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OF THE

Drogheda Corporation

Commencing 21st September,

1849.

J. Smyth

Drogheda.

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21st. September 1849.

Adjt. Assy 21st. 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 Friday the 21st. day of September 1849.

Present The Mayor.

1 Alderman and 11 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.-

Proposal read from Jno. Brady for Lott No. 8 of North road Premises,-

A proposal was read from John Brady offering the yearly rent of ten shillings for Lott No. 8 of the North Road Premises, upon which no motion was made by the Council.-

Application read from Owen Smith to get his former employment as Stone Spreader

An Application being read from Owen Smith praying the Council to restore him to his former employment as Spreader of Stones from which he had been removed by the Superintendent of the Paving Department, according to the directions of the Paving Committee, It was Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Atkinson, that we sanction and approve of the act of the Paving Committee in removing Owen Smith from his situation as spreader of stones under this Corporation.-

Ald. Boylan moved to the chair

In consequence of the Mayor being obliged to absent himself, having an appointment elsewhere, Alderman Boylan is moved to the Chair.

Memorial of Inhabitants of Francis street, complaining of existence of infamous houses read.

A Memorial was read from the Inhabitants of Francis street, complaining of the existence in that locality of houses of the most horrifying and frightful description wherein Characters the most infamous and abandoned were harboured and in which locality scenes the most appalling took place by night and not unfrequently

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no motion made in said Memorial.

in the open day, and said Memorials prayed the Council, for the above reasons, to put an end to such occurrences and scenes, upon which no motion was made by the Assembly.-

All Tenants who have not taken out Leases, to be called on to do so forthwith.

It was Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Courtney seconded by Town Councillor Byrne, that the tenants who have not as yet taken out Leases do forthwith be called upon by our Town Clerk to execute them, and that in all lettings hereafter by this Body, no tenant do get possession of his holding until he lodge the amount of the expense of the Leases and execute same.-

Town Serjeants and Watchmen to remove the Prostitutes from off the streets at night.

Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Courtney seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh that instructions be given to the Town Serjeants that they do henceforth up to 9 o'Clock at night, and also to the Watchmen that they do henceforth from 8 o'Clock at night and during their tour of duty, so far as in them lies, remove the Prostitutes infesting the public streets and suburbs of the Borough,-

T. C. Courtney moves that proceedings relative to Peter Connell be published.

Town Councillor Courtney moves that the proceedings relative to the funds lately committed on the Paving Committee be published in answer to a letter which lately appeared in the local Newspapers and signed Peter Connell,

motion not put from the Chair,

to which motion Town Councillor Atkinson objected and the question thereon was not put from the Chair.

Notices read from Police complaining of Nuisances within the Borough,

The Town Clerk having read several Notices signed by two of the Drogheda Police Force, complaining of Nuisances within the Borough and requiring the Council to have such proceedings taken as are directed in that behalf by the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act of 1848,

Said Notices referred to Sanitary Committee,

It was Ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Mathews seconded by Town Councillor O'Neill that the Sanitary Committee be summoned be summoned together on the subject of said Notices.-

Report of Finance Committee relative to Mr. J. Holmes claims read,

A report of the Finance Committee relative to Mr. J. Holmes' claims for compensation for his loss of the respective Offices of Town Clerk, Law Agent, and Register of the Tholsel Court of the late Corporation was then read, of which the following is a Copy,

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"In reference to the claim for Compensation of Mr. Joseph Holmes for the Salary, "Fees and Emoluments of the Office of Town Clerk from "which he was removed on the 28th. day of November 1842 "and to which he was not reappointed under the "provisions of the Act 3rd. and 4th. Victoria, Cap. 108, "and his claim for compensation for the Fees, Emoluments "and Profits of the Office of Register of the Tholsel Court "which Office having ceased by reason of the said Act, "and also his claim for compensation for the Fees, "Profits and Emoluments alledged to have been de-"rived by him from the performance of the legal business "of the late Corporation of the County of the Town of Drogheda "as Solicitor, Attorney and Law Agent of the said "Corporation and which said claims were referred "to your Committee for their consideration and report "at an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly held on "5th. April last, your Committee beg leave to "report that they have, with the assistance of the "Law Agents, examined the said claims respectively "and have also on two several occasions interro-"gated Mr. Holmes personally as to same.-

"And with respect to his claim for "compensation arising from his loss of Office as Town

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"Clerk, your Committee find that he was appointed
"to the said Office on the 11th. day of January 1833
"and was removed therefrom by the present Body
"Corporate on 28th. day of November 1812, and your
"Committee having required from Mr. Holmes a
"detailed Account shewing the various items of which
"the amount for each year enumerated in his Account
"is composed, and having examined him in reference
"thereto and also his Book in which the original
"entries in reference thereto are contained, find
"that his salary as Town Clerk amounted to
"the sum of £25 yearly and that the residue
"of his claim was composed of charges for the
"preparation of Leases, Deeds, Bonds and other
"legal instruments and writings and the performa-
"nce of other legal business of the Corporation executed
"by him in or by reason of his official capacity as
"such Town Clerk, and in find that in the said
"detailed Account for the year from 10th. August
"1835 to 10th. August 1836 under the head of "Profits
"and Emoluments on writings done for the Corporation
"and furnished" the nett profits should be £36.2.5
"instead of £13.15.11½ shewing a difference of £7,13,6
"and which Mr. Holmes has admitted to be an
"error on his part, and for the year from 10th. August
"1836 to 10th. August 1837 under the same head, the
"nett profits should be £31.5.2 instead of £34,5,3½
"as stated in said Account, shewing a difference of
"£3.0.1½ and which Mr. Holmes has also admitted,
"and for the year from 10th. August 1837 to 10th. August
"1838 under the same head the nett profits should
"be £30.10.7½ instead of £33.6.0 shewing a difference
"of £2.15.4½, and which Mr. Holmes has also
"admitted, and in like manner for the year

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"from 10th. August 1838 to 10th. August 1839 a like
"deduction under the same head of £2.15.4½, which
"Mr. Holmes has also admitted to be correct, and for
"the year from 10th. August 1839 to 10th. August 1840
"under the same head the nett profits should be
"£17.3.6 instead of £29.0.5½ shewing a difference of
"£11.16.11½, which Mr. Holmes has also admitted to be
"correct and to be deducted,-

"That, in addition to the foregoing
"deductions Mr. Holmes has admitted that he paid
"a Clerk an annual sum of £18.11.0 for assisting
"him in the Offices of Town Clerk and Register of the
"Tholsel Court, and which sum should be deducted
"from the nett profits of each years account of the Town
"Clerkship, your Committee not having deducted
"any portion of said sum from the profits of the Register
"of the Tholsel Court,-

"Besides these several amounts
"to be taken from said Account and the justice of
"deducting which Mr. Holmes admits, your Committee
"find that in the detailed Account for the year from 10th.
"August 1835 to 10th. August 1836 under the head of "Fees
"and charges for preparing six leases at £11.13.10 each"
"there is included in those six leases one which was
"made out by him for a portion of the "Commons Trust
"Estate", and in the detailed Account for the year
"from 10th. August 1836 to 10th. August 1837 under the
"same heads, Mr. Holmes also takes credit in his
"profits for five leases of portions of the same Estate,
"and also in the detailed Account for the year from
10th. August 1837 to 10th. August 1838 there is included
"under the same head one lease of a portion of the
"same Estate, and Mr. Holmes having admitted on
"his examination that he had been appointed since

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"his removal from the Office of Town Clerk and im-
"mediately on the formation of the Board of Trustees
"of said Commons Trust Estate, the Coin Agent of
"said Board and that he is now in actual receipt
"and enjoyment of the profits derivable therefrom,
"your Committee submit that he is not entitled to
"charge as against the Corporation in estimating the
"actual amount on which his compensation is to be
"calculated, the profits and emoluments which in
"point of fact he never lost and consequently your
"Committee recommend that these items be struck out
"and not taken into account in calculating his com-
"pensation. –

"That, in the detailed Account for the
"year from 10th. August 1836 to 10th. August 1837 under
"the head of "Fees for attendance in London on Muni-
"cipal Business from 5th. March to 5th. April" there is
"charged a sum of £150.. 8.. 0 and after deducting
"thereout £43.. 13.. 5 for personal expenses and charges
"for scrivinery" there is charged as nett profits the
"balance of £106.. 14.. 7 which your Committee sub-
"mit cannot fairly be treated as part of the emo-
"luments of the Office of Town Clerk and is not
"justly chargeable as grounds for compensation, and
"your Committee accordingly recommend that said
"sum of £106. 14. 7 be struck out of the Account. –

"The Account therefore of the Town Clerk-
"ship allowed according to the suggestions of your Com-
"mittee would stand thus, viz

"From 10th. August 1835 to 10th. August 1836 the amount "of Nett profits as struck in Mr. Holmes claim is		£103. 13. 7
"Out of which there should be deducted the following, viz, "Difference under the head of Writings &c, "as admitted by Mr. Holmes	7. 13. 6½	
"Salary of Clerk also admitted	£18. 11. 0	
"Profit on one lease of a portion of the "Commons Trust Estate	11. 13. 10	
"Nett annual amount on two thirds of which "compensation should be calculated		30. 11. 4½
		£73. 2. 11½

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"From 10th. August 1836 to 10th. August 1837 the amount "of profits as struck by Mr. Holmes is		241. 1. 3
"Out of which should be deducted the following, viz, "Difference under the head of Writings &c "as admitted by Mr. Holmes	3. 0. 1½	
"Salary of Clerk also admitted	18. 11. 0	
"Profit on five leases of portions of the "Commons Fund at £11. 13. 10 per	23. 9. 2	
"Nett profit under head of Fees & Attendance "in London on Municipal Business	106. 14. 7	
"Nett annual Amount on two thirds of which "compensation should be calculated		151. 7. 10½
		£ 39. 13. 11½

"From 10th. August 1837 to 10th. August 1838 the "amount of Profits as struck by Mr. Holmes is		12 11. 17. 6
"Out of which should be deducted the following, viz, "Difference under the head of Writings &c "as admitted by Mr. Holmes	2.. 15.. 11½	
"Salary of Clerk also admitted	18.. 11.. 0	
"Profit on one lease of a portion of the "Commons Fund Estate	11.. 13.. 10	
"Nett annual amount on two thirds of which "compensation should be calculated		25. 13. 2½
		£ 99. 14. 3½

"From 10th. August 1838 to 10th. August 1839 the "amount of Profits as struck by Mr. Holmes is		195. 12. 5½
"Out of which should be deducted the following,		

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"Difference under the heads of Writings &c.
"as admitted by Mr. Holmes ——— 2. 15. 4½
"Salary of Clerk also admitted —— 18. 4. 0
"Nett amount on two thirds of which
"compensation is to be calculated ——— £ 20. 19. 4½ / 177. 13. 1

"From 10th August 1839 to 10th August 1840 the
"amount of Profits as struck by Mr. Holmes is 129. 15. 0½
"out of which should be deducted the following, viz,
"Difference under the head of Writings &c.
"as admitted ——— 11. 14. 11½
"Salary of Clerk also admitted —— 18. 4. 0
"Nett amount upon two thirds of which
"Compensation should be calculated ——— £ 30. 18. 11½ / £ 98. 16. 1

"The whole of which sums forming the
"items on which your Committee conceive that compensation
"should be calculated is £ 538. 9. 2½ the average of which
"for the five years is £ 107. 13. 10, two thirds of which
"amounting to £ 71. 15. 11 is the annual amount to which
"your Committee think he is entitled and to be paid
"him as hereafter stated. –

"That, with respect to his claim as late
"Register of the Tholsel Court, your Committee find that
"he was elected to the said Office by the late Corporation on
"11th January 1833 and that the claim put in by him
"as compensation for the loss of said Office amounting to
"the annual sum of £ 9. 5. 1 during his life to commence
"as hereafter stated is correct, your Committee not having
"made any deduction from same in consequence of
"the expense of his Clerk which Mr. Holmes admitted
"before us amounted, as herein before stated, to an
"annual sum of £ 18. 11. 0 for assisting him in his
"Offices of Town Clerk and Register of the Tholsel

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"Court, and your Committee having appertained two
"thirds of the whole of that sum as a deduction from
"his compensation for loss of the Office of Town Clerk
"as herein before mentioned. –

"With respect to his claim for compensa-
"tion in his capacity of Solicitor, Attorney and Law
"Agent, your Committee find that by a resolution
"adopted at an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly on the
"30th of January 1829, Mr. Holmes was elected by
"vote as Law Agent of the said Corporation and that
"his services were dispensed with by the present Coun-
"cil on the 28th day of November 1842, and we find
"that his claim in that capacity is based on five
"several Bills of costs amounting to £ 909. 8. 1 (the
"earliest commencing in June 1830) and your Committee
"on examination of Mr. Holmes find that he could
"not exactly say when same were delivered to the
"late Corporation but believed they were delivered
"some time between the months of May and October
"1842, but your Committee cannot find any trace of the
"existence of the said Bills of costs previous to the 10th
"day of October 1842 on which day they appear to have
"been first brought forward passed and recommended
"to be paid by the Committee of Accounts of the late
"Corporation without their requiring any taxation of
"same or having ever called upon Mr. Holmes for any
"explanation respecting same or for the production of
"any of the papers or documents or other vouchers re-
"ferred to therein or connected therewith and your
"Committee find that the amount of the same without
"any deduction appears to have been ordered to be
"paid to him on or about the 11th October 1842, within
"ten days of the Election of the new Council under the
"said Act. – your Committee further find that your

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"Committee required the said Mr. Holmes to sub-
"mit the said costs to taxation in the ordinary way
"and that he positively refused to do so, and that
"in consequence of such refusal your Committee
"opened the said several Bills of costs for exami-
"nation to the Law Agents who have reported that for
"the period mentioned in said claim from 10th.
"August 1835 to 10th. August 1836, the deductions
"which should be made from the several Bills
"of costs and which would certainly be allowed on
"taxation between Attorney and Client, amount to
"£6.1.8 which being taken from the amount of
"nett profits struck by Mr. Holmes for that year
"of £74.8.11 leaves the actual nett profits for that
"year £68.7.3, and for the period from 10th. August
"1836 to 10th. August 1837 the deductions in like man-
"ner should be £13.8.5 which taken from the nett
"profits as struck by Mr. Holmes amounting to £43.18.9
"leaves the actual nett profits for that year £30.5.4,
"and for the period from 10th. August 1837 to 10th. Augt.
"1838 the deductions in like manner should be £4.18.0
"which taken from the nett profits as struck by Mr.
"Holmes for that year amounting to £77.13.5½ leaves
"the actual nett profits £72.5.3½ and for the period
"from 10th. August 1838 to 10th. August 1839 the deductions
"in like manner should be £41.8.6½ which taken from
"the nett profits as struck by him for that year amount-
"ing to £31.6.0½ leaves the actual nett profits £26.17.5¾
"And for the period from 10th. August 1839 to 10th. August
"1840, the deductions in like manner should be
"£6.10.1½ which taken from the nett profits as struck
"by Mr. Holmes amounting to £46.9.3½ leaves the
"actual profits for that year £39.18.11, thereby
"shewing the account to stand thus, viz,

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"From 1835 to 1836, Nett profits this year (as reduced by your Committee)	£68	7	3
"From 1836 to 1837, Nett profits this year, do.	30.	5.	4½
"From 1837 to 1838, Nett profits this year, do.	72.	5	3½
"From 1838 to 1839, Nett profits this year, do.	26	17	5¾
"From 1839 to 1840, Nett profits this year, do.	39.	18.	11
"Total profits for five years,	£237.	14.	3¼
"Average yearly profit	47.	10.	10¾

"And two thirds amount thereof would be £31.13.11 instead
"of £36.10.2 yearly, the amount claimed as compen-
"sation by Mr. Holmes, but your Committee are advised
"and report that he is not entitled to any compensation
"whatever in respect of his Fees, Profits and Emoluments
"received by or properly payable to him in his capacity
"of Solicitor, Attorney or Law Agent of the said Corporation,
"and that his claim in that respect should be rejected
"and that even if he were entitled to such compensation
"the same could not be justly or legally estimated at any
"higher amount than the said sum of £31.13.11 yearly.

"Your Committee find that the total of
"said two annual sums recommended by them to be
"paid Mr. Holmes viz, the said sum of £21.13.11 in
"respect of the said Office of Town Clerk and the said
"sum of £9.5.1 in respect of the said Office of Register of
"the Thelsel Court amounting together to the sum of £31.1.0
"yearly should be secured to the said Joseph Holmes by
"Bond under the Corporate Seal pursuant to the provisions
"of the Statute, but your Committee submit that such
"security should not be retrospective, and that the com-
"pensation should commence only from the date of the
"said claims for same, And your Committee further
"recommend that the said claim as Solicitor, Attorney
"and Law Agent should be altogether rejected;

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"which your Committee certify as their report this 21st. "day of September 1849 -

"Thos. Pincock" } "Chairman",

Said report of Finance Committee, relative to Mr. J. Holmes claims for compensation, adopted,

Whereupon it was ordered on the motion of Councillor Mathews seconded by Councillor Lynagh / Councillor Shegog alone dissenting thereform / that the foregoing report of the Finance Committee relative to the claims of Mr. Holmes therein stated be adopted and the recommendations therein contained be carried into effect and that accordingly the claim of the said Jos. Holmes for loss of his Office of late Law Agent be altogether rejected, and his claim for loss of his Office as late Register of the Tholsel Court amounting to an annual sum of £9.5.1 be fully admitted but to be paid only from 24th March last, and his claim for loss of his Office as late Town Clerk be admitted only to the annual amount of £71.15.11 therein mentioned and recommended to be paid him also from 24th March last, and that an Bands for the amount of both those sums, viz £81.1.0 be perfected to him under the Common Seal of this Corporation payable from 25th March last annually, during his life as prescribed by the Statute. -

Mr. Michael Callan / Builder / presented his Bill against the Corporation claiming £8.15.0, but in consequence of the Treasurer being absent and objections raised by several Members same was not decided upon, -

Mr. Mc. Callan's Bill read.

Assy. Adjd. to 10th. Oct. next at 12 o'Clock.

The Assembly then adjourned to Wednesday 10th. October next at the hour of 12 o'Clock, -

Thos. Casey. Chairman

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Special Assy. 5th. Oct. 1849

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the 5th. day of October 1849 pursuant to Notice dated 1st. 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 1st. instant, for the purpose of deciding on tenders for Broken stones, sand &c. to be supplied for the use of the Borough from 5th. October instant to 1st. May 1850. -

Present

2 Aldermen and 7 Councillors,

Ald. Boylan in the Chair.

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor Alderman Boylan is moved to the Chair. -

Report of Paving Committee read & adopted.

The following report of the Paving Committee appointing John Kelly Contractor for the supply of Broken stones, sand and paving stones from 5th. October instant to 1st. May 1850 at the prices therein stated and subject to the conditions therein contained, was read and adopted on the motion of Town Councillor Magee seconded by Town Councillor Byrne,

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"Your Committee having examined the "following tenders for the supply of Broken stones, paving "stone and sand, viz, from John Kelly, broken stone "7/5d. per ton, paving stone 9d. per load of 15 Cwt. paving "sand 8d. per load of 15 Cwt. from Patrick Doggett "broken stone 7/6d. per ton, paving stone 7/- per load, "paving sand 10d. per load, from Felix Hanratty "broken stone 7/7½d. per ton, paving stone 7/- per load, "paving sand 10d. per load, and from John Branagan "broken stone 7/6¾ per ton, paving stone 11½ per load "and paving sand 8d. per load, recommend that

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"John Kelly be declared Contractor from this date "to the first day of May 1850 at the above prices, he "being the lowest, on the terms of his consenting to his "not being paid any money until he shall have "delivered Ten Pounds worth of Materials and of his "allowing the Treasurer to retain said Ten Pounds until "the termination of his Contract to meet all claims "against him on foot of his said Contract, the report of "the Paving Committee as to the deductions claimed "against him to be final and conclusive and binding "upon him, Which We certify as our report this 5th "day of October 1849.–

"Anthony Keappock" & "Chairman,"

Thos Carty, Chairman

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Adjd. Assy 10th Octr. 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 10th day of October 1849.–

Present The Mayor

1 Alderman and 7 Councillors

Letter read from Gas Coy. claiming £308. 11. 2, balance for lighting the Boro last year,

A Letter was read from the Gas Company claiming the sum of £308.. 11.. 2 balance due them for the lighting of the Borough for the past year, and stating that the lamps of the Borough would not be lighted for the ensuing year until said sum was paid and a new Contract entered into for the ensuing year, whereupon It was Resolved on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Magee that the Lighting Committee, with the addition of Alderman Boylan and Town Councillor Kelly, inspect the streets of the Borough and see the number of lamps required to be lighted up to 30th April next, and confer with the Gas Company as to the terms on which they will light the Borough up to said period of 30th April next, and report thereon to a Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday 15th October instant.–

Lighting Committee to confer with Gas Comp.y as to terms on which they will light the Borough next year.

The 18 lamps lighted during the Summer to be lighted up to Monday next.–

Ordered on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Keappock that the Eighteen lamps lighted during the Summer months be lighted from this day up to Monday next on same terms (proportionally for the period) as those on which they have been lighted during the Summer.

Treasurer to take possession from James Greene of land at Black butt lane,

The Treasurer was instructed to take possession from James Greene of his holding situate at Black butt lane, he having paid all rent due by him for said holding up to 29th September last, and being about to emigrate to America.–

Communication

A Communication was read from

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read from George Ogle giving up Lott Nr. 9 of the sheets of the Borough.

George Ogle Superintendant of the Paving Department, proposing to give up to the Council the sweeping of lott Nr. 9 of the sheets of the Borough (for which he had been Contractor) and that he would remove the soil as usual without any charge to the Corporation and which offer was accepted by the Council,-

John Stuart appointed Inspector of Lamps for ensuing year.

On the motion of Town Councillor Kelly seconded by Town Councillor Maguire John Stuart was appointed Inspector of Lamps to the 1st. May next at his usual salary of £5 per Annum.-

Assembly Adj'd. to 15th instant at 1 O'Clock P. M.

The Assembly then Adjourned to Monday 15th. instant at the hour of One O'Clock P. M.-

Thos Canty, Chairman

15th. October 1849.

Adj'd. Assembly 15th. Oct'r. 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 15th. day of October 1849.-

Present

7 Aldermen and 8 Councillors,

Ald. Boylan in the Chair.

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor Alderman Boylan is moved to the Chair,

Coals used by the Corporation to be henceforth supplied by Contract.

Town Councillor Reapsprock, pursuant to notice of motion given by him on 5th. instant, moves that the Coals consumed by the Corporation be henceforth supplied by Contract, advertisement thereof being first duly given, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Hand put from the Chair and carried.-

Memorial of Thos. Woods praying a reduction of rent read and referred to Land Valuation Comm.tee

A Memorial was read from Thomas Woods as tenant to the Council for a plot of ground situate outside Saint James' Gate containing about 3 acres 2 roods and 23 perches at the yearly rent of £11.. 11.. 6 per Irish acre, and which Memorial praying a reduction from said rent of £11.. 11.. 6 to £3.. 0.. 0 per acre was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report, on the motion of Town Councillor Byrne seconded by Town Councillor Courtney,-

Memorial of Messrs. P. Prendergast and Thos Faulkner read & referred to Land Valuation Comm.tee

Another Memorial was read from Messrs. Patrick Prendergast and Thomas Faulkner stating that on 1st. February 1847 they had become tenants to the Council for two several plots of ground, one situate outside Lawrence's Gate and the other situate on the North Strand, for which holdings they were to have taken out Leases for the term of 75 years, and said Memorial (for the reasons therein stated) prayed the Council would grant them a lease of said

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premises for thirty one years instead of seventy five years, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Courtney seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.-

Report of Lighting Comm. thereon read & adopted

The Town Clerk then read the following report from the Lighting Committee, which was adopted on the motion of Town Councillor Reappock seconded by Town Councillor Byrne, and the recommendations therein made ordered to be carried into effect.-

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Your Committee have received the following proposal from the Drogheda Gas Company,

Drogheda Gas Works, Octr. 15th, 1849.

To. The Mayor, Aldermen and Council of the Borough of Drogheda,

Gentlemen,

We propose supplying Gas, lighting and repairing as many of the street lamps in the Parishes of Saint Peters and Saint Marys Drogheda as you may require from the 6th. instant until the 30th. day of April 1850, for Three Pounds ten shillings stg per lamp, each lamp to be supplied with a Batwing burner that will emit three Cubic feet of gas per hour, the 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 Complaint you may have to make to be communicated immediately in writing addressed

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to the Directors of the Drogheda Gas Company at their Office,-

You shall pay us for the Current seasons lighting by instalments, as follows, One hundred pounds Sterling on the first of January 1850, One hundred pounds Sterling on the first of March 1850, and the balance of the Account upon the first day of June 1850, and in the event of any instalment being unpaid at the time above specified then interest at the rate of six per Cent, per Annum, will be charged till such instalment be paid,

We are, Gentlemen,

Respectfully, yours

John Morton } Directors of the Gas Co.

And your Committee recommend that said proposal be accepted and that a number of lamps not exceeding sixty be laid out for lighting by your Committee, which We Certify as our report this 15th. October 1849.-

Patrick Boylan Chairman,

Wm Darcy, Chairman

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Genl. Qy. Assy. 1st Novemr. 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 Thursday the first day of November 1849

Present

4 Aldermen and 11 Councillors

Ald. Carty moved to the Chair,

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor Alderman Carty was moved to the Chair.—

Minutes read.

The Minutes of the last four Assemblies were read approved of and signed by the Chairman,—

Memorial of Revd. Mr. Ormsby read & prayer complied with,

A Memorial was read from the Revd. Mr. Ormsby Vicar of Saint Peter's Parish stating that the lighting of the lamp in Saint Peter's Church yard had been discontinued, and praying the Council (for the reasons therein stated) to again light same, Whereupon It was Ordered on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Shegog that the prayer of said Memorial be complied with,—

Memorial of Hugh Galbraith read & referred to Land Valuation Comtee.

A Memorial was read from Hugh Galbraith a tenant to the Council for part of the lands of Maneymore praying a reduction in his rent of said holding, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Byrne seconded by Town Councillor Hand.—

Memorials of Messrs. D. McCullough & P. Greene read & referred to same Committee

Memorials were also read from Messrs. Denis McCullough and Peter Greene tenants to the Corporation praying a reduction in the rents of their respective holdings, which Memorials were also referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report.—

1st November 1849.

Ald. Boylan moves that services of Pat. McDonnell in Butter Market be dispensed with,

T. C. Magee objects,

motion withdrawn,

Alderman Boylan pursuant to notice of motion, moves that the services of Patrick McDonnell Weigher in the Corn and Butter Markets be henceforth dispensed with, to which motion Town Councillor Magee objected, when after some discussion on the subject, the question was withdrawn by the Mover,—

Petition of Mrs. Anne Evans read & referred to Finance Committee,

A Petition was read from Mrs. Anne Evans Widow of the late Mr. George William Evans praying the Council to pay over to her, as Administratrix of her late husband, the sum of £14.. 3.. 0, being the amount of salary and compensation due to him at the time of his decease, which petition was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Magee seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.—

Report of Land Valuation Comtee read & referred back to said Committee,

The following report having been read from the Land Valuation Committee, same was referred back to said Committee for their further consideration and report,

Copy Report

"In reference to the Memorial of "Thomas Woods a tenant of this Corporation praying a "reduction of the rent of his holding outside James "Gate from £4.. 4.. 6 to £3.. 0.. 0 per Irish acre, your "Committee recommend the Council to take a "surrender from Mr. Woods of this holding, he "paying all rent due and to be due by him and "serving the usual notice of surrender to that effect, "which We certify as our report this 1st Novemr. 1849,—

"Thos. Simcocks } Chairman,"

Memorial of Nightly Watch read and referred to clothing Comtee.

A Memorial was read from the Nightly Watch of the Borough praying the Council to grant to each of them a Great Coat, Brogues and Hat for the winter season, which was referred to the Clothing

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Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Byrne seconded by Town Councillor Magee,-

Report of Treasurer relative to James Greene's land, read

A Report was read from the Treasurer stating that he had got possession from James Greene of his holding at Black Bush Lane, pursuant to instructions given him to that effect on 10th, ult.o, whereupon it was Ordered that said land be advertised for letting,

Ordered that said land be advertised for letting,

Tenders read for supply of Coals,

Tenders were then read for supplying the Corporation with Coals for one year from 1st, November instant, viz from John Robertson for Preston Coals at 13/- per ton and from John Butterly for best Workington Coals at 14/9d. per ton, said Coals to be delivered in such places and in such quantities within the Borough as may be required pursuant to the terms of Advertisement,

John Butterly's proposal accepted,

when the proposal of John Butterly was accepted on the above terms on the motion of Town Councillor Hand seconded by Town Councillor Magee,-

Petition of P. Hoey praying a suit of clothes, read, Clothing Committee to supply him with a suit of clothes,

A Petition was read from Peter Hoey one of the Inspectors of the Fish Market, praying the Council to grant him a suit of clothes, whereupon the Clothing Committee was Ordered to supply him with same,-

Assembly Adj.d to 15th, instant at 12 O'Clock,

The Assembly then Adjourned to Thursday 15th, instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock,-

Wm Symes R Mayor

15th, November 1849.

Adj.d Ass.y 15th Nov. 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 Thursday the 15th, day of November 1849.

Present The Mayor

3 Aldermen and 9 Councillors.

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.-

Memorial read from Burgesses of West Gate Ward praying erection of a lamp at the Liberty and main sewer in Trinity street,

A Memorial was read from certain Burgesses of the West Gate Ward resident outside West Gate praying that a lamp might be erected at the Liberty or West end of Trinity Street and also praying that a main sewer might be made in said locality, the latter part of which Memorial was, on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Byrne, referred to the Paving Committee for their consideration and report, and the former part to the Lighting Committee with a request that they report to the next meeting of the Council as to the propriety of lighting such additional lamps (not exceeding five) and in such places within the Borough as may seem most required,-

Referred to Paving & Lighting Committees,

Building Com.tee to have Bridge repaired,

Resolved on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Byrne that the Building Committee employ a proper person to repair the defects at present in the Bridge,-

Inspector of Lamps to get from Gas Comp.y an account of unlighted Lamps,

It was Ordered that the Inspector of Lamps get from the Gas Company an account of the number of lamps (unlighted) now in their possession.

Memorial read from Owen Smyth,

A Memorial was read from Owen Smyth one of the Scavengers of the Borough praying the Council to restore him to his former wages of Eight shillings per week, when after some discussion It was Resolved on the motion of Alderman Boylan

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15th November 1849.

Owen Smith to get 6/6d. per week as wages in his present employment,

seconded by Town Councillor Byrne, that he be allowed the sum of 6/6d. per week as wages in his present employment, he to get the difference (from the time of his reduction) between 4/10½ per week his present wages and 6/6d. per week the salary to be hereafter allowed him in his present employment as Scavenger,-

Memorial of Mr. Callan Builder read and referred to Buildg Committee,

A Memorial was read from Mr. Callan (Builder) claiming a balance of £17.7.11½ alledged to be due him, which was referred to the Building Committee for their consideration and report,-

Account of Owen Kenny read and referred to Finance Committee,

The Account of Owen Kenny, late Corporation Surveyor, claiming a balance of £2.10.0 was read and referred to the Finance Committee on the motion of Town Councillor Keappock seconded by Town Councillor Kelly.-

Assembly adjd. to Saturday 1st. Decemr. next,

The Assembly then adjourned to Saturday 1st. December next at the hour of Eleven O'Clock A. M.-

Thos Simcocks Mayor

26th November 1849

Election of two Councillors for each of the three Wards.

On this day Thomas Ennis Esq. as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward with Messrs. George McCarthy and John Kelly Assessors of said Ward, and Thomas Simcocks Esq. as Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward with Messrs. Patrick Tiernan and Patrick Brennan Assessors of said Ward, and also James Mathews Esq. as Senior Alderman of the Laurence's Gate Ward with Messrs. Peter McConnin and James Hickey Assessors of said Ward made the following return of the Election of two Councillors for the said three several Wards respectively which was published by his Worship the Mayor on the 28th instant in the following form pursuant to the requisites of the Statute.-

Borough of Drogheda

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 26th day of November in the year of our Lord 1849, 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 Courtney,	Twenty nine
Patrick Byrne,	Twenty eight

Fair Gate Ward

William Campbell	Thirty three
Robert E. Ellis	Twenty five

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Lawrence's Gate Ward

Patrick Matthews _____ Forty three
James Butterly _____ Thirty 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 28th. day of Novemr. 1849.-

Thomas Simcock
Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda.

Pat. Boylan, Chairman

1st. December 1849.

Adjd. Assy. 1st. Decemr. 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 Saturday the first day of December 1849.

Present, The Mayor
5 Aldermen and 18 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor,-

T.C. Keappock moves that the Council elect a Surveyor,

Town Councillor Keappock in pursuance of his notice of motion moves that the Council proceed to elect a Corporation Surveyor, whereupon Town Councillor Hand moves that Thomas Keams be appointed to said Office, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor James Butterly, when Town Councillor Magee moves that Patrick Egan another Candidate be appointed to same, which motion was seconded by Alderman Ennis and the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair, when, after some discussion thereon, the consideration of same was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.-

T.C. Hand moves that Thos. Keams be elected to same,

T.C. Magee moves that Pat. Egan be appointed

question adj'd. to next Meeting.

Alderman Carty then moved that Town Councillor Patrick Matthews be elected Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the year commencing the first of January 1850, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Hand, whereupon Alderman Boylan moved that Town Councillor Keappock be elected as a fit and proper person to act as Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the ensuing year, which motion having been seconded by Town Councillor Campbell and the several Members present having voted viva voce there appeared for Mr. Matthews _____ Twelve votes and for Mr. Keappock _____ Ten votes

T.C. Matthews nominated Mayor for the ensuing year.

T.C. Keappock proposed as Mayor for the ensuing year.

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J. C. Matthews elected Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year.

whereupon Mr. Matthews was declared duly elected Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year and he returned thanks to the Assembly therefor.-

Assembly adjd. to 14th. instant.

The Assembly then Adjourned to Friday the 14th. instant at the hour of Twelve O'Clock,

Pat. Boylan Chairman

3rd. December 1849.

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 for the ensuing year, and also for Assessors for the Saint Laurence's Gate Ward before James Matthews Esq. as Senior Aldorman of said Ward, when Messrs. William Boylan and John Morton were elected Assessors and Messrs. John Farrell and Patrick Tiernan 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.-

Wm. Boylan and Jno. Morton elected Borough Assessors & Jno. Farrell & Patrick Tiernan elected Borough Auditors,

Peter McConnin & James Hickey elected Ward Assessors for the Laurence Gate Ward,

On the same day Thomas Ennis and Thomas Sincock Esquires Senior Aldormen 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. Robert Finegan and Robert Daly were returned Assessors for the West Gate Ward, and Messrs. James Healy and Patrick Brennan for the Fair Gate Ward.-.

Robt. Finegan & Robt. Daly elected Assessors for West Gate Ward and James Healy and Pat. Brennan elected Assessors for Fair Gate Ward,

Pat. Boylan Chairman

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Special Ass.y 4th. Decem.r 1849.

4th. December 1849.

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 4th. day of December 1849, pursuant to notice dated 30th. day Novem.r ult.o 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 30th. ultimo, for the purpose of reducing the Mayor's salary from £200 to £150 per annum from and after 1st. January 1850.—

Present The Mayor

1 Alderman and 10 Councillors

T. C. Lynagh moves that the Mayor's salary be reduced from £200 to £150 per year from & after 1st. Janu.y 1850. Ald. Boylan seconds.

question put,

motion lost,

Town Councillor Lynagh then moved that the Mayor's salary be reduced from and after 1st. January 1850, which motion was seconded by Alderman Boylan, whereupon the question was put from the Chair and the several Members present having voted viva voce there appeared for the motion ——— two and against it ——— ten and the motion was accordingly declared lost.—

Pat.k Boylan Chairman

Adj.d 27. Ass.y 14th. Dec.r 1849.

14th. December 1849

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 Friday the 14th. day of December 1849

Present

1 Alderman and 8 Councillors

Ald. Boylan in the Chair,

proceedings read,

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor Alderman Boylan is moved to the Chair.—

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by the Chairman,—

Thomas Kearns elected Corporation Surveyor during pleasure of the Council and to be paid according to a scale of fees to be settled by them.

Town Councillor Keappock, in pursuance of his notice of motion, moves that the Council proceed to elect a Corporation Surveyor and that Patrick Egan be elected as such, subject to removal at the pleasure of the Corporation and be paid according to a scale of fees to be settled and approved of by them, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Kelly and the question about to be put from the Chair, when Town Councillor Hand moves that Thomas Kearns be appointed as such, subject to the terms above stated, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor James Butterly, and the several Members present having voted there appeared for Thomas Kearns, 5 votes and for Patrick Egan - - - - - - - - - 4 do, and Thomas Kearns was accordingly declared elected, subject to the terms aforesaid.

T. C. Hand moves that Owen Smith get 8/- per week,

motion withdrawn,

Town Councillor Hand in pursuance of his notice of motion moves that Owen Smith get his former weekly wages of Eightshillings, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor James Butterly when after some discussion thereon the motion was withdrawn, there not being a

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sufficient number of Members present to vote a money order.-

Report of Land Valuation Committee read and adopted,

The following report of the Land Valuation Committee dated 14th. instant was read and adopted, on the motion of Town Councillor Keappock seconded by Town Councillor Kelly.-

Copy report

"Your Committee beg leave to report "that they have examined into the matter of the "several memorials from tenants of the Corporation "praying reductions in their rents which have been "referred to them for their consideration, and that "after giving the matter their best attention they "have concluded to recommend the Council to "submit to the following reductions, viz, Thomas "Woods for his holding in Black Bush lane to "pay £3. 10. 0 per Irish acre, instead of £4. 4. 6 "his present rent, Peter Greene for his holding at "Townath to pay £2. 0. 0 per like acre instead of "£2. 5. 0 his present rent, the Representatives of "William Leonard for their holding at Townath "aforesaid to pay £2. 5. 0 per like acre instead of "£2. 10. 0 their present rent, the Representatives of "Nicholas Harlin for their holding at Townath to "pay £1. 15. 0 per like acre instead of £2. 0. 0 their "present rent, Denis McCullough for his holding at "Townath to pay £1. 15. 0 per like acre instead of "£2. 10. 0 his present rent, and Peter Flinn for his "holding at Yellow Batter to pay £3. 15. 0 per acre "instead of £4. 10. 0 his present rent,- such "reductions to commence from and after 25th. March "1849. to continue during the present depression of "farming produce and be allowed them in each "succeeding gale of rent, provided they pay each "half years rent before the other shall become

Copy report,

"due, so as never, at any time, to allow a full years "rent to become due, but if they should, the former "rent to be in that case paid by them, Which "your Committee certify as their report this 14th. "day of December 1849.

"Anthony Keappock, } Chairman,

Memorial of Ens. McLoughlin praying reduction of rent, read,

A Memorial was read from Mr. John McLoughlin tenant to the Council for the lands of Macklin, County Louth, praying (for the reasons therein stated) a reduction in his rent of said holding, Whereupon it was ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh, that he be written to, calling on him to take out his Lease of said lands forthwith.-

Ordered, that he be called on to take out his lease,

Tax Collectors Acct. for revising Burgess lists, read,

The Accounts of Messrs. John Farrell, Charles Marlow and William Leonard for revising the Burgess lists of this year were read, upon which no motion was made by the Council.-

no motion made,

A Memorial was read from Rosanna Berrill Widow of the late W. P. Berrill, praying the Council to order her the payment of the pension of ten pounds a year lately granted her, quarterly, which was accordingly ordered.-

Memorial of Rosanna Berrill read and Ordered,

A Proposal was read from Thos. Maypother for that parcel of land situate at Black Bush lane lately in the possession of Mr. James Greene, the subject of which was adjourned until it be ascertained whether the Poor Law Guardians of the Drogheda Union will require same.-

Proposal of Thos Maypother for land at Black bush lane, read, and adjourned,

A Letter was read from Mr. Crozier Solicitor to the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway Company, enclosing a Schedule describing that part of the Corporate Property in the Parish

Letter read from Mr Crozier Solicitor to Belfast Junction Railway

of Saint Mary's required for the purposes of said Railway and shewing the manner in which the proposed works will affect the same and requesting the assent of the Council thereto, when It was Ordered that the Town Clerk reply to same stating that the subject of the letter will be entertained at the next meeting of the Council.-

Assly. adjourned to 1st. January 1850 at 11 o'Clock A. M.

The Assembly then Adjourned to Tuesday 1st. January 1850 at the hour of Eleven o'Clock A. M.-

Thos Simcocks Mayor

Adjt. Assy 1st. Jany 1850.

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 Tuesday the first day of January 1850.

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.-

Memorial of Eliza, Forde read & referred to Finance Comtee.

A Memorial was read from Eliza. Forde of Ballyshannon, County Donegal, praying that she, as sister and nearest surviving relative of the late Anne McEntegart, a Pensioner of this Corporation, might be granted the amount of pension due deceased at the time of her death, which Memorial was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report on motion of Town Councillor Kelly seconded by Town Councillor O'Neill.-

Memorial of Widow Coyle praying reduction in rent read & referred to Land Valuation Comtee.

Another Memorial was read from Widow Coyle a tenant to the Council for a parcel of land situate at Blackbush lane, praying a reduction in the rent of her said holding, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Lynagh seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.-

Patk. Mathews Esq. takes the Oaths of Mayor & Justice of the Peace,

Town Councillor Patrick Mathews as Mayor Elect accompanied by the Members present proceeded in their Robes of Office to the Crown Court of the Tholsel, 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. George the Fourth before

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1st. January 1850.

Assembly Adjd. to One o'Clock, P. M. to proceed to Prayers, to St. Peters chapel,

Thomas Carty Esquire J. P. then with the Aldermen and Town Councillors returned to the Assembly Room and took his seat as Chairman, whereupon the Assembly adjourned to half past One o'Clock, and the Council proceeded in their Robes to Prayers to Saint Peters Parish Chapel.—

Council return after having attended Divine Service,

His Worship the Mayor with the Aldermen and Town Councillors having returned to the Assembly Room after having attended Divine Service,—

Vote of thanks passed to Alb. Simcocks late Mayor of the Borough,

Town Councillor Shegog then moved that the marked thanks of this Corporation are justly due and hereby given to Aldn. Simcocks our late Mayor for the very dignified and impartial manner in which he discharged the duties of his Office during his Mayoralty, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Ellis, put from the Chair, and carried unanimously, whereupon Alderman Simcocks returned thanks to the meeting.—

Ald. Simcocks returns thanks,

Assembly Adjd. to 7th instant,

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday 7th instant at the hour of Eleven o'Clock, A. M.— Patrick Mathews Mayor.

Adjd. Dy. Assy 7th. January 1850,

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 7th. day of January 1850,—

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen and 9 Councillors

Proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read by the Town Clerk, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Committees appointed for the present year to continue in Office till 1st. January 1851,

The Council then proceeded to revise the several Committees for the present year to continue in Office until the first day of January 1851, on the terms contained in the resolution referring to same passed on 16th. January 1849.—

Copy list of several Committees,

The following is a list of the Committees as thus revised,

Finance Committee

Patrick Mathews Esq. Mayor
Alderman Carty
" Emmis
" Mathews
" Boylan
J. C. Reapprock
" Lynagh
" Shegog

Law Committee

The Mayor
Ald. Casey
" Emmis
" Carty
" Mathews
Ald. Boylan
J. C. Reapprock
" Atkinson
" Neill
" Verdon

Building Committee

The Mayor
Ald. Carty
" Emmis
J. C. Reapprock,
J. C. Kelly
" J. Collins
" Neill

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Copy List Committees for the year 1850,

7th January 1850,

Paving Committee

The Mayor

J. C.	Keapock	J. C.	Ellis
"	Byrne	"	Verdon
"	Courtney	"	Lynagh

Clothing Committee

The Mayor		J. C.	Byrne
J. C.	Keapock,	"	Lynagh
"	Courtney	"	Magee

" Land Valuation Committee

The Mayor

Ald.	Carty	J. C.	Keapock
"	Mathews	"	Kelly
"	Boylan	"	Hand

Mechanics Institute Committee

The Mayor		J. C.	Keapock
J. C.	Atkinson	"	Lynagh
"	Kelly	"	Verdon

Town Crane Committee

The Mayor		J. C.	Byrne
J. C.	Keapock	"	Kelly
"	O'Neill	"	Hand

Lighting Committee

The Mayor

Ald.	Casey	J. C.	Lynagh
J. C.	Keapock	"	Courtney

Memorial read from Serjeants at Mace praying Top Coats,

A Memorial was read from the Serjeants at Mace praying the Council to grant them Top Coats for the winter season, when, on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Byrne same was referred to the Clothing Committee with instructions to them to provide same.—

Clothing Committee to provide same,

The Town Clerk having stated to the Assembly that the several Contracts for removing

Proposals to be inserted in local Newspapers for the supply of Stationary, Printing &c. and hosing Night Cart,

the soil off the streets of the Borough, hosing of the Night Cart, and supplying the Corporation with Stationary &c. were about to expire, It was Ordered that said Contracts be advertised in the local News-Papers in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as those of last year.— Patrick Mathews Mayor

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22nd January 1850,

Special Ass.y 22nd Jany 1850

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 22nd day of January 1850, pursuant to Notice dated 15th 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 18th instant, for the purpose of considering and deciding on the propriety of accepting the resignation of Mr. John Collins a Member of said Council, which he had transmitted to the Town Clerk,

Present The Mayor

3 Aldermen and 7 Councillors

Letter read from Mr. Jno. Collins T.C., tendering his resignation,

The following letter was then read from Mr. John Collins,

"Shop Street, 14th January 1850,"

Copy Letter,

Dear Sir,

"Circumstances over which I have no controul "oblige me to withdraw from the Corporation, and in "doing so I beg to return my very sincere thanks for "the trust so long reposed in me,"

"And I remain

"Thos. Kelly Esq. Town Clerk,"

Dear Sir,

your very Obt. Servt.

"John Collins,"

Mr. Jno. Collins' resignation accepted by the Council,

Whereupon Town Councillor Campbell moves and Town Councillor Keappock seconds that the resignation of Mr. Collins be accepted by the Council, which motion was put from the Chair and agreed to,

Election to be held on Wednesday 30th instant,

His Worship the Mayor then mentioned Wednesday 30th instant for the election of a Town Councillor for the Laurences Gate Ward to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Jno. Collins,

Patrick Matheson Mayor

1st February 1850,

Gl. Qy Assembly 1st Feby 1850,

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel in said Borough on 1st February 1850.

Present. The Mayor

Four Aldermen and 11 Councillors.

proceedings read.

The Minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by the Mayor as Chairman.

Town Clerk states that advertisements had been inserted for supply of Stationary & horsing Night Cart,

The Town Clerk thereupon stated that advertisements having been inserted in the local News papers for the supply of Printing, Stationary &c. and also for horsing the Night Cart for one Year from 1st February instant, the proposals for same had been examined in Committee,

Ns. Fitzpatrick's tender for supply of stationary, printing &c. accepted,

It was moved by Alderman Boylan and seconded by T. C. Lynagh and resolved that Nicholas Fitzpatrick's tender for the supply of Printing, Stationary and Advertising for one year from this date be accepted, on the terms of his giving Security for £10. within one week.

Edwd. Monaghan's proposal for horsing Night Cart for one year, accepted,

Edward Monaghan's proposal to horse night Cart for £14. for one year from this date, and to remove night Soil from 9. to 12 O'Ck. each night and thoroughly wash the Cart twice a week was accepted on motion of T. C. Keappock, seconded by T. C. Lynagh.

Robt. Daly's account read & referred to Finance Committee,

An account from Robert Daly for Clothing in which a sum was claimed for interest in addition to the first cost Charge, was then read and referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration, and report on motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by T. C. Lynagh.

Memorial of Wm. Clinton read & referred

A Memorial from William Clinton praying to be released from payment of the rent of certain premises at the rere of his holding in Dyer St.

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to Law Committee,

under the circumstances stated in said Memorial was read and referred to the Law Committee for their consideration, and Report on motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Alderman Mathews.—

Memorials of Ed. Monaghan, Peter Flinn and Denis McCullagh praying reductions in their rents read and referred to Land Valuation Committee,

A Memorial was then read from Edward Monaghan praying a reduction in his rent, Also Memorials from Peter Flinn and Denis McCullough praying for reductions in their Rent were read, and all said Memorials were referred to the Land Valuation Committee on motion of J. C. Hand seconded by J. C. Butterly with a request that they visit the lands and forthwith report to the Council in Committee.—

£20 ordered Mr. Cantwell to defend the Council against Mr. Holmes's conditional order for Mandamus relative to his claims for compensation,

A Sum of £20 was ordered to be sent to Mr. Cantwell for the purpose of defending the Corporation against Joseph Holmes's Conditional order for a Mandamus in the subject of his claims for Compensation on motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by J. C. Courtney.—

Report of Finance Com.tee read and adopted,

The following Report of the Finance was read, and the several Items therein enumerated ordered to be paid on motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Alderman Canty.—

29th Jany 1850

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

Ald. Mathews	J. C. Kearsock
" Boylan	" " Lynagh
J. O. Shegog	" " Ellis
	" " Hand

Copy Report

No. 1,	Jno. Kelly's Account for Candles for Court House & Watch House and Land for Fire Engine	1.	8.	3
2,	Mr. Callan amount of his Acct. ordered in full of all his demands,	10.	0.	0
3,	Robt. Nugent amt. of his Acct. for Carpenter Work done to Watch House,	1.	9.	0
4,	Elizabeth Forde is ordered the amt. due Anne McEntegart on condition of giving a guarantee against further claim	7.	10.	0
		£ 20.	7.	3

Patrick Mathews, Mayor.

Balance due to Owen Kenny's Acct. to be paid,

It was Ordered on the motion of Councillor Hand seconded by Councillor Kelly that Two Pounds the Balance of Owen Kenny's Account for surveying be paid,

A. McDougall's account for advertising referred to Finance Committee,

Alexander McDougall's account for advertising amounting to £3.. 0.. 0 was referred to the Finance Committee,

Memorial of Inhabitants of Trinity street read & referred to Paving Committee,

A Memorial was read from the Inhabitants of Trinity street praying the Council to finish the Pathway from Mr. Govern's corner to Horse lane which was referred to the Paving Committee on the motion of Ald. Boylan seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Assembly Adj.d to 15th. instant at 12 O'Clock,

The Assembly then Adjourned to Friday 15th. instant at the hour of Twelve O'Clock,

Patrick Mathews Mayor.

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15th February 1850.

Adjd. 2d Assembly 15th Febry 1850,

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 Friday the 15th day of February 1850,-

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.

Report of Land Valuation Committee read and adopted,

The following Report of the Land Valuation Committee dated 12th instant was read and adopted on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Alderman Mathews,

Copy Report

"In reference to the Memorials of "certain tenants of the Corporation, whose rents have "been lately reduced, your Committee beg leave "to report that having further inquired into the "subject, they find no reason to warrant them "in recommending the Council to make any further "reduction in their rents, Which your Committee "certify as their report this 12th February 1850,

"Anthony Keappock, "Chairman",

Council to petition the Legislature praying abolition of Ministers Money,

Alderman Boylan, pursuant to notice of motion given by him on 4th instant, moves that the Council petition the Legislature praying the abolition of Ministers Money in towns in Ireland, which motion was seconded by Alderman Mathews put from the chair and carried, whereupon Alderman Boylan read a draft of the proposed Petition and Town Councillor O'Neill having moved and Town Councillor James Butterly seconded that the draft now read be adopted said motion was put from the Chair and carried,-

Ald. Boylan reads draft Petition, and same adopted,

15th February 1850,

Copy Petition

The following is a Copy of said Petition,

"To the Honorable The Commons of the "United Kingdom of Great Britain and "Ireland,

"The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen & Burgesses "of the Borough of Drogheda,

"Sheweth,

"That, your Petitioners have long viewed "with feelings of disgust and indignation the crying "injustice of a tax which has been for the last three "centuries levied in this and certain other Towns of "Ireland under the denomination of "Minister's Money".

"That, the Town of Drogheda possesses a "population of Eighteen Thousand Inhabitants of whom "about Eighteen hundred 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 Minister's 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 opera "tion, in as much as, professing to be raised "for the cure "of souls" off houses within the Borough, it, in point "of fact, is frequently charged on uninhabited devel-

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Copy Petition.

Lings in which for years there have been no souls to be saved.-

"May it therefore please your Honble "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, And your Petitioners will ever Pray.

"In Testimony whereof We have caused to be here- "unto affixed our Common Seal at an Adjourned "Quarterly Assembly held in the Tholsel of Drogheda "on Friday the 15th. day of February 1850,-

"Certified by
Thos. Kelly
"Town Clk."

"Pat^k. Mathews Mayor" "Seal.

Petition to be engrossed and forwarded under the Corporate Seal,-

Town Councillor Lynagh then moved that the foregoing Petition, as now read, be engrossed and forwarded, under the Corporate Seal, to William Fagan Esq. M. P. for presentation in the House of Commons, and to the Right Honorable The Earl of Fingal for presentation in the House of Lords, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Courtney put from the Chair and carried,-

Mr. B. Tumalti to get £4.10.0 for repairing the Old Maps of the Town,

A letter was read from Mr. B. Tumalti Historical and Portrait Painter proposing to repair the Old Maps of the Town of Drogheda, when on the motion of Town Councillor Kelly seconded by Town Councillor Magee, It was Ordered that he get the sum of Four Pounds ten shillings for repairing both the Old Maps of the Town,-

Treasurer reads list of Tenants in arrear,

The Treasurer then submitted to the Assembly a statement of all Corporate tenants in

arrear of rent due and ending at Michaelmas 1849.

Committee appointed to examine the Town Clock and have same repaired forthwith,

It was Ordered on the motion of Ald^n. Carty seconded by Town Councillor Courtney that his Worship the Mayor with Town Councillors Kelly and Koappock be appointed a Committee to examine into the present state of the Town Clock and have same forthwith put in proper Order,-

Letter of Robt Pentland Esq. M.D. read and referred to Land Valuation Committee,

A Letter was read from Robert Pentland Esquire M. D. requesting of the Council (for the reasons therein stated) to accept a surrender of the Lease of a plot of ground containing about six acres, adjoining Saint Laurence Park, held by him as Executor of the late Keating Pentland, to whom the Lease of same had been granted by the former Body Corporate, which letter was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report.-

Letter of Thos Hanagan read & referred to Finance Com^tee

A Letter was read from Thomas Hanagan requesting payment of the sum of £19.10.0, being the amount of his contract for housing the Night Cart for one year ending 1st. February instant, which was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report.-

Assembly Adj^d. to 11th. instant, at 12 o'Clock.

The Assembly then Adjourned to Monday 11th. March next at the hour of 12 o'Clock.

Patrick Mathews Mayor

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Adj.d Q.r.ly Ass.y 11th March 1850.

11th March 1850,

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 March 1850,

Present The Mayor.

3 Aldermen and 6 Councillors,

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Memorial of Widow Coyle read & referred to Land Valuation Com.tee

A Memorial was read from Marg.t Coyle praying a Reduction in the rent of her holding as held by her jointly under this Corporation and the Trustees of the Poor of Saint John's, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Hand with a request that they report thereon to a Meeting of the Council to be summoned in Committee.-

Land at Black Bush lane and property at Free school lane to be advertised to be let,

Town Councillor Lynagh pursuant to notice of motion given by him on 2nd. instant, moves that the plot of land lately held by Mr. James Greene situate at Black Bush lane be advertised to be sold by public Auction, which motion was withdrawn, whereupon he moved that it be advertised to be let by tenders as also the property at Free School lane, in separate lots, such tenders to be considered at the next meeting of the Council, and Alderman Boylan having seconded this motion same was put from the Chair and agreed to,-

Report of Town Clock Com.tee read & adopted,

The following Report of the Town Clock Committee was read and adopted on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Alderman Mathews with instructions to the Committee to carry into effect the recommendations therein contained.

11th March 1850,

Copy Report.

"Your Committee beg to report that having on 27th. ultimo inspected the Town Clock they found it in a most filthy and unprotected state and recommend that Mr. North should be required to oil and clean it properly forthwith, and this being done, your Committee are of opinion that, in order to save it from dust and injury hereafter, a wooden cover should be made for it to be sheeted on the top with lead or zinc with strong curtains of permanent material depending from it to fall down and cover the sides, Dated this 11th. March 1850,

Patrick Mathews } Chairman,

Memorial of Thomas North read & referred to Land Valuation Committee,

A Memorial was read from Thomas North a tenant to the Council for land situate at the Green Batter praying the Council to make a reduction in the rent of his said holding, or accept a surrender of the Lease thereof, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report.

Committee appointed to wait on Gas Company & get acknowledgm.t for number of Lamps in their possession,

Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Lynagh seconded by Town Councillor Hand that Messrs. Boylan, Courtney, Lynagh and Kelly be appointed a Committee to wait on the Gas Company and request from them an acknowledgment of the number of lamps in their possession belonging to the Corporation

Assembly Adj.d to 22nd. instant at 12 O'Clock.

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to the 22nd. instant at the hour of Twelve O'Clock.-

Patrick Mathews Mayor.

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22nd, March 1850,

Adjd. 2d Assy 22nd March 1850,

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 Friday the 22nd. day of March 1850,

Present The Mayor

2 Aldermen and 10 Councillors

proceedings read,

The Minutes of the last Assembly were read, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Memorial of Jane Patterson read,

A Memorial was read from Jane Patterson Widow of the late William Patterson one of the Sergeants at Mace, praying the Council to grant her the Quarters Pension which would have been due deceased on the 25th. instant, amounting to Five Pounds.

Report of Geo. Ogle. read & referred to Building Committee,

A Report was read from George Ogle Superintendent of the Paving Department relative to the present dilapidated state of the Corn Market, which was referred to the Building Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Hand,-

Scavengers Staff to be reduced to 6.

Another report was read from said George Ogle stating that the second staff of the street Scavengers of the Borough might be reduced from its present number of Nine to Six, which was ordered to be done,-

Building Committee to inspect Privy on New Quay & repair same,

It was Ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Lynagh seconded by Town Councillor Magee that the Building Committee be requested to inspect the Privy on New Quay and report thereon to the Council, and if necessary, to have same put in a safe and proper state,-

Report of Lands

The following Report of the Land

22nd, March 1850,

Valuation Committee read & adopted,

Valuation Committee was read and adopted, on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Hand.

Copy Report.

"In reference to the Widow Ogles Memorial "praying a reduction in the rent of her holding at Black "Bush held jointly under this Corporation and the Trustees "of the Poor of Saint Johns, your Committee beg to "recommend that her rent be reduced from £3 . 15 . 0 "per acre, its present amount, to £3 per acre, such reduc- "tion to commence from 29th September last, to be during "pleasure, and to be subject to approval by the Trustees "of the Poor of Saint Johns Charity.- In reference to the "Memorial of Edward Monaghan praying a reduction "in the rent of his holding at Thorny Park taken from this "Corporation at £3 per acre in December 1848, your Com- "mittee cannot recommend any reduction, the land "being very prime, the holding small consisting only "of about Three acres, and in the immediate vicinity "of the Town.- Your Committee beg to report that on "20th. instant they inspected the holdings of Hugh Galbraith, "Representative of William Fosbery / Robert Pentland "Repve. of Henry Pentland / of Patrick Moore and Thos. "North (Repve. of Thomas North) and your Committee "recommend that the rent of Hugh Galbraith's holding be "reduced to Three Pounds per acre, during pleasure, subject "to measurement and to commence from last gale day,- "That the rent of Robert Pentlands holding be reduced to "Two Pounds per acre, during pleasure, and to commence "from last gale day,- Your Committee beg to recom- "mend that Patrick Moore's rent be reduced, during "pleasure, to Three Pounds per acre to commence from "last gale day,- In each of the foregoing instances the "reductions to be on the condition that each half years "rent be paid before the other shall become due, so as

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never to allow a full year's rent to become due, in the event of their doing so, the old rent to be paid. — And your Committee beg to report that until further inquiry be made they are not in a condition to report on Thomas North's Memorial, Which We Certify as our Repot this 22nd March 1850,

Patrick Matthews 3s Chairman

Town Clerk reads proposals for land lately held by Mr. James Greene,

The Town Clerk then proceeded to open tenders received by him for that plot of land situate at Black Bush lane as lately held by Mr. James Greene and advertised in the local Papers of the 16th instant, and proposals having been read from The Revd Thomas Matthews, Thos Maypother, Thomas Flanagan, Edward Reay, Peter Berry, and Patrick Devine, the proposal of Thos Flanagan offering £2, 5, 6 per acre for same, being the highest,

Thos Flanagan's proposal accepted, subject to approval by Trustees of Poor of St. Johns Fund,

was accepted, on the conditions that such letting be subject to the approval of the Trustees of the Poor of Saint Johns Fund, and that he take out his Lease thereof previously to getting possession. —

Assembly Adjd. to 8th April next at 12 Oclock.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday 8th April next at the hour of Twelve Oclock.

Patrick Matthews Mayr

8th April 1850,

Adjd. 24 Ass.y 8th April 1850.

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 Eighth day of April 1850,

Present The Mayor

4 Aldermen and 13 Councillors

minutes read.

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Letter read from Secy to Poor of St. Johns Fund approving of Thomas Flanagan as tenant for land at Black Bush lane.

A Letter was read from Mr. William Campbell Secretary to the Trustees of the Poor of Saint Johns Fund, stating that they (the Trustees) had approved of Mr. Thomas Flanagan as tenant for that plot of ground situate at Black Bush lane, the joint property of this Corporation and said Trustees, and which had been let to Mr. Flanagan by the Council on the last day of meeting, subject to the approval of said Trustees, whereupon It was Ordered on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor James Butterly that he get possession of said land on his signing a proposal to the effect that he will execute a Lease of same for the term of thirty one years when prepared at his expense, and depositing five pounds towards defraying the expenses thereof.

Widow Patterson ordered amount of pension due her late husband.

On the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Town Councillor Courtney Widow Patterson was ordered the amount of salary due her husband the late William Patterson, as prayed for by her memorial presented at the last meeting of the Council.

The Mayor brings under notice of the meeting the conduct of certain of the Watchmen who had suspended.

His Worship the Mayor brings under the notice of the meeting the conduct of certain of the Watchmen and states that they had been suspended by him for neglect of duty, whereupon John Stuart and Patrick Maguire having given an explanation, on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor

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Watchmen restored.

Kelly the Watchmen who had been suspended were restored to their situations.

Treasurer to take Jno. Hawkins' guarantee in paying E. Forde.

The Treasurer was ordered to take the guarantee of John Hawkins in paying Elizabeth Forde the amount of pension due her sister the late Anne McEntegart and granted her per order of Finance Committee dated 29th January last.

Reports of Finance Committee read and adopted.

The following Reports of the Finance Committee dated 12th February and 22nd March 1850 were read and adopted and the several accounts therein enumerated ordered to be paid.

"12th February 1850."

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

"Ald. Mathews — T. C. Keappock
" " Boylan — " " Lynagh
T. C. Shegog — " " Ellis
" " Hand.

No. 1.	James Slevin amount of his Account for cleansing Court House Windows & Painting Water Closet in Court house & Glazing Windows	4	0	8

Patrick Mathews, Mayor,

22nd March 1850.

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. Boylan — T. C. Keappock
T. C. Shegog — Ald. Mathews.

No.				
1	Bridget Flynn ordered on Account	5	0	0

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Copy report.

2,	Todd Laing & Co. amount of their Account for supplying Clothing p. Contract,	6	12	0
3,	Conservative Journal for advertising to 19 Jany 7, 50,	2	17	6
4	Proprietors of Drogheda Argus for Advertising to 27th January 1849.	1	15	6
	Patk. Boylan Chairman, £	16.	5.	0

Town Clerk to write to Clonmel relative to Police.

On the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor James Butterly, It was Ordered that the Town Clerk write to the Town Clerk of Clonmel and ascertain from him how that Corporation obtained sixteen additional Police men in lieu of the Nightly Watch of said Borough, and out of what fund same are paid.-

Memorial of Thos. Woods read & referred to Land Valuation Committee.

A Memorial was read from Thomas Woods praying a further reduction in the rent of his holding to Three Pounds per acre, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Courtney.-

T. C. Atkinson gives notice of motion for next meeting.

Town Councillor Atkinson gives notice that at the next meeting of this Corporation he will move that the Council address the Queen and petition both houses of the Legislature praying that the proposed abolition of the Office of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland may not take place.

Town Clerk to summon law Comttee & submit documents to them relating to Mr. J. Holmes' claims for Compensation.

It was Ordered that the Town Clerk summon the Law Committee, if time permitted, and submit to them the draft documents (when ready) to meet Mr. J. Holmes' conditional order for a Mandamus relative to his claims for compensation.-

Patrick Mathews
Mayor

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1st. May 1850.

Gen.l Qy. Assy 1st May 1850.

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 May 1850.

Present The Mayor

4 Aldermen and 12 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Report of Law Committee read and adopted,

The following report of the Law Committee having been read by the Town Clerk was adopted on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Byrne and the recommendations therein contained ordered to be forthwith carried into effect.

Copy Report

Your Committee have had submitted to them by the Town Clerk a Notice served upon the Mayor and himself by Mr. Joseph Holmes relative to his claims for Compensation for the loss of the Offices of Town Clerk and Register of the Tholsel Court to the former Body, in which Mr. Holmes offers to take an annuity of £81.1.0 per Annum to commence from 29th. November 1842 and be payable to him thenceforth during his life, and your Committee recommend the Council to adopt the alternative given them by the Statute and secure to Mr. Holmes by Bond under the Common Seal of the Corporation the payment of a sum in gross as compensation for his loss of said Offices, and that the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorised, on the part of the Corporation, to make such reply to Mr. Holmes' said Notice as Counsel may advise, on the admission, if Counsel should so advise, that he is entitled to such compensation from 29th. November 1842, Which your Committee certify as their report

1st. May 1850.

this first day of May 1850.

Patrick Mathews, Esq. } Chairman,
Mayor.

Report of Paving Committee read & adopted

A Report was read from the Paving Committee which was adopted on the motion of Town Councillor Courtney seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh of which the following is a Copy.

Copy Report

Your Committee having received tenders for the supply of Broken stones, flaving stones and sand for the use of the Borough for one year from this date, beg leave to report that the tender of John Kelly of Mell is the lowest, viz, for broken stones per 20 Cwt. 1/1½, flaving stones 7d. per 15 Cwt, and sand per 15 Cwt. 6d. and they accordingly recommend the acceptance by the Council of said proposals, and that a sum of Ten pounds be retained out of his first delivery until the completion of his contract as a security for the due performance of same.

Your Committee having taken into consideration the Memorial of the Inhabitants of Trinity Street praying the Council to finish the flathway on the south side of Trinity street, recommend that it be finished in same manner as the pathway on the other side, from Mr. Greens corner to Lynam's corner, which your Committee certify as their report this 1st. day of May 1850.

Patrick Mathews } Mayor.

Report of Land Valuation Comtee. read and adopted.

The following report of the Land Valuation Committee was also read and adopted on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Kelly.

Copy Report.

In reference to the Memorial of Thomas Woods praying a further reduction in the rent of his holding situate out Saint James' Gate, and which was referred to us for consideration and report on the last day of Meeting, your Committee beg leave to recommend that his rent of £3. 10. 0 per Irish acre, lately reduced from

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£4. 4. 6, be further reduced to £3 per Irish acre, same to commence from the 29th. September last, to be during pleasure, and on the terms that he pay one half years rent before the other shall become due, otherwise the full rent to be paid. – With respect to the Memorial of Thomas Hanagan praying a reduction in the rent of his holding at Bulleck Gate, your Committee beg leave to state that they cannot recommend any reduction to him, inas much as, it appears by his lease that there were eight Houses standing on said holding at the period of the letting to him, which he has allowed to fall into disrepair, Which your Committee certify as their report this first day of May 1850.

Pat.k Boylan, Chairman,

His Worship the Mayor having stated to the Meeting that he had received a communication from the Gas Company to the effect that the Contract for lighting the Borough had expired on 30th. ult.o and that the lighting would not be continued further without an order from the Council to that effect,

21 lamps to be lighted from this date up to 5th. Oct.r next,

It was Ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Keoppe Seconded by Town Councillor Kelly that a list of lamps to the number of twenty one, as then read by the Town Clerk in open Assembly, be lighted during the Summer Months and to continue up to the 5th. of October next.–

Lighting Committee to contract for said lighting.

Ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Ellis seconded by Town Councillor Magee that the Lighting Committee be authorised to contract with the Gas Company for said lighting.–

T. C. Lynagh is added to the Lighting Committee

On the motion of Alderman Ennis seconded by Alderman Boylan Town Councillor Lynagh is added to the Lighting Committee.

Memorials praying reductions in rents read & Referred to Land Valuation Committee,

Memorials were then read from Mary.t Dowd, Elizabeth Keelin and Patrick Moore praying reductions in the rents of their respective holdings, which were referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.

Assembly adj.d to 8th. instant at 12 O'Clock.

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Wednesday 8th. instant at the hour of 12 O'clock.

Patrick Mathews Mayor

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Adjd. Dy Assy 8th May 1850.

A 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 Wednesday the 8th day of May 1850.

Present The Mayor

and 9 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

The Town Clerk then proceeded to call over the Roll and several Members not having answered to their names nor sent any apology. It was Ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Lynagh seconded by Town Councillor Ellis that the Members of the Council absent from this days meeting and who have not sent an apology be fined pursuant to the Bye Laws.

Members absent from this days meeting to be fined pursuant to the Bye laws. — —

List of Members fined.

The following is a list of the Members fined. Aldermen Ennis, Cady, Simcock and Casey, Town Councillors Heapstock, Verdon, Campbell, Hogg and Walsh.—

Account of Gas Company read & referred to Lighting Committee,

The Account of the Gas Company for lighting the Borough for the past year claiming a balance of £235.13.9, was read and referred to the Lighting Committee for their consideration and report, on the motion of Town Councillor Hand seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.—

Town Clerk to write to Gas Comp.y for acknowledgm.t for lamps in their possession.

Town Councillor Lynagh brings under the notice of the Council the necessity of getting an acknowledgment from the Gas Comp.y for the number of lamps in their possession, whereupon it was Ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Lynagh seconded by Town Councillor O'Neill that the Town Clerk write to the Gas Company

requiring from them an acknowledgment of the number of lamps in their possession the property of the Council.—

The Mayor states that an attack had been made on the Meal Crane; Watchmen examined.

His Worship the Mayor states to the meeting that an attack had been made on the Meal Crane on the night of 7th instant, with respect to which Michael Healy, Owen Meighan, John Wilson, John Stuart, and Edmond Hallinan belonging to the Nightly Watch were examined before the Council.—

Memorial read from Butter Dealers.

A Memorial was read from the Butter Dealers and Inhabitants of the Borough praying the Council to appoint an experienced person as Butter Inspector and Weigh Master to protect the Public from the great frauds practised in the sale of that article.

Report of Land Valuation Committee read and adopted.

The following report of the Land Valuation Committee was read and adopted on the motion of Town Councillor Byrne seconded by Town Councillor O'Neill.—

Copy Report.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined into the Memorials of Miss Margt. Woods, Widow Elizabeth Kevlin, and Patrick Moore praying reductions in the rents of their respective holdings, referred to them on the last day of meeting, and with respect to the Memorial of Margaret Woods, your Committee recommend that her present rent of £3.13.10 per acre be reduced to £3 per acre, to commence from 25th March last, to be during pleasure and on the understanding that one half year's rent shall be paid before the other shall become due, if otherwise, the original rent to be paid,— And with respect to the Memorial of Elizabeth Kevlin, your Committee recommend that her present rent of £3.10.0 per acre be reduced to £3— per acre, to commence from same

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time and subject to the conditions already stated with respect to Miss Bowds reduction.- In regard to the Memorial of Patrick Moore your Committee cannot recommend any reduction to him in the rent of his holding, inasmuch as, he is not the immediate lessee of the Corporation, said holding being let by lease in the year 1826, by the then Corporation, to Alderman William Faithlough, under whom Patrick Moore holds, at a rent considerably lower than that which he charges Mr. Moore, and they therefore cannot recommend the Council to interfere, it being a matter for adjustment between Colonel Faithlough and his tenant, Which your Committee certify as their report this 8th day of May 1850.-

Patrick Kelly Chairman,

Memorial of Nightly Watch read & referred to the Mayor.

A Memorial was read from the Nightly Watch of the Borough praying a change in their hours of duty, which was referred to his Worship the Mayor to regulate the time as he may think proper.-

Memorial of Thos. Faulkner read & referred to Building Committee.

A Memorial was read from Thos. Faulkner of the North Strand, praying for the reasons therein stated, a lease of premises on the North strand for 75 years from 25th March last, let to him by the Council on 1st February 1847, which memorial was referred to the Building Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Ellis seconded by Town Councillor Courtney.-

Report of Geo. Ogle Supt. read & referred to Paving Committee

A Report was read from Geo. Ogle Superintendent of the Paving Department, stating that Curbing stone was required to finish the pathway out West Gate and which had been

ordered to be done by a report of the Paving Committee adopted on the last day of meeting, said report of Geo. Ogle was referred to the Paving Committee for their consideration and report.-

Memorial of Patrick Loughran read.

A Memorial was read from Patrick Loughran of Patrick street praying the Council to remedy a sewer situate in said street, upon which no motion was made by the Council.-

Memorial of James Crilly read.

