referred to in the account the
"Corporation had no power to enter into the
"alleged Contract if such was ever entered into and
"that in the present state of their finances it would
"be highly imprudent to adopt or Sanction such
"a disposition of the public funds. and your
"Committee recommend that the payment of
"said balance should be resisted. and your Law
"agents instructed to apply to the Company for
"payment of the sum of £234-17-3 due by
"them for the price of land as valued by the
"inquisition & all which your Committee Certify
"as their Report this 27th day of February 1843

Signed — James Mathews
Chairman —

Mr Ios Greene offers some observations in reference to Corn Returns handed in by him -

At the Conclusion of the reading of the Report Mr Greene expressed a desire to offer some observations. and he having accordingly obtained leave entered into a discussion with Certain members of the Council as to the effect and bearing of Certain returns which he had handed in from Messrs Smith and Smythe. Caines. Woolsey and Company and the Messrs Chadwick

and said Returns having been read. as also Certain Returns from Messrs Michael Walsh Jand R. Morlow and others after a protracted Debate

Report of Law Committee adopted

Patrick Boylan Esqre J. C. moved that the Report of the Law Committee as read be adopted and Confirmed and Mr John Collins J. C having seconded said Motion the question thereon that said Report be adopted and Confirmed was then put from the Chair and agreed to without any dissentient

Town Clerk to advertize for a person to act as Receiver & Accountant to the Council

Resolved on the Motion of Mr Stephen Drew J. C. Seconded by Mr Patrick Byrne J. C. that the Town Clerk be authorized to advertize for a Competent person whose Salary and duties shall be as follows Viz. to Collect the Rents and Keep the accounts of the Corporation to have the Charge of paying the Tradesmens Bills. the Salaries of the officers and the other demands upon the Corporation when so ordered by the Council to furnish his accounts to the Council and Auditors when so required to Keep the Accounts of the different Committees appointed by the Corporation and to attend such Committees when required, to lodge his Balances daily in the Bank of Ireland to the Credit of such persons as the Council may Name, to receive no Rents unless upon Receipts Countersigned by the

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Mayor for the time being and two members of the Finance Committee, to devote his entire time to the duties of his office. Security in £500 to be required. The Salary to be £80 per annm.

Town Clerk to refer to Finance Committee the several proposals for the situation of Recr Accountant

It was Resolved on the Motion of Town Councillor Campbell and seconded by Mr John Connolly J.C. that the Town Clerk do on the 27th of March next refer to the Finance Committee the several proposals which they may have received in pursuance of the advertizement for a person to act as Receiver and accountant of this Corporation.

Finance Committee to report to proposals as to the Competency of the different applicants

and that the Committee do report on such proposals and give their opinion and suggestions as to the Competency and Eligibility of such of the applicants as the Committee may recommend to be received as Candidates, the question that same do pass, in the foregoing terms was then put from the Chair and agreed to.

Assembly adjourned to 13th March

There not being any other business before the Assembly for Consideration the same was adjourned to Monday the 13th day of March next.

Thos Caulty
Mayor

Adjourned Meeting 13th March 1843

At an adjourned meeting of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 13th of March 1843.

Members present

Present. The Mayor
3 Aldermen
and 13 Town Councillors

Notice of Motion Mr Wm Campbell

Mr William Campbell J.C. gives Notice that he will at the next meeting of this Assembly move that a Petition be presented emanating from this body to both Houses of Parliament praying for the Repeal of the act Commonly Called the act of Legislative Union between Great Britain and Ireland.

Proceedings read

The Minutes of last days proceedings were read and being approved of were signed by the Mayor. — Town Clerk reads report of Law Committee dated the 13th of March instant on the Claims of Certain of the annuitants and pensioners of the late Corporation of which the following is a Copy

Town Clerk reads Report of Law Committee

Report

"Your Committee having examined into the
"Claims of the several Pensioners who appear to have
"been paid out of the general Corporate property and
"having given their anxious and deliberate Consideration
"to the grounds upon which Certain of those
"pensions rested as well as to the Circumstances of
"the parties, have Come to the following Conclusion
"Viz. That although your Committee are advised
"that the greater number of the pensions granted
"are not legally binding or such as Can be
"strictly enforced, yet being disposed to exercise the

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Report of Law Committee Continued

"utmost lenity Consistent with their duty in the Cases
"of persons so dependent on their bounty. they
"recommend that an annual allowance be made to
"each of the following persons out of the Borough
"Fund. and that such allowance be paid
"Quarterly until further order. but your Committee
"expressly declare that such payment shall not be
"deemed or taken in any manner to ratify or
"Confirm the Claims or to bind the Corporation to
"Continue such allowance. but on the Contrary that
"such payment shall be subject to be Varied in
"amount or altogether discontinued according as the
"Council or their successors shall upon further
"enquiry from time to time into the Circumstances of
"those several persons think fit and expedient

"To Miss Anne Fairtlough an annual allowance
"of to Commence from 29th Sept. last — £23-1-6
"To Miss Anne McEntegart — Do. to Commence from 29th Sept. last — 30-0-0
"To Miss Anne Smith to Commence from same — 20-0-0
"To Miss Fanny Evans in Consideration of
"the Spirit of Industry evinced by her
"in endeavouring to maintain herself by personal
"exertion to Commence from the 29th Sept last — 10-0-0
"To Mrs McCready in Consideration of
"the fact of her having a family to
"support. as also her Fathers long Connection
"with the Town an annual allowance of
"to Commence from the 29th Sept. last — 10-0-0
"To Joseph Kearns on account of his age and ~~infirmity~~
"poverty an annual allowance of
"to Commence from same date — 15-0-0
"To the Misses Mary and Catherine McCann in
"Consideration of their poverty an annual allowance of
"to Commence from same date — 10-0-0
"To Mary Emerson a Similar allowance of
"to Commence from 27th Feby last — 2-12-0
"To Thos Gill a Similar allowance of
"to Commence from the 11th inst — 2-12-0

"your Committee reserve for further investigation the
"claims of Certain other pensioners. and as soon as they
"shall have more fully examined the grounds upon
"which those Claims are founded and enquired into
"the present Circumstances of the parties your Committee
"will fully report upon the several Cases"

"In Concluding their Report your Committee
"Cannot avoid expressing their regret that the state
"of the Corporate Finances has obliged them to
"recommend a Curtailment of the sums formerly
"allowed to some of the persons above enumerated.
"and to find that a Considerable portion of the
"property which legitimately directed would have
"relieved suffering indigence or extended the
"Commerce and advanced the prosperity of the Town
"has been applied or attempted to be applied solely
"to the personal aggrandizement of a few individuals.
"without even the pretext of public services to sanction
"such a disposition of the public Funds. and that
"thus that which was originally bestowed and intended
"for the benefit of the Community at large should be
"unjustly Converted into a Source of private Emolument
"all which your Committee Certify as their report this
"13th March 1843

Signed — "James Mathews
Chairman"

Report of Law Committee received & adopted

Alderman Mathews thereupon moved that
the Report of the Law Committee as now read be received
and adopted. and that same be entered on the Minutes
which was seconded by Town Councillor Verdon and
the question thereon having been put from the Chair
the same was received and adopted accordingly

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Memorial of Alexr. Mitten and Report of Mr. Wm. P. Berrill read

The Memorial of Alexander Mitten Pavier being read. and also a Report from Mr. William P. Berrill Superintendent of the Paving and Scavengery Department

Memorial & Report referred to Paving Committee

It was moved by Alderman Mathews — Seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne T. C. that the two foregoing Matters be referred for Consideration and enquiry to the Paving Committee. and the Question that same be referred was then put from the Chair and the reference was accordingly agreed to

Memorial of Jane Lyons for Continuance of Pension

The memorial of Jane Lyons stating herself to be the widow of George Lyons late Town Serjeant and that she was a Pensioner of the late Corporation to the amount of £10 yearly and praying a Continuance thereof having been read

Referred to the Finance Committee

It was moved by Patrick Boylan Esq T. C that the Memorial now read by the Town Clerk be referred to the Finance Committee for their Consideration and Report. and Alderman Simcocks having seconded same the question was then put from the Chair and agreed to

Application from John Butterly to be appointed Auctioneer

an application from John Butterly signed by several Burgesses on his behalf seeking to be appointed Auctioneer to the Corporation having been read. Whereupon Mr. Stephen Drew T. C. begged leave to move that it be referred to the Finance Committee for their enquiry and Consideration. and Mr. Patrick Byrne T. C. having seconded same the question thereon was then put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to

Referred to the Finance Committee

Resolution in reference to premises in Freeschool

Mr. John Collins T. C. moves a resolution in reference to premises situate in Freeschool Lane

Lane to be Converted into a Market for the sale of Fowl Eggs and Butter

which will be out of Lease next Easter with a View that the matter be referred to the Building Committee as an Instruction for Considering and framing a Report. whether or not the said premises Could not be Converted into a Market for the sale of Fowl Eggs and Butter for the use and accommodation of the Country people. and also for the accommodation of the Inhabitants of the Town. and Mr. Patrick Kelly T. C. having Seconded said motion the question that same should pass in the foregoing terms was then put from the Chair but negatived

Question on same put negatived

The Mayor brings before the Assembly a resolution passed by a Meeting of the Rate Payers relative to Fire Engine

The Mayor brings before the Notice of the Assembly a resolution passed by a Large and influential Meeting of the rate Payers held in the Tholsel relative to the Keeping of the Parish Fire Engine in Conjunction with the Corporation Fire Engine. when after a good deal of discussion in reference thereto. It was moved by Mr. William Campbell T. C. and Seconded by Mr. Peter Verdon T. C. that the resolution now read relating to the Corporation Fire Engine be referred to the Finance Committee for their Enquiry Consideration and report the question was then put on same from the Chair and the reference was accordingly agreed to

Referred to Finance Committee

Proposed Loan two letters recd. on the subject

The Mayor having stated that he had received two letters on the subject of raising a sufficient sum of money by way of Mortgage on the Corporate Estate which the Council seemed anxious to raise at a smaller rate of interest than had been paid by the

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late Corporation to their several Creditors. It was ordered that the same be referred to the Finance Committee for their Consideration

Wm Peter Verdon moves a resolution in reference to County Cess

Wm Peter Verdon J. C. brings to the Consideration of the Assembly a Resolution which he begged leave to move in Consequence of the State of the County Cess the arrears of which are accumulating and also in Consequence of the present Borough Boundary to the effect that application be made by this Council to Judge Crampton the Senior Judge presiding at last Summer Assizes for the County of the Town of Drogheda that he be pleased to direct the Assemblage of the Grand Juries who sat for Meath South and Drogheda for the said Summer Assizes of 1842 in order to settle and agree upon the proportion of the Sum or Sums not being money payable in advance which ought to be paid or Contributed in respect of this Borough pursuant to the provisions of 5th & 6th Victoria Cap 77 Sect and that Patrick Ternan Esq a Member of this Council and Foreman of the late Grand Jury for this County be requested to act as the Medium of this Communication, and which was seconded by Wm Koappock J. C. the question thereon that said Resolution do pass was put from the Chair and agreed to

Notice to be given the members of the Council to take into Consideration the Notice of Motion given by Wm Campbell

Patrick Boylan Esq J. C. suggested that the Town Clerk should cause due Notice to be given the several Members of the Council requesting their attendance on the next day of Meeting to take into Consideration the Notice of

of Motion given by Town Councillor Campbell

Assembly adjourned to 3rd April

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Monday the 3rd of April next at the hour of one o'clock P. M.

Thos Canty
Mayor

Adjourned Meeting 3rd April 1843

At an adjourned meeting of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 3rd day of April 1843

Members present

Present. The Mayor
4 Aldermen
and 17 Town Councillors

Proceedings read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read by the Town Clerk and being approved of the same were signed by His Worship the Mayor

Councillor Campbell gives notice that a Petition be presented to both Houses of Parliament for a Repeal of the Union

Councillor Campbell brings to the Consideration of the Assembly the motion of which he had given Notice on the last day of Meeting that a petition be presented emanating from this Body to both Houses of Parliament praying for a Repeal of the act Commonly Called the act of Legislative Union between Great Britain and Ireland

Councillor Campbell

Councillor Campbell after dwelling at

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moves that a Petition be adopted for Presentation praying for a Repeal of the act of Union

Considerable length upon the advantages to be derived from a Domestic and Resident Legislature moved that a Petition be prepared and adopted for Presentation from this Council to the Legislature praying for a Repeal of the act of Union between Great Britain and Ireland. and that the Spirit of the proposed Petition be the same as that agreed to and adopted by the Corporation of the City of Dublin and Councillor Boylan having seconded said Motion the question that the Council do prepare a Petition to the above effect was then put from the Chair and same was accordingly agreed to. The Mayor having previously expressed himself to the effect that he still retained his former opinion on this subject but that he would not now make any further observation on the Matter but merely put the Motion

Councillor Boylan seconds said Motion

agreed to

Committee named to prepare Petition

Councillor McCann moves that a Committee to Consist of the mover and Seconder with Town Councillors Campbell. Boylan. Chester. Levins. Collins. Brady. Byrne. Verdon. Kelly and Oats be selected and appointed out of this Council for the purpose of preparing a Suitable Petition to the Legislature on the Subject now before the Council and that an Engrossment thereof be forwarded for Presentation by the Town Clerks to Daniel O'Connell Esq M.P. with the Seal of the Corporation attached to it and Councillor Drew having seconded said Motion the Question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to. the Committee thereupon retired

Committee retires

to prepare Petition

Petition received and adopted

retired from the Council for that purpose. and Shortly after returned to the Assembly Room with a Draft of the Petition as prepared by them for the adoption of the Council which one of the Town Clerks read and having been fully approved of it was on the Motion of Councillor Chester Seconded by Councillor McCann received and adopted and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes

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The following is a Copy of the Petition

"To the Knights Burgesses and Citizens in "Parliament Assembled

"The humble Petition of His Worshipful the "Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the "Borough of Drogheda

"Sheweth

"Your Petitioners approach this Honorable "House to pray that it will assist in repealing the "act of Legislative Union now subsisting between "England and Ireland. The grounds on which is "founded the justness of this demand are so truly "and eloquently stated in the Petition emanating "from the Corporation of the City of Dublin on the "same Subject that we would here repeat them as the "reasons by which we would justify the objects of this "Petition. That the Irish Nation in extent of "territory in fertility of soil in the Number and "industry of its Inhabitants. furnishes abundant "means for the Maintenance of an Independent "Legislature and requires such Legislature for the due "attention of the local interest and general prosperity "of Ireland. That Ireland requires the protection "of a resident Legislature is no new Theory. a fatal "experience has Convinced us of its truth. and a Spirit

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"little short of prophecy dictated the same Sentiment
"in a Petition presented to His late Majesty King George
"the Third from this Corporation in the Year 1800
"against the Enactment of the disastrous Measure
"which your Petitioners now desire to see Repealed
"That Sentiment was expressed in Language describing
"the then Contemplated Measure" to be fraught with
"inevitable Ruin to the Trade and Manufactures of
"Ireland by depriving them of the protection of a
"superintending resident Parliament and placing
"them at the discretion of a foreign Parliament where
"their true interests have never been, and probably
"never Can be understood, and where on any question
"of Competition that may arise between the two
"Countries their interests will sink under the Weight
"of Superior Numbers" Your Petitioners further
"respectfully assert that the Irish Nation from the
"time of their acquiescing in the Sovereignty of the English Crown have
"had a distinct and perfect right to a domestic
"Parliament a right not derived from any grant
"donation or Charter of the English Monarch, nor
"from any act ordinance or statute of the English
"Parliament, but a right springing spontaneously
"and of necessity from the principle of Self Government
"inherent in the position of the freeborn subjects of the
"British Crown — Your petitioners further shew that
"in the year 1782 the Irish people being then in
"arms against the foreign foes of the British Crown
"and for their own protection against Domestic enemies capable
"if they had thought fit to do so totally to remodel
"their own former Government it was proposed between
"them and the ruling powers of England, that a final

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"adjustment of all differences should take place upon a
"basis to be Consented to by both Countries that such basis
"was Solemnly and mutually agreed upon to Consist of
"the legislative and judicial independence of Ireland
"of the British Courts of Law and British Parliament
"That such adjustment was Solemnly recognized in
"the addresses from the Crown to the Houses of Parliament
"in England and Ireland reciprocally and was effectually
"protected, as it was then universally believed by Statutes
"passed in each of the Seperate Legislatures, thus most
"emphatically proclaiming as a final adjustment of
"all Constitutional question, the Settlement which
"thus then took place — and your Petitioners shew
"that the original inherent right of the Irish Nation to
"a Domestic legislature was by this Solemn Treaty of
"Modern date Conclusively recognized and established
"Your Petitioners further shew that the most beneficial
"results followed from the Legislative and Judicial
"independence of Ireland. Manufactures were fostered and
"augmented. Commerce was encreased and extended
"native Industry was Cherished and rewarded. the Value
"of Lands and houses greatly augmented. the rents were
"readily paid by prospering Farmers. all Classes of
"Society shared in encreased Comfort and looked forward
"to the future with a pleasing hope of bringing up their
"families for these better times and augmented prosperity
"Your petitioners shew that ill-advised and iniquitous
"Statesmen formed the plan of retarding such prosperity
"and of obtaining more power for themselves by
"annihilating the Irish Parliament. But your petitioners
"in the Spirit of perfect respect, but at the same time
"of the most unequivocal firmness assert that it was —

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"utterly incompetent for the Irish Parliament to
"annihilate the Irish Legislative and judicial independence
"or to transfer to any other Country or to any other
"Legislature, be they French, English, Spanish or any
"other Country the right of making the Laws or of
"Construing the Laws of Ireland. Your Petitioners
"utterly deny that the **Union** was a Compact or
"bargain. it was merely the dictate of England, then
"more powerful than Ireland. The Irish people
"never assented to it. Martial Law was proclaimed
"and enforced during the time that the Union was
"Carried. the Habeas Corpus act was suspended.
"trial by Jury was in abeyance, and Courts-martial
"substituted for the legal tribunals of the land. the
"Military force was enormously augmented. the
"people were not allowed Constitutionally to Assemble
"to petition against the **Union**. Meetings duly
"Convened by Sheriffs of Counties for the mere
"purpose of petition were forcibly dispersed and
"scattered at the point of the Bayonet. and in
"addition the most profligate and enormously
"extensive Bribery prevailed. The Proprietors as they
"were most illegally and unconstitutionally Called
"of the rotten Boroughs shared among them no less a
"sum than **One Million two hundred and**
"**seventy five thousand pounds**. and in fine
"your Petitioners are able to prove before any Tribunal
"whatever that the Union was Carried by the grossest
"**Corruption** and **Bribery** added to force fraud
"and terror. Your Petitioners further shew that the
"Union has produced the most disastrous results
"to Ireland. It has **Annihilated** the **Irish**
"**Manufacture** that existed at that period

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"and substituted but few indeed in their place. it has
"nearly extinguished all legitimate Commerce. it has
"made the Exports of Ireland Consist of provisions
"and Cattle and her Imports of goods Manufactured
"in Foreign Countries. It has exceedingly encreased
"the exhausting evils of absenteeism. a System replete
"with exhaustation and political inaction. it has
"Covered the Land with poverty distress and desolation
"and produced the astounding spectacle of more than
"two Millions three hundred thousand paupers being
"more than one fourth of the Inhabitants of one of
"the most fruitful Countries on the face of the Globe
"and these evils instead of diminishing are manifestly
"augmenting and spreading into a wide Circle.
"Your Petitioners further shew that there are Constitutional
"resources and means by which the **Union** may be
"**abolished** peaceably and **legally** without the
"violation of the Law and without riot Violence or
"tumult or the destruction of property or injury to limb
"or life. Your petitioners further shew that the
"natural result of the restoration of our **Domestic**
"**Legislature** and of our Judicial Independance would
"be what experiance has already shewn them to have
"been the most beneficial to Ireland. A Domestic
"Parliament would encourage Manufactures, foster Commerce
"Countenance and support agriculture augment the
"Wealth, Secure the Liberties and Establish the well
"being, Comfort and prosperity of the Irish people.

"May it therefore please your Honorable
"House to restore the Legislative and Judicial
"independence of Ireland by the **Repeal of the act**
"**of Union**. In seeking the interposition of this
"Honorable House to the extent we are influenced

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" by feelings not only of devotedness to the Welfare
" of our Country but also of a sincere anxiety to
" preserve British Connexion which we are firmly
" Convinced will be best secured by repealing a
" measure which has reduced the people and
" interests of Ireland to a Condition of pauperism
" almost unequalled and of Bankruptcy which
" Can only be repaired by a Speedy Repeal
" of the Legislative Union between the two Countries
" In Testimony whereof we have Caused to be
" hereunto affixed our Common Seal at an adjourned
" meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda
" this 3rd day of April 1843 — Seal
" Ad Test — Thos. Kitty & John M. Cantwell & Town Clks

Solicitors to the Corpn. directed to take the necessary steps for effecting a Loan of £15.000

Resolved on the Motion of Alderman Ternan seconded by Town Councillor Verdon that with the View of paying off the debts due and secured by the Debentures of the former Corporation and of effecting a reduction in the amount of interest now payable thereon our Solicitors be directed to take the necessary steps for effecting a Loan of £15.000 in such way as shall be deemed expedient upon the security of the Corporate property and that it be referred to the Law Committee to report upon the most advisable mode of attaining that object and the Question upon the foregoing Resolution having been put from the Chair it was unanimously agreed to

Assembly adjd. to 10th April inst.

There not being any other business for Consideration the Assembly adjourned to next Monday the 10th inst at the hour of 12 O'Clock

Thos Carty
Mayor

Adjourned Assbly 10th April 1843

At an adjourned Meeting of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 10th of April 1843 —

Present — The Mayor
4 Aldermen
and 12 Town Councillors

Minutes of last days proceedings read

The Minutes of last days proceedings were read by the Town Clerk and being approved of were signed by the Mayor

Mr. O'Connell requested to have petitn. for Repeal of the Union read to the House at length

Councillor Keappock moves that Mr. O'Connell be respectfully requested on Presenting the Petition for a Repeal of the act of Legislative Union which had been adopted on the last day of Meeting by the Council to have same read at length in his place in Parliament — and Councillor Boylan having seconded said Motion the Question thereon being put from the Chair it was accordingly agreed to

Town Clerk reads Report of Law Committee

Town Clerk reads Report of Law Committee dated this 10th of April instant made on the Petition of several persons who were placed as annuitants on the Corporate Estate by the late Corporation and which had been referred to them for Consideration and Enquiry — The following is a Copy of the report

Report of Law Committee

" your Committee having investigated the claims
" of Certain Pensioners charged by the late Corporation
" on their general Estate and whose Memorials had
" been referred to them and having given the subject
" their earnest and anxious attention are of opinion that

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"although the majority of the following persons have
"no legal Claim upon the Corporation yet in Consideration
"of the fact that they have now scarcely any other
"means of Support in their old age except the
"bounty which they may receive from your body.
"Your Committee beg leave to recommend that
"an annual allowance be made to each of
"the following persons Viz
"To Miss Margt Ball an annual allowance of £15-15-
"to Commence from 29th Sept. last —
"To Miss Mary Ball an annual allowance of £10 to
"Commence from same date
"To Mrs Chs Ball an annual allowance of
"£25- to Commence from same date
"and to Mrs Elizabeth Orpen an annual allowance
"of £23-1-6 to Commence from same date
"Your Committee further recommend that
"each of said respective allowances shall be paid
"Quarterly during the pleasure of the Corporation
"and until further order and in the language of
"their former report on this subject "your Committee
"expressly declare that such payment shall
"not be deemed or taken in any Manner to ratify
"or Confirm those Claims or to bind the Corporation
"to Continue such allowance, but on the Contrary
"that such allowance shall be subject to be
"Varied in amount or altogether discontinued
"according as the Council or their Successors shall
"upon further enquiry from time to time into the
"Circumstances of those several persons and upon
"an accurate Calculation of the resources of their
"Body think fit and expedient — all which we
"Certify as our Report this 10th April 1843
Signed — James Mathews
Chairman"

Report of Law Committee — adopted

It was then moved by Alderman Mathews that the report of the Law Committee as read be adopted which being seconded by Councillor Boylan the same was adopted and received accordingly

Petition of Wm Jephson for payment of his Pension read

The Petition of William Jephson being read stating that he was granted a Small Pension by the late Corporation in Consequence of dimness of sight to the amount of £5-4-0 per annum — That one Quarter became due on the 25th December 1842 and another on the 25th of March 1843 neither of which had been paid. he therefore hoped that the Council would be pleased to order payment of same as he is in great want — Councillor Heappock thereupon moved

referred to Law Committee

that said Petition be referred to the Law Committee for their Consideration and report and Councillor Collins having Seconded said Motion the reference was accordingly agreed to

Law agents — instructed to settle the demands of the Revising Barristers

Resolved on the Motion of Councillor Heappock Seconded by alderman Rogers that the Law agents be instructed to settle the demands of the Revising Barristers against the Corporation for their expenses and loss of time incident to the Revision of the Burgess Lists and the Elections of the Aldermen and Councillors and Ward Assessors with as little delay as possible and the question upon said resolution being put from the Chair the same was agreed to

Town Clerk read report of Finance Committee

The Town having read the following report of the Finance Committee relative to the Competency of the different persons offering themselves for the

situation of Treasurer

"your Committee in accordance with
"your direction have examined the different
"applications for the situation of Treasurer and
"after giving the subject the fullest deliberation
"as to the qualification of the persons offering
"themselves have come to the determination of
"placing before the Council the Claims of two
"of those whom we Consider most Competent to
"perform the duty Namely Mr William
"Campbell and Mr Owen Maguire one of
"whom we recommend the Council to Elect
"to fill the office of Treasurer to the Corporation
"all which we Certify as our report this 16th
"April 1843 — Signed — Jas Mathews
Chairman"

Alderman Ennis moved that the report of the Finance Committee as read be received adopted and Confirmed by the Council which was Seconded by Alderman Sinnocks and the question thereon being put from the Chair the same was accordingly received and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes

It was Resolved on the Motion of Councillor Verdon Seconded by Councillor Boylan that Ralph Smyth Esq late Treasurer be requested to pay to the Town Clerk the balance of £199-5-9½ which appears due on foot of his account as furnished by him on the 5th of December last and that they do receive Same on behalf of the Council without prejudice to any right of objecting to said

account hereafter and the question thereon having been put from the Chair said Resolution was thereupon Confirmed

The assembly then adjourned to next Saturday the 15th of April instant at the hour of 11 O'Clock A.M.

Thos Carty
Mayor

adjd Meeting 15 April 1843

Members present

Proceedings read

Petition of Wm Foskey for time for payment of his Rent

At an adjourned meeting of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Saturday the 15th day of April 1843

Present — The Mayor
2 Aldermen
and — 12 Councillors

The Minutes of the last days proceedings being read by the Town Clerk and being approved of were Signed by His Worship the Mayor

The Petition of William Foskey praying for time in the payment of his rent and that law proceedings taken against him might be Stayed having been read

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Referred to Law Committee for their Report

It was ordered on the Motion of Town Councillor Walsh Seconded by Town Councillor Boylan that the Matter of the foregoing Petition be referred to the Law Committee for their Consideration and enquiry and that they be pleased to report thereon

application from John Fanning seeking to be appointed Treasurer read

an application from a person of the Name of John Fanning offering himself a Candidate for the situation of Rent Receiver and Accountant with the Names of two persons whom he proposed as his Sureties was read by the Town Clerk

not entertained

There was not any Motion made in reference to the foregoing application as the Finance Committee to whom the Matter had been Referred made their Report recommending Messrs William Campbell and Owen Maguire and that one of them should be Elected by the Council

Thanks unanimously Voted Ralph Smyth Esq on his removal from office of Treasurer

Alderman Mathews moved that the present Treasurer of this Corporation Ralph Smyth Esqre be removed from said office and that the thanks of this body be given him for his Courtesy on all occasions in affording to the Council every facility and instruction on all subjects required of him the more especially as he has undertaken to give any further information in his power. Town Councillor Campbell having seconded said Motion the Question that same should pass was then put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to

Daniel O Connell Esq M.P. invited to a Public Dinner

It was moved by Patrick Boylan Esq T. C. that Daniel O Connell Esq M.P. the Liberator of Ireland be invited by this Corporation to a public Dinner on as early a day as possible, and that it be open to the Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Borough and friends of the Liberator said Motion being seconded by Mr Stephen Dillon

T. C. the Question thereon was then put on same from the Chair and agreed to.

Motion moved that the Election of Treasr be postponed and that it be re-opened for other persons to offer themselves

Mr James Latine T. C. moved that the Election of Treasurer be postponed to a future day with a View of having it re-opened and of giving other persons an opportunity of offering themselves as Candidates and that the whole Council do sit in Committee before the next day of Meeting to Consider the Claims of such other persons as may offer themselves for the situation and Mr Stephen Dillon T. C. having expressed himself favorable to the Motion begged leave to second same in the terms proposed — Alderman Ennis thereupon

Alderman Ennis objects

objected to the Resolution being passed and after a good deal of discussion upon the Competency of the two persons recommended by the Finance Committee and the propriety of having the Matter again laid before the public — Patrick Boylan Esq T. C.

Amendment moved

moved as an amendment to the Resolution under discussion that the Council do proceed at once to the Election of Treasurer and he thereupon moved that

and

Mr William Campbell be Elected Treasurer for one year on entering into the necessary Security and said Amendment being seconded by Alderman Ennis the Town Clerk then proceeded with Calling over the names of the several members present and they having Voted Viva Voce there appeared for the Amendment and in support of the Election of Mr William Campbell — " 7 Votes

Carried by a Majority of one

and against the amendment — 6 Votes. Whereupon Mr William Campbell was accordingly declared by the Mayor upon the foregoing terms by a Majority of one

Mr Campbell Elected Treasurer

and he thereupon returned thanks for being Elected

Jno Coates Mayor

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Quarterly Meeting 1st May 1843

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 1st of May 1843

Members present

Present - The Mayor
4 Aldermen
and 13 Town Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read and being approved of were signed by His Worship the Mayor

Referred to a Committee to prepare address of Condolence to the Queen

Alderman Mathews moved that it be referred to a Committee of 5 of the Council consisting of Aldermen Fernan & Mathews with Cs Wendy Boylan & Reappock to prepare an address of Condolence to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the demise of Her Illustrious Uncle His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex and that His Worship the Mayor be requested to forward same for presentation to the proper quarter with the Seal of the Corporation affixed and Alderman Fernan having seconded said Motion the question on same was then put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to

Referred to a Committee to prepare address of Congratulation to the Queen

It was then moved by Councillor Reappock that an address of Congratulation be also forwarded from this Corporation to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the Birth of a Princess and that His Worship the Mayor be requested to forward same in the usual Manner for Presentation, and Councillor Boylan having seconded said Motion the Question thereon was put from the Chair and it was unanimously resolved that an address on the auspicious and happy event be accordingly prepared and forwarded

Consideration of Tolls Boards Referred to Paving Committee

Councillor Boylan moved a Resolution in which he was seconded by Councillor Levins that the different Toll Boards be removed, and that they

be sold and the proceeds thereof handed the Treasurer for the benefit of the Borough the same was on the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor referred to the Paving Committee for their Consideration

Councillor Colling added to Paving Committee

ordered on the Motion of Councillor Walsh seconded by Councillor Conway that Councillor Colling be added to the Paving Committee

Councillor Levins added to Paving Committee

Councillor Reappock moved that Councillor Levins be added to the Paving Committee and Alderman Fernan having seconded said Nomination the same was accordingly ordered

accounts Referred to Finance Committee

It was ordered on the Motion of Councillor Reappock seconded by Councillor Kelly that the two accounts of the Drogheda Journal be referred to the Finance Committee for their Consideration and examination

Councillor Levins enquires if Mr Greene had got Notice to attend this Meeting

Mr Levins J. C. having enquired of the Town Clerk whether or not Mr James Greene the Sword Bearer had got Notice to attend this Assembly being the Quarterly Assembly of the Council in Virtue of his office, and the Town Clerk having replied that he had informed Mr Greene that on this day the Quarterly Meeting of the Council would be held, and that the Council would require his attendance thereat

Town Clk to Notify to Mr Greene the disappointment the Co. felt at his absence

Mr Levins therefore moved that the Town Clerk do inform Mr Greene of the disappointment with which this Assembly have Viewed his absence upon this and other similar occasions, and that he be Called on for an explanation of his Conduct, as also why he has not furnished the Weekly Corn averages, and that the Town Clerk shall further acquaint him that it is expected he shall for the future properly perform all the duties incident to his office, and

Mr. Drew J. C. having seconded said Motion the Question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to without any dissentient

Law Committee to take steps to get possession of the Mechanics Institute

Resolved on the Motion of Councillor Verdon that the Law Committee be requested to take such steps as they may find necessary with the assistance of the Law agents to get up from Mr. Henry Smith possession of the premises in William Street Called the Mechanics Institute with a View to the improvement of the Corporate property and the advantage of the public generally and said resolution having been Seconded by Councillor Brady the question thereon was put from the Chair and the same was accordingly agreed to

Law agents to defend Corpn. in the matter of the Petition presented to the Chr.

It was Resolved on the Motion of Alderman Tennan Seconded by Alderman Mathews that the Law agents do take the necessary steps to defend the rights of the Corpn. in the Matter of the Petition presented to the Chancellor touching the Estates of the Commons Fund and Poor of Saint Johns fund

Draft Bye Laws as amended by Mr Close referred to Law Committee

Moved by Councillor Verdon Seconded by Councillor Collins that a Copy of the Draft of the proposed Code of Bye Laws as amended by Mr. J. S. Close be referred to the Law Committee with a View to suggest whether it would be expedient to their due Consideration that a printed Copy of them be furnished to each Member of the Council for their future guide and direction and the Question thereon having been put from the Chair the reference was agreed to

Letter of Mr G. W. Cram referred to Law Committee

Town Clerk informs assembly that he had received a letter from Mr. G. W. Cram which is referred on the Motion of Councillor Boylan Seconded by Councillor Drew to the Law Committee for their Consideration and report

Town Clerk reads Report of Law Committee Report

Town Clerk reads report of Law Committee of which the following is a Copy

"Your Committee having examined the subject of the Memorial "of Mr. William Foskey praying for time in payment of his "rent and that the proceedings by Ejectment instituted "against him by the Law agents might be stayed. beg leave "to recommend that the Ejectment be moved on and that "he give a Consent for Judgment not to be acted on unless "he make default in the fulfillment of the following terms "Viz. to pay £40 next September and £40 in September "1844 he to give up to the Treasurer the Potatoe List "to be Collected by him and undertake that in addition "to the payment of these Installments he will liquidate "the rent accruing due from time to time. all which "we Certify as our report this 1st of May 1843

Signed Anthony Reappooke Chairman"

Report of Law Committee received and adopted

It was thereupon Moved by Councillor Collins seconded by Councillor Kelly that the Report of the Law Committee as read be received and adopted and that same be inserted on the Minutes and the Question thereon having been put from the Chair the same was received and adopted accordingly

Town Clerk reads report of Finance Committee Report

The Town Clerk reads report of Finance Committee of which the following is a Copy

"Your Committee beg leave to report that they have "examined into the sufficiency of the Security offered "by Mr William Campbell for the due discharge of his "duty as Treasurer and find that the persons offered Viz "Mr. John Sullivan of Tullyallen and Mr Hugh "Ward of Rogerstown are good and sufficient security. "and your Committee recommend that on his and their "entering into a Bond for the purpose he do Commence "to act in his office. all which we Certify as our report "this 1st of May 1843 Signed Mich. Rogers Chairman"

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1st May 1843.

Report of Finance Committee received and adopted

Councillor Boylan then moved that the Report of the Finance Committee as read be likewise received and adopted and entered on the Minutes and Alderman Simcock, having seconded said motion the Question upon same was put from the Chair and agreed to. and it was accordingly received and adopted

Adjourned to 22nd inst.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 22nd of May instant at the hour of 12 o'Clock

[signature]
Mayor.

Adjd. Meeting 22nd May 1842

At an adjourned Meeting of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 22nd day of May 1843 –

Present. The Mayor
4 Aldermen
and 11 Town Councillors

proceedings read

Town Clerk reads the Minutes of the last days proceedings which were approved of and signed by the Mayor

Bye Laws read

The Town Clerk then proceeded to read the Code of Bye Laws which were returned by Mr. Close as amended and approved of by him when Alderman Ternan and Councillors Drew and Boylan objected to the Fine of £50 as being too high for persons declining to fill the office of V.C.

V.C. Assessor when Councillor Hammond called the attention of the assembly to the discussion which took place at a former Meeting of the Council at which Meeting the subject now under

Consideration was fully discussed. and the feeling of the Assembly being to leave the Fine as it had been agreed upon at the Meeting referred to. the same was accordingly ordered to stand – The reading of the remainder of the Bye Laws having been proceeded with Councillor Hammond and several other Members of the Council suggested reductions in several of the other fines which after much discussion were agreed to

Bye Laws as read be forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant for his approval

Alderman Ternan then moved that the Code of Bye Laws as now read by the Town Clerk be forwarded by him to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for his approval. and a Copy thereof posted on the Tholsel pursuant to the requisites of the Municipal act. and Councillor Hammond having seconded said motion the Question upon same was then put from the Chair and agreed to

Town Clk reads report of Building Committee

Report

Town Clerk reads report of Building Committee of which the following is a Copy

"Your Committee having examined the different
"premises hereinafter referred to. recommend that the
"Tenements of Patrick McEntegart in Freeschool lane
"Laurence's street and William street as out of Lease
"at Easter last be divided into Eleven lots and that
"proposals for same be taken by the Town Clerks either in
"the whole or seperately subject to such terms as to
"rebuilding and repairing as your Committee may direct
"a Copy of said Conditions to be seen in the Town Clerks
"office together with the Maps. and that the holding in
"Barrack lane Called Blakes Rampier as formerly
"demised to Alderman Edward Chesshire and out of
"Lease at Easter 1841 should be set for building. and
that

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"that proposals for same should be received by the
"Town Clerk subject to such terms as your Committee
"have determined on. and now lodged in the Town
"Clerks office together with the Map of same. and
"that all lettings shall in future be from the first
"of May or first of November

Which we Certify as our report
this 22nd day of May 1843.

Signed - Thomas Hammond
Chairman

Report of Building Committee adopted

It was ordered on the Motion of Councillor Kelly which was seconded by Councillor Boylan that the report now read be received and adopted by the Council. and that same be inserted on the Minutes. and the question thereon having been put from the Chair the same was received and adopted accordingly

Houses in Treeschool Lane and Ground at Barrack Mount to be advertized for letting

Councillor Drew Moved that the letting of the Houses and Tenements in Treeschool Lane and the Spot of ground at Barrack Mount referred to in the report of the Building Committee be advertized in the two local Papers and Councillor Brady having Seconded said Motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.

Petition of Anne Fegan for relief referred to Committee

A Petition from Anne Fegan for Continuance of her Pension and a letter from Patience Turvey to the late Treasurer &c were read and both ordered to be referred to the Law Committee for their Consideration and report

Petition of Alexd. Millen referred to Paving Committee

A petition was also read from Alexander Millen Pavier and referred to the Paving Committee for their report

Moved by Patrick Boylan Esq T. C.
that an Enquiry be Made into the several acts of

Enquiry to be made into acts of Parliament relative to the Ashbourne Turnpike Gate

Parliament relative to the placing the Turnpike Gate within the Borough on the road leading from Drogheda to Ashbourne and that the Law Committee do take such Steps as they may deem necessary to remove such an impost with which the Inhabitants of the Borough is Chargeable. and which Motion was seconded by Alderman Mathews. and the question on same having been put from the Chair the same was unanimously agreed to.

Letter of John Shaw read Referred to Law Committee

A letter was read from John Shaw and ordered to be referred to the Law Committee for their report

Bills and Letter from Gas Co.y from Mr Codd read and referred to F. Committee

The Town Clerk lays before the Assembly Bills from Patrick Kelly and John Smith and a letter from Gas Company. and also a letter from Mr William Codd which were each referred to the Finance Committee for their Consideration and enquiry

Report of Finance Committee read

The Town Clerk reads Report from Finance Committee of which the following is a Copy

Report

"your Committee beg leave in reference to the
"Parish Fire Engine to recommend that it be taken
"charge of by this Corporation and put under the Control
"of Mr M.Cartney in Conjunction with the Engines
"belonging to this Body as by this arrangement the
"Parish will be relieved of Considerable expense
"which we Certify as our report this 22nd May 1843.

Signed - Anthy. Kappock. Chairman

Report of Finance Committee adopted

It was then moved by Councillor Drew that the report of the Finance Committee as read be received and adopted and that same be inserted on the Minutes and that a Copy of said report be furnished the Church Wardens of Saint peters Parish Councillor Verdon having seconded said Motion the question thereon was then put from the Chair and agreed to.

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Assembly adjourned

22nd May 1843.

There not being any other business for the Consideration of the Assembly the same was adjourned to Monday the 12th of June at 12 o'Clock

Wolcarty
Mayor

adj.d Meeting 12 June 1843.

At an adjourned Meeting of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 12th of June 1843.

Present. The Mayor
3 Aldermen
and
13 Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read and being approved of were signed by His Worship the Mayor

Town Clerk reads two letters from Sir James Graham acknowledging addresses of Congratulation and Condolence to the Queen

The Town Clerk reads two letters from The Right Honorable Sir James Graham Barnet Secretary of State for the Home Department acknowledging the receipt of addresses of Congratulation and Condolence to Her Majesty which had been forwarded to him by His Worship the Mayor for presentation from this Body. and it was ordered on the Motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Councillor Verdon that said letters be inserted on the Minutes.

12th June 1843.

Copy letter of Sir Jas Graham

The following are Copies of said Letters

"Whitehall June 10th 1843"

"Sir

I have had the honour to lay before the Queen "the loyal and dutiful address of the Mayor Aldermen and "Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda on the recent "occasion of the Birth of a Princess - and I have to "inform you that the same was Very graciously received "by Her Majesty - I have the Honour to be "Sir "The Mayor your obt. Servt. "of Drogheda Jas. Graham"

Copy letter of Sir James Graham

"Whitehall June 10th 1843.

"Sir

"I have had the Honour to lay before "the Queen the loyal and dutiful address of the Mayor "Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda "on the occasion of the death of His late Royal Highness "the Duke of Sussex - and I have to inform you that "the same was Very graciously received by Her Majesty "The Mayor I have the honour to be "of Drogheda Sir your obt. Servt. Jas. Graham"

Town Clerk reads letter from Trustees of Wesleyan Methodist Society

The Town Clerk reads a letter from the Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Society Dated 8th inst. which was on the Motion of Councillor Collin seconded by Alderman Rogers referred to the Law and Building Committees for their Consideration enquiry and report.

Treasurer to receive no rent except upon receipts Certified by the Mayor two of the Finance Committee and the Town Clerks

It was resolved on the Motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Councillor Reappock that the Treasurer receive no rent for or on behalf of the Corporation except upon receipts Certified by the Mayor for the time being two Members of the Finance Committee and by the Town Clerk or one or either of them and the Question upon the foregoing resolution being put from the Chair the same was unanimously agreed to in the terms proposed

It was likewise resolved on the Motion of

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Treasurer to lodge all monies received by him in Bank of Ireland to the Credit of the Mayor

Councillor Verdon seconded by Councillor Byrne that the Treasurer be required to lodge all monies received by him on account of the Corporation each day in the office of the Bank of Ireland in this Town to the Credit of His Worship the Mayor until he receives further instructions from the Council and the Question thereon was then put from the Chair. and it was accordingly agreed to

application of Robt. Kelly Pumps Boards - read

An application from Robert Kelly Pumps Boards was read which was on the Motion of Councillor Verdon seconded by Councillor Connolly referred to the Paving Committee for their Considera=tion and report

Town Clk informs assembly that at the request of the Law Committee he prepared Draft petn. to the Lord Lieutenant & Privy Council for the federation of Recorders Court

The Town Clerk having stated that in pursuance of the direction of the Law Committee he had prepared a Draft Memorial to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council praying for a reformation of the Recorders Court of Quarter Sessions a discussion ensued in which it appeared to be the Wish of the Council to endeavour by the introduction of Clauses in the Municipal amendment Bill now progressing through the House of Commons to obtain for the Barristers of Louth associated with the Justices the Jurisdiction of the Court of Quarter Sessions

Petitions to both Houses be presented for alterations in Irish Municipal act

Alderman Mathews thereupon moved that Petitions be presented from this Body to both Houses of Parliament praying for the necessary amendments and alterations in the Irish Municipal Reform Bill now in progress through the House of Common and said Motion being seconded by Councillor Collins the Question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to

petitions be presented to both Houses against the passing of the arms Bill

It was Moved by Councillor Lewis that Petitions be likewise prepared and Engrossments

forwarded thereof with the Seal of the Corporation affixed to both Houses of Parliament against the passing of the Arms Bill now under Consideration in the House of Commons which having been seconded by Councillor Boylan the question upon same was then put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to

Report of Law Committee read

The following report of the Law Committee was read by the Town Clerk

"Your Committee having examined into the "claims of Hugh Chambers as Sexton and John Shaw "as Parish Clerk of Saint Peters to the Salaries Claimed "by them respectively find that they are entitled to same "viz Hugh Chambers to his Salary of £2-15-4 "yearly Commencing from 29th September last. and John "Shaw to his Salary of £5-10-9 yearly Commencing from "said date. and your Committee recommend that they "be accordingly paid same by the Treasurer - your "Committee find that Jane Lyons who appears to "have been allowed by the late Corporation an annual "Pension of Ten pounds in the year 1841 is a person "in destitute Circumstances. and recommend that "she be paid an allowance of two Shillings Weekly "to Commence from 29th September last. same to be "revocable at the pleasure of the Council and to "be altogether discontinued or reduced in amount "according as the Circumstances of the Claimant or "the resources of the Corporation may render it "necessary or expedient - Your Committee find that "William Jephson being a Pensioner of the Crown is "not a proper Object for the bounty of this Corporation "and that in the present state of the finances they

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"would not be justified in recommending a Continuance
"of the allowance granted him by the late Body
"Your Committee having examined into the Claim
"of Mr George William Evans for Compensation in
"Consequence of his loss of office as Printer to the
"late Corporation. and having fully Considered the
"question of whether he should be Continued as
"Printer to the present body or Compensated. and
"having also interogated Mr Evans on the subject
"who stated that he would be satisfied with
"an annual sum by way of Compensation of £16
"find that it would be for the interest of your
"body that he should be removed and Compensated
"to that amount. all which your Committee
"Certify as their report this 12th June 1843
James Mathews Chairman"

Report of Law Committee Confirmed

It was ordered on the Motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Councillor Walsh that the report now read be received and that same be inserted on the Minutes. and the question that said report be received was then put from the Chair. and agreed to. and same was accordingly ordered to be inserted on the Minutes

Assembly adjourned to 3rd July

There Not being any other business for the Consideration of the Assembly it was adjourned to Monday the 3rd of July next at the hour of 12 O'Clock

Wm Carty
Mayor

Adjourned Meeting 3rd July 1843

An adjourned Meeting of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 3rd day of July 1843 among other Matters to Nominate and Elect out of the Aldermen or Councillors a fit person to be Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year

Members present

Present. The Mayor
3 Aldermen
and 12 Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read. and being approved of were signed by His Worship the Mayor

Proposals read from Messrs Mc Cullagh & Carpenter

The Town Clerk read two proposals one of which was from Thomas Mc Cullagh offering to become Tenant to the Corporation for the spot of ground Called Blakes Rampier situate at the Barrack lane at the yearly rent of £5-5-0 and the other from Thomas Carpenter offering to become Tenant for same at the yearly rent of £6 Whereupon Councillor Heapock moved that said proposals be referred to the Building Committee for their Consideration. and that they be pleased to Report thereon to the next adjourned Meeting of the Council. and Councillor Boylan having Seconded said Motion the question on same was put from the Chair and the reference was accordingly agreed to

Referred to Building Committee

Communication from Wm H. Beddy Read

A Communication from Mr W. H. Beddy was read Notifying his intention that he would require the amount of his Debenture No 297 on the 7th of Augt prox with one and a half years interest which will be due thereon and which was on the Motion of Councillor

Boylan seconded by Alderman Ennis ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee for their Consideration

Town Clk reads Copy of a Letter sent by him to Mr Roberts

The Town Clerk read a Copy of a Letter which he had written to Mr Roberts Manager of the Bank of Ireland at Drogheda on the subject of opening an account with the Corporation and his reply thereto in which he stated that he should have much pleasure in opening an account for the Trustees of the Borough fund as proposed and he begged to suggest that the account kept in the Bank of Ireland for the City of Dublin is under the head of "The Borough fund for the City of Dublin" and that the Bank is yearly furnished with the Signatures of the parties authorized to draw on the Fund on behalf of the Corporation - Councillor Boylan then moved that an account be opened in the office of the Bank of Ireland at Drogheda by the Corporation under the head of "the Borough fund of the Borough of Drogheda" and that the Mayor with Aldermen Jernan and Ennis together with the Treasurer and Town Clerk or any two of the above first three named persons be authorized to sign all Drafts and Checks on the Bank on the part of the Corporation and in every Case such drafts and Checks to be Counter signed by the Treasurer and which Motion being seconded by Councillor Drew the question on same was then put from the Chair and agreed to in the foregoing terms

Account to be opened in the office of the Bank of Ireland by the Corporation

Alderman Ennis after passing a high Eulogium on the present Mayor proposed that

Alderman Ennis thereupon rose and after passing a high eulogium on His Worship the Mayor for his able and impartial discharge of

Alderman Jernan be Elected Mayor for the ensuing year

the duties of his office of Chief Magistrate of the Borough begged leave to propose as a Successor worthy of him and of the Council his respected friend Alderman Jernan upon whose Conduct public and private he expatiated in terms of Warm approval and Concluded by proposing that he be nominated Mayor for the ensuing year after the Close of the present worthy Mayor's year of office which was seconded by several Members of the Council standing up simultaneously to propose that it should be Carried by acclamation whereupon His Worship previously to putting the question from the Chair expressed the pleasure he felt in proposing it to the Co. the having put the question thereon the same was Carried by acclamation and Alderman Jernan was thereupon accordingly declared duly nominated Mayor for the ensuing year by His Worship

Alderman Jernan Elected Mayor

Memorial of the Inhabitants of Sunday's Gate to have Nuisance removed - read

The Memorial of the Inhabitants of Sunday's Gate having been read stating that they had been very grievously annoyed for the last five years by large heaps of Manure being deposited within their Neighbourhood which undergoing a state of decomposition were dangerous and most injurious to the health of so densely populated a Neighbourhood. That in Corroboration of this Statement they begged to Call the serious attention of the Council to the fact that not long since no less than seven families were afflicted with Fever of the Worst description when they were attended by Doctors Atkinson and Darbey who both gave it as their decided opinion that the Nuisance Complained of was the sole Cause of the disease under those Circumstances Memorialists hoped the Corporation would abonee Cause the Nuisance to be removed before the hot season Commenced

and thereby save them and their families from the pestilence which so detestable a Nuisance must inevitably bring on them

referred to the Paving Committee

ordered on the Motion of Councillor Drew seconded by Councillor Brady that the matter of the foregoing Memorial be referred to the Paving Committee, and that they do enquire into the Circumstances stated, and examine the locality above referred to with the View to remedy in every possible Manner the Nuisance Complained of

Paving & Building Committee to report where Privies should be erected

Moved by Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor Drew that the Paving and Building Committee be requested to examine into, and report to the next Meeting of this Assembly the places in the Borough where public privies should be erected and also the Number required, and the Manner of Construction, the Question thereon having been put from the Chair the same was unanimously agreed to

Ald.r Fernan the Mayor elect returns thanks for being elected

Alderman Fernan at this Stage of the proceedings presented himself before the Council and he being informed by His Worship that he had been Nominated to the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, Alderman Fernan thereupon returned thanks for the high honor Conferred on him, and for the extremely gratifying Manner in which he had been Nominated to be the future Mayor

Proposal of Francis Murphy Stonecutter read

A proposal was read from Francis Murphy Stonecutter proposing to furnish and

deliver Curbing Stones for the different Streets of the Borough of the same scantling and Workmanship as at present in the new Footways at the rate of Six pence per foot

Mr M.c Kenna Services as Auctioneer dispensed with

Councillor Campbell moved that Mr Patrick M.c Kenna be paid his Salary to the 24th of June last as Auctioneer, and that his services be discontinued as such from this day henceforward and the Question upon said Motion having been put from the Chair the same was agreed to

Assembly adjourned

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Monday the 17th of July instant at the hour of 12 o'Clock

W.m Canty
Mayor

adj.d Assembly 17th July 1843

At an adjourned Meeting of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 17th day of July 1843.

Members present

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen
and 12 Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read and being approved of the same were signed by His Worship

Account of Peter Norris Carpenter submitted

The Town Clerk lays before the assembly the account of Peter Norris for Carpenters Work

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done by him to the Town Clerks office and Corn Market House which was ordered on the Motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Brady to be referred to the Finance Committee for their examination and to be paid by the Treasurer if found Correct by them

Mr. Mayor refers to the petition of Anne Fegan

His Worship the Mayor brings to the Consideration of the Assembly the petition of Anne Fegan which had been read at a former Meeting of the Council and referred to the Law Committee for their Consideration and report. and the Town Clerk having informed His Worship that the Law Committee to whom said Petition was referred had not Considered or reported on same. It was then ordered that said petition be laid before the Law Committee at their next Meeting and that they be pleased to report thereon

Proposal of Nichs. Kelly for a house in Freeschool Lane read

A letter was read from Nicholas Kelly proposing to pay six pounds a year for the House at the head of Freeschool Lane next William street or £5 a year for the house next it in the Lane. and that he would give up possession of same at any time upon getting one Months Notice to Quit

and

Referred to the Building Committee

Councillor Hammond moved that the letter or proposal now read be referred to the Building Committee for their Consideration and report and Councillor Boylan having seconded said Motion the Question on same was put from the Chair and agreed to

Proposal of

A proposal from Francis Murphy

Francis Murphy Stonecutter read

Stonecutter having been read proposing to furnish and deliver Curbing for the streets of the same Scantling and Workmanship as is at present in the new footways at the rate of 7 pence half penny per foot. and the Scantling to be two feet six Inches long seven inches thick and one foot two inches in Width

Referred to the Paving Committee

It was ordered on the Motion of Councillor Campbell seconded by Councillor Hammond that said proposal be referred to the Paving Committee for their examination and Consideration and the Question thereon having been put from the Chair the reference was agreed to

Town Clk reads report of Building Committee

The Town Clerk reads report of Building Committee of which the following is a Copy

Report

" your Committee having examined into the proposals
" of Thomas McCullagh and Thomas Carpenter offering
" to become Tenants to the Corporation for the plot of
" Ground Called Blakes Rampier which had been
" referred to them from the last adjourned Assembly
" beg leave to recommend that the proposal of
" Thomas Carpenter offering to pay six pounds per
" annum rent and to build and reside thereon be
" accepted. and that a Lease be granted to him for
" 75 years from the 1st. of May last. said Lease to Contain
" binding Covenants for the fulfillment of the Various
" Conditions as advertized and specified on the back of
" the Map of said premises lodged in the Town Clerks
" office || your Committee having examined
" the premises in William street being a portion of a
" Garden at rere of Mechanics Institute recommend a
" Certain part thereof at the North end of the Wesleyan
" Methodist Chapel Containing Thirty six feet six inches

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"from East to West and Twenty three feet from
"North to South to be given to the trustees of the
"Wesleyan Methodist Society for the purpose of
"building a School thereon at the yearly rent of
"one shilling giving them a Lease of Seventy five
"years on their surrendering the Lease given them
"by the late Corporation. Which we Certify as
"our report this 17th day of July 1843

Signed Thomas Hammond
Chairman

Report of Building Committee received

It was then moved by Councillor Reappock and seconded by Councillor Brady that the report of the Building Committee as now read be received and adopted and the Question upon same having been put from the Chair the same was agreed to

Town Clk read report of Finance Committee

A report was also read by the Town Clerk from the Finance Committee of which the following is a Copy

"Your Committee having examined the Cash
"account of Mr Thomas Kelly one of the Town Clerks
"for Monies received and disbursed by him for the
"Corporation find that there is a Balance of
"£35-6-4½ due to him on foot of said account
"Commencing 17th March and ending 2nd June
"last and that said balance should be paid him
"by the Treasurer on his producing a Voucher for the
"sum of £38-11-0 transmitted to Mr Cantwell on
"12th April last. Which we Certify as our report
"this 17th July 1843 Stephen Drew
Chairman"

Report of Finance Committee received

Ordered on the Motion of Councillor Drew seconded by Councillor Byrne that the Report of the Finance Committee as read be likewise received and adopted and that it be inserted on the Minutes

Account of His Worships received

Resolved on the Motion of Councillor Reappock seconded by Councillor Brady that the account furnished by His Worship the Mayor and which had been kept by him with the Corporation of the receipts and disbursements Commencing the 20th of February and ending the 29th April 1843 leaving a Balance of £39-3-3p still due on foot of same and which it appeared had been examined into by the Finance Committee be received the same being Correct in every particular and the Question upon said Resolution having been put from the Chair it was unanimously agreed to and the said account was accordingly received by the Council

Law agents to get possession of premises in Barrack Lane from Mr Mc Loughlin

Councillor Campbell moved a Resolution to the effect that the Law agents be authorized to take possession of the spot of ground and house thereon situate at the Barrack Lane from Mr Mc Loughlin and that Thomas Carpenter who is now declared Tenant get possession thereof and Alderman Rogers having seconded same the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to

500 Copies of Bye Laws to be printed

It is ordered on the Motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Councillor Brady that Five hundred Copies of the Bye Laws be struck off and printed for distribution

W. Canty
Mayor

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Quarterly Assembly 1st August 1843

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 1st day of August 1843

Members present

Present - The Mayor
3 Aldermen
and - 11 Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read and being approved of the same were signed by the Mayor

Report of Building Committee - read

The Town Clerk read report of Building Committee of which the following is a Copy

Report

"your Committee having examined the "Sundry Tenders submitted to them for the repairs and "improvements of the Cow Market House beg leave "to report that they find the Tender for the "Carpenters Work from Peter Norris as the lowest "That for Lead and Plumbing from George Knaggs "as the lowest - The tender for slating from Mr Meadth as "the lowest - That for Painting from James M.c Keown "as the lowest - We therefore recommend your "naming the foregoing persons as the Contractors "which your Committee Certify as their report this "1st of August 1843" Signed - Thomas Hammond "Chairman"

Report of Building Committee received

It was ordered on the Motion of Councillor Verdon seconded by Councillor Brady that the foregoing report be received and adopted by the Council

Proposal of Catherine Harlin - read -

The proposal of Catherine Harlin was read proposing to become Tenant to the Corporation for the House she at present occupies in Threeschool Lane which was on the Motion of Councillor Hammond

seconded by Councillor Byrne referred to the Building Committee for their Consideration

Petition of Nightly Patrol - read

The petition of the Nightly Patrol being read - stating that they in their usual dress were not recognized as Watchmen and that for want of an uniform their rights to protect the peace was often times questioned. That if they were furnished with a Blue pilot Cloth Coat and Cape blue pilot Cloth Trowsers and Hat it would enable them the better to stand the Inclemency of the Winter nights and discharge their duty properly as their authority would not then be questioned

Referred to Finance Committee

It was then moved by Councillor Hammond which was seconded by Councillor Campbell that the said Memorial be referred to the Finance Committee for their Consideration and report and the question thereon having been put from the Chair the reference was agreed to

Memorial of Jane Christy Widow for Relief read.

The Memorial of Jane Christy widow of the late Patrick Christy of Trinity street praying that her destitute Case would be taken into Consideration having been read -

No Motion Made

There was not any Motion made in reference to said Memorial the Council Conceiving they had no authority to entertain same she not having been a pensioner of the late Corporation

Town Clerk submits Statement and Claim to Compens.n of Fra Ball Esq

The Town Clerk informs the Assembly that on the 30th of July ulto he had received a letter from Francis Ball Esq in which was enclosed a Statement of the amount received by him for Salary and professional services as Recorder for the Town of Drogheda during the

the 5 years previous to the passing of the Municipal act. and which he required to be laid before the Corporation at their next Meeting and is as follows

Account of Fr. Ball Esq.

" Account setting forth the amount received by me
" during the period of five years next before the passing of the
" 3rd and 4th Vic Cap 108 for my Salary fees emoluments
" and profits as Recorder of the late Corporation of Drogheda
" and which office I held for life and an account of which
" I now Claim Compensation

	£	s	d
Five years Salary	500	0	0
Received for fees and professional services during the above period	335	19	0
	835	19	0
Deduct 1/3rd off	278	13	0
	557	6	0

" I now Claim 5th of the above sum of £557 - 6 - 0 as and for
" my Compensation as late Recorder being the annual sum
" of £111 - 9 - 2 for and during the term of my Natural life to
" Commence from the 29th day of Sept. 1842 I beg to
" state that I have taken the amount of fees from my
" Fee Book in which I regularly entered the particulars
" when the business was done, but I have no entry of the
" time when the money was actually paid I declare the
" above to be a true statement according to the best of my
" Knowledge information and belief."

Signed Francis Ball"
"29th July 1843
" 4 Great Denmark st Dublin"

Referred to the whole Council in Committee

Councillor Boylan thereupon Moved that the said account and Claim to Compensation be referred to the whole Council sitting in Committee for their Consideration and deliberation and Councillor Brady having seconded same the question thereon was put from the Chair and the Reference was accordingly agreed to

Memorial of Sam. Wisdom proposing to become Tenant for two houses lately held by him

The Memorial of Samuel Wisdom having been read offering to become Tenant to the Corporation for two houses lately held by him in Theschool Lane and praying that if not accepted as

Tenant he might be allowed one third of his alleged loss in repairing said houses

Referred to the Building Committee

It was moved by Councillor Campbell seconded by Councillor Boylan that the Matter of the foregoing Memorial be referred to the Building Committee for their Consideration and report

Communication of Mr. W. H. Beddy read

A Communication from Mr. William H. Beddy Dated the 30th of July 1843 was read stating that if the Corporation had adopted the resolution of their predecessors with respect to the payment of six per Cent on all Debentures he would withdraw the former Notice so far as related to the principle

Alderman Ennis suggests to Deb holders the intention of Corporation with respect to the paymt. of interest

Alderman Ennis suggested that it would be well to Notify to each of the Debenture holders the intention of the Council with respect to the payment of interest hereafter and that in Case they refused to accept four per Cent interest on their Debentures the Town Clerk be authorized to advertize for a sum sufficient to pay them off which would be a Considerable saving to the Corporation after some discussion it was suggested to the Members of the Law Committee present that they should take the Matter into their early and serious Consideration

Letter of Jas. Hand Public Craner read

A Letter from James Hand Public Craner having been read referring to a former Communication from him on the subject of his losses by the public Craner as Tenant thereof and begging Compensation It was ordered on the Motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Councillor Brady that the foregoing

letter with the account annexed be referred to the Finance Committee for their enquiry and Consideration

Report of Sawing Committee read and adopted

The following report from the Sawing Committee having been read which was received and adopted and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes on the Motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Boylan — "Having examined the different Tenders " for the Sewer outside Lawrence's Gate We recommend " the Contract to be given to Thomas Mathews"

" Drogheda 1st August 1843"

Signed — Thomas Semcocks
Chairman"

Accounts referred

The account of Grendon and Company having been laid before the Assembly was ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee also the account of Mr Austin Nicholls was referred to the Sawing Committee

Sheriffs Chains

His Worship informs the Assembly that he had not as yet got possession of the Sheriffs Chains from Messrs Crawford and North the late Sheriffs and the Town Clerk thereupon having also informed the Assembly that he had applied by Letter for them but that he has not received any reply in answer to his Letter from either of the said Gentlemen —

Law Agents to proceed forthwith for recovery of Sheriffs Chains

It was ordered on the Motion of Town Councillor Verdon seconded by Town Councillor Brady that the Law Agents proceed forthwith against them for recovery thereof

Town Clerk reads report of Fin. Committee

The following report of the Finance Committee having been read by the Town Clerk

" Your Committee beg leave to report that they
" have examined the account of Thomas Carty Esq.
" Mayor of receipts and Disbursements Commencing
" the 1st day of May last and ending the 1st of August

" instant and that same is Correct in every particular. and that a
" Balance of £154-0-2 still remains due to His Worship
" on foot of same. and that said sum be paid him by
" the Treasurer. Which we Certify as our report this 1st
" day of August 1843 Signed — Stephen Drew
Chairman"

Report of Finance Committee adopted

Mr Reappock moves that the report of the Finance Committee as now read be received and adopted by this Assembly and Mr Campbell having seconded same the Question upon said Motion was put from the Chair and agreed to

His Worship to Communicate with Mr Nicholson respecting the house at Lawrence's Gate

on the Motion of Mr Reappock J. C. seconded by Mr Hammond J. C. it was resolved that His Worship the Mayor be impowered to Communicate with Mr Nicholson of Baltrath for the House at Lawrences Gate now unoccupied with a View to prevent Nuisance and to open a passage by the Gate

Mechanics Institute propriety of endowing it discussed

Alderman Ennis brings before the Assembly the propriety of endowing the Mechanics Institute with a View to the instruction of the Mechanics of the Town and neighbourhood whereupon some discussion took place and it was generally admitted that if a surplus fund were established there Could be no more legitimate mode of employing the public Money but no resolution was passed on the subject

Assembly adjourned

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Tuesday the 22nd instant at 12 O'Clock

Thos Carty
Mayor

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Adjourned Meeting 22nd August 1843

At an adjourned Meeting of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 22nd day of August 1843

Present The Mayor
4 Aldermen
and 10 Town Councillors

Proceedings read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read and being approved of the same were signed by His Worship the Mayor

Town Clk reads letter from Frs Ball Esq

The Town Clerk reads a letter he had received from Francis Ball Esqre in reply to one he had written to him on the 1st instant and of which the following is a Copy

"4 Gt Denmark St.
"7 August/43"

Letter

"Dear Sirs

"I should be sorry that either you or the Council should be of opinion that I have made a premature application for Compensation in saying so I am disposed to think you have forgotten the Memorial prepared by you and which the Council unanimously adopted so long ago as the 9th Jany last showing their determination not to Memorial either for the Court of Record or the Court of Quarter Sessions. I Considered that when that Memorial had been adopted that I was then entitled to apply for Compensation and I had not heard (till the receipt of your letter) that the Matter had been again discussed or reconsidered by the Council. In Consequence of your Communication I now write to request you to hold over my application for the present. I should have answered your letter sooner only that it did not Come to hand as I am residing in the County of Wicklow and

and I do not receive my letters regularly

"Messrs Kelly & Cantwell

I remain Dear Sirs
Yours faithfully
Francis Ball

His Worship informs assembly that he had recd a letter from Mr Nicholson relative to the house at Lace's Gate

His Worship informs the assembly that he had received a Communication from Mr Nicholson of Belrath on the subject of the House at Lawrence's Gate which it was proposed to purchase from his Father when after some Conversation His Worship promised at the request of the Council to write to Mr Nicholson to know what sum would be taken for the interest in the House

Report relative to Fire Engine read

The following report being read relative to the Corporation Fire Engine + + + was ordered to be referred to a Committee to Consist of Messrs Lewins Drew and Boylan with Alderman Ternan on the Motion of Councillor Campbell seconded by Alderman Ennis

Report

"To The Right Worshipful the Mayor Aldermen and Town Councillors of the Borough of Drogheda

"James McCartney Chief Constable and Fire Engine Keeper

"Respectfully Sheweth

"That he exercised the Parish Fire Engine at the Linen hall pump when the whole of the Brasses flew off from the leather Hose from the force of the Water they being in Very bad repair. the Suction Tubes are also in bad order and require the immediate attention of a Competent Engineer to put it into perfect working order

"The Corporation Fire Engine requires new leather Hose and one Wheel the Wood Work requires to be examined by a Competent Judge as it sucks the Water"

August the 22nd 1843

Signed James McCartney

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accounts referred

The accounts of Messrs Boylan and Apperson and also the account of Mrs Moran were laid before the Assembly and severally referred to the Finance Committee for their examination

Report of Law Committee read & adopted

The Town Clerk reads report of Law Committee which was on the Motion of Councillor Boylan Seconded by Alderman Ennis received and adopted & ordered to be inserted on the Minutes

Report

The following is a Copy of said Report

"your Committee having examined into the Claim of "Miss Anne Fegan a pensioner of the late Corporation and "which had been referred to them find that she is at "present engaged as School Mistress to a public "Institution near Philsborough a situation which is "quite sufficient to raise her from penury and disentitles "her to a Continuance of any allowance from your Body "in the present exhausted state of the Finances

"With respect to the Claim of the Misses Ferguson "your Committee find that in 1832 they were granted a sum "of £10 each as a donation merely and not as an annual "pension although that sum has been since paid them "yearly by the late Treasurer – your Committee therefore "Conclude that the Council would not be warranted "in Continuing this grant and recommend accordingly "that it be discontinued

In reference to the Claim "of Patience Turvey a Pensioner of the late Corporation "whose Case had been referred to them your Committee "find that a person of that name was granted by the "late Body on the 16th of July 1816 under the description "of "Patience Turvey Daughter of Judith Turvey" a pension "of Fourteen Guineas a year to Commence from the 25th "of March 1816 – That this pension afterwards reduced to "a Sum of £10-10-0 appears thenceforth to have been paid "to her or some person representing her up to September last

"That two Communications having been received signed "'Patience Turvey' and written each in a different hand "writing Claiming from your Body a Continuance of "this Pension the one addressed from 26 Molesworth Street "and the other from 3 Molesworth Place. Mr Kelly "one of the Town Clerks as your Committee are informed "Called in July last at both places but was told that "no such person was known in either. and that several "days previous to the last Assembly a letter was addressed "by the Town Clerks to both places apprizing her of the "fact of the Assembly being about to take place and to "attend and answer such questions as might be put to her "and that no answer having been given to those Communica "tions nor attendance by the person styling herself Patience "Turvey. your Committee are driven to the Conclusion that "no such person now exists and that the present Claim is "fabricated but your Committee beg leave to recommend "that at all events if such Claim be again put forward "that it should receive the most rigid investigation

"your Committee have further to report that all difficulties "to the raising of Money by Mortgage being about to be "removed by the Municipal amendment act at present "in progress through the Houses of Parliament they have "a prospect of being enabled to raise at four per Cent interest "a sum sufficient to pay off the existing debt of the "Corporation which pays an interest of six per Cent by "which a Considerable saving will be effected. which we "Certify as our report this 22nd day of August 1843

Signed – Patk Ternan – Chairman

Wm Mc Cann Esq brings to the Consideration of the Assembly the propriety of making improvement at Tom Rows point

James Mc Cann Esq with the permission of His Worship brings to the Consideration of the assembly the propriety of making some improvements in that part of the Strand Called Tom Rows point which is a great resort for the young men of the Town for Bathing

with a View to making same safe for that purpose and of preventing the exposure of persons walking there when after some discussion on the subject in which several of the Council expressed themselves favorable to the suggestion of Mr. McCann it was then suggested to such of the Members of the Council as were present and who had seats as Boyne Commissioners that they should look after the Matter and bring it before the Boyne Commissioners for their Consideration with a View that they may see and ascertain what was necessary to be done. as it Could not be entertained by the Corporation it being outside the Municipal Boundaries

Mr Callan's account referred

An account of Mr. Michael Callan Architect was referred to the Building Committee for their Consideration

Memorial of John O Donegan Literary Teacher read

The Memorial of John O Donegan Literary Teacher being read stating that he would take as yearly Tenant the House and Yard in School Lane formerly occupied by him for which he would engage to pay the yearly rent of £5 stlg or if the Corporation would be pleased to appoint him as Teacher to the Apprentices of the Borough to be taught in an Evening School to be held in the Mechanics Institution he would not hold the Corporation accountable for a Salary. if His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant should not allow a part of the Borough funds to be appropriated to that purpose. but would Content himself with a free house and the liberty of the Concern and such subscriptions as he might be able to procure

referred to the whole Co.e in Committee

The foregoing Memorial was ordered to be referred to the whole Council in Committee for discussion and Consideration

Lease of a Field at the Twenties out of Lease in 1836 submitted

The Town Clerk notifies to the Assembly that a Lease which was formerly made to the late Alderman Philip Donagh deceased of a Field adjoining the Twenties had expired at Easter 1836 and which was ordered to be referred to the Law Committee for their Consideration and report

Ordered. That His Worship the Mayor be requested to signify to Mr. McCartney Chief Constable the wish of the Council with respect to the duties of the Serjeant at Mace generally. but more particularly the duties which are required of them during the Harvest period. and that he do also notify to the Nightly patrol that they are to Commence their duty at the hour of Nine o'Clock each Evening + + + henceforth until further order and remain on 'till Five o'Clock the next morning

Assembly adjourned

There not being any other business for the Consideration of the Assembly the same is adjourned to Tuesday the 5th of September next

Tho.s Carty
Mayor

adjourned Assembly 5th Sept 1843

A Meeting adjourned meeting of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 5th day of September 1843

Members present

Present. The Mayor
2 Aldermen
and 11 Town Councillors

proceedings read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings having been read by the Town Clerk and being approved of same were signed by the Mayor

Mr Mayor informs Assembly that he had received a reply from Mr Nicholson

His Worship informs the Assembly that he had received a letter from Mr Nicholson of Bekath in reply to a Communication he had written to him stating that in Consequence of the illness of his Father no price could be at present laid on the house at Laurence's Gate but that he soon expected to be able to enter into the proposed arrangement

And His Worship also informs the Assembly that he had given directions to the Serjeants at Mace through Mr McCartney Chief Constable as to the duties to be performed by them

Memorial of Jas McCartney read

The Memorial of James McCartney Chief Constable being read stating that he is bound to exercise and oil the Fire Engines every Month in Consequence of which a quantity of oil is used which he pays for out of his own pocket and that the necessary quantity of oil which is required for the above purpose be furnished by an order from the Mayor It was ordered that the foregoing Memorial be referred to the Paving Committee for their Consideration and report

Memorial of

The Memorial of William Clinton of Dyer

William Clinton

Dyer Street being read stating that not being a Freeman of the late Corporation he was obliged some years ago to purchase by Lease a property in Dyer Street through the late George Evans Esqre and who was declared the Tenant of said property and to whom your petitioner paid the purchase money and 30 Guineas besides for his own private use in Consideration of his acting for him — petitioner humbly hoped the Reformed Corporation would look to the administrators of the said George Evans from whom it is in their power to recover the rent due them and to whom he paid £250 in rent and that he would indemnify the Corporation should they proceed

Referred to the Law Committee

It was then moved by Councillor Campbell seconded by Councillor Hammond that the Matter of the foregoing Memorial be referred to the Law Committee for their Consideration and report and the question upon said reference being put from the Chair the same was accordingly agreed to

Mr Elliott's acct referred

The account of Thomas Henry Elliott for Upholstery was laid before the Assembly and on the Motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Verdon was referred to the Finance Committee for their Consideration

Mr Campbell deputed by and on behalf of the Corpn Agent or Bailiff

Resolved on the Motion of Councillor Campbell seconded by Councillor Drew that Mr William Campbell of Magdalen Street Drogheda Gentleman be deputed and appointed in the Name of the Corporation and as their Attorney agent or Bailiff for that purpose to ask sue for and recover possession of all that plot

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or parcel of Ground Called and Known by the Name of Blakes Rampier with a house or Tenement thereon situate on the West side of the Barrack Lane Drogheda as formerly demised by the Corporation of Drogheda to the late Alderman Edward Cheoshire as also of one park or parcel of Land formerly Called one acre and one Stang of Meadow situate in Helens Meadow adjoining the Lands of the Twenties Containing one acre and twenty five perches as formerly demised by the Corporation of Drogheda to the late Alderman Philip Donaghas also of the premises in School Lane where of posseasion is held by William Codd — and that our Law agents do forthwith prepare such letter of Attorney or other Depulation as may be necessary for the proper delegation of authority so to do and that His Worship the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to affix thereto when so prepared the Seal of this Corporation so as to Constitute same the act of this Body

Letter of Francis Ball Esq referred to Law Committee

The following Letter having been read by the Town Clerk the same was on the Motion of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Brady ordered to be referred to the Law Committee

Letter

4 Great Denmark st
2nd Sept 43

"Dear Sirs —

"As I find by the 6 & 7 Victoria Chap "93 Sec 25 that the Assistant Barristers Court for the "County of South is substituted in Drogheda for the "Recorders Court as desired by the Council I write to "request that you may Consider my account and "Claim for Compensation forwarded to you on the 29th of "July last as furnished pursuant to the 3rd & 4th Victoria "Chap 108 notwithstanding my letter of the 7th of "august last —

I remain Dear Sirs
yours truly
Francis Ball

"Messrs Kelly & Cantwell
Town Clerks

Letter of Director of Gass Company read

A letter from Mr M. Keon Managing Director of Gass Company requiring to be informed when it would be Convenient for the Treasurer to pay the amount of their demand being read — It was ordered on the Motion of Councillor Campbell which was Seconded by Councillor Verdon that the same be referred to the Finance Committee for their Consideration

Mr Nicholls account referred

The account of Mr Austin Nicholl Architect was likewise ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee for their Consideration and examination

Memorial to Lord Lieutenant read

The following memorial to the Lord Lieutenant having been read by the Town Clerk the same was agreed to and adopted by the Council

Memorial

"To His Excellency Earl De Grey Lord
"Lieutenant General and General Governor
"of Ireland

"The Memorial of the Mayor and Town Co.
"of the Borough of Drogheda

"Humbly Sheweth"

"That your Memorialists are in the actual "possession of a Large building situate within the "Town and Borough and fitted up as a Mechanics "Institute for the purpose of giving Lectures on the arts "and Various branches of Manufacturing Science to the "Artizans and Mechanics of the Borough and Neighbour-"hood — That Drogheda being a Town of Considerable "Manufacturing importance the Establishment of an "Institution suitably endowed and adapted for the "purpose of giving instruction in the useful arts would "as your Memorialists Conceive tend to its essential "benefit — That for this purpose your Memorialists are "desirous with the Sanction and approbation of your "Excellency to Establish an Evening School for the "Instruction of Mechanics Apprentices and such others as —

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"may wish to avail themselves of it. and for the purpose
"of defraying the expenses of occasional Lectures under
"the direction and Control of the Corporation at an
"expense not exceeding £30 per annum and your
"Memorialists to be at liberty if so disposed to
"Continue same for a space of five years – your
"memorialists therefore pray that under the provisions
"of the Statute your excellency will be pleased to
"sanction such an Expenditure

And your Memorialists will pray
"In Testimony &c (Seal).

Assembly adjourned

The Council at its rising adjourned to Tuesday the 19th of September instant at the hour of One o'Clock

Lab. Boylan
Chairman

adjd. Assembly 19th Sept. 1843

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 19th day of September 1843

Present 2 Aldermen
and 13 Town Councillors

Patrick Boylan Esqre J. C. in the Chair

Proceedings of last Assembly read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings having been read and being approved of the same were in the absence of His Worship signed by Town Councillor Boylan as Chairman

Town Clerk reads letter from Mr Lucas

The Town Clerk reads the following letter which he had received in reply to the Memorial forwarded by him to His Excellency on the last day of Meeting on behalf of the Council and which was on the Motion of Councillor Hammond seconded by Councillor Verdon ordered to be inserted on the Minutes

Letter

"Dublin Castle 7th Sept. 1843

Sir

"Having by desire of the Lords Justices referred
"the Memorial of the Mayor and Town Council of the
"Borough of Drogheda which accompanied your letter
"of the 5th instant to the Attorney General, I am to acquaint
"you that the Attorney General reports that he is of
"opinion that the 92nd and 94th Sections of the Municipal
"Corporation act do not authorize the expenditure thereon

"I am Sir
"your obt. Servant
"E. Lucas

"Thomas Kelly Esq
"Town Clerk
"Drogheda

Assembly adjourned

The Assembly then adjourned to Tuesday next the 26th instant at the hour of one O'Clock

Tho Carty
Mayor

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Adj.d Assembly 26th Sept.r 1843

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 26th day of September 1843

Present The Mayor
4 Aldermen
and 11 Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings having been read by the Town Clerk and being approved of same were signed by the Mayor

Memorial of Sam.l Atkinson for Relief read not entertained

The Memorial of Samuel Atkinson of Drogheda Watch Maker seeking for Relief being read - The Subject Matter of said Memorial was not further entertained there not being any funds at the disposal of the Corporation for such a purpose

The Services of Mr. J. Crawford dispensed with

Councillor Campbell moved in which he was seconded by Alderman Simcock that the services of Mr. John Crawford who had been Secretary to the Paving Committee and Committee of accounts under the late Corporation be dispensed with from and after Michaelmas next and the question upon same having been put from the Chair was agreed to.

Accot. of Thos. Mathews ord.d to be paid

Ordered on the motion of Alderman Tenan seconded by Alderman Mathews that the account of Thomas Mathews amounting to £13-15-6 be paid by the Treasurer

Report of Building Committee read

Town Clerk read Report of Building Committee of which the following is a Copy and which was received and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes on the Motion of Councillor Hammond seconded by Alderman Mathews

Report

"your Committee having enquired into the Matter
"of the Memorial of Mr. John O'Donegan which
"prayed that in the event of the Lord Lieutenant
"disallowing the appropriation of any part of the
"Borough fund towards endowing the Mechanics
"Institute he would be allowed a free House with
"liberty to teach in the Institute on the terms of his
"teaching the apprentices of the Borough Recommend
"that he do for the present occupy a House in School
"Lane and get the use of the upper part of the Mechanics
"Institute on the terms of his holding in the latter an
"Evening School for the apprentices of the Borough five
"days in the Week two hours each Evening charging five
"Shillings each per Quarter only ~~giving instruction in~~
"~~Navigation~~ for the ordinary Course of an English
"Education and ten shillings per quarter for giving
"Instructions in Navigation he to yield up possession
"of both places within three Months after it shall be
"demanded of him by the Treasurer of the Corporation

"Your Committee beg leave further to recommend
"that the proposal of Miss Catherine Harlin for
"the house she lives in be accepted Viz £5 yearly rent
"to Commence from 1st May last she keeping the premises
"in proper repair and to give up possession at three
"Months notice - Your Committee recommend
"that the Repairs of the following public Pumps Viz
"those at the Linen hall. The Tholsel - Batchelors Lane
"North Quay. Wellington Quay and North Strand be let
"by Contract for 5 years to Commence from Michaelmas
"next and that an advertisement to that effect be published
"by the Town Clerk the Contractor to allow one half years
"Salary to remain always in hand as a Security for the duly keeping
"them in Repair. Which your Committee Certify as their
"report this 26th Sept.r 1843" "Thomas Hammond"
"Chairman"

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Report of Saving Committee - read

26th Sept. 1843

The following Report of the Saving Committee having been read the same was on the Motion of Councillor Lewis seconded by Councillor Drew adopted and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes

Copy Report

"In reference to the account of Mr. Austin Nicholls "Architect for erecting Fountain on the North Quay and "Carrying Water from Wellington Quay which had "been referred to us your Committee find that Mr. "Nicholls having received £150 is the sum for which "he Contracted with the late Corporation to do the work "feel that they have no power to recommend the "grant of any further sum in account thereof "Which your Committee Certify, as their report this "26th of September 1843 — Thos. Simcocks Chairman"

Accounts Submited and ordered to be paid

The following accounts having been enquired into by the Finance Committee and passed by them on the 12th and 26th of September instant were laid before this Assembly for examination and severally read aloud and it was ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to pay same — "12th Sept. 1843"

"At a Meeting of the Council in Committee for the "purpose of passing accounts and other business the "following accounts were examined and ordered to be paid

Present. Thos. Simcock, Michael Rogers, Thomas Lewis, Patrick Boylan, John Finegan, John Conolly, Anthony Keappock, Thos. Hammond, Patrick Byrne, William Campbell, Stephen Drew — Aldermen and Common Council

Alderman Simcocks in the Chair

No.		£	s.	d.
No 1	Smith & Co for Repairing Metre in Watch house —		1.	3.
" 2.	Conservative Journal for advertising Ground to be set " "		1	7	6
	£			

		£	s.	d.
No 3	Thomas Cluskey for Posting Proclamations & Building Notices " " " —		2	2
4	Thos. Grendon & Co amount of his account for putting up Boiler in Mayoralty House and for Boundary Stones and Plates with sundries other Work " " " —	80	10	2½
5	Mick. Callan amount of his account for Surveying public Buildings and reporting on Work to be done — " — " —	3	—	—
6	Thos. Henry Elliott amot. of his acct. for repairing Chairs in Mayors office and Mayoralty House and for additional Materials supplied	3	19	11
7	M. Moran amot. of her account for repairing and making new Key of Town Clerks office and Grand Jury Room. also repairing Mechanics' Institute — " — " —	—	9	4
	£	88.	9.	9½

Signed — Thos. Simcocks — Chairman"

"26th Sept. 1843.

