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Friday the 28th day of October 1864

At a special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly summoned, to met in the Assembly room of the Tholsel of said Town, on Friday the 28th day of October 1864, at the hour of one o'clock, in the afternoon for the purpose of further considering the proposal of the Electric Telegraph Company, with reference to the unoccupied ground, at foot of Shop street. And also, to consider the propriety of re-advertizing the Charges at the Cranes, and Markets, for letting by Auction, or by proposal; and making a Charge for Fish stands

Present

His Worship The Mayor

Aldermen	Councillors
James Mathews	John O'Neill
Patrick Casey	Thomas Sheridan
Councillors	Patrick Byrne
John Moore	Robert E. Ellis
Patrick M. Brady	Patrick Lynagh
John Joseph Gormley	Peter Verdon
Thomas Simcocks.	

Minutes read

The Minutes of the meetings of the 10th, and 24th days of October Instant, were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship, the Mayor.

Lease to Telegraph Company ordered, subject to approval of Engineer.

Moved by Mr Town Councillor Robert E. Ellis, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Patrick Byrne, and Resolved, that the offer of the Electric Telegraph Company with respect to the letting of, and building on, said Plot of ground in Shop-street be accepted; subject to the inspection, and approval of the Engineer to the Corporation; The term of years, for which said ground is to be demised, to remain over for Consideration, until Tuesday next.

His Worship the Mayor, stated, to the Council, that he

had applied to the Dublin and Drogheda Railway Company, to have Lamps erected, between the Drogheda Terminus, and the municipal Boundary. And that he had received a letter in reply;

Gas Lamps at Railway left to discretion of Mayor

It was thereupon, unanimously resolved that it be left in the hands of His Worship the Mayor, to conclude such arrangement with respect thereto, as he considered most advantageous for the interest of the public.

Advertisements for Tenders for lease of Charges at the Markets

Moved by Mr Town Councillor Lynagh, seconded by Mr Town Councillor O'Neill, that Advertizements be published, for Tenders for the charges, at the Cranes, and markets, to be let: such tenders to be sent in, on Tuesday the 1st day of November next: And that if no tender should be then accepted, of the charges as now made, as now made at said Cranes, and Markets, should be set up to be let by public Auction, on the following day.

Thos Shubhasseriff B. Chairs.

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Tuesday the 1st day of November 1864

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly summoned, to meet in the Assembly room of the Tholsel of said Town on Tuesday the 1st day of November 1864, at the hour of 12 o'clock at noon to receive Reports, and transact general business.

Present: His Worship, the Mayor

Aldermen	Councillors
James Mathews	John Joseph Gormley
Patrick Casey	Peter Verdon
Councillors	John Moore
Patrick Byrne	Thomas Sheridan
George Knaggs	James Levins
Thomas Simcocks	Robert E: Ellis
Patrick M: Brady	Patrick Lynagh
Robert B: Daly	John O'Neill

Minutes read

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

It was moved by Mr Alderman James Mathews, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Knaggs, And resolved, that the proposal of Mr Edward Reilly for a lease for one year, from 27th September last, for the charges, at the Cranes, and Markets, within the Borough pursuant to the Tariff thereof posted in the Town Clerk's Office; And upon the usual terms of said Edward Reilly executing a lease thereof, at the yearly rent of £100, and also upon his entering into the usual security for payment of the rent to the Corporation, be accepted of.

Reilly Edward declared tenant to the Market Charges at £100 a year rent.

Moved by Mr Town Councillor Lynagh, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Ellis, And ordered, that a Memorial be preferred to the Lords of the Treasury praying their assent, that the Corporation may be at liberty to take

an Assignment of the ground added to the width of Peter street, in front of Houses at the Corner of Peter street, and Laurence street; and that they be at liberty to pay Miss Barter a sum of One hundred pounds, for her, and Miss Newton's interest therein.

Miss Barter ordered to be paid £100 for added to Peter street.

Memorial for lamp at the Alleys

A Memorial from certain of the Inhabitants of the Alleys, praying that a lamp might be placed at the entrance to the lower, or southern Alley, during the winter season. Read

Referred to Lighting Committee.

They to examine state of crooked street.

And on motion of Mr Town Councillor Lynagh, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Ellis, same was referred, to the Lighting Committee; And it was suggested that it would be desirable, that said Committee would take the trouble of examining the state of crooked street, for the purpose of ascertaining if any additional lamp were requisite thereat, during the winter months, and report thereon.

Jamison Hugh. His Account £5 " 3. 9 ordered to be paid.

An account of Hugh Jamison of the Reporter to 1st October last, for £5. 3. 9 read. Moved by Town Councillor Ellis, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Brady, and ordered that same be paid.

A Memorial from the Roman Catholic Clergymen of Dominick street, Praying for a large reduction in the rent of the House and premises in West street, being the House and premises, formerly held by the late James Gernon Esquire, under the Corporation, the better to enable them to enlarge, and improve their place of Worship for the benefit of the public. Read.

Memorial from R.C. Clergymen for reduction of rent of house in West st.

Same referred to Land valuation Committee

And on Motion of Mr Alderman James Mathews seconded by Mr Town Councillor George Knaggs; same was referred to the Land Valuation Committee

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned until Monday next the 7th day of November Instant.

John Chamberlain
Mayor

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Monday the 7th day of November 1864

At an adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly summoned, to meet in the Assembly room of the Tholsel of said Town, on Monday the 7th day of November 1864 at the hour of 12 o'clock in the afternoon To receive Reports and transact general business

Present

His Worship The Mayor

Aldermen	Councillors
James Matthews	John Moore
Patrick Casey	Robert E Ellis
Councillors	John Gradwell
George Knaggs	Patrick Lynagh
Thomas Sheridan	
Thomas Simcocks	

Minutes read — The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by His Worship The Mayor -

Report of Lighting Committee - Read

And on Motion of Mr Town Councillor Gamley, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Sheridan, same was adopted -

The following is a copy of said Report

Report of Lighting Committee

Report of Lighting Committee against Lamp at the Alleys — Your Committee beg leave to report that - having considered the Memorial of the Inhabitants of the Alleys. Praying, that a lamp may be placed, at the entrance of the Lower, or Southern Alley, and having regard to the state of other parts of the Borough, with respect to lighting: We do not consider it expedient

to recommend any additional lamps, in the locality of said Alleys: and the more especially, as there are already three Lamps there

All which your Committee certify and submit as their report this 5th day of November 1864

John Chadwick } Mayor

Memorial from the Inhabitants of William st for lamp: referred — A Memorial from certain of the Inhabitants of William Street and Paradise row praying for an additional lamp in that locality - Read

And on motion of Mr Town Councillor Robert E: Ellis, Seconded by Mr Town Councillor John Moore same was referred to the lighting Committee for an early day -

Specification of House to be built by the Telegraph Company — A specification and Plan of the House proposed to be built by the Electric Telegraph Company on the Plot of Ground in shop Street, of which the Corporation have agreed to them a grant a lease, was submitted to the Council:

It was moved by Mr Alderman James Mathews, Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Gamley, that said Plan, and Specification be adopted -

And thereupon: It was moved by Mr Town Councillor Gamley, Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Ellis. And ordered: that the Corporation do grant a lease to said Telegraph Company of said Plot of ground, for a term of 75 years, from the 1st November 1864 at the yearly rent of £10: Said Company Covenanting in such lease, to build a House on said plot of ground, in accordance with said Specification

Lease of the Plot of Ground in shop Street ordered to said Company -

An account from Mr John Mc Gough Auctioneer for putting up to be let by Auction, the charges at the public Cranes, and Markets, within the Borough: Amount £2 - Read -

And

Mc Gough John ordered £1, in full for his account

And on motion of Mr Town Councillor Lynagh, Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Simcocks. It was ordered, that Mr Mc Gough be paid a sum of £1, in full, for his said Account, as said letting was not approved of by the Council.

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned until monday the 5th day of December next.

John Chamnick.

Wednesday the 23rd day of November 1864

On this day James Mathews Esqr Alderman of St Laurence Gate Ward, acting under the appointment of His Worship The Mayor, pursuant to the statute, in the place of Patrick Boylan Esq, the Senior Alderman of said Ward, who was prevented from attending by reason of illness, with Mr James Augustus Flanagan, an Assessor of said Ward, held an Election to elect an Assessor for said Ward, in the room of Mr Laurence Moore who resigned his Office as such Assessor. When Mr Michael Macken of Laurence Street, in the Borough of Drogheda, Pawn Broker, was duly elected an Assessor for said Ward, in the room of said Laurence Moore, and said Election was duly published by His Worship the Mayor, pursuant to the Statute.

Macken Michl Assessor for St Laurence Gate Ward

John Chamnick.

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Wednesday the 23rd day of November 1864

At a special Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly summoned, to meet in the Assembly room of the Tholsel of said Town, on Wednesday the 23rd day of November 1864, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering and adopting an address to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant -

Present

Alderman James Mathews

Councillors	Councillors
Patrick Lynagh	Thomas Sheridan
Peter Verdon	Robert B. Daly
John O'Neill	Thomas Simcocks
John Gradwell	John Moore
John Joseph Gormley	

Lamp at shop St John removed

It was moved by Mr Town Councillor Robert B. Daly seconded by Mr Town Councillor Sheridan and Ordered that the Gas Company be instructed to have the lamp, now at the foot of the East side of Shop Street forthwith removed, and placed immediately opposite to the present temporary Bridge at Shop Street -

His Worship the Mayor having explained the Objects of the meeting

Address to Lord Lieutenant

It was moved by Mr Alderman James Mathews seconded by Mr Town Councillor John Gradwell, And resolved unanimously, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant congratulating him upon his appointment -

Moved by Mr Town Councillor Peter Verdon seconded by Mr Town Councillor Sheridan, And resolved, that the whole of the Members of the

Council present, do prepare an address to His Excellency: And the Council in Committee having accordingly retired, to consider said Address and settled same; It was read by the Town Clerk, and submitted to the Council -

Committee to prepare Address

Whereupon it was moved by Mr Town Councillor Verdon, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Scraggs, And Resolved, that said Address be adopted, And that the Town Clerk do proceed to Dublin to night, for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements preliminary to the presentation of the address, to His Excellency, by a Deputation from the Council tomorrow; And that the following Members of the Council, (with such other Members as should think proper to attend,) be deputed for that purpose viz

Address adopted Town Clerk to proceed to Dublin

Deputation to present it

His Worship The Mayor
Mr Alderman James Mathews
Messrs Town Councillors
Peter Verdon
Robert Bedford Daly

The following is a copy of said Address

Copy Address

To His Excellency Lord John Wodehouse Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland

May it please your Excellency

We The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the ancient Borough of Drogheda -

Whilst deeply regretting the departure from amongst us of the beneficient and gifted Earl of Carlisle, who for so many years worthily represented the Sovereign, in this our beloved Country, We hail with lively gratification the advent of your Excellency, accompanied as you

are, by the Illustrious Irish Lady, you have chosen as your Consort) believing that in you, Ireland will have found a sagacious Ruler, who will study the wants, and wishes of her people, with that calm, and unprejudiced Judgment, which so distinguished you upon other scenes, where the task has not been less difficult.

It is a source of unfeigned pleasure to us, to be enabled, on this auspicious occasion, to bear testimony to the rapid development of the resources of this Country, Copy Address to Lord Lieutenant in Arts, and manufactures. In our own town we are happy to announce, that great progress has been made, and our large, and industrious population have every prospect of increased, and increasing employment, and consequent happiness and comfort. Your Excellency will not fail to observe, that some important questions still agitate the public mind: For instance, Security to the Tenant for his outlay on permanent improvement of the land, as well as the melancholy fact, that the Lords of the soil who should, as in all other parts of the united Kingdom, take the lead in encouraging, and fostering habits of industry, and self reliance, in our agricultural districts, are for the most part absentees; taking little interest in the Country beyond the abstraction of the rents; the larger portion of which is expended any where, but in the Country from which it is derived. These and all other subjects bearing on the prosperity of Ireland, we are persuaded will have due Consideration, from so profound a Politician, and so experienced a Statesman, as your Excellency. We again Congratulate you, upon receiving this high

appointment, and beg to assure your Excellency, of our devoted loyalty, and strong attachment to the Throne of these Realms.

Cavanagh Mary Anne Lease sealed to her

The seal of the Corporation was affixed to a lease to Mrs. Mary Anne Cavanagh, of a Plot of ground, on the South side of the Chord road, without St Laurence Gate, for 75 years, from 1st February 1847, on which last mentioned day, a lease thereof was ordered to the late Mr Patrick Prendergast

Barter Miss Mr Flavelle to join in deed

It was ordered, that upon Mr Henry Flavelle (who appears on record to be a Mortgagee of the premises, a portion of which is about to be Conveyed to the Corporation, by Miss Barter,) joining in the Conveyance from her to the Corporation, of the piece of ground in Peter street the title be accepted of —

John Shannon

Friday the 25th day of November 1864

Election of Town Councillors

On this day Patrick Casey Esqre Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward, with Messrs John Hughes, and John Parsons, Assessors of said Ward; And Thomas Carty Esqre Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward, with Messrs Michael Finegan Senior, and James Jones Heappock Assessors of said Ward; James Mathews Esqre, an Alderman of the St Laurence Gate Ward, (appointed by His Worship the Mayor, pursuant to the Statute, in the place of Patrick Boylan Esqre, the Senior Alderman of the St Laurence Gate Ward during the present illness of the said Patrick Boylan) with Messrs Michael Mackin and James Augustus Flanagan, 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; And also to elect a Town Councillor, for the St Laurence Gate Ward, in the stead of Mr Edward Michael Verdon, late a Town Councillor of said Ward whose Office, as such Town Councillor had been declared void by reason of his absence from the Borough, and non attendance at the Council for upwards of six Months last past, pursuant to the Statute in such case made, and provided: when ~~where~~ Messrs Robert Elwood Ellis of St Laurence street Medical Doctor, and John Carroll of West street in the County of the Town of Drogheda, Merchant, were elected Town Councillors for Fair Gate Ward; Patrick Synagh of Shop street, and James Sevins of the North Strand, in the County of the Town of Drogheda were elected Town Councillors for West Gate Ward,

Ellis Robert E: Carroll John For Fair Gate

Synagh Patrick Sevins James For West Gate

Daly Robert B: Moore John For St Laurence Gate

and Robert Bedford Daly, of West street, and John Moore of Duleek Gate, in the Town of Drogheda Merchants, were elected Town Councillors for the St Laurence Gate Ward; And Laurence Moore of Shop street Drogheda, Merchant, was elected a Town Councillor, for the St Laurence Gate Ward, in the stead of the said Edward Michael Verdon; And said Elections were duly published by His Worship, the Mayor, pursuant to the requisites of the Statute

Moore Laurence For St Laurence Gate in the stead of Edward Michael Verdon

John Chaloner C.

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Thursday the 1st day of December 1864

Special meeting Election of Mayor

At a special Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly summoned, to meet in the Assembly room of the Tholsel of said Town, on Thursday the 1st day of December 1864, at the hour of 12 o'clock, at noon, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, for the ensuing year ~

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Aldermen	Councillors
James Mathews	Laurence Moore
Patrick Casey	Peter Verdon
Councillors	Robert E. Ellis
Thomas Simcocks	James Sevins
Patrick Byrne	Thomas Sheridan
Robert B. Daly	Patrick M. Brady
George Knaggs	John Moore
	John Carroll
	John O'Neill

Mathews Alderman James Elected Mayor

It was proposed by Mr Town Councillor John Moore, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Robert Elwood Ellis, that Alderman James Mathews Esq Justice of the Peace, be elected Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year: Which proposition having been put from the Chair, and no other Gentleman having been proposed, same was unanimously carried-

Whereupon Mr Alderman James Mathews returned thanks to the Assembly -

Mr Alderman James Mathews was appointed to act for the Mayor at the Election of Assessors, and Auditors, on the 3rd Instant

John Chamney
Mayor

Saturday the 3rd day of December 1864

Election of Ward Assessors

On this day, James Mathews Esq an Alderman of the St Laurence Gate Ward, acting under His Worship the Mayors' appointment pursuant to the statute for Thomas Carty Esq the Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward who was unavoidably absent, with Messrs Michael Finegan Junior and James Jones Heappock, Assessors of said Ward; And the said Alderman James Mathews, appointed by His Worship the Mayor, pursuant to the statute, in the room of Patrick Boylan Esq the Senior Alderman of St Laurence Gate Ward, during the illness of the said Patrick Boylan, with James Augustus Flanagan, and Michael Mackin, Assessors of said Ward; And Patrick Casey Esq, the Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward, with Messrs John Hughes and John Parsons, Assessors of said Ward: Held Elections, respectively, of said several Wards, to elect Assessors for same respectively, for the ensuing year: Whereupon Messrs Michael Finegan Junr Finegan Mich Junr Heappock Jas: I: For West Gate

Finegan Junior of Shop sheet, in said Borough Merchant, and James Jones Heappock, of West sheet in said Borough, Hotel keeper, were elected Assessors of the West Gate Ward; And Messrs James Augustus Flanagan Jas. A Connelly Peter For St Laurence Gate

Flanagan of Laurence sheet, and Peter Connolly of the North strand, in said Borough, Merchants, were elected Assessors of St Laurence Gate Ward: and Messrs John Hughes, of West Sheet, in said Borough, Printer, and Publisher, and John Parsons, of West sheet, in said

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Ward Assessors

Hughes John
Parsons John
For Fair Gate

Borough Assessors

Boylan William
Mc Entegart Owen

Borough Auditors

Dillon Michael
Daly Thomas

Borough, were elected Assessors of Fair Gate Ward each, and all, for the year Commencing the 11th December 1864 - And on the same day said Alderman James Mathews Esq, appointed by The Worshipful John Chadwick Esq the Mayor, to act for him at the election of Borough Assessors, and Auditors on said 3rd day of December Inst, held an Election for Assessors, and Auditors for said Borough for the ensuing year: Where Messrs William Boylan, of south Quay, in said Borough, Merchant, and Owen Mc Entegart, of Fair sheet in said Borough, Merchant, were elected Assessors, and Messrs Michael Dillon of Laurence sheet, in said Borough Banker, and Thomas Daly of West sheet in said Borough Merchant were elected Borough Auditors for the ensuing year: And said several Elections were duly published by His Worship the Mayor, pursuant to the requisites of the statute -

John Chadwick B.

Friday the 16th day of December 1864

West Gate
Moore Richard
elected Town
Councillor

On this day Thomas Carty Esq Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward, with Messrs Michael Finegan Junior and James Jones Kappock Assessors of said Ward held an Election, to elect a Town Councillor for said Ward, in the stead of Mr Patrick Lynagh, deceased late a Town Councillor for said Ward: When Mr Richard Moore of the Road to Beamore, in the County of the Town of Drogheda, Merchant, was elected a Town Councillor for said Ward, in the stead of the said Patrick Lynagh, late a Town Councillor of said Ward, elected as such, on the 25th day of November 1864 - And said Election was duly published by His Worship The Mayor, pursuant to the requisites of the statute -

John Chadwick B.

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Monday the 2nd day of January 1865

At an adjourned quarterly meeting of the Council of the Drogheda Corporation, duly summoned, to meet in the Assembly room of the Tholsel, on Monday the 2nd day of January 1865, at the hour of half past 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of Swearing in Alderman James Mathews Esqre as Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year, then commencing: Receiving reports, and transacting general business.

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Aldermen	Councillors
John Chadwick	James Timms
Patrick Casey	Patrick Byrne
Patrick Mathews	Patrick M. Brady
James Mathews	John Gradwell
Councillors	George Knaggs
Peter Verdon	Robert E. Ellis
John O'Neill	John Carroll
Richard Moore	Thomas Simcocks
Lawrence Moore	Thomas Sheridan

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Mathews Alderman James Sworn in as Mayor

The Mayor elect Alderman James Mathews Esqre J.P. accompanied by the Members then present proceeded in their official robes to the Crown Court of the Tholsel, where he took the oath of Mayor before John Chadwick Esqre Justice of the peace: Immediately after they returned to the Assembly room, when His Worship the Mayor elect took the Chair, and returned thanks to the Council for having unanimously elected him -

It was moved by Mr Alderman Patrick Mathews, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Patrick Byrne, and carried by acclamation that the cordial thanks of this Assembly are hereby tendered to our worthy and respected late Mayor Alderman John Chadwick Esqre J.P. for his impartial and dignified conduct during his year of office: Whereupon Mr Alderman John Chadwick returned thanks to the Assembly

Connolly James His accounts referred to Finance Committee

The following accounts of Mr James Connolly Carpenter were read viz Four accounts: An account from 16th January to 27th February 1864 £3.6.1½. From 13th March to 14 May 1864 £9.19.4 From 21st May to 8th October 1864 £6.14.9 Cr. And under date of 28th May 1864 amount £2.9.6.

And on Motion of Mr Alderman Patrick Mathews

Daly Robert & Son To be paid

seconded by Mr Town Councillor Robert E. Ellis, said several Accounts were referred to the Finance Committee.