Another Memorial was read from James Crilly, Cordwainer, praying one of the uninhabited houses of the Council within the Borough, upon which no motion was made.-

Accounts read from Todd Laing & Co & others.

Accounts were read from Messrs. Todd & Laing and Co.y and James Davis for supplying Clothing to the Council which were referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration & report.-

Letter read from Moses Slaver requesting payment of Costs due by the Council.

A letter was read from Moses Slaver a pensioner of this Corporation requesting payment of Mr. McKenna's claim against him for making out his claim for compensation against this Corporation in 1847 and amounting to £1.2.5, on which no resolution was passed, there not being a sufficient number present, but the members of the Council in attendance gave it as their opinion that it should be paid.-

T. C. Atkinson gives notice of motion.

Town Councillor Atkinson's notice of motion given on 8th April last, relative to petitioning against the abolition of the Irish Vice Royalty, is saved for the next day of meeting.-

T. C. Courtney gives notice of motion.

Town Councillor Courtney gives notice that on the next day of meeting he will move that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Lord Lieutenant praying that the Council have power to appoint a Butter Inspector for this Borough.

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Town Clerk read letter from Sec.y to a Meeting held in Dublin to petition against removal of the Lord Lieutenant,

The Town Clerk then submitted to the meeting a letter received by him from the Secretaries to a meeting of the citizens held in Dublin on 8th. April ult.o. for the purpose of petitioning against the threatened measure for the abolition of the Office of Irish Lord Lieutenant and requesting the Cooperation of the Council therein.—

Assembly Adj.d to 27th. instant,

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday 27th. instant at the hour of 12 O'clock.

Patrick Mathews Mayr.

27th. May 1850.

Adj.d 27 Apr.l 27th. May 1850,

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 27th. day of May 1850.

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen and 13 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Letter read from Sec.y of Gas Company.

The following letter from the Secretary of the Drogheda Gas Company was read and ordered to be inserted on the minutes, on the motion of Ald.r Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.—

Gas Works, May 21st. 1850,

To the Corporation of Drogheda,

Gentlemen,

Copy letter.

In reply to the Town Clerks communication of 17th. instant, I am directed by Mr. John Morton on the part of the Gas Company to say that all the public lamps belonging to the Corporation are in the possession of Mr. McCartney your Officer, except those ordered to be lighted for the Summer months which are likewise considered your property.

I am, Gentlemen,
your Obed.t Serv.t,
Thomas Leonard, Sec.y

Report of Building Committee read and adopted,

A Report was read from the Building Committee which was adopted on the motion of Ald.r Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Kelly and of which the following is a Copy.

Copy Report.

"In reference to the Memorial of Thomas Faulkner praying the Council to grant him a building Lease for 75 years from 29th. September 1846 of certain premises on the North strand at the yearly rent of £5, he undertaking to expend thereon a sum

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of £235 within two years from 1st May instant, your Committee find it to be true as stated in his Memorial that by resolution of 29th March 1847, he was granted a lease of said premises for 75 years from 29th September 1846 at the yearly rent of £5, on the conditions that he should expend thereon previously to 1st May 1848 a sum of £235, and that not having expended said sum within the specified time said resolution became null and void.- And your Committee with a view to encourage the erection of substantial dwelling houses and buildings within the Borough recommend that said former resolution be renewed and that Mr. Faulkner do get a lease of said premises for 75 years from 29th Sept.r 1846 at the yearly rent of £5, on the terms that he expend on said premises a sum of £235 previously to 1st May 1852 according to plan to be submitted by him and approved of by your Committee, otherwise said Lease to be null and void.

With reference to the Memorial of Patrick Prendergast praying a lease of Premises outside Lawences Gate your Committee find that by a report of the Land Valuation Committee passed 1st February 1847 he was granted said premises at the yearly rent of £4, he to get a Building lease for 75 years upon the terms of his covenanting to build on same at least one substantial dwelling house same as those erected by Dr. Fogarty on the other side of the road, which has not been done by him, and your Committee considering him unable to build according to said plan recommend that he be continued as tenant for same from year to year during his life, at the yearly rent of £4, which your Committee certify as their report this 27th day of May 1850. Pat.k Matthews Chairman.

Memorials of Dr. Fogarty & Charles White read & referred to Land Valuation Com.tee

Memorials were read from Messrs. Charles White and Thomas J. Fogarty praying reductions in their rents which were referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Byrne seconded by Town Councillor Courtney.-

Memorial of James Crilly read & referred to Building Com.tee

A Memorial was read from Jas. Crilly who had petitioned the Council on the last day of meeting for one of their uninhabited houses, offering to become tenant at the rent of six pence per week, which was referred to the Building Committee on the motion of Town Councillor Courtney seconded by Town Councillor James Butterly.-

Memorial of Inhabitants of Trinity St. praying erection of a lamp read & referred to Lighting Com.tee

Another Memorial was read from the Inhabitants of Trinity street praying the erection of a lamp in that neighbourhood, which was referred to the Lighting Committee on the motion of Alder.n Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Ellis, with instructions to them to erect same if necessary.-

Town Councillor Courtney brings forward his motion, pursuant to notice given by him on 8th instant, and moves that this Council memorial the Lord Lieutenant praying liberty to appoint a Butter Inspector of the Borough at a salary not exceeding of Twenty Pounds per Annum to be paid by this Corporation, and that the Mayor and Town Clerk draw up same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto, when ready, as the act of this Assembly, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Hand & put from the Chair and carried.-

Corporation to petition the Lord Lieutenant to appoint a Butter Inspector.

Town Councillor Atkinson pursuant to his notice of motion saved on the last day of meeting, moves that this Corporation address the Queen and petition both Houses of the Legislature praying that the Irish Vice Royalty be not abolished, which motion having been seconded by Town

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Council to address the Queen & Petition the Legislature not to abolish the Irish Vice-Royalty.

Councillor Keappock was about to be put from the Chair when Alderman Boylan rose to move as an amendment that Dr. Atkinson's motion be taken into consideration this day six months, which latter motion was seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh, whereupon a division was called for, when there appeared for the amendment 5 and against it 12, and Town Councillor Atkinson's motion was accordingly declared carried.—

T. C. Atkinson submits draft Petition, which is adopted and ordered to be engrossed and forwarded,

Town Councillor Atkinson then submitted a draft of the proposed Petition and moved its adoption by the Council and that same be engrossed and forwarded under the Corporate Seal to John Reynolds Esqr. M. P. for presentation in the House of Commons and to the Duke of Wellington for presentation in the House of Lords, which motion was seconded by T. C. Magee put from the chair and carried.—

The following is a Copy of said Petition,

Copy Petition

To the Honorable The Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Petition of the Mayor Aldermen & Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda.

Humbly Sheweth,

That, while the Franchises and priviledges of Great Britain and Ireland respectively continue different as they now are, especially while an Irish rate in Aid demonstrates the partiality of the Poor Law, and while the refusal of the Government to establish Irish Dock yards and a Western Irish Packet Station proves that this part of the Queen's dominions is not regarded as an integral part of the United Kingdom, We must continue to regard Ireland as entitled to a separate state Establishment in Dublin as its Capital,—

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That, it is unjust and offensive to the proper pride as well as deeply injurious to the interests of the Irish People to take any steps to diminish the grandeur or lessen the resources of their ancient Metropolis; that the abolition of the Office of Lord Lieutenant will not only have these injurious effects in Dublin but will tend to lower the social standard among the upper classes and to aggravate the already too deep sense of national wrong entertained by the masses of the Irish People.—

That We therefore pray of your Honble. House to reject the proposed Bill for the abolition of the Office of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland as an unconstitutional infringement of the rights of the people of Ireland, and a wanton & untimely provocation to reproduce discussions which, in the present temper of the Irish People, would be as dangerous as the suggestion of them by this Bill is gratuitous and imprudent, And your Petitioners will as in duty bound 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 27th day of May 1850.—

Certified by Thos. Kelly, Town Clk, } Patrick Matheus, Mayor. (seal.)

Town Clerk submits to Meeting Ejectment served on Mechanics Institute,

The Town Clerk then submitted to the Meeting an Ejectment served by Mr. Meeredy for possession of certain premises situate in Laurence's street and William street, in which this Corporation is interested, the subject of which was referred to Town Councillors—

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referred to J.C. Shegog Magee & Town Clerk,

Shegog, Magee and the Town Clerk to take whatever steps therein might to them seem necessary.-

J.C. Lynagh moves appointment of a Committee to examine & report what reductions can be made in the salaries of Officers.

Town Councillor Lynagh then brought forward his motion pursuant to notice and moved the appointment of a Committee to examine & report as to what reductions can be made in the salaries paid to Officers of the Corporation, also to report what salaries the Mayor and Officers should have from and after November 1850, when the meeting was counted and there being only seven Members present the motion could not be entertained.-

Meeting counted and motion lost,

Assembly Adj.d to 10th. June next,

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday 10th. June next at the hour of 12 o'Clock.

Patrick Matthews Mayor

10th. June 1850,

Adj.d Assembly 10th. June 1850,

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 10th. day of June 1850.

Present The Mayor

3 Aldermen and 12 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.-

Law Agents to furnish their Costs to the Council on or before next Quarterly Meeting,

In the absence of Town Councillor Shegog Town Councillor Courtney moves that the Law Agents be requested to furnish to the Council on or before the next Quarterly Meeting all their accounts against the Corporation up to and including the late Judgment in the case of Lessee the Corporation against Holmes, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Ellis put from the Chair and carried.-

Letter read from Treasurer relative to fines imposed on Members of the Council.

A letter was read from the Treasurer stating that he had applied to the Members of the Council who had been fined on 8th. May last for non attendance, for the amount of such fines, and that payment was refused him, whereupon the Treasurer was ordered to proceed for the recovery of same.-

Council to petition the Lord Lieutent. to order the full complement of Police as laid down in the Act 11 & 12 Vic, Cap. 72. S. 3.

Alderman Boylan pursuant to notice of motion given by him on 28th. ultimo, moves that a Memorial be forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant to order the full number of Police allotted to this Borough as pointed out in the Schedule of the Act 11 & 12 Vic, Cap. 72, Sec. 3, namely 1 Sub Inspector, 2 Head Constables and 10 Constables and Sub Constables, and Town Councillor Magee having seconded same the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried,-

J.C. Lynagh moves appointment of a Committee to see what reductions can be made in the

Town Councillor Lynagh pursuant to notice of motion given by him, moves that a Committee be appointed to consider and report what reductions should

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general expenditure of the Corporation and names a Committee,

be made in the general expenditure of the Corporation and names the following Members of the Council as such Committee, viz, Aldermen Carty, Ennis, Mathews and Casey, Town Councillors Ellis, Ino, Butterly, Lynagh and Courtney, and Town Councillor Courtney having seconded same the question was about to be put from the chair when Town Councillor Campbell moves as an amendment that said Committee consist of the whole Council in Committee, which latter motion was seconded by Town Councillor Byrne and a division being called for, there appeared for the amendment ———— Nine and against it ———— six and the amendment was accordingly declared carried.—

T. C. Campbell moves an amendmt.

amendment carried,

It was then Ordered that the Council be summoned in Committee for Friday next 14th. instant, at the hour of One O'Clock, P. M, under a fine.—

Council to be summoned in Committee for Friday 14th. inst.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday 8th. July next at the hour of One O'Clock P. M,

Assembly Adjd. to 8th. July next,

Patrick Mathews Mayor

8th. July 1850

Adjd. Qy. Assy. 8th. July 1850.

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 Eighth day of July 1850.

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen and 11 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last day's proceedings were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Alderman Boylan then rose and moved that the standing orders of this Corporation be suspended on the present occasion for the purpose of allowing the Corporation the opportunity of Petitioning the House of Commons praying them to rescind the order regulating the late Postal arrangements enforcing the non delivery, on Sundays, of letters &c. throughout the Kingdom, and Town Councillor Lynagh having seconded same the question was put from the chair and carried, Town Councillor Ellis alone dissenting.

Ald. Boylan moves that the standing orders be rescinded to allow the Corporation to petition against late postal Arrangements.—

Alderman Boylan then moved and Town Councillor Keappock seconded that a Petition be prepared by the Mayor and Town Clerk and forthwith forwarded under the Corporate Seal, as the Act of this Assembly, to Sir William M. Somerville Bart. &c. for presentation in the House of Commons against the late Postal regulations, which motion was put from the chair and carried.—

The Mayor and Town Clerk to prepare & forward Petition against postal regulations.

It was resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Ellis seconded by Town Councillor Byrne that the Corporation advertise in the local Newspapers for a fit and proper person to act as Surveyor to the Council, to be elected on the next day of Meeting.—

Council to advertise for a Surveyor.

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Report of Land Valuation Comtee read,

The following report having been read from the Land Valuation Committee,

Copy report,

"Your Committee, in reference to "the Memorial of Dr. Fogarty, praying a reduction "in the rent of his holding outside Laurences Gate, "beg leave to report that they have inspected the "premises and cannot recommend a compliance "with its request, Which We Certify as our report "this 8th July 1850."

"Patrick Mathews,"
Mayor. } Chairman,

Aldn. Boylan moves adoption of said report,

It was moved by Alderman Boylan and seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh that said report be adopted, which question was about to be put from the Chair when Town Councillor Verdon moves as an amendment that Dr. Fogarty's Memorial be referred back to the Council in Committee for their further consideration, which amendment was seconded by Town Councillor Byrne and a Division being called for, there appeared for the amendment 5 and against it 10, whereupon the amendment was declared lost and the original resolution carried.—

T. C. Verdon moves an amendment,

Report adopted

The Corporate Seal was then affixed by his Worship the Mayor to two Leases, one made to Mr. Thomas Faulkner and the other to James Mullin, an Abstract thereof having been first entered in the White Parchment Book and authenticated in the usual manner.—

Corporate Seal affixed to Leases

Patrick Mathews Mayor

1st August 1850.

Genl. Qy. Assy. 1st Augt. 1850.

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 Thursday the first day of August 1850.—

Present The Mayor
6 Aldermen and 12 Councillors

Proceedings read,

The minutes of the last day's proceedings were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Memorial of Arthur Heywood read,

A Memorial was read from Arthur Heywood of Acton Hall, Yorkshire, Esquire, praying a Lease of certain premises situate without Sunday's Gate in the Parish of Saint Peter, which had been leased to William Lathum Blacker of the Town of Drogheda Esquire by Indenture dated 4th November 1789 by the then Corporation of Drogheda at the yearly rent of 5/- and assigned to Memorialist's Grandfather by Indenture dated 20th May 1790, by said William Lathum Blacker, and he thereby offered a rent of £1.10.0 per Annum for said premises, which Memorial was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Aldn. Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh.—

referred to Land Valuation Comtee

T. C. Courtney moves that the Mayor's salary be reduced to £100 from & after Jany. 1851.

Town Councillor Courtney pursuant to notice given by him on 2nd July last moves that the Mayor's Salary be reduced from the present sum of £200 to £100 per annum to commence from and after 1st January 1851, and Town Councillor Lynagh having seconded same, the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair when Town Councillor O'Neill rose to move as an amendment that the subject of reducing the Mayor's salary be adjourned to the next day of meeting of the Council, whereupon Town Councillor Ellis seconded the amendment and same, after some discussion, was put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Subject adjourned to next meeting,

T. C. Atkinson's & Lynagh's notices of motion saved,

Town Councillor Atkinson's notice of motion given on the 8th ult. and Town Councillor Lynagh's given

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on 23rd. ult.o, are also saved for the next meeting of the Council.—

Town Clerk reads list of applicants for situation of Surveyor.

The Town Clerk then proceeded to read the several applications for the situation of Surveyor to the Corporation which had been advertised in the local Newspapers pursuant to order of last Assembly, when applications were read from Messrs. Thomas Reilly of Navan, A. M. Lover of Maynooth Bridge Co. Fermanagh and M. Moore Graham of Dundalk, and from Thomas Cantwell, Laurence R. Clarke and Patrick Egan of Drogheda, When, on the motion of Alderman Ennis seconded by Alderman Boylan Mr. Patrick Egan was unanimously elected to the office of Surveyor to the Corporation, and Mr. Egan thereupon returned thanks to the Assembly.—

Patrick Egan elected Surveyor to the Corporation.

Report of Finance Committee read & adopted.

The following report of the Finance Committee dated 23rd. July 1850 was read and adopted and the several Accounts therein enumerated ordered to be paid on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor O'Neill.—

23rd. July 1850.

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

Alds. Boylan T.C. Lynagh

		£	s	d
1	Bridget Flinn amount of Balance of her Acct. [illegible]	4	1	9
2	John Butterly amount of A/c. for Coals supplied to Court House to 7th. May 1850.	6	19	2½
3	John Butterly amt. of A/c. for Coals to Watch House April 16th. 1850	1	15	11½
4	John Butterly amount of A/c. for Coals Mayoralty house	"	3	8½
5	P. Egan Amt. of Account for surveying	"	10	0

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		£	s	d
6	R. Daly amount of his A/c. for clothing for Four Serjeants of Fish Market Inspectors	20	15	4
7	Administrator of Henry Reilly Amount of his A/c. for Coals to Court House to May 1849	11	6	5½
8	Administrator of H.J. Reilly amt. of his A/c. for Coals supplied to Watch House	3	7	5½
9	W. A. McKenna Amt. of his A/c. [illegible] for claim for compensation for Moses Starr As furnished £1..2..5 Off ....6..8		15	9
10	Thomas Ennis amount of his A/c. for Oatmeal [illegible]	6	16	3
	£	56	12	10½

Signed,

Patrick Mathews, Mayor.

Memorial of Rose Anne Bovill read.

A Memorial was read from Rose Anne Bovill Widow of the late W. P. Bovill Inspector of the Paving Department praying the Council to continue to her the allowance at the rate of Ten Pounds per Annum which had been granted her by a report of the Finance Committee passed in 21st. August 1849 upon which no motion was made.—

Report of Geo. Ogle read referred to Building Committee,

A Report was read from George Ogle Supt. of the Paving Department, relative to the delapidated state of the Privy on New Quay and the Office of the Corn Market House which was referred to the Building Committee for their consideration and report, with a request that their report thereon to the next meeting of the Council.—

Account of Mr. James Bellew read & ordered to be paid,

The Account of Mr. James Bellew for supplying Coals &c. to the Mayoralty House amounting to £6.14.2 was read and ordered to be paid on the motion of Town Councillor Kappock seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.—

Assy. Adj.d to 12th. instant.

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Monday 12th. instant at the hour of One Oclock, P. M.—

Patrick Mathews Mayor

12th August 1850.

Adjd. Qy. Assy. 12th Augt. 1850.

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 12th day of August 1850.

Present The Mayor

4 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. Courtney moves that the Mayor's salary be reduced to £100 a year from January 1851.

Town Councillor Courtney, pursuant to notice given by him on 2nd. ultimo and saved on the last day of meeting, moves that the salary of the Mayor be reduced from the present sum of £200 to £100 a year, such reduction to commence from and after 1st. January 1851, and said motion having been seconded by Town Councillor Collins the question was about to be put from the chair when Alderman Boylan rose to move as an amendment that the question of reducing the Mayor's salary be taken into consideration on that day six months, which latter motion was seconded by Town Councillor Hand, and after some discussion thereon the original motion was withdrawn by the mover.—

Ald. Boylan moves amendment.

original motion withdrawn,

Mayor's salary reduced to £150 a year, commencing 1st. January 1851,

Town Councillor Lynagh then moved in pursuance of his notice of motion dated 23rd. ultimo that the salary of the Mayor be reduced to £150 a year from and after 1st. January 1851, whereupon Town Councillor Shegog seconded said motion and the question upon same was put from the Chair and declared carried.—

T. C. Atkinson's notice of motion saved for next meeting.

On the motion of Town Councillor Shegog Town Councillor Atkinson's notice of motion is saved for the next day of meeting.—

Town Councillor Lynagh, pursuant to

Finance Committee to report to next Meeting on propriety of removing some of the Town Serjeants,

the terms of his notice given on 23rd. ultimo, moves that the Finance Committee report to the next meeting of the Council on the propriety of removing as many of the Town Serjeants as are not required, which was seconded by Town Councillor Courtney, put from the Chair and agreed to.—

Ald. Mathews moves that Geo. Ogle get a salary of £40 a year without any condition or deduction,

Alderman Mathews, pursuant to his notice of motion given on 5th. instant, moves that George Ogle's salary of Forty Pounds a year be henceforth paid him as Superintendent of the Paving Department without any deduction or condition, and Town Councillor Byrne having seconded same the question was put from the Chair and a division called for, when there appeared for the motion six and against eleven, and the motion was accordingly declared lost.—

division called for & motion lost.

Ald. Mathews gives notice of motion.

Alderman Mathews then gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Council, move that George Ogle get a salary of Fifty Pounds a year subject to the conditions contained in the report of the Finance Committee passed at an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly held on 21st. August 1849.—

Letter read from Mr. Wm. Leonard relative to promotion of Irish Manufactures.

The Town Clerk then read a letter from Mr. William Leonard Secretary to the Drogheda Mechanics Institute calling the attention of the Council to the laudable exertions at present making in Dublin and other parts of the Country for the promotion and encouragement of Irish Manufactures and asking their assistance in the forwarding of that movement in this town and neighbourhood, whereupon It was resolved on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Kelly that it is the opinion of this Council that a Public Meeting should be held in this town for the purpose of promoting Irish Manufactures.—

Public Meeting to be held to promote Irish Manufactures.

On the motion of Town Councillor Lynagh seconded by Town Councillor Courtney the Lighting Comttee.

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Lighting Committee to confer with Gas Compy. for lighting the Town.

was ordered to confer with the Gas Company and ascertain from them their terms for lighting the Borough for the ensuing year and report the result to the next meeting of the Council.-

Assembly Adjd. to 27th instant at one o'Clock P. M.

The Assembly then Adjourned to Tuesday the 27th. instant at the hour of one o'Clock P.M.

James Mathews Chairman

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27th. August 1850.

Adjd. 2d. Assy. 27th Augt. 1850.

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 Tuesday the 27th. day of August 1850.-

Present

3 Aldermen and 6 Councillors

Ald. Mathews in the Chair.

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor Alderman Mathews was moved to the chair.-

minutes read,

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read approved of and signed by the Chairman.

In the absence of Town Councillor Atkinson Town Councillor O'Neill moves that his (Dr. Atkinson's) notice of motion, saved on the last two previous days of meeting, be considered at the present meeting, and that the Caretaker of the Mayoralty House get a salary of Ten Pounds a year commencing on 1st. November last (1849) and said motion having been seconded by Town Councillor Campbell, the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair when Town Councillor Lynagh rose to move as an amendment that said salary be paid by the Mayor for the time being, and the amendment not having been seconded the original resolution was put from the chair and declared carried.-

Caretaker of Mayoralty House to get a salary of £10 a year from 1st. Novem. 1849.

Alderman Mathews then moved pursuant to notice given by him on the last day of meeting, that the salary of George Ogle Superintendent of the Paving Department be increased to Fifty Pounds a year to commence from 15th. instant, and to be subject to the conditions reserved in the report of the Finance Committee on his Election to said Office on 21st. August 1849, namely, that he pay thereout to the Widow of his Predecessor in said office, the late W. P. Berrill, the annual sum of Ten Pounds during the pleasure of the Corporation, and Alderman Casey having seconded said motion the question thereon was put from the

George Ogle to have a salary of £50 a year from 15th. instant, subject to previous conditions

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chair and carried, Town Councillor Lynagh alone dissenting therefrom.—

Lighting Committee to expend £250 in lighting the Borough.

On the motion of Town Councillor Campbell seconded by Alderman Boylan the Lighting Committee was authorised to expend the sum of Two hundred and Fifty Pounds for the lighting of the Borough for the ensuing year, on the best terms they can.—

Assembly Adjd. to 16th. Sept. next at one o'Clock P.M.

The Assembly then Adjourned to Monday the 16th. of September next at the hour of One o'Clock P.M.—

P. Boylan
Chairman

16th. September 1850.

Adjd. Qy. Ass.y 16 Sept. 1850.

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 16th. day of September 1850.—

Present

2 Aldermen and 13 Councillors

Aldn. Boylan in the Chair.

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor Alderman Boylan was moved to the Chair.—

Proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Meeting were read, approved of and signed by the Chairman.

Proposal of Gas Comp.y to light the town, read and accepted.

The Town Clerk then read the following proposal from the Gas Company which was accepted by the Council on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Walsh.—

"Drogheda Gas Works, 13th. Sept. 1850.

To the Mayor Aldermen and Town Council of the Borough of Drogheda,"

Gentlemen,

Copy Proposal.

"We propose to supply gas, light and repair "any number of the Public lamps you may require in the "Parishes of Saint Peter and Saint Mary, Drogheda, from "the first day of October next till the thirtieth day of April "1851 for the sum of Three Pounds five shillings per lamp, "each lamp to be supplied with a batwing burner that "will emit three Cubic feet of gas per hour, the lighting to "be completed one hour after sunset and putting out to "commence one hour and a quarter before sunrise, and "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, and "any complaint you may have to make to be communicated "immediately in writing addressed to the Directors of the

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Copy proposal of Gas Company.

"Gas Company at their office,—

"You shall pay for the current "season's lighting by instalments as follows, One hundred "pounds Sterling upon the first of January 1851, One "hundred pounds upon the first of March 1851, and "the balance of the account upon the first of June 1851, "and in the event of any instalment being unpaid at the "time above specified then interest at the rate of 5 per Cent "per Annum will be charged until such instalment be paid,

"We are, Gentlemen
"Respectfully yours
"John Morton } Directors
"James Levins } of the
"Robert B. Daly } Gas Compy."

Memorial of Inhabitants of Pitcher hill, Duleek Gate &c. read and referred to Lighting Committee.

A Memorial was read from the Inhabitants of Pitcher Hill, Duleek Gate and that neighbourhood, calling the attention of the Council to the state of that locality for want of lighting, paving and cleansing, and praying the erection of lamps and other accommodation thereat, which Memorial was referred to the Lighting Committee for their consideration and report, on the motion of Town Councillor Byrne seconded by Town Councillor James Butterly, with a request that they allocate the different lamps throughout the Borough for the ensuing year and report thereon to the next Meeting of the Council.—

Letter read from Sir T. N. Redington relative to Police.

The Town Clerk then read a letter from Sir Thomas N. Redington dated 17th July last, in reply to the Memorial of the Council transmitted on 2nd July last, praying additional Police for this Borough.

Assembly adjd. to 30th instant at 12 O'Clock.

There not being any other business for the consideration of the Assembly, same was adjourned to Monday 30th instant at the hour of 12 O'clock.—

Patrick Mathews
Mayor

Adjd. 2y Assy. 30th Septr. 1850.

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 30th day of Septr. 1850.

Present The Mayor
4 Aldermen and 7 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last day's proceedings were read approved of and signed by the Chairman.—

Town Clerk reads list of lamps to be lighted during the ensuing year which was adopted & copy of same ordered to be sent to Gas Compy.

The Town Clerk then submitted to the Meeting a list of the number of lamps to be lighted within the Borough for the ensuing year as allocated by the Lighting Committee, which was adopted, with a slight alteration, making the number of lamps to be lighted, sixty seven, and a Copy thereof ordered to be transmitted to the Gas Company.

John Stuart appointed Inspector of Lamps at £5 per year.

On the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor James Butterly, John Stuart was appointed Inspector of the Public Lamps at his usual salary of Five Pounds per Annum.—

Committee appointed to examine & report on supply of water to be derived from Tubberboice Distillery Tank for the use of Inhabits.

Alderman Mathews, pursuant to notice, moves the appointment of a Committee to examine and report on the probable supply of water to be derived from the Tubberboice Distillery Tank, and the expense of making same available for the use of the Inhabitants, and said motion having been seconded by Town Councillor Shegog the question thereon was put from the chair and carried.— The following Committee was then appointed, the Mayor, Aldermen Mathews, Carty and Boylan, Town Councillors Shegog and Kelly.

Memorial of James Downey read & referred to Land Valuation Committee

A Memorial was read from Jas. Downey, North Road, a tenant to the Council, praying (for the reasons therein stated) a Lease of his holding situate thereat, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report.—

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Memorial of Peter Flinn read & referred to Land Valuation Com.tee

Another Memorial was read from Peter Flinn, praying a reduction in the rent of his holding at Yellow Batter, which was referred to said Committee on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Shegog.—

Assembly Adj.d to 14th October next at 12 O'Clock

The Assembly then Adjourned to Monday the 14th, October next at the hour of 12 O'Clock.—

Patrick Matthews
Mayor

14th October 1850.

Adj.d 9th Sess.n 14th Oct. 1850.

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 14th day of October 1850.—

Present, The Mayor
3 Aldermen and 10 Councillors

proceedings read

The minutes of the last Assembly were read, and approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Report read from Mr. Egan Surveyor, relative to Tubberbrice Water.

A report was read from Mr. Egan Surveyor to the Council relative to the Reservoir for the supply of surplus water from Tubberbrice, as directed by the Committee appointed for that purpose on the last day of Meeting.

Ald.n Boylan moves that Mr. Egan Surveyor, be put under a salary not exceeding £30 a year

Alderman Boylan pursuant to notice given by him on 30th ultimo, moves that Mr. Patrick Egan, the present Surveyor be put under a salary not exceeding Thirty Pounds per annum, to do all the surveying and mapping required by the Corporation, and to inspect all the Buildings in course of erection or repair, and other works of Public utility to be executed by the Corporation, and said motion having been seconded by Town Councillor Kerppock, the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair, when Town Councillor

T.C. Lynagh objects,

Lynagh rose to oppose the motion, and after

motion withdrawn,

some discussion Alderman Boylan withdrew it.

Public Pumps and fountains to be put in proper repair.

It was Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Courtney seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh that a Pump be erected in Bessexwell-lane at the same place as heretofore, and that all the other public Pumps and fountains be put in proper working order, and that the Town Clerk

14th October 1850.

receive tenders for such repairs, to be submitted to the Council.—

Memorial of Peter Hoey read & referred to Finance Committee

A Memorial was read from Peter Hoey, one of the Fish Market Inspectors, praying an increase in his present salary, which was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report.—

Treasurer submits Borough Fund Acc.

The Treasurer then submitted to the Meeting the Borough Fund Account for the year ending 31st August 1850.—

Patrick Matthews Mayr

Gen.l Qy Assy, 1st Novem; 1850.

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 first day of November 1850.—

Present the Mayor

4 Aldermen and 15 Councillors

Proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

The Town Clerk read a proposal from Mr. George Knaggs (which he had received pursuant to Advertisement ordered to be published on the last day of Meeting) for erecting a Pump in Bessexwell lane on the site where a Pump formerly stood, and also for repairing and cleaning the other Public Pumps and Fountains of the Borough for one year from this day, of which the following is a Copy.

Proposal of Geo. Knaggs for repairing Pumps & Fountains read

"To the Drogheda Corporation"

Gentlemen,

Copy Proposal,

"I propose to erect two new Pumps the "same as now in use at the Linen hall, in Bessex- "well lane with suitable Flags and Fittings connected, "and also to repair and fit up in a permanent manner "the following Pumps and Fountains, viz, two Pumps at "the Linen hall, one in Bachelor's lane, one back of old "Gas house, with three Fountains, viz: one on Cathering "Hills, (Strand) one on North Quay, one on New Quay "and to keep the same in repair commencing 1st day "of November 1850, and ending 1st day of November 1851, for "the sum of Thirty Pounds sterling, one half to be paid the "first day of May 1851 and the remaining half at first day "of November 1851 or end of Contract,—

"Oct: 30th, 1850.— "I have the honor to be, Gentlemen
your Obed.t Serv.t
George Knaggs."

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Copy Proposal.

I further agree to have the above Work in perfect working order by the first of January next,

Geo. Knaggs.

P.S. As to the Town Pump I would recommend the Committee to meet and I will explain what I would recommend, as the present Pump and connections are all in a very unsafe state and the framing in Well. —

I remain, Gentn,
your obedt. Servt.
George Knaggs. —

Committee named to have the Pumps & Fountains put in order,

Alderman Mathews then moved and Town Councillor James Butterly seconded that Aldermen Mathews & Boylan with Town Councillors Kelly O'Neill & Shegog form a Committee to examine and see the foregoing work carried into effect, provided the cost of same does not exceed Thirty Pounds, otherwise to report the matter to the Council, which motion, after some discussion, was not put from the Chair. —

motion not put.

Mr. Knaggs' proposal for repairing Pumps & fountains accepted.

On the motion of Alderman Carty seconded by Alderman Boylan the proposal of Mr. George Knaggs was accepted by the Council, and the Paving Committee instructed to have the matter carried into effect, and to consider the suggestion relative to the Town Pump therein contained.

Treasurer to pay interest on Bonds one month after same becomes due.

Alderman Boylan pursuant to notice given by him on 14th ult. suggests that the Treasurer be required to pay all interest on the Corporate Bonds within one Month after same shall become due, and the Treasurer was thereupon instructed accordingly. —

Letter read from Gas Company.

A Letter was read from the Drogheda Gas Company requesting payment

of £31. 10. 0, being the amount of their account for lighting the Borough during the summer months of the present year. —

Memorial of Christr. Jordan read & referred to Land Valuation Committee,

A Memorial was read from Christr. Jordan Esq. a tenant to the Council for two parcels of land situate at the Twenties, praying a reduction in the rent of said lands, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report. —

Assembly Adjd. to 19th instant

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Tuesday 19th instant at the hour of One O'clock P.M. —

Patrick Mathews
Mayor

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19th. November 1850.

Adjd. Q.S. 15th. 19th. Novem; 1850.

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 Tuesday the 19th. day of November 1850.

Present The Mayor
4 Aldermen and 10 Councillors

Report of Land Valuation Committee read and adopted.

The following report of the Land Valuation Committee was read and adopted on the motion of Alderman Carty seconded by Alderman Boylan.

Copy Report.

"Your Committee beg leave to "report that they have examined into the Me- "morials of Messrs. Christopher Jordan and "Peter Flynn, tenants to the Council, praying "reductions in the rents of their respective hold- "ings situate at the Twenties and Yellow Battor, "referred to them for consideration and report, "and with respect to the Memorial of Christ. "Jordan, your Committee beg leave to recom- "mend that his presentrent of £4 per Irish "acre be reduced to £3 per like acre, to commence "from 29th. September last, to be during pleasure "and on the understanding that one half years "rent shall be paid before the other shall become "due, if otherwise the original rent to be paid.— "And with respect to the Memorial of Peter "Flynn praying a further reduction in the rent "of his holding, your Committee beg leave to "recommend that his presentrent of £3.15.0 "per Irish acre, be reduced to £3 per like acre, "same to commence from 29th. September last, "and to be subject to the conditions already

"stated with respect to Mr. Jordan's reduction, which "your Committee certify as their report this 19th. of "November 1850.—

Signed, Patrick Matthews
Mayor } Chairman"

Petition of Peter Hoey read & referred to Finance Comtee.

A Petition was read from Peter Hoey, one of the Inspectors of the Fish Market, praying an increase in his salary, which was referred to the Finance Committee on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Magee.—

Memorial of Myles Morris, relative to John Farrell, read.

A Memorial was read from Myles Morris relative to the state of health of Jno. Farrell an Officer of the Corporation and lodger with said Myles Morris, which prayed the Council to have him forthwith removed to the Poor House or some such place of security, upon which no motion was made.—

Ald. Boylan moves that lamps be erected at Paradise Row and the Alleys, referred to Lighting Comtee.

Alderman Boylan pursuant to notice given by him on 13th. instant, moves that lamps be erected at Paradise Row and the Alleys, to which Town Councillor Ellis objects, whereupon the matter was referred to the Lighting Committee.

The Mayor states that he dismissed one of the Watchmen.

His Worship the Mayor then stated to the Assembly that he had dismissed one of the Nightly Watchmen for neglect of duty, and explained to the Council the cause of his so doing.—

Assembly Adjd. to 2d. Decemr. at 12 O'Clk.

The Assembly then Adjourned to Monday the 2nd. December next at the hour of 12 O'Clock.—

Patrick Matthews
Mayor

Election of two Councillors for each of the three Wards.

25th. November 1850.

On this day Thomas Ennis Esq as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward with Mr. Robert Daly Assessor of said Ward, and Thomas Simcocks Esq. as Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward, with Mr. Patrick Brennan Assessor of said Ward, and also James Matheus Esq as Senior Alderman of the Laurences Gate Ward, with Mr. James Hickey Assessor of said Ward, made the following return of the Election of two Councillors for the said three several Wards respectively, which was published by his Worship the Mayor on the 27th. instant in the following form pursuant to the requisites of the Statute.-

Borough of Drogheda

Municipal Election

3 & 4 Vic. 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 1850, together with the number of votes given in favor of each person so elected.-

West Gate Ward.

Names of persons elected Town Councillors.		No. of votes
Peter Verdon	_____	one
Barthw. Collins	_____	one

Fair Gate Ward.

John Shegog	_____	thirty six
Edward Atkinson	_____	thirty three

Laurences Gate Ward.

James Hands	_____	thirty three
Peter McConnon	_____	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 I hereby publish the same pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided.-

Dated this 27th. day of November 1850.

Patrick Matheus

Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda.

Patrick Matthews
Mayor

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Adjd. Qy. Assy. 2nd Decemr. 1850.

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 second day of December 1850.—

Present The Mayor
6 Aldermen and 16 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

T. C. Keappock nominated Mayor for the ensuing year

Alderman Boylan then rose and moved that Town Councillor Anthony Keappock be elected Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the year commencing the first of January 1851, and Town Councillor Campbell having seconded said motion, the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair, when Alderman Carty moved that Town Councillor Peter Verdon be elected to fill the office of Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the ensuing year, and Alderman Mathews having seconded same and the several Members present having voted viva voce, there appeared for Mr. Keappock 12 votes and for Mr. Verdon - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 11 votes whereupon Mr. Keappock was declared duly elected Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the year 1851, and he returned thanks to the Assembly therefor.—

T. C. Verdon nominated Mayor for the ensuing year,

T. C. Keappock elected Mayor of the Borough for 1851.

Report of Lighting Committee read and adopted,

The following report of the Lighting Committee was read and adopted,

Copy report,

"Your Committee beg leave to recommend the immediate erection of the following "six lamps within the Borough, and which they

"conceive to be necessary for the protection of the "several localities herein mentioned, namely, "one in Paradise Row, one in Church lane near the "Alleys, one at foot of Catherine's Well lane fountain "on the Strand, one at Mr. Murphy's house in Fair "street, opposite the Convent, one at foot of Stockwell-"lane at O'Neills corner, and one at Mr. Bartholemew "Courtney's house in West street, on the terms that the "Gas Company light same for the residue of the term "from 4th instant to 30th April next, at Two Pounds "fifteen shillings per lamp, being in the proportion to "the rate charged by them for the remainder, which "your Committee certify as their report this 2nd of "December 1850.—"

"Patrick Mathews"
Mayor } Chairman,

Report of Finance Comttee read & adopted,

The following report of the Finance Committee was also read and adopted on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Alderman Carty.

Copy report,

"In reference to the Memorial of "Peter Hoey, one of the Inspectors of the Fish Market, "praying an increase of salary, and referred to us on "the last day of meeting for consideration and report, "your Committee beg leave to recommend that his "present salary of £15 be increased to Twenty Pounds "per annum, to commence from 25th November 1850, "on the understanding that he get no further increase "directly or indirectly, and that no further applica-"tion be entertained from him on the subject, which "your Committee certify as their report this 2nd Decemr. "1850.

"Patrick Mathews"
Mayor } Chairman

A Petition was read from H. B.

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Petition of M. B. Fairtlough read & referred to Land Valuation Com.

Fairtlough Esq. of Cottage, near Drogheda, praying a reduction in the rent of his holding situate thereat which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Courtney.—

Application of Sat. McCartney read, requesting 24 new Buckets and Fire Engines painted.

An Application was read from James McCartney Chief Constable, stating that the Fire Engines required to be painted, and also that twenty four Buckets were wanted for the use of the same, and on the motion of Town Councillor Shego seconded by Town Councillor Butterly it

Paving Committee to supply the above.

was Ordered that the Paving Committee be instructed to have the above work done and the Paving Cart put in proper order.—

Memorial of Mr. Powderly, read.

A Memorial was read from Mr. Powderly of Meath, praying the Council to grant him the sum of six shillings and four pence a balance alledged to be due him for superintending the spreading of stones on the streets of the Borough, upon which no motion was made.

Ald. Boylan appointed Deputy Alderman in Laurence Gate Ward, at Election of Assessors

Alderman Boylan was then appointed to act as Deputy Senior Alderman in the Laurence Gate Ward, at the Election for Ward Assessors to be held on 3rd instant, in the room of Alderman Mathews who would be unavoidably absent.—

Assembly Adjd. to 18th instant at 12 o'Clock.

The Assembly then adjourned to Wednesday 18th instant at the hour of 12 o'Clock.—

Patk Mathews
Mayor

3rd December 1850.

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 for the ensuing year, and also for Assessors for the Saint Laurence Gate Ward before Patrick Boylan Esquire as Deputy Senior Alderman of said Ward, when Messrs. Stephen Wrigley and Joseph Price were elected Assessors and Messrs. Denis Tonde and John Carroll were elected Auditors of the Borough, and Messrs. John Duffy and James McKenna were elected Assessors for the Laurence's Gate Ward for the ensuing year, and said Elections were duly published as the law directs.—

Stephen Wrigley & Jos.h Price elected Borough Assessors & Denis Tond and Jno. Carroll elected Borough Auditors.

Jno. Duffy & James McKenna elected Ward Assessors for Laurence Gate Ward.

On the same day Thomas Emmis and Thomas Simcocks 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. James Davis and Robert Daly were elected Assessors for the West Gate Ward; and Messrs. Robert Morton and Patrick Brennan for the Fair Gate Ward, and said Elections were also duly published as the law directs.—

James Davis & Robt. Daly elected Assessors for West Gate, and Robt. Morton & Patrick Brennan elected Assessors for Fair Gate Wards.

Patrick Mathews
Mayor

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18th December. 1850.

Adjd. Qy. Assy. 18th Decemr. 1850.

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 Wednesday the 18th day of Decemr. 1850.

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.

Memorial from Inhabitants of Trinity street read,

A Memorial was read from the Inhabitants of Trinity street praying the Council to have a Watchman stationed from the corner of Tully's house to the Liberty, upon which no motion was made.—

Council to petition for full complement of Police under 11 & 12 Vic. Cap. 72, Sec. 3.

Alderman Boylan, pursuant to notice given by him on 22nd last, and the subject of which was adjourned on the last day of meeting, moves that the Council again petition the Lord Lieutenant praying for the full number of Constabulary as allocated to this Borough by the 11 & 12 Victoria, Cap. 72, Sec. 3, which motion was seconded by Alderman Carty, put from the chair and carried, Town Councillor Lynagh alone dissenting.—

Copy Petition

The following is a Copy of said Petition.

To His Excellency George William Frederick Villiers, Earl of Clarendon, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda

Humbly Sheweth,

That, in the month of July last, Memorialists preferred a Petition to your Excellency stating that there was stationed in Drogheda a

Copy Petition,

Body of Police consisting of 1 Sub Inspector, 1 head-Constable and 24 Constables and Sub-Constables, and which Petition prayed your Excellency for the reasons therein set forth, to appoint for the Borough of Drogheda the full complement of Police warranted by the Statute 11 & 12 Vic, Cap. 72, Sec. 3.—

That, in reply to said Petition Memts. received a communication, through their Town Clerk, from Sir T. N. Redington, dated 17th July last, stating that an increase of the Police in Drogheda to the number of Thirty men had been approved of by the Lords Justices, but Memorialists beg leave to state that such increase has not since been made.—

In addition to the reasons already stated by your Memorialists, they beg respectfully to say that owing to the proposed construction, by the Dublin & Belfast Junction Railway Company, of a Bridge over the River Boyne, and the consequent influx of a large number of labourers and other persons of lawless character into this Borough, your Memorialists consider that any increase of Police to the town of Drogheda, short of the number allocated by said Statute of 11 & 12 Vic. Cap. 72, Sec. 3, would be insufficient to preserve the Peace and property of the Inhabitants of this town and neighbourhood.—

May it therefore please your Excellency, under the powers for that purpose given you by the above mentioned Statute, to appoint for the Borough of Drogheda the full complement of Constabulary as set down in the Schedule to said Act annexed, viz, 1 Sub-Inspector, 2 Head Constables and 40 men And Memts. will Pray.—

Certfd. by
Tho. Kelly
Town Clk.

Patk. Mathews
Mayor

(seal)

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14th, Decemr. 1850.

Votes of thanks passed to the Officers and Men of the 62nd. Regt.

It was Resolved in the motion of Town Councillor Anthony Reappock (Mayor Elect) seconded by Town Councillor John Magee and carried unanimously, That the warm and marked thanks of this Corporation be tendered to Captain Ogborn, Lieutenant Minchin and Ensign Guyn, and the non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the 62nd. Regiment, for the zeal, attention, and laborious exertions which they manifested, when called upon, to render their assistance in the suppression of several fires which took place in this locality; as well as for their general good conduct and orderly demeanour during the period they have been quartered in Drogheda.—

Counsel's opinion to be taken as to the power of the Corporation to appoint & swear in the Mayor of the Staple

On the motion of Town Councillor Kelly seconded by Town Councillor Magee, It was Resolved that the Town Clerk take the opinion of Counsel as to the power of the Corporation to appoint and swear in the Mayor of the Staple according to the usage of the Old Body.—

The Soil of the streets to be let by Auction in the Tholsel on Saturday 28th. inst.

The Town Clerk having stated that the several Contracts for removing the Soil of the streets of the Borough would expire on 1st. January next, It was Ordered that same be advertised to be let by Auction in the Tholsel on Saturday the 28th. inst. at the hour of half past Two O'Clock, P. M.—

Assembly Adjd. tot 1st. Janry 1851.

The Assembly then Adjourned to Wednesday 1st. January 1851, at the hour of half past Eleven O'Clock, A. M.—

Patrick Mathews
Mayr.

1st, January 1851.

Adjd. Q.S. Assy. 1st Janry 1851.

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 Wednesday the first day of January 1851.

Present The Mayor
5 Aldermen and 13 Councillors

minutes read.

The minutes of the last day's proceedings were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Anthy Reappock Esq. takes the Oaths of Mayor & Justice of the Peace.

Town Councillor Anthony Reappock as Mayor Elect, in presence of the several Members present, 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 Geage the Fourth, in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel before Thomas Carty Esq. J. P. Whereupon the Assembly

Assembly adjd. to two O'Clock P. M. & Council moved to Prayers.

adjourned to Two O'Clock P. M. and the Council proceeded in their Robes to Prayers to Saint Peter's Parish Chapel.—

Council return after having attended Divine Service

His Worship the Mayor, with the Aldermen and Town Councillors having returned to the Assembly Room, after having attended Divine Service, took his seat as Chairman.—

Letter read from Sir J. N. Redington relative to additional Police

A Letter was read from Sir J. N. Redington dated 31st. ultimo, in reply to a Memorial forwarded to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant on the 30th. ultimo, praying the full complement of Police for this Borough as allocated by the 11 & 12 Vic, Cap. 72, Sec. 3, & which the following is a Copy.

Copy Letter.

Sir,

"Dublin Castle, 31st. Decemr. 1850.

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to "acknowledge your letter of the 30th. instant forwarding "a Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses "of the Borough of Drogheda praying an increase of

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Copy letter.

"the Police Force stationed there, and I am to acquaint
"you for the information of Memorialists that
"instructions have been given for carrying into
"effect the increase of the Police Force in Drogheda
"to the amount of Thirty men, which was approved
"by his Excellency on the former application of
"the Town Council.

"Thos. Kelly Esq.," "I am, Sir"
"Town Clerk," "your Obed.t Serv.t"
"Drogheda." "J. N. Redington"

Vote of thanks passed to T.C. Pat.k Matthews, late Mayor of the Borough.

Alderman Carty then moved that the marked thanks of this Corporation are justly due and hereby given to Town Councillor Mathews, our late Mayor, for the very dignified and impartial manner in which he discharged the duties of his Office during his Mayoralty, and Town Councillor Hand having seconded same the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried unanimously, whereupon Town Councillor Mathews returned thanks in suitable terms.—

Appointment of Committees postponed to next Meeting.

The Appointment of the several Committees for the year 1851 was adjourned to the next day of meeting.—

Assembly Adj.d to 20th instant at 12 O'Clock.

The Assembly at its rising adjourned to Monday 20th instant, at the hour of Twelve O'Clock.—

Anthony Kappock Mayor

20th January 1851.

Adj.d Qr. Ass.y 20th Jan.y 1851.

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 20th. day of January 1851.—

Present The Mayor
5 Aldermen and 13 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Council to memorial the Lord Lieutenant for removal of the "Crime and Outrage Acts"

Alderman Boylan pursuant to notice given by him moves that the Council memorial his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to withdraw from the Borough of Drogheda the operations of the 11th. 12th. Vic. Cap. 2, and 13 & 14 Vic. Cap. 106, known as the "Crime and Outrage Acts," which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh, put from the Chair and carried.—

Copy Memorial.

The following is a copy of said Memorial.

To His Excellency George William Frederick Villiers, Earl of Clarendon Lord Lieutenant General & General Governor of Ireland.—

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda.

Humbly Sheweth,

That, since the month of July 1848, the Borough of Drogheda has been proclaimed under the Acts 11 & 12 Vic. Cap. 2, and 13 & 14 Vic. Cap. 106, known as the "Crime and Outrage Acts," and such proclamation has continued up to the present period.—

That, at the time such proclamation issued, the Borough of Drogheda was inhabited by persons of lawless character, opposed

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Copy Memorial

to the laws and spirit of the Constitution, but owing to the present tranquility of this town and neighbourhood Memorialists consider there is no further necessity for the continuance of said Acts.—

Memorialists therefore Pray your Excellency, under the powers for that purpose vested in you, to grant to them the priviledge afforded other towns in Ireland, and relieve the Borough from the operation of said Acts, and Memorialists will 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 20th day of January 1851.— (seal)

Thos. Kelly } Town Clk. } Anthony Keappock, Mayor.

Memorials read from Inhabts of John street, and Duleek street, New Dublin road and that locality.

A Memorial was read from the Inhabitants of John street praying the erection of a lamp in said street, and another Memorial was read from the Inhabitants of Duleek street, New Dublin Road and that locality praying the Council to have stationed in said neighbourhood one or more Watchmen, both of which memorials, were, on the motion of Town Councillor Hand seconded by Town Councillor Byrne, referred to the Lighting Committee for their consideration and report, with instructions to them to report to the next meeting of the Council as to the necessity of erecting an additional lamp in Palace street.—

said Memorials referred to Lighting Committee,

Memorial of Denis McCullagh praying a reduction in his rent, read and referred to Land Valuation Comttee.

Another Memorial was read from Denis McCullough, a tenant to the Council for part of the lands of Town rath, praying a further reduction in the rent of his said holding, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration and report.—

Memorial of Patk McDonnell read.

A Memorial was also read from Patrick McDonnell lately employed as Weigher and Craner in the Butter Market, stating that he had been dismissed from said employment by the late Mayor and praying the Council to restore him to same, and Town Councillor Mathews (the late Mayor) having explained to the Assembly the cause of his removal, no motion was made on the subject.—

Applications read for situation of Watch Constable

Applications were then read for the situation of Constable of the Night Watch, vacant by the decease of the late John Stuart, from Patk Kenny, Patrick McArdle, and Owen Meighan, whereupon Patrick Kenny was appointed Constable of the Night Watch, during the pleasure of the Council, at the salary given his predecessor, on the motion of Town Councillor Courtney seconded by Aldn Boylan.—

Patrick Kenny appointed Watch Constable.

Patrick Kenny appointed Lamp Inspector.

On the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Ellis, Patrick Kenny was also appointed Inspector of Lamps at a rateable proportion of the salary of Five Pounds per year agreed to be paid his predecessor the late John Stuart.—

Town Clerk reads resolution adopted by the Town Council of Limerick relative to Lord John Russell's letter to

The Town Clerk having read a resolution which he had received from the Town Council of the Borough of Limerick condemnatory of the letter of the English Minister to the Bishop of Durham relative to the recent appoint-

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the Bishop of Durham on the appointment of Cardinal Wiseman as Archbishop of Westminster.

standing order relative to giving notice of motion, suspended.

ment of Cardinal Wiseman to the Office of Archbishop of Westminster, Town Councillor Lynagh moves that the standing order of the Council requiring notice of motion be suspended for the present for the purpose of allowing him to move a resolution on the subject, and Alderman Boylan having seconded same the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried -

Town Councillor Lynagh then moved that this Council do respectfully call upon the Right Honorable Sir William M. Somerville, as Member for this Borough, to oppose by every means in his power any attempt which may be made to curtail the religious liberty enjoyed by Roman Catholics in Great Britain and Ireland, and also to request that he will use his influence to have removed from the Statute Book any remaining religious distinctions and disabilities insulting to, or affecting them, and Town Councillor Collins having seconded same, the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried unanimously -

Council to call on Right Hon. Sir W. M. Somerville to oppose by every means in his power any attempt to curtail the religious liberty enjoyed by Roman Catholics in the United Kingdom.

Application from Mr. P. Egan, Surveyor, read.

An application was read from Mr. P. Egan, Surveyor to the Corporation, requesting the Council to grant him such amount of fixed salary, as they should consider his services as such Surveyor, entitled him to, and said application was referred to the Law Valuation Committee for their consideration and report -

Anthony Kelly
Mayor

Genl. Qy Asst. 3rd Feby 1851.

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 February 1851.

Present, The Mayor
5 Aldermen and 17 Councillors

minutes read.

The minutes of the last Assembly were read, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor -

Several Applications having been read for three vacancies on the Night Watch Establishment, and the names of seven of the various Candidates having been proposed, Patrick Gartland, Thomas Gartland, and Thomas Cavanagh were appointed Night Constables during the pleasure of the Council -

Patrick Gartland, Thos Gartland, Thos Cavanagh appointed Night Watchmen

Town Clerk reads letter from Sir J. N. Redington.

The Town Clerk then read a letter from Sir J. N. Redington in reply to his of 24th ult., enclosing a Memorial from this Body to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant adopted on the last day of meeting, of which the following is a Copy -

Copy letter

"Dublin Castle, 25th. Jany. 1851."

"Sir,

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt "of your letter of the 24th. instant, transmitting a Me- "morial from the Corporation of Drogheda, praying "that that Borough may be relieved from the operation "of the Crime and Outrage Acts, and to acquaint you that "it shall receive the Lord Lieutenants attentive conside- "ration,

"I am, Sir,
your Obed't. Serv't,
"J. N. Redington"

"The Town Clerk,
Drogheda."

Town Clerk reads letter from Sir W. M. Somerville.

The Town Clerk also read the following letter from the Right Honorable Sir William M. Somerville in reply to his of 21st. ult., enclosing

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Copy Resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Council,

Copy letter.

"Dublin Castle, Jany. 25th. 1851.

"My Dear Sir,

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st. instant, transmitting copy of a resolution passed on the previous day at an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Corporation of Drogheda, to which I shall give my best consideration. "I remain"

My Dear Sir,

"Thos. Kelly Esq." your faithful Servt.

"Wm. M. Somerville"

Resolution of Town Council of Limerick relative to Lord John Russell's letter to the Bishop of Durham, adopted.

Town Councillor Courtney pursuant to notice given on the last day of Meeting moves a resolution to the following effect, namely. "That the insolent and audacious letter of the English Minister to the Bishop of Durham is a deliberate and unprovoked insult to the people of Ireland, and that We treat with scorn his threat to re-enact the penal Code in these Kingdoms" and Town Councillor Lynagh having seconded same the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried, Town Councillor Shegog alone dissenting therefrom.—

T. C. Lynagh moves that the Council call upon the Right Hon. Sir Wm. M. Somerville to resign the representation of Drogheda in consequence of his reply to the request of the Council passed on the last day of meeting

Town Councillor Lynagh then moved, in pursuance of notice given by him on 27th. ult°. that the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Right Honorable Sir W. M. Somerville that it is the wish of the Council he should resign the representation of Drogheda in consequence of his evasive reply to the reasonable and respectful Call made on him by the Council on the last day of meeting, and Town Councillor

Courtney having seconded the motion, the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair, when

T. C. O'Neill moves an Amendment.

Town Councillor O'Neill rose to move as an amendment that the Right Honorable Sir W. M. Somerville be requested to further consider the resolution passed on the last day of meeting and transmitted him on the 21st. ult°. which amendment was seconded by Ald. Boylan, and the several Members present having voted viva voce there appeared for the amendment, 8,

and against it, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 14

amendment lost.

and the amendment was declared lost, Whereupon the original resolution was put from the Chair, when there appeared for the original question, 6

and against it - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 17

original resolution, lost.

and same was accordingly declared lost.—

A letter was read by Town Councillor Ellis from James Downey relative to his holding on the North Road, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for their consideration report.—

Letter of James Downey read & referred to Land Valuation Com^tee.

The following report was read from the Lighting Committee,

Report of Lighting Com^tee read,

Copy Report

"Your Committee beg leave to "report that they have considered the Memorials from "the Inhabitants of Dulcek Gate and John street re- "ferred to them on the last day of meeting, and with "respect to the memorial from Dulcek Gate praying the "protection of the Night Watch and the erection of lamps "in that neighbourhood, your Committee have ordered "the beat of the Watchman in that locality to be extended "thereto, and with respect to lighting said locality, your "Committee hope that by next winter the main Gas pipes "will be extended in that direction, and that the Council "will thereby be enabled to light that part of the Borough.— "With respect to the Memorial from the Inhabitants of

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Copy report,

"John street praying an additional lamp in that "street, your Committee conceive that said street, "having three lamps, is at present sufficiently lighted "and cannot therefore recommend any addition there-"to, Which your Committee Certify as their report this "3rd day of February 1851.

"Anthony Keappock," Chairman,

Report referred back to said Committee,

Whereupon, after some discussion, It was Ordered that said report be referred back to said Committee for their further consideration and report.—

Report of Land Valuation Committee read and adopted,

The following Report of the Land Valuation Committee was read and adopted on the motion of Town Councillor O'Neill seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh,

Copy report,

"Your Committee beg leave to report "that they have considered the Memorials of "Messrs. H. B. Fairtlough and Denis McCullagh "praying reductions in the rents of their respective "holdings and which were referred to them on "the last day of meeting for consideration & report, "and with respect to the Memorial of H. B. Fairtlough "your Committee, after mature consideration, cannot "recommend any reduction in his present rent, being "of opinion that the Houses and lands for which he "prays the reduction are well worth the rent at present "paid by him.— With respect to the Memorial of Denis "McCullagh your Committee cannot recommend the "Council to grant him a further reduction in his "rent until he satisfy the Council that he has com-"plied with the terms of his letting as to draining and "otherwise improving his said holding.— In reference "to the Memorial of Arthur Heywood praying the "Council to grant him a lease of a plot of Ground "situate without Sundays Gate, containing One rood

"and twenty perches or thereabouts, at the yearly rent "of One Pound ten shillings, and at present in the occu-"pation of his Undertenants, your Committee beg leave to "recommend the Council to advertise and let same for "Building, Which your Committee Certify as their report "this 3rd day of February 1851,

"Anthony Keappock," Chairman,

Tenders for supply of Stationary, Printg &c. read & referred to Finance Comttee,

The Town Clerk then read tenders from Messrs. W. R. Caffrey and Alexr. McDougall for supplying the Council with Stationary &c. and Printing & Advertising for one year from 1st instant, pursuant to terms of Advertisement, and said tenders were, on the motion of Town Councillor Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report.

Ed. Monaghan's tender to horse Night Cart accepted,

Tenders were also read from Edward Monaghan and John Murray for the horsing of the Night Cart for one year from 1st instant, according to Advertisement, whereupon the tender of Edward Monaghan proposing to do same for the sum of Eighteen pounds, was accepted by the Council.—

Proposal of James McKenna to paint Fire Engine Buckets, accepted,

The proposal of James McKenna to paint twenty four new Buckets for the use of the Fire Engines for the sum of Fourteen shillings, was accepted by the Council.—

Committees appointed for the present year to continue in office until 1st Jany 1852,

The Council then proceeded to revise the several Committees for the present year to continue in Office until the first day of January 1852, on the terms contained in the resolution referring to same passed on 16th January 1849.—

Copy list of Committees.

The following is a list of the Committees as thus revised.

Finance Committee

Anthony Keappock Esq. Mayor

Ald. Carty T. C. Campbell,

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Copy list of Committees

Ald. Ennis — J. C. Matthews
" Mathews — " Lynagh
" Boylan — " Thogog

Law Committee

The Mayor

Ald. Casey — Ald. Boylan
" Ennis — J. C. Atkinson
" Carty — " O'Neill
" Mathews — " Verdon

Building Committee

The Mayor — J. C. Kelly
Ald. Carty — " Hand
" Ennis — " O'Neill.

Paving Committee

The Mayor

J. C. Byrne — J. C. Verdon
" Courtney — " Lynagh
" Ellis — " Walsh.

Clothing Committee

The Mayor — J. C. Lynagh
J. C. Courtney — " McCannon
" Byrne — " Magee

Land Valuation Committee

The Mayor

Ald. Carty — J. C. Mathews
" Mathews — " Kelly
" Boylan — " Hand

Mechanics Institute Committee

The Mayor

J. C. Atkinson — J. C. Lynagh
" Kelly — " Verdon

Town Crane Committee

The Mayor

H. O'Neill. — H. Byrne
" Kelly — " Hand.

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Lighting Committee.

The Mayor — H. Lynagh
Ald. Casey — " Courtney

Memorial of Pat.k Kenny Watch Constable, read & prayer granted,

A Memorial was read from Patrick Kenny, Watch Constable, praying the Council to grant him a months salary / that five days / due him as Town Serjeant, which was ordered to be paid him on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh.—

Assembly adj.d to 17.th instant.

The Assembly then Adjourned to Monday 17.th instant at the hour of Twelve O'Clock.

Anthony Knappoke
Mayor

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17th February 1851.

Adj'd. Q.y Ass.y 17th February 1851.

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 17th day of February 1851.—

Present The Mayor

14 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. Atkinson's notice of motion saved for next day of meeting.

Town Councillor Atkinson's notice of motion given on the last day of meeting relative to petitioning the Legislature against the abolition of the Irish Vice Royalty was saved by him for the next day of meeting.

Report of Finance Committee read and adopted.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh.

Copy Report

"Your Committee having examined "the tenders for printing and Stationary fur-"nished by William R. Caffrey and Alexander "McDougall, recommend the acceptance by "the Council of Mr. Caffrey's for all articles, "except advertisements as being the lowest, and "your Committee recommend that whenever "advertisements would be required they should "be inserted in both the local Journals, which "your Committee certify as their report this 17th "day of February 1851.

"Patrick Boylan" } Chairman

Petition from Inhabts. of Bolton street read and referred to Paving Committee.

A Petition was read from the Inhabitants of Bolton street praying the Council to remedy a nuisance complained of in that

locality, which was referred to the Paving Committee for consideration and report, on the motion of Ald. Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Courtney.

Letter of Mr. Fras. Brodigan read and referred to Paving Committee with power to them to treat with Mr. Kelly for same.

A Letter was read from Francis Brodigan Esquire, Pilton House on the subject of a negociation between him and the Mayor, relative to obtaining a supply of water for the use of the Inhabitants from a Pump in Stockwell lane, the property of Mr. Brodigan, which letter was referred to the Paving Committee with power to them to treat with Mr. Thomas Kelly, Auctioneer, for same on the best terms they can.—

Communication read from Town Clerk of Cork enclosing copy petition for abolition of Ministers Money.

A Communication was read from the Town Clerk of Cork enclosing copy Petition agreed to at the last Assembly of the Council of that Borough, praying the abolition of Ministers Money in towns in Ireland, and said communication requested the co-operation of this Council in the object of the Petition, whereupon Town Councillor Atkinson gave notice that he would on the next day of Meeting move that the Council petition the Legislature praying for the total abolition of the impost called Ministers Money.—

T. C. Atkinson gives notice of motion for same.

Communication read from Town Clerk of Belfast, to petition for the adoption of Greenwich time in Ireland.

Another communication was read from the Town Clerk of Belfast transmitting copy of a report of one of their Committees on the subject of the adoption of Greenwich time in Ireland, and stating that that Corporation had forwarded a Memorial to the Post Master General praying for such an alteration, and said communication requested the aid of the Council in the matter by presenting a similar memorial without delay, upon which no motion was made by the Council.—

The Assembly at its rising

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Ass.d adj.d. to 3d. March next.

adjourned to Monday 3rd. March next, at the hour of 12 O'Clock.—

Anthony Kappock Mayor.

21st. February 1851.

Special Ass.y 21st. Febry. 1851.

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the 21st. day of February 1851, pursuant to notice dated the 17th. 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 17th. inst. for the purpose of petitioning against the Bill now before Parliament, entailing the religious Liberties of the Roman Catholics of the Empire.

Present The Mayor

3 Aldermen and 9 Councillors

His Worship the Mayor having read the requisition convening the Special Meeting,

Council to petition against Penal Bill now before Parliament.

Alderman Boylan moved that the Council petition the Legislature not to pass into a Law the Penal Bill now before Parliament against the Catholics of the United Kingdom, and Town Councillor Lynagh having seconded same the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried unanimously.—

It was Resolved, on the motion of Town Councillor Courtney seconded by Town Councillor Butterly that the Mayor and Town Clerk, with the Mover and Seconder of the foregoing resolution be appointed a Committee to prepare a Petition, founded on the foregoing resolution, to be forwarded under the Corporate Seal to John Reynolds Esq. M. P. for presentation in the House of Commons and to the Earl of Fingal for presentation, at the proper time, in the House of Lords.—

Committee named to prepare Petition.

Copy Petition.

The following is a Copy of said Petition.

"To The Right Honorable & Honorable
"the Commons of the United Kingdom
"of Great Britain and Ireland.

"The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen & Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda.—

Sheweth,

"That, your Petitioners have witnessed "with amazement and indignation the introduction "into your Honorable House by her Majesty's Ministers "of a certain Bill entitled "The Ecclesiastical Titles "Assumption Bill.—

"That, Petitioners amazement was "excited that such a Bill containing so outrageous "an assault upon the religious liberties of the "Roman Catholics of the Empire should have been "brought in by her Majesty's present Ministers, the "leading features in whose political creed has hitherto "been an ardent profession of the principles of Civil "and religious liberty.—

"That, your Petitioners feel indignant "that at this advanced period of the nineteenth Century, "instead of removing from the Statute Book the re-"maining disabilities insulting to and affecting the "Roman Catholic Community and providing an

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"equitable distribution of Church property amongst "the various sects of Christianity, a course to which "they had solemnly pledged themselves, the party "now in power should not only allow those disabili- "ties to remain, but in addition introduce this Bill "which involves so flagrant a violation of religious "freedom and is calculated to revive the fell spirit "of religious discord which had been happily sub- "siding throughout the land.—

"Petitioners therefore Pray your "Hon. House not to pass into a law "the aforesaid Bill, but totally re- "ject same, and Petitioners will ever "Pray.—

In Testimony whereof We have caused to be here- unto affixed our Common Seal at a Special Assembly held in the Tholsel of Drogheda on Friday the 21st. day of February 1851.—

Anthony Keappock } seal.
Mayor

Anthony Keappock
Mayor

3rd March 1851.

Adjd. Qy Asst. 3rd March 1851.

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 3rd day of March 1851.

Present, The Mayor
2 Aldermen and 9 Councillors.

minutes read

The minutes of the last Assembly were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Town Clerk reads letter from John Reynolds Esq. M. P.

The Town Clerk then read the following communication from John Reynolds Esq. M. P. in reply to his of the 22nd. ultime, enclosing a Petition from this Corporation against "The Ecclesiastical Titles Assumption Bill," which letter was ordered to be inserted on the minutes, on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Magee.

Copy letter

"London, February 27th, 1851,
"13th, Southampton street, Strand,

"Sir,

"I am in receipt of your letter and the "Petition of the Corporation of Drogheda against Lord John "Russells Bill of "Pains and Penalties", which I felt "very great pleasure in presenting to the House of Com- "mons, and I will thank you to assure the Mayor and "Town Council that I feel honoured in being selected by "the truly patriotic Corporation of Drogheda to present their "Petition against this ungenerous attempt to enslave "the Catholics of the United Kingdom, and to inflict "a deep wound on the glorious principles of Civil and "religious liberty.— I cannot conclude without offering "my hearty congratulations to the Inhabitants of "Drogheda on their manly and determined efforts to "defeat this insolent and audacious attempt to violate "the great Act of 1829. "I remain, yours faithfully
John Reynolds."

Wm. Kelly Esq
V. V. Drogheda,

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J. C. Atkinson's notices of motion saved for next meeting

Town Councillor Atkinson's notices of motion relative to petitioning against the abolition of the Irish Vice Royalty, and for the abolition of Ministers' Money, were saved for the next day of meeting.—

J. C. Hands withdraws his notice of motion,

Town Councillor Hands's notice of motion asking the Council to grant six pounds repairing Newfound Well, is withdrawn by him, they having no jurisdiction outside the Borough.

Report of Paving Committee read and adopted.

The following report of the Paving Committee was read and adopted, on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Kelly.

Copy Report

"With reference to the Petition from the "Inhabitants of Bolton street praying the removal "of a nuisance in that neighbourhood, and referred "to us on last day of Meeting for consideration and "report, your Committee have ordered the Paving "Inspector to have same done under the superin- "tendence of your Committee.—

"With the view of obtaining a suf- "ficient supply of water for the use of the Inhabi- "tants, your Committee would earnestly recommend "the Council to advertise and invite tenders from "competent persons to put the Town Pump and "North Road Pump in proper and efficient working "order, and your Committee will use all due expe- "dition in laying to arrange for the use of the Pump "in Stockwell lane, which your Committee certify "as their report this third day of March 1851.—

"Patrick Lynagh Chairman

Estimates of Mr. Knaggs to repair Pumps, read and referred to Paving Committee,

Estimates were read from Mr. Geo. Knaggs for repairing and putting in efficient work- ing order the Pump in Besserwell lane, and also

the Town Pump, which were referred to the Paving Com- mittee for their consideration and report.

Memorial of Night Watch read and referred to Finance Com. thereon

A Memorial was read from the Nightly Watchmen of the Borough praying an increase in their present weekly wages, which was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report, on the motion of Town Councillor Magee seconded by Ald. Boylan.—

Petition of P. Lyons, Mace Bearer read,

A Petition was also read from Patrick Lyons, Mace Bearer, praying the Council to order his salary to be paid him monthly, instead of the present mode of paying him quarterly, which was Ordered.

Account of Gas Company read,

An Account was read from the Gas Company requesting payment of the sum of £200. 16. 8 due them for the lighting of the Borough up to 1st. inst.

Ass.d adj.d to 19th instant,

The Assembly at its rising Adjourned to Wednesday the 19th. instant, at the hour of 12 o'Clock.

Anthony Keappock Mayor

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19th March 1851.

Adjd. Dy. Assembly 19 March 1851.

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 Wednesday the 19th day of March 1851.—

Present The Mayor
2 Aldermen and 11 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last day's proceedings were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Memorial read from Peter Hoey.

A Memorial was read from Peter Hoey, Inspector of the Fish Market, praying an increase in his salary, which was rejected on the motion of Town Councillor Countney seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh.—

Treasurer submits abstract Accounts.

The Treasurer then submitted to the Assembly an Abstract of the Borough Fund Account for the half year commencing 1st Septr. 1850 and ending 28th February 1851.—

Treasurer to take from Mr. Thos North a surrender of Landsharragh.

Ordered that the Treasurer be authorised to accept from Mr. Thomas North a surrender of his holding situate at Landsharragh, he paying all rent due thereon up to 25th March instant.—

Report of Finance Committee read and adopted.

The following Report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted, on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Kelly.

Copy Report.

"Your Committee beg leave to report "that they have carefully considered and examined "into the Memorial of the Watchmen praying an "increase in their present weekly salary, referred "to them on the last day of meeting for consideration "and report, and that, from the present low state

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"of the Corporate Finances, and the winter season being "now passed, together with the fact of the great many "applications for the recent vacancies in the Establish-"ment, your Committee cannot recommend the "Council to grant any increase to their present salary, "which your Committee certify as their report this 19th "day of March 1851.

"Anthony Keappock, "Chairman."

Memorial of Mr. Charles White read & referred to Land Valuation Com.

A Memorial was read from Mr. Chas. White, a tenant to the Council, praying a reduction in the rent of his holding situate at the Twenties, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for consideration and report, on the motion of Town Councillor Byrne seconded by Town Councillor Butterly.

Council to petition the Legislature for abolition of Ministers Money.

Town Councillor Atkinson pursuant to notice given by him and saved on the last day of meeting, moves that the Council petition the Legislature praying for the total abolition of the Impost called Ministers Money, and Town Councillor Hand having seconded same, the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried unanimously.

Petition read and adopted.

The Town Clerk then read a draft of the proposed Petition which was adopted on the motion of Town Councillor Atkinson seconded by Town Councillor Kelly, and of which the following is a Copy.

Copy Petition.