"At a Meeting of the Council in Committee for the "purpose of passing accounts and other business the following "were examined and ordered to be paid

Present. Thos. Carty Esq. Mayor

Aldermen Iernan, Mathews, Rogers, Simcocks

Common Council: Patrick Boylan, Thos. Hammond, Patrick Byrne, Michael Walsh, John Conolly, James Lewis, Stephen Drew, Anthy. Keappock, Patrick Kelly, William Campbell, John Finegan

Thomas Carty Esq. Mayor in the Chair

No.		£	s.	d.
No 1.	Patrick Kelly amount of his account for printing Circulars and Stationary from Nov. the 1st to May the 2nd 1843 — " — " —	12.	12.	6.
" 2	Same amot. of his account for advertising in the Argus Newspaper from Nov. the 12th 1842 to 25th March 1843 " — " —	5	3	6

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No.3	Drogheda Journal amount of his account for advertizing Corporate property and printing Summonses for Sessions. Billett and receipts Corporate property "		2 -	6
" 4	Same amt of his account advertizing Proclamation auction of Cranes and Contract for Building " — "		2 15 -	
	The above two accts to be guaranteed by Alderman Simcocks	£	22 11.	6

Signed — Thos. Carty — Chairman

Letter of Mrs Donnellan read and Referred to Paving Committee

A Letter from Mrs Donnellan Prioress of Sienna Convent requesting the Corporation to Cause the Sewer of that Convent to be Continued &c. and Connected with the Main Sewer of the Street into which runs the Lane leading from their Gate having been read was ordered to be referred to the Paving Committee for their inspection and Consideration

Resolved on the Motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Councillor Hammond that our Law agents be instructed to Wait on the Law authorities of the Crown and respectfully urge on them the necessity of returning the Bye Laws intended for the Government of this Corporation with as little delay as possible

It was Moved by Councillor Campbell Seconded by Councillor Byrne that the whole Council do sit in Committee to instruct the Treasurer as to the future payments to be made by him on the part of the Corporation and the Question thereon being put from the Chair the same was agreed to

There not being any other business for the Consideration of the Assembly the same was adjourned to the 17th of October next

Wm Carty
Mayor

3rd October 1843 Special Meeting

At a Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 3rd day of October instant pursuant to Notice Dated the 29th of September last signed by the Mayor and fixed on the Door of the Tholsel the several members of the Council having been duly summoned by Service of Notice on them respectively on said 29th of September to receive Reports from the Law and Finance Committees

Present The Mayor
with 3 Aldermen
and 11 Councillors

Minutes of last days proceedings read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read and being approved of were signed by the Mayor

Memorial of John O Donegan read

The Memorial of John O Donegan Literary Teacher having been read stating among other things that he hoped the Corporation would have given an order that the upper part of the Mechanics Institution would be fitted up for a Night School — It was ordered that the Matter of the foregoing Memorial should be referred to the Building Committee for their Consideration

Referred to Building Committee

Account and letter of Mr Nicholls read

The account of Mr Austin Nicholls Architect for Keeping in repair the Pump opposite the Tholsel and also the Linen hall Pump at the rate of £13-16-11 per annum as also for repairs done to other of the Public Pumps is submitted to the Assembly and also a letter from him which were both ordered to be submitted to the Paving Committee for their Consideration and report

Acct of Willm Meadth referred to Building Committee

The account of William Meadth for Slating Work executed by him to the Mayors office and Market House was laid before the Assembly for examination and same was ordered to be referred to the Building Committee

The following Report of the Law Committee

having been read the same was Confirmed and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes on the Motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Councillor Brady

Report of Law Committee

Copy Report

"Your Committee having examined into the facts "stated in the Memorial of Mr. William Clinton "which had been referred to them find that the "statement therein made is Correct and that there "is a sum of £133. 19. 2 due to the Corporation by "the Representatives of the late George Evans for "rent of premises in Dyer Street in the occupation "of Memorialist up to 25th of March last and "your Committee recommend that the Law agents "be instructed to forthwith proceed for such "arrears against Mrs. Evans's personal Representatives "Mr. Clinton guaranteeing the Corporation against "the payment of all Costs to be incurred in such "proceedings. Which your Committee Certify as "their Report this 3rd of October 1843"

Signed James Mathews
Chairman"

Patk. Hynes
Chairman

adjd. Assembly 17 Oct. 1843

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 17th day of October 1843. Present. The Mayor
5 Aldermen
and 14 Councillors

Minutes of last days proceedings read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read and being approved of the same were signed by Alderman Hynes as Chairman in the absence of the Mayor but His Worship previously to any other business being gone into having entered the Assembly Room — took his seat as Chairman

Account of Peter Norris submitted Referred to Building Committee

An account of Peter Norris for Bricklayer and Carpenters Work done by him to Corn Market House and Mayors office is submitted to the Assembly and ordered to be referred to the Building Committee on the Motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Connolly

Proposal of Fr. Killeen for a house in Peeschool Lane read

A proposal from Francis Killeen offering £5 a year for the House next Mr. O'Donegan's in Peeschool Lane being read. It was ordered that the foregoing proposal be referred to the Building Committee on the Motion of Councillor Collins seconded by Councillor Byrne

Communication from Bernard Tumalti for reduction of Rent read

A Communication from Bernard Tumalti being read praying that the Corporation would be pleased to make a reduction in the rent of the House which he holds under them. and for permission to have the ~~house~~ small out office which

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adjoins his house roofed in and repaired ~
It was ordered on the Motion of Councillor Hammond which was seconded by Councillor Walsh that the Matter Contained in the foregoing Communication be referred to the Building Committee for their examination and report ~

accounts read & ordered to be paid

The following accounts which had on the 3rd instant been examined and passed by the Finance Committee were submitted to the Assembly. ~ "3rd October 1843"

"At a Meeting of the Council in Committee
"for the purpose of passing accts the following
"accounts were examined and ordered to be paid

Present: Thos Carty Esq Mayor in the Chair
Alderman Rogers
Alderman Simcock
Patrick Boylan
D. Brady
John Conolly
John Oates
Patk Byrne
John Chester
John Finegan
Thos Hammond
Stephen Drew
Patrick Kelly
Peter Verdon
Joseph McCann
Anthy Reappock
John Collins
Willm Campbell
Patrick Conway
} Town Councillors

No 1	Thos Hall gaw amount of his account for Coals supplied to Walsh House ~	£ 1.	13	3
No 2	Thos Barrow amount of his acct for half years Salary for Cleaning the Streets due 12th June 1843 ~		5 ~	~
No 3	Thomas Clusky amount of his account for posting Notices ~ ~	~	1	8
	Signed ~ Thos Carty Mayor	£ 6	14	11.

Moved by Councillor Boylan that the foregoing accounts be severally paid by the Treasurer of the Corporation which Motion was seconded by Councillor Drew and unanimously agreed to ~

Bills & Vouchers of Jas Hand referred to Finance Committee

Mr James Hand Causer to be laid before this Assembly several Bills and Vouchers for articles furnished to him for the use of the public Crane or Weigh House and it was ordered that said several Bills and Vouchers be referred to the Finance Committee for their enquiry and Consideration on the Motion of Councillor Hammond seconded by Councillor Collins ~

The propriety of enforcing from the Railway Compy payment of the purchase Money for the Land sold to them by the late Corpn referred to Law Committee ~

It was Resolved on the Motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Alderman Tiernan that it be referred to the Law Committee to Consider the propriety of enforcing from the Dublin and Drogheda Railway Company payment of the purchase Money of the Land sold to them by the late Corporation, and the Question upon said resolution having been put from the Chair the same was agreed to ~

Mr Patk McKenna to be paid £9. 4. 7 Salary due him as Marshall ~

Resolved on the Motion of Councillor Drew seconded by Alderman Rogers that Mr Patrick McKenna be paid the sum of £9. 4. 7 Salary due him as Marshall up to the 25th of March last he excempting the Corporation from all future demand on account of all Salary from henceforth ~

Memorial of Mr Michl Walsh again submitted referred to Finance Committee ~

The Memorial of Mr Michael Walsh which had been read at a former Meeting of the Council is again submitted to the Assembly, and ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee ~

with

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with a request that they be pleased to report on same and on any other Matter that have been referred to them to the next adjourned Assembly. It was Moved by Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor Brady that the Consideration as to the propriety of removing the Pump now in Bessexwell Lane be referred to the Paving Committee for their Consideration and the question upon said Motion having been put from the Chair it was accordingly agreed to.

The propiety of removing the pump in Bessexwell Lane referred to Paving Committee

There not being any other business for the Consideration of the Council the same was further adjourned to Wednesday the 25th of October instant at the hour of One o'Clock

Assembly adjd.

Thos Carty
Mayor

adjd Assembly 25 Octr 1843

At an adjourned Meeting of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 25th day of Octr 1843

Present. The Mayor
with 3 Aldermen
and 15 Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read by the Town Clerk and being approved of they were accordingly signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Letter of Wm Jas Greene Sword Bearer. read

A Letter from Mr James Greene Sword Bearer having been read stating that there was one years Salary due to him the 29th of September last and requesting an order on the Treasurer for same It was thereupon ordered on the Motion of Councillor Boylan Seconded by Councillor Drew that the foregoing letter be referred to the Finance and Law Committee for their Consideration and Report.

Accounts Submitted

The following accounts having been enquired into by the Finance Committee on this day they were laid before this Assembly for examination. and it was ordered that said several accounts as read by the Town Clerk be paid by the Treasurer. 25th October 1843

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of passing accounts the following account was examined and ordered to be paid

Present. Thos Carty Esq in the Chair
Thomas Hammond
James Lairn
Anthy Heaspock
Stephen Drew
Peter Verdon
} Town Council

25th Oct.r 1843

Thos. Ennis
Thos. Carty } Aldermen

No.1 James Hand amount of his acct. for adjusting Weights fixing Lock on Crane and Sundries " £3-5-1

Signed — Thos. Carty
Chairman

Councillor Campbell's Notice of Motion read

The Notice given by Councillor Campbell at the last adjourned Meeting of the Council that he would at this Meeting move the adoption of a Vote of Confidence in Mr. O'Connell's legal and Constitutional efforts for a repeal of the Statute Commonly Called the act of Legislative Union being read by the Town Clerk —

Vote of Confidence passed in Mr. O'Connell

Councillor Campbell thereupon after speaking after speaking at some length upon the Course adopted by Government upon several recent occasions Moved the adoption of the following Resolution Viz "That forty five years of devoted and Successful Labours in the Cause of his Country have justly earned for O'Connell the Liberator the unbounded Confidence of the Irish People and that relying on his Wisdom discretion and patriotism we hereby pledge ourselves to follow his Counsel and advice in his present Legal and Constitutional exertion for obtaining the Repeal of the Legislative Union between Great Britain and Ireland" and said Resolution being Seconded by Councillor Boylan the question on same was put from the Chair and agreed to

The following Report of the Paving Committee being read

Report of Paving Committee

" Your Committee have to recommend that the Pump " in Bessexwell Lane be forthwith removed it being found " useless — October 25th 1843 —
Signed Anthony Keappock"

Report of Paving Committee adopted

It was Moved by Counsellor Keappock and Seconded by Councillor Lenin that the foregoing Report be received and inserted on the Minutes and that the Pump in Bessexwell Lane be accordingly removed in Compliance with the Recommendation of the Paving Committee and the Question thereon being put from the Chair the same was agreed to in the terms proposed —

Sergeants at Mace admonished to attend to the Cleansing of the Footway

The Sergeants at Mace having been sent for by direction of the Council to appear in the Assembly Room and they having attended were severally admonished by His Worship to attend strictly to the Cleansing of the Footways in their respective Districts —

Thos Carty
Mayor

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1st Novr 1843

Qua Assembly 1 Novr 1843

At a Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 1st day of November 1843

Present. The Mayor
5 Aldermen
and 14 Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read and being approved of they were signed by the Mayor

The three next Quarterly Meetings to be held on the 1st of Febry. 1st of May and 1st of August

It was Resolved on the Motion of Alderman Tornan seconded by Alderman Mathews that the three next Quarterly Meetings of the Corporation be held on Thursday the 1st of February Wednesday the 1st of May and Thursday the 1st of August at the hour of 12 O'Clock in the noon of each day. and that henceforth the Quarterly Meetings of the Council shall be held upon the 1st of February. first of May. first of August and 1st of November in each year and shall Commence at the hour of 12 O'Clock at Noon and whenever any of said days shall happen to be Saturday or Sunday then in such Case the Meeting to be held on the following Monday. and that the foregoing Resolution be adopted as one of the Bye Laws of the Borough and that the Town Clerk take the necessary steps to ratify it as such

Craner to be set up to public auction

It was Resolved on the Motion of Councillor Verdon seconded by Alderman Rogers that the Town Craner be advertized on Saturday next to be let by public auction on the following Tuesday at one O'Clock before His Worship in the Tholsel on the same terms as last year

1st Novr 1843

Town Clk reads List of Corporation

The Town Clerk by request of the Council reads the List of the Members of the Corporation with the Number of Meetings attended by each Member respectively

Assembly adjd

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 13th of Novr instant at the hour of one O'Clock

Thos Canty
Mayor

7th Novr 1843 Public Craner set up to Auction

Tuesday 7th Novr 1843

On this day the public Craner of the Borough were set up to be Let by public Auction to the highest Bidder by the Month from the said 7th day of November instant to the 1st day of November next (1844) inclusive under the following terms Viz that the fee to be paid for Weighing every Draught of one hundred Weight and above is not to exceed one penny and for every Draught under one hundred Weight one half penny and the Weigh Master to be sworn to the performance of his duty pursuant to the requisites of the Statute - The rent to be paid Quarterly in advance the first Quarter to be paid immediately after the Tenant is declared and the remaining three Quarters to be paid in like Manner in advance and to be secured by three Promissory Notes of two Solvent persons to be approved of by the Mayor - The Craner to be required to

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give a receipt for the Weighing Machine Weights Beams and Scales and to engage to deliver up same as he receives them. and to deposit with the Mayor the sum of £20 to be forfeited in Case of any overcharge being proved before the Mayor and that the Contract shall then be at an end

Edw.d Railey declared tenant to the Crane at £3. per Month

Edward Railey was declared the Tenant at £3 per Month subject to the foregoing Conditions and he thereupon took and Subscribed the oath of Craner before His Worship the Mayor which was prepared in Conformity with the required regulations and same was lodged with the Town Clerk to be filed by him in the Town Clerks office

Thos Carty
Mayor

Adj.d Assembly 13 Nov.r 1843

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 13th day of November 1843

Present. The Mayor
4 Aldermen
and 12 Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings having been read by the Town Clerk and approved were signed by His Worship

Report of Finance Committee

The following report of the Finance Committee having been read by the Town Clerk the same was on the Motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Councillor Heapstock adopted and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes — Copy report

"Your Committee having examined into the
"matter of the Memorial of Mr Michael Walsh
"praying on behalf of himself and the Landholders
"in the Neighbourhood of the Twenties Mannimore
"and Windmill Lane that they would be
"reimbursed an outlay of £19-12-6 expended
"by them on the Twenties Lane and which had
"been ordered by the late Corporation to be
"paid them on the 14th October 1842 find
"that a Balance of £15. 15. 1 being the
"residue over the amount of private subscrip-
"tions received by him has been actually

"expended by Mr. Walsh and that the order of
"the late Corporation to pay him being founded
"on justice and Consistent with public utility
"should be Carried out to the extent of his
"actual outlay and your Committee therefore
"recommend that said sum of £15.15.1 should
"be paid Mr. Walsh by the Treasurer of the
"Corporation. which we Certify as our report this
"11th November 1843.

Signed - James Mathew
Chairman

Report of Paving Committee read

A Report from the Paving Committee was also read of which the following is a Copy

"your Committee having examined the
"several Tenders for Keeping the Pumps and
"Fountains of this Borough in repair for five
"years after giving due Consideration to the
"several Tenders - We find the Tender of Mr.
"George Knaggs Viz. nine pounds five shillings
"per annum to be the lowest and recommend
"the same be accepted. which we Certify to be
"our report. Dated 13th day of Nov. 1843

Signed - Thomas Simcock
Chairman

Report of Paving Committee. received

It was thereordered on the Motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Councillor Brady that the report of the Paving Committee as read by the Town Clerk be received and that same be inserted on the Minutes

account of Pat. Kelly Painter referred to Finance Committee

The account of Mr. Patrick Kelly for Painting and Stationary amounting to £13.9.2 and also his account for advertizing amounting to

£2.15.0 were laid before the Assembly for examination. and it was ordered that said accounts be referred to the Finance Committee for their enquiry and report

Treas. to pay the amount of the Gas Company's account less by the discount

Councillor Drew Moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay Mr. Robert Or Mr. Keown on behalf of the Gas Company the amount of their account amounting to £30.9.0 less by the usual Discount and Councillor Lunn having seconded said Motion the Question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to

Assembly adjourned

There not being any other business for the Consideration of the Council the Assembly at it's rising adjourned to Friday the 1st of December next at the hour of 12 O'Clock - -

Thos Canty
Mayor

25th Nov 1843
Election of two Town Councillors for each Ward

25th November 1843

On this day Patrick Jernan Esqre as Senior Alderman of the Laurence Gate Ward with Messrs James Bellew and Nicholas Fitzpatrick assessors of said Ward - and Michael Rogers Esq as Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward with Messrs Nicholas Murphy and Patrick White assessors of said Ward - and also Thomas Carty Esq Mayor as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward with Messrs Patrick Byrne and Robert Daly assessors of said Ward made the following return of the Election of Four Councillors for the said several Wards to the Town Clerk which was published by His Worship the Mayor on the 27th of November instant pursuant to the Statute

Municipal Election

3 and 4 Victoria Cap 108 - and 6 and 7 Vic Cap 93

The following is a List of the Names of the persons Elected in the several Wards of the Borough of Drogheda at the Election of two Councillors for each Ward to fill the Vacancies Caused by those whose period of office had expired holden for the said Borough on the 25th day of November in the year of our Lord 1843 together with the Number of Votes given in favour of each person so Elected

West Gate Ward

Names of persons Elected	Number of Votes
Patrick Byrne	3
Daniel Brady	3

Fair Gate Ward

Names of persons Elected	Number of Votes
Peter Verdon "	33
Peter McEvoy "	30

Saint Laurence Gate Ward

Names of persons Elected	Number of Votes
Henry Crolly "	44
John Connolly "	36

Copy Proclamation by the Mayor

The foregoing is a Copy of the List this day furnished to me by the Senior Aldermen and Assessors of the Various Wards, and I hereby publish the same pursuant to the Statute in that Case Made and provided

Signed — Thomas Carty
Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda
Dated this 27th day of November 1843

28th Nov 1843
Election of Two Councillors in the place of Messrs McCann and Conway

28th November 1843

On this Day an Election was held before Patrick Jernan Esqre as Senior Alderman of the Laurence Gate Ward and James Bellew and Nicholas Fitzpatrick as Assessors of said Ward pursuant to public Notice posted on the Door of the Tholsel for the purpose of Electing a Town Councillor in the room of Joseph McCann Esq who had Ceased to be a Member of the Council when Mr Michael Walsh was duly Elected in his stead - And on the same day an Election was likewise held before Michael Rogers Esq as Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward and Nicholas Murphy and Patrick White as Assessors of said Ward pursuant to public Notice for the purpose of Electing a Town Councillor in the room of

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Mr. Patrick Conway who had Ceased to be a Member of the Council when Mr. Patrick Kelly was Elected in his Stead

List published by His Worship

The following is a Copy of the List published by His Worship

Borough of Drogheda

Municipal Election

3 and 4 Victoria Chap 108. and 6th & 7th Victoria C. 93

The following is a List of the Names of the persons Elected as Councillors for the Laurence's Gate and Fair Gate Wards of said Borough at Elections holden for said Wards on the 28th day of November 1843 to fill the Vacancies Caused by Messrs Joseph McCann and Patrick Conway who had Ceased to be Councillors of said Wards respectively

Laurence's Gate Ward

Name of person Elected	Number of Votes
Michael Walsh	Three

Fair Gate Ward

Name of person Elected	Number of Votes
Patrick Kelly	Three

Copy Proclamation by the Mayor

The foregoing is a Copy of the List this day furnished to me by the Senior Alderman and assessor of said Wards and I hereby publish the same pursuant to the Statute in that Case made and provided. Dated this 29th day of November 1843 - Signed Thos Carly Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda

adjd Assbly 1 Decr 1843

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 1st day of December 1843 to Elect out of the Aldermen or Councillors a fit person to be Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the ensuing year pursuant to the Fifth Section of the Sixth and Seventh Victoria Chapter 93 and for the purpose of transacting other business - Present The Mayor with 5 Aldermen and 14 Councillors

proceedings read

The Minutes of the last days Meeting of the Council being read by the Town Clerk and being approved of the same were signed by His Worship

Town Councillors Deliver to Town Clk Declarations and oaths of allegiance

The several Town Councillors who had been Elected on the 25th and 28th days of November last 1843 previously to entering upon the business of the Meeting each delivered to one of the Town Clerks to be Kept by him of Record a Declaration made and subscribed by them respectively on the 30th of November last as prescribed by the 85th Section of the 3rd and 4th Victoria Cap 108 and they likewise severally took and subscribed on the said 30th of November the oath provided and enjoined by an act made in the 10th year of the Reign of George the 4th Chapter 7 entitled "an act for the Relief of His Majestys Roman Catholic Subjects"

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account of Mr. John Butterly referred to the Finance Committee

The account of Mr. John Butterly auctioneer for letting the Town Cranes on the 7th. of November 1843 is referred to the Finance Committee for their examination and enquiry on the motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Councillor Connolly

Salary of Mayor Fixed at £200 per annum

It is resolved on the Motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Alderman Simcock, that the Salary of the Mayor be fixed at £200 per annum as recommended in a report of the whole Council sitting in Committee

Report read by Town Clerk

The Report of the Committee referred to in the foregoing resolution was then handed in by Alderman Mathews and being read by the Town Clerk the same was received and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes

Copy Report

" your Committee having enquired into and
" fully discussed the question of the amount of
" Salary which should be paid our Chief
" Magistrate the Mayor find that same
" should be fixed at £200 which was the
" amount paid by the late Corporation, and
" accordingly recommend the same which
" we Certify as our report this 1st December 1843

Signed James Mathews
Chairman"

Memorial of Peter Connolly read

The memorial of Peter Connolly being read stating that he had lately expended a Considerable sum of Money in the erection of four houses situate out side Saint Laurence's Gate by which the locality has been much improved and as a foot path with Curbed Stone had been made on the opposite side of the Street, and as the side on which his houses

are situated is fully as great a thoroughfare as the other and as it is at present nearly impassible hoped that the Corporation might be pleased to direct that a raised Foot path may be made similar to that on the other side of the Street which would be a great advantage to the public and much improve that part of the Town

Referred to the Paving Committee

It was ordered on the Motion of Councillor Connolly seconded by Alderman Simcock, that the foregoing Memorial be referred to the Paving Committee for their enquiry and report

Treas.r to pay Wm. Meadth amount of his acct.

ordered on the Motion of Councillor Campbell seconded by Councillor Kelly that the account of William Meadth amounting to £25. 4. 4p now produced by the Town Clerk be paid by the Treasurer

Memorial of John Stuart and the other Watchmen read

The Memorial of John Stuart and the other Watchmen being read stating that they sent a Memorial to this Body praying that they would be furnished with Clothing to protect them from the inclemency of the Weather which was referred to a Committee. That having received No answer to the said Memorial they now humbly hoped the Corporation would be pleased to take their Case into Consideration and grant them the Clothing

Referred

It was then ordered that said Memorial be referred to the Council in Committee for their Consideration and report

Alderman Inman

Alderman Inman moved that Alderman

Elected Mayor for the ensuing year

Jernan be Elected Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year and Alderman Mathews seconded having said Motion the question that Alderman Jernan be Elected Mayor was put from the Chair and passed by acclamation, and Alderman Jernan was accordingly declared duly Elected Mayor for the ensuing year. Whereupon he Returned thanks to the Assembly —

Treasurers recd. Submitted

The Treasurer submits his accounts to the Assembly for examination and they were referred to the Finance Committee for their examination with direction that they should be laid before the Auditors and passed by them — The Assembly at its rising adjourned to the 1st January next at 12 o'Clock the Council to appear then in their Robes

Wm Carty
Mayor

Election of Auditor Assessors for the Borough and for Assessors for each of the Wards held

At an Election for Auditors and Assessors for the Borough, and of two Assessors for the West Gate Ward, held at the Tholsel (no being Alderman of the Ward) before His Worship the Mayor on the 4th of December 1843 pursuant to public notice posted on the Door of the Tholsel

Thos Gernon & Jas M. Cann Esqrs Elected Assessors

Messrs Mackin & Fitzpatrick were elected Auditors and Messrs Devin and Casey Elected Assessors for the West Gate Ward

Thomas Gernon and James M.Cann Esqrs were Elected Assessors and Messrs James Mackin and Nicholas Fitzpatrick were Elected Auditors for the Borough and Messrs Patrick Casey and Denis Devin were Elected Assessors for the above Ward for the ensuing year which Election was duly published as the Law directs —

Messrs Mullin & Elected Assessors for the Lawrence's Gate Ward and Messrs Murphy & Greene for the Fair Gate Ward

And on the same day Patrick Jernan and Michael Rogers Esqrs Senior Aldermen of the Lawrence Gate and Fair Gate Wards delivered to the Mayor the Return of the Elections for Ward Assessors held by them respectively on that day whereby Messrs John Mullin and Thos Faulkner were returned Assessors at the Election for the Lawrence's Gate Ward and Messrs Nicholas Murphy and Thos Greene Assessors for the Fair Gate Ward — and which said Elections were likewise published as the Statute directs —

Mr Thos Carroll Elected Assessor in room of Mr P. Casey

In Consequence of Mr Patrick Casey who had been Elected on this day one of the Ward Assessors for the West Gate Ward not being able to subscribe to the Declaration as prescribed by the 85th Section of the 3rd and 4th Victoria Chap 93 it became necessary to Elect a Ward Assessor in his Room and accordingly on the 12th day of December 1843 His Worship as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward pursuant to Notice posted on the Tholsel held an Election for a Ward Assessor for the above Ward in the Room of said Patrick Casey. Whereupon Mr Thos Carroll was declared duly Elected an Assessor for said Ward and he took and subscribed the declaration herein referred to and also the oath of Allegiance Wm Carty Mayor

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Special Assembly 27th Decr 1843

At a Special Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 27th of December 1843 pursuant to Notice Dated the 23rd of December Signed by the Mayor and posted on the Door of the Tholsel the several members of the Council having been duly summoned by Notice on them respectively on said 23rd of December for the purpose of Considering the propriety of passing a Vote of Condolence to our ~~Esteemed~~ respected and esteemed Representative Sir William Somerville on the occasion of his late melancholy Bereavement

Members present

Present The Mayor
5 Aldermen
and 14 Councillors

proceedings read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings and also the proceedings at the Election of Borough Auditor and Borough Assessor and of Ward Assessors for the three Wards were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by His Worship the Mayor

Resolution that an address of Condolence be presented to Sir Wm Somerville Bart. passed

Alderman Fernan proposes a Resolution that an address of Condolence be presented to our Esteemed Representative Sir William M. Somerville Baronet on the occasion of the Melancholy Bereavement which he had lately sustained by the death of his beloved wife Lady Maria Somerville and which resolution being put from the Chair the same was Carried by acclamation

Committee named to prepare address

It was then Moved by Alderman Mathews that a Committee to Consist of His Worship the Mayor with Aldermen Fernan Ennis and Mathews Councillors Boylan Hammond and Campbell be Named to prepare a Suitable address

Patk Fernan — Mayor

Qua Assembly 1st Jany 1844

At a Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 1st day of January 1844

Present 6 Aldermen
and 16 Councillors

Mayor Sworn

Alderman Fernan Mayor Elect previous to any other business being entered into proceeded to the Crown Court accompanied by the several Members of the Council and having presented himself before Alderman Early late Mayor he took the oath of allegiance as prescribed by the 10th of George the 4th and also the oath of office of Mayor after which the Mayor with the Aldermen and Town Councillors returned to the Assembly Room and His Worship thereupon took his seat accordingly as Chairman

JF

Assembly adj.d to 2 Oclock

It was ordered that the Assembly should adjourn to Two oClock with a View of giving the different Members of the Council an opportunity of attending Divine service and they accordingly proceeded to Saint Peters Chapel in their Robes of office accompanied by the Sword and Mace Bearers and also by the Serjeants at Mace

The Aldermen and Town Councillors having returned to the Assembly Room

Town Clerk Reads proceedings of last days Meeting

The Town Clerk then read the Minutes of the last days proceedings which being approved of were signed by His Worship

Thanks Voted to Alderman Carty late Mayor

Alderman Mathews moves that the special and Marked thanks of this Council be given to the late Mayor Alderman Carty for his very efficient and impartial Conduct during his year of office which Motion having been seconded by Town Councillor Campbell the question thereon was put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to whereupon Alderman Carty returned thanks to the Council for their kindness in passing the foregoing resolution

Address to Sir Wm Somerville ordered to be read

Mr Thomas Hammond T. C. moves that the Draft of the address to be presented to Sir William Somerville on the death of his late lamented Lady as prepared by the Committee be read by the Town Clerk

Town Clk reads Address which was adopted

The Town Clerk having read said Draft It was resolved on the Motion of Councillor

Boylan seconded by Alderman Rogers that the address now read be adopted and that it be Engrossed and forwarded to Sir William M. Somerville with the Seal of the Corporation affixed to it and the Question thereon being put from the Chair the address was accordingly received and adopted by the Council without any dissentient

Copy address

The following is a Copy of the address

"To Sir William M. Somerville Bart.
"M. P.

"We the Mayor and Council of the "Brough of Drogheda beg leave to tender You our "deep and sincere Sympathy for the irreparable "loss sustained by you in the decease of your "late beloved Partner — At this the period "of excruciating Sorrow it may be premature and "unavailing to endeavour by any expression of "Condolence on our part to alleviate the poignancy "of your grief for such a loss but when time "shall have softened down the agony of the "present Moment to a patient but Melancholy "resignation to the Will of a Merciful Providence "it may be Consolatory to you to reflect that in "all Circles the Numerous Virtues and Charities of "the late Lamented Lady Somerville were deeply "felt and highly appreciated — In her the Poor "have lost a Kind and generous benefactress the "Rich a bright and illustrious example"

"That the Almighty in his infinite Mercy "may strengthen and enable you to bear with "Christian Fortitude the Weight of this Melancholy "affliction is our earnest and heartfelt prayer

"In Testimony whereof we have caused to

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"be hereunto affixed our Common Seal at a
"General Quarter Assembly of the Corporation
"held on Monday the 1st day of January 1844

(Seal) Certified by
Thos Kelly & Jn. Cantwell
Town Clerk

Copies of the Resolutions passed on the last day of Meeting to be sent with address

It was Moved by Town Councillor HCammond and Seconded by Town Councillor Kelly that the resolutions which had been agreed to and adopted by the Council on the 27th of December last be forwarded with the address of Condolence just read to Sir William M. Somerville

Alderm. Early & Councillor Verdon are added to the Law, Finance and Building Committee

on the Motion of Councillor Drew seconded by Councillor Campbell Alderman Early late Mayor with Town Councillor Verdon are added to the Law Finance and Building Committee

Councillor HCammond Moved & Mr James Levins T. C. seconded that Messrs Kelly and Brady Town Councillors being be added to the Building and Paving Committee and that Mr Patrick Byrne T. C. be added to the Paving Committee to which Committee he belonged previous to his re-election on the 27th of November last

Assembly adjourned

The Council then adjourned to Friday the 12th instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock

Pat. Ferran Mayor

adj.d Assembly 12 Jan.y 1844

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the 12th day of January 1844

Present. The Mayor
4 - Aldermen
and 13 - Councillors

Proceedings read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read, and being approved of, the same were signed by His Worship the Mayor

Accounts ord.d to be paid

The following accounts which were passed by the Finance Committee on the 18th of December 1843 were laid before the Assembly for examination and being read aloud by the Town Clerk. It was ordered on the Motion of Mr. Drew T. C. seconded by Mr. Heapstock T. C. that the said accounts be paid by the Treasurer

18th December 1843.

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for
"the purpose of passing accts the following accounts
"were passed and ordered to be paid Viz

Present James Mathews, Michael Rogers — Aldermen
Stephen Drew, Peter Verdon, Anthony Heapstock, Thomas Hammond — Town Councillors

Alderman Mathews in the Chair

No.				
1	Margaret Magee amt. of her account being 1 year's salary for Cleansing Fish Market to 8th inst. "	1	6	0
2	John Butterly amt. of his account as Auctioneer			

	for Letting public Cranes	£1	0	0		
	auction Duty on £36.	1	11	0	2	11 6
3	John Connolly amount of his account for					
	erecting Public Water Closet at Graves Lane				1	2 11
11	James Slevin amount of his acct. for					
	Glazing Windows and Skylights in Watch					
	house " " "					8 6
5	James Slevin amount of his account for					
	Glazing Windows in Court house and Watch					
	house " " "				1	14 10
6	James McKenna amt. of his account					
	Glazing Windows in Mayoralty house					
	Court house and for Cleaning Windows of					
	Court house " "				1	8 2
	Signed — James Mathew	£			2	14 11 11
	Chairman"					

Fines for Non attce to be enforced

It was Moved by Councillor Boylan and seconded by Alderman Simcock, that the Fines hitherto imposed on the different Members of the Corporation for Non attendance be forthwith enforced — The Town Clerk lays before the Assembly the application of the several Collectors of Minister Money, Parish Cess, poor Rates and Lamp Cess for Compensation for their services in filling up the Burgess lists prepared by the Town Clerk and for their attendance at the Revision Court — ordered on the Motion of Councillor Collins seconded by Alderman Simcock, that the said application be referred to the Finance Committee for their examination and that they be pleased to report thereon to the next Meeting of the Council —

accounts of Collectors referred to Finance Committee

Mr North to report the state of repair of Town Clock

Mr North Caretaker and Regulator of the Town Clock having appeared in the Assembly Room in Compliance with a Message of the Council and been interrogated

by His Worship, it was agreed that Mr North should report to the next Assembly the State of repair in which the Town Clock is at present

Report of Paving Committee read & suspended till next Meeting

A Report signed by Alderman Simcock, on behalf of the Paving Committee dated the 8th January instant in reference to the Sweeping and Cleansing of the streets of the Borough having been read by the Town Clerk was not adopted by the Meeting, but was ordered to be suspended until the next Meeting of the Council

Further report of Paving Committee read - referred back to the Committee for Consideration —

A further report from the same Committee having been read by the Town Clerk in reference to the supply of Broken Stone, Paving Stones and Sand was referred back to the Committee for their further Consideration and report —

The Mayor to be attended at every Meeting by the Officers of the Corpn in their insignia of Office —

It was resolved on the Motion of Councillor Reapsprock seconded by Councillor Brady that the Mayor be attended at every Meeting of the Council by the Officers of this Corporation accompanied by their insignia of office, and that a Copy of this Resolution be forwarded to each officer of the Corporation

Debts due to the Mechanics Institute to be ascertained & paid

Councillor Hammond Moves and Alderman Carty seconds that the outstanding Debts due to the Mechanics Institution which the Corporation have agreed to pay be ascertained and paid by the Treasurer — The Chairman of the Paving Committee

an amended report from Paving Com.tee read & adopted

hands in an amended report which was read by the Town Clerk and same was adopted on the Motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Alderman Carty

Report

The following is a Copy of said report

"your Committee having examined the several Tenders
"for supplying Paving and Broken Stones and sand for
"one year, for the use of the Corporation Works, we find
"James Brady to be the lowest at the following rates

" Broken stones per Ton at 1/6
" Paving do per Load of 15 Cwt 11
" Do Sand do do 6/2
" His sureties John King of Mell Farmer. and
" Patrick Bowden Loughboy - which we recommend
" to be accepted. this being our Report -
" To be delivered in loads of 15 Cwt each

" Drogheda 12th January 1844
" Thomas Simcocks Chairman"

Town Clerk reads Report of Law Committee - receivd and adopted -

A Report from the Law Committee relative to the Claim of Francis Ball Esq late Recorder to Compensation being read: It was ordered on the Motion of Councillor Campbell seconded by Councillor Brady that the Report of the Law Committee as now read by the Town Clerk be received. and that same be inserted on the Minutes. and the question thereon having been put from the Chair said report was received

Copy report

Report

" your Committee have investigated the Claim
" of Francis Ball Esqre late Recorder of this
" Corporation to Compensation for his loss of office
" and the statement of whose Claim is as follows Viz
" Five years Salary " " £500. 0. 0
" Recd for fees and professional services
" during the above period " " 334 - 16 - 0
£834 - 16 - 0
Deduct 1/3rd off 278 - 5 - 4
£556 - 10 - 8

" one fifth of which sum amounting to £111 - 6 - 1/2
" Mr Ball has Claimed as the amount of annual
" Compensation to be paid him during his life -
" your Committee after a Careful examination
" of the foregoing Claim. and having received the
" written explanations of Mr Ball relative to Certain
" items therein. find that he is entitled to an annual
" Sum of £66 - 13 - 4 by way of Compensation on
" the first item of his account being for the loss

" of Salary. but your Committee find and are advised
" that Mr Ball is not entitled to any Compensation
" for the second item of £334. 16. 0 received by him "for
" fees and professional services during the five years
" previous to the passing of the Municipal act." and
" your Committee accordingly recommend that said
" amount of £66. 13. 4 be awarded him as his -
" Compensation and that a Bond be passed to him
" under the seal of this Corporation for that sum
" pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal act,
" which we Certify as our report this 12th January 1844

Signed - Patrick Fernan -
Mayor

Mr Drew added to Paving Committee

Councillor Brady moved in which he was seconded by Councillor Hammond that Mr S. Drew T. C. be added to the Paving Committee

Mr Brady added to Finance Committee

Councillor Drew moved that Mr D. Brady T. C. be added to the Finance Committee and Councillor Kelly having seconded said Nomination the same was agreed to - The assembly at its rising adjourned to Thursday the 1st day of February next at the hour of 12 O'Clock -

assembly adjd

Patk Fernan
Mayor

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Gen.l Dr Assembly 1st Feby 1844

At a General Quarter Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Thursday the 1st day of February 1844

Present. The Mayor
3 Aldermen
and 13 Town Councillors

Minutes of last days meeting read

The Minutes of the proceedings of last days meeting were read by the Town Clerk and being approved of. same were signed by His Worship

Treas.r submits the accts which were passed by the Finance Committee

The Treasurer Caused to be submitted to the Assembly the accounts which were passed by the Finance Committee on the 12th and 23rd of January 1844. and which being read aloud in the Assembly by the Town Clerk were ordered to be paid on the motion of Mr Patrick Boylan J. C. seconded by Mr Patrick Byrne J. C.

Copy accounts

The following is a Copy of said accounts and of the report of the Committee

"12th January 1844

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the "purpose of passing accounts. the following accounts "were examined and ordered to be paid

Present. Patrick Fernan Esq Mayor in the Chair

James Mathews, Thomas Carty, Michl Rogers — Aldermen

James Levins, Thos Hammond, Daniel Brady, Stephen Drew, Anthy Reapport — Town Councillors

No.		£	s	d
1	Richard Harvey amount of his account for furnishing hats for use of Watchmen	1	19	0
2	Mary Moran amount of her acct. for repairing Implements for Paving Committee	"	11	4
	Signed — Patrick Fernan Mayor Chairman	£2	10	4

Copy accounts

"23rd January 1844

"At a meeting of the Finance Committee for the "purpose of passing accounts. the following accounts were "examined and ordered to be paid

Present. Patrick Fernan Esq Mayor in the Chair

Anthony Reapport, Thomas Hammond, James Levins, Stephen Drew, Daniel Brady — Town Councillors

No.		£	s	d
1	Richard Mullen amount of his acct for Cleansing West street & Lawrence's st to Dec.r 1843	10.	10.	0.
2	Patrick Sheridan amount of his acct for supplying Ironmongery & Brushes for Court House	3	18	3½
3	Thomas M.c Cormick for Cleansing James's st. South Quay and Graves's lane for 13 Months	2	14	2
4	Patrick Moore amt of his account for Cleansing Shop Street & North Quay to 28th Dec.r last	21	13	4
	The Committee have further to report that they have examined into the Claims of Messrs James Hussey. Pat.k Clark and Thomas Kelly for Compensation for their trouble in attending the Town Clerk on the Revision of the Burgess list and recommend that they should be paid the following sums — Viz —			
	Thomas Kelly " " "	1	0	0
	Patrick Clark " " "	2	10	0
	James Hussey " " "	2	10	0
	Signed — Patrick Fernan Chairman	£	47	15	9½

accounts read & referred to Finance Committee

The account of Mr Hennessy for furnishing Hats to the Serjeants at Mace. and the Claim to Compensation of Mr John M.c Alinden one of the Tax Collectors for his services, and attendance in Revising the Burgess lists. also the accounts of Smith and Company for articles furnished and also the account of Mr Edward Holmes for Work done were on the Motion of Mr John Collins J. C. seconded by Alderman Rogers referred to the Finance Committee for their enquiry and Consideration

The accts due the Members of the late Mechanics Institute referred to the Commee

The different accounts which are due the members of the late Mechanics Institute were laid before the Assembly by the Town Clerk. And it was ordered

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on the Motion of Mr. Reappock T. C. seconded by Mr. Byrne T. C. that same be referred to the Finance Committee. and that they be pleased to enquire into and report to the next adjourned Assembly of the Council if said Debts are lawfully due

Town Clk reads Draft pet'n for amendments in the I. M. R. Bill referred to the whole Council in Committee

The Town Clerk having read a Draft of a Petition praying for amendments in the Irish Municipal Reform act — Alderman Rogers moved in which he was seconded by Mr. Byrne T. C. that the Draft Petition now read be referred to the whole Council in Committee for such suggestions as they may think useful to offer. and the question thereon being put from the Chair the reference was accordingly agreed to —

Mr. Alex. Greene Sword Bearer attends and offers some observations

Mr. Greene Sword Bearer being in attendance in the Assembly by Virtue of his office. and having signified that he had a few observations to make begged leave that His Worship would allow him to do so. which Worship Consented to. and thereupon Mr. Greene proceeded to observe that he had attended pursuant to a Notice from the Town Clerk, and that if he should be required to attend all Meetings of the Corporation he would expect an encrease of Salary. his duty being heretofore to attend the Mayor only upon State occasions. and not to attend any of the Meetings of the late Corporation. and that in point of fact he was excluded from the Meetings of the late Body since his Election as Sword Bearer. some of the Members of the Council here expressed themselves dissatisfied at this Course in as much as they thought it was irregular. and Suggested to Mr. Greene to present a Memorial to the Council and it should be fairly Considered by them. Mr.

Mr. Greene thereupon intimated his assent. and stated that it should not be understood that he declined to attend the Meetings of the Council. on the Contrary that he would Continue to attend them

Assembly adj.d to the 12th inst.

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Monday the 12th day of February instant. at the hour of 12 O'Clk

Wm Carty
Chairman

adj.d Assembly 12th Feby 1844

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 12th day of February 1844

Present 3 Aldermen
and 13 Councillors

Alderm Carty Votes to the Chair

It was moved by Mr. Patrick Boylan T. C. and seconded by Mr. William Campbell T. C. that Alderman Thomas Carty do take the Chair in the absence of His Worship the Mayor

Proceedings of last days Meeting read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read by the Town Clerk and being approved of were signed by Alderman Carty as Chairman

Town Clk reads petition for amendments in the Municipal act

The Town Clerk having read an Engrossment of a Petition to the House of Common praying for amendments in the Irish Municipal Reform act of which the following is a Copy —

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Copy Petition

"To the Right Honorable and Honble
"the Commons of Great Britain and
"Ireland in Parliament Asembled

"The humble Petition of the Mayor,
"Aldermen and Burgesses of the Town
"of Drogheda

"Shewelh — "That the Irish Municipal Reform
"act. became Law under Circumstances of peculiar
"disadvantage to Ireland. because the party then
"in the Government of the Country did not possess
"the Confidence of the Upper House of Parliament,
"and as a Consequence. the Measure of amelioration
"proposed by them. were either rejected or so Mutilated
"as to lose their efficacy and Value — That the
"Irish Municipal act was thus rendered a Narrow
"and meagre Measure — That the Municipal
"Reform proposed by the then Government gave the
"right of Nominating a Sheriff to the Town Council. a
"right heretofore enjoyed by the Irish Corporations.
"this right was taken away by the House of Lords.
"and Vested in the Crown. the practical Consequence
"of which is. that there is no Co-operation between the
"Governing body and the second official of the
"Borough who appoints Grand Juries to tax a
"Community with whom he may have no Connection
"whatever — That the Municipal Reform act
"proposed by the then Ministers gave the Town —
"Council power of Recommending to the Crown fit
"persons to be Magistrates of the Borough. the old
"Corporations having the Nomination of their officials
"as their exclusive right. the House of Lords withdrew
"that privilege of recommendation. and Vested the
"power of appointments without any interference in
"the Crown — That in England the practice
"is to attend to the recommendation of the Council
"of the Borough in the appointment of Magistrates

"in Ireland the practice is to disregard such recommendation
"That the Municipal Franchise in Drogheda is
"encumbered with the payment of a Variety of Taxes.
"namely. Grand Jury Cess. Poor Rates. Ministers Money.
"and Parish Rate. and if such rates made and payable
"three months previously. be not paid on the 31st of
"August of each year the Franchise of the person so
"neglecting to pay is lost — That the Collectors
"of these Taxes Can by Management defer Making
"their Collections. or Collect from some and pass by
"others until after said 31st of August. That the
"Poor Law Guardians Can by Management defer Striking
"a Rate. or putting it when struck. in Course of Collection
"until immediately previous to the three Months. and
"thus render it scarcely possible for said Rates to be
"Collected before the said 31st of August —
"That the Revisor of the Valuation of Property is an
"officer appointed by the Poor Law Guardians. and
"under their Control and influence. That the
"Municipal Franchise for the Poorer Classes depends
"upon his Valuation of their holdings — That
"therefore if the Poor Law Guardians. the Grand Juries.
"or other parties who appoint Collectors and Valuators.
"have political interests adverse to the Franchise.
"such Franchise Must of necessity be injured or
"mutilated — That the Grand Juries are
"appointed by an officer wholly wholly distinct
"from the governing body of the Borough. that it is
"therefore manifestly unjust that these Bodies by the
"appointment of Collectors. and by Controling the
"Valuation of property and the rating thereof should
"have a direct influence over the Municipal Franchises
"of the People — Your Petitioners therefore
"humbly pray your Honorable House to repeal the
"Tax paying Clauses as an unjust and unworthy

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"restriction of the exercise of the Municipal Franchise
"That your Petitioners also humbly
"pray that your Honorable House will in strong
"and emphatic language declare that the ancient
"Corporate Bodies in Ireland held their property
"merely as Trustees for the public. and that no
"Custom or usage Can sanction an appropriation of
"it at under Value to private purposes. and will also
"grant to your Petitioners more enlarged powers and
"more ample and efficient remedies for the recovery of
"all property with held or attempted to be with held
"from them by Members of the late Corporation
"That there has from time immemorial existed
"in the Town of Drogheda a Court of Conscience for
"the purpose of adjudicating on small Debts not
"exceeding in amount twenty three shillings late
"Irish Currency. and that such Court is held twice
"in each Week and presided over by the Mayor for
"the time being in whose absence either from illness
"or any other unavoidable Cause no Court Can be
"held to the great inconvenience of Suitors and the
"public. Your petitioners therefore humbly pray
"that the Mayor may be empowered to appoint a
"Deputy to preside over said Court of Conscience
"in the event of his absence from illness or any other
"unavoidable Cause. That in other respects
"your petitioners pray for an equally extensive
"Measure of Municipal Reform as that obtained
"by England, and that taking the premises
"herein Setforth into Consideration your Honorable
"House will grant such other relief in that behalf
"as your Honble House will deem fit. In Testimony
"whereof we have Caused to be hereunto affixed our
"Common Seal at an adjourned Assembly held at
"the Tholsel of Drogheda the 12th day of February
"1844" Certified by
Thomas Kelly and
J. McN. Cantwell Town Clerks

Seal.

Petition adopted

Mr Peter Verdon T. C. moved that the foregoing Petition be adopted and that same be forwarded to Sir William M. Somerville for presentation in the House of Commons. and that another Engrossment thereof be prepared and forwarded to the Most Noble the Marquis of Normanby for presentation in the House of Lords. and that the seal of the Corporation be affixed to each. and Mr Patrick Boylan T. C. having seconded said Motion the question on same was put from the Chair and agreed to

Town Clk reads letter from Sir Wm M. Somerville

The Town Clerk having read a letter which he had received from Sir William M. Somerville acknowledging receipt of address of Condolence

ordered

It was moved by Mr James Levins T. C. and seconded by Mr Daniel Brady T. C. that the letter now read by the Town Clerk be inserted on the Minutes. and the question thereon being put from the Chair the same was unanimously agreed to. The following is a Copy of the letter

"Gentlemen — "Rome January 27th 1844
"I have the honour to acknowledge
"the receipt of the address of Condolence which you
"have forwarded to me from the Mayor and Council of
"the Borough of Drogheda upon the late severe affliction
"with which it has pleased almighty God to visit me
"May I request that you will be so good as to take
"an early opportunity of offering to the Mayor and
"Council my sincerest thanks for this act of Considerate
"kindness. of making known to them how deeply I
"feel it. and of assuring them that I shall ever hold
"in grateful remembrance this proof of their affectionate
"sympathy with my domestic Sorrows
"Thos Kelly and
"J. McN Cantwell Esqrs

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
your faithful servant
Wm M. Somerville

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Memorial of Inhabitants of Pitcher hill read

A memorial having been read from the Inhabitants of Pitcher hill and its Vicinity stating that the said hill was a great thoroughfare for foot passengers to and from Drogheda but owing to its neglected state it had for some time been and was then in a most unfit and unsafe Condition for want of necessary repairs. Memorialists respectfully suggested that its present objectionable state from its exposed position to Travellers passing through the Town was reproachful and would if not repaired become more so when observed by the many strangers whom the facility of a newly opened railroad may induce to visit Drogheda. Mr. John Collins T. C. moved that the foregoing memorial be referred to the Paving Committee for their enquiry Consideration and report. and Mr. John Connolly T. Chaving seconded same the question thereon was then put from the Chair and the reference was accordingly agreed to

Referred to the Paving Committee

Accounts & report of Finance Commee read

The following accounts and report of the Finance Committee having been read by the Town Clerk the same were adopted. and the Treasurer ordered to pay said accounts on the Motion of Alderman Rogers seconded by Mr. P. Verdon T. C.

12th Febry 1844

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of passing accounts the following accounts were examined and ordered to be paid

Present — Michael Rogers. Alderman
Peter Verdon } Town
Daniel Brady } Councillors
James Levins }
Alderman Rogers in the Chair

Accounts

No.				
1	David Hennessy amount of his acct. for supplying hats for Town Serjeants	£3	10	0

Accounts

No.				
2	Smith and Co amount of their acct. for repairing lock and making new key for Petty Sessions office	..	1	6
3	Patrick Boylan amount of his acct. for supplying Timber to Mechanics Institute being a Balance	23	..	..
4	John Collins amount of his acct. for supplying Ironmongery &c	6	3	2
5	Charles T. Collins amt. of his acct. for furnishing Books for use of Mechanics Institute being a Balance	5	13	8
6	John Mc. Alindon for attending Town Clerks on revision of 1843	1	10	0
7	Peter Norris amount of his acct. for repairing Market house &c	89	5	7½
	£	129	3	11½

Report of Finance Committee

"Your Committee have further to report that an opportunity having presented itself of selling to advantage the shares held by this Corporation in the Dublin and Drogheda Railway Company they have accordingly sold same through Messrs. Labertouche and Stafford Stock-brokers at £54 per share the buyer paying all calls and interest and have affixed the Corporate seal to six Deeds of Transfer of same Dated respectively the 26th January last and signed by His Worship the Mayor by which arrangement your Committee will be enabled to realize a Considerable sum now much required in the present depressed state of the Corporate Finances — Signed — Michael Rogers Chairman"

Assembly adjd.

There not being any other business for Consideration the assembly then adjourned to Monday the 11th of March at the hour of 11 O'Clock in the Forenoon

Patk. Fernan
Mayor

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adj.d Assembly 11th March 1844

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Brough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 11th of March 1844

Present. The Mayor
4 Aldermen
and 15 Town Councillors

Proceedings read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read and being approved of the same were signed by His Worship —

Report of Mr. Thos. North. and Letter of Grendon & Company read Referred

The following report of Mr. Thomas North on the state of the Town Clock, and Letter of Thomas Grendon Company which accompanied said report were read and ordered to be referred to the whole Council sitting in Committee for their Consideration and enquiry

Report

Copy report

"To the Worshipful the Mayor Aldermen
"and Town Councillors of the Corporation
"of Drogheda"

"Gentlemen:

"In obediance to your orders I have made "the necessary enquiries as to the lowest price at "which a large Steeple Bell suitable for the Town "Clock Can be procured and am happy to have "to inform you that it Can be Manufactured of "a Superior quality in our own Town by Messrs "Grendon and Company whose estimate I annex

"I have also received a proposal from Messrs "Jefferies & Co of Bristol who I understand are "eminent Bell Founders, to furnish a Steeple bell "of the size and Weight required and to be Composed "of the purest and best new Metals at 15p per pound to "be delivered in Liverpool and to allow 7p per pound "for the old one, which probably weighs about one

Report

"thousand pounds" — With respect to the "present Town Clock, which in Compliance with "your instructions I have Carefully examined, I "beg to say that it is Constructed on a Very old "and bad principle, and being now Very much "worn by Constant friction for nearly eighty years "and exposure to the Weather for Several years "previous to its falling into my Care tends greatly to "increase the difficulty of keeping it going with any "degree of accuracy and as it never was intended to "shew Minutes the inconvenience to the public is "very apparent —

"I have also had the request of your Worshipful "body made a Calculation for an entire new Steeple "Clock of large dimensions and of the best description "with all the Modern improvements — To have four "Large Copper Dials shewing hours and Minutes — to "be able to raise a hammer of 14lb Weight — the wheels "to be made of the Very best yellow Brass well "hammered so as to give them durability. the "pinions to be made of the best Cast Steel forged "out of the Solid lump — Pillar frame of Cast iron "with Maintaining power. the Escapement to be made "on the Most improved and Scientific principle with "Wooden pendulum rods of about 13 feet long "well baked and Chimically prepared so as to resist "atmospheric influence and Keep the most accurate "time — Should I be honoured with your "Kind order I have every Confidence of being able "to afford the highest Satisfaction to the Corporation "and of being able to have the Clock fully Completed "in about three Months for the sum of £120.

"Having made my Calculations at the lowest "figure possible for a Superior Steeple Clock which "I engage shall be in every respect of the Very best

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"Workmanship I trust the price above named
"will be Considered reasonable

"Drogheda "I have the honor to be
"11 March 1844 "Gentlemen
"your obt. humble servt.
"Thos. North"

In this report was enclosed a proposal from Messrs. Grendon & Co offering to furnish a new Bell for the Town Clock of the best Materials for a Sum of £55 and the old Materials ×

Petitions from Elizth. Kane to be admitted into Poor house. Patience Turvey & Elizth. Ferguson praying that their pensions would be Continued

A Certificate signed Elizabeth Meade Ogle stating that Patience Turvey alias Brice who had been a Pensioner of the late Corporation was living with her in Dublin and that she was very destitute. also a petition from Elizabeth Ferguson entreating that the Pension allowed her by the former Corporation might be Continued to her. and also an application from Elizabeth Kane praying to be admitted into poor of Saint Johns House as there were two Vacancies then in the Establishment were severally read and ordered to be referred to the whole Council of the Corporation sitting in Committee for their Consideration

Accounts passed by F. Committee on this day. ord.d to be paid

The following accounts were laid by the Treasurer before the Assembly for examination and being enquired into same were ordered to be paid on the Motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Alderman Simcock

"11th March 1844

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee
"for the purpose of passing accounts. the following
"accounts were examined and ordered to be paid Viz

Present – Alderman Carty
" Rogers
" Mathews
Town Councillor Verdon
" " Keappock
" " Hammond
" " Brady
" " Levins
Aldn. Carty in the Chair

accounts

No.		£	s.	d.
1	Drogheda Conservative Journal amount of their acco.t for advertizing letting of Cranes and for Contract for Broken Stones	–	19	8
2	Peter Carroll am.t of his account for supplying sand to Cranes	–	1	0
3	Edward Holmes am.t of his account for repairing Fountain &c	–	14	3
4	Joseph McLoughlin amount of his account for supplying 3 Barrells of lime	–	2	3
5	Thomas Barron am.t of his acc.t for Cleansing Streets as per Contract ~~for 12 months~~ from 12th June to 28th Decr. 1843	5	4	6
6	James Brady am.t of his acco.t for supplying Broken stone and Sand from the 10th February to 9th March 1844	9	7	10½
7	Smith & Co amount of their account for supplying Bras Files for Treasurer	–	3	0
8	Charles McKenna am.t of his account for furnishing Book for Law Committee	–	3	0
9	Proprietors of Argus am.t of their account for advertizing for Mechanics Institute	1	3	9
10	Proprietors of the Argus am.t of their account for supplying Mechanics Institute with stationary	5	3	7½
11	Proprietors of the Conservative Journal am.t of their account for Printing Circulars &c for Mechanics Institute	2	1	0
	Signed – Thos. Carty Chairman	£ 25.	3.	11

Councillor Boylans Notice of Motion referred to a Committee of the whole Council

Councillor Boylan then stated he would not bring forward his Motion of which he had given Notice for this day relative to the withdrawal of the Corporation account from the Bank of Ireland to the Hibernian Bank in this Town. but refer it to the whole Council of the Corporation sitting in Committee for their deliberation

Memorial of John Stuart Watch Constable read

The Memorial of John Stuart Watch Constable being read stating that he is on duty every night Patrolling the streets from Nine O'Clock until Five O'Clock in the Morning. That he is Constantly in attendance at the Tholsel every day for the purpose of receiving orders. and also to do any duty and deliver any

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message that he may be entrusted with by any member of the Corporation. That he humbly hoped his Case would be taken into Consideration and the Corporation grant him any remuneration that they may think meet for his trouble and loss of time in attending at the Tholsel every day

No Motion made

There was not any Motion Made in reference to the foregoing Memorial

Accounts of Mr Nicholl referred to Finance Committee

The accounts of Mr Austin Nicholl were laid by the Town Clerk before the assembly for examination and it was ordered that said accounts be referred to the Finance Committee for their enquiry and Consideration

Assembly adjourned

The assembly then adjourned to Monday the 1st day of April next at the hour of One O'Clock

Thos Carty
Chairman

Adj.d Assembly 1st April 1844

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 1st day of April 1844

Present 5 Aldermen
and 12 Councillors

Alderm.n Carty Elected Chairman

Alderman Carty upon the Motion of Alderman Ennis seconded by Alderman Mathews took the Chair in the absence of His Worship the Mayor

Proceedings read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read, and being approved of, were signed by Alderman Carty as Chairman

Memorial of Edw.d Roe read

The Memorial of Edward Roe of Dunany having been read stating that he held possession of part of the Lands of Townath Containing 49 acres for the last 21 years, and as the Lease under which he holds same will expire in March 1846 he submitted that a Valuation be made by a Competent person, and prayed that when such Valuation be made he would get a preference

Referred to Law Committee

It was ordered that the Memorial as read by the Town Clerk be referred to the Law Committee for their Consideration and report

Two Reports from Paving Committee read

Mr Bernill Superintendent of the Paving and Cleansing Department Causes to be laid before the Assembly two Reports dated respectively the 1st of April instant which being read by the Town

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were added to
Town Clerk be referred to the Paving Committee for their Consideration and report

His Worship takes the Chair

His Worship the Mayor here entered the Assembly and took the Chair which was Vacated by Alderman Carty

Treasurer to open a General account

Resolved on the motion of Alderman Ennis that the Treasurer do open a general Rent account debiting same with the rent due up to the 1st. November 1842 as appears by the Return from Ralph Smyth Esq. and also with each half years rent payable from

and

and Crediting same with the amt of rent rec.d from said Nov.r 1842 to 25 that period to the 25th. March last. March last.

that a balance be struck shewing amount rent due on that day — It was further Resolved

Report to each Quarterly Meeting shewing the amount of Rent rec.d from the last Quarterly Meeting

that the Treasurer do in future make a Report to each Quarterly Meeting of this Council shewing amount of rent received from the last Quarterly meeting, and that he exhibit the Bank Pass Book shewing that the same was lodged to the Credit of this Body, and that he produce an abstract of the expenditure during that period, with a Classification of same - the Results of those, shewing amount of rent due up to the period of the Report, and also the amount of money expended from the previous Quarterly Meeting, and under what heads, and the amount to the Credit of this Body in the Bank, said Resolution having been seconded by Alderman Carty the question thereon that same do pass was put from the Chair and said Resolutions were declared Carried in the terms proposed

Paving Committee to meet every Friday

It was Resolved on the Motion of Mr. Thomas Hammond J. C. seconded by Mr. Jas. Levins J. C. that the Paving Committee be requested in future to meet Weekly on every Friday and at such meeting (and in no other Manner) transact any business that may be Connected with that Department

Committee named to examine the present state of the Bridge

Moved by Alderman Mathews that a Committee be named from this Council to examine the present state of the Bridge and report to the next Quarterly Assembly which will be held on the 1st of May next any or what improvement it is Capable of receiving. and Mr. John Collins J. C. having seconded said Motion the question on same was put from the Chair and agreed to, and it was Ordered that the Mayor, Aldermen Carty and Ennis, Councillors Hammond, Verdon, Levins, Boylan and the Mover and Seconder be appointed a Committee to Carry the object Contained in the foregoing resolution into effect.

Report of Clock Committee read

The following report on the subject of the Town Clock having been read — It was Ordered to be adopted and inserted on the Minutes on the Motion of Alderman Ennis seconded by Alderman Mathews —

" your Committee having taken into Consideration

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"agreeably to the Instruction of the Council) the
"present state of the Town Clock. after giving
"the subject our best attention. we are of opinion
"that any repair of the present old Clock
"would not be by any means adviseable. and
"would therefore recommend the Committee to
"advertize for a new Steeple Bell and Clock.
"disposing of the old Work and Bell.

"Dated this 1st of apiel 1844"

Signed — Patrick Fernan"
Patrick Kelly "
Anthy Kappock"

Councillor Boylan having brought under the Consideration of the Assembly the propriety and necessity of widening the Road on the North Strand at the South West Corner of Mr Chadwick's Store. The Matter was referred to the Building Committee with a request and direction that they should order to be done whatever was proper and advisable

Councillor Boylan brings before the Assembly the necessity of Widening the Road on the North Strand —

Reference to the Building Committee

The following accounts which had been passed by the Finance Committee on this day were submitted to the Assembly for examination. and each item thereof having been read aloud by the Town Clerk the same were ordered to be paid by the Treasurer on the Motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Councillor Boylan —

Finance Committee submit their accts

"1st apiel 1844"

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee
"for the purpose of passing accounts the
"following accounts were examined, and
"ordered to be paid — Viz —

Present. Alderm Carty.
" Ennis
" Mathews
" Rogers
Town Councillor Kappock
" " Hammond
" " Drew
" " Lavin
" " Brady

Alderman Mathews. in the Chair

No		£	s	d
1	Robert Daly amount of his accot. for supplying Clothing for Town Serjeants and Watchmen " "	28	5	6
2	Thomas Mathews amount of his accot. for making Sewer at Lawrence's Gate "	1	13	0
	Signed — James Mathews Chairman	£ 29.	18.	6.

The Assembly then adjourned to Friday the 12th day of April instant at the hour of 12 oClock —

Patk Fernan
Mayor

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adj.d Assembly 12th April 1844

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the 12th day of April 1844 Present The Mayor 4 Aldermen and 12 Councillors

Wm Wm Campbell proposed to be Elected Treasurer during pleasure

Councillor Boylan stated that in as much as the term for which Mr William Campbell the Treasurer of the Corporation would expire on the 15th of April instant. he would move that he be re-elected on this day by the Council during the pleasure of the Corporation. and Councillor Byrne having seconded said Motion. the question upon same was about to be put from the Chair. when Alderman Carty moved as an amendment that Mr William Campbell be re-elected Treasurer to this Corporation for one year Commencing from this day. and Councillor Drew having seconded said Motion. & previously to the question upon said amendment being put from the Chair. Councillor Boylan begged leave to withdraw his Motion. and the question upon Alderman Carty's amendment. was then put. and the same was unanimously agreed to in the foregoing terms

amendment moved that he be re-elected for one year

original Motion withdrawn

amendment Carried

At Petition from the Inhabitants of Butler Lane or the Rope Walk North of the Potatoe Market having been read praying the Corporation to make some necessary repairs to same

Petit.n of Inhabitants of Rope Read. and referred to the Paving Committee

It was ordered to be referred to the Paving Committee for their Consideration and enquiry

Letter from Mr Briscoe Tenr. referred to Finance Committee

At letter from Mr Thomas Williams Briscoe addressed to the Mayor having been read was referred to the Finance Committee for their deliberation

Town Clk informs Assembly that he rec.d a Notice & Copy of the appeal of Mr Ball against the decision of the Corp.n referred to Law Committee

The Town Clerk informs the Assembly that he had received a Notice of appeal. and also a Copy of the appeal itself from Mr Francis Ball late Recorder. to the Lords of the Treasury against the decision of the Council. in reference to his Claim for Compensation for the loss of his office. which were referred to the Law Committee for their enquiry and Consideration

Mr Mc Cartney & Town Serjeants instructed as to their duties

Mr Mc Cartney and the Town Serjeants having been Called before the Assembly. the Latter were Severally admonished by His Worship on the efficient discharge of their duties the more especially respecting the removal of Nuisances in the Several Districts entrusted to their Charge. and were also Cautioned that in the event of any future neglect or incapacity without reasonable Cause to perform their respective duties. that they would be first Suspended. and on a repitition of the offence discharged. and thereby disentitled to any Claim for Compensation

Patk Farnan Mayor

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Gen.l Dr. Assembly 1st May 1844

At a General Quarter Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 1st day of May 1844 — Present. The Mayor
Five Aldermen
and 13 — Councillors

Minutes of two last days proceedings read —

The Minutes of the two last days proceedings were read, and being approved of, the same were signed by His Worship the Mayor

Report of Paving Committee read and adopted

The following report of the Paving Committee Dated 19th April 1844 having been read by the Town Clerk the same was received and adopted by the Council, and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes on the Motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Councillor Byrne

Report

"Your Committee having Come to the Resolution
"of dispensing with the services of Patrick M.c Andle
"the Superintendant of the Sweepers during the
"Summer Months beg leave to report same to
"the Council for their adoption. April 19th 1844

Signed — Patrick Tennan
Chairman"

Town Clerk read report of Finance Committee —

The Town Clerk having read to the Assembly the following report of the Finance Committee — It was ordered on the Motion of Alderman Rogers, Seconded by Alderman Mathews that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the several accounts enumerated therein —

1st May 1844

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee
"for the purpose of passing accounts the following
"accounts were examined, and ordered to be paid
"Viz

Present — Alderman Mathews in the Chair —
Aldermen Ennis
" Canty
" Rogers
" Mathews
Town Councillor Reappock
" " Levins
" " Brady
" " Drew
" " Verdon

No 1.	Patrick Kelly amount of his account for printing and Stationary from Nov.r 1843 to May 1844 —	24	0	0
2	Drogheda Gas Company amount of their acc.t for supplying Gas from 25th Dec.r 1843 to 25th March 1844 " — " "	2	12	4
3	Peter Mohan amount of his account for Cleaning Stockwell Lane Dyer street and Milk Market " — "	8	13	4
	£	35	5	8

"Your Committee recommend that in future the
"Printing for this Corporation to be done and the Stationary supplied
"— — — by Contract to be advertized for in the Local
"Papers Signed — James Mathews Ch.r

Negociation with the Methodists for a Site referred to the Building Committee

Resolved on the Motion of Councillor M.c Evoy that the Negociation with the Wesleyan Methodists of this Town for a Site for their School be referred to the Building Committee with full powers to arrange for same, and said Resolution being seconded by Councillor Connolly the question thereon was put from the Chair, and the same was agreed to without any dissentient —

Assembly adjourned

There not being any other business for Consideration the Assembly adjourned to Friday the 31st of May instant at the hour of 12 O'Clk

Thomas Ennis Chairman

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adjourned assembly 31st May 1844

At an adjourned assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the assembly Roorm of the Tholsel on Friday the 31st day of May 1844 — Present 2 Aldermen and 14 Councillors

Aldn Ennis in the Chair

His Worship the Mayor not being present alderman Ennis was moved to the Chair

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read and being approved of were signed by Alderman Ennis as Chairman

Special Meeting to be Called

Councillor Boylan then moved that a special meeting of the Corporation be Called for Wednesday next the 5th June for the purpose of passing a Vote of Condolence to Mr O'Connell on his present unmerited Imprison=ment and Councillor Collins having seconded said Motion the question thereon was then put from the Chair and the same was unanimously agreed to

Report of Building Committee read

The following report of the Building Committee having been read the same was adopted and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes on the Motion of Councillor Lewin seconded by Councillor Verdon

Report

"Report of Building Committee"

"your Committee having fully and Carefully
"Canvassed the question of the Site and quantity
"of Ground necessary for the erection of a suitable
"School by the Sect of the Wesleyan Methodists
"resident in Drogheda and having taken the
"suggestions of the Right Honble Her Majestys
"Privy Council for Ireland as reported to us by
"Mr Kelly one of the Town Clerks into our
"respectful Consideration recommend that in
"addition to the ground already granted to them
"by our report of 17th July last there be also given
"them a passage from Free school Lane at the
"Southern extremity of Thomas Wogan's house
"Eight feet wide, the Corporation retaining the
"right of building over said passage, and that
"they also get a further portion of the Garden at
"the rere of the Mechanics Institute in Continuation
"with that already given them by said report and
"in addition thereto extending twenty feet from South
"to North and the entire breadth of the Garden
"from East to West and we recommend that a
"Lease of said Ground and premises be granted
"them for seventy five years at the yearly rent of five
"Shillings to Commence from 1st May instant which
"we Certify as our report this 31st May 1844"

Signed Patk Boylan" Chairman"

Assembly adjourned

There not being any other business for the Consideration of the Assembly the same was adjourned to Wednesday the 19th day of June next at the hour of 12 O'Clock

Patk Woods Mayor

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5th June 1844

Special Assembly 5th June 1844

At a Special Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 5th day of June 1844 pursuant to Notice dated the 1st day of June instant signed by the Mayor and fixed on the Door of the Tholsel, the several Members of the Council having been duly summoned by service of Notice on them respectively on said First day of June for the purpose of passing a Vote of Condolence to Mr. O'Connell on his present unmerited Imprisonment

Present The Mayor
4 Aldermen
and 17 Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings having been read were approved of and Signed by His Worship the Mayor

Address of Sympathy to Mr. O'Connell moved

Councillor Boylan moved in which he was seconded by Councillor Byrne that an address of Sympathy be prepared and presented to our distinguished Countryman Daniel O'Connell Esqre M.P. and the question on same being put from the Chair the foregoing was agreed to

and

adopted

The Town Clerk having read the Draft of an address which had been handed in by Alderman Ennis

Alderman Ennis thereupon moved that the address now read be adopted, and that it be presented to Mr. O'Connell on an early day by the Mayor, and such other Members of the Corporation as Can make it Convenient to attend, in which he was seconded by Councillor Verdon, and the question upon said Motion being put from the Chair the same was unanimously agreed to

Pat.k Fernan
Mayor

adjd Assembly 19th June 1844

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 19th day of June 1844

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen
and 12 Councillors

Proceedings of last days Meeting read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read by the Town Clerk, and same being approved of they were signed by the Mayor

The fact of the two Aldermen of the West Gate Ward having had an equal Number of Votes at the first Election of Aldermen and Councillors

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which was held for said Ward on the 25th of October 1842 having been brought under Notice of the Assembly and of Alderman Ennis having since the Election Ceded Seniority to Alderman Carty - It was therefore Considered advisable that under the provisions of the Irish Municipal act a distinct resolution on the subject should pass the Assembly

Alderman Carty Chosen Senior Alderm. of the West Gate Ward

Alderman Ennis accordingly moved in which he was Seconded by Councillor Walsh that Alderman Thomas Carty be Chosen Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward, and the question thereon being put from the Chair the same was unanimously agreed to. and Alderman Carty was thereupon declared the Senior Alderman of said Ward

Letter of Mr. Kelly one of the Town Clerks read. Referred to Finance Committee

Mr Kelly one of the Town Clerks Submits a letter which he had written - - - - - for the Consideration of the Council bearing date the 19th of June 1844 and same having been read by him - It was ordered on the motion of Councillor Verdon which was seconded by Councillor Boylan that said letter be referred to the Finance Committee for their Consideration and report

Accounts submitted

Mr William Campbell the Treasurer Causes to be laid before the Assembly the following account which had been

been passed by the Finance Committee on the 31st day of May last. and on this day. and same having been read aloud by the Town Clerk to the Assembly. It was ordered on the motion of Councillor Verdon seconded by Alderman Rogers that said several accounts be paid to the different persons therein named

ordered to be paid

The following is a Copy of said accounts

"31st May 1844

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for "the purpose of passing accounts, the following "were examined and ordered to be paid Viz

Present. Alderman Rogers in the Chair

T. C. Drew
Brady
Lewis
Verdon

accounts

No.		£	s	d
1	Thomas Byrne amount of his acct. for erecting a Wall out Lawrence's Gate	5	-	-
2	Thomas M'Cann amount of his acct. for repairing roof of Watch house	-	2	6
3	Owen Maguire Coy Coan for Fish Market	1	-	2¼
4	John Smith amount of his acct. for making map of Treschool lane property	1	1	-
5	Mary Mahon amount of her acct. for repairing implements for Lamps	-	10	2
6	Drogheda Gas Company amt. of their account for Gas Supplied to Watch House by Meter and for 3 public lamps	23	17	2
	£	31	11	1¼

Mich. Rogers

"19th June 1844"

Finance Committee

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee
"for the purpose of passing accounts the
"following were examined and ordered to be
"paid. Viz

Present. J. C. Verdon in the Chair
Alderman Carty
J. C. Lunn
" Verdon
" Drew
" Kappock

accounts

No. 1	Patrick Connolly amot. of his acct. for repairing Leather Work of Fire Engine		5	8
2	James ——— Clinton amot. of his account for Neats foot oil for Fire Engine		6	
3	Thomas Halligan amount of his account for Coal, supplied to Watch House		2	9
4	J B & H. Hamilton amount of his acct. for Stationary		13	2
5	Conservative Journal amount of his acct. for advertizing Blake Lanpier		10	6
	Signed — "Peter Verdon Chairman"	£	4. 4.	4

Assembly adjourned.

There not being any other Business for the Consideration of the Assembly the same was further adjourned to Monday the 1st of July next at the hour of 12 O'Clock

Robt. Tornan
Mayor

adj.d Assembly 1st July 1844

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 1st day of July 1844 among other matters to Nominate out of the Aldermen or Councillors a fit person to be Mayor for the ensuing year pursuant to the 35th Bye Law of the Council —

Present. The Mayor
4 Aldermen
and 13. Councillors

proceedings read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings having been read by the Town Clerk the same were approved of and signed by His Worship the Mayor

Alderman Ennis Nominated Mayor

Alderman Carty then moved that Alderman Ennis be nominated Mayor for the ensuing year which having been seconded by Alderman Mathews the question that Alderman Ennis be Nominated Mayor for the ensuing year was put from the Chair and was unanimously agreed to —

Alderman Ennis returns thanks

Whereupon Alderman Ennis returned thanks to the Assembly

Report of F. Committee read

The following report of the Finance Committee having been laid before the Assembly and read. It was ordered

on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Councillor Verdon that said report be received and adopted. and the Treasurer directed to pay to Mr. Kelly the sum of Eighty pounds as recommended in said report

The following is a Copy of said Report

Report of Finance Committee

"Resolved that the Treasurer be "directed to pay the Town Clerks Eighty "pounds on account of Law Costs, and that "that sum be handed to Mr. Thomas "Kelly one of the Town Clerks for this "Corporation, being on account of Monies "advanced by him."

Signed "James Mathews" Chn."

There was not any other business for the Consideration of the Assembly

Patk. Tornan
Mayor

Genl. Qr. Assembly 1st Augt. 1844

At a General Quarter Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Thursday the 1st day of August 1844. Present. The Mayor
4 Aldermen
and 13 Councillors.

Minutes read

The Town Clerk read the Minutes of the last days proceedings which being approved of were signed by His Worship the Mayor

Report of the Superintendt. read

The following report of Mr. Berrill the Superintendent of the Paving and Cleansing Department having been read was on the motion of Alderman Mathews Seconded by Councillor Boylan referred to the Law Committee for their Consideration and report.

Copy report

"Gentlemen.

As Mr. Duffy Linen Manufacturer (who "resides on the old hill convenient to Saint Marys "Church) is now building a house opposite to his own "Dwelling I Called on him yesterday to know if "he had a title to the Ground. he told me that "he had a Cot for many years on the same place. "and that it was only a few days ago he had it removed "to replace it with a better one."

"August 1st 1844 — Signed. William P. Berrill
Superintendent

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accounts of Finance Committee submitted and ordered to be paid

Mr William Campbell submits to the Assembly the accounts which has been passed by the Finance Committee on this day and said accounts having been read aloud to the Assembly by the Town Clerk. It was ordered on the Motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Alderman Rogers that they be paid by the Treasurer.

The following is a Copy of the accounts -

"1st August 1844"

accounts

" At a meeting of the Finance Committee
" for the purpose of passing accounts the
" following were examined and ordered to
" be paid Viz.

Present Alderman Mathews in the Chair
Alderman Rogers
T. C. Drew
" " Reappock

No 1	Richd Flinn amt of his account for repairing Fire Engines	19	17	4
No 2	Richd Flinn amt of his account for repairing Watering Cart	4	10	-
	Signed - James Mathews' Chairman	£ 24	7	4

Treasurer to Call on the several tenants of the Corpn for payment of all arrears of rent due by them up to Easter last

It was Resolved on the Motion of Alderman Mathews which was seconded by Councillor Boylan that in Consequence of the present State of the Funds of the Corporation and with the View of enabling the Council to satisfy the many demands upon them the Treasurer be Instructed to Call on the several Tenants

of the Corporation for payment of all rent and arrears of rent due by them up to and for Easter last. and the question upon the foregoing Resolution having been put from the Chair the same was agreed to -

Treasurer to take all necessary steps for recovery of all arrears of rent due the Corpn up to Easter last

It was likewise Resolved on the Motion of Alderman Mathews that the Treasurer of the Corporation be authorized and he is hereby directed to take the necessary Steps for Recovery of all rent and arrears of rent due by all the Tenants of the Corporation up to and for Easter last and Alderman Ennis having Seconded said Resolution the question thereon was then put from the Chair and the Same was declared Carried unanimously -

Assembly adjd

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 19th day of August instant -

Patk Lennan
Mayor

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adjourned assembly 19th augt 1844

At an adjourned assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 19th day of August 1844 —

Present. The Mayor
3. Aldermen
and 9 Councillors

Proceedings read

The minutes of the last day's proceedings having been read by the Town Clerk and approved of were signed by His Worship the Mayor

Town Clerk read two proposals for Blake's Rampier

The Town Clerk having read two Proposals for Blake's Rampier one from James Reynolds and Michael Greene offering £4. 4. 0. and another from Thomas Cluskey offering £4. 1. 0 as yearly rent for same.

referred to Building Committee

It was thereupon ordered upon the motion of Alderman Mathews which was seconded by Town Councillor Brady that the proposals now read by the Town Clerk be referred to the Building Committee for their Consideration and enquiry. and they were thereby requested to examine into and report upon said proposals to the next adjourned Assembly of the Council

Report of Paving Committee read this?

The following report of the Paving Committee having been handed the Town Clerk

Clerk and he having read same to the Assembly It was ordered that the said report be received and inserted on the Minutes

Report of Paving Committee

Copy report "17th August 1844"

"Your Committee having Considered the "Proposal received from the Gas Company for "Lighting the Town for the ensuing year are "of opinion that it is not satisfactory in as "much as they have not stated their price "by metre the same as last year when lighting "the Town for the Parish. Which your Committee "Certify as their report. Thos Simcock" Chairman"

Committee named to Confer with Gas Company for the lighting of the Town

Councillor Collins moved a Resolution to the effect that the following members of the Council be named a Committee on behalf of the Corporation for the purpose of Conferring with the Gas Company respecting the terms on which they would light the Town for the ensuing year and that they be pleased to report thereon to the next Assembly namely the Mayor Aldermen Mathews. Canty. Ennis and Rogers with Councillors Drew and Reappock. and Councillor Brady. having seconded said proposition the question was put from the Chair and agreed to.

An address of Congratulation to be forwarded for presentation to the Queen

Alderman Mathews moved that an address of Congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the recent birth of a

Prince be prepared and forwarded from this Corporation with the Corporate seal affixed thereto to Sir James Graham Secretary of State for the Home Department for presentation to Her Majesty and Councillor Boylan having seconded said Motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and it was unanimously resolved that an address on the auspicious and happy event be accordingly prepared and forwarded

Mayor requested to enforce the 27th Bye Law

Ordered that His Worship the Mayor be requested to act upon and enforce the 27th Bye Law of the Council in his Magisterial Capacity as Chief Magistrate

Assembly adjd.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 16th day of September next at the hour of 12 O'Clock

Patk Tiernan
Mayor

adjd. Assembly 16th Sept. 1844

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 16th day of September 1844

Present. The Mayor
5. Aldermen
and 13 - Councillors

Proceedings of last day read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read and being approved of were signed by His Worship the Mayor

Town Clerk reads Draft address of Congratulation to the Queen also Sir Jas. Graham's letter

The Town Clerk reads the Draft of the address of Congratulation an Engrossment of which with the Corporate seal affixed thereto had been forwarded by His Worship the Mayor to the Right Honorable Sir James Graham Secretary of State for the Home Department for presentation to the Queen and also Sir James Graham's reply acknowledging its receipt. Whereupon It was

Address and letter ordered to be inserted on the Minutes

ordered upon the Motion of Alderman Ennis - which was seconded by Councillor Hammond that said address and letter be inserted on the Minutes - The following is a Copy of the address

Address

" To the Queens Most Excellent Majesty

" We the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of
" the Borough of Drogheda beg leave to approach
" your Majesty with sentiments of loyal attachment
" and fervent Congratulation on a recent happy
" and interesting event which has given to your
" Majesty and the Nation an Infant Prince who

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"is at once a pledge of your Majesty's domestic
"felicity and an additional guarantee for the
"National safety — In tendering to you
"this expression of our affectionate sympathy
"we Cannot forbear from indulging in an
"anxious but well founded hope that educated
"under the fostering Care and tutored by the
"bright example of your Majesty and your
"illustrious Consort he may hereafter become to
"his Parents a source of unfailing joy and to his
"Country an object of unmingled pride and
"devoted attachment — In testimony whereof
"we have Caused to be hereunto affixed our
"Common Seal at an adjourned Assembly
"held in the Tholsel of Drogheda on Wednesday
"the 19th day of August in the year of our Lord
"1844" — Seal — "Patrick Fernan"
"Mayor of Drogheda"
"Certified by —
"Thos. Kelly & J.M. Cantwell. Town Clerks"

Copy letter

The following is a Copy of the letter —

"Whitehall
7th Sept: 1844

"Sir
"I have had the honour to lay before
"the Queen, the loyal and dutiful address of the
"Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Brough
"of Drogheda on the occasion of the Birth of a
"Prince — and I have to inform you that the
"same was very graciously received by Her
"Majesty
"I have the honour to be
"Sir
"your obt. Servant
"Jas. Graham"
"The Mayor
"of Drogheda

accounts laid before Assembly and ordered to be paid

The following accounts having passed the Finance Committee on the 19th of August last were laid by the Treasurer before the Assembly for examination and being read aloud by the Town Clerk were ordered to be paid on the Motion of Councillor Verdon — Seconded by Alderman Rogers —

"19th August 1844"

Copy accounts

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for
"the purpose of passing accounts the following were
"examined and ordered to be paid — Viz

Present. Aldn Rogers J. C. Drew
" Mathews " " Kearnock
" " Verdon
" " Brady

The Mayor in the Chair

		£	s	d
No 1	James M.Kenna amount of his acct. for painting Market House and Cleaning Windows of Court House &c " "	9	15	—
2	Smith & Co amount of his account for Fire Grate for Mayors office " "	—	18	—
3	Same for two office Files " "	—	1	—
4	William R. Bernice for expenses for going to Dundalk &c " "	1	—	4
5	John Butterly amount of his acct. for auction fees &c " " "	1	17	9
6	Same for Locks and Staples "	—	3	2
7	Hy B. Tavilough amt. of his account for Cleaning streets from Novr 42 to Decr 1843 " " "	16	5	—
8	Johnson & Co for supplying Newspapers	2	12	—
	£	32.	12.	3.