An account of Robert Daly and son for goods supplied for the Town Sergeant and Watch constable pursuant to accepted tender amount £1.6.3. Read: And on motion of Mr Town Councillor O'Neill seconded by Mr Town Councillor Lawrence Moore, same was ordered to be paid.

Callaghan John To be paid -

An account of Mr John Callaghan Merchant Tailor for clothing for said Sergeant and Constable pursuant to similar accepted tender amount £9.9.0. Read

And on Motion of Mr Town Councillor Ellis, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Lawrence Moore: same ordered to be paid.

Barracks, The offer of rejected

A letter from Edward Durnford Esqre Colonel commanding Royal Engineers to the Town Clerk dated the 21st December 1864, offering the use of the offices and Barracks at Drogheda to the Corporation upon the terms therein mentioned. Read -

Whereupon It was ordered, that the Town Clerk do reply thereto, stating that the Corporation declined said offer

Report of Clothing Committee dated 13th December 1864
Read: And on motion of Mr Town Councillor O'Neill seconded by Mr Town Councillor Lawrence Moore: It was ordered that same be adopted

The following is a copy of said Report

Report of Clothing Committee

Report of Clothing Committee on Tenders received pursuant to Advertizement dated 2nd December 1864

Your Committee beg leave to state that having considered the Tenders received for Clothing for the Town Sergeants and Watch Constable We recommend as follows:

That the tender of Mr John Callaghan to supply a suit of Clothes at £2.. 16.. 0, and a Top, or outside Coat at £1.. 16.. 0-

The Tenders of Messrs Parsons & Co for Cotton Webb drawers at 4s/0d a pair

The Tenders of Messrs R: Daly & Son for silk hats at 11s/0 each, Cotton gloves at 7d/2 a pair, and black stocks at 1s/0d each be accepted of-

All which your Committee Certify and Submit as their Report, this 13th day of December 1864

Rpro. James Mathews

Report of Lighting Committee dated 24th November 1864 negativing the erection of an additional lamp at Paradise row: Read.

And on motion of Mr Town Councillor Ellis, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Sheridan: ordered that same be adopted.

The following is a copy of said Report

Report of Lighting Committee

Report of Lighting Committee

Your Committee beg leave to report that having considered the Memorial of the Inhabitants of William street and Paradise row Praying for the erection of an addional lamp in that locality and having regard to the defective lighting in other localities within the Borough, and the funds at the disposal of the Corporation for such purposes. Your Committee regret to have to report that they cannot recommend that any additional lamps be erected at present,

All which your Committee beg leave to certify and submit as their report this 24th day of November 1864-

Shegog Wellington His Costs refered to Law Committee

The consideration of the costs of Mr Wellington Shegog Solicitor for procuring the execution of the necessary papers both in England and Ireland for the satisfaction of the Judgment at the suit of the Executors of Smythe against the Corporation, Read, and referred to the Law Committee; And thereupon the Meeting adjourned until Wednesday the 1st day of February next, at the hour of 12 o'clock at noon.

James Mathews Mayor

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Wednesday the 18th day of January 1865

At a special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly room of the Tholsel of said Town on Wednesday the 18th day of January 1865 at the hour of 12 o'clock at noon for the purpose of affixing the seal of the Corporation to the deeds of Mortgage from them to Captain John Henderson, and others

Present

His Worship The Mayor

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Casey	Richard Moore
John Chadwick	John Moore
Councillors	Thomas Sheridan
George Knaggs	Patrick M. Brady
Thomas Simcocks	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by His Worship The Mayor

Board of Works Their proposal for consolidation of Offices, Postponed –

A Letter from W. Barnard Esq Surveyor of the General Post Office dated 16th January Instant stating a Proposition from the Board of Works, to put the Custom house at Drogheda into repair, and to concentrate therein the following Public Offices vizt. The Customs, the Inland Revenue, and the Post Office, and requesting to be informed of the general opinion of the Towns people on the subject. Read

Whereupon, it was resolved, that the consideration of said letter be postponed until the 1st day of February next –

Telegraph Compy Lease sealed to them

Leases were this day sealed to the undermentioned Persons at the rents and for the terms specified and Abstracts thereof were entered in the White parchment Book, and duly attested

A Lease unto the Electric Telegraph Company of a Plot of Ground in Shop street Drogheda, for the term of 75 years from the 18th day of January 1865 at the yearly rent of £10. 0. 0 –

Carroll James Lease sealed to him –

A Lease unto James Carroll of Donecarney in the County of Meath Farmer of part of the lands of Manimore known as the Aldermans acres in the County of Louth containing 7 acres, and 13 perches Irish plantation measure for a term of 31 years from the day of at the yearly rent of £23. 0. 6

Henderson John & others: Mortgage to them sealed

The common seal was affixed to two deeds of Mortgage from the Corporation to Captain John Henderson and others, and Robert Mac Cullock Esqre and others, to secure a sum of £5000. 0. 0

James Mathews Mayor

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Wednesday the 1st day of February 1865

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly room of the Tholsel of said town, on Wednesday the 1st day of February 1865 at the hour of 12 oclock at noon to receive Reports, and transact general business

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Casey	John Moore
John Chadwick	Thomas Sheridan
Patrick Mathews	Thomas Simcocks
Councillors	Richard Moore
Peter Verdon	Robert E. Ellis
George Kraggs	Laurence Moore
John O'Neill	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by His Worship the Mayor

His Worship the Mayor called the attention of the Council to the letter from Mr Barnard, conveying a proposition, to remove the Post Office to the Custom house, and requesting to be informed whether the Townspeople would approve thereof

Mr Town Councillor O'Neill moved,

And Mr Town Councillor Richard Moore, seconded,

And it was resolved, that the Town Clerk be instructed to reply to said letter, stating that the Corporation did not approve of the removal of the Post Office, to the Custom house: but suggested, that it would be of much advantage, and accommodation, to the public, if it were removed from its present situation, in Lawrence sheet, to one of two vacant houses, immediately opposite to the Court house: same being

Post Office not to be removed to Custom House

Town Clerk to write to that effect

in accordance with the wishes, and opinions of the Inhabitants of the Town.

A Report of the Law Committee, on the costs of Mr Shegog Solicitor, of satisfaction of the Judgment, at the suit of the Executors of Smythe. Amount £4.5.6 Read:

And on Motion of Mr Town Councillor Kraggs, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Ellis; Ordered, that same be adopted

The following is a copy of said Report

Report of Law Committee

Report of Law Committee on Mr Shegog's Costs

Your Committee beg leave to report, that having considered the Bill of Costs of Mr Wellington Shegog Solicitor, for procuring execution by parties residing in England, of the necessary documents, for the purpose of satisfying the Judgment, at the suit of the Executors of Smythe, against the Corporation of Drogheda, which bill of Costs Amounts to the sum of £4.5.6: We recommend that same be paid

All which we certify and submit as our Report this 19th day of January 1865

Account of Mr John Hughes, for printing, publishing and stationary, from 4th February 1864, to 20th January 1865. Amount £20.13.1 Read

And on Motion of Mr Alderman Casey, seconded by Mr Town Councillor John Moore ordered to be paid

Finance

Report of Finance Committee Read

And on Motion of Mr Town Councillor Sheridan seconded by Mr Town Councillor John Moore same was adopted

The following is a copy of said Report

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Copy Report of Finance Committee

Report of Finance Committee on Account of James Connolly

Your Committee beg leave to Report, that they have considered the following Accounts of Mr James Connolly Carpenter viz

	£	s	d
No 1 Amount	7	19	4
No 2 "	6	14	9½
No 3 "	5	6	4½
No 4 "	2	2	6

And we recommend, that Nos 1, 2, and 3, be paid but that we have rejected No 4 in as much as it appears to be for works done at the Mayoralty house preliminary to the Whitsuth Banquet, and is not therefore properly chargeable to the Corporation.

All which your Committee certify and submit as their Report this 19th day of January 1865.

A Memorial from certain Inhabitants of the Borough praying for the erection of a Lamp at the boundary stone on the Donore Road. Read: But no motion made thereon.

Lamps: Order of 14th September last to be carried out

Moved by Mr Town Councillor John Moore, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Sheridan, And ordered, that the orders heretofore made on the 14th September and 10th October 1864, with respect to the erection of Lamps, be carried out, without further delay, where claims already laid down.

Account of Mr James McKenna, House Painter, from 19th December 1863 to 4th November 1864, Amount £3.5.0. Read. And same was referred to Finance Committee.

A Memorial from three of the Night Watchmen named, Andrew Tinglars, Thomas Byrne, and Patrick Reilly,

who had been suspended, for soliciting, and receiving of Christmas boxes, Praying to be restored to their situations. Read.

Night Watchmen Their Memorial referred

And on Motion of Mr Town Councillor Knaggs, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Ellis, same was referred to the whole Council in Committee.

A Memorial from George Griffin, Praying to be appointed to the situation of Bell Man, vacant by the death of the late Thomas McCaul. Read. Ord referred to the whole Council in Committee.

Bell Man - George Griffen His Memorial for appointment, referred

His Worship the Mayor was pleased to state, that he required an Assistant, with John Devitt the Sergeant at Mace.

An Account of Messrs Gunn, and Cameron Proprietors of the General Advertizer for advertizing for loan of £5000, Amount 7/: ordered to be paid.

Tenders for stationary, Referred to Finance Committee

A list of the standing Committees for the year commencing this date, was read. And having been revised, same was ordered to be adopted

The following is a copy of said list

Committees for year ending 1st February 1866

Standing Committees for the year ending 1st February 1866

Finance Committee	Finance Committee
The Mayor	Thomas Sheridan
Aldermen	John Carroll
Patrick Boylan	Thomas Simcocks
Patrick Casey	
Town Councillors	**Law Committee**
Patrick Byrne	The Mayor
George Knaggs	Aldermen
Peter Verdon	Thomas Carty
John Moore	Patrick Boylan
	Patrick Casey

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Law Committee

Town Councillors

John Moore
Peter Verdon
Lawrence Moore
Patrick Byrne
George Kraggs
Robert B. Daly
Patrick M. Brady
John Carroll
John O'Neill

Lighting Committee

The Mayor

Aldermen

Patrick Mathews
Patrick Casey

Town Councillors

Lawrence Moore
Patrick Byrne
Robert E. Ellis
John Carroll
Thomas Sheridan

Land Valuation Committee

The Mayor

Aldermen

Patrick Casey
Patrick Boylan

Town Councillors

John Chadwick
Patrick Mathews
Patrick Boylan

Town Councillors

Patrick Byrne
John O'Neill

Land Valuation Committee

Town Councillors

John Moore
George Kraggs
Thomas Sheridan
John Carroll

Paving Committee

The Mayor

Aldermen

Patrick Casey
Patrick Boylan

Town Councillors

Peter Verdon
William Morton
Robert B. Daly
John Moore
Patrick Byrne
John O'Neill
Richard Moore

Building Committee

The Mayor

Aldermen

John Chadwick
Patrick Boylan

Town Councillors

John Moore
Patrick Byrne
Thomas Sheridan
George Kraggs
Robert E Ellis

Mechanics Institute Committee

The Mayor

Aldermen

Patrick Casey
Patrick Boylan
John Chadwick

Town Councillors

Patrick Byrne
Thomas Sheridan

Bridge Committee

Originally appointed 1st May 1856. to take into Consideration and report on the present state of the Bridge, the propriety of erecting a new one, to the West of same and when such Bridge shall have been erected to convert the present one into a drawbridge

The whole Council in Committee

Bridge Committee appointed by the Council at Meeting of 7th July 1862

The Mayor

Aldermen

Patrick Boylan
Patrick Casey

Town Councillors

John Moore
George Kraggs
Robert B. Daly
Robert E. Ellis
John Carroll
Peter Verdon

Sub Bridge Committee

Appointed for the purpose of Conferring with the Owners and occupiers of the Houses immediately adjoining the site of the new Bridge at the foot of Shop street appointed at a Special Meeting of the Bridge Committee on 17th July 1862

The Mayor
St George Smith
Thomas Hammond Esqrs

Night Watch Committee

The whole Council on this Committee

News Room Committee

appointed 1st May 1861

The Mayor

Alderman

John Chadwick

Town Councillors

John Carroll
William Morton
Patrick Byrne

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A letter from the Towns Commissioners of the Black rock Dublin with a copy of a Petition to Parliament, Praying for the repeal,

Fire Insurance duty Send forward Petition

or further reduction of duty on Fire Insurances Read - And the Town Clerk was instructed to have a similar Petition prepared by monday next -

Tumaltia Bernard Monde on his Memorial

A Memorial from Mr Bernard Tumalti, suggesting that the two Paintings in the Mayoralty rooms should be cleaned, was read; But, no Motion made thereon -

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned until Monday the 13th day of February Instant

James Matthews, Mayor

Monday the 6th day of February 1865

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned, to meet in the Assembly room of the Tholsel of said Town, on Monday the 6th day of February 1865, at the hour of 12½ oclock, P.M. To receive Repots and transact general business

Present

His Worship The Mayor

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Casey	Peter Verdon
Patrick Mathews	Patrick Byrne
Councillors	Robert B. Daly
John O'Neill	John Carroll
Robert E. Ellis	Thomas Sheridan
Patrick M Brady	Richard Moore
John Moore	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by His Worship, the Mayor:

Report of the Council, in Committee, - Read.

And on Motion of Mr Town Councillor John Carroll, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Robert B: Daly. same was adopted -

The following is a copy of said Report

Report of the whole Council, in Committee, on the Memorial of certain of the Night Watchmen, and the Memorial of George Griffin. -

Report of whole Council in Committee

Negatives se Memorials of Night Watchmen and Geo Griffin

Your Committee beg leave to report, that having considered the Memorial of Andrew Tinglass Thomas Byrne, and Patrick Reilly. Night Watchmen, who were suspended, for soliciting, and receiving Christmass Boxes, praying to be restored to their situations; And also, the Memorial of George Griffin, praying,

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to be appointed to the situation of Bellman, vacant, by the death of the late Thomas McCaull; We are of opinion, that six Night Watchmen, the number now employed, in addition to the services of the Police, will be sufficient for watching the Town, in future.

Six Watchmen, enough, in future

And we further recommend, that the Office of Bellman, be discontinued -

Bell Man, to be discontinued

All which we Certify and submit as our Report this 6th day of February 1865 -

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Draft Petition to Parliament for repeal, or further reduction, of duty on Fire Insurances, Read.

Fire Insurance duty Petition against it approved of

And on Motion of Mr Town Councillor Ellis, seconded by Mr Town Councillor O'Neill, same approved of, And ordered to be forwarded -

North Owner - Notice to Tenants referred

Final notice to Tenants, in the matter of Thomas North Administrator of Thomas North deceased, Owner of Premises called Culverhouse Park, known as Sandyford Alley, in the town of Drogheda, Owner, and Petitioner, Read ~~And read~~ And referred to Law Committee,

Gas Company Account referred

Account of Gas Company from 1st October 1864 to 1st February 1865, amount £390. 5. 2. Read -

Mc Kenna Jarres: His account stands for orders -

Account of James Mc Kenna, Painter: £3. 5. 0: Stands for orders, for Work - And referred to Finance Committee -

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned to Monday the 6th day of March next -

Thos Mathews Mayor

Monday the 6th day of March 1865

at an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly summoned, to meet, in the Assembly room of the Tholsel of said town, on Monday the 6th day of March 1865 at the hour of 12 o'clock in the afternoon, To receive Reports, and transact general business -

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Aldermen	Councillors
John Chadwick	Patrick M: Brady
Patrick Casey	John Carroll
Patrick Boylan	Thomas Simcocks
Councillors	Robert E: Ellis
John O'Neill	George Knaggs
Richard Moore	

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Memorial from 3 Night Watchmen preferring charges

A Memorial from Andrew Finglass, Patrick Reilly, and Thomas Byrne, the three dismissed night Watchmen, Praying for a hearing of Charges brought by them against certain persons therein named: Read: And referred to the following members of the Council to report thereon next.

Aldermen - John Chadwick, and Patrick Casey Esqrs Town Councillors

Messrs John Moore Robert E: Ellis George Knaggs, and John Carroll -

Letter from Lord Mayor of Dublin as to address to Mr Guinness

A letter from the Right Honorable the Lord Mayor of Dublin to His Worship the Mayor of this Borough, dated 25 February 1865, referring to certain Resolutions with respect to the restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin, by Benjamin Lee Guinness, Esqre L. L. D. D. L: Read -

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Mr Alderman Patrick Mathews moved the suspension of the standing orders, that he might be at liberty to move without notice on motion, on the subject of Obnoxious Oaths and Mr having seconded same, said motion was passed unanimously

Mr Alderman Patrick Mathews, then moved, that in as much, as the oaths now imposed upon Her Majestys Roman Catholic subjects, (notwithstanding the passing of the emancipation act) as a qualification for the acceptance of Municipal and other Offices, are extremely insulting to Roman Catholics; that they as well as the oaths now imposed upon Protestants and Dissenters, on similar occasions, ought to be expunged from the statute Books of the Realm: and to that end that a Petition from this Corporation, be presented to both Houses of Parliament, praying for the total abolition of said Oaths.

Oaths, resolved to Petition against –

Which motion having been seconded, by Mr Town Councillor Robert Elwood Ellis.

It was unanimously resolved, that such petition be prepared, and presented to both houses of Parliament

Moved by Mr Alderman Chadwick, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Ellis, And ordered, That the Gas Company be paid the sum of £182..12..6 being the balance appearing on foot of their account up to the 1st day of October 1864 –

Gas Company To be paid £182..12..6d –

An account of Mr James McKenna Painter, Amount £3..5..0: Read – And it was moved by Mr Alderman Chadwick, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Knaggs, And ordered, that after deducting from said Account the sum of £1..1..0 charged therein for 9 pares of glass, in the Moyralty rooms; Mr McKenna, be paid the balance of £2..4..0, as in full for said account –

McKenna James To be paid £2..4..0

The draft of the Municipal taxation, and audit bill, having been read: It was resolved, that the further Consideration thereof be postponed, till Friday next the 10th Instant; And that the Town Clerk do write to the Town Clerks of Cork, Limerick, and Waterford requesting that they would inform him of what steps (if any,) had been taken by them, in reference to said bill –

Municipal Taxation and bill draft thereof read

Town Clerk to write about it

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned until Friday next the 10th day of March Instant, at the hour of 12½ o'clock, in the afternoon –

James Mathews Mayor

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Friday the 10th day of March 1865

At an adjourned quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly summoned, to meet in the assembly room of the Tholsel on Friday the 10th day of March 1865, at 12 o'clock p.m. to receive reports and transact general business.

Present

His Worship the Mayor -

Aldermen	Councillors
John Chadwick	Laurence Moore
Patrick Boylan	John Moore
Councillors	Richard Moore
Thomas Sheridan	Peter Verdon
Thomas Simcocks	George Knaggs
Patrick M. Brady	Robert E. Ellis
John Carroll	

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk, and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Report of the Council in Committee, on the draft of the "Municipal expenditure and taxation (Ireland) regulation and audit bill". Read

The following is a copy of said Report

Report of the whole Council in Committee, with respect to the Municipal taxation and audit bill. -

Report on audit bill

Your Committee beg leave to report, that having considered the draft of said bill; they are of opinion, that the principle thereof is highly objectionable, and would be destructive of the efficiency of the Corporations of Ireland;

and that its provisions will be impracticable. And we respectfully request, that His Worship the Mayor, will instruct the Town Clerk, in his reply to Sir Robert Peel's letter, on this subject, to communicate these views to him -

All which we certify, and submit as our report, this 10th day of March 1865.

Resolution on audit bill

And on motion of the Town Councillor O'Neill, seconded by the Town Councillor Laurence Moore. It was ordered, that the said Report be adopted. And thereupon:

Resolved that the Council having considered said bill, they think the principle thereof highly objectionable, and that it would be destructive of the efficiency of the Corporations of Ireland; and that its provisions are impracticable. and His Worship the Mayor is requested to instruct the Town Clerk, in his reply to Sir Robert Peel's letter, on this subject, to communicate their views to him -

Town Clerk to Write to Sir Robt Peel

Petitions against Oaths - To the Lords. to be intrusted to Lord Clanrickard -

Petitions to both Houses of Parliament praying for the abolition of certain Oaths, imposed upon certain persons, on their acceptance of Municipal, and other Offices. Read - And on motion of Mr Town Councillor Peter Verdon, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Ellis, It was resolved that said Petitions be adopted; that the seal of the Corporation, and His Worship, the Mayor's signature be affixed thereto: And that the Petition to the House of Lords be intrusted to The Most Noble, the Marquis of Clanrickarde,

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Petition to the Commons to Mr James Macan M.P.