"To The Right Honorable and 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 Sheweth,

"That, the levy of Ministers Money "in Eight Irish Corporate Towns, namely, Dublin, Cork, "Limerick, Waterford, Kilkenny, Clonmel, Drogheda

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"and Kinsale, where alone it is exacted, is felt to be
"exceedingly obnoxious and unjust, opposed to every
"principle of Religious liberty, insulting to Catholics
"and Dissenters, and repugnant to the feelings of
"the Protestant Clergy themselves, who are placed
"by a vicious law in the unseemly position of being
"its recipients.—

"That, the inequality, injustice and
"anomalous character of this Impost was fully de-
"veloped in the evidence adduced before the Select
"Committee on the subject in June 1838 and presented
"to your Honorable House, and the long desired sub-
"stitute for payment of such Clergy as are dependent
"thereon having been recommended by report of said
"Committee to be taken from the funds of the Irish
"Ecclesiastical Commissioners.— Petitioners approve of
"that recommendation and confidently hope it may
"be at once carried into effect, and that the promise of
"her Majesty's Government freely and explicitly given
"by the Prime Minister in the last Session of Parlia-
"ment may be now fulfilled by the introduction of
"such a measure for the abolition of Ministers'
"Money as may be safe, final and satisfactory.—

"That, in seeking for the abolition
"of Ministers' Money, Petitioners utterly repudiate
"any more change or modification as happened in
"respect to tithes.— For such change would be looked
"on as only perpetuating an intolerable abuse, and
"a still further violation of conscientious feeling.—

"Petitioners therefore implore your Hon.
"House to take these premises into
"immediate consideration.— They
"look for the redress of an admitted
"grievance from the wisdom and

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"justice of an Imperial Parliament.— They
"hope to see the bright expectations created
"by a Sovereign's late visit to their Shores
"realized by an Act of undeniable justice,
"Religion itself rescued from the odium
"ever consequent on a compulsory support
"wrung for its Ministers from a recusant
"and impoverished people, and kindly
"feeling among all creeds and classes of
"Irishmen succeeding that bitterness and
"sectarian jealousy too long fostered by
"evil legislation in their distracted and
"unfortunate Country. And Petitioners
"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 Wednesday the 19th day of March 1851.

Anthony Reappock
Mayor
} seal

Town Councillor Atkinson then moved that the Petition now read be engrossed and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto, and that same be entrusted to the Right Honorable Sir William M. Somerville for presentation in the House of Commons, and Town Councillor Magee having seconded same, the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair when Town Councillor Lynagh rose to move as an amendment that said Petition be sent to Mr. Fagan M. P. for Cork, for presentation in the House of Commons, which amendment was seconded by Town Councillor Cantwell, and the several Members present having voted, viva voce, there appeared For the amendment - 4
and against it - 10

Said Petition to be forwarded to Sir Wm. Somerville for presentation in House of Commons.

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Whereupon the amendment was declared lost and the original resolution carried.—

Copy of said petition to be forwarded to the Earl of Fingall for presentation in House of Lords.

On the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Kelly the duplicate of said petition was ordered to be transmitted to The Right Honorable The Earl of Fingall for presentation in the House of Lords.—

T. C. Atkinson withdraws notice of motion.

Town Councillor Atkinson's notice of motion relative to petitioning the Legislature against the abolition of the Irish Vice Royalty was withdrawn by him for the present.—

Assembly Adj'd. to 14th April next at 12 O'Clock.

The Assembly then Adjourned to Monday 14th April next, at the hour of 12 O'Clock.

Anthony Kappock Mayor

Adj'd Ass'y 14th April 1851.

14th April 1851.

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 14th day of April 1851.

Present The Mayor

5 Aldermen and 15 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Memorial of Jno. Mc Loughlin read and referred to Land Valuation Committee,

A Memorial was read from Mr. Jno. Mc Loughlin, a tenant to the Council for the lands of Hackliss otherwise Roestown in the County of South, praying a reduction in the rent of said holding, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for consideration and report, on the motion of Town Councillor Atkinson seconded by Town Councillor Courtney.

Memorial of Eliza. Kearns read & prayer granted,

A Memorial was also read from Elizabeth Kearns, daughter of the late Joseph Kearns, a Pensioner of the Corporation, praying the Council to grant her payment of the Quarter's pension which would be due her late father in case he had lived to 25th March last, whereupon, on the motion of Town Councillor Shegog seconded by Alderman Boylan the Treasurer was instructed to pay her same.—

Communication from Mr. B. Tumalti read,

A Communication was read from Mr. Bernard Tumalti, Portrait Painter, accompanied by a Drawing of Saint Laurence Gate, which he submitted for the inspection of the Council.—

Committee appointed to inquire after missing papers,

On the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Hand, a Committee consisting of his Worship the Mayor, Ald. Boylan, and Town Councillors Lynagh, Courtney, O'Neill, and Atkinson, was appointed to inquire after

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whatever Corporate property is not at present in their possession or occupation, or has not been hitherto properly identified, with the view of recovering same, and that said Committee report thereon to the Council.—

Paving Committee to inquire and report as to expense of conveying water from yard of Mess.rs Chadwick on the Strand,

It was Ordered on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Alderman Boylan, that the Paving Committee inquire and report as to the probable expense of conveying a supply of water from the yard of the Mess.rs Chadwick's stores on the North strand to the opposite side of the Road, and erecting a Pump thereat.—

Anthony Reappock Mayor

Gl. Ly Assy 1 May 1851,

1st May 1851,

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 Thursday the first day of May 1851.

Present The Mayor
4 Aldermen and 13 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Account of the Drogheda Gas Company for lighting the Borough read & referred to Finance and Lighting Committees,

The Account of the Drogheda Gas Company claiming the sum of £253.. 6.. 1 for the lighting of the Borough for the past year, was read and referred to the Finance and Lighting Committees for consideration and report, on the motion of Town Councillor Courtney seconded by Alderman Boylan, with instructions to them to pay £100 on account thereof.

Report of Paving Committee read and adopted,

The following Report of the Paving Committee was read and adopted on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.

Copy report.

"Your Committee having received tenders
"for the supply of Broken stones, Paving stones and
"sand for the use of the Borough for one year from this
"date, beg leave to report that the tender of John Kelly
"of Mell is the lowest, viz, for Broken stones per 20
"Cwt, One shilling and one penny, Paving stones six
"pence per 15 Cwt, and Sand five pence per 15 Cwt,
"and they accordingly recommend the acceptance by
"the Council of said proposal for one year from this
"date, and that a sum of ten pounds be retained out
"of his first delivery until the completion of his contract,
"as a security for the due performance of same, which
"your Committee certify as their report this 1st day of
May 1851. "Anthony Reappock,"
Mayor, & Chn,

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Report of Land Valuation Committee, read,

A Report was read from the Land Valuation Committee, of which the following is a Copy,

Copy Report,

"Your Committee having taken into "consideration the Memorial of Mr. John Mc Loughlin "praying a reduction in the rent of his holding situate "at Reestown, County South and referred to them for "consideration and report, beg leave to state that in "as much as Mr. Mc Loughlin's lands were, in Sept. "1848, valued by Messrs Brassington & Beale at his "(Mr. Mc Loughlin's) request, and his agreement to "abide by the result, and the rent was fixed by such "valuation at that now paid by him, and no ma- "terial reduction having since taken place in the "value of Agricultural produce, your Committee "cannot recommend any reduction from the rent "at present paid by him.—

"With reference to the Memorial of "Mr. Charles White praying a reduction in the rent "of his holding at the Twenties, your Committee "defer reporting thereon until they shall have viewed "his holding, which your Committee certify as their "report this first day of May 1851.—

"Anthony Kappock } Chairn,

Alderman Mathews thereupon moved that the report now read be adopted, which motion was seconded by Alderman Boylan and about to be put from the Chair when Town Councillor Atkinson rose to move as an amendment that Mr. Mc Loughlin get a reduction of five shillings an acre Irish measure in his present rent to com- mence from and after the 29th September last and to continue during the pleasure of the Corporation and Town Councillor Courtney having seconded

Mr. Mc Loughlin's rent to be reduced 5/- per Irish Acre from 29th Septem: last.

the latter motion, the amendment was put from the Chair and declared carried.—

Petition of Moses Starr, read,

A Petition was read from Moses Starr, a Pensioner of the Corporation, praying that his pension might be paid him monthly instead of the present mode of paying him quarterly, which was accordingly ordered.—

Memorial of William Sharples read,

A Memorial was also read from Willm. Sharples, one of the Serjeants at Mace, praying the Council to grant him the sum of £40 as compensa- tion for his past services in said Office to enable him to emigrate to America, which was rejected by the Council.—

Assembly Adjd. to 26th instant at 12 O'Clock,

The Assembly then Adjourned to Monday 26th. instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock.—

Anthony Kappock Mayor

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Adjd. Qy. Assy. 26 May 1851,

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 26th day of May 1851,

Present The Mayor
5 Aldermen and 12 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read, 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 Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Courtney,

Copy report,

"Your Committee have taken into "consideration the Memorial of Mr. Charles White "praying a reduction in the rent of his holding "situate at the Twenties, referred to them for con-"sideration and report, and they beg leave to "recommend that his present rent of £3..15..0 per "Irish acre be reduced to £3..5..0 per like acre, "to commence from 29th September last, to be "during the pleasure of the Corporation and on "the understanding that one half years rent shall "be paid before the other shall become, in default "thereof the original rent to be charged and payable "by him, which your Committee certify as their "report this 26th day of May 1851,"

"Anthony Heappock, Chairman,"

Letter from Revd. Mr. Ormsby read and referred to Lighting Committee,

A letter was read from the Revd. W. E. Ormsby Vicar of Saint Peter's, requesting the Council to continue, during the Summer months, the lighting of the Lamp in Saint Peter's Church Yard, which was referred to the Lighting Committee for consideration and report.—

Memorials of Peter Greene and Peter McEvoy read & referred to Land Valuation Com.

Memorials were read from Messrs. Peter Greene and Peter McEvoy, tenants to the Council, praying reductions in the rents of their respective holdings, which were referred to the Land Valuation Committee for consideration and report on the motion of Town Councillor Verdon seconded by Town Councillor Courtney, Town Councillor Mathews objecting to such reference.—

Land situate at Green-Batter to be advertised.

It was Ordered that the land lately held by Mr. North at Green Batter and now in the possession of the Corporation be advertised and tenders taken for same, addressed to the Land Valuation Committee.—

Town Clerk to prepare a Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury for liberty to issue Mortgages to present Holders of Debentures for amount due them,

Resolved, on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Alderman Boylan, that the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare a Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury, to be ready by the next meeting of the Council, praying liberty to issue Mortgages to the present holders of the outstanding Corporate Debentures for the amount due them on their Debentures respectively, the Creditors requiring payment and their present securities not being assignable.—

North Road pump and Town Pump to be put in repair

On the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Alderman Simcocks, It was Ordered that the Council advertise for tenders to put in proper repair and efficient working order the Town Pump and North Road Pump.—

T. C. Atkinson gives notice of motion,

Town Councillor Atkinson gives notice that he will on the next day of meeting move, that the Council memorial the Lord Lieutenant praying that his Excellency will cause the Council of the Royal Dublin Society to distribute, as was done up to a late period, the Grant placed in their hands by the

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Legislature for the payment of Lecturers to deliver Scientific Lectures in the Provincial Towns of Ireland, and not permit the continuance of the unjust, arbitrary, and oppressive course adopted by that Body, at present, in relation to the distribution of said Grant.—

assembly adj'd. to 9th June next at 12 O'Clock.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday 9th. June next at the hour of 12 O'clock.—

Anthony Kirkpatrick Mayor

9th June 1851.

Adj'd. Qr Assy 9th June 1851.

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 9th. day of June 1851.

Present The Mayor

1 Alderman and 13 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Proposals for land at Green Batter read,

The Town Clerk then proceeded to read tenders for the plot of Land situate at Green-Batter lately in the occupation of Mr. Thomas North and which had been advertised pursuant to order of last Assembly, from Messrs. Wm. Campbell, Thomas Maypother, Hugh Quin and Pat. Quin, when the proposal of Thomas Maypother offering £2,, 12. 6 per acre, was accepted, on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Hand, he to get possession of same on executing his Lease.—

Th. Maypothers proposal accepted, at £2, 12, 6 per acre,

Report of Land Valuation Com. dec. read,

Copy Report

The following report was read from the Land Valuation Committee,

"Your Committee beg leave to report "that they have taken into consideration the Memo- "rial of Mr. Peter McEvoy praying a reduction in "the rent of his holding situate at the Twenties "referred to them on the last day of meeting, and "they recommend the Council to reduce his present "rent of £2. 15. 0 per Irish acre to Two Pounds per "like acre, such reduction to commence from and "after the 25th. of March last, and to take place only "on that part of the Twenties let to him by the "Council containing about one acre and an half, such

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Copy report of Sand Valuation Comtte,

"reduction to be during the pleasure of the Corpo-
"ration and on the understanding that one half
"year's rent shall be paid before the other shall
"become due, in default there of the original rent
"to be charged and payable by him.-

"With respect to the Memorial of
"Mr. Peter Greene praying a reduction in the rent
"of his holding at Town Kath, your Committee
"defer reporting thereon until they shall have viewed
"the lands, which your Committee certify as
"their report this 9th. day of June 1851,

"Anthony Keappock" Chairman,

Alderman Boylan then moved the adoption of said report, which motion having been seconded by Town Councillor Kelly, the question thereon was put from the Chair and a division took place when there appeared for the adoption of the report ..... seven and against it ..... six whereupon the repat was declared carried.-

said repost adopted,

Memorial of Peter Verdon read and refered to Sand Valuation Committee,

A Memorial was read from Mr. Peter Verdon, a tenant to the Council, praying a reduction in the rent of his holding, which was refered to the Land Valuation Committee for consideration and report, on the motion of Town Councillor Courtney seconded by Town Councillor Ellis.-

Repost of Lighting Committee read and adopted,

The following Report of the Lighting Committee was read and adopted on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Courtney,

Copy Repost

"In reference to the letter of
"Rev. W. E. Ormsby refered to us on the last
"day of meeting praying the Council to light a

"lamp in Saint Peters Church yard, your Committee
"beg leave to recommend that, although no lamp
"has heretofore been lighted there, yet for the reasons
"stated in said letter, his application should be
"complied with, and that a lamp be lighted in
"Saint Peters Church Yard during the Summer months
"which your Committee certify as their report this
"9th. June 1851.

Anthony Keappock" Chairman

Town Clerk reads draft Memorial to Lords of Treasury relative to Corporate Debentures,

The Town Clerk then submitted to the meeting the draft Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury on the subject of the outstanding Corporate Debentures, as prepared by him pursuant to instructions for that purpose given on the last day of meeting, which was adopted and ordered to be engrossed and Sowanded under the Corporate Seal, and of which the following is a Copy.

Said Memt. to be Sowanded under the Corporate Seal.

"To the Right Honorable & Honorable
"the Lords Commissioners of her Majesty's
"Treasury.

Copy Memorial,

"The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen and
"Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda.
"Respectfully Sheweth,

"That, the late Body Corporate of
"this Borough previously to their dissolution and at
"various times from the year 1767 to the year 1825, issued
"certain Debentures or Bonds to their Creditors amounting
"in all to the sum of £13,732 .. 0 .. 0, 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

Copy Memorial to Lords of the Treasury

"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
"transfered in several instances by manual
"delivery, the interest being punctually paid
"and the Corporate Estates chargable therewith
"ample and sufficient.

"That, certain of the holders of
"said Debentures being dissatisfied with such
"security and others of them wishing to procure
"in cash the amount due them, your Mem^ts
"in the year 1848 issued under their Common
"Seal, Bonds with Warrants of Attorney for con-
"fessing Judgment thereon annexed, to each
"of their Creditors for the amount respectively
"due them. –

"That thereupon some of the
"Creditors holding securities to the amount of
"£4924.. 6.. 2, took up those Bonds & Warrants
"delivering up the old Debentures, and entered
"Judgment forthwith upon the Warrants, but
"some of them, holding Debentures to the amount
"of £8847.. 13.. 10, declined or neglected doing so,
"and in the year 1850 your Mem^ts having sub-
"mitted a Case on the subject to Mr. George Combe
"Q.C. he advised that the Judgments already
"entered up on the Warrants issued in 1848 are
"perfectly valid and assignable securities and
"formed effectual charges on the Corporate Estates,

Copy Memorial,

"but that any Judgments that would be entered
"up now since the passing of 12 & 13 Vic, Cap. 95, and
"13 & 14 Vic, Cap. 29, would not be assignable under
"the provisions of the former Act, and in order to
"make them charges on the Corporate Estates under
"the provisions of the latter Act, certain proceedings
"directed by that Act should be taken and there-
"upon the parties taking them would virtually
"possess Mortgages on the Corporate property, and
"which Mortgages wanting the previous assent
"of your Lordships would be in contravention of the
"Irish Municipal Acts and consequently invalid,
"and your Memorialists take leave to send here-
"with a Copy of said case with Mr. Combe's opinions
"thereon. –

"Your Memorialists beg to state for
"the information of your Lordships that their Estates
"consist in Lands and houses situate in the Counties
"of Meath and South and County of the Town of
"Drogheda of the annual value of £3024.. 2.. 10½, the
"nett proceeds of which after payment of interest Salaries
"your Memorialists are in the habit of applying in
"flaving, cleansing and lighting the Town and thereby
"relieving it from the pressure of local taxation, but
"Memorialists fear that unless they are now enabled
"to issue to the Creditors, who still hold Debentures,
"securities in their stead legally transferable, that
"said Creditors will put your Memorialists to con-
"siderable expense, and by placing a Receiver over
"their property may for a number of years prevent
"them from applying their resources to objects of great
"public utility. –

"Memorialists therefore pray your
"Lordships that, in order to save expense

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Copy Memorial to Lords of the Treasury.

"already incurred, you will be "pleased to give your assent to the "issuing by your Mem^ts of certain "Bonds & Warrants for confessing Judg-"ment thereon, which passed the seal "of your Mem^ts on the 1st Novem^r "1848, and were made payable in "the following sums and to the "following persons, viz, to Wm Fairtlough "of the Borough of Drogheda, Lieuten^t "Colonel late of Her Majesty's 28th "Regiment of Infantry, two Bonds & "Warrants each for £1000.0.0, to "same person one Bond & Warrant for "£500. and to same person one other "Bond & Warrant for £730.15.4½ "to Saint George Smith of Greenhills "in the County of Louth, Esquire, two "Bonds & Warrants each for £1000,— "to same person one Bond & Warrant "for £861.10.9¼, to Francis Donagh "of Newtown in the County of Louth "Esq. one Bond & Warrant for £1000— "and to same person one other Bond "& Warrant for £569.4.7½, to "William Pentland of Buffalo in "the State of New York, America, one Bond "& Warrant for the sum of £500— "to James McCann of Staleen in the "County of Meath, Esq. one Bond "& Warrant for the sum of £92.6.1¾ "to the Governors of the County In-"firmary one Bond & Warrant for "the sum of £461.10.9¼, and to

W. Fairtlough	2000 0 0
"	500 0 0
"	730 15 4½
Sty Smith	2000 0 0
"	861 10 9¼
F. Donagh	1000 0 0
"	569 4 7½
Wm Pentland	500 0 0
Jas McCann	92 6 1¾
Gov^rs County Infirmary	461 10 9¼
	8915 7 8¼

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Copy Memorial

Maria Beddy

"Maria Beddy of the Borough of "Drogheda, Spinster, one Bond and "Warrant for the sum of £92.6.1¾, "or if your Lordships should think "it inexpedient so to do, that you may "be pleased, instead thereof, to permit "your Memorialists to grant the above "named persons Mortgages on the "Corporate Estates for the amounts "respectively due them as stated.— "Such Mortgages to bear interest at "five per Cent, per Annum, payable "half yearly on 1st May and 1st of "Novem^r in each year, And your "Memorialists will Pray.

8915 7 8¼	
92 6 1¾	
8807 13 10	

"In Testimony whereof We have caused to be here-"unto affixed our Common Seal at an Adjourned "Quarterly Assembly held in the Tholsel of Drogheda "on Monday the ninth day of June 1851.—

Certf^d by Thos Kelly Town Clk.

"Anthony Keapprock," Mayor (seal)

Letter of Mr Thos H. Elliott, read,

A letter was read from Mr Thos H. Elliott offering to become tenant to the Corporation for that House in Lawrence street lately occupied by Mr D. Duffy, at the yearly rent of £5, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee.—

Council to memorial the Lord Lieutenant against course adopted by Royal Dublin Society relative to distribution of Government Grant for paym^t of Lecturers in Provincial Towns in Ireland.—

Town Councillor Atkinson then rose to move, pursuant to notice given by him on the last day of meeting, that the Council memorial the Lord Lieutenant praying that his Excellency will cause the Council of the Royal Dublin Society to distribute, as was done up to a late period, the Grant placed in their hands by the Legislature for the payment of Lecturers to deliver Scientific lectures

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in the Provincial Towns of Ireland, and not permit the continuance of the unjust, arbitrary and oppressive course adopted by that Body, at present, in relation to the distribution of said Grant, and Town Councillor Lynagh having seconded the motion the question thereon was put from the chair and carried unanimously.

J. C. Atkinson reads draft Memorial which is adopted.

Town Councillor Atkinson then read a draft of the proposed Memorial and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Ald. Boylan, put from the chair and carried, of which the following is a Copy.

Copy Memorial

"To his Excellency George Willm
"Frederick Villiers Earl of Clarendon
"Lord Lieutenant General & General
"Governor of Ireland.

"The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen and
"Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda,
"Shaweth,

"That a Mechanics Institute has existed
"in this town since 1845, and through the agency of
"Lectures on useful subjects, a lending Library and
"Schools, has been the means of conferring much
"benefit on the working Classes of its population.

"That, so convinced were your Memts
"of the importance and utility of such an Institution
"in Drogheda that they have, ever since its founda-
"tion, granted to the Directors the free use of a house
"and Lecture Rooms for which your Memts pay an
"annual rent of £31. 10. 0.—

"That, since the opening of the In-
"stitute the Members have annually received thro'
"the Royal Dublin Society an allocation of a portion
"of the Government Grant of £500 in aid of

Copy Memorial to said Lieutenant

"Provincial lectures, and previous to July 1848 were permitted
"by that Body to select the subject of the lectures and nomi-
"nate for approval the gentleman they wished to deliver
"them,— Under this Regulation the Members were privi-
"ledged to have the services of Surgeon Lever on Mecha-
"nics in 1845, Revd. Dr. Cahill on Astronomy in 1846,
"and Revd. J. W. McGauley of the Education Board
"in 1847.—

"That, in the year 1848 the Council of the
"Royal Dublin Society adopted a Resolution that none
"but the Professors of their Society should be appointed
"to lecture in Provincial towns, if those gentlemen chose
"to accept the appointment, thereby, in a great measure,
"depriving Mechanics Institutes of the services of many
"eminent Lecturers not connected with that Body, and
"limiting this wide field for instruction to the four
"Professors of the Royal Dublin Society, and to the
"few subjects on which they lecture,— Courses of lectures
"on Astronomy, on Mechanics with illustrations of
"Machinery, and on Physiology including ventila-
"tion, have been refused as not within their province,
"and this year the Society have refused to allocate
"a portion of the grant for a course of lectures on Chemistry
"applied to the Arts and Manufactures, to be delivered
"by Mr. W. K. Sullivan, Dublin.—

"That, Memorialists conceive such a
"regulation for dispensing this grant is unfair by
"depriving Mechanics Institutes of the services, as Lec-
"turers, of many eminent Scholars and Teachers
"throughout the Country, and also by compelling those
"Societies to submit to whatever arbitrary regulations
"may be made for delivering the lectures by the Professors
"of the Royal Dublin Society, some of whom are better
"adapted for giving instructions to pupils in the

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"higher Schools of Science than imparting that "Elementary knowledge necessary for the Artizan "and Labourer of the Provinces, which may be proved "from the returns annually forwarded to the Royal "Dublin Society that whenever the Committee of the "Institutes had the selection of the subject and "lecturer, the audience and money received from "the visitors far exceeded the occasions when a "lecturer was forced upon them.—

"Memorialists therefore humbly "pray your Excellency may be "pleased to direct that an inquiry may "be made into the present regulation "of the Royal Dublin Society for dis-"pensing this grant for Provincial "lectures, with the view of having it "so arranged that its benefits may "be better conferred on the Mechanics "Institutes and Literary Societies in "Ireland, by permitting the Directors "of those Societies (who are best ac-"quainted with the circumstances "and wants of their locality) the "priviledge of selecting suitable subjects "for lectures, and of presenting for ap-"proval the names of qualified and "experienced lecturers to deliver them, "And Memorialists will ever Pray

"In Testimony whereof We have caused to be "hereunto affixed Our Common Seal at an Adjd. "Quarterly Assembly held in the Tholsel of Drogheda "on Monday the ninth day of June 1851.—

Certfd. by Thos. Kelly Town Clk.

"Anthony Keappock"
Mayor (seal)

Tenders for Rep. of Pumps referred to Paving Commtee.

Two sealed tenders were submitted for repairing the Town Pump and North Road Pump, which were not opened, but were referred to the Paving Committee for consideration and report.—

Assembly Adjd. to 1st. July next.

The Assembly then Adjourned to Tuesday the first of July next, at the hour of One O'Clock, P.M.—

Anthony Keappock Mayor

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1 July 1851.

Adjd. Qy. Assy. 1 July 1851.

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 Tuesday the first day of July 1851.—

Present The Mayor

5 Aldermen and 11 Councillors

minutes read

The minutes of the last Assembly were read and approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Letter of Mr. Wm. Nicholls read and referred to Law Comttee.

A letter was read from Mr. Willm. Nicholls (son of the late Mr. Austin Nicholls) offering to the Council a surrender of the premises in William street leased to his father by the former Body Corporate, which was referred to the Law Committee for consideration and report on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Courtney.—

Memorial of Patrick Quinn read,

A Memorial was read from Patrick Quin of Yellow Batter, praying the Council (for the reasons therein stated) to continue him the tenant for that part of Green-Batter let to Thomas Maypother on the last day of meeting, upon which no motion was made, Mr. Maypother declaring his willingness to take out his lease of same.—

Tenders to repair Pumps referred to Paving Committee,

The tenders of Messrs. Nugent and Knaggs for repairing Pumps are referred back to the Paving Committee for consideration and report, on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Courtney.

Memorial read from Inhabits. relative to erection of a Model School,—

A Memorial was read from the Inhabitants of the Borough calling the attention of the Council to the fact that a Model School is about being erected in Drogheda by the

Commissioners of National Education, should they obtain a proper site for same, and said Memorial prayed the Council to take the matter into consideration and procure a proper site for such an institution,

T. C. Atkinson gives notice of motion on subject of erection of a Model School,

Town Councillor Atkinson thereupon gave notice that on the next day of meeting he will move that, a Committee be appointed for the purpose of selecting the best obtainable site in Drogheda for a District Model School, and that said Committee enter into correspondence with the National Board of Education in Ireland, with a view of obtaining the sanction of the Commissioners for the erection of same, and that said Committee with all due dispatch adopt such further means as may be necessary fully to carry out the prayer of the Memorial on this subject now laid before the Assembly.

Ald. Ennis gives notice of motion.

Alderman Ennis also gave Notice that on the next day of Meeting he will move the adoption of a system of supplying the town with Water.—

Anthony Keappock Mayor

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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 first day of August 1851.

Present The Mayor

14 Aldermen and 11 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read and approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Letter read from Sir J.N. Redington,

The Town Clerk then read a letter from Sir J.N. Redington, of which the following is a Copy.

Copy letter,

"Dublin Castle.
18th July 1851.

Sir,

"With reference to your letter of the 24th "June forwarding a Memorial from the Corporation "of Drogheda relative to the Parliamentary Grant "for the delivery of Lectures in Provincial Towns in "Ireland, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to "acquaint you that his Excellency is not prepared to "recommend that the present mode of selecting Professors for Provincial Lectures should be departed "from,

"Thos. Kelly Esq.
Town Clerk,
Drogheda;

"I am, Sir,
your Obedient Servt,
"J. N. Redington"

Report of Law Comtee read and adopted,

The following report of the Law Committee was read and adopted on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor O'Neill.

Copy Report.

"Your Committee have had under consideration the letter of Mr William Nicholls referred "to them on the last day of meeting for consideration and report, relative to the Council taking "from his Father's Representatives a surrender of

Copy Report of Law Committee,

"two plots of Ground situate in William street in this "town, which had been leased to his Father by the "former Body Corporate, and your Committee beg "leave to recommend the Council to take from him a "surrender of said premises on the terms of Mr Nicholls "Representatives paying all expenses attending same "and their giving full possession on or before 15th inst. "and upon such being done and the surrender "being formally executed their getting a clear receipt "for all rent due on said premises up to the last gale "day, which your Committee submit as their report "this first day of August 1851.—

"Anthony Reappoch"
Mayor & Chairman,

Report of Land Valuation Comtee read,

A Report was read from the Land Valuation Committee, of which the following is a Copy.

Copy Report.

"Your Committee beg leave to report that they "have attentively considered the Memorials of Messrs "Peter Verdon and Peter Greene praying reductions in "their rents, referred to them for consideration and report, "and with respect to the Memorial of Mr. Peter Verdon "your Committee cannot recommend any reduction "to him, the land being in the immediate proximity "of the town, and its value depending upon its position "as a Manufacture and not on its agricultural produce;

"With respect to the Memorial of Mr. "Peter Greene, your Committee cannot recommend "any further reduction to him, inasmuch as, in the "month of December 1849 a Reduction was granted "to him from his original rent of £2.5.0 to £2.0.0. "per acre, which was all he then asked and with "which he then expressed himself satisfied, and your "Committee consider this reduced rent fair and

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reasonable, All of which We Certify as our report this 1st. August 1851.—

"Anthony Reappock"
Mayor } Chairman,

Alderman Boylan then moved the adoption of said report, which was seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh and the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair when Town Councillor Hand, rose to move as an amendment that a reduction of five shillings an acre be granted to Mr. Greene in his presentment, such reduction to commence from and after last gale day and to continue during the pleasure of the Council, and Town Councillor Butterly having seconded the latter motion, and the several Members present having voted, viva voce, there appeared for the amendment ..... nine,
and against it ..... seven,
upon which amendment being carried Town Councillor Lynagh moved a further amendment that the reduction to Mr. Greene be two shillings and six pence instead of five shillings per acre, on the terms already mentioned, which was seconded by Town Councillor Courtney, and a division having taken place, there appeared for the amendment, 6
and against it 9
Whereupon the first amendment allowing a reduction to Mr. Greene of five shillings an acre was put from the Chair and carried.—

Mr. P. Greene's rent to be reduced 5/- an acre from last Gale day.

The Account of the Drogheda Gas Company claiming a balance of £156 4 7, for the lighting of the Borough during the Summer months, was read and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.—

Account of Gas Co. read and referred to Finance Committee.

In consequence of some of the Members of the Council having left the Assembly Room, Town Councillor Lynagh moved that the Council do now adjourn which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Courtney and about to be put from the Chair when Town Councillor Atkinson moved as an amendment that the Council proceed to business, which latter motion was seconded by Town Councillor Hand and a division was called for, when there appeared for the amendment, 7
and against it 6
Whereupon the amendment was declared carried and the business of the Assembly proceeded.—

T. C. Lynagh moves that the Council do adjourn.

T. C. Atkinson moves amendment.

Amendment carried.

A Memorial was then read from the Inhabitants of the Borough praying the Council to use their influence in obtaining the erection of a Model School in Drogheda.—

Memorial from Inhabts. relative to Model School, read.

Town Councillor Atkinson then moved, pursuant to notice given by him on the last day of Meeting, that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of selecting the best obtainable site in Drogheda for a District Model School, and that said Committee enter into correspondence with the National Board of Education in Ireland with a view of obtaining the sanction of the Commissioners for the erection of same, and that they, with all due dispatch, adopt such further means as may be necessary fully to carry out the prayer of the Memorial on this subject laid before the Council, and Alderman Ennis having seconded said motion, the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair when Town Councillor Lynagh rose to move an amendment but after some discussion thereon the further consideration of the question was adjourned to the next day of meeting.—

T. C. Atkinson moves that a Committee be appointed to correspond with Commissrs. of National Education on subject of erecting a Model School in Drogheda.

T. C. Lynagh moves Amendmt.

Question Adjourned to next Meeting.

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Abd. Ennis' notice of motion saved for next Meeting.

Alderman Ennis' notice of motion relative to submitting a system of supplying the town with Water, is saved for the next day of Meeting.-

Assembly Adjd. to 18th. instant.

The Assembly then Adjourned to Monday the 18th. instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock.-

Anthony Hoppett
Mayor

18th. August 1851.

Adjd. Qy. Assy. 18th. Augt. 1851.

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 Thalsel on Monday the 18th. day of August 1851.

Present The Mayor.

2 Aldermen and 6 Councillors.

minutes read,

The minutes of the last day's proceedings were read, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.-

Letter from Wm. Nicholls read & referred to Law Committee,

A Letter was read from Mr. William Nicholls declining to surrender the premises in William street on the terms contained in Report of Law Committee adopted at last Meeting, and same was referred to the Law Committee for further consideration and report on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Magee.-

T. C. Lynagh renews discussion on T. C. Atkinson's motion relative to Model School,

Town Councillor Lynagh then rose and renewed the discussion on Town Councillor Atkinson's motion relative to the erection of a Model School in Drogheda, the further consideration of which had been adjourned on the last day of meeting, and concluded by submitting a letter from his Grace the Primate condemnatory of the system of mixed Education, which was read to the Assembly by the Town Clerk.-

T. C. Atkinson moves that a Comte. be appointed to correspond with Comrs. of National Education on subject of erecting a Model School in Drogheda

Town Councillor O'Neill then addressed the Assembly declaring himself opposed to the motion, and Town Councillor Atkinson having replied, concluded by moving the following Resolution, namely. that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of selecting the best obtainable site in Drogheda for a district Model School, and that said Committee enter into correspondence with the National Board of Education in Ireland with a view of obtaining the sanction of the Commissioners for the erection of same, and that said Committee with all due dispatch adopt such further means as may be

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necessary fully to carry out the prayer of the Memorial on this subject laid before the Council, whereupon a division took place when there appeared for the motion of Town Councillor Atkinson, one and against it ..... nine and the motion was accordingly declared lost.

T. C. Atkinson's motion lost,

Town Clerk to employ Poor rate Collector to assist him in preparing Burgess lists,

The Town Clerk was authorised to employ Mr. John Farrell, Poor Rate Collector, to assist him in completing the Burgess lists for the ensuing Municipal Elections, he (Mr. Farrell) to receive thirty shillings for his services.

Memorial to Lords of the Treasury on the subject of the Corporate Debentures readopted and ordered to be transmitted,

The Memorial of the Council to the Lords Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury on the subject of the Corporate Debentures, which had been adopted at an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly held on 9th June last, was this day readopted and ordered to be transmitted to the Treasury, the months notice required by the Statute having been duly made and expired.

Ald. Ennis' notice of motion saved for next meeting.

Alderman Ennis' notice of motion relative to submitting a system of supplying the town with Water, is saved for the next day of meeting.

Assembly Adjd. to 2nd Septemr. next at One O'Clock.

The Assembly then adjourned to Tuesday 2nd September next at the hour of One O'Clock P.M.

Anthony Keappock
Mayor

Adjd. Qy. Assy. 2 Septr. 1851.

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 Tuesday the second day of September 1851.

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen and 7 Councillors.

minutes read.

The minutes of the last day's proceedings were read and approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Report of Law Committee read and adopted.

The following Report of the Law Committee was read and adopted on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor O'Neill.

Copy Report

"Your Committee, in reference to the letter "of William Nicholls dated 12th August 1851, and "referred to us, beg leave to report that, under all the "circumstances of the case, We beg leave to recommend "that a surrender be accepted from the Executors of the "late Mr. Austin Nicholls of the House and Premises "in William street held under this Corporation per Lease "No. 1080, on the terms of their being forgiven all rent "due up to the last gale day and yielding full pos-"session of same on or before 20th instant, this Corporation "to be at the expense of preparing and perfecting the "deed of surrender, which We certify as our Report "this second of September 1851.

"Anthony Keappock, Mayor } Chairman,

Ald. Ennis notice of motion saved.

Alderman Ennis not being prepared with the details necessary to his submitting his notice of motion relative to supplying the Borough with Water, it is saved until he gives further notice thereof.

T. C. Atkinson applies for a Copy of the letter of his Grace the Primate read on the last day of Meeting,

Town Councillor Atkinson brought under the consideration of the Assembly the letter of his Grace the Primate, on the subject of the erection of a Model School in Drogheda, read on the last day of meeting

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a copy of which had been refused the Press for Publication, and applied to his Worship the Mayor to have same given for that purpose, - The Mayor declined interfering and suggested the propriety of Town Councillor Atkinson serving notice to that effect,

Town Councillor Atkinson then

T. C. Atkinson gives notice of motion,

gave notice that he would, on the next day of meeting, move that the Town Clerk be directed to furnish to the Reporters of the Press a Copy of the Primate's letter on mixed Education handed in by Aldn. Boylan.

Assembly Adjd. to 29 inst. at 12 O'Clk.

The Assembly at its rising Adjourned to Monday 29th. instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock.

Anthony Krappock
Mayor

Adjd. Qy. Assy. 29th. Septr. 1851.

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 29th. day of Septr. 1851.

Present The Mayor
1 Alderman and 6 Councillors

minutes read,

The minutes of the last Assembly were read and approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Proposal of Gas Company to light the town, read,

The Town Clerk then read the following proposal from the Gas Company. -

Drogheda Gas Works. Septr. 29th. 1851.

Copy Proposal,

To the Mayor Aldermen and Council of the Borough of Droghedal.

"Gentlemen,

"We propose supplying Gas, Lighting "and repairing any number of the Public Lamps "you may require in the Parishes of St. Peters and "Saint Mary's Drogheda, from the first day of October "1851, till 30th. day of April 1852, for Three pounds five "shillings Sterling per Lamp, each lamp to be "supplied with a Batwing Burner, that will emit "three Cubic feet of gas per hour, lighting to be "completed one hour after Sunset, and putting out "to commence 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 "seven shillings and sixpence 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 complaint you may have to make "to be communicated immediately in writing

addressed

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"addressed to the Directors of the Drogheda
"Gas Company at their Office.—

"You shall pay us for the Current
"season's lighting by Instalments as follows
"One Hundred Pounds Sterling upon first of
"January 1852, One Hundred Pounds Sterling
"upon first March 1852, and the balance of Rect
"upon the first day of June 1852, And in the
"event of any instalment being unpaid at the
"times above specified, Interest at the Rate of
"Five per Cent per Annum will be charged until
"such instalment be paid.

"We are Gentlemen
"Respectfully Yrs"

"Patrick Kelly" } "Directors of
"Joseph Montgomery" } Drogheda
"John Morton" } Gas Company".

said proposal of the Gas Company accepted and the number and position of the lamps to be the same as last year.

Whereupon on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by T. C. Ellis, it was ordered that said proposal be accepted, and that the number and position of the several lamps to be lighted within the Borough be the same as that of last year.—

Memorial of Patrick Loughran read and referred to Paving Com.

A Memorial was received from Patrick Loughran of Patrick Street praying the Council to remedy a nuisance existing in that neighbourhood, which was referred to the Paving Committee for Consid.n

Account of Gas Company read and referred to Finance Committee.

The account of the Gas Company claiming a Balance of £93. 7. 5 due them to 1st October next, was read and referred to the Finance Committee for Consideration and report.—

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Town Clerk reads letter from Secy to Treasury on the subject of Corporate Debentures.

The Town Clerk then read the following letter from the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury in reply to the Memorial of the Council forwarded to their Lordships on 21st August last, on the subject of issuing Mortgages in lieu of the outstanding Corporate Debentures.—

Copy Letter

"Treasury Chambers,
5th Septemr 1851.

Sir,

"The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's
"Treasury having had under their consideration the applica-
"tion of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda for their
"Lordship's assent to an issue of new securities in exchange
"for certain Debentures dated the first of November 1848.
"due to the several parties named in the Memorial from
"the Corporation, their Lordships desire me to state that
"they are advised their assent is not necessary to the
"grant of the Bonds and Warrants suggested in the
"Memorial.— With respect to the alternative prayer of the
"Memorial that their Lordships would assent to the grant
"of Mortgages on the Corporate Estates to the persons named
"therein for the amounts respectively due to them, as stated,
"at five per Cent Interest, their Lordships would not
"object to that course, provided the Mortgages contain no
"power of sale, if the Creditors should refuse to accept
"the Bonds and Warrants and there should be no
"more satisfactory way of settling their claims.—
"Their Lordships would, however, be glad to be informed
"whether it may not be practicable to relieve the Corpo-
"ration from a portion of the annual charge on account of
"these incumbrances, by raising money on Mortgage at a
"lower rate of Interest than five per Cent.

"In the event of Mortgages being granted,
"it will be necessary that two of the Lords Commissioners

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"should be parties to the Deeds; drafts of which "must be sent to their Solicitor, for perusal, previously "to Engrossment,

"I am, Sir,"

The Mayor of Drogheda } "Your Obedient Servt."
"G. Arbuthnot,"

Town Clerk to advertise inviting tenders for loans on Mortgages for total debt due by the Corporation.

It was then Ordered that the Town Clerk advertise in the General Advertiser and local Newspapers inviting tenders for loans on Mortgages for the total debt due by this Corporation, as sanctioned by the Treasury.—

Building Committee to have the Corn Market put in repair,

The Building Committee was instructed to inspect the Corn Market and have same put in proper repair.—

Lease of Premises on North Road ordered to James Downey, he to get two years to complete Buildings thereon from 29 Septr. 1851.

Ordered, on the motion of Town Councillor Ellis seconded by Town Councillor O'Neill that James Downey get two years from this date to complete the buildings on the plot of ground let to him by this Corporation and situate on the North Road, and that a Provision to this effect be inserted in his Lease now to be granted him for 75 years from 29th Septemr. 1848, at the yearly rent of £3.2.8.—

Anthony Keappock Mayor

3rd November 1851.

Genl. Qy. Assy. 3rd Novemr. 1851.

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 third day of November 1851.

Present The Mayor
2 Aldermen and 10 Councillors

proceedings read,

The minutes of the last day's proceedings were read approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Report of Building Committee read and adopted,

The following Report of the Building Committee was read and adopted on the motion of Town Councillor Kelly seconded by Alderman Boylan,

Copy Report.

"Your Committee beg leave to state "that they have taken into consideration the present "state of the Corn Market, referred to them on the last "day of Meeting, and they recommend the Council to "advertise for tenders to put same in thorough repair "pursuant to a specification of Mr. John Reilly's prepared "in August 1850, and to be seen in the Town Clerk's "Office, Which your Committee certify as their report "this 3rd. November 1851."

"Anthony Keappock } Mayor,

Petition of Peter Hoey, read,

A Petition was read from Peter Hoey, Inspector of the Fish Market, praying an increase of salary, upon which no motion was made.

Petition of Night Watchmen read,

A Petition was read from the Nightly Watch of the Borough, praying an increase in their present weekly salary, upon which no motion was made by the Council.—

Memorial from Inhabitants of Pitcher Hill, Duleek Gate and that locality, read and referred to Lighting Committee,

A Memorial was read from the Inhabitants of Pitcher Hill, Duleek Gate, and that neighbourhood, calling the attention of the Council to the state of that locality for want of lighting, paving and cleansing, and praying the erection of lamps in the above neighbourhood, which Memorial was referred to the Lighting

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Committee for consideration and report, on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.—

Memorial from Inhabts. of John's st. read & referred to Lighting Committee,

Another Memorial was read from the Inhabitants of John street praying a Lamp in said street, which was also referred to the Lighting Committee for consideration and report.—

Town Clerk reads letter from Secy. to the Dublin & Drogheda Railway Coy. stating that a Railway was about being made by Mullingar through Granard to Cavan, and requesting the aid of the Council in opposing same,

The Town Clerk then read a letter from the Secretary to the Dublin and Drogheda Railway Company informing the Council that active steps are being taken by the Midland Great Western Company to make a Railway by Mullingar through Granard to Cavan, and said letter, for the reasons therein stated, requested the co operation of the Council in opposing the proposed line of Railway, whereupon on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Magee, a Committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Boylan and Casey, and Town Councillors Magee and Verdon was appointed to cooperate with the Railway Company in carrying out the object expressed in said letter.—

Committee appointed to cooperate with the Railway Company in opposing said line of Railway,

T. C. Ellis moves that the Council apply to the Treasury to raise £2500 to supply Inhabitants with Water,

Town Councillor Ellis, pursuant to notice given by him on 14th. ult.o, moves that the Council authorise the Town Clerk to apply to the Lords of the Treasury to allow the Council to raise a sum not exceeding £2500, for the purpose of affording the Inhabitants a supply of pure Water and obtaining an Act of Parliament with such provisions as may be required for carrying out said object, said £2500 to be repaid out of the rates leviable under said Act when obtained, with Interest thereon at five per Cent. per Annum, which motion was seconded by Town Councillor Magee, and the question thereon

T. C. Atkinson moves amendmt.

about to be put from the Chair, when Town Councillor Atkinson rose to move the following amendment, viz., that while this Corporation is sensibly alive to the great want of pure Water in this town and sincerely anxious to provide the Inhabitants with a plentiful supply of that great necessary of life, still they do not feel justified in incurring the expense of a local Act of Parliament on the eve of the passing of a general measure which will empower the Ratepayers in Corporate Towns, under the management of the Town Council of said towns, to effect so desirable an object, which amendment was seconded by Town Councillor Lynagh, and the several Members present having voted, viva voce, there appeared

amendment carried

for the amendment ..... thirteen
and against it ..... one
Whereupon the amendment was declared carried.

T. C. Lynagh moves that the Council take the opinion of Counsel as to their power to charge Gas Company for Main Pipes laid in the streets,

Town Councillor Lynagh, pursuant to notice, moves that this Corporation take the opinion of Counsel as to the power of the Corporation to charge the Gas Company for the Main Pipes laid in the streets within the Borough, and Town Councillor Courtney having seconded same, and a division having been called for, there appeared for the motion ..... two
and against it ..... Eight

motion lost.

Whereupon the motion was declared lost.—

T. C. Lynagh moves that the Council petition in favor of Bill agreed on by W. S. Crawford and the Irish Tenant League

Town Councillor Lynagh also moves, pursuant to notice given by him, that the Council petition the Legislature to pass into a Law the provisions of a Bill agreed on by William S. Crawford and the Irish Tenant League, which motion after some discussion, was not pressed by the Mover.—

question not put.

T. C. Lynagh gives notice of motion.

Town Councillor Lynagh gives notice that he will, on the next day of meeting, move that the weekly salary of the night Watchmen be increased

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to Eight shillings during the Winter season of the year.

Corporate Seal affixed to Lease of James Downey.

The Corporate Seal was then affixed by his Worship the Mayor to a Lease made to James Downey, of Premises situate on the North Road, an Abstract thereof having been first entered in the White Parchment Book and authenticated in the usual manner.—

Assembly Adjd. to 1st. Decemr. 1851.

The Assembly then adjourned to Monday the first of December next at the hour of Twelve O'Clock.—

Anthony Kappock
Mayor

18th. November 1851.

Special Assembly 18th Novemr. 1851.

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 18th. day of Novemr. 1851, pursuant to notice dated 14th. 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 14th. instant, for the purpose of receiving and acting upon a communication from the Gas Directors on the subject of additional Lamp accommodation, and asking a sum of Twenty Pounds from the Corporation to aid them in carrying out same.—

Present The Mayor
7 Aldermen and 9 Councillors,

His Worship the Mayor having stated the object of the Meeting,

Council to light twelve additional lamps in suburbs to induce the Gas Company to lay additional Main pipes.

It was Resolved on the motion of Town Councillor Matthews seconded by Town Councillor Ellis, that to induce the Gas Company to lay the additional Main pipes required, this Corporation engage to take twelve additional Lamps in the suburbs in such positions as the Lighting Committee may direct.—

Letter read from Mr. Robt. Morlen appointing Mr. Wm. Kettland as his Deputy Assessor in Fair Gate Ward at Elections on 25th. inst.

A Letter was read from Mr. Robert Morlen an Assessor for Fair Gate Ward, appointing Mr. William Kettland as his Deputy at the ensuing Municipal Elections to be held on 25th. instant, Whereupon Town Councillor Lynagh moves a resolution which was seconded by Town Councillor Butterly that Mr. Kettland be called on to prove his qualification to act as such, but the authority to make such a requisition having been questioned, the resolution was not passed.

Anthony Kappock
Mayor

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Election of one Alderman and two Councillors for each of the three Wards.

On this day Thomas Daly Esqr. as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward with Messrs. James Davis and Robert Daly Assessors of said Ward, and Patrick Casey Esqr. as Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward with Messrs. Patrick Brenan and Robert Morton Assessors of said Ward, and also Patrick Boylan Esqr. as Senior Alderman of the Laurence's Gate Ward with Messrs. John Duffy and James McKenna Assessors of said Ward, made the following return of the Election of One Alderman and two Councillors for the said three several Wards respectively, which was published by his Worship the Mayor on the 27th. instant in the following form pursuant to the requisites of the Statute.—

Borough of Drogheda.

Municipal Election

3 & 4 Vic. 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 1851, with the number of votes given in favor of each person so Elected.—

West Gate Ward.

Name of Person Elected Alderman,	No. of Votes
Thomas Emis	Forty three

Names of Persons elected Town Councillors	No. of Votes
Anthony Keapock	Forty nine
John O'Neill	Forty two

Fair Gate Ward.

Name of Person Elected Alderman,	No. of Votes
Patrick Mathews	Thirty nine

Names of Persons Elected Town Councillors	No. of Votes
Robert B. Daly	Forty three
Thomas Kelly	Forty one

Laurence's Gate Ward.

Name of Person Elected Alderman,	No. of Votes
James Mathews	Eighty six

Names of Persons Elected Town Councillors,	No. of Votes.
Patrick Tennan Junr.	Sixty two
Michael Walsh	Fifty six

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 27th. day of Novemr. 1851.

Anthony Keappock,
Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda.

Anthony Keappock
Mayor.

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Election of a Town Councillor for Laurence Gate Ward in room of T.C. Pat. Mathews,

29th November 1851.

On this day an Election was held before Patrick Boylan Esqr. as Senior Alderman of the Laurence Gate Ward, with Messrs. John Duffy and James McKenna 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. Patrick Mathews duly accepted by the Council of said Borough, when Mr. Patrick Kelly was Elected in his stead.—

The following is a Copy of the list as 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 Laurence Gate Ward of the Borough of Drogheda to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Patrick Mathews duly accepted by the Council of said Borough, holden for the said Ward on the 29th. day of Novemr. 1851.

Laurence's Gate Ward.

Name of Person Elected Town Councillor	No. of Votes
Patrick Kelly	Fifty five

The foregoing is a Copy of the list this day furnished to me by the Senior Alderman and Assessors of said Ward, and I hereby publish the same pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided.— Dated this first day of December 1851. Anthony Sleaghock

Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda.

Anthony Sleaghock Mayor

1st December 1851.

Adjd. Qy. Asst. 1st Decemr. 1851.

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 first day of Decemr. 1851.

Present The Mayor

5 Aldermen and 15 Councillors

minutes read &

The minutes of the proceedings of the Assembly held on 3rd. November last, were read, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.—

Alderman Mathews then rose and moved that Town Councillor Peter Verdon be Elected Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the year commencing the first day of January 1852, and Alderman Ennis having seconded same, the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair when Town Councillor Courtney rose to move that Town Councillor Walsh be elected as a fit and proper person to act as Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year, and Town Councillor Atkinson having seconded same, Town Councillor Walsh stated to the Assembly that he would for the present retire from being a Candidate for the Office of Mayor. Whereupon Town Councillor Verdon was declared duly Elected Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the year 1852, and he returned thanks to the Assembly therefor.—

T.C. Verdon Elected Mayor of the Borough for the year 1852,

Memorial of Jas. Carroll read

A Memorial was read from James Carroll, a tenant to the Council, praying a reduction in the rent of his holding, upon which no motion was made by the Council.—

Wages of Nightly Watchmen increased to 8/- per week

Town Councillor Atkinson takes up Town Councillor Lynaghs notice of motion relative to giving the Nightly Watchmen an increase of salary, and moves that the Wages of the Nightly Watchmen, including the Superintendent, be increased one shilling per

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week from Saturday the 29th. Novemr. 1851, and that said increase continue until the first day of May 1852, and Town Councillor Courtney having seconded same, the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried.—

Isabella Stewart ordered amount of salary due her late husband, Jn°. Stewart,

On the motion of Town Councillor Kelly seconded by Town Councillor Atkinson, Isabella Stewart, Widow of the late John Stewart, was Ordered £1.5.0, being the proportion of salary due him at his decease, as late Inspector of the Lamps.—

Committee to be appointed to examine and report on distressed state of Inhabitants for want of Water, and to adopt means to relieve same,

Town Councillor Ellis moves, pursuant to notice given by him, that a Committee be appointed to examine and report on the present distressed state of the Inhabitants for that first necessary of life, pure Water, and to adopt such means as may appear most desirable to relieve same, and that a Committee consisting of Aldrs. Mathews and Boylan, and Town Councillors O'Neill and Courtney be appointed.— After some discussion the names of the Committee were withdrawn by the Mover and the resolution presented without such names, when Town Councillor Butterly seconded the motion and same was passed.—

Aldrs. Boylan & Mathews and T.C. O'Neill, Daly, Kelly and Verdon appointed said Committee with power to treat for Pump in Stockwell lane,

Town Councillor Ellis thereupon moved that Aldermen Mathews and Boylan and Town Councillors O'Neill, Daly, Thos. Kelly, and Verdon be appointed as such Committee, with power to them to treat for the Pump in Stockwell lane the property of Miss Brodigan, which motion was seconded by Alderman Boylan, put from the Chair and carried.—

It was Ordered on the motion of Town Councillor Courtney seconded by Town Councillor Ellis that the Council advertise for tenders to repair the Town Pump and Pump on the North Road, and also to keep in repair for twelve months commencing 1st. January 1852, the following Pumps and Fountains within the Borough, namely, two pumps at the Linen hall, one in Bachelors lane, one at the back of Old Gas House, and one on the New Quay which supplies the Watering Carts, and the three following Fountains, namely, one at Catherines Hill Strand, one on the North Quay, and one on the New Quay.—

Council to advertise for tenders to repair Town Pump and Pump on North Road, and to keep in repair for one year the Pumps & Fountains of the Borough.—

Committee to be appointed to carry out provisions of 14 & 15 Vic. Cap. 28.

Ordered on the motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Toman that a Committee be appointed to carry out the provisions of the 14th. & 15th. Victoria, Cap. 28, relative to the Registry and Inspection of Lodging Houses under said Act.—

Ald. Boylan and T. C. Daly, Toman, Atkinson, Courtney and Verdon appointed said Committee,

Alderman Boylan then moved and Town Councillor Patrick Kelly seconded that the following do form said Committee, three of whom will form a quorum, which motion was put from the Chair and carried, namely, Alderman Boylan Town Councillors Toman, Daly, Atkinson, Courtney and Verdon.—

Ald. Boylan's motion & petition in favor of Mr. N.S. Crawford's Tenant Right Bill, adjd. to next Meeting

Alderman Boylan moves on the notice of motion given by Town Councillor Lynagh relative to petitioning the Legislature to pass into a Law the Bill agreed on by Mr. N.S. Crawford and the Irish Tenant League on the subject of Tenant Right, which motion, after some discussion thereon, was adjourned until the next day of Meeting, said Bill, in the mean time, to be deposited in the Town Clerks Office for the inspection of the Council.—

Tenders to repair Corn Market, read,

Tenders for repairing the Corn Market House and Offices, as advertised, were read from

1st. Decemr. 1851.

Robt Nugent's proposal to repair Com.l Market House & Offices for £48. Accepted,

Messrs. Robert Nugent and John Reilly, and the tender of Robert Nugent proposing to execute the required work, pursuant to specification and advertisement, for the sum of Forty Eight Pounds, and being the lower of the two, was accepted, on the terms that before payment, the work will be inspected and approved of by a competent person appointed by the Council.—

Assembly Adjd. to 16th. inst. at 1 o'Clk P. M.—

The Assembly then Adjourned to Tuesday the 16th. instant, at the hour of One o'Clock P. M.—

Anthony Keapock
Mayor

3rd. December 1851

Election of Borough Auditors, & Borough 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 for the ensuing year, and also for Assessors for the Laurences Gate Ward before Patrick Boylan Esquire as Senior Alderman of said Ward, when Messrs. Joseph Price and John F. Stanage were Elected Assessors and Messrs. Geo. McCarthy and William Clinton were Elected Auditors of the Borough, and Messrs. Nicholas Boylan and Henry McGill were Elected Assessors for the Laurence's Gate Ward for the ensuing year, and said Elections were duly published as the Law directs,—

Jos.h Price and Jno. F. Stanage elected Borough Assessors and Geo. McCarthy and Wm. Clinton elected Borough Aud.rs

N. Boylan & H.y McGill elected Assess.rs for Laur.ce Gate Ward

On the same day Thomas Carty and Patrick Casey 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. Robert Daly and Patrick Byrne were Elected Assessors for the West Gate Ward, and Messrs. Robert Morton and Patrick Brennan for the Fair Gate Ward, and said Elections were also duly published as the Law directs.—

Robt. Daly & Patk. Byrne elected Assessors for West Gate Ward, and Robt. Morton and Patk. Brennan elected Assessors for Fair Gate Ward,—

Anthony Keapock
Mayor

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Election of a Ward Assessor for Laurence's Gate Ward

On this day an Election was held before Patrick Boylan Esquire as Senior Alderman of the Laurence's Gate Ward, with Mr. Nicholas Boylan Assessor of said 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 Henry McGill elected on 3rd. instant but who had declined to sign the necessary Declaration accepting said Office, when John McGough of Peter street, Furniture Broker, was elected one of the Assessors of said Ward, and said Election was duly published as the Law directs.—

John McGough Elected Ward Assessor for said Ward.

Anthony Keppock
Mayor

16th Decemr. 1851.

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 Tuesday the 16th. day of Decemr. 1851.

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen and 11 Councillors

The minutes of the last two Assemblies were read, approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

A Report was read from the Water Committee, appointed on the last day of meeting, of which the following is a Copy.

"Your Committee beg leave to report "that, pursuant to instructions given them on the last "day of meeting, they have taken into consideration "the great want of a sufficient supply of Water to the "Inhabitants of the Town, and with a view of relieving "same they have authorised his Worship the Mayor "to deal with Miss Brodigan's tenant for immediate "possession of the Pump in Stockwell lane well "known for its abundant supply of pure Water, and "they have further agreed with Mr. George Knaggs "to put the new Pump on the North Road in work-"ing Order to be ready by 9th. January next for a sum "of Twenty five Pounds, and also to put the Town Pump "opposite the Tholsel in order for a sum of Nine pounds "to be also ready by the 9th. January next.— Your "Committee conceived it their duty to give, as far as "they could at present, relief to the Western district of "the Town, which laboured most under the deficiency "of Water, but those arrangements are necessarily limited "and partial, your Committee considering that no "general measure for supplying the entire town "can be effectually introduced until the Legislature,

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"either by some general Act, such as the Health of "Towns Bill, or a local Act to be procured at the "expense of the Inhabitants, supply adequate Ma-"chinery for procuring a full supply of Water, and "funds applicable to discharge the expense of same, "which your Committee certify as their report this "16th. day of December 1851."

"Anthony Kappock"
Mayor } Chairman

Whereupon said report was adopted by the Council on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Byrne.-

The Memorial of James Carroll read on the last day of meeting, praying a reduction of rent, was this day again read and referred to the Land Valuation Committee for consideration and report, on the motion of Town Councillor Courtney seconded by Alderman Patrick Mathews.-

The Account of Alexander McDougall for advertising in the Conservative and amounting to £3. 13. 6, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.-

Another Account was read from Patrick Kenny, claiming £3. 15. 0, being nine months salary due him as Inspector of the public Lamps, which was also referred to the Finance Comtee.-

The Town Clerk then read proposals from Messrs. George Knaggs, Henry Moore, Robert Nugent and James Nugent, for keeping in repair for twelve months from 1st. January 1852, the public pumps and fountains of the Borough, as advertised pursuant to instructions for that purpose given on the last day of meeting, when the tender of George Knaggs proposing to execute

said Work for the sum of Eleven Pounds, pursuant to Advertisement, was accepted on the motion of Town Councillor Courtney seconded by Ald. James Mathews.

The Town Clerk having stated that the several contracts for removing the soil of the streets of the Borough would expire on 1st January next, It was Ordered on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Ellis that same be advertised to be let by Public Auction in the Tholsel on Saturday the 27th. instant, at the hour of half past two o'Clock P. M.-

It was Ordered on the motion of Ald. Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Ellis that a Deputation consisting of his Worship the Mayor, with Aldermen James and Patrick Mathews be appointed to wait on Mr. Evans, Contractor for the erection of the Boyne Viaduct, calling on him to make compensation to this Corporation for the use of the streets of the Borough, as damaged by his Horses & Waggons.

Alderman Boylan then moved, pursuant to notice given by him on 2nd. instant, that the Council petition Parliament to abolish Ministers' Money, and that the Incumbents in receipt of same be paid in lieu thereof by Government out of some other Funds, and Alderman Mathews having seconded same, the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried unanimously.-

The Town Clerk then read a draft of the proposed Petition which was adopted on the motion of Town Councillor Kelly seconded by Town Councillor Ellis, and of which the following is a Copy.

To the Right Honorable and Honorable
the Commons of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Ireland.

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The Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda.

Respectfully Sheweth,

That, the levy of Ministers' Money in Eight Irish Corporate Towns, namely, Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Waterford, Kilkenny, Clonmel, Drogheda, and Kinsale, where alone it is exacted, is felt to be exceedingly obnoxious and unjust, opposed to every principle of religious liberty, insulting to Catholics and Dissenters, and repugnant to the feelings of the Protestant Clergy themselves, who are placed by a vicious law in the unseemly position of being its Recipients.—

That, the inequality, injustice, and anomalous Character of this impost was fully developed in the evidence adduced before the select Committee on the subject in June 1848, and presented to your Honorable House, and the long desired substitute for payment of such Clergy as are dependent thereon having been recommended by report of said Committee to be taken from the funds of the Irish Ecclesiastical Commissioners,— Petitioners approve of that recommendation and confidently hope it may be at once carried into effect, and that the promise of her Majesty's Government freely and explicitly given by the Prime Minister in the Session of Parliament in 1850 may be now fulfilled by the introduction of such a measure for the abolition of Ministers Money as may be full, final and satisfactory.—

That, in seeking for the abolition of Ministers Money, Petitioners utterly repudiate any mere change or modification as happened in respect of tithes.— For such a change would be

looked on as only perpetuating an intolerable abuse, and a still further violation of conscientious feeling.—

Petitioners therefore implore your Honorable House to take these premises into immediate consideration.— They look for the redress of an admitted grievance from the wisdom and justice of an Imperial Parliament.— They hope to see Religion rescued from the odium ever consequent on a compulsory support wrung for its Ministers from a recusant and impoverished people, and kindly feeling among all creeds and classes of Irishmen succeeding that bitterness and sectarian jealousy too long fostered by evil legislation in this distracted and unfortunate Country, And Petitioners 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 Tuesday the 16th day of Decemr. 1851.—

Anthony Keappock
Mayor

Certifd. by
Thos. Kelly
Town clerk,

(seal)

Alderman Boylan then moved that the petition now read be engrossed and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto, and that same be entrusted to John Reynolds Esqr. M. P. for presentation in the House of Commons, and Town Councillor Courtney having seconded same, the question thereon was about to be put from the Chair, when Town Councillor Thomas Kelly rose to move as an amendment that said Petition be transmitted to the Right Honorable Sir W. M. Somerville for presentation

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in the House of Commons, which amendment was seconded by Town Councillor Shegog, and the several Members present having voted viva voce, there appeared for the amendment ..... ten
and against it ..... five
Whereupon the amendment was declared carried and the original resolution lost.—

Aldermen Boylan then moved that the Council petition Parliament to pass into a Law the Bill agreed on by Mr. W. S. Crawford and the Irish Tenant League on the subject of Tenant Right, which had been adjourned on the last day of Meeting, and the Town Clerk having read a draft of a corrected Copy of the last Bill introduced by Mr. S. Crawford ordered by the House of Commons to be printed June 10th. 1850, together with some additions thereto proposed to be made by Sejeant Shee, Alderman Boylan, after some discussion, moved the following Resolution, namely, That the Council petition in favor of the principle of Mr. W. S. Crawford's Bill as recommended by him to the Tenant Right Conference, and same having been seconded by Town Councillor Patrick Kelly the question thereon was put from the Chair and carried, Town Councillor Shegog alone dissenting therefrom.—

The Assembly then Adjourned to Thursday 1st. January 1852, at the hour of half past Eleven O'Clock, A. M.—

Anthony Kappock
Mayor

1st. January 1852

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 Thursday the 1st. January 1852

Present the Mayor
2 Aldermen and 15 Councillors

Peter Verdon Esq.

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read and of the Election of the 15th December 1851. approved of and signed by his worship the Mayor.

Peter Verdon Esqr takes the Oath of Mayor & Justice of Peace

Town Councillor Peter Verdon as Mayor elect in presence of the several Members present took the Oath appertaining to the Office of Mayor, and Justice of the peace in the Crown Court of the Tholsel, before James Mathews Esqr. J. P. Whereupon the assembly adjourned to Two O'Clock P. M. and the Council proceeded in their robes to St. Peter's Parish Chapel.

Council return after hearing Divine Service

His worship the Mayor with the Aldermen and Town Councillors, having returned to the assembly Room after having attended divine Service took his seat as Chairman.

Vote of thanks passed to T. L. M. Kappock late Mayor of the Borough

Town Councillor Campbell then moved that the marked thanks of this Corporation are justly due and are hereby given to Town Councillor Kappock our late Mayor for the very dignified and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his Office during his Mayoralty and Town Councillor Patk. Kelly having seconded same the question thereon was put from the Chair and Carried unanimously. Whereupon Town Councillor Kappock returned thanks in suitable terms

Assembly adj. to 19th. Inst.

The assembly then adjourned until Monday the 19th. instant at the hour of Twelve O'Clock

Peter Verdon
Mayor

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At an adjourned Quarterly assembly of the Aldermen and Council being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday 19th January 1852

Present The Mayor
3 Aldermen and 9 Councillors

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

Tenders for Houses in Magans Lane & Landsharrah referred to Land V. Committee

Tenders were then read from William Campbell Laurence Flinn and James Weathers for Houses &c in Morgans Lane a proposal was also read from Pat.k Maguire a tenant to the Council for the lands of Landsharra, all which tenders were referred to Land Valuation Committee for consideration & report on Motion of Alderman Boylan Seconded by Councillor Hand

Memorial from Peter Hoey for increase of Salary read and referred to Clothing Com.e

A memorial from Peter Hoey praying for an increase of Salary to enable him to provide himself with decent clothes was referred to Clothing Committee for consideration and report on on motion of alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Hand

Memo.s for Reduction of Rent on Barlows Field read

A Memorial was read from Patrick Malone Mathew Malone & John Kelly praying for a reduction of rent in their holding at Barlows Field which was referred to Land Valuation Committee on motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Hand

The Council then proceeded to revise the several Committees for the present year to

continue in office until 1st February 1853

The following is a list of the Committees as thus revised

Copy List of Committees

Finance Committee

Peter Verdon Esq.r Mayor
Alderman Carty Alderman Pat.k Mathews
" Ennis J. C. Campbell
" Ja.s Mathews " Daly
" Boylan " Shegog

Law Committee

The Mayor
Alderman Casey Alderman Boylan
" Ennis J. C. Atkinson
" Carty " O'neill
" Ja.s Mathews " Keappock

Building Committee

The Mayor J. C. P. Kelly
Alderman Carty " Hand
" Ennis. " O'Neill
J. C. Keappock " Daly

Paving Committee

The Mayor
J. C. Byrne J. C. Keappock
" Daly " Jennan
" J. Kelly " Walsh

Clothing Committee

The Mayor J. C. Keappock
J. C. Courtney " M.c Cowan
" Byrne " Walsh

Lands Valuation Committee

The Mayor
Alderman Carty Alderman P. Mathews
" Ja.s Mathews J. C. P.k Kelly
" Boylan " Hand

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Copy list of Committees

Mechanics Institute Committee

The Mayor
J. C. Atkinson J. C. Daly
" Kelly " Heathcock

Town Crane Committee

The Mayor
J. C. O'Neill J. C. Byrne
" P. Kelly " Hands

Lighting Committee

The Mayor
Alder Casey J. C. Courtney
" P. Mathews " J. Kelly
J. C. Ellis " Jerman

Town Councillor Daly pursuant to notice moves that the council petition the Legislature to repeal the Statutes authorising the levy of Vestry in Ireland and to transfer the charge thereof to Poor Law Guardians and other departments to which they more legitimately belong which motion having been seconded by Alderman Casey the question thereon was put from the chair and carried Unanimously

Draft of Petition in favour of Tenant Right Read by Alderm.n Boylan and Carried

A Draft of a Petition in favour of Tenant Right pursuant to resolution passed on 6th December last having been read by Alder. Boylan it was thereupon moved by him that it be adopted and forwarded to Mr. S. Crawford for presentation in the House of Commons which was seconded by Town Councillor Buttery and carried Unanimously

The following is the Copy of said Petition

To the Right Honorable and Honorable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland

19th January 1852

Copy of Draft of Petition

The Humble Petition of the Undersigned the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda

Sheweth

That Petitioners have carefully considered a Bill lately brought into your Honorable House by the Member for Rochdale entitled "a Bill To provide for the better securing and regulating the Custom of "Tenant Right" as practised in the Province of Ulster and to secure Compensation to improving Tenants in Ireland who may not make claim under the said Custom and to limit the power of Eviction in certain Cases"

And believing its provisions to be well calculated to protect the just rights of the owners of property in Lands to Encourage industry to increase employment to promote the prosperity of the Country Towns and villages and to restore Confidence and fair dealing between the proprietors and occupiers of the Soil in Ireland

They Humbly pray your Honorable House that the said Bill may speedily become the Law and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

J. Peterson Mayor

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At a General Quarterly of the Aldermen and Council being the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 2d February 1852

Present the Mayor

3 Aldermen 14 Councillors

Minutes read and approved of

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read approved of & signed by the Mayor

Tenders read.

Tenders were read from Thomas Flanagan John Owens and Edward Monaghan for Forsing of Night Cart for one year from 1st February instant T. C. Keappock moves Alderman Boylan Seconds that Edward Monaghans tender £14.15.- be accepted he undertaking for an additional sum of £3.5.- to cart all stones made in Gaol to whatever part of the Borough may be required by the Inspector of Paving & also to bring the Night Cart to all Parts of the Borough

Memorial from Watchmen for top Coats.

A Memorial from Watchmen praying for Top Coats & Capes was read & referred to Clothing Committee on motion of Town Councillor Atkinson Seconded by Town Councillor Hand

Memorial from P. Levins praying increase Salary

A Memorial from Patrick Levins praying for an increase of Salary was read and referred to Council in Committee on Alderman James Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Patrick Kelly

Report Land Valuation Read and Adopted on Motion of Ald. Boylan.

A Report from Land Valuation Committee was read and adopted on motion of Alderman Boylan Seconded by Town Councillor Patrick Teman

The following is a Copy of said report

Copy Report

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have considered the several tenders submitted to them by the Council for persons offering for premises in Morgans lane late in the possession of the representatives of Burton Tandy Esquire

and that having personally inspected the premises which consist of building ground having a front to Scarlet Street of 154 feet and to Morgans lane of 119 feet 6 Inches they recommend that same be surveyed into Lotts for Building and again advertised your Committee not conceiving themselves warranted in recommending for acceptance by the Council any of the proposals referred to them, In reference to the Petition of Messrs Patrick Malone and others praying a Reduction in the rent of their holding at Barlows field your Committee find that said holding was by lease No 978 Dated 24th January 1828 demised to Revd John Smyth for a term of 99 years from 29th September 1827 and for which he gave a fine of £57.7.6 and for his interest in which lease Petitioners it is understood gave a Considerable sum and have expended thereon largely in building substantial houses and your Committee cannot under the Circumstances recommend the Council to grant any reduction in the present rent the land being in their opinion (independantly of the houses) from its immediate vicinity to the town and its natural fertility well worth the rent paid for it In reference to the tender of Patrick Maguire offering 30/- an acre for his holding at Landsharrah formerly demised to Francis Greaves your Committee recommend the Council to accept his offer on the terms of his taking out and executing within one month from this date leases thereof to be prepared at his expense otherwise his Contract to be void. which we certify as our report this 2nd February 1852, Peter Verdon Chairman

Law Agents authorised to prepare Statement of Title.

The law agents were authorised to prepare Statement of Title to Corporate property and get the opinion of eminent Counsil thereon to satisfy persons inclined to lend amount of Corporate debt for Mortgage at 4 per Cent interest Subject to an

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increase of to 5 per Cent if not paid within two Months on motion of Alderman Boylan Seconded by Town Councillor ~~[illegible]~~ Bulthy

Memorial Wm Garvey praying an increase of Salary.

A Memorial from Willm Garvey praying for an increase of Salary was read and referred to Council in Committee on motion of Aldr Boylan Seconded by Alderman James Mathews

T. C. Atkinson moves that the Council appoint a Committee to select a site for Model School, in this town and Correspond with Commrs.

Town Councillor Atkinson pursuant to notice of Motion moves that the Council appoint a Committee to Select a site for Model school in this Town & correspond with the Commissioners to obtain a grant for its erection Seconded by Town Councillor Daly

Ald. James Mathews moves as an Amendmt. that it is at present uncalled for or enter into the subject.