Signed — "Patrick Fernan"
Mayor"

address to be presented to Mr Cornell and his

Councillor Boylan moved in which he was seconded by Councillor Crolly that an

address be prepared and presented to Mr O'Connell and his fellow Captives on their release from Prison and the question thereon being put from the Chair it was unanimously agreed to

Town Clerk reads Draft of an address

The Town Clerk having read the Draft of an address upon this subject which he had prepared the same was approved of and adopted by the Assembly on the Motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Councillor Brady —

approved of and adopted

The following is a Copy of the address

Copy address

"Illustrious Liberator"

"We the Mayor Aldermen and "Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda hail with "feelings of unmingled satisfaction the release of "yourself and your fellow Captives from an illegal "and unmerited imprisonment —

"Our Satisfaction is unmingled because during "the whole Course of the recent (so Called) judicial "proceedings you nobly sustained in your person "the truth and moral justice of a peaceful and "legitimate agitation, pure in its Means and in its "end and effects glorious and well defined Viz "the attainment for your Country of her just "and unalienable rights and because this "triumph was accomplished without the "sacrifice of one iota of principle either moral "or political — We read in your present "success omens of future Victories. it Convinces us "that perseverence in a just Cause Crowns every "Virtuous effort with success and that under the "will and direction of an Almighty Providence "strength becomes Weakness when Marshalled to

"to sustain injustice — That Heaven in its "mercy and justice may Continue to bless you with "health and strength to achieve and enjoy the "regeneration of our Native Land is our earnest and "heartfelt prayer — In testimony whereof we "have Caused to be hereunto affixed our Common "Seal at an adjourned Assembly held in the "Tholsel of Drogheda on Monday the 16th day "of September 1844 — Seal — "Patrick Tiernan" "Mayor of Drogheda"

"Certified by "Thos. Reilly & J.N. Cantwell Town Clerks —

Assembly adjourned

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 30th day of September instant at the hour of 12 o'Clock

Thomas Lewis
Chairman

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30th Sept. 1844

adjd Assembly 30th Sept. 1844

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 30th day of September 1844

Present 2 Aldermen and 10 Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings having been read by the Town Clerk the same were approved of and signed by Alderman Ennis as Chairman in the absence of His Worship the Mayor

Communication from T. J. Fogarty read

A Communication from Thomas J. Fogarty having been read calling attention to the state of the near end of Thomas street which in heavy rains is nearly impassible for want of a Sewer across the road to Catherine Lane where there is a Main Sewer, and as he is desirous of putting a Sewer at the rere of the houses which he is building and has no way of carrying off the Water requested the Council to Construct a Main Sewer across the road which would confer a public benefit and an advantage to him as tenant of the Corporation

referred to Paving Committee

Ordered on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Councillor

Collins that the same be referred to the Paving Committee for their enquiry and report

Report of Treasurer read

The following report from Mr. William Campbell Treasurer having been read by the Town Clerk

"Treasurers office"
19th August 1844

"Gentlemen

"Being instructed at the last meeting of the Council to Visit the old Corn Market Hill and to see if the House that was built by Mr. Ardle and the one now in the Course of erection by one Duffy was an encroachment on the public property and to report thereon accordingly. I have Complied with the instructions of the Council and after making every enquiry and examining the Lease Leger I find that both Houses are on the public property and are in the Centre of the Street and are surrounded on the East and West side by the Corporation property"

"I am Gentlemen
"your obd. servt.
"William Campbell"

Report of Treas.r referred to Law Committee

It was ordered on the Motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Councillor Verdon that the Matter Contained in the foregoing be referred to the Law Committee for their enquiry and Consideration

Memorial of Peter M.c Kenna read — No motion made

The Memorial of Peter M.c Kenna Brogue maker signed by several respectable Householders having been read

There was not any motion made in

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reference to the subject it appearing to be the wish of the Council that His Worship the Mayor should take upon himself the regulation of the matters therein referred to

Mode of letting Blakes Rampier referred to Building Committee

The most advisable mode of letting the spot of ground near the Barrack lane is referred to the Building Committee with a View to making an alteration in the terms and Conditions required on the part of the Corporation to be observed by whoever would be declared Tenant

Patk. Tiernan
Mayor

Genl. Dr. Assembly 1st Novr. 1844

At a General Quarter Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the 1st day of November 1844 Present The Mayor
4 Aldermen
and 16 Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings having been read the same were approved of and signed by His Worship the Mayor

Aldn. Rogers brings under the Consideration of the Assembly the Meml. of Peter McKenna Brogue Maker

Alderman Rogers brings under the Consideration of the Assembly the Memorial of Peter McKenna Brogue Maker which had been read at the last adjourned Assembly when there was not any motion made in reference to the matter therein Contained in as much as it then appeared to be the wish of the Council that His Worship the Mayor should take upon himself the subject matter of said Memorial and the Council upon this occasion also declined interfering and expressed a wish that the Mayor would be pleased to investigate into the Complaint of the Memorialist with a View of affording such relief (if any) as appeared to him expedient

Proposals for Blakes Rampier read

The Town Clerk reads proposals for the spot of ground near the Barrack lane Called Blakes Rampier from Thomas McCollough

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proposing £4-10 from John Finnegan who proposed £5-5 and from John Collins who proposed £6-6 yearly for said spot of ground. It was ordered that said several proposals be referred to the Building Committee for their enquiry and report on the Motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Councillor Reappock

Referred to Building Committee

Alderman Mathews moves that the Committee appointed upon a former occasion by the Corporation for the purpose of treating with the Gas Company for the lighting of the Town for the ensuing year be authorized to light the Town with oil in the event of the Gas Company declining to agree to the terms already proposed by said Committee and said Motion having been seconded by Councillor Boylan the question on same was put from the Chair and agreed to

Committee to treat with Gas Co. for lighting the Town. said Committee to light the Town with oil in the event of the Gas Co declining to agree to the terms already proposed

An application from James Greene Sword Bearer having been read stating that he had applied to the Treasurer for payment of the sum of £50 being the amount of two years salary due him to Sept. 1844 who informed him that he could only allow him for ~~the last~~ one years salary as he had not received instructions to pay him for the last year

Application of Jas. Greene Sword Bearer for paymt. of two years salary read — and referred to the Law Committee

years salary and as he the applicant owed a sum of £16. 17. 5 for rent he therefore begged the Corporation would make an order for payment of his full salary so as to enable the Treasurer and himself to close the account It was ordered on the motion of Councillor Boylan which was seconded by Councillor Reappock that the foregoing application be referred to the Law Committee for their consideration and report

The application of several persons Inhabitants of the neighbourhood of Bezexwell Lane having been read calling attention to the state of the public thuy in that locality. It was ordered on the motion of Councillor Walsh seconded by Councillor Boylan that the Paving Committee do enquire into and examine the state of the Sewer with a view to remedy in every possible manner the nuisance complained of and that they be pleased to report thereon to the next adjourned Assembly

Applicat.n of the Inhabitants of Bezexwell Lane read

Referred to Paving Committee

Ordered on the motion of Councillor Reappock seconded by Councillor Boylan that the possession of the Town Crane be taken up by the Treasurer forthwith and managed by the Corporation for one year

Town Crane to be taken possession of by the Treasurer and Managed by the Corporation

Alderm.

Mr Jas Crimes appointed to take Charge of the Cranes at a Salary of £36

Alderman Carty moves in which he is seconded by Alderman Mathews that Mr James Crimes be appointed under this Corporation to take Charge of the public Cranes for the ensuing year at a Salary of £36 and the question upon same having been put from the Chair the same was unanimously agreed to —

Committee named to superintend the management of the public Cranes

It was ordered on the Motion of Councillor Kelly seconded by Alderman Simcocks that Councillors Reappock Lavin and Verdon be Named as a Committee to superintend the management of the Public Cranes for one year —

Moved that a special Meeting be Convened for the 11th

Alderman Carty moved in which he was seconded by Councillor Reappock that a Special meeting of the Corporation be Convened for Monday the 11th November instant for the purpose of Nominating a Gentleman to fill the office of Mayor for the ensuing year in the room of Alderman Ennis who was stated to have Resigned since his Nomination on the 1st of July last and previous to the question thereon being put from the Chair Alderman Rogers moved as an amendment that the Meeting of the Corporation for the above purpose be Convened for Tuesday the 26th November instant in which he was seconded by Councillor Brady - a Ballot being then demanded by

Amendment moved that a special meeting be Convened for the 26th inst

Ballot demanded

Alderman Rogers His Worship the Mayor having first put the question upon the amendment from the Chair there appeared six in favor of same and 14 against it, and the question upon the original Motion having been thereupon put from the Chair the same was declared Carried

Question put upon original Motion and Carried

Assembly adjd

There not being any other business for the Consideration of the Assembly the same was adjourned to Monday the 11th Instant

Matth. Tennan
Mayor

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adj.d Qua Assembly 11th Nov. 1844

At an adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly room of the Tholsel on Monday the 11th day of November 1844

Present The Mayor
5 Aldermen
and 14 Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Assembly of the Council having been read by the Town Clerk and approved were signed by His Worship the Mayor

Town Clk reads report of Paving Committee.

The Town Clerk then read the following Report from the Paving Committee which was received and adopted and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes on the Motion of Councillor Keappock seconded by Councillor Byrne

Report of Paving Committee

Copy Repat of Paving Committee

Your Committee having given the present system of Scavengery one year trial are Constrained to report that the ancient system of letting it in Lotts is much preferable both in point of expense and efficiency and therefore beg leave to recommend the Council to return to the former mode and that the public streets be accordingly advertized in Nine Lotts for one year from the 1st day of December next with proper and stringent provisions to enforce the due performance of the Work

your Committee have further to report that the Quay in Bessexwell Lane having been uncovered by some malicious persons and having become

a great nuisance in that neighbourhood they have ordered its removal and beg leave to recommend that a new Quay on a suitable plan be erected at the rere of the Mayoralty House on that plot of ground formerly granted by the Corporation to Michael Duffe and now in the possession of Mr Patrick Boylan

your Committee beg leave further to recommend that after the execution of the Work now in hand and a piece of Work already ordered in Barrack Lane the employment of the Staff of Paviors be discontinued for the present which we Certify as our report this 11th day of Nov. 1844

Signed — Thomas Simcock
Chairman

Town Clerk reads report of Building Committee

The Town Clerk having also read a Report from the Building Committee it was ordered after some discussion thereon that said Report be received and adopted by the Council and that same be inserted on the Minutes on the Motion of Councillor Drew seconded by Councillor Lewin

Copy Repat of Building Commee

The following is a Copy of said Report

Your Committee beg leave to report that having taken into their Consideration the several proposals for Blakes Rampier which have been referred to them they find that Mr John Collins's proposal of £6. 6 is the highest and recommend that his proposal be accepted and that a Lease for 75 years from the 1st Nov. instant be granted him on the terms mentioned in the advertisement

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Viz that he shall expend in Building within a period of two years from his getting possession a sum of at least £100 — your Committee further recommend that those portions of the premises in Lawrence's street and Freeschool Lane now in the occupation of Messrs Duffy and Tumalti which have been taken from them into the possession of the Corporation should be partitioned off from the rest by proper Walls and that Privies should be erected for them on the premises now in their possession and that the roofs of their Dwelling houses should be repaired so far as is necessary to make them water tight all which we Certify as our report this 11th day of November 1844 — Signed Thos Simcock, Chairman

Assembly adjd. The assembly then adjourned to Monday the 2nd of December next at the hour of 12 O'Clock —

Patk Fernan
Mayor

Special Assembly 11 Novr 1844

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 11th day of November 1844 signed by the Mayor and fixed on the Door of the Tholsel the several members of the Council having been duly summoned by service of Notice on them respectively on the 6th of said Month for the purpose of nominating a Mayor for the ensuing year —

Present The Mayor
5 Aldermen
and 14 Councillors

No Candidate for the office of Mayor to be supported unless a Repealer

It was resolved upon the Motion of Alderman Rogers seconded by Councillor Drew that this Corporation having already pledged themselves to the Carrying out the principle of the Repeal of the Union they now bind themselves to Vote for no Candidate for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year who is not a decided and declared Repealer, and the question upon the foregoing resolution having been put from the chair was agreed to —

Candidate for the office of Mayor to declare himself a Repealer and give the Repeal Toast at all public Dinners and head the Corporn in all their movements to forward the Repeal

It was further resolved on the Motion of Councillor Boylan that any Gentleman offering himself a Candidate for the office of Mayor of Drogheda for the ensuing year pledge himself that he is a declared and decided Repealer of the Legislative Union and that he will give the Repeal Toast at all public Dinners and head the Corporation in all their movements to forward the Repeal Cause, and Councillor

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Kelly having seconded said Resolution the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.

Councillor Campbell Nominated Mayor unanimously

Alderman Ennis moved that Town Councillor Campbell be nominated to fill the office of Mayor for the ensuing year and Councillor Reilly having seconded said Nomination. the question that Councillor Campbell be nominated Mayor was put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Campbell returns thanks

Councillor Campbell thereupon returned thanks in suitable terms to the Council for the honor done him by nominating him unanimously to the office of Mayor of Drogheda for the ensuing year

Pat. Ennis
Mayor

25th Nov 1844

Election of two Councillors for each of the three Wards

On this day Thos Carty Esq as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward with Messrs Thomas Carroll and Denis Devin assessors of said Ward and Michael Rogers Esq as Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward with Mr Thos Greene assessor of said Ward and also Patrick Tiernan Esq Mayor as Senior Alderman of the Saint Laurence Gate Ward with Messrs John Mullin and Thomas Faulkner assessors of said Ward made the following return of the Election of Town Councillors for the said three several Wards respectively which was published by His Worship the Mayor on the 26th of November instant pursuant to the requisites of the statute

Municipal Election

3 and 4 Victoria Cap 108 and 6 and 7 Victoria Cap 93

The following is a List of the Names of the persons Elected in the three several Wards of the Borough of Drogheda at the Election of two Councillors for each Ward to fill the Vacancies Caused by those whose period of office had expired holden for the said Borough on the 25th day of Nov.r in the year of our Lord 1844 together with the Number of Votes given in favour of each person so Elected

West Gate Ward

Names of persons Elected	Number of Votes
John Finegan	Fifty one
Stephen Draw	Forty one

Fair Gate Ward

Names of persons Elected	Number of Votes
William Campbell	Forty two
Edward Atkinson	Twenty six

Saint

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Saint Laurence Gate Ward

Names of person Elected	Number of Votes
Michael Walsh	Thirty four
James Bellew	Twenty nine

Copy proclamation by the Mayor

The foregoing is a Copy of the lists this day furnished to me by the Senior Alderman and assessors of the Various Wards and I hereby publish the same pursuant to the Statute in that Case made and provided

Dated this 26th day of Nov.r 1844

Signed Patrick Fernan Mayor
of the Borough of Drogheda

27th Nov.r 1844

Election of a Town Councillor in the room of Mr. John Cater.

On this day an Election was held before Michael Rogers Esq Senior Alderman and Mr. Thomas Guene Assessor of the Fair Gate Ward pursuant to public Notice posted on the Door of the Tholsel for the purpose of Electing a Town Councillor in the room of Mr. John Cater who had Ceased to be a Member of the Council when Mr. Patrick Conway was duly Elected in his stead

Mr. P. Conway Elected

The following is a Copy of the list published by His Worship the Mayor.

Municipal Election

3 and 4 Victoria Cap 108 and 6 and 7 Victoria Cap 93

The following is a List with the Name of the

person Elected a Town Councillor for the Fair Gate Ward of the Borough of Drogheda at the Election of a Town Councillor for said Ward to fill the Vacancy Caused by Mr. John Cater who had Ceased to be a Councillor holden for the above Ward on the 27th day of November 1844

Patrick Conway	Four Voters

Copy proclamation

The foregoing is a Copy of the List this day furnished me by the Senior Alderman and assessor of the Fair Gate Ward and I hereby publish the same pursuant to the Statute in that Case made and provided Dated this 27th day of Nov.r 1844

Signed Patrick Fernan Mayor
of the Borough of Drogheda

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3ld Decr 1844

Election of Borough Auditor Assessor and Ward assessors

On this day an Election was held by His Worship the Mayor pursuant to Public Notice posted on the Door of the Tholsel for Auditors and Assessors of the Borough and also for assessors for the Saint Laurence Gate Ward he being the senior Alderman of said Ward when Thomas Gernon and James McCann were Elected assessors - and Messrs Nicholas White and Nicholas Fitzpatrick were Elected Auditors of the Borough - and Messrs Thomas Faulkner and John Mullin were Elected assessors for the Saint Laurence Gate Ward for the ensuing year. and said Elections were duly published as the Law directs

Thos Gernon & James McCann Esqrs Elected Borough assessors and Messrs Nichs White and Nichs Fitzpatrick elected Borough Auditors

Messrs Thos Faulkner and John Mullin - Elected Ward Assessors for the St Laws Gate Ward

On the same day Thos Carty and Mich Rogers Esqrs Senior Aldermen of the West Gate & Fair Gate Wards delivered to the Mayor the returns of the Elections for Ward assessors held by them respectively on the above day - whereby Thomas Carroll and Denis Devin were returned assessors at the Election for the West Gate Ward - and Messrs Hugh Maguire and Patrick Maguire for the Fair Gate Ward

Messrs Thos Carroll and Denis Devin elected assessors for the West Gate Ward - and

Messrs Hugh Maguire and Patk Maguire - Elected assessors for the Fair Gate Ward

adjd Assembly 2 Decr 1844

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 2nd day of December 1844

Present - The Mayor
4 Aldermen
and 11 Councillors -

Minutes read

The minutes of the adjourned and special assemblies which had been both held on the 11th day of November last were read by the Town Clerk and being approved of they were each signed by His Worship the Mayor

Councillors previous to entering upon their duties hand in to the Town Clerk their Declaration

Councillors John Finegan Stephen Drew William Campbell Edward Atkinson Michael Walsh James Bellew and Patrick Conway previous to entering upon the business of the Assembly each delivered to one of the Town Clerks to be kept by him of record a Declaration made and subscribed as prescribed by the 85th Section of the Municipal Reform act.

accounts read by Town Clerk

The following accounts which had been passed by the Finance Committee on the 16th day of September 1844 and 11th day of November last were submitted to the Assembly for examination and they having been read by the Town Clerk -

and

ordered to be paid

It was ordered on the Motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Byrne that said accounts be paid by the Treasurer -

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accounts

16th Sept 1844

" At a Meeting of the Finance Committee
" for the purpose of passing accounts the
" following were examined and ordered to be
" paid — Present Alderman Rogers
Town Councillor Levins
" " Drew
" " Brady

Alderman Rogers in the Chair

No 1	Edward Reilly amount of his account for repairing Scales of Crane & for Badges for Porters in Potato Market	1	16	—

Signed — Mich[l] Rogers Chairman

11th Nov[r] 1844

" At a Meeting of the Finance Committee
" for the purpose of passing accounts the following
" were examined and ordered to be paid —

Present — The Mayor
Alderman Ennis
Town Councillor Brady
" " Levins
" " Reappock
" Drew
Alderman Rogers
Town Councillor Verdon
Alderman Carty
" Mathews

No 1	James Dinney amount of his account for Curbing Stone and for Grate Stone deducting 6[d] per Grate Stone for 65 Stones from the gross sum of £134-0-0	132	8	3
2	Captain Owens for Coals for use of Court House — " —	—	15	—
		£133	3	3

Signed — Patrick Tiernan
Chairman

The following report of the Paving Committee having been read by the Town Clerk the same was received and adopted and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes on the Motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Councillor Levins

Report of Paving Committee

Copy report of Paving Committee

" your Committee beg leave to report that having
" advertized the several Streets and Lanes of the
" Borough for Cleansing for one year from 1st instant
" in nine Lots and having received proposals for
" only the Lots No 3. 6. 8 & 9 have declared William
" M[c] Cann at the sum of £6 the Contractor for
" Lot No 3 — Henry B Tavillough at the sum
" of £15 for No 6 — Thomas Barron at the sum
" of £5 for No 8 — and Peter Greene the Contractor
" for No 9 at the sum of £4 — and your Committee
" recommend that the remaining Lots be again
" advertized — Dated 2nd December 1844
Signed — Anthony Reappock
Chairman "

Mr Wm Campbell Elected Mayor unanimously

Alderman Ennis thereupon moved in which he was seconded by Councillor Crolly that M[r] William Campbell J. C. be elected Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the ensuing year. and the question thereon having been put from the Chair the same was agreed to unanimously and M[r] Campbell was accordingly declared duly Elected whereupon he returned thanks to the Assembly

Town Clerk authorized to give M[r] Callagee a Copy of a Lease which he applied for

The Town Clerk informs the Assembly that he has been applied to by M[r] John Callagee as Solicitor for M[rs] Anne Hardman for a Copy of a Lease made by the late Corporation to the late Alderman Edward Chesshire whereupon it was ordered that the Town Clerk be authorized to

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furnish Mr Magee with a Copy of said Lease

Councillor Drew added to the Finance & Paving Committee

Councillor Brady moved that in Consequence of the re-election of Councillor Drew his name be added to the Finance and Paving Committee of which Committee he had been a Member previously to his re-election on the 25th of November last and Councillor Boylan having seconded said motion the question thereon was then put from the Chair and Councillor Drew was thereupon declared Elected a Member of the Finance and Paving Committee

Assembly adjd to the 1st Janry 1845.

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Wednesday the 1st day of January 1845 at 12 O'Clock

William Campbell
Mayor

adjd Assembly 1st Janry 1845.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 1st day of January 1845.

Present. The Mayor
4 Aldermen
and 18 Councillors

Mayor in the Chair

Alderman Fernan took his seat as Mayor and previously to any other business being entered upon Councillor Campbell Mayor Elect accompanied by the several Aldermen and Councillors with His Worship the Mayor proceeded in their Robes of office to the Crown Court, and Councillor Campbell having taken the oaths appertaining to the office of Mayor and Justice of the Peace, and also the oath of Allegiance prescribed by the 10th of George the Fourth His Worship with the Aldermen and Town Councillors returned to the Assembly Room and he thereupon took his seat as Chairman

Assembly adjd to Two O'Clk

It was ordered that the Assembly should adjourn to Two O'Clock with a view of affording the Members of the Corporation an opportunity of attending Divine Service and they accordingly proceeded in procession in their Robes of office to Saint Peters Roman Catholic Church accompanied by the officers of Sword and Mace

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and also by the Serjeants at Mace, and the other officers of the Corporation.

The Mayor, Aldermen & Councillors returned after having attended Divine Service.

His Worship the Mayor with the Aldermen and Councillors having returned to the Assembly Room after having attended Divine service

Town Clk lays before the Assembly Railroad Notices.

The Town Clerk lays before the Assembly the Notices served upon him by the Solicitors for the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway with a Branch from Drogheda to Kells of the intended application to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session for an act for making the proposed line of Railroad.

referred to a Meeting of the Corpn in Committee.

Ordered that the Consideration of said Notices be referred to a Meeting of the Corporation in Committee.

Proceedings of last day Assembly read.

The Town Clerk having read the Minutes of the last days proceedings, and same being approved of, they were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Thanks Voted to Aldn Jernan late Mayor.

Alderman Carty then moved the marked thanks of the Corporation to Alderman Jernan late Mayor for the straightforward and impartial manner in which he discharged the duties of Chief Magistrate during the past year which was seconded by Alderman Ensor and the question upon said Motion having been put from the Chair the same was unanimously agreed to. Whereupon Alderman Jernan returned

Aldn Jernan returns thanks.

thanks in suitable terms.

The

accounts.

The following accounts which were passed by the Finance Committee on the 1st of January instant were laid before the Assembly for examination

"1st January 1845.

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the "purpose of passing accounts the following were "examined and ordered to be paid. Viz.t

Present. Alderman Rogers
" Carty
Town Councillor Drew
Levins.

No.		£	s	d
	Alderman Rogers in the Chair			
1	Thomas Halligan amount of his acco.t for supplying Coals for Court House	15	14	7
2	John M.c Namara amo.t of his account for attending Revision Court &c &c	2	-	-
3	Anthony Smith amount of his account for acting as Poll Clerk at Revision Court	-	10	-
4	John Smith amount of his account for acting as Poll Clerk at Revision Court	-	10	-
5	Thomas Early amount of his account for Slates for Crane House	-	8	11
6	Mary Moran amount of her account for repairing Paving Implements	1	-	4
7	Todd Lang & Co amount of their account for Clothing for Town Serjt and Bellman	26	5	4½
8	George Knaggs amo.t of his account for repairing Pumps of Water Closet Thobel &c &c	5.	10.	10.
9	same for repairing and supplying lead for Market House per Contract &c	53	14	10½
10.	same for repairing pumps for one year ending 29th Sept.r 1844 per Contract	9	5	-
11	same for repairing Pipes leading from Tubberboice to Fountains	8	10	3½
12	Drogheda Union for Poor Rate on Chief Constables House Peter St 7th Nov.r 1844	1	15	10½
13	Same Meal Crane	-	16	8
14	same Stanagers House Fair Street	-	6	8
		£ 120.	7-	4½

Signed Mich.l Rogers
Chairman"

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acco to be ordered to be paid

Ordered on the motion of Alderman Early seconded by Alderman Jernan that the foregoing account be paid the several persons therein mentioned by the Treasurer of the Corporation

Town Clk reads repat of Paving Committee

The Town Clerk having read a Report from the Paving Committee of which the following is a Copy

Report

"Your Committee beg leave to report
" that having advertized the remaining streets of
" the Town for Cleansing for the term of one year
" from the 9th Decr in five lots and having received
" proposals have declared Richard Mullin Contractor
" at the sum of £45 for the lots Nos 1.2.4 & 5 and
" Patrick Moore Contractor at the sum of £20 for
" lot No 3 - Also that Mr Bernie be directed to
" have the breach in the Main Sewer at Blind Gate
" repaired all of which your Committee Certify in
" their Report - Decr 9th 1844

Signed - Thomas Simcock
Chairman"

Rec'd and adopted

It was moved by Alderman Early and seconded by Alderman Simcock that the report now read be received and adopted and inserted on the Minutes and the question upon same being put from the Chair it was agreed to.

Memorial of Elizth Ferguson read

The Memorial of Elizabeth Ferguson spinster having been read stating that she was again induced to apply for the Pension she had from the old Corporation of Drogheda and which she as the Daughter of a deceased Freeman received from the year 1832. That she begged to draw attention to the Circumstance that

her Pension was from time to time audited and allowed in the accounts of the old Corporation and that the Municipal Bill passed allowing said pension as a charge upon the Estate of the present Corporation and prayed that her Case might be taken into favourable Consideration and that an answer in writing may be forwarded to her

Referred to the Law Committee

Alderman Jernan moved in which he was seconded by Councillor Kelly that the Matter of the foregoing Memorial be referred to the Law Committee for their enquiry and Consideration and the question upon said Motion having been put from the Chair the reference was agreed to accordingly

Repat of Law Committee read

The following repat of the Law Committee having been read by the Town Clerk -

Repat

"Having examined the several Title Deeds by
" which Certain properties in William Street are held
" by the Corporation. We find that the Building
" Committee were not warranted in recommending
" the grant of a Lease of a portion thereof for 75
" years to the Ministers and Stewards of the Wesleyan
" Society inasmuch as the Lease under which the
" Corpn hold those premises will expire at Michaelmas
" 1910 - we accordingly recommend the Corpn to grant a
" Lease to the above Society for a term of 65 years at
" the yearly rent of £5 from the 29th day of Sept
" last 1844 being the longest term which can be
" given for the Cause before stated, the Council
" reserving the last year to themselves as is usual in
" such Cases. Which we Certify as our report this 29th day of
" Decr 1844. Signed - Patrick Jernan. Chairman"

Report of Law Committee received

It was moved by Alderman Canty and seconded by Councillor Byrne that the report of the Law Committee as now read be received and adopted and inserted on the Minutes and the question thereon having been put from the Chair the same was unanimously agreed to —

Notice of Motion by Councillor Atkinson —

Councillor Atkinson thereupon handed to the Town Clerk the following Notice of Motion for the next Quarterly Assembly

That feeling deeply the injurious effects on the health and happiness of the Inhabitants of this Town, arising from the unwholesome quality of, and deficient supply in, that great necessary of life Water, and being fully convinced that it is the imperative duty of this Corporation Charged as it is with the Government of this Borough, to take the most prompt and decisive Steps to remedy so great an evil, and that a Committee to Consist of persons be named to enquire and report as to the best means of procuring an abundant supply of pure and wholesome Water for the large population of this Town —

That the Bank account of this Corporation be removed from the office of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland and that said account be from and after the day of kept in the office of the Hibernian Banking Company lately opened in this Town

That being Convinced that the renewal Leases made by the late Corporation of this Town to Certain members of said Body

previous to its dissolution are illegal, and that the granting of said Leases at such a period, and under the then existing Circumstances of the Body, was a disgraceful attempt to Convey a large portion of the Public property to private individuals for their private use and benefit the present Corporation therefore being the legally Constituted Guardians of this Town, solemnly pledge themselves to forthwith adopt such legal proceedings as may be necessary to test the Validity of said Leases, and thus if successful restore to the public that portion of their property attempted to be Converted illegally to private purposes

Town Clk to write to Deb holders to ascertain if they would be Content with 4 per Cent per annum

It was ordered upon the motion of Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Boylan that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the several Debenture holders with the View of ascertaining from them whether they would be Content with receiving four per Cent per annum —

William Campbell
Mayor —

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Genl & Qr Assembly 3rd Feby 1845

At a General Quarter Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 3rd day of February 1845.

Present. The Mayor
5 Aldermen
and 14 Councillors

Minutes read

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read by the Town Clerk and approved of were accordingly signed by His Worship the Mayor

Councillor Atkinson Notice of Motion renewed

The notices of motion which Councillor Atkinson had given at the last adjourned Assembly are renewed viva Voce by Alderman Rogers for the next Quarterly Assembly in the absence of Councillor Atkinson. who was unable to attend the Assembly through indisposition

Minute of Lords of the Treasury in reference to Mr Ball's Compensation read

The ~~Notices~~ Town Clerk reads a Copy of the minute of the Lords of the Treasury which had been received by His Worship the Mayor on the 16th of January last in reference to Mr Ball's claim to Compensation for the loss of his office of Recorder of the Borough of Drogheda together with their Lordships order made thereon. whereby it was ordered and determined that the said Francis Ball be paid the Sum of £91-6-1 per annum to Commence from the time when his office of Recorder Ceased and to Continue for his life

Treasurer ordered to pay Mr Ball two years Compensation and he is authorized to pay his Compensation as same becomes due

Whereupon it was ordered upon the motion of Alderman Jernan seconded by Alderman Carty that the Treasurer of the Corporation be authorized

to pay Mr Ball his Compensation for two years as ascertained under said order of the Lords of the Treasury bearing date the 14th day of January 1845 and henceforth during his life and the question thereon having been put from the Chair the same was agreed to

Accounts submitted

The Treasurer lays before the Assembly the accounts which were passed by the Finance Committee on the 3rd of February 1845 of which the following is a Copy "3rd February 1845."

At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of passing accounts. the following were examined. and ordered to be paid Viz:-

Present. The Mayor
Alderman Jernan
" Mathews
Alderman Carty
Councillor Verdon
" Drew
" Lewis
" Reappock

No	James Hughes amount of his acct for sundries	16	18	-p
2	Pat.k Murphy amount of his acct for sweeping Chimneys of Court House " "	—	1	10
3	John Toole amt of his acct for Bog Wood	—	5	—
4	John King amt of his account for supplying Broken Stone &c &c " "	10	2	5p
	£	27	7	4

Signed "Willm Campbell Mayor"

Accts to be paid

It was ordered upon the motion of Councillor Reappock seconded by Councillor Verdon that said accounts be paid by the Treasurer

Report of Paving Committee read and received

The following report of the Paving Committee having been read by the Town Clerk the same was received and adopted upon the motion of Alderman Simcock seconded by Councillor Byrne

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Report

" Your Committee having Considered the Tenders
" for supply of materials for the streets beg leave to
" report that the tender of Patrick Dogget as the
" lowest and accordingly recommend him to the
" Council for their approval. and that he be required
" to lodge the necessary security which the Council
" may deem meet. all of which your Committee
" Certify as their report. Dated this 26 Janry 1845.

Signed — Thos Simcock
Chairman "

Memorial of Michl Levins Mace Bearer and Mayors Clk read

The Memorial of Michael Levins Mace Bearer and Mayors Clerk having been read stating that the repeal of the old Boyne Commissioners Bill on which was grafted the power of the Mayor to adjudicate in the Court of Conscience from ten to twenty three shillings late Irish Currency had reduced the Number of Cases in the Court to one. three. six. nine and twelve during the last three months averaging in number six each Court day and in Cost 3p each — That the attendance to him was the same as when the summonses produced three times this amount. that he was in his office or a person for him during six days of the Week from eight in the morning until eight O'Clock in the afternoon. That plts always expect prompt attention. when summoned to produce the registry of the Court of Conscience at Quarter Sessions he is obliged to attend under a penalty of twenty shillings in each Case. that at the last Sessions he had to attend three entire days on two summonses. one of them being Saturday a Market day. and on a former occasion he had to

to attend two entire days on two summonses. When the Court of Conscience produced three times its present amount the office of Mace Bearer was annexed to it as an appendage. he attends all the stated and adjourned meetings of the Corporation. That he procures his own registry book. pays for the printing of summonses orders and attachments such Cases as the Plaintiffs report to him as not settled. he Copies into the Mayors Book and attends the Court twice every Week in one half the Number of Cases there is no appearance having previously settled. leaving no necessity for orders and attachments which were the Chief support of the Clerk heretofore being nine pence each. That taking all the foregoing Circumstances into Consideration he begged the Corporation would make such addition to his Salary as Mace Bearer Commencing from the 1st of November 1843 as they will Consider a just remuneration for the falling off of the business in the Court of Conscience — It was ordered that the Matter of the foregoing Memorial be referred to the whole Council of the Corporation in Committee —

Referred to the Corpn in Committee

Councillors Drew Bellew & Collins

It was moved by Councillor Walsh and Seconded by Alderman Rogers that Councillors Drew. Bellew and Collins be added to the Building Committee. and the question upon said Motion being put from the Chair the same was agreed to —

Notice of Motion of Councillor Collins

Councillor Collins gives notice that he will bring forward at the next Quarterly meeting of the Corporation a plan for the more efficient

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watering the Borough of Drogheda together with a Fire Brigade for the Security of the Lives and property of its Inhabitants

Assembly adjd to 3rd March

The assembly then adjourned to Monday the 3rd of March next at the hour of 12 O'Clock

William Campbell
Chairman Mayor

adjourned assbly 3rd March 1845

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly room of the Tholsel on Monday the 3rd day of March 1845.

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen
and 12 Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings having been read by the Town Clerk and being approved of were signed by the Mayor

accounts submitted

The Treasurer laid before the Assembly the accounts which were passed by the Finance Committee on the 18th of February last and on this day and they having been read by the Town Clerk. It was ordered on the Motion of Alderman Carty seconded by Alderman Mathews that the accounts now read be inserted on the Minutes and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay same

The following is a Copy of the accounts

accounts ad.d to be paid

At a meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of passing accounts. the following accounts were examined and ordered to be paid. Viz

Present The Mayor in the Chair
Alderman Carty
" Rogers
" Mathews
Town Councillor Levins
Drew
Brady
Heappock

No 1	Thomas Kelly amount of his account for attending Town Clerk for revising Burgess List &c &c	4	0.	0.

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No 2	Mathew McCullough Tax Collector amount of his account for attending Revision of Burgess list " " "	2	10	-
3	James Hussey Tax Collector amount of his account for same " "	2	10	-
4	John Butterly amt of his account for duction fees " "	2	9	-
5	J. B & H. Hamilton amount of his acco^{t} for Stationary " "	-	6	1
6	Railway Committee for expenses going to Dublin " "	2	9	6
7	Drogheda Conservative Journal for advertizing &c " "	-	4	-
8	Patrick Murphy amount of his account for Sweeping Chimneys "	-	1	10
9	Patrick Clarke Tax Collector for revising Burgess List "	2	10	-
10	Andrew Fallon amount of his account for Bucket for Fire engine "	-	5	10
11	John Smith amount of his account for making maps &c " "	-	7	6
12	Smith and Co amo^{t} of his account for Ironmongery &c &c "	1	16	-
13	James Flavin amount of his account for Glass and repairing Windows & painting &c	1	2	6
14	Thos Bird amount of his account for Whitewashing Cells of Watch House	-	4	6
15	Thos Flanagan amount of his account for Car hire "	-	2	6
16	John Dardis amo^{t} of his account for Stamping Weights "	-	1	6½
		£ 21	-	9½

Signed William Campbell
Chairman Mayor

"31st March 1845.

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the "purpose of passing accounts the following were "examined and ordered to be paid viz

Present. The Mayor in the Chair
Alderman Matthews
" Early
Town Councillor Drew
" Heappock

31st March 1845.

No 1	Thomas Hogan amount of his account for work done on repairing Houses " "	2	19	4
2	John Kent amount of his account for Cleansing Windows of Court House &c " "	-	19	6
3	Johnston & Co amount of his acco^{t} for Newspapers " "	-	9	-
4	Thomas Bird amount of his acco^{t} for Cleansing Privies of Watch House " "	-	3	6
5	Edwd Reilly amt of his account for County Cess on Crane House " "	-	12	-
6	Owen Maguire amt of his account for attending Revision Court and Completing Burgess Roll	2	10	-
7	Jas Hussey amo^{t} of his acco^{t} for Poor Rates on Fish Market " "	-	10	-
8	Peter Norris amo^{t} of his account for making Notice Boards for Butter Market "	-	7	6
9	Peter Norris amo^{t} of his account for Carpenters Work done to Mayoralty House "	-	19	6
10	Peter Norris amount of his account for Closing Cellar and securing Gate Tree school Lane	-	8	2
11	Peter Norris amount of his account for repairing Watch House " "	-	4	6
12	Peter Norris amount of his acco^{t} for repairing Window of Court House &c &c	2	16	6
		£ 12	19	6

Signed "William Campbell"
"Mayor"

The Town Clerk stated that he had forwarded to the Solicitors of the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway with a Branch from Drogheda to Kells a Copy of the resolution passed by the Council in Committee on the 18th February last giving the assent of the Corporation to the proposed line on the same Conditions as those imposed by the Boyne Commissioners at their meeting held that day and in addition thereto that the Railway Company should guarantee that they would Construct the Drogheda and Kells Branch simultaneous

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simultaneously with the other parts of the line, and read letter from Mr Peter Eckersly Prov Secretary which stated that it was the intention of the Directors to proceed with all expedition in the execution of the Works on the Branch Railway from Drogheda to Kells, but that they did not feel called upon to enter into any guarantee, and after some discussion as to the expediency of the proposed Branch Railway and the best Course to be taken under the Circumstances by the Corporation for the welfare and protection of the Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood. It was suggested by Councillor Kelly that it would be well that Sir William Somerville should be apprised of the feeling of the Corporation on the intended project, and he thereupon moved, in which he was seconded by Councillor Keappock that the Town Clerk be directed to send a Copy of the resolution so entered into by the Corporation, and to urge upon him the necessity of looking after the progress of the Bill through the House of Commons and that the Town Clerk should also request of Sir William to know whether or not, it would be advisable to employ a professional person in London, and the question thereon having been put from the Chair the same was agreed to.

Town Clerk reads report of Fr Committee

The Town Clerk then read a report from the Finance Committee of which the following is a Copy — "Report of Finance Committee"

"Your Committee having examined into the "matter of the memorial of Mr Michael Levins Mace

"Bearer and Mayors Clerk of this Corporation dated 11th "November last have come to a resolution to recommend "the Council to encrease his salary by an additional "sum of £15 per annum to commence from 1st July 1844 "and to continue while the Mayors jurisdiction in the "Court of Conscience continues restricted to 10s/- Irish instead "of its former amount 23s/- Irish and the reasons which "have induced your Committee to make this recommenda"tion are the following viz. because by the operation of "the Boyne Commissioners act 5th Victoria the act of "37th George the 3rd which extended the Mayors jurisdiction "from its original amount 10s/- to 23s/- Irish has been repealed "the Consequence of which has been as your Committee find "that Mr Levins' emoluments as Mayors Clerk have been "reduced by a sum of upwards of £15 yearly, and your "Committee therefore consider it but strict justice that he "should be reimbursed to that amount his duties and "responsibility continuing the same, while his fees have "diminished in consequence of this Legislative inadvertence "in the proportion already mentioned, which we certify "as our report this 3rd day of March 1845."

Signed — "James Mathews Chairman"

Report of Finance Committee received

It was moved by Alderman Mathews and seconded by Alderman Carty that the report read be adopted, and inserted on the minutes of the proceedings of this Assembly & the question upon said Motion being put from the Chair it was agreed to.

Aldn Rogers notice motion

Alderman Rogers gives notice that he will move at the next adjourned Assembly of the

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Council that the Matter Contained in the Petition of Peter Mc.Kenna Brogue Maker be then taken into Consideration

Councillor Bellews Notice motion

Councillor Bellew gives notice that he will at the next adjourned Assembly move that for the purpose of affording additional facility for the encreased and still encreasing traffic on our Quays it is expedient to remove the Stone Posts or Pillars which at present enclose that part of the Quay Called the Mall and that the Paving Committee be instructed to Carry the same into effect

Petition of Nightly Watch read

The petition of the Nightly Watch of the Borough having been read stating that they had been employed for a Considerable time in the above situation during which period they discharged the duty imposed on them satisfactorily and to the best of their ability. That the hours of duty were formerly from nine O'Clock P.M. to six O'Clock AM but since Sept.r last the duty has been encreased in as much as that they are kept alternately until Ten or eleven O'Clock each morning without receiving any additional remuneration altho' they are firmly Convinced there is no real necessity for being so detained. That being fatigued from the severe duty of the Night they feel it a hardship to be thus wantonly kept during the extra hours above Stated and therefore humbly begged their Case would be taken into Consideration and grant that they may not be detained beyond their usual time

No Motion made

There was not any motion made in

reference to the Matter Contained in the foregoing Petition it being understood that His Worship the Mayor would use his discretion on the subject

Repair of Michl Callan Builder read & Referred to Building Commee

The following report of the Inspector of the Fish Market having been read by the Town Clerk

"To the Right Worshipful William
"Campbell Esq Mayor and to the Aldermen
"and Council of the Corporation of Drogheda

"Gentlemen — "We beg leave to Call your special attention
"to the Eastern Wall of the Fish Market the South end of
"which is in hourly danger of falling, and thereby pulling
"down the Sound part of the roof and endangering the
"lives of the persons in the Market". Drogheda 3rd
"March 1845." Signed Peter Hovey V & Inspectors
John O'Farrell

Ordered that the report now read be referred to the Building Committee who are requested to enquire into the above, and that they be pleased to have the Wall of the Fish Market forthwith put into proper repair and Condition if the same be in the state represented by the Inspectors

The repot of Michael Callan Builder having been laid before the Assembly and read by the Town Clerk the same was ordered to be referred to the Building Committee for their enquiry and Consideration with a request that they will be good enough to report thereon and on any other Matter that has been referred to them

account of Rich.d Mullin ord.d to be paid

The account of Richard Mullin having been submitted to the Assembly for payment of one Quarter Salary which is due him as one of

the

3rd March 1845

the Contractors for cleansing the streets of the Borough It was ordered upon the motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Councillor Heappock that the Treasurer of the Corporation be authorized to pay same —

Assembly adjd 18 March 1845

The assembly then adjourned to Tuesday the 18th day of March instant at twelve Oclock —

William Campbell
Mayor

18th March 1845.

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At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 18th day of March 1845 —

Present. The Mayor
3 Aldermen
and 14 Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the last days proceedings having been read by the Town Clerk and same being approved of. they were signed by His Worship the Mayor —

Councillor Bellew renews Notice Motion

Councillor Bellew renews Viva Voce for the next General Quarterly Assembly the Notice of Motion which he had given at the last adjourned Assembly

Town Clk read Letter from Manager of Gas Coy

The Town Clerk having read a letter addressed to His Worship by Mr. Robert Or M.Keown Manager of the Drogheda Gas Company requesting of payment of £50. on account — Councillor Lewins moved in which he was seconded by Councillor Conway that the Treasurer be directed to pay the Manager or Secretary of the Gas Company the sum of £50 on their general account —

Treasr directed to pay Manager of Gas Coy £50. —

Alderman Rogers moves that the Matter Contained in the Petn of Peter M.Kenna be Considered —

Alderman Rogers in pursuance of the Notice which he had given at the last Assembly moved that the matter Contained in the Petition of Peter Mc Kenna Brogue Maker be now Considered by the Council — and he having addressed himself to the Council at Considerable length several Members took part in the discussion and expressed themselves dissatisfied at the Course adopted inasmuch as they Considered it was an interference with His Worship the Mayors —

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privileges, and that if the present matter was entertained it would Cause much unpleasantness and displace the arangements which His Worships predecessors had made. and His Worship intimated to the Council his determination not to make any other arangements than those previously made by his Predecessors Aldermen Carty and Vernan. whereupon Alderman Rogers observing that the feeling of the Council was against his motion did not press it to a division.

Memorial of Inhabitants of the Nuns Walk - read. and referred to the Paving Committee

The Memorial of the Inhabitants of the Nuns Walk and Prospect avenue having been read praying that the Corporation would take into their kind Consideration the dreadful state of the Nuns Walk which is almost impasible and Very injurious to the health of the Inhabitants of that neighbourhood in Consequence of a great quantity of stagnated Water Continually being Collected in it and which was very dangerous to persons passing to and from their Dwelling and Causing the Houses and Concerns to be almost untenantable - Memorialists begged leave to state that by making a Water Table on the West side where there is a Sewer to Carry off the Water and raising the Centre with Rubbish it would be made very Comfortable at a Very trifling expense not Costing more than three or four pounds - It was ordered upon the motion of Councillor Connolly which was seconded by Councillor Brady that the foregoing Memorial be referred to the Paving Committee for their enquiry and examination and the question thereon having been put from the Chair the reference

was agreed to.

Memorial of Pat.k Long read

and

referred to Paving Committee

The Memorial of Patrick Long dated 18th March 1845 having been read stating that the street or Lane Commonly Called Watery hill is in a very dangerous state for foot people Coming into town in that direction. and that several persons had already been seriously injured by falling in the Snow from the state of the Lane. Ordered upon the motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Councillor Brady that the same be referred to the Paving Committee for their enquiry and Consideration

Councillor Collins gives Notice of Motion

Councillor Collins gives Notice that it is his intention to bring forward a Motion for the improvement of the Coal and Custom house Quays at the next adjourned Meeting of the Corporation.

Councillor Reapprock gives Notice of Motion

Councillor Reapprock gives Notice that at the next Quarterly Assembly of the Council he will move a resolution to the effect that a Sum of Twenty pounds be given by the Corporation as a donation to the Committee of Saint Peters Roman Catholic Chapel in this Town to enable them to erect a Bell in lieu of the one that has been broken.

Assbly adjourned

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 14th day of April next at the hour of 12 O'Clock

James Mathews Clk

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Special Assembly 25th March 1845

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 25th day of March 1845 pursuant to Notice dated the 21st instant signed by His Worship the Mayor and fixed on the Door of the Tholsel the several members of the Council having been duly Summoned by Service of Notice on them respectively on said twenty first of March inst. for the purpose of Considering the propriety of adopting Petitions for presentation to both Houses of Parliament in favor of the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway with a branch from Drogheda to Kells

Present The Mayor
2 Aldermen
and 10 Councillors

Petitions to be forwarded in favour of the Dublin & Belfast Junction Railway with a branch from Drogheda to Kells

Alderman Mathews moved that a Petition in favor of the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway with a branch from Drogheda to Kells be prepared and adopted by the Council for presentation to the House of Commons which proposition was seconded by Councillor Boylan and the question upon same having been put from the Chair it was agreed to.

The Town Clerk having then read the draft of a Petition which he had prepared, of which the following is a Copy.

"To the Knights Citizens and Burgesses
"in Parliament Assembled.

"The Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and
"Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda
Humbly Sheweth

"That your petitioners have

"witnessed with great satisfaction the presentation
"of a Petition to your Honble House for liberty to
"bring in a Bill for the Construction of a Railway to
"be entitled "The Dublin and Belfast Junction
"Railway with a branch from Drogheda to Kells"

"That your petitioners respectfully submit,
"that this line of Railway has been, after a
"Minute and Searching investigation, earnestly
"recommended to the favorable Consideration of
"your Honble House, by the Railway Department
"of the Board of Trade, an official Body quite
"unconnected with the locality, having the very best
"Statistical and Engineering information on the
"subject and solely influenced by a Wish to discharge
"their duty to the Public and the Country by adjudicating
"impartially on the several Railway Schemes submitted
"to their examination.

"That in addition to the facts enumerated in their
"report your petitioners beg leave to urge that the Town of
"Drogheda maintains a large and increasing trading
"intercourse with the Neighbouring Counties of Meath
"Louth, Longford, and Cavan to which it affords the
"nearest Seaport from which Counties large quantities of
"Corn Poultry eggs and Cattle arrive daily in Drogheda and
"are shipped thence to Liverpool and other English and
"as well as Scotch Ports, receiving in return from Drogheda,
"Salt Timber Slates Coals and other Commodities. That it
"has five well appointed Steam Vessels plying daily to
"Liverpool bringing over numbers of Emigrants to America
"and harvest Labourers, in addition to a large amount of
"Sailing Vessels Constantly trading to different parts of
"England Scotland and foreign Ports.

And

"And your Petitioners aver it to be an indisputable
"fact that to Dublin alone, and that in a very small
"degree, is Drogheda inferior in the accommodation it
"affords for the transport of passengers and goods to
"England. That the proposed branch from Drogheda
"terminating in Kells will thus afford vast facilities to
"those districts, and encrease the present traffic existing
"in a Considerable degree between them and Drogheda.

"For the foregoing Consideration, therefore
"and in as much as this is not a new line of Railway
"but merely a Continuation of one already in existence, to
"the extent of 32 British Miles, your petrs respectfully
"hope, that your Honble House will proceed without
"delay to sanction this important measure, and that if
"necessary for the purpose you will dispense with
"immaterial forms, and not allow them to impede a great
"national Work so well Calculated to give employment to
"thousands of our labouring poor, and thus largely
"Contribute by the expenditure of Capital in its most
"useful form to the welfare and tranquility of the Country
"In testimony whereof we have Caused to be hereunto
"affixed our Common seal at a special Assembly held in
"the Assembly room of the Tholsel of Drogheda on Tuesday
"the 25th day of March 1845. (Seal.)

Certified by Thos. Kelly & J. M. Cantwell, Town Clerks } William Campbell Mayor

Petition received and adopted

Alderman Carty thereupon moved that the Draft Petition now read be received and adopted by the Assembly and that two Engrossments thereof be prepared by the Town Clerk with the Corporate seal affixed to each for presentation to both Houses of Parliament, and Councillor Verdon

having seconded said motion the question thereon was put from the chair, and the same was accordingly received and adopted.

It was moved by Alderman Carty that one Engrossment of said Petition be forwarded by the Town Clerk to the Most Noble the Marquis of Conyngham for presentation to the House of Lords, and that the other Engrossment be forwarded to Sir William M. Somerville our representative for presentation to the House of Commons, and that they be respectfully requested by the Town Clerk to present same and support its prayer, and Councillor Collins having seconded said motion the question thereon having been put by the Mayor it was agreed to.

Mr. O'Connell requested to support prayer of petition

It was ordered upon the motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Councillor Kelly that Mr. O'Connell be respectfully requested to support the prayer of said Petition in his place in the House of Commons.

Representatives for Meath & Louth requested to support prayer of Petition

Ordered upon the Motion of Alderman Mathews which was seconded by Councillor Crolly that the representatives for the Counties of Meath and Louth be requested to support the prayer of said Petition in their places in Parliament, and that the Town Clerk be pleased to forward Copies of said petition to them for that purpose.

James Mathews Ch.

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Adjourned Assembly 14th apie 1845.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 14th day of apie 1845

Present 3 Aldermen
and 10 Councillors

Ald. Mathews in the Chair

Ald. Mathews in the absence of His Worship the Mayor takes the Chair

Proceedings read

The Minutes of proceedings of the two last Assemblies having been read by the Town Clerk approved of were signed by the Chairman

Memorial of Merchants, Traders, Mechanics, and other Inhabitants read

The Memorial of the Merchants Traders Mechanics and other Inhabitants of Drogheda read having been read stating that a Mechanics Institution was Commenced in this Town on the 30th of July 1838 at a public meeting held in the Mayoralty room Convened for the purpose by Henry Smith Esq the then Chief Magistrate That the members of the late Corporation Kindly and liberally granted by an unanimous Vote of their body at the October Assembly in 1838 the old Mendicity Asylum in William street to the Institution at a Nominal rent of one shilling per annum as a permanent place for the transaction of the business of the Society, and Memorialists believed that the decline of that Institution was mainly owing to the Directors of it having allowed themselves to become embarrassed nearly at the outset and the Mechanics and Artizans for whose benefit it was established then neglected to pay their annual subscriptions or to take any part in its proceedings. That memorialists Conceive a Mechanics Institute is essentially necessary in Drogheda for the future owing to the

great increase of the Mechanical population, and they also Consider that such an Institution would be the means of affording to the humblest operative the requisite opportunities of acquiring literary and Scientific Knowledge and thereby improving his Condition in his business and in his Station in Society they therefore respectfully requested the Corporation to restore the Institution in William street to the Mechanics and operatives of the Town in order that they may be enabled to revive and re-establish it in accordance with the original Rules and objects. those Rules and objects wisely excluding party politics and Controversial Theology from being discussed by the members or introduced in any shape whatever and memorialists respectfully suggested that four or six respectable persons Could be appointed to hold those premises in trust for a Mechanics Institute an equal number by the Corporation and Mechanics, and that Compliance with their present request would give the utmost Satisfaction to all the working Classes of Drogheda. Councillor Atkinson moved in which he was seconded by Councillor Collins that the Memorial now read be adopted and previous to the question on same having been put from the Chair. Councillor Reappock moved as an amendment that the memorial be referred to the whole Council in Committee for further Consideration, and Councillor Dillon having seconded same. Councillor Boylan thereupon moved that the matter be discussed at an adjourned Assembly to be held on Friday next and Councillor Kelly (thereon) having seconded said motion, the question was put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to.

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14th april 1845.

Mr Wm Campbell elected Treasurer during pleasure

Councillor Boylan moved that Mr William Campbell be re-appointed Treasurer of the Corporation during pleasure. and Councillor Kelly having seconded said proposition the question thereon was put from the Chair. and he was unanimously declared re-appointed to the office of Treasurer during the pleasure of the Corporation —

Returns thanks

Mr Campbell thereupon returned thanks to the Assembly —

Sale of the Coal and Custom house Quays referred to Paving Committee

Councillor Collins pursuant to the Notice of motion which he has given. moves that the Sale of the Coal and Custom house Quays be referred to the Paving Committee and Councillor Kelly having seconded said Motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to —

Rumoured visit of Her Majesty

Councillor Boylan brings under the Consideration of the Assembly the rumoured visit of Her Majesty to Ireland. and he thereupon gave Notice that he would move at the next Assembly that a Committee be named by the Corporation for the purpose of making arrangements in anticipation of the Auspicious event —

Councillor Atkinson Notices Motion Ministers Money

Councillor Atkinson gives Notice that at the next Assembly he will move that Petitions be forwarded from the Corporation to both Houses of Parliament praying the abolition of Ministers Money —

His Worship takes the Chair

His Worship the Mayor hereupon entered the Assembly room and took his seat as Chairman —

The Town Clerk having read the draft of a petition in favor of the Glasgow Dumfries and

14th april 1845.

Carlisle Railway Bill — It was then moved by Alderman Carty and seconded by Alderm. Mathews that the Petition now read be adopted by the Council and that Engrossments thereof be forwarded to both Houses of Parliament. and the question upon same having been put from the Chair the same was agreed to —

It was suggested by Councillor Boylan that the Petition to the House of Commons be entrusted to Sir William Somerville for presentation. and that the other Petition be entrusted to the Marquis of Normanby for presentation in the House of Lords —

A Report was read from Mr McCartney Chief Constable —

The Assembly then adjourned to Friday next the 18th instant —

William Campbell
Chairman

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adjd Assembly 18th April 1845.

18th April 1845.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the 18th day of April 1845

Present the Mayor
5 Aldermen
and 13 Councillors

Memorial on behalf of Mechanics and other Inhabitants of Drogheda read

Councillor Atkinson moved in which he was seconded by Councillor Collins that the Memorial presented on behalf of the Mechanics and other Inhabitants of Drogheda praying the use of the premises in William Street for the re-establishment therein of a Mechanics Institute be read. and same having been read by the Town Clerk

It was objected to by Councillor Levins that the memorial had not stated that the Corporation had taken possession of the Mechanics Institute at the request of the Mechanics themselves they being unable to carry it on from the want of Funds

Resolved upon the motion of Councillor Atkinson seconded by Councillor Collins that having taken the memorial of the Mechanics and other Inhabitants of Drogheda relative to the re-establishment of a Mechanics Institution into Consideration. the Council do Comply with the Memorial to the extent that they shall have the use of the Building in William Street formerly used as a Mechanics Institute so long as it is employed solely for the diffusion of Mechanical and Scientific Knowledge, and that neither Religion or politics be introduced at any meeting of such body. and the

question upon the foregoing resolution having been put from the Chair the same was unanimously agreed to

It was resolved upon the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Alderman Early that the use of the premises mentioned in the preceding resolution be given subject to the Control and Superintendence of the following Gentlemen for Viz the Mayor Messrs Atkinson and Stephen Drew Alderman Rogers with Messrs Patrick Kelly. Timothy Kearnock and James Levins who are hereby named as a Committee for the purpose of protecting the rights and interests of the Corporation in said premises and seeing that the principle and spirit of the foregoing resolution are observed and Carried out

Councillor Atkinson moved previous to the question being put upon said resolution that the name of one of the Mechanics be added to the Committee named in the above resolution and Councillor Collins seconded said Motion. but a discussion on the subject having taken place it was withdrawn by Councillor Atkinson in Consequence of the feeling evinced by the Assembly. and the question upon the original resolution was put from the Chair. and unanimously agreed to

Petitions to be presented against Ministers Money

Town Councillor Atkinson moved in which he was seconded by Town Councillor Boylan that Petitions praying for the abolition of Ministers Money be presented from this Corporation to both Houses of Parliament

The accounts which were passed by the Finance

Fees

18th April 1845.

Finance Committee on the 11th April instant having been read by the Town Clerk — It was ordered on the motion of Alderman Mathews. seconded by Alderman Carty that said account be received and Copied on the Minutes —

The following is a Copy of the account —

11th April 1845.

" At a meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of examining accounts the following were passed and ordered to be paid Viz.

Present. Alderman Mathews
" Rogers
T. C. — Drew
— Reappock

Aldn Mathews in the Chair)

No.				
1	James Wilson amount of his account for Cleansing Fire Arms —	8 "	1	0
2	Mathew Crolly amt of his account for repairing Scales of Potatoe Market —	3 "	12	8
3	Thomas Kelly amt of his account for attending as Collector of Taxes & making Burgess Rolls of 1844 being an increased amount of £2 — to the former sum of £4 ordered on the 18th Feby 1845 making the sum of —		6	0
			26	16

Signed — "James Mathews. Chairman"
"William Campbell Chairman"

William Campbell
Chairman

1st May 1845.

Gen.l Qua.r Assembly 1st May 1845.

At a General Quarter Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Thursday the 1st day of May 1845.

Present 2 Aldermen
and 7 Councillors —

Aldn Ennis in the Chair

Alderman Ennis in the absence of His Worship the Mayor took the Chair

Assembly adjourned

Alderman Vernan moved that the Assembly be adjourned to Wednesday next the 7th instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock. and Councillor Brady having seconded said proposition the question upon same was put from the Chair and the adjournment was accordingly agreed to —

Wm Campbell
Chairman

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adjourned Assembly 7th May 1845.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 7th day of May 1845. — Present. The Mayor 4 — Aldermen and 13. Councillors

Minutes read

The Minutes of the proceedings of the two last Assemblies having been read by the Town Clerk and being approved of they were signed by the Mayor —

An address from Mechanic's Institute read — and

an address signed by the provisional Committee of the Drogheda Mechanics Institute and by several other members of that Institution having been handed the Town Clerk and he having read same — It was thereupon moved by Councillor Keappock that the address now read be entered on the Minutes of the proceedings of this Assembly and Councillor Collins having seconded said Motion the question upon same was put from the Chair and agreed to —

ord.d to be entered on the Minutes

The following is a Copy of the address

"To the Right Worshipful the Mayor
"Aldermen and Council of the Borough of
"Drogheda

"Gentlemen — "We the Committee and Members of the "Drogheda Mechanics Institution, beg leave to tender "you our grateful acknowledgments for having so "handsomely Voted us the Building in William street "for the purpose of enabling us to promote the laudable objects we have in View. Although we

"feel Mr Mayor, and Gentlemen that our application to you "for the premises we now occupy was a demand on your "generosity of no ordinary kind, yet we frankly assure "you that your Cordial and unanimous Vote in our "favor merely fulfilled our anticipatory hopes, because "we Confidently relied on the Wisdom and "intelligence of the Gentlemen entrusted with the "Management of our Corporate affairs. In that "reliance we have not been disappointed, indeed the "liberality with which you have acted bespeaks the "determination to sweep the onward tide of accumulating "knowledge to foster improvement and to encourage "discovery — It has been well said that 'it is not "the Poet, nor the Orator nor the Statesman who can "entirely elevate a Nation to the pinnacle of power it is "the genius of its Inhabitants displayed in Novel "Contrivances and in useful inventions, which, by assisting "their industry and stimulating their energies, raise "them to a State of intellectual excellence with a "power of moulding the Tastes and of directing the pursuits "of a vast Community' — your Conduct Gentlemen — "furnishes the best evidence that you fully appreciate "this sentiment whilst it evinces the profound interest "you feel in our Cause the Cause of education, and it "demonstrates your ardent desire to witness the amalgamation "of Men of all parties for the benefit of all the enlightenment "of all — In Conclusion Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen we "wish to again fervently thank you for your friendly "and generous Compliance with the prayer of our former

"memorial. We have the honor to remain Gentlemen
"Your obliged and obt. Servants
"The Provisional Committee
"Richard Harvey
"John Shaw
"John Hutchinson
"Thomas M.c Kenna
"W. Leonard
"F. Clarke
"Edward Edgar
"Thomas Connolly
"Patrick O Donegan Secty Pro. Com.

Letter of Mr. Eckersly read

The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. Peter Eckersly dated 6th May instant on the subject of the Railway schemes Connected with this locality at present before the House of Commons.

Bills of Costs of Law agents to be taxed

Councillor Boylan moved in which he was seconded by Councillor Knappock that the five several Bills of Costs of the Law Agents together with the Town Clerks account now submitted to the Assembly be taxed and Certified by the proper officers and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay them a sum of £150 on account and the question thereon having been put from the Chair the same was unanimously agreed to.

Letter of Rev.d Edw.d Groves on the subject of establishing a University in Drogheda, read.

The Town Clerk having read a letter from the Rev.d Edward Groves on the subject of establishing an University in Drogheda with all the privileges of that of Oxford. It was ordered that the Town Clerk should Communicate with Sir Wm. Somerville as to the practicability of carrying out the intentions of the writer and that he should in the mean time procure from Doctor Groves whatever documents he may have in his possession in reference thereto.

A lengthened discussion hereupon took place as to the right of Town Councillor Atkinson to introduce the motions of which he had given Notice for the last Quarterly Assembly held on 1st instant and the Town Clerk on reference to him having given it as his opinion that in as much as Councillor Atkinson had not attended at the meeting of the 1st instant, nor any person authorized by him to save his Notice of Motion he Could not introduce them without fresh Notice. Councillor Atkinson thereupon gave Notice that at the next adjournment of this Assembly he would discuss the resolutions of which he had already given Notice for 1st instant.

Councillor Atkinson renews Notice of Motion

Assembly adjd.

The Assembly adjourned to Wednesday the 7th instant, at the hour of 12 O'Clock

Wm Lamprey
Chairman

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Special Assembly 17th May 1845.

17th May 1845.

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Saturday the 17th day of May 1845 pursuant to Notice dated the 13th day of May instant signed by His Worship the Mayor and fixed on the Door of the Tholsel the several members of the Council having been duly summoned by service of Notice on them respectively on said 13th of May instant for the purpose of adopting a Petition to the House of Commons praying the House to extend to the Hibernian Joint Stock Banking Company the privilege of issue and thereby place that Institution on an equality with the other Banking Companies of Ireland

Present. The Mayor
2 Aldermen
and 7 Councillors

Petition to be forwarded in favor of Hibernian Joint Stock Banking Company

Councillor Boylan moved that a Petition be forwarded to the House of Commons in favour of the Hibernian Joint Stock Banking Company in which he was seconded by Councillor Byrne and the question thereon having been put from the Chair the same was agreed to.

Town Clk reads an Engrossment of a petition same received & adopted

The Town Clerk having read an Engrossment of the Petition, It was ordered upon the Motion of Alderman Mathews which was seconded by Mr. Rogers that the same be received and adopted and forwarded by the Town Clerk under the Corporate Seal to Sir William M. Somerville for presentation in the House of Commons

Wm Campbell
Chairman

adj.d Assembly 21st May 1845.

21st May 1845.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 21st day of May 1845.

Present. The Mayor
3 Aldermen
and 13 Councillors

Minutes of two last Assemblies read

The Minutes of the Assemblies which were held on the 15th and 17th days of May instant having been read by the Town Clerk and approved of were signed by His Worship the Mayor &c.

Town Clk read Notices of Motion given by Councillor Williams & thereupon moved that the Corp.n Accounts be removed from the Bank of Ireland to the Hibernian Bank.

The Town Clerk read the Notices of Motion which were given by Councillor Atkinson. It was then Moved by Councillor Atkinson in pursuance of the Notice for that purpose given by him that the account of the Corporation be removed from the office of the Bank of Ireland to the office of the Hibernian Bank lately opened in this Town in which he was seconded by Councillor Boylan and previous to the question on same being put from the Chair a discussion took place whereupon Councillor Atkinson withdrew the foregoing resolution for the present.

Councillor Atkinson withdraws Resolution

Committee of whole Council named to enquire & report as to the best means of procuring an abundant supply of pure Water

Councillor Atkinson moved the appointment of a Committee to Consist of the whole Council five to form a Quorum for the purpose of enquiring and reporting as to the best means of procuring an abundant supply of pure and wholesome Water for the use of the Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood, and Alderman Rogers having seconded said Motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to.

Councillor

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Councillor Atkinson withdraws for the present resolution in reference to the Renewal Leases but gives Notice that he will bring it before the Assembly on 1st Augt. next

Councillor Atkinson withdraws for the present his resolution relative to the Renewal Leases made by the late Corporation to Certain members of their Body shortly previous to its dissolution, but he thereupon gave Notice that he will at the next General Quarter Assembly which will be held on the 1st day of August next bring it under the Consideration of the Council, and move that the resolution be Carried into effect.

Address to be prepared and presented by a deputatn. to Mr. O'Connell & his Fellow Martyrs

It was moved by Councillor Boylan, and seconded by Councillor Levins that an address be prepared by this Corporation to Mr. O'Connell and his Fellow Martyrs, and that a deputation from the Council be named for the purpose of presenting same to him on the 30th instant attired in their Robes of office, and to be accompanied by the officers of the Corporation.

Petitions to both Houses to be forwarded in favor of "The Liverpool and Bury Railway".

Councillor Verdon moved in which he was seconded by Alderman Carty that Petitions to both Houses of Parliament be prepared, and forwarded for presentation with the seal of the Corporation affixed to each in favor of "The Liverpool and Bury Railway" and the question thereon being put from the Chair the same was agreed to.

Town Clerks to prepare petition against Ministers Money

Ordered upon the motion of Councillor Atkinson seconded by Councillor Boylan that the Town Clerks do prepare and forward a Petition against the payment of Ministers Money in pursuance of the resolution

entered into on the 18th of April last.

Assembly adjd. to 26th inst.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday next the 26th day of May instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock.

Wm Campbell
Chairman

26th May 1845

Adjourned Assembly 26th May 1845.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 26th day of May 1845

Present.
The Mayor
2 Aldermen &
7 Councillors.

Minutes read

The Minutes of the two last Assemblies which were held on the 17th and 21st days of May inst. having been read by the Town Clerk and having been approved of were signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Draft address to Mr. O'Connell & other Fellow Martyrs read

His Worship the Mayor having read a draft of an address to Mr. O'Connell and the other Fellow Martyrs,

Address now read, to be presented by a deputatn. to Mr. O'Connell & his Fellow Martyrs

It was moved by Town Councillor Boylan, and seconded by T. Councillor Brady that the address now read be presented by a deputation from the Council in their Robes of Office to Mr. O'Connell and his Fellow Martyrs on the 30th inst. to be accompanied by the Officers of the Corporation.

The following is a Copy of said Address

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"Illustrious and Revered Liberator.-

"The Corporation of Drogheda present to you
"their Congratulations on this joyous and solemn
"occasion.- They hail with satisfaction the
"anniversary of that day on which the
"injustice of those hostile to our Country's
"Liberties was consummated: on that
"was given to you a vast accession to
"the moral force under your control
"by the opportunity afforded you of
"manifesting the cheerful firmness with
"which yourself and those associated
"with you could suffer for your Country's
"sake.- The events of that day were the
"beginning of one of your most splendid
"triumphs, bought about by the interpa-
"sition of that Almighty Power under
"whose guidance you have brought into
"existance the spirit of Nationality, and
"by whose blessed permission we firmly
"believe you will establish her Legislative
"Independence.- The many and mighty
"events which have occurred since Novem.
"1843 leave no doubt on the subject of
"that great and glorious consummation.
"Many of these events must be reviewed

"with pain, although their results are in
"the highest degree favourable to our ul-
"timate success. In the vain attempt
"to reach your person and your Liberty
"the British Constitution was trampled
"under foot- the worst spirit of the
"Penal Code was evoked to exclude
"Catholics from the tribunal so carefully
"constituted for your conviction, and the Law
"Officers did not hesitate to act upon the
"baneful and hateful principles of exclusion.
"The Law was baffled;- Trial by Jury derided,
"and so subverted were all those principles
"which are supposed to enter into the admi-
"nistration of our laws, that the Attorney
"General sent a message of blood within
"the precincts of the Court, without incurring
"any of the consequences of such a desecra-
"tion of the sanctuary of justice.- The
"disreputable scene at length came to a close-
"there was a termination to that trial which was
"throughout but a Mockery, a Delusion, and
"a Snare- and on the day of which this is the
"first Anniversary, an unlawful sentence con-
"signed Ireland's Liberator to Captivity! But by
"the wise decree of Providence your enemies were
"caught in their own snare, and that "conviction" which
"in their false wisdom they regarded as an important
"victory, became a source of weakness to them, and of
"additional strength to you and to your beloved
"Country.- Upon the events of that day
"do we congratulate you because of their

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"glorious results.- We have, however, a still
"higher duty to perform; we have to renew
"before you, in the face of the world, our
"determination to persevere - unawed
"by threats - unchanged by promises -
"unmoved by favours - until our Country
"achieves the power, as she has a right
"to Self Government, until she has
"become Legislatively Independent, -
"Connected with England by the golden
"link of the Crown, and by the attractions
"of reciprocal interests, friendship and
"strength, but governed in her Local affairs
"solely by the Sovereign, Lords, and Commons
"of Ireland alone. - Impressed with those
"feelings, we pray God long to permit you to
"discharge those high and important duties
"which he has confided to you, not only for the
"benefit of Ireland, but for the universal
"good of mankind.-

In testimony whereof we have caused to be hereunto affixed our Common Seal at an Adjourned Assembly held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of Drogheda on Monday the 26th. day of May 1845.-

Certified by Thos Kelly and J.M. Cantwell Town Clerks.- (Seal) William Campbell Mayor.-

Repot of Building Committee read and adopted.

The Town Clerk having read a repot of the Building Committee dated 7th May inst. It was moved by Councillor Boylan and seconded by Councillor Brady that the repot of the Building Committee now read be adopted, and the question thereon having been put from the chair same was agreed to.

The following is a Copy of the repot.

"Your Committee having
"examined the Tender of Thomas Byrne
"for Building a Privy on Wellington
"Quay, recommend that said
"Tender be accepted.-

"William Campbell
Mayor."

Town Clk reads Pet. Petition praying for abolition of Ministers Money.

A Petition praying for the abolition of Ministers Money having been read by the Town Clerk.

It was moved by Councillor Brady, and seconded by Councillor Connolly that two Copies of this Petition under the Corporate Seal be forwarded by the Town Clerk, one to Sir Wm. Somerville for presentation in the House of Commons, and the other to the Marquis of Conyngham for presentation in the House of Lords - and the question thereon having been put from the Chair same was unanimously agreed to.- The following is a Copy of the Petition.

Town Clk to forward two Copies of this Petition for presentation in both Houses of Parliament.-

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"To the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses
"in Parliament Assembly.-
"The Petition of the Mayor Aldermen
"and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda
Sheweth.

"That your Petitioners have
"long viewed with feelings of disgust
"and indignation, the envying injus-
"tice of a tax which has been for the
"last three Centuries levied in this and
"certain other towns of Ireland under
"the appellation of Ministers' Money.-

"That the town of Drogheda
"possesses a population of 18000 Inhabi-
"tants of whom about 1800 only are
"persons professing the Protestant
"Religion as by law established and
"for whose religious instruction alone
"this impost to the amount of several
"hundred Pounds per Annum is raised
"from the property of the entire Community.

"That in addition to this tax
"a large sum in the shape of tithe Rent
"charge is annually levied and paid to
"two Proprietors as lay impropriators for
"their private benefit although originally
"granted to the Church by pious persons
"professing the Roman Catholic faith, to
"be expended by them in services of
"religion and Charity.-

"That this levy of Ministers
"Money from the entire population for the
"religious instruction of a small sect, besides
"being vicious and unjust in principle, is
"most partial and oppressive in its operation,
"in as much as professing to be raised
"for the "Cure of Souls" of houses within
"the Borough, it in point of fact, is
"frequently charged on uninhabited
"dwellings, in which for years there
"have been no souls to be saved.-

"May it therefore please
"your Honorable House to abolish this
"unjust impost by providing from the
"ample funds of the Established
"Church a suitable endowment for
"the persons professing its faith in
"those towns wherein this tax is now
"in operation.- In testimony whereof
we have caused to be hereunto affixed our
Common Seal at an adjourned Assembly
held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel
of Drogheda on Monday the 26th day
of May 1845. The Assembly then
adjourned to Monday the 9th day of
June next at the hour of 12 O'Clock.-

Assembly adjourned

certified by Thos. Kelly J.P.
M. Cantwell. Town Clerk

Wm Campbell
Chairman

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9th June 1845.

Adjd. Assembly 9th June 1845.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 9th day of June 1845.

Present The Mayor
5 Aldermen & 10 Councillors.

Minutes read

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read by the Town Clerk, and same having been approved of, were signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Reports of Finance Committee read by Town Clk.

The reports of the Finance Committee of 21st May and 9th June having been read by the Town Clerk.

Treasurer to pay same.

It was ordered on the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Alderman Rogers that the Treasurer of the Corporation pay same. The following is a Copy of said reports.

21st May 1845.

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the "purpose of passing Accounts the following were "examined and ordered to be paid viz.

Present
The Mayor in the Chair
Alderman Rogers
" Carty
T. Councillor Levins
" Brady.

Accounts

No.				
1	Jas. McKenna, Amt. of his A/c. for Glazing and Cleansing windows, Court House	2	7	11
2	P. Beahan Amt. of his A/c. for Coals	"	7	8

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3	Hy. Moore, amt. of his A/c. for Zinc.	"	1	9
4	Jno. Butterly Amt. of his A/c. for Auction duty on sale of manure	"	19	10½
5	Patk. Connolly amt. of his A/c. for repairing Hose of Fire engine	"	19	4
6	Patk. Brennan Amt. of his A/c. for Iron works	"	6	8
7	Patk. Marron amt. of his A/c. for printing & Stationary from May 21. 44/ to 7th April 1845	32	10	0
8	Proprietors of Drogheda Argus Adverts.	6	7	3
9	Robt. Daly amt. of his A/c. for Hats &c. for town Sergeants	3	16	0
		47	16	5½

Signed, William Campbell
Mayor.

9th June 1845.

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the "purpose of passing Accounts, the following "were examined and ordered to be paid, viz.

Present.
The Mayor in the Chair.
Alderman Rogers
" Mathews
T. Councillor Keappock
" Brady

No.				
1	Thos. Woogan amt. of his A/c. for repairing roof of Crane House New Quay	3	4	10

Signed, William Campbell
Chairman.

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Town Clk reads application from Members of Mechanics Insitute for loan of Books.

An application from the Members of the Mechanics' Institute requesting the loan of the Books now in the possession of the Corporation having been read by the Town Clerk,

Ordered to be lent on motion of Ald. Carty seconded by C. Brady.

It was ordered on the motion of Alderman Carty in which he was seconded by Councillor Brady that the books be lent to the Members of the Drogheda Mechanics' Institute they guaranteeing the safe return of same in a secure and proper state.—

Account of Richd. Mullin submitted and ordered to be paid

The account of Richd. Mullins having been submitted to the Assembly for payment of the sum of £10.15.0. due him as one of the Contractors for Cleansing the streets of the Borough.

It was ordered upon the motion of Councillor Keappock seconded by Councillor Brady that the Treasurer of the Corporation be authorized to pay same.—

Town Clk reads a letter from Mr. S. Holmes together with his reply thereto.—

The Town Clerk hereupon read a letter which he had received from Mr. Joseph Holmes dated 27th. May last on the subject of his (Mr. Holmes) alledged right to transact business as Clerk of the Peace by his Clerk in the room of the Tholsel occupied as the Town Clerks Office together with his reply thereto.—

Dr. Atkinson & Mr. Brodigan concerning a supply of water.—

Dr. Atkinson reported a conversation held with Mr. Brodigan on the subject of obtaining a supply of pure water.—

Mr. Jas. McCann in lieu of Mr. Keappock substituted a trustee over St. John's—

It was moved by Alderman Rogers in which he was seconded by Councillor Atkinson that the name of Mr. James McCann be substituted as a trustee of the Poor of St. John's of this town in lieu of Mr. A. Keappock, and the question thereon having been put from the Chair, same was unanimously agreed to

Treas. directed to pay Manager of Gas Comp.y £150

Ordered on the motion of Councillor Drew and seconded by Councillor Boylan that the Treasurer of the Corporation be directed to pay the Drogheda Gas Company the sum of £150 on account of their Bill.—

Aldermen Jernan & Rogers also T. C. Drew Byrne & Brady to form a Committee concerning lighting of lamps during Summer months.

It was ordered on the motion of Alderman Carty in which he was seconded by Alderman Jernan, that Aldermen Jernan and Rogers together with Councillors Drew Byrne and Brady be appointed a Committee to ascertain how many of the public lamps should be continued lighting during the summer months and that they continue same only.—

Councillor Walsh added to Building Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Brady and seconded by Councillor Byrne that Mr. Walsh be added to the Building Committee, and the question thereon having been put from the Chair, same was unanimously agreed to.—

Assembly adj.d.

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Tuesday the 1st. day of July next at the hour of 12 o'Clock P.—

Wm Campbell
Chairman

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1st July 1845.

Adjd. Assembly 1st July 1845.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thdsel on Tuesday the 1st day of July 1845, among other matters to nominate out of the Aldermen & Councillors a fit person to be Mayor for the ensuing year pursuant to the 35th Bye law of the Council.—

Present, The Mayor
4 Aldermen & 11 Councillors.

Minutes read

The minutes of the last Assembly which was held on the 9th June inst. having been read and approved of, were signed by His Worship The Mayor.—

Alderman Rogers then moved in which he was seconded by Alderman Simcocks that J. Councillor Boylan be nominated Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year, and the question thereon having been put from the Chair same was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Boylan nominated Mayor

Whereupon Councillor Boylan returned thanks to the Assembly.

Councillor Boylan returns thanks.

Dr. Atkinson reports a letter from Mr. Ball of Ball's Grove relative to making pleasure ground for the inhabitants of

Letter from Mr. Ball read.

Drogheda, also a letter from Mr. Brodigan on the subject of erecting water works for the convenience of the inhabitants of the towne

Letter from Mr. Brodigan

Alderman Carty hands a letter received from E. Ball Esqre offering to set to the Corporation the waste ground lying along the River Boyne from John's Gate to the old Flax Mill provided that the Corporation would build a Quay thereon and otherwise improve the ground.—

Letter from Mr. E. Ball submitted to Assembly by Ald. Carty.

There being no other business for the consideration of the Assembly same was adjourned to Tuesday the 15th inst. at the hour of 12 o'Clock.—

Assembly adjd. to 15th inst.

Wm Campbell
Chairman

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15th July 1845.

Adjd. Assembly 15th July 1845.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 15th day of July 1845.—

Present The Mayor
1 Alderman & 2 Councillors.

Minutes read

The minutes of the last Assembly which was held on the 1st July inst. having been read by the Town Clk, and being approved of were signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Town Clk reads letter from Sir W. M. Somerville.

The Town Clk hereupon read a letter from Sir William M. Somerville on the subject of the intended Railway Bridge over the River Boyne, and also on the subject of the Coroner's Bill at present going through the House of Commons with a proposed amendment by Mr. John O'Brien, that the Mayors of the towns included in Schedule C. to the act annexed (and which includes Drogheda) should exercise the duties of Coroners in their respective towns, and he was thereupon directed to signify to Sir William M. Somerville the wish of the Council that this Clause should be inserted in the Bill.—

Wm Campbell Mc
Chairman

Gen.l Qr. Assembly 1st August 1845

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the 1st day of August 1845.—

Present The Mayor
2 Aldermen & 13 Councillors.

Proceedings read

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read by the Town Clk. and approved of were signed by His Worship The Mayor.—

Memorial from Members of Mechanics Institute to repair same read

The Town Clk having read a Memorial from the Members of the Mechanics Institute praying that the Corporation would take necessary steps to have the roof of said Institute repaired,

Referred to its managing Committee

It was ordered on the motion of Alderman Darcy seconded by Councillor Boylan that the Committee appointed to manage the arrangements of the Mechanics Institute do repair the roof and otherwise properly secure it.—

Report of Finance Committee

A Report of the Finance Committee dated 1st August instant having been read,

It was ordered on the motion

1st August 1845.

of Councillor Boylan seconded by Alderman Rogers that the repot now read be inserted on the minutes and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the several accounts enumerated in same.—

The following is a Copy of said Repot.

1st August 1845.

At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of passing Accounts the following were examined and ordered to be paid, viz.

Present

The Mayor in the Chair

Alderman, Rogers, Carty

J. Councillor Drew, Reappock

Nº.				
Accounts 1	Wy Reilly Amt. of his Acct. for Coals supplied for Court House	6	19	4
2	Smith & Co. amt. of his Acct. for Sovereign Scales	"	5	6
3	Robt Finegan amt. of his Acct. for Tan for Court House	"	3	6
4	John Davis amt. of his Acct. for sweeping Chimneys of Watch House	"	2	0
5	Jas. Rice amt. of his Acct. for Carriage of tan	"	1	0
6	John Chambers amt. of his Acct. for Stationary for Treasurer	1	15	11
7	William Campbell amt. of his Acct. for incidents from Augt. 1843 to July 19 1845	5	1	5½
8	Jno. Stuart amt. of his Acct. inspecting Public Lamps	5	"	0
9	Mathew Reilly amt. of his Acct. making Wheel Barrow for Paving Board	"	10	6
10	Joseph Mc Loughlin amt. of his Acct. for Lime	"	11	10
		£ 20	11	9½

Wm. Campbell Mayor.

Councillors Boylan & Levins to purchase tarpoleon for Mayoralty House

It was ordered on the motion of Councillor Reappock seconded by Councillor Reilly that Councillors Boylan and Levins be authorised to purchase a tarpoleon to protect the roof of the Mayoralty House.—

Councillor Atkinsons report & the bridge read & referred to Building Committee

Councillor Atkinson having brought before the Assembly the present insecure condition and state of the Bridge, It was ordered on the motion of Councillor Atkinson seconded by Councillor Byrne that the Building Committee examine and report on the condition of same.—

Memorial of Patk Loughan read & referred to Paving Committee

The Memorial of Patk Loughan dated 1st August 1845 having been read stating that Memorialist had taken a small plot of ground situate on the South side of Patrick's St. for the purpose of building houses thereon and annexing gardens to such buildings, and that whenever any heavy rains fall Memorialist is completely inundated owing to the want of Sewers in said Street It was Ordered on the motion of Councillor Boylan seconded by Councillor Byrne that same be referred to Paving Committee.

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Pump in Bessex-well lane to be removed to Linen Hall at Mr. Pinaggs' expense.

It was ordered on the motion of Councillor Reapprock seconded by Councillor Levins that the pump in Bessex well lane be removed to the Linen Hall, Mr Pinaggs undergoing the expense of such removal.

Add. Carty to offer to Mr. Nicholson £50 for house at Laur.e Gate

Ordered on the motion of Councillor Levins seconded by Councillor Connolly that Alderman Carty be authorised to offer the sum of £50 to Mr. Nicholson for the House at Laurence Gate, the Corporation paying the head rent of same.

Assembly adj.d to 18th instant.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 18th inst.t at the hour of 12 O'Clock.

Wm Campbell
Chairman

Adj.d Assembly 18th Aug.t 1845

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 18th day of August 1845.

Present The Mayor
2 Aldermen & 10 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last Assembly which was held on the 1st inst.t having been read and approved of were signed by his Worship The Mayor.

Draft bond to secure Mr. Ball's compens.n submitted to Council.

A draft bond to secure Mr. Ball's compensation having been submitted to the Council was approved of, and the Corporate Seal ordered to be affixed thereto.