Call his attention to oppose audit bill Letter to him ~

And the Petition to the House of Commons to James Macan Esquire, the Member for this Borough, for presentation: and that in the letter accompanying same to him he be requested to be so good as to direct his attention to the opposition of said audit bill ~ Whereupon, the meeting adjourned to monday the 3rd day of April next ~

Saturday the 18th day of March 1865

At a special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the assembly room of the Tholsel on Saturday the 18th day of March 1865, at the hour of 11 o'clock, in the forenoon, for the purpose of appointing a deputation of the Council to attend in Dublin, with His Worship the Mayor, on His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant on monday next the 20th Instant ~

Present

His Worship the Mayor.

Alderman Patrick Boylan	Councillors
Town Councillors	John Carroll
Patick M. Brady	John Moore
Robert E. Ellis	John O'Neill ~

Deputation to Ld. Lieut, as to oaths ~

His Worship the Mayor mentioned, that the meeting was rendered necessary, in consequence of a circular letter which he had received from Sir John Grey, a Member of the Dublin Corporation, intimating, that the Municipal Council, in the name of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Dublin, hoped that the Corporation of Drogheda, would take such steps as in their discretion they might deem most suitable, to obtain an early expression of the opinion of their body, With reference to the obnoxious Oaths, therein referred to; And also, intimating, that His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, had appointed monday next, the 20th Instant, to receive the provincial & Municipal Deputations, together with that from Dublin ~ Whereupon, it was arranged, that His Worship the Mayor, and as many of the Council as could make it convenient, should attend in Dublin, on monday next, for the purpose referred to ~

James Matthews Sec.

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Monday the 3rd day April 1865

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Brough of Drogheda, duly summoned to meet the Assembly room of the Tholsel, on Monday the 3rd day of April 1865 at 12½ Oclock P.M. To receive reports and transact general business

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Aldermen	Councillors
Thomas Carty	Peter Verdon
Patrick Boylan	Patrick Byrne
Town Councillors	John Gradwell
Thomas Sheridan	John Moore
Laurence Moore	George Kraggs
John Carroll	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor

Repat of Committee on Charges preferred by certain of the Night Watchmen, against Constable James Cummins - read

The following is a Copy of said report

Report of the Committee to Consider the Memorial of Andrew Finglass, Patick Reilly, and Thomas Byrne, three of the Night Watchmen, who had been dismissed

Report dismissing James Cummins

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Your Committee beg leave to repat, that having into considered said memorial, and enquired of certain Charges thereby preferred against James Cummins, the Constable of the Night Watch, of the Borough;

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and having examined said Finglass, Reilly, and Byrne, on oath, in the presence and hearing of said Cummins; and having also heard what said Cummins had to say, in explanation of said charges and having taken same into Consideration, We Recommend and are unanimously of opinion, that the said James Cummins, should be forthwith dismissed from the said Situation of Constable of the Night Watch of the Borough -

All which your Committee beg leave to certify, and submit as their Report, this 11th day of March 1865

Mc Caull Widow Ordered a quarters Salary of Husband

And upon Motion of Mr Town Councillor Kraggs Seconded by Mr Town Councillor John Carroll, Same was confirmed -

A Petition the Widow of the late Thomas Mc Caull Bellman praying for the payment of a quarters salary, ended on the 22nd day of March last. Was read -

And on motion of Mr Alderman Boylan - seconded by Mr Town Councillor Kraggs, the prayer of said petition was granted -

Fowl dealers - Mayor takes Charge of their Memorial

A Memorial from the Fowl dealers of the Market, of the Borough, praying for protection from the violent Conduct of certain persons, who Obstructed the sellers of Fowl, coming to the Market, was read -

And thereupon, His Worship the Mayor was pleased to say that he would instruct the Police with respect to the matter.

Towers: O'Donnell Richard proposes for -

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A Proposal from Mr Richard O'Donnell, Representative of the late Mr Mathew Weir, offering a rent of 1/6 per week, for the occupation of the two Towers, at St Lawrence Gate, was read

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but no motion was made thereon.

Hammond Messrs To be paid

An account from Messrs Hammond for cut Stones supplied, Amount £2..15..0 Read And same having been supplied by Contract, was ordered to be paid.

Cummins James Memorial No motion on it

A Memorial from James Cummins, the Constable of the Night Watch from which Situation he had been dismissed Read: but no motion was made with respect thereto.

Hamlin Owner Members to inspect Premises.

A letter from J. W. Hardman Solicitor, in reference to an objection on behalf of the Corporation, in the matter of Hamlin Owner: Read.

And several of the Members present, having agreed to visit the premises, and to report thereon the matter remained over to abide the result of such Report.

McCann James Esq. M.P. Takes charge of Petitions

A letter from James McCann Esq.re M.P. Stating that he had received Petitions for the abolition of certain Oaths, from this Corporation; That he had presented the petition from the Inhabitants of this Borough, for the disendowment of Protestant Church in Ireland. And that he would present the petition on the question of Landlord and Tenant, and oppose the Municipal taxation and audit Bill. Read, And ordered to be intered on the Minutes.

Reilly Edward No motion on his lease or bond

The Town Clerk mentioned to the Council that, Edward Reilly Weighmaster had not taken out his lease, or given Security, in conformity with the terms of the agreement, for the letting of the Charges, at the Cranes, and Markets, of the Borough but no motion was mde thereon

Account of Bernard Daly for several Works

Daly Bernard His account referred

therein charged for, as done by him for the Corporation from the 9th day of January 1864 to the 8th day of February 1865, amount £3..18..8 Read, and referred to Finance Committee

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned Tuesday the 18th day of April Instant, at the hour of half past 1 oclock in the afternoon — James Matthew Mayor

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Monday the 17th day of April 1865

At a special Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned, to meet in the Assembly room of the Tholsel on Monday the 17th day of April 1865, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of adopting an Address to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, on his arrival here on the 4th proximo

Present

His Worship the Mayor.

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Boylan	John Carroll
Patrick Casey	Thomas Simcocks
John Chadwick	Thomas Sheridan
Councillors	Laurence Moore
Peter Verdon	John Moore
John O'Neill	Robert B Daly
Patrick Byrne	
John Gradwell	

Lord Lieut. Draft Address approved of

On Motion of Mr Town Councillor John Gradwell Seconded by Mr Alderman Patrick Boylan

It was ordered, that the draft of the Address then read by the Town Clerk be adopted, and that same be engrossed for presentation to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant on his arrival in Drogheda on the 4th of May next for the purpose of turning the first sod of the Drogheda Water Works. And that same be entered on the Minutes of the proceedings of the Corporation

Moved by Mr Town Councillor Verdon, Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Daly:

Lord Lieutenant Committee to carry out proceedings

And Resolved, that the following members of the Council viz

Messrs Gradwell
O'Neill
Daly and
Byrne

Be appointed a Committee to carry out the proceedings connected with the said Ceremony to take place on the 1st day of May next.

James Mathew Mayor

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Tuesday the 18th day of April 1865

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the 18th day of April 1865, at the hour of half past one o'clock, in the afternoon, for the purpose of appointing a Treasurer, - Receiving Reports, and transacting general business -

Present -

His Worship the Mayor

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Boylan	Thomas Sheridan
Thomas Carty	Patrick M: Brady
Patrick Mathews	Richard Moore
John Chadwick	Thomas Simcocks
Councillors	George Harper
Peter Verdon	John Gradwell
Patrick Byrne	John O'Neill
Laurence Moore	Robert E: Ellis
Owen Bodkin	Robert B. Daly

Moore John resigned

Letters of resignation, of the Office of Town Councillors from Mr. John Moore and Mr. John Carroll - Read

Mr Alderman Patrick Mathews, moved, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Patrick M: Brady that said resignation of Mr John Moore be accepted of on payment of a fine of one shilling

Carroll John resigned -

Mr Town Councillor Peter Verdon, moved, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Harper, that the resignation of Mr Carroll be accepted of; And accordingly the same was accepted of, on payment of a fine of one shilling -

Moved by Mr Alderman Patrick Mathews, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Ellis, that Mr John Moore be appointed Treasurer,

Moved by Mr Town Councillor John Gradwell, seconded by Mr Alderman Patrick Boylan, that Mr John Carroll be appointed Treasurer.

Treasurer Moore John appointed

And His Worship the Mayor, having put both motions from the Chair, and a poll was demanded: Whereupon, there appeared for Mr John Moore ten votes, and for Mr John Carroll 8 Votes: And thereupon, His Worship the Mayor declared, Mr John Moore duly elected Treasurer, for one year.

James Mathews Mayor

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Monday the 24th day of April 1865

McGeown James elected Councillor for Fair Gate Ward

On this day Patrick Casey Esq, senior ~~Alderman~~ Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward, with Messrs John Hughes and John Parsons Assessors of said Ward, and Patrick Boylan Esq. Senior Alderman of the St Laurence Gate Ward, with Mr Peter Connolly Assessor of said Ward, (Mr James Augustine Flanagan, the other Assessor of said Ward having resigned,) held Elections respectively of their said Wards, to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of Mr John Carroll as Town Councillor of the Fair Gate Ward, and of the resignation of Mr John Moore as Town Councillor for the St Laurence Gate Ward, when Mr James McGeown of Trinity street, in the County of the Town of Drogheda was elected a Town Councillor for the Fair Gate Ward, in the room of Mr John Carroll; and Mr James Augustine Flanagan was elected a Town Councillor for the St Laurence Gate Ward in the stead of Mr John Moore

Flanagan James Augustine Elected Town Councillor for St Laurence Gate Ward

And said Elections were duly published by His Worship the Mayor, pursuant to the requisites of the statute.

Monday the 1st day of May 1865

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly room of the Tholsel, on Monday the 1st day of May 1865, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon to receive reports, and transact general business.

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Casey	Thomas Sheridan
Patrick Mathews	John O'Neill
Thomas Carty	James Augustine Flanagan
Patrick Boylan	James McGeown
Councillors	George Knaggs
Peter Verdon	Richard Moore
Thomas Simcocks.	Laurence Moore
Robert B. Daly	
Patrick Byrne	

The minutes of the last meeting and return of Messrs James McGeown and James Augustine Flanagan, as Town Councillors - Read -

Six Tenders for Paving Stones, Sand and broken stone: Read -

Moved by Mr Alderman Boylan seconded by Mr Town Councillor Ellis, and ordered, That the Tender of Mr Laurence Kelly, (No 6.) be accepted -

Kelly Laurence His proposal for paving Stones &c accepted

Proposals for the Yard in Bachelors lane, which had been tenanted by the late Mr Patrick Elcock - Read -

Callaghan John declared Tenant to Yard in Bachelors lane

And moved by Mr Town Councillor Peter Verdon, seconded by Mr Alderman Patrick Mathews and ordered, That the proposal of Mr John Callaghan to become tenant for said yard at the yearly rent of £2.. 2.. be accepted of -

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Rating of Unions
Notice of Motion by Town Councillor R.B. Daly -

Mr Town Councillor Robert B. Daly gave notice of Motion, that at this Corporation do petition both Houses of Parliament, that the provisions of Mr Villiers' bill, with respect to Union rating, be extended to Ireland.

Solicitors costs, referred to Law Committee

The Solicitors' Costs having been submitted to the Council, the same were referred to the Law Committee.

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned to Wednesday the 10th day of May Instant, for the purpose of completing the appointment of Mr John Moore into the Office of Treasurer; And the Town Clerk was instructed, in the meantime, to have hand searches made, to ascertain whether the Properties of Messrs Patrick Green, and Thomas Penlony, the Treasurers' proposed Sureties, were incumbered.

Searches to be made against Green & Penlony

James Matthews Mayor

Monday the 15th day of May 1865

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly summoned, to meet in the Assembly room of the Tholsel, on Monday the 15th day of May 1865, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering the motion of Mr Town Councillor Robert B. Daly with respect to petitioning Parliament for an extension of Mr Villiers's bill, with respect to Union rating in Ireland; To complete the appointment of Mr John Moore to the Office of Treasurer: To receive reports, and transact general business.

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Aldermen	Councillors
Patrick Mathews	John O'Neill
Thomas Carty	Laurence Moore
Councillors	Patrick M. Brady
George Knaggs	Thomas Simcocks
Thomas Sheridan	James Mc Geown

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Rating of Unions
Petition to Parliament on Mr Daly's Notice of Motion agreed to.

Mr Alderman Boylan in the absence of Mr Town Councillor Robert B. Daly moved the motion mentioned in Mr Daly's said notice, with respect to petitioning Parliament for an extension of the provisions of Mr Villiers's bill as to Union ratings in Ireland, which was seconded by Mr Town Councillor Knaggs: Whereupon, it was unanimously resolved, that a Petition from this Corporation be presented to the Parliament praying for such extension.

Mr Alderman Boylan moved, seconded by Mr Town Councillor Sheridan, And ordered, That the

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Suspension of Standing Orders on Motion of Alderman Boylan to adopt a Petition similar to that of the Cork Corporation for a Charter to the Roman Catholic University of Ireland.

Address to His Excellency on his turning the first Sod of the Water Works.

Standing orders of the Council be suspended for the purpose of his moving. And accordingly He thereupon moved, That a petition similar to that adopted by the Corporation of Cork, praying for a Charter to the Roman catholic University of Ireland be presented to Parliament by this Corporation; Which motion having been seconded by Mr Town Councillor Sheridan, the same was unanimously carried -

An Address from this Corporation to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant upon the occasion of his late visit to Drogheda to turn the first sod of the Water Works and His Excellency's Reply thereto - Read

And it was moved by Mr Alderman Boylan seconded by Mr Alderman Casey And ordered, that said Address and reply be placed on the Minutes -

The following are Copies of said Address and reply

Copy Address

To His Excellency Lord John Wodehouse Lord Lieutenant General, and General Governor of Ireland.

May it please Your Excellency, We the Directors of the Drogheda Water Works coy beg to approach Your Excellency with feelings of heartfelt thanks for this proof of the interest taken by your Excellency as Repres. of Her most Gracious Majesty in this our beloved Country in public works more especially when such are calculated to confer lasting benefits upon the community in which they are originated. Half of the cost of this undertaking has been subscribed by the noble hearted & Generous Benjamin Whitworth, whom we feel proud in being able to claim as our fellow citizen. These works will convey to the town of Drogheda 800,000 gals per day of the purest water. Manufactures and arts will be stimulated & the comfort happiness & health of the people more especially that of the humbler classes greatly promoted.

We now request Your Excellency will

condescend to turn the first Sod of these Works. and beg again to tender you our most sincere thanks for this graciously coming amongst us.

His Excellency's Reply -

Copy Reply

Mr Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda

I assure you that the pleasure which you have expressed at my arrival in your interesting and important Town is equally felt on my part; I am unfeignedly anxious to Administer the duties of the high Office entrusted to me by your gracious Sovereign in such a manner as shall conduce to the Welfare of Ireland. but the improvement of the Country must as you well know, depend far more upon the efforts of the people themselves than upon the encouragement, and support which it is in the power of any Lord Lieutenant to give; and it is on that Accent that I, hail with especial satisfaction the striking proof which the Inhabitants of Drogheda afford by the undertaking which we are to inaugurate, this day, that they possess the self relying energy - and enterprise which are the true sources of National Wealth and prosperity -

Search for acts by Messrs Patrick Green and Thomas Pentony -

It was ordered, that the Town Clerk do at the next meeting report the result of the search in the Registry office of deeds for the acts of Messrs Patrick Green, and Thomas Pentony, the Sureties proposed by Mr John Moore as Treasurer. The deed of Mortgage

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Deed of Mortgage for £5000 – Submitted but not Signed

from the Corporation to secure the £5000, Loan was submitted for execution but not signed

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned until Monday the 5th day of June next –

James Mathews. Mayor

Monday the 29th day of May 1865

Kelly John. of Wms. Street. Elected an assessor for St Lawrence Gate ward

On this day Patrick Boylan Esq Senior Alderman of the St Laurence Gate Ward, with Mr Peter Connolly an Assessor of said Ward, held an election to elect an Assessor for said Ward, in the stead of Mr James Augustine Flanagan, formerly an Assessor for said Ward, who has resigned the Office of such Assessor, when Mr John Kelly of William street was elected Assessor, And said election was duly published by His Worship the Mayor, pursuant to the requisites of the statute –

James Mathews Mayor

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Monday the 19th day of June 1865.

At a Special Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel, on Monday the 19th day of June 1865. at the hour of 12 O'clock. at Noon. for the purpose of affixing the seal of the Corporation to the Deed of Mortgage. to secure the £5000 Loan=

Present.

His Worship the Mayor.

Aldermen.	= Councillors =
John Chadwick	Patrick W. Brady.
Patrick Boylan	Laurence Moore
Councillors	Robert B. Daly.
A. Flanagan	Patrick Byrne.
Thos. Sheridan.	
Richard Moore.	

Corporation Seal affixed to Mortgage Deed for £5000 Stg.

The Minutes of the last Meeting and also the Minutes of the Election of Wm. John Kelly, as Assessor were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor=

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that the Council were Summoned for the purpose of having the Seal of the Corporation affixed to the Mortgage Deed for the £5000. about to be advanced by Wm. Thomas Plunket Cairns=

On the Motion of Wm. Town Councillor R. B. Daly. Seconded by Wm. Alderman Patrick Boylan.

It was ordered that the seal of the Corporation be affixed to said Deed. and accordingly the seal was affixed by the Town Clerk.

James Matthews. The

The Meeting thereupon adjourned to Monday the 3rd July next.s

Monday the 3rd day of July 1865

At a Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 3rd day of July 1865. at 12 O'clock at Noon. to receive Reports and transact General business.

Present

Alderman Patrick Boylan. Chairman

Town Councillors	Councillors
A. Flanagan.	James Mc. Geown
Richard Moore	Laurence Moore

Mayor & council attending on Judge

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read. and His Worship the Mayor and several other Members of the Council being obliged to attend on the Judge. and as Grand Jurors. at the opening of the Commission for holding the Assizes this day.

It was ordered that this Meeting be adjourned to Friday the 7th July Instant. at the hour of 12 O'clock Noon. Notice to be served on Wm. Cogan the Engineer. of all future Meetings=

James Matthews Mayor.

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Friday the 7th day of July 1865

At an adjourned Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Friday the 7th day of July 1865. at the hour of 12 O'clock Noon. to receive Reports and transact general business.

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman P. Boylan.	Comcillors
Town Councillors	A. Flanagan.
James Mc Geown	Thomas Sheridan.
John O'Neile	Richard Moore.
Laurence Moore	
Thomas Simcocks	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

On the Motion of Mr. Alderman P. Boylan Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Laurence Moore

Treasurer to ascertain the reason of deficiency in recogement of the £5000

It was ordered that the Treasurer be instructed to ascertain why £1978.15.8 in place of £5000. the Sum agreed to be advanced by Mr. Cairns, was lodged by him. to the Credit of the Corporation in the Hibernian Bank.-

Slevin James a/c to be paid

An account of Mr. James Slevin amounting to £8. for painting and tarring St. Dominicks Bridge pursuant to Contract, having been read by the Town Clerk and same being certified by the Engineer

On the Motion of Mr. Alderman Patrick Boylan Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Thomas Sheridan- It was ordered that the amount of said account be paid to Mr. Slevin -

The Meeting thereupon adjourned to Tuesday the 1st August next.- James Mathews Mayor

Tuesday the 1st day of August 1865

At a quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to Meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Tuesday the the 1st day of August 1865. at the hour of 12 O'clock Noon. to receive Reports and Transact General business=

- Present -

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman P. Casey.	Town Councillors
Town Councillors	James A. Flanagan
Patrick Byrne	Richard Moore.
R. E. Ellis	Laurence Moore
James Mc Geown	P. Brady

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by His Worship the Mayor=

Sewer in Trinity Street. Tenders for making

Mr. Cogan, Engineer, having read Specification for the construction of a new Sewer in Trinity Street. and two tenders sent in for same. the Matter, after some discussion. was directed to stand over until next Meeting, viz, on Monday next

Tender for cleansing & watering Streets accepted.

Mr. Monaghans tender for Cleansing and Watering the Streets for the ensuing year for the Sum of £200. having been read by the Engineer. same was unanimously accepted -

Mayoralty Rooms repair of.

His Worship the Mayor having brought under the Notice of the Council the delapidated State of the Mayoralty Rooms. it was arranged that as many of the Members of the Council present. as could conveniently attend. should accompany His Worship to inspect same. with the view of having the required repairs made.-

The Meeting thereupon adjourned to Monday next the 7th Inst. James Mathews Mayor

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Monday the 7th day of August 1865

At an adjourned quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 7th day of August 1865. at the hour of 12 o'clock Noon. to receive Reports and transact Gneral business.

Present.

His Worship the Mayor.

Town Councillors	Town Councillors
Thomas Sheridan	John O'Neill
James A. Flanagan	R. E. Ellis
James Mc Geown	Richard Moore.
Lawrence Moore	P. Brady.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk. and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Engineers report as to repairs to Mayoralty Rooms.

A Report from the Engineer in reference to repairs required at the Mayoralty Rooms was read by the Town Clerk when, on the Motion of Mr. Town Councillor Ellis Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Richard Moore the following Gentlemen were deputed to accompany His Worship the Mayor to the Rooms to ascertain what repairs were required, namely, Councillors, John O'Neill Thomas Sheridan, J. A. Flanagan. Laurence Moore. and as many of the Members of the Council present, as could conveniently attend.