Alderman James Mathews moves as an amendment that it is at present uncalled for to enter into the subject of a Model School for this Town the Council having on a former occasion taken the Steps they considered necessary which amendment was Seconded by T. Councillor Campbell and the Several Members present having voted viva voce there appeared for the Amendment thirteen and against it three

Whereupon the amendment was declared carried

Proposals from Wm Caffrey, John McDougal were read & referred to Finance Committee,

proposals from William Caffrey and Alex McDougal were read and referred to Finance Committee

T.C. Keappock moves T.C. Daly seconds that the Mayor takes offers for Gas fitting.

Town Councillor Keappock moves Town Councillor R. B. Daly Seconds that the Mayor take offers for Gas fitting for County Court

Assembly Adjourns to 16th instant.

The Assembly at its rising was then adjourned to Monday the 16th instant at 12 O'clock

Patrick Levins Mayor

16th February 1852

Adjourned Assembly

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 16th February 1852.

Present, The Mayor

2 Aldermen and 8 Councillors.

Minutes of last days proceedings read,

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

Report of Finance Committee read by town Clerk.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read by the town Clerk and adopted on the Motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by Alderman Boylan.

Reference to Memorial of Pat Levins Mace Bearer presented at last Meeting.

In reference to the Memorial of Mr Patrick Levins Mace Bearer presented at the last Meeting of the Assembly asking an increase of his present Salary of £20. Your Committee have found on investigation that the fees of his office have much diminished by the Statutes 11 & 12 Vic Cha 28. 13 & 14. Vic, Chap. 102. & 14 & 15. Vic. 92, And Your Committee following the precedent set on 3rd March 1845 when his fathers Salary for similar reasons was raised to £35, and afterwards reduced to £20, beg leave to recommend that his present Salary of £20. be raised to the sum of £30. yearly to Commence from 1st instant and be payable monthly and to continue at that rate during the pleasure of the Corporation.

Committee examine tenders for printing and Stationary

Your Committee having examined the tenders for printing and Stationary furnished by Messrs Caffrey and McDougall recommend the acceptance by the Council, of William Caffrey's proposal for all Articles except advertizements which your Committee of opinion should be inserted in both the local Journals and not to exceed threepence per line, Which we certify as our report this 16th February, 1852.

Peter Verdon, Mayor Chairman

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Treasurer instructed to have ready for next Meeting of the assembly an abstract of Corporate Finances and of the outstanding Accounts & liabilities &c. &c. &c. —

On the suggestion of Councillor Robert B. Daly The Treasurer was instructed to have ready for the next Meeting of the Assembly an abstract of the Corporate finances and of the outstanding Accounts and liabilities including the arrears of rent to the last Gate days respectively with a view to shew the exact financial position of the Council and their capability to meet their present or any increased expenditure. —

T. C. Walsh pursuant to Notice, moves that the Stones standing on the Mall be removed, &c. &c.

Councillor Walsh pursuant to Notice for that purpose given moves that the Stones at present standing on the Mall be removed as being an obstacle to the traffic, which motion was seconded by T. C. Courtney, whereupon a discussion took place and Alderman Mathews moved as an amendment that inquiry be made as to the power of the Corporation to interfere with such stones; and if it be found in the affirmative that they only round the Corner of Mr. Eakin's and the Mayoralty House which amendment was seconded by T. C. Hand put from the Chair and carried, —

Council adjourned to 8 March.

The Council therefore adjourned to Monday 8th March next, at the hour of 12 O'Clock —

[signature] Mayor

8th March, 1852.

Adjourned assembly.

At an adjourned Quarterly Assembly held on the 8th day of March, 1852

Present. The Mayor

4 Aldermen and 5 Councillors

Office of B. Collins declared void.

The Office of Bartholomew Collins as one of the Councillors for West Gate Ward was declared void in consequence of his being declared a Bankrupt and declaration to that effect was signed by three members of the Council and Countersigned by the Town Clerk pursuant to the requests of the Statute.

T. C. Atkinson's notices of Motion saved.

Councillor Atkinson's notices of motion were at his request saved for the next meeting. —

The Assembly then adjourned to Tuesday 16th instant at one O'Clock P.M. —

[signature] Mayor

15th March, 1852.

Election before Thos. Carty Esqr. Senr. Alderman, Messrs. R. Daly, P. Byrne Assessors pursnt. to Public Notice, duly posted on the door of the Tholsel for the purpose of Electing a Councillor in the Room of B. Collins who became a Bankrupt. —

On this day an Election was held before Thomas Carty Esqr. as Senior Alderman of West Gate Ward, with Messrs. Robert Daly and Patrick Byrne Assessors of said ward pursuant to Public Notice duly posted on the door of the Tholsel, for the purpose of electing a Councillor for said Ward in the Room of Bartholomew Collins whose Office in consequence of his Bankruptcy had been declared void, when Joseph Gargan of the Bull Ring Grocer was elected in his stead, and said Election was duly published as the law directs. —

[signature] Mayor

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Adjourned Quar. Assembly.

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Drogheda held on the 16th day of March 1852,

Present, The Mayor,

Three aldermen and Town Councillors.

Minutes read by Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the two last Assemblies were read by the town Clerk and approved of and signed by his Worship the Mayor.

Memorial from Town Sergeants and stating deficiencies in perquisites, and requesting an increase in their Salaries.—

A Memorial was read from the Town Sergeants stating that in consequence of recent legislation their perquisites arising from the Court of Chancery and other sources were much diminished and praying the Council to increase their Salaries which Memorial was refered to the Finance Committee for consideration and report of Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Kelly.—

J. C. Atkinson pursuant to Notice moves that the Corporation petition the Legislature pass the Health of Towns Bill.

Councillor Atkinson therefore pursuant to notice moves that this Corporation Petition the Legislature to pass without delay the Health of Towns Bill now before the House of Commons which motion was seconded by Alderman Boylan and carried whereupon Councillor Atkinson read the draft of a Petition which the following is a Copy.—

To the Right Honorable and Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament Assembled.

Petition of the Mayor Ald. &c. &c. in favor of the above motion.—

The Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda.

Humbly Sheweth.—

That your Petitioners in common with the inhabitants of Drogheda have long suffered much from the want of a sufficient supply of pure water and objectionable sewerage, in Consequence of

which the health of the people resident in this town has been much injured and the period of human life much shortned.

In Confirmation of this statement Petitioners respectfully call the attention of your Honorable House to the fact that since the year One thousand eight hundred and thirty two this town has been visited on three occasions by a most malignant form of Asiatic Cholera which with other epidemics carried off several hundred of the inhabitants.—

Petitioners feeling convinced that the health of towns (Ireland) Bill would if carried into a law enable Petitioners to adopt sanatary improvements and be for the interest and abundant supply of that first necessary of life pure water, they entreat that your Honorable House may pass said measure. And Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.—

Petition adopted.

Which Petition was adopted on motion of Councillor Atkinson seconded by Councillor Hand.—

J. C. Atkinson pursuant to Notice moves that the Council Petition the Legislature for all Political disabilities affecting the Jewish persuasion.—adopted on motion of Ald. Matthews seconded by J. C. Kelly.

Councillor Atkinson thereupon pursuant to Notice moves that the Council Petition the Legislature praying the removal of all political disabilities affecting persons of the Jewish persuasion, which motion was seconded by Councillor Kelly and Councillor Atkinson having read the Petition same was adopted on the motion of Alderman Mathews seconded by J. C. Kelly the following is a Copy of said Petition.—

Petition.

To the Right Honorable, Honorable, the Knights Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament Assembled.—

The Petition of the Mayor Aldermen & Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda.

Humbly Sheweth.—

That in the opinion of your Petitioners no individual or section of Her Majesty's subjects should be deprived of his or their political privileges for or on account

account of the religious opinions which he or they may hold.—

Impressed with these convictions petitioners humbly but earnestly entreat that your honorable House may without delay pass a measure to remove all political disabilities affecting those professing the Jewish faith and Petitioners will as in duty boimd ever pray

In testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our Common Seal at an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly held on the 16th day of March, 1852.—

J. C. Atkinson moves that the Corporation Memorial the Queen praying the release of Smith O'Brien and his fellow prisoners.

Councillor Atkinson thereupon pursuant to notice also moves that the Corporation Memorial the Queen praying the release of Smith O'Brien and his fellow-prisoners, which was seconded by J. C. Hand and Carried. The Memorial was then read by the mover of which the following is a Copy

Petition

To the Queens Most Excellent Majesty.

May it Please your Majesty

We your Majestys loyal and dutiful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Council of the Borough of Drogheda, beg leave most Respectfully to renew our assurances of profound Esteem heartfelt devotion and unalterable attachment to your Majestys royal person and throne, a throne whose enduring greatness is based upon free, progressive, and enlightened Institutions.—

As Irish subjects of your Most gracious Majesty, We are deeply and naturally anxious for the improvement of our native Country. for the extension of its trade, the expansion of its

Commerce

Commerce the stimulation of its industry, and the development of its resources.— We are firmly persuaded that these priceless blessings can best be secured to this populous and important portion of your Majesty Dominions by the cultivation among Irishmen of kindly feeling, generous rivalry and unlimited toleration, but above all, by a noble and philanthropic obliteration of the feuds and follies—the passions and prejudices which darkened and disgraced the past.

Cherishing those sentiments and confiding in the enlarged sympathies of your Majestys benevolent heart we earnestly entreat the prompt exercise of the Royal Prerogative in favor of William Smith O'Brien Thomas Francis Meagher Kevin Izod Doghorty, John Martin and Patrick O'Donoghoe their Associates now state prisoners in Van Diemens Land.— We are convinced that the concession of a full and free pardon to these Political Prisoners would diffuse joy and gladness amongst thousands of your Majestys Irish Subjects of all classes, opinions & denominations and materially tend to the permanent tranquillization of this kingdom, and we therefore humbly and ardently pray your Majesty to graciously direct the total remission of the sentence pronounced on William Smith O'Brien, and exiled companions and the speedy restoration of their Liberty.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our common Seal at an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly held on the 16th day of March, 1852.

And said Memorial was thereupon adopted on the motion of J. C. Atkinson second by J. C. Butterly whereupon the Town Clerk was directed to have same engrossed forthwith and having in the presence of the Mayor affixed the Corporate Seal thereto to forward same to the Home Secretary for presentation to her Majesty on motion of J. C. Shegog seconded by

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J. C. Handy. — The Assembly thereupon adjourned to Monday 12th April next at 12 O'Clock p.

Peter Verdon Mayor

Adjourned Quarterly Assembly.

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 12th day of April 1852.—

Present The Mayor Chairman
2 Aldermen and 6 Councillors

Minutes read and signed of last meeting.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Assembly were read by the town Clerk and signed by the Mayor as Chairman

Petitions to the House of Commons adopted & ordered to be engrossed & and having Corporate Seal affixed & by the Mayor to be forwarded to Jno. Reynolds for presentation. —

The Petitions to the House of Commons adopted at the last day of Meeting, One praying the removal of the Jewish Disabilities, and the other the speedy passing of the Health of towns Bill were ordered to be engrossed and having the Corporate Seal affixed by the Mayor to be forwarded to John Reynolds Esqr. for presentation on the Motion of Alderman Boylan, secanded by Councillor Patrick Kelly

J. C. Daly appointed Quarterly Assembly to alter Bye Laws, also to appoint a qualified Auditor of the Accounts & Salary not to exceed £20 Also to appoint a Committee of five Members of the Corpn. with five others not of the Council should be empowered to take steps to the supply of waters

Councillor Daly thereupon gave Notice of a Motion for next Quarterly Assembly to appoint a Committee, to alter the Bye Laws. — Also to appoint a proper qualified Auditor of the Accounts at a Salary not exceeding £20 yearly. — Also to appoint a Committee of five Members of the Corporation who with five others not of the Council should be empowered to take decisive steps for obtaining an abundant supply of pure water.—

A Memorial read from William Garvey praying an increase of his wages was referred to the Paving Committee on Motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by J. C. Kelly.—

A Memorial was read from Denis M'Killagh a tenant of the Corporation for a portion of the lands of Town Ruth, praying a Reduction in his rent and referred to the land Valuation Committee on Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by J. C. Handy.—

Peter Verdon Mayor

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Genl. Quarter Assembly

At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 13th May, 1852.

Present

1 Alderman and 9 Councillors

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor Alderman Boylan was called to the Chair.

Council Adjourned

On Motion of Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Hand in Consequence of the necessary absence of the Mayor and a considerable number of the Council the Assembly was adjourned to Monday 10th May instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock.

[illegible] Mayor

Adjourned Quarterly Assemy.

At An Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Corporation of Drogheda, held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday 10th May, 1852.

Present, The Mayor Chairman.

Three Aldermen, and Eleven Councillors.

Report read from Paving Committee.

A Report was read from the Paving Committee and adopted on the motion of Councillor Keappock, seconded by Alderman Mathews. The following is a Copy of said Report

Committee purst to advertisement receive tenders for the supply of broken Stones.

Your Committee having pursuant to Advertisement received tenders for the supply of Broken Stones, Paving Stones and Sand for the use of the Borough for one year from 1st May inst, beg leave to report that the tender of John Kelly of Mell is the lowest, viz. for broken Stones per 20 Cwt. 1/2 for paving Stones 5d per 15 Cwt. and for Sand 5d per 15 Cwt and they accordingly recommend the acceptance by the Council of said tender for the residue of one year from 1st May inst. and that a sum of £10. be retained out of his first deliveries until the completion of his contract as a security for the due performance of same, which your Committee Certify as their report this 10th May, 1852.

Anthony Keappock, Chairman

Memorial read from F. McGauley retired Town Sergeant.

A Memorial was also read from Francis McGauley a retired town Sergeant, asking the Council to grant him a suit of Clothes on which no motion was made.

Memorial from Thomas Maypother asking allowance

A Memorial was also read from Thomas Maypother a tenant of the Corporation asking an allowance in his rent, in consequence of the late period of the year (1851) in which he had received Possession of his holding, and same was referred to the land Valuation Committee for consideration and Report.

Gass Compy. a/c read referred to Finance Committee.

An Account was read from the Gass Company and referred to the Finance Committee.

Councillor Daly thereupon pursuant to Notice moves that a Committee consisting of the Mayor, Councillors

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Revision of existing Bye Laws.

Daly, Patrick Kelly and Inman, with Alderman Matthews be appointed to revise the existing Bye Laws and report to the Assembly whatever Amendments or additions they may consider necessary; which Motion was seconded by Alderman Patrick Matthews and passed.—

J.C. Daly, pursuant to Notice moves that an Auditor be appointed &c. with the sanction of the Lord Lieutenant.

Councillor Daly thereupon also moved pursuant to Notice that an Auditor be appointed with the sanction of the Lord Lieutenant at a Salary not exceeding £15. yearly, to Audit the Corporate Accounts, Which was seconded by Councillor Courtney and passed.—

J.C. Daly moved pursuant to Notice that a Committee be appointed for the supply of pure water, with power to employ an experienced person or persons.

Councillor Daly also moved pursuant to Notice, that a Committee, consisting of Aldermen James Matthews, Cumis, Patrick Matthews, Councillors O'Neill, Thomas Kelly and Inman, with the mover and Seconder, be appointed to take decisive steps towards procuring a supply of pure water, with power to employ an experienced person or persons, to examine the sources of supply, and Report to the Assembly, Which Motion was seconded by Councillor Courtney and passed.

The Assembly thereupon Adjourned to Tuesday, 1st June next at one Oclock, P.M.

Mayor

27th May, 1852.

Election held before Patrick Casey Alderman West Gate Ward Electing Councillor &c. &c.

On this day an Election was held before Patrick Casey Esq. as Senior Alderman of West Gate Ward with Messrs Robert Morton and Patrick Brennan Assessors of said Ward pursuant to Public Notice duly posted on the door of the Thelsel for the purpose of Electing a Councillor for said Ward in the Room of Mr. John Shegog deceased when John Carroll of West Street was elected in his stead, and said Election was duly published as the law directs.—

Mayor

1st June 1852

Adjourned quarterly assembly.—

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Corporation of Drogheda held on Tuesday 1st June 1852.

Present, The Mayor, Chairman
4 Aldermen and 12 Councillors

Minutes read and approved of

The Minutes of the last days meeting were read by the Town Clerk and approved of and signed by the Mayor, as Chairman.—

Memorial to Lord Lieutenant.

The draft of a Memorial to the Lord Lieutenant praying his sanction to the appointment by the Corporation of a paid Auditor was read by the town Clerk of which the following is a Copy.—

To His Excellency Archibald Earl of Eglinton Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.—

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen & Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda,

Respectfully Showeth,

That your Memorialists in their Corporate Capacity are possessed of an annual income of about £3400. yearly, consisting of House property and lands situate in the Counties of the town

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of Drogheda. Meath and South held chiefly in small tenancies.

That this income is expended by your Memorialists in paying the interest on the Corporation debt incurred by their predecessors. Salaries of Public Officers, and in cleansing lighting and watching the Borough.

That in consequence of the great number of items of expenditure and of vouchers required, the Accounts of said income and expenditure are necessarily voluminous and complicated, and your Memorialists in practice find that the examination of them by the auditors appointed under the Statute is imperfect the persons elected having business of their own to attend to and being unpaid have no sufficient motive to induce them to give that close attention and scrutiny the subject requires

May it therefore please your Excellency, under the powers for that purpose given you by the Statute to allow your Memorialists to appoint a suitable person to audit the Corporate Accounts at a Salary not exceeding £15. yearly.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our Common Seal at an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly held on the 1st. day of June 1852.

Resolved on the Motion of Alderman Matthews seconded by J. C. Daly, that said Memorial be engrossed by the town Clerk and forwarded for presentation after having been signed by the Mayor and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto by him. — A letter was read from Mrs E. Hardman.

Letter from B. Tumalty

A letter from Mr. B. Tumalty on the source of the supply of pure water for the Borough was read & ordered to the Water Committee.

Moved by Ald. Boylan seconded by J. C. Butterly that the Mem. to His Excellency requiring an improved Postal Communication between Drogheda & Navan,

It was thereupon moved by Alderman Boylan and seconded by Councillor Butterly and resolved that a Memorial be sent to his Excellency requiring an improved postal communication between Drogheda and Navan accompanied with a request that he would be pleased to receive a deputation on the subject.

The Mayor with Alderman Boylan and Mathews were named as such deputation on the Motion of Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Ellis.

Letter from B. Tumalty

A letter was read from Mr. B. Tumalty referring to his professional and public services and asking the Council to remit him the rent of his holding under them either in whole or in part on which no motion was made.

Memorial from Night Watch

A memorial was read from the night Watchmen asking the Council to continue to them the increase in their wages of 1/ per head per week by granted them in November last up to the first day of May last, but since discontinued, which Memorial was referred to the Finance Committee on Motion of Councillor Courtney seconded by Alderman James Mathews.

An Account from Mr. Thomas Hammond for Stones supplied was read & referred to the Paving Committee.

Assembly adjourned

The Assembly thereupon Adjourned to Monday 21st. June instant at 12 O'Clock P.

Peter Verdon Mayor

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 21st June, 1852,

Present the Mayor as Chairman

3 Aldermen and 9 Councillors.—

Minutes of proceedings Read,

The Minutes of Proceedings of the last Assembly were read by the Town Clerk, approved of and signed by the Mayor as Chairman.—

An Account was read from the Gas Compy claiming a balance of £216 - 2 - 8 -

Memorial from James McCartney Chief Constable,

A Memorial was read from Mr. James McCartney Chief Constable asking an Order on the Treasurer to pay his Salary monthly instead of Quarterly as heretofore which order was granted on motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Councillor Atkinson.—

Draft Memorial to the Lord Lieutenant on postal Communication between Drogheda and Navan,

The draft of a memorial to the Lord Lieutenant relative to the insufficiency of the present Postal communication between Drogheda and Navan was read which was ordered to be forwarded under the Corporate seal with alteration as to a matter of fact therein stated.—

Report read from land Valuation Committee

A Report from the land valuation Committee was read and adopted on motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Ellis.

The following is a copy of said Report.

Memorial of Denis McCullough seeking abatement in rent,

In reference to the Memorial of Denis McCullough a tenant asking a reduction in the rent of his holding at Town Rath and referred to us on 12th April last, your Committee find that on 14th December 1849, his rent was reduced from £2. 10. 0 per Irish Acre, the rent at which he had taken it in February, 1847, to £1. 15. 0 which was the full amount of the reduction he then sought; and under those Circumstances, Your

Committee cannot recommend that any further reduction be given him.—

Memorial of Thos. Maypother referred to Committee,

With respect to the Memorial of Thomas Maypother referred to us on 10th May last, your Committee find that he had some difficulty and delay in getting possession of his holding, and we accordingly recommend that an allowance of £2. be made him in his next gale of rent.—

Committee recommend the Property in Free School lane be advertised and also that in Scarlet St. for building ground

Your Committee having taken into consideration the present state of the Corporate property in Free School lane and Scarlet Street recommend that they be again advertised for building ground, and with that view, that power should be deligated to your Committee to fix the lotts, and have suitable advertisements inserted, which we Certify as our report this 8th June, 1852,

Peter Verdon } Chairman,

Report Finance read & adopted on motion of Ald. Boylan seconded, by T. C. Campbell

A Report from the Finance Committee was read and adopted on Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Campbell.—

Report of Finance Committee,

Memorial of Night Watchmen, for increase of Salary

In reference to the Memorial of the night Watchmen, asking the Council to continue to them the increase in their wages of 1s each per week granted to them last winter, but which was then limitted to the first of May last, Your Committee recommend a Compliance with the prayer of their Memorial, on the terms that they engage themselves in no other employment but devote their entire time the duties of their situation, Dated this 8th June, 1852.—

Peter Verdon } Chairman.

Councillor Daly pursuant to Notice

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moves that a Committee be appointed to treat with Mr. Balfour, for a take of the holding at Prospect to be turned into a Pleasure ground for the Inhabitants, which motion was seconded by Alderman Casey, and a discussion having arisen, the question was put from the Chair and a division having taken place, — five voted for the motion and eight against it, and the Motion was therefore declared lost. —

Assembly Adjourned to 13th July next, 1 O'Clk.

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to Tuesday, 13th July next, at One O'Clock. —

[illegible] Mayor

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation, held on 13th July, 1852 —

Present the Mayor, Chairman

2 Aldermen, and 9 Councillors.

Letter from under Sect.y for Ireland on subject of Memorial from this Corporation

The following letter from the Under Secretary for Ireland on the subject of the Memorial from this Corporation asking the Lord Lieutenant to sanction the appointment by the Council of a paid Auditor was read by the Town Clerk, —

Dublin Castle 9th June, 1852.

Sir,

Copy Letter from Under Sect.y of State

Having by desire of the Lord Lieutenant referred your letters and accompanying Memorial to the Law Adviser of the Government, I am to inform you, that he stated, that in his opinion His Excellency has no authority to interfere in the matter therein referred to, but observes that perhaps the Memorialists will be so good as to state the particular act to which they allude. The 3rd & 4th Vic, Cap. 108, Sec. 94, refers to the Creation of New Offices for which the approbation of the Lord Lieutenant must be had; but the office of Auditor's is created by the Act itself, and he thinks, that under the 9th Section, the Council of the Borough have full authority to pay their Auditors, such Salary or allowance as they shall think reasonable,

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John Wynne.

Peter Verdon Esqr. —
Mayor.
Drogheda

A letter

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Letter read from private Secty of Lord Lieutenant consenting to an interview with deputation appointed to wait on him.

A letter was also read from the Private Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant consenting to an interview with the deputation appointed to wait upon him relative to the postal communication between Drogheda and Navan.

Town Clerk reads letter dated 5th Septr 1851 from Lords of the Treasury on subject of Corporate Debentures.

The Town Clerk thereupon read a letter dated 5th September 1851 from the Lords of the Treasury, on the subject of the Corporate Debentures, and asks instructions.—

Some of the Corporation Creditors pressing for an arrangement.—Whereupon it was ordered that he again advertise in the English as well as Irish Newspapers for the amount required at 4 per Cent Interest.

Committee appointed to wait on Boyne Commissioners on the subject of the present rate of Patronage of Coals within the Boro.

It was resolved on the motion of Alderman Boyland, seconded by J. C. Kelly. that a Committee consisting of J. C. Courtney William Campbell, John Carroll, R. B. Daly & Ellis be appointed to confer with the Boyne Commissioners on the subject of the present rates for the patronage of Coals, within the Borough with a view to the revision of same.

Peter Kerrigan Mayor.

At a Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 2nd August 1852.

Present The Mayor, Chairman
2 Aldermen and 8 Councillors

The Minutes of the two last Meetings in Assembly were read and signed by the Mayor as chairman.

Memorial of Town Sergeants

A Memorial was read from the Town Sergeants asking the Council to grant them an increase of Salary in Consequence of their loss of fees owing to the recent Statutes which diminished the number of Warrants for execution issuing out of the Mayors Court and which memorial was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

Letter from Col. Campbell appointing Wednesday 4th inst. 1 O'Clock for interview with Lord Lieutenant.

A Letter was read from Col. Campbell Private Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant appointing Wednesday 4th instant. Hour One O'Clock P. M. at the Vice Regal Lodge Phœnix Park as the time and place for his Excellency to meet the deputation from this Body Authorised to request his interference with the Post Office Authorities in improving the Postal Communication between Drogheda and Navan.

Notice from Mr Daly requesting to have his Notices of Motion postponed.

The Town Clerk mentioned that he had received a message from J. C. Daly requesting him to have his Notices of Motion saved for next Meeting. but it was moved by J. C. Reappeck and seconded by J. C. Campbell. that in consequence of Mr Daly's absence those notices be discharged, and said motion having been put from the Chair was Passed.

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to Tuesday 24th instant at One O'Clock P. M.

Peter Kerrigan Mayor

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At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation, held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel, on Tuesday, 24th August, 1852.—

Present, The Mayor, as Chairman
5 Aldermen and 10 Councillors.

Minutes of last days proceedings read

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

His Worship the Mayor states the result of interview with the Lord Lieutenant

His Worship the Mayor therefore states that the result of the interview with the Lord Lieutenant in the suject of an improved postal communication between Drogheda and Navan, and that he and that he and the other gentlemen forming the deputation had been very graciously received by his Excellency, who had promised to use his best exertions and his influence with the Post Office Authorities to have their wishes if possible carried into effect.

Memorial from Inhabitants of Dublin Gate &c praying that a pump may be erected in that vicinity.

A Memorial having been read from the Inhabitants of Dublin Gate, praying the Council to have a Pump erected in that vicinity it was moved by Alderman Ennis, seconded by Councillor Atkinson, and resolved that the Water Committee be authorised to sink a well the proper depth on the road leading from James Street to Saint Mary's Church, and to erect a good Pump thereon the best terms they could

Councillor Courtney moves that the Council advertise for a person to fill the Office of Treasurer

Councillor Courtney pursuant to Notice given by him, moves that the Council advertise for a proper person to fill the Office of Treasurer to this Corporation for one year, which having been seconded by Councillor Campbell, Alderman James Mathews, thereupon moves an Amendment that Mr. William Campbell of Magdalene Street Gent.

be elected Treasurer for one year, from this date and that he enter into Security of £500. himself with two sureties to be approved of by the Law Committee, and that the sureties and himself perfect a Bond in that amount conditioned for the due performance of his Office, such Bond to be prepared by the Law Agents, which amendment was seconded by Alderman Boyland, and having been put from the Chair, was carried unanimously. A conversation having thereupon taken place relative to the present deficient supply of water to the Borough the Town Clerk was directed to issue a Circular to the Corporate Towns, urging them to petition for the passing at the next Meeting of Parliament the health of Towns Bill.

The Assembly then Adjourned to Monday 13th September next, at the hour of twelve O'Clock.—

Patk Hoey Mayor

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At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation, held 13th Septr. 1852.

Present, The Mayor as Chairman
9 Councillors, and 2 Aldermen

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read and signed by the Chairman.—

Memorial read from Michael Chester.—

A Memorial was read from Michael Chester, a Baker residing in Magdalene Street stating that in consequence of a late fire on his premises he had lost his all, and asking relief from the Corporate funds.

Memorial of James Rogers read, referred to Land Valuation Committee.

A Memorial was read from James Rogers, a tenant to the Corporation for part of the lands of Town Rath, praying an abatement in his rent, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for consideration, and report on motion of J. C. Boylan seconded by J. C. Walsh.—

Correspondence between his Worship the Mayor & Lord Lieutenant.

The Correspondence between his Worship the Mayor, and the Lord Lieutenant, on the subject of billetting soldiers was then read.—

Sanatory Committee be appointed.

It was moved by Alderman Boylan & seconded by J. C. Ellis, and resolved that a sanatory Committee be appointed, and it was therefore moved by Alderman Boylan and seconded by J. C. Walsh and resolved, that such Committee be composed of the following members Viz. The Mayor, J. C. Atkinson Aldn. Boylan, J. C. Carroll & Ellis.—

It was resolved on Motion of J. C. Ellis seconded by Aldn. Boylan, that the premises in Free School lane, and Scarlet Street be Advertised to be let on building leases for 75 years, from 29th ins.t

The Assembly thereupon Adjourned to Monday 4th October next at 12 O'Clock.

Patt. Boylan
Chairman

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 4th October 1852.

Present The Mayor as Chairman
1 Alderman and 7 Councillors

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Proposal of Mr. John Rowland for premises in Free School Lane.

A Proposal from Mr. John Rowland offering £21. yearly Rent for Premises in Free School lane as advertised was read and referred to building Committee on Motion of J. C. Courtnay seconded by J. C. Byrne.

Account of Gass Company.

An Account from the Gas Company claiming £37. 10. 0. for the Summers lighting was referred to the lighting Committee for examination and report.—

Report of lighting Committee.

A Report was read from the Lighting Committee and Adopted on Motion of Councillor Gargan seconded by Councillor Kelly.

The following is a Copy of said Report

Report of Lighting Committee.

Your Committee have received the following proposal from the Gass Company

Drogheda Gas Works. 16th Septemr. 1852.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Council of the Borough of Drogheda

Gentlemen,

Proposal of Gass Company for lighting Public Lamps.

We propose to supply Gass lights Extinguishing, Clean and keep in repair for three Years, not less than One hundred of the Public Lamps and any additional number that may be required in the Parishes of Saint Peters and said Mary's Drogheda from the first day of October 1852, till the 30th day of April, in each year both days inclusive, for the sum of three pounds Sterling per lamp, subject to the following

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following Conditions, — Each lamp to be supplied with a Bateing burner, that will emit three Cubic feet of Gass per hour, the lighting to be completed one hour after Sun Set, and extinguished to commence an hour and a quarter before Sunrise; Should any lamp remain without light, the quantity of Gass, such lamp would consume if lighted, to be deducted from the Account at the rate of six shillings and eight pence, per thousand Cubic feet, except in the Case of a lamp being out only one night by accidint, and any complaints you may have to make, to be communicated in writing addressed to the Directors of the Drogheda Gass Company at their Office. —

The payment of each years lighting to be made as follows, One hundred pounds Sterling on the first of January in each year, One hundred Pounds on the first of March following, and the balance on the first of June in each year; and in the event of any instalment or balance remaining unpaid after the above Dates, interest at the rate of five per Cent per Annum to be charged on same, or any part thereof, until the amount due be paid. —

We are Gentlemen,
Yrs. respectfully
James Lewis, } Directors of the
Jos. Montgomery } Drogheda
Jno. Morton } Gas Compy.

And your Committee recommend to adopt said proposal, the number of lamps to be lighted, the ensuing Winter being 100, and at the places indicated on the list to this our report annexed, Dated this 4th day of Octr. 1852. —

Chairman.

A Memorial was read from Mr. Peter Hoey, Inspector of the Fish Market, asking an increase of Salary on which no motion was made. —

Letter read from B. T. Balfour addressed to his Worship.

A Letter was Read from Mr. Blaney Townly Balfour Junr. Addressed to his Worship inquiring whether the Council were disposed to treat with him for a Lease of Prospect, on which a discussion took place, and the Mayor was requested to write to him on the Part of the Corporation declining to negociate. —

[illegible] Mayor

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At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough held in the Tholsel on 1st Novemr 1852.

Present, The Mayor as Chairman

4 Aldermen, and 12 Councillors.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor.

Proposals for Prems. in Free School Lane & Scarlet Street & Scarlet lane referred to land Valuation Committee.

Proposals for premises in Free School lane Lawrence Street William Street and Scarlet lane & Scarlet Street as advertised in the local Journals for letting on 75 Years lease were read. When Mr. John Duffys offer of £34 yearly rent, for premises in Free School lane &c. as advertised was accepted on motion of Councillor Hand seconded by Alderman Boylan, and James Weathers's proposal for Scarlet lane and Scarlet Street premises was referred to land Valuation Committee on Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Campbell.

Memorial from Margt McCullough.

A Memorial from Margaret McCullough asking compensation for her husbands holding at Town Rath was read and referred ~~and referred~~ to same Committee.

Memorial Catherine Harlin.

On Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by T. C. Kelly a Memorial of Catherine Harlin a tenant of the Corporation at Town Rath asking a reduction in her rent was referred to same Committee.

A Letter was read from Mr. McEvoy and Co. offering to mind and keep in order the Town Clock if engaged.

The Mayor thereupon read a Correspondence which took place between himself the Under Secretary and the Dublin and Drogheda Railway Company, and between the Under Secretary and the Post Office Authorities on the subject of the Deficient Postal Communication between Drogheda and Navan, whereupon it was ordered that the Committee already in Communication with the Authorities on the subject be requested to continue their efforts to have the matter adjusted between the Post Office and Railway Company.

A Memorial from Patrick Kenny asking Capes for

for himself and the other nightly Watchmen was read and referred to the Clothing Committee.

Account of Gass Co. referred to Finance Committee.

An Account from the Gas Company was read and referred to the Finance Committee for examination and report.

Report of Bye Law Committee.

The following report was read from the Revision of Bye Laws comr.

Your Committee beg leave to report that in acting under the order of reference of 10th May last directing them to revise the present Bye Laws, and to inquire and report whatever amendments or additions they might consider necessary, beg leave to recommend that in all cases where fines are inflicted by the Bye Laws it be discretionary with the Magistrates to impose a fine of such lesser amount as they may think advisable, but not exceeding the maximum sum mentioned in the Bye Laws. And your Committee recommend that the following provisions be added to the present existing Bye Laws.

That any person who without the consent of the owner or occupier, shall affix any posting Bill or other paper against or upon any Building, Wall Fence, or Pail or write upon, soil, deface or make any such building, Wall, Fence or Pail with Chalk or Paint or in any other way whatsoever or wilfully break or destroy any part of such building, Wall, Fence or Pail or any fixture or appendage thereunto or any Tree, Shrub or Seat in any Public Walk, Wall or Garden, or shall Commit any Nuisance in or upon any Public Street, Lane or Passage within the Borough shall for each such offence forfeit and pay as a fine or penalty a sum not exceeding 40/d

That every Common Prostitute or nightwalker loitering or being in any thoroughfare or public place for the purpose of prostitution or Solicitation to the annoyance of the Inhabitants or passengers shall for each such Offence forfeit and pay as a fine or penalty a sum not exceeding 40/o.

That every person who shall sell or distribute or offer for sale or distribution or exhibit to the public view any profane indecent or obscene Book, Paper, Print, Drawing, Painting or Representation, or sing any profane, indecent or obscene song, or ballad, or write or draw any indecent or obscene word figure or Representation, or use any profane, indecent or obscene language to the annoyance of the

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the Inhabitants or passengers, shall for each such offence forfeit and pay as a fine or penalty a sum not exceeding 40/0

That every person who shall wilfully and wantonly disturb any Inhabitant by pulling or ringing any Door Bells or kicking at any Door without lawful excuse, or who shall wilfully and unlawfully extinguish the light of any lamp shall for each such offence forfeit and pay as a fine or penalty a sum not exceeding 40/0. Which your Committee Certify as their report this 1st November. 1852.

} Chairman

And it was thereupon moved by Alderman Boylan and seconded by Councillor Keappock and resolved that the foregoing report be adopted by this Assembly and that the recommendations and provisions therein contained be adopted as Bye Laws of this Borough, and that the Town Clerk take the necessary steps to have them ratified as such.

Letter read from Treasurer to Town Clerk.

A Letter from the Treasurer to the Town Clerk was read which amongst other matters contained a renewal of an offer made by him in January last for premises in Scarlet Street & Scarlet lane as advertised, whereupon his former offer for said premises was referred to the land Valuation Committee.

Tender from Grendon & Company.

A Tender was read from Grendon & Co. for repairs of gutters at Mayoralty House which was referred to the Building Committee

Petition against Ministers Money.

Alderman Boylan pursuant to notice moves that the Council Petition Parliament for the abolition of Ministers Money which motion was seconded by T. C. Kelly and passed.

Ordered that a Petition same as last year be engrossed and forwarded under the Corporation Seal to the present Member Mr. James McCann.

T. C. Daly moves that Auditors to be paid

T. C. Daly pursuant to notice moves that the elected Auditors do henceforth be paid a Salary of £10 yearly.

T. C. Courtnay seconds. Ordered that the Auditors to be elected henceforth be paid a yearly Salary of £10 on the terms of their submitting to each Quarterly Assembly a detailed account of the then

existing

existing state of the Corporate accounts. Adjourned to Tuesday 16th instant at 1 O'Clock P.M.

[illegible] Mayor

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation, held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel, on Tuesday the 16th Novemr. 1852.

Present the Mayor as Chairman 4 Aldermen, and 12 Councillors.

Minutes of last days proceedings read.

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by the Mayor.

Memorial read from T. Serjeants

A Memorial was read from the Town Serjeants asking an increase of Salary, which was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

A Memorial from James Purcell, asking a lease of his present holding in Leatherway lane, at 40s. yearly rent was read and referred the Land Valuation Committee.

Tenders read from Davis & Co. Messrs. Todd & Company

Tenders were read from James Davis & Co. and from Messrs. Todd and Lang, offering for the Nightly Watchman's Capes and Hats, whereupon the Tender of James Davis and Company, at 7s/10d. each for Capes and 7s/0 each for Hats was accepted as the lower.

Committee appointd. to inspect town Clock

The Mayor, with Councillors Keappock and Patrick Kelly were appointed a Committee to inspect the Town Clock and have it repaired on Motion of Alderman Mathews, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Councillor

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C. Atkinson moves that the Council Petition the Legislature for an additional Member for Drogheda

Draft Petition Read and adopted and Ordered to be engrossed with the Corporate Seal affixed thereto

C. Atkinson

Councillor, pursuant to Notice duly given moves that the Council Petition the Legislature that one of the vacant Seats, caused by the disfranchisement of Sudbury, and St. Albans be conferred on Drogheda, which motion was seconded by Councillor Walsh and carried. —

A Draft of the Petition was thereupon read by Councillor Atkinson, and adopted on Motion of Alderman Ennis seconded by Councillor Courtney, and it was ordered that the Petition be engrossed and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto and that it be forwarded to Mr. James McCann the present Member for Drogheda, for presentation in the House of Commons, and that Mr. Butt and other Irish Members be requested to support it.

The following is a Copy of said Petition.

To the Right Honorable & Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgesses of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament Assembled. ——

The Humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen & Burgesses of the Boro of Drogheda.

Sheweth. —

That your Petitioners have been long since impressed with the great inadequacy of the Parliamentary Representation, of the County of the Town of Drogheda, possessing as it does, a trading and Commercial population amounting from 20 to 24 thousand within the Parliamentary Boundary.

That Drogheda is the Seat of several large Manufacturing Establishments, productive of extensive employment, with four Banking Establishments

Establishments. — Branches of the Provincial Bank, Bank of Ireland, the Belfast Banking Company, Bank of and the Hibernian Bank. —

That Drogheda maintains a considerable trade with Liverpool and other English, as well as foreign Ports. — the number and tonage of Steamers and sailing Vessels registered as belonging to Port representing a large aggregate tonage. —

That its Exports and Imports, its Customs and its Excise Duties, Rating to the Poor, Grand Jury Presentments, and Corporate Revenue mainly exceed all other towns in Ireland, returning a single Member to Parliament.

That Drogheda is an Ancient Corporate Town, having an Independent Jurisdiction, and in which, Assizes and Quarter Sessions have been immemorially held. —

That, previous to the Legislative Union of Ireland with Great Britain, Drogheda possessed for almost the space of 500 Years, the privilege of sending Two Burgesses to Parliament. —

Your Petitioners being strongly strongly impressed with the advantages derivable from an adequate representation of their many extensive trading & Commercial interests in Parliament, humbly pray your honble House to grant them the Privilege of sending an additional Burgess to Parliament, and inasmuch as there are now four Vacant Seats at the disposal of Parliament, that one of them may be conferred upon the Boro of Drogheda.

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and Your Petitioners will as in duty bound
er 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 ... day of November
One thousand Eight Hundred and fifty two.

Motion of C. Daly, second^d by C. Byrne, that the Water Committee be empowered to erect a Pump in Duke Street

It was resolved on the Motion of Councillor Daly
seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the Water Committee
be empowered to erect a Pump in Duke Street, to be
supplied by a Well on premises belonging to Representatives
Thomas Grendon, the use of the well having been given by
Mr. St. George Smyth. — The Assembly then Adjourned to
the 1st day of December at twelve O'Clock.

[signature] Mayor

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 Wednesday the first day
of December, 1852.

Present The Mayor Chairman
5 Aldermen and 17 Councillors

Minutes of last days proceedings read.

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

Ald. Boylan moves that C. Kelly be elected Mayor.

Alderman Boylan thereupon moved that Councillor
Patrick Kelly be elected Mayor for the ensuing year, which motion
was seconded by Councillor Hand.

Council^r Fernan moves that Ald. J. Mathews be elected Mayor for the ensuing Year

Councillor Fernan moved that Alderman James
Mathews be elected Mayor for the ensuing year, which was
seconded by Councillor Butterly.

It was also proposed by Councillor Daly, and seconded
by Councillor Ellis, that Councillor Atkinson be elected Mayor
for the ensuing year, whereupon Councillor Atkinson withdrew
from the contest, and a Poll was taken by the Mayor on Consent,
and the several members present having voted viva voice there
appeared for Alderman James Mathews twelve Votes and for
Councillor Kelly Eleven Votes, whereupon Alderman James Mathews
was declared from the Chair elected Mayor for the ensuing Year
commencing 1st January, 1853.

Report from Land Valuation Committee read.

A Report from the Land Valuation Committee was read
and adopted on motion of Councillor Keappock, seconded by Councillor
Kelly. — The following is a Copy of said Report.

Your Committee beg to report that having
advertised and received tenders for the Premises in Scarlet
Street and Scarlet lane, formerly demised to Burton Tandy
Esqr. find that the tender of Mr. William Campbell the Treasurer
at £8 yearly rent to Commence from 25th March next, is the
highest, and recommend its acceptance by the Council on
the terms of his building two or more slated Houses fronting
Scarlet lane, and taking out a building lease on or before

1st

1st February next.

Recommend^n of Land Valuation Committee

Your Committee have considered the offer of James Purcell of 40/p Yearly Rent for his holding in Leatherwaylane, and recommend that he be granted a lease for thirty years, to Commence 1st November last at said rent which we Certify as our Report this 1st December 1852

Peter Verdon, Mayor } Chairman

A Report from the Finance Committee was read and adopted on Motion of Alderman Patrick Matthews seconded by Councillor Daly.——

Report of Finance Committee

The following is a Copy of said Report

Your Committee beg to Report that they have considered the Memorial of the Sam Sergeants referred to them at the last Meeting of the Council, asking an increase in their Salary, their perquisites having been almost entirely abolished by the late legislation relating to the recovery of small debts and the appointment of Summons servers to the Petty Sessions Court, and Your Committee cannot in the present State of the Corporate finances recommend any increase in their salaries there being no corresponding increase in their duties, and the diminution in their income not having arisen from any action of this Corporation. Which we Certify as our Report this 1st December, 1852.

Peter Verdon, Mayor } Chairman

Standing Committee appointed

Councillor Atkinson moves that Alderman Ennis Councillors Atkinson and Daly be appointed a standing Committee to carry out the objects of the Petition praying an additional Member for Drogheda, which Motion was seconded by Alderman Patrick Matthews and Carried

C. Daly, that T. Clerk be instructed to advertise for a person to examine &c

Councillor Daly moves that the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise for a person to examine and Report on the best source of supply of Water for the Borough, which was

seconded by Councillor Ellis and Carried.—

Memorial of Bart. Tumulty

A Memorial was read from Mr B. Tumulty enumerating his services, and making some suggestions which was referred to the Building Committee on Motion of Councillor Atkinson seconded by Councillor Kelly.—

Tenders for old Lead

Tenders for the old Lead on the Corn Market House were read, and referred to the Building Committee.—

The Treasurer submits to the Meeting his half yearly account ending 1st September last —

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 14th instant at one O'Clock P.M.—

Peter Verdon Mayor

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Election of Borough Auditors and Borough and Ward assessors.

3rd December 1852 –

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 for the ensuing Year and also for Assessors for the Laurence Gate Ward before Patrick Boylan Esquire as Senior Alderman of said Ward when Messrs James Healy and Daniel Delany were elected Assessors and Messrs Thos Sheridan and James Mc Kenna were elected Auditors of the Borough and Messrs Nicholas Boylan and Thomas Burron were elected Assessors for the Laurence's Gate Ward for the ensuing Year and said Elections were duly published as the law directs –

Jas Healy and Danl Delany elected Borough assessors and Thomas Sheridan and James Mc Kenna elected Borough Auditors –

Nichs Boylan and Thos Burron elected Assessors for Laurence gate ward

On the same day Thomas Ennis Esquire Deputy Senior Alderman of the West gate Ward and Patrick Casey Esquire Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward delivered to the Mayor the return of the Elections for Ward Assessors held by them respectively on the above day, whereby Messrs Patrick Courtney and Patrick Byrne were elected Assessors for the West Gate Ward and Messrs Bartholomew Courtney and Patrick Brennan for the Fair gate Ward and said Elections were also duly published as the law directs –

Patrick Courtney and Patrick Byrne elected Assessors for the West Gate Ward. and Bartholomew Courtney and Patrick Brennan elected Assessors for Fair Gate Ward.

Peter Keyes Mayor

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 Tuesday the 14th day of December 1852 –

Present – The Mayor –

4 Aldermen, 9 Councillors –

Minutes of last Meeting read –

The minutes of last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by the Mayor –

1 Borough auditor and 2 Borough assessors declined office – and 1 West gate ward assessor had also declined office –

Town Clerk states, that one of the Borough Auditors and both Borough Assessors elected on 3rd instant had not Accepted Office and that one of the West gate Ward assessors had also not accepted Office –

The Assembly thereupon Adjourned to half-past 11 O'Clock on 1st January 1853 –

Peter Keyes Mayor

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17th December 1852-

Election of Ward assessor for west gate ward.

On this day an Election was held before Thomas Ennis Esquire Deputy Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward and Mr Patrick Byrne Assessor of said Ward, to fill the Vacancy Caused by the non-acceptance of Office of Mr Patrick Courtney elected on 3rd instant, Ward assessor of said Ward, but who had not accepted Office, when Mr John Duffy of Laurence Steet, Tailor was elected in his Stead and said Election was duly published as the Law directs.

Election of Borough auditor and Borough assessors-

On the same day an Election was held before Peter Verdon Esquire Mayor of the Borough to fill the Vacancies Caused by the non Acceptance of Office of Mr James Mc Kenna elected on 3rd instant one of the Borough Auditors and also by the non acceptance of Office of Mr James Healy and Mr Daniel Delany who had also been elected on 3rd instant, Borough Assessors but who had not Accepted Office- When Mr James Hickey of Laurence Street Grocer was elected Borough Auditor and Mr William Boylan of the South Quay Merchant and Mr James McKenna of Shop Steet House Painter were elected Borough Assessors and said elections were duly published as the law directs- James Mathews Mayor

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Jas Mathews Esqre elected and Sworn in 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 the first day of January 1853.

Present- The Mayor-

4 Aldermen and 12 Councillors.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by the Mayor-

The Mayor, with Aldermen James Mathews Mayor Elect and the members present thereupon proceeded to the Crown Court where the Mayor Elect was duly Sworn in as Mayor of the Borough for the Year Commencing this day before Christopher Jordan Esqre J.P. The Assembly then adjourned to Two OClock P.M. for the dispatch of Business and the Majority of the members present proceeded in their Robes of Office to attend Divine Service in Saint Peters Chapel-

Vote of thanks given to P. Verdon Esq. late mayor-

On their return Alderman James Mathews took his Seat as Mayor and Chairman-

It was thereupon moved by Alderman Casey That the marked thanks of the Council be tendered to Peter Verdon Esquire late Mayor, for the great Zeal and efficiency displayed by him during his Year of Office, which Motion was Seconded by Councillor O'Neill and Carried unanimously- Whereupon Councillor Verdon returned thanks-

The Meeting thereupon adjourned to 17th instant at 12 OClock- James Mathews Mayor

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At an adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on 17th January 1853.

Present. The Mayor.
2 Aldermen and 11 Councillors.

Minutes of last day read –

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by the Mayor.

Memorial of Mrs Elizth Hardman read and referred to the Finance Committee –

A Memorial from Mrs Elizabeth Hardman relating to certain Items of Account between the Corporation and herself as their tenant for rent and praying an Inquiry was read and referred to the Finance Committee On Motion of Alderman Boylan Seconded by Councillor Hand.

Report from Building Committee read and adopted

A Report from the Building Committee was read and adopted on Motion of Councillor Verdon Seconded by Councillor Patrick Kelly.

The following is a Copy of said Report.

Copy report ——

"Your Committee beg to report, That they have
"Agreed with Christopher Stapleton of Drogheda. Builder
"To Remove the old lead from the whole of the Corn Market
"Square except the Mayors Office and to Substitute ridge
"tiles instead thereof, for the Sum of £13.5.0 the whole
"to be Completed in a workmanlike manner on or before
"first February next. Dated this 28th December 1852"

"Peter Verdon – Chairman

Repot of Paving Committee read and adopted –

A Report from the Paving Committee was read and adopted on the motion of Alderman Boylan Seconded by Councillor Kappock.

The following is a Copy of said report –

"Your Committee have had before them a
"Memorial from certain of the Street Sweepers addressed
"to his Worship the Mayor asking an increase in their
"present wages of 6d per day in Consequence of the
"present high price of provisions and the fact that Some
"of them have wives and children dependant on them for

"for Support and Your Committee recommend that the wages of
"said Sweepers now receiving 6d per day each be increased to
"8d per day each to Continue until the first of May next.

"Your Committee beg to report that being unable on the
"day of letting the removal of the Soil from the public Streets to
"Sett lot No 7 of said Streets including West Street &c on reasonable
"terms, they invited Tenders for same and Your Committee recommend
"for acceptance by the Council the tender of Edward Monaghan
"to remove the Soil off said Lotts on the terms advertised for
"a Sum of £12 for one Year Commencing 1st January instant.

"Dated this 17th day of January 1853.

James Mathews Chairman.

Report of Land Valuation Committee read and adopted –

A Report from the Land Valuation Committee was read and adopted on Motion of Alderman Boylan Seconded by Councillor Butterly –

The following is a Copy of said Report –

Copy report.

"Your Committee beg to Report that we have
"Considered the Memorials of Denis McCullough and of the
"Widow Harlin tenants at Towrath referred to us and under
"all the Circumstances we recommend that Denis McCullough
"be forgiven his arrears now due by him and receive a Sum
"of £20 in Consideration of certain improvements made by
"him on the land and his building thereon upon his Yielding
"up full and quiet possession on or before Fifteenth February
"next and that Widow Harlin be also forgiven the arrears due
"by her and get a Sum of Ten pounds on her giving up possession
"on or before said fifteenth day of February next both to give
"Sufficient and proper Releases to the Corporation, And Your
"Committee recommend that on the delivery of such possession
"said two farms making together about 25 Irish Acres and
"lying together be Consolidated and forthwith be advertised
"for letting at a fair rent to an improving tenant of undoubted
"Solvency And Your Committee beg to further to recommend
"that James Rogers another of Your tenants at Towrath, now,

the

" the Representative of William Leonard get a reduction in
" the rent of his holding from his present rent of 45s/- per
" Irish Acre to 35s/- per like Acre, to Commence from and
" after 29th September 1851 on the terms of his paying up the
" Arrears now due on or before 1st May next and his Continuing
" to pay thenceforward each half Year before the other will
" become due and his taking out a lease thereof for 30 Years
" within three months from the date hereof otherwise in the
" event of his neglecting to fulfill those Conditions that he
" be merely taken as a tenant at will -

"Dated this 17th day of January 1853.

"James Mathews } Chairman"

Memorial from Owen Meighan. Weighmaster read and referred to Crane Committee -

A Memorial from Owen Meighan one of the Corporation Weighmasters asking an increase of Wages was read And referred to the Crane Committee for Consideration and report -

Memorial from Peter Hoey. Inspector of Fish Market read. no motion -

A Memorial from Peter Hoey. Inspector of the Fish Market asking a further increase of Salary was read on which No Motion was made -

Memorial from the inhabitants of Potatoe market read and referred to Lighting Committee

A Memorial from the Inhabitants of the Potatoe Market praying the restoration of a Lamp removed about two Years Since from the Corner of the Green Lanes and the removal of a nuisance at the lower end of the Potatoe Market was read and referred to the Lighting Committee for Consideration and report

Account from Gas Co. read.

An Account from the Gas Company Claiming a balance of £147.12.6 was read.

Account from James McKenna Painter read

An account from James McKenna House Painter Amounting to £7.5.0 was ordered to be paid On motion of Alderman Boylan Seconded by Councillor Patrick Kelly -

John Farrell to be pd £1-10-0 for furnishing Burgess lists

It was Ordered on motion of Alderman Boylan Seconded by Alderman Casey That John Farrell poor rate Collector be paid a Sum of £1.10.0 for furnishing

Lists of the rated Burgesses and attending the Town Clerk Comparing and analysing same -

James Mathews, Mayor

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At a General Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 1st day of February 1853.

Present –

The Mayor as Chairman –

2 Aldermen and 9 Councillors –

Minutes of last Meeting read –

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by the Mayor –

It was Moved by Alderman Boylan, Seconded by J.C Patrick Kelly and Resolved that the Corporate Seal be now affixed to a Bond from this Corporation to Sophia Olivia Holmes Admrix of the late Joseph Holmes in £1945 „ 4 „ 0 Conditioned for the payment of £972 „ 12 „ 0 on the 29th day of September 1857 with interest thereon at 5 per cent per annum from 29th September 1847 said Sum being the amount awarded to and accepted by him as Compensation to him for his loss of Office as Town Clerk and Register of the Tholsel Court to the late Corporation. The Seal was thereupon attached to said Bond as also to a Lease to James Purcell for 30 Years from 1st November 1852 of premises in Leatherway Lane and to a Lease to John Duffy of premises in Free School Lane &c for 75 Years from 25th March 1853 and to William Campbell of premises in Morgans Lane for Same time –

Seal affixed to Joseph Holmes bond for £972:12.

John Duffy

Mayor Acknowledges receipt of 4 Silver Cups.

The Mayor at the request of Peter Verdon Esq re late Mayor Acknowledges the receipt from him of four Silver Cups the property of this Corporation –

Memorial of Catherine Harlin read. no motion –

A Memorial from Catherine Harlin asking an increase in the Compensation Ordered her was read, upon which no Motion was made –

Peter Flynns tender for hosing night Cart Accepted.

Proposals for hosing the night Cart for one Year from this day having been Read Peter Flynns tender for Same at £9 „ 7 „ 6 was Accepted on the terms that he Sign a proper undertaking that if the duty be not properly done by him

the Council may at his expense employ another person to do it on the Motion of Alderman Boylan Seconded by J.C.Kelly.

Tenders for printing, Stationery, &c having been read. It was moved by Councillor Verdon Seconded by Councillor Carroll and Resolved that Mr Caffreys tender be accepted as being the lowest and most definite –

Mr Caffreys tender for printing &c accepted.

The lists of the Various Committees to Continue for one Year from this day having been read by the Town Clerk, Same were revised and Ordered to Stand, the members of the Council to be ex officio Members of every Committee with power to Vote, except the Law Committee On Motion of Alderman Boylan Seconded by J.C. Patrick Kelly –

Committee lists read and adopted.

The following is a list of said Committees as So revised –

List of Committees –

Finance Committee

The Mayor

Alderman Carty – Alderman Ennis –
J.C. P. Verdon – Alderman Boylan
J.C. Carroll – J.C. Daly.
Alderman Casey –

Law Committee

The Mayor –

Alderman Casey – Alderman Boylan –
Alderman Ennis – J.C. Atkinson –
Alderman Carty – J.C. O'Neill,
J.C. P. Verdon – J.C. Reapprock –

Building Committee

The Mayor –

Alderman Carty – J.C. P. Kelly.
Alderman Ennis – J.C. Hand –
J.C. Reapprock – J.C. O'Neill
J.C. Daly –

Paving

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Paving Committee

The Mayor -

J.C. Byrne. J.C. Reappock.
J.C. Daly. J.C. Iernan
J.C. J. Kelly. J.C. Walsh
J.C. P. Lynash.

Clothing Committee

The Mayor -

J.C. Courtney. J.C. Reappock
J.C. Byrne. J.C. McConnan
J.C. Walsh.

Land Valuation Committee

The Mayor -

Alderman Casty. Alderman P. Matheus.
J.C. P. Verdon. J.C. Patrick Kelly.
Ald.n Boylan. J.C. Hand.

Mechanics Institute Committee

The Mayor -

J.C. Atkinson. J.C. Daly.
J.C. Kelly. J.C. Reappock.

Town Crane Committee

The Mayor -

J.C. O'Neill. J.C. Byrne
J.C. P. Kelly. J.C. Hand.

Lighting Committee

The Mayor.

Alderman Casey. J.C. Courtney
Alderman P. Matheus. J.C. J. Kelly.
J.C. Ellis. J.C. Iernan
J.C. P. Lyraugh

Suppression of Nuisance & Lodging house Committee -

The Mayor -

Alderman Boylan. J.C. Carroll.
J.C. Verdon. J.C. Daly.

Water Committee

The Mayor -

Alderman Ennis - Alderman P. Matheus.
J.C. Verdon. J.C. O'Neill.
J.C. J. Kelly. J.C. Iernan.
J.C. Daly. J.C. Courtney.

Tender of George Knaggs to Keep pumps in repair Accepted.

A Tender from George Knaggs to keep the public pumps, as advertised, in repair for one year from this day for £18 was Accepted on motion of Councillor Verdon Seconded by J.C. Iernan on the terms that if the duty be not properly done, the mayor to employ another at his expense and that he sign an undertaking to that effect -

Town Clerk ordered to Correspond with local Banks to get loan on Corporate liabilities -

Councillor Ellis pursuant to notice Moves that Application be made to the local Banks to get a loan at a lower rate of interest to pay off the Corporate liabilities, whereupon it was Ordered that the Town Clerk Communicate on the Subject with the local Banks -

J.C. Daly moves that Council Advertise for best plan to supply the town with water — Saved for next Meeting

J.C. Daly pursuant to notice Moves that the Council Advertise in the local Newspapers, The General Advertiser and the London Times Offering £100 for the best and £30 for the second best plan to supply the Town with Wake, which Motion not having been seconded it was Saved for the next Meeting of the Assembly -

The assembly thereupon adjourned to 28th instant at 12 Clock -

P. M. Boylan
Chairman

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28th February 1853

At an adjourned Quarterly Assembly held on the 28th day of February 1853 -

Present - 2 Aldermen -

and 8 Councillors -

Aldn Boylan chairman

Alderman Boylan in absence of the mayor was Called to the chair -

Minutes of last Meeting read and signed.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman -

Conversation among members respecting the Corporate liabilities &c

A Conversation thereupon took place among the members present, On the subject of The Corporate liabilities and other Matters Connected with the Borough -

J. C. Dalys motion saved.

J. C. Dalys notice of Motion for this day was at his request saved for the next Meeting of the Council -

Adjourned -

The Meeting thereupon adjourned to the 15th instant at One Oclock. P. M.

James Mathews Mayor

At an adjourned Quarterly assembly held on the Fifteenth day of March 1853 -

Present - Alderman Mathews, Mayor

3 - Aldermen -

12 - Councillors -

Minutes read.

The Minutes of last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor -

Boyne Commrs Account for 1852.

The Boyne Commissioners Accounts for the Year ending 31st December 1852 - was thereupon laid before the Meeting -

Part of Townrath ordered to be let -

Alderman Boylan moves that the lands at Townrath now in possession of the Corporation and late in the Occupation of Denis McCullough and Widow Harlin - Contg about 25 Acres, be let by auction Subject to the approval of the Council, from 29th September next, the tenant to get possession on his executing the necessary leases, J. C. Lynagh Seconded the motion which was passed. J. C. P. Kelly. dissenting -

Memorial of Thos Flanagan

A Memorial from Thomas Flanagan asking a reduction in his rent was read and referred to the Land Valuation Committee On Motion of J. C. Courtney. Seconded by J. C. Lynagh.

Acct Gas Co -

An Account from the Gas Company was read and referred to the Finance Committee with directions to have it paid, upon its being Certified as Correct On Motion of J. C. Lynagh Seconded by J. C. Ellis -

Acct Grendon & Co

An account from Thomas Grendon and Co. Iron - Foundry was also referred to Finance Committee On Motion of Alderman Boylan Seconded by J. C. Lynagh -

Acct C. Stapleton,

An Account from Christopher Stapleton for repairing Market house £13 . 5 . 0 was Ordered to be paid on Motion of Alderman Boylan Seconded by J. C. Lynagh -

Acct Todd & Co

An Account from Todd. Laing and Co for clothing amounting to £18 . 9 . 6 was also Ordered to be paid On Motion of J. C. Daly Seconded by Alderman Boylan -

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T.C. Daly notice of Motion to give £100 for first £30 for 2nd best plan to supply water

T.C. Daly pursuant to notice of Motion, Moves that a Sum of £100 be given for the best plan and £30 for Second best plan for Supplying the Town with Water - T.C. Atkinson Seconded the Motion Whereupon T.C. Verdon moved the following Amendment, That Mr Neville be employed by the Corporation to make the necessary Surveys plans &c on the terms mentioned in his letter to the mayor dated 24th January last and Alderman Boylan having Seconded the amendment, It was thereupon put from the Chair, when there being for the Amendment 8 and against it 11, it was declared lost - On Motion of T.C. Verdon Seconded by Alderman Ennis the Standing Orders in Reference to notices of Motion were Suspended to enable T.C. Daly to Change his notice of Motion - The Original Motion was then about to be put when T.C. Lynagh proposed the following amendment That the Law Officers of the Crown be Consulted as to the power of applying the Borough fund towards the Supply of Water. The original question was then put and Carried in the following form Viz - "That the Council do Advertise in the London Times and local papers for plans and Specifications Showing the best method of Supplying the Town with pure Water - Said plans to Shew clearly the probable expense of Reservoirs, Filtering Apparatus and pipes to the entrance of the town -

carried with alterations

"That the following Sums be Offered -
"For the best plan the Sum of £100
"For the Second do — £30 -

"Subject to the decision of Referees, appointed by the "Council who will be required to report as to the feasability "of Same, this resolution to be Subject to the Council "getting an opinion from the Law Officers of the "Crown as to whether they Can apply the Corporate "funds towards the Supply of Water"

Ald. Boylan & T.C. Lynagh protest

Alderman Boylan and T.C. Lynagh protesting against it - inasmuch as there were not 16 members present and it being a money question -

T.C. Atkinson withdrew motion

Councillor Atkinson thereupon withdrew his Motion relative to the Model School until next Meeting in Consequence of the religious dissension at present existing in the Borough -

Ald. Boylan withdrew motion

Alderman Boylan also withdrew until next Meeting his Motion on the Subject of the outstanding Corporate debentures -

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 11th April next at 12 Oclock -

John Boylan
Chairman

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At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on the 11th day of April 1853 –

Present

Two Aldermen and Seven Councillors Alderman Boylan in the absence of his Worship the Mayor was moved to the Chair on the motion of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Carroll.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed by the Chairman –

John Tiernan declared tenant of Part of Town Path –

It was resolved on motion of Councillor Daniel seconded by Councillor Patrick Kelly that Mr John Tiernan be declared tenant for that part of the lands of Town Path late in possession of Denis Mc Cullough and widow Darkin at the yearly rent of £1-11-6 per acre of such plantation measure on a Lease for thirty one years from 25th March 1853, the first half year to be free of rent –

Clk of Peace sub mits his acct for 1852 under 13 & 14 Vic. C. 69 –

The Clerk of the Peace acting for the Borough of Drogheda under the Provisions of 13 & 14 Vic, Chapt. 69 having submitted an account of his expenses for the Parliamentary Registry of 1852 Same was on motion of Councillor Courtney seconded by Councillor Carroll referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report –

Town Clerk ordered to write about obstruction in Graveis Lane.

It was moved by Councillor Lynagh, seconded by Councillor Courtney and resolved that the Town Clerk write to the Proprietors of the Iron Foundry to remove the Wall lately erected by them in Graveis Lane and that the Water Committee be requested to

Water Comt. to visit Trinity Well

visit Trinity Well and report to the Council on the Condition of Same.

James Matthews Chairman

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2nd May 1853

At a Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 2nd May 1853
Present The Mayor as Chairman,
2 Aldermen and 13 Councillors.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

Report of Finance Comtee re Clerk of Peace account under 13 & 14 Vic 69 –

A Report from the Finance Committee on the claim for expenses of the Clerk of the Peace for the Year 1852, under the 13th & 14th Vic. Chap. 69, was read and adopted on Motion of Ald.n Boylan seconded by Councillor Verdon. The following is a copy of said Report

Your Committee beg leave to Report that they have examined the Account furnished by the Clerk of the Peace acting for the Borough of Drogheda of his expenses in carrying out in the year 1852, the provisions of 13th & 14th Vic. Chap 69, and which had been referred to them by the last Assembly for their consideration and report, And your Committee find that a sum of £35 —— is properly payable to him under the Provisions of said Act for such his expenses for the Year 1852. And Your Committee recommend that Certificates in conformity with the Statute for that sum be given him, such Certificates to apportion the respective proportions of said sum payable by the Counties of the Town of Drogheda, Louth and Meath, Viz £26, 18:4 to be paid by the County of the town of Drogheda, £5. 7. 8 to be paid by the County of Louth and £2. 14. 0 the residue thereof to be paid by the County of Meath, which we Certify as our Report this 2nd May 1853.

James. Matthews } Chairman

Standing Orders suspended & vote against Income Tax extension to Ireland,

The standing orders relative to Motions without notice were suspended on Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor O'Neill with a view to Petition against the extension of the Income Tax in Ireland. Alderman Boylan thereupon moved and Councillor Byrne seconded his motion, that this Corporation Petition against the extension of the Income Tax to Ireland.

Report of Paving Comtee relative to Broken Stones &c. contract for one year from 1st May 1853 –

A Report from the Paving Committee on the tenders for supply of Broken Stones Sand &c. for the use of the Borough for one year from 1st instant was read and adopted on Motion of Alderman Boyland seconded by Councillor Courtney.

Your Committee having pursuant to Advertisement received tenders for the supply of Broken Stones, Paving Stones and Sand for the use of the Borough for one year from 1st May instant beg leave to Report that the tender of John Kelly of Mell is the lowest viz. for Broken Stones @ 20 Cwt 1½d. – for Paving Stones 6½d per 15 Cwt. and for Sand 5½d @ 15 Cwt and they accordingly recommend the acceptance by the Council of said tender for one year from 1st May instant, on the terms of the Advertisement and that a sum of £10 be retained out of his first deliveries until the completion of his contract as a security for the due performance of same, which your Committee Certify as their Report this 2nd day of May, 1853.

James. Matthews } Chairman

George Ogle ordered every Saturday to report in writing to the Mayor materials required & place where –

It was thereupon Ordered that Mr George Ogle, Inspector of Paving do every Saturday report in Writing to the Mayor the quantity of Broken Stones, Sand and other paving material required during the ensuing week, naming the Street or locality where same shall be required with a view to the examination of

of same by the Paving Committee, and their giving the necessary Orders for same.

A Tender from the Gas Company for lighting the Borough during the Summer months of this year was read and adopted on motion of Councillor Courtney, seconded by Councillor Randle.

The following is a copy of said tender.

Drogheda Gas Works April 25th, 1853

To the Mayor Aldermen and Council of the Boro of Drogheda.

Gentlemen,

tender of Gas Company for Summer Lighting 1853 read & adopted.

We propose supplying Gas lighting and repairing 25 Lamps or a larger number if required in the Parish of Saint Peters and Saint Marys Drogheda from the first of May to the 30th of September 1853 both inclusive for the sum of One Pound Seven Shillings and sixpence Sterling each lamp to be supplied with a batwing burner that will emit three Cubic feet of Gas per hour, lighting to be completed one hour after Sunset, and extinguishing to commence one hour and a quarter before Sunrise. Should any lamp remain without light, the quantity of Gas such lamp would have consumed to be taken off the Account at the rate of Six Shillings and eightpence per thousand Cubic feet, with this exception, that any lamp out for one night by Accident is not to be deducted from the Company's Account.

Any Complaint you have to make to be Communicated immediately in writing, addressed to the Directors of the Drogheda Gas Company at their Office. We are Gentlemen Respectfully Yrs

James Lewins
Joseph Montgomery
John Morton
} Directors of Drogheda Gas Comp.y

An Account from the same Company was read and the Treasurer was directed to pay thereout a sum of £16.14.11 after same had been examined by the Finance Committee and ascertained to be Correct.

Letter from J.C. Atkinson –

A letter to the Mayor from Councillor Atkinson having been read –

J.C. Atkinsons motion relative to Model School discharged.

It was moved by Councillor Courtney seconded by Councillor Lynagh, and resolved that J.C. Atkinson's Notice of Motion relative to the Model Schools be discharged.

Councillor Oxby thereupon moved that a Committee of seven Members of the Council be appointed to examine the Rent Rolls and Circumstances of the several Properties of this Body, with a view to the disposal by Public Sale of such portions thereof as will enable the Body, if desirable, to procure a supply of Water for the Town and other necessary improvements of a Sanatory nature and Report thereon to this Assembly. Which motion was seconded by Councillor Verdon and Passed.

Cont.d appointed to examine Rent Rolls & select Property for Sale –

Aldermen Ennis and Casey, Councillors Verdon Randle, Lynagh, Oxby, Atkinson & Byrne were named as such Committee.

Cont.d named

Councillor Verdon gives Notice of a Motion for next Meeting to Memorial the Queen to exercise Her Royal Prerogative in creating Drogheda a City.

V. Verdon notice to create Drogheda a City –

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to the 23rd May inst.t at 12 O'Clock

James Mathews Mayor

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At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 23rd May 1853

Present, the Mayor Chairman
Two Aldermen and Nine Councillors.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by the Mayor.

Letter read from Grendon & Co. relative to Nuisance in Graves Lane -

A Letter was read from Messrs. Grendon & Co. in reply to one written them by the Town Clerk on the subject of a Nuisance committed by them in Graves's lane.

A Report from the Sale of Property Committee was read and on motion of Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Lynagh same was adopted.

Report from Sale of Property Comt. read & adopted -

Report of Sale of Property Committee.

Your Committee pursuant to the instructions given them on 2nd instant have considered the propriety of selling a portion of the Corporate Property to pay off the charges now pressing on the Estate, and they are of opinion, that owing to the present high market value of lands in those Counties wherein the Corporate Property is situate, and the fact that some of the Creditors are now urging payment of their demands, it would be advantageous to sell a selected portion of the Estates and relieve the Corporation from their debts; And Your Committee therefore beg to recommend the Council to apply by Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury for permission to sell a portion of the Corporate Property for this purpose, such Memorial to state the present Rental and the amount of incumbrances and existing debts, which your Committee Certify as their report this 17th day of May, 1853.

James Mathews } Chairman

Report on Thos Flanagan's memorial referred back to Comt.

A Report from the Land Valuation Committee on the Memorial of Thomas Flanagan asking a reduction in his rent was referred back to said Committee for further consideration and report on motion of Councillor Atkinson seconded by Councillor Ellis

Paving Inspector Report -

A Report to the Paving Committee from the Paving Inspector was read shewing the necessity of certain new Grates for some sewers.

T. C. Atkinson's motion to Memorial the Queen for Pardon of Smith O'Brien &c.

Councillor Atkinson pursuant to notice moves that the Council Memorial her Majesty the Queen to grant a free pardon to Smith O'Brien and his fellow Political exiles of 1848, which motion was seconded by Councillor Keappock and passed.

Memorial read & approved -

Councillor Atkinson thereupon read a draft of the proposed Memorial which was adopted on Motion of Councillor Atkinson seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Tho Verdon moves to Memorial the Queen to create Drogheda a City -

Councillor Verdon pursuant to Notice moves that the Corporation Memorial the Queen praying her to issue Letters Patent creating Drogheda a City, which motion was seconded by Aldermen Boylan and passed.

Memorial adopted & ordered to be sent

Councillor Verdon thereupon read a Draft of the proposed Memorial which was adopted on motion of Councillor Verdon seconded by Councillor Hand and this Memorial as also the preceding Memorial to her Majesty praying a free pardon for Smith O'Brien and others was ordered to be engrossed with the Corporate Seal annexed, and both to be forwarded to Mr. James McCann MP. to be by him handed to Viscount Palmerston the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and that Mr. Francis Brodigan be requested to co operate with Mr. McCann and attend with him on the occasion of such presentation.