Memorial of Jno. Stuart read & referred to Finance Com.t

The memorial of John Stuart and the other nightly Watchmen stating that they formerly received Coats Hats and Capes from the Corporation which having been worn out they prayed

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might be renewed to protect them from the indemency of the weather, was read and referred to Finance Committe

There being no other business for the consideration of the Assembly same was adjourned to Monday the 1st. day of Sept.r at the hour of 12 O'Clock-

Assembly adj.d to 1st Sept.r

Wm Campbell
Chairman

1st. September 1845.

Adj.d Assembly 1st Sept.r 1845

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thlsel on Monday the 1st. day of September 1845-

Present The Mayor
2 Aldermen & 10 Councillors

Proceedings read

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read and approved of were signed by his Worship The Mayor

Mr. Balls compensation Bond and abstract thereof signed by the Mayor 1 Alderman & 2 Councillors, and Corporation Seal affixed thereto-

An abstract of Mr. Francis Balls compensation Bond as entered in the White Parchment Book having been read was together with the Bond signed by the Mayor One Alderman and two Councillors and the seal of the Corporation was thereupon affixed to the Bond by his Worship the Mayor.

Memorial of inhabitants of Clinton's lane read & referred to Paving Committee

The memorial of the inhabitants of Clinton's lane, stating that said lane required some repairs, and praying that the Corporation would authorise their Officer to inspect same, having

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been read, It was moved by Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Boylan, that the matter of this memorial be referred to the Paving Committee for its consideration and the question thereon having been put from the Chair same was agreed to.

The Mayor, Messrs Bellew, Drew, Keappock & Boylan to act as a Comtee to provide the nightly Watch with hats Coats & trowsers.

T. Councillor Kelly moves that the Mayor, Messrs. Bellew, Drew, Keappock and Boylan be appointed a Committee to provide the nightly Watchmen with Hats Coats and Trowsers, which motion having been seconded by Alderman Ennis, the question thereon was put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to.

Town Clk. to write to Gas Comp.y to ascertain their terms for lighting the town during next year

The Town Clk. was hereupon directed to write to the Gas Company to ascertain their terms for lighting the town during the ensuing year but Mr. Robert Orr McKeowne the Manager of the Company having now entered the Assembly, undertook to supply the necessary statement previously to the next meeting of the Council.

Assembly adjd. to 16th instant

The Assembly then adjourned to Tuesday 16th inst. at the hour of 12 O'Clock.

Patk. Ternan
Chairman

Adjd. Assembly 16th Septr. 1845

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 16th day of Septr. 1845

Present 4 Aldermen and 13 Councillors

Ald. Ternan in the Chair

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor Alderman Ternan was moved to the Chair

proceedings read

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read and approved of, the same were in the absence of his Worship signed by Alderman Ternan as Chairman.

Mr. Berrill's report of Clinton's lane read.

A report from Mr. Berrill Superintendent of the Paving Department on the subject of the Memorial presented at the last meeting of the Council from the Inhabitants of Clinton's lane and other matters connected with his Office, was read to the Assembly.

His Worship enters the Assembly Room.

His Worship the Mayor now entered the Assembly Room and took the Chair.

The account of Richard Mullin having been submitted to the

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The account of Richd. Mullin submitted & ordered to be paid.

assembly for payment of the sum of £10.15.0 due him as one of the Contractors for cleansing certain streets of the Borough. It was ordered on the motion of Councilr. Keappock seconded by Councillor Boylan that the Treasurer be authorised to pay same.

Treasurer directed to pay Manager of Gas Comp.y £50.

Ordered on the motion of Councillor Drew seconded by Councillor Brady that the Treasurer of the Corporation be directed to pay the Manager of the Drogheda Gas Company the sum of £50 on account.

Mr. Levins reports Town Sergeants for non attendce. at the Tholsel. reprimanded for neglect of duty.

Mr. Levins Mace Bearer brings to the notice of the Council the non-attendance of the Town Sergeants at the Tholsel, whereupon Town Sergeants Watson and Sharples were called upon and reprimanded for neglect of duty.

Memorial of thanks from Members of Mechanic's Institute read & ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

A Memorial of thanks from the Members of the Drogheda Mechanics Institute, signed by the Secretary on behalf of the Members, having been read, It was moved by Councillor Boylan that the memorial now read be entered on the minutes of the proceedings and Councillor

Kelly having seconded said motion the question upon same was put from the Chair and agreed to.

The following is a Copy of the Memorial

"To the Right Worshipful
"the Mayor Aldermen and
"Common Council of the
"Borough of Drogheda.

Copy Memorial

"Gentlemen,

"We, the Members of the "Drogheda Mechanics' Institution, can "not refrain from publicly expressing our "grateful acknowledgements for the favours "so liberally bestowed by your respected body, "upon our infant Institution - particularly "for your last kindness in repairing our "lecture and reading rooms; and, we "sincerely trust, that it shall long flourish "as it at present promises to do - a "memorial of your praiseworthy exertions "to forward the interests of your Constituents -

"Signed on behalf of the Members
"William Leonard
Secretary."

Ald. Ennis & Councls. Kelly & Drew a Comt. to contract for lighting the town next year.

Alderman Ennis together with Town Councillors Kelly and Drew were now

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appointed a Committee to contract for the lighting of the town during the ensuing year.

Councillor Bellew moves that Mr James Greene be removed from the office of Sword Bearer from and after the 29th Septr inst. and that the Town Clk duly appraise him of same, and Councillor Connolly having seconded said motion the question upon same was put from the Chair and agreed to.

Mr Jas Greene to be removed from the office of Sword Bearer from & after 29th Septr inst.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 29th inst. at the hour of 12 o'Clock.

Assembly adjd. to 29th inst.

Wm Campbell
Chairman

29th Septr 1845

adjd Assembly 29th Septr 1845

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Counsellors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 29th day of Septr 1845.

Present. The Mayor
1 Alderman and
10 Councillors.

proceedings read

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read and approved of were signed by His Worship The Mayor.

The Town Clerk hereupon read a letter from Mr James Greene dated 22nd inst. acknowledging the receipt of his (the Town Clks) communication of the 16th inst. apprising him that the Town Council had dismissed him from the Office of Sword Bearer to the Corporation from and after the 29th instant.

Town Clk reads letter from Mr Jas Greene acknowledging the receipt of his communication on the subject of his dismissal from the office of Sword Bearer.

Councillor Collins gives notice that he will at the next adjourned assembly of the Council bring forward a motion with a view to improve the present dangerous and disgraceful state of the lane at the East of Mr Boylans timber yard and also a motion on the very inefficient state of the nightly Watch Establishment.

Councillor Collins gives notices of motion

The Assembly then adjourned to Tuesday the 14th October next at the hour of 12 Oclk.

Assembly adjd. to 14th Octr next.

Wm Campbell
Chairman

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adj.d Assembly 14th Oct.r 1845

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thalsel on Tuesday the 14th day of October 1845.-

Present The Mayor
1 Alderman & 9 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read and approved of were signed by His Worship the Mayor.-

Repat of Mechanics Institute Committee read & adopted

A Repat of the Committee appointed to watch over the Rights of the Corporation as connected with the Mechanics Institute, having been read by the Town Clerk. It was moved by Town Councillor Kelly that this repat be adopted, and Town Councillor Boylan having seconded said motion, the question upon same was put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to.-

The following is a Copy of said Repost

Copy repost

"The Committee appointed to watch over the Rights of the Corporation as connected with the Mechanics Institute, beg leave to recommend, that Mr. John O Donegan shall have the use of the upper Room of the Mechanics Institute for his Nautical school, each night, after Nine o'Clock P. M. the above

mentioned room to be at the disposal of the Directors of the Mechanics Institute, from Six o'Clock in the evening, till Nine o'Clock P. M. also, that two Keys be procured for the entrance door of said Institution, one to be deposited in the Town Clerks Office, the other to be retained by the Secretary of the Mechanics Institute, Which we certify as our report.- Dated this 3rd Oct.r 1845."

(Signed)
Wm. Campbell Chairman

Repat of Lighting Comm.t read & adopted

A Report of the Committee appointed to contract for the lighting the Borough of Drogheda for the ensuing year, having been read by the Town Clk. It was moved by Town Councillor Kelly that the report now read be adopted, and said motion having been seconded by Town Councillor Drew, the question upon same was put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to.-

The following is a Copy of said Report

Copy report

"Your Committee beg leave to report that, having communicated with the Drogheda Gas Company on the subject of their lighting the Borough of Drogheda for the ensuing year, they received from their Manager the following proposal.-

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Messrs the Corporation
of the town of Drogheda,

Gentlemen,

We propose supplying Gas, repairing and lighting the street lamps in the Parishes of Saint Peters and Saint Marys from the 22nd. day of this month till the 30th. day of April 1846, commencing the lighting each night at one hour after Sunset and putting out One hour before Sunrise for the sum of Three pounds, Eight shillings per Lamp, each lamp to be supplied with a batwing burner.-

Should any lamp remain more than two nights without light then a reduction shall be made from our account at the rate of three feet per hour for such period charging the Gas at 7/6 per thousand.

We are yours &c.
the Drogheda Gas Compy.
R. O. McKeone

and your Committee beg to state that considering said proposal fair and satisfactory, they have on the part of the Council agreed to same All which your Committee certify as their report this 14th. Octr. 1845.- Signed Thomas Ennis } Chairman.

Mr Bonill's report of Trinity well lane and Sundays Gate read to Assembly.

A Report from Mr Bonill, Superintendent of the Paving Committee, on the subject of the lane leading from Trinity Street to Trinity Well and also of the Main Sewer leading across the road out Sundays Gate was read to the Assembly.-

Dr Atkinson moves that Ald. Carty, Ennis & Rogers with C. Verdon Levins & Brady form a Comtee to inquire & report on the income & expenditure of the Corpon.

Dr Atkinson reads his notice of motion of last days meeting in which he moves that Aldermen Carty, Ennis and Rogers together with Councillors Verdon, Levins and Brady form a Committee to inquire and report on the income and expenditure of the Corporation with a view to reduce the expenditure within the income, which motion having been seconded by Councillor Boylan the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.-

Mover & Seconder added to Comtee of the foregoing question.

It was moved by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Keappock that the Mover and Seconder of the foregoing question be added to the Committee, and the question upon same having been put from the Chair, was agreed to.-

C. Collins notices question reserved.

Town Councillor Atkinson reserves Town Councillor Collins' notices of motion.-

The Mayor and Town Clk. to prepare

Town Councillor Atkinson moves that the Mayor and Town Clerk prepare a

a statement of the duties of the Officers of Corporation & submit same to next meeting of the Council.—

statement of the duties of the several Officers of the Corporation and submit same to the next meeting of the Council, and Town Councillor Bellew having seconded said motion, the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried unanimously.—

Town Councillor Levins moves,

Messrs. Drew, Atkinson, Boylan, Kelly and Mayor with the Town Clk. to deal with Railway Comp.y for compensn. for lands.—

in which he was seconded by Town Councillor Byrne, that Messrs. Drew, Atkinson, Boylan, Kelly and the Mayor with the Town Clk. be authorised to deal with the Railway Company for compensation for land, and the question upon same having been put from the Chair the same was unanimously agreed to.—

Genl. Quar.y Assembly 3rd Novemr. 1845.

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 3rd day of November 1845.

Present 3 Aldermen and 13 Councillors.—

Ald. Fernan in the Chair.

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor Alderman Fernan was moved to the Chair.—

proceedings read

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read and approved of, were signed by Alderm.n Fernan as Chairman.—

Railway Committee to repat its progress to a meeting of the Council previously to their closing for the purchase, & that Messrs. Verdon, Mathews, Simecks & Keappock be added to Committee, said Committee to have power to appoint a competent Surveyor.—

Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Collins seconded by Town Councillor Kelly that the Committee appointed on last day of meeting to treat with the Railway Company for compensation for land, be requested to repat its progress to a meeting of the Council previously to their closing for the purchase, and that Messrs. Verdon, Mathews, Simecks and Keappock be added to the Committee, and that said Committee have power to appoint a competent surveyor, and the question upon same was put from the Chair and carried unanimously.—

Report of Building Comttee. read & adopted

A Repat of the Building Commtt. dated 30th Octr. 1845, having been read by the Town Clerk, It was moved by Councillor Boylan, that this repat be adopted, and Councillor Atkinson

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having seconded said motion, the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

The following is a Copy of said report.—

Copy report

At a Meeting of the Building Committee held 30th Octr. 1845. Present. The Mayor.

Aldn. Simcocks " Keappock
T.C. Kelly " Bellew
" Drew

Privy at present erecting on New Quay to be removed.—

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Keappock seconded by Councillor Bellew, that the Privy on the New Quay at present erecting there be removed and the foot Path restored to its former state.—

(Signed,) Wm. Campbell
Mayor

Building Comttee. to erect a Privy at Linen Hall in lieu of one ordered to be removed.

It was resolved on the motion of Councillor Atkinson in which he was seconded by Councillor Boylan, that the Building Committee erect a Privy at the Linen Hall in lieu of the one ordered to be removed on their recommendation, which resolution having been put from the Chair was agreed to.

Report of duties of the several officers of the Corporatn. as prepared by Mayor and Town Clk. read & adopted & ordered to be inserted to Minutes.—

A Report of the Duties of the several Officers of the Corporation having been prepared by the Mayor and Town Clk. pursuant to a resolution entered into on last day of meeting, and same having been now read, It was ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Levins, seconded by Alderman Mathews that this report be adopted and inserted on the minutes.—

The following is a Copy of said report.—

— Report —

Copy report

of the Mayor and Town Clerk on the Duties of the Corporate Officers.—

In compliance with the Resolution of the Council passed at their last meeting in Assembly on 14th October ultimo, we beg leave to report that we have examined the various records of the Corporation which illustrate the subject, and find that, the duties of the several Corporate Officers in Drogheda are as follow, viz.

Duties of Treasurer.

That the duties of the Treasurer are, To collect the Rents and Keep the accounts of the Corporation, to have the charge of Paying the Tradesmens' Bills, the Salaries of the Officers, and the other demands upon the Corporation, when so ordered by the Council, to furnish his Accounts to the Council and Auditors when so required, to Keep the accounts of the different Committees appointed by the Corporation, and to attend such Committees when required, to lodge his Balances daily in the Bank of Ireland to the Credit of such Persons as the Council may name — to receive no rents unless upon receipts countersigned by the Mayor for the time being and two Members of the Finance Committee; to devote his entire time to the duties of his Office.—

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Duties of Town Clerk.

That the duties of the Town Clerk are, To attend all Corporate Meetings - take minutes of all Proceedings and subsequently to enter them in the Books of Assembly, and to have the Custody of all the Records and Deeds of the Corporation - as Town Clerk, he has the drawing of all Leases made by the Corporation and the Charges thereon - His fees are, for the Draft 5/4d Irish, for the Engrossing of both parts 3 Guineas, for the inscription of the Map on each part 10/- Irish, the usage is said to be immemorial, that the Town Clk. and not the tenant should have the drawing of the Deeds - he has also a fee of 5/7/6 upon admissions to freedom, and 5/- upon entering Indentures of Apprenticeship - He is also paid for general business performed. -

Duties of Sword Bearer and Clk of the Corn market. -

That the duties of the Sword Bearer and Clerk of the Corn Market are, To attend the Mayor on state occasions, as Clerk of the Corn Market to ascertain and publicly notify the Weekly averages of the Price of Corn according to the Statute for regulating the Sale. -

Duties of Mace Bearer & Register or Clk. of the Mayor in Court of Conscience -

That the duties of the Mace Bearer and Register or Clerk of the Mayor in the Court of Conscience are, To attend the Court of

Conscience which is held twice in the Week, & to issue summonses for recovery of demands, and also to issue all such orders and attachments as may become necessary - As Mace Bearer, To issue summonses for the attendance of the Corporation at special Assemblies, also to issue summonses for the attendance of the Members of the different Committees for fiscal and other business, and to attend with the Mace upon the Mayor and Corporation upon all public occasions. -

Duties of Chief Constable Regulator of the Watch and Billet Master

That the duties of the Chief Constable - Regulator of the Watch - and Billet Master are, To be in attendance daily at the Tholsel, to receive and have executed the order of the Mayor and Magistrates, to have the charge of the Municipal Constabulary, and under the directions of the Magistrates to have the superintendence and regulation of the Nightly Watch, he also assists in the execution of Bench Warrants, and in case of riot he attends with the Police to keep the Peace - This Officer also acts as Billet Master. -

Duties of the Clock Keeper -

That the duties of the Clock Keeper are, To have the Charge of, and keep in repair the Public Clock of the Tholsel - is bound to keep the Sword and Mace in order. -

Duties of the House -

That the duties of the House Keeper of the

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Keeper of Mayoralty House.

Mayoralty House are, To have the charge of the Mayoralty House and Public Rooms which are required to be Kept clean and orderly.

Duties of Corfew Toller Sexton of St. Peters Church

That the duties of the Corfew Toller who is Sexton of the Church of Saint Peters Parish, are, To toll the Corfew Bell at 6 O'Clock morning and evening for the regulation of the Trades People, and also in cases of Houses taking fire.

Duties of Serjeants at Mace.

That the duties of the Serjeants at Mace are, To be in daily attendance at the Tholsel to receive and execute the orders of the Mayor and Magistrates to execute all Warrants and Attachments and orders issuing from the Court of Conscience - to attend upon the Market Jury and assist generally under the direction of the Chief Constable acting under the Magistrates in preserving the peace of the Town and causing the observance of order and regularity in the different Markets.

Duties of Caretaker Corn Market House & Market Square.

That the duties of the Caretaker of the Corn Market House and Market Square are, To have the Market Kept clean - to have order preserved so as to prevent Buyer and Seller from being obstructed in business & to afford every possible accommodation to the Publics.

Duties of Halbertmen & Bangbeggars

That the Duties of Halbertmen and Bangbeggars are, To attend at the door of the Court House at the Assizes & Sessions to preserve order and as Bangbeggars, to prevent street begging and to remove Swine from off the streets and generally to assist the Municipal Constabulary in performance of the orders and directions of the Mayor or Magistrates.

Duties of Public Crier or Bellower.

That the Duties of the Public Crier or Bellower are, To publish the several orders of the Mayor and Magistrates for the regulation and Government of the town - to give notice of all lettings and sales of Corporate Property and to assist generally the Municipal Constabulary in the discharge of Public duty.

Duties of Court-house Keeper.

That the duties of the Court House Keeper are, To Keep clean and orderly the Court House in which are held the Petty Sessions, the Quarter Sessions of the Assistant Barister and the Court of Conscience. General Assizes Corporate meetings, with other public meetings.

Duties of Inspectors of Fish Market

That the duties of the Inspectors of the Fish Market are, To keep the Keys of the Fish Market Gate, and to open same each morning at O'Clock, attend daily in the Fish Market from ten O'Clock A. M. until four O'Clock P. M. to prevent forestalling, to see that the Market be swept and the stalls washed daily and the whole of the Interior washed four times a year.

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Duties of Inspector of Paving.—

That the duties of Inspector of Paving are, To examine and approve of all Materials for the use of the Paving and Cleansing Department. to keep a correct account of the quantities received and of the time of the Workmen employed in using the same, and to report every Friday to the Committee, the works executed in the Course of the week for the purpose of having the Claims paid off. to perform the duty hitherto done by the Inspector of Nuisances and to carry the instructions of the Mayor fully into effect in that Department.— Which we submit as our report this 3rd. day of Novemr. 1845.—

Signed, William Campbell
Mayor.
Thos. Kelly
Town Clerk.

The Mayor to furnish each Town Serjeant with a list of his respective duties as a Coporate Officer.

Councillor Atkinson moves in which he was seconded by Councillor Bellew, that the Mayor be requested to furnish each Town Serjeant with a list of his respective duties as a Coporate Officer, & the question upon same having been put from the Chair was agreed to.—

Report & accounts of Finance Committee

The following accounts and report of the Finance Committee having been read by the Town Clk. were adopted on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Councillor Brady.—

The following is a Copy of said Report

28th Octr. 1845.

Copy report

A meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of passing accounts, the following were examined and ordered to be paid viz.

Present

Ald. Mathews — T. C. Drew
" " — Levins

Ald. Mathews in the Chair

Accounts

No.				
1	John. M. Southwell on acct. of Law expenses	100	0	0
2	Peter Verdon amt. of his acct. for ropes for Mayoralty House	1	14	2
3	Richd. Mullin amt. of his acct. for cleansing sheets for 3 months to 17th. Sept. 1845	10	15	0
4	Thos. Byrne amount on acct. of Building	12	10	0
5	William Rothan amt. of his acct. for cleansing Fire arms.	0	5	0
6	Thos. Bird Amt. of his Acct. for cleansing Cells of Watch House Sundry repairs &c.	0	18	6
7	Thos. Bird Amt. of his Acct. for Plastering Watch House and finding materials	0	2	0
8	Jas. Forbes amt. of his Acct. for logwood for Thistle	0	3	0
9	Drogheda Conservative Journal for advertising Sale of manure	0	4	0
10	Thomas Bird amount of his Acct. for repairs done to Watch House	0	2	6
11	Patrick O'Brien amt. of his Acct. for sweeping Chimneys of Mayoralty House	0	5	8
12	Todd. Laing & Co. amt. of their Acct. for Hats for Watchmen	2	13	6
13.	Thos. Potts amt. for Coals for Mayoralty house	0	8	8
14	Thos. Potts ditto ditto	0	3	10
		130	5	10

Your Committee consider it right to state that they consider the Watchmen or Town serjeants should be obliged to cleanse the Fire Arms of the Corporation in future.— James Mathews. Chairman.

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His Worship enters Assembly Room & takes the Chair.—

His Worship the Mayor now entered the Assembly Room and took the Chair.—

The sum of £100 to be paid to Town Clerks and Law Agents on account.—

Alderman Mathews moves that an additional sum of £100 be paid to the Town Clerks and Law Agents on account and Councillor Byrne having seconded said motion, the same was agreed to.—

State of lane at east of Mr. Boylans timber yard also that of Highbly Watch referred to Paving Committee

Councillor Collins moves in which he was seconded by Councillor Kelly, that the state of the lane at the East of Mr. Boylan's timber yard, and also that of the highbly Watch be referred to the Paving Committee for its consideration, and the question thereon having been put from the Chair, the reference was agreed to.—

Messrs Fletcher & Roe's Bill of Costs ordered to be paid.—

Ordered on the motion of Alderman Mathews, seconded by Alderman Feenan, that Messrs Fletcher & Roe's Bill of costs for preparing the Compensation bond of Mr. Francis Ball late Recorder of the Borough, be paid, amounting to the sum of £5.. 3.. 1.—

Letter of Mr. Jno. Donegan on the subject of Mechanics Institute, read to assembly.—

A letter from Mr. John O'Donegan Literary Teacher was read to the Assembly informing the Council that the Directors of the Mechanics Institute had passed a resolution to dig up and plant the front of said Institute, and as he (Mr. O'Donegan) anticipated that such resolution would be carried into effect,

as Caretaker he wished to be instructed how to act.— there was no motion made on the subject of this letter, Councillor Atkinson stating to the Assembly that permission to dig and plant had been given by the Committee nominated by the Council, & that such permission was not understood to interfere with the right of the Corporation to resume possession of the Mechanics Institute when such would be required.—

Memorial of inhabitants of Blackbut lane commonly called Hea lane, read & referred to Paving Committee.—

A Memorial from the inhabitants of Blackbut lane commonly called Hea lane dated 30th Octr. ult. having been read, praying that the Corporation would take into their kind consideration the great inconvenience under which Memorialists laboured in consequence of the ruinous state of said lane which is now rendered almost impassable, It was ordered on the motion of Councillor Drew, seconded by Alderman Mathews that the subject of this memorial be referred to the Paving Committee for its inquiry and examination, and the question thereon having been put from the Chair, the reference was agreed to.—

Memorial of

The memorial of James Hughes West street, offering himself as a

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James Hughes of West St. read to the meeting-

Candidate for the Office of Sword Bearer, to the Corporation, having been read, Councillor Levins moves that Mr Hughes be elected Sword Bearer to the Corporation, whereupon Alderman Mathews moves as an amendment that the question be taken into consideration at the next meeting of the Council - Whereupon Councillor Levins did not press his motion & the amendment was carried.-

Memorial from Corporation Pavers read to the Assembly

A Memorial from the Pavers employed by the Corporation, praying that the Council would make some small advance in their wages, was read to the meeting-

Assembly adjd. to Monday 10th inst.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday 10th inst. at 12 O'clock-

Wm Campbell
Chairm-

adjd Assembly 10th Novr 1845

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Rooms of the Tholsel on Monday 10th day of Novem. 1845.

Present The Mayor
4 Aldermen & 12 Councillors

Proceedings read

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read and approved of, were signed by His Worship the Mayor-

appointment of a Sword Bearer suspended for the present

It was Resolved on the motion of Alderman Mathews, seconded by Town Councillor Bellew, that the appointment of a Sword Bearer to the Corporation be suspended for the present.-

Treasurer submits last years Account

The Treasurer hereupon submits to the Assembly the half years account commencing 1st March 1845 and ending 31st August 1845.-

Mr Berills report of Ulster lane read.

A Report from Mr Berill Superintendent of the Paving Department on the subject of Ulster lane, was read to the Assembly.

Mr Jas. Cruise appointed Superint. of Public Cranes at a Salary of £36 p Annum-

Alderman Mathews moves in which he was seconded by Town Councillor Kelly, that Mr James Cruise be appointed under this Corporation Superintendent of the Public Cranes for the ensuing year at a Salary of £36 p Annum from the 1st inst. That Messrs Keappock, Drinan and Verdon form a Committee to manage this Department of the Corporate Property; and the Question upon same having been put from the Chair, was unanimously agreed to.-

Assembly adjd. to 24th inst. at 12 O'Ck-

There not being any other business for the consideration of the Assembly the same was adjourd. to Monday 24th inst. at the hour of 12 O'clock.-

Wm Campbell
Chairm-

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Adjd Assembly 24th Novr 1845.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday 24th day of November 1845.-

Present The Mayor

2 Aldermen and 9 Councillors.-

Proceedings read.

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read and approved of, were signed by His Worship the Mayor.-

Report of Paving Committee read and adopted.

A Report of the Paving Committee dated 14th Novemr 1845 on the subject of Blackbut lane, was read to the Assembly.-

Copy report

The following is a Copy of said report

"Your Committee having met after visiting "Blackbut lane and finding it in such a "dangerous and disgraceful state and fearing "that it was likely to create disease and pestilence "in the neighbourhood, beg leave to report that "they have instructed Mr. Benill to have all "nuisances removed and to repair the above "lane immediately with as much haste as "possible, All of which your Committee certify "as their report this 14th Novemr 1845.-

Signed/ Wm. Campbell Chairman

Bill of James Dinneny read and referred to Building Committee

The Bill of James Dinneny for drawing Plan and Specification of Piers as erected on Wellington Quay having been read by the Town Clk. It was moved by Councillor Boylan seconded by Councillor Kelly that same be referred

to the Building Committee for their inquiry and report.-

Lease of holding at Barrack lane sealed unto John Collins of Shop St.

A Lease of a holding at the Barrack lane was sealed unto John Collins of Shop Street Drogheda, an abstract of which was entered in the White Parchment Book and signed by the Mayor, One Alderman and three Councillors.-

Assembly adjd to Monday 1st Decr.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday 1st December next at the hour of 12 o'clock.

Wm Campbell Chairman.-

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25th Novem.r 1845.—

Election of One Alderman Two Councillors for each of the three Wards

On this day, Thomas Carty Esq.r as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward, with Messrs. Jno.s Carroll and Denis Devin Assessors of said Ward, and Michael Rogers Esq.r as Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward, with Messrs. Hugh Maguire and Patrick Maguire Assessors of said Ward, and also Patrick Tiernan Esq.r as Senior Alderman of the Saint Laurence Gate Ward, with Messrs. Thomas Faulkner and John Mullin Assessors of said Ward, made the following returns of the Election of Alderman and Town Councillors for the said three several Wards respectively which was published by His Worship the Mayor on the 26th. of Novem.r inst. pursuant to the requisites of the Statute

Municipal Election

3 & 4 Victoria, Cap. 108, and 6 & 7 Victoria Cap. 93.—

The following is a List of the names of the persons Elected in the several Wards of the Borough of Drogheda at the Election of One Alderman and Two Councillors for each Ward, to fill the vacancies caused by those whose period of Office had expired,— holden for the said Borough on the 25th. day of Nov.r in the year of our Lord 1845, together with the number of Votes given in favour of each person so elected.—

West Gate Ward.

Name of Person elected as Alderman	No. of Votes
Thomas Ennis	Three

Names of Persons elected as Town Councillors	No. of Votes
Anthony Kearpock	Three
James Lewins	Three

Fair Gate Ward.

Name of Person elected as Alderman	No. of Votes
Thomas Simcocks	Seven

Names of Persons elected as Town Councillors	No. of Votes
Patrick Kelly	Six
Patrick Conway	Five

Saint Laurence Gate Ward

Name of Person elected as Alderman	No. of Votes
James Mathews	Twelve

Names of Persons elected as Town Councillors	No. of Votes.
Patrick Boylan	Eight
John Collins	Eight

Copy Proclamation by the Mayor—

The foregoing is a Copy of the Lists this day furnished to me by the Senior Aldermen and Assessors of the various Wards; and I hereby publish the same pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided.—

Signed/ William Campbell
Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda

Dated this 26th. day of Nov.r 1845.

Wm Campbell
Chairman

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1st December 1845.—

Adjd. Assembly 1st Decemr. 1845

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 1st day of December 1845.

Present The Mayor

3 Aldermen and 13 Councillors.—

Aldermen Simcocks and Mathews with Councillors Levins, Collins, Reapproth Conway and Kelly previous to entering upon the business of the Assembly each delivered to one of the Town Clerks to be kept by him of record the Oath of Allegiance as made and subscribed by them respectively before Thos. Carty Esq. J.P. and Councillor Boylan having also taken the Oath of Allegiance before the Mayor handed same to the Town Clk.—

Aldermen and Councillors previous to entering upon the business of the Assy. hand in to the Town Clk. Oaths of Allegiance

Alderman Simcocks thereupon moved in which he was seconded by Town Councillor Byrne, that Town Councillor Patrick Boylan be elected Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the ensuing year, and the question thereon having been put from the Chair was duly carried unanimously, and Mr. Boylan was accordingly declared duly elected, whereupon he returned thanks to the Assembly.—

Wm. P. Boylan elected Mayor unanimously—

Mr. Boylan returns thanks.—

Councillor Collins moves that Councillor Atkinson be added to the Law Committee

Councillor Atkinson added to Law Committee.—

and Alderman Simcocks having seconded said motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Several Gentlemen who were re-elected on 25th ult. re-appointed to the various Committees on which they had previously served.—

Councillor Atkinson moves that the several Gentlemen who had been re-elected as Aldermen and Town Councillors on the 25th ultimo, be reappointed to the various Committees on which they had previously served, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Kelly, and after some discussion was passed.—

T. C. Atkinson added to Finance Committee.—

It was moved by Alderman Carty seconded by Town Councillor Walsh, that Councillor Atkinson be added to the Finance Committee, and the question upon same having been put from the Chair was agreed to.—

Treasurer directed to pay Manager of Gas Comp.y £100 on account.—

Ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Drew seconded by Town Councillor Collins that the Treasurer of the Corporation be directed to pay the Manager of the Drogheda Gas Comp.y the sum of £100 on Account.—

Report of Finance Committee read and adopted

A Report of the Finance Committee dated 24th Novemr. 1845, having been read by the Town Clk. It was moved by Councillor Levins seconded by Councillor Drew, that the report now read be adopted and inserted on the minutes.—

Copy Repot.

The following is a Copy of said Report

24th Novemr. 1845.

At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the.

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purpose of Passing Accounts, the following were examined and ordered to be paid, viz,

Present

Ald. Rogers — J. C. Drew

" " — " " Lewis

Accounts.

No.				
1	William Meadth.t amt. of his Account	"	"	"
"	for slating roof of Mayoralty House	9	15	3
"	Ditto Ditto for repairing roof of Chief	"	"	"
"	Constable's House adjoining House	1	4	6
2	Michael Callan amt. of his Account for	"	"	"
"	Carpenter Work done to Mayoralty House	29	19	3
"	Ditto Ditto for Carpenter Work done to	"	"	"
"	Fish Market	7	17	6
"	Ditto Ditto for Carpenter Wak done to	"	"	"
"	Crane Weigh House	2	7	3
3	Michael Callan amt. of his account	"	"	"
"	for repairing Chimney and roof of	"	"	"
"	Chief Constables House, out House, and	"	"	"
"	Watch House	11	7	8
		£62	11	5

Signed,

James Lewis, Ch.n

Ordered on the motion of Councillor Collins seconded by Councillor Walsh that the Treasurer be directed to pay Mess.rs Smith & Co.s Bill amounting to £4.4.0 and also Owen Maguires Bill amounting to £2.3.3.

Treasurer directed to pay Mess.rs Smith & Co.s Bill amounting to £4.4.0, also Owen Maguires Bill amounting to £2.3.3.

A Letter from Mr. Thomas Kelly one of the Town Clerks & Law Agents requesting an answer previously to 1.st January next to his former Communication was read to the Council.—

Letter read from Mr. Thos. Kelly one of Tn. Clks. & Law Agents on subject of his former Communicat.n

The

Assembly adj.d to 5.th Decem.r inst. at 12 o'Clk.—

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Friday 5.th Decem.r inst. at the hour of 12 o'Clock

William Campbell
Mayor

3.rd Decem.r 1845.

Election of Borough Auditors Assessors and Ward Assessors.

On this day an Election was held by His Worship the Mayor pursuant to Public Notice posted on the Door of the Tholsel for Auditors and Assessors of the Borough, — and also for Assessor for the Saint Laurence Gate Ward before Patrick Fernan Esq.r as Alderman of said Ward; when Thomas Fenton and James M.c Cann were Elected Assessors, and Mess.rs Nicholas White and Nicholas Fitzpatrick were Elected Auditors of the Borough, and Mess.rs Thomas Faulkner and John Mullin were elected Assessors for the Saint Laurence Gate Ward for the ensuing year, and said Elections were duly published as the Law directs.—

Thos Fenton & James M.c Cann Esq.rs Elected Borough Assessors and Mess.rs Nichs White & Nichs Fitzpatrick elected Borough Auditors.—

Mess.rs Thos Faulkner & John Mullin Elected Ward Assessors for the St Laurence Gate Ward.—

On the same day Thos Carty and Thomas Simcocks Esq.rs Aldermen of the West Gate and Fair Gate Wards delivered to the Mayor the returns of the Elections for Ward Assessors held by them respectively on the above day — whereby Thomas Carroll and Denis Devin were returned Assessors at the Election for the West Gate Ward, and Mess.rs Patrick Maguire and William Kentland for the Fair Gate Ward.—

Mess.rs Thos Carroll & Denis Devin elected Assessors for the West Gate Ward, and Mess.rs Pat.k Maguire & William Kentland elected Assessors of the Fair Gate Ward.—

Wm Campbell
Mayor

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Adj.d Assembly 5th Decem.r 1845

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the 5th day of Decem.r 1845.-

Present The Mayor-
2 Aldermen and 6 Councillors

Proceedings read.

The minutes of the proceedings of the 24th. Novem.r last and also of the Elections on 25th. having been read by the Town Clk. and approved of, were signed by His Worship the Mayor.-

Several Committees of the Corporation reappointed as they now stand & any member absenting himself from three consecutive meetings to be disqualified.

Resolved on the motion of Aldermam Mathews seconded by Councillor Bellew- that the several Committees of this Corporation be reappointed as they now stand for the ensuing year,- that three do form a Quorum, and that any Member absenting himself from three consecutive meetings of any of the Committees, unless his absence from same, in consequence of illness or unavoidable necessity be satisfactorily accounted for to the Committee, be thereby disqualified from any longer acting on same.-

Councillor Atkinson gives notice of motion-

Town Councillor Atkinson gives notice that he will move at the next meeting of the Council, that an address be presented to Her Majesty on the necessity for the formation of a tribunal to sit in Dublin to hear and report on

such evidence connected with the projected lines of Railways in Ireland, as are in ordinary cases submitted to Committees of the House of Commons.-

Memorial from Inhabitants of Peter St. Laurence St. and West St. read.-

A Memorial from the Inhabitants of Peter Street, Laurence Street and West Street praying that the Corporation would remove the Town Pump from its present position, being a nuisance to Memorialists and a receptacle for every description of filth, was read to the Council.

Corporation take upon themselves the cleansing of the streets & lanes of the Borough for the ensuing year, management of same entrusted to the Paving Committee

Alderman Mathews then moved that the Corporation take upon themselves the cleansing of the streets and lanes of the Borough for the ensuing year, and that the management of same be entrusted to the Paving Committee with a request to them to exercise the strictest economy consistent with an efficient discharge of the duties imposed on them, and Councillor Brady having seconded said motion, the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.-

Assembly adj.d to Wednesday 17th inst. at 12 o'Clock.

The Assembly then adjourned to Wednesday the 17th. inst. at the hour of 12 o'clk.

Wm. Campbell

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15th Decemr. 1845.

Election of a Ward Assessor for Fair Gate Ward.—

On this day an Election was held before Michael Rogers Esq Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward and Patrick Maguire Assessor of said Ward, pursuant to Public Notice posted on the door of the Thelsel for the purpose of Electing a Ward Assessor for said Ward for the ensuing year, in the room of William Kortland, selected on the 3rd inst. but who had declined to sign the necessary declaration accepting said Office; when James Dunnin of West Street was elected one of the Assessors of said Ward, and said Election was duly published as the Law directs.—

James Dunnin elected Ward Assessor for Fair Gate Ward

Saml Boylan
Mayor

Adjd Assembly 17th Decemr. 1845.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thelsel on Wednesday the 17th day of December 1845.—

Present The Mayor
2 Aldermen and 6 Councillors.

minutes read

The minutes of the last two Assemblies which were held on the 1st and 5th inst. having been read by the Town Clk. and approved of, were signed by His Worship the Mayor.—

J. C. Atkinson's notice of motion reserved.—

Alderman Rogers moves and Councillor Bellew seconds that Councillor Atkinson's notice of motion be reserved for next meeting of the Council, and the question thereon having been put from the Chair, was agreed to.—

Paving Committee to procure Hose for large fire engine of Corporation.—

It was Resolved on the motion of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Byrne that the Paving Committee be authorised to procure Hose of sufficient length for the large fire engine of the Corporation without delay, on the best possible terms.—

Memorial of Town Serjeants read and referred to Council in Committee.

A Memorial from the Town Serjeants praying that the Corporation would grant them great Coats to protect them from the inclemency of the Weather, having been read by the Town Clk. Councillor Keappock moves that the subject

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of this Memorial be referred to the Council in Committee and Councillor Boylan having seconded said motion, the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Report of Paving Committee read and adopted.—

A Report of the Paving Committee dated 11th Decemr 1845. having been read, It was Ordered on the motion of Councillor Lewins, seconded by Councillor Drew that this report be adopted and inserted on the minutes.—

The following is a Copy of said Report

Copy Report

"Your Committee having met and not finding "proposals for cleansing the entire Streets according "to Advertisement, beg leave to report that they have "upon consideration appointed a Staff of Sweepers "for cleansing the Streets at the rate of 8s. a day "per boy and one man to lead and work with the "Staff of Sweepers at the rate of 8s p/ per Week, also "two other men, one to trim the Dunghills at the "rate of 7s p/ per Week and the other to attend the "Carters and see that they dont neglect their "Work, at the rate of 7s 6d. per Week. Also Carters at "the rate of 3s p/ per day each, for man and horse, "all of which your Committee certify as their "report this 11th day of December 1845.—

Signed, Wm. Campbell Mayor.

Assembly adj.d to 1st January 1846.—

The Assembly then adjourned to 1st January 1846 at 12 O'Clk.—

Lal. K. Boylan
Mayor

19th Decemr 1845

Election of a Borough Assessor

On this day an Election was held before William Campbell Esq. Mayor pursuant to Public Notice posted on the door of the Tholsel for the purpose of Electing a Borough Assessor for the ensuing year; in the room of Thomas Connon elected on the 3rd. instant, but who had neglected to sign the necessary Declaration accepting said Office; when Felix McCabe of West Street was elected one of the Borough Assessors of said Borough, and said Election was duly published as the Law directs.—

Felix McCabe elected Borough Assessor

Lal. K. Boylan
" Mayor

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adj.d Assembly 1st. January 1846

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Thursday the 1st. day of January 1846.—

Present The Mayor

5 Aldermen and 13 Councillors

Mayor in the Chair.

Town Councillor Campbell took his seat as Mayor and previously to any other business being entered upon, Councillor Boylan Mayor Elect accompanied by the several Aldermen and Councillors with His Worship the Mayor proceeded in their Robes of Office to the Crown Court, and Councillor Boylan having taken the Oaths appertaining to the office of Mayor and Justice of the Peace and also the Oath of Allegiance prescribed by the 10th. of George the Fourth together with a Declaration accepting the Office of Mayor; He then with the Aldermen and Town Councillors returned to the Assembly Room and took his seat as Chairman.—

assembly adj.d to two O'Clock—

It was Ordered that the Assembly should adjourn to two O'Clock with the view of affording the Members of the Corporation an opportunity of attending Divine Service and they accordingly proceeded in procession in their Robes of Office to Saint Peters Roman Catholic Church accompanied by the Officers of Sword and Mace

and also by the Serjeants at Mace and the other Officers of the Corporation.—

The Mayor, Aldrn. Councillors returned after having attended Divine Service.—

His Worship the Mayor with the Aldermen and Councillors having returned to the Assembly Room after having attended Divine Service,

Town Clk. reads last days proceedings

The Town Clerk reads the minutes of the last day's proceedings and same being approved of, were signed by His Worship the Mayor.—

Thanks voted to Councillor Campbell late Mayor.

Alderman Tennant then moved the marked thanks of the Corporation to Councillor Campbell late Mayor, for the straightforward, efficient, and impartial manner in which he discharged the duties of Chief Magistrate during his Mayoralty, which motion having been seconded by Alderman Carty the question upon same was put from the Chair and unanimously agreed to,

Councillor Campbell returns thanks

Whereupon Councillor Campbell returned thanks in suitable terms.—

Assembly adj.d to Wednesday 7th. inst. at 12 O'Clock.—

There not being any other business for the consideration of the Assembly, the same was adjourned to Wednesday the 7th. inst. at the hour of 12 O'Clock.—

Pat.k Boylan
Mayor

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Adjt Assembly 7th Jany 1846.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 7th day of January 1846.—

Present The Mayor

One Alderman and 15 Councillors

proceedings read

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read and approved of, were signed by His Worship the Mayor.—

Memorial to be forwarded to her Majesty on the necessity of a tribunal to sit in Dublin to hear and report on the projected lines of Railways in Ireland

Town Councillor Atkinson brings forward his motion of which he had given notice on 5th Decemr. last on the subject of presenting a Memorial to Her Majesty on the necessity for the formation of a tribunal to sit in Dublin to hear and report on such evidence connected with the projected lines of Railways in Ireland as are in ordinary cases submitted to Committees of the House of Commons in England, and Councillor Conway having seconded said motion the question upon same was put from the Chair and carried unanimously.—

Report of Finance Committee read and adopted.

A Report of the Finance Committee dated 7th inst. having been read by the Town Clk. It was moved by Councillor Levins seconded by

Councillor Brady that the report now read be adopted and the several accounts enumerated therein ordered to be paid.—

Copy Report

The following is a Copy of said Report

7th Jany 1846

At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of passing Accounts the following were examined and ordered to be paid, viz.

Present

J. C. Drew — J. C. Atkinson

" " Levins — " " Brady

Accounts

No.				
1	Capt. Coyle amt. of his Acct. for Coals for Mayoralty House 2 Brls.	"	5	4
2	Capt. Kelly amt. of his Acct. for Coals for Mayoralty House 2 Brls.	"	6	4
3	Capt. Bell amt. of his Acct. for Coals for Mayoralty House 2 Brls.	"	6	4
4	Thos. Bird amt. of his Acct. for Whitewashing Cells Watch House	"	2	0
5	Pat. O'Brien amt. of his Acct. for sweeping Chimneys Mayoralty House	"	1	8
6	John Smyth amt. of his Acct. as Poll Clk. for Fair Gate Ward	"	10	0
7	John M. Namara amt. of his Acct. as Poll Clk. in West Gate Ward	"	10	0

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8	Lawce C. Foole amt. of his Acct. for			
"	Bog Wood Thisel	"	4	0
9	Michl. Lavins amt. of his Acct. for Floor			
"	Cloth and Brooms	"	2	6
10	Mary Moran amt. of her Acct. for			
"	repairing Paving implements	1	6	7
11	Mary Moran amt. of her Acct. for			
"	repairing Potato Scales. Potato Market	"	19	4
12	Mary Moran Amt. of her Acct. for repg.			
"	lock Town Clks. Office & Desk Crown Court	"	3	8
13	John Drew amt. of his acct. for Rowan			
"	Cement &c. for Mayoralty House	2	12	6½
		£ 7.	9.	9½

Signed,

Stephen Drew Chairman.

Paving Committee to select twelve men from Coal Porters of the town, to be drilled as a Fire Brigade. to pay them such sum as they may think advisable.-

Costs of Town Clks. & Law Agents submitted to Council for past year.

Memorial of inhabits of Peter St. Laurence St. & West. Street on subject of Town Pump, again read and referred to Council in Committee

J.C. Conway added to Paving Committee and J.C. Finegan added to Building Committee.-

The Memorial of the inhabitants of Peter Street, Laurence Street and West Street, on the subject of the Town Pump, having been again read, Alderman Feman moves and Town Councillor Drew seconds that the subject of this Memorial be referred to the Council in Committee for their consideration, and the question thereon having been put from the Chair was agreed to.-

It was moved by Councillor Cundly and seconded by Alderman Rogers that Councillor Conway be added to the Paving Committee, it was also moved by Councillor Conway seconded by Councillor Byrne that Councillor Finegan be added to the Building Committee and the question upon said motions having been put from the Chair was agreed to.-

7th January 1846.

Resolved on the motion of Alderman Feman seconded by Town Councillor Conway, that the Paving Committee be instructed to select from the Coal Porters of the town Twelve men, to be drilled as a Fire Brigade, paying them such compensation for their loss of time, when so engaged, as they may think proper, and that in case of Fire they be also empowered to award them such sum each for their assistance, not in any case exceeding 2/6d. as they may think advisable.-

The Costs of the Town Clerks and Law Agents, for the past year, were then submitted to the Council.-

Pat. Boston
Mayor

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Gen.l Qy Assembly 2nd February 1846

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 2nd. day of February 1846.

Present The Mayor

3 Aldermen and 13 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last days Proceedings having been read and approved of, were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Report of new Town Clock Committee read and adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

X The following Report on the subject of the New Town Clock having been read, It was Ordered to be adopted and inserted on the minutes on the motion of Alderman Toman seconded by Alderman Mathews, and that a meeting of the Council in Committee be called for Friday next for the purpose of meeting the Contractor and making the necessary arrangements regarding the erection of same.

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"Your Committee having addressed Specifications to Fourteen of the principal Watch and Clock Makers in England, Ireland and Scotland from nine of whom your Committee have received proposals, after a careful and minute investiga-

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tion of the same, we have arrived at the conclusion of recommending the proposal of Mr. James Mangan of Cork to the following effect - To construct and erect in the Town Hall of Drogheda a superior repeating Turret Chime Clock to strike the hours on one and chime the Quarters on two Bells for the sum of £77. 15.. 0. allowing for the materials in the Old Bell 10d. ℔ lb. for the materials in Old Clock Work 7½d ℔ lb. for Old Lead 1½d ℔ lb. - The new Clock to be ready for erection in the Tower of the Town Hall of Drogheda in six months from the date of Order to your favourable consideration, should you coincide in opinion with your Committee, We recommend that a Letter be written to Mr. Mangan requesting his attendance in Drogheda for the purpose of entering into full details and having his advice & opinion as to appropriate Bells and also as to the necessary alterations requisite to be made in the Tower, All of which your Committee certify as their report this 2nd. February 1846."

Signed / Pat.k Toman } Chairman.

Report of Paving

X A Report of the Paving Committee dated 20th. January 1846, having been read by the

Committee read and adopted.

Town Clerk. It was Ordered on the motion of Alderman Simcocks seconded by Councillor Byrne that this report be adopted and inserted on the minutes.

Copy Report.

The following is a Copy of said Report

"Your Committee having examined the Tenders of Felix Hanratty, Peter Delaney and Peter Carroll for the supply of Broken Stone, Sand and Paving Stone and after a minute examination your Committee have declared Peter Carroll Contractor for the above materials at the following prices, by Broken Stone at 1/7½ p. Ton, to be delivered in loads of 15 Ct. each, Sand 7½d p load of 15 Ct. each and Paving stone 10½d p load of 15 Ct. with the exception that the Corporation be at liberty to take any quantity of Broken stone they may deem proper from the Gate, and your Committee recommend that Bartholemew Collins and Francis Berill be accepted as Sureties for the fulfilment of the Contract all of which your Committee certify as their report this 20th. January 1846."

Signed/ Thos. Simcocks Chairman

Report of Finance

A Report of the Finance Committee dated 13th. January 1846. having been read,

Committee read and adopted.

Councillor Bellew moves and Councillor McEvoy seconds that this report be adopted and inserted on the minutes and the several accounts enumerated therein paid.

Copy Report

The following is a Copy of said Report.

13th. Jany. 1846

At a meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of passing accounts the following were examined and ordered to be paid viz.,

Present

The Mayor in the Chair

Ald. Rogers — J. C. Levins

T. C. Verdon — " " Drew

" " Keappach — " " "

Accounts.

Nº.				
1	Thos. Kelly amt. of his Account as Collect.	"	"	"
"	of County Cess, Ministers Money, Parish	"	"	"
"	Cess Attending Assessor in revision Court	"	"	"
"	and making Burgess Roll of 1845 13. 0. 0	"	"	"
"	Deducted as over charge 7. 0. 0	6	0	0
2	Jas. Hussey amt. of his Acct. as Collector of	"	"	"
"	Poor Rates making Burgess Roll 1845. 3. 0. 0	"	"	"
	Off. 0. 10. 0	2	10	0
3	Jas. Smyth amt. of his Acct. as Collector	"	"	"
"	Attending at Elections in Lawrence Gate Ward	1	0	0
	Patk. Boylan Chairman	£9	10	0

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Letter of Mr Tumalty read and referred to Building Committee.

A letter of Mr B. Tumalty having been read, praying that the Corporation would repair a small outhouse on his holding in Free school lane, was, on the motion of Alderman Toman seconded by Alderman Mathews, referred to the Building Committee for their consideration and report.

Councillor Bellew added to Committee of Economy and Ald. Mathews added to same.

It was moved by Councillor Keappock and seconded by Councillor Collins that Councillor Bellew be added to the Committee of Economy, it was also moved by Councillor Drew seconded by Councillor Kelly that Alderman Mathews be added to same, and the question upon said motions having been put from the Chair was agreed to.

J. C. Collins brings before Council the present inefficient state of Nightly Watch and moves it be referred to Council in Committee.

Town Councillor Collins brings before the Council the present inefficient state of the nightly Watch and moves that same be referred to the Council in Committee for their consideration, and Councillor Campbell having seconded said motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.

Memorial from inhabitants of Mill-mill lane read & referred to Paving Committee.

A Memorial from the Inhabitants of the Windmill lane complaining of the great scarcity of Water in that District and requesting that the Corporation would erect a public fountain for the use of the Inhabitants, having been read,

Also, Memorial from Inhabitants of the Dale read & referred to same.

It was moved by Councillor Campbell & seconded by Councillor Conway that the subject of this Memorial be referred to the Paving Committee for their consideration and report, Also the Memorial of the Inhabitants of the Dale praying that the Corporation would take into their kind consideration the dilapidated state of said place and remedy same having been read, It was moved by Councillor Collins seconded by Councillor Byrne that the subject of this Memorial be also referred to the Paving Committee and the question upon said motions having been put from the Chair, the references were agreed to.

Letter from Manager of Drogheda Gas Co.y read and referred to Finance Committee.

The Town Clerk then read a letter from the Managers of the Drogheda Gas Company requiring the sum of Two hundred Pounds on account for the lighting of the town, when Councillor Drew moved and Councillor Kelly seconded that the subject of this letter be referred to the Finance Committee for their inquiry and report and said question having been put from the Chair was agreed to.

Account of Thos. Woods read and ordered to be paid.

The Account of Thos. Woods claiming the sum of Six Pounds for cleansing the Quay, Quay lane, and North Strand, having been submitted to the Council, was, on the motion

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of Councillor Atkinson seconded by Councillor Byrne agreed to, and ordered to be paid.—

Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Campbell seconded by Alderman Mathews that an Advertisement be inserted in the Drogheda Newspapers and the General Advertiser stating that at the next adjourned meeting of the Council we proceed to Elect a Town Clerk, and that a Meeting of the Council in Committee be called for next Friday to define his duties and fix the amount of Salary.—

Advertisement to be inserted in Drogheda Newspapers & Gen.l Advertiser stating that Council will at next meeting proceed to elect a Town clerk.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday 16th. instant at the hour of 12 o'Clock.

Assembly adj.d to 16th. inst. at 12 o'Clock.

Pat.k Boylan
Mayor

adj.d Assembly 16th. February 1846

It an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 16th. day of February 1846.—

Present The Mayor—
4 Aldermen and 15 Councillors.

minutes read.

The minutes of the last day's proceedings having been read and approved of, were signed by His Worship the Mayor.—

Alderman Carty then moved, and Alderman Mathews seconded that the person elected to the office of Town Clerk shall attend personally from ten to four o'Clock each day, upon which a discussion arose and Town Councillor Atkinson moved as an amendment that the list of the Duties of Town Clk. as detailed in the printed document now before the Assembly be confirmed with the exception of the words "Legal", and Alderman Ennis having seconded said motion the question upon same was put from the Chair and carried on a division ten voting for the amendment and nine against it.—

list of duties of Town Clk, as detailed in printed form, confirmed, omitting the word "Legal"

The following is a Copy of said list of Duties as amended by the Council.—

Copy list of duties of Town Clk. as amended by Council

To attend by himself, or his Deputy, or Clerk, in the office provided for him by the Corporation, from ten to four o'Clock each day, to issue Summonses convening

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meetings of the Council both in Assembly and Committee as also meetings of the various Committees, to attend all Assemblies and enter the minutes thereof in the Rough Minute Book, and afterwards to transcribe same in an enlarged form into the Engrossed Minute Book, to examine and revise all reports emanating from the different Committees previously to their adoption at meetings of the Assembly, to prepare Drafts of any Memorials or Petitions ordered by the Council to be submitted to same, to discharge the various duties prescribed by the Statutes to be performed by the Town Clerk towards the annual preparation and revision of the Burgess Roll, as also the annual as well as occasional Election of Aldermen, Councillors, Borough and Ward Assessors, and Borough Auditors, to prepare and issue Advertisements for the Contracts required by the Corporation, to communicate with the Member of Parliament for the time being on all Municipal and other improvements required for the Borough, and aid him with all information useful and necessary towards the accomplishment of same, and to advise with and assist the Treasurer and other Officers of the Corporation on all questions which may arise in the course of performing the duties of their various Offices, to be responsible for the safe Custody of the Title Deeds, Leases, and all

Muniments of the Corporation, and generally to carry into effect the wishes of the Council as expressed in their resolutions, and consistent with the duties of his said Office, as well as to discharge the various duties incident to his Office as prescribed by the Statutes; for all of which he is to receive a Salary of £70 per annum. Security in the sum of £500 will be required.—

Alderman Toman then moved that the services of the present Town Clerks be dispensed with from and after this day, and Alderman Ennis having seconded said motion the question upon same was put from the Chair and carried unanimously.

services of present Town Clerks dispensed with from and after this day.

It was moved by Alderman Carty and seconded by Councillor Drew that the Town Clk. be elected for one year from this date, which question having been put from the Chair was accordingly agreed to.—

Town Clk. to be elected for one year from this date.—

Alderman Ennis then moved that Mr. Thomas Kelly Solicitor be elected Town Clk. of the Borough of Drogheda and Councillor McEvoy having seconded said motion the question upon same was about to be put from the Chair when Councillor Campbell moved that Mr. Michael Cunnian Junr. be elected Town Clk. and Alderman Mathews having seconded

Mr. Thos. Kelly proposed Town Clk.

Mr. M. Cunnian proposed Town Clk.

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this latter motion the Election was then proceeded with and the several Members of the Council present having been called and voted viva voce, there appeared for Mr. Thomas Kelly ____ 10 votes and for Mr. Brennan ____ 9 votes

Mr. Thos. Kelly elected Town Clk. by an majority one vote.

whereupon Mr. Kelly was declared by the Mayor to be elected Town Clk. by a majority of one vote, and he thereupon returned thanks to the Council.—

Councillor Atkinson gives notice

J. C. Atkinson gives notice of motion.

that he will, at the next adjourned meeting of the Council, move the adoption of a Petition by the Corporation praying the House of Commons to increase the present annual grant to the Royal Dublin Society for the payment of Lecturers to be sent to the Provinces.—

A Memorial from the inhabitants of Great Georges Street, Patrick Street, North Road, Windmill lane and the surrounding neighbourhood having been read, stating the very great inconvenience under which Memorialists laboured owing to the want of a supply of good water & praying that the Council would take their case into Consideration and have a Public Pump or fountain erected for the use of Memorialists, It was Resolved on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Councillor

Memorial from inhabitants of Great Georges St. Patrick St. North Road &c. read and refered to Paving Committee.

Atkinson that the subject of the Memorial now read be referred to the Paving Committee with instructions to comply with the prayer of same with as little delay as possible.—

Councillor Drew moved in which he was seconded by Alderman Carty that the Manager of the Drogheda Gas Company be paid the sum of £100 on account by the 20th. instant, and the question upon same having been put from the Chair was agreed to.—

Manager of Gas Comp.y to be paid £100 on account by 20th. instant.—

It was moved by Alderman Carty and seconded by Alderman Mathews that the Treasurer get leave of absence for One Week which motion was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Treasurer gets leave of absence for One Week.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 2nd. March at the hour of 12 O'Clock.—

Assembly adj.d to 2nd. March at 12 O'Clock.—

Jas. B. Boyle
Mayor

adj.d Assembly 2nd March, 1846.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen & Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 2nd day of March 1846.

Present The Mayor
5 Aldermen and 15 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last day's proceedings having been read and approved of, were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Letter from Mr D. Duffy read and referred to Building Committee.

A letter from Mr. Dominick Duffy having been read, praying that the Corporation would repair his holding in Laurence Street, was on the motion of Councillor Drew seconded by Councillor Finegan referred to the Building Committee for their consideration and report.

Draft Memorial on the subject of Irish Railways read and adopted

The Town Clerk having then read the Draft of a Memorial to Her Majesty on the subject of Irish Railways which he had prepared, It was Ordered that the Draft Memorial now read be received and adopted by the Council and that an Engrossment thereof be prepared by the Town Clk. with the Corporate Seal affixed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Home Department for presentation to Her Majesty.

The following is a Copy of said Memorial

Copy Memorial

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty

We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda beg leave to approach your Majesty with sentiments of devoted loyalty and fervent attachment - an attachment springing from a well-grounded conviction of your Majesty's sincere and anxious sympathy for the well-being and social advancement of this beautiful though unfortunate portion of your Majesty's Dominions.

We feel in common with a great majority of our fellow Countrymen that the backward state of Ireland, is in a great degree attributable to that system of Centralization which engrosses for England and its overgrown Capital the whole of the legislative and almost the whole of the executive departments of the state, but this evil is most glaring and apparent in the case of the investigations into the merits of the numerous Irish Railways now before both Houses of Parliament, - investigations entirely connected with local matters, and requiring local knowledge, and the aid and testimony of practical and experienced men who could readily devote their time and attention at a small expense, if those investigations were conducted on the spot, but who from the nature of their avocations and the value of time to them find it extreme ly inconvenient if not entirely impossible to attend in

in London when so required.—

We feel, moreover, that the vast expense of detaining witnesses there, as well as the great inconvenience to respectable and intelligent men, to spend their time in London away from their own pressing avocations deters them from attending there and also deters Capitalists from embarking in many projects of this sort, which would if undertaken tend, by the diffusion of Capital and the employment of the poor, to the peace and prosperity of this neglected Country.—

May it therefore please your Majesty to direct that measures be taken for the appointment of a well constituted board duly accredited by both branches of the Legislature to sit in Dublin or such other parts of Ireland as may be deemed advisable for the purpose of hearing evidence and reporting on the merits of the various Irish Railway Projects that now are or hereafter may come before the Houses of Parliament for adjudication.

In testimony whereof we have caused to be hereunto affixed our Common Seal at an adjourned Assembly held in the Assembly Room of the Thelsel of Drogheda on Monday the second day of March 1846.—

(Seal.) Pat.k Boylan, } Mayor.
Certified by, Thos. Kelly } Town Clk.—

T. C. Atkinson reads Draft Petition for an increased Grant to the Royal Dublin Society, adopted.

Town Councillor Atkinson then read the Draft of a Petition to the House of Commons which he had given notice on last day's meeting, and moves that it be adopted by this Assembly for presentation to the House, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto, and Town Councillor Verdon having seconded said motion the question upon same was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Copy Petition

The following is a Copy of said Petition

"To the Honorable the Commons of
"the United Kingdom of Great
"Britain and Ireland in Parliament
"assembled—

"The Petition of the Right Worshipful the Mayor
"Aldermen and Council of the Corporation of Drogheda
Respectfully Sheweth.

That, your Petitioners have witnessed with pleasure the beneficial results attending the Lectures in the Provincial Towns by the Professors sent out by the Royal Dublin Society, as such lectures are calculated to be of great benefit to this Country by conveying information and useful Knowledge to a hitherto almost total neglected class.—

That, your Petitioners are informed and believe that the grant heretofore made

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by government to the above Society was wholly inadequate to supply the demand for lecturers to the various Mechanics' Institutes in Ireland and that unless the increasing liberality of government be commensurate with the increasing demand for knowledge in Ireland those useful institutions must necessarily languish and the efforts of their Directors become paralyzed, a circumstance much to be deplored by every friend of education and public improvement.

That, under this impression your Petitioners most earnestly solicit your Honorable House to take the premises into Consideration with a view to granting such relief as to your Judgment may seem most desirable.

In testimony whereof we have caused to be hereunto affixed our Common Seal at an adjourned Assembly held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of Drogheda on Monday the second day of March 1846.

Seal, Patk. Boylan } Mayor

Certified by, Thos. Kelly } Town Clk.

Report of Finance Committee read & adopted.

A Report of the Finance Committee dated 2nd instant, having been read by the Town Clk. was on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Councillor Atkinson adopted and ordered

to be inserted on the minutes.

The following is a Copy of said Report

2nd March/46

Copy Report

At a meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of passing Accounts the following were examined and ordered to be paid viz.

Present

J. C. Levins	Ald. Carty
" " Drew	J. C. Brady
" " Atkinson	Ald. Mathews

Accounts

No.				
1.	William Campbell amt. of his Acct. for payments made on A/c. of labour done Weekly by Masons & Labourers and for sand & Stones as p Mr. Callan's returns for work done to Fish Market, Octr. 4th 1845, to 7th Feby. 1846	78	9	4½
2.	William Campbell amt. of his A/c. for payments made on Acct. of labour done Weekly by Masons, Labourers & Plasterers p Mr. Callan's returns for work done to Mayoralty House, from 2nd Augt. 1845, to Decr. 45	39	6	9
3	William Campbell amt. of his Acct. for Incident Bill from 18th Augt. to Decr. 17th 1845	2	6	6
4	Thos. Maguire amt. paid him & Eight men for attending Fire Engine, Feby. 20th/46	"	9	0
5.	Thos. Maguire amt. paid him & ten men for attending Fire Engine Working, 3 Jany. 46	"	5	6
6.	John Smith amt. paid him & five men for attend g. Fire Engine Working, 8th Jany. /46	"	3	0

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7.	James Doggett amt. of his Acct. for			
"	repairing Buckets for Fire Engine	"	"	"
8.	John Davis amt. of his Acct. for	"	1	8
"	sweeping Chimneys, Watch House	"	"	"
9.	John King amt. of his Acct. for	"	2	0
"	sand for Fish market	"	"	"
10.	John Davis amt. of his Acct. for	"	12	6
"	sweeping Chimneys, Court House	"	"	"
11	Owen Maguire amt. of his Acct. for	"	4	0
"	2 3/4 Tons of Coals supplied for use of	"	"	"
"	Mayoralty House during Mr. Tennant's	"	"	"
"	Mayoralty	2	0	4
12.	Capt. Potts amt. of his Acct. for 1	"	"	"
"	Ton of Coals for Mayoralty House	1	1	4
13.	Todd Laing & Co. for Hats for Town	"	"	"
"	Serjeants & Contract	3	1	10
	£	128	3	9½

Your Committee respectfully beg leave to recommend that in future no Accounts be paid by this Corporation or any of its Officers unless they have been previously examined and certified by your Committee.—

Signed, Edward Atkinson } Chairman.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 16th inst. at the hour of 12 O'Clock.— Thos Cauly

Assembly adj'd. to 16th instant at 12 O'Clock.

adj'd Assembly 16th March. 1846.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 16th day of March 1846.—

Present

3 Aldermen and 14 Councillors

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor, Alderman Carty was moved to the Chair.—

minutes read

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read and approved of, were signed by the Chairman.—

Petition of Widow Ryan read.

A Petition from Widow Ryan a native of Drogheda, praying that the Corporation would grant her an apartment in one of the Corporate houses now vacant in Free School lane, was read to the Assembly.—

Report of Committee of Economy read and adopted.

A Report of the Committee of Economy having been read by the Town Clk. It was moved by Alderman Matheus seconded by Councillor Campbell that the report now read be adopted and inserted on the minutes.—

Copy Report

The following is a Copy of said Report

"Your Committee having carefully examined the Treasurer's "Statement of the income and expenditure of the "Corporation, regret to find that for a considerable "time past, the latter has exceeded the former by a "large sum, and with a view to remedying this evil "in some degree, they submit the following as their

"report for the present, reserving to themselves liberty
"to present such further reports as occasion may
"require. — In the Cleansing Department your
"Committee have found that the system at present
"pursued involves an outlay far exceeding that of
"last year, without at the same time securing a
"greater degree of efficiency and they therefore
"strongly recommend the Council to return to
"their former mode of letting the cleansing of the
"streets in lotts as heretofore, by contract, for the
"residue of the year ending 1st January next, and
"your Committee also recommend a discontinuance
"of the Paving expenditure, as soon as the necessary
"works already ordered are completed, your Com-
"mittee having found that the expenses of
"both these Departments of Paving and cleans-
"ing for the half year from 28th August 1845 to
"28th February 1846, amounted to no less a sum
"than £396. 6. 7. —

"Your Committee further recommend that Mr.
"McCartneys Salary of £15 per Annum as Engine
"Keeper be discontinued from and after 25th
"instant, he being still required as Chief Constable
"to discharge the duty of Engine Keeper, and
"your Committee in conclusion beg to state that in
"order to relieve the Corporate estate from those charges
"they have directed the Town Clk. to communicate

"with Sir William M. Somerville for the purpose of
"having introduced into the Irish Municipal
"Amendment Bill about to be brought into the House
"of Commons by Government, provisions for lighting
"and watching the town, the Corporation to have the
"power of Assessing rates for those Purposes, All
"which your Committee Certify as their report this
"16th March 1846. —

Signed (Thos. Carty) Chairman.

Town Clk. reads letter from Patk. Boylan Esq. Mayor tendering his resignn. accepted.

The Town Clerk having then read
a letter from Patrick Boylan Esq. Mayor, tender-
ing his resignation, Councillor Keappock moves
that this resignation be accepted and the letter
inserted on the minutes, and Councillor Levins
having seconded said motion the question
thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to. —

The following is a Copy of said letter.

"To the Aldermen and Councillors
of the Corporation of Drogheda"

Copy letter from Mayor.

Gentlemen,

"I regret that the present state of
my health obliges me to resign the Office of Chief
Magistrate of this town, to which you so kindly
elected me." I am Gentlemen

Drogheda, Your Obedt. Servt.

16th March 1846 — Patk. Boylan"

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16th March 1846.

Council to elect a Mayor at next adjd. Assembly.

It was moved by Town Councillor Drew that at the next adjourned Assembly, the Council proceed to elect a Mayor of the Borough for the residue of the present Year terminating on the first of January next, and Town Councillor Bellew having seconded said motion, the question upon same was put from the Chair and passed.

Assembly adjd. to Monday 23rd. inst. at One O'Clock.

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Monday next the 23rd. instant at the hour of One O'Clock.

Patk. Fernan Chairman

adjd. Assembly 23rd. March 1846

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 23rd. day of March 1846.

Present

6 Aldermen and 15 Councillors

On the motion of Alderman Carty seconded by Town Councillor Byrne, Alderman Fernan took his seat as Chairman.

minutes read.

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read and approved of were signed by the Chairman.

Memorial from Messrs. Grendon & Co. read and referred to Building & Law Committees

The Town Clk. having read a Memorial from Messrs. Grendon and Company of the Drogheda Iron Works, calling the attention of the Council to the great annoyance and nuisance to which Memorialists and Persons coming to their Concerns were subjected by a Privy in an old lane adjoining their said Works at the terminus of the South Quay, that they were about erecting a new front to their Works and extending their Workshops in order to introduce a new branch of the Iron trade and thus employ a large number of persons, and praying the Council to permit them to run a wall parallel with Mr. Vernon's Salt Works to their Gate entrance and that they were willing

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to pay a fair rent for the portion to be inclosed, It was moved by Town Councillor Atkinson, seconded by Alderman Ennis that the subject of this Memorial be referred to the Building and Law Committees for their consideration and report which motion was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Memorial from Most Revd. Dr. Crolly Anne Walk, Cathe Coleman & Catharine Dardis, read

— and —

referred to Law — Committee —

The Memorial of the Most Revd. Dr. Crolly Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh, Anne Walk, Catharine Coleman, and Catharine Dardis of the Presentation Convent all Trustees on behalf of said Convent in Fair Street, having been read, stating that Memorialists for a great number of years have devoted their time and expended a portion of their income in bestowing the benefits of a moral and religious education on the Female Poor of Drogheda and its vicinity, and that in order to obtain more accommodation Memorialists had contracted with the Revd. Mr. Smythe for a sale of certain premises in Fair Street and Duke Street comprising the Female Poor School Houses, which Memorialists could not with prudence improve or rebuild (although in a very dilapidated state) unless Memorialists obtained an extended term of tenure, — that Memorialists have learned that said premises are held by lease along with others on the North side of Fair Street from the late Corporation to Alderman James Forde, for a

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term of 99 years from Easter 1775, who demised the aforesaid premises in possession of the Memorialists by lease to Revd. Barbazon Disney whose interest is now duly vested in Memorialists by Deed dated in Oct. last, that Memorialists have ascertained from Mr. Francis Forde the representative of Alderman James Forde his willingness to surrender the original lease on the terms of his obtaining from the Corporation a new lease of the premises on the North side of Fair Street still retained by him, being a portion of the premises demised by said original lease, and praying that the Council would by application to the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury obtain permission to accept surrenders of the interests of Mr. Forde and Memorialists under said lease and to grant to Mr. Forde a lease of his premises on North side of Fair Street for the residue of his term at the yearly rent of £2 Irish, and to the Memorialists as such trustees a lease of their premises on the South side of Fair Street and East side of Duke Street in Drogheda for a term of 200 years from first of May next, at the yearly rent of £2, and thus secure to the Female Poor of Drogheda and its neighbourhood, the advantages of a sound, moral and religious education, It was thereupon moved by Alderman Carty that the subject of this Memorial be referred to the Law Committee for their consideration and report and Town Councillor Brady having seconded said

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motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Report of Paving Committee read and adopted.

A Repat of the Paving Committee having been read by the Town Clk. Town Councillor Brady moves and Town Councillor Byrne seconds that this report be adopted and inserted on the minutes.—

Copy Report

"The following is a Copy of said report

"Your Committee having examined the neighbourhood of the Windmill lane and Sundays Gate with "a view of selecting two sites where Pumps might "be erected for supplying the inhabitants with water, "Your Committee, recommend that a trial be "made in a place on the East side of the North Road "adjoining Mr. Knagg's property where they have every "expectation that a good supply of Water might be "procured which would confer a great benefit to "the Inhabitants of Windmill lane and North Road "all of which your Committee Certify as their report "this 23rd. March 1846.—

Signed / Thos. Simcocks / Chairman

It was moved by Alderman Canty and seconded by Alderman Ennis, that Alderman James Mathews be elected Mayor of the Borough for the residue of the year ending on first of January next, and the question upon same having been put

Ald. Jas Mathews elected Mayor of the Borough for residue of the year.—

from the Chair passed unanimously, Whereupon Alderman Mathews returned thanks in suitable terms.—

Ald. Mathews returns thanks.

Previously to any other business being entered upon, Alderman Mathews, Mayor Elect, accompanied by the several Aldermen and Councillors proceeded to the Crown Court, and Alderman Mathews having taken the Oaths appertaining to the Office of Mayor and Justice of the Peace and also the Oath of Allegiance prescribed by the 10th. of George the Fourth, before Alderman Canty J. P. and signed a Declaration accepting the Office of Mayor, he then with the Aldermen and Town Councillors returned to the Assembly Room and took his seat as Chairman.—

Ald. Mathews with several Ald.n and Town Councillors proceed to Crown Court and takes Oaths appertaining to the Office of Mayor and Justice of Peace.

Resolved on the motion of Alderman Inman seconded by Alderman Canty. That the Treasr. do on the 25th. inst. and such subsequent period or periods as may be deemed necessary, demand possession from Mr. Joseph Holmes, of the House in West Street held by him under this Corporation and tenanted by Mr. William Campbell, and also of the land at Town Rath held by him under this Corporation pursuant to the notices to Quit heretofore served on him.—

Treasr. to demand possession from Mr. Jo. Holmes of House in West St. also of land at Town Rath.

The Assembly then adjourned to Tuesday the 14th. April next at the hour of 12 Oclock.—

Assembly adjd. to Tuesday 14th. April next.

James Mathews
Mayor.—

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adjd. Assembly 14th April 1846.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen & Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of Drogheda on Tuesday the 14th. day of April 1846.—

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen & 10 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last day's proceedings having been read and approved of, were signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Report of Paving Committee, read & adopted.

The following report of the Paving Committee having been read by the Town Clk. Alderman Pimcocks moves and Town Councillor Brady seconds that this report be adopted and inserted on the minutes of this days proceedings,—

Copy Report.

"Your Committee having examined several Tenders "for the cleansing of the Streets for the residue of the year "ending 1st January next, have declared the following "persons Contractors for the different lotts, viz, Peter "Green for lott 1. at the sum of £6.. 0.. 0, lott 2, for £10.. 0.. 0 "and lott 9, at a sum of £2.. 0.. 0, Richard Mullin for "lott 3, at £2.. 0.. 0, lott 5, £10.. 0.. 0, and lott 7 £10.. 0.. 0 "Patrick Moore for lott 4 £22.. 0.. 0, Thomas Barron for "lott 8, at £9.. 0.. 0, and H.B. Fairclough for lott 6, at "£11.. 5.. 0, making in all a sum of £112.. 5.. 0, and "your Committee have directed that each Contractor "should sign at foot of his Contract an undertaking, to "allow out of his stipend for cleansing, whatever fines, not "exceeding 5/- each time, may be inflicted by the Mayor or

"or summons, for their not duly performing their Con- "tract, which your Committee certify as their report this "30th. March 1846.—

Signed, "James Mathews Mayor"

T.C. Atkinson brings under the consideration of the Assembly the state of the Corporate Property in Free School lane.

Town Councillor Atkinson brings under the consideration of the Assembly his motion, notice of which he had given on last days meeting, relative to the Corporate Property situate in Free School lane, and moves that it be again advertised, on an early day, for building, on a plan to be approved of by the Building Committee, and Alderman Carty having seconded said, motion, the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Report of Law Committee read and adopted

A Report of the Law Committee relative to the Memorial submitted to the Council on the last day of meeting, from the Most Revd. Dr. Crolly Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh, Anne Wall Catharine Coleman and Catharine Dardis of the Presentation Convent, Fair Street, trustees on behalf of said Convent, having been read, It was moved by Alderman Carty and seconded by Town Councillor Verdon that this report be adopted and inserted on the minutes and that the necessary steps be taken forthwith for carrying out the recommendations of said report, which motion was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

The following is a Copy of said report

Copy Report.

"Your Committee having taken into consideration the "Memorial of the Most Revd. William Crolly Roman "Catholic Archbishop of Armagh, Anne Wall, Catharine

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Copy Report.

"Coleman, and Catharine Dardis of the Presentation
"Convent in Drogheda, Spinsters, Trustees on behalf of
"said Presentation Convent, which was referred by the
"last Assembly to your Committee for their examination
"and report, find that it is quite true as stated in said
"Memorial that the Society referred to, have, with a
"singular success, devoted their time and expended
"a portion of their income for a number of years back, in
"bestowing the benefits of a moral and religious education,
"in connection with the National Board of Education,
"on the Female Poor of Drogheda and its vicinity in a
"School House situate on the premises for which an
"extended term of lease is now prayed by said Memorial,
"and your Committee, feeling convinced, that there can
"be no more legitimate disposition of the Property under
"the control of the Corporation, than in promoting
"within proper limits, so important a public object, recom-
"mend that an application be made to the Lords of
"Her Majesty's Treasury, under the Provisions of the Irish
"Municipal Acts, for permission for the Corporation, to
"accept a surrender of Mr. Forde's interest under the
"lease from the late Corporation to Alderman James
"Forde, dated 4th. June 1777 referred to in said Me-
"morial, and to grant to the Memorialists as such
"trustees, for the purpose of erecting additional Schools
"thereon, a lease of their premises on the South side of
"Fair street and East side of Duke Street (as now in
"their possession) under an Assignment of a Lease
"made by said James Forde to Barbazon Disney

"dated 1st. August 1782) for a term of 200 years from
"1st. May next at the rent now payable by them therefor,
"and in the event of such permission being obtained,
"your Committee further recommend that a lease be
"granted to Mr. Francis Forde, as the Representative of
"said Alderman James Forde, of his premises on the
"North side of Fair Street for the residue of the term
"granted by the original lease, at the yearly rent of
"£2 Irish being the rent with which said premises
"are now properly chargable, the trustees paying the
"expenses of such application and of the Deeds and Leases
"consequent thereon, all which your Committee certify
"as their report this 14th. April 1846."

Signed, James Mathews 3 Chairman,

James Mathews.
Mayor.

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Gen.l Qy. Assembly 1st. May 1846.

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of Drogheda on Friday the 1st. day of May 1846.—

Present The Mayor

3 Aldermen and 10 Councillors

proceedings read

The minutes of the last day's Proceedings having been read and approved of were signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Account of the Gas Comp.y read and referred to Comm.tee

An Account of the Drogheda Gas Company, for lighting and repairing the lamps of the Borough from Sep.r last up to and for this date was submitted to the Assembly and referred to the Committee for their consideration and report.—

Memorial of Jas. McCartney read and referred to Council in Comm.tee

The Memorial of Mr. James McCartney Chief Constable having been read by the Town Clk. stating that Memorialist in the year 1840, was appointed by the late Corporation as their Fire Engine keeper at a Salary of £15 p. annum, the duties of which were entirely distinct from those of Chief Constable and Director of the Nightly Watch,— that he continued to discharge the duties of said Office at the aforesaid salary until the month of June 1843, when at a Vestry then held for the purpose of laying on an Assessment

for the payment of Mr. J. Connolly the then Parish Fire Engine keeper, a proposal was received and accepted from the Corporation, by the Parishioners of Saint Peters, to the effect, that the Corporation would take charge of the Parish Fire Engine and thereby relieve the Inhabitants from payment of the Salary.— that said arrangement was entered into and the Parish Fire Engine delivered up to the Council, the duties of which devolved upon Memorialist in addition to his being the keeper of the Corporation's own fire Engine, receiving no increase of Salary whatever:— that Memorialist so continued in said two-fold Office at said Salary of £15 p. Annum until by a vote of the Assembly held on the 16th. March last upon a recommendation of the Committee of Economy, Memorialist's Salary was ordered to be discontinued, he being still required to discharge the duties thereof by virtue of his holding the Office of Chief Constable.— that Memorialist respectfully submits to the consideration of the Council that inasmuch as the Office of Chief Constable and Director of the Nightly Watch has not, nor ever had, any connection with Fire Engine keeper, and, however it might appear to the Council that the duties of Fire Engine Keeper can be best discharged by the Chief Constable, yet, Memorialist respectfully submits, that it is rather too much to expect him to superintend and manage two Engines—

attend fires at all hours of the night - subject himself to heats and colds, and the other concomitants attendant upon the discharge of such duties, without receiving one farthing as salary for them - Under these Circumstances, Memorialist prayed that the Council would take his Case into consideration and order him a restoration of his Salary - It was then ordered that the subject of this Memorial be referred to the Council in Committee for their consideration and report.

Accounts by Rich.d Barron referred to Finance Committee

The Accounts of Rich.d Barron having been submitted, were read to the Assembly and referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr Benill's report read.

A Report from Mr. Benill Superintendent of the Paving Department, stating that part of the roof of the Corn Market required repairs, as also the Mayor's Office, Gate, and Weighing Box in same, and that a gutter was required for the spout of Mr. Staunges House - also that there were four large heaps of manure for sale at Sunday's Gate, together with other miscellaneous articles in the Market House, was read to the Assembly.

Petition of Richd. R. Hill read.

The Petition of Richd. R. Hill of Laurence Street having been read, drawing the attention of the Council to the state of the lane

or passage leading ××××××× from near Laurence's Gate to Bachelor's lane in which all sorts of nuisances are committed on the Sunday - that said lane is not of the slightest utility or advantage to the Public, not being a thoroughfare through which persons pass or repass, but totally unfrequented by the Inhabitants of the Borough, and that heaps of manure were allowed to accumulate in several parts of it - Petitioner therefore prayed that the Council would prevent any further nuisance in said lane, and keep the gate fronting Bachelor's lane constantly locked, Alderman Canty then moves, and Alderman Simcock seconds that the lower gate of the lane referred to in said Memorial be locked, and the Key thereof kept in the Town Clerk's Office, which motion was put from the Chair and agreed to.

T. C. McEvoy gives notice of motion.

Town Councillor Mr. Evoy gives notice, that at the next adjourned meeting of this Assembly, he will move that a Site be selected on the Corporate Property for pleasure grounds for the Inhabitants of the Borough.

Assembly adj.d to 18th inst. at 12 o'clk

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 18th. instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock.

James Matthews
Mayor

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adj.d Assembly 18th. May 1846

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thelsel of Drogheda on Monday the 18th. day of May 1846.—

Present The Mayor

3 Aldermen & 11 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read and approved of, were signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Report of Council in Comm.tee read and adopted.—

A Report of the Council in Committee on the subject of Mr. Jas. McCartney's Memorial, which had been presented on the last day of meeting, having been read by the Town Clk. was adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes, on the motion of Alderm.n Canty seconded by Town Councillor Bellew.

The following is a Copy of said report

Copy Report

"The Council having taken into consideration "the Memorial of Mr. James McCartney Chief "Constable referred to them sitting in Com- "mittee from the last assembly and which "prayed a restoration of his Salary as Fire "Engine Keeper, have by a majority of the "Voices of the members present, come to the "conclusion that taking into account the present "exhausted state of the Corporate Finances and "the small amount of duty to be performed by

"him as Chief Constable and for which he is so "liberally paid, it would not be expedient to "alter the decision already come to, on the "subject, by the Committee of Economy, and "accordingly We reconfirm and readopt their "report presented on 16th. March last and which "was then confirmed".— Dated this 18th. May 1846.

Signed,

James Mathews Esq.r Chairm.n.

Resolved, that the Mayor, Aldn.n Canty, Rogers and Simcocks with Town Councillors Keappock, Bellew & Mr. Evoy form a Comm.tee to select on the Corporate property a site for pleasure grounds for the Inhabitants.—

Town Councillor Mr. Evoy brings under the consideration of the Assembly his motion, notice of which he had given on the last day of meeting when. It was Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Mr. Evoy seconded by Alderm.n Rogers. That the Mayor, Aldermen Canty, Rogers and Simcocks, with Town Councillors Keappock, Bellew and Mr. Evoy be appointed a Committee to examine and report on the best site to be found on the Corporate Property for the laying out pleasure grounds for the Inhabitants.

T. C. Collins gives notice of motion.

Town Councillor Collins gives notice, that at the next adjourned assembly, he will move the necessity of making Public Baths for the use of the Inhabitants.—

Assembly adj.d to Monday 1st. June next at 12 O'Clk.—

There not being any other business for the consideration of the assembly, the same was adjourned to Monday 1st. June next at the hour of 12 O'Clk.—

James Mathews
Mayor.—

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adjt. Assembly 1st June 1846.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thelsel of Drogheda on Monday the 1st day of June 1846.—

Present The Mayor
1 Alderman & 9 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read and approved of, were signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Treasurer submits half yearly Account.