Tenders for erection of Sewer in Trinity Street were received, but not opened, in Consequence of the Absence of the Engineer. and were directed to stand over until Next Meeting.

Trinity Street Sewer. Expense of to be paid by Grand Jury.

Mr. Town Councillor Sheridan Submitted to the Council that the Expense of the proposed Sewer in Trinity Street should be paid by the Grand Jury and not by the Corporation as the Grand Jury repaired the roads and Streets outside the other gates of the town.

His Worship the Mayor and several

of the other Members of the Council present concurred in the View Submitted by Mr. Town Councillor Sheridan but no Motion was moved in reference to the Matter.

The Meeting thereupon adjourned to Monday the 4th September next.

James Mathews Mayor

Monday the 4th day of September 1865.

At an adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, Summoned to Meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 4th day of September 1865. at the hour of 12 o'clock Noon. to receive Reports and transact Gneral business.

Present

His Worship the Mayor.

Mr. Alderman	T. Carty.	Mr. Town Councillor,
Mr. Town Councillor	George Knaggs	Thomas Simcock
" "	Laurence Moore,	J. A. Flanagan.
" "	James Levins	Patrick Byrne.
" "	R. E. Ellis.	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and were Signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Requisition from Mr. Leech as to foundation of new house in Chord road.

A Letter was also read from Mr. Nicholas Leech of the Chord Road requesting permission to form the foundation of a new house two feet in front of the site of the present old houses on the South side of the Chord Road late in the possession of Mrs. Cavanagh Representative of late Mr. Prendergast, and thus have his intended new house in a range with the houses already erected on that side of said Street Whereupon His Worship the Mayor stated that he would view the premises in order to form a correct idea of what Mr. Leech required.

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Gas company a/c. to be paid.

An account from the Drogheda Gas Company was read by the Town Clerk when it appearing that same had accrued due by Contract Mr Alderman Carty moved and Mr Town Councillor Laurence Moore seconded that the Treasurer be directed to pay £200. on account thereof. and same was passed unanimously.

Court house Keeper. appeying for increase of Salary.

The Town Clerk also read a Memorial sent in by John Devitt, Court Keeper. praying for an increase in his Salary on the Grounds of additional duty which he was performing for some months past, in seeing after the night watchmen &c. but owing to a sufficient number of the Members of the Council not being present, the consideration thereof was adjourned to next meeting.

The Meeting thereupon adjourned.

James Mathews Mayor

Monday the 2nd day of October 1865.

At an adjourned monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 2nd day of October 1865 at the hour of 12 o'clock noon to receive Reports and transact general business

Present

His Worship The Mayor

Mr Alderman John Chadwick	Mr T. C. Simcocks
" T. C. R. B. Daly	" " Knaggs
" " P. Byrne	" " Flanagan
" " J. Lewis	" " Lance Moore

The Town Clerk read the minutes of the last meeting which was signed by His Worship the Mayor

Engineers Report as to Sanitary state of the town, gates and doors of Corn market houses

Mr Cogan the Engineer read a report in reference to the Sanitary State of the town and also with respect to the gates and doors of the Corn market houses. Whereupon the Mayor suggested the appointment of a Committee to take charge of this matter. And accordingly His Worship Town Councillors Byrne, Simcocks, and Knaggs were appointed such Committee and the Engineer was directed to make out a specification of the required work before advertizing for a Contractor.

Memorial from discharg. night watchmen.

The Town Clerk read a Memorial from three discharged night watchmen named Reilly, Finglas and Byrne praying that they might be taken back into the service of the Corporation but no order was made thereon.

Memor. from Thos. Byrne as to thatching houses.

A Memorial was also read from Thomas Byrne praying that he might be permitted to finish some houses he was building outside Sundays Gate, and to thatch same but the Memorial was rejected

Edwd. Reilly's proposal of £100 for Cranes for year accepted

Mr. Edward Reilly the former Contractor for the Cranes proposed to give £90 for the Coming Year but the Council having refused to accept his proposal. It was moved by Mr. Knaggs and seconded by Mr that Mr Reilly do get the

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Cranes at £100 for the year and the same having been put from the Chair was declared Carried Mr Reilly being present and assenting thereto.

Devitt John mem. for increase of Salary. granted

A Memorial was read from John Devitt Court Keeper for an increase of Salary in Consequence of the imposition on him of extra duties namely Constable of the Watch and Inspector of Lamps, and after debate of the matter It was Moved by Mr Laurence Moore, and Seconded by Mr Knaggs and Unanimously Carried that the Salary of Devitt be increased from 15/ to £1.0.0 per Week. such increase to Commence from the 10th day of March last

Gas a/c. to be paid

An account from the Gas Company amounting to £237 was read and after Considerable discussion It was Moved by Mr Alderman Chadwick and Seconded by Mr Councillor Simcocks that the account be referred to the finance Committee but it was subsequently arranged that £200 should be paid to the Gas Company on account pending the reference to the Committee

The Meeting thereupon adjourned

Wednesday the first day of November 1865

At a quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Wednesday the 1st day of November 1865 at the hour of 12 o'c. Noon to receive reports and transact general business.

Present

His Worship The Mayor

Mr. Aldn.	Patrick Casey	Mr. J. C.	Thomas Sheridan
" "	Patrick Mathews	" "	R. C. Ellis
" "	Patrick Boylan	" "	James Levins
" J. C.	Lauce. Moore	" "	Patrick Byrne
" "	George Knaggs	" "	Richard Moore

The Town Clerk read the Minutes of the last meeting which was signed by his Worship The Mayor

Hollander: Mathews Tender for supplying coals at 16/6 per ton accepted.

Tenders for supplying the Corporation Wells Coal for one year from the 1st November 1865 were read and Mathew Hollander having proposed to supply the same at 16/6 per ton and deliver same as required It was moved by Mr Alderman Boylan and Seconded by Mr Alderman Casey, and Carried Unanimously that the tender of the said Mathew Hollander be accepted

Carrett. postmasters Letter as to colored Lamp at post office

The Town Clerk read a Communication from Mr. Carette Postmaster stating that a Gas Lamp Coloured red and having the Words "Post office" printed on both sides was very much required at the Post office and after some discussion It was moved by Mr Alderman Boylan and Seconded by Mr. J. C. Flanagan that the matter of said letter be referred to the Gas Committee

A Memorial was read from John Kelly of Laurence Gate praying that he might be appointed as Caretaker of the Mayoralty Rooms whereupon same was

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Mayoralty Rooms Caretaker

referred to the Committee appointed in reference to the painting and decorating of the Mayoralty house &c. namely His Worship The Mayor, Town Councillors Byrne, Simcocks, and Knaggs.

Corporation tenants in arrear of rent

Mr. Councillor Knaggs brought under the notice of the Council the fact that several of the Corporation tenants were in arrear whereupon he moved and Alderman Casey seconded that the Treasurer do make out a list of such defaulting tenants and furnish same to the Law Committee for investigation, agreed to.

Paintings in Ball Room of Mayoralty Rooms

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Tumatti in reference to the paintings in the Ball Room of the Mayoralty house proposing the Cleaning and Varnishing of same and the Committee appointed to superintend the decoration of the rooms were requested to consider the matter of said letter.

Address of Condolence to Lady Palmerston (notice)

Mr. Alderman Boylan gave notice that he would at the next meeting move an address of Condolence to Lady Palmerston expressing sympathy with her on the loss she has recently experienced, and the Council adjourned until Monday the 6th November instant

James Mathews Mayor

Monday the 6th day of November 1865.

At an adjourned quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly room of the Tholsel on Monday the 6th day of November at the hour of 12 o'clock for the purpose of considering the notice of Motion given by Mr Alderman Boylan of his intention to move a Vote of Condolence to Lady Palmerston upon her recent bereavement

Present

His Worship The Mayor

Mr Alderman Boylan	Mr T. C. George Knaggs
Mr Alderman Jas Mathews	" Robt E. Ellis
Mr T. C. James Levins	" James McGeown
" " " Patrick Byrne	" Thos Simcocks
" " " Patk M. Brady	" Jas A. Flanagan

The minutes of last meeting was read by the Town Clerk and signed by his Worship The Mayor.

Address of condolence to Lady Palmerston

Mr. Alderman Boylan moved the motion mentd in his notice that a Vote of Condolence to Lady Palmerston upon her recent bereavement be adopted by the Council and presented to her Ladyship and Mr. Town Councillor Flanagan having seconded the Motion it was passed unanimously and thereupon the Council adjourned until first the day of December next

James Mathews Mayor

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Saturday 25th November 1865

Fair Gate Ward. Town Councillors Elected

West Gate Ward Town Councillors Elected

St Laurence Gate Ward Town Councillors Elected.

On this day Patrick Carey Jun.r Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward. with Mess.rs John Hughes and John Parsons Assessors of said Ward. And Thomas Carty Esquire Sen.r Alderman of the West Gate Ward. with Mess.rs Michael Finegan Jr. and James Jones Knappock Assessors of said Ward, Patrick Boylan Esq Senior Alderman of the St Laurence Gate Ward. With Mess.rs John Kelly. and Peter Connolly Assessors of said Ward held Elections respectively of their several Wards to fill the Vacancies Caused by the retirement of two Councillors for each of said Wards. When Mess.rs Thomas Sheridan of Bolton Street Merchant and Thomas Sincock of West Street Hotel Keeper. both of Drogheda in the County of the Town of Drogheda. were elected Town Councillors of the Fair Gate Ward. John Joseph Gormley of Peter St. Dairyfarmer and Patrick M. Brady of Shop Street Merchant. both of Drogheda aforesaid were elected Town Councillors of the West Gate Ward. Michael Fillen of Laurence Street Banker. and Hiernai Greene of Merchants Quay Sailmaker both of Drogheda aforesaid were elected Town Councillors for the Saint Laurence Gate Ward. and said elections were duly Published by his Worship the Mayor pursuant to the requirements of the Statute.

Henry Matthews Mayor

Friday the 1st day of December 1865.

Election of Mayor.

At a Special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the House of said Town. on Friday the 1st day of December 1865. at the hour of 12. o'Clock noon for the purpose of electing a Mayor for the ensuing year from the 1st day of January 1866.

Present.

His Worship the Mayor.

Alderman John Chadwick	T.C.	Michael Fillon
Alderman Patrick Carey	T.C.	Hiernai Greene
Alderman Patrick Mathews	T.C.	James A. Flanagan
T.C. P.M. Brady	T.C.	Henry Sheridan
T.C. John Gradwell	T.C.	J.J. Gormley
T.C. James Lewins	T.C.	Laurence Moore

The Minutes of last meeting were Read by the Town Clerk and Signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Whereupon Mr Alderman John Chadwick Preparatory to the Nomination of Mayor for the ensuing year. Moved that his Worship the Mayor do leave the Chair and that Alderman Carey do take the same. And the Mayor having Vacated the Chair accordingly. It was proposed by Mr Alderman Chadwick and seconded by Mr Town Councillor James Lewins that His Worship. be Re-elected Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year. Which Proposition having been Put from the Chair and no other Gentleman having been Proposed was Unanimously Carried whereupon his Worship returned Thanks to the Assembly and thereupon the Council adjourned until Monday next the 4th day of December instant.

James Matthews Mayor

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Monday the 4th December 1865

On this day Patrick Casey the Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward with Messrs John Hughes and John Parsons Assessors of said Ward. Thomas Carty, Esq. the Senr Aldn of the West Gate Ward, with Messrs Michael Finegan Junior and James Jones Keappock Assessors of said Ward and Patrick Boylan, Esq. Senr Alderman of the Saint Laurence Gate Ward, with Messrs John Kelly and Peter Connolly Assessors of said Ward, held elections respectively for said Wards to elect Assessors for same respectively for the ensuing Year when Messrs John Hughes of West Street in said Borough Printer and Publisher and John Parsons of West Street aforesaid Merchant were re elected Assessors of the Fair Gate Ward, Messrs Michael Finegan Jr of Shop Street in said Borough Merchant and James Jones Keappock of West St in said Borough Hotel Keeper were re elected Assessors of the West Gate Ward, and Messrs John Kelly of William Street Linen Manufacturer and Peter Connolly of North Strand Publican both in said Borough were re elected Assessors of the St Laurence Gate Ward, and each and all for the Year Commencing the 11th December 1865. And on the same day His Worship the Mayor held an election for Assessors and Auditors for said Borough for the ensuing Year when Messrs Wm Boylan of South Quay Merchant and Owen McEntegart of Fair St Merchant both in said Borough were elected Assessors and Thomas Paly of West Street in said Borough Merchant and Edward McDonough of West St aforesaid in said Borough Merchant were elected Borough Auditors for the ensuing Year. And said Several Elections were duly Published by His Worship the Mayor pursuant to the Statute in that behalf.

Fair Gate Ward
Election of Assessors

West Gate Ward
Election of Assessors

St Laurence Gate Ward
Election of Assessors.

Borough assessors and auditors

Auditors for Borough

Monday the 4th December 1865

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel in said Town on Monday the 4th day of December 1865 at the hour of 12 o.c in the noon for the purpose of transacting general business

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Mr Aldn Thomas Carty	Mr T. C. Laurence Moore
" Aldn Patrick Boylan	" T. C. Thomas Greene
" T. C. J. G. Gormley	" T. C. Thomas Suncock
" T. C. John O'Neill	" T. C. James A. Flanagan
" T. C. P. M. Brady.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by His Worship the Mayor.

An account from Messrs Hammond amounting to £3.7.2 for Cut Stone supplied by Contract was read when it was moved by Mr Alderman Boylan and Seconded by Town Councillor Gormley and ordered that same be paid

An account from the Gas Company amounting to £131.17.10 was read whereupon Mr Alderman Boylan moved and Mr Town Councillor Gormley seconded that £100 be paid on account thereof.

A report of the Lamp Inspector was also read and referred to the lighting Committee the meeting was thereupon adjourned to Monday the 18th instant.

James Mathews Mayor

Hammond Messrs a/c to be paid

Gas Compy a/c be paid

Lamp Inspectors report.

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Monday the 18th December 1865

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of The Tholsel on Monday the 18th day of Decr 1865 at the hour of 12 Oc in the Noon for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting general business

Present

His Worship The Mayor

Ald: Patrick Boylan	T.C. Thomas Sheridan
T.C. James A. Hanagan	" Thomas Green
" James Mc Geown	" John O'Neill
" Richard Moore	" Patk M. Brady

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by the Mayor

Sewer (Trinity St)

Mr Town Councillor Brady brought before the Consideration of the Council the propriety of Constructing a Sewer at Trinity Street and With that View Moved that advertisement by hand bill be Published inviting Tenders for its Construction and Mr T.C. Richard Moore having Seconded the Motion which having been Put from the Chair was Passed.

Crossings (Report)

Mr Logan the Engineer Read a Report With Respect to Proposed Crossings in Several Places Within the Borough Whereupon Mr Alderman Boylan Moved and Mr T.C. Gormley Seconded that Said Report be Referred and the Same was accordingly Referred to the Paving Committee and the Meeting adjourned to Monday the 1st day of January 1866

James Matthews Mayor

Monday the 1st January 1866

At an adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of The Tholsel on Monday the first day of January 1866 at the hour of three Oclock P.M. for the Purpose of Swearing in James Matthews Esquire as Mayor for the ensuing year, to receive Reports and transact general business

Present

His Worship	His Mayor	T.C.	P. Verdon
Alderman	Patrick Casey	T.C.	J.G. Gormley
Alderman	Patk Matthews	T.C.	J.A. Hanagan
T.C.	James McGeown	T.C.	Thomas Sheridan
T.C.	P. Brady	T.C.	Thomas Sinicock
T.C.	James Sevins	T.C.	Richard Moore
T.C.	Thomas Green	T.C.	R.E. Ellis
T.C.	Michl Dillon	T.C.	James Moore

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by His Worship His Mayor

Mayor Sworn in

The Mayor elect Alderman James Matthews Esquire Justice of the Peace accompanied by the Members of the Council then Present proceeded in their official Robes to the Crown Court of the Tholsel where he took the Oath of Mayor before John Chadwick Esquire Justice of the Peace, and Afterwards returned to the Assembly Room and took the Chair. When Mr Town Councillor Sevins Moved and Mr Town Councillor Green Seconded that the Mayor do leave the Chair and that Mr Alderman Patrick Casey do take the Same

and

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and Mr Alderman Casey having accordingly taken the Chair. It was moved by Mr. Town Councillor Gormley and Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Green. and Carried by acclamation that the thanks of this Assembly are hereby tendered to our Worthy and Respected Mayor for his impartial and dignified Conduct during his year of office. Whereupon the Mayor returned thanks.

Callaghan Johns a/cc. to be paid Clothing

An account from John Callaghan Amounting to £9.0.0 for Supplying Clothing to the night Watchmen (according to Contract) was read. and an order made for payment. and thereupon the Council adjourned to Monday the 8th day of January instant at the hour of 12. o.c

Patrick Boylan
Chairman

Monday the 8th January 1866

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel. on Monday the 8th day of January 1866. at the hour of 12. o.c. of the noon for the purpose of transacting general business

Present

Alderman, Patrick Boylan, in the Chair

T. C James McGawn	T. C. Thomas Greene
T. C Laurence Moore	T. C. Patk M. Brady
T. C. Robt E. Ellis	T. C. James A. Flanagan
T. C John O'Neill	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk. and Signed by Mr Alderman Boylan as Chairman.

Post Office Lamp

Mr Councillor Brady. after having brought before the Consideration of the Council the propriety of having a Lamp erected at the Post office, Moved and Mr. T. C Flanagan Seconded. that a Lamp lettered or Coloured be erected at the Post office. or in lieu thereof that the Lamp at Freeschool Lane be removed to suit the purpose. and thereupon the Matter was referred to the Lighting Committee

Parsons John clothing a/c

Two accounts of Mr John Parsons for Clothing amounting respectively to £3 4. and 4/. were read. and on Motion of Mr. T. C. Ellis. Seconded by T. C. Flanagan. Same were Ordered to be paid

Tenders for Sewer in Trinity St.

Several Tenders for Constructing a Sewer at Trinity St. according to specification were read. and after Consideration of the Same, Mr. T. C. O'Neill. Moved. and Mr. T. C. Green. Seconded. that the Tender of Thomas McCormick. be accepted. and Same was Carried unanimously, and thereupon the Council adjourned to Thursday. the 1st of feby at 12. o.c

James Mathews Mayor

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Thursday the 1st day of feby. 1866

At a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly room of the Tholsel on Thursday the 1st day of february 1866. at the hour of 12. o.C. in the noon for the purpose of Considering Memorial of the Right Revd. Dr. Dixon and others with respect to a proposed Sewer in Fair Street. to settle the list of Committees for the ensuing year. to receive reports and transact general business

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Aldn.	Patrick Casey	J. C.	James McGovern
"	Patrick Mathews	"	Thomas Simcocks
J. C.	Peter Verdon	"	Thomas Sheridan
"	John Ockeill	"	Laurence Moore
"	James Levins	"	Jas. A. Flanagan
"	J. J. Gormley	"	Robt. B. Daly
"	Thomas Green	"	Michael Pillon

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor

Doctor Dixons memd. Sewer in Fair Street.

The Memorial of His Grace the Right Revd Doctor Dixon and others as to the necessity that existed for a Sewer from the Centre of Fair St to the large main Sewer at Duke Street having been read It was moved by Mr. J. C. Daly and Seconded by Mr J. C. Ockeill that the Engineer should prepare an estimate of the Works necessary to be done and report thereon to the next meeting.

Objection, costs of in Landed Estates Court

The Town Clerk read an application from Mr. J. W. Hardman for payment of the Costs of an Objection in the Landed Estates Court filed on behalf of the Corporation and over ruled with Costs amounting to the Sum of £1. 10. 0 Whereupon

Mr. J. C. Gormley moved and Mr J. C. Flanagan Seconded that the amount thereof be paid and payment was accordingly ordered.

Remuneration for keeping clean Mayoralty Rooms

His Worship the Mayor having informed the Council that Mrs Byrne the House Keeper at the Mayoralty rooms had applied for remuneration for her services It was moved by Mr J. C Laurence Moore and Seconded by Mr Alderman Patrick Mathews and carried unanimously that Mrs Byrne be paid 5/. per Week for her services and that same do Commence from the first day of February inst.

Ledwidge Andy to be night watch

A Memorial was read from Andrew Ledwidge seeking to be appointed Night Watchman Vacant by the death of — Wilson and the Consideration thereof directed to stand over until next meeting.

Oneill John's a/c

An account from Mr John Ockeill amounting to £6. 16. 0 was read and ordered to remain over until examined by Carney.

Tenants in arrear of rent to be recovered

The Treasurer handed in a list of persons in arrear for rent and the Council directed the necessary proceedings to be taken for recovery thereof against the following persons

Repves of James Barlow Six years	£11. 1. 6
Rose and Michael McGill	21. 11. 3
Repves of Thomas Connolly	2. 12. 6
Luke Greene	69. 1. 6

A list of the standing Committees for the year Commencing this date was read and having been revised Same was ordered to be adopted.