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to Monday 6th June next at 12 O Clock.

James Mathews, Mayor

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6th June 1853

At an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation, held on 6th June, 1853

Present the Mayor as Chairman.

The Minutes of the last days Meeting were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by the Mayor.

A Draft of a Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury was read, and adopted, on Motion of Councillor Verdon seconded by Councillor Lynagh.—

The following is a Copy of said Memorial

To the Right Honorable & Honorable the Lords Comrs. of Her Majesty's Treasury.—

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses — of the Borough of Drogheda.—

Respectfully Sheweth.

That your Memorialists beg leave to refer to a Memorial transmitted by them to your Lordships in August 1851, asking permission to issue Mortgages to the several persons therein named in lieu of certain Debentures held by them, to which your Lordships by letter dated 5th September, 1851, assented, but at same time desired to be informed whether Memorialists could not raise by Mortgage at a lower rate of interest than 5 per Cent a sum sufficient to pay off the incumbrances

Memorial to Lords of Treasury

That your Memorialists have used every exertion, by advertising for a loan in the Irish and London Newspapers, to raise such a sum at a lower rate of interest, but without avail; and your Memorialists are now clearly of opinion, that in the present state of the Market value of lands in these Counties where in their Corporate Property is situate it would be advantageous for them to sell off a Portion of these estates sufficient to pay the Charges on them and the

the Debts outstanding, and now due by your Memorialists.—

Memorialists beg to state for the Information of your Lordships that the property belonging to the Corporation of Drogheda consists in lands and houses situate in the Counties of Meath, Louth and of the Town of Drogheda held in fee simple under Royal Charters and producing a clear annual income of about £3,400, that the Debts due consist of Debentures issued by the former Body Corporate, amounting to £13732, a bond for £972. 12. 0. passed to the Executrix of the former Town Clerk as Compensation for the loss of his office and fees pursuant to the provisions of 3 & 4 Victoria Chap. 108, and a sum of about £900 — due to the Law Agents of the Corporation, and other parties, necessarily incurred for Municipal purposes under the provisions of said Act making together a sum of about £15604. 12. 0

Memorialists therefore pray your Lordships to give your assent pursuant to the provisions of the Statutes to a sale by your Memorialists of a portion of their Estates sufficient to pay off said Charges and debts and Memorialists will pray.—

A Report from the Lodging House Committee was read, which the following is a Copy.—

Report of Lodging House Committee

Your Committee in acting under the order referring to them the consideration of a proper Code of By Laws for the regulation and Registration of Common Lodging Houses in this Borough under the provisions of 14 & 15 Vict. Chap 28, recommend the following By Laws for adoption by the Council.—

That every person keeping or intending to keep any Common Lodging house within the Borough shall Register such Lodging House with the Registrar appointed by the Council in a Book kept for that purpose.—and No keeper of a Common Lodging House shall receive in such house, or in any room thereof a greater number of Lodgers or other persons than shall be fixed by the Local Authority on the Report of their Inspector of Common Lodging Houses, and expressed in a Ticket to be signed by the Registrar as aforesaid which Ticket shall be

be according to the form contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed and the Keeper of such Lodging House shall hang up in a conspicuous part of each Room into which Lodgers are received a like Ticket stating the number and sex of Lodgers allowed to be received, and shall keep the same at all times visible and legible, and shall cause the door of each Room in such House to be marked with figures at least two inches in length and corresponding with those on the Resgister Ticket aforesaid.

The Keeper of such Lodging house shall reduce the number of Lodgers upon receiving Notice to that effect from the Local Authority such Notice stating therein the special cause of the same been given and the period during which it shall continued in force

Two Children under eight years of age to be counted as one adult Lodger.—

Rooms used as Gulley or Kitchen for the use of the Lodgers shall not be occupied as sleeping apartments.—

Cellars or Rooms in the Basement or below the level of the ground shall not be used as sleeping apartments.

Persons of opposite sexes shall not occupy the same sleeping apartment (except married persons or parents and their Children under 10. or Children under 10 years of Age).—

The Keeper of such Lodging House shall cause the Windows of every sleeping Room in such house to be properly glazed and kept open to the full extent thereof from 6 to 11 Oclock in the morning, and from 2 till 4 in the afternoon of every day unless prevented by tempestuous weather: or by the illness of any inmate in such room, and during the time the windows are open as aforesaid shall cause the bed Clothes of every bed in such room to be turned down and exposed to the air.— And such Keeper shall provide in every such sleeping apartment a sufficient quantity of slop buckets, and other necessary vessels and utensils for the use of such lodgers to the satisfaction of the Inspector aforesaid or other Officer appointed by the Local Authority.

The Keeper of such Lodging House shall cause the floors of all the Rooms, Passages, Stairs &c, in such Lodging House to be thoroughly swept before 10 Oclock A.M. each day and thoroughly washed every Friday

Friday in each week, and shall cause the walls and Ceilings of every Room to be thoroughly cleansed and well and sufficiently lime washed twice at least in each year Viz in April and October, and all bed Clothes Covers Rugs &c. to be kept clean and scoured three times in each year, Viz in April, August and December, and shall cause to be removed all night soil filth, rubbish &c. before 8 Oclock A.M. and after 10 Oclock P.M.—

The Keeper of such Lodging House shall cause every Room in such Lodging house to be ventilated to the satisfaction of the Inspector aforesaid, and in case of fever or any infectious or contagious disease occurring in such Lodging Houses, the Keeper of such shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Inspector aforesaid or the Poor Law Relieving Officer of the Union or Parish in which such Lodging House stands under a Penalty not exceeding 40 Shillings for every 48 hours such Keeper neglects to give such Notice, and shall cause the bed and bed Clothes used by any person affected by any such disorder to be thoroughly cleansed and the bedding where it consists of straw or the like material to be destroyed after the removal of such person and the Room occupied to be lime washed and cleansed to the satisfaction of the Inspector or other Officer appointed as aforesaid.—

A Water Closet or privy shall be provided for every such Lodging House having a yard or other facilities for erection thereof to the satisfaction of the Inspector, and for every twenty Lodgers to be accommodated a Seperate Closet or Privy shall be provided.—

The Keeper of such Lodging Houses shall provide sufficient accommodation for cooking and washing and a good supply of pure water for the use of such lodgers and to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

Each Room occupied as a Sleeping Apartment shall be furnished with bedsteads and sufficient bedding for the number of Lodgers authorized to be received in such Room.—

No Mules, Asses, horned Cattle, Sheep, Pigs or such Cattle or animals shall be kept or fed in any such Lodging House, and no manure, filth, night soil or the like shall be deposited or allowed to accumulate in any yard belonging to or adjoining such Lodging House.—

Notice shall be given that the penalty upon conviction of a breach of any of these Bye Laws will not be less than one shilling and not more than Five pounds. Which your Committee Certify as their Report this

23rd

23rd day of May, 1853.

James Matthews Chairman

And said Report was thereupon adopted on motion of Councillor Verdon seconded by Counseller Byrne, and the Bye Laws therein recommended were adopted as Bye Laws of the Borough under the provisions of 11 & 12 Victoria, Chap. 28, and it was ordered that the necessary steps be taken to have them duly ratified as such.

The following Report from the Land Valuation Committee was read and Adopted, on Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Verdon.

Report of Land Val. Com. relative to Mr. Flanagan's Memorial.

In reference to the Report of your Committee on the Memorial of Thomas Flanagan asking a Reduction in his Rent, presented to the last Meeting, and then referred back for reconsideration, Your Committee beg to state that they have since gone upon and examined the premises referred to in said Memorial, and having done so, they for the reasons already mentioned in their report on this subject dated 7th May, 1850, see no cause to Change their decision then made - but your Committee feel that they do strict justice both to the Corporation and Mr. Flanagan in recommending, that if he restore the premises to the same state in which they were when leased to him, in that case the Council should accept a surrender from Mr. Flanagan, which your Committee Certify as their Report, this 6th day of June, 1853.

James Matthews Chairman

Councillor Reappoch was thereupon added to the Land Valuation Committee on Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Lynagh.

F. C. Reappoch added to Land Val. Com.

A Report was read from the Inspector of Paving requiring the execution of certain works therein mentioned.

Report of Paving Inspector.

A Memorial from Owen Meighan Weighmaster in the Potatoe Market asking an increase of Wages and read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Memorial of Owen Meighan Weighmaster

A Report from the Borough Auditors was read and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes on motion of Councillor Verdon seconded

seconded by Councillor Byrne. The following is a Copy of said Report.

To the Mayor Aldermen & Council of the Borough of Drogheda.

Auditors Report for half year ending 25th March, 1853

Gentlemen,

Report of Borough Auditors

We have examined the accounts of the Corporation for the above half year, and find that a balance of £17. 0. 6½ remained in the Treasurers hands in September last, and that there has been received for Rents £1415. 9. 11½ and for Cranage £96. 9. 1½ during the half year ending the 25th March, 1853. That there has been expended during the same period a sum of £1404. 4. 10½ leaving a balance in Treasurers hands of £79. 14. 6½, but this Statement we have been only enabled to make from the abstract presented to us by the Treasurer, as the Rent Ledger or Cash Book were not posted or Balanced up to the 25th March, 1853. The Gross Rental from the various Changes that have been made from time to time, Reduction of Rents, now amount annually to £3300. 17. 2, and there remains due by tenants to the Corporate Estate up to the 25th March last a sum of £2113. 5. 10. We are not able to ascertain the liabilities of the Corporation as in many cases the parties being in arrear of Rent have counter claims unsettled.

We would recommend that Your Treasurer should retain Blocks of all Receipts which he may issue for Rents received and that these Blocks be presented at each audit of Accounts, the date of which should correspond with the entries on the Rebst of his Cash Book, the No. of the entry to correspond with the No. of receipt issued.

That all Monies when received should be lodged in the Bank & the Bank Book to be produced at each audit and all payments to be made by drafts.

We further recommend that the Treasurer shall at each Audit present a List of Tenants who are in arrear more than half years Rent, and the number of Gales due. Which we Certify as our Report

James Hickey

Thomas Sheridan

Report of Treasurer as to Certain Debts due the Corpn.

A Report from the Treasurer on Certain debts due the Corporation was read and referred to the Finance Committee on Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Byrne

The Report of the Auditors read at this Meeting was thereupon referred

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referred back to them for further consideration and report.

T. C. Atkinson postpones his motion about Model School

Councillor Atkinson postponed to next Meeting his Motion relative to a Model School in Drogheda.

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to Monday 11th July next at 12 O'Clock P.M.

James Matthews Mayor.

Special Meeting to petition against Nunneries Bill

At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Corporation held in the Thelsel on Monday 6th day of June, 1853, pursuant to requisition, signed by the Mayor and fixed on the door of the Thelsel, the several Members of the Council having been duly summoned "for the purpose of Petitioning Parliament against the passing of a Bill lately introduced into the House of Commons by Mr Chambers for the visitation of Nunneries."

Present the Mayor as Chairman

2 Aldermen and 10 Councillors

Councillor Vernon moved and Councillor Verdon seconded a Motion that this Council Petition against the visitation of Nunneries Bill lately introduced into the House of Commons which motion was put from the Chair and carried Unanimously.

The Draft of a Petition for this purpose was thereupon read & was adopted on the motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Councillor Hands, and ordered to be engrossed and forwarded under the Corporate Seal as the Act of this Assembly to Mr James of Comm. M. P. for presentation in the House of Commons, and the Earl of Fingal in the House of Lords

The following is a Copy of said Petition.

Petition

"That you will reject the measure at present before you for the visitation of convents and any other measure tending to outrage religious liberty, insult Catholic females, and revive, by the fearful agency of religious hate, bygone bitterness between Great Britain and Ireland."

James Matthews, Mayor

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4th July 1853

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 4th July 1853

Present, the Mayor as Chairman
2 Aldermen and 5 Councillors.

It was moved by Alderman Boylan and seconded by J.C. Daly that this meeting be adjourned to 18th July instant.—

James Mathews Mayor

= 18th July 1853 =

At An Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 18th July 1853.

Present the Mayor as Chairman
One Alderman and ten Councillors.

Letters from Sir J. Young & Lord Palmerston relative to Memorial praying release of Smith O'Brien &c

Letters from Sir John Young and Viscount Palmerston relative to the Memorial forwarded from this Corporation to her Majesty praying the release of the State Prisoners of 1848, were read.

Letter from F. Brodigan about making Drogheda a City

A letter was read from Mr. Francis Brodigan on the subject of the application for Letters Patent to create Drogheda a City.—

Paving Inspectors report

A Report from the Inspector of Paving was read and referred to the paving Committee.—

Memorial to Master of Horse about Ballymastown Races

A Memorial to the Master of the Horse praying certain alterations in the terms of Ballymastown Races Plate was read which the following is a Copy.—

To the Master of Her Majestys Horse Queens Pimlico London,

The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda,

Respectfully

Respectfully Sheweth.—

That the Articles under which Horses at present run for her Majestys Plate of One hundred guineas at Ballymastown Course in the County of Meath, require that it should be contended for, by horses of Irish extraction only carrying the following weights for age. Viz.— Three years old to carry 6 Stone 4lbs. Four years old 8 Stone. Five years old 8 Stone 9lbs. Six years old 8 Stone 13lbs. and aged 9 Stone with 3lbs allowed for mares and geldings, to be run for on a Thursday in three mile heats, and your Memorialists are advised and believe that it is necessary and expedient to alter those Articles, and they therefore request that you would be graciously pleased to order and permit this prize to be contended for on any day in the week in every year hence-forth which the Mayor and Council for the time being of this Borough may direct, and to be run for by horses of any Country at the following weights for age Viz.— Three years old 7st 7lb. Four years old 9 Stone. Five years old 9 Stone 6lbs. Six years old and aged 9 Stone 9lbs. and in heats of two miles.— And your Memorialists will ever pray.—

In testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our Common Seal at an adjourned Quarterly Assembly held in the Tholsel of Drogheda, on Monday the 18th day of July 1853.—

It was thereupon ordered that the foregoing Memorial be forwarded under the Corporate Seal on Motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Standing orders suspended to Petition against Ministers Money Bill

Alderman Boylan thereupon moves that the standing orders relative to notices without motion be suspended for the purpose of petitioning against the Ministers Money Bill lately introduced into the House of Commons.— which motion was seconded by Councillor Butterly and passed.

Alderman

Alderman Boylan moves and Councillor Neill seconds his motion that this Corporation petition the House of Commons against the Bill lately introduced into it on the subject of Ministers money, and against the principle of Ministers money in toto.— which Motion was put from the Chair and carried after some observations on the subject by Councillor Atkinson.—

Letter from Viscount Palmerston suggesting Bye Laws —

A Communication from Viscount Palmerston on the subject of the draft Bye Laws, under 14 & 15 Vic. Chap. 28, forward to him from this council for approval, and suggesting a different code of Bye Laws was read and the draft of the Bye Laws suggested by him was thereupon read by the Town Clerk, of which the following is a Copy.—

Draft Regulations
for

Bye Laws suggested by Lord Palmerston

Common Lodging Houses under "The Common Lodging Houses Act 1851. situated within the Borough of Drogheda.—

No 1— No keeper of a comm lodging house shall receive in such house, or any room thereof a greater number of lodgers or other persons than shall be fixed by the local authority, on report of their Inspector of Common Lodging Houses, and expressed in a ticket to be signed by such Officer, which ticket shall be according to the form contained in the schedule to these regulations annexed, and marked B. and the Keeper of such lodging house shall hang up in a conspicuous part of each room into which lodgers are received a like ticket, stating the number of lodgers allowed to be received, and shall keep the same at all times visible and legible.—

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An adequate supply of the said tickets may be had upon application at the office

No 2. — The Keeper of such lodging house shall reduce the number of lodgers, upon receiving notice to that effect from the local Authority, such notice stating therein the special cause of same being given, and the period, not exceeding one month, during which it shall continue in force.—

No 3. — Two children under 8 years of age to be counted as one adult lodger.—

No 4. — Rooms used as kitchen or scullery for the use of the lodgers shall not be occupied as sleeping apartments

No 5. — Rooms in the basement or below the level of the ground shall not be used as sleeping apartments.—

No 6. — Persons of opposite sexes shall not occupy the same sleeping apartments, except married persons, or parents and their children under 14, or children under 10 years of age.—

No 7. — The Keeper of such lodging house shall cause the windows of every sleeping room in such lodging house to be kept open to the full width thereof from nine to eleven O'clock in the morning, and from two till four in the afternoon of every day, unless prevented by tempestuous weather, or by the illness of any inmate in such room; and during the time the windows are open as aforesaid, he shall cause the bed-clothes of every bed in such room to be turned down and exposed to the air: but in those rooms occupied by persons who are obliged to work during night, and sleep in the day, the windows shall be kept open from two till four O'clock in the afternoon.—

No 8. — The keeper of such lodging house shall cause the floors of all the rooms, passages, and stairs in such lodging house to be thoroughly swept once at least in each day, and thoroughly washed once in each week, and shall cause the walls and ceilings of every room to be

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thoroughly cleansed and well and sufficiently lime washed, twice (at least) in every year during the months of April and October: and the blankets, Rugs or covers used in such lodging house shall be thoroughly cleansed at least four times every year: that is to say, at least once sometime during the first week of each of the several months of March, June, September and December

No 9. — The Keeper of such lodging house shall cause every room in such lodging house to be ventilated to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Common lodging houses.

In case of fever or any other infectious or contagious disorder occurring in any such lodging house, the keeper of such lodging house shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Inspector of common lodging houses in which the house is situate, that he may inspect the same, and direct any disinfecting process which he may deem necessary and effectual, and the keeper of such lodging house shall cause the blankets and bed clothes used by any person affected by such disorder to be thoroughly cleansed and the bedding to be fumigated immediately after the removal of the person affected by such disorder in such a manner as may from time to time be ordered by the Inspector; and when the district in which any such lodging house is situate is visited or threatened by any epidemic, endemic or contagious disease, the lodging house keeper shall make such reduction of the number of lodgers in each room as the local authority shall direct.

No 10. — Every lodging house shall be furnished with a dust bin of sufficient size to contain the dust ashes &c, that accumulate in the intervals of its being cleared away, which shall not exceed two weeks

No 11. — A water closet or privy shall be provided for every such lodging house, having a yard or other

facilities for erection thereof, and where such facilities do not exist, or where the closet or privy is used in common by the lodgers of two or more houses, the privy or closet must be provided in some place conveniently contiguous, to the satisfaction of the Inspector: and for every twenty lodgers to be accommodated a separate Closet or privy shall be provided.

No 12. — The drains, the Closets and sinks shall be trapped so as to prevent the effluvia coming up from the sewers or cesspools: the sink in the yard shall be so placed as to take all waste water through the drain from the closets.

No 13. — The Water Closet, seat, floor, and walls shall be kept free from filth, and clean in all other respects.

No 14. — The yards and areas of every such lodging house shall be properly paved, so as to run, and effectually take off all waste water.

No 15. — Every such lodging house shall have a proper drain communicating with a common sewer, where such sewer is with 100 yards of the premises.

No 16. — The Keeper of such lodging house shall provide such accommodation for Cooking and washing and a supply of water for the use of the lodgers, as shall be satisfactory to the Inspector.

No 17. — Each Room occupied as a sleeping ~~Apartment~~ shall be furnished with bedsteads and sufficient bedding for the number of lodgers authorized to be received in such room.

Schedule form. B.

Ticket No.—

No. of the Room for which this Ticket is intended

Lodging House

Registered to accommodate Lodgers

In Room No 1	In Room No 2	In Room No 3	In Room No 4	In Room No 5	Total
					and

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and said Draft was thereupon adopted and ordered to be sent under the Corporate Seal to Viscount Palmerston for his approval as required by the Statute.

James Mathews, Mayor

= 1st August 1853 =

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 1st day of August 1853.

Present the Mayor as Chairman,
One Alderman and ten Councillors.

Letter from Lord Palmerston in reply to memorial to create Drogheda a City —

A letter addressed to Mr. Francis Brodigan was read from Viscount Palmerston Secretary of State for the Home department in reply to a Memorial from the Council, asking to have Drogheda Created a City of which the following is a Copy.

White Hall, 29th July, 1853

Sir,

I am directed by Viscount Palmerston to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. and to inform you that the Memorial of the Corporation of Drogheda, praying that that Boro may have the Designation of City conferred upon it, has been laid before the Queen.

But with every desire on the part of Lord Palmerston to meet the wishes of the Memorialists in this respect, his Lordship regrets that he cannot recommend to Her Majesty that an exception should be made in favor of Drogheda, seeing that there are several other towns both in England and Ireland of at least equal importance

and of much larger population, which do not enjoy the distinction of being Cities.

I am Sir, Your Obt. Servt.
H. Waddington.

Francis Brodigan Esqr.
Garden Court, Middle Temple.

Tenders for dressing Curb Stones &c.

Tenders from several persons for dressing and refitting the Curb Stones of the Public flagings was read Whereupon James Dinney's at 4/4½d per Irish perch was accepted, he finding all materials necessary for the completion of the work in a proper manner, and to do one perch first as a sample, under the inspection of the Mayor.

Tenders for Painting Market House —

Tenders for painting the Corn Market House were read. — James McKenna undertook in open Assembly to prepare a proper Specification for the necessary work to be done, and the Town Clerk was directed to advertise for Contracts subject to such specification.

Report of Crane Committee relative to Owen Meighan

A Report from the Crane Committee relative to Owen Meighan's Memorial was read and adopted on Motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

The following is a Copy of said Report

Your Committee beg to report that they have considered the Memorial of Owen Meighan the present Weigh Master in the Potatoe Market, and recommend that his wages be increased from 4/0 to 6/0 weekly, to commence next Pay day on the terms of his attending daily in the Potatoe and Vegetable Markets for the due regulation thereof under the Mayor's directions. — Which we Certify as our Report this 1st day of August, 1853.

James Mathews } Chairman

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The draft of a Petition against Ministers Money was read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed under the Corporate Seal, and forwarded to Mr. James McCann for presentation, on Motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Councillor Lynagh. — The following is a copy of said Petition. —

To the Right Honorable & Honble the Knights Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament Assembled.

The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen & Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda.

Respectfully Sheweth. —

Petition against Ministers Money.

That the levy of Ministers Money in Eight Irish Corporate Towns, viz. Dublin Cork Limerick, Waterford, Kilkenny, Clonmel, Drogheda and Kinsale where alone it is exacted is felt to be exceedingly onerous and unjust, opposed to every principle of religious liberty, insulting to Roman Catholics and Dissenters and repugnant to the feelings of the Protestant Clergy themselves, who are placed by a vicious law in the unseemly position of being its recipients. —

That Petitioners have learned with surprise and regret, that notwithstanding the Report of the Select Committee appointed ~~[illegible]~~ in One thousand Eight hundred and forty eight by your Honble House, which recommended the abolition of this impost in its present form, and that a substitute therefor should be taken from the funds of the Irish Ecclesiastical Commissioners Yet a Bill has been lately introduced into your Honorable House, the effect of which would be, instead of removing, to perpetuate this oppressive tax. —

That

That in seeking for the abolition of Ministers Money, Petitioners utterly repudiate & mere change or modification, such as happened in respect to tithes; for such a Change would be looked upon as only perpetuating an intolerable abuse, and a still further violation of Conscientious feeling

Petitioners therefore implore your Honble House to reject the measure at present before you in relation to this subject, and that you would be pleased to act upon the Recommendation of said Select Committee by abolishing this impost in its present form, and taking a substitute for it from the funds of the Irish Ecclesiastical Commissioners which your Petitioners believe would be amply sufficient for the purpose, if properly Administered. — And Petitioners will pray.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto put Our Common Seal at a Quarterly Assembly, held on the first day of August, 1853. —

Memorial from J. Wm Murphy —

A Memorial from Mr. John Murphy in relative to a fence required at Landshmugh was read, and referred to the Land valuation Committee for consideration and report. —

T. C. Atkinson's Motion Relative to Model School —

Councillor Atkinson pursuant to notice moves that a Committee be appointed to select the best procurable site for a Model School within the Borough and that said Committee Communicate with the Commissioners of National Education, to induce them to erect such School, which Motion was

seconded

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seconded by Councillor Thomas Kelly whereupon Councillor Courtney moved that this Question be considered that day six months, which was seconded by Councillor O'Neill, and after a long discussion, Councillor Atkinson withdrew his motion.

Motion withdrawn

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to Tuesday 16th August instant at one O'Clock P.M.

James Matthews Mayor

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation, held on 16th August 1853.

Present. The Mayor in Chairman
2 Aldermen and 3 Councillors.-

A letter was read from Lord Palmerston Secretary of State for the home Department Confirming the Bye Laws framed by the Council of this Boro' relative to common Lodging Houses within the Borough as prescribed by the Statute and same was referred to the Lodging House Committee with directions to have the provisions of the Act fully carried out on motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Councillor Ellis.-

Letter read from Lord Palmerston Confirming Bye Laws relative to Lodging Houses & transmitted Thereto

The Corporate seal was thereupon affixed to a Lease of a portion of Fourath granted to John Tynan and also to a lease of another portion of same granted to James Rogers.-

Leases Sealed to John Tynan & James Rogers of Parts of Fourath

A Memorial was read from Peter Hoey asking a suit of Clothes.-

Pet. Hoey Memorial

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 12th September next at 12 O'Clock M.-

James Matthews, Mayor

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12th September 1853

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation, held on 12th September, 1853.—

Present,

1 Alderman, and 8 Councillors

Ald. Boylan Chairman

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor Alderman Boylan was moved to the Chair.

Gas Co. Account

An Account was read from the Gas Comp.y claiming a balance as then due of £119: 9: 6 which was referred to the Finance and Lighting Committee, on motion of Councillor Keappock seconded by Councillor Carroll.—

Memorial from Peter Hoey

A Memorial was read from Peter Hoey,—

Report of Lodging House Com.te

A Report was read from the Lodging House Committee recommending the temporary appointment of Mr. James McCartney as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough— whereupon a discussion arose and it was ordered on the Motion of Councillor Atkinson, seconded by Councillor Lynagh, that the question of appointing an Inspector of Lodging Houses be postponed to the next Meeting of the Council, the Town Clerk in the mean time to apply to other Corporate Towns to ascertain the amount of Salary paid to such an Officer.—

Appointment of Inspector of Lodging Houses postponed

The Assembly thereupon Adjourned to 26th September instant at 12 O'Clock.—

James Mathews Mayor

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 26th September 1853.

Present. The Mayor as Chairman

2 Aldermen and 13 Councillors

The Minutes of the Meetings in Assembly held on 16th August and 12th September last were read and signed by the Chairman.—

Letter from Poor Law Com.rs

A Letter from the Commissioners for Administering Poor Law Relief in Ireland was read.

Letter from Lords of the Treasury authorising Sale of Land &c.

A Letter from the Secretary of the Lords of the Treasury authorising a sale in the Irish Incumbered Estates Court of a portion of the Corporate Property for the purpose of discharging liabilities was read of which the following is a Copy.—

Treasury Chambers, 19th September, 1853.

Sir.—

Letter,

I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to signify to you their Lordships approval of the course of proceedings proposed in your letter of the 9th instant for a sale in the Encumbered Estates Court a portion of the property of the Corporation, sufficient for the discharge of the existing incumbrances to the amount of fifteen thousand six hundred & Four pounds twelve Shillings £15.604. 12. 0.

I am Sir, Your Obed.t Servant
G. Arbuthnot.

To the Mayor &
Drogheda.

Letter referred to Com.te with directions to report on Property eligible for Sale.

And it was resolved on the Motion of Councillor Atkinson and seconded by Alderman Boylan that this letter be referred to the Sale of Property Committee, with instructions to examine and Report as to the portions of the Corporate Property most eligible to be selected for sale.—

List of Lamps for Winter lighting

A List of the lamps proposed to be lighted during the ensuing winter was read, when it was ordered on Motion of Councillor Lynagh, seconded by Councillor Atkinson, that the lighting

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lighting Committee wait on the Gas Company and endeavor to get them to reduce the Price of Gas to the Corporation. the Corporation undertaking to light a larger number of lamps — the same lamps as were lighted last year to be lighted this Winter until further order. —

Standing Orders suspended with a view to enforce Bye Laws against Cellars

The standing Orders were thereupon suspended on Motion of Councillor Daly seconded by Councillor Lynagh with a view to enforcing the Bye Laws against open Cellars.

Mayor requested to enforce Same.

Ordered on Motion of Councillor Daly seconded by Councillor Atkinson, that the Mayor be requested to put in force the Bye Laws for closing open Cellars. —

The Assembly thereupon Adjourned to 10th October next, at 12 O'Clock. —

James Mathews Mayor

10th October 1853

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 10th October 1853

Present the Mayor as Chairman Four Aldermen and five Councillors

The minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Letter Read from P. Greene asking Lease of Part of Town Rath.

A letter was read from Mr. Peter Greene a tenant of the Corporation asking a lease of his holding at Town Rath on which some discussion took place but no motion was made.

Notice of Motion thereon —

T. C. Byrne thereupon handed to the Town Clerk a Notice of Motion on the subject for the next meeting

James Mathews Mayor

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At a Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 1st Novemr. 1853

Present the Mayor as Chairman
3 Aldermen and 9 Councillors.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the town Clerk, and signed by His Worship the Mayor as Chairman.

Report of Lodging House Comt.

A Report from the Lodging House Committee which had been read in open Assembly on 26th September last and then adopted by the Council on Motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Councillor Daly, but then omitted to be entered on the minutes was now ordered to be inserted to be inserted therein.— The following is a Copy of said Report.—

Geo. Ogle appointed Inspector, James McCartney Registrar.

Your Committee beg to recommend that Mr George Ogle be appointed Inspector of Lodging Houses, at a Salary of £10 ₰ Annum, and Mr James McCartney Registrar of same at a Salary of £5 ₰ Annum both appointments to be for one year from this date which we Certify as our Report this 24th September, 1853.

James Matthews, Chairman.

Memorial from Loughboy & Station to Cams Well.

A Memorial from the inhabitants of Loughboy and Trinity Street asking some repairs for Cams well in that vicinity was read, Whereupon his Worship was requested to have it examined and remedied.

Mr Kenna Painter.

An Account from Mr James McKenna Painter was read and referred to the Building and Finance Committees on motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded Councillor Byrne.—

A Memorial from the Scavengers and Superintendents was read, and referred to the Paving Committee

Committee on Motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Councillor Patrick Kelly.—

Peter Greene ordered Lease of Part of Townrath.

Councillor Byrne pursuant to notice moved that Mr Peter Greene do get a lease of his holding at Town Rath at 35ff Irish Acre for 31 years from 29th Septr. last which motion was seconded by Councillor Patrick Kelly and passed.—

Sal. McCartney Salary as Registrar of Common Lodgings to be Paid Monthly.

A Memorial from Mr James McCartney was read asking an order on the Treasurer to pay him monthly his Salary as Registrar of Common Lodging Houses which was directed.—

Com. to Inspect Fairs & Markets

Alderman Boylan thereupon moved that a Committee of Nine be appointed to examine and report as to whether the situations of the present Fairs and Markets of the Borough should be changed which was seconded by Councillor Byrne and passed, and Aldermen Boylan, Mess.rs Daly, Hands Patrick Kelly and his Worship the Mayor were named as such Committee with an instruction to report also as to any and what change should be made with respect to Mrs Stanmage as Superintendant of the Corn Market.

Report if any Change necessary.

The Assembly thereupon Adjourned to Monday 14th November inst. at 12 O'Clock.—

James Matthews, Mayor

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25th Novemr. 1853

Election of Two Councillors for each Ward

On this day Thomas Carty Esqire as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward with Messrs. John Duffy and Patrick Byrne Assessors of said Ward and Patrick Casey Esqr. as Senior Alderman of Fair Gate Ward with Messrs Patrick Brennan and Bartholomew Courtney Assessors of said Ward and also Patrick Boylan Esqire as Senior Alderman of Laurence Gate Ward with Messrs. Nicholas Boylan and Thomas Barron Assessors of said Ward made the following Return of the Election of ~~One Alderman and~~ two Councillors for the said three several Wards respectively which was published by his Worship the Mayor on the 27th instant in the following form pursuant to the requisites of the Statute.

Borough of Dreghedа

Municipal Election

3 & 4 Vic. Chap. 108. and 6 & 7 Vic. Chap 93.

Mayors notice of Election

The following is a list of the names of the persons elected in the several Wards of the Borough of Dreghedа at the Election of two Councillors for each Ward, held 25th November, 1853. to fill the vacancies caused by those whose period of Office had expired, with the number of votes given in favor of each person so Elected.

West Gate Ward

Names of Persons Elected Councillors	No. of Votes
Peter Verdon	Fifty seven
Joseph Gorgan	Fifty nine

Fair Gate Ward

Edward Atkinson	Forty nine
John Carroll	Forty three

Laurence Gate Ward

Names of Persons Elected Councillors	No. of Votes.
Peter M'Connon	one
James Hand	one

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. Dated this 26th November 1853.

James Mathews
Mayor of the said Borough
James Mathews Mayor

At a Special Assembly of the Dreghedа Corporation held in the Assembly Room of the Thelsel of Dreghedа on Thursday the first day of December, 1853. Pursuant to Notice signed by the Mayor, and duly posted, the several Members having been duly summoned on 26th November, 1853. for the purpose of electing a Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year.

Present, The Mayor, in Chairman
4 Aldermen and 14 Councillors

Alderman Patrick Mathews, proposed Alderman Patrick Casey as Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year, which motion was seconded by Alderman Boylan and Carried unanimously Whereupon Alderman Casey duly signed a Declaration accepting said Office.

James Mathews, Mayor

3rd. December 1853

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 for the ensuing year and also for Assessor for Laurence Gate Ward before Patrick Boylan Esqr. as Senior Alderman of said Ward, when Messrs. William Boylan and James McKenna were Elected Assessors and Messrs. James Kirby and Thomas Sheridan were Elected Auditors of the Borough, and Messrs Nicholas Boylan and Michael McGovern were Elected Assessors for the Laurence Gate Ward for the ensuing year, and said Elections were duly published as the Law directs

On same day Thomas Carty and Patrick Casey Esquires, Senior Aldermen of the West Gate and Fair Gate Wards, delivered to the Mayor the returns of the Elections held by them respectively on the above day, whereby Messrs. Patrick Joseph Gray and Wm. Duffy were elected Assessors for the West Gate Ward and Thos. Thomas Kirby and Daniel Delaney for the Fair Gate Ward and said Elections were duly published as the Law directs.

James Matthews Mayor

14th. December 1853

On this day an Election was held before Patrick Boylan Esquire as Senior Alderman of the Laurence Gate Ward, with Mr. Nicholas Boylan Assessor, pursuant to Public notice posted on the door of the Tholsel, for the purpose of Electing a Ward Assessor of said Ward for the ensuing year, in the room of Michael McGovern (elected on 3rd December instant but who had declined to sign the necessary declaration accepting said office) when Mr. Thomas Weldon of Shop Street Grocer, was elected one of the Assessors of said Ward.

And on same day an Election was held before Patrick Casey Esquire Senior Alderman of Fair Gate Ward with Mr. Thomas Kirley Assessor of said Ward, also pursuant to public notice, for the purpose of electing a Ward Assessor of said Ward for the ensuing year, in the room of Daniel Delaney (elected also on 3rd December instant but who had declined to sign the necessary declaration accepting said office when Mr. Anthony Dunleavy of West Street Clothier was elected one of the Assessors of said Ward, and said Elections were duly published as the Law directs.

James Matthews Mayor

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1st December 1853.

~~At a Special Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Thursday 1st December 1853 pursuant to notice signed by the Mayor and duly posted, the several members having been duly summoned on 26th November 1853 for the purpose of Electing a Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year.~~

Present The Mayor

4 Aldermen and 14 Councillors.

Alderman Patrick Mathews proposed Alderman Patrick Casey to Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year commencing 1st January 1854 which motion was seconded by Alderman Bolton and Carried unanimously, Whereupon Alderman Casey returns thanks and signed the usual declaration accepting said Office.

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At a Special Meeting of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on the 2nd day of January, 1854 Pursuant to notice signed by the Mayor and duly posted, the several Members having been summoned on 29th December, 1853. for the purpose of swearing in Alderman Casey Mayor for the ensuing year and deciding on Reports from the Paving Board and Building and Finance Committee

Present the Mayor as Chairman

3 Aldermen and 18 Councillors.

The Minutes of the Meetings of 1st November 1853 and of Elections on 25th November 1853. 3rd December and 14th December 1853 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

A Report from the Building and Finance Committees was read of which the following is a Copy.

Report of Building & Finance Com.

Your Committees have examined the Account of Mr James M'Kenna Painter and Glazier which had been referred to them and your Committee have found same Correct and Recommend payment of the amount £37. 18. 7. Which we Certify as our Report this 11th November 1853.

James Mathews Chairman

Mayor

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

Rep't of Paving Com't.

Your Committee have examined into the matter of the Memorial of the Scavengers and Superintendants, asking an increase of wages which had been referred to them, and taking into account the present high price of the necessaries of Life's Your Committee recommend that the working men get an increase of wages to the rate of 5/. per week, instead of their present wages, and that the wages of William Garvey and of the Superintendants be at the rate of 6/. per week, both to Commence from 4th November inst. which your Committee Certify as their Report this 11th Novem'r, 1853.

James Mathews Chairman

Mayor

And

And both said Reports were adopted on the Motion of Alderman Patrick Mathews, seconded by Councillor Patrick Kelly

Alderman Casey Sworn in as Mayor

Alderman Casey thereupon as Mayor Elect accompanied by the Members present proceeded to the Crown Court where he took the Oaths of Mayor, Justice of the Peace and of Allegiance before Alderman James Mathews J.P.

On their return to the Assembly Room, The Mayor, Alderman Casey, took his seat as Chairman.

Vote of thanks to late Mayor James Mathews by J.P.

Councillor Yeman thereupon proposed that the marked thanks of the Assembly be given to Alderman James Mathews late Mayor of the Borough for his dignified and impartial conduct during his Mayoralty, which Motion was seconded by Councillor Atkinson, and carried unanimously. Whereupon Alderman James Mathews returned thanks to the Assembly.

Patrick Casey Mayor

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Drogheda Corporation held on 1st February, 1854

Present the Mayor as Chairman

Two Aldermen and Ten Councillors

The minutes of last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

Thos Reilly appointed Surveyor Pro. tem.

Thomas Reilly was appointed Surveyor to the Corporation Pro. tem. on the Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Lynagh.

A Report of the Paving Committee was read and adopted on Motion of Alderman James Mathews seconded by J. C. Butterly.

The following is a Copy of said Report

Report of Paving Committee

Your Committee beg to report that on 24th December last they caused the soil of the Streets lanes &c. of the Borough to be set up by public Auction pursuant to Advertisement, for one year from 1st January, 1854 on the usual Conditions as to removal &c. when Lotts No. 1 & 2 were knocked down to Mr. Andrew Thomas Simple, as the highest bidder he paying £2 for same, Lott No. 5 to Francis Wm Leland he paying £1/0 for same and Lott No. 4 to Edward Monaghan, he paying £2. 15. 0 for same and thus leaving Lotts 3 & 6 & 7 undisposed of, and your Committee having caused said Lotts to be again advertised for Tenders same were on 30th December last let to Edward Monaghan, he to receive £22 for removing the soil therefrom, which Your Committee Certify as their report, and pray your Sanction of said Proceedings.

Dated this 1st February, 1854

James Mathews } Chairman

A Report of the land Valuation Committee was read and adopted on motion of James Mathews, seconded by Alderman Boylan,

The following is a Copy of said Report.

Your

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Report of Land Val.r Com.e

Your Committee beg to Report that they have considered the Memorial of Mr. James Murphy, referred to them from the Quarterly Assembly held on 1st August last, requiring the erection of a proper fence at the passage given by him through his lands at Candlebarragh to the holding of Patrick Maguire a tenant of this Corporation, and Mr. Murphy having since erected such fence at his own expense, Your Committee recommend that he be allowed a sum of five pounds towards the expense of same.

Dated this 1st February, 1854

Jam.s Mathews } Chairman

Standing Committees appointed for 1854

A List of the standing Committees of the Corporation was read & and settled on the Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Lynagh, such Committees to continue in Office for one year from this date.

The following is a list of said Committees

Finance Committee

The Mayor

Alderman Carty	J. C. Lynagh
J. C. Verdon	Alderman Boylan
J. C. Carroll	J. C. Daly
Ald.n James Mathews	

Law Committee

The Mayor

Alderman James Mathews	Ald. Boylan
Alderman Campbell	J. C. Atkinson
Alderman Carty	J. C. O'Neill
J. C. P. Verdon	J. C. Keappock

Building Committee

The Mayor

Alderman Carty	J. C. P. Kelly
Alderman Boylan	J. C. Hand
J. C. Keappock	J. C. O'Neill / J. C. Daly

Paving Committee

The Mayor

J. C. Byrne	J. C. Keappock
J. C. Daly	J. C. Toman
J. C. J. Kelly	J. C. Walsh
J. C. Hand	J. C. P. Lynagh

Clothing Committee.

The Mayor

J. C. Courtney	J. C. Keappock
J. C. Byrne	J. C. M.c Cumin

J. C. Walsh

Land Valuation Committee.

The Mayor

Alderman J. Mathews.	Alderman P. Mathews
Alderman Carty	J. C. P. Kelly
J. C. Verdon	J. C. Hand
Alderman Boylan	J. C. Keappock

Mechanics Institute Committee

The Mayor

J. C. Atkinson	J. C. Daly
J. C. P.k Kelly	J. C. Keappock

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Town Cave Committee

The Mayor

J. C. O'Neill — J. C. Byrne
J. C. P. Kelly — J. C. Hand

Lighting Committee

The Mayor

Alderman Sam. Matthews — J. C. Courtney
Alderman Pat. Matthews — J. C. P. Kelly
J. C. Ellis — J. C. Seman

J. C. P. Synagh

Suppression of Nuisance & Lodging House Committee

The Mayor

Alderman Boylan — J. C. Carroll
J. C. Verdon — J. C. Daly

Water Committee

The Mayor

Alderman James Mathews. — Ald. P. Mathews
J. C. Verdon — J. C. O'Neill
J. C. P. Kelly — J. C. Seman
J. C. Daly — J. C. Courtney

J. C. Synagh

Councillor Daly thereupon moved a Resolution that the Inspectors of each Department report to each Quarterly Assembly the State of the public Pumps and of the common Lodging Houses within the Borough, which was seconded by Councillor Synagh and carried. —

Inspectors of each Department to report to Quarterly Assembly

Tenders for Hoising the Night Cart for one year from this date were read, when after some discussion Edward Monaghan was declared the Contractor for one year from this date at the sum of £15. —

Edward Monaghans tender for Hoising Night Cart for £15 accepted

A Tender was read from Mr. Geo. Knaggs for the repair of the public Pumps for one year at £30 on certain conditions whereupon it was ordered on Motion of Councillor Daly second by Councillor Verdon, that no water Carts be allowed to take water from any of the three public fountains and that no person be allowed to wash their Cars or Carts thereat with said Water, and that no Advertisement be made for the repairs of the public Pumps and fountains. —

Tenders for the supply of Printing and Stationary and Advertising for one year from this date were read, when Mr. Stephen J. Meaney's tender was accepted, on the motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Councillor Synagh. —

Tenders for Printing &c 1854

Stephen J. Meaneys tender accepted

The following is a Copy of said Tender. —

To the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda. —

I propose to execute all the necessary Printing and Advertising, and supply Articles of Stationary at the following Prices. —

Half year's Statement of Account						5 : 15 : 0
List of Burgesses 4 to 5pr folio						12 : 0
Burgess Roll	5½	ditto.				12 : 0
Notice to revise list of Burgesses Election Auditors Borough and Ward Assessors &c. pr set						4 : 0
Circulars pr 100						3 : 6
Advertisements 5 or 12 lines 3d each line after						0 : 3
Foolscap Paper pr Quire.			6d	to	1/0d	
Post ditto "	ditto		4½d	to	8d	
Letter ditto "	ditto		4½d	to	8d	
Note ditto "	ditto		2d	to	5d	
Envelopes	pr 100		5d	to	1/0	
Wax	pr Stick		1/0	to	6d	
Pencils	pr doz.		3/0	to	4/0	
Sand	pr Bottle		1/0	to	1/6	

Copy thereof

Jam Gunthamin. Vp. Alt. Stewart
Stephen J. Meaney

From 1st February 1854. to 1st February 1855. —

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Treasurer ordered to pay by check & lodge each day monies

A Repeat was read from the Borough Auditors – Ordered that the Treasurer henceforth pay all monies ordered by Check; and lodge all monies on the day on which they shall be received. –

Memorial from Night Watchmen

A Memorial from the Nightly Watchmen was read, and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and Repeat. –

A Repeat of the Paving Inspector was read and and referred to the Paving Committee. –

Town Clerks letters to Treasurer on Inq on admission of Freemen & account read – referred to Fin.ce Com.t

The Town Clerks letters to the Treasurer on the subject of Fees taken on the admission of Freemen, dated respectively 9th December, 1843, and 20th January, 1854 and the Town Clerks old Accounts were referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report. –

A Letter from Mr Arthur Ellis Solr to Mrs Sophia Holmes demanding interest on the Compensation Bond passed to the late Joseph Holmes was referred to the Finance Committee. –

An Account from the Gas Company demanding a Balance as due them of £150 · 13 · 2 was read. –

Memorial ordered to Treasury for bill to apply Borough Fund towards Warning from Legislature an extension of Corporate Powers

Councillor Daly pursuant to notice moves that a Memorial be prepared by the Officers, calling the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury to sanction the application of a Portion of the Borough Fund towards an endeavour to obtain from the Legislature an extension of the present Corporate Powers as enumerated in his notice of motion, which was seconded by Councillor Candland and passed. –

Councillor Lynagh pursuant to notice moves that the Council Memorial the Legislature to abolish the Freeman Franchise, and extend the franchise to a £4 rated occupancy. – Which motion was not seconded

Councillor Atkinson pursuant to Notice moves that the Council Memorial Sir Duncan McGregor Head Inspector of Constabulary to appoint Head

Constable Patrick Murtagh a Sub Inspector of Police which motion was seconded by Alderman Boylan and passed. –

T. C Atkinson moves that Memt be Entered

Mr Gregg be presented w. form of M. C. Testy

A draft of the proposed Memorial was read by Councillor Atkinson and adopted on Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Alderman James Matthews, and the Mayor was requested to Sign and same when engrossed under the Corporate Seal.

Draft Memorial read & adopted

The Assembly thereupon to 27th February instant at noon. –

Patrick Casey Mayor

27th February 1854

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 27th February, 1854

Present two Aldermen and 6 Councillors.

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor Alderman James Matthews was called to the Chair

It being Assize day the Assembly was Adjourned to 7th March next at One O'clock P. M.

Patrick Casey Mayor

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At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 7th March, 1854.

Present the Mayor as Chairman 2 Aldermen, and 8 Councillors

The Minutes of the Meetings in Assembly held on 1st and 27th February last were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman

Tenders for Pumps read ordered to be readvertised

Tenders for the repairs of the Pumps & Fountains were read from Messrs Knaggs and Nugent, whereupon it was ordered that they be readvertised for Tenders.

John Tandy's tender for 8 of Streets accepted.

The Tender of John Tandy for Lott No 8, of the Public Streets at 2/6 was accepted on Motion of Councillor Keappock, seconded by Councillor Lynagh,

Lotts of Streets taken by Mr Leland to be removed each Sunday morn by Corpn

It was Ordered that the Lotts of the Public Streets taken this year by Mr Leland be cleansed each Sunday Morning by the Corporation

A Letter was read from the Inhabitants of Loughboy thanking the Council for the improvements made by them at Cairn's Well.

Letter read from Treasury on Claim for Compensation of J. McGauley

A letter from the Lords of the Treasury to the Town Clerk on the subject of a claim for Compensation forwarded them from Francis McGauley formerly one of the Town Sergeants was read, and the Town Clerk was directed to reply to it

Letter from P. Moore asking remission of £63 arrears of rent due & refd to Land Valn Comt.

A letter from Patrick Moore one of the Corporation Tenants asking a remission of £63 arrears due by him up to 25 inst. was read and referred to the Land Valuation Committee

An account from the Gas Company claiming a Balance to present date of £259 : 0 : 10 was read.

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It was ordered that the Finance Committee and Auditors be summoned for Friday next 10th inst. to examine and report on the Treasurers Accounts on the Motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

A Report was read from the Paving Committee and adopted on Motion of Councillor Daly, seconded by Alderman Boylan.

Report of Paving Comt. — Watering Cart to be ordered by the Mayor.

The following is a Copy of said Report.

Your Committee beg to report that they have ascertained that the present Cart used for watering the Streets during the Summer months is very much worn out and not worth the Cost of repairing, and recommend that his Worship the Mayor be authorized and requested to procure a proper Watering Cart on an improved principle either in Drogheda or in Dublin, which your Committee Certify as their report this 7th March 1854

Patrick Casey } Chairman

A Report was read from the Finance Committee and adopted on Motion of Councillor Daly, seconded by Alderman Boylan.

Report of Finance Comt. wages of Night Watchmen encreased by 1/- weekly to 1st Sept next

The following is a Copy of said Report

Your Committee having considered the Memorial of the Night Watchmen, praying an increase in their wages owing to the present high price of the necessaries of life, recommend that their wages be encreased by 1/0 weekly for each until 1st September next.

Your Committee have examined the Town Clerks old Accounts Commencing 29th November, 1842, and ending 16th January, 1846, as furnished some years

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sinced amounting in all for Salary, Cash expended and Charges to £331. 9. 11 and they having agreed to accept a sum of £300 for same and having received an account of same from time to time £230, and the present Town Clerk having received a sum of £59. 10. 0 on account of Fees on Admission of Freemen and other Credits for the Borough Fund, which he has offered to allow towards payment of the balance due on said old account, Your Committee recommend an adoption of this arrangement and the payment to them of the sum of £10. 10. 0 which will be thus due to them on said old account after all allowances, which your Committee certify as their Report this 7th March, 1854

Report from Clerk accounts -

£10-10-0 balance due them to clear Old Accts

Patrick Carey } Chairman

Councillor Lynagh pursuant to Notice moves that this Corporation Petition the Legislature for the abolition of the Freeman Franchise and the extension of the Rated Occupancy Franchise to a £4 rating in Counties and Boroughs, which Motion was seconded by Alderman Boylan and Passed.

Petition order'd to abolish Freeman Franchise & extend Rated Occupancy to £4 Franchise -

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 14th March at 1 O'Clock, P.M.

Patrick Carey Mayor

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 14th March, 1854.

Present the Mayor as Chairman.

Two Aldermen and Nine Councillors.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by the Chairman.

Tenders for the repairs of the Public Pumps and Fountains from Messrs. William Knaggs and James Nugent for the residue of the year ending 1st February next were read.

Councillor Lynagh moved, and Alderman James Mathews seconded a Motion that William Knaggs's tender of £20. for the residue of the year ending 1st February next be accepted whereupon Councillor Daly moved as an amendment, that Mr. George Knaggs's former tender of £30. for the whole year from 1st February 1854. to 1st February 1855. be accepted which amendment was seconded by Councillor Atkinson, but having been found irregular was withdrawn, whereupon the original Motion, that William Knaggs's tender of £20. for the residue of the year to 1st February, 1855. be accepted was put from the Chair and passed.

Wm Knaggs Tender to repair Pumps & Fountains to 1st Feby 1855 for £20 accepted.

A Repat was read from the Finance Committee which was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes.

The following is a Copy of said Repat

Your Committee beg to report, that they met on 10th inst. the Auditors in order to assist them in the examination of the Treasurer's Accounts, and they have requested said Auditors to inquire and Repat to the Assembly on this day whether certain items in said Accounts amounting to £124. 7. 9 have been charged before previously to their admitting their insertion in said Accounts, and under all circumstances your Committee recommends, that a Competent Accountant be employed to examine the Corporate Accounts from their Commencement in 1842, up to the present time, and to repat thereon to the Assembly, which we Certify as our

Repat of Finance Com.

Repat

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Report this 14th day of March, 1854.

Patrick Casey } Chairman

Standing Orders suspended to Petition against Minister Money —

Alderman James Mathews thereupon moved the suspension of the standing Orders, relative to Motions requiring notice, in order to Petition against the continuance of Minister's Money and also against the inquiry into Nunneries which was seconded by Alderman Boylan and carried.

Alderman James Mathews moved that the Council Petition against Sir John Youngs Bill relative to Ministers Money, which was seconded by Councillor Atkinson and passed.

The Draft of a Petition was then read by the Town Clerk which was adopted on Motion of Alderman James Mathews seconded by Alderman Boylan and ordered to be forwarded for presentation to James McCann Esqr. M.P.

To the Right Honble and Honble the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen & Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda.

Respectfully Sheweth.

That the levy of Ministers Money in Eight Irish Corporate Towns Viz, Dublin, Cork, Limerick Waterford, Kilkenny, Clonmel Drogheda and Kinsale where alone it is exacted, is felt to be exceedingly obnoxious and unjust, opposed to every principle of religious liberty, insulting to Catholics and dissenters, and repugnant to the feelings of the Protestant Clergy themselves, who are placed by a vicious law in the unseemly position of being its recipients.

Petition read —

That the inequality, injustice, and anomalous nature of this Impost was fully developed in the evidence adduced before the Select Committee on the

subject in June 1848, and presented to your Honorable House and the long desired substitute for payment of such Clergy as are dependent thereon having been recommended by report of said Committee to be taken from the funds of the Irish Ecclesiastical Commissioners. — Petitioners approve of that recommendation, and confidently hope it may be at once carried into effect, and that the promise of Her Majesty's Government, formerly, freely and explicitly given by the Prime Minister may be now fulfilled, by the introduction of such a measure for the abolition of Ministers Money, as may be full, final, and satisfactory.

That in seeking for the abolition of Minister's Money, Petitioners utterly repudiate any mere change or modification as happened in respect to tithes. — For such change would be looked on as only perpetuating an intolerable abuse, and as still further violation of Conscientious feelings. —

Petitioners therefore implore your Honorable House to take these premises into immediate consideration, and to pass during the present Session an Act abolishing in toto this ~~odious~~ and oppressive Impost, and transferring the burthen to the Surplus Income of the Established Church. And Petitioners will pray.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto put our Common Seal at an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly held in Drogheda on 14th day of March, 1854. —

Alderman James Mathews ~~therefore~~ thereupon moved that the Council Petition the House of Commons against the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the State of Nunneries as moved by Mr Chambers M.P. for Hertfordshire, which was seconded by Alderman Boylan and passed, and ordered to be prepared and engrossed under the Corporate Seal, by the Town Clerk, and sent for presentation to James McCann Esqr. M.P.

The draft of the Petition ordered last day of Meeting on Motion of Councillor Lynagh against the Freeman franchise and

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for an extension of the Rated occupancy franchise was read and adopted on Motion of Councillor Courtney, seconded by Councillor Lynaghl and ordered to be forwarded Engrossed under the Corporation Seal to James McCann Esqr. M.P. for presentation.—

The following is a Copy of said Petition!

To the Right Honorable and Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament Assembled.

The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda.

Respectfully Sheweth.

That Petitioners have been long convinced of the Impolicy and Injustice of continuing in any shape or for any period, the Freeman Franchise and are satisfied both from general principles, and also their observation of its practical operation in Drogheda, that its removal and an extension of the franchise on a more popular basis would tend to purify the Electoral System and to a more faithful representation of the wants and wishes of the Community.—

May it therefore please your Honorable House in any Measure of Representative Reform introduced before you to embody in it the total extinction of the Freeman franchise, and an extension of the Rated occupancy franchise to all persons rated for the relief of the poor in Counties and Boroughs to £8 yearly for holdings in their possession

In testimony whereof we have hereunto put our Common Seal at an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly held in Drogheda on this 14th day of March 1854.

The Assembly then Adjourned to Monday 10th April next at 12 O'Clock.—

Patrick Early Mayor

10th April 1854

At An Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on the 10th day of April 1854.

Present the Mayor as Chairman.

3 Aldermen and 9 Councillors.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

Lease of Tournath to Peter Greene

A Lease was sealed to Peter Greene of his holding at Tournath, and a Lease also sealed to Edward Monaghan of his holding at Thornypark.

Report of Land Valuation Comee

A Report was read from the Land Valuation Committee of which the following is a Copy.—

Your Committee beg to report that they have considered the letter of Mr. Patrick Moore referred to them on 7th March last, which asked for a remission of Arrears of Rent due by him to this Corporation amounting on 25th Ult. to a sum of £63, and under all the circumstances they have come to the conclusion that it would be better to take up from Mr. Moore the possession of the lands mentioned in his letter, and Mr. Moore has accordingly executed a surrender of those lands as comprised in a Lease to him from the former Corporation, dated 11th March 1834, in consideration of a sum of £10. paid him by your Treasurer, and the foregoing of said Arrears; and said lands having been submitted by Auction to Public Competition on 4th April instant, Mr. John Farrell of Shop Street in Drogheda Grocer was the highest bidder for same at the rate of £3. 7. 6 per Acre of late Irish Plantation Measure, And your Committee recommend the Council to grant him a Lease of said lands for a term of 31 Years from 25th March last (1854) on the condition that he execute same with the usual covenants required by this Corporation, which your Committee Certify as their Report this 10th day of April 1854.

Patrick Casey } Chairman

and

16th April 1854

and same was adopted on the Motion of Alderman Patrick Mathews, seconded by Councillor Daly.

Town Clerk to write to Boyne Comrs to repair gullets injured by them.

The Town Clerk was directed on the Motion of Councillor Atkinson, seconded by Councillor Courtney to write to the Boyne Commissioners calling on them to repair the Gullets running across the Strand Road at Captain Heneys and Mr Bellews Holdings alledged to have been injured during the operation of their works.

Patrick Casey Mayor

1st May 1854

At a Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Coporation held in the Assembly Room of the Thobsel on the 1st day of May 1854.

Present the Mayor as Chairman.

3 Aldermen and 12 Councillors.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

Report of Paving Comte accepting P Doggets tender for Broken Stones &c for one year

Tenders for the supply of Broken Stones, Paving Stones and Sand were read from P. Dogget, Peter Carolle, and P. Kelly, whereupon the Paving Committee made their Report of which the following is a Copy.

Your Committee having pursuant to Advertisement received tenders for the supply of Broken Stones, Sand &c. for the use of the Borough for one year from 1st May inst. beg leave to Report that the tender of Patrick Dogget is the lowest viz. for Broken Stones per 20 Cwt 1/11d. for Paving Stones per 15 Cwt 9d. and for Sand per 15 Cwt 7d. And they recommend the acceptance of the Council of said Tender for one year from 1st May inst. on the terms of the Advertisement, and that a sum of £10. be retained out of his first deliveries until the Completion of his Contract, as a Security for the due performance of same, which Your Committee Certify as their Report this 1st Day of May 1854.

Patrick Casey } Chairman

And said Report was adopted on Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Letter read from Telegraphic Wire Coy

A Letter was read from W. S. Henbry Manager of the Telegraphic Wire Company addressed to the Town Clerk, apprising him of the route by which it was intended to lay the Wire trains through the Borough.

Letter read from Turnpike Tolls abolition Comte & resolution to assist them

A Letter was read from the Chairman of the Turnpike Tolls abolition Committee, requesting the Co-operation of the Council in Carrying out the objects intended by them, when it was resolved to aid them by every fair and legal means and to supply the intended Commission with the necessary evidence on getting notice of the Commencement of their enquiry.

Water Comte empowered to take the Hanlons pump

The Water Committee were requested to examine Hanlon's Pump in Stockwell lane, and they were empowered to take it for a short time at the yearly rent of £6. if they should think it proper and advisable so to do.

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J. Farrell account read & passed.

John Farrells Account for £1:10:0 for assisting the Town Clerk in revising the Burgess Lists for 1853. was read an ordered to be paid.

Water Comt. empowered to erect a metal Pump on north or south side of the Boyne

The Water Committee were empowered on Motion of T. C. Daly, seconded by T. C. Verdon to erect a proper metal Pump on either the North or South side of the Boyne near the Bridge to supply the watering Carts.

A Report was read from the Borough Auditors.

An Account was read from the Gas Company claiming £333. 4. 9 as balance due for lighting up to 1st May inst. It was ordered on the Motion of Councillor Courtnay, seconded by Councillor Butterly that the 28 lamps lighted last Summer be also lighted this Summer; and in addition one in Daw's lane at 27/6 ft.

29 Lamps to be lighted during summer months

Memorial read from Loughboy & referred to Water Comt.

A Memorial from the Inhabitants of Loughboy asking compensation for one Patrick Cain was referred to the Water Committee on Motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Councillor Courtnay.

A Report from the Inspector of Common Lodging Houses was read of which the following is a Copy.

Drogheda 29th April. 1854.

Gentlemen of Lodging House Committee.

Report of George Ogle

I beg to lay before you my report of the present state of the Lodging Houses in this town. I find the Rooms, Bedding &c. which are kept for the use of lodgers, are now in a clean and healthy state. On my first inspection of those Houses after my appointment, I found in some apartments as many as six beds (and in some Cases more) which was far different from their present state of Cleanliness. There are now not more than two beds in any one Room in the above Houses which numbers 66. The following are the number of Beds in each House. Viz.

Houses.	No. of Beds in each House	Remarks.
23	4	"
21	2	"
7	6	"
6	3	"
4	5	"
2	7	"
2	1	"
1	8	"
Total 66	Total No. of Beds 238	

I am Gentlemen Yr. Obedient Servant. George Ogle } Inspector.

Salary of Auditors for this year increased by £25.

Councillor Lynagh pursuant to Notice moves the Salary of the Auditors for this year be increased by a sum of £25. on the understanding that they employ a Competent Person subject to the approbation of him by the Council in Committee to examine and report on the Corporate Accounts commencing 25th Octr. 1842. and ending 1st March 1854. said Accounts to be ruled up to the latter day, which Motion was seconded by Councr. Courtnay and carried.

Meml. from Town Serjts read & referred to Finance Comt.

A Memorial from the Town Sergeants asking an increase of Salary on account of the present high price of Provisions was read, and referred to the Finance Committee on Motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Councillor Hand.

The Assembly thereupon Adjourned to 22nd inst. at 12 O'Clock.

Patrick Cassidy Mayor

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At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the the Drogheda Corporation held in the Tholsel on the 22nd day of May, 1854.

Present the Mayor as Chairman

3. Aldermen and 12 Councillors

The Minutes of last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle Inspector of Paving.

A Report was read from the Finance Committee of which the following is a Copy.

Report of Finance Comt. to employ John Kidd to examine accts and pay £50 –

Referring to a Resolution passed on 1st May instant authorising an increase of the present Auditors salary by £25. to enable them to employ an assistant to examine the Corporate Accounts, your Committee finding that for such a sum a competent person could not be had have advertised for tenders, and under all the Circumstances recommend that Mr John Kidd be employed, to examine write out and report on and rule the Corporate Books and Accounts, commencing 25th October, 1842. and ending 1st March, 1854, according to his tender and specification dated 20th instant, and that the Salary of the Auditors ~~xxx xxx~~ be increased by the sum of £50. they paying same to Mr Kidd for his services, Dated this 22nd day of May, 1854

Patrick Casey Chairman

We assent to the forgoing Report, and agree to pay Mr John Kidd said sum of £50, Dated 22nd May 1854.

James Hickey

Thomas Sheridan

and said Report on which was endorsed the Assent of Messrs Hickey and Sheridan (the Borough Auditors for the year) was adopted on the motion of Councillor Verdon seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Draft report of Sale of Property Comt read & postponed to 1st Augn next –

A Draft Report of the sale of Property Committee was read, and it was ordered after some discussion that the consideration of it be postponed to the Quarterly Assembly on 1st August next.

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 19th June next at 12 O'clock.

Patrick Casey Mayor

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At An Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Tholsel on 19th June 1854.—

Present. The Mayor.
2 Aldermen and 11 Councillors.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by the Chairman

Lease sealed to John Farrell

A Lease was sealed to Mr John Farrell of Shop Street Grocer of two fields situate on the East side of Ballymakenny Road

Letter read from John Kidd

A Letter was read from Mr John Kidd the Examining Auditor. Whereupon Mr. Kidd having been called before the Assembly, and a discussion arisen, Messrs. Daly, Butterly, Lynagh, Verdon, Knaprock and Boylan with the Mayor, were appointed as a Committee to examine & if necessary report on Mr Kidds mode of proceeding on the Motion of Alderman James Matthews seconded by Mr Courtney.

Com^e appointed to examine & report on Mr Kidds mode of proceeding —

Watery Hill ordered to be repaired —

It was ordered on the Motion of J. C. Lynagh seconded by J. C. Kelly, that Watery Hill be repaired in the Centre.

T. Clk to write to Owner of House on Curry's Hill in danger of falling —

The Town Clerk was directed to write to the Owner of a House on Curry's Hill reported to be in danger of falling, on the Motion of J. C. Carroll, seconded by J. C. Knaprock.

Paving Com^e to make a Sewer in Bragan Lane

The Paving Committee were instructed on the Motion of Alderman James Matthews, seconded by J. C. Ellis to make a Sewer in the Southern part of Margins Lane about sixteen perches in length.

£10 added to Mayors Salary to Pay for Charity Coffins —

J. C. Daly moved and J. C. Thomas Kelly seconded a Motion that a sum of £10. be added to the Mayor's Salary, to enable him to give out of same Charity Coffins in those cases which are not provided for by the Poor Law Acts, which Motion was put from the Chair & Carried.

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An Account was read from the Gas Company claiming a sum of £234. 5. 2.

Letter from Mr Callinan of Ennis on subject of Erasmus Smiths Schools

A Letter was read from Dr Callinan of Ennis to the Mayor, respecting the Schools on Erasmus Smiths Foundation, and complaining of the Abuses in same, and asking the Co-operation of the Council whereupon the Town Clerk was directed to reply to him thanking him for his communication, and saying that the Corporation will Act on his suggestions in any proper mode he may suggest on getting the necessary information about to be elicited through Parliament by Mr Fitzgerald M. P. for Ennis. on Motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by J. C. Lynagh.

Office of Court Keeper to be filled at next Meeting —

A Letter was read from one Arthur Nelson soliciting the appointment of Court Keeper. whereupon it was suggested that the Office of Court Keeper vacant by the late demise of John Hawkins should be filled at next Meeting, the Council to be summoned in Committee for the morning of that day to discuss the propriety of such appointment.

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to Monday 3rd July next at 12 O'Clock.

Patrick Kelly Mayor

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3rd July 1854

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Thelsel, on 3rd day July, 1854.

Present the Mayor, Chairman
One Alderman and Eleven Councillors

The Minutes of last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by the Chairman

A letter was read from the Turnpike Abolition Committee, addressed to the Town Clerk.

A letter was read from Mr. Kidd the examining Auditor addressed to the Mayor asking £25, on account. Whereupon a discussion arose and Mr Kidd having been called in, and explained to the Council his wishes and intention, J.C. Verdon moved a Resolution that the Treasurer be instructed to advance to Mr Kidd £15 on Account which Motion was seconded by J.C. Heapstock, whereupon J.C Lynagh moved as an amendment that he get no payment until his entire duty be performed which Motion was seconded by J.C. O'Neill and the amendment having been put from the Chair it voted Against it and two for it. Whereupon the original Resolution that the Treasurer be instructed to advance him £15, on account was declared carried.

Treasurer to advance £15 to John Kidd

Petitions praying for the Appointment of Court Keeper were read from John Devitt Patrick McArdle William Sharples, Arthur Hobson and Joshua Clare. Whereupon J.C. Butterly moved and J.C. Byrne seconded a Resolution, that John Devitt be

John Devitt elected Court Keeper for one year from this date

elected Court Keeper for one year from this date, which Motion was put from the Chair and carried.

A letter was read addressed to the Treasurer from the under Secretary of State for Ireland, requiring that the Audit of the Corporation Accounts for the year ending 31st August 1853 should be forwarded to his department.

Letter to Treasurer from Under Sec'y of State requiring Accounts

The Assembly thereupon Adjourned to 17th July instant at 12 O'clock.

Patrick Cassidy Mayor

17th July 1854

A an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Thelsel of Drogheda on Monday the 17th day of July, 1854.

Present the Mayor as Chairman
One Alderman and ten Councillors

The minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by the Chairman.

A letter was read from the Chairman of the Turnpike Trusts abolition Committee.

Whereupon Alderman Boylan moved a Resolution That in the opinion of this Corporation the Continuance of the Dublin and Amiens and Dublin and Ashbourne Turnpike Trusts, since the Establishment of Railway Communication to the North South and West of Drogheda is unnecessary and oppressive and highly injurious to the town and trade of Drogheda, and that the transfer of the charge of those Roads to the respective Counties through which they run, where they would be subject to the check and supervision of the Rate Payers would be much preferable to the present System, involving as it does the expense of official Salaries with other charges and a

Resolution against Continuance of the Dublin & Drogheda & Dublin & Ashbourne Turnpike Trusts

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a much smaller amount of responsibility, Which Resolution was seconded by T. C. Hand and carried unanimously.—

George Ogle ordered to report to every Assembly —

It was moved by T. C. Lynagh seconded by T. C. Daly, and resolved that Mr. George Ogle be required to report to every Assembly on the state of all matters within his province.

Patrick Cassidy Mayor

— 1st August 1854 —

At a Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the first day of August, 1854.—

Present the Mayor as Chairman
2 Aldermen and 10 Councillors
The Minutes of last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk & signed by the Chairman

A Report was read from Mr. George Ogle, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes of which the following is a Copy.—

To the Committee of the Drogheda Corporation.

Gentlemen,—

Report of George Ogle —

Pursuant to the Resolution of Your Honorable Board dated the 17th day of July 1854. I beg to submit the following observations on the several matters comprised within my department as Inspector of paving, and of Nuisances, and also as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.—

With respect to the paving and Nuisance department I beg to say that the paving in Freeschool lane &c. Watery Hill is now complete, I am at present getting part of West Street, also part of John Street graveled, the Nuisance in the suburbs I am getting removed, which is very triffling, the town is generally clean and free from nuisance. With regard to the Common

Lodging

Lodging Houses Department, I beg to say that they are very clean and properly kept. And with regard to the watering department I also beg to say, the Fountains and Pumps are all in good working order, with three exceptions (viz) the Pump on the North Road, the Pump at Mr. Owens' Calender, and the Pump at the Old Gas House which are undergoing repairs. I have waited on Mr. Knaggs relative to the ladders for the North Road Pump, he stated to me that he was getting them ready as fast as possible. All which I submit as my report for your next Meeting in Assembly to be held on the first day of August, 1854.—

Dated this 31st day of July, 1854.

George Ogle, Inspector &c. &c.

Paving Comt. to report on Sewer in Morgan's Lane —

It was Ordered on the Motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Councillor Hand, that the Paving Committee examine and report on Sewer ordered in Morgan's Lane.—

Memorial from Peter Hoey —

A Memorial from Mr. Peter Hoey asking an increase of Salary was read, on which no motion was made.—

Land Valn. Comt. to report on reductions heretofore made —

It was resolved on motion of Councillor O'Neill seconded by Alderman James Mathews, that the Land valuation Committee be requested to report to the Assembly on the several reductions in their rents made to the tenants as to the propriety of Continuing or discontinuing same.—

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 14th August instant at 12 O'Clock.—

Patrick Cassidy Mayor

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At an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Drogheda Corporation, held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on the 14th day of August, 1854.

Present. The Mayor as Chairman one Alderman and ten Councillors.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by the Chairman

Letter from Boyne Comn. on State of Graves Lane –

A Letter was read from the Boyne Commissioners, complaining of the filthy state of Graves's lane, which was referred to the Paving Committee on Motion of Councillor Keappock, seconded by Councillor Carroll.–

A Report was read from Mr. George Ogle of which the following is a Copy.–

To the Committee of the Drogheda Corporation

Gentlemen.

Report of George Ogle.

Pursuant to the Resolution of your Honorable Board, dated the 17th day of July, 1854 I beg to submit the following observations on the several matters comprising within my department as Inspector of Paving and of Nuisances, and also as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough

With respect to the Paving and Nuisance Department, I beg to say that since my last report I have got 22 load of broken Stones spread in West Street and 12 load in John Street, I have men employed making a Shower in Trinity Street, which will very shortly be finished.–

I now Gentlemen beg to call your particular attention to the dangerous state of the Curb Stones in several Streets, particularly Peter Street which require

squaring and dressing.–

With respect to the Common Lodging Houses I find they are kept in a clean and healthy state, And with reference to the Watering Department, I beg to state that the fountains and Pumps, are all in working order, except the Pump at the Old Gas House, and the one on the North Road. Mr. Knaggs is getting the Iron ladders into the latter, which will be completed in a few days.–

All of which I submit as my report for your next Meeting in Assembly to be held on the 14th inst.–

Dated this 12th day of August, 1854

George Ogle, Inspector.

Report of Land Valn. Comn. referred back

A Report was read from the land Valuation Committee referring to the holdings of Mr. Thomas Woods, & Mr. John McLoughlin, whereupon after some discussion said report was referred back to the Committee for further consideration, and a report on the Motion of Councillor Verdon, seconded by Councillor Keppock.

The Assembly thereupon Adjourned to 11th Septemr. next at 12 O'Clock.–

Patrick Casey Mayor

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11th September 1854

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation, held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 11th September, 1854.