The Treasurer lays before the Assembly the half yearly Account ending 28th February last, same being ready for Auditing.—

Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Heapstock, seconded by Town Councillor Brady, That the Treasurer write to all persons in arrear for last Michaelmas rent, to the effect, that if these arrears are not paid on or before 15th instant, he has been instructed to hand them over to the Law Agents for recovery.—

Treasurer to write to all persons in arrear for last Michaelmas rent to be paid on or before 15th inst.—

T. C. Collins brings on his motion on the necessity of making Public Baths for the Inhabitants

Town Councillor Collins brings his motion under the Consideration of the Assembly the motion notice of which he had given on the last day of meeting, and moves that a Committee be appointed to provide Public Baths for the use of the Inhabitants of the Borough, and Town Councillor Walsh having seconded this

motion, the question was put from the Chair, and the several Members of the Council present having been called and noted viva voce, there appeared for Mr Collins's motion... Two, and against it..... Eight, whereupon the motion was declared by the Mayor to have been lost.—

T. C. Collins's motion lost.

Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Drew, seconded by Alderman Rogers, That the following five persons be appointed a Committee of this Corporation, to co-operate with the Committee appointed at the Public meeting held in Drogheda on the 25th ultimo, viz, Town Councillors Brady, Kelly, Collins and Bellew with the Town Clerk, and that they be instructed to see that the sum of £200 about to be expended by the Council is laid out on paving purposes.—

The following 5 persons as a Com.tee of the Council to Co-operate with the Com.tee appointed at the Public meeting held on the 25th ult. viz. T. C. Brady, Kelly, Collins & Bellew with the Town Clk. & see that the Corporate sum of £200 is laid out on Paving purposes

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Heapstock, seconded by Councillor Drew, That the Proprietors of the Iron Works be called on to remove forthwith from Graves lane the obstructions placed there by them, and to discontinue such nuisances in future.—

Proprietors of Iron Works to remove from Graves lane the obstructions p.d there by them.—

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 15th instant at the hours of 12 o'Clock.—

Assembly adjd. to 15th inst. at 12 o'Clk

James Matthews.
Mayor

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adjd Assembly 15th June 1846.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of Drogheda on Monday the 15th day of June 1846.—

Present The Mayor
One Alderman & 8 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read and approved of, were signed by His Worship the Mayor.—

Memorial from Inhabitants of Shop St. Laurence st. Neighbourhood read,

A Memorial from the Inhabitants of Shop street Laurence street and the neighbourhood complaining of the state of the lane leading from Bachelors lane to Bessewell lane as highly offensive to persons frequenting that locality but more particularly to the respectable Congregations visiting the adjoining Places of Worship, and praying that the Corporation would prevent such nuisances in future by erecting Iron Gates at both ends of said lane, having been read, It was Resolved on the motion of Alderman Carty, secondedly Town Councillor Brady, that the subject of this Memorial be referred to the Building Committee with a request that they report to the next meeting of the Council the most eligible sites for two privies to be erected on the North side of the River.—

and referred to, Building Comtee.

Memorial from Ministers Stewards and Congregation of Wesleyan Methodists in Drogheda read.

A Memorial from the Ministers, Stewards and Congregation of Wesleyan Methodists in Drogheda, having been read, stating that the Corporation had been pleased to grant to Memorialists a plot of ground for the erection of a Sunday and Day School to be in connexion with the Wesleyan Methodist Society pursuant to certain trusts in said grant mentioned, that the Solicitor of the Council having been instructed to prepare leases in accordance with the terms of said grant, a draft of same was prepared and submitted for the consideration of Memorialists, that one condition of said grant was, that upon the ground so demised the contemplated buildings should be erected within two years, that Memorialists having recently expended a very large sum of money on their Chapel Premises, which sum was obtained as well from private contributions as from public collections, they cannot indulge the hope of being able to execute the works within the prescribed time, and praying that the Council would be pleased to expunge the clause limiting the time for the erection of said buildings to two years altogether, or

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so to extend that period as that they may be enabled to carry out the objects of the trust without pecuniary embarassments. It was then Ordered on the motion of Alderman Carty, seconded by Town Councillor Kelly, that the term for building on the premises about to be granted and mentioned in said Draft Lease be extended to 5 years from 29th Sept. 1845.—

Memorial of Mr Levins Mace Bearer & Mayor's Clerk, read, and referred to Council in Committee.—

The Memorial of Michael Levins Mace Bearer and Mayor's Clerk, having been read, praying the Council under the circumstances therein stated to continue the increase of £15 added to his former Salary notwithstanding the extension of the Mayor's Jurisdiction, and to order the Treasurer to pay him the sum of £15.10.0 due him as Mace Bearer on the first of July next, It was moved by Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor M'Evoy, that the subject of this Memorial be referred to the Council in Committee for their consideration and report which motion was put from the Chair & agreed to,

Assembly adjd. to Wednesday 1st. July, at 9 o'Clk. P.M.

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Wednesday 1st July next, at the hour of 9 o'Clk. A.M.—

James Matthews, Mayor

adjd. Assembly 1st July 1846.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of Drogheda on Wednesday the 1st. day of July 1846, among other matters to nominate out of the Aldermen or Councillors a fit person to be Mayor for the ensuing year pursuant to the 35th. Bye law of the Council.—

Present, The Mayor.
5 Aldermen & 12 Councillors

minutes read.

The minutes of the last day's proceedings having been read and approved of, were signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Alderman Carty then moved that Alderman Mathews the present Mayor be nominated Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year; and Alderman Fernan having seconded this motion, the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried unanimously, Whereupon Alderman Mathews returned thanks.—

Ald. Mathews the present Mayor nominated Mayor for the ensuing year.

Ald Mathews returns thanks.

Resolved, on the motion of Ald. Fernan seconded by Alderman Carty, That the Treasurer do pay to the Poor Relief Committee of this town the sum of £200, already voted by this Corporation, same to be expended

Treasurer to pay Poor Relief Committee £200, for employment of the Poor.—

in labour and employment of the Poor in improving the Streets and lanes of the Borough, and that the Mayor affix the Corporate Seal to a Copy of this resolution and transmit same to the Secretary of the Poor Relief Commissioners.—

There not being any other business for the consideration of the Assembly, the same was adjourned to Monday the 13th. instant at the hour of 12 o'Clock.—

Assembly adj.d to 13th. instant at 12 o'Clock.—

James Mathews, Mayor.

adj.d Assembly 13th July. 1846.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of Drogheda on Monday the 13th day of July 1846.—

Present The Mayor

3 Aldermen & 5 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read and approved of, were signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

The Town Clerk hereupon read

Letter & receipts of Mr. M.c Levins read and deferred to Gen.l Q.r. Assem.y

a letter and account of Receipts furnished him by Mr. Michael Levins Mace Bearer and Mayors Clerk in compliance with an order of the Council sitting in Committee on 10th. instant, when it was Ordered that the subject thereof should be deferred to 3rd. August next on which day there would be a General Quarterly Assembly of the Council.—

The Town Clk. also read a list

List of leases expiring at Michas next. read and

of leases about to expire at Michaelmas next, furnished him by the Treasurer,

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deferred to next Gen.l Q.r Assembly

when it was Ordered that the subject be deferred to 3rd. August next, on which day the appointement of a Committee to value the lands and to report as to the best mode of letting same would take place.—

Friday, 31st. inst. for perambulating the Boundaries.—

Ordered that Friday the 31st. instant, at the hour of 10 Oclock A. M. be appointed for perambulating the Boundaries of the Borough.—

James Matthews
Mayor

3rd August 1846.

Gen.l Q.r Assembly 3rd Aug.t 1846

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of Drogheda on Monday the 3rd. day of August 1846.—

Present The Mayor
4 Aldermen and 12 Councillors.

minutes read.

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read and approved of, were signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Reports of Finance Comm.tee read & adopted

The following reports of the Finance Committee having been read by the Town Clk. were adopted on the motion of Alderman Ennis seconded by Town Councillor Collins and the several accounts therein enumerated ordered to be paid.—

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At a Meeting of the Council in Committee the following Accounts were examined and ordered to be paid. Viz,

Present.

The Mayor in the Chair

Ald.	Rogers	J.C.	Conway
J.C.	Crolly	"	Conally
"	Kelly	"	Bellew
"	Collins	"	Levins

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	No.				
Accounts	1	Michael Callan Amount of his Account for Carpenter Work to Mayoralty House, Fish Market & Crane House	30	13	9
	2	Thomas Carty amt. of his Acct. for Timber, Slates for Chief Constables House, Mayoralty House, Fish market and Crane House	68	9	2
	3.	Thos. Woogan Amt. of his Acct. repairing House, Free School Lane,	0	3	0
	4	Thos. Woogan amt. of his Acct. repair. of roof of Manager's House, Fair street, and Market House	1	12	10
	5	Jos.h M.cLoughlin for lime. Fish Market and Mayoralty House	6	13	4
	6	Jos.h M.cLoughlin amt. of his Acct. for lime, Fish Market	0	9	11
	7	Rob.t Daly amt. of his Acct. for Clothing for Watchmen and Town Serjeants pr Contract	28	3	5½
	8	Geo. Kenaggs amt. of his Acct. for repair.g Public Pumps for 1/2 yr. to Sep.r 145. pr Contract	9	5	0
	9	E. Maguire amt. of her Acct. for clean.g Mayoralty House rooms after Workmen	0	13	0

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	No.				
Accounts	10	Owners of Brig Unity amt. of their Acct. for 1 Ton Coals for Mayoralty House	0	17	4
	11	James Davis amt. of his Acct. for sweeping Chimneys, Watch House	0	1	0
	12	John Smith amt. of his Acct. for making Maps of Line of Railway. Belfast Warran Branches for use of Corporation, attending in Dublin to make a Copy of Comp.y's Map.	6	0	0
	13	John Stuart for inspecting Lamps 1 year	5	0	0
	14	James Reilly & others amt. of their Acct. for attending Fire engine at Fire in Mr. Wills Laurences st.	0	4	0
	15	James Maguire & others for attend.g Fire Engine at Fire in Mr. Clinton's House, Eyre st.	0	3	0
	16	Pat.k Brennan amt. of his Acct for rep.g locks of Mayor's Office & hanging Bell. Watch House.	0	8	10
		Signed, James Mathews, Ch.r	£	158	17 7½

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At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of passing Accounts the following were

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examined and ordered to be paid. viz,

Present

The Mayor

Ald. Ennis . J. C. Keapock

" . Drew

Ald. Ennis in the Chair.

	N°				
Accounts	1	Pat. Boylan amt. of his Acct. for Timber & Bricks for Mayoralty House	28	7	0½
	2	P. Boylan amt. of his Acct. for Timber & Bricks for repair. of Fish Market	23	7	8
	3	Geo. Scraggs amt. of his Acct. for Plumbing Work &c. for lead, by Contract. for Mayoralty House.	65	13	10
	4	James Dinneny amt. of his Acct. for making Plan & Specification for Piers on New Quay Nos. 1 & 5.	2	0	0
	5	John Kent amt. of his Acct. for painting & Repair. Mayoralty H.	5	1	1
	6	John Kent amt. of his Acct. for painting Fish Market	6	0	0
	7	R. Laidlaw & Son amt. of their Acct. for Lustres for Mayoralty House	30	0	0
	8	F. W. Leland amt. of his Acct. for Slates for Mayoralty House	1	19	4½

	N°				
Accounts	9	Owen Boyle amt. of his Acct. for Roman Cement for Mayoralty House	1	8	11
	10	Richd. Flinn amt. of his Acc. for Iron Work done to Fish Market and Mayoralty House &c.	11	1	2½
	11	Jas. Byrne amt. of his Acc. being a Balance of his Acc. for the erection of Piers on New Quay	10	9	0
	12	Thomas Hammond amt. of his Acc. for supplying Cut Stone & Stone Cutters to work at Mayoralty House	66	1	6
	13.	John Kent amt. of his Acc. for cleansing Windows. Court House &c.	2	1	6
	14	John Kent amt of his Acc. for Painting Chief Constables House. Watch House &c. &c.	5	6	4
	15	R. Barron amt. of his Acc. for Sundry Articles of Ironmongery for Mayoralty House &c. &c.	14	5	4

£ 283. 2. 9½

Signed,

Thomas Ennis Chairman.

The Petition of James Watson one of the Serjeants at Mace. having been read.

Petition of Jas. Watson read.

stating that his Worship the Mayor had suspended him in consequence of the sworn statement made before him in his Court of Conscience on the eighth of July last by a person of the name of John Connolly, whose mother was plaintiff in a certain cause which had been then decided by his Worship, wherein one Martin Hynes was Defendant, and in which said cause an order was obtained against the said Defd. for the amount of the sum claimed to be due the Pltf, which was ten pence, but which order the said John Connolly retained in his possession for a period of three weeks without taking out any attachment for the arrest of the Defd.- that after the expiration of the above mentioned period of three weeks, he the said Connolly handed Petitioner the order with the attachment for the purpose of executing same,- that accordingly Petr. proceeded to the Defd. with the said order and attachment and demanded of him the amount therein specified which he was not then able to pay, but said he would be able to do so the next day,- that

Petitioner in consequence of such promise, suspended the execution of said warrant or attachment, and the Petr. at the expiration of three days from the time the said attachment had been issued, obtained the amount of the Debt with the costs of the summons, order and attachment,- that Petr. felt it right to admit the correctness of the statement made by said John Connolly, and all he now wished to put forward in his own defence of his conduct was, that he had acted in ignorance,- for the amount of the order in the first instance should have been demanded previously to the issue of the attachment, but he Petr. was led to believe that the amount of the order had been demanded before he had got the attachment into his possession to execute, that he did not put this reason forward for the purpose of justifying his conduct, but merely to shew that he had acted through ignorance-, that Petr. had a large and helpless family depending solely on him for support and had no

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means of providing for them except his Salary and the perquisites derived therefrom, and by which, with economy, he had been enabled to supply their wants and bring them up in a decent manner, that Petitioner's Father had been a Serjeant at Mace for thirty two years, and he is now himself Fifteen years in same office, that he is advanced in years and declining in health and consequently unfit to follow any other avocation or business, - that should he be dismissed it would be the cause of throwing himself and family unprovided for upon the world, and trusting upon the discretion and prudence of the Council, he left himself and family to their generosity and mercy, and should he be restored to his situation, undertook to attend strictly to his duties and obey with exactness whatever commands and orders he might receive from time to time, and that such his misconduct would be a caution to him in future in the discharge of his duty. -

Mr. Levins's statement

His Worship the Mayor hereupon read a statement handed in by Mr. Levins, Mayor's

ment showing the cause of Watson's suspension

Clerk showing the cause of his (Watson's) suspension, and which statement is as follow, viz, that he (Mr. Levins) on 6th June 1846, issued a summons to Eleanor Connolly against Martin Hynes for the value of a pane of glass for which his Worship the Mayor ordered ten pence with three pence cost, that on the eighth of June, John Connolly son of Eleanor Connolly got the order for payment, that on the 24th June, John Connolly son of said Eleanor Connolly and her Agent in this transaction sent a person for the attachment which he (Mr. Levins) gave him as the 14 days were expired, adding the cost of attachment nine pence, that the Defendant Martin Hynes when arrested, complained that he was not shewn the order for payment until the moment of his arrest, and stated that he was at all times ready to pay the money if demanded, that when John Connolly was charged with this irregularity and misstatement, he said that James Watson Town Serjeant had desired him to tell Mr. Levins that he had shown the

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order to Deft. Martin Hynes a fortnight previously to the time of issuing the attachment, which statement John Connolly confirmed on oath in his (Mr. Levins') presence in the Mayor's Court on Wednesday the eighth of July last, Whereupon his Worship the Mayor suspended James Watson from acting as Town Serjeant until the Council should determine what further Proceedings should be taken in the matter towards him, It was then Resolved, That the case of James Watson be left in the hands of his Worship to do with him as he may think proper under the circumstances; at the same time, recording the opinion of the Council that his conduct has been very reprehensible, and that a repetition of such on his part will assuredly lead to his dismissal.—

James Watson's case left in the hands of the Mayor.—

A Memorial was read from Mr. Henry Clarke of Linen Hall street, complaining of the waste ground between Mrs. Richardson's Garden Wall and the West side of the Linen Hall as a repository for nuisances and a place frequented by immoral Characters,

Memorial of Mr. Henry Clarke of Linen Hall street.

read,

and that as the front of Mrs. Richardson's House commands the whole of this waste ground the residence is rendered most disagreeable, and Memorialist suggested it might be enclosed at a very trifling expense by building two shade Walls, and that he was willing to give a reasonable rent for the part so enclosed, his object being to remove from the residence of a respectable family a nuisance so indelicate and objectionable, It was then moved by Town Councillor Collins seconded by Town Councillor M'Evoy, that the subject of this Memorial be referred to the Building Committee for their consideration and report which motion was put from the Chair and agreed to:—

and referred to Building Committee.

The following report of the Buildg Committee dated 3rd instant, having been read, was, on the motion of Town Councillor Kelly seconded by Town Councillor Bellew, adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes,

Report of Building Committee, read and adopted

"Your Committee having examined
"several Accounts for Building and repairing
"the property belonging to the Corporation which

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"have been signed on behalf of the Committee
"by your Chairman, and they also beg to re-
"port in favor of the necessity of erecting a
Copy Report, "small Privy in the Corner of the yard occu-
"pied by Mr. Tunnaltè and the stopping up
"of the communication into the adjoining
"premises, for his accommodation, and
"that the Tarpolins lately used by the Corpo-
"ration for the use of Mayoralty House be
"sold by Auction, Which your Committee
"certify as their report this 3rd. August 1846.-

Signed, "Thos. Simcocks" Chairman

Assembly adjd. to 24th inst.- The Assembly then adjourned to Monday 24th. inst. at the hour of 12 o'Clock.-

Mich. Rogers Chairman.

adjd. Assembly 24th Augt. 1846

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of Drogheda on Monday the 24th. day of August 1846.-

Present

3 Aldermen and 13 Councillors.-

minutes read

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read and approved of were signed by the Chairman.-

Ald. Rogers in the Chair.-

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Rogers was moved to the Chair.-

Memorial from Mr. Alex. McCaul read

The Town Clerk hereupon read a Memorial from Mr. Alexander McCaul of the City of Dublin Gentleman, the only surviving Grandson of the late John McCaul of Drogheda Merchant stating that the Corporation of Drogheda and the Proctors of Saint Johns, demised to the late William Holmes Parks of Land at Yellow Batter and Blackbush for 61 years from Michaelmas 1785,- that the Executors of said William Holmes conveyed their interest in said lands to the said John McCaul who by his last Will and Testament appointed his only surviving sons Alexander and Samuel his sole Executors, who obtained Probate of said Will and afterwards died,- that Memorialist was the only surviving son of said Alexander, that said Samuel died without Issue and that all the said Parties were Free Members

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of the Corporation of Drogheda, and Memorialist prayed a renewal of said lands on the usual terms, upon which Memorial no motion was made by the Council, some of the Members expressing their opinion that Mr. McCaul should be left to the assertion of his rights, if any he had.—

no motion made,

An Account from Richard Mullin as Contractor for cleansing certain streets of the Borough, was read and ordered to be paid on the motion of Alderman Simcocks, seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.—

Account of Richd. Mullin read and ordered to be paid.

The Town Clk. having read a letter from the Drogheda Gas Company requesting payment of their account furnished up to the first of May last, It was Ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Kelly seconded by Alderman Rogers that they be paid the sum of £200 on account.—

letter read from Gas Compy.- to be paid £200 on account.—

Ordered on the motion of Councillor Levins seconded by Councillor Bellew, that Messrs. His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Town Councillors Drew, Bellew and Kelly be appointed a Committee to treat with the Drogheda Gas Company to light the town for the ensuing year.—

Committee appointed to treat with Gas Compy. for lighting the town for ensuing year.—

Resolved, on the motion of Alderman Carty seconded by Councillor Walsh, That all the Corporate Property out of lease at Michaelmas

Corporate Property out of lease at

Michaelmas and Easter next to be advertised for letting.

and Easter next be advertised in the Drogheda Newspapers for letting and that Messrs. His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Carty and Rogers, with Town Councillors Campbell, Reapprock, Collins, Kelly and Bellew ascertain and direct the Town Clk. as to the best mode of letting same and in what lots and for what terms of years.—

Old House at Laurence Gate to be taken down and materials sold.—

Town Councillor Reapprock moves and Town Councillor Byrne seconds, that the Old House at Laurence Gate be forthwith taken down and the Materials sold which motion was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Paving Committee to have a foot path made on the Strand road from Captain Honey's Garden (West end) to the town leading to Green Hills.—

Moved by Alderman Carty and seconded by Councillor Campbell, that the Paving Committee be requested to have a foot path made on the Strand road from the West end of Captain Honey's Garden to the town leading to Mr. Inman's at Green Hills, on the mode which may to them seem best, and that in doing so they act in conjunction with the Relief Committee.—

Committee appointed to revise the charges for weighing at the Town Crane, and to advertise the lofts over same for letting.—

Ordered on the motion of Alderman Carty, seconded by Councillor Connolly that Messrs. Reapprock, Levins, Byrne & Verdon be appointed a Committee to revise the charges for weighing at the Town Crane, and that they report thereon to the Council, and also that they advertise the lofts over the Town Crane for letting.—

Assembly adjd. to 21st Sept. next at 12 Oclock.—

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 21st. September next at the hour of 12 Oclock.—

James Mathews Mayor.

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21st September 1846.

Adjd Assembly 21st Sept. 1846.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of Drogheda on Monday the 21st day of September 1846.—

Present The Mayor
2 Aldermen & 10 Councillors

minutes read.

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read and approved of, were signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

letter read from Mr. Mc. Levins.

The Town Clerk then read a letter from Mr. Michael Levins of West street, stating that owing to the great scarcity of water in his neighbourhood, he had given to the Public the liberty of obtaining water from his pump by opening a passage in Stockwell lane to his yard, that said pump required some repairs owing to the great demand for water, and suggesting to the Council the propriety of appointing a person to examine the pump and report whether it would be more expedient to repair same or erect a new pump for the use of the Public.—

letter read from Messrs. Woolsey Jameson & Co.

A letter was also read from Messrs. Woolsey Jameson & Company of the Distillery addressed to his Worship the Mayor, and stating that they would be obliged in a month or six weeks to prevent the Public from obtaining

water from the cistern in their yard, and calling the attention of the Council to the necessity of repairing the pipes from Tubberboyce where there is a large supply of water going to waste which could be made available if the pipes were in proper order.—

Report of Mr Berill on the subject of pipes leading from Tubberboyce to the Bridge, read

A Report from Mr. Berill Superintdt. of the Paving Department having been read, stating that the inhabitants of the town were unjustly deprived of the water coming from Tubberboyce in consequence of some of the Flax Mills having pipes conveying the water from the main pipe, for their own private use, and suggesting the necessity of having the main pipe examined, from the town to Tubberboyce. It was then Resolved, on the motion of Alderman Sinnocks seconded by Town Councillor Byrne. That Mr. Berill be instructed to have the pipes leading from Tubberboyce to the Bridge examined and repaired where necessary under the superintendence of the Paving Committee.—

Mr. Berill to have pipes examined and repaired where necessary—

Petition of Watch Constables, read

A Petition was read from the Watch Constables of the Borough complaining of the scarcity of Provisions and the consequent rise thereon, and stating that Petitioners suffered a great deal of fatigue in the discharge of their duties as well as having additional duty to perform for some time past, and praying the Council would

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advance their salary in the present season of famine and distress, Town Councillor Collins then moves and Town Councillor Bellew seconds that the subject of this Petition be referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report.—

and referred to Finance Committee.

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Bellew seconded by Alderman Carty, That a Committee of seven persons be appointed to take into consideration the best means of furnishing this town with a sufficient supply of good water and that they be empowered to employ a competent Engineer to aid them in their inquiry and report thereon with the least possible delay, and that Messrs. The Mayor, Carty, Simcocks, Verdon, Bellew, Kelly & Drew form a Committee for this purpose.—

Committee appointed to consider the best means of furnishing the town with a sufficient supply of good water with power to employ a competent Engineer to aid them in same.

The following report of the Town Crane Committee having been read, was adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes, on the motion of Town Councillor Collins, seconded by Town Councillor Keappock,

Report of Town Crane Committee read & adopted

"In pursuance of a resolution passed at an "adjourned Meeting of the Council held on the "24th. August last, Your Committee have revised "the charges for weighing at the Town Crane and "have fixed upon the following which they

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"recommend for adoption by the Council, viz.,
"For every Draft weighed in the Scales under "1 Cwt. weight, (to include the Taxes of Drays, "Carts, Cars &c. with a Crane note of the weights) £0. 0. 0½
"Exceeding 1 do. do. - - - - - - 0. 0. 1
" 3 do. do. - - - - - 0. 0. 2
" 10 do. do. - - - - - 0. 0. 3
" 20 do. do. - - - - - 0. 0. 4

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"For every Draft weighed by the Weighing "Machine, under 10 Cwt. (including as aforesaid) £0. 0. 2
"Exceeding 10 Cwt. do. do. do. - - - 0. 0. 3
" 20 Cwt. do. do. do. - - - 0. 0. 4

And your Committee have authorised "the Treasurer to let the Loft over the crane to Mr. "Michael Crinnian from first September instant "to first May next at the rate of £10 per Annum "All which your Committee certify as their report "this 21st. September 1846.—

Signed, Anthony Keappock } Chairn.

The Treasurer then read a statement of his rent Accounts.—

Treasurer reads a statement of his accounts.

Town Councillor Kelly makes a statement on the subject of the New Town Clock.

T. C. Kelly makes statement relative to New Town Clock.

A letter having been read from Mrs. Stanage Caretaker of the Corn Market, calling the attention of the Corporation to the state of the

Letter read from Mrs. Stanage

to

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referred to Building Committee.

Market House requiring repairs, was referred to the Building Committee on the motion of Councillor Collins seconded by Aldermen Carty.—

Memorial of Patk. Weldon read,

The Memorial of Patrick Weldon, stating that Memorialist was employed for the last two years at the Public Crane for weighing goods at a Salary of six Shillings per week, which he now found wholly inadequate for his support, and praying the Council to make an increase in same, was read and

and referred to Finance Committee

referred to the Finance Committee on the motion of Councillor Collins seconded by Councillor Kelly.

Memorial of Town Serjeants read,

A Memorial from the Serjeants at Mace, stating that they had not received great Coats for the last five years and requesting the Council to grant them same, was read by the Town Clerk, upon which

no motion made.

Memorial no motion was made by the Assembly.

Meeting adjd. to 5th October next at 12 O'Clock.

The Meeting at its rising adjourned to Monday 5th. October next at the hour of 12 O'clock.—

James Matthews
Mayor.

5th. October 1846

adjd. Assembly 5th Oct. 1846

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thelsel of Drogheda on Monday the 5th. day of October 1846.—

Present The Mayor
2 Aldermen & 10 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read and approved of, were signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Report of Finance Comm.e read & adopted

The following report of the Finance Committee having been read by the Town Clerk was adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes on the motion of Town Councillor Koappock seconded by Town Councillor Verdon.—

"Your Committee having examined
"into the matter of the Memorial of the Nightly Watch-
"men referred to them from last Assembly, beg
"leave to recommend to the Council an increase
"of the present number to ten to continue to 25th.
"March next, such additional Sixmen to be
"furnished with great Coats and Hats, Which
"Your Committee certify as their report this 5th.
"October 1846.

Signed, James Matthews Chairman.

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The Town Clk. then read a letter from Mr. Ralph Smyth relative to Mr. Mc. Loughlin the present occupying tenant of the lands of Hacklin stating that he Mr. Mc. Loughlin had held said

Town Clk. reads letter from Mr. Ralph Smyth.

to

5th October 1846.

lands under him (Mr. Smyth) as a good and satisfactory tenant and punctual in the payment of his rents, and that whatever tenant right he (Mr. Smyth) might be considered possessed of as being the immediate tenant of this Corporation he thereby made over to him.—

J. C. Collins brings on subject of Crane Keepers Salary.—

Town Councillor Collins brings before the consideration of the Council the subject of the present Crane Keepers Salary with the view of making an increase in same.—

Messrs. Atkinson and Morton attend on behalf of Gas Co.y & submit a proposal for Lighting the Borough.

Messrs. Atkinson and Morton attend on behalf of the Gas Company and promise to remedy the complaints made of the badness of the Gas and submit a proposal for lighting the Borough for the ensuing year.—

J. C. Collins gives notice of motion

Town Councillor Collins gives notice that he will, at the next adjourned meeting of the Council, move that the Watch Constables wages be increased from 1/- to 1/3d. per night.

Assembly adj.d to 16th inst. at 12 o'Clock.—

There not being any other business for the consideration of the Assembly; the same was adjourned to Friday 16th. instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock.—

James Mathews
Mayor

adj.d Assembly 16th Octr. 1846.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thols.d of Drogheda on Friday the 16th. day of Octr. 1846.—

Present the Mayor
2 Aldermen & 9 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read and approved of were signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

J. C. Collins brings on his motion to increase wages of watchmen to 1/3 per night.

Town Councillor Collins brings his motion under the consideration of the Assembly notice of which he had given on the last day of meeting, and moves that the Wages of the Nightly Watchmen be increased to 1/3d. per night, and Alderman Sincocks having seconded this motion, the question was put from the Chair, and the several Members of the Council present having been called and voted viva voce, there appeared for Mr. Collins' motion ..... three and against it ..... seven

motion lost

Whereupon the motion was declared by the Mayor to have been lost.—

Report of Lighting Committee read, adopted & ordered to be inserted in the minutes.

The following Report of the Lighting Committee was read and adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes on the motion of Town Councillor Keappock seconded by Town Councillor Verdon.—

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"Your Committee beg leave to report that they

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have received from the Drogheda Gas Company the following offer.—

Drogheda Gas Works, 5th. Oct. 1846.

Messrs. the Corporation
of Drogheda

Gentlemen,

We propose supplying Gas, lighting and repairing the street lamps in the Parishes of Saint Peters and Saint Marys Drogheda, from the 6th. instant till the 30th. day of April 1847, for three Pounds ten shillings per lamp, each lamps to be supplied with a batwing burner that emits three Cubic feet of gas per hour, — lighting to be completed each evening one hour after sunset and putting out to commence each morning one hour and a quarter before sunrise; should any lamps remain without light, then the quantity of gas such lamps would have consumed, if lighted, shall be taken off the account at the rate of 7/6d. per thousand Cubic feet, — Any Complaints you may have to make shall be communicated immediately in writing addressed to the Directors of the Drogheda Gas Company at the Gas Office. — You shall pay us the balance of our account furnished upon the first day of November next and the current seasons lighting by instalments as follow, £100 upon the first of January 1847, £100

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upon the first of March 1847, £100 upon the first of May 1847, and the balance of Account upon the first of July 1847, and in the event of any instalment not being paid at the time specified, then interest at the rate of six per Cent per annum will be charged till such instalment be paid

We are most respectfully yours
The Drogheda Gas Comp.y
R. O. McKeown, Manager.

"Your Committee considering this proposal fair "and satisfactory recommend it for adoption by "the Council, which we certify as our report this 16th. "Oct.r. 1846, Signed, Mich.l Rogers Chairman

Building Comm.tee to hang up New Lustres in Mayoralty House and advertise and sell old ones.—

Ordered, on the motion of Councillor Lewins seconded by Councillor Walsh, that the Building Committee be directed to hang up the new Lustres in the Mayoralty House and have the old ones advertised and sold, and also that they do whatever other repairs to the House may be considered absolutely necessary.—

Assembly adj.d to 23.rd. instant at 12 O'Clock.—

The Assembly then adjourned to Friday next 23rd. instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock, for the purpose of addressing the Lord Lieutenant and deciding on proposals for Hacklins.—

James Matthews
Mayor

Adjd. Assembly 23rd Octr. 1846.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of Drogheda on Friday the 23rd. day of October 1846.—

Present, The Mayor
2 Aldermen and 11 Councillors.

proceedings read.

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read and approved of, were signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

lamp to be erected opposite Mechanics Institute.

Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Bellew, seconded by Town Councillor Collins, That a lamp be put up opposite the Mechanics Institute in William Street.—

Town Clk. reads Draft Address to Lord Lieutenant.

The Town Clk. then read the Draft of an Address to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, which he had prepared and of which the following is a Copy.—

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"To His Excellency, John William, Earl "of Bessborough, Lord Lieutenant General and "General Governor of Ireland.

"May it please your Excellency,

"We, the Mayor "Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda "in Council assembled, beg leave to approach your "Excellency with sentiments of unfeigned regard and "the deepest respect; and to present to you our "cordial congratulations on your appointment to "the high and important office of Viceroy of Ireland.

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"We feel in common, with the rest of Her Majesty's "Irish Subjects, that in this appointment Her Majesty "has given an additional proof of her great anxiety "to advance the welfare and provide for the wants "of Ireland, by entrusting, at this moment of crisis, "the Executive government of the Country to a Nobleman "so fully conversant with its resources and social "relations, and so deeply interested by property "in promoting the prosperity and securing the "peace of his native lands.—

"We have witnessed with entire satisfaction, "the wise and courageous measures lately adopted "by your Excellency to remedy the effects of a necessa- "rily hurried and imperfect legislation, and rely "with implicit confidence on your discretion in "confining within its proper and legitimate limits, "and to objects of acknowledged and recognised "utility, the large outlay rendered necessary for the "support of our destitute labouring population in "this season of unusual distress.—

"For this great public service, as well as for the "judicious steps taken by your Excellency to secure "the impartial administration of justice to all "classes of Her Majesty's Subjects in Ireland, we "tender to you our heartfelt thanks, and with feelings "of unaffected loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty, "and of warm gratitude and respect to your person "and Character, we have the honour to be your "Excellency's very obedient Servants.—

"In Testimony whereof we have caused to be hereunto

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"affixed Our Common Seal at an adjourned "Assembly held in the Assembly Room of the "Tholsel of Drogheda on Friday the 23rd day of "Octr. 1846.—

Certified by } "James Mathews" } Mayor, (seal)
Thos. Kelly, Town Clk.—

Address as read by Town Clk. adopted and an engrossment of same to be forwarded to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

It was then moved by Alderman Ternan that the Draft Address now read by the Town Clk. be adopted and that an engrossment of same be forwarded to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, with the Corporate Seal affixed thereto, and Town Councillor Verdon having seconded said motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Lease of the lands of Hacklin to be granted to Mr. Jno. McLoughlin, for a term of 35 years.

Resolved on the motion of Alderman Ternan seconded by Town Councillor Kelly, That a lease of Thirty ~~[illegible]~~ years of the Farm of Hacklin be given to Mr. John McLoughlin (he being the occupying and residing tenant) at £1..11..6 per Irish Acre, and that a clause against subletting and selling, without the previous consent in writing of the Corporation, be introduced into his lease.—

Law Agents to proceed for recovery of the premises compd. in Lease No. 675

Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Verdon seconded by Town Councillor Bellew, That our Law Agents be instructed to proceed forthwith for recovery of the possession of the premises comprised in Lease No. 675, granted by the late Corporation to William Jocelyn Shaw Esq. and dated 11th August

& of premises compd. in Lease No. 682,

& of the premises comprised in Lease No. 707.

& that they also get copied the Books of Assembly of the late Corpn. & the Index Book & Freeman's Roll.

1783, and of the premises comprised in Lease No. 682, granted by the late Corporation to Graves Chamney Esq. and dated 6th Septr. 1784, and of the premises comprised in Lease No. 707 granted by the late Corporation to Mr. George Evans and dated 6th June 1785, said leases having expired on 29th September, and the possession being overheld by the occupying tenants thereof although frequently demanded, and that they be also authorised to get copied the Books of Assembly of the late Corporation, and the Index Book, and Freeman's Roll.—

James Mathews Mayor.

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Genl Qr Assy 2nd Novr 1846.

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of Drogheda on Monday the 2nd day of November 1846.—

Present The Mayor
and 10 Councillors

minutes read.

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read and approved of, were signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Town Clk. reads letter from Mr. Jas Sheridan,

The Town Clerk reads a letter from Mr. James Sheridan demanding payment for the Bells made by him for the New Town Clock, amounting to £134-1-0.—

The Mayor and Water Commtee to engage the services of Mr. Foshery as Engineer at the rate of three Guins. per day.—

Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Keapock seconded by Town Councillor Bellew, That His Worship the Mayor and the Water Committee be authorised to engage the services of Mr. Thomas Foshery as Engineer at the rate of Three Guineas a day, he undertaking to expedite his survey as much as possible.—

T. C. Collins gives notice of motion

Town Councillor Collins gives notice that he will move at the next meeting of the Council that Public Baths and Wash Houses be erected, and that a Committee be appointed to select a proper site for such institutions.—

Moved by Town Councillor Walsh, seconded by Town Councillor Drew, Resolved

Three Public Privies to be erected

the Corpn. paying any surplus expense for each over £50

That it is the opinion of the Corporation that the following three Public Privies should be forthwith erected viz, One at the North Quay, opposite Laurences Gate, One near the Linen Hall, and one in Calender lane near the River and that the Corporation undertake to pay any surplus expense for each over £50.

Address to the Lord Lieutenant to be presented by a deputation from the Council

Town Councillor Keapock moves that the address to the Lord Lieutenant be presented by a deputation from the Council, and Town Councillor Bellew having seconded this motion, Town Councillor Campbell moves as an amendement that it be forwarded by the Mayor and Town Clk. and Town Councillor Drew having seconded this latter motion, same was withdrawn and the original resolution carried.—

Assembly adjd to Monday 16th at 12 Oclock.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 16th. instant at the hour of Twelve Oclock.—

James Matthews Mayor

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16th Novem.r 1846.

Adj.d Assembly 16th Nov.r 1846

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thalsel of Drogheda on Monday the 16th day of Novem.r 1846.—

Present The Mayor

2 Aldermen and 10 Councillors

proceedings read.

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read and approved of were signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Town Clk. reads letter from Mr. Bunting

The Town Clk. then read a letter from Mr. Bunting on the subject of the proposed survey of Water Works.—

J.C. Collins brings on motion.

withdraws same for the present.

Town Councillor Collins brings on his motion notice of which he had given on the last day of meeting and after some discussion withdrew same for the present.—

Mem.l of Sas Mc Cartney, read

A Memorial from James McCartney Chief Constable having been read, stating that Memorialist was employed by the Council to take charge of the Fire Engines of the town and to attend at Fires whenever they might occur.— that he was therefore always in danger of getting cold and wet and of destroying his wearing apparel in consequence of which Mem.t prayed the Council would grant him clothing which he could wear while in the discharge of his Duty as Fire Engine Keeper, It was then

Ordered a suit of Pilot Cloth Clothes a Felt Hat & pair of strong shoes or bouges.—

Ordered on the motion of Alderman Rogers seconded by Town Councillor Reappock that a suit of Pilot Cloth Clothes, a Felt Hat and a pair of strong shoes or bogues be given the Fire Engine Keeper to be worn by him while acting as such.—

Moses Starr one of the Town Serjeants to be removed from office, he being continually absent from duty.—

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Bellew seconded by Alderman Rogers. That Moses Starr, in consequence of his continued absence from duty, owing to illness occasioned by gross intemperence, be removed as one of the Town Serjeants, and that no suit of clothes for the ensuing year be given to John Hawkins Town Serjeant, in as much as he is not in the habit of wearing those formerly given him.—

John Hawkins one of the Town Serjeants to get no suit of clothes for the ensuing year

Resolved on the motion of Alderm.n Simcocks seconded by Councillor Conway. That William Patterson one of the Town Serjeants be superannuated on his present salary of Twenty Pounds per Annum, he being no longer, owing to his old age and delicate health, able to discharge the duties of his said Office.—

Wm Patterson one of the Town Serjeants superannuated on his present salary of £20 per annum.—

Resolved. That the Treasurer call the attention of the Directors of the Drogheda Gas Company to the shameful state of the lighting of the Public lamps, and require from them a statement of their accounts to the present

Treasurer to call attention of Gas Co.y to the shameful state of the lighting of the Public lamps

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Treasurer to call on Mr. Knaggs Contr. for repairing Public Pumps to require him to repair same, if not, Treasr. to employ persons to repair same at Mr. Knaggs's expense.

time.-

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to call on Mr. Knaggs Contractor for repairing the Public Pumps to require from him that the several pumps and fountains wanting repair at present be forthwith repaired by him, and if not that the Treasurer be empowered to employ persons to repair said pumps and charge him with the costs of said repairs.-

Memt. of Patk. Weldon, read and referred to Town Crane Comtte. with instructions to report to next meetg. the salaries of persons employed generally at the Public Cranes

A Memorial was read from Patrick Weldon employed at the Town Crane, on the subject of a Memorial presented to the Council by him on 7th. Septr. last, praying an increase of salary, which was now referred to the Town Crane Committee on the motion of Councillor Collins seconded by Alderman Rogers, with instructions to them to report to the next meeting of the Council the salaries of persons employed generally at the Public Cranes.-

Petition of Thos. Kelly of Francis street read,

A Petition from Thomas Kelly of Francis street, stating that three of his Cabins in said street, formerly his sole means of support were destroyed by fire, and praying the Council to grant him some pecuniary aid,

no motion made

was read to the Assembly, upon which no motion was made by the Council.-

letter read from Treasr. on subject of lands out of lease

The Town Clk. next read a letter from the Treasurer on the subject of a survey of the lands out of lease at Town Rath.-

Ass.y adjd. to Tuesday 1st. Decemr. at 12 Ock.

The Assembly then adjourned to Tuesday the 1st. December next at the hour of twelve O'Clock.-

Mich. Rogers Chn.

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25th Novemr. 1846.

Election of two Councillors for each of the three Wards.

On this day Thomas Carty Esq. as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward with Messrs. Thomas Carroll and Denis Devin Assessors of said Ward, and Michael Rogers Esq. as Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward with Messrs. James Durnin and Patrick Maguire Assessors of said Ward, and also Patrick Ternan Esq. as Senior Alderman of the Saint Laurence Gate Ward with Messrs. Thomas Faulkner and John Mullin Assessors of said Ward, made the following return of the Election of Town Councillors for the said three several Wards respectively which was published by His Worship the Mayor on the 26th. Novemr. instant pursuant to the requisites of the Statute.

Municipal Election

3 & 4 Victoria Cap. 108. and 6 & 7 Vic. Cap. 93.

The following is a List of the names of the Persons Elected in the several Wards of the Borough of Drogheda at the Election of two Councillors for each Ward, to fill the vacancies caused by those whose period of Office had expired, holden for the said Borough on the 25th. day of November in the year of Our Lord 1846, together with the number of Votes given in favor of each

person so elected.

West Gate Ward

Names of Persons elected as Town Councillors	No. of Votes
Patrick Byrne	Thirty seven
Patrick Casey	Eighteen

Fair Gate Ward

Names of Persons elected as Town Councillors	No. of Votes
Robert Morton	Twenty one
Peter McEvoy	Eighteen

Saint Laurence's Gate Ward

Names of Persons elected as Town Councillors	No. of Votes
Henry Crolly	Five
Patrick Mathews	Five

Copy Proclamation by the Mayor.

The foregoing is a Copy of the Lists this day furnished to me by the Senior Aldermen and Assessors of the various Wards; and I hereby publish the same pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided.

Signed

James Mathews

Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda

Dated this 26th. day of Novemr. 1846.

Mc M Rogers Cr.

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1st December 1846.—

Adj.d Assembly 1st Decem.r 1846

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of Drogheda on Tuesday the 1st day of December 1846.—

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen & 12 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read and approved of, were signed by His Worship the Mayor.—

Ald. Rogers in the Chair.

On the motion of Alderman Carty seconded by Town Councillor Collins Alderman Rogers was moved to the Chair.—

Ald. James Mathews elected Mayor for the ensuing year—

Ald. Carty thereupon moved in which he was seconded by Alderman Simcocks that Alderman James Mathews be elected Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the ensuing year, and the question thereon having been put from the Chair was carried unanimously.—

Report of Town Crane Committee read & adopted.

The following report of the Town Crane Committee having been read by the Town Clk, was adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes on the motion of Councillor Koappock seconded by

Councillor Drew.—

Copy Report.

"Your Committee having had the "Memorial of Patrick Weldon, Assistant at the "Town Crane, praying for an increase of Wages, "referred to them from last Assembly with "directions to report generally to the next "meeting of the Council on the subject of the "Salaries of the Persons employed in that "Department, beg leave to report that, having "taken into their consideration the present "high price of Provisions, the confidential "nature of the duties required to be performed "and the increased emoluments arising "from this branch of the Corporate Property, "since the adoption by the Council of the scale "of fees lately recommended by your Com- "mittee, they feels themselves bounde to "recommend to the Council the following "increase of the Salaries of the Persons there "employed, viz, That Mr. James Cruise's "Salary be raised from its present amount "of £36 yearly to £42 yearly, that Patrick "Weldon's wages be increased from Six shil- "lings weekly to Eight shillings weekly, and "that Patrick M.c Donnell's wages be increased "from 1/6.d to 2/6.d daily. Which We certify

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"as our report this 1st Decemr 1846"

"Signed" "Anthy Keappock" } Chairman D.

His Worship the Mayor hereupon entered the Assembly Room and took his seat as Chairman, Whereupon he returned thanks to the Council for his Election.

His Worship the Mayor entres the Assembly Room, takes the Chair & returns thanks for his Elect.n

Councillor Keappock moves and Councillor Drew seconds that Councillor Kelly be added to the Town Crane Committee, which motion was put from the Chair and agreed to.

J. C. Kelly added to Town Crane Committee.

It was moved by Alderman Canty and seconded by Councillor Levins, that Mr. Patrick Levins, son of the late Mace-Bearer, be elected as Mace Bearer and Mayor's Clerk for one year from this date, and the question upon same having been put from the Chair was carried unanimously, Whereupon Councillor Collins returned thanks on behalf of Mr. Levins, he being absent in consequence of illness.

Mr Patk Levins elected Mace Bearer and Mayors Clerk.

J. C. Collins returns thanks on behalf of Mr Levins.

A Memorial was read from John Hawkins one of the Town Serjeants, on the subject of a resolution entered into by the Council at their last Assembly, forbidding him a suit of Clothes for the ensuing year,

Memorial of Jno Hawkins read.

and said Memorial prayed a restoration of his Clothes, upon which no motion was made by the Council.

no motion made.

A letter was read from Mr James Sheridan requesting payment of his Account for making the Bells for the New Town Clock.

Letter of Mr Jas Sheridan, read.

A Memorial having been read from the Inhabitants of Scarlet lane and Magdalene sheet, calling the attention of the Council to the great annoyance under which Memorialists laboured owing to the fact of large heaps of manure having been deposited in their neighbourhood, and which undergoing a process of decomposition were very injurious to the health and lives of Memorialists, It was then Ordered that the Treasurer do notice the Depositers thereof to remove same within the space of One Month.

Memol from Inhabts of Scarlet lane & Magdalene st. read.

Treasurer to notice Depositors to remove same within One month.

A Memorial from the Inhabitants of West Gate and that neighbourhood having been read, calling the attention of the Council to the state of Liberty lane which required immediate repairs, and praying the Corporation to give instructions to their Superintendent to have same repaired, It was then Ordered that the Paving Committee

Memol from Inhabts of West Gate read.

Paving Committee

to repair same.—

comply with the prayer of said Memorials and repair same.—

J. C. Morton added to Paving & Finance Committees.—

Ordered on the motion of Councillor Collins seconded by Councillor Bellew, that Mr. Robert Morton be added to the Paving and Finance Committees.—

Messrs Mathews and Morton added to Law Committee.—

Ordered on the motion of Councillor Atkinson seconded by Councillor Knappock, that Messrs. Mathews and Morton be added to the Law Committee.—

J. C. Casey added to Paving and Building Committees.—

Alderman Rogers moves that Town Councillor Casey be added to the Paving and Building Committees, and Councillor Bellew having seconded this motion, the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Town Clk. reads letter from Gas Compy with a statement of their accounts to the present time.—

The Town Clk. next read a communication from the Gas Company with a statement of their account to the present time in compliance with a resolution of the Council entered into at their last Assembly, and which Account and communication were referred to the Finance Committee on the motion of Alderman Rogers seconded by Alderman Simcocks, with the request that they report on same to the next Meeting of the Council.—

referred to Finance Committee

Mem.l of Moses Starr, read.

A Memorial was read from Moses Starr praying the Council to reinstate him in his situation as Town Serjeant from which he had been dismissed by a resolution of the Council entered into at their last Assembly, upon which Memorial no motion was made.—

no motion made.

Petition of Peter Hoey, read.

A Petition from Peter Hoey one of the Inspectors of the Fish Market, praying an increase of salary, was read to the Assembly.—

Assembly adjd to Monday, 14th inst. at 12 oClk.—

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 14th. instant. at the hour of 12 oClock.—

Thos Mathews Mayor.

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3rd Decemr. 1846.

Election of Borough Auditors & Assessors & Ward Assessors.

On this day an Election was held by His Worship the Mayor pursuant to Public Notice posted on the Door of the Tholsel for Auditors and Assessors of the Borough — and also for Assessors for the Saint Laurence Gate Ward before Patrick Tornan Esq. as Senior Alderman of said Ward, when William Boylan and James McCann were Elected Assessors, and Messrs. Nicholas White and Nicholas Fitzpatrick were Elected Auditors of the Borough, and Messrs. Michael Mackin and James Butterly were Elected Assessors for the Saint Laurence Gate Ward for the ensuing year, and said Elections were duly published as the Law directs.

Wm. Boylan & Jas. McCann Esqrs. Elected Borough Assessors. & Messrs. Nicholas White & Nicholas Fitzpatrick elected Borough Auditors Messrs. Michael Mackin and Jas. Butterly elected Ward Assessors for St. Laurence Gate Ward.

On the same day Thos. Carty and Michl. Rogers Esqrs. Senior Aldermen of the West Gate and Fair Gate Wards delivered to the Mayor the return of the Elections for Ward Assessors held by them respectively on the above day, Whereby Thos. Carroll & Patk. Byrne were returned Assessors at the Election for the West Gate Ward, and Messrs. Patk. Maguire and James Durnin for the Fair Gate Ward.

Messrs. Thomas Carroll & Patrick Byrne elected Ward Assessors for the West Gate Ward and Patk. Maguire & Jas. Durnin elected Ward Assessors for the Fair Gate Ward.

James Mathews Mayr.

14th Decemr. 1846.

Adjd. Assembly 14th Decr. 1846

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of Drogheda on Monday the 14th day of December 1846.

Present The Mayor

1 Alderman & 11 Councillors

proceedings read.

The minutes of the last day's proceedings having been read and approved of, were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Joint Meml. of Jno. Reilly & Owen Carney, read.

The Joint Memorial of John Reilly and Owen Carney both of Drogheda having been read, stating that Memorialists had each a quantity of Oatmeal stored in the Town Crane House as sworn to by them in their Joint information before H. B. Fairtlough Esq. one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, — that said Crane House was broken into on the night of the twenty third day of October last and their Oatmeal stolen therefrom, and praying the Council to allow them Compensation for their loss, was referred to the Town Crane Committee for their consideration and report.

& referred to Town Crane Committee.

Report of Finance Comttee on subject of Gas Coys. Account, read & referred back to said Comttee.

A report of the Finance Committee on the subject of the Gas Company's Account against the Corporation, having been read by the Town Clk. was referred back to said Committee for their further consideration

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and report, on the motion of Councillor Collins seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Town Clk. reads Lord Lieutenants reply to the Address of the Corpn. transmitted to him on 11th. ult.

The Town Clk. having thereupon read a reply which his Worship had received from his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to the Address transmitted from the Council to him on the Eleventh ultimo, same was ordered to be inserted on the minutes, on the motion of Councillor Keappock seconded by Alderman Rogers.

The following is a Copy of said reply

Copy Reply

"Gentlemen,

"I gratefully accept the congratu-
"lations that you offer me on my appoint-
"ment to the Government of Ireland, and
"I am well aware of the important duty that
"I have undertaken at a moment when the
"People are suffering under such extreme dis-
"tress. I have endeavoured to carry through
"the measures which have been adopted by
"Parliament for giving employment to those
"who are destitute in consequence of the
"failure of the Potato Crop, in a manner
"that I thought best calculated, at the same
"time, that it gave employment to ensure
"the best means of applying the principles

"of improved Agriculture, and further to enable
"the Baronies to present productive instead of
"unproductive labour.

"You may be assured that it will
"be my anxious desire to support the Laws and
"institutions of the Country with firmness and
"impartiality, and in the discharge of the
"important duty which Her Majesty has been
"pleased to confide to me, I feel sure that
"I shall receive the assistance and Co-opera-
"tion of all Classes of the People."

Moved by Town Councillor Bellew seconded by Town Councillor Collins, that Town Councillor Patrick Mathews be added to the Land Valuation Committee, which motion was put from the Chair and agreed to.

P. C. Mathews added to Land Valuation Comm.tee

It was moved by Town Councillor Bellew and seconded by Town Councillor Collins, that the Corporation Surveyor proceed to Hacklin to measure and ascertain the boundary between the Corporate Property situated there and that of Mr. Ralph Smyth, and that the Land Valuation Committee be authorised to have a proper fence constructed between the two properties.

Corpn. Surveyor to proceed to Hacklin & ascertain boundary between the Corporate Property & that of Mr. R. Smyth.

Land Valuation Com. to construct a proper fence.

Town Councillor Keappock gives

P. C. Keappock

14th Decemr 1846.

gives notice of motion.—

notice that at the next adjourned meeting of the Council, he will move that John Hawkins, one of the Town Serjeants, get a suit of new Clothes for the ensuing year.

Assembly adjt to Friday 1st Janry 1847, at 11 Oclock A. M.—

The Assembly then adjourned to Friday the first of January 1847, at the hour of Eleven O'Clock, A. M.—

James Mathews Mayor

16th Decemr 1846.

Election of a Borough Assessor.

On this day an Election was held before James Mathews Esqr Mayor pursuant to Public Notice posted on the Door of the Sessions House for the purpose of Electing a Borough Assessor for the ensuing year, in the Room of William Boylan elected on the 3rd instant, but who had neglected to sign the necessary Declaration accepting said Office, when Denis Ford of Laurence street was elected one of the Borough Assessors of said Borough, and said Election was duly published as the Law directs.—

Denis Ford elected Borough Assessor.—

James Mathews Mayor

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1st January 1847.

Adjd Assembly 1st Janry 1847.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Alderman and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the First day of January 1847.

Present The Mayor

6 Aldermen & 13 Councillors

proceedings read.

The Town Clk. reads the minutes of the last days proceedings and same been approved of, were signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Previously to any other business being entered upon, His Worship accompanied by the several Aldermen and Councillors present proceeded in their Robes of Office to the Crown Court, and he, having taken the Oaths appertaining to the Office of Mayor and Justice of the Peace, and also the Oath of Allegiance prescribed by the 10th of George the Fourth, together with a Declaration accepting the Office of Mayor, then with the Aldermen and Town Councillors, returned to the Assembly Room and took his seat as Chairman.

His Worship with the Ald.n & Councillors proceeds to Crown Court and takes the Oaths appertg. to the Office of Mayor and Justice of the Peace.

It was Ordered that the Assembly should adjourn to Two O'Clock with the view of affording the Members of the Corporation

Assembly adjd to Two O'Clock.

1st January 1847.

an opportunity of attending Divine Service and they accordingly proceeded in procession in their Robes of Office to Saint Peters Roman Catholic Church accompanied by the Officers of Sword and Mace and also by the Serjeants at Mace and the other Officers of the Corporation.

The Mayor Ald.n & Councillors returned after having attended Divine Service.

His Worship the Mayor with the Aldermen and Councillors having returned to the Assembly Room after having attended Divine Service.

Messrs Thos. Kelly Jas Hussey & Wm Leonards Bills for revising Burgess Rolls &c. read & referred to Finance Committee also Mr. Eakins & Mr. Jno. Butterly's Bills refd. to same.

The Town Clk. reads Mr. Thomas Kelly's Bill for attending the Revision of the Burgess Rolls as also that of James Hussey and William Leonard Tax Collectors, for same, also Mr. Samuel Eakins and John Butterly's accounts which were all referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Councillor Walsh seconded by Councillor Bellew.

Mr. S. Eakins to get £35 on account for painting Mayoralty Rooms

Councillor Bellew moves that Mr. Samuel Eakins be paid a sum of £35 on account of the amount of his Contract for painting the Mayoralty Rooms, and Councillor Keappock having seconded this motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.

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Wm. Jno. Butterly to get £18.7.6 on acct. of his Bill furnished -

Ordered that Mr. John Butterly be paid a sum of £18.7.6 on account of his Bill furnished -

Town Clk. to serve notice on Dublin & Belfast Junction Railway Co.y. to come to a settlement with this Corp.n for the lands to be occupied by said Railway -

Ordered that the Town Clk. serve a notice on the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway Company calling on them to coure to a settlement with this Corporation respecting the lands about to be occupied by said Railway, and intimating to them the intention of the Council to set said lands by Lease to tenants. -

Jno. Hawkins Town Serjeant to get a suit of clothes for the ensuing year -

Councillor Keapock brings forward his motion notice of which he had given on the last day of meeting and moves that Jno. Hawkins, Town Serjeant, be supplied with a suit of clothes for the ensuing year, as usual, and Councillor Bellew having seconded this motion the question upon same was put from the Chair and agreed to. -

Assembly adj.d to 11th inst.t at 12 o'clock -

There not being any other business for the consideration of the Assembly, the same was adjourned to Monday the 11th instant at the hour of Twelve o'clock. -

James Mathews, Mayor

11th January 1847.

Adj.d Assembly 11th Jan.y 1847

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thiltel on Monday the 11th day of January 1847.

Present The Mayor

3 Aldermen and 8 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read and approved of, were signed by his Worship the Mayor. -

Petition of Nightly Watch. read

A Petition was read from the Nightly Watch of the Borough praying an increase of their wages, upon which no motion was made by the Council. -

letter read from Jno. Spelicy

A letter from John Spelicy, one of the nightly Watchmen, resigning his situation as such, was read to the Assembly. -

£5 per week to be given to the Relief Committee to cleanse the streets and employ the Poor. -

Ordered, on the motion of Alderman Carty seconded by Alderman Rogers, That Five Pounds per week be given to the Relief Committee for the purpose of cleansing the streets of the Borough and employing the Poor, and that the Paving Committee contract for the removal of the manure.

Report of Land Valuation Com.tee read and adopted

The following Report of the Land Valuation Committee having been read by the Town Clk, was adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes, on the motion of Alderman

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Carty seconded by Town Councillor Drew.—

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"Your Committee beg leave to report "that having travelled over the lands of Town-"Rath as late in the occupation of Messrs Roe "Early, Harlin and Leonard, we find that "William Leonard one of the tenants formerly "in occupation has sown wheat in a portion "of said lands and that Nicholas Harlin has "also sown wheat in two fields, although "neither of them had received any permission "from the Council to do so.- We find that Willm "Leonard is possessed of means sufficient to "enable him to manage with effect his former "holding of about twelve acres and recommend "that in addition thereto he get on Lease the "Plots at the rere of his house formerly in the "occupation of Nicholas Harlin containing 6½ "Perches or thereabouts and marked in red ink "Nos. 23, 24, 25 on the Map lately made out for "the Council by William Codd and that he "also get the fields marked Nos. 30, 31, 32, 33 "and 34 on said Map, the Council to procure "for him a crossing on the line of the intended "Railway.- We find that Nicholas Harlin "is unable to manage all the land formerly "in his occupation and that it would be the

Copy Report

"mutual interest of both himself and the Council "that his holding should be limited to the fields "marked 26, 27, 28, 29, 36 & 37 on the Map as before "referred to.- Your Committee regret to mention that "they found almost the entire of the land in a state "of wretched cultivation and requiring a considerable "outlay for draining, and for this purpose your "Committee beg leave to recommend that fields "marked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 be laid out "as one farm and fields 35, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 & 43 "as another; and that the Corporation either retain "them in their own possession for the present and "apply at the next Extraordinary Presentment Sessions "for the Barony, or in such other mode as may be con-"sidered most desirable to them, for a sufficient "sum to drain, or else to let them to solvent tenants "for a term of 35 years, binding them by strict cove-"nants to drain same within a period of two years "from the present time, which your Committee "certify as their report this 11th January 1847.—

Signed, Patrick Mathews } Chairman,

Law Agents to appoint a Trustee to the Poor of St. Johns in the Room of Revd Mr Donnellan late P. P. of St. Mary's.—

Alderman Carty moves and Councillor Drew seconds that the Law Agents take the necessary steps to appoint a Trustee to the Poor of Saint Johns in the room of the late Reverend Mr Donnellan P. P. of Saint Mary's.—

James Mathews Mayor

1st February 1847.

Genl. Qy Assembly 1st Febr. 1847

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 1st. day of February 1847.

Present The Mayor

3 Aldermen & 12 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read and approved of, were signed by his Worship the Mayor.-

Rept of Land Valuation Comttee read and adopted

The following report of the Land Valuation Committee having been read by the Town Clk, was adopted and ordered to be insated on the minutes on the motion of Alderman Lacy seconded by Alderman Tennant.-

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"Your Committee have examined the various Proposals for the different Lotts of the Corporation Property out of Lease at September as advertised in the Drogheda Journals of 16th. and 23rd. January last and your Committee recommend Patrick Callan as tenant for lott No. 1, at £4 per Irish acre for 35 years to commence from 29th. Septemr. last, Thomas Woods for lott No. 2 at £4.4.6 per Irish acre for same term, Patrick Prendergast for lott No. 4 at £4 per annum, he to get a building lease of 75 years upon the terms of his covenanting to build on same at least one substantial dwelling house same

as those erected by Doctor Fogarty on the other side of the road, Thomas Faulkner as tenant for lott No. 5 at £5 per annum to commence from same time he to get a building lease of 75 years provided he satisfies the Corporation by the opinion of competent Counsel that they can safely do so, but if not, he to get a lease of 35 years. We recommend Peter Greene as tenant for lott No. 6, at £2.5.0 per acre, for 35 years from 29th. Septr. last. We recommend William Leonard as tenant of No. 7 at the yearly rent of £2.10.0 per acre for same term. We recommend Nicholas Harlin as tenant for lott No. 8 at a rent of £2.0.0 for same term, and we recommend Denis M. Cullough as tenant of lott No. 9 at the yearly rent of £2.10.0 per acre for same term. And We reserve the remaining lott No. 3 for further consideration. All which we certify as our report this 1st. February 1847.-

Signed, "Patrick Mathews Esq. Chairman"

Memorial of Anne Fairclough read and referred to Finance Comttee

A Memorial was read from Anne Fairclough of Fair street, stating that Memorialist was sister to the late Elizabeth Capan, a Pensioner of this Corporation who died on the 7th. Decemr. last and whose Quarterly Pension would have been due on the 25th. Decemr. last had she lived and which would have enabled Memorialist to defray the necessary expences of sickness &c. and Memorialist prayed the Council to allow her such Quarterly Pension due on 25th. Decemr. last, which Memorial was referred to the Finance Committee, on the

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motion of Alderman Rogers seconded by Town Councillor Campbell.—

It was moved by Alderman Canty and seconded by Town Councillor Mathews, That £100 be paid to the Treasurer of the Relief Committee as the Corporation Subscription to the first of May next, to be expended for Paving and cleansing purposes, in order to carry out the resolution adopted by the Council on 11th. January last which question was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

£100 to be paid to Treasurer of Relief Committee as Corpn. Subscipn to May next.—

A Petition having been read from the Town Serjeants, praying the Council to allow them to be paid their salaries weekly in the present season of distress It was Ordered that they be paid their wages weekly for the ensuing three months.—

Petition of Town Serjeants read

The Town Clk. then read a letter from the Gas Company, requiring £150 on account of their Bill furnished.—

letter read from Gas Compy.

It was moved by Town Councillor M'Kinson and seconded by Alderman Rogers that the Corporation advertise for two persons to act as additional Town Serjeants, which question was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Council to advertise for two additional persons to act as Town Serjeants

The Town Clk. next read Proposals for supplying the Corporation with Broken stone, sand and Paving stone for one year from this date

Proposals read for supplying — Broken stone, sand & Paving stone

when it was Ordered on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Campbell that Peter Carrolls proposal, being the lowest, be accepted.—

Nightly Watch to deposit their Hats & Coats in Watch House every morng.

Ordered on the motion of Councillor Keagypock seconded by Councillor Bellew, that the nightly Watchmen deposit in the Watch house every morning their Hats and coats.—

Council to accept of the proposition made by Ald. Canty relative to certain premises in John st.

Ordered, on the motion of Councillor M'Kinson seconded by Councillor Mathews that the Council accept of the proposition this day made by Alderman Canty relative to certain premises in John street, and that the Land Valuation Committee be requested to enter into an arrangement with Alderman Canty for said premises, same to be reported to the Council.—

Geo. Campbells acct. to be paid

Ordered that George Campbells account amounting to £6. 0. 0 be paid.—

Assembly adjd. to 16th. instant.—

The Assembly then adjourned to Tuesday 16th. instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock.—

James Mathews Mayor.

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At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 16th day of February 1847.

Present The Mayor

4 Aldermen and 10 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read and approved of, were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Lands out of lease held under Corpn. and the Trustees of the Poor of St. Johns to be let for 35 years, subject to approval by said Trustees.

Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Reaspock seconded by Alderman Carty, That the Lands out of lease held under this Corporation and the Trustees of the Poor of Saint Johns, be advertised to be let, for a term of thirty five years, subject to the approval of the Trustees of the Poor of Saint Johns.

Petition of Jas. Watson read.

A Petition having been read from James Watson one of the Serjeants at Mace, stating that Petitioner had had the misfortune of taking some spirits on the 11th instant, by which means he had incurred the displeasure of some of the Council and was threatened with dismissal, and said Petition also stated that should he not be so dismissed, he would pledge himself during the remainder of his servitude to abstain from all intoxicating drinks and thereby avoid giving cause to a similar complaint and said Petition prayed the Council to take

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his case into their serious consideration, the more particularly as he (Petitioner) was burthened with a large and helpless family. It was then Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Kelly seconded by Alderman Ennis, That this Petition of James Watson, one of the Town Serjeants, who had been convicted of drunkness on the 11th inst. be referred to the Mayor to act as he may think proper under the circumstances.

Jas Watson's Petition left to the Mayor to act as he may think proper under the circumstances.

Thos Mc. Auley Town Serjeant to be called on to resume his duty forthwith, otherwise the Council to supply his place.

Resolved, on the motion of Alderman Sinnocks seconded by Town Councillor Mc. Evoy That Francis Mc. Auley one of the Town Serjeants having absented himself without leave for more upwards of three weeks, he be called on to resume his duties forthwith, otherwise that the Council will supply his place.

Petitions to be forwarded to both Houses of Parliament praying the establishment of a uniform rate.

Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Atkinson seconded by Alderman Carty That Petitions be forwarded from this Body to the Houses of Lords and Commons praying the establishment of a uniform rate for the support of the Poor in Ireland, that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto and that the Petition to the House of Lords be entrusted to Lord Roden and that to the House of Commons to our Representative Sir William Mc. Somerville.

Petitions to be

Alderman Ennis moves and

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forwarded to both Houses of Parliamt. against proposed Governmt. measure allowing distillation from rum, at a reduced duty-

Councillors Atkinson & Kelly object-

Draft Petition read by Town Clk.

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Alderman Carty seconds, That Petitions be forwarded to both Houses of Parliament from this Corporation against the proposed Government measure allowing distillation from rum at a reduced duty, to protect the Irish Distillers, to which motion Councillors Atkinson and Kelly objected-

A Draft of the Petition having been then read by the Town Clk. of which the following is a Copy,-

"To The Right Honorable and Honorable "The Commons of Great Britain and "Ireland in Parliament Assembled-"

"The Humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda" Sheweth,

"That, your Petitioners have observed "with great concern a Bill brought into your "Honorable House for reducing the duty on Rum "and Colonial Spirits imported into Ireland to "three shillings and two pence per Gallon proof only "six pence more than the duty on spirits made "in Ireland.-

That, this measure appears to be most "unequal and unjust in regard to Ireland, in "as much as it goes to transfer the manufacture "of spirits, almost indigenous to Ireland, from "that Country to the hands of the West India Plant-"ers and Colonists, and to throw upon Ireland

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"the whole burden of Rum &c.- sent from these "Colonies into the United Kingdom.-

That, if suffered to pass into a Law "it will prove most injurious to the Landed Pro-"prietors, Land Holders and Farmers of Ireland "and to every Interest connected with, or depending "thereon,- most ruinous to the Distillers of Ireland "who have expended very large sums of money in "erecting great and extensive Distilleries on the "faith of the present and long established Distil-"lery Laws- distressing to a multitude of Poor "Laborers who, by the extinction of the Distillery "Trade of Ireland, will be thrown out of employ-"ment- and most prejudicial to the Town of "Drogheda, by taking away the supply of food fur-"nished from the refuse of the Distilleries in the "Town, for the feeding of Dairy Cattle and others, "on which the Citizens of Drogheda and Keepers "of Dairies chiefly depend for milk and Butter "during winter-

Your Petitioners therefore earnestly "pray your Honorable House that a measure in "every respect so injurious, may not receive the sanc-"tion of Your Honorable House, and that the Bill "brought in for that purpose, may not pass into "a Law.- In Testimony whereof We have caused "to be hereunto affixed Our Common Seal at an "adjourned Assembly held in the Tholsel of Drogheda "on Tuesday the 16th day of February 1847-

"certfd. by Thos. Kelly Town Clk.

James Mathews (seal) Mayor

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Petition now read to be adopted also a Petition praying the prohibition of distillation from grain for a period of two years

It was moved by Alderman Ennis and seconded by Alderman Early That the Petition now read be adopted, and at same time that a Petition be also adopted praying for the prohibition of distillation from grain for a period of two years, that two engrossments be made thereof, one to the House of Lords and the other to the House of Commons, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto, whereupon the motion was put from the Chair and the several Members present having voted, viva voce there appeared

for the motion ..... seven

and against it ..... four, whereupon the motion was declared carried.—

4 dissentients, motion carried.

Mem.t of Mich.l Early read,

The Memorial of Michael Early of Town Rath having been read, stating that Mem.t was tenant to Mr. Roe for a portion of his (Mr. Roe's) holding situate at Town Rath, the property of this Corporation, that Mr. Roe's lease of said lands having expired at Michaelmas last and Mr. Peter Greene of Twaties having become tenant for same Mem.t prayed the Council to grant Mr. Peter Greene the power of receiving Mem.t as his tenant for that portion of said lands as lately held by him, It was moved by Town Councillor Mathews and seconded by Alderman Ennis, that Mr. Peter Greene be allowed to sublet to Mem.t the holding as formerly held by him.—

Mr. P. Greene to sublet to Mem.t his town holding.

Pat.k Kenny & Tho.s Dewitt elected Town Serjeants—

Resolved, That Patrick Kenny and Thomas Dewitt be elected Town Serjeants to supply the present vacancies.—

Ass.y adj.d to Tuesday 2nd March next at 12 O.k—

The Assembly then adjourned to Tuesday the second of March next, at the hour of Twelve o'Clock.—

Thos Mathews Mayor

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2nd. March 1847.

Adj.d Ass.y 2nd. March, 1847.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the second day of March 1847.

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen & 9 Councillors.

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read by the Town Clk, were approved of, and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Francis Mc.Auley one of the serjeants at Mace to be dismissed from said Office.

Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Drew seconded by Town Councillor Bellew, That Francis Mc.Auley, one of the Serjeants at Mace, not having complied with the terms of the Resolution passed at the last Assembly, a Copy of which was delivered to him, be forthwith dismissed.

Council to advertise for a person to act as Town Serjt

Moved, by Town Councillor Knaprock and seconded by Town Councillor Bellew that the Council advertise for a Town Serjeant to supply the place of Francis Mc.Auley, which motion was put from the Chair and agreed to.

Mem.l of Moses Starr read,

A Memorial was read from Moses Starr who had been dismissed from the Office of Town Serjeant on 16th. Novem.r last

praying the Council to reinstate him in his situation or make such order in his favor as to them might seem fit, upon which Mem.l no motion was made.

no motion made.

Petition of Wm. Sharples read,

A Petition was read from Wm. Sharples one of the Serjeants at Mace, stating that he had acted as Town Serjeant for the last fifteen years, and that owing to the present high price of Provisions he was unable to support himself and family, and praying the Council to grant him some remuneration for his past services to enable himself and family to emigrate to America, upon which Petition, no motion was made.

no motion made

Mem.l of Peter Hoey. read, no motion made,

A Memorial was read from Peter Hoey, Inspector of Fish Market, praying an increase of salary, upon which no motion was made.

Town Clk. reads Draft Petn. in favor of an Uniform Rate

The Town Clk, then read the Draft of a Petition which he had prepared, in favor of an Uniform Rate, in pursuance of a Resolution entered into on the last day of meeting, which was ordered to be engrossed and forwarded and of which the following is a Copy.

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"To the Knights Citizens & Burgesses in Parliament Assembled"

"The Humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda

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Sheweth,

"That they most respectfully solicit
"the attention and consideration of Your Hon-
"orable House to this their Petition praying that
"an Uniform Rate be levied throughout the
"several Districts of each Union in proportion
"to the cost incurred in the maintenance of
"the Destitute in such Union.— Your Petitrs
"do so with the more confidence because
"they believe that it was the intention of the
"Legislature in enacting the Rating Provisions
"of the present Poor Law to confer advantages
"on such divisions as might be supposed to
"afford most employment to the Poor and
"thereby diminish the number of destitute
"to be maintained in that district at the
"Public charge, whereas the experience obtain-
"ed under the working of the Poor Law now
"clearly shews that the divisions paying least
"possess that advantage because so little em-
"ployment is given that all poor inclined to
"support themselves by their own labor are in-
"duced or rather compelled to crowd into the
"Towns where the chances of procuring employ-
"ment are more in their favour. To illustiate
"this to Your Honorable House your Petitioners

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"beg leave to state the following facts relative to
"this Union believing they will be found some-
"what similar in every other Union throughout
"Ireland.— Whilst in eight Rural Electoral
"Divisions within the Union the rates laid on
"from the Establishment of the Union in
"1841 to the close of the year 1846 amount al-
"together to but 5/3d. in the Pound, and in an-
"other Rural Division to 2/5d. in the Pound,
"there have been struck in the Town Electoral
"Divisions the following rates, viz, for the division
"of Saint Peter rates amounting to 3/5, in the
"Pound, and for the division of Saint Mary
"amounting to 2/6d. in the Pound for the same
"period, and yet those Town Electoral Divisions
"were indebted, during said period, to the General
"Union in a very large sum, and on the contrary,
"a considerable balance remains to the credit
"of the Rural Divisions.— One chief cause of the
"unequal pressure of the Poor Rates arises
"from the fact that of latter years in this County
"it has been the constant practice both of Land-
"lords and the wealthier class of tenants to lay
"down in pasture and consolidate their farms
"thus rendering unnecessary the large population
"who formerly derived their support from the
"land, and who, thus having no other resource,

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are necessarily driven into Towns for support and shelter.— In other districts in which larger portions of the land are under Tillage, Labourers are increasing as they do beyond the demand for their labour and small Farmers and Cottiers who, through inability to pay rent or from other causes, may be dispossessed, all flock into the Town, where either from the sale of whatever tilling articles of property they possess, or by casual employment, are able to support themselves until such time as the division in which they have taken up their residence may become liable under the Act for their future maintenance.— The absence of employment therefore in the Rural Districts imposes an extremely heavy tax upon the Towns, an evil which your Petitioners believe can only be alleviated by an Uniform Rate established throughout the several Districts of each Union, whilst the present method of Rating affords a direct bonus and encouragement to that wholesale eviction of the poorer classes of tenantry which has been justly considered as one of the greatest evils under which this Country labours.— Your Petitioners therefore respectfully solicit your Honorable House to take the matter into your Consideration with a view

of affording the desired relief by an amendment of the present Law.— In Testimony whereof We have caused to be hereunto affixed Our Common Seal at an Adjourned Assembly held in the Tholsel of Drogheda on Tuesday the 2nd day of March 1847.—

Certified by James Mathews (seal)
Jno. Kelly Town Clk.

J. C. Keappock gives notice of motion.

Town Councillor Keappock gives notice that on the next day of meeting he will move the adoption of a Petition against the Rateraying clauses contained in the Parliamentary and Municipal Election Acts.—

Assy adjd. to 10th. instant at 12 o'Clock

The Assembly then adjourned to Wednesday the 10th. instant at the hour of Twelve o'Clock.—

James Mathews Mayor

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10th March 1847.

Adjd Assy 10th March 1847.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 10th day of March 1847.—

Present The Mayor
One Alderman & 16 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read and approved of, were signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Petitions to be forwarded to both Houses of Parliament against Ratepaying clauses contd in Parliamty & Munpl Election Acts.

Town Councillor Keappock brings forward his motion, notice of which he had given on the last day of meeting, and moves that a Petition be forwarded to both Houses of Parliament against the Ratepaying clauses contained in the Parliamentary and Municipal Election Acts, and Town Councillor Bellew having seconded this motion the question thereon was put from the Chair, and agreed to.—

Town Clk reads Draft Petition

The Town Clerk having then read a Draft Petition which he had prepared on the subject, and of which the following is a Copy

"To the Knights Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament Assembled"

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"The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda"—

Sheweth,

"That, your Petitioners beg leave respectfully to call the attention of Your Honorable House to the great injustice of allowing to

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remain on the Statute Book, the several Ratepaying clauses which restrict the Municipal and Parliamentary Franchise—

Your Petitioners submit that those Clauses should be expunged, in as much as they are unjust in Principle and in their operation partial and oppressive,—unjust in principle, because they virtually exclude from having a voice in the selection of the Representatives, the larger portion of those persons possessing Household Property in Towns and Boroughs, whom the Legislature have already declared entitled from such possession to the elective Franchise,—and oppressive in their operation, in as much as they expose persons, having otherwise the necessary qualifications, to the mercy of those, who may be careless and are frequently corrupt and partisan Collectors, unless they pay up on the prescribed day and hour, taxes which through design may have never been demanded, at the same time that they omit the item of rent more important by far, than all the rest collectively, and are thus utterly inadequate as a test of solvency,—the only ground on which their defenders attempt to justify their retention.—

Your Petitioners further beg leave to state, that much and justly as the People of England have reason to complain of the

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"clauses which restrict their franchise, they "have still greater cause in Ireland, to de-"precate the clauses introduced into the Irish "Parliamentary and Municipal Acts, in as "much as in England payment of Poor Rates "and assessed taxes, two in number, is alone "required to qualify the elector, whilst in "Ireland, the Poorer Country, in many instances "the payment of ten, and in some cases, of "a greater number still of Rates, is necessary, "thereby demonstrating the injustice on which "this legislation has been founded, and leaving "to your Petitioners just reason to complain of "the manner in which Irish interests are treated "in the Imperial Parliament, by exacting from "the struggling and Poorer Country a far higher "qualification than is required for her wealthy "and more powerful neighbour.—

"Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray "your Honourable House that you will, by "Legislative enactments, expunge the Ratepaying "Clauses which fetter the Municipal and "Parliamentary Franchises, And your Petitioners "will Pray—

"In Testimony whereof We have caused to be here-"unto affixed Our Common Seal at an adjourned "Assembly held in the Tholsel of Drogheda on "Wednesday the 10th day of March 1847.—

Certfd. by Thos. Kelly Town Clk.

(seal)

Petition now read, be adopted & forwarded to Mr. Duncombe & Earl Fitzwilliam

Town Councillor Keappock moves that the Petition now read, be adopted, engrossed and the Corporation Seal affixed thereto, and that it be forwarded to Mr. Duncombe M.P. for Finsberry, for presentation in the House of Commons, and to the Right Honorable the Earl of Fitzwilliam, for presentation in the House of Lords, and Town Councillor Bellew having seconded same, the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Paving Comttee to have Curb stone put on Ashbourne Turnpike Road,

Town Councillor Morton moves and Town Councillor Levins seconds that the Paving Committee be instructed to have Curb stone put on the Ashbourne Turnpike road from Levins' Bridge to Duleek Gate, which motion was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Report of Land Valuon. Commttee read & adopted

The following report of the Land Valuation Committee having been read by the Town Clk, was adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes, on the motion of Town Councillor Levins, seconded by Town Councillor Drew.—

Copy Report

"Your Committee beg leave to report "that they have examined the Proposals for the "lands owned by this Corporation and the Poor of St. "John's Trustees out of lease at Michaelmas last "and they beg leave to recommend that James "Greene be accepted as tenant for lott No. 2 (as "advertised in the local Newspapers of 20th & 27th "Feby last) at a yearly rent of £4.. 5.. 0 per acre

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"Irish Plantation measure from 29th. Sept.
"last,- Stephen Coyle as tenant for lott No. 3,
"in trust for the Widow Coyle and her children
"at a yearly rent of £3. 15. 0 per acre of same
"measure from said 29th. Sept. last, And that
"the Widow Elizabeth Kewlin and her son Pat.
"Kewlin be accepted as tenants for lott No. 1 at
"a yearly rent of £3. 10. 0. per acre of same
"measure, from said period, And your Comm.tee
"recommend that the tenants so hereby de-
"clared be granted leases for Thirty ~~Five~~ years
"from 29th. Sept. 1846. Provided the Trustees of
"the Poor of Saint John's assent thereto, All
"which your Committee certify as their report this
"10th. day of March 1847.-

Signed, "James Mathews" } Chairman

Proposal read from Mr. Thomas Paul Rice, relative to premises on Strand Road, read & referred to Land Val.n Com.tee

A Proposal was read from Mr. Thomas Paul Rice, who had been declared tenant, on 1st. February last, for certain premises, situate on the Strand Road, offering to expend a sum of £150 on or before 1st. May 1848, on said premises, provided the Council would grant him a lease for 75 years, which proposal was, after a lengthened discussion, referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their Consideration and Report.-

Mem.l read from Jas. McAuley

A Memorial was read from Jas. McAuley, who had been dismissed from the

Office of Town Sergeant, on the last day of
meeting, praying the Council to reinstate him
in his former situation or grant him some
retiring compensation, which was referred to
the Council in Committee for their considera-
tion and report.-

referred to the Council in Com.tee

The Assembly then adjourned to
Wednesday the 24th. instant, at the hour of Twelve
O'Clock.-

Ass.y adj.d to 24th. inst. at 12 o'Clock.-

James Mathews Mayor.

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24th. March 1847.

adj.d Assembly 24th. March, 1847.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 24th. day of March 1847.

Present The Mayor
2 Aldermen & 10 Councillors

Assembly adj.d to 29th. instant at One O'Clock.

Town Councillor Boylan moves, that in consequence of this day being appointed by Her Majesty as a Fast, the Assembly do adjourn to Monday next the 29th. instant, at the hour of One O'Clock P. M, and Town Councillor Bellew having seconded this motion, the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to. the notices of motion being saved for the next day of meeting.

Chas Mathews Mayor

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29th. March 1847

adjd Ass.y 29th March 1847

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 29th. day of March 1847.

Present The Mayor

2 Aldermen & 13 Councillors,

minutes read,

The minutes of the last two Assemblies having been read by the Town Clk. were approved of, and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

One guinea to be charged for affixing Corp.n Seal to all Documents presented for such purpose

Moved by Alderman Carty seconded by Town Councillor Crolly, that a fee of one guinea be charged for affixing the Corporate Seal to all Documents presented for such purpose, with a view to authentication and requiring to be sent to America or elsewhere, which motion was such fee to be dealt with as the Council may hereafter direct

put from the Chair and agreed to, the Town Clk. claiming this Fee as his Perquisite.

Town Clk. reads letter from Thos Duncombe Esq. M. P. Finsbury

The Town Clk. then read a letter from Thomas Duncombe Esq.re M.P. Finsbury, which, after some discussion, was ordered to be inserted on the minutes, on the motion of Town Councillor Keappock, seconded by Town Councillor Byrne. T.C. Atkinson dissentient.

The following is a Copy of said letter.

Copy letter.

"5, Spring Gardens
March, 20th. 1847."

Sir,

"I beg to inform you that, I yesterday presented to the House of Commons the very excellent Petition,

Copy. letter

which you did me the honor to transmit to me for that purpose, on behalf of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation, and also to assure you, that no exertions shall be spared on my part to give full effect to the prayer of that Petition."

"I have the honor to be, Sir,
Yours very faithfully
Thomas Duncombe."

"Thomas Kelly Esq.re
&c. &c."

T. C. Keappock brings on his notice of motion

Town Councillor Keappock brings on his motion notice of which he had given on the last day of meeting and moves, — That, Thomas Duncombe Esquire, M. P. for Finsbury, is eminently entitled to the warm thanks of this Corporation for his uniform and persevering exertions in endeavouring to repeal the Rate paying Clauses which fetter the Municipal and Parliamentary Franchises of the Boroughs of the United Kingdom, and for his consistent and eloquent advocacy of the general Principles of Civil and Religious liberty, and that this Resolution be engrossed by the Town Clerk and forwarded to him under the Corporate Seal, and Town Councillor Boylan having seconded this motion the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair, when Town Councillor Mathews moves as an amendment that the Council proceed to the next matter of business, and

T. C. Mathews moves an amendment,

Town Councillor Campbell having seconded this

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latter motion, and the several Members present having voted, viva voce, there appeared for the amendment _____ seven and against it _____ nine whereupon the original motion was declared carried.

original motion carried,

Town Councillor Bellew, in pursuance of the notice given by him on the last day of meeting, moves that Mr. Thomas Faulkner be granted a Lease for 75 years, from 29th Sept. last, of his premises on the North strand, he guaranteeing to expend on same a sum of Two Hundred and thirty five Pounds, previously to 1st May 1848, and Town Councillor Boylan having seconded this motion, the question was, after some discussion, declared carried.