Standing Committee for the year 1866 & 1867

The following is a copy of the list Standing Committees for the year ending the first of february 1867. and thereupon the Council adjourned to Monday the 5th day of february 1866 at the hour of 12 oblock

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Finance committee

The Mayor

Aldermen — Patk Boylan
Patk Casey

J. Councillors — Mich Dillon
George Knaggs
Peter Verdon
J. A. Hanagan
Thos Sheridan
Jas mcgeown
Thos Simcocks

Law Committee

The Mayor

Aldermen — Thomas Carty
Patk Boylan
Patk Casey

J. Councillors — J. A. Hanagan
Peter Verdon
Lawrence Moore
Geo. Knaggs
R. B. Daley
Patk M. Brady
Jas mcgeown
John Oneill

Lighting committee

The Mayor

Aldermen — Patk Mathews
Patk Casey

J. Councillors — Lawrence Moore
T. J. Gormley
Robt. E. Ellis
James McGeown
Thos Sheridan

Land Valuation Committee

The Mayor

Aldermen — John Chadwick
Pat. Mathews
Pat. Boylan

J. Councillors — John Oneill
Jas A. Hanagan
Geo. Knaggs
Thos Sheridan
Lawrence Moore
Jas mcgeown
Thos Green.

Paving Committee

The Mayor

Aldermen — Patk Casey
Patk Boylan

J. Councillors — Peter Verdon
Thos Green
Robt. B. Daley
Jas A. Hanagan
John Oneill
Richd Moore,

Building Committee

The Mayor

Aldermen — John Chadwick
Patk Boylan

J. Councillors — Jas A. Hanagan
Thos Sheridan
Geo. Knaggs
Robt. E. Ellis

Mechanics Institute Committee

The Mayor

Aldermen — Patk Casey
Patk Boylan
John Chadwick

J. Councillors — Thos Sheridan
Peter Verdon

Bridge Committee

Appointed by the Council at meeting of 7th July 1852

The Mayor

Aldermen — Patk Casey
Patk Boylan

J. Councillors — Jas A. Hanagan
George Knaggs
Robt. B. Daley
Robt. E. Ellis
Jas mcGeown
Peter Verdon

Night Watch Committee

The whole Council on this Committee

News Room Committee

The Mayor

Aldermen — John Chadwick

J. Councillors — Jas mcGeown
Thos Sheridan
Mich Dillon

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Monday the 5th February 1866

At an adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to Meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel, on Monday the 5th day of February instant at the hour of 12 oClock of the Noon for the Purpose of Considering the estimate of the Engineer With Reference to the Sewer in Fair Street to Receive Reports and transact general business

Present

His Worship The Mayor

Mr. Alderman	Patrick Casey	Mr. P. C.	John O'Neill
Mr. P. C.	Peter Verdon	" "	P. M. Brady
" "	Laurence Moore	" "	Richd. Moore
" "	Jas. A. Hanagan	" "	J. J. Gormley
" "	Henry Sheridan	" "	George Knaggs
" "	Henry Green	" "	Thos. Sincocks

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by His Worship The Mayor.

Fair street sewer specification by Engineer

Mr. Logan the Engineer having read a specification prepared by him as directed by the Council at last meeting for the Construction of a Sewer at Fair Street he was instructed to publish an advertisement by hand bills for Tenders for the Construction of Same.

Connolly James's a/c referred &c.

An account of James Connolly for Work done at the Mayoralty House Amounting to £15.6.0 was read and Referred to the Building Committee

Harbison H. a/c to be paid

An account of H. Harbison was also read and ordered to be paid, and thereupon the Council adjourned to Monday the 12th day of February inst at 12 oClock

James Mathews Mayor

Monday the 12th February 1866.

At an adjourned quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the assembly room of Tholsel on Monday the 12th day of February instant at the hour of 12 oclock of the noon for the purpose of considering Tenders for the construction of the Sewer in Fair Street to receive reports and transact general business

Present.

His Worship The Mayor

Alderman	Patrick Casey	Mr. P. C.	Henry Greene
Mr. P. C.	Henry Sheridan	" "	John O'Neill
" "	George Knaggs	" "	Laurence Moore
" "	John J. Gormley	" "	Richard Moore

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk, and Signed by His Worship The Mayor

Fair Street Sewer Tender of Wm McCormack accepted

Several Tenders for Constructing a Sewer in Fair Street according to Specification were read, and after duly Considering same, the Council Resolved that the Tender of William McCormick be accepted upon the terms of his entering into an agreement with two Sureties in the Sum of ten Pounds each Conditioned for the due performance of the Contract

Connolly James a/c to be paid

The Building Committee to whom the account of James Connolly had been Referred having Reported and Certified to its Correctness It was Moved by Mr. P. C. Gormley, and Seconded by Mr. P. C. Knaggs that said Account amounting to £15.6.0 be paid and Same was Ordered to be Paid accordingly, and thereupon the Council adjourned to Monday the 5th day of March next at the hour of 12 O.

James Mathews Mayor

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Monday the 5th March 1866

At an adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 5th day of March at the hour of 12 oClock in the Noon to receive Reports and transact general business

Present

His Worship The Mayor

Alr. J.C.	Peter Verdon	J.C.	Thomas Sheridan
" "	John O'Neill	" "	James H. Hanagan
" "	Richard Moore	" "	Robert B. Daly
" "	J.J. Gormley	" "	James Levins

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by his Worship The Mayor

Engineer's Report as to footpath in Duleek Street and Construction of Sewer in Trinity Street

The Engineer read a Report in reference to the footpath in Duleek Street and as to the Progress made by the Contractor in the Construction of the Trinity Street Sewer

Wm. McCormick Memorial of for extension of time for completion of Fair St. Sewer

A Memorial was read from William McCormick the Contractor for the Fair Street Sewer Praying for an additional fortnight to the time Originally fixed for its Completion but no Order was made thereon.

Mr. Magee's Cost referred to Law Committee

Mr. Magee having in accordance with the desire of the Council Submitted his Costs with a View to a Settlement thereof. Same were referred to the Law Committee.

Gas Company's a/c £121-7-10. to be paid in full for demand

an account from the Gas Company amounting to £131.7.10 was read and after considerable discussion it was arranged that £121.7.10 should be paid in full for their demand and an Order for payment thereof was made accordingly. provided the Company prepare to sign & accept same The Town Clerk read a letter from the Town Clerk of Waterford with Copies of two Petitions from

the Corporation of that City in favour of the principle of Union Rating and inviting the Various other Corporations in Ireland to aid in Obtaining the Objects referred to in said Petitions.

The Town Clerk read a Communication from the Town Clerk of Carlow enclosing Copy of Resolutions which had been passed by the Commissioners of that Town against a rate in aid to Compensate Owners of Cattle for loss by Rinderpest Whereupon Wm. Town Councillor Peter Verdon gave Notice that he would bring the Subject matter of said Resolutions before the Council at their next meeting and thereupon the Council adjourned for that purpose to Friday the 9th day of March instant at the hour of 1 oClock

Thos Matthews Mayor

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Friday the 9th March 1866

At an adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council of of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thelsel of said Borough on Friday the Ninth day of March instant at the hour of 1 oClock in the afternoon for the purpose of Considering Mr Town Councillor Verdons Motion in reference to the Rates aid Bill now before Parliament to Compensate Graziers and Owners of Cattle for loss by Rinderpest

Present

His Worship The Mayor

Aldr	Thomas Carty	T.C.	J.J. Gormley
"	Patrick Carey	T.C	James H. Hanagan
T.C.	John O'Neill	T.C.	James McGeown
T.C	Laurence Moore	T.C.	Thomas Simcocks
T.C	Richard Moore	T.C.	Patrick M Brady
T.C	Peter Verdon	T.C	Thomas Sheridan
T.C	George Knaggs	T.C	Robt B. Daly

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by His Worship The Mayor.

Mr T.C. Peter Verdon in pursuance of the notice given by him moved that a petition to both houses of Parliament praying that in any Bills about to be passed with respect to rate in aid to compensate such parties as might suffer loss by a visitation of the Rinderpest that the towns in Ireland be excluded therefrom and Mr T. Councillor Oneill having seconded said motion the same was put from the Chair and carried unanimously,

Mr Town Councillor Knaggs then moved and Mr Town Councillor McGeown seconded that a petition be likewise presented to both Houses of Parliament praying that the provisions of Mr Villiers Bill with respect to union rating be extended to Ireland and same having been put from the Chair was carried unanimously.

It was also moved and seconded that the Seal

Mr T.C. Verdons motion of that in any Bill brought into Parliament for Compensat against Rinderpest. Ireland be excluded

Petition with respect to Union rating

of the Corporation and His Worship the Mayors Signature be affixed thereto and that the petition to the House of Lords be entrusted to the most Noble the Marquis of Clanricarde and the petition to the House of Commons be intrusted to Benjamin Whitworth Esq. the member for the Borough for presentation.

Corporation Seal affixed to Petitions

A Committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor the Mover and Seconder were appointed to prepare petition, and thereupon the Council adjourned to Monday the 2nd day of April next.

To the Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgesses of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled.

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

Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioners have read with Considerable Surprise the Resolution of certain Poor Law Guardians and Agricultural Committees Recommending a Rate in aid to be levied on the General Valuation to Compensate Graziers and owners of Cattle for loss by the Rinderpest Should Such a Calamity visit this Country.

That your Petitioners Consider it due to the of this Borough to use every means within their power to prevent the Sanction in any Mode of Compensation to the owners of Stock whereby the Struggling Householders and Shopkeepers already overburthened by taxation would be additionally taxed.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that Your Honorable House will take the premises into Consideration and that in any bills about to be passed with

Respect.

Petition that rate to be Struck to Compensate Graziers for Loss by Rinderpest Should not extend to Ireland

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Respect to a Rate in aid to Compensate Graziers and Owners of Cattle for loss by a visitation of the Rinderpest, that the towns in Ireland may be excepted therefrom.

And your Petitioners will pray—

Dated at the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of the Borough of Drogheda this 10th day of March 1866.

To the Honorable the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament Assembled

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

Humbly Sheweth,

Petition as to Union Rating

That your Petitioners have Suffered and are at present Suffering from the heavy pressure of taxation for the Support of the poor in Consequence of the Manner in which the Costs of the Same is distributed over the Several parts of the Union,

That this has not arisen from the Support of those fairly chargeable to them but has been Caused by the Migration into this Borough of many persons who had Resided in the Rural districts who after Supporting themselves for a time by Casual employment and Mendicancy ultimately apply for Poor Law Relief and are Charged to the Drogheda Electoral division,

That this change of Residence has been Caused partly by eviction a large Number of the houses of the poorer

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Classes having been pulled down, and that many who had Sufficient means to emigrate have Come into this town having been Removed from the land have become paupers, and have been charged to the Electoral division of Drogheda,

That the present Poor Law System operates most injuriously upon Your Petitioners,

That the present System of electoral division chargeability has the effect of preventing the harmonious action of Boards of Guardians, of occupying their time and attention unprofitably, of increasing the Work of Officers, and xxx Complicating the accounts which are so difficult of Comprehension that the Guardians Cannot check them, And that a System of Union Rating would produce greater harmony in the board, more attention to the wants of the paupers, further economy in the distribution of the Funds, Considerable Saving in the expenditure, and Simplicity in the accounts of the Union,

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will take the premises into its Consideration and (by extending to Ireland the principle of Union Rating adopted for England) relieve them from the excessive taxation of which they so justly Complain,

And Petitioners Will Pray—

Dated at the Assembly room of the Tholsel of the Borough of Drogheda this 10th March 1866.

James Matthews Mayor

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Monday the 2nd April 1866

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel, on Monday the 2nd day of April 1866, at the hour of 12 O'Clock in the noon, for the purpose of transacting general business

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Aldn. Patrick Casey	T. C. Thos. Sheridan
T. C. John O'Neill	T. C. Lawce. Moore
T. C. Richd. Moore	T. C. James A Flanagan
T. C. John J. Gormley	T. C. Michl. Dillon
T. C. George Knaggs	

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Letter from Benjn. Whitworth acknowledging receipt of Petitions

The Town Clerk read a letter from B. Whitworth Esqre. M.P. acknowledging receipt of Two Petitions to Parliament forwarded him for presentation in accordance with resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held on the 9th day of March last.

Resignation of Dr. Horgan as Coroner accepted

The Town Clerk next read the formal resignation of Dr. Wm. C. Horgan, of the Office of Borough Coroner when it was moved by Town Councillor Gormley and seconded by Town Councillor Flanagan, that such resignation be accepted and that the Corporation should express to Dr Horgan their sense of the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties as Coroner, and their regret for his departure from the Town of Drogheda.

Engineer to advertise for construction of Fair St. Sewer

The Town Clerk read a memorial from Wm. McCormick with respect to a Contract entered into by him to construct a Sewer in Fair Street when on motion of

It was ordered that the Engineer should advertise for contracts for constructing said Sewer.

The Town Clerk read a memorial from the

Nightly Watchmen weekly salary of 10/- to be continued

Nightly Watchmen praying that the weekly salary of 10/- should be continued when on motion of Town Councillor Lawrence Moore seconded by Town Councillor Patrick M. Brady It was ordered that same be continued.

The following documents were read and same having been previously examined and certified were ordered to be paid namely.

Knaggs a/c to be paid

An account of Mr. Knaggs amount £18-10-8 beginning 19th March 1861 and ending the 2nd of February 1866.

Oneill's a/c do

An account of Mr Oneill amount £6-16-0 beginning the 11th day of February 1863 and ending the 23rd January 1866.

Bernd. Daly a/c do

An account of Bernard Daly amount £3-4-9. beginning the 6th day of March 1865, and ending the 2nd February 1866.

John Farrell do

An account of John Farrell, amount £2-0-0 for Coals supplied by Contract to Watchhouse and Tholsel.

J. Slevin a/c

An account of J. Slevin amount £50-15-0 beginning the 21st day of October 1865 and ending the 2nd April 1866, for painting the Mayoralty Rooms &c.

J. Willcock a/c.

The Town Clerk also, read an account from, Mr. James Willcock amount £7-16-5 for printing and for Stationary &c. beginning day of 186 and ending day of 186. and same was referred to the finance Committee

Gas Compy. a/c

The Drogheda Gas light Company account amount £140-5-9. was also brought before the Council for consideration whereupon after discussing same, It was on motion of Town Councillor Gormley and seconded by Town Councillor Flanagan ordered that a sum of £134-17-11. be paid to this Company in full discharge of same. It was ordered by the Council that no goods for the use of the Corporation be purchased by any of its Officers without permission having been first obtained from His Worship the Mayor, The meeting thereupon adjourned to the 1st of May being the next Quarterly day.

Ordered that no goods be supplied to any officer of Corporation without having permission of Mayor

James Mathews Mayor

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Monday the 9th April 1866

At a Special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thalsel on Monday the 9th day of April instant at the hour of 2 O'Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering a letter from Sir John Gray with reference to Church Reform.

Present

Ald.n Patrick Casey — J. C. James McGeown
J. C. Richard Moore — J. C. Lawrence Moore
J. C. James Levins — J. C. James A. Flanagan
J. C. Patrick M. Brady — J. C. John J. Gormley

Church temporalities Petition to Parliament

It was moved by Mr. Town Councillor Gormley and Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Flanagan that a Petition similar in its terms to one adopted by the City of Dublin Corporation on the subject of the Church temporalities be presented from this Corporation to Parliament and Mr. Town Councillor Flanagan having Seconded Mr. Town Councillor Gormley's resolution same was passed unanimously.

Corporation Seal to be affixed to above

It was moved by Mr. Town Councillor Lawce Moore Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Richard Moore and ordered that the Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the Petition and that same be forwarded to Benjamin Whitworth Esqre M.P for presentation to the House of Parliament.

James Watkins Mayor

Tuesday the 1st May 1866

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thalsel of said Town on Tuesday the 1st day of May 1866. at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon, for the purpose of Considering Mr. Town Councillor Brady's Notice of Motion that a Coroner be elected in the place of Dr. Hogan, receiving Reports and transacting General Business.

Present

His Worship the Mayor

J. C. John O'Neill — J. C. James McGeown
J. C. George Knaggs — J. C. Thomas Sheridan
J. C. John J. Gormley — J. C. James A. Flanagan
J. C. Richard Moore

Dixon Most Revd Dr. Meeting adjourned in Consequence of his death

His Worship having referred in feeling terms to the lamented death of His Grace the Most Revd Doctor Dixon, Suggested that as a mark of respect for his memory the Council do adjourn its meeting to Monday next at 11 O'Clock forenoon, The other members of the Council assenting unanimously the meeting was accordingly adjourned to Monday next at Eleven O'Clock

James Watkins Mayor

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Monday the 7th May 1866

At an adjourned quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 7th May 1866 at the hour of 11 O'Clock in the forenoon to consider the motion of Mr. Town Councillor Brady that a Coroner be elected in the place of Dr. Horgan resigned, to receive reports and to transact general business

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Ald.r Patrick Casey,	T.C. Robert E. Ellis
T.C. Peter Verdon,	" James McGeown,
" P.M. Brady	" Thomas Sheridan
" George Knaggs	" Lawrence Moore
" Thomas Greene,	" James A Flanagan,

The minutes of the 2nd and 9th April last and 1st May instant having been read by the Town Clerk, were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce Belfast as also the Petition therein referred to as to the necessity of having a Uniform Standard of time extended to Ireland Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Town Councillor Verdon and Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Ellis and unanimously adopted that a Petition similar in its terms to the one just read be forwarded from this Council to Benjamin Whitworth Esq.re M.P. for Drogheda praying that Greenwich time be made the legal Standard of time throughout Ireland.

Greenwich time
Petition to have same extended to Ireland —

A Letter from the Lord Mayor of Dublin with reference to Railway Reform, was read when after some discussion, It was resolved that a Petition in terms of One adopted by the Dublin Corporation praying

Railway Reform
Petition for.

praying for Railway Reform be presented to Parliament and that same be forwarded to Benjamin Whitworth Esq.re M. P. for presentation.

A Letter from Messrs. Gaussen and Sons Solicitors with respect to their costs incurred in reference to the £5000 loan, was read and same with costs was referred to the Law Committee for Consideration.

Gaussen Messrs
Sol.rs Costs of Loan.
Referred to Law Committee

A Letter was next read by Town Clerk from Benjamin Whitworth Esq.re M. P. acknowledging the receipt of the Petition to Parliament on Church reform, forwarded him for presentation in accordance with a Resolution passed at the meeting of Council on the 9th April last.

Whitworth Benj.n
Esq. M.P. Letter from
acknowledging receipt of
Petition as to Church
Reform —

Mr. Town Councillor Brady in pursuance of the Notice given by him moved that a Coroner be appointed for the Borough of Drogheda in the place of Dr. Horgan, resigned but no. one having seconded said motion same was not further proceeded with.

Brady. T.C.
Motion to appoint
Coroner, not proceeded
with —

Several proposals for Lands of Tournath were read and after considering same, It was moved by Mr. Town Councillor Knaggs, and Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Lawrence Moore, and Ordered that proposals be referred to Land Committee for Consideration.

Tournath. Lands
&c. proposals for
Referred to Land Committee

An account of James Connolly for repairing Mayoralty Rooms amount £7. 2. 5½. Commencing 28th October and ending the 9th December 1865 was read and referred to Finance Committee.

Connolly, James
a/c referred to
Finance Committee —

Several tenders for constructing a Sewer in Fair Street according to plan and Specification lodged in the Town Clerks Office were read and having been duly considered It was moved by Mr. Town Councillor Knaggs and seconded by Mr. Town Councillor McGeown and Ordered that the tender of John Jorris be accepted upon

Fair Street Sewer
tender of
John Jorris
accepted —

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upon the terms of his entering into two Sureties in the Sum of £10 each, conditioned for the due performance of his Contract and that he should have one month from the 15th inst. of May instant to complete same.

Carroll Christr. Tender for paving Stones Sand &c accepted —

Four tenders for paving Stones, Sand and broken Stones read when it was moved, by Mr Town Councillor Knaggs and Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Flanagan, and ordered that the Tender of Christopher Carroll (No. 2) be accepted.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council in reference to a meeting held in Dublin on the Subject of Divisional, and Union Rating that he had accompanied a deputation to The Lord Lieutenant and also that a deputation had been appointed to proceed to London for the purpose of impressing upon Government the Justice of improving a Union in place of a divisional rating and the other Corporations having contributed to a fund to bear the expense he on behalf of the Corporation of Drogheda intimated that he would contribute a Sum of £10 for that purpose.

£10. ordered to be Contributed to a fund for Union rating —

Whereupon it was moved by Mr Town Councillor Ellis and Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Ellis and resolved that the proposition of His Worship the Mayor be carried out and that a Sum of £10 be contributed accordingly — and the Council adjourned to Monday the 4th June next.

To The Honorable the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled.