Present The Mayor as Chairman
Three Aldermen and Seven Councillors.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by the Chairman

Account of Gas Co.

A letter was read from the Drogheda Gas Company claiming as due them a Balance of £171. 10: 4 on their Account to 1st August last.

A letter was read from T. C. Addy giving notice that at the next Meeting of the Council he would move the adoption of the leading provisions of the towns Improvement Act.

Report of Land Val. Com.

A Report was read from the Land Valuation Committee, and adopted on motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Alderman Patrick Mathews which the following is a Copy.

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined and inquired into the matter of the several reductions made to the Corporation tenants from time to time, during the last six years, and with respect to Thomas Woods holding of 3a. 1r. 23p reduced on two different occasions from the Original Rent of £4. 4. 6 to £3. p Irish Acre, Your Committee recommend the Continuance of this reduction on the terms heretofore granted on condition that he take out a lease of same for 31 years from 1st Novemr. 1850, on or before 1st December next, otherwise that the full original Rent be charged him to commence from 1st

November next. — With respect to Peter Flynn's holding of 5a. 3r. 17p, also reduced on two several occasions from the original Rent of £4. 10. 0 to £3 per Irish Acre, Your Committee recommend the continuance of this reduction for the present until further order on the terms heretofore granted. With respect to the Widow Coyles holding of 11a: 0r: 30p owned partly by the Corporation and the Trustees of the Poor of Saint Johns, Your Committee recommend the continuance of a reduction made her from £3. 15. 0 to £3. per Irish Acre until further order on the terms heretofore granted. — With respect to Mr. Hugh Galbraith's holding of 5a. 3r. 26p, reduced from £3. 2. 6 to £3. per Irish Acre, Your Committee recommend the continuance of this reduction until further order on the terms heretofore granted. — With respect to Robert Portlands holding of 6: 0: 8, reduced from £3. 6. 0 to £2. per Irish Acre, Your Committee recommend the continuance of this reduction until further order on the terms heretofore granted. With respect to Mary Woods holding of 2a. 3r. 1p reduced from £3. 13. 10 to £3. per Irish Acre, Your Committee also, recommend its continuance until further order on the conditions heretofore granted. With respect to Christopher Jordan's holdings of 9a: 0r: 28p reduced from £3. 13. 10 to £3. per Irish Acre, Your Committee recommend the Continuance of this reduction until further order, on the terms heretofore granted. — With respect to John McLoughlins holding at Huckins of 138a: 3r: 1p, reduced from its original Rent of £1: 11: 6 per Irish Acre, first to £1: 10: 0, and secondly to £1: 5: 0 per like Acre, Your Committee recommend that

henceforth

henceforth the rent charged for this farm be £1:10:0 per Irish Acre, which is the amount at which it was valued by Messrs. Brassington and Gale as appears by their report dated 14th September, 1848. And your Committee recommend that in accordance with the Resolution of your Body passed on 2nd October, 1848, a lease be granted at that rent for 31 years from 29th September, 1846, to the party now legally entitled to same, and that such party be required to execute same on or before 1st January next, otherwise that the necessary steps be taken to recover possession of said holding.— With respect to Charles White's holding of 6a. 1r. 20p. reduced from £3. 15. 0 to £3. per Irish Acre Your Committee recommend the Continuance of this reduction until further Order, on the terms heretofore given respecting same. And with respect to Peter McEvoy's holding of 1a. 2r. 0p. reduced from £2. 15. 0 to £2. per Irish Acre Your Committee recommend also the Continuance of this reduction until further order on the same terms as heretofore, Your Committee have further to report, that on 2nd February, 1852, part of the lands of Landsharragh were proposed to be let to Patrick Maguire at 30/0 per Irish Acre ~~one~~ condition that he took out leases of same within one month, otherwise that the letting should be void, And your Committee find that although apprised of those Conditions, he has not complied with same, And they beg to recommend that he be required to execute said leases within a specified time, and in the event of his non-compliance, that steps be taken to recover

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possession of his said holding, which Your Committee Certify as their report this 11th day of September, 1854.—

Patrick Casey } Chairman

A Report was read from Mr. George Ogle and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of which the following is a Copy.—

To the Committee of the Drogheda Corporation

Gentlemen,

Report of George Ogle

Pursuant to the Resolution of your Honorable Board, dated the 17th day of July, 1854, I beg to submit the following observations on the several matters comprised within my department, as Inspector of Paving and of Nuisances, and also as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.—

With respect to the Paving Department I beg to state, that nothing has been done in that way since my last report; but on Monday next I purpose getting the Water Table in Trinity Street paved. And with respect to the Nuisance Department I have only to say, that all is perfectly clean, I have got the Suburbs swept, now for the fourth time, with the extra Scavengers, some of which places I find it necessary to have swept, at least four times each week. There is now a heap of Manure in the usual receptacles in Loughboy ready for sale.—

With respect to the Common Lodging Houses, I find they are also clean and in a healthy state

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11th September 1854

The plumpsand Fountains are nowally in working Order. The Ladders have been put in the plumps on the North Road.—

All of which I submit as my report for your next Meeting in Assembly to be held on the 11th September. Dated this 9th day of September, 1854.

George Ogle, Inspector

Letters read from Saint George Smith & Wm Saitthwaite requiring 6 per Cent on Bonds from 1st May last.—

Letters were read from Mr Saint George Smith, and from Lieutenant Colonel Faitthwaite from the Revd John Sinny the Bondholders of the Corporation, giving Notice that they would require Six per Cent Interest on their Bonds from 1st May last.——

The Assembly Hereupon Adjourned to 25th September Instant, at 12 Oclock.—

Patrick Cattle Mayor

A Team Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on the 25th day of September 1854.—

Present. The Mayor as Chairman
3 Aldermen and 11 Councellors

The minutes of last Meeting (as in enlarged form) were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman as Correct.

A Report from Mr George Ogle was read and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of which the following is a Copy.

To the Committee of the Drogheda Corporation

Gentlemen.—

Pursuant to the Resolution of Your Worthy Body dated the 17th day of July 1854 I beg to submit the following observation on the several matters comprised within my department as Inspector of Paving and Nuisances also as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

Report of George Ogle

With respect to the Paving, I have got the Water Table in Trinity Street paved.—

With respect to the Nuisance department, the Streets and Lanes are perfectly clean and free from Nuisance.

With respect to the Common Lodginghouse department, I find they are kept in a clean and healthy State.

And with respect to the Water department, I find the Pumps in working order except the Pump at the Tholsel which is undergoing repair

I would also wish to draw your attention with respect to the fountain at the New Quay that

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Exhibited at Drogheda District Court 18/11/49 Joseph Carr v. Christina Connor & others
J. G. Kenney District Justice 18. 11. 49.

the handle being broken and taken away on the night of the 17th instant,

All which I submit as my report for your next Meeting in Assembly to be held on the 25th day of September, 1854,

George Ogle Inspector

Memorial for Cover Shed for Potatoe Market –

A Memorial was read from Owen Meighan asking the erection of a Cover shed for the Potatoe Market, which was referred to the town Crane Committee for consideration and Report,

On motion of T. C. Patrick Kelly seconded by Alderman Boylan,

Resolution that Towns Improvement Act should be carried out in Drogheda.

T. C. Daly pursuant to Notice moves that this Corporation ~~Corporation~~ is of opinion that the "Towns Improvement Act" lately passed should be carried out in Drogheda, which motion was seconded by Alderman James Mathews and Carried,

Motion for 8 new Fairs

Alderman Boylan pursuant to notice moves that the Council apply for eight additional new Fairs, viz for additional new Fairs and certain changes in the present new Fairs granted by Patent in 1833, on which a discussion having arisen the motion was withdrawn for the present by the mover, and directions given to the town Clerk to inquire as to the probable expense of a Patent, and the mode of Proceeding to obtain one.

Town Clerk to inquire expense of Patent

John Kidd reads his report – referred to Finance Comt.

Mr. John Kidd thereupon read his report on the Corporate Accounts, Commencing 25th October, 1842, and ending 1st March, 1854 which was referred to the Finance Committee

on motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Alderman James Mathews. –

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 9th October next at 12 O'Clock.

Patrick Cassy Mayor

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9th October 1854

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 9th October 1854

Present the Mayor as Chairman
Three Aldermen and 9 Counsellors.

The Minutes of last Meeting as unpassed in enlarged form were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

A letter was read from the Gas Company, claiming a balance of £179:9:7 as due them to 1st October 1854.

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of which the following is a Copy-

To the Committee of the Drogheda Corporation

Gentlemen.

Report of Geo Ogle

Pursuant to the Resolution of your Honorable Body, dated the 11 July, 1854, I beg to submit the following observations on the several matters comprised within my Department as Inspector of Paving and Nuisances, and also as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

With respect to the Paving since my last Report I have got 24 loads of broken Stones delivered in James's Street. I would also recommend broken Stones to be ordered for West Street

With respect to the Nuisance department, the Streets and Lanes are perfectly clean, one of the heaps of Manure in our Repository in Longtown, was sold this day by Auction for £3. 17. 6. And there will be another heap for sale in a few days.

And with respect to the Common Lodging houses Department, they are kept in a clean and healthy state.

And with respect to the Watering Department the Pumps are all in working order, with the exception of two, the Pumps in West Street, adjacent to Mr Countneys Store is undergoing repair, and we got the flags removed off the Linen Hall Pumps, and find there is no water in it. Mr Knaggs is

is preparing Spouts and handles for the Fountain at the New Quay

All which I submit as my Report for your next Meeting in Assembly to be held on the 9th day of October 1854. Dated 7th inst.

George Ogle Inspector.

Memorial from Patrick Sherlock for Lease

A Memorial was read from Patrick Sherlock of Dublin Gate Mainguard, requesting the Council to substitute him as their tenant instead of Thomas Woods for a. 3. r. 3. p. 23 and to grant him a lease of same for 23 years from 29th September 1854 at the yearly rent of £3. of Irish Acres, which request was granted on Motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Alderman James Matthews.

Motion to change site of Cattle Market Postponed

P. C. Daly, pursuant to Notice moves that the Cattle Market held on Thursdays be removed from the New Quay to the Corn Market, which Motion, after some discussion was withdrawn by the mover until next day of Meeting.

Tenders to be taken for Painting, &c. ordered. Windows of Tholsel &c

James Persse also moved pursuant to Notice, that Tenders be taken for painting the Windows of the Mayoralty House on the outside, and that Notice be given to Post no Bills thereon, which Motion was seconded by P. C. Hand and carried.

John Devitt to get £5 yearly from 25th May 1854

Alderman James Matthews pursuant to Notice moved, that John Devitt get from this Corporation a Salary of £5. yearly as Court Keeper, to commence from 25th May last, which Motion was seconded by P. C. Hand and carried.

Patrick Daly Mayor

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1st November 1852

At a Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation, held on 1st Novemr 1854

Present the Mayor as Chairman,
Three Aldermen and four Councillors.

The Minutes of last Meeting, as engrossed were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by the Chairman.

Letter read as to expenses of Patent for New Pairs

A Letter was read from Mr Cantwell relative to expenses of Patent for proposed New Pairs.

Letter read as to abuses in Erasmus Smith's Schools

A Letter to his Worship the Mayor from Dr Cullinan of Ennis on the subject of the abuses in the Trusts of Erasmus Smith's Schools was read.

Report of Geo Ogle

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of which the following is a Copy.—

To the Committee of the Drogheda Corporation

Gentlemen,

Pursuant to the Resolution of your Honorable Body dated the 11th day of July, 1854 I beg to submit the following observations on the several matters comprised within my department, as Inspector of Paving and of Nuisances and also as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

With respect to the Pavings since my last Report I have got 114 loads of broken Stones delivered in the following places, in Shop Street 50 Load, West Street 30 load, Dyer Street 15 load Nathl Quay 12 load and Bachelors Lane 7 load.

With respect to the Nuisance Department, the Streets and Lanes are perfectly free from Nuisances On Saturday last there was one heap of Manure sold at our Repository in Loughboy by Auction for the sum of £7.

and

And with respect to the Common Lodging House Department, those that are registered, I find they are kept in a clean and healthy state, there are a few keeping lodgers without a Registry, and I want your instructions how to proceed against them.—

And with respect to the Watering Department the Chief Pumps were often dry for the last three weeks, the Pump at the Thatch and North Road are undergoing Repairs.

All which I submit as my Report for your next Meeting in Assembly to be held on the 1st Novemr 1854.—

George Ogle, Inspector.

From Clerk Smith & Members for Meath & Drogheda re anomalous State of Postal Communication between Navan & Drogheda.

J. C. Daly having brought under the Notice of the Assembly, the anomalous State of the Postal Communication between Drogheda and Navan. The Town Clerk was desired after some discussion of the subject to communicate thereon with the Members for Meath and Drogheda calling their attention to same and requesting their exertions to provide a remedy.

The Mayor pursuant to Notice moved that advertisements be made for Tenders to supply Coats, Hats and Capes for the Ten Night Watchmen and that the Clothing Committee be summoned for Tuesday 7th November then instant to decide upon such Tenders and order such Coats, Hats and Capes, which Motion was seconded by J. C. Lynagh and passed.—

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 20th November instant, at 12 O'Clock.—

Patrick Cassidy Mayor

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At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on Monday 20th November 1854.

Present, the Mayor as Chairman
4 Aldermen and 7 Councillors.

The Minutes of the last Meeting as Engrossed in enlarged form were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

Clerk of the Peace expenses of P.A. Lists for 1853 Submitted —

An Account of the expenses of the Clerk of the Peace incurred in the preparation and revision of the Lists of the Parliamentary Electors for the year 1853, pursuant to 13th & 14. Victoria Chap. 69, having been submitted and read It was ordered on the Motion of Alderman James Mathews seconded by Alderman Boylan that the Council Certify for a sum of £35 to be paid him in full of all such expenses.

£35 to be Certified —

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle Inspector of paving &c, which was ordered to be inserted on the minutes & of which the following is a Copy.

To the Committee of the Drogheda Corporation.

Gentlemen.

Report of George Ogle —

Pursuant to the Resolution of Your Honorable Board, dated the 17th July, 1854, I beg to submit the following observations on the several matters comprised within my department as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

With respect to the Paving, since my last Report, I have got 90 loads of broken Stones delivered in James's Street, I have also to inform you, that the Sewer in Morgan's Lane is finished.

With

With respect to the Nuisance Department the Streets and Lanes are regularly cleansed, and with respect to the Common Lodging House Department, I find those that are registered are kept in a Clean and healthy state.

And with respect to the Watering Department, the Pumps are in working order, the Pump in the Linen Hall, and in Bachelor's Lane are often dry, owing to the want of water. There is seldom any water in the Fountains. Mr Owens has given leave to run a water pipe from his Cistern to Bachelor's Lane, which will be of great service to the Public.

All which I submit as my Report for your next Meeting in Assembly to be held on the 20th Instant. Dated the 18th November, 1854

George Ogle, Inspector.

A Report from the Auditors on the Corporate Accounts for the half year ending 31st August, 1854 was read of which the following is a Copy.

To the Corporation of Drogheda,

Report of Borough Auditors —

Gentlemen,

We have examined your Accounts for the half year ending the 31st August, 1854, and find that there has been received for Rents £1527. 10. 4. Cranage £35. 12. 7½, Freemans Fees £59: 10: 0 Total received £1622: 12: 11½.

The Disbursements are £2057: 3: 11½, showing a balance against the Estate of £428. 13: 10½

The Arrears on the Rental Amount to £2790. 2. 0¼, some of which is due by the Parties who have (as is stated) claims on the Corporation.

Payments by Cheque are generally made

Except

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Except in such Cases where the party have a Counter Claim, when an exchange of Receipts are made.

The Stocks of Receipts issued to Tenants correspond with the Rental and Cash Book — the Vouchers for Income Tax are not all produced as your Treasurer states the Parties refuse to give them. —

James Hickey
Thomas Sheridan

20th Novem.r 1854

Letter read from Henry Hamilton claiming two years Salary due Tho.s North for winding Town Clock

A Letter was read from Mr. Henry Hamilton, claiming two years Salary as due Mr. Thomas North for winding Town Clock whereupon after some discussion the Treasurer was directed to apply to Mr. North for the Balance of Rent due by him to the Corporation.

500 Copies of Abstract of Town Improvement Act to be printed & distributed —

Local Journals to get £ 2-10-0 for same —

It was ordered on the Motion of Councillor Atkinson, seconded by Councillor Courtney that 500 Copies of an Abstract of the Towns Improvement Act (1854.) contained in the Dowgheda Argus of 16th September 1854, be printed, posted and circulated through the Borough & the Editors of the local Journals, who were present, having agreed to print same for a sum of £2. 10. 0 to be paid between them.

The Assembly thereupon Adjourned to Friday 1st December next at 12 O Clock.

Patrick Lally Mayor

Municipal Elections

Saturday 25th November, 1854

On this day Thomas Carty Esquire as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward with Messrs. Patrick & Joseph Graymond & John Duffy Assessors of said Ward, and Patrick Casey Esq.r as Senior Alderman of Fair Gate Ward, with Messrs. Thomas Kirby and Anthony Dunbeavy Assessors of said Ward and Patrick & Boylan Esquire as Senior Alderman of Saint Lawrence Gate Ward, with the Mr. Nicholas Boylan Assessor of said Ward held Elections respectively of their several Wards to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of One Alderman and two Councillors in each of said Wards whose Periods of Office expired on said day. When Thomas Carty Esquire was Elected Alderman and Messrs. Anthony Keappock & and John O'Neill were elected Councillors for West Gate Ward, and Patrick Casey Esquire was elected Alderman, and Messrs. Robert Bedford Daly and William Kirtland were elected Councillors for Fair Gate Ward, and Patrick Boylan Esq.re was elected Alderman and Messrs Patrick Tennan and Michael Walsh were elected Councillors for Saint Lawrences Gate Ward, and said Elections were duly published by the Mayor Pursuant to the requisites of the Statute.

Patrick Lally Mayor

Same

Monday 27th November 1854

On this day James Mathews Esquire as Senior Alderman of Saint Lawrence Gate Ward with the Mr. Nicholas Boylan Assessor of said Ward, held an Election for said Ward to fill the Vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Peter McCann who had ceased to be Councillor for said Ward, when Mr. Thomas Hammond was elected Councillor for said in the Room of said Peter McCann and said Election was duly published by the Mayor pursuant to the Statute.

Patrick Lally Mayor

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At an adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Corporation of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the first day of December 1854

Present the Mayor as Chairman
5 Aldermen and 18 Councillors.

The Minutes of the last Meeting as engrossed in an enlarged form were read by the Town Clerks and signed by the Chairman.

Letter from Mr Kidd asking an increased remuneration read

A Letter was read from Mr. Kidd the examining Auditor relating to his Financial Statement and Abstract and asking the Council to grant him an increased remuneration therefor which was referred to the Finance Committee for their Consideration and Report on the Motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Alderman James Mathews.

referred to Finance Comtee

F.C. P. Kelly proposed as Mayor for the ensuing year

Alderman Boylan thereupon proposed Councillor Kelly as Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year Commencing 1st January, 1855, which motion was seconded by Alderman Campbell.

F.C. Hammond proposed as Mayor

Alderman James Mathews proposed Councillor Atkinson as Mayor for same period, which Motion was seconded by Councillor Daly, Councillor Tennan proposed Councillor Hammond as Mayor for the ensuing year which motion was seconded by Councillor Gargan whereupon Councillor Atkinson having withdrawn from the Contest, the voting was taken by consent of the members present as between Councillors Kelly and Hammond and the several Members present having voted viva voce, there appeared for Councillor Hammond 18 Votes, and for Councillor Kelly 11 votes whereupon Councillor

F.C. Hammond Elected Mayor

Thomas Hammond was declared from the Chair elected Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year, Commencing on 1st January, 1855.

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An Account from Mr. John Collins for £19:2:6 was read and referred to the Finance Committee for Consideration and Report.

The Assembly thereupon Adjourned to 12th Instant at 12 O'Clock M.

Patrick Kelly Mayor

Monday 4th December 1854

Elections of Assessors & Auditors

On this day William Campbell Esqr as senior Alderman of West Gate Ward, with Messrs Patrick Joseph Gray and John Duffy Assessors of said Ward, and Patrick Matthews Esquire as Senior Alderman of Dair Gate Ward, with Messrs Thomas Kirley and Anthony Dunleavy as Assessors of said Ward, and James Mathews Esquire as Senior Alderman of Saint Laurence Gate Ward, with Mr. Nicholas Boylan Assessor of said Ward, held Elections respectively of their several Wards to elect Assessors of same, when Messrs Patrick Joseph Gray and Patrick Byrne were elected Assessors of West Gate Ward, and Messrs Thomas Kirley and Anthony Dunleavy were elected Assessors of Dair Gate Ward, and Messrs Nicholas Boylan and John Duffy were elected Assessors of Saint Laurence Gate Ward, each and all for the ensuing year, Commencing 10th December 1854

James

And on the same day his Worship the Mayor held an Election for Assessors and Auditors of the Borough for the ensuing year, when Messrs William Boylan and James McKenna were elected Borough Assessors, and Messrs James Bickey and Thomas Sheridan were elected Borough Auditors for the ensuing year, and said several Elections were duly published by the Mayor pursuant to the Statute.

Patrick Kelly Mayor

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At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 18th December, 1854.

Present the Mayor as Chairman, 3 Aldermen and 12 Councillors.

The Minutes of the last Meeting in Assembly as engrossed in enlarged form were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman,

Report of Finance Comt. on John Kidds Claim.

A Report from the Finance Committee on Mr. Kidds claim for additional Compensation was read, whereupon it was moved by Councillor Keappock, and seconded by Alderman Boylan that this Report as read be adopted, upon which T. C. O'Neill moved as an amendment that Mr. Kidd should get but £50. as stipulated in his contract, which was seconded by T. C. Lynagh and the amendment having been put from the Chair, three voted for it, and thirteen against it. whereupon the amendment was declared lost and the original resolution was put from the Chair and declared carried. The following is a Copy of said Report:—

Your Committee having inquired into the matter of Mr. John Kidds letter of 1st. instant referred to them for consideration and report, and having taken into account the circumstance that the Inquiry into and examination of the Corporate Accounts for so lengthened a period, and the preparation of the Rental by Mr. Kidd involved a vast deal more of trouble, loss of time and expenditure by him than was anticipated, either by the Council or himself at the time of his Contract, Are of opinion that he is justly and fairly entitled to

to an encreased allowance, and Your Committee therefore recommend the Council to give him a sum of £90. to be in full for his services, loss of time and all expenses, including Stationary, Books travelling &c. &c. and with this view that the Salary of the Borough Auditors for the year ending 10th December, 1854, be encreased to £100. of which £90. is to be paid Mr. Kidd by them, and that the Treasurer in settling with said Auditors their Salary for said year get Credit for the sum of £90. when paid by him to Mr. Kidd, Which We Certify as our Report this 18th December, 1854.

Patrick Cosing } Chairman

The following Report from Mr. George Ogle was read and Ordered to be inserted on the Minutes

To The Council of the Drogheda Corporation

Report of George Ogle

Gentlemen,

Pursuant to the resolution of your Honorable Board dated the 17th day of July, I beg to submit the following observation on the several matters comprised within my department as Inspector of Paving and of Nuisance, and also as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough. With respect to the Paving and Nuisance department. I beg to say, that since my last report I have got broken stones delivered in the following places, Bullring and on the Bridge, 40 load North Quay, 18 load Low lane, 12 load Stockwell lane 32, and on West Street 50 load.

With respect to the Nuisance Department, I beg to say, that Streets and Lanes are kept Clean.

And

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And with respect to the Common Lodging House Department, I beg to say those that are registered are kept clean and in a healthy state,

And with respect to the Watering Department the pumps are all in working order except one in Crooked Street which is undergoing repair,

All which I submit as my report for your next Meeting in Assembly to be held on the day of

George Ogle, Inspector.

Fire Brigade Committee appointed –

T. C. Atkinson pursuant to Notice, moves that a Fire Brigade should be established in Drogheda, which motion was seconded by Alderman Boylan and carried. Whereupon T. C. Atkinson moved that a Committee consisting of The Mayor, Alderman Boylan, T. C. Kemppock, T. C. Hammond and himself should be appointed to inquire and report us to the best mode of carrying out the principle contained in the foregoing resolution which Motion was seconded by Alderman Boylan and Carried.

The Assembly thereupon Adjourned to 1st January next at Eleven O'Clock, A.M.

Patrick Casey Mayor

Monday, 18th December 1854.

Mun Election

On this day Patrick Matthews Esquire as senior Alderman of Fair Gate Ward, with Mr. Anthony Dumleavy Assessor of said Ward, held an Election in the Record Room of the Tholsel pursuant to Public Notice, for a Ward Assessor for said Ward in the room of Mr. Thomas Kirby Elected as such on 4th December, 1854, but who declined to accept said Office, Whereupon Mr George Kinggs of West Street Plumber was elected Ward Assessor for said Ward in the room of said Thomas Kirby, and said Election was duly published by the Mayor pursuant to the Statutes.

Patrick Casey Mayor

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At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 1st January, 1855.

Present the Mayor, as Chairman, 4 Aldermen and 13 Councillors.

The Minutes of the last Meeting as engrossed in enlarged form in Assembly were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by the Chairman.

Leases sealed to Patrick Sherlock & Patrick Maguire

Leases were sealed to Patrick Sherlock and Patrick Maguire and abstracts thereof duly entered in the White Parchment Books, and such entry signed by certain of the members present.

The following Letter to the Mayor from the under Secretary for Ireland conveying the Lord Lieutenants sanction of the adoption in Drogheda of the Towns Improvement Act (Ireland) 1854 was read.—

Dublin Castle.
23rd December, 1854

Sir.

Letter to Mayor from Under Sec.y on Towns Improvement Act.

In reply to your Communication of the 9th instant forwarding your Certificate as Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda presiding at a Meeting held on the 9th instant of the properly qualified Inhabitants of that Borough, of the adoption by such Meeting of the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, within the boundaries of the aforesaid Borough, I am commanded by His Excellency, The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to convey to you His approval of the same, and His Excellency has been pleased to order and direct that the said Act so adopted and

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and approved shall be applicable to, and in force within the boundaries of said Borough of Drogheda from and after the 23rd day of December 1854.—

I am
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Sargent

Patrick Casey Esq.r
Mayor
Drogheda.

Letter from Todd & Laing & Town Sergeants Top Coats—

A Letter was read from Messrs. Todd Laing & Comp.y on the subject of certain Top Coats furnished by them for the Town Sergeants, and referred to the Clothing Committee for Consideration and Report.

The following Report from the Paving Committee was read, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

Report of Paving Com.te re Tenders for Stalls.

Your Committee beg to Report that pursuant to Public Advertisement by direction of your Committee on Saturday last 30th December 1854, the Stall of the several Stalls and Lanes of the Borough were set up to be sold by Public Auction on the usual Conditions, When Lotts N.o 1 & 2 were knocked down to Mr. Andrew J. Simpler he paying £2. for same, Lott 4. to Edward Monaghan he paying £2. for same, Lott 5. to said Edward Monaghan he paying 15/0 for same, Lott 6. to John Tandy he paying 5/0. and Lott N.o 3. to said John Tandy, he paying 2/0 for same; thus leaving Lotts N.o 3. 7. unsold, no offers having been made for same, which Your Committee Certify as their Report this 1st January, 1855.

Patrick Casey. } Chairman

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The following Repat was read from Mr George Ogle, —

To the Committee of the Drogheda Corporation.

Gentlemen

Report of Geoge Ogle

Pursuant to the Resolution of your Honorable Board, dated the 11th day of July, 1854, I beg to submit the following observations on the several matters comprised within my department, as Inspector of Paving and Nuisances, and also as Inspector of Common lodging houses within the Borough

With respect to the Paving since my last Repot I have got 16 load of broken stones delivered in John Street, and 43 on Merchants Quay,

With respect to the Nuisance Department the Streets and lanes are generally clean and free from Nuisances, the removing of the soil of the Streets was sold by Auction on Saturday last with the exception of two Lotts, namely Nos 3 & 7, —

And with respect to Common Lodging House Department, those that are registered are kept in a clean and healthy state.

And with respect to the Watering Department, the pumps are all in working order.

All which I submit as my Repot for your next Meeting in Assembly to be held on the 1st January, 1855.

George Ogle, Inspector

Mayor Elect Sworn in

Councellor Hammond the Mayor Elect accompanied by the Members present thereupon proceeded to the Crown Court of the Thelsel, when he took the Oath of Mayor Alderman James Matthews J. P. and was invested with the Insignia of Office after which they returned to the Assembly Room and the Meeting having been adjourned to 2 O'Clk P. M. the Mayor accompanied by the Members present proceeded to Saint Peters Roman Catholic Chapell,

On their return at two O'Clock Councellor Hammond as Mayor took the Chair as Mayor Whereupon Alderman Patrick Matthews proposed a vote of thanks to the late Mayor, Alderman Casey for his efficient and impartial discharge of the duties of his office, during his Mayoralty, which was seconded by Alderman Boylan, which Motion was put from the Chair and Carried unanimously, Whereupon Alderman Casey returned thanks

Vote of thanks to late Mayor

Letter from J. M. Cantwell asking £120 —

A letter was read from Mr J. M. Cantwell asking an advance of £120, towards expenditure in carrying on Appeal Proceedings in the Corporation v Holmes, whereupon it was ordered on Motion of P. C. Courtney seconded by Alderman Boylan that a sum of £120, be paid to the Law Committee to be by them paid to the Law Agents if on enquiry they considered it advisable so to do,

Councillor Daly's Notice of Motion that the Council do meet each Tuesday, at one O'Clock was saved for next Meeting. —

The

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The Council thereupon adjourned to 15th January instant at 12 O'Clock.

Thomas Hammond, Mayor

Chairman

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation, held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday, 15th January, 1855.—

Present, The Mayor as Chairman
Four Aldermen & nine Councillors

The Minutes of last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor as Chairman.

George Ogle ordered to remove Soil from Street, not removed by Contractors each Sunday morn at 3/- weekly

It was Ordered that Mr. George Ogle remove the Soil each Sunday Morning from those Streets from which it is not removed by the Contractors, he to get two Shillings weekly for same.—

Report of George Ogle sent back

A Report was read from Mr. George Ogle upon which some discussion arose and certain facts therein stated having been questioned as inaccurate, same was returned to him for Correction.—

The following Report from the Paving Committee was read and adopted on the Motion of Alderman James Mathews, seconded by Councillor Byrne.—

Report of Paving Comt. on to Streets unlet

Referring to our Report dated 1st instant as to the letting of the soil of the Public Streets and lanes of the Borough for one year from 1st instant, and to the fact of Lotts No. 3 & 7 therein stated to be unlet Your Committee beg to report that having since Advertised said lotts and received tenders for same, Your Committee have set same to Mr Edward Menaghan for the residue of the year from 1st Jany instant Commencing on 10th Instant, he to receive from the Corporation a sum of Ten Pounds for the removal of the soil therefrom on the usual Conditions, which your Committee Certify as their Report. this 15th January, 1855.

James Mathews } Chairman

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The following Order made and Written by his Worship the Mayor was thereupon read and directed to be inserted on the Minutes.—

Mayors Ordr for accomodation of the Public Press

Ordered by Thomas Hammond Esqr. Mayor that henceforth in all open Assemblies of this Corporation, that the seat at the end of the Table the North side be reserved for the Members of the Public Press. Dated this 15th January, 1855

Thomas Hammond, Mayor

William Campbell reelected Treasurer for the year from 1st August 1854

Councillor Atkinson moved that Mr William Campbell be selected Treasurer for one year from 1st August last which Motion was seconded by Alderman Boylan and Carried.—

Mem. from Inhabitants praying Petition for Repeal of Act to Amend the Law for Imprisonment for Debt

A Memorial from certain of the Inhabitants of the Borough was read praying the Council to Petition the Legislature for the abolition of an Act passed in the 11th & 12th Years of Her present Majestys Reign entitled "an Act to amend the Law of Imprisonment for debt in Ireland" upon which no motion was made.

Council to meet each Friday for purpose of Towns Improvement Act

Councillor Daly pursuant to Notice moved that the Council meet each Tuesday at One Oclock P.M. excepting those weeks in which the Quarterly Meetings occur, which motion was seconded by Councillor Lynagh Whereupon Councillor O'Neill moved as an amendment that the Council meet each Friday for the purposes of the Towns Improvement Act. to Commence on Friday 26 inst. which amendment was seconded by Alderman Boylan and having been put from the Chair was declared carried, and the original motion negatived.—

The Council thereupon adjourned to Friday 26th Instant, at 12 Oclock P.—

Thomas Hammond Mayor

At an adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Drogheda Corporation held on Friday the 26th day of January 1855

Present The Mayor as Chairman

Two Aldermen and Five Councillors

The minutes of last Meeting as engrossed in enlarged form was read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor as Chairman.

Letter read from Mayor of Sunderland re Port Dues — referred to Boyne Comrs

A letter was read from the Mayor of Sunderland on the Subject of Port dues on Shipping which was ordered to be referred to the Boyne Commissioners as coming more within their peculiar province.

On the Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Lynagh a Report was read from Mr George Agle of which the following is a Copy,

Report of George Agle

To the Commitee of the Drogheda Corporation. Gentlemen

Pursuant to the resolution of your Honourable Board dated the 17th day of July 1854. I beg to submit the following observations on the several matters comprised within my department as Inspector of Common lodging houses within the Borough,

With respect to the Paving since my last report I have got 30 loads of broken Stones delivered in Morgans Lane and 130 in West Street and 32 load of Paving Sand on the foot path in Palace Street,

With respect to the Nuisance department the Streets and Lanes are Clean and free Nuisance except the Dublek Turnpike road and the old Turnpike road there was one heap of Manure

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Sold by Auction for £10. on the 13th instant at our repository at Lough Boy

And with respect to the Common Lodging house department those that are registered are kept in a clean and healthy state,

And with respect to the Watering department the pumps are all in Working order except the one in the back Lane which is undergoing repair,

All which I submit as my report for your next Meeting in Assembly to be held on the 20th day of January 1855.

George Ogle Inspector,

State of Ulster Lane referred to Paving Com.

It was ordered that the State of Ulster Lane be refered to the Paving Committee on the Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by J.B. Aspill

Thomas Hammond Mayor

1st February 1855

Report of George Ogle

At a Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation, held on Thursday 1st February, 1855

Present The Mayor Chairman 4 Aldermen and 13 Councillors

The Minutes of last Meeting as engrossed in enlarged form were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle of which the following is a Copy.

To the Committee of the Drogheda Corporation

Gentlemen

Pursuant to the Resolution of your Honorable Board dated the 17th day of July 1854 I beg to submit the following observations on the several matters comprised within my department as Inspector of paving and Nuisances and also as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

With respect to the paving since my last report we delivered 16 load of broken stones, 8 on the North Quay, 8 in West Street.

With respect to the Nuisance department the Streets and Lanes are regularly cleansed.

And with respect to the Common lodging House department. those that are registered are kept in a clean and healthy state.

With respect to the Watering department the Pumps are all in working order except the town Pump which is undergoing repair. All which I submit as my Report for your next Meeting in Assembly to be held on the 1st day 1855,

George Ogle. Inspector.

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Wm Knaggs tender at £25 for repairs of Public Pumps &c for one year accepted

Tenders for repairing and cleansing the Public Pumps and Fountains of the Borough for one year from the day as advertised were read from William Knaggs, George Knaggs and Henry Moore, whereupon after some discussion and a division on an amendment demanded by T. C. Courtnay William Knaggs's tender for same at £25 was accepted.

It was ordered on Motion T. C. Keappock seconded by T. C. Carroll that a weekly report as to the state of the Pumps and Fountains be laid by the Inspector before the Mayor ~~on the motion of Alderman James Mathews seconded by T. C. Byrne~~ &c

Thomas Bradys tender for Printing &c for one year accepted

Tenders for Printing, Stationary and advertising for one year from that date were read whereupon Mr Thomas Brady's tender was accepted on motion of Alderman James Mathews seconded by T. C. Byrne, the following is a Copy of said tender.

To the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda.

Gentlemen,

I propose to execute all necessary printing and Advertising, and supply articles of stationary at the following prices.

Half Yearly Statement of Account	2 : 5 : 0
List of Burgesses 4 to 2/ folio	3 : 6
Burgess Roll do 2/	3 : 6
Notice to Revise list of Burgesses, Election of Auditors, Borough & Ward Assessors &c. &c. ⅌ Set	2 : 0
Circulars ⅌ hundred	1 : 6
Advertisements, 1st 12 lines 3/ each line after	3

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Fools Cap Paper	⅌ Quire	6/	to	1/0
Pott ditto	⅌ ditto	4	to	6
letter ditto	⅌ ditto	4	to	6
Note ditto	⅌ ditto	2	to	4
Envelopes	⅌ 100.	4	to	1/0
Wax (sealing)	⅌ doz.	3	to	2/0
Ink ⅌ Bottle		1	to	1/6
Pencils ⅌ doz		3	to	2/0

Sam Gentleman
Your Obedient Servant
Thomas C. Brady

From 1st Febry. 1855 to 1st February. 1856

Edward Monaghans Tender at £22 for Horsing Night Cart for one year accepted

Edward Monaghans tender at £22 for horsing the night Cart for one year from that day pursuant to advertisement was accepted on motion of Alderman James Mathews, seconded by T. C. Ellis.

A Report from the Finance Committee dated 17th January 1855 and the accounts therein enumerated were ordered to be paid on Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Byrne, of which the following is a copy —

Report of Finance Comt.

At a Meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose of Passing Accounts the following were examined and ordered to be paid

Present

Alderman J. Mathews, T. C. P. Lynagh
Alderman P. Boylan T. E. J. Carroll

1 Gordons Account presented, referred for the purpose of filling the order for works

2 Mr Owens, amount of his A/c. for Chloride of Lime, 6 : 11 : 3

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3 Thomas Kelly amount of his Account for Advertisement in different Newspapers } 6:1:0

4 John Collins amount of his Account for sundry Ironmongery } 19:2:6

5 George Knaggs amount of his Accounts for Sundry Works and Contracts for Pumps } 325:6:4

Resolved that in future all Accts be furnished quarterly and that no goods be furnished without a order from the Mayor for the time being, and two members of the respective Committees. James Mathews, Chairman.

C. Constable ordered to hire Horses in case of fire to carry water

It was ordered that Mr. McCartney Chief constable be directed to procure Horse or Horses to Convey water in Cases of fire occurring within the Borough at the expense of the Corporation

The Annual Account of the Boyne Commissioners was presented to the Meeting

An Account from the Gas Company was read amounting to £181:19:5 and ordered to be paid subject to revision and examination by the Finance Committee.

Committees appointed for the year from 1st July 1855

A List of the standing Committees to continue in operation for one year from that date was read and revised, the following is a Copy of such revised list.

List of Committees, 1855.

Land Valuation Committee

The Mayor	J. C. P. Kelly
Alderman Canty	J. C. Hand
alderman P. Mathews	alderm. J. Mathews
J. C. Verdon	J. C. Keappock
Alderman Boylan	

Clothing Committee

The Mayor	J. C. Keappock
J. C. Courtney	J. C. Walsh
J. C. Byrne	" Kirkland

Paving Committee

The Mayor	J. C. Keappock
J. C. Byrne	" Verdon
J. C. Daly	" Walsh
J. C. Lynagh	" Hand

Finance Committee

The Mayor	J. C. Carroll
Alde.mn Canty	" Verdon
" J.s Mathews	" Daly
" Boyland	" Lynagh
	" Kirtland

Law Committee

The Mayor	Aldn. Boylan
Aldn. Jn.s Mathews	J. C. Verdon
" Campbell	" Atkinson
" Canty	" O Neill
J. C. Kirtland	" Keappock

Building Committee

The Mayor	J. C. Kelly
Aldn. Canty	" Hand
" Boylan	" O'Neill
J. C. Keappock	" Daly

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Town Crane Committee

The Mayor — T. C. Byrne
T. C. O'Neill — " Hand
" P. Kelly

Water Committee

The Mayor — T. C. Daly
Aldn James Mathews — " O'Neill
" P. Mathews — " Courtnay
T. C. Fernan — " Lynagh
" Verdon

Suppression of Nuisance & Lodging House Committee

The Mayor
Alderman Boylan
T. C. Verdon
" Carroll
" Daly

Lighting Committee

The Mayor — " T. C. Courtnay
Aldn James Mathews — " Fernan
" Patk Mathews — " Lynagh
T. C. Ellis

Fire Brigade Committee

Alderman Casey
The Mayor
Aldn Boylan
T. C. Atkinson
" Keappock

Sale of Property Committee

The Mayor — Aldn James Mathews
Aldn Casey — T. C. Lynagh
" Boylan — " Daly
T. C. Verdon — " Atkinson
" Carroll

Thomas Hammond, Mayor.

Read 1st Feby 1855.

A. Dunleavy's acct £22-18-0, ordered

An Account from Mr Anthony Dunleavy amounting to £22:18:0 was read and ordered to be paid.

Paving Comt to make a crossing in West Street.

It was ordered on the Motion of T. C. Daly seconded by T. C. O'Neill that the Paving Committee have a ~~paving~~ Crossing made in West Street, at whatever point they consider best.

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 26th February instant at 12 O'clock.

Patk Boylan
Chairman

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At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 26th February, 1855.

Present 3. Aldermen, and 5 Councillors.

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Patrick Matthews was called to the Chair.

Whereupon it was resolved on Motion of Councillor Atkinson, seconded by Councillor Meill that this day being Assizes day in Drogheda this Meeting stand ajourned to Monday next 5th March 1855 at half past 12 O'Clock, P. M.

Thomas Hammond, Mayor

= 5th March 1855 =

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on 5th March 1855 in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel at half past 12 O'Clock, P. M.

Present four Aldermen and Eight Councillors.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the first day of February last were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

Letter from Dublin & Dundalk Turnpike Tolls abolition Committee to petition in favor of Bill to abolish Turnpikes –

A letter was read from the Dublin and Dundalk Turnpike Tolls abolition Committee addressed to the Mayor asking this Council to petition in favor of a Bill introduced to abolish those Turnpikes. Whereupon a draft Petition in favor of the Bill having been read, the Town Clerk was ordered to prepare a Petition in favor of this Bill, and to forward same under the Corporate Seal to James McCann Esq. M.P. for presentation in the House of Commons on the Motion of Councillor Knappock, seconded by Councillor Meill.

Lieutenant Colonel William Fairtlough a Debenture holder of the Corporation, having attended and pressed his Claim

Claim to be paid. It was ordered that the Report of the Sale of Property Committee be brought up at next Meeting with a view to proceed on it.

Gas Acct

An Account of the Gas Company claiming £232. 13. 2 as due to them was read.

Acct of Todd Laing & Co

Also an Account from Messrs. Todd Laing & Co. claiming £5. 10: 0.

Memorial from Peter Hoey tendering his resignation of Office

A Memorial from Mr. Peter Hoey Inspector of the Fish Market was read tendering his resignation of that Office, on Account of his age and infirm health; and praying the Council to grant him his full Salary during his life; on which no motion was made.

A Report was read from Mr. George Ogle and ordered to be inserted on the minutes, of which the following is a Copy.

George Ogle's Report

To the Committee of the Drogheda Corporation.

Gentlemen.

Pursuant to the Resolution of your Honorable Board dated 17th day of July, 1854. I beg to submit the following observations on the several matters comprised within my department as Inspector of Paving and Nuisance, and also as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

With respect to the paving since my last Report I have got delivered 40 loads of broken Stones delivered in West Street, and 22 in James's Street.

With respect to the Nuisance department, the Streets and Lanes are kept regularly cleaned, And there is a large heap of manure ready for sale at our Repository in Loughboy.

With respect to the Common Lodging House department those that are Registered are kept in a clean and healthy state.

With respect to the watering Department, the Pumps & Fountains are all in working order; except the Pump on the North Road which is undergoing repair.

All which I submit as my Report for your next Meeting in Assembly to be held on the 5th Instant, 1855.

Dated

5th March 1855

Dated the 3rd of March March, 1855.

George Ogle, Inspector.

Councillor Daly's motion adjourned relative to Sale of Vegetables on West side of Corn Market

Councillor Daly thereupon proposed that the sellers of Vegetables be allowed to sell on the West side of the Corn Market on every day except Saturdays and Sundays upon which a discussion having arisen, the consideration of that subject was adjourned to the next meeting.—

The Council thereupon adjourned to Tuesday 20th inst. at two O'Clock P.M.—

Thomas Hammond, Mayor

At An Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held on Tuesday, 20th March, 1855.

Present. The Mayor. Chairman

5 Aldermen and 9 Councillors

The minutes of the Meetings held on 26th February last and 5th March instant were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

The Draft Report of the Sale of Property Committee prepared by the Town Clerk was thereupon presented to the Meeting.—

It was ordered that the Law and Finance Committees meet on Friday next at 12 O'Clock to examine into the State of the Corporate finances.

Scavengers reduced to Ten

It was ordered on the motion of Councillor Kappock, seconded by Councillor Kirtland that from and after Thursday next the Staff of Scavengers be reduced to ten.—

Report of George Ogle

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of which the following is a Copy

To the Committee of the Drogheda Corporation

Gentlemen.

Pursuant to the Resolution of your Honorable Board dated the 11th day of July, 1854 I beg to submit the following observations on the several matters comprised within my department as Inspector of Paving and Nuisance, and also as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

With respect to the Paving since my last Report I have got 10 loads of broken stones delivered on the North Quay and 10 in James's Street.

With respect to the Nuisance Department, the Streets and Lanes are regularly cleaned and free from nuisance

With respect to the Common Lodging House department those that are registered are kept in a Clean and healthy state with the exception of three that I have taken proceedings against.

And with respect to the watering department the Pumps and Fountains are all in working order.—

All

20th March 1855

All which I submit as my report in Assembly to be held on the 20th instant 1855. Dated 19th March, 1855.

George Ogle, Inspector.

Motion of Jas Mathews to Memorial Board of Trade against Bill for Improvement of Communt between England & Ireland

Alderman James Mathews moved the suspension of the standing Orders to enable the Council to Memorial the Board of Trade against a Certain Bill lately introduced into the House of Commons entitled to be for Improvement of the Communication between England and Ireland which motion was seconded by Alderman Boyland and Carried.

Memorial to be forwarded under Corporate Seal

Alderman James Mathews read the draft of the intended Memorial, whereupon it was Ordered on motion by him, seconded by Councillor Atkinson that this Memorial be forwarded under the Corporate seal to the Lords Committee of the Board of Trade.

The Assembly thereupon Adjourned to 2nd April next at One O'Clock.

Thomas Hammond, Mayor.

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on the 2nd April 1855.

Present The Mayor as Chairman

Three Aldermen and Twelve Councillors.

The minutes of last Meeting in Assembly were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

George Ogle's Report

A Report from Mr George Ogle was read of which the following is a Copy.

To the Committee of the Drogheda Corporation

Gentlemen.

Pursuant to the resolution of your Honorable Board dated 17th day of July, 1854 I beg to submit the following observations on the several matters comprised within my Department as Inspector of Paving and Nuisance, and also as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

With respect to the paving since my last Report I have got by loads of broken stones delivered in West Street.

With respect to the Nuisance Department the Streets and lanes are generally cleansed.

And with respect to the Common Lodging Houses Department those that are registered are kept in a clean and healthy state with the exception of four which are summoned for this day

And with respect to the Watering Department the pumps and fountains are all in working order.

All which I submit as my Report for your next Meeting in Assembly to be held on the 2nd of April instant. Dated the 31st of March 1855.

George Ogle, Inspector.

Statement of Treasurer shewing excess of expenditure over income incurred to £143.5.7½

A Statement prepared by the Treasurer shewing the present income and expenditure of the Corporation was read by His Worship the Mayor, by which it appeared that an excess of Expenditure over income was incurred amounting to £143. 5. 7½

A Report

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Report of Finance Committee adopted on Motion of Councillor Carroll

A Report from the Finance and Law Committees dated 2nd April, 1855, was read, whereupon Councillor Carroll having made and Councillor Kettland seconded a motion that it should be adopted, Councillor Atkinson proposed and Councillor O'Neill seconded an amendment that this Report so far as it regarded William Sharples, and the sum of £10 deduced from Mrs Berrill, Widow of the former Inspector of Paving should be sent back for further consideration and report and the amendment having been put to the Meeting 7 voted for it and 8 against it, whereupon the amendment was declared lost and the Report adopted.

The following is a Copy of said Report

Report of Finance Committee

Your Committees in Compliance with the resolution of the Council passed on 20th March last having examined the present position of the Corporate Finances, and a Statement furnished by the Treasurer of the existing liabilities and expenditure of the Corporation, beg leave to state that they find it is absolutely necessary to practise the strictest economy consistent with the proper and efficient discharge of the Corporate functions and with this view beg to recommend that hence forth the annual Contracts commencing on the first of May in each year be made for the supply of Coals to be delivered in the Public Buildings per order in a Pass Book to be kept in the Mayors office and under his control and direction.

That the Council also Contract for the repairs of the Public Streets for one year from 1st May next.

That the Salary of the Engine Keeper be discontinued from and after next Quarterly day of Payment, and that Patrick Kenny get charge then of the Fire Engines at a Salary of £5. yearly to commence then on the terms of his exercising same once at least in each month, say on the first Monday and his reporting monthly to the Council as to their condition and efficiency.

Same

That from and after this Current year the Salary of the Auditors be discontinued,

Report of Finance Committee Continued

That an annual sum of £10. be deducted from the Salary of the Nuisance Inspector to commence from and after next Quarterly day, this being the amount of Compensation heretofore allowed by him to the Widow of the late Nuisance Inspector, and which compensation is thenceforth to cease.

That from and after next Quarterly day the services of William Sharples one of the Town Sergeants be dispensed with, he to receive a sum of £20. as a gratuity from the Corporation.

That from and after 1st January next the Mayor for the time being employ a person himself to take care of the Mayoralty House, the Salary of the present Caretaker to cease then.

In making the foregoing recommendations your Committees beg to state that they form but a portion of the reductions in your expenditure which they consider necessary in order to make your income square with the outlay, and keeping this object in view your Committee beg to refer to the report of the Sale of Property Committee prepared for your next meeting and strenuously to recommend your adoption of it, and also referring to the statement of your income, and expenditure prepared by the Treasurer.

Same

Your Committee recommend that a Deputation consisting of the Mayor, and Mr Alderman James Mathews be requested to wait on Colonel McGregor to ascertain how far by an efficient Patrol of the Police the services of the Nightly Watchmen can be dispensed with, at least during the summer months, and that the Council make all due inquiry and take efficient steps towards relieving the Inhabitants and property of the Borough from the expense of the County Infirmary and placing it under charge of the District Union. — Which your Committee Certify as their Report this 2nd day of April, 1855

Thomas Hammond Mayor & Chairman

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A Report from the Sale of Property Committee was read and same was adopted on motion of Councillor Keappock seconded by Councillor Hand.

The following is a Copy of said Report

Report of Sale of Property Committee

Your Committee after an examination of the Corporate Property and an inquiry from the best sources of Information open to them, find that the following properties are the most eligible to present for sale with a view to the payment of the Judgment and other debts to which said property is liable Viz

	Denomination & description	Lessees	Present occupier	Yearly rent	Tenure
	A Parcel of Ground at Landsharragh Co. Louth Contain.g 8 : 2 : 0 Irish measure	Pat Maguire	P. Maguire	12 : 0 : 0	Lease for 29 Yrs. from 29 Septem. 1854
	Two Dwelling Houses South side of Fair Street	Wm. Rodger Lease 1065	Assignee of Willm. Rodger	20 : 0 : 0	Lease for 87 Yrs. from 25th March 1830
Same	Parcel of Land situate in the County of Meath near Drogheda called Legamony Containing 21a : 1r : 10p late Irish P. measure	Rob.t Park Lease 961	Represents of Wm. Ventoney	37 : 13 : 5½	Lease for 99 Yrs. from 25th March 1825
	A dwelling House Garden & Offices together with a Plot of Ground on East side of Twenties Cont.g 6a : 1r : 20p late Irish Plantation measure	Thomas Ridgway per Lease 1005		23 : 18 : 1½	Lease for 99 Yrs. from 25th March 1830. this Rent has been reduced to £20 : 14 : 5 during pleasure from £23 : 18 : 1½ the rent reserved in Lease

Same	Two Parks of Land without West Gate Westside of Great Georges Street Contain.g 4a : 3r : 6p	Ralph Smyth Lease 953	Peter Verdon	19 : 17 : 9	Lease for 99 Years from 25th March 1825.
	Lot of Culver Park Contain.g 2a : 0r : 29p	Thos. Fogarty	Thos. Fogarty	52 : 10 : 0	Lease for 99 Yrs. from March, 1838
	Lot of Culver Park 1a : 2r : 0p	Thos. North Lease 1068	Thos. North	34 : 10 : 0	Lease for 99 Years from March. 1838.
	Lot of Culver Park	Edw. Atkinson	Edw. Atkinson	23 : 12 : 6	Lease for 99 Years from March, 1838.
	Land Contain.g 2a : 2r : 32p Plant.n measure called Riverstones fields	Rev.d Jno. Smyth Lease 978.	Pat. Malone	10 : 2 : 6	Lease dated 24th Jan.y 1828. for 99 Yrs. from 29th Sept. 1827
Same	Land at Yellow Batter Contain.g 5a : 0r : 8p	Edw. Boden Lease 742	Repr.s of E. Boden	11 : 1 : 6	Lease dated 14th Feb.y 1825. for 96½ Years from 29th Sept. 1823.
	Parcel of Land on East side of Twenties Road containing 6a : 1r : 28p	Henry Smith Lease 1013	Chris. Jordan	25 : 6 : 0	Lease dated 13th July 1833. for 99 Yrs. from 29th Septem. 1833.
	Small field on West side of Twenties Road Cont.g 2 : 3 : 0	same Lease 1015	same	11 : 6 : 10½	Lease dated 13th July 1833. from 29th Septr. 1833
	Thomey Park Containing 2a : 3r : 10p situate outside Dulock Gate	Edw. Monaghan	Edw. Monaghan	9 : 4 : 0	Lease dated 11th March 1854. for 26 Years from 25th March, 1854.
Same	Land called Thims Hill without Dulock Gate Cont.g 3a. 2r. 20p	Jas. Mullen	Jas. Mullen	9 : 19 : 4½	Lease date 8th July, 1850. for 31 yrs. from 29 Septr. 1848.

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Report of Sale of Property Committee Continued	Land at Beamore		Lau.ce Caraldo	8:12:6	
	Lands at Green Batter				
	Cont.a 2a:3r:10p	The Mayor&other	The Mayor&other	7:7:8	Lease for 31 Yrs from 25 March 1851
	Plot of Ground without Saint James's Gate Cont.a 4a:2r:30p	Poor Law Commrs & Lease 1074	Poor Law Commrs	32:14:6	Lease for 999 Yrs from March 1840
	Premises in Trecastle lane & Cannonet St.	Jno. Reilly	Jno. Reilly	34:0:0	Lease for 75 Yrs from 25 March 1853
	Land at Hacklin in County South containing 138a:3r:9p. Irish Plantation Measure	Jno. M'Laughlin	Jno. M'Laughlin	208:4:2	
Same	Part of the lands of Dunleath & Co. Southe near Drogheda Cont.a 22:2:36 Irish Measure	P. Rodgers & Lease 1773	Jun.r Rodgers	39:15:4	Lease for 30 Yrs from 29th Septr. 1851
	Part of the lands of Dunrath aforesaid Cont.a 25a:1r:36p Irish M. Measure	Jno Jennin & Lease 1124	Jno Jennin	40:2:6	Lease for 31 Yrs from 25 March 1853
	Part of the lands of Dunrath aforesaid containing 46:1:26		Peter Greene	83:0:5	Lease for 31 Yrs from 29th Septr. 1853.
V	Land at Twenties 6a:0r:8p	Henry Pentland & Pentland	Pentland	19:19:3½	99 Yrs from Mich.s 1817
Same	And your Committee recommend the foregoing Lots for sale in order to discharge the sum of £1560 £ 1560:12:0 being the which the Lords of the Treasury have				

Same — have authorised to be raised by a Sale. which your Committee Certify in their Report this 2nd day of April, 1853.

Thomas Hammond Mayor } Chairman

Memorial from J. Collins no motion made — A memorial was read from James Collins Labourer asking relief, on which no motion was made.

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 10th April next at Two o'Clock P.M.

Thomas Hammond, Mayor.

— 10th April 1853 —

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on the 10th day of April 1853.

Present The Mayor as Chairman
4 Aldermen and 9 Councillors

The Minutes of last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

The following Report was read from Mr George Ogle and ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

George Ogle's Report

To the Committee of the Drogheda Corporation.

Gentlemen.

Pursuant to the resolution of your Honorable Board dated 17th day of July, 1854. I beg to submit the following observations on the several matters comprised within my department as Inspector of Paving and Nuisance, and also as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

With respect to the Paving since our last Report, I have got delivered 25 load of broken stone in James's Street, and 15 on the Bullring

I have examined my accounts for the last two years, and find that the expence for broken stones is as follows.— from May, 1852 until May 1853 is £57:15:7½, and from May 1853 until May, 1854 is £52:13:3½ and I also find that the expense from West Gate to Dublin Gate is about £32

for

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for broken stone per Annum.

With respect to the Nuisance department there is a great deal of timber on the New Quay that is of great Nuisance, there is also gates opposite the doors of the Distillery houses on the New Quay that opens into the Street and is very dangerous when left open at night.

And with respect to the Common Lodging Houses department, those that are registered are kept in a clean and healthy state.

And with respect to the watering department the Pumps and Fountains are all in working order.

All which I submit as my report for your next Meeting in Assembly to be held on the 10th of April 1855.

George Ogle Inspector.

Councillor Kerland's Motion to appointing Committee to purchase Temporary Iron Bridge from Dublin & Belfast R.d Company

Councillor Kerland moved that a Committee be appointed to inquire and report on what terms the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway Company would be disposed to sell the old temporary Iron Bridge lately erected by them over the River Boyne which motion was seconded by Alderman James Matthews and Carried.

The Mayor and Alderman James Matthews and Patrick Casey with Councillors Peter Verdon and William Kerland were named and appointed as such Committee.

A Letter was read from the Borough Auditors accounting for their non-completion of their Audit of the half yearly Accounts of the Corporation.

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 24th April inst. at Two O'Clock, P.M.

Thomas Hammond, Mayor.

At an adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of same Town on Tuesday the 24th day of April 1855

Present The Mayor as Chairman

5 Aldermen and 9 Councellors

The Minutes of last meeting held on 10th April 1855 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman

J. C. Kerland makes Verbal Report of proceedings of Committee to purchase Temporary Iron Bridge from Dublin & Belfast Railway Company

J. C. Kerland thereupon made a Verbal report of the proceedings of the Committee appointed at last meeting to enquire and report as to terms on which the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway Company would be disposed to sell the old Iron Bridge formerly used as a temporary one over the River Boyne, with which the Council appeared pleased.

Report of Borough Auditors

A Report was read from the Borough Auditors of which the following is a Copy

The Mayor Aldermen and Council of the Borough of Drogheda

Gentlemen

We have examined your half Yearly accounts up to the 1st March 1855, and find the sum of £2071.3.6 received for rent, for Cranage £40.16.7. total received £2112.0.1. disbursements £2464.10.10½ shewing a balance of £352.10.9½ against the Corporate Estate, although the Amount of £355.18.11¾ was Collected of Arrears of rent which amounted in Sept. 1854 to £2639.6.8¾ and in March 1855 to £2283.7.9. Several receipts are wanting for monies paid in interest &c. amounting to about £200 which Mr. Campbell has promised to produce this day. Your Treasurer has not kept Blocks of all rents received, and has not lodged all monies so received Compared with the dates in Cash Book. Consequently we are unable to test the accuracy of Lodgments made in Bank, however we find he has lately procured proper Block Books which are kept more regular.

The personal accounts of Tenants are not yet finished but

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but when they are we will be able to ascertain the correctness of the arrears brought forward on the rental.

James Hickey
Thomas Sheridan

Dated 24th April 1855 —

Motion of J.C. Verdon for Corporation to petition as Owners in Incumbered Estates Court for sale of property enumerated in Report of Sale of Property Committee on 2nd April 1855

J. C. Verdon moved that this Corporation petition as Owners in the Incumbered Estates Court in Ireland for a sale of the several properties enumerated in the Report of the sale of Property Committee adopted in Assembly on 2nd April 1855 and that the Law Agents take immediate steps to prosecute said Petition to a Sale to meet the debt in said report mentioned viz- £15604.12.0. which motion was seconded by J. C. Lynagh whereupon Aldn Patrick Mathews moved as an amendment that Notice should be given of the discussion of this resolution which was seconded by Alderman Boylan and the amendment having been put from the Chair 3 Voted for it and 7 against it. whereupon the Original resolution was put from the Chair and declared Carried -

Letter from Gas Comp[y] claiming £320. and appriing Council that Contract with them would expire on 30th Instant

A Letter was read from the Gas Company claiming £320 as due to them, and appriseing the Council that the Contract with them being about to expire on 30th instant, the Public Lamps would not thenceforth be lighted without an order

Thomas Hammond, Mayor

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Drogheda Corporation held on 1st May 1855

Present The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councellors
Patrick Boylan	Patrick Lynagh
Patrick Casey	William Kerstland
	James Hand
	James Butterly
	John Carroll
	Patrick Courtnay

The minutes of last meeting, in Assembly held on 24th April 1856. were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman

George Ogles Report of 23 April 1855.

Reports were read from Mr George Ogle dated respectively 23rd April 1855 and 1st May 1855 of which the following are Copies

To The Committee of the Drogheda Corporation

Gentlemen

Pursuant to the Resolution of Your Honorable Board, dated the 17th day of July. 1854. I beg to submit the following observations on the several matters comprised within my department as Inspector of Paving and Nuisance. and also as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses, within the Borough.

With respect to the Paving, since my last report I have got delivered in John Street 40 Load of broken stones, in Fair Street 30, New Quay 10 -

With respect to the Nuisance department the streets and Lanes are clean and free from Nuisance.

And with respect to the Common Lodging House department are Kept in a clean and healthy state

And with respect to the Watering department, the two Pumps for supplying water for the Streets and North Road Pump are undergoing repair, and all the others are in working Order -

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All which I submit as my report for your next meeting in Assembly, to be held on the 24th Inst 1855

Dated 23rd April 1855

George Ogle

George Ogle's Report of 1st May 1855

To The Committee of the Drogheda Corporation Gentlemen

Pursuant to the Resolution of your Honorable Board dated the 17th day of July 1854 I beg to submit the following observations on the several matters comprised within my department as Inspector of Paving and Nuisance, and also as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough

With respect to the Paving, the Contract for broken stones, Paving Stones, and Sand, ends this day. The Complement received and our Expenditure for same is as follows -

	782¼ Tons of broken Stones	@ 1s 1¼d per Ton	£43 · 3 · 8½
	40 Load Paving Stones	@ 0 · 9 per Load	1 · 10 · 0
Same	75 Load Paving Sand	@ 0 · 7 per Load	2 · 3 · 9
Commencing 1st May 1854			£46 · 17 · 5½

With respect to the Nuisance department, the Streets and Lanes are all clean

And with respect to the Watering department the Pumps and fountains are all in working order, except the Linen Hall and Town Pump, which are dry, and the two Pumps for Watering the Streets are undergoing repair

All which I submit as my report for your next meeting in Assembly to be held on the 1st Inst. 1855.

Same

Dated this 31st April 1855

George Ogle. Inspector

Letter from Gas Co.y Claiming £322 · 8 · 5

A Letter was read from the Drogheda Gas Company, claiming £322 · 8 · 5 as due them on their account against the Corporation up to 30th April 1855.

Gas Company ordered to supply Gas during Summer Months

It was ordered on the Motion of Councillor Courtnay, seconded by Councillor Lynagh, that the Gas Company, supply for summer lighting, Gas to the same number of Lamps, and in the same places, and on the same terms as those supplied during the summer Months of 1854.

The Treasurer thereupon presented, and read, a Statement, prepared by him, shewing the Income and Expenditure of the Corporation.

Salary of Mayor abolished

Councillor Lynagh, pursuant to Notice given by him, thereupon moved that the Mayor's Salary be reduced to £100 from and after 1st January next, which motion was seconded by Alderman Boylan; whereupon Councillor Kertland moved as an Amendment that the Salary of the Mayor be altogether abolished from and after that term, which Motion was seconded by Councillor Courtnay, and the Amendment having been put from the Chair was carried unanimously.

Councillor Kertland's Motion saved

Councillor Kertland's motion relative to the purchase of the Old Iron Bridge from the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway Company was saved for next meeting

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to Monday 7th May instant at One O'clock P.M.

Thomas Hammond, Mayor

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At an adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Monday 7th May 1855

Present - The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen -	Councillors
William Campbell	Anthony Keappock
Patrick Mathews	John Oneill
Patrick Casey	Peter Verdon
James Mathews	Robert B. Daly
Patrick Boyland	William Kerland
	Robert E. Ellis
	Patrick Lynagh
	James Butterly
	James Hand

The Minutes of last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor as Chairman.

George Ogle's Report

The following report from Mr. George Ogle was read, and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes

To the Committee of the Drogheda Corporation

Gentlemen

Pursuant to the Resolution of Your Honorable Board dated the 17th day of July 1854 I beg to submit the following observations on the several matters comprised within my department as Inspector of Paving and Nuisances, and also as Inspector of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

With respect to the Paving, there was no broken stones delivered since my last report, as the Contract ended the 1st May.

With respect to the Nuisance department, the streets and lanes are regularly cleaned.

And with respect to the Comon Lodging House department, those that are registered are kept perfectly clean -

And with respect to the Watering department, the following three Pumps are not in working order. The two Pumps for supplying the Paving Carts and the Pump on Watery Hill; all the rest are in Working order.

All which I submit as my report for your next Meeting in Assembly to be held on the 7th Instant. 1855

Dated the 5th day of May 1855.

George Ogle - Inspector

The Mayor, Messrs. Verdon, Daly, Kerland, and Lynagh requested to examine Well on North Road

It was ordered on the Motion of Councillor Daly, Seconded by Alderman James Mathews, that the Mayor, Messrs. Verdon, Daly, Kerland and Lynagh, be requested to examine the Well on the North Road, and have it repaired to the extent of £5. and also to examine and report on the state of the Tholsel & Town Pumps.

James McKenna's acct £29. 16. 8 referred to Finance Committee

An account of Mr. James McKenna, Painter and Glazier, amounting to £29. 16. 8 commencing 17th October 1853 and ending 1st May 1855 was read and referred to the Finance Committee for Consideration and report.

George Ogle appointed Inspector and James McCartney, Registrar, of Common Lodging Houses -

It was moved by Alderman James Mathews, seconded by Alderman Patrick Casey, and resolved, that Mr. George Ogle be appointed Inspector, and Mr. James McCartney be appointed Registrar of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough for the year commencing 1st November 1854 at the same Salary to each as those paid them for the preceding Year.

The Treasurer thereupon produced his Cash Book to the Meeting.

Councillor Kerland's Motion saved for next Meeting

Councillor Kerland's motion, relative to the purchase from the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway Company of the Old Iron Bridge, was saved for the next meeting.

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 22nd May Instant at Two O'clock P.M.

Thomas Hammond, Mayor,

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At an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town at Two Oclock P.M. on 22nd May 1855

Present - The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
William Campbell	Anthony Reappock
Patrick Boylan	John Oneill
	Peter Verdon
	Joseph Gargan
	Patrick Byrne
	Patrick Courtnay
	Robert B. Daly
	William Kerland
	Patrick Lynagh

The Minutes of last meeting held on 7th May 1855 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman

Town Clerk to write to the Secretaries of the Dublin & Ashbourne and Dublin & Dunleer Turnpike Roads

Alderman Boylan moved that the Town Clerk write to the Secretary of the Dublin and Ashbourne Turnpike Road calling his attention to the state of the Road at Dublin Gate and thence to the Borough Boundary; and also to the Secretary of the Dublin and Dunleer Turnpike Road as to the state of the Road at Great Georges Street - which was Seconded by Councillor Daly - and Carried

Councillor Kerland's motion saved for next Meeting

Councillor Kerland's notice of motion relative to purchase of Old Iron Bridge was saved for the next meeting

Councillor Daly's Motion to forward Congratulating Address to Earl Carlisle not Seconded

Councillor Daly, pursuant to notice given, moved that this Corporation forward to Earl Carlisle a congratulatory address on his appointment to the Vice Royalty - which motion was not Seconded

Patrick Kelly's Tender for Broken Stones &c. accepted for 11 Months from 1st June 1855

Tenders for Broken Stones, Paving Stones, and Sand were thereupon read from Patrick Dogget and Patrick Kelly; whereupon Patrick Kelly's tender was accepted for Eleven Months from 1st June next on the Motion of Alderman Boylan - Seconded by Councillor Reappock - on the following terms - Viz.

Broken Stones	@	1/5 per Ton
Paving Stones	@	9d per 15 Cubt
Paving Sand	@	7d per 15 Cubt

£10 worth of goods to remain as a Security for the fulfillment of his Contract until the completion of same.

Report of Land Valuation Committee

The following Report of the Land Valuation Committee was read and adopted on the motion of Councillor Lynagh - Seconded by Alderman Patrick Mathews

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined into the matter of the several reductions heretofore made to the Corporate tenants, and taking into account the altered circumstances of the times, and the greatly enhanced value of agricultural produce since those reductions were made, together with the low state of the Corporate Finances, they beg leave to recommend that the reductions heretofore made to the several persons named in this report be henceforth withdrawn, and that the Treasurer require them to pay the rents due on the next gale in the several amounts following, being those at which they originally took the Lands and Premises let to them - viz.

Peter Flynn to pay for his holding, from Year to Year of 5a. 3r. 17p	26 - 7 - 0
Reps of William Foskery (late Hugh Galbraith) to pay for 5a. 3r. 26p Irish Plantation Measure	19 - 0 - 6½
Reps Keating Pentland to pay for 6a. 0r. 0p Irish Plantation measure - the Amount reserved in Lease	19 - 19 - 3½

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Report of Land Valuation Committee

Margaret Dowd Repr. of Revd James Crawford to pay for 2a 3r 1p Irish Plantation measure, being the amount reserved in the Lease thereof — 10.2.4½

Christopher Jordan Repr. of Henry Smith to pay for 9a 0r 28p of Irish Plantation measure being the amount reserved in the Lease — 36.12.10½

Repr. Charles White assignee of Thomas Ridgeway to pay for 6a 1r 20p of Irish Plantation measure amount reserved in Lease — 23.18.1½

Peter M'Evoy to pay for 1a 2r 0p same measure, amount at which Lands were originally taken — 4.2.6

Widow Coyle to pay to this Corporation for their one third proportion of her holding of 11a 0r 30p Irish Plantation measure, held jointly from them and the Trustees of the Poor of Saint John's Fund - being the amount reserved in Lease — 13.19.8

Widow Elizabeth Kevlin to pay to this Corporation for their one third proportion of 2a 2r 0p Irish Plantation measure, held jointly from them and the Trustees of the Poor of Saint John's Fund — 2.17.1

Same

Which your Committee certify as their Report this 22nd May 1855

Thomas Hammond - Chairman

Town Clerk to apply to Local Banks for Loan of £1500.

The Town Clerk was directed to apply to the local Banks for a Loan of £1500 for two Years, the Corporate Rents to be lodged with the Lender.

Report of George Ogle

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle reporting progress on the several matters within his Province.

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 4th June next at one Oclock P.M.

Thomas Hammond, Mayor.

At an adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Drogheda Corporation, held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town, pursuant to notice by the Mayor, duly posted at one Oclock P.M. on Monday 4th June 1855

Present the Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
William Campbell	Edward Atkinson
Patrick Boylan	Patk. Byrne
Patrick Casey	Robt. B. Daly
	Wm. Kerland
	Robt. E. Ellis
	Patk. Lynagh
	James Hand
	James Butterly

The Minutes of last meeting held on 22nd May 1855 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor.

Bank of Ireland & Belfast Bank decline advancing the sum of £1500

Replies were read from the Bank of Ireland and Belfast Bank in Drogheda in answer to Town Clerk's letter asking them to take the Corporate Account and advance for two years a Sum of £1500, in each case declining to make the advance.

George Ogle's Report

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle, Inspector of Nusances &c. on the several matters within his province.

Letter from Lieutenant Col. Fairtlough asking immediate Payment of £558.18.9

A Letter to the Mayor from Lieutenant Colonel Fairtlough, in reference to the Debentures held by him from this Corporation, was read asking immediate Payment of £558.18.9 a portion of them in order to his closing an Executors Account.

Councillor Kerland's Motion saved

Councillor Kerland's Notice of motion for purchase of Old Iron Bridge was saved for next meeting

Councillor Kerland, pursuant to notice, moved that the premises Outside Sundays Gate, on West side of Road to Listoke, late in possession of Reps Heywood, be added for

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Plot of ground outside Sunday's Gate to be added for sale in Incumbered Estates Court

sale in the Incumbered Estates Court in addition to the several Properties enumerated in report of Sale of Property Committee adopted on 2nd April last, which motion was seconded by Alderman Boylan and Carried

The Treasurer thereupon produced his Cash Book to the meeting.

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 20th June instant at One o'Clock P.M.

Thomas Hammond Mayor

Friday 1st June 1855.