T. C. Bellew brings on his notice of motion,

Thos. Faulkner to get a lease for 75 years from 29th Sept. last, of his premises on the North strand

The Town Clk, reads Messrs. Todd Laing & Co's Bill amounting to £29.. 5.. 6½ for supplying Clothes for Town Serjeants, also Mr. Eakins' Bill, being a balance due him for painting Mayoralty Rooms, both of which were referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report.

Town Clk, reads Messrs. Todd, Laing & Co's Bill for clothing for Town Serjeants, also Mr. Eakins' bill for painting – referred to Finance Committee,

A Memorial was read from Peter Flanagan, praying the Council to grant him the liberty of residing in one of the houses now vacant in Freeschoollane, which was referred

Memorial of Peter Flanagan, read

to the Building Committee for their consideration and report.

referred to Building Committee

Ordered, on the motion of Town Councillor Bellew seconded by Town Councillor Campbell, that Francis McAuley, one of the dismissed Town Serjeants, get a payment of Five Pounds for the present.

Fras. McAuley to get a payment of £5 for the present,

Town Councillor Mathews gives notice that on the next day of meeting, he will move that the Corporation Account be transferred from the Bank of Ireland to the Provincial Bank.

T. C. Mathews gives notice of motion

Town Councillor Bellew moves and Town Councillor Crolly seconds, that Town Councillor Mathews be added to the Railway Committee, which motion was put from the Chair and agreed to.

T. C. Mathews added to Railway Committee,

The Assembly then adjourned to Tuesday the 13th April next, at the hour of Twelve O'Clock.

Assembly adjd. to 13th April next at 12 O'Clk.

James Mathews Mayor

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Adjd. Ass.y 13th Apl. 1847

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 13th day of April 1847.

Present The Mayor

3 Aldermen & 12 Councillors

minutes read.

The minutes of the last days proceedings having been read and approved of, were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Town Clk. reads letter from Mr. Duncombe.

The Town Clerk having read a letter from Mr. Duncombe in reply to the vote of thanks passed to him on the last day of meeting, same was ordered to be inserted on the minutes on the motion of Town Councillor Collins seconded by Town Councillor Bellew.

The following is a Copy of said letter.

"Spring Gardens

April 3rd. 1847"

Copy letter

Sir,

"It affords me great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of a Copy of the Resolution, which the Corporation of Drogheda did me the honor to pass on Monday last, and I beg that you will do me the favour to assure the Gentlemen composing that Council, how deeply sensible I am of their kindness, and how gratified I feel, that my humble services

Copy letter

in Parliament meet with their approbation. The enclosed Copy of Notice of motion will shew you that I had anticipated your wishes as to Ireland being included on the next occasion, and I hope, when I bring it forward, which will be within the next five weeks, that I shall receive the valuable Co-operation and assistance of the liberal portion of the Members from Ireland,

Thomas Kelly Esqre. &c. &c.

"I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yr. Obt. & faithful Servt.

Thomas Duncombe"

P.S. "You will oblige me by forwarding to me any statistical information bearing upon the question, & the grievances under which you labour in this particular (Vide Notice)."

Wm. Sharples' application for a sum of money to emigrate to America

Town Councillor Keappock moves that William Sharples one of the Serjeants at Mace, who had applied by memorial to the Council for a sum of money to enable him to emigrate to America, in consequence of his efficient services, do get a sum of Twenty five Pounds to enable himself and his family to emigrate to America, and Town Councillor Boylan having seconded the motion, the question was not put from the Chair, the motion being withdrawn that notice thereof might be given.

motion not put from the Chair

Memorial of E.

A Memorial was read from E.

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Maguire read, referred to Finance Committee.

Maguire praying the Council to remunerate her in future as Caretaker of the Mayoralty House which was referred to the Finance Committee on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Collins.-

Report of Town Crane Committee, read & adopted,

The following report of the Town Crane Committee having been read by the Town Clk, was adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes on the motion of Town Councillor Keappock seconded by Town Councillor Byrne

Copy Report

"Your Committee have taken into "their consideration the joint Memorial of Owen Carney and John Reilly praying the Council to allow them for the loss of 6ct, 2st, of Oatmeal belonging to them stolen from the Town Crane on the night of the 23rd. October last, And your Committee recommend that under the Circumstances they be allowed for same at the rate of Nineteen shillings per Cwt, being the price of the day, the said Owen Carney allowing thereout for all rent due by him to the Corporation up to the present time, and your Committee, at the same time beg leave to enter their protest against the fact of the present allowance being drawn into a precedent for the guidance of the Council hereafter and they have instructed

Mr. Cruise to caution all persons depositing property in the Crane henceforth that they do so at their own peril.- Dated this 13th April 1847 -

Signed, Anthy Keappock } Chairman

Acct. of Thos. Grendon & Co. referred to Finance Comttee.

An Account having been read from Thos. Grendon & Co. Town Councillor Mathews moves and Town Councillor Keappock seconds that same be referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report, which motion was put from the Chair and agreed to -

T. C. Mathews brings on his motion

Town Councillor Mathews, in pursuance of the notice given by him on the last day of meeting, moves that the Corporation Account be transferred from the Bank of Ireland to the Provincial Bank, and Town Councillor Atkinson having seconded the motion, the question was about to be put from the Chair, when Town Councillor Campbell moves, as an amendment, that it be transferred to the Hibernian Bank of this town, which motion having been seconded by Town Councillor Boylan, Town Councillor Mathews, after some discussion, withdrew the original motion, and Town Councillor Campbell his amendment, in consequence whereof neither question was put from the Chair.-

T. C. Campbell moves an amendment

both motions withdrawn,

T. C. Campbell

Town Councillor Campbell then gave

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gives notice of motion -

notice that on the next day of meeting, he will move that the Corporation Account be transferred to the Hibernian Bank in Drogheda

Report read from Mr. Bevill

A Report having been read from Mr. Bevill, Superintendent of the Paving Department, stating that the Inhabitants of Sundays Gate had been complaining of the Corporation manure deposited in that neighbourhood, was referred to the Paving Committee. -

Town Councillor Collins gives notice that on the next day of meeting he will move that an Alarm Bell be erected in the Tholsel for the use of the inhabitants. -

T. C. Collins gives notice of motion

T. C. Kearney moves that Richd. Jones & Geo. Magennis two of the nightly Watchmen, be dismissed

Town Councillor Kearney moves that Richard Jones and George Magennis two of the nightly Watchmen, be dismissed in consequence of their improper conduct on the night of the 3rd. instant, when Town Councillor Atkinson moves as an Amendment that they be called in and reprimanded, and Town Councillor Collins having seconded the amendment, Town Councillor Kearney withdrew the original motion. Whereupon they were both called in and severely - reprimanded by his Worship who stated to them, with the full concurrence of the Assembly, that if ever the offence should be repeated, they would certainly be dismissed. -

T. C. Atkinson moves an amendment,

amendment carried,

James Matthews
Mayr

26th April 1847.

Special Ass.y 26th Apl. 1847.

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 26th. day of April 1847 pursuant to Notice dated the 21st. instant, signed by his Worship the Mayor and fixed on the Door of the Tholsel, the several Members of the Council having been duly summoned by service of notice on them respectively on the 22nd. instant, for the purpose of expressing the gratitude of this Corporation to the Government and People of America for the Charitable Relief they are so promptly and extensively affording to our starving fellow Countrymen. -

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen & 11 Councillors

Town Councillor Bellew, having read a Draft Address which he had prepared in an eloquent speech, moves that it be adopted, engrossed and forwarded by the Mayor to the Mayor of New York per the Ship Macedonian about to arrive at Cove with Corn, and Alderman Rogers having seconded the motion, the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to -

Draft address read, to be sent by the Mayor to the Mayor of New York. -

The following is a Copy of said Address. -

Copy Address

To the Honorable the Mayor of the
City of New York -

Respected Sir,

The distinguished Statesmen and Philanthropic Citizens of the United States, assembled in Washington on the 9th. of February

Copy address

26th April 1847-

of this year, for the relief of Ireland having selected you as one of their Special Committee the Corporation of the Borough of Drogheda take the liberty of conveying through you the expressions of their fervent gratitude to the American Government, and to the Citizens of America for the prompt and generous relief they are so nobly engaged in giving to our suffering fellow Countrymen-

The People of Ireland, a portion of whom we represent, have ever looked upon the Citizens of the United States as their Brethren; there are indeed, few amongst our people who have not within your happy Union some dear Relative or kindly remembered friend.- Under your free and enlightened institutions those who have left our shores have been afforded every facility for securing to themselves and enjoying in return for their industry those comforts, and distinctions from which they were debarred in the land of their birth by an unfortunate combination of circumstances, social and political, over which they had no control.- The Citizens of America have ever received them with a generous welcome and left open to their attainment the same privileges they themselves possess.- Through every struggle in which we have been engaged for amending the condition of our Country, the sympathy

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of America has been kindly bestowed upon us- In the direful calamity which now desolates our sorrow-stricken land, the sublime spectacle is presented of an entire Nation from the highest Officer of the State to the humblest Labourer upon the Soil pressing forward to the relief of a distant People who have no claim upon them beyond that of their common Humanity, with an enthusiasm without parallel in the history of Empires or of States.-

The Irish People should be deemed unworthy the name of Men if they felt not deeply grateful for favours like these- Our thanks are no less due to the Government of the United States- Although engaged in a foreign war requiring a large naval force for its prosecution they arose superior to all considerations save those of Humanity and placed at the disposed of your Citizens two of their Ships of war to be forwarded on a mission of Charity and Peace to our suffering People- For sympathy so unprecedented we cannot find words to thank them.-

To the Citizens and to the Government of the United States we can but convey through you Sir, the assurance that we can never be unmindful of the great fact, that in the hour of our deepest affliction we found them generous and earnest friends-

It is our hope that at some, not remote, period a gracious Providence may raise

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Copy Address—

our Country to a more prosperous condition and that the Ports and Harbours around our Coast now visited by the Ships of America on missions of Charity, may hereafter present inducements sufficient to invite a mutually advantageous Commerce between our People and the Citizens of the United States.+

In Conclusion We pray the Omnipotent Ruler of Nations, that neither famine nor pestilence shall ever darken the sun shine of your prosperous land - that neither foreign foe nor domestic enemy shall ever have power to dissever your great union, but that it shall endure for ever - the happy home of the have and free - a tower of hope to the enslaved, and a secure harbour of refuge to the oppressed of every clime.—

In Testimony whereof We have caused to be hereunto affixed Our Common Seal at a Special Assembly held in the Tholsel of Drogheda on Monday the 26th day of April 1847.—

James Mathews, Mayor, (seal

Certfd. by
Thos. Kelly
Town Clerk,

James Mathews Mayor

Genl. Qy Assy 3rd May 1847.

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 3rd day of May 1847.—

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen & 11 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read and approved of were signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Borough Fund Account to be transferred to Hibernian Bank in this town.—

Town Councillor Campbell, pursuant to notice given by him on the last day of meeting, moves that the Borough Fund Account be transferred to the Hibernian Bank in this town, the cheques to be drawn in same manner as now drawn from the Bank of Ireland in accordance with the former resolution of this body on the subject, and Town Councillor Boylan having seconded the motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

subject of having an Alarm Bell erected in the Tholsel referred to Clock Comtte.—

Town Councillor Collins, in pursuance of the notice given by him on the last day of meeting moves that the subject of having an Alarm Bell erected in the Tholsel be referred to a Committee, and Town Councillor Walsh having seconded the motion, the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair when Town Councillor Campbell moves as an amendment that it be referred to the Clock Committee which latter motion having been seconded by Town Councillor Kelly was put from the Chair and carried.—

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3rd May 1847

streets, lanes, Courts & Alleys of the Borough to be named and the houses thereof numbered under the superintendence of the Paving Comm.tee

Town Councillor Boylan brings on his motion, notice of which he had given on the last day of meeting and moves that the streets, lanes, Courts and Alleys of the Borough be named and the houses thereof numbered under the superintendence of the Paving Committee which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Kelly put from the Chair and carried.—

subject of erecting a Vane on Laurence Gate referred to Building Committee.—

The subject of having a Vane erected on the top of Laurence Gate was referred to the Building Committee for their consideration and report.—

Committee to be appointed to petition Parliament in favor of the Dublin Improvement Bill & Municipal Reform generally—

Town Councillor Campbell moves that a Committee be appointed to petition Parliament in favor of the Dublin Improvement Bill & and in favor of the Municipal Reform generally and Alderman Simcocks having seconded the motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

letter read from Mr. J. G. Leland

Town Clk, ordered to reply to same—

A letter having been read by His Worship the Mayor from Mr. J. G. Leland relative to rent demanded from him as one of the Corporation tenants. It was ordered that the Town Clerk reply thereto in suitable terms, and he the Town Clerk at same time, stated that in consequence of his having written this letter, he would insist on Mr. Leland's paying the expenses, otherwise that he would proceed at law forthwith.—

It was moved by Town Councillor

Premises out Laurence Gate, Free school lane & Northroad to be advertised for letting—

Campbell and seconded by Alderman Rogers that the Premises out Laurence Gate, Free school lane and North road, the property of this Corporation be advertised for letting under the directions of the Building Committee and the question upon same having been put from the Chair was agreed to.—

letter read from Treasurer—

A letter was read from the Treasurer on the subject of auditing the half yearly Borough Fund Account.—

T. C. Boylan added to the Finance Comm.tee—

Town Councillor Campbell moves and Town Councillor Kelly seconds that Town Councillor Boylan be added to the Finance Committee, which motion was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

report read from Mr. Berrill,

A Report dated 3rd. instant was read from Mr. Berrill Superintendent of the Paving Department.—

Moses Starr's claim for compens.n read and referred to Law & Finance Committees,

The Town Clk, having read a claim from Moses Starr, who had been dismissed from the Office of Town Serjeant by a resolution of the Council passed on 16th Novem.r last, demanding compensation for his past services in said Office, same was referred to the Law and Finance Comm.tees for their consideration & report on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Campbell.

T. C. Collins gives notice of motion—

Town Councillor Collins gives notice that on the next day of meeting, he will bring forward the necessity that exists of getting up Public Baths & Wash houses for the use of the Poor of the Borough.—

Ass.y adj.d to 17th instant—

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 17th. instant at the hour of Twelve O'Clock.—

James Scatchard

Mayor

17th May 1847.

Adjd Ass.g 17th May 1847.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thelsel on Monday the 17th day of May 1847.—

Present The Mayor
1 Alderman & 9 Councillors

Ass.g adjourned to 1st June in consequence of the death of the Lord Lieutenant.—

Town Councillor Campbell moves that in consequence of the death of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant the Assembly do adjourn to Tuesday 1st June next at the hour of twelve o'clock, and Town Councillor Collins having seconded the motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

James Matthews Mayor

1st June 1847

Adjd Ass.g 1st June 1847.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thelsel on Tuesday the 1st day of June 1847.—

Present The Mayor
1 Alderman & 7 Councillors

Assembly adjd to 14th instant in consequence of the death of the Illustrious Liberator Mr. Dan.l O'Connell.

His Worship the Mayor having read a communication received by him yesterday from Mr. J. M. Ray on the subject of Mr. O'Connells death, It was Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Collins. That out of respect to Mr. O'Connell as the Illustrious Liberator of his Roman Catholic Fellow-Countrymen and the consistent Advocate of Civil and Religious Liberty in every Clime and to every Class of his Fellow-men, the Assembly do adjourn to Monday 14th instant at the hour of twelve o'clock.—

James Matthews Mayor

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Adj.d Ass.y 14th June 1847.

14th. June 1847.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 14th. day of June 1847,

Present The Mayor

1 Alderman & 10 Councillors.

proceedings read.

The minutes of the last three Assemblies having been read and approved of, were signed by his Worship the Mayor:-

Account of Gas Company read

An Account having been read from the Gas Company dated 9th. instant claiming the sum of £598.9.11 for lighting & repairing the lamps of the Borough, after a discussion upon same in which Alderman Rogers and Town Councillor Atkinson and other members of the Council took a part, Alderman Rogers moves and Town Councillor Boylan seconds that same be referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report, which motion was put from the Chair and carried.-

and referred to Finance Committee.

T.C. Boylan added to Paving Committee

Town Councillor Keappock moves and Town Councillor Kelly seconds a resolution that Town Councillor Boylan be added to the Paving Committee, which was put from the Chair and agreed to-

Report of Town Clock Com. read and adopted

The following report of the Town Clock Committee having been read by the Town Clerk, was adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes on motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Bellew,

Copy Report

"Your Committee beg leave to report "that having requested Mr. Thomas North to examine "the Town Clock which has been some time erected "by Mr. James Mangan of Cork under a specification "furnished by him dated 20th. January 1846, beg "to say that he has reported very favourably of same "and that it is, in all respects, fully equal to what "the Maker undertook to accomplish.- they therefore "recommend the payment in full of Mr. Mangan's "account amounting to £177.15.0.- While your "Committee have thus reason to congratulate the "Council and the Public on the result of their "labours as regards the Clock, they deeply regret to "say that the Bells erected by Mr. James Sheridan "of Dublin to chime the hours and quarters, are grossly "inferior indeed, and by no means realise the "anticipation of your Committee, they are in fact "quite unsuited to the object they are intended for, "issuing sounds by no means either loud or mu-"sical. And your Committee recommend that "they be taken down and a contract made with "some eminent house for a new set of Bells to "be guaranteed to toll in a proper manner, "Which we certify as our report this 14th. June 1847.

Signed, "Anth.y Keappock" Chairman

Town Clerk to communicate with Messrs. Moares & Mangan on the subject of getting five good Bells for Town Clock,

Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Keappock seconded by Town Councillor Boylan "That the Town Clerk communicate with Messrs. Moares and Mangan and ascertain from them the best and cheapest mode of getting five good Bells for the New Town Clock.-

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J. C. Collins' motion saved for next day meeting.

Town Councillor Collins' motion, notice which he had given on the 3rd. May last on the subject of Public Baths and Wash Houses for the use of the Poor of the Borough, is saved for the next day of meeting on the motion of Town Councillor Walsh.

Ass.d adjourned to 1st July at 12 o'clock.

There not being any other business for the consideration of the Assembly same was adjourned to Thursday 1st. July next at the hour of Twelve O'clock.

James Matthews Mayor

1st. July 1847.

Adj.d Ass.y 1st July 1847.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Thursday the first day of July 1847, among other matters to nominate out of the Aldermen or Councillors a fit person to be Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year pursuant to the 35th. Bye Law of the Council.

Present The Mayor.

4 Aldermen & 18 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read approved of and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Report read from Mr. Berrill

A Report having been read from Mr. Berrill Superintendent of the Paving Department, stating that, the Inhabitants of the town had been unjustly deprived of the water issuing from Tubberboyce, the Cistern in the garden of the late Mr. Miller having been stopped by a plug and the water consequently running to loss, also that there were two large Sewers required to be made, one on the North side of James' street and the other on the North road, convenient to Mr. Conway's, same was referred to the Paving Committee with a request that they report thereon to the next Assembly, on the motion of Alderman Simcocks

referred to Paving Committee

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seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.

Alderman Simcocks then moved that Alderman Rogers be nominated as a fit and proper person to act as Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year and Town Councillor Boylan seconded same Whereupon Town Councillor Levins moves and Town Councillor Drew seconds a Resolution that Alderman Carty be nominated Mayor for the ensuing year which question after some discussion was not pressed by the gentlemen moving it nor put from the Chair And Alderman Rogers was declared by his Worship nominated Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year and he thereupon returned thanks to the Assembly in suitable terms.

Ald. Rogers nominated Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year

Ald. Carty nominated Mayor for the ensuing year.

Ald Rogers is declared nominated Mayor for the ensuing year and returns thanks.

+ Town Councillor Collins pursuant to notice given by him on the 3rd May ultimo brings before the Assembly his motion saved from the last day of meeting, for the erection of Public Baths and Wash houses for the Poor of the Borough and moves that a Committee be appointed to carry out the object thereof, which motion not having been seconded was declared lost. +

T. C. Collins brings on his saved motion relative to Baths & Wash houses

motion not seconded and lost.

It was Ordered on the motion of Alderman Ennis seconded by Town Councillor Levins that Messrs. Todd Laing and Co's Account amounting to

Messrs. Todd Laing & Cos Acct. & Henry Crolly's Acct. Ordered to be paid

£29.5.6½ and Henry Crolly's amounting to £21.17.0½ be paid.

Ass.y adj.d to 20th instant at 12 O'clock.

The Assembly then adjourned to Tuesday 20th instant at the hour of Twelve O'clock.

James Mathews Mayor

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Adjd Ass.y 20th July 1847.

20th July 1847.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thalsel on Tuesday the 20th day of July 1847.—

Present. The Mayor
2 Aldermen & 6 Councillors

minutes read.

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read, approved & and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

letter read from R. D. Kane Esq.r Solr to Navan Branch Railway Compy requiring purchase of additional land

A letter having been read from R. D. Kane Esqre. Solicitor to the Navan Branch Railway Company, requiring from this Corporation the purchase of additional lands for the purposes of said Railway. It was Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Alderman Sinnocks. That the Navan Branch Railway Company get the additional land required by them, now in the occupation of the Representatives of John Mc.Cann, at the rate of twenty five years purchase of the rent now payable to the Corporation.—

Railway Compy to get the land required by them at 25 y.ears purchase of present rent.—

Ald.r Sinnocks & J.C. Keappock & Conway to deal with Mr Geo.R. Clarke or any other person for removal & sale of street manure.

Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Kelly seconded by Town Councillor Drew, That Alderman Sinnocks

& Town Councillor Keappock and Town Councillor Conway be authorised to deal with Mr. George R. Clarke or any other persons on the best terms they can, for the carrying away and sale to him of the street manure.

James Mathews Mayor

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Special Assy 8th Sept. 1847.

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the Eighth day of September 1847 pursuant to notice dated 4th instant signed by his Worship the Mayor and fixed on the Door of the Tholsel, the several Members of the Council having been duly summoned by service of notice on them respectively on the 4th instant, for the purpose of examining and passing the Treasurer's and other Accounts and examining generally the state of the Corporate Finances.—

Present The Mayor,

2 Aldermen & 13 Councillors

Report of Finance Com. read & adopted.

The following Report of the Finance Committee dated 8th instant, having been read by the Town Clerk, was adopted and the several Accounts therein enumerated ordered to be paid, on the motion of Town Councillor Levins, seconded by Town Councillor Boylan,

8th September 1847

Copy report

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of passing Accounts the following were examined and ordered to be paid",— Viz,

8th Septemr. 1847.

Copy report.

Present

The Mayor

J. C. Drew J. C. Boylan

No.					
1	James Hussey, Collector of Cess, for attending revision of Burgess Roll of 1846		3	10	0
2	Thomas Kelly Collector of Ministers Money & Parish Cess for attending revision of Burgess Roll of 1846	3.. 10.. 0			
	Also for Advertisements in Papers & Hand Bills as per Account	3.. 1.. 0	6	11	0
3.	William Leonard Collector of Parish Cess for St. Mary's attending revision of Burgess Roll for 1846		2	0	0
		£	12..	1..	0

James Mathews Mayor

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Special Ass.y 29th Sept. 1847.

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 29th day of September 1847 pursuant to Notice dated 25th instant signed by his Worship the Mayor and fixed on the door of the Tholsel, the several Members of the Council having been duly summoned by service of notice on them respectively on the 25th instant, for the purpose of receiving reports from the Finance, Law, Paving and Mechanics Institute Committees, taking measures to light and cleanse the streets of the Borough for the ensuing year and deciding on notice of motion by Town Councillor Collins to restore to Chief Constable McCartney his salary as Fire Engine Keeper.—

Present The Mayor
2 Aldermen & 12 Councillors.—

T. C. Collins moves that C. C. McCartney be restored to his former salary of £15 p Ann, as Fire Engine Keeper,

Town Councillor Collins pursuant to notice given by him on the last day of meeting brings before the Council the subject of restoring to Chief Constable McCartney his former salary of £15 per annum as Fire Engine

Keeper, which had been taken from him in March 1846 on the recommendation of the Committee of Economy, and moves that the former resolution of the Council taking away same be rescinded and that he be restored to his former salary to commence from 25th instant, and Alderman Simcocks having seconded same, the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

question put from the Chair and passed,

It was resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Bellew, That the payment of the salary of £15 to Mr. McCartney as Fire Engine Keeper, as mentioned in the foregoing resolution, be conditioned on his superintending on the first Monday in each month the exercise and examination of the Engines, so that they be always kept in efficient working order.—

salary granted to Mr. McCartney on condition of his superintendg on the first Monday in every month the exercise and examination of the Fire Engines,

Ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Collins seconded by Town Councillor Bellew that the documents and testimonials of Owen Kenny and Thomas W. Doyle, on the subject of seeking to be appointed to the situation

documents &c. of Owen Kenny & Thos. W. Doyle seeking to be appointed Corpn. Surveyor referred

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to Land Valuatn. Comttee, with power to them to appoint a competent person as such,

of Corporation Surveyor, be referred to the Land Valuation Committee, with instructions to them to appoint a competent person as such.

T. C. Collins gives notice of motion.

Town Councillor Collins gives notice that at the next meeting of the Council he will move that the Corporation do memorial her Most Gracious Majesty to cause the immediate assembling of Parliament to devise measures to procure reproductive employment for the labouring Poor.

T. C. Boylan gives notice of motion,

Town Councillor Boylan gives notice that on the next day of meeting he will move that the Law Committee of this Corporation be instructed to watch the progress of the proposed renewal of the Ashbourne Turnpike Road Trust Act at the ensuing session of Parliament.

James Mathews Mayor

1st November 1847.

Genl. Qy. Assy. 1st Novr. 1847.

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the first day of November 1847.

Present The Mayor
and 10 Councillors

Assy. adjourned to 2nd instant in consequence of Petty Sessions being held on this day.

In consequence of the Petty Sessions being held on this day requiring the presence of his Worship, the Assembly adjourned to Tuesday the second of November instant at twelve O'clock.

James Mathews Mayor

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adj.d Assy 2nd. Novem.r 1847.

2nd. Novem.r 1847.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thelsel on Tuesday the second day of November 1847.—

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen & 9 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last three Assemblies having been read by the Town Clk, were approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Moses Starr ordered £20. p Annum, from 25th. Decem.r last,

Ordered, on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Kelly, That Moses Starr be paid the sum of £20 a year in lieu of all compensation claimed by him from this Corporation, same to commence from 25th. Decem.r last.

Memorial read from Town Serjeants

A Memorial was read from the Serjeants at Mace praying that their salary would be paid them monthly instead of quarterly, which was ordered accordingly.—

Town Clk reads draft report

The Town Clerk then read a proposed draft report from the Land Valuation Committee,

2nd. Novem.r 1847.

of Land Valuation Com.tee

respecting to the land about to be taken from this Corporation by the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway Company and of which the following is a Copy.

Copy Report

"Your Committee beg leave "to report that on the 19th. October ultimo "Sir John Macneill as Engineer in "Chief, and Mr. Thomas Crozier as Solicitor "to the Northern Branch of the Dublin "and Belfast Junction Railway, waited "upon your Committee, and after mu- "tual explanations it was agreed upon "between them and your Committee that "a sum of Two thousand Four hundred "Pounds be given by the Railway Comp.y "and accepted by the Corporation as "compensation for the land and damage "to be sustained in consequence of the "construction of the Railway through "the Corporation lands, and an agree- "ment was then entered into, subject "to the approval of the Council, of which "the following is a Copy,

"The Mayor, Aldermen and "Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda "propose and agree to sell to the Dublin "and Belfast Junction Railway Comp.y "and the said Railway Company agree "to purchase the Estate in fee and all

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Copy Report.

"the interest of the said Mayor Aldermen
"and Burgesses in the lands and Premises
"mentioned in the said Company's No-
"tices bearing date respectively the 10.th
"October 1845, 28.th. Novem.r 1845, 23.rd.
"January 1846, 10.th. February 1846,
"9.th. March 1846 and 28.th. Janu.y 1847,
"and situate and being in the town-
"lands of Sagavoonan, Yellowbatter,
"Townath, Greenbatter and Commons,
"and which the said Mayor, Alder-
"men and Burgesses of Drogheda
"hold by virtue of a Royal Charter or
"by whatever other name or names the said
"lands are respectively called or known
"for the sum of £2400, said sum to
"cover all claim for severance or other
"injury, the said Mayor Aldermen
"and Burgesses to have however and
"the said Railway Company to construct
"/and in lieu of all other passages/
"two Bridges on the townland of Townath
"at the points fixed on between Sir John
"Macneill and the Mayor Aldermen
"and Burgesses aforesaid, and also an
"other Bridge on the property in the pos-
"session of the Repres.ts of Francis Graves-

Copy report.

"The said Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses
"reserving for the Public, free right to pass
"along the Quay as marked on the Maps
"this day left with the Corporation in the
"mean time for inspection and of which
"copies are to be afterwards deposited
"with them by Sir John Macneill, but
"such right to be at the peril of the Parties
"so passing (except when an accident
"may happen through the neglect of the
"Railway Company) and also the right
"of shipping and unloading on said line
"of Quayage.- Dated at Drogheda this
"19.th October 1847.-

"For the Mayor Aldermen and
Burgesses of the Corporation of
Drogheda"

James Mathews, Mayor.

"For the Dublin & Belfast Junction
Railway Company"

"Witness present "Tho. Crozier"
Thos. Kelly
Town Clerk.

"The foregoing agreement is
"entered into subject to the approval and
"confirmation of the said Mayor Alder-
"men and Burgesses of Drogheda and
"of said Dublin and Belfast Junction

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Copy report,

"Railway Company respectively
"James Mathews Mayor
Thos. Crozier"

"And your Committee considering the "proposal fair and reasonable begleave "to recommend it for adoption by the "Council, Which We certify as our report "this 1st Novemr. 1847."

Signed, "James Mathews" } Chairman

T. C. Atkinson moves that this report be adopted

Town Councillor Atkinson then moved that the report of the Land Valuation Committee now read be adopted and that the Mayor be authorised to affix the Corporate Seal to an agreement grounded thereon and Town Councillor Boylan having seconded same the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair, when Alderman Ennis moved as an amendment that the Railway Company be prevented from laying down their Rails within sixty feet of the water edge, which motion having been seconded by Alderman Carty, the amendment was put from the chair and declared by the Mayor in lost and thereupon Jm. the original resolution was put from Jm. the chair and carried.

Ald. Ennis moves an amendment,

original resolutn. carried,

Law Agents

Town Councillor Boylan pursuant to notice given by him on the

instructed to watch progress of the proposed renewal of the Ashbourne Turnpike Bill.

29th Septemr. last moves that the Law Agents be instructed to watch the progress of the proposed renewal of the Ashbourne Turnpike Bill with a view to prevent any Turnpike Gate being placed within the precincts of the Borough which was seconded by Alderman Carty and passed.

Francis McGauley to get £20. a year for his loss of Office as Town Serjeant, to commence from 25th April last,

he to obey the Mayor,

Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Drew seconded by Town Councillor Kelly, that Francis McGauley be paid a sum of £20..0..0 a year in lieu of compensation for his loss of Office as Town Serjeant to commence from 25th April last, on the terms of his obeying the directions of the Mayor in attending to the regulation of the Markets.

Jno. Stewart appointed Inspr. of lamps for the ensuing year,

Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Drew seconded by Town Councillor Kelly, that Jno. Stewart be appointed Inspector of lamps for the ensuing year at his former salary.

T. C. Collins gives notice of motion,

Town Councillor Collins gives notice that at the next meeting of the Council he will move that the Corporation petition Government to annex Agricultural Schools to each Poor Law Union in Ireland.

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In consequence of Parliament being summoned to meet on the 18th. instant, Town Councillor Collins withdraws his motion notice of which he had given on the 29th. Septr. last, to memorial the Queen to call Parliament together by a short day to devise means to procure reproductive employment for the labouring Poor.—

T. C. Collins withdraws his motion notice of which he had given on 29th. Sept. last.

The Assembly then adj'd. to Wednesday the 10th. instant at the hour of twelve o'Clock.—

Ass.y adj'd. to 10th. instant at 12 o'Clock.

James Mathews Mayor.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the tenth day of November 1847.—

Adj.d Ass.y 10th Nov.r 1847.

Present The Mayor
2 Aldermen & 6 Councillors

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

minutes read.

A Letter was read from Messrs. Woolsey, Jameson & Co. stating that they had succeeded in restoring the water to the Distillery from Tubberboice, the pipes of which having been injured, the supply of water had been altogether cut off from the town to the great inconvenience of the Public, and stating that they (the Distillery Co.y) had repaired said pipes and consequently restored to the Public a good supply of water, the costs of which amounted to about Seventy Pounds and calling on the Corporation to pay one half of said costs, and at the same time apprising them that in future the Corporation should repair said pipes pursuant to the terms of their lease.

Letter read from Distillery Co.y on the subject of water from Tubberboice.

The following Report of the Building Committee having been read by the Town Clk, was adopted and ordered

Report of Building Com.

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read and adopted

to be inserted on the minutes, on the motion of Town Councillor Kelly seconded by Town Councillor Boylan.—

Copy Report.

"Your Committee beg leave "to report that they have received from "Mr. John Kirwin of the North Strand in "this Borough Mariner a Proposal of "Three Pounds ten shillings yearly rent "for that Plot of Ground, situate without "Saint Laurence Gate on the southside "of the Road to the Chord as formerly de- "mised to William Jocelyn Shaw and con- "taining 15 ¼ Perches, and Your Committee "considering such Proposal an adequate "one, recommend it for adoption by the "Council,— Mr. Kirwin to get a 75 years "lease from Michaelmas last on the terms "of his building thereon according to the "Map and Plan deposited in the Town "Clerks Office, Which We certify as our "Report this 10th November 1847.

"James Matthews, } "Chairman",

The Town Clk. next read an Abstract of the Corporation Accounts presented by the Treasurer, shewing their liabilities and assetts for the half year commencing 1st Sept. 1847 and ending 25th March 1848.—

Town Clk. reads abstract account furnished by Treasurer.

Town Counsellor Collins

brings forward his motion

brings before the Council his motion notice of which he had given on the last day of meeting and moves that a Petition be presented to Parliament praying the annexation of Agricultural Schools, with Land annexed, to each Poor Law Union in Ireland, and Town Councillor Kelly having seconded same the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair when Town Councillor Atkinson moves as an amendment that the Corporation petition the Legislature praying for the establishment of Agricultural Schools in Ireland and that said Schools be established on the Commons land of this County and the proceeds of which lands to be applied towards the support of the Poor, full compensation being first made to the present occupiers of said Commons land for their interest therein, and Town Councillor Byrne having seconded this latter motion, the amendment was put from the Chair and declared carried.—

T. C. Atkinson moves an amendment,

Amendment carried,

Town Councillor Boylan moves that the Lamp Inspector furnish his account to the Treasurer weekly of the number of lamps out during each week, and also serve notice, weekly, upon the Gas Comp.y

Lamp Inspector to furnish an account weekly of the number of lamps out each week

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to the Treasurer and also serve notice weekly on the Gas Co.y.

in order to have any damage appearing, rectified by them and Town Councillor Koapock having seconded said motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Ass.d adj.d to 1st Decemr.

The Assembly then adjourned to the first December next at the hour of Twelve o'Clock.—

J Wm Matthews Mayr

25th Novemr. 1847

Election of two Councillors for each of the three Wards,

On this day Thomas Carty Esq. as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward with Messrs. Thomas Carroll & and Patrick Byrne Assessors of said Ward and Michael Rogers Esq. as Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward with Messrs. James Durnin and Patrick Maguire Assessors of said Ward, and also Patrick Tennan Esq. as Senior Alderman of the Saint Laurence Gate Ward with Messrs. Michael Mackin and James Butterly Assessors of said Ward, made the following return of the Election of Town Councillors for the said three several Wards respectively, which was published by his Worship the Mayor on the 26th Novemr. instant. in the following form, pursuant to the requisites of the Statute.—

Municipal Election

3 & 4 Victoria, Cap. 108, and 6 & 7 Vic, Cap. 93.

The following is a List of the names of the Persons Elected in the several Wards of the Borough of Drogheda at the Election of two Councillors for each Ward, to fill the vacancies caused by those whose period of Office had expired.— holden for the said Borough on the 25th Novemr. in the year of

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our Lord 1847. together with the number of votes given in favor of each person so elected.-

West Gate Ward

Names of Persons elected as Town Councillors,	No. of Votes
Peter Verdon,	Fifty one
Bartholemew Collins,	Fortyseven

Fair Gate Ward

Names of Persons Elected as Town Councillors	No. of Votes
John Shegog	Fifty seven
Edward Atkinson	Forty eight

Saint Laurence Gate Ward

Names of Persons Elected as Town Councillors	No. of Votes
James Hand	Fifty
John Butterly	Forty four

The foregoing is a Copy of the Lists this day furnished to me by the Senior Aldermen and Assessors of the various Wards, and I hereby publish the same, pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided.- Dated this 26th. day of November 1847.-

Signed, James Mathews
Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda.
James Mathews Mayor

29th Novemr. 1847

Election of a Town Councillor in the room of Mr. Peter McEvoy.

On this day an Election was held before Michael Rogers Esq as Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward with Messrs. James Durnin and Patrick Maguire Assessors of said Ward pursuant to public notice posted on the Door of the Tholsel for the purpose of electing a Town Councillor for said Ward in the room of Mr. Peter McEvoy who had ceased to be a Member of the Council when Mr. Thomas Grendon was duly elected in his stead.-

The following is a Copy of the List published by his Worship the Mayor.-

Municipal Election

3 & 4 Victoria, Cap. 108, and 6 & 7 Vic. Cap. 93.

Mr. Thomas Grendon Elected,

The following is a List with the name of the Person Elected Town Councillor for the Fair Gate Ward of the Borough of Drogheda at the Election of a Town Councillor for said Ward to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Peter McEvoy who had ceased to be a Member of the Council, holden for the above Ward on the 29th. day of November 1847.-

Name of Person elected as Town Councillor.	No. of votes
Thomas Grendon	Fifty six

The foregoing is a Copy of the List this day furnished to me by the Senior Alderman and Assessors of the Fair Gate Ward;

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and I hereby publish the same pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided.— Dated this 1st day of December 1847
Signed, James Mathews
Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda.

James Mathews Mayor

1st December 1847

adjd Assy 1st Decr 1847

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the first day of December 1847.—
Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen & 12 Councillors

proceedings read.

The minutes of the last Assembly were read by the Town Clk, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Ald. Rogers elected Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year.—

Alderman Simcock then upon moved in which he was seconded by Town Councillor Boylan, that Alderman Rogers be elected Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the ensuing year, and the question thereon having been put from the Chair was carried unanimously whereupon Alderman Rogers returned thanks to the Assembly.—

Memorial of Patrick Callan read

A Memorial was read from Patrick Callan of Sundays Gate, setting forth that Memt, in the month of January 1846 had become tenant to this Corporation for a portion of their property situate outside Dublin Gate called Thorny Park, and containing about 3a. 1r. 15p. at the yearly rent of £4 per Irish acre commencing from Michaelmas 1846, that he

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(Ment) obtained possession of said lands on 1st. February last and thereupon commenced tilling same for Barley and having highly manured same, said lands were in much better condition than when he entered thereon, and also setting forth that at the time of his bidding for said lands he (Ment,) was utterly ignorant of same, having never entered on said lands until he became tenant thereof and was consequently unacquainted with the habits of the people living in the neighbourhood, but regretted to state to the Council that from the plundering and pilfering he had suffered thereon since his possession thereof, he could not with safety or prudence continue to hold same, living as he did, at a distance from them, but was willing to pay a year's rent to the 29th. Sept. last and all taxes accrued during his occupation thereof and said Memorial prayed the Council to resume from him, on those terms, the possession of said lands, which Memorial was

referred to Land Valuatn. Committee

referred to the Land Valuation Comtee. for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded

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by Town Councillor Collins.—

Memorial of Watchmen read

A Memorial having been read from the Nightly Watchmen of the Borough praying the Council to grant them clothing to protect them from the inclemency of the weather, It was Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Scully, That a Committee be appointed to inquire and report as to the duties and remuneration of the Watch Establishment and that the following gentlemen do constitute such Committee with power to them to report thereon to the next meeting of the Council viz, The Mayor, Town Councillors Mathews, Grendon, Atkinson and Verdon.—

Committee appointed to inquire into the duties and remuneration of Watch Establishment and report same to next meeting.

proposal of Patk. Moore to cleanse Lots 182. of the streets of the Borough read and accepted,

A proposal was read from Mr. Patrick Moore of Swordays Gate undertaking to cleanse Lotts No. 182 of the streets of the Borough as advertised in October last for the period of eleven months from the 1st. of Decemr. 1847 to the 1st. Novemr. 1848, for a sum of £25. which proposal was accepted, on the motion of Town Councillor Atkinson seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.—

T. C. Atkinson

Town Councillor Atkinson hands to the Town Clerk a notice that he will

1st. Decemr. 1847

gives notice of motion,

at the next meeting of the Council move the appointment of a Committee for the purpose of inquiring whether or not any Member or Members of this Body are legally disqualified from retaining his or their seats in this Council.—

tender of Mr. Pat. Magrane to complete the necessary works to Pump on North road read and accepted,

A tender was read from Mr. Patrick Magrane proposing to complete the necessary works to the Pump on the North road for the sum of £20.8.10 which was accepted on the motion of Town Councillor Matthews seconded by Town Councillor Atkinson.—

Committee appointed to report on Pumps sunk in Pig Market & King street, Galson Wells at West Gate Mill and on the strand,

Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Mathews, That a Committee consisting of the Mayor, Town Councillors Mathews, Collins, Boylan, Shegog and Grendon be appointed to report on the Pumps sunk in the Pig Market and King street and also on the Wells at West Gate Mill and on the strand.—

Privy on the New Quay to be removed,

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Shegog seconded by Councillor Mathews that the Privy on the New Quay be removed.— The Assembly then adjd.

Assy adjd. to 15th. instant,

to Wednesday 15th. instant at twelve O'Clock.

Patk. Fennan Chairman

3rd. December 1847

On this day an Election was held by his Worship the Mayor pursuant to Public notice posted on the door of the Hotsel for Auditors and Assessors of the Borough and also for Assessors for the Saint Laurence Gate Ward before Patrick Fennan Esquire as Senior Aldeman of said Ward when Denis Ford and Michael Mackin were elected Assessors, and Messrs. Charles White and Nicholas Fitzpatrick were elected Auditors of the Borough, and Messrs. James Butterly and John M.Gough were elected Assessors for the Saint Laurence Gate Ward for the ensuing year, and said elections were duly published as the Law directs.—

Election of Borough Auditors & Assessors & Ward Assessors.

Denis Ford & Michl. Mackin elected Borough Assessors & Messrs. Chas. White & Nics. Fitzpatrick elected Borough Auditors, Messrs. Jas. Butterly & Jno. McGough elected Ward Assessors for St. Laurence Gate Ward.—

On the same day Thomas Carty and Michael Rogers Esquires Senior Aldermen of the West Gate and Fair Gate Wards delivered to the Mayor the return of the Elections for Ward Assessors held by them respectively on the above day, whereby Thomas Carroll & and Patrick Byrne were returned Assessors at the Election for the West Gate Ward and Messrs. Patrick Maguire and James Dunnin for the Fair Gate Ward.—

Messrs. Thos Carroll & Patk. Byrne elected Ward Assessors for the West Gate Ward and Pat. Maguire & Jas. Dunnin elected Ward Assessors for the Fair Gate Ward.—

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adj.d Assembly 15th Decem.r 1847.

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At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 15th. day of Decem.r 1847

Present

3 Aldermen & 13 Councillors

minutes read.

The minutes of the last Assembly were read, approved of and signed by the Chairman.-

Ald. Inman in the Chair.

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor Alderman Inman was moved to the Chair.-

Report of Paving Committee read & adopted

The following report of the Paving Committee having been read by the Town Clerk, was adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes on the motion of Alderman Simcock seconded by Town Councillor Boylan.-

Copy Report

"Your Committee having examined the several tenders for the cleansing "of the streets as advertised for one year "from the First of November last, have declared the following persons Contractors for "the different lotts, Viz, Peter Greene for lott "No. 3, comprising North Quay, Malt, Merchants Quay, North strand and Quay "lane at a sum of £10.- Richard Mullin "for lott No. 4, comprising Shop street, Bes-

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"serwell lane, Mayoralty street, Bachelor's "lane, Rosemary lane and Kevan's lane "at a sum of £25.- Henry Blacker Faithlough "for lotts Nos 5 & 6, comprising Laurence street, "Palace street, King street, Free school lane, "Blind Gate, Outside Laurence's Gate as far as "the strand, Peter street, William street and "Magdalen street as far as Sunday's Gate "for a sum of £27.- Richard Mullin for "lott No. 7, comprising West street, Linen "Hall street, Patrick's well lane, Old Abbey "lane and round the Linen Hall for a "sum of £55.- John Sullivan for lott No. 8, "comprising Fair street, Duke street, Schoales "lane, Dominick's lane, Bolton street and "Potato Market for a sum of £15, and George "Ogle for lott No. 9, comprising Dyer street, "New Quay, Fish Market, Stockwell lane "and Wellington Quay as far as the Linen "Hall for a sum of £6..12..0,-

"The foregoing compose the entire of the streets "of the Borough with the exception of lotts Nos "1 & 2, containing Bulling, John street, "James' street, Calender lane and South "Quay, which have been set by resolution "of Assembly of 1st. Decem.r instant to Mr. "Patrick Moore for Eleven months from 1st. "December instant at a sum of £25.- Which

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"We certify as our report this 15th. Decemr. "1847. - Signed, on behalf of the Committee "Thos. Simcocks, } Chairman".

Statement of Treasurer, read.

The Town Clk. then read a statement submitted by the Treasurer, shewing the permanent liabilities and Income of this Corporation, of which the following is a Copy. -

Copy Statement.

"Abstract Account of the Permanent liabilities and Income of the Corporation "of the Borough of Drogheda".

Dr. Cr.

To Interest	£691.4.3	By Rental of the Corporation at present,	£3382.6.10
" Municipal Expenses,	20 0 0		
" Pensions & Contributions	243.17.6		
" Salaries	826.3.0	" Town Cranes,	102.10.3
" Head rents & Tithe rent charge	£415.12.5	" Expenditure over Income	£194.1.9
Poor rate	250.0.0		
Dean Cox's Fund	4.12.4		
Col. Bellew's Bequest,	5.10.7		
Public Lamps, Light	£450.0.0		
Watch Establishment,	191.2.0		
Paving & Cleansing	650.0.0		
Compensation,	147.6.1		
(not including what Mr. Holmes may be entitled to/ Charges, Printing, Clothing, Repairs to Property &c. &c.	200.0.0		
	£4095.8.4		£4178.18.10

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Dr. By Balance. £4095.8.4. By Balance £4178.18.10
" Cranes, 83.10.6,
" Law Expenses " " "
£4178.18.10 £4178.18.10

William Campbell. Treasr.

His Worship the Mayor's notice of motion saved for next meeting.

On the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Boylan. - The notice of motion given by his Worship the Mayor on the last day of meeting is saved for the next meeting of the Council. -

Report of Water Committee read & adopted.

The following report of the Water Committee was read by the Town Clk. adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes, on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Boylan. -

Copy Report

"Your Committee having investigated the state of the Public Pumps and "Wells as directed by order of Assembly "of 1st Decemr. instant, beg leave to report "with respect to Trinity Well, - that We find "it rendered perfectly useless in consequence "of the tide flowing into it and recommend "that it be sunk a few additional feet, "a little closer to the Factory Walls, and a "Pump put into it and strongly recommend "that this should be done forthwith as a "great want of water is felt in the neigh-

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bourhood.— In reference to the boring on the North road your Committee authorised the Contractor to have same cleansed and emptied out for the purpose of testing the supply of water, when it was found that the water rises 5 inches in two hours and 3 feet in 24 hours, but the Contractor recommends a further sinking of two feet to procure a proper level for the water and is of opinion that were the rock jumked for about 4 feet that it would considerably increase the supply of water and which your Committee accordingly recommend to be done.—

With respect to the Pump in Magdalene street We find that it has been bored 60 ft. of which about 6 feet consists of loose clay deposited at the bottom, the consequence of which is that your Committee could form no opinion at present on the prospect of getting a proper supply of water which is in that neighbourhood seriously wanted.—

As to the Pump in King street, your Committee found it filled nearly to the surface with loose clay and cannot consequently say whether a good supply of water would be found.— With respect to the Fountain at Catherine's Well have your Committee found it almost useless in consequence of a small defect in the pipe and the

Copy Report

handle being broken and recommend that same be forthwith repaired.—

Your Committee further beg leave to say that they have found a very fine supply of excellent water at Mr. Chadwick's store on the North strand and strongly recommend that application be made to the Messrs. Chadwick for permission to introduce a pipe to this supply to be conveyed to a Pump to be erected at the opposite Wall of the Mill belonging to the Representatives of Mr. Thomas Ridgway. All which your Committee certify as their Report this 15th. Decemr. 1847.

Signed, John Shegog, Chairman,

J. C. Atkinson withdraws his motion,—

Town Councillor Atkinson withdraws his motion, notice of which he had given on the last day of meeting, the subject of which was, to move the appointment of a Committee for the purpose of inquiring whether or not any Member or Members of this Body are legally disqualified from retaining his or their seats in this Council.—

J. C. Shegog moves that the vacant Office of Sword Bearer be filled up,

Town Councillor Shegog pursuant to notice handed by him to the Town Clk, moves that the vacant Office of Sword Bearer be filled up, and Alderman Simcock having seconded this motion the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair, when Town Councillor

15th Decemr. instant.

J. C. Atkinson moves an amendment.

Atkinson moves as an amendment that the question be considered this day three months and Town Councillor Morton having seconded this latter motion and the several Members of the Council present having voted viva voce there appeared for the original motion ——— Nine and against it ——— Seven whereupon the original question was put from the Chair and declared carried.—

Original motion carried.

J. C. Shegog moves that Wm. Kortland be appointed Sword Bearer to this Corporation.— Chairman declines to put the question.

Town Councillor Shegog then moved that William Kortland be appointed Sword Bearer to this Corporation, which motion having been seconded by Alderman Simcocks, the Chairman declined to put said motion, due notice thereof not having been given.—

Ass.y adj.d to 22nd. instant at 12 Oclk.

The Assembly then adjourned to Wednesday 22nd. instant at the hour of Twelve Oclock.—

James Matthews Mayr.

16th. Decemr. 1847

Election of a Borough Auditor and Ward Assessor for the West Gate Ward.

On this day an Election was held by his Worship the Mayor pursuant to public notice posted on the door of the Tholsel for the purpose of electing an Auditor of the Borough for the ensuing year in the room of Charles White elected on the 3rd. instant but who had declined to sign the necessary declaration accepting said Office / when Robert Daly of West street was elected one of the Auditors of said Borough and said Election was duly published as the Law directs.—

Robert Daly elected Borough Auditor.

On the same day an Election was held before Thomas Carty Esquire as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward pursuant to public notice posted on the door of the Tholsel for the purpose of electing a Ward Assessor for said Ward for the ensuing year in the room of Thomas Carroll / elected on the 3rd. instant but who had declined to sign the necessary declaration accepting said Office / when Bernard Hatton of Shop street was elected one of the Assessors of said Ward and said Election was duly published as the Law directs.—

Bernd. Hatton Elected Ward Assessor for West Gate Ward.

M. A. Rogers Mayor

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29th Decemr 1847

Special Assy 29th Decr 1847

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 29th day of December 1847 pursuant to notice dated 24th instant signed by his Worship the Mayor and fixed on the door of the Tholsel, the several Members of the Council having been duly summoned by service of notice on them respectively on the 24th inst. for the purpose of deciding on noticed motion by the Mayor to widen Tree school lane, of Town Councillor Verdon to appoint a Sword Bearer at an annual salary of Five shillings, of receiving a report from the Lighting Committee, of affixing the Corporate seal to agreement with the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway for the sale of lands authorised to be sold by the Company's special act and memorialing the Lords of the Treasury for permission to sell and convey the lands agreed to be sold but the sale of which is unauthorised by said Act and revising the Committees for the next year

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen & 13 Councillors

Statement of account submitted between Jas

The Treasurer submits a statement of an account between his Worship the Mayor and this Corporation

29th Decemr 1847.

Mathews Esq. Mayor and this Corporatn

shewing a sum of £390 due him independent of the sum of £200 being his salary as Mayor of the Borough to 1st January 1848, which sum was ordered, on the motion of Alderman Simcocks seconded by Town Councillor Boylan, to be paid with interest out of the first money in the Treasurer's hands,

Copy Statement

The following is a Copy of said Account,

The Corporation of Drogheda,

1846 To James Mathews Esq. Dr.

Augt. 26. To Cash advanced in Council, £300.0.0

" " Also Cash advanced to Treasurer, 90.0.0

£390.0.0

Certified by,
William Campbell, Treasr,
29th Decemr 1847.

His Worship the Mayor withdraws his notice of motion.

His Worship the Mayor withdraws his motion for the present, notice of which he had given on the first instant, relative to the widening of Treeschool lane.

J. C. Verdon moves that Mr. Campbell the present Treasr, be appointed Sword Bearer at 5/- per ann.

Town Councillor Verdon pursuant to notice given by him on the last day of meeting, moves that Mr. Wm. Campbell the present Treasurer, be appointed Sword Bearer to this Corporation at an annual salary of five shillings, and Town Councillor Atkinson having seconded the motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried unanimous-

carried.

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Mr. Campbell returns thanks accepting Office.

by, whereupon Mr. Campbell returned thanks to the Council for his appointment and accepted same.-

Town Clk. reads agreement between this Corporation & the Dublin & Belfast Junction Railway Company to which agreement the Mayor affixed the small Seal of this Corporation.-

The Town Clk. then read the agreement entered into between the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway Company and this Corporation for the sale to them of the different parcels of land required for the construction of said Railway the property of this Corporation for a sum of £2400. to which agreement his Worship the Mayor affixed the small seal of the Corporation and perfected same as in like cases usual.-

J. C. Skegog gives notice of motion, Salary of Mayor £150

Town Councillor Skegog gives notice that at the next meeting of the Council he will move that the salary attached to the Office of Mayor be, from and after 1st January 1848, reduced to the sum of £150 per year.-

Memorial read from Denis McCullough one of the Corporation tenants.-

A Memorial was read from Denis McCullough setting forth that he (Mem.t) became tenant to this Corporation at Michaelmas 1846 for sixteen acres of the lands of Townath at £2.10.0 per acre, that Memorialist understood that the passage to said farm would be improved by the erection of a Gullet over the river and

referred to the Land Valuation Committee

the lowering of the Hill to the extent of twelve feet, and said Memorial prayed the Council to make those improvements as the present state of the road to said lands had become impassible, the subject of which Memorial was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report.-

List of the different Committees for the year 1848 read & adopted.

Town Councillor Boylan moves and Town Councillor Grendon seconds that the following do form the different Committees of this Corporation to continue in Office until the first January 1848, three of whom shall form a quorum in each Committee with the exception of the Law Committee five of whom shall form a quorum, viz.

Copy List

Finance Committee

Michael Rogers Esquire Mayor.

Ald.	Curly	J. C. Levins
"	Ennis	" Atkinson
"	Mathews	" Morton
J. C.	Keappock	" Boylan

Railway Committee

The Mayor.

Ald.	Sincocks	J. C. Atkinson
"	Inman	" Kelly
J. C.	Mathews	" Boylan
"	Keappock	and Town Clerk

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Copy List of Committees.

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Committee of Economy

The Mayor

Ald. Carty — J.C. Levins
" Ennis — " " Atkinson
" Mathews — " " Shegog

Law Committee

The Mayor

Ald. Inman — J.C. Keappock
" Ennis — " " Atkinson
" Carty — " " Verdon
" Mathews — " " Morton
J.C. Levins — " " Mathews

Building Committee

The Mayor

Ald. Carty — J.C. Kelly
" Ennis — " " Collins
" Simmocks — " " Grandon
J.C. Keappock — " " Casey

Paving Committee

The Mayor

Ald. Simmocks — J.C. Grandon
J.C. Keappock — " " Shegog
" " Byrne — " " Verdon

Town Crane Committee

J.C. Keappock

J.C. Levins — J.C. Kelly
" " Byrne — " " Hands.

Land Valuation Committee

The Mayor

Ald. Carty — J.C. Keappock
" Mathews — " " Collins

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J.C. Kelly — J.C. Mathews
" " Hand

Mechanics Institute Committee

The Mayor

J.C. Atkinson — J.C. Levins
" " Kelly — " " Morton
" " Keappock — " " Verdon

Clothing Committee

The Mayor

J.C. Keappock — J.C. Morton
" " Byrne — " " Mathews

M. M'Keogh
Mayor

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31st. Decemr. 1847.

Election of a Borough Auditor and Ward Assessor for the West Gate Ward.-

On this day an Election was held by his Worship the Mayor pursuant to Public notice posted on the door of the Tholsel for the purpose of electing an Auditor of the Borough for the ensuing year in the room of Robert Daly elected on the 16th. instant but who had declined to sign the necessary declaration accepting said Office when

John Mullin elected Borough Auditor.

John Mullin of James's street was elected one of the Auditors of said Borough and said Election was duly published as the Law directs.-

On the same day an Election was held before Thomas Carty Esq. as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward pursuant to Public notice posted on the door of the Tholsel for the purpose of electing a Ward Assessor for said Ward for the ensuing year, in the room of Bernard Hatton elected on the 16th. instant but who had declined to sign the necessary declaration accepting said Office when

Chas. Fras. Collins elected Ward Assessor for the West Gate Ward.

Charles Francis Collins of Shop street was elected one of the Assessors of said Ward and said Election was duly published as the Law directs.-

M. M. Rogers
Mayor

1st. January 1848.

Special Ass.y 1st. Jany. 1848.

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Saturday the first day of January 1848 pursuant to notice dated 28 Decemr. 1847 signed by his Worship the Mayor and fixed on the door of the Tholsel, the several Members of the Council having been duly summoned by service of notice on them respectively on the 28th. December 1847, for the purpose of swearing in Alderman Rogers as Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year,

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen & 10 Councillors.

His Worship with the Ald. & Councillors proceeds to Crown Court and takes the Oaths appertg to the Office of Mayor & Justice of the Peace.-

Alderman Rogers as Mayor Elect accompanied by the Members present proceeded in their Robes of Office to the Crown Court and he, having taken the Oaths appertaining to the Office of Mayor and Justice of the Peace and also the Oath of Allegiance as prescribed by the 10th. of George the Fourth together with a Declaration accepting the Office of Mayor before James Mathews Esqr. and Alderman Carty, then with the Aldermen and Town Councillors returned to the Assembly Room and took his seat as Chairman whereupon the Council proceeded in their Robes to Prayers at Saint Peters Chapel.-

The Mayor Aldermen and Councillors proceed to prayers to St. Peters Chapel.-

M. M. Rogers
Mayor

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Special Ass.y 10th Jan.y 1848

10th January 1848

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the tenth day of January 1848, pursuant to notice dated 4th. instant signed by his Worship the Mayor and fixed on the door of the Tholsel, the several Members of the Council having been duly summoned by service of notice on them respectively on the 5th. instant, for the purpose of passing a Vote of thanks to the late Mayor James Mathews Esquire for the very efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of his Office. -

Present The Mayor
5 Aldermen & 10 Councillors,

Letter read from Mr. Thos. Kelly Town Clerk.

A Letter was read from Mr. Thos. Kelly Town Clerk, apologizing for his absence from the meeting, on account of illness of which letter the following is a Copy. -

Copy letter,

My Dear Sir, "Green Hills, 10th. Janr.y 1848.

"Being confined to the House with a "severe cold and sore throat, I beg you will excuse "to the Council my absence from the meeting to day. "I regret my absence the more particularly as it "was my intention to take that Public opportunity "of returning thanks in the name of the other "Officers of the Corporation as well as my own to "our late excellent Mayor for the great courtesy

10th January 1848

Copy letter,

"and friendly attention he invariably evinced to- "wards us during the trying years of his Official "career. - Would it not be well for the Council to "memorial Government to appoint him a Borough "Magistrate, some of the gentlemen already ap- "pointed are unable to attend through press of "private business and other causes, as frequently "as I am sure they themselves desire, but from the "position of Alderman Mathews as a private gen- "tleman, untrammelled by the cares of mercantile "transactions, as well as from the energy of his past "career, we have a sufficient guarantee for his "zeal and efficiency. - It strikes me that in doing "so, the Council would not merely pay a well me- "rited compliment to a deserving individual, "but if successful, as I have little doubt they "would be, achieve a considerable public benefit.

"I am Dear Sir, faithfully yrs,
"Thomas Kelly

"Of course he could not act as Magistrate during "his Shrievalty, but it appears to me that the "expiration of his Mayoralty would be the proper "time to forward the Memorial," &c. -
"Mich.l Rogers Esq."

J. C. Atkinson moves Vote of thanks to James Mathews Esq. late Mayor.

Town Councillor Atkinson then moved, in an eloquent address, That the mark- ed thanks of this Corporation (in Special Assem- bly convened) be tendered to our late Mayor James Mathews Esquire, for his dignified, en-

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lightened and impartial conduct during the two years he has discharged the onerous duties of Chief Magistrate of the Borough of Drogheda, and further that our thanks are especially due to him for the unwearied attention given by him to the administration of Justice, by which he has reflected credit on our Body in securing the universal esteem of all classes of the Community, not only in his Magisterial Capacity but by his untiring devotion in alleviating the distress of the Poor so fearfully augmented during these years of famine and distress, which motion having been seconded by Alderman Ennis the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried unanimously, Whereupon Ald. Mathews returned thanks to the Assembly in suitable terms.-

Ald. Ennis seconds the Vote of thanks, passed unanimously.-

Town Councillor Shegog moved in which he was seconded by Alderman Toman that the foregoing Resolution be inserted in the local Newspapers, which motion was put from the Chair and carried unanimously.-

the foregoing Resolution to be inserted in the local Newspapers

Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Grandon seconded by Town Councillor Morton, That the Government be

Corporation to

memorial the Government to appoint James Mathews Esq. a Borough Magistrate

memorialed by this Body to appoint our late Mayor James Mathews Esquire a Magistrate of this Borough and that his Worship the Mayor be authorised to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.-

M. Mathews
Mayor

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Gen.l Quar.y Ass.y 1st Feby 1848,

1st February 1848,

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the first day of February 1848.-

Present The Mayor

2 Aldermen & 10 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last three Assemblies were read by the Town Clerk, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor:-

Town Clk. reads a letter from T. N. Redington, Under Sec.ty to the Lord Lieut.

The Town Clk. then read a letter from T. N. Redington Esq. Under Sec.ty to the Lord Lieutenant in reply to a memorial to his Excellency from this Corporation praying the appointment of Alderman Jas. Mathews the late Mayor to the Office of Borough Magistrate which was ordered to be inserted on the minutes on motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.-

Copy letter

The following is a Copy of said letter

Dublin Castle, 31st Jan.y 1848

Sir,

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your "letter of the 24th. instant enclosing the "Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen & Burgess-"es of the Borough of Drogheda, recommend-"ing the appointment of James Mathews "Esquire for the Commission of the Peace for

1st February 1848,

"the County of the Town of Drogheda, and I have "to acquaint you for the information of the "Memorialists, that the name of Alderman "Mathews having been already submitted to "the Lord Lieutenant, His Excellency has been "pleased to recommend his appointment.

"Thos. Kelly Esq. "I have the Honor to be, Sir,

"Town Clerk, your Obed.t Serv.t,

"Drogheda". "T. N. Redington".

J.C. Shegog's notice of motion saved,

Town Councillor Shegog saves his motion for the next day of Meeting, notice of which he had given on 29th. Decem.r last.-

Report of Lighting Com.tee read & adopted,

The following report of the Lighting Committee having been read, was adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes on motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Haines.-

Copy Report,

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have received from the Drogheda Gas Company the following offer:-

Drogheda, 5th. October 1847.

"To the Worshipful the Mayor, Al-dermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda Gentlemen,

"We propose supplying Gas, lighting "and repairing the street Lamps in the Parishes

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"of Saint Peter's and Saint Mary's Drogheda
"from the 6th. instant till the 30th. day of
"April 1848 for Three Pounds ten shillings
"per lamp, each lamp to be supplied with
"a batwing burner that emits three Cubic feet
"of gas per hour. - Lighting to be completed
"each evening one hour after sunset and
"putting out to commence each morning one
"hour and a quarter before sunrise. - Should
"any lamp remain without light then the
"quantity of gas such lamp would have
"consumed, if lighted, shall be taken off
"the account at the rate of 7/6 p thousand
"Cubic feet, with this exception, that any
"lamp out for one night by accident is not
"to be deducted from the Company. - Any
"complaints you may have to make shall
"be communicated immediately in writing
"addressed to the Directors of the Drogheda
"Gas Company at the Gas Office. - You
"shall pay as the current season's lighting
"by instalments as follows, One Hundred
"Pounds sterling upon first January 1848,
"One hundred pounds sterling upon first
"March 1848, One hundred pounds sterling
"upon first May 1848 and the balance of
"account upon first July 1848 and in the

1st. February 1848.

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"event of any instalment not being paid at the
"time specified, then interest at the rate of six
"per Cent. per annum, will be charged till such
"instalment be paid.

"We are most respectfully
yours &c.
for the Drogheda Gas Co.y
Edward Atkinson } Directors
John Morton }

"Your Committee considering this proposal fair
and satisfactory recommend it for adoption by
the Council. Which We certify as our report this
29th. December 1847. -

Mich.l Rogers } Chairman.

Report of Land Valuat.r Committee read & adopted.

A Report was read from the Land Valuation Committee which was adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes on motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Reappock. -

The following is a Copy of said Report

Copy Report.

"Your Committee having taken into
"their consideration the Memorial of Patrick
"Callan one of the Corporation tenants, referred to
"us from the adjourned Quarterly Assembly
"of 1st. December last praying that under the cir-
"cumstances therein stated the Corporation would
"be pleased to accept a surrender from him of the
"Lands of Thorny Park let to him on 30th. Janry

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Copy report.

"1847, and your Committee having inquired
"minutely into the peculiar facts of his case
"and found that from the excavations and
"other works made on said lands and the
"adjoining Public road by the Navan Branch
"Railway Company, the entire face of the holding
"would be changed and that it would be unjust
"to hold him to said letting, beg leave to recom-
"mend that a surrender be taken from him
"of his said holding, he paying arears rent to
"29th Septem'r. last, and all taxes accrued
"during his occupancy and that said holding
"be again advertised for letting forthwith,
"but your Committee at the same time beg
"to state, that they have been induced by the
"peculiar circumstances of this case alone
"to recommend such surrender and to pro-
"test against its being drawn into a precedent
"hereafter for annulling contracts between
"the Corporation and their tenants once
"solemnly entered into.- In reference to the
"Memorial of Denis McCullough, another
"of your tenants, praying that the passage to
"his farm at Townrath would be improved
"by lowering the hill and that a Culvert should
"be erected over the Townrath stream near
"said hill, your Committee have directed
"a specification and estimate of said works
"to be prepared by the Corporation Surveyor and

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"which, as your Committee understand, having
"been prepared and now ready in the Town Clerk's
"Office, they recommend that advertisements should
"be published calling on Contractors to execute said
"Works in accordance with such estimate and
"specification. All which your Committee certify
"as their report this 1st February 1848".-

Patrick Matthews } Chairman.

Memorial read from Inhabitants of Bolton street praying a gas light in that neighbourhood,

A Memorial was read from the Inhabitants of Bolton street stating that their neighbourhood was very badly situated owing to want of a gas light which rendered the place the resort of improper characters to the annoyance of said Inhabitants and danger of their property and praying the Council to erect a lamp in said neighbourhood, which Memorial was referred to the Paving Comm.tee on the motion of Town Councillor Shego seconded by Town Councillor Keappock with a request that they forthwith erect a lamp in a proper position in said vicinity and also that they report as to the necessity of placing a lamp in Saint Peters Church yard.-

referred to Paving Com.tee,

Contracts read for repairing New Quay Walls.-

Contracts were then read from Messrs. Patrick Magrane and Thos. Mathews for repairing the New Quay Walls.-

Accounts of

The Accounts of Messrs. Thos. Kelly Sam.l Eakins, Pat.k Magrane, Jno. Sullivan

Messrs. Thos. Kelly, Saml. Eakins, Pat. Magrane, Jno. Sullivan & Richd. Mullin referred to Finance Com.

and Richard Mullin were read by the Town Clerk and referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Mathews.—

Letter from Mr. Josh. Holmes, requiring payment of 35 Debentures of £100 each, late Currency, read,

A Letter having been read from Mr. Joseph Holmes stating that he was instructed on the part of the Revd. John Smythe to apply to the Corporation for payment of Thirty five Debentures of £100 late Currency each, with the arrear of interest due thereon, It was Resolved that the Town Clk, do prepare a Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury, to be submitted to the next Assembly, praying their consent to allow the present Corporation to issue new Debentures to the present holders of the Corporation Bonds with warrants of Attorney attached thereto for the purpose of making them a more available security.—

Town Clk. to prepare a Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury praying their consent to the issue of new Debentures with Warrants of Attorney attached.

Town Councillor Shegog moves and Town Councillor Mathews seconds that the following Committee be appointed to inquire and report as to what amendments and revisions may be advisable in the present code of the Bye Laws of this Corporation, viz. The Mayor, Aldermen Carty and Mathews, Town Councillors Shegog and Mathews, which question

Committee appointed to inquire and report as to what amendments &c. may be advisable in present code of Bye Laws, viz, The Mayor, Ald. Carty & Mathews T.C. Shegog and Mathews.—

was put from the Chair and carried.—

Ald. Mathews gives notice of motions.—

Alderman Mathews gives notice that at the next meeting of the Council he will move that Parliament be petitioned by this Body to emancipate the Jews and also to establish Tenant Right by Law in this Country.—

Assy. adjd. to 14th instant at Twelve O'Clk.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday 14th instant at the hour of Twelve O'Clock.—

Mich Rogers
Mayor

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14th February 1848,

Adjd. Assy 14th. Febry 1848,

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 14th. day of February 1848.–

Present The Mayor

4 Aldermen and 14 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.–

Town Clk. reads draft Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury praying the issue of new Debentures by this Corportn. to present holders with Warrants of Attorney attached.–

In pursuance of an order given at last Assembly the Town Clerk reads a Draft Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury praying the issue of new Debentures by this Corporation to the present holders, with Warrants of Attorney attached thereto, which was ordered to be forwarded under the Corporate Seal, on motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Alderman Simcocks–

The following is a Copy of said Memorial–

Copy Memorial

"To The Right Honorable The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

"The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda

Sheweth,

"That the late Body Corporate of this Borough previously to their dissolution and at various times from the

Copy Memorial

year 1767 to the year 1825 issued certain Debentures or Bonds to their Creditors amounting in all to the sum of £13,824.6.2, some of them bearing interest at six and others at five per Cent, per Annum, but the interest on all of which has been reduced by your Memorialists to five per Cent, which is the rate now paid thereon.–

"That said Debentures having no warrant to enter Judgment, attached thereto, are not assignable at law and are payable only to the party to whom same were issued or his personal Representatives, and payment thereof can only be enforced by them through the tedious and expensive process of recovering a Judgment in an action of debt instituted on said Debentures.–

"That although said Debentures are not assignable they have nevertheless been transferred in several instances by manual delivery, the interest being punctually paid and the Corporate Estates chargable therewith ample and sufficient.–

"That the Holders of said Debentures are now dissatisfied with the form of said security, not being transferrable and some of them have threatened to proceed

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Copy Memorial.

"against your Memorialists for recovery
"of the amount of the Debentures held by
"them, accurse that would be attended
"with serious annoyance and loss to your
"Memorialists.-

That your Memorialists
have reason to believe that if the present
Holders of said Debentures received in lieu
thereof Bonds payable to themselves together
"with warrants of Attorney for entering Judg-
"ments thereon attached thereto so as to make
"them an assignable security, they would
"be satisfied therewith receiving interest thereon
at the rate of five per Cent.-

"Memorialists therefore pray
"your Right Honorable Board to sanction
"the issue by Memorialists of Bonds with
"warrants of Attorney for confessing Judgment
"thereon attached thereto payable to the present
"holders of said Debentures amounting in the
"whole to a sum of £13,824. 6. 2, with
"interest thereon at a rate not exceeding five
"per Cent. per Annum, And your Memori-
alists will ever pray.-

On the motion of Alderman
Simcock seconded by Town Councillor Byrne,
Town Councillor Thegoe's motion is saved for
the next meeting of the Council.-

T. C. Thegoe's motion is saved for the next meeting.-

Ald. Mathews moves the adoption of a petition to admit the Jews to all the privileges of British Subjects.-

Alderman Mathews then moved
in pursuance of his notice given on the last
day of meeting, that the Corporation petition
Parliament to admit the Jews to all the
privileges of British Subjects and Alderman
Carty having seconded this motion the Town
Clk. read a draft Petition of which the follow-
ing is a Copy.-

Copy Petition.

"To The Honorable The Commons
of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Ireland.
The Petition of the Mayor Alder-
men and Burgesses of the Borough
of Drogheda.-

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners have view-
ed with unmingled satisfaction the progress of
a measure introduced into your Honorable
House for the Emancipation of their Jewish
Fellow Subjects, so long the objects of unrelenting
persecution.-

That your Petitioners conceive
it to be alike repugnant to the principles of
common Justice as well as to the pure precepts
of Christianity itself to make the conscientious
feelings and religious beliefs of any sect or
class of men the ground of their exclusion from

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political priviledges.—

That it is impolitic as well as unjust, by the denial of Civil rights, to array in feelings of antagonism to the state, a class of men who, though small in numbers and of a peaceful and unproselytizing character, are yet possessed of vast wealth and contribute largely from their resources to the exigencies of the Country.—

Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honorable House to pass with all convenient speed the Bill now in progress for the final emancipation of the Jews and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.—

In Testimony whereof We have caused to be hereunto affixed our Common Seal at an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly held in the Tholsel of Drogheda on Monday the 14th day of February 1848.—

Certfd. by Michl. Rogers Mayor, seal

Thos. Kelly, Town Clk,

Petition now read to be engrossed & forwarded under Corporate Seal to Sir W. M. Somerville for.

Town Councillor Boylan then moved that the draft Petition now read be engrossed in two parts and forwarded under the Corporate Seal, to Sir Wm. M. Somerville for presentation in the House of Commons,

presentation in House of Commons and to Lord Clanrickarde for presentation in House of Lords.

and to Lord Clanrickarde for presentation in the House of Lords, and Town Councillor Mathews having seconded the motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried.—

Ald. Mathews moves adoption of Petition to Parliament praying Establishment of Tenant Right by Law in this Country.—

In pursuance of notice given on the last day of meeting, Alderman Mathews moves that this Corporation petition Parliament praying the Establishment of Tenant Right by Law in this Country, and Alderman Carty having seconded same, a lengthened discussion ensued, when it was Resolved on motion of Ald. Mathews seconded by Ald. Carty, That this Corporation petition Parliament for an equitable adjustment of the relations between Landlord and Tenant, securing to the tenant his right as generally adopted in Ulster to sell his profitable interest, and to the Landlord his fair rent.—

Committee appointed to prepare Petition on the above resolutn. viz, Ald. Carty & Mathews, T.C. Mathews, Verdon, Boylan, Grendon and Atkinson,

On the motion of Ald. Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Boylan the following Gentlemen are appointed a Committee to prepare a Petition founded on the above resolution, to be presented to the next meeting of the Council, viz, Aldermen Carty and Mathews, Town Councillors Mathews, Verdon, Boylan, Grendon and Atkinson.—

Report from Mr. Berrill read and referred to Paving Committee,

A Report was read from Mr. Berrill relative to the state of the main sewers of the town, which was referred to the Paving Committee for their consideration and report.—

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T. C. Mathews gives notice of motion,-

Town Councillor Mathews gives notice that at the next meeting of the Council he will move the adoption of a Petition to the Legislature praying a revision of the present Irish Municipal Act.-

Assembly adjd. to 25th. instant at 12 Oclock.-

The Assembly then adjourned to Friday 25th. instant at the hour of Twelve Oclock M.-

James Mathews Chk.

25th. February 1848.

Adjd Assy 25 Feby 1848,

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the 25th. day of February 1848.

Present

3 Aldermen and 11 Councillors

Ald. Mathews in the chair,

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor Alderm. Mathews was moved to the Chair.-

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read and approved of, were signed by the Chairman.-

Treasurer states to Council that the Navan Branch Railway Coy are exceeding their bounds of ground as purchased from the Coporation.-

The Treasurer having stated to the Council that the Navan Branch Railway Company are exceeding the bounds of the ground purchased from this Coporation by said Railway Company in the month of August last and required for the purposes of said Railway. It was ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Grendon seconded by Town Councillor Reydon that the Coporation Surveyor examine the whole of the said Railway line and report to the Council whether said Railway Company have exceeded the limits of the purchased lands or not, and if so, to what extent.-

Ordered that the Surveyor do examine same & report thereon to the Council,-

Town Clk, reads report of Committee appointed to prepare Petition in favor of Tenant Right.-

The Town Clerk having read the report of the Committee appointed on the last day of meeting to prepare the draft Petition in favor of Tenant Right, same was, on the motion of Town Councillor Grendon seconded by Town Councillor Boylan, adopted and ordered to be engrossed and forwarded under the

Ordered to be

engrossed and forwarded under Corporate Seal. T. C. Atkinson first proposing an Amendment.

Corporate Seal to the Right Hon. Sir W. M. Somerville for presentation in the House of Commons and to Lord Lansdowne for presentation in the House of Lords. Town Councillor Atkinson having first proposed an amendment introducing a clause in said Bill to the effect that the rights of Landlords be secured by stringent enactments against fraudulent tenants from overholding possession of their lands without the payment of rent, which amendment was seconded by

Amendment lost.

Town Councillor Shegog and having been put from the Chair was declared lost.—

Copy report and Petition

The following is a Copy of said report & Petition

"Your Committee beg leave to report that in pursuance of the Resolution passed at last Assembly they have adopted the following Petition, Which they certify as their report this 25th. February 1848.

"Thomas Grendon Chairman.

"To The Honorable The Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland

"The Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda

"Humbly Sheweth,

"That your Petitioners have awaited with considerable anxiety the intro-

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"duction by Government into your Honorable House "of a measure intended to remedy the evils arising "from the present system of land tenure in Ireland.

"That your Petitioners conceive that "the Bill which has now been at length introduced, "although it contains a few salutary principles "and regulations, is yet by no means calculated "to meet the requirements of the Country, in as "much as the machinery proposed to carry out "the leading enactments of it, viz, that of the "tenants obliging his Landlord by the service "of compulsory notices to assent to and allow "for necessary improvements, will be in itself "cumbrous and expensive, and is calculated "moreover to defeat the practical operation of "the measure, in as much as it will, if acted "upon, oblige the tenants to assume towards "their Landlords a position, the responsibility "and consequences of which very few of them "indeed will feel inclined to undertake.—

"That the principle of retrospective "compensation, which is by the Bill admitted "in the case of Occupiers paying under Ten Pounds "a year rent, your Petitioners are of opinion "should be extended to all cases of substantial "and permanent improvements, effected within "the previous twenty one years at least, the amount "payable to be ascertained by arbitration with a

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"power of appeal to the Assistant Barrister
"of the County in which the lands are situate.-

"That your Petitioners at the same
"time that they suggest those improvements and
"alterations in the Bill already introduced,
"are yet strongly of opinion, that the more effec-
"tual as well as more simple course would be
"for the Legislature to adopt and sanction by
"their authority, a well defined system of the
"Tenant Right, as it generally prevails in the
"Province of Ulster, a system which has been
"found so beneficial in securing to the Land-
"lord a fair rent, and to the tenant the pro-
"duce of his profitable interest in the land,
"your Petitioners being convinced that in so
"doing, your Honorable House will best
"prevent those predial outrages, so long the
"shame and curse of Ireland, give a power-
"ful stimulus to agricultural improvement
"and at the same time create a state of society
"which is much required, in establishing
"throughout the country a fostering proprietary,
"a thriving and peaceable tenantry and an
"industrious and contented peasantry, who
"will thereby be enabled to support themselves
"by the produce of their own labour instead
"of being, as a considerable portion of them
"now are, a burthen on the resources of

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"the County.-

"Your Petitioners therefore humbly
"pray your Honorable House to take the fore-
"going suggested improvements into your serious
"consideration or else to adopt that course which
"your Petitioners are conceived from their own
"observation would be much the more advisable,
"that is, to sanction by Legislative enactment a
"well defined system of the Tenant Right as it
"generally prevails in Ulster, And your Pets
"will ever pray.-

"In Testimony whereof We have caused to be
"hereunto affixed our Common Seal at an adj.d
"Quarterly Assembly held in the Thols.d of
"Drogheda on Friday the 25th. day of Feby 1848.
"Cert.d by Mich.l Rogers, Mayor. (seal)
"Tho.s Kelly Town Clk.

Memorial of Edw.d Magrath read,

A Memorial was read from
Edward Magrath praying the Corporation to
grant him employment.-

T. C. Shegog moves that the Mayor's salary be reduced to £150 p Annum from & after 1st. Janry 1849

Town Councillor Shegog moves, in
pursuance of his notice saved from the last day
of meeting, that the salary of Mayor be reduced
to £150 per Annum from and after 1st. Janry
1849 and Ald. Simcocks having seconded
the motion, Town Councillor Keappock moves
as an amendment that from and after 1st.
January 1849 the salary of the Mayor shall
be a sum not exceeding £200, the actual

T. C. Keappock moves an amendment.-

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amount to be determined by the Council, which latter motion was seconded by Town Councillor Hand, when a lengthened discussion having ensued, Town Councillor Keappock withdrew his amendment and Town Councillor Shegog withdrew his motion for the present.—

discussion ensues

both motions withdrawn for the present,—

The Account of Patrick Magrane for erecting and finishing the Pumps on the North Road was read and referred, with his consent, to Town Councillor Grendon for his arbitration and decision.—

Patk. Magrane's account referred to T.C. Grendon for his decision

A Memorial was read from Peter Hoey one of the Inspectors of the Fish Market praying the Council to grant him clothing, upon which no motion was made by the Council.—

Memorial of Peter Hoey read,

The Assembly then adjourned to Friday 24th March next at the hour of twelve O'Clock.—

Assy adjd. to 24th March at 12 O'Clk.—

Mich. Rogers, Cn

24th March 1848,

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the 24th day of March 1848.—

Adjd. Assy 24 March 1848,

Present The Mayor

and 8 Councillors

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read by the Town Clerk approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

minutes read

The following report of the Land Valuation Committee having been read by the Town Clk, was adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes on the motion of Town Councillor Atkinson seconded by Town Councillor Kelly.—

Report of Land Valuation Comttee read & adopted.

"Your Committee having examined the several tenders sent in pursuant to advertisement "for lowering the Hill at Townrath and erecting "a Bridge &c. over the river, find that that of "Denis McCullough, a tenant of the Corporation, "for Eighty seven Pounds is the lowest, and "your Committee have engaged with him to "execute the necessary works under the inspection "and subject to the approval of your Committee "and have bound him under a penalty of £20 "to have same completed on or before 1st Septemr. "next, which your Committee certify as their "report this 24th March 1848.—

Copy report,

James Hand } Chairman

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Report read from Treasurer

The following report having been read from the Treasurer, viz,

"Treasurer's Office, Dundalk,
24th March 1848;

Copy report,

"To the Mayor Aldermen and Town Council.
Gent.n,

"I beg leave to call your attention to the "necessity of instructing your Law Agents to "compel the Trustees of the late Henry Smith to "pay the rent now due, amount £142, being "four years rent to 29th Sept.r last.- There is nearly "the same amount due the Trustees for the Premiss "occupied by Mechanics Institute, and I have "made several applications to the Trustees "either to pay the amount due or to exchange "receipts, but all to no purpose.- I understand "the Trustees want to dispose of the property "demised to the Corporation, and if so you will "be obliged to pay the rent due and have but a "poor prospect for the recovery of your rent, as "part of the premises demised to Mr. Smith is "getting into a state of dilapidation.- Also "to have the boundary of the premises set to "John Kirwin defined, as a dispute has "arisen with the adjoining tenant.- your "Surveyor is in attendance to give you any "information you may require.- I am, Gent.n,
yr. Ob.t Serv.t
William Campbell.