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

Petition for Railway Reform

Humbly Sheweth,

That many of Your Petitioners are largely engaged in Commerce and manufactures and are consequently brought into daily Connection with Railways as carriers of Merchandise and Passengers.

That Petitioners have Observed with great Satisfaction, the result of an Aggregate Meeting lately held in Dublin, which meeting was convened by Requisition from every Province in Ireland when Resolutions were passed praying Your Honorable House to take the Subject of Railway Reform in Ireland into Your Consideration.

That Your Petitioners have reason to Complain not only of the high Rates at present existing for Passengers and Goods, but also of the want of Uniformity in the management of the Irish Railways such not being Suitable to the Requirements of the Country.

That in the Opinion of Petitioners the reduction of the Rates and uniformity of management of said Railways would have the effect of facilitating and improving the Commercial Relations and general prosperity of the Country and be attended with beneficial results to all parties interested.

May it therefore please Your Honorable House to take the prayer of Your Petitioners in Consideration and adopt such altered measures & principles for the improvement of

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of Railway communication in Ireland as the Act of 1844. 7 and 8. Vic. contemplated or such other measures as to your Wisdom may seem meet.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated at the Assembly Room of the Tholsel, of the Borough of Drogheda this day of 1866

To the Honorable the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda

Humbly Sheweth,

Greenwich Time Petition for, to have extended to Ireland –

That in the great and increasing intercourse between this Port and various parts of England and Scotland, much inconvenience is experienced by their being no uniform Standard of Time.

That one designation of Time throughout Great Britain and Ireland would tend to facilitate communication between the different parts of the United Kingdom, and give increased punctuality to business arrangements.

Memorialists therefore pray that your Honorable House will pass such legal enactments as may be necessary for the introduction of Greenwich Time into Ireland

And your Memorialists will ever pray –

Dated at the Assembly Room of the Tholsel, of the Borough of Drogheda this day of 1866 } John Chadwick Chairman

Monday 4th June 1866.

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel, on Monday the 4th day of June, at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting general business

Present

Aldr. John Chadwick	J. C. Robert E. Ellis
" Patk. Casey.	" James McGeown
" Patk. Boylan	" Thomas Simcock
J. C. John O'Neill	" Thomas Sheridan
" Richard Moore	" Lawrence Moore.
" Patrick M. Brady	" James A. Flanagan
" George Knaggs	

The Mayor being absent Alderman John Chadwick was moved to the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

A Letter from the Secretary of the Drogheda Water Works Company was read stating that the Works were completed and that the Directors were anxious to enable the Inhabitants to take advantage thereof and suggesting that the Corporation should select sites for the erection of fountains for supplying Water for the poor, in accordance with the agreement entered into by the Corporation with the Company.

Water Works Coy Letter from to select sites for erection of fountains

Three of the Directors namely George Smith, Patrick Fernan, and James Latimer Esqrs. of the Water Works were in attendance, and Mr. Smith expressed an anxious desire that the poor of the Town should have immediate use of the water.

Directors of above expressed wish to have Town immediately supplied with Water –

Whereupon

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Whereupon it was moved by Mr Town Councillor Knaggs and seconded by Mr Town Councillor Sheridan and ordered that the following Gentlemen Members of the Council do form a Committee for the purpose of conferring with said Deputation and fixing upon proper Sites Viz.t Alderman Casey, Town Councillors John O'Neill, Robert E. Ellis, Thomas Sheridan, James A. Flanagan, George Knaggs Lawrence Moore and Richard Moore.

Committee appointed to select site for erection of fountain.

The Lamp Inspectors report was also read from which it appeared that 28 lamps were not properly lit from settlement of last account with the Gas Company.

Lamp Inspectors report of.

Letters from G. R. Wade Esq. in reference to a Renewal of the Lease of certain premises in Fair Street held under the Corporation were read and referred to the Law Committee.

Wade G.R. Letter of referred to Law Com.

Two accounts from Messrs Hammond one for £3.7.2 and the other for £15.5.10 read and referred to Finance Committee.

Hammond Messrs a/c referred to Finance Committee.

An account from the Drogheda Gas Company amount £149.19.4 read, when upon Mr Town Councillor Flanagan, and seconded by Mr Town Councillor Sheridan it was ordered that same be referred to Finance Committee

Drogheda Gas Comp.y a/c referred to Finance Committee

The Town Clerk informed the Council that Mr Pelham J. Mayne Solicitor had issued a Summons to tax certain costs wherein Blaney Townley Balfour was Petitioner and the Corporation were Respondents. and that for the purpose of attending taxation and opposing the costs on behalf of the Corporation it would be necessary to procure a copy of the costs lodged in the taxing

Balfour v Corporation Town Clerk ordered to procure copy costs in above Cause and attend at the taxation of same.

Office. It was thereupon moved by Mr Town Councillor Knaggs and Mr Town Councillor Flanagan, and ordered that Mr Magee do procure a copy of said Costs and attend the taxation of same on behalf of the Council.

The meeting then adjourned to 2nd July 1866.

James Mathews Mayor.

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Monday 2nd July 1866

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thulsel on Monday the 2nd July instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon to receive reports and to transact general business.

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman Patk Boylan	T. C. John O'Neill
Mr T.C. Lawrence Moore	" " Richard Moore
" " James A. Flanagan	" " Patk M. Brady
" " Thomas Sheridan	" " George Knaggs

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship

His Worship mentioned to the meeting that Estimates for repairs to be done to the Corn market Gates but the Estimates having been a year old it was arranged that new estimates should be required and submitted to the Council.

Corn Market new Estimates to be sent in to the Council for repairs of —

The meeting thereupon adjourned to Monday the 23rd day of July 1866

Patrick Casey

Monday 23rd July 1866

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thulsel of said Town on Monday the 23rd day of July instant at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of considering the notice of motion of Mr Alderman Boylan that an application be made to the Authorities praying that a Battallion of Infantry be quartered here and that the Council with a view of encouraging so desirable an object should grant sufficient ground for additional Barracks if required &c

Present

Alderman Patrick Casey in the Chair

Alderman Patrick Boylan	T.C. James Lewis
Mr T.C. George Knaggs	" John J. Gormley
" " John O'Neill	" Thomas Sinnock
" " Richard Moore	

In the Absence of His Worship the Mayor who was in London. It was moved by Mr Town Councillor John O'Neill and seconded by Mr Town Councillor George Knaggs that Mr Alderman Casey do take the Chair.

The Chair having been taken by Mr Alderman Casey accordingly.

The Town Clerk read the Minutes of last meeting which were signed by the Chairman.

Battallion of Infantry to be quartered here. & that Council would if required Grant additional ground for Barracks

Mr Alderman Boylan in pursuance of the notice given by him, moved that an application be made to the Authorities praying that a Battallion of Infantry be quartered in Drogheda, and that the Council with a view of encouraging so desirable an object should grant sufficient ground for additional Barracks if required and

Mr

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Mr. Town Councillor Gamley having seconded said motion same was put from the Chair and declared Carried Unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Alderman Boylan and seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Knaggs and ordered that the Engineer do supply flags for that portion of the foot way on the North side of West Street opposite Mr. Knaggs new houses upon the terms found by Order of the Council dated the 2nd day of May 1864 the meeting thereupon adjourned to Wednesday the 1st August 1866 being the next Quarterly day.

Mr. Knaggs's houses West St. flags ordered to be supplied by Engineer to the footway opposite to.

It was moved by Mr. Alderman Boylan and seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Knaggs that two new metal traps be fixed in Shop Street over the Sewers in Shop Street. Meeting adjourned to 1st day of August 1866 being the next Quarterly day.

Shop Street Metal Traps over Sewers in.

James Matthews

Wednesday the 25th day of July 1866

On this day Patrick Casey Esquire Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward, with Messieurs John Hughes and John Parsons. Assessors of said Ward, held an Election to elect a Town Councillor for said Ward in the Stead of Mr. Thomas Sheridan deceased late a Town Councillor for said Ward when Edward Mc. Donough of West Street in the County of the Town of Drogheda Esquire Merchant was elected a Town Councillor of said Ward in the Stead of said Thomas Sheridan deceased late a Councillor of said Ward elected as such on the 25th November 1865 and said Election was duly published by His Worship the Mayor pursuant to the requisites of the Statute.

Edw. Mc Donough elected a Town Councillor of the Fair Gate Ward.

James Matthews } Mayor.

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Wednesday 1st August 1866

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thelsel of said Town on Wednesday the 1st day of August 1866 at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general Business.

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman Patrick Boylan	J.C. George Knaggs
Mr. J.C. John O'Neill	" Robert E. Ellis
" " John J. Gormley	" James McGeown
" " Patrick M. Brady	" Edward McDonough
" " Lawrence Moore	" James A. Flanagan

The minutes of last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by his Worship the Mayor.

James McKenna proposal for painting Corn Market, accepted

Tenders for painting of Corn Market was read and on motion of Mr. Town Councillor George Knaggs Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Laurence Moore ordered that Mr. James McKenna's amount £8-10-0 be accepted on the terms of Mr McKenna varnishing the Oak Work as heretofore done.

James Connolly's proposal for repairing Market House Gates Accepted

Tenders for repairs to Market House Gates &c were read and on motion of Mr. Town Councillor Ellis Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Brady Mr. James Connollys for the Sum of £5-10-0 was accepted.

Wm Finegan for supplying Kerb Stone, tender accepted

A tender from William Finegan for Supplying Kerb Stone was read and accepted.

A tender for Cleansing and Watering the Streets for the ensuing year for the Sum of £200 having been read His Worship Stated that in addition to requirements in

Edwd Monaghan tender for Cleansing & Watering Streets accepted

in Specification the Night Soil should be removed off the Streets on Sunday mornings before the hour of 8 O'Clock A.M., and also that in the bye Streets and Lanes where soil and manure were collected that in the event of the parties claiming same not removing it after receiving 12 hours notice to do so, same should be taken away by the Contractor - The Council having Concurred in the terms Stated by His Worship and Mr. Monaghan the proposed Contractor being present and Assenting thereto his Proposal was declared Accepted.

His Worship referring to the Sanitary State of the Town mentioned to the meeting that at his request Captain Gardiner had given instructions to the Men under his Command to visit the Town in Districts and call on all the Inhabitants to whitewash their Houses internally and externally and that all persons who were unable to purchase Lime would be Supplied with same.

Horse Guards letter from stating that application for Military should be made to the Authorities in Ireland

The Town Clerk next read a letter from the Horse Guards returning the Copy of the Resolution of Council dated the 23rd July 1866 sent them in reference to having a Battalion of Infantry Quartered here, Stating that application for that purpose Should be made to the Military Authorities in Ireland.

Moved that Copy of said Letter & Resolution be sent to the Commander of the Forces in Ireland

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Alderman Boylan and Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Gormley and ordered that a Copy of said Resolution together with a Copy of the Letter from the Horse Guards Should be sent to the Commander of the Forces in Ireland.

The meeting thereupon adjourned to Monday next the 6th day of August instant

Pat^k Boylan
Chairman

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Monday 3rd September 1866

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 3rd September 1866 at the hour of 12 O'Clock in the noon, to receive reports and transact general business.

Present

Alderman Patk Boylan

J.C. John J. Gormley
" Patrick M. Brady,
" Edward McDonough
" James Levins

J.C. George Knaggs
" Lawrence Moore
" John O'Neill,

Mr. Alderman Boylan in the absence of His Worship the Mayor having taken the Chair.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and Signed by the Chairman.

A Letter from Messrs Gaussen & Son, Solicitors in reference to their Costs of loan, offering to accept the sum of 100 guineas for same having been read It was moved by Mr Town Councillor Gormley, Seconded by Mr Town Councillor John O'Neill that said offer be accepted, and same having been put from the Chair was Carried Unanimously.

Letter from Messrs Gaussen offering to accept 100 guineas for their Costs read and accepted —

Mr Pelham J Maynes Communication to the Treasurer as to his taxed costs in the matter of Balfour v The Corporation, amount £36.0.11 having been brought under the Consideration of the meeting was ordered to be paid.

Balfour v Corpn
Mr Maynes Costs amount £36.0.11 ordered to be paid —

An account of Dr Epey amount £26 for one ton of Chloride of lime was read when on motion of Mr Town Councillor Knaggs Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Lawrence Moore same was ordered to

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Stand over for the consideration of His Worship the Mayor.

A Proposal from the Gas Company for lighting the public lamps during the Winter season at the sum of £2.10.0 per lamp as in former contract was next read when it was moved by Mr Town Councillor Lawrence Moore Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Edward McDonough and Ordered that same be accepted.

Gas Company tenders for lighting for ensuing year at £2.10. per Lamp read & accepted.

It was next moved by Mr Town Councillor Lawrence Moore, Seconded by Mr Town Councillor John O'Neill, and ordered that the sum of £3.4.0 now in the hands of Mr Carney Caretaker of Market House be forthwith handed to the Treasurer, and it was also also ordered that all other sums received by Carney should be at once, paid over to the Treasurer.

Carney, Caretaker Market House. Ordered to pay over to Treasurer £3.4.0 also all further sums to be received by him

Meeting adjourned to Monday the 1st of October next.

James Mathews Mayor

Monday 1st October 1866

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 1st October 1866, at the hour of Twelve O'Clock in the noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general business.

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman Patrick Casey
J.C. John O'Neill
" " Richard Moore,
" " Peter Verdon,
" " George Knaggs,
J.C. Thomas Simcocks
" " Lawrence Moore
" " Edward McDonough
" " Thomas Greene,

The Minutes of last meeting having been read by the Town Clerk were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

The Town Clerk next read a report of the biddings by auction of the Public Cranes and Markets, held on the 26th September 1866, whereby it appeared that £80 was the highest bid for same, and the Council having considered same, It was moved by Mr Town Councillor Thomas Simcocks seconded by Mr Town Councillor James A. Hanagan, and ordered that Mr Edward Reilly the former Contractor for said Cranes should be declared Contractor for coming year, at the Sum of £90- for the year.- Mr Reilly being present and assenting thereto same was declared carried.

Edwd Reilly declared Contractor for Cranes for ensuing year at a rent of £90-

The Town Clerk having Stated that the time for redeeming the lands of Townrath were about to expire and Suggested that same, should be advertised for letting by Public Auction and same was ordered accordingly.

Townrath (rent of) Advertisem for letting -

A Letter from Messrs Gaussen & Sons Solicitors in reference to their costs of loan was read when on motion of Mr Town Councillor George Knaggs seconded by Mr Town Councillor Peter Verdon, It was ordered that a Sum of £100, should be offered to the Messrs Gaussen for their costs in full.

Messrs Gaussen Letter from as to Costs - ordered that £100 - be offered for Costs in full -

Whereupon meeting adjourned to 1st November 1866, being the next Quarterly day.

James Matthews Mayor

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Thursday 1st November 1866

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Thursday the 1st day of November 1866, at the hour of Twelve O'Clock in the noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general busines.

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman Patrick Casey	T.C. Robert E. Ellis
T.C. Peter Verdon	" " James McGeown
" " John O'Neill	" " Edward McDonough
" " Richard Moore	" " James A. Flanagan
" " Patrick M. Brady	" " Thomas Greene

The Minutes of last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by His Worship the Mayor.

The Town Clerk next read a Report of the biddings at a Public Auction held on the 29th October 1866 for part of the lands of Townath as formerly in the occupation of Rose Anne McGill and Michael McGill, and the Council having duly considered the matter. It was moved by Mr. Town Councillor John O'Neill and Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Richard Moore, that the bidding of Mr. Patrick Traynor of £3.7.6 per acre be accepted and that he should get a Lease of said lands of Townath for a term of 21 years to commence from the 1st day of November 1866 and same having been put from the Chair was declared carried.

Townath
Patrick Traynor ordered to get Lease of at £3.7.6 for 21 years –

An account from Mr. John Farrell amount £1.10.0 for preparing Municipal Burgess Roll for the present year read when on motion of Mr. Town Councillor Lawrence Moore, Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Robert E. Ellis same was ordered to be paid.

John Farrell ordered to receive £1.10. for preparing Burgess Roll –

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An account from Mr. James McKenna, amount £8.10.0 for painting and cleaning Market House commencing 20th October 1866 and ending 31st October 1866, read and ordered that same should stand over for the certificate of Committee nominated to superintend said painting.

James McKenna a/c amount £8.10.0 ordered to be paid –

Mrs. Gaussen's Costs of loan was next submitted to the Council and it was ordered that the Treasurer should transmit to them the sum of £100 – in full of said Costs.

Treasurer ordered to send £100. to the Misses Gaussen for costs –

An account from Mr. John Hughes, amount £37.1.9 for printing done and Stationary &c. supplied to the Corporation, commencing the 30th of September 1865 and ending the 31st of October 1866, having been read was referred to the Finance Committee.

John Hughes a/c for printing amt. £37.1.9 referred to Finance Committee –

A Memorial was next read from the Inhabitants of Sundays Gate and immediate neighbourhood, praying the Council would take the necessary steps to have the Cattle fair usually held there carried out with more convenience to the public than at present, and suggesting that posts and chains should be erected for that purpose and same having been considered by the Council, the following Gentlemen were appointed a Committee to make a report thereon, Viz.t Mr. Town Councillor Peter Verdon Mr. Town Councillor Edward McDonough, and Mr. Town Councillor Lawrence Moore.

Memorial from Inhabitants of Sundays Gate as to removing Cattle fair read. & Committee appointed to report thereon –

A Letter from Michael Dillon Esq. Town Councillor for Lawrence Gate Ward was read tendering his resignation in as much as he had ceased to be a resident of Drogheda Whereupon it was unanimously resolved that he be permitted to resign without payment of fine.

Resignation of Michael Dillon as Town Councillor of Lawrence Gate Ward read. & accepted –

A Memorial from Francis Greene praying to be appointed Bell man to the Corporation was next read, when it was moved by Mr. Town Councillor John O'Neill seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Lawrence Moore and ordered that

Memorial of

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Francis Greene praying to be appointed Bellman,

Appointed at Salary of £10. a year &c

he be appointed Bellman to the Corporation at a Salary of £10. a year, and to have One Suit of Clothes, and that in addition to the duties of the Office of Bell man he should also post all bills, advertisements &c relating to the business of the Council.

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His Worship brought before the Council the necessity of having the Poor of the Town immediately supplied with Water. It was moved by Mr. Town Councillor Lawrence Moore Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Edward McDonough and ordered that the Water Works Company be requested immediately to procure and erect fountains for supplying the poor of the Town with Water in accordance with the Resolution upon this Subject already on the Books of the Corporation.

Water-Works Company, Ordered to procure & erect fountains –

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Monday the 5th November 1866.

James Matthews Mayor

Monday 5th November 1866

At an adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room, of the Tholsel of said Town, on Monday the 5th day of November 1866 at the hour of Twelve O'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting General business

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman Patrick Casey	T.C. Robert E. Ellis
T.C. James A. Flanagan	" Edward McDonough
" Patrick M. Brady,	" Lawrence Moore
" James McGown,	" George Knaggs

The Minutes of last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor –

P. I. Grey's a/c amount £26. read, referred to Finance Committee –

An account from Dr. P. I Grey dated 23rd August 1866, amount £26 " 0 " 0 for One ton of Chloride of Lime read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Hesp.s Hammond a/c amount £15.5.10 ordered to be paid less overcharges 10/ –

An account from Messrs. Hammond for supplying Kerb Stone amount £15 " 5 " 10 commencing the 30th November 1865 and ending the 5th day of April 1866, read when upon motion of Mr. Town Councillor George Knaggs Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor, James A. Flanagan, It was ordered that said account be paid less the Sum of 10/ overcharges deducted from same by the Engineer.

Ja.s Connolly a/c amt £20. 18.8 ordered to be paid –

An account from Mr. James Connolly amount £20 " 18 " 8 commencing the 23rd December 1865 and ending the 13th January 1866, read, It was moved by Mr. Town Councillor James A. Flanagan Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Patrick M. Brady –

And

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and ordered to be paid –

Mr James McKenna's account for preparing

James McKenna a/c amt £8.10.0 Ordered to be paid

Stopping and painting done to the Market House, amount £8.10.0 having been certified by the Committee appointed for that purpose, It was moved by Mr Town Councillor Geage Knaggs Seconded by Mr Town Councillor James A. Flanagan, and ordered to be paid –

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Saturday the 1st of December next –

James McKenna Mayor

Saturday 1st December 1866.

At a special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel, of said Town on Saturday the 1st day of December 1866, at the hour of 12 O'Clock noon for the purpose of electing a Mayor for the ensuing year from the 1st day of January 1867 and to receive reports and transact general business –

Present

His Worship the Mayor.

Alderman	Thomas Carty	T.C.	Robert E. Ellis
"	Patrick Casey.	"	James McGeown,
	Patrick Mathew,	"	Thomas Semcock
T.C.	Peter Verdon,	"	Edward McDonough
"	John O'Neile	"	Laurence Moore
"	Richard Moore	"	James A Flanagan
"	James Lewins	"	Robert B. Daly
"	J. J. Gormley,	"	Nicholas Leech
"	Patrick M. Brady	"	Thomas Greene.
"	George Knaggs.		