Election of Felix M'Cabe as Town Councillor

On this day an Election was held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of Drogheda before James Mathews Esquire Senior Alderman of St. Laurance Gate Ward in said Borough and Messrs Nicholas Boylan and John Duffy Assessors of said Ward to fill the Vacancy caused by the death on 25th May 1855. of Mr. Patrick Kelly late a Councillor for said Ward, when Mr. Felix M'Cabe of West Street in Drogheda Grocer was elected Councillor for said Ward in the room of the said Mr. Patrick Kelly deceased, and said Election was duly published by the Mayor pursuant to the statute.—

Thomas Hammond, Mayor.

20th June 1855

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Drogheda Corporation held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel at One Oclock P.M. on Wednesday 20th June 1855

Present The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
William Campbell	Anthony Reappock
Patrick Casey	John Oneill
Patrick Boylan	Peter Verdon
Patrick Mathews	Patrick Courtnay
James Mathews	Robert B. Daly
	William Kerland
	John Carroll
	Edward Atkinson
	Patrick Lynagh
	James Hand
	Felix M'Cabe
	James Butterly
	Patrick Byrne

The Minutes of last meeting, held on 4th June 1855, were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor.

Notice from Electric Telegraph Company

A Notice from Electric Telegraph Company, to the effect that they would on 23rd June 1855, at 2 oClock a.m., proceed to open the Street from Town Hall to 33 Peter Street for the purpose of laying down their Wires, was read.

Memorial from Mr Laurence Carroll asking Lease of his Holding at Irish Hill

A Memorial was read from Mr. Laurence Carroll, one of the Corporation Tenants, asking the Council to grant him a Lease of his holding at Irish Hill pursuant to Order already made on 1st December 1848; whereupon the Law Agents were instructed to consent at the settlement of Rental in Incumbered Estates Court on the part of this Corporation to his getting a Lease of his holding say 3.a 2.r 0.p at 2.l 15.s 0.d per acre for a term of 24 years from 29th

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Letter from Mr M Loughlen asking for a Lease

A Letter was also read from Mr. Peter M Loughlen asking the Council to give him a Lease of his brother's, John M Loughlen's, holding at Hacklim, on which no motion was made.

Report of Finance Committee –

A Report from the Finance Committee was read of which the following is a Copy.

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the Account of Mr. James M Kenna, Painter and Glazier, Commencing 19th October 1853 and ending 1st May 1855, referred to them on 7th May last, and that they have found same Correct, and beg to recommend that the amount thereof £29.16.8 be paid him.

Which we Certify as our report this 11th May 1855

Thomas Hammond - Chairman

And said Report was adopted, and said Amount of £29.16.8 was ordered to be paid Mr. James M Kenna.

Mr. John Farell's acct £1.10.0 not decided –

Mr. John Farell's Account was read claiming £1.10.0 for his time and trouble in furnishing Town Clerk with Lists preparatory to the settlement of the Burgess Roll for 1854, on which a discussion having arisen, the question on same was adjourned.

George Ogle's Report

A Report was read from Mr. George Ogle on the several matters within his province as Inspector of Nusances, of Paving, and Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

Committee authorised to purchase Bridge from Dublin & Belfast Railway Company

Councillor Kerland pursuant to Notice moved that the Purchase of Bridge Committee be authorised to purchase the Old Iron Bridge from the Dublin & Belfast Junction Railway Company, provided Mr. Neville C. E. approve of it for the Purpose required, which motion was seconded by Councillor Hand; and

a discussion having arisen; and a Poll having been demanded, 12 Voted for the resolution and 6 against it. whereupon the resolution was declared Carried.

Purchase of Bridge Committee increased

Aldermen Boylan with Councillors Atkinson and Keappock were thereupon added to the Purchase of Bridge Committee.

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 2nd July next at One Oclock P.M.

Thomas Hammond, Mayor

– 2nd July 1855 –

At an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation, summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on 2nd July, 1855, at One oClock P.M. to appoint Mechanics' Institute Committee for residue of year to 1st February 1856, receive reports and transact general business.

Present - The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
William Campbell	John Oneill
Patrick Mathews	Patrick Courtnay
Patrick Casey	Robert B. Daly
James Mathews	John Carroll
Patrick Boylan	Robert E. Ellis
	Patrick Lynagh
	Patrick Tiernan
	James Hand
	James Butterly
	Peter Verdon

The Minutes of last Meeting, held on 20th June 1855, were read, and thereupon signed by the Chairman.

It was moved by Alderman Boylan, seconded by

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Councillor Courtnay, and resolved, that the following members of the Council form the Mechanics' Institute Committee for the residue of the year to 1st February 1856 - viz

Mechanics' Institute Committee

The Mayor
Aldm P. Casey
Aldm Jas Mathews
J.C. P. Verdon
J.C. P. Lynagh
Aldm P. Boylan

The following report from the Finance & Law Committee was read and referred to the Council sitting on Committee

Report of 1st Finance and Law Committees

Your Committees beg to report that having checked the Accounts, and examined the Treasurer's Cash Book from the 14th April last, they find upon the block receipts two sums, given by him irregularly and Contrary to his instructions, of £105-4-5½ each, the receipts for which were given only within the last few days, although the cash for them had been received on account of them on 9th August 1854 and 20th February 1855, That the Treasurer on being questioned as to those matters said in reply he would be glad to receive the whole of the Corporation rents in the same way. That your Committee found other irregularities; and that his Bond has not been yet executed by some of the sureties who had been proposed and accepted. And under all the Circumstances your Committee have considered it advisable to lodge the Treasurer's Cash Book, the Corporation Check Book, Receipt Book, and Bank Book with the Town Clerk until your Board decide what Course should be adopted

Which your Committees certify as their report this 29th day of June 1855

Thomas Hammond - Chairman

George Ogle's Report

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle on the several matters within his province as Inspector of Nusances, of Paving, and of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

Council adjourned for one hour to form themselves into a Committee

It was moved by Aldm James Mathews, Seconded by J.C. Verdon, and resolved that the Council adjourn for one hour, and in the mean time that they form themselves into a Committee to consider the report of the Finance and Law Committees above copied. Whereupon the Council formed themselves into a Committee, and having considered and canvassed said report they reassembled at Three oClock and the following report having been read

2nd Report of Finance & Law Committees

Your Committee beg to report that having checked the Accts. and examined the Treasurer's Cash Book from the 14th April last, find that several irregularities have occured in consequence of the system pursued by him

Under these circumstances they recommend that in future he be required to Keep a Cash Book in which all entries, as to payments and receipts be made at the time, and on the instant they take place. That said Cash Book be balanced daily, and the Cash on hands lodged in the Bank before 3 oClock PM. each day, and that he shall produce both Bank Book & Cash Book each Friday to the Finance Committee for the purpose of having them checked.

We recommend in the present state of our Finances that circulars be issued to all the Tenants calling on them to pay up all Rent due on the last Gale Day on or before the 1st August next, or Proceedings will be taken to recover same.

That your Treasurer be required to perfect the securities, which he now offers, within fourteen days.

Thomas Hammond - Mayor

Whereupon said Report was adopted on the Motion

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of Alderman P. Boylan, seconded by J. C. Daly.

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 13th July instant at One o'clock P.M.

Thomas Hammond Mayor

= 13th July 1855 =

At an adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town at one o'clock P.M. on 13th July 1855

Present. The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
James Mathews	John Carroll
Patrick Mathews	Robert B. Daly
Patrick Boylan	William Kertland
Patrick Casey	Patrick Lynagh
William Campbell	Joseph Fargan
	Robert E. Ellis
	James Butterly

The Minutes of last Meeting held on 2nd July 1855 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

Memorial of Nicholas Pentony night Watchman

A Memorial was read from Nicholas Pentony, one of the Night Watchmen, asking the Council not to discharge him as recommended by the Finance Committee - Whereupon the following Resolution passed by the Finance Committee was read -

Finance Committee - 6th July 1855.

Present The Mayor

J. C. Daly — J. C. Verdon
J. C. Lynagh — J. C. Kertland
Aldr. P. Mathews

Resolution of Finance Committee reducing Watchmen to 5 -

Resolved that the Watchmen be reduced to five in number during the Summer Months commencing the 13th Instant - The last employed to be the persons removed.

Thomas Hammond - Chairman

Resolution adopted by Council

After reading of which a discussion arose, and said Resolution was adopted by the Council and said Watchmen were ordered to be discharged on 20th July 1855, those last appointed to be those discharged -

George Ogle's Report

A Report was read from Mr. George Ogle on the several matters within his Province as Inspector of Nuisances, Paving, and Common Lodging Houses within the Borough

James Mathews Esq. - ~~Mayor~~

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1st August 1855

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town at 12 Oclock noon on Wednesday 1st August 1855 for the purpose of Electing Treasurer for ensuing year commencing on that day, receiving Reports and transacting general business -

Present - Alderman James Mathews as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
William Campbell	John Carroll
Patrick Casey	Robert C. Ellis
Patrick Mathews	James Hand
Patrick Boylan	John Oneill
James Mathews	Patrick Lynagh
	Patrick Byrne
	William Kertland
	Edward Atkinson
	Robert B. Daly
	Patrick Courtnay
	James Butterly

Alderman Jas. Mathews elected Chairman of meeting -

Alderman James Mathews in the absence of the Mayor was elected Chairman -

The minutes of last Meeting held on 13th July 1855 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman

George Ogle's Report

A Report was read from Mr. George Ogle on the several matters within his province as Inspector of Nuisances, of Paving, and of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough -

Memorial of Wm. Sharples late Town Sergeant Claiming an Additional Months pay

A Memorial was read from William Sharples late one of the Town Sergeants, but who had been dismissed as such from 25 June last, asking, for the reasons therein stated, an additional Months pay, with which, after some discussion, it was resolved not to comply -

Mr. William Campbell elected Treasurer for one year

Mr. William Campbell was elected Treasurer of this Corporation for one year from that date, on the Motion of Alderman Boylan, Seconded by J. C. Atkinson, his Sureties to be perfected on or before 1st September next -

The opinion of the English Judges and the Judgement of the English House of Lords in the case of the Drogheda Corporation versus Holmes was read, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes on motion of Alderman Patrick Mathews, Seconded by Alderman Boylan

The following is a Copy of said Opinion and Judgement

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Opinion delivered by The Judges on the Question of Law propounded to them in the Case of Jack (Lessee of the Mayor, &c. of Drogheda) v. Holmes (Writ of Error).

Die Lunæ, 9° Julii 1855.

The following Judges were present at the Hearing

Mr. Baron Parke	Mr. Baron Platt
Mr. Baron Alderson	Mr. Justice Williams
Mr. Justice Coleridge	Mr. Baron Martin
Mr. Justice Maule	Mr. Justice Crowder
Mr. Justice Wightman	

Question to the Judges

Whether on the Record as set out in the printed Appendix the Plaintiff was entitled to Judgement for an Award of Venire de novo.

Mr. Baron Parke

To the Question proposed by your Lordships we answer

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answer that in our Opinion on the Record as set out in the printed Appendix the Plaintiff was entitled to Judgement for an Award of a Venire de novo.

The Question altogether depends upon the Validity of the Lease of the Date of the 15th. February 1842, made by the Lessors of the Plaintiffs, the Corporation of Drogheda, to the Defendant.

The Ejectment was brought in May 1848. The Demise was laid on 22nd. October 1846.

It appears by the Evidence on the Record that an Indenture of Lease was made by the Corporation on 7th. November 1785, to William Holmes for 61 Years from Michaelmas 1785, at £62 - 9 - 2 per annum. The Defendant purchased this Lease in June 1821. This Lease expired at Michaelmas 1846, and consequently the Corporation were entitled to recover, unless the Defendant had some other Title than under that Lease. He claimed by virtue of a Lease granted to him of the Date of 15th February 1842 for 99 Years; and if it was valid the Defendant had a good Defence; if it was not, the Corporation is entitled to recover.

The Question turns entirely on the Meaning of a Clause in the Statute of the 3d. and 4th. Victoria, Chapter 109, Section 12. The Statute 3d and 4th Victoria, Chapter 108, for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations in Ireland, repealed and annulled the Charter of Drogheda (being in Schedule A.) from the time that Act came into operation. On the same Day the 3d and 4th. Victoria, Chapter 109, received the Royal Assent. The Act 3d and 4th Victoria, Chapter 108, came into operation on the 25th October 1842

The 12th Section of this Act, Chapter 109, provides, that that 6th and 7th William 4th, Chapter 100, which restrained the Alienation of Corporate Property

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Property in certain Boroughs in Ireland (of which Drogheda was one) for a limited Time, and which had been continued by other Acts to the 1st September 1840, should be further continued till the Day of the First Election of Councillors in Boroughs in Schedule A. (and Drogheda was one of those, and that Election was on the 25th October 1842), and that no Conveyance shall be made or executed before that Day, unless in pursuance of some Covenant, Contract or Agreement bona fide made or entered into, on or before the 16th Day of February 1836, by or on behalf of such Body Corporate, or of some Resolution duly entered in the Corporate Books of such Body Corporate, before the said 16th Day of February.

There being no Covenant, Contract, or Agreement in this Case, the simple Question is, whether there was any Resolution, within the true Meaning of this Clause, duly entered in the Corporate Books, before the 16th February 1836.

The only Resolution on which any Reliance could be placed, was that of the 20th April 1801, which appeared in the Books; it was to this Effect:

"Resolved unanimously, that it be an Instruction
"from this Assembly to the Auditors and Viewers, in reporting
"upon Petitions for Renewals of Houses, Land, or other
"Premises, that they shall first take into Consideration
"and value the said Premises, at the full Value between
"Man and Man, and that the Petitioner so applying,
"shall then be entitled to a Renewal of his Lease for
"99 Years, at One Fourth of the full Annual Value as
"a Rent, and on paying or fining down another or
"Second Fourth, at 17 Years Purchase for Lands,
"and 10 Years Purchase for Houses; always obliging
"the Petitioner for a Renewal of a Lease of a House
"or Houses by a special Covenant, and any other

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"necessary legal Deed, to build or rebuild within Five "Years after the Expiration of the Term of Years in his old "Lease, under a Forfeiture of his new Lease or Payment "of treble Rent, as the Corporation may think fit; giving "it also as a Matter of Instruction to the Auditors and Viewers "that they specially report on Oath, in each particular Case, "what Sum or Compensation the Petitioner appears to them "to be justly entitled to (if any) for the Term he proposes "to surrender, on obtaining a Renewal, and that all "Reports shall hereafter be received at One Assembly, "and taken into consideration not sooner than the "then following Quarter Assembly".

There was another Resolution of the 12th January 1828, that no Lease was to be renewed until the Premises were within Five Years of Expiration.

There was another of the 8th October 1841 stating a Memorial of John Holmes, the Assignee of the Lease of 7th November 1785, petitioning for a Renewal, only Five Years of the original Lease having to run, and it was referred to Auditors, for their Consideration and Report.

There was another Entry of the 7th January 1842 apparently of Auditors and Viewers noticing the Petition, and recommending a new Survey of the Lands, and on the same Date a Resolution was come to that the Report of the Auditors and Viewers, on the Memorial of Alderman Joseph Holmes, the Defendant, for Renewal of the old Lease of November 1785, be confirmed, and it was unanimously agreed to, and accordingly on the 12th February 1842, the Lease now in question was granted to the Defendant, Alderman Holmes, and he paid the Fine.

The Lord Chief Justice directed the Jury, that having regard to the several Resolutions, the Defendants

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Memorial, and the proceedings thereon given in Evidence, the Lease of 1842 was made in pursuance of a Resolution or Resolutions duly entered in the Books of the Corporation of Drogheda before the 16th of February 1836, and that the Lease was therefore valid in Law, and the Defendant entitled to a Verdict.

The Counsel for the Plaintiff excepted to this Direction, and the Jury found a Verdict for the Defendant.

The Question your Lordships propose is, as to the Validity of this Exception. Our Opinion is that it is well founded, and that a Venire de novo ought to be awarded. We all think that in this Case there was no such Resolution given in Evidence, as to satisfy the Words of the Statute.

The restrictive Enactments of the Statute of 6th and 7th William 4th, and the 3d and 4th Victoria, Chapter 108, were clearly for the Purpose of disabling the Corporation from dealing with their Property in a different Manners from that which they would have done, if they had not been aware that it would probably pass into other Hands, as stated by the Lord Chancellor Sugden in the Case of Attorney General v. Corporation of Dublin; 1 Drury and Warren.

But the Legislature thought, that they could safely except from the general Prohibition Grants in pursuance of a Covenant or Agreement bonâ fide made before a prior Day, when the Corporation would probably have entertained no Expectation of being deprived of their Property, and made, not merely when they were under a binding Contract to convey, but even where they had bound themselves definitively by a Resolution entered in their Corporate Books, to make a Grant or Lease; such a Resolution as was final and complete; and

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required no further Consideration or Deliberation on their Part, and which would constitute an Agreement enforceable in Equity if communicated to and acted upon by another, and Expense incurred according to the Principle laid down by Sir John Leech in Marshall v. Corporation of Queenborough, 1 Simon and Stuart, 520, or even a Resolution, though not enforceable in Equity, such as was come to by the Corporation of Coventry, and entered in their Books in the Case of Wilmot v. Corporation of Coventry, 1 Young and Colliers. But we think that at all events it must be a Resolution showing a clear and definite Intention to grant a Lease on certain definite Terms.

If the Resolution be of that Character, we do not go so far as to say that it must be one for granting a Lease to one particular Individual; it may be to grant Leases to several different Persons by One Resolution, or to a defined Class, as to all Freeman of a certain Standing; but it must be a Resolution, final in itself, and which requires no further Consideration before the Corporation determine to adopt it or not.

If it was open to them to consider after the 16th February 1836, a subsequently completed Resolution might be open to the Suspicion of being unduly and improperly made.

Now the Resolution of April 1801 is by no means a complete Resolution. It is made in favor of Freemen, but with respect to all it is not final, but deliberative. It leaves it open for the Corporation in each Case, when the Grant of a Lease was asked for, to consider the Valuation made by the Valuers, and the Character of the proposed Lessee, and to reject the Petition if

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if they did not approve of either.

Whether that Part of the Resolution of 1801, that Reports received at One Assembly could not be taken into consideration at that Assembly, still continued in force, or was tacitly repealed, we need not inquire, because whether it was or not, we think the Resolution of 1801 was not such as the Statute requires, and the Resolution of February 1842, and the Lease of the 15th February 1842, not being founded on a sufficient Resolution duly entered in the Corporation Books before February 1836, are void.

It also appears to us that so long as the Resolution continued unrepealed, not to renew until within Five Years of the Expiration of the existing Lease, no Resolution to renew this Lease could have been made before February 1836, because the Five last Years of the former Lease of 1785 did not begin till Michaelmas 1840.

It may be proper to observe, that Section 13 of the Statute 3d & 4th Victoria, Chapter 109, which enacts that that Act shall come into operation in, amongst other Boroughs, Drogheda on the Day after the Election of a Town Council, under the Provisions of that Act, never could have intended to delay the Operation of Section 12 till that Period; it must refer to the other Parts of the Act. We consider Section 12 to have been in force before that Period, and the Question on that Section is that which we have stated.

We are of opinion that there was no Resolution such as the Statute requires existing in this Case, that the Direction of the Lord Chief Justice was wrong, and that there should be an Award of a Venire de novo.

Our Opinion, if your Lordships should act upon it, by giving Judgment for the Plaintiff in Error, will

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will not preclude the Representatives of the orginal Defendants from hereafter applying to and obtaining from the new Corporation another Lease under the 3rd and 4th Victoria, Chapter 108, Section 140, if the Lessee was in the position of a Person to whom they were sanctioned or warranted, by ancient Usage, or by Custom or Practice, to make a Renewal of his Lease, within the Meaning of that Clause.

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24th July 1855

House of Lords
Tuesday 24 July 1855
John Jack Lessee of the
Mayor, Aldermen and
Burgesses of the Borough
of Drogheda?
Plt in Error
Sophia Olivia Holmes
Admrx of Joseph Holmes
Gentn late one of the
Attys deceased
Deft in Error

The Lord Chancellor
My Lords

In moving your Lordships' Judgment in this case I have but a small duty to perform

The opinion of the Learned Judges who were present at the argument of Counsel, and as delivered by Baron Parke, to my mind completely exhausts the subject

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The writ of Error was brought to your Lordships House to reverse a Judgment given in the Exchequer of Pleas in Ireland and affirmed in the Court of Exchequer there. The action was an action of Ejectment on the Title - The Plaintiff claimed as Lessee - The Corporation of Drogheda demised a Lease to William Holmes for 61 years from Michaelmas 1785 - The Defendant purchased this Lease in June 1821 and the term expired at Michaelmas 1846 and the Corporation of Drogheda were entitled to recover unless the Defendant had some other Title than under the Lease - The Counter Title set up by the Defendant was that a new demise had been vested in Joseph Holmes who surrendered his Lease and took a new demise - This was undoubtedly a good defence if the Corporation had the power to make that demise, but my Lord, it is not at all clear that they had that power - The question mainly turns upon the 12th Section of the 3rd & 4th Vic. Chap 109, Section 12, whereby Corporations in Ireland (Drogheda being included by the Act) were restrained from alienating their property. This act came into operation on the 25th October 1842 - The New Lease was granted on the 15th of February 1842 - There was nothing in that Act to prevent the Corporation granting that Lease - This was a Continuation of a prior enactment whereby as I already stated Corporations in Ireland were restrained from disposing of their property for a limited time until the days of the first Election of Councillors and that no Conveyance shall be made or executed before that day, that is to say before the 25 October 1842 unless in pursuance of some Covenant Contract or Agreement bona fide made or entered into on or before the 16th day of February 1836 by or on behalf of such Body Corporate or of some Resolution duly entered in the Corporation Books of such Body Corporate before the 16th day of February 1836 -

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Now, my Lords, It was not contended that there was any Covenant, Contract or Agreement but a Resolution dated the 20th April 1801 appeared on the Corporation Books to this effect

"Resolved unanimously - That it be an "instruction from this Assembly to the Auditors and "receivers in reporting upon Petitions for renewals of "Houses Land or other premises, that they shall first "take into Consideration and value the said premises "at the full value between Man and Man and that "the Petitioner so applying shall then be entitled to a "Renewal of his Lease for 99 years at one fourth of "the full Annual value as a rent and on praying "or fining down another or second fourth at 17 years "purchase for Lands, and 10 years purchase for "Houses, always obliging the Petitioner for a renewal "of a Lease of a House or Houses by a special Covenant "and any other necessary Legal Deed to build or "rebuild within 5 years after the expiration of the term "of years in his old Lease under a Forfeiture of his new "Lease or payment of treble rent, as the Corporation "may think fit. Giving it also as a matter of instruction "to the Auditors and Receivers that they specially report "on Oath in each particular Case, what sum or compensation "the Petitioner appears to them to be justly entitled to "(if any) for the term he proposes to surrender on obtaining "a Renewal; and that all Reports shall hereafter be "received at one Assembly, and taken into consideration "not sooner than the then next Quarter Assembly"

The effect of that Resolution is that the Auditors and receivers were to report specially on Oath, and that all reports should be received at one assembly, and to be taken into Consideration not sooner than the nesct

There was also another Resolution not very

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material of the 12th January 1828 - That no Lease was to be renewed until the premises were within 5 years of expiration

The question is whether the Resolution of the 20 April 1801 was within the meaning of the Act - The Learned Judges have given it their Opinion that this Resolution was not a Resolution within the meaning of the Act - I quite Concur with them, and my Noble friend here present (Lord Brougham) as likewise my Noble friend not now present (Lord St Leonards) is of the same Opinion

My Lords - We have had the benefit of the presence of the Learned Judges and of their very able opinion being printed, which Opinion I Conceive and adopt, and am clearly of opinion that the Exceptions taken at the Trial of this Case were properly taken

Lord Brougham

My Lords - I entirely Concur with my Noble and Learned friend in this Case, in fact my Lords I never had a doubt upon the subject at all from the very Commencement of the Argument of this Case at your Lordships Bar - I am also authorized by my Noble and Learned friend, not now present, to state that he entirely agrees with the opinion given by the Learned Judges.

Lord Chancellor

Then moved that Judgment be entered for Plaintiff in error, and that there should be a Venire de Novo awarded. —

A List of the several Leases and Rent-Charges made by the former Corporate Body since 16th February 1836 was presented to the meeting by the Town Clerk, and referred

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to the Law Committee for their Consideration and Report as to whether any and what proceedings should be taken to impeach same or any of them.

£120 voted to the Law Agents

It was moved by Alderman Boylan and Seconded by Alderman P. Mathews that £120 be forwarded to the Law Agents on Account of their Costs.

J. Farrell. Poor Rate Collector ordered £1-10-0 for assisting in making out Burgess Lists for 1854

It was ordered that Mr John Farrell, Poor Rate Collector, be paid a sum of £1-10-0 for his services in assisting Town Clerk in making out Burgess Lists for 1854.

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 20th August, Instant ~~at One Oclock~~ P.M.

Pat. Boylan Chairman

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town at One Oclock P.M. on 20th August 1855 for the purpose of deciding on Noticed Motion by J.C. Kerland to grant £30 to Finance Committee for expenditure on the Mechanics' Institute - receiving reports from the Standing Committees on matters referred and transacting general business

— Present —

Aldermen
Patrick Casey
Patrick Boylan
James Mathews

Councillors
Anthony Keappock
Robert D. Daly
William Kerland
John Carroll
Edward Atkinson
Robert E. Ellis
Patrick Lynagh
Patrick Fernard

Alderman Boylan in the absence of the Mayor was called to the Chair

The Minutes, as engrossed in enlarged form, of meeting held on 1st August 1855 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman. -

George Ogle's Report

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle, Inspector of Nuisances &c. on the several matters within his province; whereupon he was ordered to examine, Weekly, the state of the Sink Traps, and have same rectified where necessary.

Memorial from Elizabeth Magee to appoint her Caretaker of Fish Market &c.

A Memorial was read from Elizabeth Magee asking the Council to appoint her Caretaker of the Fish Market in lieu of her Grandmother, who died in December 1854, she having since performed her duties; and for Half a years Salary up to June last. - which Memorial was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

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I. C. Lynagh moves that the Salary of Peter Hoey be discontinued; which motion on a division was lost.

Councillor Lynagh thereupon moved, that the Salary of Mr. Peter Hoey, Inspector of the Fish Market, be discontinued whilst he remained in the Poor House a receipient of relief - which Motion having been Seconded by I. C. Keappock, the question thereon was put from the Chair, and a division having taken place, Three of the members present voted for the Motion, and Eight of them voted against it, whereupon the Motion was declared lost.

Letter &c read from Clerk of Privy Council on subject of Ministers' Money, consideration of same referred to a Special Meeting

A Letter and Certificate were read from the Clerk of the Privy Council, in Ireland, on the subject of Ministers' Money in Drogheda, and the duty imposed on the Council to Collect it, under the Provisions of 17 & 18 Victoria, Chapter 11, - whereupon they were ordered to be taken into consideration at a Special Meeting to be summoned for that purpose on 24th August instant.

Report of Law Committee as to the several Leases &c made by Former Corporation since February 1836.

A Report from the Law Committee as to the Several Leases &c. made by Former Corporation since 16th February 1836 was read, when same was adopted on the Motion of I. C. Courtnay, Seconded by I. C. Keappock, and the several recommendations therein contained were ordered to be carried out.

The following is a Copy of said Report.

Your Committee beg to Report, that they have carefully examined the Lists prepared by the Town Clerk of the several Leases and Conveyances made by the Former Corporate Body of since 16th February 1836, being the period at which the operation of the several Acts, passed to restrain the Alienation of Corporate Properties by the Irish Corporations, commenced. - And your Committee have

Same

found that a considerable number of those Leases are exempted from the operation of said Acts by reason of

Resolutions passed in respect of them, and duly entered in the

same

Corporate Books previously to said 16th February 1836; but your Committee recommend that Law proceedings be taken to impeach the several Leases and Conveyances enumerated in the Schedule hereto annexed, and for that purpose that the necessary Notices be forthwith served.

Your Committee further recommend that the opinion of Mr. Napier Q. C. be taken as to the best mode of recovering the Aldermen's Acres, which had been in the possession of deceased Aldermen; and that the Case of the late Mr. Joseph Holmes be selected to decide as to the right of this Corporation to sustain such recovery.

Your Committee have further to Report, that they have instructed the Law Agents to recover possession of the premises in John Street, formerly demised to Edward Brunton, per Lease No. 613, and now for many years overheld without any

same

Rent being paid for same -

Dated this 20th day of August 1855

Patrick Boylan - Chairman

Schedule to which the foregoing Report refers

	No. of Lease	Lessees Names	Date of Lease	Rent	Term	Fine paid	Contents and Description of Property demised
New Lease made to Pat. Elcock	1049	Francis Wm. Leland	14 July 1838	£ s d 0 - 7 - 6	99 years from 25 March 1834	3 - 15 - 0	Ground and Tenements out Duleek Gate Containing a 0 - n 0 - o 19
Flaggery park	1050	William Cairnes	14 July 1838	4 - 0 - 0	99 years from 25 March 1836		Land out St. James's Gate Containing 0 - 3 - 26
Instructions sent 30 Nov 56 2	1052	Francis Forde	14 July 1838	0 - 15 - 0	99 years from 25 March 1837	7 - 10 - 0	Ground North East of Dublin Road Containing 0 - 0 - 11½
Do same 2 Leased to Jeffers & wife	1053	Francis Forde	14 July 1838	5 - 0 - 0	99 years from 25 March 1837	50 - 0 - 0	Land on North Side of Dublin Road Containing 0 - 2 - 5

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	No of Lease	Lessees Names	Date of Lease	Rent	Term	Fine paid	Contents & Description of property demised
Same	1054	Revd Saml Sandiford	14 July 1838	1-0-0	99 years from 25 March 1837	10-0-0	House and Tenement in Bachelors Lane
Lease granted to P. Elcock							
A. McCann ✓	1055	John Greene	14 July 1838	9-18-0	99 years from 25 March 1837	42-1-6	Land out Duleek Gate Containing 2-3-33
Jno Kelly ✓	1056	James Greene	14 July 1838	8-2-12	99 years from 25 March 1837	45-18-8½	Land at Clansarragh Containing 4-3-26
Lease Made to Thos Connolly	1057	William Jarvis	14 July 1838	1-16-0	99 years from 25 March 1837	6-0-0	Ground on West Side Pitcher Hill
[illegible]	1058	Francis W. Leland	10 August 1838	1-13-9	99 years from 25 March 1834	28-14-5	Ground and Tenements out St. Johns Gate Containing 1-1-6. —
Renewal granted ✓	1066	Edward Atkinson	10 August 1838	23-12-6	99 years from 25 March 1838	78-15-0	First Lot of Culver House Park known as Sandifords Alleys Containing 0-3-36 —
Do ✓	1067	Thomas J. Fogarty	10 August 1838	52-10-0	99 years from 25 March 1838	175-0-0	Second Lot of Culver House Park Containing 2-0-29
Do ✓	1068	Thomas North	10 August 1838	34-10-0	99 years from 25 March 1838	115-0-0	Third Lot of Culver House Park Containing 1-2-0
Conveyance to C.H. Conway, executed Mem. Vacated	1069	Francis W. Leland	28 September 1839	10-0-0	99 years from 29 Sept. 1837	100-0-0	Premises & Tenements out West Gate
Counsels opinion against proceeding, proceedings accordingly stopped - See Report of Law Committee 1st Feby 1839 Old Series Vol 385	1071	Rev. Arthur Wynne	28 Sept. 1839	0-0-6	89 years from 25 March 1838		Tenement and Premises on Magdalen Street, intended for Sunday School
Lease to P. Devine ✓ Same	1072	John Greene	17 April 1840	15-6-7	99 years from 29 Sept. 1839	86-17-2	Plot of Ground at Blackbush Lane Containing 6-3-10

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	No of Lease	Lessees Names	Date of Lease	Rent	Term	Fine paid	Contents & Description of property demised
Same Lease granted to same ✓	1073	Thomas Flanagan	17 April 1840	8-12-6	99 years from 29 Sept. 1839	28-15-0	Plot of Ground with Tenements or Houses thereon without Duleek Gate
North Strand ✓	1075	Mary Kelly	7 January 1842	11-10-7	99 years from 29 Sept. 1840	23-1-2	Land at Blackbush Lane Containing 3-3-15
Lease to Margt. Callard	1077	Henry Smythe	7 January 1842	2-10-0	99 years from Easter 1837	42-10-0	Land with Tenements thereon out Sundays Gate - Contg. 0-1-19
— 2	1078	Harry L. Brabazon	7 January 1842	5-0-0	74 years from Easter 1840		Land out Duleek Gate Containing 1-3-1
Instructions sent 15 Oct/55	1079	Nathaniel Hill	7 January 1842	40-0-0	99 years from Easter 1833		Premises without Laurences Gate
Recd by Law Clerk to be surveyed & rectified	1080	Austin Nicholls	7 January 1842	2-0-0	70 years from 29 Sept. 1840		Plot of Ground in Millers Street
Lease granted to Same	1081	Francis S. Fairlough and Wm Fairlough	15 Feby. 1842	5-6-0	78½ years from March 1841	106-0-0	Land without Sundays Gate Containing 4-1-20
Instrument not executed Lease granted to P. Heavy	1083	Wm M. Smythe Henry Smythe and John Smythe	15 Feby. 1842	6-16-12	99 years from Easter 1841	113-19-8	Land at Brianstown Containing 6-3-9
Lease granted to James Kelly	1084	Revd Saml Sandiford	15 Feby 1842	3-8-10	99 years from Easter 1841	60-5-9	Land called "Brides Park" Containing 4-2-14
Lease granted to Thos Moyles	1085	Revd Saml Sandiford	15 Feby. 1842	6-5-0	99 years from Easter 1841	92-5-7	Land at Green Batter Containing 7-0-0
Instrument not executed Lease granted to Mr Campbell. Same	1087	Joseph Holmes	15 Feby. 1842	8-0-0	99 years from Easter 1841	61-7-8	House on North Side West Street

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	No of Lease	Lessees Names	Date of Lease	Rent	Term	Fine paid	Contents & Description of property demised
Same Lease granted to C. Eager.	1088	Townley C. Hardman	15 Feby. 1842	27-5-9	99 years from 29 Sept. 1841	475-12-7	Part of the Lands of Townrath containing 54-2-12
Rent error of 2d not to Attach	1089	James Gernon	4 April 1842	30-0-0	96 years from 29 Sept. 1841		Dwelling House & Premises South Side of West Street
Instructions sent 30 Dec. 1856 & 30 Sept. 1858	1090	Francis Forde	4 April 1842	1-10-0	99 years from 29 Sept. 1841	16-11-4½	Plot of Ground & Tenements in Duleek Street
Lease granted & Mailed	1093	Rev. Saml. G. Fairtough	4 April 1842	1-6-3	99 years from 29 Sept. 1841	27-0-2	Land near Cromwell's Mount out St. James's - Contg 1-1-0
Instructions sent 15 Oct. 1856	1095	Joseph Holmes	6 Oct. 1842	0-14-9	99 years from Easter 1842	14-7-0	Land called Cowleaze in Parish of St. Mary - Contg - 0-3-38
Instructions sent 15 Oct. 1856	1096	Nathaniel Hill	6 Oct. 1842	0-1-0	99 years from Easter 1833		Part of Public Way round St. Laurences Gate -
Instructions sent Lease mailed	1105	Joseph Woodroffe Saphet Alley & Delia Alley	24 Oct. 1842	1-6-0	99 years from Easter 1840	12-10-0	Plot of Ground on West Side of Duleek Street

Dublin and Drogheda Railway Conveyance No. 1094

Conveyance, dated the 28th June 1842, of all those Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments mentioned in a certain Inquisition taken before the Sheriffs of the County of the Town of Drogheda, bearing date the 4th day of April 1842, and respectively marked numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, - said lot No 1 containing two perches - the said lot No. 2 containing eight perches, the said lots Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 containing 4-2-0, - the said lot No 9 containing 0-0-10 - and the said lots Nos. 10 and 11 containing 1-1-24 - all Irish plantation Measure - and which said premises are part of the Townland of Saint James, otherwise called Segavooren, and are situate, lying, and being without St. James's Gate on the North Side of the Road leading from Drogheda to Dublin by Balbriggan, in the Parish of Saint Mary, in the County of the Town of Drogheda. —

Same

Accts. of Repl. of late Pat. Kelly submitted

The Accounts of the Repl. of the late Mr Patrick Kelly for Printing, Stationary, &c. for the years 1853 & 1854, were submitted. —

J. C. Kerland's motion saved

Councillor Kerland's Motion, to grant £30 to the Finance Committee for Expenditure on the Mechanics' Institute, was saved for next Meeting. —

The Council thereupon Adjourned to 3rd September next, at One o'Clock P.M.

Thomas Hammond — Mayor

24th August 1855

At a Special Meeting of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation, summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Friday the 24th August 1855, for the purpose of considering the Provisions of 17th & 18th Victoria, Chapter 11, with respect to the Assessment and Collection of Ministers' Money within said Borough.

— Present —

Aldermen	Councillors
James Mathews	John O'Neill
Patrick Boylan	Patrick Byrne
Patrick Casey	Patrick Courtney
William Campbell	William Kerland
	John Carroll
	Robert E. Ellis
	Patrick Lynagh
	Felix McCabe

In the Mayor's Absence Alderman Boylan was moved to the Chair

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Letter &c. read from Clerk of Privy Council on subject of Minister's Money

A Letter was read from Mr Theobald McKenna, Clerk of the Privy Council, in Ireland, dated 15th August 1855, and also a Certificate under his hand, Certifying £208-2-0½ as the Sum Annually Collectable in Drogheda for Ministers' Money within that Borough.

Whereupon the Town Clerk read to the Meeting the 3rd & 5th Sections of 17 & 18 Victoria, Chapter 11; - And it was then moved by J. C. Lynagh, and Seconded by J. C. Courtnay, and resolved unanimously - That this Corporation decline Collecting Ministers' Money, and indignantly protest against this last insult offered to the People of Ireland by compelling certain Corporations in Ireland to collect a Tax against which they very frequently protested and petitioned. —

Resolution protesting against collection of Ministers' Money

Copy of same to be forwarded

Resolved on motion of J. C. Carroll, seconded by J. C. Byrne, that the Town Clerk forward to the proper Office a Copy of the foregoing Resolution. —

Thomas Hammond Mayor

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town at One oClock P.M. on Monday the 3rd September 1855 for the purpose of deciding on J. C. Kerkland's Saved motion for grant of £30 for expenditure on the Mechanics' Institute - receiving reports from the Standing Committees on matters referred and transacting general business.

Present - The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Mathews	James Butterly
Patrick Casey	John Oriell
Patrick Boylan	Patrick Lynagh
William Campbell	Patrick Byrne
	Patrick Iernan
	Peter Verdon
	Felix McCabe
	James Hand
	Robert B. Daly
	William Kerkland

The Minutes, as engrossed in enlarged form, of the Meetings held on 20th and 24th August 1855 were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by the Chairman.

Letter from Mayor of Cork asking Co-operation in resisting the Collection of Ministers' Money also from Mr Larcom, on same subject -

A Letter was read from the Mayor of Cork to his Worship the Mayor asking the Cooperation of this Corporation in resisting by every Constitutional means the enforcement by the Executive of the Collection of Ministers' Money by the Councils of the several Cities and Boroughs effected by the provisions of the 17th and 18th Victoria, Chapter 11. - And also a letter to the Town Clerk on the same subject from Mr Larcom the Under Secretary for Ireland in reply to his letter inclosing Copy of a Resolution passed on 24th August 1855 and which letter from Mr Larcom called the attention of the Council to the 5th Section

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of said Statute by which it was provided that all sums not collected become a Debt due to the Crown and chargeable on the Borough.

Accounts of Contractors for Printing ordered to be paid.

It was ordered on motion of Councillor Kerland seconded by Alderman Campbell that the Accounts due the Contractors for Printing &c in 1853 & 1854 amounting to £62.4.8 should be paid.

Ordered that the Law Agents do prepare & the Treasurer do sign and cause to be served Notices to quit on the several parties enumerated in Report of 20th August.

It was ordered on the motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, that the Law Agents of this Corporation do prepare, and that Mr. William Campbell, the Treasurer, do sign and caused to be served, the Proper Notices to quit on the several parties now respectively holding possession of the several Lands, Tenements, and Premises enumerated in the Report of the Law Committee adopted on 20th August last, and that said Treasurer do demand possession thereof at the proper time or times with a view to proceeding at Law to recover possession thereof, should same be witheld contrary to such Notices to quit.

J.C. Lynagh moves that opinion of Counsel be taken as to resisting Collection of Ministers' Money.

Amendment thereon moved that Council wait to see what would be advised in Cork. Amendment Carried

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It was moved by Councillor Lynagh, and seconded by Councillor O'neill that the opinion of Counsel be taken by the Law Agents as to the best means of resisting the Collection by the Council of Ministers' Money as imposed on them by the Statute of 17 & 18 Victoria. Chapter 11, - Whereupon an Amendment was moved Councillor Verdon, and seconded by Councillor Byrne that this Council wait to see what course of action on this subject would be advised in Cork, the Mayor of that City having intimated in his letter that the Cork Corporation were about to take legal advice thereon. — upon which Mr Lynagh withdrew his motion and the Amendment was carried

Discussion of J.C. Kerland's motion, granting a sum of £20 for expenditure on Mechanic's Institute, adjourned to next Meeting

Councillor Kerland pursuant to Notice for that purpose given, moved that a sum of £20 be granted to the Finance Committee for expenditure on the Mechanics' Institute, which motion was seconded by Alderman Boylan - Whereupon Alderman Patrick Mathews having moved an amendment, that this sum be given on certain conditions to the Mechanics' Institute Committee appointed by this Corporation - and a discussion having arisen the Question was adjourned to the next Meeting of the Council in Assembly. -

Alderman Boylan hands in Notice of Motion on same subject

Alderman Boylan thereupon handed in a Notice of Motion on this subject for debate at the next Meeting in Assembly

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 18th September instant, at Half past One O'clock PM.

Thomas Hammond Mayor

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18th September 1855

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town at Half past One o'Clock p.m. on Tuesday the 18th September 1855 for the purpose of deciding on Noticed Motion by Alderman Boylan. that the Mechanics' Institute committee of said Corporation be empowered to build an apartment to receive the Models &c offered the Corporation: the Committee of the Mechanics' Institute advancing a sum of £50 to the Corporation for that purpose. - receiving reports and transacting general business -

Present - The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
James Mathews	James Hand
Patrick Casey	Patrick Courtnay
William Campbell	Robert B. Daly
Patrick Boylan	John Carroll
	Patrick Lynagh
	Edward Atkinson
	William Kerstland
	Anthony Keappock.

The Minutes of last meeting in Assembly held on 3rd September 1855 as engrossed in enlarged form were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor

Letter read from Town Clerk of Waterford on subject of Ministers' Money

A Letter was read from the Town Clerk of Waterford dated 11th September 1855 enclosing a Copy of a Resolution passed by the Council of the Waterford Corporation on the subject of the Collection of Ministers' Money under the 17th & 18th Victoria. Chapter 11, by the several Cities and Boroughs named in that Statute, together with the Town Clerk's reply thereto.

George Ogle's Report

A Report was read from Mr. George Ogle Inspector of Nuisances &c. within the Borough on the several

matters within his province.

Memorial from Rose Anne Berrill to restore her £10. yearly

A Memorial was read from Mrs Rose Anne Berrill, Widow of William P. Berrill, formerly Inspector of Paving to this Corporation, asking the Council to restore to her the yearly Pension of £10. lately withdrawn from her.

Acct of Gas Company read

An Account was read from the Gas Company claiming a Balance as due to them of £178.4.5

Letter from Sal. Boulger claiming remuneration

A Letter was read from Mr James Boulger, claiming remuneration for services alledged to have been rendered by him, in furnishing an estimate for supplying the Borough with Water. -

Councillor Kerlands & Aldn. Boylans Motions saved

Councillor Kerlands and Alderman Boylan's Notices of Motion, relative to an advance to the Mechanics' Institute, and donation thereto, were saved for the next Meeting in Assembly

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 24th September Instant at 12 o'Clock Noon.

Pat. Boylan ~~Mayor~~ Chairman

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24th September 1855

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thosel of said Town at Twelve Oclock Noon on Monday the 24th September 1855. for the purpose of deciding on saved Motions by J.C. Kerkland and Alderman Boylan relative to Grants for expenditure on Mechanics' Institute - Noticed Motion by J.C. Atkinson to restore Grant of £10 yearly to Rose Anne Berrill. and by J.C. Courtnay to Contract with Gas Company for one year at £3 per Lamp for as many Public Lamps as may be required - receiving Reports. and transacting general business -

Present -

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Boylan	Anthony Kappock
Patrick Casey	Patrick Byrne
William Campbell	Patrick Courtnay
	Robert B. Daly
	William Kerkland
	Edward Atkinson
	Patrick Lynagh
	Robert E. Ellis
	John Oneill

In the absence of his Worship the Mayor, Alderman Boylan was moved to the Chair. -

George Ogle's Report

A Report was read from Mr. George Ogle, Inspector of Nuisances &c, within the Borough, on the several matters within his Province.

Report of Patrick Kenny on state of Fire Engine

A Report from Mr. Patrick Kenny, Inspector of the Corporation Fire Engines, was read, which stated that the Hose of the small Fire Engine required repair. and which was referred to the Paving Committee for consideration and Report -

A Report of the Finance Committee for the week ending 21st September 1855 was read, of which the following is a Copy -

Report of Finance Committee

Finance Committee

Meeting Friday 21st September 1855

Present - P. Boylan, P. Lynagh and R. B. Daly

Weekly Expenditure examined

Scavengers	£2 · 8 · 6
Watching	2 · 8 · 6
Watering and Cleansing	1 · 10 · 0
Cash lodged since last Friday	61 · 11 · 6
Charges (Law Costs)	3 · 0 · 0
Allowance. Income Tax and Poor Rate.	2 · 0 · 1
Balance due to the Hibernian Bank	590 · 0 · 0

Recommend an Order for payment of Gas Account

Gas Account examined. found Correct. to 1st September 1855 - £178 · 4 · 5 - Your Committee recommend an Order for Payment -

Counc. Atkinson moves that the Tender of Gas Company read, be accepted, & subject to approval when a sufficient number be present

It was moved by Councillor Atkinson that a Draft Tender from the Gas Company. not signed. but then read, should be accepted, subject to its approval by the Council hereafter when a sufficient number would be present; which motion was Seconded by Councillor Ellis; when a division having taken place at the request of Councillor Courtnay, 2 Members viz. Messrs Courtnay and Lynagh voted against the motion. and the other members present, 11 in number. voted for it, whereupon the motion was declared Carried

Counc. Atkinson's & Ald. Boylan's Motions saved

Councillor Atkinson's Motion, relative to the restoration of Mrs Rose Anne Berrills Pension, was saved for the next meeting in assembly; as also Alderman Boylan's motion, relative to the Mechanics' Institute -

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 9th October next at One O Clock P. M. -

Thomas Hammond Mayor

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9th October 1855

At an adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town at one o'Clock P.M. on Tuesday the 9th October 1855 for the purpose of deciding on saved motions by Alderman Boylan and J.C. Kerland relative to grants for Mechanics' Institute - and by J. C. Atkinson to restore Mrs Rose anne Berrills Yearly Pension of £10 - and on proposed Contract with Gas Company for one years Lighting of the Public Lamps - and transacting general business. —

Present - The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Mathews	Peter Verdon
Patrick Casey	Robert B. Daly
Patrick Boylan	John Carroll
William Campbell	James Nana
James Mathews	Edward Atkinson
	Patrick Fernan
	Patrick Lynagh
	James Butterly
	William Kersland
	Anthony Kerppock
	Felix McCabe

The Minutes of last Meeting held on 24th September 1855. as engrossed in enlarged form, were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor as Chairman.

Letters from Clerks of Waterford & Kilkenny to send a Deputy to Meeting in Dublin on Question of Ministers Money

Letters were read from the Town Clerks of Kilkenny and Waterford addressed to the Town Clerk asking the Council to send a Deputy to a Meeting of the Irish Corporations affected by the Question of Ministers' Money to be held in Dublin on 17th Instant

A Letter from the Mayor of Waterford to his Worship the Mayor on the same subject was also read by him. Whereupon a Committee was ordered to be appointed

for this purpose on Motion of J. C. Verdon Seconded by Alderman Patrick Mathews.

The Mayor was thereupon requested to attend this meeting as the Representative of the Council

Tender from Gas Company accepted

A Tender from the Drogheda Gas Company was read, and was accepted on Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by J. C. Verdon

The following is a Copy of said Tender

Copy of Tender

Drogheda Gas Works September 1855

To The Mayor, Aldermen and Council of the Borough of Drogheda

Gentlemen

We propose to supply Gas Light, extinguish, Clean, and Keep in repair not less than one hundred of the Public Lamps, and any additional number that may be required, in the Parishes of Saint Peters and Saint Marys, Drogheda, from the First day of October 1855 till the 30th day of April 1856, both days inclusive, for the Sum of Three Pounds Sterling per Lamp, subject to the following conditions -

Each Lamp to be supplied with a Batwing Burner that will emit three Cubic feet of Gas per hour, the lighting to be completed one hour after Sunset, and extinguishing to commence 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 deducted from the account at the rate of Six Shillings and Eight Pence per 1000 Cubic feet, except in case of a Lamp being out only one night by accident. And any Complaints you have to make to be communicated immediately in writing addressed to the Directors of the Drogheda Gas Company at their office.

The payments to be made as follows - One Hundred Pounds Sterling on the First day of January 1856 - One Hundred pounds on the First day of March following,

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and the Balance on the first day of June 1856, and in the event of any Instalment or Balance remaining unpaid after the above dates, Interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum to be charged on same, or any part thereof, until the amount due be paid.

We are Gentlemen

Yours respectfully

James Levins } Directors of the
Joseph Montgomery } Drogheda
John Morton } Gas Company

Letter from Gas Compy Claiming £221-6-8

A Letter was read from said Gas Company claiming a Balance as due them to 1st October Instant of £221-6-8.

George Ogle's Report read

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle on the several matters within his province, as Inspector of Nusances &c.

Elizth. Magee's Acct ordered.

Elizabeth Magee's account for 9 months cleansing of the Fish Market was read, amounting to £1-19-0, and signed by the Mayor

Noticed motions saved.

The Noticed Motions were saved for next meeting

Thomas Hammond, Mayor.

At a Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town, at Twelve O'clock, Noon, on Thursday 1st November 1855 for the purpose of electing Inspector & Registrar of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough for ensuing year - deciding on Noticed Motion by Alderman Boylan to Memorial Lords of the Treasury for liberty to borrow £1200 to pay off claims due by the Corporation - deciding on saved Motions by Alderman Boylan and I.C. Kerland for grants to Mechanics Institute - and by I.C. Atkinson to restore Mrs Rose Anne Berrills yearly pension of £10.- receiving reports and transacting general business.

Present - The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Boyland	Anthony Reappock
Patrick Casey	John Oneill
William Campbell	Joseph Gargan
Patrick Mathews	Patrick Byrne
	Robert B. Daly
	William Kerland
	John Carroll
	Edward Atkinson
	Robert C. Ellis
	Patrick Lynagh
	James Hand
	James Butterly

Minutes of last meeting read & signed

The minutes of last Meeting, held on 9th October 1855, as engrossed in enlarged form, were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor.

His Worship the Mayor reports on Meeting of Municipal representatives in Dublin on subject of Ministers' Money

His Worship the Mayor reported to the Assembly on the Meeting of Municipal representatives, held in Dublin on 17th October last, on the subject of the Collection of Ministers' Money under the late Statute, and their interview with the

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Mr Geo. Ogle appointed Inspector and Mr James M'Cartney Registrar of Common Lodging Houses for One Year from 1st November 1855.

Chief Secretary for Ireland relating thereto.

Mr George Ogle was appointed Inspector and Mr James M'Cartney was appointed Registrar of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough, for one year from 1st November 1855, at the same Salaries as those paid them for last year respectively viz. £10 to Mr George Ogle and £5 to Mr James M'Cartney on the Motion of Councillor Daly seconded by Alderman Boylan.

Report of Finance Committee

A Report was read from the Finance Committee of which the following is a Copy -

"Report of Finance Committee - October 31st 1855

Present - The Mayor Chairman -

Councillors Lynagh and Daly assisted by Dr Attinson J.C.

Your Committee having examined the Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Drogheda Corporation find that the Expenditure of the Body (although restricted to the lowest possible amount, consistent with the wants of the Town), has exceeded the Income Considerably -

Under those circumstances your Committee are sorry to be obliged to report that the Improvements so desirable for the Comfort of the Inhabitants, and which the Corporation were most anxious to carry into effect, must be for the present suspended -

Your Committee have further to report that in order to carry on even the present establishment, it will be indispensable to obtain a Credit in Advance from our Bankers to at least Twelve Hundred Pounds which can be paid off as soon as the Increased Rental of the Corporation becomes available.

Thomas Hammond

Mayor

Accts read from Grendon & Co. and Gas Company -

Accounts were read from Grendon & Co. claiming £177.7.9 - and from the Gas Company claiming £222.6.9 as due to them respectively.

George Ogle's Report read

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle on the several matters within his province as Inspector of Lodging Houses and of Paving and Nuisances -

Motion by Aldr Boylan, to Memorial Lords of Treasury for liberty to borrow £1200.

Alderman Boylan, pursuant to Notice for that purpose given, moved that the Council Memorial the Lords of the Treasury for liberty to borrow £1200 on Mortgage of the Corporate Property, to pay off claims due by the Corporation which accrued from expenses incurred in impeaching a certain Lease made by the late Corporation, in contravention of the Statute passed in 1836 against alienation of Corporate properties in Ireland; and in which proceedings the Council were obliged to appeal to the House of Lords, where they succeeded after an adverse Verdict in the Irish Courts; and by means of which decision the Corporate Income will be Considerably increased - which motion was seconded by Councillor Lynagh, whereupon J.C. Daly moved as an Amendment that each Member of the Council seperately guarantee the Bank in an advance of £50 - which Amendment was seconded by Alderman Campbell, but after some discussion the Amendment was withdrawn by the Mover and Seconder - and the original resolution was put from the Chair and Carried -

J.C. Daly moves as an Amendement that the Council guarantee the Bank seperately in the sum of £50 - Amendment withdrawn original motion Carried.

Letter read from Mr J. Neville on Mornington Road

A Letter was read from Mr John Neville, County Inspector on the state of the Mornington Road within the Borough. -

Saved motions withdrawn

The saved motions, notice of which had been given by Alderman Boylan and Councillors Kerland and Attinson respectively, were severally withdrawn by them -

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 12th November instant at 12 Oclock.

Thomas Hammond Mayor

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12th November 1855

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town at Twelve Oclock noon on Monday 12th November 1855, for the purpose of considering Memorial to Lords of the Treasury for liberty to borrow £1200; receiving reports and transacting general business.

Present- The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
William Campbell	Peter Verdon
Patrick Casey	Patrick Byrne
James Mathews	Robert B. Daly
Patrick Boylan	Edward Atkinson
	Robert C. Ellis
	Patrick Lynagh
	Patrick Fernan
	William Fortland

Minutes of last Meeting read & signed

The Minutes of last meeting, held on 1st November 1855, were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor as chairman

Ordered that Number of Meetings and attendance by each Member for past year be inserted in Local Journals

It was ordered on the Motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Daly that the number of meetings held during the past year be published in the Local Journals with the number of attendances by each Member thereat

Report of Borough Auditors for Half year ending Sept 1855-

A Report from the Borough Auditors was read of which the following is a Copy

The Mayor Aldermen and Council of the Borough of Drogheda

Gentlemen

We have examined your Half Yearly Accounts ending September 1855, and find that there has been received for Rents and Cranage the sum of £1767-11-6¾ Disbursements £2081-11-5½, leaving a Balance on the half year of £313-19-10¾ against the Corporate Estate-

The arrears on the Rental amount to £2538-17-4 including about £600 old debts, which amount exceeds the former arrears by £101-4-3.

We find all monies received for Rents &c. have been lodged in Bank and payments made by Cheque. —

James Hickey
Thomas Sheridan

Drogheda - 12th Novr 1855

Memorial to Lords of the Treasury to be forwarded with Corporate Seal affixed

A draft of a Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury was read and adopted, as read on the Motion of Alderman Boylan Seconded by Councillor Lynagh, and same was directed to be forwarded at the proper time, to the Lords of the Treasury with the Corporate Seal affixed thereto

Draft Copy of said Memorial

The following is a Copy of said Memorial as read

To the Right Honorable and Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the — Borough of Drogheda. —

Respectfully Sheweth.

That Memorialists beg to state for the information of your Lordships that the property belonging to the Corporation of Drogheda consists in Lands and Houses, situate in the Counties of Meath, South and of the Town of Drogheda, held in fee simple under Royal Charters, and producing a clear Annual income of about £3,400, the nett proceeds of which, after payment of interest and Salaries, your Memorialists are in the habit of applying in Paving, Cleansing and lighting the Town, and thereby relieving it from the pressure of local taxation. That the debts due consist of Debentures issued by the former Body Corporate amounting to £13732, a bond for £972-12-0 passed to the Executrix of the former Town Clerk as compensation for the loss of his office, and fees pursuant to the provisions of 3 & 4 Victoria, Chap. 108, and a sum of about £2000 due to the Law Agents of the Corporation and other parties necessarily incurred for Municipal purposes under the provisions of said

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act. making together a sum of about £16704.10.0

That Memorialists on assuming Office on 25th October 1842. found that a considerable portion of the Corporate Property had been demised for long terms of Years by the former Body Corporate at great under Value and in Contravention of a certain Statute passed in 1836 to restrain the Alienation of Corporate Property in Ireland And your Memorialists having selected one case to try this Question by Ejectment, instituted proceedings for that purpose in the Irish Courts of Justice, in the Course of which two trials were held, and after much litigation, necessarily involving a large outlay on their part, said suit was decided against them on an appeal to the Court of Error in Ireland. Whereupon your Memorialists, having been advised that such decision was illegal appealed to the House of Lords in England, where your Memorialists succeeded in said appeal in July last (1855), and set aside the Judgment of the Irish Courts; the ultimate result of which will be, that an Annual increase in their income of about £400 will, after the lapse of a short time, accrue to your Memorialists.

That besides their large outlay in the course of those proceedings your Memorialists did not receive, pending them, the rents under the impeached Lease, and which now amount to about £475, but which your Memorialists expect to recover after obtaining final judgment, with a considerable sum in addition.

That from the foregoing Causes, your Memorialists now find themselves in want of a temporary loan to the amount of about £1200. and your Memorialists therefore pray

That your Lordships will, by your order, allow your Memorialists to issue a Bond or Bonds of not less than £200 each, with Warrants of

Attorney for confessing judgments thereon, under the Corporate Seal to the Amount of £1200 at a rate of interest not exceeding Six per Cent. said Bond or Bonds to be registered as Mortgages against the Corporate Estate, and to be redeemable within a period of five years from their date

And your Memorialists will ever pray

Letter read from Mr P. McLoughlen referring to letter asking Lease &c.

A Letter was read from Mr Peter McLoughlen, referring to his former letter, asking a Lease of the Lands of Hacklem, and requesting a reply, on which letter no motion was made.

George Ogles Report read. Ordered that Scavengers be increased to 18.

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle on the several matters within his Province as Inspector of Nuisances; of the Public Streets, and of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough

It was ordered on Motion of Alderman Boylan Seconded by Councillor Byrne that the Staff of Street-sweepers be increased from 9 to 18 up to 1st February next.

Ordered that Boyne Comrs be requested to cleanse Public Quays

It was ordered on Motion of Councillor Daly seconded by Councillor Byrne that the Boyne Commissioners be requested to cleanse the Public Quays from the Bridge.

Assembly adjourned

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to the 1st December next at Eleven o'clock a.m.

Thomas Hammond, Mayor.

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1st December 1855

Preface

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly

of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town, at Eleven Oclock a.m., on Saturday 1st December 1855 for the purpose of receiving Reports from the Committees, electing a Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year, and transacting general business.

Present- The Mayor as Chairman.

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Mathews	Peter Verdon
James Mathews	Joseph Gargan
Patrick Boylan	Robert E. Ellis
Thomas Carty	Thomas Kelly
William Campbell	Robert B. Daly
Patrick Casey	John Carroll
	Edward Atkinson.
	John Moore
	John O'Neill
	George M'Carthy
	Patrick Byrne
	James Butterly
	James Hand
	William Kerland
	Michael Walsh
	Anthony Reappock

Minutes of last Meeting read & Signed

The Minutes of last Meeting held on 12th November 1855, as engrossed on enlarged form, were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by the Mayor as Chairman.-

Mr. G. Knaggs's Acct referred to Finance Committee

Mr. George Knaggs's Account, amounting to £53.18.10½, was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.-

Memorial read from Directors of Mechanics' Institute

A Memorial was read from the Directors of the Mechanics' Institute, asking the Council to guarantee them

that an intended expenditure on the Premises by them to the amount of £50 should be repaid them in case the possession of the premises would be resumed by the Council

Letter read from Rev. S. Sandiford on impeached Leases

A Letter, addressed to the Treasurer from Revd S. Sandiford, was read, asking the Council to grant him an interview on the subject of his Leases which were impeached.

Report of Mechanics' Institute Committee read and adopted

A Report of the Mechanics' Institute Committee was read and adopted on Motion of Councillor Ellis seconded by Councillor Verdon.

The following is a Copy of said Report

Copy of said Report

Your Committee beg to report, that having received from the Directors of the Mechanics' Institute Committee, through Mr Robert Henry Skelly, an intimation that they, the Directors, were willing and desirous to expend out of the funds at their Command a sum of money in Building, on the Institution, a Room for the reception of Models and other useful purposes, on the understanding that this Corporation, either would not disturb them in the possession during the term of the Lease, ending say at 25th March 1911, or if so disturbed, that the Corporation would reimburse them at the period of such disturbance for their outlay to an Amount not exceeding £40.-

Your Committee recommend that the Corporation retain the Mechanics' Institute in its present position and in strict Conformity with the terms on which it was originally granted; and that in the event of the Directors expending thereon, as proposed, a sum of money for lasting and useful improvements, that this Corporation guarantee them in a sum not exceeding £40. to be reimbursed them in case at any time up to 25th March 1911 the possession of the Institute be disturbed by the Corporation.

Which your Committee Certify as their Report this 1st day of December 1855.—

Thomas Hammond - Chairman

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Alderman Thos Carty proposed as Mayor for ensuing year

Alderman Campbell thereupon proposed the Election of Alderman Thomas Carty as Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year commencing on 1st January 1856. which motion was seconded by Councillor Reappock.

Coun.r Edw.d Atkinson proposed as Mayor

Whereupon Councillor Daly proposed the Election of Councillor Edward Atkinson as Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year, which motion was seconded by Councillor Ellis.

Upon which the Voting was taken, and the several members present having Voted Viva Voce, 12 Voted for Alderman Thomas Carty and 11 for Councillor Edward Atkinson - whereupon the Mayor declared Alderman Thomas Carty duly elected Mayor of the Borough for the year commencing 1st January 1856. and Alderman Thomas Carty returned thanks to the Assembly -

Ald.n Thomas Carty Elected -

Assembly adjourned

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to Tuesday 18th December instant at One O'clock P.M.

Thomas Hammond Mayor

Monday 26th November 1855

Elections of Councillors

On this day William Campbell Esquire as Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward with Messrs Patrick Byrne and Patrick Joseph Grey assessors of said Ward - and Patrick Matheus Esqr. as Senior Alderman of Fair Gate Ward with Messrs Anthony Donleavy and George Knaggs Assessors of said Ward - and James Matheus Esquire as Senior Alderman of Saint Laurence Gate Ward with Messrs Nicholas Boylan and John Duffy assessors of said Ward, held Elections respectively of their several Wards to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of two Councillors in each of said Wards, whose periods of office expired on 25th November instant - When Messrs Patrick Byrne and George M'Carthy were elected Councillors for West Gate Ward, and Messrs Robert Elwood Ellis and Thomas Kelly were elected Councillors for Fair Gate Ward, and Messrs James Butterly and John Moore were elected Councillors for Saint Laurence Gate Ward and said Elections were duly published by the Mayor pursuant to the requisites of the Statute. -

Thomas Hammond Mayor

Monday 3rd December 1855 -

Election of Ward Assessors

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On this day William Campbell Esquire as Senior Alderman of WestGate Ward with Messrs Patrick Byrne and Patrick Joseph Grey Assessors of said Ward - (And Patrick Matheus Esquire as Senior Alderman of Fair Gate Ward with Messrs Anthony Donleavy and George Knaggs Assessors of said Ward) - and James Matheus Esqr. as Senior Alderman of Saint Laurence Gate Ward with Messrs Nicholas Boylan and John Duffy Assessors of said Ward, held Elections respectively of their several wards to elect Assessors of same for the ensuing year When Messrs Patrick Courtnay Senior and John Kelly

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were elected Assessors of West Gate Ward / and Messrs Daniel Delany and Joseph Dean were elected Assessors of Fair Gate Ward / and Messrs Michael Macken and Nicholas Boylan were elected Assessors of Saint Laurence Gate Ward - each and all for the ensuing year commencing 11th December 1855. -

Election of Borough Assessors & auditors

And on same day his Worship the Mayor held an Election for Assessors and Auditors for the Borough for the ensuing year - When Messrs William Boylan and James McKenna were elected Borough Assessors and Messrs Thomas Sheridan and James Hickey were elected Borough Auditors for the ensuing year - and said several Elections were duly published by the Mayor pursuant to the Statute. -

Thomas Hammond, Mayor

Friday - 14th December 1855.

Election of a Ward Assessor for WestGate Ward

On this day an Election was held before William Campbell Esquire, Senior Alderman of West Gate Ward in said Borough, and Mr John Kelly Assessor of said Ward to elect an Assessor of said Ward for the year commencing 11th December 1855 and ending 10th December 1856 in place of Mr Patrick Courtnay elected on 3rd December 1855 but who had not accepted said office, when Mr Michael Crinnian of Wellington Quay Merchant was elected assessor for said Ward for said period in the room of said Patrick Courtnay

Election of Borough Assessor

And on same day an Election was held before his Worship Thomas Hammond Esqr. Mayor to elect an Assessor of said Borough for the year commencing and ending at the period aforesaid in the room of Mr James McKenna elected as such on 3rd December

1855 but who had not accepted said office when said Mr James McKenna of Shop Street in said Borough Painter and Glazier was elected Assessor of said Borough for said period.

And said several Elections were duly published by his Worship the Mayor in the form prescribed by the Statute.

Thomas Hammond, Mayor

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18 December 1855

Preface

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly

of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town at One Oclock P.M. on Tuesday the 18th December 1855 for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting general business.

Present - The Mayor as Chairman.

Aldermen	Councillors
William Campbell	John O'Neill
Patrick Boylan	John Moore
James Mathews	Thomas Kelly
Patrick Mathews	William Kerland
	James Butterly
Councillors	Patrick Jernan
John Carroll	Peter Verdon
Patrick Byrne	Edward M'Kinson
James Hand	Robert B. Daly
Robert B. Ellis	

Minutes of last Meeting, as also of Elections for Councillors, Ward Assessors, and Borough Assessors & Auditors read and Signed

The Minutes of last Meeting held on 1st December 1855 as engrossed in enlarged form, as also of Elections for Town Councillors held on 26th November 1855, and of Elections for Ward Assessors and Borough Assessors and Borough Auditors held on 3rd December and 14th December 1855, were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor as Chairman.

George Ogle's Report read

A Report was read from Mr. George Ogle on the several matters within his province as Inspector of Paving, Nuisances and Common Lodging Houses within the Borough

Mr. W. Magee's Acct. for Parliamentary Registry ordered to be certified

An account of the expences of Mr. William Magee, as Clerk of the Peace for Drogheda, in revising the Parliamentary Registry for the year ending 1st December 1855, was read, whereupon it was ordered that the Council certify for a sum of £35 to be paid him, as in full for all said expenses pursuant to the Statute.

Memorial from Revd. S. Sandiford read

A Memorial was read from the Reverend Samuel Sandiford presenting a Statement of his expenditure on his property held by him under the Corporation and asking the Council to consider his case favorably - certain of his Leases being about to be impeached under the late decision of the House of Lords in re Lessee Corporation V. Holmes - to which the Town Clerk was directed to reply that same would receive the consideration of the Council.

Memorial from William Sharples read

A Memorial of William Sharples, late Mace Bearer, which had been forwarded by him to the Lords of the Treasury asking an order for compensation for his loss of Office, and by them transmitted to the Mayor, was read - whereupon the Town Clerk read the draft of the Mayor's intended reply, which was adopted, and directed to be forwarded.

Letter in reply thereto.

The following is a Copy of said reply.

Sir. Drogheda - 18th December 1855.

In reference to the Petition of William Sharples, late a Sergeant at Mace of this Town, praying the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury to order him compensation for his loss of Office, he having been dismissed by this Corporation in July last, and which Petition was transmitted to me, and by me received on 13th instant. I have to state for the information of their Lordships, that said Sharples does not appear to have been in anywise connected with the Corporation of Drogheda as their Officer until the year 1837, when he was elected Sergeant at Mace, and which was after the period prescribed by the Statute in giving a right to compensation to Corporate Officers, and that in the present year he was dismissed as such - the Corporation not requiring his services and wishing to economise their funds for useful public purposes - but at which time he received from them a gratuity of £30, for which he passed his receipt as in full for all claims or demands against the Corporation.

I am Sir, Your Obedt Servt.
Thomas Stammond Mayor

The Secretary of the Lords of the Treasury
Treasury Chambers
London

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W. H. Hamilton ordered £25.4.0 for caring and winding Town Clocks

It was ordered that Mr Henry Hamilton be paid the sum of £25.4.0. for three years winding and caring of Town Clock ending 1st October 1855.

Memorial to Lords of the Treasury to be forwarded.

The Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury asking their assent to the raising of £1200 adopted on 12th November last was thereupon ordered to be forwarded - the Months Notice required by the Statute having expired on 15th Instant.

Assembly Adjourned.

The assembly thereupon adjourned to 1st January next at 11 o'clock a. m.

Thomas Hammond Mayor

1st January 1856

Adjourned Quarterly 1st January 1856.

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town at Eleven o'clock a. m. on Tuesday the 1st January 1856. for the purpose of swearing in Alderman Thomas Carty as Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year, receiving reports and transacting general business.

Present - The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
William Campbell	Robert D. Daly
Thomas Carty	Robert D. Ellis
Patrick Casey	John Moore
Patrick Boylan	James Butterly
Patrick Mathews	Patrick Fernan
	Thomas Kelly
Councillors	James Hand
George M'Carthy	Patrick Byrne
Anthony Heaffock	William Kirtland
John O'neill	

Minutes of last meeting read & signed

The Minutes of last meeting held on 18th December 1855 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman -

Report of Paving Committee on Soil of Streets read and adopted.

A Report from the Paving Committee was read and adopted on motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Hand. and the Lotts No 5 and 7 therein mentioned were ordered to be readvertised for letting.

The following is a Copy of said report

Copy said Report.

To your Committee beg to report, that, pursuant to Public advertisment on Saturday last 29th December 1855 the soil of the several Streets and Lanes of the Borough were set up to be set by Public Auction on the usual conditions, when Lotts No 1 and 2 were knocked down to Patrick Hand, he paying £7 for same; Lott No 4. and Quay Lane in addition, to same

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Report Paving Committee on Soil of streets Contin^d.

person, he paying 12/- for same; and Lotts No. 6 and 8 to John Tandy, he paying 1/- each for same. And your Committee beg to report that Lott No. 5 was knocked down to Michael Monaghan for his brother Edward Monaghan, he to pay £1·2·0 for same, on condition that said Edward Monaghan would ratify said contract; and that Lott No. 7 was also knocked down to same person for said Edward Monaghan he to receive from the Corporation a sum of £10 for removing the soil from same, subject also to the condition that said Edward Monaghan would ratify said contract, and that same would be confirmed by the Council; but your Committee beg to report that said Edward Monaghan has not complied with said conditions by ratifying said contracts.

Which your Committee certify as their Report this 1st day of January 1856.

Thomas Hammond - Chairman

Letter read from Boyne Commissioners to invest their Watchmen with same powers as the Corporation Watchmen

A Letter was read from the Secretary of the Boyne Commissioners asking the Council to invest their Watchmen with the same powers as the Corporation Watchmen, by making them Special Constables - the Boyne Commissioners continuing to pay them as heretofore. Which letter was referred to the Law Committee for consideration and report on motion of Alderman Casey, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Mayor Elect Alderman Thos. Carty Sworn in -

The Mayor Elect, Alderman Thomas Carty, accompanied by the Members present, thereupon proceeded to the Crown Court of the Tholsel, where he took the Oaths of Allegiance and of Mayor before John Chadwick Esqr. I.P.; after which they returned to the Assembly Room, and the Meeting having been adjourned to half past one o'clock P.M. the Members present proceeded to Saint Peter's Roman Catholic Church; and on their return at that hour, the Mayor Elect took the chair, and having asked the Council whether any member had a

Resolution to propose; there was no reply, and he therefore declared the meeting adjourned to Monday 14th Instant at 12 o'clock. -

Thos Carty, Mayor

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Adjourned Quarterly 14th January 1856.

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Monday the 14th January 1856 at the hour of Twelve o'Clock for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting general business, including acting on permission from Treasury to borrow £1200.

Present - The Mayor as Chairman.