Law Agents to bring Civil Bill Ejectments for recovery of premises held by the late Mr. Henry Smith

J. C. Atkinson moves that the 15th Bye Law of the Council be suspended for the present to enable him to bring forward a resolution to petition against proposed Bill for the abolition of imprisonment for debt in Ireland,

motion carried

J. C. Atkinson moves that this Corporation do petition against said proposed Bill,

It was ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Verdon that the Law Agents be instructed to bring a Civil Bill Ejectment for recovery of the premises on the New Quay and the Marsh to which the late Henry Smith was tenant.-

Town Councillor Atkinson moves that the 15th Bye Law of this Corporation be suspended for the present, for the purpose of enabling him to adopt a resolution to the effect that the Corporation petition Parliament against the Bill at present progressing through the House of Commons and introduced by Sir Wm. M. Somerville and Sir George Grey entitled "An Act for the abolition of imprisonment for debt in Ireland", and Town Councillor Shegog having seconded the motion and the several Members present having voted viva voce, same was put from the Chair when there appeared for the motion — 5
And against it ——— 4
Whereupon it was declared carried.-

Town Councillor Atkinson then moved a Resolution to the effect "that this Corporation, having taken into consideration the Provisions of a Bill introduced into the House of Commons by Sir Wm. Somerville and Sir George Grey entitled "An Act to amend the law

of imprisonment for debt in Ireland" and being conscious that said measure, if carried into a law, would be productive of much injury to the County generally, and great injustice to individuals, do petition the Legislature that said Bill do not pass in its present shape, and Town Councillor Hand having seconded this motion, Town Councillor Boylan moves as an amendment that the subject be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting, which amendment was seconded by Town Councillor Kelly, put from the Chair and declared lost, whereupon the original resolution was declared carried.—

J.C. Boylan moves an amendment,

original resolut: carried,

Town Councillor Atkinson then read a draft of the proposed Petition and of which the following is a Copy.—

J. C. Atkinson reads draft Petition,

Copy Petition

To The Honorable The Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland
The Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda.—

Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioners having taken into consideration the provisions of a Bill introduced into your Honorable House by

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Sir Wm. M. Somerville and Sir George Grey entitled "An Act for the abolition of imprisonment for debt in Ireland," are of opinion that said measure if passed into a law will be productive of serious injury to the traders of Ireland and to the Poor for whose benefit it purports to be enacted. Firstly by its retrospective operation and secondly by its permanent effects, while its provisions will effect a total confiscation of House property in the suburbs of large towns in as much as credit must be given for the rent until it becomes due, and the Occupiers of said houses being almost invariably without property, the salutary dread of imprisonment was and is the only power left to the Landlord by which he procures his rent or possession of the premises and on the faith of which power the Owners of said property were induced to invest their Capital in it.—

Petitioners would further respectfully say that it is contrary to the spirit of our constitution for any law to have a retrospective operation and therefore they have strong objections to this intended law on that point independent of others.—they would also impress on your Honorable House that the existing laws at present in force prevents the detention of any debtor in prison who has no property, and they would humbly but

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earnestly call your attention to the laws in force in Scotland, regulating the relations between landlord and tenant so far as house property is concerned with a view to their extention to Ireland.-

Petitioners therefore, for the above and other reasons, implore your Hon. House not to pass the said Bill into a law in its present form and they will pray.-

In Testimony whereof We have caused to be hereunto affixed Our Common Seal at an adjourned Assembly held in the Tholsel of Drogheda on Friday the 24th. day of March 1848.-

Certifd. by Thos. Kelly, Town Clk.

Michl. Rogers Mayor. (seal)

Petition now read to be engrossed and forwarded under Corporate Seal.

It was thereupon ordered that the Petition now read be adopted, engrossed and forwarded under the Corporate Seal to Sir Wm. M. Somerville for presentation in the House of Commons and to Lord Shaftesbury for presentation in the House of Lords.-

His Worship the Mayor to get Pump in Bachelors lane repaired.-

Ordered that his Worship the Mayor be requested to get the Pump at Catherine's Well lane put in proper order.-

Proposal of Thos. Grendon & Co.

A proposal was read from Messrs Thomas Grendon & Co, for the erection

accepted.

of a Pump in Bachelor's lane which was accepted by the Council.-

Assy adjd. to 17th April at 12 o'Clock.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday 17th April next at the hour of twelve o'Clock.-

Mich. Rogers Chairman

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17th. April 1848.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 17th. day of April 1848.-

Present The Mayor

1 Alderman & 10 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read approved of and signed by the Mayor.-

Report read from Mary Stanage Caretaker of the Corn Market,

The Town Clerk reads a Report from Mary Stanage Caretaker of the Corn-Market, relative to the state of the Market House owing to want of repairs, which

referred to Building Committee

was referred to the Building Committee for their consideration and report, on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Alderman Sinnocks.-

Statement of an account between this Corporation and the Relief Committee read referred to Finance Committee,

A Statement of an Account between this Corporation and the Relief Committee having been read, same was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report, on the motion of Town Councillor Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Boylan.-

Report read from Mr. Berrill,

A Report was read from Mr. Berrill stating that the Pump on the North Road was out of repair, that the main sewer in Shop sheet required cleansing,

that the Foot path at Sundays Gate was in a bad state for repairs and that materials for the streets were wanting, the present contract having expired.- It was thereupon

Advertisements to be published for the supply of Broken stones &c.-

Ordered that advertisements be published for a years supply of broken stones &c. with liberty to the Corporation to take from the Gaol the stones broken therein.-

T. C. Boylan moves that the Council memorial the Queen to summon an Irish Parliament to meet in Dublin,

Town Councillor Boylan then moved, in pursuance of his notice of motion given on 8th. instant, That the Corporation memorial the Queen praying her Majesty to summon an Irish Parliament to meet in Dublin to consult and make Laws for Ireland, and Town Councillor Conway having seconded the motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and

passed,

carried unanimously.-

T. C. Boylan submits draft Memorial,

Town Councillor Boylan then submitted a draft Memorial which was ordered to be engrossed and forwarded under the Corporate Seal.-

The following is a Copy of said Memorial

Copy Memorial,

To The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble, Loyal and Dutiful Address of The Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda.

May it Please your Majesty,

We, your Majesty's loyal

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and dutiful Subjects, avail ourselves of the ancient privilege of our Corporation to approach with all due respect, the foot of the Throne, and to tender our humble but dutiful and heartfelt congratulations on the late happy event of the birth of a Princess, and to express our loyal sympathy on any event which may conduce to increase your Majesty's domestic happiness.—

Knowing, as we do, that nothing can tend more to give your Majesty happiness than to see your people enjoying peace, comfort and constitutional liberty, We venture humbly to entreat your Majesty to be pleased to direct your immediate advisers to pay particular attention at the present juncture to the necessities, the wants and wishes of your most dutiful, long-suffering and much wronged people of Ireland.—

Most Gracious Majesty—We humbly, and with all due deference, venture to suggest that the main cause of the misery of Ireland is, that her laws are not made by an Irish Parliament—that instead of a sister Nation, she has been legislated for as a mere Province—and that the certain and effectual course to restore her prosperity, to preserve the integrity of the

Copy Memorial,

Empire and to attach most devotedly to the Government of your Majesty the hearts and hands of the people of Ireland, is by the restoration to Ireland of the power to make her own laws and manage her own resources, by the Repeal, as speedily as possible, of the Act of Legislative Union and the assembling of your Majesty's Irish Parliament.—

Thus, as we humbly conceive, will the prosperity of Ireland be secured; that of your Majesty's other dominions increased; and let what may happen in other countries, the throne of your Majesty be based on the most secure and steadfast foundation—the love, duty, and allegiance of your Majesty's people.—

In Testimony whereof We have caused to be hereunto affixed Our Common Seal at an adjourned Assembly held in the Tholsel of Drogheda on Monday the 17th day of April 1848.—

Michl Rogers, Mayor, (seal)

Certfd by
Thos Kelly
Town Clk.

Michl Rogers
Mayor

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1st May 1848,

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the first day of May 1848.—

Present The Mayor

3 Aldermen & 12 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly having been read by the Town Clerk, were approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Memorial of Peter Hoey read, and referred to Clothing Committee to provide a suit of clothes for the Inspectors of Fish Market,

The Memorial of Peter Hoey, which was referred on the 21st March last, to the next Quarterly Assembly having been read praying the Council to grant him a suit of clothes, It was ordered on the motion of Ald. Ennis seconded by Town Councillor Hands, that it be referred to the Clothing Committee to provide a suit of clothes for Messrs. Peter Hoey & John O'Farrell Inspectors of the Fish Market.—

Ald. Ennis moves that the Corporation grant a passage of 30 feet to the intended Model National School in Windmill lane.—

Alderman Ennis moves pursuant to his notice of motion given on 13th ult., that the Corporation with the consent of the Lords of the Treasury, grant a passage 30 feet wide from the North road to the intended Model National School in the Windmill lane, to be leased to the Commissioners of National Education for such time as the School shall be maintained, provided a more suitable

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site for such Model School cannot be pointed out by this Corporation, Whereupon Alderman Mathews moves that the subject be referred to the Land Valuation Committee with a request that they report thereon to the next meeting of the Council, and Town Councillor Boylan having seconded this latter motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and declared carried.—

Ald. Mathews moves that same be referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their report, passed,.

Report of Paving Committee read & adopted,

The following report of the Paving Committee having been read, same was adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes, on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Hands.—

Copy Report,

"Your Committee having examined the following "Tenders for the supply of Broken stone, Paving stone "and sand, viz, from Peter Carroll, broken stone "1. 2. 2 per ton, Paving stone 11d. per load of 15 Cwt. "paving sand 9d. per load of 15 Cwt. from Peter "Flinn broken stone 1. 4d. per ton, Edward "Monahan at 1. 3d. per ton for broken stone, and "from Felix Hannatty, broken stone 1. 6d per ton, "Paving stone 11d. per load and sand 9d. per load, "your Committee recommend that Peter Carroll "be declared Contractor for one year from this date "at the above prices, he being the lowest, and "also that Richard Mullin be paid £20.— being "the amount of his Contract for three months for "cleansing streets and that John Sullivan

1st May 1848,

of September next. - Dated this 1st May 1848.

"Witness, truly read; "Laurence Carroll"
"Thomas Kelly, "James his × Mullin" mark,

Proposal of Messrs Jno. Collins & Peter McEvoy read,

The following proposal of Messrs John Collins and Peter M.Evoy having been read,

Drogheda, 29th April 1848,

Copy proposal,

To the Mayor Aldermen & Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda,

Gentn, A Part of your Estate leased to Colonel Fairtlough having expired, We the undersigned, being the occupying tenants, propose to give you the same rent we pay him, say three pounds late Currency per acre,

We are Gentn
your Obt Servts
John Collins
Peter M.Evoy

they to get said lands at the rent now payable by them - giving up possession at Mich.s 1848. -

Resolved, that they get said lands at the rent now payable by them, they undertaking to give up possession thereof to the Council on 29th September next and pay one half year's rent for same. -

Thos Apperson's account ordered to be paid, -

The Account of Thomas Apperson amounting to £1. 11. 0 was ordered to be paid on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Hand. -

Report of Law

The following report of the Law -

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be paid £3.. 15.. 0 being the amount due him for cleansing streets for three months to 31st January last, Which your Committee certify as their report this 1st. May 1848.

"Mich.l Rogers } Chairman",

Owen Kenny's A/c. read & referred to Land Valuation Comttee,

The account of Owen Kenny, Surveyor to the Corporation, was read and referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report, on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Alds. Mathews, And it was also ordered that he be paid £5 on account. -

Ordered £5 on account,

Proposal of Messrs Lan.ce Carroll & and James Mullin - read and adopted,

The following proposal of Messrs Lan.ce Carroll & and James Mullin having been read, same was adopted on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Boylan.

Copy Proposal,

"We the undersigned propose to take "from the Drogheda Corporation that Lott of "Land called Trim's Hill situate without "Duleek Gate in the Parish of Saint Mary's "near Drogheda and in the County of Meath "containing seven acres and seventeen perches "Irish Plantation measure, more or less, as "now in our occupation at a rent of £10.. 16.. 7 "from Easter last until 29th Septem.r next, "and we undertake to give possession thereof "to said Corporation on said twenty ninth

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Comttee, read & adopted.—

Committee having been read by the Town Clk, same was adopted on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Kelly.—

Copy Report.

"Your Committee having taken into "their consideration the propriety of issuing new "Bonds with warrants of Attorney for confessing "Judgment attached thereto to the present "Holders of the Corporate Debentures, beg leave "to say that a case having been submitted to "Mr. O'Hagan, one of the Counsel of the Corpo- "ration, on the subject, he is of opinion that "the Corporation are empowered, if they so think fit, "to issue such, without the intervention of the "Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury, and your "Committee therefore recommend the Council to "issue fresh Debentures with warrants of Attorney "for confessing Judgment thereon to the present "Holders of the Corporate securities to be prepared "at the expense of the Corporation, and that same "be delivered to the respective Holders on their "cancelling the present securities.— Dated this "1st of May 1848.—

James Mathews } Chairman,

Town Clk. reads letter from Solicitor of Navan Branch Railway Company.

The Town Clk. then read a letter from the Solicitor to the Navan Branch Railway Company relative to the purchase of Nineteen

1st May 1848.

Referred to Land Valuation Comttee,

perches of land required from the Corporation by said Railway Company, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee, on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Hand.—

Accounts between this Corporation & the Relief Committee ordered to be paid.

The Accounts between this Corporation and the Relief Committee amounting to £18.17.11 were read and ordered to be paid, on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Boylan, same being in lieu of the Broken stones given by them to the Corporation and also in lieu of the injury done to the Corn Market House by said Relief Committee.—

The award of Thos. Grendon on Patk. Magrane's acct. ordered to be paid.

The award of Mr. Thomas Grendon on Patk. Magrane's account, which had been referred to him for that purpose on the 25th. Ulto. last, amounting to £11.3.6 was read and ordered to be paid him, on the motion of Ald. Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.—

Paving Comttee to provide a night cart to remove soil from houses,

On the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Hand it is referred to the Paving Committee to provide a night cart to remove the soil from houses unprovided with back concerns.—

Ass. adj. to 16th. instant,

The Assembly then adjd. to Tuesday 16th. inst. at the hour of 12 O'Clock.—

Mich. Rogers Clerk

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16th. May 1848,

Adjd Assy 16th May 1848

At an Adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thalsel on Tuesday the 16th. day of May 1848.-

Present, The Mayor
3 Aldermen & 13 Councillors

proceedings read.

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read by the Town Clk, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.-

Report of Land Valuation Committee read and adopted.

The following report of the Land Valuation Committee was read and adopted on the motion of Ald. Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Reappeck.-

Copy Report.

Your Committee having examined various sites which they considered might be suitable for the Model National School proposed to be erected in Drogheda, beg leave to report that we find the following places to be the most eligible for the purpose, viz, The Mechanics Institute in William street. The Barracks in Fair street. Mr. Jno. Chesters house and concerns in Magdalens street & Flanagans Garden at the rere of the Potatoe Market, and We recommend the Council to give all the facility in their power, by the grant of land or otherwise, towards procuring one of the foregoing sites or whatever other site may be decided on as eligible by the Commissioners, your Committee conceiving that it

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would be most desirable to have such an Institution located in the town.- Dated this 16th. May 1848.-

Michl Rogers } Chairman,

Deputation appointed to wait upon Commissrs of Education to point out best site for National Model School,

Town Councillor Atkinson having moved that a deputation from this Body be appointed to wait upon the Commissioners of Education for the purpose of pointing out to the said Commissioners or their Officer what appears to this Body the best site for a Model School in Drogheda and Town Councillor Collins having seconded the motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried. Whereupon Town Councillor John Collins moves that the following Gentlemen be named as a Deputation viz. Ald. Mathews and Comis with Councillors Atkinson and B. Collins.-

Memorial of Jno. McKenna read,

The Memorial of Jno. McKenna of the Northroad having been read stating that Mem. had been in possession of his holding since the year 1810. as tenant to Burton Jandy Esq. who held from the Corporation of Drogheda and whose term of occupancy had expired in 1816.- that Mem. was anxious to continue as tenant to the Council and to retain his said premises and improve same provided the Council would grant him a lease of same, and said Memorial prayed the Council to take into their

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referred to Land Valuation Committee.

consideration the statements therein set forth and continue to him said premises on fair and equitable terms, - said Memorial was referred to the Land Valuation Committee, with a request that they report thereon and on the other holdings there situate, on the motion of Councillor Atkinson seconded by Councillor Boylan. -

Report of Revision of Bye Laws Committee, read and adopted.

The following report of the Revision of Bye Laws Committee was read and adopted on the motion of Councillor Shegog seconded by Ald. Mathews. -

Copy Report.

Your Committee having examined into the necessary revisions to be made in the existing Bye Laws as referred to them, beg leave to report that at present the alterations they are prepared to recommend are as follow, viz, That the nomination of Mayor on 1st July shall henceforth be dispensed with, the Election, as provided by Law, taking place on the first of December in each year, and that the fines for non attendance of Members of the Council at Quarterly meetings, unless accounted for by some Member within one quarter of an hour after the hour appointed be henceforth, reduced to ten shillings for each such non attendance and for like non attendance at adjournments of Quarterly

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Copy report.

meetings and Special meetings, unless accounted for by some Member, be henceforth reduced to five shillings for each such non attendance and that the Town Clerk take the necessary steps to ratify such as Bye Laws of the Borough Which your Committee certify as their report this 16th May 1848 -

Mich. Rogers } Chairman.

Nomination of Mayor on 1st of July to be dispensed with.

And it was thereupon Resolved That the nomination on the first of July in each year, of the Mayor of this Borough shall henceforth be dispensed with, the Election as provided by Law taking place on the first of December in each year. - That the second and eighth of the present Bye Laws which impose certain fines for the non attendance of Members at meetings of the Council be rescinded and in lieu thereof that the following rule and direction be adopted as one of the Bye Laws of this Borough, viz, That every Member of the Council who shall not attend at each Quarterly meeting thereof, robed in his Gown, within fifteen minutes after the hour fixed for same or having attended thereat shall afterwards, without special leave of the Mayor or Chairman, absent himself from such meeting shall forthwith pay a fine of ten shillings and every Member who shall not attend

Second & eighth of present Bye Laws rescinded.

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any adjournment of said Quarterly meeting or Special meeting of said Council within fifteen minutes after the hour fixed for same or having attended thereat shall absent himself therefrom without special leave of the Mayor or Chairman, shall forthwith pay a fine of five shillings, Provided always that in case of illness or other unavoidable cause of absence of any person subject to any such fines as aforesaid, the Council shall have power, by vote of a majority of the Members present, to remit every such fine, provided such cause of absence shall be certified by some Member then present in his place, and it shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to record such non attendance or absence of any such Member and to give notice thereof within one week to the Treasurer of the Borough in order that all fines so incurred shall be duly levied and brought into account and that the Town Clk. take the necessary steps to ratify the foregoing resolutions as Bye Laws of the Borough.-

Letter read from Mr. Peter Greene and Mr. Crozier relative to Bridges at Tournath and Sandshanagh.

A Letter was read from Mr. Peter Greene, tenant to this Corporation and also a letter from Mr. Crozier Solicitor to the Dublin & Belfast Junction Railway Company, relative to the Bridges about to be erected on said Railway at Tournath and Sandshanagh,

referred to Land Valuation Com.tee

which were referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report, on the motion of Councillor Collins seconded by Councillor Byrne, And that the Mayor be empowered to communicate to said Railway Company the decision of said Committee as the Act of this Corporation.-

Memorial of R. R. Hill read.

The Memorial of R. R. Hill of Palace sheet Merch.t having been read, stating that pursuant to a resolution of the Council they (the Council) caused to be pulled down an old House at Laurences Gate to which was attached a part of the Town Wall which enclosed and protected Mem.ts concerns situate thereat, and stating that Mem.ts said concerns were now wholly unprotected & liable to be plundered, and said Memorial prayed the Council to erect a new Wall in lieu of said old one and thereby protect his said premises,- said Memorial was referred to the Building Committee for their consideration and report, with a request that they report thereon to the next meeting of the Council, on the motion of Councillor Collins seconded by Councillor Hand.-

referred to Building Com.tee.

report read from Mr. Bovill

A Report was read from Mr. Bovill stating that the Fountain on the North Quay was out of repair and also that

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the Paving of Dyer street required to be renewed.

J. C. Hand moves that the Repeal Members of the Council aid and assist in collection of Repeal rent.

Town Councillor Hand, pursuant to his notice of motion given on 8th instant moves that the Repeal Members of the Council aid and assist in the collection of the Repeal rent and forward same to Conciliation Hall, which motion not having been seconded and a lengthened discussion having ensued same was withdrawn by the Mover.—

motion withdrawn.

Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Verdon, That from this date Mr. Benill be restricted from repairing any streets or ordering any Paving materials without the written sanction of the Paving Committee or a quorum thereof being first had and obtained by him for that purpose and that the Town Clerk be instructed to summons said Committee as often as Mr. Benill reports to him that repairs are necessary or required.—

Mr. Benill to order no paving materials nor repair any streets without written sanction of Paving Committee or a quorum thereof.

His Worship the Mayor states to the Assembly that on the 13th. instant he suspended William Shaples one of the Serjeants at Mace, for disobedience and impertinence.—

His Worship states that he suspended Willm. Shaples one of the Serjeants at mace.

Dr. Fogarty having been permitted to explain the cause of the suspension, after some discussion the matter was left in the hands of his Worship to dispose of as he might think proper.—

Dr. Fogarty explains the cause of his suspension.

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Ordered on the motion of Alde. Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Mathews that the Gentlemen composing the late Water Committee be requested to have a Pump erected in Trinity Well lane.—

Water Committee to erect a Pump in Trinity Well lane.

The Assembly at its rising adjd. to Wednesday 7th June next at the hour of Twelve O'Clock.—

Assy. adjd. to 7th June next at 12 O'Clock.

M. M. Rogers
Mayor

Speaial Assy 24th May 1848.

24th May 1848.

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Brough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 24th day of May 1848 pursuant to notice dated 19th instant signed by his Worship the Mayor and fixed on the door of the Tholsel. the several Members of the Council having been duly summoned by service of notice on them respectively on the 23rd instant for the purpose of calling upon the Law Agents for an explanation of their conduct with a view to their removal, if said explanation should not be satisfactory, owing to the extraordinary termination of certain legal proceedings in which the Corporation are concerned, and also for the purpose of deciding upon the best course to pursue, under existing circumstances in reference to said legal proceedings.-

Present The Mayor

and 11 Councillors

It was moved by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Boylan, That the Law Agents serve fresh ejectments for Town-Rath on Mr. Joh. Holmes but that they be not moved on until further instructions, and the question thereon having been put from the Chair was carried. Councillor Shegog dissenting.-

Law Agents to serve fresh ject. ments on Mr. Jos.h Holmes for Town. rath.-

Meeting adj.d to Monday next at 12 o'Clock to hear Mr. Cantwell's explanation of the proceedings at suit of Corporation v. Jos.h Holmes.

Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Collins. That this meeting, from the unavoidable absence of Mr. Cantwell in London, do adjourn to Monday next at twelve o'Clock, for the purpose of hearing Mr. Cantwell's explanation of the management of the late proceedings at suit of the Corporation against Joseph Holmes.-

M. McKeogh
Mayor

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29th May 1848,

Adj.d Special Ass.y 29th May 1848.

At an adjournment of the last Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 29th. day of May 1848 for the purpose of hearing Mr. Cantwells explanation of the late proceedings in Lessee the Corporation against Holmes and instructing the Law Agents touching renewal of proceedings against same.-

Present The Mayor
and 10 Councillors.-

Mr. Cantwell explains his conduct in the proceedings against Jos.h Holmes at suit of the Corpor.n

Mr. Cantwell having entered into a lengthened explanation respecting his conduct of the late proceedings in Ejectment against Joseph Holmes at suit of the Corporation,

It was Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Atkinson seconded by Town Councillor Boylan, that the Council having heard Mr. Cantwell's explanation are quite satisfied that the Law Agents had used due diligence in the case of Lessee the Corporation against Joseph Holmes.-

Law Agents to take necessary steps in proceeding on Ejectments for Town Rath served on Mr. Holmes.-

It was thereupon Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Atkinson seconded by Town Councillor Byrne, that the Law Agents take the necessary steps in proceeding on the Ejectments for Town Rath served on Mr. Holmes.-

M. N. Roys
Mayor

7th June 1848,

Adj.d Ass.y 7th June 1848,

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 7th. day of June 1848.-

Present The Mayor
4 Aldermen & 12 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last three Assemblies were read by the Town Clerk, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.-

Town Clerk to write to Secrs. of Commissrs. of Natl. Education to know when they will receive a Deputation from the Council as to proposed Model National School.

It was Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Kerr seconded by Town Councillor Mathews, that the Town Clerk write to the Secretaries of the Commissioners of National Education to know from them when it would be convenient for them to receive a Deputation from the Council of this Corporation, appointed to confer with them on the subject of a site for the National Model School proposed to be erected here.-

T. C. Atkinson gives notice of motion

Town Councillor Atkinson gives notice that at the next meeting of the Council he will move, that all goods supplied to or work done for this Body, which will in one year exceed in amount the sum of Five Pounds, shall be done by Contract.-

Reports of Finance Comtee read & adopted.

The following Reports of the Finance Committee, dated 5th. and 7th. June instant, were read and adopted and the several accounts therein enumerated ordered to be paid.

7th. June 1848,

"5th. June 1848

Copy Report "At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of passing Accounts the following were examined and ordered to be paid.—

Present

J. C. Boylan, Ald. Mathews, J. C. Morton

" " Keappock " " Atkinson

No 1	Todd Laing and Co. amount of their a/c. for clothing for Town Serjeants	£20	17	6
2.	Robt. Daly amount of his a/c. for clothing for Watchmen & Chief Constable and for Mayoralty House	54	8	8½
3	Richd. Flinn amount of his a/c. for Iron Work for Town Clock &c. &c.	25	0	0
4	Thos. Carty amt. of his a/c. for Timber for Crane and Watch House &c. &c.	32.	14.	8½
5	Wm. Codd amt. of his a/c. for survey	7.	0.	0
6	Jno. Smith amt. of his a/c. for attending Elections of Council	1	10	0
7	Wm. Cairnes amt. of his a/c. for building area Wall in James street	14.	0.	0
8	J. B. W. Hamilton for Stationary		5.	9
9	De Groot amt. of his a/c. for hanging Curtains, Mayoralty House	22.	15.	3
10	H. Moore amt. of his a/c. for Plumbing work & fitting up Lustres in Mayoralty House	26.	14.	8
		£194.	16.	7

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No.				
	B/forward	£194.	16.	7
Copy Report. 11	Authy. Keappock amt. of his a/c. for Car hire	5.	18.	6
12	J. Sheridan amt. of his a/c. for Bells for Town Clock	134.	1	0
13	J. M. Cantwell amt. on a/c. for Law Costs	310	0	0
14	Henry Colly amt. of his a/c. for Coals for Watch House from Sept. 1845 to May 1846	5.	17.	6
15	Henry Colly amt. of his a/c. for Coals for Thelsels May 1845 Ending May 1846	12	13	10
	Signed, Robert Morton, Chairman,	£663.	7.	5

7th. June 1848,

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of passing Accounts the following were examined and ordered to be paid.—

Present. The Mayor

J. C. Morton J. C. Atkinson

" " Boylan " " Keappock.

No 1.	Henry Colly amt. of his a/c. for coals supplied to Thels & from 5 Sept. 1847 to 6th May 1848.	17.	4.	9½
2.	Henry Colly amt. of his a/c. for Coals from June 1847 to May 13th. 1848,	3.	16.	3½
3	Gas Company, amt. of their a/c. for Public Lighting. End. 30th. Apl. 48.	360.	10	0
		£381.	11.	1

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	No.		£	s.	d.
		Bt forward	£381	11	1
Copy Report,	4	Michl. Callan amt. of his A/C. in full for his claim for Carpenter work and Commission on Work done to Mayoralty House & Fish Market &c.	103	10	2
	5	Owen Kenny amt. of his A/C. for survey of Lands & Maping, being balance	16	12	0
		Signed, Michl. Rogers. Chr. £	501	13	3

The Accounts of Richd. Mullin and Jno. Sullivan read and ordered to be paid,

The Account of Richard Mullin amounting to £20 being the amount of his contract for cleansing a portion of the streets of the Borough for three months ending 1st May last and also the account of John Sullivan amounting to £3..15..0 for like purpose and ending same period, were read and ordered to be paid, on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Alderman Simcocks.

Ass.y adjd. to 21st instant at 12 O'Clock.

The Assembly then adjourned to Wednesday 21st instant at the hour of twelve O'Clock.

Mich. Rogers Cn.

21st June 1848

Adjd. Ass.y 21st June 1848,

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 21st day of June 1848.

Present The Mayor

2 Aldermen and 7 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

T. C. Atkinson's notice of motion is saved for next meeting.

Town Councillor Atkinson's notice of motion given on the last day of meeting was saved for the next meeting of the Council, on the motion of Town Councillor Collins seconded by Town Councillor Boylan.

Ass.y adjd. to 3rd July at 12 O'Clk.

There not being any other business for the consideration of the Assembly, same was adjourned to Monday 3rd July next at the hour of twelve O'Clock.

Mich. Rogers Cn.

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3rd July 1848,

Adjd. Assy 3rd July 1848,

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 3rd day of July 1848, among other matters to nominate out of the Aldermen or Councillors a fit person to be Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year pursuant to the 35th Bye Law of the Council.

Present The Mayor

5 Aldermen and 16 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Town Clk, reads letter from Clerk of the Privy Council, relative to proposed alteration in existing Bye Laws.

The Town Clerk then read the correspondence between the Clerk of the Privy Council and him on the subject of the proposed alteration in the existing Bye Laws of this Corporation respecting the nomination of Mayor on the first of July in every year and which had been transmitted to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant on 29th May last for his approval.

Copy letter

The following is a Copy of said correspondence

"Council Chamber

"Sir, June 26, 1848,

"A Copy of Bye Laws passed by the

Copy letter,

"Council of the Corporation of Drogheda on the 16th May last having been submitted to the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council, I am "directed to inquire, with reference to that dis-"pensing with the nomination of the Mayor on "the first July of each year, upon what grounds "the Corporation have made the said rule and "whether it is proposed that in future there "shall be no nomination of Mayor of the Borough "of Drogheda previous to the day of Election on "each first of November. — I have the honor to be

Thomas Kelly Esq. Sir, Yr. Obt. Servt,

Town Clk. of Drogheda, M. W. Savage

Clerk of the Council

To which the Town Clk. replied in the following terms,

Sir/ Drogheda, 29th June 1848,

Copy reply to the above letter,

In reply to your letter of 26th instant requiring to know on what grounds the Corporation of this Borough have made the rule dispensing with the nomination of Mayor on the first July of each year, and whether it is intended that in future there shall be no nomination previous to the day of Election, I am instructed to say that it is the desire of the Corporation to dispense with the nomination heretofore had on each first of July and that there shall be none such until the first of December, the day now fixed by the Statute, (6 & 7 Vic, C. 93, Sec. 5) for the Election of Mayor.

At the period when the former Bye Law of the Corporation on this subject was framed, the 3rd & 4th Vic, C. 108 directed the Election of

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Mayor to take place on each first of November and his installation into Office to commence on the same day, and the Council were of opinion that the nomination should be made previously in order to give the person elected some time to prepare himself for the duties of the Office, but as the Law now stands, the Mayor being elected on the first of December but not assuming Office until the first of January they have considered this a sufficient time for preparation and moreover are desirous that the Members of the Council elected on 25th November should have a voice in the selection instead of being precluded therefrom by a previous nomination in July.- I trust that the foregoing will be looked upon by his Excellency and the Privy Council as sufficient to warrant the Corporation in making the change they propose, -

M. W. Savage Esq. &c. &c.
Privy Council Office,
Castle, Dublin,

I have the honor to be
Sir, Yr. Most Ob. Sert.
Thomas Kelly
Town Clerk,

J. C. Collins moves that the Mayor for next year be nominated on this day.

Town Councillor John Collins then moved that the Mayor for the ensuing year be nominated on this day which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Boylan and a discussion having ensued Town Councillor Collins withdrew his motion as unnecessary.

motion withdrawn

J. C. Collins moves

Town Councillor John Collins then moved that Alderman Simcocks

that Ald. Simcocks be nominated as Mayor for the ensuing year.

be nominated as a fit and proper person to act as Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year and Town Councillor Boylan having seconded the motion, Town Councillor Atkinson moves an amendment to the effect that the Assembly do adjourn the nomination of Mayor to the 12th instant in order that in the mean time the proposed Bye Law dispensing with the nomination may be duly ratified so as to supersede the necessity of same, which amendment having been seconded by Town Councillor Grendon and the several Members present having voted viva voce, there appeared for the amendment ..... Eleven and against it ..... Eleven Whereupon his Worship the Mayor gave his casting vote against the amendment and the original resolution was thereupon put from the Chair and declared carried, ~~the minority of the Members present protesting against such nomination and that they would not on the day of Election of Mayor, be bound to vote for the person so nominated.~~

J. C. Atkinson moves amendment.

amendment put and lost

original motion carried.

Approved by unanimous consent of the Meeting pursuant to Statute

M. W. Savage Mayor

The following is the position of the Voters.

Position of Voters

Against Amendment.	For Amendement
J. C. Collins	Ald. Carty
" Casey	J. C. Verdon
Ald. Simcocks	" Byrne
The Mayor	" Levins
J. C. Shegog	" Heapstock
" Kelly	" Atkinson

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Against do.	For do.
J. C. Hand	J. C. Morton
" " Butterly	" " Grendon
" " Crolly	Ald. Mathews
" " Collins	" Tennan
" " Boylan	J. C. P. Mathews

all goods supplied to, or work done for this Body, exceeding £5. in one year to be done by Contract.-

Town Councillor Atkinson moves in pursuance of his notice of motion saved from last meeting, that all goods supplied to, or work done for this Corporation which shall in one year exceed the sum of Five Pounds shall be done by Contract. and Town Councillor John Collins having seconded the motion the question thereon was put from the Chair and agreed to.-

Report of Finance Comtee read & adopted,

The following report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted and the several Accounts therein enumerated ordered to be paid, on motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Collins.-

3rd July 1848,

Copy Report,

At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of passing Accounts the following were examined and ordered to be paid.-

Present

Aldeman Mathews	J. C. Morton
" Carty	" " Keappock
J. C. Boylan	" " Lewins

No.				
1	Pat.k Kelly be paid on account	£100	0	0

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Copy Report,

2	Pat.k Kelly to be paid the Balance of his a/c. for Stationary Printing and Advertisements	17	1	3½
3	Thos Hammond am.t of his a/c. for Cutstone and Stone Cutters Work being the am.t certified by Mr Bernill	55.	5.	8
4	Rich.d Barron am.t of his a/c. for sundry articles of Ironmongery	5	9	3
5	Rich.d Barron am.t of his a/c. for do.	8	1	1
6	Rich.d Barron am.t of his a/c. for blasting Powder supplied for use of Welton North road & sundry other articles	15	2	0
		£200. 19. 3½		

Memorial of Wm Leonard of Townrath read,

A Memorial was read from William Leonard a tenant to this Corporation for part of the lands of Townrath stating that the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway Comp.y were about constructing a Bridge across his Farm situate at Townrath aforesaid,- that Memorialist had offered to open a passage on another part of his said Farm level with the line of Railway and thereby to dispense with the said intended Bridge, provided said Railway Company should pay him a part of the expense of erecting said Bridge, which they had agreed to do, should the Corporation give their consent thereto,- And said Memorial having prayed the Council to consent to said proposed arrangement was referred to the Sand Valuation Committee for their consideration and report, on the motion of Town

referred to Sand Valuation Comtee,

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3rd July 1848,

Councillor Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Verdon.—

Assembly adj.d. to 17th instant at 12 Oclock.—

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday 17th instant at the hour of Twelve Oclock.—

Mich.l Hoyas 6th

17th July 1848,

Adj.d Assy. 17th July 1848,

A an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 17th day of July 1848.—

Present The Mayor
2 Aldermen and 6 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved and signed by the Chairman.—

T. C. Shegog's notice of motion saved.—

Town Councillor Shegog's notice of motion given on the last day of meeting, is saved, in his absence, for the next meeting of the Council.—

Sewer making in James's Street to commence at School House & end at south side of Graves' lane.—

It was moved by Alderman Mathews and seconded by Town Councillor Byrne that the sewer making in James Street commence at the National School and terminate at the South end of Graves lane, which motion was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Memorial of Town Serjeants praying a pair of Trowsers, each read and referred to Clothing Com.tee to supply same,

A Memorial was read from the Serjeants at Mace stating that they (Mem.s) had received their usual yearly suit of clothes on the First of January last, which, owing to the inferior description of cloth of which they were made, (particularly the Trowsers) were now worn out, and praying a pair of trowsers, each, for the remainder of the year; It was Ordered, on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Alderman Mathews that the Clothing Committee be instructed to supply the Memorialists each with a pair of trowsers.—

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Town Councillor John Collins —

Paving Com.tee to have Pump on North road put in repair,

having brought the state of the Pump on the North Road under the consideration of the Assembly. It was Ordered, on the motion of Town Councillor Collins seconded by Alderman Simcocks, that the Paving Committee have said Pump put forthwith in proper repair.

Mich.l Rogers
Ch.n

1st August 1848,

Genl. Qy. Ass.n 1st Aug.t 1848,

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the first day of August 1848. —

Present The Mayor.
4 Aldermen and 12 Councillors

Town Clerk submits Deed of Conveyance and Memorial of lands purchased from this Corp.tn by the Dublin & Belfast Junction Railway Comp.y to which his Worship affixed the Corporate Seal. —

The Town Clerk hereupon submitted to the Assembly the Deed of Conveyance and of Memorial thereof of All that and those the several pieces of land required by the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway Company for the construction of said Railway, purchased from this Corporation, to which Deed and Memorial his Worship the Mayor affixed the Common Seal of this Corporation, an Abstract thereof having been first entered in the White Parchment Book and authenticated in the usual manner. —

Treasurer to furnish Town Clk with Funds to procure stamps for new Bonds & Warrants, to be furnished in lieu of old ones. —

Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Atkinson seconded by Alderman Carty, That the Treasurer be directed to furnish to the Town Clerk the necessary Funds to procure the Stamps required for the new Bonds and Warrants about to be furnished to the Debenture Holders in lieu of their Debentures, And that said Debentures or Bonds be not given for less sums than £500, where the Parties hold old Debentures to that amount. —

said Bonds not to be given for less sums than £500.

Mich.l Rogers The

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1st August 1848,

Account of Thos Mathews for making sewer in James's street read, Ordered £12 on Acct.-

The Account of Thomas Mathews for making Sewer in James's street amounting to £15.. 18.. 0, viz, 212 feet at 1.. 6d. per foot, was read, when it was Ordered, on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Conway, that he be paid Twelve Pounds on account of the work already done.-

Proposal of Thos Mathews for building Wall at Lawrence's Gate read & referred to Building Com.tee

A Proposal was read from said Thomas Mathews offering to build a Wall round Mr Wills premises at Lawrences Gate for the sum of £8.. 5.. 0, which was referred to the Building Committee for their consideration and report, on the motion of Town Councillor Grendon seconded by Town Councillor Mathews.-

Letter read from Mr Crozier Solr to Railway Coy relative to the erection of Bridge on Wm Leonards farm at Townrath,-

A Letter was read from Mr Crozier Solicitor to the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway Company stating that the Company could not give a sum exceeding £60 to the Corporation as consideration for their dispensing with the erection of the Bridge on William Leonards farm at Townrath, Whereupon it was Ordered that said Bridge be built by the Railway Company, unless said Company give a sum of £100 in lieu thereof.-

Report read from Mr Berrill,

A Report was read from Mr Berrill Superintendent, relative to the unsafe state of the Well on North road for want of repair, also that a new weigh Bar is required for the Cow Market Square, and reporting

1st August 1848,

the filthy state in which the North side of the Bridge is kept by the Contractor Mr Moore.-

Memorial of Jno. McLoughlin of Roestown, praying a reduction in his rent and a change in his present gale days, read and referred to Land Valuation Committee

A Memorial was read from Mr John McLoughlin a tenant to this Corporation for part of the lands of Roestown, Co Louth, stating that he, Memorialist, had delayed executing his Lease for said lands in the hope of being allowed a reduction in his present rent and praying the Council to grant him same, and said Memorialist also prayed a change in his present gale days, viz, from March to May and from September to November, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report, on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Boylan.-

Ass.y adj.d to 21st instant.-

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday 21st instant, at the hour of twelve o'Clock.-

Mich Rogers
Chn

Adj.d Ass.y 21st. Aug.t 1848,

21st. August 1848.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 21st. day of August 1848.—

Present The Mayor
5 Aldermen and 8 Councillors

proceedings read.

The minutes of the last two Assemblies were read by the Town Clerk, approved of and signed by the Chairman.—

T. C. J. Collins postpones his notice of motion,

Town Councillor John Collins' motion, notice of which he had given on the last day of meeting / praying Her Majesty the Queen to hold a Council in Dublin to settle the distracted state of this Country / is postponed by him to the next meeting of the Council.—

Report read from C. C. Mc Cartney relative to state of Fire Engine.

A Report was read from Chief Constable Mc Cartney stating that the Leather Tube of the large Fire Engine had been completely worn out, and that said Engine required a new tube, which report was referred to the Paving Committee, with instructions to them to procure, forthwith, new hose for said Engine on the best possible terms.—

Letter read from Denis Mc Cullough relative to Works at Townrath.—

A Letter having been read from Denis Mc Cullough stating that he had completed the erection of the Bridge and lowering of the Hill at Townrath pursuant to agree-

referred to Land Valuation Committee.—

ment entered into by him in the month of March last, same was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their examination and report.—

Report of Land Valuation Committee read and adopted,

The report of the Land Valuation Committee relative to the Memorial of Mr. John Mc. Loughlin, which had been referred to said Committee on the last day of meeting, was read and adopted on the motion of Town Councillor Reapstock seconded by Town Councillor Hand.

The following is a Copy of said Report.

Copy Report,

"Your Committee in reference to the "Memorial of Mr. John Mc. Loughlin, one of your "tenants, praying a reduction of his rent from "31/6d. to 30/- per acre, beg leave to recommend "that Messrs. Brassington & Goale, Public Valuators, "be employed to value this farm, and your "Committee will defer their final report until "this Valuation has been obtained, Which We "certify as our report this 21st. day of August 1848.

Signed, "Michl. Rogers" Chairman

Proposal of Thos. Bird for whitewashing Fish Market read & accepted.

The Proposal of Thomas Bird for cleansing and whitewashing the Fish Market for the sum of fifteen shillings was read and accepted, on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Hand.—

Memorial of Francis Mc. Auley read,

A Memorial was read from Francis Mc. Auley, late a Serjeant at Mace, praying a suit of clothes, upon which no motion was made by the Council.—

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21st August 1848,

Proposal of Mathew Smith for cleansing and paving sewers read and accepted,

The Proposal of Mathew Smith offering to cleanse and pave the sewer grates of the Borough for the sum of 1.3d. each, was read and accepted, on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Alderman Mathews, with instructions to Mr. Berrill to inspect, minutely, the completion of same.-

Thomas Mathews proposal for building Wall at Laurences Gate read & accepted,

Thomas Mathews' tender proposing to build a Wall at Laurences Gate adjoining Mr. Wills premises for the sum of Eight Pounds Five shillings was, read and accepted on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Boylan.

Mayor to remove Bogue Makers from Laurence street to Peter street.

Resolved, That in consequence of the cars and other Vehicles being about to pass henceforth down Laurences street from the terminus of the Railway at Newfoundwell, The Mayor be requested to remove the Bogue Makers from Laurence street to Peter street.-

Assembly adjd. to Monday 4th. Septr. next,

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Monday 4th. September next at the hour of twelve oClock.-

Jno Simcock

4th. September 1848,

Adjd. Assy. 4th. Septr 1848,

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 4th day of September 1848.

Present

5 Aldermen & 16 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read approved & and signed by the Chairman.-

T.C. J. Collins' motion saved for next meeting

Town Councillor John Collins' motion, notice of which he had given on 21st. ultimo, is saved for the next meeting of the Council.-

Assy adjd. to 25th. instant at 12 oClk

There not being any other business then ready for the consideration of the Assembly, same was adjourned to the 25th. instant at the hour of twelve oClock.-

James Mathews, Chairman

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4th. September 1848,

Special Assy 4th. Sept. 1848,

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the fourth day of September 1848, pursuant to notice dated 31st. ultimo, signed by five Members of the Council and fixed on the door of the Tholsel, the several Members of the Council having been duly summoned by service of notice on them respectively on the 31st. ultimo, for the purpose of taking into consideration a letter from the Mayor to the Town Clerk tendering his resignation and if the Council then determine on accepting same of Electing a Successor to him for the residue of the present year.-

Present

5 Aldermen and 16 Councillors

Town Clerk reads letter from the Mayor,

The Town Clerk having then read the letter received by him from the Mayor, of which the following is a Copy,

Copy letter,

"Dear Sir,/ "Drogheda, Aug. 26th 1848,

"In consequence of unavoidable circumstances over which I had no control, I beg leave to tender to the Corporation the trust they have so kindly reposed in me.-

"I am, Dear Sir"

Thomas Kelly Esq, Town Clerk

yours truly "Michael Rogers"

It was Moved by Town

4th. September 1848

Resignation of Mayor accepted,

Councillor Shegog and seconded by Town Councillor Conway, that the Mayor's resignation now read be accepted of by the Council, which motion was put from the Chair and carried.-

Declaration signed by three Members of the Council declaring Office of Mayor void.-

A Declaration was then signed by three Members of the Council declaring said Office of Mayor void and was duly posted on the outer Door of the Tholsel pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided.-

James Mathew Chairman

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8th September 1848,

Special Ass.y 8th Sept.r 1848,

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the Eighth day of September 1848, pursuant to notice dated 4th instant, signed by five Members of the Council and fixed on the door of the Tholsel, the several Members of the Council having been duly summoned by service of notice on them respectively on the 4th instant, for the purpose of Electing a Member of the Council to fill the Office of Mayor of the Borough for the residue of the present year, said Office being now void.—

Present

2 Aldermen and 12 Councillors

J. C. Boylan in the Chair

Town Councillor Boylan is moved to the Chair.—

Ald. Simcocks Elected Mayor for the residue of the present year:—

Town Councillor John Collins then moved that Alderman Simcocks be Elected Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the residue of the present year, And Town Councillor Hand having seconded said motion, the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried unanimously.—

His Worship with the Aldermen and Councillors proceeds to Crown Court and takes the Oaths appertaining to the Office of Mayor

Alderman Simcocks as Mayor Elect, accompanied by the Members present, then proceeded to the Crown Court and took the Oaths appertaining to the Office of Mayor and Justice of the Peace, and also the

8th September 1848,

and Justice of the Peace.

Oath of Allegiance as prescribed by the 10th of George the Fourth before Thomas T. Fogarty Esq. J. P. and signed the usual declaration accepting the Office of Mayor to which he had been elected.—

James Mathews Ch.

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Adj.d Ass.t 25th Sept. 1848,

25th September 1848,

At an Adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 25th day of September 1848.-

Present

1 Alderman & 8 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last three Assemblies having been read by the Town Clerk, were signed by the Chairman.-

In consequence of the small attendance of Members at this days meeting, Town Councillor Shegog moves that the absent Members of the Council who had not sent an apology, be fined the sum of One shilling each., which motion having been seconded by Town Councillor Mathews, the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried, Whereupon the following Members were again called and not having answered to their names, were fined the sum of One shilling each, viz, Alderman Carty, Ennis and Tennant, Town Councillors Verdon, B. Collins, Casey, Levins, Morton, Conway, Crolly and John Collins.-

Members absent fined 1/- each,

Ass.t adj.d to 2nd Oct. at 12 O'Clock,

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday, 2nd October next, at the hour of Twelve O'Clock.-

Jno Simcox Mayor

Adj.d Ass.t 2nd Oct. 1848,

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 2nd day of October 1848.

Present The Mayor

1 Alderman and 14 Councillors

proceedings read.

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.-

Letter read from Treasurer

A letter was read from the Treasurer relative to part of the Corporation property situate on the North road, and that held by the Representatives of the late Henry Smith, which was referred to the Land Valuation and Law Committees for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Jno. Collins and of which the following is a Copy,-

Copy letter

"To the Mayor Aldermen and Town
"Council of the Borough of Drogheda

"Gentlemen,

"I beg leave to call your attention "to the state of your property situate on the "North road, notices to quit being served and "terminated on 29th ultimo, and agreeably "thereto I have demanded possession and was "refused, - there is a very great portion of this "property in a shocking state of dilapidation "and ruin and if not immediately attended "to will be subject to very serious consequences, - "There is another portion of your property

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Copy letter

"which is held conjointly with the Trustees of "the Poor of Saint Johns and which I could "not discover at the time the lease expired in "consequence of not having recourse to the lease, "it being in possession of Mr. Holmes, but "which I have since got from him, - this property "is in possession of James Kelly and I have "made repeated applications to him for "possession which he refused to give, -

"I would also call your particular attention "to the amount of arrears due on the property "of the late Mr. Henry Smith and which "property is going fast into dilapidation and "ruin, - there is at present a sum of £177. 10. 0 "due, being five years rent, - You owe the Trus-"tees of Mr. Smith five years rent for Mechanics "Institute, - If the Trustees dispose of, by sale, "that property you will be liable for the rent "and consequently have a very bad prospect for "your rent, I have made several applica-"tions to the Trustees for a settlement but all "to no effect. -

"I am, Gentlemen,
"Treasurer's Office, your Obedt. Servt.,
"Tholsel, Drogheda, William Campbell,"
"2nd Oct, 1848, Treasr.,

Absent Members to be fined 5/- pursuant to Bye Laws, -

In consequence of some Members of the Council being absent from this day's meeting Town Councillor Keappock moves that the absent Members of the Council who have not sent an apology be fined the sum of five shillings

pursuant to the Bye Laws of the Council, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Conway put from the Chair and carried, whereupon the roll was again called, and Aldermen Ennis Carty and Ternan with Town Councillor Levins, not having answered to their names, nor been excused, were fined accordingly. -

Ald, Ennis Carty & Ternan and T. C. Levins fined accordingly.

Reports of Finance Comttee read and adopted.

The following reports of the Finance Committee having been read, were adopted and the several Accounts therein enumerated ordered to be paid on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Atkinson. -

"29th August 1848,"

Copy Report,

At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of passing Accounts the following were examined and ordered to be paid, viz,

Present

Ald. Ennis T. C. Keappock
" Carty " " Boylan

1	Thomas Kelly amount of his Acct. as Tax Collector for revising Burgess roll of 1847.	3.	10.	0
2	James Hussey amount of his Account as Tax Collector for ditto	3.	10.	0
3.	William Leonard amount of his Account as Tax Collector for ditto	2.	0.	0
		£ 9.	0.	0

Signed.
Patk. Boylan, Chairman,

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2nd October 1848,

"29th Septemr, 1848"

Copy report, At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of passing Accounts the following were examined and ordered to be paid, viz,

Present, The Mayor

J. C. Boylan, J. C. Levins

1	Jno. Butterly amt. of his Acct. for Carpenter Work per Contract for Mechanics Institute &c. &c.	19.	13.	8
2,	Jno. Stuart for inspecting Lamps for 1 year to 3rd May 1848,	5.	0.	0
3,	Christ. Jordan amt. of his Acct. for candles supplied to Court House	1.	15.	1
4	Edwd. Reay amt. of his Acct. for Bricks supplied to Mayoralty House and Fish Market &c.	15.	7.	0
5	Jno. Drew amt. of his Acct. for Roman Cement & Chloride of lime	.	4.	3
6	P. Conolly amt. of his Acct. for repairg hose of Fire Engine	1.	13.	0
7	Jno. McNamara amt. of his Acct. for acting as Poll Clk, at Election of Council in 1846 and 1847	2.	0.	0
8	Michl. Walsh amt. of his Acct. for twine and rope for North road Well	2.	12.	8
	£	48.	5.	8

And your Committee beg to refer for the

consideration of the Council Messrs. Kent Keappock, Eakins and Slevin's Accounts.—

Signed, Thomas Simcocks } Chairman,

Memorial of Peter Flinn praying reduction of rent, read and referred to Land Valuation Committee,

A Memorial was read from Peter Flinn a tenant to this Corporation for part of the lands of Green Batter containing 5. a. 3. r. 27 p. at the yearly rent of £4. 10. 0 per acre and praying a reduction of said rent to £3. 15. 0 per acre, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Keappock seconded by Town Councillor J. Collins.

Report of Land Valuation Committee on Jno. McLoughlin's Memorial, read,

The following report of the Land Valuation Committee on the subject of Mr. Jno. McLoughlin's Memorial which had been referred to them on 1st August last, having been read, viz,

Copy report,

"Your Committee having, pursuant to instructions given them by the adjourned Quarterly Assembly held on 21st August last, engaged the services of Messrs. Brassingtons and Geale to value the holding of Mr. John McLoughlin at Hacklin, have received from those Gentlemen their valuation of which the following is a Copy,

"Valuation of part of the Lands of Hacklin in "the Parish and Barony of Ardee and County "of Louth, the Estate of the Corporation of Drogheda,

"By Brassingtons & Gale"

1848,

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Copy report,

Tenant	Quantity Plantn. measr.	Acreable Value	Annual Value
	A. B. P.		
John McLoughlin	138. 3. 9	£1. 10. 0	£208. 4. 2

"We have carefully inspected the foregoing lands which consist of about Eight acres of cold wet soil, the remainder being kind but light arable and pasture which has been greatly worn by constant tillage without sufficient manure, this property is susceptible of considerable improvement in value by a judicious mode of culture, the present occupier appears to us to be gradually improving the ground, and we have not any doubt that by continuing his present course of laying down and resting the land so over tilled, the property will shortly attain a value considerably beyond that which we have placed upon it. We consider the sum of £208. 4. 2 per annum for these lands a fair and moderate rent which should be punctually paid by a solvent and responsible tenant, and which a good and considerate Landlord should be satisfied to receive."

"Brassingtons Gale
Dublin 3 Bachelors Walk
14th September 1848"

Copy report,

And your Committee in accordance with this Valuation begleave to recommend that Mr. McLoughlin's rent be reduced from its present amount of £1. 11. 6 per acre to £1. 10. 0 per acre of Irish Plantation measure, such valuation to commence from and after 29th September instant, And that a Lease for Thirty one years from 29th Septemr. 1846 be granted to him on the foregoing terms, which your Committee certify as their report this 25th September 1848,

Signed, Thomas Simcocks } Chairman

T. C. Mathews moves that said report be rejected,

Town Councillor Mathews moves that this report be rejected and Mr. McLoughlin called on to take out his Lease at the original rent of £1. 11. 6 per acre, according to agreement entered into by him, which motion having been seconded by Town Councillor Crolly the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair, when

T. C. Conway moves an amendment

Town Councillor Conway moves as an amendment that the report as now read be adopted which amendment was seconded by Town Councillor John Collins and the several Members present having voted, viva voce, there appeared for the amendment ____ ten and against it _____ five

Amendment carried,

Whereupon the said Amendment was declared carried.

Mr. McLoughlin's rent to be payable according to Owen Kenny's survey of the lands,

A Discussion hereupon arose as to whether the rent should be payable according to the contents of the Map annexed to the old Lease, or that surveyed by Owen Kenny, (Corporation surveyor) a difference of a. r. p. 0. 1. 6 existing between the two surveys, when It was Ordered that the rent should be made payable

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according to the recent survey as made by Owen Kenny,-

Mess.rs Brassington & Gale's Account referred to Finance Com.ttee,

The Account of Mess.rs Brassingtons and Gale for surveying said Lands of Hacklin, amounting to £7.. 5.. 6 was read and referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report.-

Memorial of Fras. McAuley read

A Memorial was read from Francis McAuley, late one of the Serjeants at Mace and receiving from the Council an annual sum of £20, praying the Council to increase his said compensation, upon which Memorial no motion was made by the Assembly.-

Petition of Wm. Patterson read,

A Petition was also read from William Patterson late a Serjeant at Mace receiving compensation to the amount of £20 yearly, praying the Council to grant him his usual yearly suit of clothes, upon which Petition no motion was made by the Council.-

Seal affixed to Agreement with Dublin & Belfast Junction Railway Comp.y to dispense with erection of Bridges

His Worship the Mayor hereupon affixed the Corporation Seal to an Agreement with the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway that the Corporation would, in consideration of Two Hundred and twenty five Pounds paid to them and their tenants Mess.rs James Mathews and Peter Greene forbear from requiring the erection of Bridges on said tenants holdings at Green Batter and Town-Rath in the County Louth.-

Town Councillor Atkinson

J. C. Atkinson gives notice of motion,-

gives notice of motion for the next day of meeting to the effect that he will move, that a Committee be appointed from this Body, to be called the Committee of Health, for the purpose of corresponding and co-operating, on the part of this Body, with the Board of Health in Dublin, in all such arrangements as may be deemed necessary for the cleansing and otherwise improving the condition of this town.-

Ass.y adj.d to 16th instant,

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Monday 16th instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock.

Jno. Simcocks Mayor

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16th October 1848,

Adj'd. Assy 16 Oct. 1848,

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 16th day of October 1848.—

Present

The Mayor and 13 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last day's proceedings were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Committee appointed to contract with Gas Comp.y to light the Borough during next year and assist Treasurer in balancing his accounts and report same to next meeting.

Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Levins seconded by Town Councillor John Collins that a Committee consisting of Mess.rs Town Councillors Keappock, Mathews, Morton and Levins be appointed to meet the Directors of the Drogheda Gas Company and contract with them for the lighting of the Borough for the ensuing year, and that they also assist the Treasurer in the balancing of his Accounts and report thereon to the next meeting of the Council.—

J. C. Atkinson moves adoption of Committee of Health to correspond with Board of Health in Dublin on the cleansing and improving of the town,

Town Councillor Atkinson, in pursuance of his notice of motion given on the last day of meeting, moves that a Committee be appointed from this Body, to be called the Committee of Health, for the purpose of corresponding and co-operating, on the part of this Body, with the Board of Health in Dublin

in all such arrangements as may be deemed necessary for the cleansing and otherwise improving the condition of the town, which motion having been seconded by Town Councillor Boylan the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried unanimously, whereupon the following Committee was adopted, viz. Alderman Mathews with Town Councillors Atkinson, Boylan, Mathews, and John Collins, three of whom are to form a quorum at each meeting.—

J. C. Boylan seconds.

carried,

Report of Town Clerk & Treasurer read,

The following report of the Town Clerk and Treasurer was read and ordered to be inserted on the minutes.—

"To the Mayor Aldermen & Councillors of the Borough of Drogheda.—

"Gentlemen,

Copy report,

"In pursuance of instructions for "that purpose given us, by the Land Valuation "Committee at their meeting on Monday last, "We have examined how far the covenants in "the existing Leases of the Corporate tenants and "their contracts with the Corporation are being carried "out, and We find that by Lease dated 10th "August 1838 the late Corporation demised to "Edward Atkinson Esq. M. D. the first lott of the "Culver House Park situate outside Laurences "Gate within the Borough containing a. r. p. 0. 3. 36 "to hold for a term of 99 years at the yearly "rent of £23. 12. 6 and for which Lease he paid

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Copy report.

"a fine of £78..15..0, And we find that there is
"inserted in that lease a covenant on the part
"of Dr. Atkinson that he should within a period
"of five years from 22nd. June 1838 pull down
"the houses then standing thereon and erect
"round the premises a wall of Mason Work six
"feet high at the least, or else build within said
"period new and substantial dwelling houses
"of Mason work and slated, the houses fronting
"the Green Hills road to be at least sixteen feet
"high to the eve course and the others at least
"twelve feet high, and the penalty in said
"lease for the non performance of this covenant
"is the payment of double rent from and after
"the expiration of said five years.— We find
"that by lease of same date the late Corporation
"demised to Thomas J. Fogarty Esq. M.D. the
"second plott of said Culver House Park to hold
"for a term of 99 years at the yearly rent of
"£52..10..0 and for which he paid a fine of £750,
"and that in said lease there is a covenant on
"the part of Dr. Fogarty exactly similar to that
"contained in Dr. Atkinson's lease with a like
"penalty of double rent for the non performance
"of it.— We find that early in the year 1843 the
"said Dr. Atkinson and Dr. Fogarty having
"memorialed the Council praying an extension
"of time for the performance of those covenants

Copy report.

"and also a reduction in rent, the Law Committee,
"to whom the matter had been referred, made
"their report on 13th. February 1843 refusing a re-
"duction in the rent but recommending the Coun-
"cil to extend the time for fulfilling their build-
"ing covenant to five years from 1st. June 1843,
"and which report was adopted by the Council.
"We find that since the year 1843 Dr. Atkinson
"has built two houses on the North East portion
"of his plot and also a wall on that portion of his
"holding which fronts Green Hills road, he
"having previously built the required houses on
"that part of his holding which fronts to Tenter-
"den road, but still leaving a number of
"Cabins standing and that Dr. Fogarty has also
"since built good and substantial houses on the
"whole of the range fronting to Green Hills road
"and also a wall in Thomas street opposite to Mr.
"North's houses but also still leaving a number
"of Cabins standing.— We find that by
"Lease dated 24th. November 1845 the present
"Corporation demised to Mr. John Collins of
"Drogheda Hardware Merchant a plot of
"ground on the West side of the Barrack lane
"within the Borough called Blake's Rampier
"to hold for 75 years from 1st. November 1845
"at the yearly rent of £6..6..0 under a covenant,
"on the part of said John Collins, that he would
"within a period of two years from the date of
"his lease expend at least £100 in building

Copy report,

"on said premises one or more substantial
"dwelling houses under penalty of the Sorfeiture
"of his lease, And we find that Mr. Collins
"has not expended said sum or any part
"thereof in the erection of such dwelling houses,
"which we submit as our report this 16th. day
"of October 1848.-
"Signed, Thomas Kelly } Town Clerk,
"William Campbell } Treasurer"

Report of Land Valuation Committee read,

A report of the Land Valuation Committee was read and of which the follow-
ing is a Copy.-

Copy report,

Your Committee, in reference to the
"premises on the North road mentioned in
"the Treasurer's report which was referred to
"them from the last adjourned Assembly,
"beg leave to report that they have instructed
"the Town Clerk to give notice to the several
"tenants to provide themselves by 1st. Decemr.
"next with other dwellings, that otherwise they
"should be served with Ejectments, your Com-
"mittee conceiving it to be absolutely necessary,
"with a view to the improvement of this portion
"of the Corporate property, that possession thereof
"should be obtained and the holding let in
"suitable divisions for the purpose of building
"thereon and otherwise improving same.-
"Your Committee further report that they have
"examined the road and Bridge contracted to
"be built by Denis McCullough at Tonrath

Copy report,

"and find that same is not perfected in a proper
"or workmanlike manner and that no money
"should be paid for same until your Committee
"shall have again examined and reported
"thereon, which We certify as our report this
"16th. day of October 1848
"Signed, Thos. Simcocks" } Chairman,

Report referring to North road property to be reconsidered by Land Valuation Committee

It was thereupon ordered that the
said report be sent back to the Land Valuation
Committee to reconsider the portion of it refer-
ring to the North road property with the view
of selling same in suitable lotts to the present
occupiers, for the purpose of building thereon, and
otherwise improving same, and that said Com-
mittee report thereon to the next meeting of the
Council.-

Seal affixed to Deed of Conveyance of land situate at Lagavooren to Dublin & Belfast Junction Railway Company.-

The Town Clerk hereupon submit-
ted to the Assembly the Deed of Conveyance and
a Memorial thereof of a parcel of land situate
in the Townlands of Lagavooren containing
a. r. p.
0. 1. 7 required by the Dublin and Belfast
Junction Railway Company for the construction
of said Railway purchased from this Corpora-
tion for the sum of £50, to which Deed and
Memorial his Worship the Mayor affixed
the Common Seal of this Corporation, and
abstract thereof having been first entered
in the White Parchment Book and authen-
ticated in the usual manner.-

Memorials read

Memorials were read from Messrs.

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from Messrs. D. McCullough and Jas. Greene praying reduction of rent.—

Daniel McCullough and James Greene, tenants to this Corporation, praying a reduction of rent for their respective holdings, on which memorials no motion was made by the Council.—

Memorial of Thos. McAuley read,

A Memorial was read from Francis McAuley late a Serjeant at Mace, on the subject of his former memorial submitted to the last meeting of the Council, on

no motion made

which no motion was made by the Council.—

Memorial of Nichs. Leonard of Townrath read,

A Memorial was also read from Nicholas Leonard of Townrath complaining of the state of the Townrath Farm road, owing to want of a sewer, and praying the Council to remedy same, upon which no motion

no motion made,

was made.—

Wm. Simco Ks Mayor

1st. November 1848.

Gen.l Dy. Assy. 1st. Novem.r 1848,

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thalsel on Wednesday the first day of November 1848.—

Present The Mayor

3 Aldermen and 12 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last day's proceedings were read by the Town Clerk approved and signed by the Chairman.—

Report of Land Valuation Committee read and adopted

The following report of the Land Valuation Committee having been read by the Town Clerk, was adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes.—

Copy report,

"Your Committee, in reference to the "sum of One Hundred Pounds paid by the Dublin "and Belfast Junction Railway Company for "compensation in lieu of the Bridge which they "had been bound to construct on Peter Greene's "holding under the Corporation at Townrath, beg "leave to report that they have discussed the dif- "ferent proportions in which this sum should be "divided between the Corporation and their tenant "and recommend that Sixty Pounds of same be "given to Mr. Greene, the remaining Forty Pounds "to be paid to the Corporation.—

"Your Committee, in pursuance of instructions "for that purpose given them at the last meeting "of the Assembly, have reconsidered that portion "of their report presented at said meeting which "refers to the property on the North road formerly

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"demised to John Bolton Esquire, and recommend
"that same be divided into fourteen lotts as delinea-
"ted on the Map prepared by the Corporation Sur-
"veyor and that said lotts be let for building
"thereon, within a period of five years, Cottages of
"Mason work and slated, at rents to be decided
"on by the Council, said rents to be reduced one
"third from the period when each tenant shall
"have built the required Cottages subject to the
"examination and approval of a competent person
"to be appointed by the Corporation.-
"Your Committee beg leave further to report that
"they have inspected the damage done by the
"Railway Company on the holding of William
"Leonard at Tournath and in as much the
"Corporation had on the letting reserved to them-
"selves all compensation to be received from the
"Railway Company, your Committee think it
"but common justice that the tenant should be
"reimbursed for all damage done by the Company
"during the execution of their works and accordingly
"recommend that a sum of Five Pounds be allowed
"William Leonard by the Treasurer on his next
"settlement of rent, Which your Committee certify
"as their report this first day of November 1848.-

Signed, "Thos Simcock} Chairman"

Memorial of R. R. Hill relative to Wall at Lawrence's Gate

A Memorial was read from R. R. Hill stating on 16th May last he presented a Petition to the Council praying that a Wall might be built for the protection of his premises situate

read & referred to Building Committee

at Lawrence's Gate, said premises being wholly unprotected in consequence of the Council having caused an Old house situate thereat to be pulled down, and also stating that on 21st August last a proposal was accepted by the Council from Thomas Mathews offering to build a Wall round said premises for the sum of Eight Pounds five shillings and that in consequence of said Thos Mathews having left town he has not performed his said contract, and said Memorial prayed the Council to allow him to erect said wall he undertaking to build it up for the amount required by said Mathews, Whereupon It was moved by Alderman Mathews and seconded by Town Councillor Byrne that in consequence of said Thomas Mathews having failed to perform his contract the Building Committee be authorised & to contract with another person for the erection of same on the terms proposed by said Thomas Mathews, which motion was put from the Chair and carried.-

Report read from Mr. Berrill Superintendent.

A Report was read from Mr. Berrill Superintendent of the Paving Department stating that the several Contractors periods for cleansing the streets of the Borough had expired on this day and also that there were fifteen grates within the Borough which required cleansing, Whereupon It was ordered that Mathew Smith the Contractor be authorised to cleanse said grates forthwith.-

R. Mullins account read and ordered to be paid.

The Accounts of Richd Mullin for cleansing lott Nos 5 and 7 of the streets of the Borough for two quarters, one due and ending

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1st. of August last, the other the 1st. November instant and amounting to Forty Pounds, were read and ordered to be paid.—

Memorial of Jno. McKenna North road read,

A Memorial was read from John McKenna a tenant to this Corporation for premises held by him on the North road, stating that he (Mem.t) had resided on said premises since the year 1810 during which time he paid his rent punctually and proposing to erect on said premises three or four substantial dwelling houses, should a Lease of same be granted him, and for the erection of such houses offering to deposit security to the amount of £50 or £60 and praying a lease of same, which Memorial was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report.—

referred to Land Valuation Comttee,

Proposal of Gas Co.y read referred to Lighting Comttee.

A proposal from the Gas Company having been read, same was referred to the Lighting Committee for their consideration and report.—

John Sullivan's accounts read and ordered to be paid.

The Accounts of John Sullivan for cleansing lott No. 8 of the streets of the Borough for one half year ending 1st. instant and amounting to three pounds ten shillings were read and ordered to be paid on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Jno. Collins.—

Memorial of Jno. Carter of Crooked street read,

A Memorial was read from John Carter of Crooked street, stating that he (Mem.t) had erected a Pump over a spring situate at Crooked street within the Borough in a permanent and workmanlike manner and thereby

rendered it of vast benefit to that locality, and said Memorial prayed, that in consequence of the inhabitants of said neighbourhood being unable to defray the expenses incurred by Memorialist in refitting said Pump, the Council would take the matter into consideration and discharge the debt incurred by Memorialist amounting to Seven Pounds, which Memorial was referred to the Paving Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.—

referred to Paving Committee,

Seal affixed to new Bonds & warrants by the Mayor,

His Worship the Mayor hereupon affixed the Corporate Seal to twenty one new Bonds with Warrants of Attorney annexed thereto, issued by this Corporation to the present Debenture holders in lieu of the old Debentures now held by them, an Abstract of said Bonds and Warrants having been previously entered in the White Parchment Book and authenticated in the usual manner.—

Treasurer to pay to each holder of old Debentures all interest due thereon up to this day.—

Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Hand, That the Bonds and Warrants now issued under seal of this Corporation bearing this date with interest thereon payable from this day, The Treasurer be directed to undertake in writing to each holder of the Old Debentures, on his delivering up same to be cancelled and receiving the new Bonds and Warrants in lieu thereof, that he will pay them all interest due on said old Debentures from the Gale day up to which they were last paid up to this day.—

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George Ogle's account ordered to be paid.—

The Account of George Ogle for cleansing lott No. 9 of the sheets of the Borough for one quarter ending 1st. instant, and amounting to One Pound thirteen shillings, was read and ordered to be paid.—

Jno. Stuart appointed Insp.r of Lamps for the ensuing year,

It was Ordered that John Stuart be reappointed Inspector of Lamps for the ensuing year at his usual salary of Five Pounds per Annum.—

Ass.y adj.d to 17th. instant.

The Assembly then adjourned to Friday the 17th. instant at the hour of Twelve o'Clock.—

Wm. Smeed Rs Mayor

17th. November 1848.

Adj.d Ass.y 17th. Nov.r 1848.

At an Adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the 17th. day of Novem.r 1848.—

Present. The Mayor
1 Alderman and 10 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by the Chairman.—

Petition of Mess.rs Edward Atkinson & Thos. J. Fogarty read,

The Joint Petition of Mess.rs Edward Atkinson and Thomas J. Fogarty having been read, stating that they Petitioners were tenants to the Council for a portion of that Park of land called "Culver House Park", and bound by Lease to certain conditions of building and that, from the depression of trade and other reasons therein stated, Petitioners were unable to complete said buildings within the times specified by their respective leases or the extended time already granted them by the Council, and said Petition prayed the Council to again extend the period for building on said premises to ten additional years, said Petition was

referred to Law Committee

referred to the Law Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Ald.n Matthews seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.

Petition of Mr. Jno. Collins read,

A Petition was also read from Mr. Jno. Collins a tenant to the Council for a plot of ground called Blake's Rampier, bound by Lease to certain conditions of building on said ground, stating that, owing to the

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depression of the times and also to an expectation held by him that the Board of Ordnance would take same from him for building an addition to the Barracks he had not been able as yet to fulfil his covenant, and praying an extension of time to complete the terms of his said lease, said Petition was also referred to the Law Committee for their consideration and report.—

referred to Law Committee,

A Memorial was read from the Town Serjeants at Mace, stating that in consequence of the late Act of Parliament relative to small debts in Ireland, they (Memorialists) had been deprived of the emoluments and perquisites which they had been in the habit of receiving in the execution of Town Actions, Service of summonses and executing Attachments, and that they were therefore, unable, from their present salaries, to support themselves and families, and said Memorialists prayed the Council to augment their salaries for the reasons aforesaid, which was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Atkinson seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.—

Memorial of Town Serjeants read

referred to Finance Committee,

The following report was read from the Finance Committee,

17th Novemr 1848,

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of examining Accounts the following were ordered to be paid,— viz

Present The Mayor

Ald. Mathews, T. C. Boyland,

Report of Finance Committee read

Copy report

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Copy report.

		£		
No 1	Brassington & Veale amount of their Acct for Valuation of lands of Hackliss	7.	5.	6
2	James Slevin amount of his Account for Painting Court House &c.	26.	3.	5½
3	James Slevin amount of his Account for Painting front of Chief Constables House and Glazing	1.	4.	9
4	Mary Moran amount of her Acct. for repairing Paviors implements	2.	0.	5
		£36.	14.	1½

The Simcocks. Chairman,

report not passed,

But said report owing to an insufficiency of Members present for that purpose was not confirmed.—

Treasurer's Abstract Acct, read,

The following Abstract Account of the Expenditure and Income of this Corporation having been submitted by the Treasurer, same was read and ordered to be inserted on the minutes.—

Copy Acct,

Dr. Abstract Account of Expenditure and Income of the Corporation of Drogheda with Willm. Campbell Esq. Treasr, Commencing 1st. Septemr, Ending 15th Novr, 1848,

To Interest	£126.2.2½	By Balance at foot of last Borough Fund Acct. ended 31st Augt.	315.8.10¾
„ Municipal Expenses,	11.0.0		
„ Vicars Choral,	23.10.9		
„ Pensions,	21.9.4½	„ Arrears of Rent up to 1st for Easter 1848	2328.6.0¼
„ Charges,	51.19.3½	„ ½ years rent due 29th Sept.	1724.13.7
„ Watch Establishmt.	410.8.6	„ ½ years rent charge,	43.17.8¼
„ Compensation,	101.6.1		£4096.17.3½
„ Salaries,	57.1.5	Uncollected rents up to this date	3387.2.10¾
„ Rents & Taxes,	23.18.10		

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Dr.		Cr.	
To Paving & Cleansing	£99.13.6	By Amount recd. for rent	709.14.4¾
" Payments made by order of Committees & Vouchers	740.0.0	" Cash from Navan Branch Railway	50.0.0
		" Do. from Belfast Junction Railway	40.0.0
" Balance	176.12.9	" Cash advanced by Bank	357.19.5
	£1473.2.8½		£1473.2.8½

William Campbell,
Treasurer, 15th Novemr, 1848,

all Tenants owing one years rent to be proceeded against.

Town Councillor Shegog moves that all tenants of the Council owing one years rent and upwards be forthwith proceeded against for same, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Hand put from the Chair and carried.

lamp to be reinstated in James Street,

It was Ordered on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Byrne that the lamp opposite to the Chapel in James Street, be reinstated.

T. C. Grendon's resignation of Office dated 14th Oct. last accepted and said Office declared void,

It was moved by Town Councillor Collins and seconded by Town Councillor Shegog, that in consequence of the continued illness of Town Councillor Grendon a Member of the Council for the Fair Gate Ward, his resignation of said Office dated 14th October last and addressed to his Worship the Mayor, be now accepted by the Council, and that pursuant to the Statute, a declaration signed by three Members of the Council, be posted declaring said Office void,

which motion was put from the Chair and carried, The usual declaration declaring said Office void was thereupon signed by three Members of the Council and posted on the outer door of the Tholsel.

report read from Mr. Berrill,

A report was read from Mr. Berrill, Superintendent of the Paving Department, relative to the Scavengery of the Borough.

Memorial of Patk. Weldon read,

A Memorial was read from Patk. Weldon Assistant Master at the Town Crane, praying the Council to increase his present weekly salary of eight shillings to ten shillings per week, upon which no motion was made by the Council.

Assy. Adjd. to 1st Decemr. next,

The Assembly then adjourned to Friday the first of December next at the hour of Twelve O'clock.

Patk. Boyle
Chairman

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Election of one Alderman and two Councillors for each of the three Wards.

25th. November 1848

On this day Thomas Ennis Esq. as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward with Mr. Patrick Byrne one of the Assessors of said Ward, the other Assessor Mr. Charles F. Collins having died in the course of that day, and Thomas Simcocks Esquire as Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward with Messrs. James Dunnin and Patrick Maguire Assessors of said Ward, and also James Mathews Esquire as Senior Alderman of the Lawrence Gate Ward with Messrs. James Butterly and John M.Gough Assessors of said Ward made the following return of the Election of Aldermen and Town Councillors for the said three several Wards respectively which was published by his Worship the Mayor on the 27th. November instant in the following Form pursuant to the requisites of the Statute.-

Borough of Drogheda

Municipal Election

3 & 4 Victoria Cap 108, and 6 & 7 Vic. Cap. 93

The following is a List of the names of the Persons elected in the several Wards of the Borough of Drogheda at the Election of one Alderman and two Councillors for each Ward, to fill the vacancies caused by those whose period of Office had expired,- holden for the said Borough on the 25th. day of November in the year of Our Lord 1848 / Eight / together with the number of votes given in favor of each person so

Elected.-

West Gate Ward

Name of Person elected as Alderman,	No. of votes
Thomas Carty	Eighteen
Names of Persons elected as Town Councillors	**No. of votes**
Anthony Reapsrock	Thirty two
John O'Neill	Thirty one

Fair Gate Ward

Name of Person elected as Alderman	No. of votes
Patrick Casey	Forty
Names of Persons elected as Town Councillors	**No. of votes**
John Magee	Twenty nine
Patrick Kelly	Twenty six

Lawrence's Gate Ward

Name of Person elected as Alderman.	No. of votes
Patrick Boylan	Fifty six
Names of Persons elected as Town Councillors	**No. of votes**
John Collins	Sixty five
Patrick Lynagh	Thirty two

The foregoing is a Copy of the lists this day furnished to me by the Senior Aldermen and Assessors of the various Wards, and do thereby publish the same pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided.-

Dated this 27th. day of November 1848.

Signed, Thomas Simcocks

Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda

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Election of a Town Councillor for Fair Gate Ward in room of Mr. Grendon,

25th. November 1848

On the saine day an Election was held before Thomas Simcock Esquire as Senior Aldeman of the Fair Gate Ward, with Messrs. James Dunnin and Patrick Maguire Assessors of said Ward, pursuant to Public Notice, for the purpose of Electing a Town Councillor for said Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Thomas Grendon duly accepted by the Council of said Borough, when Mr. Patrick Maguire was elected in his stead.-

The following is a Copy of the List published by his Worship the Mayor.-

Borough of Drogheda

Municipal Election

3 & 4 Victoria Cap. 108. And 6 & 7 Vic. Cap. 93

The following is a List of the name of the Person elected Town Councillor in the Fair Gate Ward of the Borough of Drogheda to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas Grendon, duly accepted by the Council of said Borough, holden for the said Borough on the 25th. day of November 1848.-

Mr. Pat. Maguire elected

Fair Gate Ward

Name of Person elected as Town Councillor	No. of Votes
Patrick Maguire	Eleven

The foregoing is a copy of the list this day furnished to me by the Senior Alderman and

Assessors of the said Ward, And I hereby publish the same pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided.-

Dated this 27th. day of November 1848.

Signed,

Thomas Simcock

Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda.-

Pat Boylan

Chamn

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1st. December 1848,

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thols. on Friday the 1st day of December 1848.-

Present The Mayor
4 Aldermen & 14 Councillors

Ald. Boylan moved to the chair,

In consequence of the present Mayor being a Candidate for the Office of same for the ensuing year, Alderman Boylan is moved to the Chair.-

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by the Chairman.-

Ald. Simcocks elected Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year,

Town Councillor Shegog then moved that Thomas Simcocks Esquire (our present Mayor) be re-elected Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the ensuing year, which motion having been seconded by Town Councillor John Collins the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried unanimously, whereupon Alderman Simcocks returned thanks to the Assembly in suitable terms, when Alderman Boylan vacated the Chair and the Mayor took his seat therein.

The Mayor takes the Chair,

Report of Lighting Comtee read and adopted,

The following report of the Lighting Committee was read and adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Magee,

Copy Report,

"Your Committee beg leave to report that they have received from the Drogheda Gas "Company the following offer,

"Drogheda Gas Works, Octr. 17th 1848,

"To The Worshipful The Mayor Alder-
"men and Burgesses of the Borough
of Drogheda,

Gentn. "We propose supplying Gas,

1st. December 1848,

Copy Report,

"lighting and repairing the Street Lamps in the "Parishes of Saint Peters and Saint Mary's Drogheda "from the 6th. instant till the 30th. day of April 1849 "for Three Pounds ten shillings per lamp, each "lamp to be supplied with a batwing burner that "emits three cubic feet of gas per hour, lighting to "be completed each evening one hour after sunset "and putting out to commence each morning one "hour and a quarter before sunrise,- Should any "lamp remain without light, the quantity of gas "such lamp would have consumed, if lighted, to "be taken off the account at the rate of 7/6d. per "thousand cubic feet, with this exception, that any "lamp out for one night by accident is not to be "deducted from the Company.- Any complaints "you may have to make shall be communicated "immediately in writing addressed to the Directors "of the Drogheda Gas Company at Gas Office.- "You shall pay us the current seasons lighting "by instalments as follows, £100 sterling upon "the first of January 1849, £100 sterling upon "the first of March 1849, £100 sterling upon "the first of May 1849, and the balance of "Account upon the first day of July 1849, and "in the event of any instalment not being paid "at the time specified, then interest at the rate "of six per centum per Annum will be charged "till such instalment be paid,

We are, most respectfully
yours &c.
John Morton
Edward Atkinson

"And your Committee considering this pro-
"posal fair and satisfactory recommend it

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"for adoption by the Council - Which we certify
"as our report this 1st day of December 1848,
"Signed, Tho. Sinnock Rs } Chairman"

Report of Paving Committee read,

The following report was read from the Paving Committee and ordered to be inserted on the minutes on the motion of Ald. Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Magee,

Copy report,

"Your Committee having advertised for
"offers to take by Contract the cleansing of the
"streets of the Borough for the ensuing year,
"have received a number of proposals which
"they consider too high, and your Committee
"recommend the Council to appoint a staff of
"Sweepers and undertake themselves the
"cleansing for the ensuing year, Which
"your Committee certify as their report this
"1st December 1848. -
Signed, "Tho. Sinnock Rs } Chairman

It was Ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Byrne that John Carter be paid the sum of Seven Pounds being the amount expended by him in the erection of a Pump in Cooke Street as stated by his Memorial read at General Quarterly Assembly held on the first of Novem.r last. -

John Carter to be paid £7. for erection of Pump in Cooke Street,

Report of Land Valuat.n Comm.tee read and adopted

The following report of the Land Valuation Committee was read and adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Kelly. -

Copy report,

"In reference to the Memorial of Messrs.
"Atkinson and Fogarty praying an extension
"of time for the fulfilment of the building Cove-

1st December 1848,

Copy report,

"nants in their Leases, your Committee beg leave
"to report that they have gone upon the Premises
"and having considered the matter fully recom-
"mend that the period for performing said covenants
"be extended to three years from the first of June
"last, on this express understanding, that no
"further extension of time for this purpose shall
"henceforth be required or given and that this is
"not to be deemed a waiver of the covenants in
"their respective Leases. -
"Your Committee in reference to the Memorial of
"Mr. John Collins praying an extension of time
"for complying with the building covenant in his
"Lease of Blakes Rampier, recommend the
"Council to allow him the same term of three
"years from the first of June last, he fulfilling
"his building Covenant of his lease on same terms
"and with the same understanding. -
"Your Committee having advertised for letting
"in two divisions the holding at Trim's hill in the
"County of Meath formerly demised to Edward
"Chesshire Esq, have received from James Mullin
"one of the occupying tenants a proposal for one
"of said lotts containing 3a. 2r. 20p. at the rate of
"£2. 15. 0 per acre and one from Laurence
"Carroll the other occupying tenant for the re-
"maining lott containing 3a. 2r. 0p at a like Rent
"of £2. 15. 0 per acre and considering same to
"be a fair rent under the circumstances, your
"Committee recommend that Leases be granted
"them for said lotts at said rent for thirty one
"years from 29th September last. -
"Your Committee beg to report that they have ad-
"vertised for letting in fourteen Lotts that property
"situate on the Eastside of the North Road

1st December 1848,

Copy report,

"formerly demised to John Bolton Esquire and "have received from Mr. Peter McEvoy an offer of "one shilling and three pence per foot of frontage for "lott No 14 containing 34 feet of frontage, on the "conditions of his getting a passage thirty feet in "the clear through the extreme rere of lotts 1, 2 & 3, "and from John McKenna an offer of one shilling "in the foot of frontage for lotts 1, 2 & 3 containing "90 feet of frontage, he giving Mr. McEvoy the "required passage through said lotts as mentioned "in his proposals.- Your Committee have received "from Robert Begg an offer for No 7 of said lotts "containing 64 feet 8 inches of frontage at Eight "pence per foot of frontage and from Patrick Reilly "an offer for No. 9 of said lotts containing 32 feet "6 inches of frontage at Eight pence per foot of said "frontage, from John Brady for No. 10 of same "containing 50 feet of frontage Eight pence per "foot of said frontage, and from Mathew Thompson "and Patrick McArdle for No. 11 of same containing "61 feet of frontage an offer of 8d. per foot of frontage, "and your Committee recommend that said "offers be accepted and that the parties so "proposing get Leases of same for Seventy five "years from 29th September last such leases "to contain covenants on the part of the tenant to "expend within a specified time at least Thirty "Pounds on each of said lotts otherwise that they "shall after the time limited pay a double "rent and the rent to be paid up to 29th Sept. "last by each occupant owing same.-

"With the exception of an offer from James "Downey for lott No 6 which not complying

1st December 1848,

Copy report,

"with the terms of the advertisement your "Committee have rejected, no other proposals "have been made for the remaining lotts of "said Holding.-

"Your Committee beg leave to repot that they "have received from Edward Monaghan "and Patrick Devine proposals at the same "rate for Thorny Park and which being equally "eligible, your Committee have considered better "leave to the decision of the Council, All which "your Committee certify as their report this 1st "December 1848.-

"Signed, Thos. Simcock } Chairman,

Ed. Monaghan's proposal for Thorny Park accepted,

The proposal of Edward Monaghan offering the sum of Three Pounds per acre for that lott of Ground called "Thorny Park" was read and accepted on the motion of Town Councillor Byrne seconded by Town Councillor Boylan.-

the Mayor to have answer made of the Bridge,

It was Ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Byrne that his Worship the Mayor employ a competent person to make a survey of the Bridge.

letter read from Mr. Pat. Maguire,

The following letter was read from Mr. Patrick Maguire,

"To the Mayor Aldermen and Councillors "of the Borough of Drogheda.