The Minutes of last Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

It was next moved by Mr Town Councillor

Jas Lewins Esq elected Mayor for ensuing year

Gormley Seconded by Mr Town Councillor O'Neile and unanimously resolved that Mr Town Councillor Lewins be appointed Mayor for the ensuing year Mr Town Councillor Lewins returned thanks for the honor conferred on him –

Mr Alderman Carty informed the Council that he had received a communication from Mr Nicholson of Balrath in reference to a house and premises

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House at St Laurence Gate Ordered that a sum of £50 be given Mr Nicholson for his interest therein—

premises immediately adjoining St. Laurence Gate expressing his willingness to comply with the request of the Corporation in regard to it whereupon it was moved by Mr. Town Councillor Daly seconded by Mr Town Councillor O'Neice and resolved that proposal of Mr Nicholson be gratefully accepted of namely the sum of fifty pounds for his interest therein &c

The meeting thereupon adjourned to Monday next the 3rd December next.

Patrick Mathews Chmn

Monday 3rd December 1866

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on Monday the 3rd December 1866 at the hour of 12 O'Clock noon to receive reports and transact General Business.

Present

Alderman Patrick Mathews In the Chair,

Alderman	Thomas Carty	T.C.	Peter Verdon
T.C.	Patrick M. Brady	"	George Knaggs
"	James A Flanagan	"	John J Gormley
"	Richard Moore	"	Robert E. Ellis
"	Michael Cullen	"	Edward McDonagh
"	Lawrence Moore	"	Nicholas Leech
"	Robert B. Daly		

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor. It was moved by Mr Town Councillor Knaggs Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Gormley that Alderman Patrick Mathews do take the Chair.

The Chair having been taken by Alderman Patrick Mathews accordingly.

The Minutes of the last meeting were then read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman

G. K. Wade Solr as to a new Lease of premises in Fair Street

A Letter from G. K. Wade Solicitor with reference to the claim of Mr Richard Altamont Smyth to a new Lease for a life of the House and premises in Fair Street read and on motion of Mr Town Councillor Knaggs Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Ellis same was referred to the Law Committee.

An account from Mathew Hollander for Coals supplied the Corporation Commencing the 13th Nov 1865

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M. Hollanders a/c amt £16.11.3 referred to Finance Committee

and ending the 20th September 1866 amount £16.11.3 was read and referred to Finance Committee.

P. J Grey's a/c for Chloride of Lime Ordered that a Committee do call on him as to a settlement thereof—

A Letter from Messrs Grey and Co's Attorney was read demanding payment of £26 for one ton of Chloride of lime supplied to the Corporation was read when it was ordered that the following Gentlemen should wait upon Mr Grey viz Town Councillors. Lawrence Moore, Edward Mc Donough and George Knaggs with a view to a Settlement of said Account.

John McGeagh a/c for letting Lands of Townrath read, ordered to receive £1. for same.

An account of John McGough Auctioneer amount £1.10.0 for letting by Auction of part of the lands of Townrath was read when upon motion of Mr Town Councillor Brady seconded by Mr Town Councillor Flanagan, It was ordered that One pound be paid him in full for same.

Gas Company's a/c amt £154.12.1 read and referred to Finance Comtee

An account from the Gas Company amounting to £154.12.1 Commencing the 25th September 1866 and ending 1st December 1866 read and referred to the Finance Committee.

House at St Laurence Gate. Town Clerk to write to Mr Nicholson accepting his Offer of £50 for interest therein.

Committee appointed to ascertain expences attending purchase entire interest

Mr Alderman Carty J.P. mentioned to the Meeting that he had received a further Communication from Mr Nicholson with reference to the house and premises adjoining St Laurence Gate and for which this Council were negociating with Mr Nicholson for the purchase of his interest therein when it was ordered that Mr Town Councillors Verdon Daly and Knaggs should wait upon Mr Smyth for the purpose of Ascertaining upon what terms he as Landlord of said premises would dispose of his interest therein and it was also ordered that the Town Clerk should write to Mr Nicholson accepting of his Offer to pay him the Sum of £50 for his interest therein.

Report of Committee in reference to removal of Cattle fair

A report from the Committee appointed to take charge of the Memorial presented to the Council in reference to the Cattle fair was read of which the following is a copy—

We the Undersigned Committee recommend that in future the Cow fair be held along the road from Sunday's Gate to Wardman's Garden and that no cattle be allowed inside Sunday's Gate The pig fair to be removed to the Square above Magdalene Street and for the purpose of carrying out the above recommendation the Night Watchmen should be posted at the several places required for the enforcing the above regulations.

Signed. Lawrence Moore
Peter Verdon
Edward Mc Donough

Memorial to have troops sent to Drogheda

It was moved by Mr Alderman Carty and Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Lawrence Moore and Resolved that a Memorial be presented to the Lord Lieutenant praying him to send Troops to Drogheda with the view of allaying anxiety exhibited by many of the Inhabitants in reference to the threatened Invasion of Fenianism

The following is a copy of said Memorial

Memorial for Military

To The Most Noble The Marquis of Abercorn Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

May it please your Excellency,

The Humble Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and Council of the Borough of Drogheda.

Sheweth,

That at a meeting of the Council held on the 3rd day of December instant it was unanimously resolved that having regard to the disturbed State of the public mind in

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in Drogheda a Petition be presented to Your Excellency respectfully urging the necessity of placing a portion of Her Majesty's troops in Drogheda in order to allay the feelings of anxiety and apprehension that now exists in the minds of a large portion of the Community.

That there is ample Barrack accommodation for upwards of One hundred and twenty men and

Your Memorialists therefore pray Your Excellency's consideration of this matter

And as in duty bound will ever pray

Dated at the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of the Borough of Drogheda this 6th day of December 1866.

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Tuesday the 1st day of January 1867.

Monday 10th December 1866

Election of Patrick Jernan Esq. as Alderman of St. Lawrence Gate Ward

On this day His Worship the Mayor with Mr. John Kelly Assessor of the St. Lawrence Gate Ward held an election to elect an Alderman for said St. Lawrence Gate Ward in the room of Patrick Boylan Esqre. who did not qualify as such Alderman within the time limited by the Statute when Patrick Jernan of Lawrence Street in the County of the town of Drogheda Esqre. J.P. was elected an Alderman of said Ward in stead of said Patrick Boylan, who did not qualify as aforesaid and said election was duly published by His Worship the Mayor pursuant to the requisites of the Statute.

James Mathews Mayor

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Tuesday 1st January 1867

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on Tuesday the 1st day of January 1867 at the hour of half past eleven O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of swearing in Mr. Town Councillor James Levins as Mayor for the ensuing year. To consider resignation of Patrick Teman Esq. as Town Councillor for St Laurence Gate Ward. To receive reports and transact general business —

Present.

His Worship the Mayor,

Alderman Patrick Casey	T.C. James McGeown
T.C. Peter Verdon	" Thomas Simcicks
" John O'Neill	" Lawce Moore
" James Levins	" James A Flanagan
" John J. Gormley	" Nicholas Leech
" Michael Cullen	" Thomas Green
" George Knaggs	" Robert B. Daly
" Patrick M. Brady	

The minutes of the last meeting having been read by the Town Clerk were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Resignation of Patrick Teman Esq. as Town Councillor accepted —

A Letter from Patrick Teman Esq. J.P. tendering his resignation of the Office of Town Councillor for the St. Lawrence Gate Ward read when upon motion of Mr. Town Councillor Gormley seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Verdon same was accepted.

The Town Clerk read a Report from the Law Committee of which the following is a copy.

Report of Law Committee as to renewal Lease of House in Fair St

Report of Law Committee with reference to the claim of Richard Altamont Smythe Esq. to a renewal of the Lease of House and premises in Fair Street dated 17th day of December 1866

Your Committee beg leave to report that having considered the Letter from Mr. G. R. Wade Solicitor as also the abstract of title of Richard Altamont Smythe Esq. to a renewal of the Lease of the House and premises in Fair Street Drogheda find that it would be advisable, that your Solicitor should prepare a Case to be submitted to Counsel (Edward Sullivan Esq. Q.C.) on behalf of this Corporation for his advice and direction with respect to same.

All which we certify as our report this 17th day of December 1866

Report of Finance Committee

A report from the Finance Committee was also read and of which the following is a copy.

Report of the Finance Committee with reference to the accounts herein referred to

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined into and investigated the following accounts viz.

Mathew Hollander for Coals supplied to Corporation from 13th Novr. 1865 to 20th Sept 1866 —	18 " 11 " 3
John Hughes Printer for printing done & Stationary supplied to Do from 30th Sept 1865 to 31st Oct 1866 —	27 " 1 " 9
Gas Companys account for Gas Commencing 25th Sept 1866 and ending 1st December 1866 —	154 " 12 " 1

And your Committee find that said accounts are

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are in accordance with their respective Contracts and recommend and certify same should be paid and discharged —

All which we certify as our report this 17th day of December 1866

J. Callaghan for suit of Clothes for Town Serjeant am.t £5. 1b. 0 read ordered to be paid

An account from John Callaghan for suit of Clothes &c supplied to the Town Serjeant amount £5 1b 0 read when upon motion of Mr Town Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Brady same was ordered to be paid —

Ja.s Levins Mayor - Sworn in

The Mayor elect Mr Town Councillor James Levins and the gentlemen of the Council proceeded in their robes of Office to the Crown Court and he having taken the Oaths appertaining to the office of Mayor and Justice of the Peace, as also the Oath of allegiance before James Mathews Esq. J P thereupon returned with the other Gentlemen of the Council to the Assembly Room and took his seat as Chairman —

Vote of thanks to J Mathews Esq J.P. carried by acclamation.

Mr Town Councillor Gormley moved by way of Vote of thanks. That the marked thanks of this Corporation be tendered to Our late Mayor, James Mathews for his dignified enlightened and impartial Conduct during the last two years he has discharged the onerous duties of Chief Magistrate of the Ancient Borough of Drogheda and further that Our thanks are especially due to him for the unwearied attention given by him to the administration of Justice by which he has reflected Credit on Our body in securing the Universal esteem of all classes of the Community - which resolution having been Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Geoge Knaggs was put from the Chair and carried by acclamation —

Aldn Mathews returned thanks

Alderman James Mathews in an eloquent address returned thanks to the meeting —

Treasurer presented to Aldn Mathews a wife painting of himself

The Treasurer Mr. John Moore next presented on behalf of the Officers of the Corporation a Splendid Oil painting of Alderman James Mathews to him which having been accepted by Alderman Mathews he requested that the Council should take same to be placed in the Assembly Room.

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Monday the 7th January 1867 — James Levins Mayor

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Monday 7th January 1867

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of said Town on this day at the hour of Twelve O'Clock, Noon, To consider notice of motion of Mr Town Councillor George Knaggs with reference to the appointment recently made by the Council of a Bellman. To receive reports and transact General business

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman.	James Matthews	T.C.	George Knaggs
T.C.	Peter Verdon	"	James McGeown
"	John O'Neill	"	Lawrence Moore
"	John J Gormley	"	Nicholas Leech.
"	Michael Cullen		

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Bellman
Motion that the appointment be rescinded — Motion lost

Mr Town Councillor George Knaggs moved in accordance with his notice, that the appointment of a Bellman recently made by this Council should be rescinded on the ground that said appointment was informal and Contrary to the general rules, and same having been Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Gormley was put from the Chair a Poll was demanded whereupon it appeared that there were three for and Seven against said motion which was accordingly declared lost.

Engineer ordered to report on Memorial as to the Water Table at Duleek Street

A Memorial from the Inhabitants of St Marys Parish read praying the Councils attention to the Open Water Table at Duleek Sheet and It was ordered that Mr Coogan the Engineer should inspect same and report thereon at next meeting.

Mr

Cattle Fair
Committee to amend report as to.

Mr Town Councillor Verdon having referred to a report recently made by the Committee appointed (of which he was one) with respect to the Cattle fair and requiring information as to what had been done in the matter when after Considerable discussion it was ordered that said Committee should reconsider and amend their report, by Stating with Certainty the locality in which the fairs should be hereafter held and that amended report be Submitted at next meeting of Counsel.

A Letter from Mr E. J. Smith Solicitor for Mr Nicholson was read referring to the pending negociation for purchase of his interest in house at Lawrence Gate.

Corporation
Consent given to Assignment of premises to Mr Nicholas Leech on Chord Road.

An assignment to Mr Leech of premises on the Chord Road held under Lease from the Corporation made to Mary Anne Cavanagh dated 7th November 1864 was submitted to the Council for its Consent thereto and having been put from the Chair was accordingly Assented to and the Corporation Seal ordered to be affixed thereto.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Friday the 1st day of February 1867 being the next Quarterly day.

James Lewins Mayor

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Monday 7th January 1867.

Patk Byrne Esq. elected Town Cor for St Lawrence Gate Ward

On this day Patrick Fernan Esq. J.P. Alderman of the St Lawrence Gate Ward with Messrs John Kelly and James Connolly Assessors of said Ward held an Election to elect a Town Councillor for said Ward in the Stead of Patrick Fernan Esqre who resigned when Patrick Byrne of West Street in the County of the town of Drogheda Merchant was elected a Town Councillor of said Ward in the Stead of said Patrick Fernan who had been elected as such on the 26th November 1866 and said election was duly published by His Worship the Mayor pursuant to the requisites of the Statute.

James Levins } Mayor.

Friday 1st February 1867

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said town on this day at the hour of Twelve O'Clock at noon for the purpose of settling the List of Committees for the ensuing year, To receive reports and trans act general business.

Present,

His Worship the Mayor,

Aldeman.	Patrick Matthews.	J.C.	Robert B. Daly
"	Patrick Fernan,	"	Richard Moore
J.C.	Edward Mc Donough,	"	George Knaggs
"	Lawrence Moore	"	Robt E. Ellis
"	James A Flanagan	"	T.I Gormley,
"	James McGeown,	"	John O'Neill

Bellman
Notice by Town Cler Daly that appointm of – be rescinded

The Minutes of last meeting having been read by the Town Clerk were signed by His Worship the Mayor –

Mr Town Councillor Daly gave Notice that at the next meeting of Councie he would move that the Appointment of a Bellman having been irregularly made saine Should be reseinded –

Townath
Lease of 7. 3. 38 part of. Ordered to be sealed to Patrick Traynor

The Seal of the Corporation was ordered to be affixed to a Lease to Mr Patrick Traynor of part of the lands of Townath containing 7. 3. 38 at the yearly rent of £26.19.2 for a term of 21 years from 1st May 1866 –

John O'Neill
Acc amount £1.18.11 referred to Finance Committee

The following accounts having been read were referred to the Finance Committee viz.t –

Mr. John O'Neill amount £1.8.11 beginning 19th April 1866 and ending the 18th December 1866 for Leather Supplied for the use of the Corporation –

The Gas Companys amount £103.16.3

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Gas Company's a/c £103-16-3 referred to Finance Committee

Conservative Newspaper a/c £11-19-11 - do

Commencing 25th Decr 1866 and ending 1st January 1867 and -

The Dwgheda Conservative Newspaper Account amount £11-19-11 for printing and advertising commencing the 24th Sept 1864 and ending 22nd Sept 1866.

Memorial of James Craven referred to Paving Committee -

A Memorial from James Craven a tenant to the Corporation praying that a good foot path be made in front of the Houses erected by him in Barrack Lane, read and referred to Mr Cogan to report on same to the Paving Committee -

Memorial from Committee of the Whitworth Institution to have Lamp placed

A Memorial was next read from the Committee of the Whitworth Institution praying the Council's assent to have a Lamp placed over the entrance to the Whitworth Hall and which was upon the motion of Alderman Patrick Mathews seconded by Mr Town Councillor Knaggs referred to the Lighting Committee -

Treasurers acct of Arrears of Rent referred to Law Committee

An account from the Treasurer containing particulars of rent in Arrear up to Sept 1866 was Submitted to the Council and after some discussion Mr Magee was directed to bring same before the Law Committee on Monday next -

Railway Reform Petition as to adopted

Mr Alderman Patrick Mathews next moved in reference to Railway reform that a Petition be prepared and adopted similar in its terms to one read at a meeting of the Corporation of Waterford held at the Town Hall Waterford on the 15th January 1867 and same having been Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Flanagan was unanimously adopted -

A List of the Standing Committees for the year Commencing this date was read and having been revised same was ordered to be adopted -

The following is a copy of the List

And thereupon the meeting adjourned to Monday next the 4th day of February 1867 at the hour of One O'Clock in the afternoon

Finance Committee

The Mayor
Aldermen — Patrick Jernan
" — Patrick Casey
Councillors — Nicholas Leech
George Knaggs
Peter Verdon,
James A Flanagan
Edward McDonough
James McGeown
Thos Simcocks
Lawce Moore

Law Committee

The Mayor
Aldermen — Thos Carty
Patk Jernan
James Mathews
Councillors — James A Flanagan
Peter Verdon
Lawce Moore
George Knaggs
Robt B. Daly
Patk M. Brady
Jas McGeown
John O'Neill
I. I. Gownley

Lighting Committee

The Mayor
Aldermen — Patk Mathews
Patk Casey
Councillors — Lawce Moore
I. I. Gownley
Robt E. Ellis
✓ James McGeown
Edward McDonough
Nicholas Leech

Land Valuation Committee

The Mayor
Aldermen — John Chadwick
Patk Mathews
Patk Jernan,
Councillors — John O'Neill
Jas A Flanagan
George Knaggs
Edwd McDonough
Lawce Moore
✓ Jas McGeown
Thos Green

Paving Committee

✓ The Mayor
Aldermen — Patk Casey
" — Patk Jernan
Councillors — Peter Verdon
Thos Green
Robt B. Daly
Jas A Flanagan
✓ John O'Neill
✓ Richd Moore

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Building Committee

The Mayor
Aldermen, John Chadwick
" Patk. Jernan
Councillors Jas A Flanagan
Edwd. McDonough
George Knaggs
Robt E. Ellis

Mechanic's Institute Committee

The Mayor
Aldermen, Patk Casey
Patk Jernan
John Chadwick
Councillors Edwd McDonough
Peter Verdon

Bridge Committee

Appointed by the Council at Meeting of 7th July 1862,
The Mayor.
Aldermen, Patk Casey
Patk Jernan
Councillors Jas A Flanagan
George Knaggs
Robt B. Daly
Robt E. Ellis
Jas McGeown
Peter Verdon
James Lewis

Night Watch Committee

The Whole Council on this Committee

News Room Committee

The Mayor
Alderman, John Chadwick
Councillors Jas McGeown
Edwd McDonough
Nichs Leech

Monday 4th February 1867.

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town at the hour of Twelve O'Clock at noon of said day to Consider Mr. Town Councillor Brady's Notice of Motion with reference to the appointment of a Coroner for this Borough.

Present

His Worship the Mayor

T.C. Patrick Byrne, T.C. Thomas Greene
" John O'Neill " George Knaggs
" Richard Moore " Robt E Ellis
" John J. Gormley " James McGeown
" Patk M. Brady " Lawce Moore
" Michael Cullen, " Jas A. Flanagan
" Robt B. Daly, " Nicholas Leech

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read by the Town Clerk were signed by His Worship the Mayor,

Coroner of County election of at next meeting

Mr. Town Councillor Brady in accordance with his Notice of motion moved that a Coroner be forthwith appointed for the Borough of Drogheda when after considerable discussion as to same, It was moved by Mr. Town Councillor Gormley Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor McGeown and Ordered that the Town Clerk, should give a month's notice by advertisement for the election of a fit and proper person to fill the Office of Borough Coroner and that such election should take place at the next meeting of this Council.

Bellman, motn appointment to be rescinded, not proceeded with

Mr. Town Councillor Daly in pursuance of his Notice of Motion next moved that the appointment of Bellman recently made by the Council being illegal same should be rescinded but in consequence of said Motion not having been

seconded

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Seconded same was not further proceeded with.

Nuns Walk
Letter from Mr Latimer as to State of read

A Letter was next read from James Latimer Esqre calling the attention of the Council to the present Condition of the Nuns Walk and requesting the Cess pools to be filled up and a Channel or drain made for the purpose of carrying off the Surface Water. It was moved by Mr Town Councillor O'Neill Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Knaggs, and ordered that the Engineer Should

Engineer ordered to report thereon

report thereon as also to call the attention of the relieving Officer to such part of the Nuns Walk as was not inside the Corporation boundary.

Railway Reform Petition as to read & Ordered to be sent to Mr Whitworth M P. for presentation

The Town Clerk read a Petition as to Railway Reform in Ireland which was ordered at last meeting to be prepared when upon Motion of Mr Town Councillor Knaggs Seconded by Mr Town Councillor O'Neill it was unanimously adopted and ordered that the Corporation Seal be affixed thereto and forwarded to Benjamin Whitworth Esqre M. P. for presentation to the House of Parliament.

The following is a copy of said Petition

To The Honorable the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled,

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

Copy Petition

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners view with alarm the continued deportation of the Irish people and the diminution of the National Wealth and would press upon the Government the adoption of measures tending to increase the employment of the people and the developement of the resources of the Country.