Aldermen	Councillors
William Campbell	Thomas Kelly
Patrick Boylan	Robert B. Daly
Patrick Mathews	William Kerland
Patrick Casey	John Carroll
	Edward Atkinson
Councillors	John Moore
Patrick Byrne	Patrick Fernan
George McCarthy	James Hand
Anthony Keappock	Thomas Hammond
John Oneill	Robert E. Ellis
Peter Verdon	

Minutes of last Meeting read & Signed.

The Minutes of last Meeting held on 1st January 1856 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor as Chairman.-

Edwd Monaghan's Tender for Lotts 1 & 2 of Soil of streets read &c.

A Tender from Edward Monaghan, offering for the residue of the year to 1st January 1857 to remove the soil from Lotts No 1 & 2 of the Public Streets as readvertised, on being paid a sum of £20. by the Council, was read and referred to the Paving Committee on motion of Councillor Keappock seconded by Alderman Boylan - George Ogle to clean same in the mean time at the expense of the Corporation.

Whereupon Edward Monaghan being present and having agreed to accept said Lotts for a sum of £10-

Edwd Monaghan agrees to accept said Lotts for the sum of £10-

and his tender for same as altered having been read, it was resolved on motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Town Councillor Oneill that his tender as read be accepted.

Copy said Tender

The following is a Copy of said Tender.-

January 14th 1856

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Drogheda

Gentlemen -

I propose to remove Soil (as pr advertisment) of No 1 & 2 Lotts, including the different Streets and Lanes, to commence 14th January 1856 and to end 1st January 1857 for the sum of Ten Pounds Sterling.

Yours truly
his
Edward + Monaghan
mark
St Johns Gate

truly read
J. Kelly

Copy Letter from Lords of Treasury sanctioning loan of £1200-

The following letter from the Lords of the Treasury was read.

Treasury Chambers
2nd January 1856

Sir

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury the Memorial of the Town Council of Drogheda requesting the authority of their Lordships for the issue of Bonds not exceeding the amount of one thousand two hundred Pounds, at a rate of Interest not exceeding six per cent, such Bonds to be registered as Mortgages against the Corporate Estate of the Borough: and I am directed to acquaint you that My Lords are pleased to sanction the issue of Bonds as proposed for £1200. on condition that provision is made for redeeming them within a period of five years.

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
C. E. Trevelyan

To
The Mayor
of Drogheda

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Worship the Mayor offers to lend said sum of £1200

Whereupon his Worship the Mayor having offered to lend this sum of £1200 to the Corporation at 5 per cent interest, it was resolved on motion of Councillor Kerland seconded by Alderman Campbell that his offer be accepted, and that a Bond be passed to him under the Corporate Seal to secure the amount at that rate of interest and on the terms mentioned in the Letter from the Treasury

George Ogle's Report read

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle Inspector of Nuisances and Common Lodging Houses on the several matters within his province.

Petition read from Street Sweepers. Wages ordered to be increased

A Petition from the Street Sweepers praying an increase of wages having been read, it was resolved on motion of J. C. Keappock seconded by J. C. Byrne that the Street Sweepers be paid 6/ each per week and the Overseers 7/ each per week until further order.

Counsellor Napier's opinion to be taken as to person qualified to act as Chairman of the Town Commissrs.

It was ordered on motion of J. C. Kerland seconded by Alderman Campbell that the opinion of Counsellor Napier Q.C. be taken as to who is the person properly qualified to act as Chairman of the Council sitting as Townscommissioners under the Towns Improvement Act (Ireland) 1854.

Wm Carty. Mayor.

Quarterly Meeting 1st February 1856

At a Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Friday the 1st February 1856 at the hour of Twelve oClock noon for the purpose of adopting Petition to Parliament for abolition of ministers money; passing Bond as ordered to his Worship the mayor for £1200 advanced by him; receiving tenders for one year from that date for supply of Printing and Stationary and for Horsing &c. Night Cart; receiving reports and transacting general business

Present - The Mayor as Chairman.

Aldermen	Councillors
William Campbell	Robert E. Ellis
Patrick Casey	Patrick Byrne
Patrick Boylan	George McCarthy
Patrick Mathews	Anthony Keappock
Councillors	John Oneill
Peter Verdon	Robert B. Daly
John Carroll	John Moore
Patrick Fernan	William Kerland
James Hand	Thomas Hammond

Minutes of last meeting read & signed

The minutes of last meeting in Assembly held on 14th January 1856 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor as Chairman.

Compressed Petition against Ministers' Money read and adopted

A Petition to the House of Commons praying the abolition of Ministers' money was read and adopted on motion of Alderman Patrick Mathews seconded by Alderman Boylan

Petition to be forwarded to J. McCann Esq. M.P. for presentation &c.

It was resolved on motion of Councillor Oneill seconded by Councillor Kerland that said Petition be forwarded to James McCann Esq. M.P. for presentation and that a copy of it be also forwarded to Lord Inigal for presentation in the House of Lords. and that the Town Clerk request the members for Meath and South to-

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to co-operate with Mr. McCann and support its prayer.

Copy said Petition

The following is a Copy of said Petition

To the Right Honorable & Honorable the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses in Parliament to Assembled

The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda

Respectfully Sheweth

That the levy of Ministers' Money in Eight Irish Corporate Towns - viz. Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Waterford, Kilkenny, Clonmel, Drogheda, and Kinsale - where alone it is exacted, is felt to be exceedingly obnoxious and unjust, opposed to every principle of religious liberty, - insulting to Roman Catholics and Dissenters, and repugnant to the feelings of the Protestant Clergy themselves, who are placed by a vicious law in the unseemly position of being its receipients.

That Petitioners have learned with surprise and regret, that notwithstanding the report of the select Committee appointed in One thousand Eight hundred and forty eight by your Honorable House, which recommended the abolition of this impost in its present form, and that a substitute therefor should be taken from the funds of the Irish Ecclesiastical Commissioners, yet a Bill has been some time back introduced into and passed your Honorable House, the effect of which has been, instead of removing, to endeavour to perpetuate this oppressive tax. And one of the provisions of which is to make your Petitioners the Collectors of this odious impost in Drogheda and thus place them in collision with the Public, and impair, if not destroy, their popularity and efficiency as a Body representing the Ratepayers of the Borough although your

Petitioners had on several occasions by Petitions to your Honorable House protested against the tax as contrary to Public Policy and inimical to the Peace and welfare of the Country. And your Petitioners positively declare that so odious and unpopular has this impost become amongst all sections of the Community that it is their firm belief it would be utterly impossible for them to collect it.

That in seeking for the abolition of Ministers' Money Petitioners utterly repudiate any mere change or modification such as happened in respect to tithes, for such a change would be looked upon as only perpetuating an intolerable abuse, and a still further violation of conscientious feeling.

Petitioners therefore implore your Honble. House to act upon the recommendation of said Select Committee by abolishing this impost in its present form, and taking a substitute for it from the funds of the Irish Ecclesiastical Commissioners, which your Petitioners believe would be amply sufficient for the purpose if properly administered

and Petitioners will pray.

Bond & Warrant sealed to his Worship the Mayor securing repayment of £1200 advanced by him

A Bond and Warrant of Attorney for confessing Judgment thereon in the sum of £2400 was thereupon sealed to his Worship the Mayor Thomas Carty Esqr to secure to him £1200, Cash advanced by him to the Corporation under the letter from the Lords of the Treasury, dated January 1856.

Ordered that all legal & necessary steps be taken to render same a valid & effectual charge

It was thereupon ordered on Motion of Alderman Boylan Seconded by Councillor Daly that all legal and necessary Steps be forthwith taken to render the foregoing Bond to Thomas Carty Esqr Mayor, for £1200 with interest thereon at five per Cent per Annum from that date, a valid and effectual charge by

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by way of Mortgage or otherwise on the Corporate Estates of the Borough and that stringent provisions be adopted to repay same with interest as aforesaid within a period of five years from that date as directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury. —

Standing Committees for 1856 read, settled & adopted

A List of the Standing Committees of the Council was read, settled, and adopted on motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by Councillor O'neill, same to continue in Office for one year from that date -

The following is a copy of said List as settled and adopted

Copy List of Standing Committees for 1856

Standing Committees - 1856

Land Valuation Committee

The Mayor	J. C. Peter Verdon
Alderman Patrick Mathews	J. C. James Hand
Alderman Patrick Boylan	J. C. Anthony Reappock
Alderman James Mathews	J. C. George McCarthy

Clothing Committee

The Mayor	J. C. Michael Walsh
J. C. Patrick Byrne	J. C. William Kerrland
" Anthony Reappock	

Paving Committee

The Mayor	J. C. Michael Walsh
J. C. Patrick Byrne	" James Hand
" Robert B. Daly	" William Kerrland
" Anthony Reappock	" John O'neill
" Patrick Fernand	

Same

Standing Committees 1856

Finance Committee

The Mayor	J. C. Peter Verdon
Alderman James Mathews	" Robert B. Daly
" Patrick Boylan	" William Kerrland
J. C. John Carroll	

Building Committee

The Mayor	J. C. James Hand
Alderman Patrick Boylan	" John O'neill
J. C. Anthony Reappock	" Robert B. Daly
" Thomas Kelly	

Lighting Committee

The Mayor	J. C. Robert E. Ellis
Alderman James Mathews	" Patrick Fernand
" Patrick Mathews	" George McCarthy

Town Crane Committee

The Mayor	J. C. Patrick Byrne
J. C. John O'neill	" James Hand

Sale of Property Committee

The Mayor	J. C. Peter Verdon
Alderman Patrick Casey	" John Carroll
" Patrick Boylan	" Robert B. Daly
" James Mathews	" Edward Atkinson
	" John Moore

Law Committee

The Mayor	J. C. Peter Verdon
Alderman James Mathews	" Edward Atkinson
" William Campbell	" John O'neill
" Patrick Boylan	" Anthony Reappock
J. C. William Kerrland	

Same

Same

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Standing Committees 1856

Water Committee

The Mayor
Alderman James Mathews
" Patrick Mathews
J.C. Patrick Iernan
" Peter Verdon
J.C. Robert B. Daly
" John Oneill
" George McCarthy

Suppression of Nuisances & Lodging House Committee

The Mayor
Alderman Patrick Boylan
J.C. Peter Verdon
" John Carroll
J.C. Robert B. Daly
" William Kerrland
" Anthony Keappock

Fire Brigade Committee

The Mayor
Alderman Patrick Casey
" Patrick Boylan
J.C. Edward Atkenson
" Anthony Keappock

Mechanics' Institute Committee

The Mayor
Alderman Patrick Casey
" James Mathews
" Patrick Boylan
J.C. Peter Verdon
" Patrick Iernan
" William Kerrland
" Patrick Byrne

Same

Treasurer to produce each Quarterly Meeting abstract of accounts and checked week previously by Finance Committee

It was resolved on motion of J.C. Kerrland, Seconded by Alderman Boylan, that the Treasurer present each Quarterly day an abstract of the Accounts, and that a week previously to each such meeting the Finance Committee check the accounts

Tenders for Printing &c. referred to Finance Comtee

Tenders for Printing, Stationary, &c., for one year from this date, were referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report

Tender for Horsing Night Cart not opened

There being but one Tender for Horsing the Night Cart same was not opened

Tender for Pumps & Fountains not opened

There being also but one Tender for repairs of the Pumps and Fountains same was not opened, but the Town Clerk was directed to readvertise same, to be considered at next Meeting

George Ogles Report read

A Report was read from Mr. George Ogle on the several matters within his province as Inspector of Paving, Nuisances and Common Lodging Houses within the Borough

Gas account referred to Lighting Committee

An account was read from the Gas Company claiming a sum of £335.6.8 as due to them, and which was referred to the Lighting Committee for their consideration and report.

Letter from Laurence Collins referred to Town Comrs

A Letter from Laurence Collins asking £5 balance Claimed for repairs of Trinity Well Lane Pump was referred to the Town Improvement Commissioners

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to Tuesday the 26th instant at One oClock P.M.

W. O'Beirne Mayor

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Adjourned meeting 26 February 1856.

At and Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Tuesday the 26th day of February 1856 at the hour of One oClock P.M for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting general business

Present

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Boylan	John O'neill
Patrick Casey	James Hand
	Joseph Gargan
	Robert E. Ellis
	Thomas Hammond
	Edward Atkinson

Ald^{r} Boylan moved to the chair

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor Alderman Boylan was moved to the chair.

Adjourned

This being Assizes day in Drogheda the Assembly adjourned to Half past One oclock P.M. on Tuesday the 4th March 1856.

Tho Carty. Mayor

Adjourned meeting 4 March 1856

At an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Tuesday the 4th day of March 1856 at the hour of Half past One o'clock P.M. for the purpose of receiving Reports from the Committees. and transacting general business

Present — The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
William Campbell	Robert E. Ellis
Patrick Casey	William Kerrland
James Mathews	Edward Atkinson
Patrick Boyland	John Moore

George Ogles Report read

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle on the several matters within his province as Inspector of Paving. Nuisances. and Common Lodging Houses within the Borough

Treasurer directed to receive amount of Verdict in Corpt: v. Holmes & apply same in payment of outstanding debts.

It was resolved on motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Alderman Campbell that the Treasurer be directed to receive from Mr Holmes. the Defendant in Lessee the Corporation of Drogheda versus Holmes the amount of the verdict lately recovered in Dundalk, and apply same in payment of the Balance now due the Hibernian Bank and of the other debts due by this Corporation

Law Agents ordered to furnish Costs taxed

The Law Agents were thereupon ordered to furnish their accounts up to the present time and have same taxed

Report Finance Committee read & adopted

A Report from the Finance Committee was read and adopted of which the following is a Copy

Copy said Report

Your Committee beg to report. that having examined the tenders for supply of Stationary. Printing, and Advertising furnished by Miss Anne Kennedy and Mr Alexander McDougall for one year Commencing 1st February 1856 they find that of Miss Anne Kennedy's to be the lower, and your Committee recommend its acceptance for one year from

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Report Finance Committee

from 1st February last.

The following is a Copy of said Tender

To The Mayor. Aldermen. and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda

Gentlemen

Tender for Printing &c

I propose to execute all necessary Printing and advertising and supplby articles of Stationary at the following prices

Half yearly statement of account		£ 5 - 15 - 0
List of Burgesses 1/4 to 5/- Folio		0 - 12 - 0
Burgess Roll do	5/- do	0 - 12 - 0
Notice to Revise list of Burgesses, Election of Auditors. Borough and Ward Assessors &c&c	per set	0 - 4 - 0
Circulars	per 100	0 - 3 - 6
Advertisments 1st 12 lines 3/-	each line after	" - 3
Same Foolscap paper	per 2uire 6d to 1 - 0	
Cott do	℔ do 4d to " - 8	
Letter do	℔ do 4 to " - 8	
Note do	℔ do 2 to " - 5	
Envelopes,	℔ 100 5 to 1 - 0	
Wax	℔ stick 1 to " - 6	
Pencils	℔ Dozen 3 to 4 - 0	
Ink	℔ Bottle	

I am Gentlemen
Your Obt. Servant
Anne Kennedy

From 1st February 1856 to 1st February 1857
Argus office. Drogheda
31st January 1856

Same

Which your Committee certify as their Report this 4th day of March 1856

Thomas Carty — Chairman

Adjourned

The Assembly thereupon Adjourned to 18th day of March then instant at One o'Clock P. M.

Wm Carty. Mayor

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Special meeting 11th March 1856

At a Special Meeting of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Tuesday the 11th day of March 1856 at the hour of One o'clock P.M. for the purpose of considering a Letter dated 3rd March 1856 received by the Mayor from the Great Seal Patent Office referring to about 200 Volumes of certain copies of Specifications of Patents &c proposed to be delivered in charge to the Corporation in trust for the Public.

Present - The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Boylan	Robert B. Daly
James Mathews	Anthony Keappock
Patrick Casey	Patrick Byrne
	Thomas Kelly
Councillors	Patrick Jerman
John Oneill	Robert E. Ellis
Peter Verdon	John Moore
Thomas Hammond	William Kerland
Joseph Gargan	James Hand
Edward Atkinson	John Carroll
	James Butterly

Minutes of last meeting read & signed

The Minutes of last meeting held on 4th March 1856 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by his Worship the Mayor

His Worship the Mayor reads Communications from Great Seal Patent office

The Mayor thereupon read a letter received by him from the Great Seal Patent office dated 3rd March 1856.

Other communications on the subject were also read

Books received from Great Seal Patent Office to remain in custody of Corporation &c

Whereupon it was ordered that the books now lying on the Steam Packet yard, which came from the Great Seal Patent Office, be brought up to the Assembly Room to remain in custody of the Corporation; and that the

Mechanics' Institute Committee be summoned for Friday next at twelve o'clock to meet the Directors of the Mechanics' Institute; and report to next Meeting.

Thos Carty. Mayor

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Adjourned Meeting 18th March 1856

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Tuesday the 18th day of March 1856 at the hour of One O'Clock P.M. for the purpose of deciding on Noticed Motion by J. C. Atkinson to restore allowance of £10 yearly lately withdrawn from Mrs Rose Anne Berrill, receiving Reports and transacting general business.

Present – The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Boylan	Thomas Kelly
James Mathews	John Carroll
Patrick Mathews	Joseph Gargan
Patrick Casey	Anthony Keappock
William Campbell	George McCarthy
Councillors	Patrick Ternan
James Hand	William Kerkland
Robert E. Ellis	James Butterly
John Moore	Peter Verdon
Thomas Hammond	Patrick Byrne
Edward Atkinson	Robert B. Daly

Minutes of Special Meeting read & signed

The minutes of Special Meeting held on 11th March 1856 were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by the Mayor as chairman

Report Mechanics' Institute Committee read

A Report of the Mechanics' Institute Committee was read, of which the following is a Copy. –

Copy said Report

Your Committee beg to report that on 14th March instant they met in conference several Directors of the Mechanics' Institute, and after some discussion the Directors of the Institute stated that they had no apartment now ready for the reception of the Books and other documents sent by the Great Seal Patent Office; and your

committee recommend that the Corporation retain them in their possession, and have them bound in volumes, and erect a Building in the Mechanics' Institute for their reception on the terms that the Directors of the Institute give a sum towards the erection of said Room or Building equal in amount to that to be expended by the Corporation.

Which your Committee certify as their Report this 18th day of March 1856

Thomas Carty – Chairman

Tenders to be received for Binding documents received from Great Seal Patent Office

It was thereupon moved by Alderman Boylan seconded by Councillor Keappock and resolved, that Tenders be received for Binding in Boards the documents received from the Great Seal Patent Office

George Ogle's Report read

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle on the several matters within his province as Inspector of Paving, Nuisance, and Common Lodging Houses within the Borough

Town Clerk states C. B. Ejectment at suit of J. Mathews Esqr & anr. v the Corpn & anr.

The Town Clerk thereupon stated the contents of a Civil Bill Ejectment, with which he had been served, at suit of James Mathews Esqr and wife against the Corporation and another, by which it was sought to recover possession of the site of the present Water Closet erected in the Tholsel; and the subject was referred to the Law Committee for consideration and report.

Members as Individuals subscribe £10 for Mrs Rose A. Berrill

Councillor Atkinson, pursuant to notice given, moved that the allowance of £10 per annum recently withdrawn from Mrs Rose Anne Berrill be restored to her, which motion was seconded by Councillor Hand. Whereupon an amendment was moved by Councillor Daly and seconded by Alderman Patrick Mathews that the Members of this Corporation subscribe this amount of £10 in their Individual Capacities. And the Members present thereupon subscribed

Letters read from Revd Mr Sandiford and Mr H. Smyth

Letters were read from Revd Mr Sandiford and Mr Henry Smyth on the subject of their Leases about to be impeached, and which were referred to the Law Committee for consideration and report

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Adjourned

The assembly thereupon adjourned to 7th April 1856 at the Hour of One o Clock PM.

Wm Canty. Mayor

Adjourned Meeting 7 April 1856.

At an adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Monday the 7th day of April 1856 at the hour of One oClock PM., to receive reports on matters referred and transact general business

Present – The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
James Mathews	Anthony Teappock
Patrick Boylan	Thomas Kelly
Councillors	Robert E. Ellis
John Moore	George McCarthy
James Hand	Thomas Hammond
Robert B. Daly	

Minutes of last meeting read & signed

The Minutes of last meeting held on 18th March 1856 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor as Chairman.

George Ogle's Report read

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle on the several matters within his province as Inspector of Nuisances and Paving and of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

Gas Company acct and Mr Jas McKenna's acct read & referred to the Finance Committee

An account from the Gas Company claiming £100 as an Instalment for Lighting due 1st March 1856. and also Mr James McKennas account for painting. Glazing. &c. amounting to £8.13.6. were read and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

Memorial from Messrs Woodroffe & alley and Miss Fairtough read and referred to the Land Valuation Committee

A Memorial was read from Messrs Joseph Woodroffe & Japhet Alley and Miss Delia Fairtough owners of premises held under one of impeached Leases. asking the Council to grant them a Lease of same, and said Memorial was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for consideration and report.

Law Committee's Report read and adopted

The following Report from the Law Committee was read and adopted on motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by J. C. Ellis

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Law Committee Report

Your Committee beg to report, that they have met and considered the question of the several Lettings by Public Auction made by the former Body Corporate in the period intervening between February 1836 when the first act passed restraining the Alienation of Corporate Property in Ireland and 25th October 1842 when the present Body assumed office and taking into account the fact that the leases made upon such lettings were for the full value as then ascertained, they consider it but common justice that all parties so circumstanced should not suffer from the principle evolved in the late decision of the House of Lords in Lessee the Corporation of Drogheda versus Holmes And they recommend that they get Leases for the residue of the terms granted by those Leases, and on the same terms and Covenants: And with this view that a Memorial be forwarded from this Corporation to the Lords of the Treasury asking their assent to same

Your Committee have further to report that the Civil Bill Ejectment, served upon the Corporation at suit of James Mathews Esqr & Wife against them and Sarah Lawless, by which it was sought to recover from the Corporation the site of the present Water Closet in the Tholsel, has been withdrawn - Your Committee having found amongst the Corporate Records an old Lease by which it would appear that this is the Corporate Property.

Which your Committee certify as their Report this 28th day of March 1856

Thomas Carty - Chairman

Memorial to Lords of the Treasury to grant new Leases to Certain parties read and adopted, and ordered to be forwarded at legal time

A Memorial to the Lords Commissioners of her Majestys Treasury, founded on said Report, was thereupon read and adopted on motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Alderman James Mathews. and same was ordered to be forwarded to them with the Corporate Seal affixed thereto at the legal time after proper Notice, and a compliance with the necessary preliminaries

Copy said Memorial to Lords of the Treasury

The following is a Copy of said Memorial as read

To the Right Honorable and Honorable the Lords Commissioners of her Majestys Treasury

The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda

Respectfully Sheweth —

That in the period intervening between the year 1836. when the first act passed restraining the Alienation of Corporate Property in Ireland. and the 25th October 1842. when the new Body Corporate came into office in Drogheda. the former Body Corporate set by Public Auction to the best and highest bidder the several Lots of Land and premises included in the Schedule hereto subjoined to the several persons at the rents and executed leases to them for the terms of years in said Schedule named and at the same time received the fines from them in said Schedule enumerated And your Memorialists and their predecessors previously to them received from those Lessees or their representatives the rents in said leases reserved And some of said Lessees have since the grant of said leases expended considerable sums of money on the premises so demised -

The following is a List or Schedule of the Leases so made

same

Lessee	Fine Paid	Term of Lease	Rent
	£ s d		£ s d
John Greene	42 · 1 · 6	99 years from 25th March 1837	7 · 8 · 6
James Greene	45 · 18 · 8½	99 years from 25th March 1837	8 · 2 · 1½
Edward Atkinson	78 · 16 · 0	99 years from 25th March 1838	23 · 12 · 6
Thomas J. Fogarty	175 · 0 · 0	99 years from 25th March 1838	62 · 10 · 0
Thomas North	115 · 0 · 0	99 years from 25th March 1838	34 · 10 · 0
John Greene	86 · 17 · 2	99 years from 29th September 1839	15 · 6 · 7
Thomas Flanagan	28 · 16 · 0	99 years from 29th September 1839	8 · 12 · 6

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same

That by a late decision in the House of Lords in England in the cause of Lessee the Drogheda Corporation versus Holmes, and the opinions of the English Judges given thereon, the several Leases so made by the former Body Corporate appear to be invalid. But your Memorialists being desirous to do justice between man and man, and being of opinion that the rents reserved in said leases, taken in connexion with the fines so paid, were of the full value for said Lands and premises, are desirous to grant, with your assent and concurrence, new Leases to said Lessees or the persons now representing them, at the rents so reserved for the residue of the term of years by said leases originally granted, and subject to the several covenants in said original leases contained. —

The following is a List of the names of the Persons to whom your Memorialists are desirous to grant said Leases with the rents to be reserved and the terms proposed to be granted - viz

same

Name of present Tenant to whom Lease is proposed to be granted	Term of proposed Lease	Yearly Rent to be reserved	Description of Property proposed to be Leased
Alexander McCann	80 Years from 25th March 1856	7 - 8 - 6	Land out Dulcet Gate Contg. 2 - 3 - 33 Irish plantation measure
Thomas Kelly	80 Years from 25th March 1856	7 - 3 - 4	Land at Clansarrah. Contg. 4 - 1 - 18 Irish plantation measure this being the rent now paid, a portion of the lands 0 - 2 - 11 of like measure having, since the grant of Lease, been taken by the Dublin & Belfast Junction Railway Company
Edward Atkinson	81 Years from 25th March 1856	23 - 12 - 6	First Lot of Culver House Park known as Sandfords Alleys Contg. 0 - 3 - 36 Irish Plantation measure.
Thomas Timothy Fogarty	81 years from 25th March 1856	52 - 10 - 0	Second Lot of Culver House Park Containing 2 - 0 - 29 Irish Plantation measure.

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Thomas North	81 Years from 25 march 1856	34 - 10 - 0	Third Lot of Culver House Park containing 1 - 2 - 0 Irish Plantation measure.
Patrick Devine	82 years from 29 September 1856	16 - 6 - 7	Plot of Ground at Blackbush Lane. containing 0 - 3 - 10 Irish Plantation measure
Thomas Flanagan	82 years from 29 September 1856	8 - 12 - 6	Plot of Ground with Tenements or Houses thereon without Dulcet Gate

Your Memorialists therefore pray, that you will be pleased to assent, pursuant to the provisions of the Statutes, to your Memorialists granting to the several Persons in said last-mentioned Schedule named, Leases of the several properties in said Schedule enumerated at the rents and for the terms of years in said Schedule named. Such Leases to contain the several covenants in the original Leases mentioned and contained

And your Memorialists will pray

In testimony &c,

Same.

J. C. Hammond added to Committees

J. C. Hammond was added to the Law, Finance, Building Water and Land Valuation Committees on motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by J. C. Hand.

W. Carty. Mayor

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Quarterly Assembly 1st May 1856

At a Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Thursday the 1st day of May 1856 at the hour of Twelve oclock for the purpose of deciding on noticed motion by Alderman James Mathews that the yearly sum of £10 hitherto paid to the Borough Auditors be restored, receiving reports from the Standing Committees on matters referred, and trans-acting general business.

Present. The Mayor as chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Boylan	James Hand
William Campbell	William Kerkland
Patrick Casey	Edward Atkinson
	John Moore
	Thomas Kelly
	Anthony Reappoch
	Robert E. Ellis
	Patrick Byrne
	Robert B. Daly

Minutes of last Meeting read and signed

The Minutes of last meeting held on 7th April 1856 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor as chairman

Treasurer's Abstract Account read. ✓

An Abstract account was read from the Treasurer shewing the receipts and expenditure from 1st March to 1st May 1856

George Ogle's Report read.

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle on the several matters within his province as Inspector of Nuisances, Paving, and Common Lodging Houses within the Borough

Tenders for Broken Stones to read, ordered to be readvertised for.

Tenders for Broken Stones, Paving Stones, and Sand were read from Patrick Doggett and Patrick Kelly, whereupon it was ordered that the Town Clerk readvertise for same.

Mr G. Knaggs's Tender for Pumps & Fountains accepted. ✓

Mr Geore Knaggs's Tender for Keeping in repair the Public Pumps and Fountains was read, and same was accepted for One year from 1st February 1856 for the sum of Twenty Nine pounds on motion of J. C. Ellis seconded by J. C. Byrne

Letter from P. Moore offering £5. for his holding ✓

A Letter was read from Mr Patrick Moore offering Five pounds as yearly Rent for his holding out Sunday Gate, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for consideration and report

Lands of Townrath to be viewed & reported on ✓

It was ordered that the Lands of Townrath, about to be recovered from the Repts of Holmes, be viewed by the Land Valuation Committee, and that they report thereon to the next meeting

Tender for Lighting Lamps during Summer months accepted ✓

A Tender for Lighting of the Public Lamps during the Summer months was read from the Gas Company, whereupon same was accepted. the number and position of the Lamps to be same as during the summer of 1855. on motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by J. C. Ellis.

The following is a copy of said Tender

Copy said Tender. ✓

Drogheda Gas Works April 21st 1856

To the Mayor Aldermen and Council of the Borough of Drogheda

Gentlemen.

We propose supplying Gas lighting and repairing 31 Lamps, or any number that may be required, in the parishes of St. Peters and St. Marys, Drogheda, from the first day of May to 30th day of September, both inclusive, for the sum of One Pound, Seven Shillings, and six pence each Lamp to be supplied with a batwing burner that will emit three cubic feet of gas per hour; lighting to be completed one hour after sunset, and extinguishing to commence 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

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off the account at the rate of Six shillings and Eight pence per thousand Cubic feet - with this exception, any Lamp out for one night by accident is not to be deducted from the Company

Any Complaints you may have to make to be communicated immediately in writing, addressed to the Directors of the Drogheda Gas Company at their office -

We are Gentlemen
Respectfully Yours

Patrick Byrne
James Levins
Joseph Montgomery
Directors of D. G. Co.

Gas Account read £216-16-1

An Account from the Gas Company claiming £216-16-1 was read, and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

Report read from J. Donor on present state of Drogheda Bridge

A Report was read from Mr. A. Donor, Harbour Engineer, on the present state of the Drogheda Bridge over the river Boyne, whereupon it was resolved on motion of J. C. Atkinson, seconded by J. C. Kerkland, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration and report on present state of the Bridge, and the propriety of erecting a new one to the West end of the present Bridge, and when such new Bridge be erected to convert the present Bridge into a Draw Bridge. -

Committee appointed to examine & report on same

The following members were thereupon appointed as said Committee on motion of J. C. Hand seconded by J. C. Atkinson.

List of said Committee

The Mayor.

J. C. E. Atkinson	J. C. A. Heappock
J. C. W. Kerkland	" J. Hammond
Ald^n. P. Boylan	Ald^n. P. Casey
J. C. R. B. Daly	J. C. P. Byrne
Ald^n. J. Mathews -	See page 533 adding two other Members

Letter from P. Levins asking portion of Market House

A Letter was read from Mr. Patrick Levins, proposing to take at a yearly rent a portion of the North West end of the Market House of this Town - on which no motion was made.

Ald^n. J. Mathews motion saved

Alderman James Mathews's motion relative to the payment of auditors was saved for next meeting. -

Assembly adjourned

The assembly thereupon adjourned to Tuesday 13th May 1856 at the hour of One o'clock P.M. —

Wm Canty. Mayor

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Adjourned Meeting 13th May 1856

13th May 1856

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly

of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thotsel of said Town on Tuesday the 13th day of May 1856 at the hour of One oClock P.M. for the purpose of deciding on Noticed motion by Alderman James Mathews (adjourned) to restore yearly payment of £10 to Borough Auditors, receiving reports, and transacting general business

Present – The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen.	Councillors
Patrick Boylan	Robert E. Ellis
Patrick Casey	John Moore
William Campbell	James Butterly
Patrick Mathews	Robert B. Daly
James Mathews	George McCarthy
	Patrick Iernan
Councillors	Peter Verdon
James Hand	Thomas Hammond
John O'Neill	Anthony Reappock

Minutes of last meeting read and signed

The Minutes of last Meeting held on 1st May 1856 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by his Worship the Mayor as Chairman

George Ogle's Report Read

A Report was read from Mr. George Ogle on the several matters within his province as Inspector of Paving, Nuisance, and Common Lodging Houses within the Borough

Tenders for Broken Stones &c to be readvertised for

Tenders for Broken Stones, Paving Stones, and Sand were read from Messrs McEntegart, Clarke, Doggett, and Kelly whereupon it was resolved on motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by I.C. Hand that the Town Clerk readvertise for fresh tenders

Miss A. Kennedy's acct also I. Farrell's ordered to be paid

Miss Anne Kennedy's account amounting to £21-18-9 for Printing and Stationary to 25th January 1856, as also account of Mr. John Farrell, Poor Rate Collector, amounting to £1-10-0 for assisting Town Clerk in preparing Burgess Lists

for 1855 were ordered to be paid on motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by I.C. Reappock.

Letter & acct from Messrs Grendon & Co. read

A Letter and account were read from Messrs Grendon and Co. claiming £177-8-5.

G. Knaggs acct referred to Commissioners

An Account was read from Mr George Knaggs amounting to £12-3-6 for the erection of Trinity Well Pump, which was referred to the Town Commissioners.

Rich Flinn's Estimate referred to Paving Committee

An Estimate from Mr Richard Flinn to repair the Public Pump on the North Road for the sum of £35 was read, whereupon same was referred to the Paving Committee for consideration and report

Report of Land Valuation Committee on Lands of Townrath read & adopted

The following Report from the Land Valuation Committee was read and adopted on motion of J.C. Oneill seconded by I.C. Butterly

Your Committee beg to report that they have viewed and valued that part of the Lands of Townrath lately recovered from Rep. Joseph Holmes and now occupied by Messrs Iernan, Hueston, Eager, Traynor, and Magill, and in reference thereto Your Committee recommend that the occupying tenants be called on to send in written proposals for their different holdings and that if they each offer the value for same that they each of them get a preference for their respective holdings at Leases for 31 years from 1st May instant on the terms of their taking out and executing same within a period of two months from this date.

Which your Committee certify as their Report this 7th day of May 1856.

Patrick Boylan, Chairman

Letter from Jas. Slevin read his acct ordered

A Letter was read from Mr James Slevin, Painter & Glazier, claiming £3-8-6, whereupon said amount was ordered to be paid him.

Alderman James Mathews pursuant to notice for

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Aldn. J. Mathews motion that Borough Auditors be restored yearly sum of £10 on terms as before carried

that purpose given moved that the yearly payment of £10 be restored to the Borough Auditors on the same terms as before. viz that they submit to each Quarterly Assembly a detailed account of the then existing state of the Corporate finances, which motion was seconded by J. C. Daly and carried.

Assembly Adjourned

The assembly thereupon adjourned to 27th May instant at the hour of One oclock P. M.

Thos Carty. Mayor

Adjourned Meeting 27th May 1856

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Tuesday the 27th day of May 1856 at the hour of One oclock P.M. for the purpose of receiving Reports on matters referred, and transacting general business.

Present — The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Boylan	Edward Atkinson
Patrick Casey	James Hand
Patrick Mathews	John Oneill
William Campbell	Robert E. Ellis
James Mathews	George McCarthy
	Robert B. Daly
Councillors	John Carroll
Patrick Jernan	Thomas Kelly
John Moore	Anthony Keappock

Minutes of last Meeting read & signed

The Minutes of last Meeting held on 13th May 1856 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by his Worship the Mayor as chairman.

Lease sealed to Laurence Carroll of Trims Hill

A Lease was sealed to Laurence Carroll of his holding at Trimshill containing 3a 2R 0P of late Irish Plantation Measure, for a term of 24 Years from 29th September last, at the Yearly Rent of £9 " 12 " 6.

Tenders accepted for Broken Stones &c from Christ. Carroll & Luke Greene

Tenders for Broken Stones, Paving Stones and Sand were read from Messrs Doggett, Carroll, Kelly, and Green; whereupon Christopher Carroll's tender for Paving Stones at 11d per load of 15 cwt. and for Paving Sand at 9d per load of 15 cwt, as also the Tender of Luke Green for Broken Stones at 1/4 per Ton, were accepted for the residue of One year from 1st May instant, subject to the terms as stated in the Advertisment.

J. C. Hammond gave Notice that he will move at the next meeting, for the assent of this Corporation to the

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intended improvements about to be made by the Grand Jury in the Tholsel of this Town.

Letter read from Micheal Swift relative to a Pump in Peter Street

A Letter was read from Mr Michael Swift relative to a Pump in his possession on the East side of Peter Street, which was referred to the Paving Committee for consideration and report

George Ogle's Report read

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle on the several matters within his province as Inspector of Paving, Nuisances, and Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

Letter from Mayor of Waterford relative to Ministers' Money read.

A Letter was read from the Mayor of Waterford to his Worship the Mayor, dated 21st instant, stating a desire to have as much Parliamentary influence as possible brought to bear in support of the Resolutions relative to the abolition of Ministers' Money about to be made in the House of Commons on 3rd June next.

Assembly Adjourned

The Assembly thereupon Adjourned to Tuesday the 17th June 1856 at the hour of One oClock P.M.

Wm Batty. Mayor.

Adjourned Meeting 17th June 1856

At adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Tuesday the 17th day of June 1856 at the hour of One oClock P.M. for the purpose of deciding noticed motion by J. C. Hammond for assent of Council to contemplated alterations in Tholsel Court: receiving reports and transacting general business

Present — The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen
William Campbell
Patrick Casey
Patrick Boylan

Councillors
Patrick Byrne
George McCarthy
Anthony Reappoch
Thomas Kelly
Robert B. Daly
William Kirkland
John Moore
James Hand
Thomas Hammond

Minutes of last Meeting read & signed

The Minutes of last Meeting held on 27th May 1856 were read by the Townclerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor as chairman.

Leases sealed to Tournath Tenants

Leases were sealed to John Iernan, Charles Eagar, Charles Hueston, Rose Anne McGill and Michael McGill and Patrick Traynor of part of the Lands of Tournath each for a term of 31 years from 1st May 1856 and Abstracts thereof were duly entered in the White Parchment Book and signed.

George Ogle's Report read

A Report was read from George Ogle on the several matters within his province as Inspector of Paving, Nuisance and Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

Auditors Report read & referred.

A Report was read from the Borough Auditors on Half Yearly Accounts to March 1856 which was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report on motion of J. C. Daly seconded by J. C. Byrne.

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Letter from Treasury enclosing Memorial from Wm Sharples read.

A Letter was read from the Secretary of the Lords of the Treasury enclosing a Memorial to them from William Sharples asking compensation for his loss of office as Town Sergeant to this Corporation, and requesting the observations of the Town Council thereon.

Consent to Alterations in Tholsel.

J. C. Hammond pursuant to Notice moves that the assent of this Corporation be given to the contemplated alterations to be made by the Grand Jury in the Tholsel of this Town; whereupon it was resolved on motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by J. C. Hammond that this Corporation do give their consent to said alteration of the Crown Court as far as relates to the erecting of Cells on the Basement Story, and the alteration of the present Dock.

Petition read from Philip Reilly

A Petition was read from Philip Reilly of Derrycamma Castle Bellingham, referring to his dealings with Mr John McLoughlen late of Roestown, on which no motion was made.

Draft Memorial to Treasury for consent to borrow £5000. towards erection of Bridges read & ordered to be forwarded at proper time

A Draft of a Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury asking their consent to borrow a sum not exceeding £5,000 as a grant in aid towards the erection of two Bridges over the River Boyne in this Town was read, whereupon it was ordered on Motion of J. C. Daly seconded by J. C. Byrne that same be forwarded to the Lords Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury at the proper time with the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

The following is a Copy of said Memorial

Copy said Memorial

To. The Right Honorable and Honorable the Lords Commissioners of her Majestys Treasury.

Copy Memorial to Treasury Contd

The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda

Respectfully Sheweth -

That Memorialists beg to state, for the information of your Lordships, that the property belonging to the Corporation of Drogheda now consists in Lands and Houses, situate in the Counties of Meath, South, and of the Town of Drogheda, held in fee simple under Royal Charters, and producing an Annual income of about £3.600, the nett proceeds of which, after payment of interest and salaries your Memorialists are in the habit of applying in Paving, Cleansing, and Lighting the Town, and thereby relieving it from the pressure of local taxation. That the debts due, in addition to the sum of £1200 hereafter mentioned, consist of Debentures issued by the former Body Corporate amounting to £13.732, a bond for £972-12-0 passed to the Executrix of the former Town Clerk as compensation for the loss of his office, and fees pursuant to the provisions of 3 & 4 Victoria, Chap 108, and a sum of about £2.000 due to the Law Agents of the Corporation and other parties necessarily incurred for Municipal purposes under the provisions of said Act, making together a sum of about £16.704-10-0.

That, in order to discharge said debts, Memorialists have proceeded, with the sanction of your Lordships, to sell in the Incumbered Estates Court in Ireland an amount of property intended to be sufficient to pay same, and after such Sale and payment your Memorialists will, it is expected, be still in possession of property yielding a rental of about £2800, subject to a sum of £1200 lately borrowed with your Lordships' permission, and lent by the present Mayor at an Annual Interest of five per cent.

That

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Copy Memorial to Treasury cont.

That in said rental is included an increase of Income, amounting to £150 Yearly, accruing to your Memorialists since 1st May last, and arising from lands lately recovered by them in Ejectment after appeal to the House of Lords in England, in Lessee the Corporation of Drogheda versus Holmes; and the principle involved in which decision will regulate a considerable number of cases similarly circumstanced, and which, when decided, will, it is expected, further increase your Memorialists' Income by a sum of, at least, £200 Yearly.

That, in the Year 1722, the then existing Corporation of Drogheda built, out of their own funds, at an expense of about £3,000, the present and only Bridge in Drogheda over the river Boyne, and connecting the Town and Borough on the Northern and Southern sides of said river.

That your Memorialists have had said Bridge lately examined by Competent Engineers, who have reported that said Bridge is, in its present state, unsafe and dangerous, and that at any moment it may fall either from accident arising from sudden concussion, or the impetuous influx of an increased rush of Water - the result of which would necessarily cause a serious detriment to the trade and traffic of the Town and a large surrounding Country. And they have been advised that it will be necessary, having regard to the increased Traffic of the Town and neighbourhood, to build a New Bridge on the present site, and another on the Western side of the Town - the Cost of which two Bridges they are informed will amount to about £8000. And your Memorialists are, under the circumstances, desirous to contribute, with your Lordships' permission, a sum not exceeding £5,000 towards the erection of same, and

your Memorialists therefore pray

That your Lordships will, by your order, allow your Memorialists to issue a Bond or Bonds of not less than £200 each, with Warrants of Attorney for confessing Judgments thereon, under the Corporate Seal, to an amount not exceeding £6000, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent - said Bond or Bonds to be registered as Mortgages against the Corporate Estate

And your Memorialists will ever pray

Assembly adjourned

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to Monday 7th July 1856 at the hour of One o'clock P.M.

Wm Canty Mayor

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Adjourned Meeting 7th July 1856

7th July 1856

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Monday the 7th day of July 1856 at the hour of One oClock P.M. for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general business

Present

Aldermen	Councillors
William Campbell	John Oneill
Patrick Mathews	Thomas Hammond
James Mathews	John Carroll
Patrick Boyland	James Hand

Ald^n J. Mathews moved to the Chair

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Mathews was moved to the Chair

adjourned

This being Assizes day in Drogheda the Assembly adjourned to Friday the 11th Instant at the hour of One oClock P.M.

Wm Carty. Mayor

Adjourned Meeting 11th July 1856

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town, on Friday the 11th day of July 1856 at the hour of one oClock P.M. for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general business –

Present – The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
William Campbell	James Butterly
Patrick Boylan	Patrick Iernan
Patrick Casey	James Hand
James Mathews	Peter Verdon
Patrick Mathews.	Thomas Hammond
	John Moore
Councillors	Edward Atkinson
William Kertland	John Carroll
Anthony Reappock	George M'Carthy
Robert E. Ellis	

Minutes of last Meetings read & Signed

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 17th June and 7th July 1856 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by his Worship the Mayor as Chairman.

Petition relative to state of Bridge at Shop Street read

A Petition was read from certain of the Inhabitants of the Borough, relative to the state of the present Bridge over the river Boyne at Shop street, which was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes on motion of J.C. Reappock seconded by J.C. Kertland, and of which the following is a Copy.

Copy said Petition

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen, and Council of the Borough of Drogheda.

Gentlemen.

We, the owners of property and Ratepayers of this Town, having read with feelings of consternation the

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Copy Petition as to state of Bridge &c. Cont?

able Report of the Engineer of the Boyne Commissioners with reference to the State of the Bridge at Shop street. - which forms the only means of communication for several miles, between the Counties of South and Meath, as well as being the only inlet for traffic from a great portion of Country Meath into our Port - beg to call your immediate attention to the following facts.

Should an accident happen to the structure, not only a serious loss of life might occur, but great damage and detriment would be done to the Trade of the Town.

We are further of opinion that a Town of the Population and dimensions of Drogheda should not be dependent upon one Bridge - The Trade of the Town, as well as the health and comfort of the Inhabitants, render it highly expedient that a Second Bridge should be at once erected to the Westward of the present delapidated structure.

Considering also, that a large amount of Quayage would be made available, and that great additional accommodation for trade would be given by the Construction of Draw Bridges, We beg to recommend strongly to your Worshipful Body the advisability of causing the present Bridge to be converted into a Drawbridge.

Same

July 11th 1856.

George Ogle's Report read.

A Report was read from George Ogle on the several matters within his province as Inspector of Paving Nuisance and of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

It was ordered on motion of Aldn P. Mathews

Reward to prosecute for injuring Pumps or Fountains of the Borough.

seconded by Alderman Boylan that a Reward of Five Pounds be offered for prosecuting to conviction any person or persons wilfully injuring the Public Pumps or Fountains of the Borough, and a Reward of Two pounds for such private Information as would lead to a conviction for same.

Letter read from Revd S. Sandiford

A Letter was read from the Revd S. Sandiford on subject of his Leases about to be impeached, and the Town Clerk was ordered to reply thereto.

J. Galway's Tender for Binding Books &c recd from Great Seal Patent Office accepted Copy said Tender

Mr John Galway's Tender for Binding the Books and Maps received from the Great Seal Patent Office was read and accepted on motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by J. C. Kerland.

The following is a Copy of said Tender.

Book Binding Establishment. 22 Eustace Street. Dublin.
June 28th 1856.

To the Mayor and Corporation of Drogheda.

Gentlemen.

In reply to your Advertisment requiring estimate for binding about 200 Vols. Imperial Octavo, I beg to inform you that I went to Drogheda in order to see the books to be bound, and found that the maps could not be bound up with the Books - The proper and only method to do would be to bind up the Maps of say 3 Vols. of the Books in one seperate Vol. - I enclose a sheet of paper which would be about the size of Maps when bound, from which you will at once perceive that it would be impossible to have the books bound up with them. The Maps can be lettered with the title of the Books and with a second lettering price as marked on the enclosed paper.

Same

I thought it necessary to make this explanation before submitting my Estimate which is as follows. -

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J. Galways Tender Cont.

I beg to propose for binding about 200 Volumes Imperial Octavo in half calf lettered at 2·6 ℔ Vol., for binding the maps to Folio in same style at 4·2 ℔ Vol. The Maps will require to be mounted on guards which will be exceedingly troublesome. I undertake to execute all in the best and most lasting manner. –

Awaiting the favor of your communication

Yours Gentlemen

Most respectfully

John Galway.

Letter read from Inhabitants relative to Street Grates

A Letter was read from certain of the Inhabitants of Shop street calling attention to the inadequacy of the Street Grates in not receiving the large quantities of water &c. flowing into them, and requesting the Council to devise means for remedying same.

Petition read from Peter Hoey

A Petition was read from Peter Hoey praying an increase of Salary to enable him to spend some weeks at the sea to recruit his health, upon which no motion was made.

Report of Finance Committee read & adopted

The following Report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted on motion of Alderman Boylan seconded by Alderman Campbell.

'Cancelling Tenants' Old Arrears ✓ — Copy Report

Your Committee have examined the Auditors' Report referred to them from last Adjourned Meeting in respect to the Arrears appearing on the Rental, and having inquired from the Treasurer respecting each case, your Committee beg to recommend that the following Arrears be struck off the Rental as being irrecoverable and needlessly embarassing the Corporation Accounts.

			£	s	d
same	Reps of M. Derby		2	9	8¾
	Patrick Moore		63	.	.
	Revd Wm Crooks	— Freeschool Lane	.	7	6
	Dominick Duffy		18	.	.
	James McDonnell		7	.	.
	Catherine Harlin		11	7	6
	Patrick Marmion		2	10	.
	James McQuillan		6	.	.
	Thomas Coogan		16	15	1
	Reps of Nicholas Harlin	— Townrath	39	.	6
	Denis McCullagh	— "	33	9	6
	Francis Brady	— North Road Premises	6	.	.
	Margaret Begg	— "	2	10	.
same	Margaret Cunningham	— "	2	.	.
	Michael Warren	— "	4	11	.
	Michael Magrath	— "	6	.	.
	Patrick Reilly	— "	3	15	.
	Christopher Donagh	— "	.	10	.
	F. McArdle	— "	3	2	6

Old Corporation Returns

Tenants whose Leases have long since expired			£141	16	4⅓
Reps of Wm Filgate	— Lease expired Easter 1833		3	1	7¾
" Denis Read			6	19	6⅓
" Wm Gower			3	7	9¼
			154	5	4
Reps of John Nicholls			55	7	8
			£438	1	3

same

Which your Committee Certify as their Report this 1st day of July 1856.

Thomas Carty — Chairman

A. McDougall's acct. read & ordered ✓

Mr Alexander McDougalls Account, amounting to £4·12·0. for Advertisments &c., was read and ordered to be paid.

Thos Carty, Mayor

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Quarterly Meeting 1st August 1856

At a Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Friday the 1st day of August 1856 at the hour of Twelve oClock noon, for the purpose of Electing Treasurer for year ensuing from that date; deciding on noticed motion by J. C. Atkinson that Law Agents be instructed to take the promptest steps to recover possession of premises on South side of John Street formerly demised to Edward Brunton; receiving reports and transacting general business; and also deciding on Aldr Campbell's noticed Motion that all Tenants under the Corporation be compelled to comply with the clauses of their Leases. —

Present — The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Boylan	George McCarthy
Patrick Mathews	James Butterly
Patrick Casey	John Oneill
James Mathews	Patrick Byrne
	John Moore
Councillors	Anthony Reappock
John Carroll	Peter Verdon
James Hand	Robert B. Daly
Thomas Hammond	William Kerrland

Minutes of last meeting read & Signed

The minutes of last meeting, held on 11th July 1856, were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by his Worship the Mayor as chairman.

Geo. Ogles Report read.

A Report was read from George Ogle on the several matters within his province as Inspector of Paving, Nuisance, and of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

Finance Committee & Borough Auditors to meet 2 days previously to each Quarterly Assembly.

It was ordered that the Finance Committee be summoned two days previously to each Quarterly Assembly, to examine and report on the Treasurer's Accounts, and that the Borough Auditors be also summoned to meet the said Committee at same time. —

Petition from Peter Hoey read

A Petition was read from Peter Hoey, praying an increase of salary to enable him to spend some weeks at the sea to recruit his health; upon which no motion was made.

Petition from Francis McGauley read

A Petition was read from Francis McGauley, praying compensation for his loss of Office as Band-Beggar, Halbertman, and Sergeant at mace; on which no motion was made.

Letter from Thos Tumalti read & referred Mechanics' Institute Committee

A Letter was read from Mr Thomas Tumalti, relative to his remuneration for arranging and numbering the Books received from the Great Seal Patent Office, which was referred to the Mechanics' Institute Committee for consideration and report.

Letter from Revd S. Sandiford read & referred to Land Valtn Committee

A Letter was read from the Revd S. Sandiford, referring to the subject of his Leases about to be impeached, which was referred to the Land Valuation Committee for consideration and report. —

Petition from Charles Hueston read

A Petition was read from Charles Hueston, tenant of part of the Lands of Townrath, praying possession of certain small delapidated Cabins situate on said Lands, on which no motion was made.

J. McKenna's Acct read

An Account was read from James McKenna, amounting to £9. 8. 6 for cleansing the Court House Windows &c.

Cattle & Sheep Market Changed to Corn Market. Fair St.

It was ordered on the motion of Aldr Boylan seconded by J. C. Hand, that from and after 4th September next, the Cattle and Sheep Market, which has heretofore been held on the New Quay, shall be removed to the inside of the Corn Market Square on Fair Street, to be there

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held on each Thursday. Public Notice of such change to be given by posting Notice thereof and advertising same thrice in each of the local Journals.

Wm. W. Campbell appointed Treasurer for one year

Mr. William Campbell was appointed Treasurer to this Corporation for one year from that date, on the motion of J. C. Oneill seconded by Alderman Boyland

Notices of Motions saved

The Notices of Motions served by J. C. Atkinson and Alderman Campbell were saved for the next meeting

Adjourned

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to 1st September next, at the hour of One o'clock P.M.

Thos Carty, Mayor

Adjourned Meeting 1st Sept. 1856

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Monday the First day of September 1856, at the hour of One o'clock P.M. to decide on J. C. Atkinson's and Alderman Campbell's noticed motions saved from last meeting held on 1st August 1856, and on J. C. Atkinson's noticed motion that the Law Agents be instructed to take the promptest means to obtain possession of House in West Street demised to late Joseph Holmes, receive reports and transact general business.

Present — The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen
Patrick Boyland
Patrick Casey

Councillors
James Hand
Anthony Keappock
William Kettland
Patrick Fernand
John Carroll

Councillors
John Moore
John Oneill
Robert E. Ellis
Thomas Kelly
Thomas Hammond
Edward Atkinson
Peter Verdon
Robert B. Daly

Minutes of last Meeting read and signed

The minutes of the last meeting, held on 1st August 1856, were read by the Town Clerk and signed by his Worship the Mayor as Chairman.

Letter read from Treasury enclosing Memorial from Inhabitants relative to erection of Bridges over Boyne

A Letter from the Secretary of the Lords Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury was read, enclosing a Memorial forwarded to them by certain of the Inhabitants of this Town, relative to the application of the Council for liberty to borrow £5000. as a grant in aid towards the erection of two Bridges over the Boyne, and requesting the observations of the Council ~~on the Council~~ on the allegations contained therein; whereupon a draft reply thereto was read and adopted;

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and of which the following is a Copy.

Copy reply to allegations contd in Memorial from Inhabts to Treasury relative to erection of Bridges over Boyne

Sirl. Drogheda. 2nd September 1856

In reply to your letter of 26th ultimo. transmitting a Memorial from certain Inhabitants of Drogheda, respecting the application of the Town Council for authority to borrow £5.000 to be charged on the Corporate Estates as a grant in aid towards building two Bridges over the Boyne at Drogheda – one on the site of the present Bridge and another to the West of same., and inviting the observations of the Council on the allegations contained therein; I beg to say. that I have laid your communication with the Memorial before the Town Council, who have unanimously instructed me in answer to those allegations to state. that instead of the site of the present Bridge being the only natural and safe approach to the Town from the South side, the formation of the ground and the banks of the River Westward. so far from being precipitous. on the contrary present on both sides of the River, to a considerable extent from its edge, a perfect dead level opening up to wide streets leading into the very heart of the Town, and giving on both sides of two sites (either of which is quite suitable for such a structure.) an ample extent of open quayage with a depth of channel in the river fully equal to and if not greater than that of the Quay Eastward of the present Bridge, and in the immediate neighbourhood of which sites are three large factories for the spinning of linen yarns, a very large distillery, and two extensive Concerns engaged in the Sale of timber, iron, and Slates. and the manufacture and Sale of Salt, the latter of which is conveyed away by Carriers from the Counties of Meath, Louth, Cavan. and part of Monaghan, whilst the site of the present Bridge necessitates the passage through John Street, one of the narrow Streets complained of in the Memorial,

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of a great portion of the Cattle and other traffic coming from the

Same

County Meath for shipment in Drogheda.

I have further to state. that the greater portion of the cattle and traffic from the Counties of Meath and South pass into Drogheda from Slane on the Northern side of the Town, and do not of necessity pass over the present Bridge, and that no cattle or goods come into Drogheda for shipment from the Counties of Dublin or Kildare. same being invariably shipped in the City of Dublin. –

I presume it will be unnecessary to remind their Lordships that the erection of a second Bridge in Drogheda, if determined upon. instead of obstructing will increase the facility of intercourse between the North East and South East of Ireland and the great commercial Towns of Belfast and Waterford passing through Dublin, and that it will be the care and concern of the Town Council, representing as they do the interests of the entire community of the Borough, that provision be made by the erection of a proper temporary structure before commencing a new Bridge on the site of the present one, that no obstruction shall occur to the trade of the Town; and that both then and after the erection of the permanent building, care will be taken that no impediment shall prevent the passage of Gas Pipes or the wires of the Electric Telegraph; whereas on the contrary. it is needless to say. that if the present Bridge were suddenly to give way (an occurrence which in the opinion of competent Engineers is likely to take place at any moment) a serious continued interruption would arise to the trade of the Town.

And I have further to inform their Lordships, that at a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Drogheda, held on 18th ultimo. in pursuance of a requisition most numerously and respectably signed. addressed to me for the purpose. and over which I presided as Mayor. it was fully resolved, with but two dissentients, to Petition their Lordships to grant the prayer of the Town Councils Memorial asking liberty to borrow

Same

this sum of £5000 for the purposes stated, and which Petition it is understood has been since forwarded to their Lordships by our respected Member. –

And in conclusion I have been directed to express a hope that their Lordships will, as far as in them lies, assist the general body of the community of Drogheda to forward a great public object, and not attend to the suggestions of a small section of the Inhabitants interested in continuing a Monopoly by confining the traffic of the town to those streets and thoroughfares in which or their neighbourhood they happen to reside or occupy places of business.

Same

I return herewith the Memorial forwarded to me

I have the Honor to be Sir

Your Obt. Servant

Thomas Carty

Mayor.

Sir C. E. Trevelyan.

Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury

Treasury Chambers, London. –

George Ogle's Report read

A Report was read from Mr. George Ogle on the several matters within his province as Inspector of Paving, Nuisance, and of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

G. Bowers C. E. Acct for Surveying & mapping Aldermens Acres read and referred

An account was read from Mr. George Bowers C. E. for surveying and mapping the Aldermen's Acres, amounting to £3-6-6, which was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report. –

Petition from Francis McGauley read and referred

A Petition was read from Francis McGauley, asking compensation for his loss of Office as Halbertman, Bandbeggar, and Sergeant at Mace, which was referred to the Law and Finance Committees for consideration and report. –

Report of Finance Committee read & adopted

The following Report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted on motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by J. C. Keappock.

Copy Finance Comtee Report recommending settlmt of Grendon & Co's Acct

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the account of Messrs Thomas Grendon and Co. furnished at £177-7-9, and recommend a settlement of same by a payment of £167-7-9, a sum of £10 being deducted from the account as furnished for a Pump not delivered; such payment to be on the terms that the Rent due by Reps Thomas Grendon be deducted on settlement and allowed.

Dated this First day of September 1856

Thomas Carty – Chairman

Special Committee to have Drogheda Head Quarters for Military

Alderman Boylan, Alderman Casey, J. C. Keappock, J. C. Daly, J. C. Hammond and J. C. Verdon were nominated as a Special Committee to communicate with Government to endeavour to have Drogheda established as Head Quarters for Military, on motion of Alderman Boylan, seconded by J. C. Keappock.

J. C. Atkinson's motion to recover possn of premises in John street. J. C. Keappock moves an amendment – that subject be referred back to Law Committee question put Amendment carried

J. C. Atkinson, pursuant to notice, moved and J. C. Hammond seconded, that the Law Agents be instructed to recover possession of premises situate on South side of John Street formerly demised to Edward Brunton; whereupon J. C. Keappock moved as an amendment and J. C. Oneill seconded, that the subject be referred back to the Law Committee for reconsideration and report; and the question having been put on the Amendment, there appeared 6 for and 4 against it, whereupon the original motion was declared lost and the amendment carried.

J. C. Kertland moves Aldn Campbell's motion, that all Tenants be compelled to comply with clauses of their Leases. J. C. Oneill moves an amendment. Amendment carried

J. C. Kertland, pursuant to notice given by Alderman Campbell, moved and J. C. Keappock seconded, that all Tenants under the Corporation be compelled to comply with the Clauses of their Leases; whereupon J. C. Oneill moved as an Amendment and J. C. Hand seconded, that all parties holding Leases under the Corporation be compelled to fulfil the Clauses of their Leases, and that no Leases be renewed until the Law Committee report thereon;

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and the Amendment having been put from the chair was declared carried. —

Meeting adjourned to 6th Octr 1856

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to Monday the 6th of October 1856 at the hour of One oClock P. M.

M. O'Carty. Mayor

Special Meeting 23rd Sept. 1856.

At a Special Meeting of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Tuesday the 23rd day of September 1856 at the hour of half past one oclock P.M. for the purpose of deciding on Tender from Gas Company for next Winters lighting of the Public Lamps, and considering and acting upon Letter from Treasury sanctioning grant in aid of £5000 towards erection of Bridges. —

Present - The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen
Patrick Boylan
Patrick Mathews
Patrick Casey

Councillors
Anthony Reappock
Patrick Byrne

Councillors
John Oneill
Robert E. Ellis
George M'Carthy
James Hand
James Butterly
William Kirkland

Minutes of last Meeting read and signed

The Minutes of last Meeting held on 1st September 1856 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by his Worship the Mayor as Chairman.

Report of Lighting Committee read & adopted on Tender for Winters lighting of Public Lamps

The following Report of the Lighting Committee was read and adopted on motion of Alderman Boylan. Seconded by J. E. O'Neill.

Copy said Report and Tender

Your Committee beg to report that they have received a Tender from the Directors of the Drogheda Gas Company, offering to light the Public Lamps during the next Winter Months; of which the following is a Copy.

Drogheda Gas Works. September 11th. 1856

To the Mayor Aldermen and Council of the Borough of Drogheda.

Gentlemen.

We propose to supply Gas, light and extinguish.

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Report of Lighting Committee

Copy Tender for Winters Lighting of Public Lamps

clean and Keep in repair One Hundred of the Public Lamps, and any additional number that may be required, in the Parishes of Saint Peters and Saint Mary's, Drogheda, from the first day of October 1856 to the 30th day of April 1857, both days inclusive, for the sum of Three Pounds Sterling per lamp; subject to the following conditions

Each Lamp to be supplied with a batwing burner that will emit three Cubic feet of gas per hour; the lighting to be completed one hour after Sunset, and extinguishing to commence 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 deducted from the Account at the rate of Six shillings and eightpence per 1000 Cubic feet, except in the Case of a Lamp being out only one night by accident.

And any Complaints you may have to make to be communicated in writing addressed to the Directors of the Drogheda Gascompany at their office

You shall pay us for the current Seasons lighting by instalments as follows:- One Hundred pounds Sterling upon the first day of January 1857; One Hundred pounds Sterling upon the first day of March 1857, and the Balance of Account upon the first day of June 1857. And in the event of any Instalment or Balance remaining unpaid after the above dates, Interest at the rate of five per cent per Annum to be charged on Same, or any part thereof, until the Amount due be paid

We are Gentlemen
Yours respectfully
James Levins } Directors of the
Patrick Byrne } Drogheda Gas Company

Same

And Your Committee recommend an Acceptance of same by the Council. Dated this 19th September 1856

Thomas Farly - Chairman -

Letter read from Secretary of Harbour Commissioners enclosing Copy of Resolution granting £2000 towards improving the Port and Harbour and naming Committee

A Letter was read from Mr John McNamara, Secretary to the Drogheda Harbour Commissioners, enclosing a Copy of a Resolution unanimously adopted by them at their Meeting held on the 5th June last, that the sum of £2000 be contributed by the Harbour Commissioners to the joint Committee appointed by their Board and the Committee appointed by this Council towards deepening, cleansing, and improving the Navigation of the Port and Harbour of this Town, both above and below the present Bridge; and that the following Gentlemen were named as the Committee on behalf of their Board for that purpose, viz:- Messrs Chadwick, Leland, Owens, Morton, and Smyth with the mover Mr Levins, and seconder Mr William Boyland.

Letter read from Treasury giving Assent to raising £5000 towards erection of Bridges.

A Letter was read from the Lords Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury, giving their assent to the raising of £5000 as a grant in Aid towards the erection of two Bridges over the Boyne; of which the following is a Copy

Treasury Chambers
16th September 1856

Sir

Copy Said Letter

With reference to the Memorial of the Town Council of Drogheda dated the 17th June last and to your Letter of the 2nd Instant on the subject of raising a sum of £5000 to be charged on the Corporate Estates as a grant in aid towards the erection of two Bridges within the Borough of Drogheda, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to acquaint you that my Lords having satisfied themselves by inquiry that the main object which the Council have in view is legitimate, they are pleased to sanction the proposed Loan of £5000 for the object on the Terms proposed in the Memorial.

Their Lordships in sanctioning this measure abstain from expressing any opinion in regard to the character of the

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the proposed Bridges, which they consider to be one for the decision of the parties locally interested; but they recommend the Council to take care that the works are carefully considered before any contribution towards the expense is made from Corporate Funds, as from information before them they are led to apprehend that the expense of erecting one Swivel Bridge will probably exceed the sum of £5000.—

I am to direct that Drafts of the proposed Bonds may be sent to the Solicitor of this Board for perusal.

I am Sirl

Your Obedient Servant

"G. Arbuthnot"

Bridge Committee to meet Harbour Comrs. Committee

It was thereupon ordered that the Bridge Committee be summoned to meet the Committee of the Harbour Commissioners at the Harbour Office on the 25th Instant at the hour of One oClock P.M.—

Thos Carty, Mayor

Adjourned Meeting 6th Oct. 56

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly of the Council of the Droghedа Corporation, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Monday the 6th day of October 1856. at the hour of One oClock P.M., to receive reports from Committees and transact general business.

Present — The Mayor as chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Casey	John Oneill
Patrick Boyland	George McCarthy
James Mathews	William Kerkland
	John Moore
Councillors	Patrick Byrne
Anthony Reappoch	James Butterly
James Hand	

Minutes of last Meeting read & signed

The Minutes of the last (Special) Meeting, held on 23rd September 1856. were read by the Town Clerk and signed by his Worship the Mayor as Chairman.—

Report of G. Ogle read

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle on the several matters comprised within his department as Inspector of Paving, Nuisance, and of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

Report of Finance Comtee on Acct of G. Bowers for surveying &c Aldermen's Acres

The following Report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.—

Your Committee have examined the Account of Mr George Bowers for Surveying &c. the Aldermen's Acres, amounting to £3-6-6, and recommend the payment of same—

Dated this 3rd October 1856

Thomas Carty — Chairman

Report of Law & Finance Comtees on claim of F. McGauley referred by H

A Report of the Law and Finance Committees was read, relative to the Claim of Francis McGauley for compensation for the loss of his Office as Halberdman, Bangbeggar and Sergeant—

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at Mace, whereupon same was referred back to the said Committees for further consideration and report, on motion of Councillor O'Neill seconded by Alderman Boyland.

Memorial read from Robert Hardman for New Lease of his holding at Townrath

A Memorial was read from Mr. Robert Hardman, praying the Council to grant him a New Lease of his holding at Townrath, whereupon same was referred to the Law Committee for consideration and report, on motion of Alderman James Mathews seconded by Alderman Boyland.

Memorial read from Corn Merchants &c to have News Room as a Corn Exchange

A Memorial was also read from certain of the Corn Merchants &c. of this Town, praying that the Council would take into consideration the propriety of granting the present News Room as a Corn Exchange, whereupon same was referred to a Meeting of the Council in Committee, on Motion of Alderman James Mathews seconded by Alderman Boyland.

Acct of Gas Co. read & referred

An Account of the Gas Company, amounting to £112.17.3, was read and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report, on Motion of Alderman Boyland seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Thos Canty. Mayor.

Quarterly Assembly 3rd Nov. 1856

At a Quarterly Assembly

of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Monday the 3rd day of November 1856 at the hour of Twelve oclock noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general business.

Present — The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Casey	James Hand
Patrick Boylan	John Moore
William Campbell	James Butterly
	Anthony Reappock
Councillors.	George M'Carthy
Robert B. Daly	Patrick Jernand.
John O'neill	Robert E. Ellis
Patrick Byrne	William Kerland.

Minutes of last Meeting read & signed

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 6th day of October 1856 were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor as Chairman.

Geo. Ogle's Report read

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle on the several matters comprised within his department as Inspector of Paving, Nuisance, and of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

Mr W. Magee's Acct for C. A. Registry 1856 Certified 6 & 35

An Account of the Expenses of Mr William Magee, as Clerk of the Peace for Drogheda, amounting to £38.8.0, for revising the Lists of the Parliamentary Registry for the year ending December 1856, was read, whereupon it was ordered on Motion of Councillor Reappock seconded by Councillor O'neill that the Council certify for a sum of £35 to be paid him as in full for all said expenses pursuant to the statute.

Report of Building Comtee re Memt of Corn Merchts wishing News Room for a Corn Exchange

The following Report of the Building Committee was read and adopted on motion of Alderman Boylan

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seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Copy said report

In reference to the Memorial of the Corn Merchants of the Town asking the News Room of the Mayoralty House for a Corn Exchange, your Committee cannot recommend the Council to comply with the Memorial, but would recommend that if deemed eligible for the purpose, the Council should go to a reasonable expense in fitting up for a Corn Exchange the office in the Corn Market.—

Dated this 31st October 1856

Thomas Carty – Chairman

Report of Law Comtee on Memt. of Wm. Robt. Hardman for New Lease read & adopted

The following Report of the Law Committee was read and adopted on motion of Councillor O'neill seconded by Councillor Hand.

Copy said Report

Your Committee beg to report in reference to the Memorial of Mr. Robert Hardman asking a New Lease or renewal of part of the lands of Townath, that they regret that owing to the state of the Corporate Finances and the large amount of debt incurred by their predecessors and their very heavy expenditure for necessary and useful public purposes, they cannot recommend a compliance with the prayer of the Memorial.

Dated this 31st October 1856.

Thomas Carty – Chairman

Report of Law & Finance Comtee on Claim of Francis M'Gauley read & adopted

The following Report of the Law and Finance Committees was read and adopted on Motion of Councillor Keappock seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Copy said Report

In reference to the Memorial of Francis M'Gauley claiming a yearly payment of £30 - 9 - 5 2/3 since his

removal in 1847 as compensation for his loss of the office of Halbertman, Bangbeggar and Sergeant at Mace, your Committee beg to state that they have reconsidered the matter and recommend the Council to refuse the prayer of his Memorial inasmuch as although he was dismissed for non attendance and neglect of his duty, yet the Corporation have since generously paid him a sum of £20 Yearly, and which payment they look upon as fully if not more than sufficient to meet the justice of his case.

Same

Dated this 31st October 1856

Thomas Carty, Chairman.

Report of Bridge Comtee read & adopted recommending that Mr Bowers prepare Plans & Estimates

The following Report of the Bridge Committee having been read, it was moved by Councillor Ellis and seconded by Councillor Moore that same be adopted, whereupon Councillor Daly moved as an Amendment and Councillor M'Carthy seconded same that £100 be given for the best Plan and Estimate, and the Question having been put on the Amendment there appeared 2 for and 13 against it, whereupon the original motion was put from the Chair and declared carried.

Copy said Report

Your Committee beg to report that having applied to Messrs Gibbons and Forsyth C.E. asking them to prepare Plans and Estimates of the intended New Swivel Bridges, and those Gentlemen having declined to undertake this duty owing to their connection as Officers with the Board of Public Works, recommend that Mr George Bowers C.E. be engaged to proceed to Liverpool to enable him by an Inspection of Bridges there to prepare Plans and Estimates for the intended Bridges over the Boyne, his travelling expenses not to exceed £5, and on the understanding that no further sum shall be paid him unless his Plans and

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same

Estimates be approved of by eminent Engineers named by the Corporation; but if approved of, and adopted by the Council, that he get a sum of £10. in addition to his travelling expenses.

Dated this 31st October 1856.

Thomas Carty – Chairman

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adjourned to 17th instant

The Assembly thereupon adjourned to Monday the 17th Instant at the hour of Eleven oClock a. M.

Tho Carty. Mayor

Adjourned Meeting 17th Novr 1856

At an Adjourned Quarterly Assembly

of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Monday the 17th day of November 1856 at the hour of Eleven oClock A. M., for the purpose of receiving Reports from the Committees on matters referred, and transacting general business,—

Present – The Mayor as Chairman

Aldermen	Councillors
William Campbell	John Moore
Patrick Boyland	Robert E. Daly
Patrick Casey	Patrick Byrne
James Mathews	James Hand
	William Kerrland
Councillors	George McCarthy
John O'Neill	Robert E. Ellis
Anthony Reappock	

Minutes of last Meeting read and signed

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 3rd November 1856, were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor as Chairman

Geo. Ogle's Report read

A Report was read from Mr George Ogle on the several matters comprised within his department as Inspector of Paving, Nuisance, and of Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

Boro. Auditors' Report on Half yearly Accounts to 1st Sept: 1856

A Report was read from the Borough Auditors, of which the following is a copy-

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To The Mayor Aldermen and Council of the Borough of Drogheda.

Gentlemen.

We have examined your half yearly account up to the 1st September 1856, and find the sum of £2027. 2. 2½ received for Rent, Cranage £44. 16. 11, making

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