Copy letter

"Gent.n

"I hereby resign the Office of Assessor for the "Dair Gate Ward, Gentlemen

"Drogheda, yours respectfully

"Nov.r 29th 1848. Patrick Maguire"

said resignation accepted,

It was thereupon moved by Councillor Lynagh and seconded by Councillor Hand and resolved that said resignation be accepted.-

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letter read from Mr. P. Casey.

The following letter was also read from Mr. Patrick Casey,

"Fair Street, Drogheda
28th Novemr. 1848,

Sir,

copy letter,

"I beg leave to tender you my resignation as "Town Councillor for the West Gate Ward, having "been declared elected Alderman for the Fair Gate "Ward and for which it is my intention to take "my seat,

"To. Thos. Kelly Esq, "I am Sir
Town Clerk your Obedt. Servt.
Borough of Drogheda" "Patrick Casey"

said resignation accepted and office declared void,

Whereupon said resignation was accepted and the Declaration declaring said Office void was posted pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided.—

Town Clerk to write to Messrs. Knaggs, McAlister, McCoy & others for tenders to repair North road Pump.

It was Ordered that the Town Clerk write to Messrs. Knaggs, McAllister, McCoy and others requesting them to send into the Town Clerks Office Proposals for putting in efficient working order the Pump on the North Road.—

Account of Finance Com. the read and passed,

The Account of the Finance Committee, which was read on the last day of Meeting and inserted on the minutes of same, but which from an insufficiency in the number of Members then present for the purpose of passing Accounts could not be ordered to be paid, was this day re-read and the several Accounts therein enumerated ordered to be paid on the motion of Town Councillor Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.—

Owen Kenny's account read & ordered to be paid,

The Account of Owen Kenny, Land Surveyor, amounting to £3. 4. 6 was read and ordered to be paid on the motion of Town Councillor Mathews seconded by Town Councillor

1st December 1848.

Hand.—

Assy. adjd. to 18th inst.

The Assembly then Adjourned to Monday 18th instant at the hour of Twelve o'Clock.—

Thos Carty
Chairman

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4th. December 1848,

Election of Borough Auditors and Assessors and Ward Assessors,

On this day an Election was held by his Worship the Mayor pursuant to Public Notice posted on the Door of the Tholsel for Auditors and Assessors of the Borough and also for Assessors for the Saint Laurence Gate Ward before James Mathews Esquire as Senior Alderman of said Ward when Messrs. Michael MacKin and Bartholemew Courtney were elected Assessors and Messrs. John Farrell and James Healy were elected Auditors of the Borough, and Messrs. Peter McConnin and James Hickey were elected Assessors for the Saint Laurence Gate Ward for the ensuing year and said Elections were duly published as the Law directs.—

Michl. MacKin and Bath. Courtney elected Borough Assessors Messrs. Jno. Farrell and Jas. Healy elected Borough Auditors

Messrs P. McConnin & Jas. Hickey elected Ward Assessors for Laurence Gate Ward,

On the same day Thomas Ennis and Thomas Simcock Esquires Senior Aldermen of the West Gate and Fair Gate Wards delivered to the Mayor the return of the Elections for Ward Assessors held by them respectively on the above day, whereby Messrs. George McCarthy and John Kelly were returned Assessors at the election for the West Gate Ward and Messrs. Patrick Tiernan and Patrick Brennan for the Fair Gate Ward.

Messrs Geo. McCarthy & Jno. Kelly elected Ward Assessors for West Gate Ward Messrs Patrick Tiernan and Patk. Brennan elected Ward Assessors for Fair Gate Wards.

Thos Simcock Mayor

5th. Decem.r 1848,

Election of a Town Councillor for West Gate Ward

On this day an Election was held before Thomas Ennis Esquire as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward with Mr. Patk. Byrne one of the Assessors of said Ward, the other Assessor Mr. Charles T. Collins having died on the 25th. ultimo, pursuant to Public Notice, for the purpose of electing a Town Councillor for said Ward to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Patrick Casey duly accepted by the Council of said Borough, when Mr. Patrick Courtney of Shop Street was duly elected in his stead.—

Mr. Patk. Courtney of Shop street elected Town Councillor for West Gate Ward, in room of Mr. P. Casey,

The following is a Copy of the list published by his Worship the Mayor.—

Borough of Drogheda

Municipal Election

3 & 4 Vic, Cap 108 And 6 & 7 Vic, Cap. 93

The following is a List of the name of the Person elected Town Councillor in the West Gate Ward of the Borough of Drogheda to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Patrick Casey duly accepted by the Council of said Borough, holden for the said Borough on the 5th. day of December 1848.—

West Gate Ward

Name of Person elected Town Councillor	No. of Votes
Patrick Courtney	Four

The foregoing is a Copy of the list this day furnished to me by the Senior Alderman and Assessors of the said Ward, And I hereby publish the same pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided.— Dated this 7th. day of December 1848.—

Thos Simcock
Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda

Thos Simcock Mayor

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18th December 1848,

Adjd. Assy. 18th Decr. 1848.

At an Adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 18th day of Decemr. 1848.

Present

4 Aldermen & 13 Councillors

Ald. Carty in the Chair.

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor Alderman Carty is moved to the Chair.

minutes read.

The minutes of the last day's proceedings were read approved of and signed by the Chairman.

T. C. Keappock gives notice of motion.

Town Councillor Keappock gives notice that at the next meeting of the Council he will move that the report of the Land Valuation Committee referring to the North Road Premises and which was passed on the last day of meeting, be rescinded.

Petition to be forwarded to Parliament in reference to Ashbourne Turnpike Bill.

It was resolved on the motion of Ald. Ennis seconded by Town Councillor Magee, that a Petition to Parliament be drawn up by our Town Clerk, praying that in the Bill about to be applied for by the Ashbourne Turnpike Board in the next Session of Parliament, a clause may be inserted debarring them from erecting a Toll Bar within half an Irish mile at the least from the Borough boundary and that said Turnpike Board be bound to keep the road in repair from said Toll Bar to Dublin Gate.

£80 to be paid Law Agents to carry on proceedings in Lee the Corporation a Holmes,

It was moved by Alderman Boylan and seconded by Town Councillor Collins that the sum of Eighty Pounds be paid the Law Agents to carry on the proceedings in Lessee the Corporation against Holmes, which motion was put from the Chair and carried.

Proposals read from Messrs. Geo. Knaggs & Thos. Creaser for

Proposals were read from Messrs. George Knaggs and Thomas Creaser for repairing and putting in efficient working order

18th December 1848,

repair, 1 North road Pump.

Mr. Knaggs' proposal accepted.

the Pump on the North road, when Mr. Knaggs' tender for same, amounting to £22.2.0 was accepted on the motion of Town Councillor Keappock seconded by Alderman Boylan.

The Accounts of Geo. Ogle, Rd. Mullin & Jno. Sullivan for cleansing streets ordered to be paid.

The several Accounts of George Ogle amounting to £.11.0, of Richard Mullin amounting to £6.13.4 and of John Sullivan amounting to £1.5.0 for cleansing certain streets of the Borough for one month, viz, from 1st November to 1st December last, were read and ordered to be paid.

James Downeys proposal for lotts 5 & 6 of North Road premises read and referred to Land Valuation Committee.

A Proposal was read from Jas. Downey offering the sum of Eight pence per foot for 94 feet of frontage for lotts Nos. 5 & 6 of that holding situate on the Eastside of the North road, as formerly demised to John Bolton Esq. and undertaking to comply with the terms of the Advertisement of same, which proposal was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Keappock seconded by Town Councillor Mathews.

Memorial of Hugh Emerson read & amount therein prayed for, ordered to be paid.

A Memorial was read from Hugh Emerson Basket Maker, stating that his Mother the late Mary Emerson had been in the receipt of a pension of Two Pounds twelve shillings per Annum from the Corporation, which had been regularly paid her up to the last quarter, and that she having died on the 18th of November ulto. a balance of said pension was due her at the time of her demise which, Memorialist prayed the Council to grant him, It was thereupon ordered on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Kelly that the sum of Seven shillings being the balance of said pension due at her death be paid Memorialist.

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Town Clerk reads letter from Central Board of Health.

The Town Clerk then read the following letter from the Central Board of Health in reply to one written by him to that Body on 11th. instant. –

Copy letter

"N°. 15,379. "Central Board of Health, Dublin"
Drogheda Union"; "14th. December 1848,

Sir,

"I am directed by the Central Board of "Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of "the 11th. instant, notifying the appointment by "the Council of the Drogheda Corporation of a "Committee of Health for the purpose of corresponding "with the Board of Health, in reference to which "I am to state that the Board will at all times be "happy to cooperate with the Committee of the Corporation. – I am also to inform you that the Board "purpose forthwith to issue directions and regula- "tions in accordance with the 13th. Section of the "12th. Victoria Cap. 123 / Copies of which are enclosed / "and a Copy of those directions will be addressed, "in accordance with the law, to the Town Council "of Drogheda. –

Thos. Kelly Esq. I have the honor to be, Sir,
Town Clerk your Obedient Servt,
Drogheda", W. H. Hopper
"Secretary"

Council to advertise for tenders to carry away street manure after Corporation Sweepers.

It was moved by Town Councillor Jno. Collins and seconded by Alderman Mathews that the Council advertise for tenders for the carrying away, daily, of the manure collected by the Corporation Sweepers and that same be advertised in nine lotts as usual for the period of ten months from the first of January next, which motion was put from the Chair and carried. –

Alderman Mathews moves that

Mr. Berrill to get sewer in Rosemary lane cleansed and a lamp erected at Johns Gate and water course in same place repaired. –

Ass.t. adj.d. to 1st. Jan.y 1849. –

Mr. Berrill get the sewer in Rosemary lane cleansed and a lamp erected at Johns Gate and also that he get the water course in same place repaired, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh put from the Chair and carried. –

The Assembly then adjourned to 1st. January 1849 at the hour of 11 O'Clock A. M.

Thos. Smoe Esq. Mayor

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19th December, 1848,

Election of a Borough Auditor in room of Mr. James Healy

On this day an Election was held by his Worship the Mayor pursuant to Public notice posted on the door of the Tholsel for the purpose of Electing an Auditor of the Borough for the ensuing year in the room of James Healy elected on 4th instant but who had declined to sign the necessary Declaration accepting said Office when Thomas W. Doyle of William Street was elected one of the Auditors of said Borough and said election was duly Published as the Law directs.-

T. W. Doyle elected.

Election of a Ward Assessor in room of Mr. John Kelly.

On the same day an Election was held before Thomas Ennis Esquire as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward pursuant to Public Notice posted on the door of the Tholsel for the purpose of electing a Ward Assessor for said Ward for the ensuing year in the room of John Kelly elected on 4th instant but who had declined to sign the necessary Declaration accepting said Office when said John Kelly of West Street was elected one of the Assessors of said Ward and said election was duly published as the Law directs.-

Jno. Kelly of West Street Elected

Thos Ennis Rs Mayor

1st January 1849.

Adjd Assy 1st Janry 1849.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the first day of January 1849.-

Present The Mayor
4 Aldermen and 12 Councillors

The Mayor takes the Oaths of Office and Justice of the Peace.

Alderman Simcocks as Mayor Elect took the Oaths appertaining to the Office of Mayor and Justice of the Peace and also the Oath of Allegiance as prescribed by the 10th of George the Fourth, in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel, and also subscribed the Declaration accepting Office, Whereupon the Assembly adjourned to Two O'Clock P. M.

Assy adjd to Two O'Clock, Members proceed to Prayers to Saint Peters Chapel.

and the several Members proceeded in their Robes to Prayers to Saint Peters Chapel.-

Report of Land Valuation Committee dated 1st Decemr last referring to North road Premises referred back to said Committee, for further consideration.-

Town Councillor Reappock in pursuance of his notice of motion, moves that the report of the Land Valuation Committee dated the first of December last, referring to the North Road Premises, be referred back to said Committee for their further consideration and report, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Magee, put from the Chair, and carried.-

Memorial of Jno. McKenna referring to North Road Premises read & referred to Land Valuatn Committee.-

A Memorial was read from John McKenna of the North road praying the Council (for the reasons therein stated) to rescind their former order of letting to him of lotts Nos. 1. 2 and 3 of that holding situate on the East side of the North Road and grant him lotts 1. 3 and 4 of said Premises for

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the purpose of building thereon, which Memorial was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report.—

Tenders for removing soil from streets of the Borough,

Tenders for removing the soil of the streets of the Borough were read from Messrs. Peter Verdon, Owen McGough, H.B. Fairtlough, Richard Mullin, Jno. Sullivan, Peter Greene and Patrick Moore.—

Owen McGough's tender for removing soil from lott No. 8, accepted,

Owen McGough's tender for removing the soil from lott No. 8, of the streets of the Borough was read and accepted on the motion of Town Councillor Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Atkinson.—

Ass'p adj'd. to 16th. instant.

The Assembly then adjourned to Tuesday the 16th. instant at the hour of Twelve O'Clock.—

Jno Lynch Mayor

2nd. January 1849

On this day an Election was held by his Worship the Mayor pursuant to Public Notice posted on the door of the Tholsel for the purpose of Electing an Auditor of the Borough for the ensuing year in the room of Thomas W. Doyle, elected on 19th. instant but who had declined to sign the necessary declaration accepting said Office, when John E. Appleyard of the Widows Alleys was elected one of the Auditors of said Borough and said Election was duly published as the Law directs.—

Election of a Borough Auditor in room of W. T. Doyle,

Mr. John E. Appleyard elected,

Jno Lynch Mayor

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16th. January 1849

Adj'd. Ass'y 16 Janu'y 1849

At an adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 16th. day of January 1849.—

Present The Mayor

2 Aldermen and 13 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last two Assemblies were read approved of and signed by the Chairman.—

It was Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh That each of the Aldermen and Town Councillors of this Body be, ex Officio, Members of each and every Committee of said Body, save and except the Law Committee, and that the number necessary for forming a quorum for each of such Committees be still continued the same as at present, namely, three for all Committees, with the exception of the Law Committee, five of whom shall constitute a quorum of same and that no person be summoned on any of said Committees except the persons hereafter named on same, but that each Member of the Council be at liberty to attend and vote thereon, if so disposed, and that Tuesday in each week be fixed on as the day of meeting

Every Alderman & Town Councillor to be a Member of each Committee, except the Law Committee, three to be a quorum of every Committee except of said Law Committee, five to be a quorum for that, no person to be summoned on any Committee except Members of same,

Tuesday in each week to be the day of business for all Committees,

for each of such Committees at the hour of One O'Clock P. M.—

The following are the several Committees of the Council as appointed for the present year to continue in Office until the first day of January 1850.—

Committees appointed for present year until 1 Jan'y 1850,

Copy list of several Committees

Finance Committee

Thomas Simcocks Esq. Mayor

Alderman Carty	T. C. Keappock
" Ennis	" " Lynagh
" Mathews	" " Atkinson
" Boylan	" " Morton

Committee of Economy

The Mayor

Ald. Carty	T. C. B. Collins
" Ennis	" " Atkinson
" Mathews	" " Shegog

Law Committee

The Mayor

Ald. Casey	T. C. Keappock
" Ennis	" " Atkinson
" Carty	" " Verdon
" Mathews	" " Morton
" Boylan	" " Mathews

Building Committee

The Mayor

Ald. Carty	T. C. Kelly
" Ennis	" " Jno. Collins
T. C. Keappock	" " O'Neill

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Copy list of Committees.

Paving Committee

The Mayor — T.C, Courtney
T.C, Keappock — " " Shegog
" " Byrne — " " Verdon

Committee of Health

The Mayor
Ald. Mathews — T.C. Mathews
" Boylan — " " Jno. Collins
T.C, Atkinson — " " Morton

Clothing Committee

The Mayor
T.C, Keappock — T.C, Morton
" " Byrne — " " Mathews

Land Valuation Committee

The Mayor — T.C, Jno, Collins
Ald, Carty — " " Kelly
" Mathews — " " Hand
T.C, Keappock — " " Mathews

Mechanics Institute Committee

The Mayor
T.C, Atkinson — T.C, Lynagh
" " Kelly — " " Morton
" " Keappock — " " Verdon

Town Crane Committee

T.C, Keappock
T.C, O'Neill — T.C, Kelly
" " Byrne — " " Hand

Lighting Committee

T.C, Keappock — T.C, Lynagh
" " Mathews — " " Courtney

16th, January 1849.

Geo, Ogle's tender for sweeping and removing soil from lott No. 9 of streets for 13 Months for £9.18.0 accepted,

It was Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Byrne, That George Ogle's tender for sweeping and removing the soil from lott No. 9 of the streets for a sum of Nine Pounds eighteen shillings for thirteen months from 1st, December 1848 to 1st, January 1850, be accepted.—

T.C. J. Collins moves that the Council advertise to sell by public Auction on 27th, instant, the soil of streets as swept by Corporation,

Town Councillor John Collins pursuant to his notice of motion given on the last day of meeting, moves that the Council advertise to sell by Public Auction, on 27th, instant, the soil of the streets of the Borough as swept by the Corporation, and Town Councillor O'Neill having seconded the motion the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair, when Town Councillor Hand moves

T.C. Hand moves amendment,

as an amendment that the persons now removing same be still continued, they giving a guarantee that they continue to remove same up to 1st. January 1850, which amendment having been seconded by Town Councillor Boylan, the question thereon was put from the Chair and the several Members present having voted, viva voce, there appeared for the amendment ——— seven and against it ——— eight whereupon the amendment was declared lost and the original resolution was then put from the Chair and carried.—

Amendment put and lost

It was moved by Town Councillor Lynagh and seconded by Town Councillor

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Mr Callan to make plan and specification of Privy to be built by Building Committee, on a suitable site,

Orddy that Mr Michael Callan be employed by the Council to prepare a plan and specification for the erection of a Privy and that same when approved of by the Building Committee be forthwith erected by them on a suitable site, which motion was put from the Chair and carried. –

Memorandum to be entered at foot of new Bonds issued by the Council, stating numbers of old Debentures in lieu of which they were issued,

It was Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Atkinson seconded by Town Councillor Shegog that a Memorandum be entered at foot of each of the new Bonds, issued by this Body on the first of November last to the present Corporate Debenture Holders in lieu of the Old Debentures issued by the late Body Corporate, stating the numbers of the Debentures in lieu of which they were issued. –

a third Brief to be given out by Law Agents in Lessee the Corpn. v. Holmes. –

It was moved by Alderman Boylan and seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh that a third Brief be given out by the Law Agents in the suit of Lessee the Drogheda Corporation against Holmes, which motion was put from the Chair and carried. –

Thos Lincoln Mayor

Gen.l Q.y Adj.t 1st Feb.y 1849.

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Thalsel on Thursday the first day of February 1849. –

Present The Mayor

5 Aldermen and 10 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by the Chairman.

T. C. Lynagh moves that the rental Account of the Corporation be Kept distinct from others held with tenants, motion withdrawn

Town Councillor Lynagh, pursuant to notice of motion, moves that the rental Account of the Corporation be Kept distinct from other accounts held with tenants, upon which a lengthened discussion arose when Town Councillor Lynagh withdrew said motion and thereupon moved that money orders be paid consecutively by the Corporation Treasurer which latter motion having been seconded by Town Councillor O'Neill, was put from the Chair and carried. –

Money orders to be paid consecutively

T. C. Shegog added to Finance Committee,

Town Councillor Shegog is added to the Finance Committee on the motion of Alderman Carty seconded by Alderman Boylan. –

T. C. Atkinson moves that the Council petition Parliament praying Emancipation of Jews,

Town Councillor Atkinson then moved, in pursuance of his notice of motion given on the last day of meeting, that this Corporation petition the Legislature praying the entire and complete Emancipation of the Jews which motion having been seconded by Town Councillor Magee, the question thereon

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was about to be put from the Chair when

J. C. Lynagh moves amendment,

Town Councillor Lynagh moves as an amendment that at present this Body do not petition for the Emancipation of the Jews but that when the Council do petition for such a purpose, that it be for the removal of disabilities affecting all classes and sects, which amendment was seconded by Town Councillor Courtney and the several Members present having voted viva voce, there appeared for the amendment — 4

Amendment lost,

and against it — 12

original resolution carried,

whereupon the amendment was declared lost and the original resolution put from the Chair and carried.-

J. C. Atkinson reads draft Petition and moves that same be engrossed and forwarded to Parliament, passed,

Town Councillor Atkinson then read the following draft Petition and moved that same be engrossed by the Town Clerk and forwarded for presentation in the House of Commons by the Right Honorable Sir Wm. M. Somerville and in the House of Lords by the Marquis of Clanricarde, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Magee and passed.-

Copy Petition

"To the Honorable the Commons of
"the United Kingdom of Great
"Britain and Ireland,
"The Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and
"Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda,
"Respectfully Showeth,

"That your Petitioners

Copy Petition,

"are firmly convinced that no man or Body
"of men should be deprived of their Civil
"Rights in consequence of their religious opi-
"nions, such opinions being a matter simply
"between them and their Creator.-

"Petitioners being aware that the
"Jewish people resident in the United
"Kingdom have been and are loyal sub-
"jects and faithfully discharge the duties of
"Citizenship including the payment of a large
"portion of the taxes of the Empire should there-
"fore enjoy all the privileges of the Constitution.

"Impressed with those sentiments
"Petitioners would earnestly pray the total
"and complete Emancipation of the Jews
"from all Civil disabilities and Petitioners
"will as in duty bound ever pray.-
"In Testimony whereof We have caused to
"be hereunto affixed our Common Seal at
"a General Quarterly Assembly held in the
"Tholsel of Drogheda on Thursday the 1st
"day of February 1849.-
"Cert.d by "Thos. Simcock, Mayor
"Thos. Kelly, Town Clk (seal)

J. C. Atkinson moves that the Council petition Parliament praying the total abolition of Ministers Money in Towns in Ireland,

Town Councillor Atkinson again moved, pursuant to his notice of motion given on the last day of meeting, that this Corporation petition the Legislature praying the total abolition of Ministers Money in Towns in Ireland, compensation being given to the respective individuals who have a life interest in same, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Shego & put

from the Chair and carried unanimously.

T. C. Atkinson reads draft Petition and moves that same be engrossed and forwarded to Parliament, passed

Town Councillor Atkinson then read the following draft Petition and moved that same be engrossed by the Town Clerk and forwarded to the Right Honble. Sir W^m. M. Somerville for presentation in the House of Commons and the Marquis of Clanrickarde for presentation in the House of Lords, which motion was seconded by Alderman Boylan put from the Chair and carried.—

Copy Petition,

"To The Honorable The Commons of
"the United Kingdom of Great
"Britain and Ireland.
"The Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and
"Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda,
"Humbly Sheweth,

"That Petitioners in
"common with the inhabitants of several
"Corporate Towns in Ireland have long felt
"the payment of the tax called Ministers
"Money as a grievance in as much as the
"great majority of the rate payers owing to their
"dissent from the doctrines of the Established
"church receive no spiritual care from the
"Clergymen who receive the tax and which
"spiritual care is alleged as the grounds on
"which he is entitled to demand same and
"thus the levying of this impost is calculated
"to keep alive religious animosity and sec-
"tarian hostility which has been the bane

"of Ireland.—

Copy Petition,

"Petitioners would further submit
"that it is not only unjust in principle but its
"operation is calculated to prevent improvement
"and consequently employment in as much as
"a House when once subject to this tax, although
"unoccupied for years and totally unproductive
"to the Proprietor, he must pay the Ministers
"Money for the House while so unoccupied.—

"Petitioners would therefore earnestly
"pray the immediate abolition of this tax securing
"to the present incumbents compensation for
"their life interest in same out of the Ecclesiasti-
"cal Commission fund or such other source
"as may to your Honorable House seem meet
"and Petitioners will as in duty bound ever
"pray.—

"In Testimony whereof We have caused to be
"hereunto affixed our Common Seal at
"a General Quarterly Assembly held in the
"Tholsel of Drogheda on Thursday the first
"day of February 1849.—

"Certf^d. by
"Thos. Kelly
"Town Clk,

"Thos. Simcocks } Mayor
(seal)

T. C. Hand withdraws his notice of motion,

Town Councillor Hand's motion, relative to the letting of the Town Cranes by public Auction, notice of which he had given on the last day of meeting, is withdrawn by him.—

T. C. Lynagh moves that a Committee wait,

Town Councillor Lynagh, in pursuance of his notice of motion, moves that a Committee be appointed from this

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on Directors of Gas Company to know what they will pay the Corp.n for use of streets for Gas Pipes, motion not seconded and withdrawn,

Body to wait on the Directors of the Drogheda Gas Company to ascertain from them how much they will pay the Corporation for the use of the streets for Gas Pipes, upon which a discussion arose, when said motion not having been seconded was declared lost.-

In pursuance of instructions for that purpose given him at an adjourned Assembly held on 18th. December last, the Town Clerk read the following draft

Town Clerk reads draft Petition ag.st Ashbourne Turnpike act,

Petition.-

Copy Petition

"To the Honorable the Commons of the "United Kingdom of Great Britain and "Ireland.-

"The Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and "Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda, "Humbly Sheweth,

"That the act under which "the Trustees of the Ashbourne Turnpike Road "were constituted having lately expired, they "are now about to seek a renewal of same "with provisions different from those contained "in the former one and calculated to be, "in their operation, oppressive to this locality.-

"That under the former Act "the terminus of said Turnpike Road was at "Dublin Gate within this Borough whereas "said Trustees now seek to remove said "terminus to the Western Borough Boundary "on the Meath side being a distance of half a "mile from said Dublin Gate and to exclude "said portion of road from maintenance out

Copy Petition,

"of the Tolls of said Trust, and thereby to throw "same for support on the County of the Town "of Drogheda, a County which, from the small- "ness of its area is already burthened with "taxation to an enormous and overwhelming "extent.-

"That said Ashbourne Road "being traversed almost exclusively by the Farmers "of the neighbouring Counties of Meath and "Dublin resorting to Drogheda as the nearest "Seaport and their best Market, with Corn, "Cattle, and other agricultural produce, it "would be manifestly unjust to exclude from "maintenance out of the Tolls which those "Farmers pay that portion of the road which "is most used by them as being in the im- "mediate vicinity of the Town.-

"That it is also unjust to allow "a Toll Bar to be erected (as those Trustees "have under their former Act) within the "Borough and thereby exact a heavy charge "from the Inhabitants of the Town resorting "to their Town Parks and using but a very "small portion of the road.-

"That your Petitioners maintain "out of the Corporate Funds without any charge "either to the Inhabitants or Strangers resorting "the Town, the whole of the streets Lanes &c. within "the ancient Gates, and your Petitioners "submit that as an equivalent for this "outlay the Trustees of said Turnpike Trust "should be obliged to maintain out of the Tolls "the whole of the road to Dublin Gate and for "the reasons already stated should also be

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"prevented / as are the Trustees of the "Dunleer Turnpike Road on the Northern "side of the Town / from erecting a Toll Bar "within half an English mile of the Borough "Boundary.-

"Petitioners therefore pray "your Honorable House to insert in the "proposed Bill clauses fixing the termini "of this Turnpike Road at the Dublin Gate "aforesaid, obliging the Trustees to maintain "the road to same out of the Tolls, and also "preventing them from erecting a Toll Bar "within half an English mile of the Borough "Boundary, And your Petitioners will ever "pray.-

"In Testimony whereof We have caused "to be hereunto affixed our Common Seal at "a General Quarterly Assembly held in the "Thalsel of Drogheda on Thursday the first "day of Febry 1849.-

"Thos Synnott B} Mayor,
Certd by Seal
Tho. Kelly, Town Clk.-

Petition read to be engrossed and forwarded to Parliament for presentation,

Whereupon Ald. Canty moves and Ald. Ennis seconds that the Petition now read be engrossed by the Town Clerk and forwarded to the Right Honorable Sir W. M. Somerville for presentation in the House of Commons and to the Marquis of Clanricarde for presentation in the House of Lords, which motion was put from the Chair and carried.-

Report of Building Committee read & adopted.-

The following report of the Building Committee, relative to the Piers on the New Quay was read and adopted on the motion of Alderman Ennis seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh.-

Copy report,

"Your Committee in pursuance "of a resolution entered into at the Adjourned "Quarterly Assembly held on 16th. ultimo, "having advertised for tenders to erect a Pier "on the New Quay on the site of the one formerly "erected there, pursuant to a plan and spe- "cification prepared by Mr. Michael Callan, "beg leave to report that they have received "three proposals for same, viz, one from "David Reid at £87.12.0, one from Robt. "Nugent at £82..5..0 and one from Thos. "Byrne at £48.6.6, and your Committee "recommend the acceptance of Thos. Byrne's "tender as being the lowest, on the terms of "his acting under the superintendence of Mr. "Michael Callan and that he shall not be "paid until he / Mr. Callan / shall certify in "writing that the work has been properly "executed in accordance with the plan and "specification, which your Committee certify "as their report this 1st. Febry 1849.

"Signed, "Thos Synnott B} Chairman

Memorial read from Inhabitants of South Quay, Jas. street, Corry's Hill and Old Hill,

A Memorial was read from the Inhabitants of the South Quay, James' street, Corry's Hill and Old Hill, complaining of a miscance which existed between Mr. Gernon's salthouse and the Drogheda Iron Works at the bottom of

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Graves lane and praying the Council to remove same therefrom, which Memorial was referred to the Paving Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Hand seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh.—

referred to Paving Comm.tee,

A Memorial was read from William Leonard of Townath a tenant to the Council for part of the lands of Townath, praying (for the reasons therein stated) a reduction of 10/- in his yearly acreable rent, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report, on the motion of Town Councillor Atkinson seconded by Town Councillor Kelly.—

Memorial read from Wm. Leonard of Townath, praying a reduction of rent,

referred to Land Valuation Com.tee,

A Memorial was also read from Peter Hoey one of the Inspectors of the Fish Market having the yearly salary of Fifteen Pounds and praying the Council to increase same to £24 per Annum, upon which no motion was made.—

Memorial of Peter Hoey read,

no motion made,

Another Memorial was read from James Greene a tenant to the Council for a plott of ground at Black-butt lane at the yearly rent of £4.5.0 per acre, praying the Council to reduce same to £3 per acre, as otherwise he would be obliged to give it up.—

Memorial of James Greene read praying a reduction of rent,

Several tenders were read by the Town Clerk for the hoising of a Cart to remove the night soil from the

Tenders read for hoising of night Cart,

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streets of the Borough between the hours of 9 and 11 o'Clock P.M, each night, when the proposals of Thomas Flanagan offering to do same for the yearly sum of £19..10..0, payable quarterly, was accepted by the Council.—

Thos Flanagans tender accepted,

The following report of the Land Valuation Committee, relative to the premises on the North Road, was read and adopted on the motion of Alderman Ennis seconded by Town Councillor Kelly.—

Report of Land Valuation Committee read and adopted,

"We the undersigned Members
"of the Land Valuation Committee beg leave
"to report that the Widow Cunningham having
"been compensated, We recommend the
"Leases to be made out of the grounds on the
"North Road proposed for by Peter McEvoy
"and John McKenna.—

Copy report,

"Thos Sinnock, Mayor
"Patrick Kelly
"James Hand
"Pat.k Lynagh"

Tenders were read from Messrs W. & M.Kenna, W. K, Caffrey and Mathew Kelly for doing all necessary printing for the Council and also for supplying stationary for one year from 1st. February inst, when the proposal of Mathew Kelly, being the lowest, was accepted on the motion of Town Councillor Magee seconded by Town Councillor Morton.—

Tenders for supplying Council with printing, stationary &c, read,

Mathew Kelly's tender accepted,

The Assembly then adjourned to Tuesday 20th instant at the hour of twelve o'Clock.—

Ass.y adj.d to 20th instant,

Thos Sinnock, Mayor

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Adj'd Ass'y 20th Feby 1849.

At an Adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 20th day of February 1849 –

Present, The Mayor

2 Aldermen and 11 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last Assembly were read, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor. –

Memorial of Peter Hoey read,

referred to Finance Comttee,

A Memorial was read from Peter Hoey one of the Inspectors of the Fish Market, praying an increase of salary, which was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Magee seconded by Alderman Boylan, –

Memorial of Thos Byrne, Mason, read,

referred to Building Comttee,

A Memorial was read from Thomas Byrne, Mason, relative to the erection of the Privy on the New Quay, praying the Council to grant him some Building materials at present lying in the Corn Market and also to place at the disposal of Town Councillor Hand the sum of Thirty Pounds in order to enable him to carry on said Building, when It was Ordered on the motion of Ald. Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Magee that

the portion of his Memorial referring to the stones in the Corn Market be referred to the Building Committee for their consideration and report. –

Report of Land Valuation Comttee read & adopted,

The following report of the Land Valuation Committee was read and adopted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes. –

Copy Report,

"In reference to the Memorials "of Messrs William Leonard and James "Greene, tenants of the Corporation praying "reductions in their rents and which have "been referred to your Committee for con-"sideration, your Committee beg leave to "report that they have examined into the "matter, and that they cannot recommend "the Council to comply with the prayers of "said Memorials. – Given as our report "this 20th February 1849." –

"Thos Simcocks," } Chairman,

T. C. Lynagh moves that a Committee of the Council wait on Directors of Gas Comp'y to know what they will pay the Corporat'n for the use of the streets for Gas purposes,

motion not put from Chair, –

T. C. Lynagh moves that the Cranes be let

Town Councillor Lynagh moves, pursuant to his notice of motion given on 13th instant, that a Committee from this Council wait on the Directors of the Drogheda Gas Company and ascertain from them "what sum they will allow the Corporation for the use of the streets for Gas purposes, which motion not having been seconded, was not put from the Chair, whereupon, he moved, in pursuance of said notice of motion, that the Council advertise to let for twelve months the Public Cranes of the Borough,

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for 12 months, motion lost,

which motion not being seconded, was declared lost.-

T. C. Lynagh moves that the property in Freeschool lane be advertised,

Town Councillor Lynagh then moved in pursuance of his said notice of motion, that the property of the Council situate in Freeschool lane be advertised for letting, upon which a discussion ensued when Alderman Mathews moved as an amendment that the subject be adjourned to the next Quarterly day of meeting, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Magee put from the Chair and carried.-

subject adj'd. to next Quarterly meeting.

Mr Callan to prepare a frame for Town Clock,

It was Ordered on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Byrne that Mr. Michael Callan be instructed to prepare a wooden frame for the Town Clock.-

T. C. Collins gives notice of motion,-

Town Councillor John Collins gives notice, that he will, on the next day of meeting, bring under the consideration of the Council the state of the passage leading to the terminus of the Dublin & Drogheda Railway and also the subject of rebuilding the wall situate thereat.-

Ass'y. adj'd. to 13th. March next, at 1, O'Clk. P. M.

The Assembly then adjourned to Tuesday 13th. March next at the hour of One O'Clock P. M.-

Thos Canty. Aldmn.

13th. March 1849,

Adj'd. Ass'y. 13th Mar. 1849.

At an Adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 13th. day of March 1849.-

Present

5 Aldermen and 8 Councillors

Ald. Canty in the Chair,

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor Alderman Canty is called to the Chair.-

minutes read,

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read approved and signed by the Chairman.-

Accounts of Mr. Leonard & Jas Hussey read & referred to Finance Com.

The Accounts of Messrs. William Leonard and James Hussey for attending revision of the Burgess lists were read and referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Alderman Mathews.-

Memorial of Thos. Woods read,

A Memorial was read from Thomas Woods of Lawrences Gate complaining of the state of the Water Table situate thereat and praying the Council to remove same and build an under sewer in lieu thereof, when It was Ordered, on the motion of Ald, Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Hand, that Mr. Berrill be instructed to have the nuisance complained of abated.-

Bellman to warn Inhabitants to remove nuisance,

It was Ordered that Mr. Berrill cause the Bellman to warn the Inhabitants of the several districts of the Borough to

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from their doors, otherwise they will be fined.—

remove all manure from their respective doors, as otherwise any manure found at their doors will be removed therefrom and sold, and the offending parties fined.—

Treasurer submits list of defaulting tenants,

The Treasurer submits to the Assembly a list of all the Corporate tenants in arrear of rent.—

Saw Agents to proceed by Ejectment in Superior Courts against Reps of late Henry Smith for possession of premises at Saint James' and New Quay.—

It was Ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh, that the Saw Agents of the Council proceed by Ejectment in the Superior Courts against the Representatives of the late Henry Smith for possession of the premises situate at Saint James' and the New Quay.—

Assembly Adjd. to 4th April next at 12 o'Clock.—

The Assembly then adjourned to Wednesday the 4th. of April next at the hour of Twelve o'Clock.—

Thos Sinco Mayor

28th March 1849,

Special Assy. 28th March 1849,

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 28th. day of March 1849, pursuant to Notice dated 24th. instant signed by his Worship the Mayor and fixed on the door of the Tholsel, the several Members of the Council having been duly summoned by service of Notice on them respectively on the 24th. instant, for the purpose of Petitioning the Legislature against the renewal of the Dublin and Ashbourne Turnpike Trust Act.—

Present The Mayor
6 Aldermen & 11 Councillors

Council to petition Parliament against the renewal of the Dublin & Ashbourne Turnpike Trust act,

Alderman Boylan then moved that the Council petition the Legislature against the renewal of the proposed Dublin Ashbourne Turnpike Trust Act, which motion having been seconded by Town Councillor B. Collins, the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried.—

Ald. Boylan moves that said Petition be sent to Jno. Reynolds Esq. M. P. for presentation in the House of Commons,
T. C. B. Collins seconds,

Alderman Boylan again moved that said Petition be sent to John Reynolds Esq. M. P. for Dublin, for presentation in the House of Commons, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor B. Collins and about to be put from the Chair, when Town Councillor Byrne moves as an amendment that said Petition be sent to the Right Honorable Sir W. M. Somerville for presentation in the House of Commons, and Town Councillor Kelly having seconded the

T. C. Byrne moves that same be sent to Sir W. M. Somerville for presentation,

T. C. Kelly seconds,

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latter motion, and the several Members present having voted, viva voce, there appeared for the Amendment ——— Three,
and against it ——— Nine,
Town Councillor Mathews declining to vote,
whereupon the original resolution was declared carried.—

original motion carried,

T.C. Mathews declines to vote,

On the motion of Alderman Boylan
he, with Town Councillors Lynagh & Reapsprock
were appointed a Committee to prepare said
Petition, his Worship the Mayor directed to
affix the Corporate Seal thereto when engrossed.

Ald. Boylan and T.C. Lynagh and Reapsprock to prepare said Petition and his Worship to affix the Corporate seal thereto,

The following is a Copy of said Petition.

Copy Petition,

"To The Honorable The Commons of the
"United Kingdom of Great Britain & Ireland,
"in Parliament Assembled.—

"The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen
"and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda,
"Humbly Sheweth,

"That, your Petitioners on a late
"occasion preferred to your Honorable House a
"Petition praying certain alterations in the provisions
"of the proposed Dublin and Ashbourne Turnpike
"Bill since which period your Petitioners have
"received a Memorial numerously signed from
"the Ratepayers of the neighbouring Baronies of
"Upper and Lower Duleek in the County of
"Meath, praying your Petitioners to apply
"for the total rejection of said Bill, and your
"Petitioners beg leave to state that they fully
"agree with the prayer of said Memorial for
"the following reasons, viz,

"That, most of said Memorialists

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"resident at Duleek Gate near this Borough and
"its vicinity, holding farms of land & thereat, have
"long felt the grievance of paying Tolls passing
"through Duleek Gate Turnpike when resorting
"to their lands, in as much as, they are obliged,
"when driving manure thereto or Cattle to and
"from same, to pay Tolls as often as they pass
"said Turnpike, although living in the imme-
"diate vicinity of same and using but a very
"small portion of the road.—

"That, since the opening of the
"Dublin and Drogheda Railway, said Turnpike
"road is very seldom traversed by a Coach, Carriage,
"Car or any other description of vehicle, but merely
"by the Farmers of the Counties of Meath & Dublin
"resorting to Drogheda who chiefly occupy and
"use same.—

"That, your Petitioners have reason
"to believe that many persons resident in Meath
"are dissatisfied by being subject to the payment
"of this impost as some of the Trustees of said Turn-
"pike Trust are permitted to pass through this
"Toll Gate without any charge, by virtue of their
"being such Trustees, although using the road
"at the expense of Petitioners and others.—

"That, there are at present seven
"Gates on said road which are sought to be con-
"tinued by said Bill and the expense of main-
"taining which and paying for superintendence
"of same with the salaries of Treasurer, Secretary
"and other Officers will as your Petitioners are
"informed amount to upwards of £300 a year and
"that as heretofore the tolls received on same

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"will be very inconsiderable owing to the opening
"of the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway,
"your Petitioners have reason to think that the
"whole of said Tolls will be expended in the
"maintenance of the Gates and payments of
"salaries leaving nothing for the maintenance
"of the road and thereby throwing the sup-
"port of same (as is sought by the 49th section
"of said Bill) on the Counties of Meath & Dublin.

"Your Petitioners therefore pray your
"Honorable House not to pass into a law the
"said proposed Dublin and Ashbourne Turn-
"pike Trust Bill but totally to reject same and
"leave said road to be supported by the Counties
"through which it passes and in which the
"machinery already exists for defraying the
"expense of same without imposing unnecessarily
"additional burthens on the Inhabitants and
"the Public.-

"In Testimony whereof We have caused to be
"hereunto affixed our Common Seal at a Special
"Assembly held in the Tholsel of Drogheda on
"Wednesday the 28th. day of March 1849.-

"Certified by"
"Thos. Kelly"
"Town Clk."

"Thos. Simcock, Mayor," (seal)

Thos Simcock Mayor

4th. April 1849.

Adjd. Assy. 4th. Apl. 1849.

At an adjourned Assembly of the Alder-
men and Councillors being the Council of
the Borough of Drogheda held in the
Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wed-
nesday the 4th day of April 1849.-

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen and 12 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last days proceedings were
read approved of and signed by his Worship
the Mayor.-

Letter read from Jno. Reynolds Esq. M.P. relative to Dublin and Ashbourne Turnpike Trust Act.

The Town Clerk then read the
following letter from John Reynolds Esq. M.P.
in reply to his of 29th. ultimo accompanying a
Petition from this Body against the renewal
of the proposed Dublin and Ashbourne Turn-
pike Trust Bill, which was ordered to be
inserted on the minutes on the motion of
Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor
Lynagh -

"London, March 31st, 1849
"11 Great Ryder Street, St. James'

Copy letter,

"Dear Sir,

"I am in receipt of your letter
"of the 29th. instant enclosing the Petition of
"the Mayor and Corporation of Drogheda against
"the Dublin and Ashbourne Turnpike Board
"Bill which I shall feel pleasure in pre-
"senting to the House of Commons. I have already
"succeeded in postponing the second reading
"of the Bill until the 26th. of April, and if a
"proper effort is made against the Bill in the
"various localities to be affected by it, I have
"some hope that I shall be able to defeat

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"the Job,

"I have the honor to remain,
"Thos. Kelly Esq. "your Obedt. Servt,
Drogheda," "John Reynolds"

Town Clerk to write to Members of Parliament for Louth to request their aid in defeating renewal of Turnpike Bill,

On the motion of Town Councillor Reapprick seconded by Town Councillor Kelly, the Town Clerk was instructed to write to the several Members of Parliament for Leinster requesting their aid in defeating the renewal of said Bill.—

Council to petition Parliament praying that a Bill be introduced by which all Landlords & Incumbancers not residing at least six months in Ireland be taxed 20 per Cent, on their Irish income,

Town Councillor Lynagh, pursuant to his notice of motion, moves that the Council petition the Legislature praying that a Bill be introduced by which all Landlords and Incumbancers not residing at least six months in every year in Ireland shall become liable to a tax of twenty per Cent, on their income one fourth of such tax to go to the occupying tenants and the remaining three fourths to be applied to the relief of the destitute poor residing in the district out of which such yearly income may arise, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Jna. Collins, put from the Chair and carried.—

Town Clerk submits to meeting three claims for compensation from Mr. Jos.h Holmes for loss of Offices of Town Clerk, Law Agent and Register of Tholsel Court, which were referred to Finance Comm.tee

The Town Clerk then submitted to the meeting three claims for compensation received by him from Mr. Joseph Holmes, one for his removal from Office as Town Clerk, another as Solicitor, Attorney and Law Agent and another as Register of the Tholsel Court of Record, of the late Corporation of Drogheda, which were referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report,

on the motion of Town Councillor Matthews seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.—

Memorial from Inhabitants of West Gate and neighbourhood read,

and referred to Paving Committee,

A Memorial was read from the Inhabitants of West Gate and neighbourhood complaining of the state of the Liberty lane for want of some repairs and praying the Council to remedy same, which was referred to the Paving Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor B. Collins.—

Memorial from Pat.k Loughran of Patrick Street, read and referred to Paving Comm.tee,

Another Memorial was read from Patrick Loughran praying the Council to cause to be removed a pool of stagnant water situate in Patrick Street stated to be an obstruction to him, he being about to build on or about said place, which was also referred to the Paving Committee for their consideration and report on motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor B. Collins.—

Report of Finance Com.tee read Amount ordered to be paid,

The following report of the Finance Committee dated 6th. February 1849, was read and the several Accounts therein enumerated ordered to be paid on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Byrne,

T. C. Lynagh protesting against the sum of £2.10.0 for coat for Chief Constable,

Town Councillor Lynagh protesting against the item of £2.10.0 included in the Bill of Mess.rs Todd, Laing and Co. for a Coat for the Chief Constable.—

Copy report,

At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of Examining Accounts the following were examined and Ordered to be paid, viz,

Present The Mayor
Ald. Boylan T. C. Lynagh

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Copy repeal,

No. 1	Thomas Mathews amount of his Acct, for rebuilding Wall on New Quay	5.	15.	0
2	Thos. Mathews amount of his Acct, for Building fire place in Walsh's premises out Laurence's Gate adjoining Premises set to Captn. Kirwan which had been injured in removing the old premises,	1.	15.	0
3	Thos. Mathews amount of his Acct, for building Sewers in James Street & Graves lane per Contract	13.	19.	0
4	Todd, Laing & Co, amount of their Acct, for clothing for Town Serjeants &c.	17.	2.	9
5	Rich. Winn Amount of his Account for Nuisance Cart	18.	0.	0
6	Thos. Hammond amt. of his Acct, for Cut stone up to June 1847 being a balance of a large Account	42.	4.	5
7	Thos. Hammond amount of his Acct, for Cutstone from April 1847 to July 1847	5.	10.	3½
8,	Thos. Simcock's amount of his Acct, for Car hire for Land Valuation Com.tee	"	5.	0
	Thos. Simcock's Chairman,	£	111.	11. 5½

Report of Mr. Berrill Superintendt of Paving Department, recommending sundry repairs, read,

A Report was read from Mr. Berrill Superintendent of the Paving Department recommending sundry repairs within the Borough and that the Paving of the Footpath opposite the Hotsel should be removed, as in its present state it was an impediment, and also that the seavengery staff should be increased from its present number of 11 to 18 in order to have the lanes and streets of the Borough properly cleansed when It was Ordered on the motion of Town

Mr. Berrill to have crossing opposite the Hotsel removed, and Seavengery staff increased to 18,

Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Hand, that Mr. Berrill have the crossing opposite the Hotsel removed and properly macadamised, and on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Magee It was Ordered that the Seavengery staff be increased to Eighteen to continue so long as may be found necessary.

Petition of James Downey read,

A Petition was read from James Downey, Carpenter, who had proposed to be a tenant to the Council for lotts 5 & 6 of the North road premises, praying the Council for the reasons therein stated, to forgive him one years rent of said premises due by him up to Michaelmas last, upon which no motion was made.—

Report of Land Valuation Committee, read,

The following report was read from the Land Valuation Committee.—

"Your Committee beg leave to recommend that Mr. John Collins do get this part of "his holding at Maninore which is now in his "possession containing about one and a half "acre at three pounds five shillings per Irish "acre, rent to commence from the expiration of "the old lease, We also recommend that Mr. Peter "McEvoy do get this part of said lands which "are now in his possession containing about "one acre and a half at Two pounds fifteen "shillings per acre from the expiration of the "old lease.— Your Committee also recommend "that Mr. James Downey do get Nos. 5. & 6 lotts on the "North road containing 94 feet in front at "Eight pence per foot, in the event of his paying "the arrears due thereon to 29th September last, "which We certify to be our report,

"Drogheda, "Thos. Simcock's Chairn,

27th March 1849,

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Building Comm.te to inspect Building of Wall at Laurences Gate Wellington Quay, and report thereon to next meeting,-

It was Ordered, on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Magee that the Building Committee inspect the building of a Wall at Laurences Gate and also the Wall now building by Mr. Leland on Wellington Quay and report thereon to the next meeting of the Council.-

Wm Smecocks Mayor

1st May 1849.

Genl. Qy. Assy. 1st May 1849.

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the first day of May 1849.

Present the Mayor
4 Aldermen & 12 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by the Chairman,-

Town Clerk to write to Sec.y of Dublin & Balbriggan Turnpike Road Board relative to Wall at Railway terminus,-

The Town Clerk was directed to write to the Secretary of the Dublin & Balbriggan Turnpike Road Board, relative to the dangerous state of the Wall leading to the terminus of the Dublin and Drogheda Railway.

T. C. Shegog moves that Mayor's salary be reduced from £200 to £150 a year from & after 1st. January 1850.

Town Councillor Shegog pursuant to his notice of motion, moves that in consequence of the present state of the Corporate Funds, the salary of the Mayor be reduced from the present sum of £200 to £150 per Annum, said reduction to commence from and after 1st. January 1850,

T. C. Hand seconds the motion,

which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Hand, and about to be put from the Chair

division called for,

when a division was called for and the several Members present having voted, viva voce, there appeared for the motion seven, and against it, Eight, whereupon

motion lost,

the motion was declared lost.-

Account of Drogheda Gas Comp.y read & referred to Lighting & Finance Committee,

The Account of the Drogheda Gas Company for the lighting of the Borough from 6th October 1848 to 30th April ultimo, shewing a Balance of £300. 3. 5 was submitted to the meeting, and on the motion of Town Councillor Jno. Collins seconded by Town

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Councillor Kelly, same was referred to the Lighting and Finance Committees for their consideration and report.—

Account of Thos. Byrne, Mason, for Building Privy on Wellington Quay, read & referred to Finance Committee,

The Account of Thomas Byrne, Mason, for building Privy on Wellington Quay was also read, and on the motion of Town Councillor Jno. Collins seconded by Town Councillor Kelly, referred to the Finance Committee with a view to its immediate settlement.—

Treasurer to apply to all tenants in arrear for one year's rent and if same be not forthwith paid, Law Agents to proceed for recovery of same,

The Treasurer having submitted to the Assembly a list of all Corporate tenants in arrear of rent up to 25th March last, It was Ordered on the motion of Town Councillor O'Neill seconded by Town Councillor Shegog that the Treasurer do forthwith apply to all tenants in arrear for one year's rent stating that if same be not immediately paid that the Law Agents would be forthwith instructed to proceed against them for the recovery of same and the Treasurer was thereupon instructed to report to the Law Agents (after so communicating with the tenants) the names of the persons against whom they shall so proceed.

Finance Committee to meet & examine into present state of Corporate Finances to ascertain what reductions can be properly effected within the present annual expenditure & report thereon to next meeting,

Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Ald. Boylan That the Finance Committee be requested to meet and examine into the present state of the Corporate Finances with a view to ascertain what reductions can be properly effected within the present annual expenditure, and be requested to report thereon at the next meeting of this Corporation.

T. C. Courtney gives notice of motion,

Town Councillor Courtney gives notice that at the next meeting of the Council he will move, that all salaries above the sum

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of £20 per Annum, be reduced 25 p. Cent, on and after 1st January 1850.—

Report of Finance Committee read and adopted,

The following report of the Finance Committee dated 27th April 1849 was read and the several Accounts therein enumerated ordered to be paid on the motion of Ald. Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Kelly.—

"27th April 1849"

Copy report

"At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for "the purpose of examining Accounts the following were examined and ordered to be paid, viz,

Present, Ald. Boylan

T. C. Keappock T. C. Lynagh

No.		£	s.	d.
1	Jno. & R. Mallett amount of their Acct. £ for Hose for Fire Engine	19,	10,	6
2	Robt. Daly amount of his Acct. for green Baize & for Top Coats for Watchmen to Jany. 48	13,	18,	6
3	Robt. Daly amount of his Acct. for Trowsers for Town Serjeants	3,	18,	0
4	Robt. Daly amt. of his Acct. for clothes for Peter Hoey and Jno. O'Ferrall	7	3,	2½
5	Owen Kenny amount ordered on Account of survey	5,	0,	0
6	Anthony Keappock amount of his Account for Car hire for Land Valuation Committee,	"	12,	0
	£	50	2,	2½

Signed,

Patk. Boylan } Chairman,

Report read from Town Clerk,

The following report having been read from the Town Clerk, same was ordered to be inserted on the minutes on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Mathews.—

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Copy Report

1st May 1849,

"To the Mayor Aldermen and
"Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda,
"The Report of Thomas Kelly, Town Clerk
"of said Borough.—
"Sheweth,

"That, on 1st February 1847, Thomas
"Woods, Patrick Prendergast, Thos. Faulkner,
"Peter Greene, William Leonard and Nich.
"Harlin were declared tenants to various portions
"of the Corporate property and directed to take
"out Leases for same for certain terms of years
"and on certain conditions specified in the
"report of the Land Valuation Committee
"adopted on that day.—

"That, on 1st December 1848, Sam.l
"Carroll, Robt Begg, Patrick Reilly, Mathew
"Thompson and Patrick Mc Ardle were also
"declared tenants to different lotts and also directed
"to take out Leases,—

"That, of said persons herein
"enumerated not one has taken any steps
"towards completing their leases although
"they have all entered into possession of the
"lotts whereof they have been so declared tenants.

"That, it is of essential importance
"towards the security of the Corporate property
"and the effectual recovery of the rents that
"every tenant on the estate should be bound
"in Leases containing proper Covenants with
"well defined Maps annexed and for the future
"it is suggested that, if the present system of
"letting be continued, no person be reported
"as tenant by the Committee nor be allowed

1st May 1849,

"to enter into possession until he has produced
"to them a Certificate from the Town Clerk
"stating that he has deposited the expenses of the
"Lease it will be necessary he should take,
"and that the letting be reported as conditional
"upon his executing the Leases within a given
"time,— Dated this 1st May 1849,

"Thomas Kelly
"Town Clerk"

George Ogle's account read and ordered to be paid,

The Account of George Ogle for
cleansing lott No. 9 of the streets of the Borough
for three months amounting to £2.5.7½
was read and ordered to be paid on the motion
of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town
Councillor Kelly.—

Eighteen Lamps to be continued lighted to 5th October next from this date,

It was Ordered that the Eighteen
lamps hereinafter enumerated be continued
lighted to 5th October next from this day, at
same rate as heretofore paid for them for that
period,— viz, one in James' street at corner of
Graves' lane, one on Bulbing at corner of
Barrack lane adjoining Mr. Monaghan's
house, one on North Quay at Fountain, one
at Laurence's Gate opposite Dr. Pentland's late
residence, one at Lowlane Chapel, one in
Laurence's street at High lane Chapel, one in
Shop street at Mr. Synagh's corner, one in
Dyer street same place as last year, one in
Milk Market same place as last year, one in
West street at Parish Chapel, one in Narrow part
of West street same place as last year, one at Fair
Gate corner of Mr. Conway's, one in Fair street oppo-
site Primate's residence, one in Peter street on Corn
Market Hill, one in West street at Mr. Montgomery's
corner, two on Bridge and one at the Thole

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same position as last year.-

Assy. Adj'd. to 21st. instant at 12 Oclock.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday 21st. instant at the hour of twelve O'clock.-

Pat. Boylan
Chairman

21st. May 1849.

Adj'd. Assy. 21st. May 1849.

At an Adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 21st. day of May 1849.-

Present

2 Aldermen and 11 Councillors

Ald. Boylan in the Chair.

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor Alderman Boylan is moved to the Chair.-

minutes read.

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by the Chairman.-

Report of Finance Comm. read & referred back to said Committee.

The following Report of the Finance Committee dated 18th. May instant, was read and, on the motion of Town Councillor Kelly seconded by Town Councillor Magee, referred back to said Committee for their further consideration and report.-

Copy report.

"Your Committee in compliance with the "Resolution of your Body directing them to inquire "and report on the feasability of retrenching the "expenses of the Corporation, beg leave to recommend that an application be made to the "Lord Lieutenant to use the powers vested in "him by the 3rd. Section of 11 & 12 Vic. Cap. 72, to "appoint the additional number of Constabulary "authorised by the Schedule (A) to the Act annexed "If said Request be complied with We will be "enabled to dispense with the Watch Establishment which will be a saving of about £200 "per annum, in pay and clothing, and "will also be enabled to dispense with the Watch "House and Premises, to put the Chief Constable "on his compensation, altogether effecting a saving "of about £300 yearly in that Establishment.-

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"We also recommend the Mayor's salary to "be reduced to £150 per Annum from 1st "January next until the Corporate funds be in "a more prosperous Condition,-

"For the purposes of coming to an "exact account of the gross liabilities of the Corpora"tion, We further recommend that the Law "Agents be requested to furnish their costs in "all causes and matters which are closed and "finished.- Drogheda 15th. May 1849"

"Thos. Simcocks Chairman"

Thos Kellys account for revising Burgess lists of November 1848 read, and ordered not to be paid,

The Account of Thomas Kelly for revising the Burgess lists of November 1848, amounting to £7. 4. 0, was read, whereupon Town Councillor Lynagh moved that said Account be not paid by the Council inasmuches they conceive that they are not authorised by Law to do so, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Magee, put from the Chair and carried,-

Moses Stavis account for Law costs read and referred to Finance Committee,

An Account was read from Moses Stavs amounting to £1. 2. 5- for costs incurred by his Attorney in making out his claim for compensation in November last for loss of his Office as Town Serjeant, which was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor O'Neill seconded by Town Councillor Hand,-

Report of Mr. Bernill read and referred to Paving Committee,

A report was read from Mr. Bernill Superintendent of the Paving Department, stating that the lead on the roof of the Market House had been plundered, and recommending sundry repairs, and on the motion of Town Councillor Byrne seconded by Town Councillor Hand

same was referred to the Paving Committee for their consideration and report,-

Memorial of James Tiernan read & referred to Crane & Building Committees,

A Memorial was read from James Tiernan clerk to the Council for part of the Town Crane premises, stating that the roof of same required repairs, when same was referred to the Crane and Building Committees for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Jno. Collins seconded by Town Councillor Kelly,-

Memorial of Peter Hoey read & referred to Finance Committee,

Another Memorial was read from Peter Hoey praying the Council to increase his present salary of £15 to £24 per Annum, which was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Magee seconded by Town Councillor Hand,-

Memorial from Inhabitants of Sundays Gate, Magdalene street, & read & referred to Building and Paving Committees,

A Memorial was read from the Inhabitants of Sundays Gate, Magdalene street and the adjacent streets and lanes, complaining of the inconvenience under which Memorialists labored from the want of a supply of water in the above part of the Town and praying the Council to have a Pump erected thereat, which Memorial was referred to the Building and Paving Committees for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor John Collins seconded by Town Councillor Kelly,-

Assy. adjd. to 11th. June next at 12 o'Clock,

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 11th. June next at the hour of twelve o'Clock.-

Thos Simcocks Mayor

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Special Assy. 1st. June 1849.

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the first day of June 1849, pursuant to notice dated 28th. of May ultimo, signed by his Worship the Mayor and affixed on the door of the Tholsel, the several Members of the Council having been duly summoned by service of notice on them respectively on the 28th. ultimo. For the purpose of Affixing the Corporate Seal to Leases of North Roads tenants.

Present The Mayor
2 Aldermen and 7 Councillors

J. C. Mathews moves that the Leases of the North Road tenants be not signed until 11th. June inst.

Town Councillor Mathews thereupon moved that the consideration of the question of signing the Leases of North Road tenants be postponed to the adjourned Assembly to be held on 11th. June instant, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Magee and about to be put from the Chair when Alderman Ennis moved as an amendment, that as Mr. McEvoy and John Brady have complied with every condition required by their Leases, same be now signed,

Ald. Ennis moves an amendment,

which amendment was seconded by Alderman Carty, when, after some discussion, the several Members present having voted viva voce, there appeared for the amendment Four and against it Five

amendment lost,

Whereupon the amendment was declared lost, and the Original resolution carried.

Thos. Sincock Mayor

11th. June 1849.

Adjd. Assy. 11th. June 1849.

At an Adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 11th. day of June 1849.

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen and 9 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

The Town Clerk having called over the Roll and several Members being absent from the meeting, It was Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Shego seconded by Alderman Ennis, that notice be now given in writing to each Member that in future the fines for non attendance authorised by the Bye Laws will be strictly enforced.

Notice to be given to each Member of the Council that in future the fines for non attendance will be strictly enforced,

The following report of the Paving Committee was read and adopted on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Alderman Boylan,

Report of the Paving Comm. read & adopted,

"Your Committee having examined the "following tenders for the supply of Broken stone, "Paving stone and sand, viz, from Peter Carroll, "broken stone 11 3/4d. per ton, paving stone 9 1/2d. per "load of 15 Cut, paving sand 7d. per load of 15 Cut, "from Patrick Doggett, broken stone 1/- per ton, "paving stone 10d. per load, and paving sand "8d. per load, recommend that Peter Carroll be "declared Contractor for one year from 1st. June "instant at the above prices, he being the lower of "the two, which your Committee certify as their "report this 11th. day of June 1849."

Copy Report,

Thos. Sincock } Chairman,

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T. C. Lynagh moves that property in Freeschool lane be advertised for letting by Public Auction, and that any Watchman neglecting his duty be dismissed,

Town Councillor Lynagh in pursuance of his notice of motion given on the last day of meeting, moves that the Corporate property situate in Free school lane be advertised for letting by Public Auction, And also that any Watchman allowing property to be stolen on his beat or otherwise neglecting his duty be forthwith dismissed, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Shegog and after some discussion was withdrawn by the mover,—

motion withdrawn,

Ald. Ennis moved to the Chair,

Alderman Ennis was then moved to the Chair, the Mayor being obliged to be absent for a short time—

Corporation to petition House of Lords against renewal of Dublin & Ashbourne Turnpike Trust Bill,

On the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Courtney, It was Resolved that this Corporation petition the House of Lords against the renewal of the Dublin and Ashbourne Turnpike Trust Bill now passing through said House,—

Memorial of Jno. E. Appleyard, read,

A Memorial was read from John E. Appleyard praying the permission of the Council to build a new Wall on the site of a portion of the Old Town Wall situate at Sunday's Gate adjoining premises under his superintendence, which was referred to the Building Committee for their consideration and report, on the motion of Town Councillor Kelly seconded by Town Councillor Magee.—

referred to Building Committee,

Corporate Seal affixed to Leases of North Road tenants,

The Corporate seal was then affixed by his Worship the Mayor to the Leases of Messrs. Peter McEvoy, John McKenna and John Brady for premises situate on the North road, an abstract thereof having been first entered in

the White Parchment Book and authenticated in the usual manner,—

Assy. adjd. to 29th. inst.

The Assembly then adjourned to Friday the 29th. instant at the hour of Twelve o'clock.—

Thos. Lincoln Mayor

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29th June 1849.

Adjd Assy 29th June 1849.

At an Adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the 29th day of June 1849.

Present The Mayor
2 Aldermen and 16 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Caretaker of Mayoralty house to get a sum of £5 as salary commencg 1st May last and ending 1st Novemr next,

Town Councillor Atkinson, in pursuance of his notice of motion given on 16th instant, moves that the Caretaker of the Mayoralty house get a salary of Ten Pounds per Annum, to commence from the first day of May last, and Alderman Boylan having seconded this motion, the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair, when Alderman Mathews moves as an amendment that the Caretaker of the Mayoralty House get a sum of Five Pounds to be paid forthwith as salary as such Caretaker, commencing the first of May last and ending the first of November next, which amendment was seconded by Town Councillor Morton, put from the Chair and the several Members present having voted, viva voce, there appeared for the amendment, 11 and against it ——————— 7 Whereupon the amendment was declared carried and the original resolution lost,—

Thos Byrne's accot for building Privy on Wellington Quay, ordered to be paid,

The Account of Thomas Byrne, Mason, amounting to £48. 6. 6. for building Privy on Wellington Quay was read and ordered to be paid, on the motion of Alderman Mathews

seconded by Town Councillor Kelly,—

Report of Finance Committee read & adopted,

On the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Alderman Boylan, the following report of the Finance Committee dated the 26th instant was read and adopted and the several accounts therein enumerated ordered to be paid,

26th June 1849.

Copy report,

At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of Examining Accounts the following were examined and ordered to be paid, viz,

Present, The Mayor
Ald. Boylan — T. C. Lynagh
T. C. Magee — T. C. Shegog

No. 1.	Michael Callan amount of his Acc. for sundries Work for Carpenters and superintendence, said sum not to be paid till the Building on New Quay be inspected,	8.	7.	9
2.	Robt Nugent amount of his Account for Window for Court House,	5.	0.	0
3.	Thomas Byrne amount of his Acct. for Building Privy on New Quay. no order made,			
4	P. Conolly amt of his Account for repairing Hose of Fire Engine	"	8.	4
5.	Patk Byrne amt of his Account for Candles for Court house, on 27 Feby 49.	"	2.	0
6.	Henry Hamilton for stationary,	1.	10.	2
	Thos Simcocks } Mayor, &c	15.	8.	3

Building Comttee to examine and report on Wall built by Mr Hill at Laurence's Gate,

It was moved by Alderman Boylan and seconded by Town Councillor Byrne that the Building Committee examine the Wall built by Mr Hill at Laurence's Gate and report thereon

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to the next meeting of the Council, which motion was put from the Chair and carried.

Report of Building Comttee read & adopted,

The following report of the Building Committee, relative to Mr. John E. Appleyard's memorial submitted to last Assembly, was read and adopted on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Alderman Boylan, Town Councillor Keappock being authorised to see that there be no encroachment made by Mr. Appleyard.—

Copy Report.

"Your Committee having examined "the premises referred to them by the Memorial "of Mr. Appleyard do recommend the Council "to grant the prayer of his Memorial,

June 29th, 1849.

Anthy. Keappock } Chairman,

The Town Clerk suggests the propriety of applying to the Lord Lieutenant for additional number of Police authorised by the Statute for the Borough of Drogheda,

The Town Clerk then suggested to the Assembly the propriety of an application being made by him to the Right Honorable Sir William M. Somerville for the purpose of getting the additional number of Police authorised by the Statute to be granted by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for the Borough of Drogheda, upon which, after some discussion, no motion was made.—

no motion made,

Accounts of Mr. Geo. Ogle and Mr. J. McLoughlin, ordered to be paid,

The Account of George Ogle amounting to £2, 5, 7½ for cleansing lott No. 9 of the streets of the Borough for three months, and the amount of Mr. Joseph McLoughlin's decree against the Mayor, amounting to £2, 10, 10, were read and ordered to be paid on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Shegog.—

Ass.y Adj.d to 18th July at 12 o'clock.—

The Assembly then Adjourned to Wednesday 18th July next at the hour of 12 o'clock,

Thos Simcock Mayor

18th, July 1849.

Adj.d Ass.y 18 July 1849.

At an Adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 18th day of July 1849.

Present The Mayor

3 Aldermen and 11 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor,

T. C. J. Collins brings before Ass.y state of the town with Cholera,

Town Councillor John Collins brings before the Assembly the state of the town with Cholera, when Alderman Boylan and Town Councillors Mathews and Atkinson severally address the meeting on same subject, and after a lengthened address Town Councillor Atkinson moves that a Deputation consisting of the Mayor, Alderman Boylan, Town Councillors Mathews, Collins and himself be now appointed to wait upon the Board of Guardians of the Drogheda Union at their meeting to be held on to morrow, with the view of inducing them to open forthwith a Cholera Hospital for the use of the inhabitants of the town, and should the Guardians not comply with their request, that said deputation then proceed for that purpose to the Board of Health in Dublin, and should the Board of Health refuse to comply with said request that said deputation do then apply to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant on said subject, which motion was seconded by Alderman Boylan, put from the Chair and carried, Town Councillor Lynagh dissenting therefrom.—

Deputation to wait on Board of Guardians Requesting them to open Cholera Hospital for the Inhabitants,

Town Councillor Magee pursuant

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to notice of motion for that purpose given by him, moves that a Committee be appointed from this Body to prepare a loyal and dutiful address to her Majesty Queen Victoria on the auspicious and happy event of her visiting this part of her dominions, which motion having been seconded by Alderman Boylan, was put from the Chair and carried,—

Committee named to prepare Address to her Majesty on her approaching visit to Ireland,

The following is the Committee named to prepare said Address, viz, The Mayor, Aldermen Ennis and Boylan, Town Councillors Atkinson, Shegog and Magee.—

Mr. Ashbury Sub Inspector of Police was about stating to the Meeting a charge made by Town Councillor Bartholemew Collins at a late Assembly against one of the Drogheda Police, when he (Mr. Ashbury) was informed that it was contrary to the Bye Laws of the Council, and that such statement could not be received from him,—

Mr. Ashbury brings a charge against T. C. B. Collins,

Town Councillor Lynagh pursuant to his notice of motion given on 9th instant, moves that the Council reduce by 25 per Cent, on and after 1st January 1850, the salaries of all Corporate Officers receiving over £40 per Annum, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Maguire and put from the Chair and the several Members present having voted viva voce, there appeared for the motion _____ two and against it _____ eleven, whereupon the motion was declared lost.—

T. C. Lynagh moves that all salaries over £40 per year be reduced 25 p. Cent, after 1st Jany 1850.

motion put from the Chair & lost,

A letter was read from Mr. R. R. Hill in reply to the Town Clerk's of 17th instant,

Letter of R. R. Hill

relative to the encroachment made by him in the erection of a Wall at Lawrence's Gate, which was referred to the Building Committee for their consideration and report, on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.

read & referred to Building Comttee.

A Memorial was read from Peter Hoey, Inspector of the Fish Market, praying an increase of salary, which was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report,—

Memorial of Peter Hoey read & referred to Finance Committee.

Thos Lincoln Mayor

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G.l Qy Assy 1st Aug.t 1849.

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the first day of August 1849.

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen and 11 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.-

Town Clerk reads draft of Address to her Majesty, as prepared by T. C. Magee,

The Town Clerk then read a draft Address to her Majesty on her approaching visit to Ireland as prepared by Mr. Magee, whereupon Alderman Boylan moves that it be adopted and Town Councillor Magee having seconded same the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair when Town Councillor Lynagh moves as an Amendment that an Address prepared by himself and other Members of the Council be read and adopted as the proper Address, which amendment was seconded by Town Councillor B. Collins, whereupon the Address prepared by Mr. Lynagh was read by the Town Clerk and the several Members present having voted viva voce, there appeared for Mr. Lynagh's amendment 4
and against it 10
whereupon the amendment was declared lost and the original Address put from the Chair and carried.-

T. C. Lynagh moves as an amendmt. that Address prepared by him & other Members of the Council be read and adopted,

amendment lost,

The following is a Copy of the Address as adopted.-

To

Copy Address to her Majesty,

"To The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty
"May it please your Majesty,
"We, the Mayor, "Aldermen, Town Councillors and Burgesses of "the Corporation of your Majesty's ancient and "loyal Town of Drogheda, beg leave to approach "your Majesty with sentiments of the truest "loyalty and attachment to your Majesty's Throne "and Person,-
"With feelings of the deepest gratitude "we beg leave to welcome the arrival of your august "Majesty, with your Royal Consort, at this period, "in this part of your Majesty's Dominions.-
"We hail that auspicious event as the harbinger "of a new era of prosperity and happiness to the "Inhabitants of this portion of the United Kingdom, "and hope when your Gracious Majesty, with your "Royal Consort, shall again honor this Country "with your presence (which we trust may be soon) "that such prosperity and happiness may be "apparent, And we humbly pray that your Majesty, "with your Royal Consort, his Royal Highness Prince "Albert, may long reign happy over a dutiful, "loyal, prosperous and contented people.-
"In Testimony whereof We have caused to be "hereunto affixed the seal of the Corporation of "Drogheda at a General Quarterly Assembly held "in the Tholsel of Drogheda on Wednesday the "1st day of August 1849.-
"Signed, "Thos. Simcocks, Mayor" (seal,)

The Mayor, Ald. Boylan and T. C. Magee to present said address,

On the motion of Town Councillor Atkinson seconded by Town Councillor Hand, his Worship the Mayor, Alderman Boylan, and Town Councillor Magee were appointed as a Deputation to present said Address to her

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Majesty.—

Advertisement to be inserted in Newspapers for an Inspector of Nuisances &c.—

It was resolved on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Magee that an Advertisement be inserted in each of the local Newspapers for a fit and proper person to fill the situation of Inspector of Nuisances and Superintendent of the Paving Department in the room of the late Mr. W. P. Berrill.—

Memorial of Rosanna Berrill, Widow of the late W. P. Berrill, read & referred to Finance Committee.

A Memorial was read from Rosanna Berrill, Widow of the late Mr. W. P. Berrill, an Officer of this Body, praying the Council (for the reasons therein stated) to grant her some pecuniary assistance, which Memorial was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Magee.—

Ass.y Adj'd. to 14th inst.

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Tuesday 14th instant at the hour of One O'Clock, P. M.

Patk Boylan
Chairman

14th August 1849.

Adj'd. Ass.y 14th Aug.t 1849.

At an Adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 14th day of August 1849.

Present

3 Aldermen and 8 Councillors

Ald. Boylan in the chair,

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor Alderman Boylan is moved to the Chair.

minutes read.

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read approved of and signed by the Chairman.—

Assembly adj'd. to 21st instant at one O'Ck. P.M.

In consequence of his Worship the Mayor being unavoidably absent from the Meeting at the annual Election of Boyne Commissioners held on this day, the Assembly was adjourned to 21st instant at the hour of One O'Clock P.M.:—

Thos Simcocks Mayor

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Adj.d Assy 21st. Augt. 1849

21st. August 1849.

At an Adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Rhotels on Tuesday the 21st. day of August 1849.-

Present The Mayor
4 Aldermen and 11 Councillors

proceedings read.

The minutes of the last Assembly were read, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.-

John Devitt appointed Town Serjeant in room of his Father the late Thos. Devitt.

Town Councillor O'Neill pursuant to notice of motion for that purpose given, moves that John Devitt be appointed Town Serjeant in room of his father Thomas Devitt deceased, during the pleasure of the Corporation, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Courtney put from the Chair and carried.-

Corporation to memorial Lords of the Treasury relative to conduct of the Royal Dublin Society in distribution of £500 placed in their hands by Governmt. for payment of Lecturers in towns in Ireland, -

Town Councillor Atkinson pursuant to notice of motion, moves that this Corporation memorial the Lords of the Treasury relative to the conduct of the Royal Dublin Society in the distribution of the sum of £500 placed in their hands by Government for the payment of Scientific Lecturers in provincial towns in Ireland with a view to the termination of the unjust and arbitrary conduct of that Body in reference to said grant, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Mathews put from the Chair and carried.-

J. C. Atkinson reads draft Memorial which was adopted.

Town Councillor Atkinson then submitted and read to the Assembly a draft of the proposed Memorial, whereupon Alderman Boylan moved that the draft Memorial now read by Town Councillor Atkinson be adopted, and Town Councillor Byrne

having seconded same, the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried.-

The following is a Copy of said Memorial,

Copy Memorial

"To The Right Honorable the Lords of
"Her Majesty's Treasury
"The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen and
"Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda,-
"Humbly Sheweth,

"That, since the year 1844 an
"annual grant of £500 has been placed by
"Parliament at the disposal of the Royal Dublin
"Society to aid in paying the expense of lectures on
"scientific subjects in Provincial towns in Ireland,

"That a Mechanics Institute
"has existed in this town for some years and
"been the medium of effecting much good by
"the diffusion of useful knowledge among the
"Inhabitants by means of lectures, books, Schools
"&c, and has received during the last three years
"from the Royal Dublin Society an allocation of
"£510 of the above grant towards the expense of
"lectures each year.-

"That previous to June 1848 the
"Council of the Royal Dublin Society permitted the
"Committee of the Institute when applying for
"a course of lectures to name the subject and the
"Lecturer who they wished should deliver them
"and who, if approved of, was sent down.- Under
"this arrangement the Public enjoyed the ad-
"vantage of selecting and procuring the services
"as lecturers of many men eminent for their learning
"and attainments throughout the Country, but
"about the above time the Council of the Society
"adopted a Resolution that in all future applica-
"tions for lectures in Provincial towns none but

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Copy Memorial,

"as Professor of their Society should be appointed.
"except inconsistent with his previous arrange-
"ments to go to the place required, and then
"the Council to appoint such other lecturer as they
"may deem expedient.—

"That, under the foregoing Resolu-
"tion the various Mechanics Institutes are restricted
"for lectures under the grant to the few subjects on
"which the Dublin Society's Professors lecture, whether
"suited to their locality or not, and are deprived of
"any portion of the grant if they do not accept the
"Society's nominee or submit to whatever regulations
"he may make respecting the delivery of his
"lectures or the amount of pecuniary remuneration
"he may require in addition to the £110 granted
"which Memorialists conceive is not acting in the
"spirit or benevolent intentions with which
"the grant is made by Government.—

"That, in the present year the
"Committee of the Drogheda Mechanics Institute
"applied for a course of lectures on Astronomy and
"suggested that the Rev.d D. W. Cahill formerly
"Professor in Carlow College should be selected
"as the lecturer, or for a course of lectures on
"Animal Physiology including Ventilation &c.
"to be delivered by Eugene Lover, a gentleman
"who has distinguished himself for the last
"14 years as a popular public Lecturer on
"scientific subjects both in the Metropolis and
"other places to which a reply was given that
"neither subjects were within the province of the
"Society, and they subsequently refused to
"send Eugene Lover to Drogheda to deliver a
"course of lectures on "Mechanics with illus-

Copy Memorial,

"trations of Machinery" though he with the
"Rev.d Dr. Cahill had previously in 1845 & 1846
"lectured in Drogheda on the Government
"grant where, by their transcendant talents
"and popular mode of conveying instruction
"they were the means of increasing the num-
"ber of members of the Institute and extending
"its usefulness as will appear by the returns of
"the number of Members who joined and
"the money received during the delivery of
"their lectures compared with the receipts &c.
"at those delivered by Dr. Allman a Member
"of the Council of the Royal Dublin Society whom
"the Institute was obliged to accept of as lecturer
"last year.—

"Memorialists therefore humbly pray
"your Lordships may be pleased to direct that
"an inquiry be made into the present regulations
"of the Royal Dublin Society for dispensing the grant
"for lectures in provincial towns with the view
"of having arrangements made that its benefits
"may in future be better conferred on the various
"Mechanics Institutes and literary societies in this
"Country.—

"In Testimony whereof We have caused to be
"hereunto affixed our Common Seals at an
"Adjourned Quarterly Assembly held in the
"Tholsel on Tuesday the 21st. day of August 1849.

Thos. Vincock Bs. } Mayor.

Report of Finance Committee read,

The following report of the Finance
Committee relative to the Memorial of Rosanna
Berrill, Widow of the late W. P. Berrill, was
read, whereupon Alderman Boylan moved

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a division called for thereon,

that it be adopted which was seconded by Town Councillor Hand and a division being called for thereon there appeared for the adoption of the report ——— Fifteen and against it ——————— Three Whereupon the adoption of the report was declared carried,

report carried,

Copy Report,

"In reference to the Memorial of "Rosanna Benill Widow of the late W. P. "Benill Inspector of Nuisances and Paving, your "Committee beg leave to recommend that it "be a part of the terms imposed on his Successor, "when elected, that out of his salary of £40 per "annum he pay her a sum of £10 a year during "the pleasure of the Corporation, — Which We "Certify as our report this 21st August 1849.

Thos Lincoln, Chairman.

The Town Clerk then read several applications for the situation of Inspector of Nuisances and Superintendent of the Paving Department in room of the late Mr. W. P. Benill, whereupon Alderman Boylan moved and Alderman Ennis seconded that Peter Dalton be elected as the most competent person to fill said situation, and Town Councillor Atkinson moved and Town Councillor Hand seconded that George Ogle be appointed to said situation, and Town Councillor Lynagh moved and Town Councillor Maguire seconded that John Mc. Alinden be appointed to said situation, and Alderman Ennis moved and Town Councillor Magee seconded that John Branagan be appointed to said situation, and no other person having been nominated for same and the several Members present having voted, viva voce, there

Town Clerk reads several applications for situation of Inspector of Nuisances & Paving,

Peter Dalton proposed for same,

George Ogle proposed for same,

John Mc. Alinden proposed for same,

Jno. Branagan proposed for same,

appeared for Peter Dalton ——— one vote for John Mc. Alinden ——— one vote for George Ogle ——————— ten votes and for John Branagan ——— five votes Whereupon George Ogle was declared elected and returned thanks to the Assembly, and accepted said situation subject to the terms contained in the report of the Finance Committee adopted on this day and also subject to removal therefrom at the pleasure of the Council. —

George Ogle elected to said situation & accepted same subject to terms contained in report of Finance Committee adopted on this day and to be removed therefrom at pleasure. —

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Mathews, and Town Councillors Atkinson, Mathews, Morton and Reapprock were this day appointed a deputation to meet the Trustees of the Balbriggan Turnpike Trust Board relative to the erection of the proposed Turnpike Gate at the terminus of the Dublin and Drogheda Railway. —

Deputation appointed to meet Trustees of the Balbriggan Turnpike Trust Board relative to proposed Turnpike Gate,

A Memorial was read from Jno. Mc. Kenna, relative to the non delivery by the Council of possession of a portion of his holding situate on the North road and also complaining of his lease of said premises being withheld from him and praying the Council to grant him same, which was referred to the Sand Valuation Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Byrne. —

Memorial of Jno. Mc. Kenna read & referred to Sand Valuation Committee,

The Account of Jno. Stuart, amounting to Five Pounds, being one years salary as Inspector of Lamps to 1st. May 1849 was read and ordered to be paid on the motion

Jno. Stuarts Account read & ordered to be paid,

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of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.—

Richd. Mullin's proposal for lott No. 14 of North road Premises read & accepted,

A Proposal was read from Richard Mullin offering the yearly rent of One Pound for lott No. 14 of North road Premises, said rent to commence from 25th March last and to become a yearly tenant for same, which was accepted on the motion of Town Councillor Keappock seconded by Town Councillor Hand,

Treasurer to proceed against all tenants owing one years rent & upwards,

It was Ordered on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Hand that the Treasurer be now instructed to proceed forthwith against all tenants owing one years rent and upwards to Easter last.—

Assy adjd to 3rd Sept. next,

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the 3rd September next at the hour of Twelve O'Clock.—

Thos Simcock Mayor

Adjd Assy 3rd Sept. 1849.

At an Adjourned Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 3rd day of September 1849

Present The Mayor
1 Alderman and 9 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Bell Metal of Old Town Clock, timber &c. on loft in Tholsel to be sold by Auction in Corn Market Square on 15th instant,

It was Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Lynagh seconded by Town Councillor Kelly, that the Bell Metal of the Old Town Clock, timber &c. now lying on loft in the Tholsel be sent to the Corn Market Square and there sold by Auction on Saturday the 15th instant, advertisement of same being first duly given.—

Town Clerk to give John McKenna his lease,

It was Ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Kelly, that in as much as the lease to John McKenna has been duly executed and the costs of preparing same having been paid by him, the Town Clerk do forthwith hand him his lease.—

investigation relative to Peter Carroll (Contractor) proves fraud committed by him in the delivery of stones,

Resolved on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Shegog that after due deliberation of three days We find that the evidence produced in the investigation relative to Peter Carroll clearly establishes the fact that during the three

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weeks commencing the 29th day of June last he the said Peter Carroll furnished accounts and received payments for 116 loads of stones more than he delivered, amounting to the sum of £4 .. 11 .. 3¼.—

Price of stones charged by Peter Carroll and paid to him, but not delivered, to be deducted from him in future payments,

Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Atkinson seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh that we direct that the price of said stones so charged and not delivered be deducted from the said Peter Carroll in future payments to him,—

T. C. Atkinson complains of Contractor of Night Cart,

Town Councillor Atkinson brings under the notice of the Assembly the non-performance of duty by the Contractor for horsing Night Cart,—

Assembly Adjd. to 21st. instant,

The Assembly then adjourned to Friday 21st, instant at the hour of Twelve O'Clock

H. W. Smith Mayor

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