That the reduction of the rates and fares for Railway transit and an increase of the means of Communication would be a great boon to the public and materially contribute

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to the Commercial and agricultural progress of Ireland,

That in the present position of Railway property in Ireland Railway Companies cannot be expected to reduce their rates and fares, and it is desirable Government Should purchase them upon equitable terms which would enable them to make Considerable reduction in the Charges,

Your Petitioners therefore pray. Your Honorable House to take the premises into consideration and adopt such altered measures or principles for the improvement of Railway Communication in Ireland as to your Wisdom may seem meet. And Your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated at the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of the Borough of Drogheda this 4th day of February 1867

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Monday the 4th March 1867 at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon.

James Lewis Mayor

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Monday 4th March 1867

At a Special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said town at the hour of Eleven O'Clock in the forenoon of said day for the purpose of taking into consideration the resignation of Robert E Ellis Esq as Town Councillor for the Fair Gate Ward.

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman	James Mathews	J.C.	Robert B. Daly
"	Patrick Fernan	"	Robert E. Ellis
"	John Chadwick	"	Pat.k M. Brady
"	Patrick Mathews	"	Michael Cullen
J.C	James McGeown	"	Edward McDonough
"	Nicholas Leech	"	Richard Moore
"	George Knaggs	"	Thomas Greene
"	Peter Verdon	"	Thomas Simcocks
"	John O'Neill	"	Patrick Byrne
"	J.J. Gormley	"	Law.ce Moore
"	Jas A. Flanagan		

Robert E. Ellis resignation as Town Council accepted without fine—

A Letter from Robert E. Ellis Esq M.D tendering his resignation as Town Councillor for the Fair Gate Ward read when upon motion of Mr. Town Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Brady. It was unanimously resolved that he be permitted to resign such office without fine.

Monday 4th March 1867

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of electing a Coroner for the Borough of Drogheda.

Present

His Worship the Mayor,

Alderman	James Mathews	J.C.	Robt. B. Daly
"	Patrick Fernan	"	Robt. E. Ellis
"	John Chadwick	"	Pat.k M. Brady
"	Patrick Mathews	"	Michael Cullen
J.C	James McGeown	"	Edw.d McDonough
"	Nicholas Leech	"	Richard Moore
"	George Knaggs	"	Thomas Greene
"	Peter Verdon	"	Thomas Simcocks
"	John O'Neill	"	Patrick Byrne
"	J.J. Gormley	"	Law.ce Moore
"	Jas A Flanagan,		

Election of Coroner

The Minutes of last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor,

It was moved by Mr. Town Councillor Gormley Seconded by Mr Town Councillor McGeown that J. J Kelly Esq. of West Street Drogheda M.D. be appointed Coroner for the Borough of Drogheda.

Moved by Mr Town Councillor Flanagan, Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Brady that Robert E. Ellis Esq. M.D be appointed Coroner for said Borough.

Dr. Ellis elected Coroner

His Worship the Mayor having put both motions from the Chair a poll was demanded Whereupon there appeared for Dr Ellis fourteen votes and for Dr Kelly Sixe votes the said Dr Ellis was declared duly elected as Coroner for said Borough.

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Railway Reform
Letter from Mr Whitworth acknowledging receipt of Petition &c &c –

The Town Clerk read a letter from Benjamin Whitworth Esq M P acknowledging receipt of Petition to Parliament in favor of Railway Reform in Ireland and stating that he would have pleasure in presenting it to the House at first Opportunity –

House Fair St
Lease ordered to be sealed unto Richard A Smythe for his own life at yearly rent of £3.0.0

The Seal of the Corporation was ordered to be affixed to a renewal of the Lease of Houses and premises on the North side of Fair Sheet Drogheda at the yearly rent of £3.0.0 to Richard A Smythe for the natural life of the said Richard A Smythe in accordance with a Covenant in the original Lease of the 1st September 1767 –

The following reports from the Law and Finance Committees were read and on motion of Mr Town Councillor Knaggs Seconded by Mr Town Councillor Gormley same were accordingly adopted –

Report of the Law Committee dated 17th January 1867.

Report of Law Committee

Your Committee beg leave to report that pursuant to Resolution dated 17th day of January 1867 that they examined into and ascertained the particulars of the interest of the Corporation in the premises in William Street Drogheda heretofore known as the Mendicity and latterly known as the Mechanics Institute Recommend that your Solicitor do take the necessary Steps for Surrendering same inasmuch as we find said premises are now totally unproductive

All which we certify as our Report this 17th day of January 1867.

Signed,

James Levins } Mayor

Report of Law Committee dated the 7th February 1867.

Report of Law Committee

Your Committee beg leave to report that having considered an account of arrears of rent Submitted to them by the Treasurer, recommend that the Treasurer do write to the Several parties mentioned in said account for payment of said rents within One week and if not then paid We recommend that said account of rents be handed over to your Solicitor for Collection –

That having Considered Counsels (Mr Sullivan QC) opinion with respect to Mr Richard A Clamont Smythes Claim for a renewal Lease of the House and premises in Fair Sheet Recommend that your Solicitor do call on Mr G. R. Wade Solicitor for Mr Smythe to vouch the Statement of Title by production of the Several deeds and documents therein Setforth –

All which we certify as Our Report this 7th day of February 1867.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

James Levins } Mayor

Report of the Finance Committee

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined into and investigated the following accounts Viz.t –

Gas Company's Commencing 25th Decr 1866 & ending 1st January 1867 " " " "	103 " 15 " 3
Conservative Newspaper for printing & advertising Commencing 21st Sept 1864 and ending 22nd Sept 1866 " "	11 " 19 " 11
and	
Mr John O'Neice for leather &c Supplied to the Corporation Commencing 19th April 1866 and ending the 18th Decr 1866 " " "	1 " 18 " 11

And your Committee find that said accounts

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having been duly vouched recommend that same be paid and discharged.

All which we certify as our report this 7th day of February 1867

Signed on behalf of the Committee
James Lewis } Mayor

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Monday the 1st April 1867. James Lewis Mayor

John Keely
-elected-
in stead of
Dr Ellis

Monday 11th March 1867

On this day Patrick Mathews Esq. J.P. Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward with Mesrs. John Hughes and John Parsons Assessors of said Ward held an election to elect a Town Councillor for said Ward in the stead of Robert E. Ellis Esq MD who resigned when John Keely of William Street in the County of the town of Drogheda Merchant was elected a Town Councillor in the stead of said Robert E. Ellis who had been as such on the 25th November 1864 and said election was duly published by His Worship the Mayor pursuant to the requisites of the Statute.

James Lewis } Mayor

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Thursday 11th April 1867.

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general business,

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman	James Mathews	T.C.	J.J Gormley
"	John Chadwick	"	Robt B. Daly
"	Patrick Fernan	"	J.A Flanagan
"	Patrick Casey	"	George Knaggs
T.C	Lawrence Moore	"	Patrick Byrne
"	Peter Verdon	"	Thomas Simcocks
"	Nicholas Leech	"	Edward McDonough

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read by the Town Clerk were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Notice from Miss Finegan referred to Law Comte.

The Town Clerk read a notice served on the Treasurer of the Corporation by Miss Mary Eliza Finegan stating that she had assigned her interest in the House and premises in Shop Street held by her as Assignee under a Lease dated 6th September 1764 from the then Corporation of Drogheda to Robert Pentland when upon motion of Mr. Town Councillor Knaggs Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Flanagan same was referred to the Law Committee for Consideration.

Marg.t McAuley - Mem.l - referred to Law Comte.

A Memorial from Margaret McAuley Widow praying for some assistance from the Council read and upon motion of Alderman James Mathews referred to Law Committee.

Mr.

Contracts for Stones &c ordered -

Mr. Cogan Engineer having stated to the meeting that the Contract for the Supply of broken Stones &c would expire on the 1st of May next, It was ordered that he should advertise for same in the usual way.

Water Works Coy - Mr Magee to perfect Contract with -

It was next moved by Alderman James Mathews and Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Gormley that Mr. Magee should take all necessary steps to perfect the Contract with the Water Works Company for supplying of Water for the use of the poor of the Town in accordance with the resolution already passed which motion having been put from the Chair was declared carried Mr. Town Councillor Knaggs dissenting.

Law re St. Sewer. Meml read any defect to be remedied.

A Memorial was next read praying the Councils attention to the State of the Sewer in Lawrence Street when it was moved by Mr. Town Councillor Knaggs Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Flanagan and ordered that the Engineer do Open a portion of said Sewer and have any defect therein remedied.

Memorial from Inhabitants Scarlet St. for erection of Lamps

A Memorial from the Inhabitants of Scarlet Street and its Vicinity praying that Lamps be erected from Ulster Lane to Thomas Street read and on motion of Mr. Town Councillor Daly Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Gormley ordered that Main pipes be for that purpose laid down in Thomas Street.

Vote of thanks to Constabulary for their exertions during the Fenian disturbances -

Mr. Town Councillor Knaggs referring to the late Fenian disturbances moved that the Council do prepare and forward to His Excellency an address expressing their loyalty and attachment to the Crown and therein to set forth Our thanks and gratitude to Sub. Inspector Gardiner and the men of the Constabulary Stationed here, for their zealous and Gallant Conduct in the Suppression of the disturbances which of late threatened the peace and prosperity of the Country which motion

having

having been Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Hanagan
It was ordered that an address be prepared in accordance
with the foregoing Resolution and that the following Gentlemen
be requested to prepare one namely Alderman James
Mathews and Town Councillors. Robert B. Daly, George
Knaggs and James A. Hanagan.

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned to Wednesday
the 1st May next

James Levins Mayor

Wednesday 1st May 1867

Thos Connolly elected Assessor of St Lawrence Gate Ward

On this day an election was held before The Worshipful James Levins Esq Mayor and James Connolly Esq Assessor of the St Lawrence Gate Ward to elect an Assessor for said Ward in the room of John Kelly Esq. who had resigned his Office as such when Thomas Connolly of West Street Drogheda in the County of the town of Drogheda was elected Assessor in stead of said John Kelly and said election was duly published by His Worship the Mayor pursuant to the requisites of the Statute

James Levins } Mayor

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Wednesday 1st May 1867

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thlsel of said town on Wednesday the 1st May 1867 at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon of said day for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general business.

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman	Patk Mathews	J.C. Patk Byrne	
"	John Chadwick	"	Lawce Moore
J. C.	Jas A Hanagan	"	Michael Cullen
"	P. M Brady	"	James McGoown
"	Nicholas Leech	"	George Knaggs
"	J. J Gormley		

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Arrears of Rent referred to Finance Comte

Alderman Patrick Mathews submitted a list of rents in arrear and requested to know what had been done with reference to the collecting of same when after some discussion it was moved by Town Councillor Knaggs seconded by Town Councillor Lawrence Moore and ordered that same be referred to the Finance Committee and that the Treasurer should bring all arrears of rent before them and that for the better enabling said Committee to report thereon it was also ordered that the Auditors be Summoned to attend on said Committee meeting.

A Petition was next read from the Cork Farmer's Society referring to a Bill on the Grand Jury Question now before Parliament when upon motion of Town

Grand Jury Question to send Petition

Councillor Hanagan seconded by Alderman Patrick Mathews it was unanimously resolved that a Petition similar in its terms be presented on behalf of the Corporation of Drogheda and that the Corporation Seal be affixed thereto and forwarded to Benjamin Whitworth Esq M. P for presentation to the House of Parliament.

Tenders for Broken stones (No 1) accepted.

Four tenders for supplying of paving Stones Sand and Broken Stones read when it was moved by Town Councillor Lawrence Moore and seconded by Town Councillor Cullen and ordered that the tender of Edward Gogarty (No 1) be accepted.

Fountains sites for to be pointed out by Comte to Manager of Water Works Coy –

Mr Cogan C. E. having stated that Mr Magley of the Water Works Company objected to one of the sites fixed on for the erection of fountains. it was ordered that the Committee already appointed to fix on suitable sites should be at once Summoned to go round with and point out to the Manager of said Water Works Company the proper sites and that a report of same should be made up and read at the next monthly meeting of the Council.

Address to Lord Lieut after late Fenian Risng –

Alderman Patrick Mathews referring to the address ordered to be prepared and presented to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant on the subject of the late Fenian disturbances asked if same had been presented when it was stated that arrangements for that purpose was being made the following is a copy of said Address

To The Most Noble. The Marquis of Abercorn Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

We the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Ancient Corporation of the Borough of Drogheda Beg to approach

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approach your Excellency with feelings of dutiful and devoted attachment to the Throne and Constitution of these Realms ~

The unhappy events which have taken place in certain portions of this Our beloved Country within the past few weeks have filled us with profound astonishment and indignation no just cause can be urged in palliation of this most wicked and mischievous organization which under the name of Fenianism has gained a hold upon many of the Lower Classes of Artizans and others ~

It is with heartfelt sorrow we are compelled to admit that a number of misguided people met together for an illegal purpose on the night of Tuesday the 5th March last in this town but our local force of Constabulary headed by their Gallant Commander Sub. Inspector Gardiner were quite sufficient to put an end in a few moments to the Contemptable escapade as we have addressed the head of the Constabulary we will not further allude to the excellent conduct of all ranks on the occasion mentioned ~

Whilst deploring the unfortunate movement we have to call Your Excellency's attention to the fact that this Wretched Conspiracy is of foreign growth wile Councils have been instilled into the minds of many of Our excitable Countrymen and revolutionary Conquests held up to the Wild imagination of some of Our Youth by "Soi disant" Military Chiefs for whom the great republican Govern't. of America have no useful employment ~

We turn with pride and pleasure to the Cheering truth that this miserable Conspiracy has proved unmistakeably to the World that the heart of Ireland is sound and true all classes and Creeds have rallied round the recognized authorities, old feelings of distrust are rapidly passing away and all are satisfied that

whatever repealative measures may be necessary for the good of the Country, no violence ought to be resorted to in order to carry them into effect but on the Contrary forbearance and mutual Concessions wile characterise the times in which we live and bring about peace contentment and happiness to the people ~

We beg in Conclusion to Congratulate Your Excellency on the great ability with which you have held the Reins of Government at a most Critical period and the great moderation with which you have exercised the extensive powers so happily and Wisely entrusted to Your Excellency's Keeping ~

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Monday the 6th May 1867

James Lewis Mayor

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Monday 6th May 1867

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on this day at the hour of 12 O' Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting General Business —

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman	Thomas Carty	J.C	Peter Verdon
"	James Mathews	"	Richard Moore
J. C	James McGeown	"	J. J. Flanagan
"	Nicholas Leech	"	R. B Daly
"	Thomas Simcock	"	M. Cullen
"	Edward McDonough	"	J. J. Gormley,

The Minutes of last meeting having been read by the Town Clerk were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Mr. Cogan C. E. having brought the subject of fixing on proper sites for the erection of fountains before the Council it was after considerable discussion moved by Town Councillor Daly Seconded by Town Councillor Mc Donough and unanimously adopted that fountains be erected on the following sites Viz.t One in Trinity Street — One at North Road opposite Lee's House — One at Codaballa One at Sunday's Gate — One in Magdalene Street opposite Green Lanes — One in Scarlet Street at the lamp at the top of Francis Street and a Dunking Fountain at the Site of the present Town pump.

Sites for erection of Fountains Ordered

An account from the Gas Company amount £ 15 4 2 10 commencing 25th March and ending 1st May 1867 was next read, when same was referred to the Finance Committee.

The

Mr. Nicholson — House — Lawrence Gate

The Town Clerk next stated he had received a communication from Mr Nicholson with reference to the purchase of the House at Lawrence Gate when it was moved by Town Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Town Councillor Knaggs and ordered that the Committee already appointed to make arrangements with Mr Smith, do ascertain definitely the expense the Council would incur or be liable to by purchasing the right of passage at rere of said House.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Monday the 3rd June 1867.

James Swan Mayor

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Monday 27th May 1867

At a Special Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thulsel of said Town on this day at the hour of 1/2 p 1 O'Clock in the Afternoon for the purpose of taking Steps for presenting an address to the Lord Lieutenant praying him to Spare the life of the Convict Burke –

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman	Thomas Carty	J.C	John O'Neill
"	John Chadwick	"	J.J. Gormley
"	Patrick Casey,	"	Nicholas Leech
"	Patrick Matthews	"	John Kelly
"	Patrick Jernan	"	P.M. Brady
J.C	Thomas Semmacks	"	Richd Moore
"	Lawrence Moore	"	Edwd McDonough

Burke the Fenian Convict

His Worship the Mayor having Stated to the Council that the meeting was convened for the purpose of preparing an Address to the Lord Lieutenant praying a Commutation of the Sentence passed on the Fenian Convict Burke –

It was moved by Alderman Patrick Jernan Seconded by Alderman Patrick Casey that the Address of which the following is a Copy be presented to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant which motion having been put from the Chair was declared carried Unanimously and the Town Clerk ordered to present same –

Memorial praying his release –

To The Most Noble The Marquis of Abercorn Lord Lieutant General and General Governor of Ireland –

May it please Your Excellency, We the Mayor Alderman

and Burgesses of the Ancient Corporation of the Borough of Drogheda at a Special public meeting assembled approach Your Excellency as the Representative of Our most Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria with the most profound and dutiful respect humbly to supplicate Her Majesty through Your Excellency that the Royal prerogative of mercy be extended to the Convict Burke and the other Fenian Convicts now under Sentence of death –

We are convinced that prudent policy suggests a considerate indulgence and that Clemency will prove more efficacious in soothing asperities, securing more ready obedience to the laws and establishing the good order of Society and that as Mercy rather than Justice is the Parent of loyalty and love we believe that a mitigation of the Sentence will prove a stronger tie to bind the hearts of Her Majesty's Irish Subjects in attachment to her August person to her throne and to the Constitution of these realms than the infliction of extreme and revolting punishment –

In all the relations of Your Excellency's Noble House with Ireland you have given so many convincing proofs of exalted generosity of Character that We indulge the most Confident anticipations that you will lend all the weight of Your powerful influence to obtain from Our Gracious Sovereign the object of this prayer for which We and as we believe the overwhelming Majority of her Majesty's loyal Subjects not only of this Ancient Corporate Town but of the entire Kingdom are so anxious and Solicitous –

James Lewis Mayor

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Monday 3rd June 1867

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on this day at the hour of Twelve O'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general business.

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman Thomas Carty
J.C. I. I. Gormley
" James M Hanagan
" Nicholas Leech
" Thomas Simcocks
" Patrick M Brady
" George Knaggs

J.C. Lawrence Moore
" Patrick Byrne
" Edward Mc Donough
" John O'Neill
" R. B. Daly
" Michael Callen
" Richard Moore

The minutes of the last meeting having been read by the Town Clerk were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Mr. Nicholson's House, Lawrence Gate Assignmt. ordered to be prepared –

The Town Clerk read a Letter from Mr. E. I. Smith Solicitor for Mr. Nicholson stating he had sent him a copy of the Lease under which Mr. Nicholson held the House at Lawrence Gate, when Assignment of same ordered to be prepared.

Fermented Liquors Lord Naas' Bill as to adopted –

A Letter was next read from Lord Naas Chief Secretary for Ireland enclosing a copy of a Bill for further regulating the sale of fermented liquors in Ireland and requesting to be furnished with the Council's opinion upon the general provisions of same when upon motion of Town Councillor Leech Seconded by Town Councillor Knaggs same was put from the Chair and said Bill unanimously adopted.

Town

Gas Meter – in – Mayoralty House to be in Care of Mr Devitt –

Town Councillor Leech referring to the recent Waste of escape of Gas in the Mayoralty Rooms and the Serious Consequences which might have arisen therefrom moved that in future the Meter should be entrusted to the Charge of Mr. Devitt the Town Sergeant which motion having been Seconded by Town Councillor Knaggs was accordingly Ordered.

Margt McAuley's Mem.l referred to Finance Comte

A Memorial was next read from Margaret McAuley Widow praying the Council to grant her an allowance in Consideration of the Services rendered by her late Husband to the Council, when after some discussion same was referred to the Finance Committee for Consideration.

Water Works Subsidy. Letter from Lords Comrs in reference to –

A Letter was next read from the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury requesting information on certain points therein Stated as to granting Subsidy to the Water Works Company when on motion of Town Councillor Knaggs Seconded by Town Councillor Daly same was referred to a Committee of the entire Council for Consideration and that a Report thereof Should be Submitted to the next monthly meeting previous to forwarding same to the Lords of the Treasury

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Monday the 1st day of July 1867

James Levins Mayor

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Monday 1st July 1867.

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thulsel of said Town on this day at the hour of Twelve O'Clock at Noon for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting General business

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman.	Thomas Carty	J.C.	Richd. Moore
"	Patrick Casey.	"	Mich.l Cullen
J.C	J.A. Flanagan	"	Law.ce Moore
"	J.J. Gormley	"	John O'Neill
"	Nicholas Leech	"	R.B. Daly
"	James McGeown.	"	George Knaggs
"	P.M. Brady		

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by His Worship the Mayor.

The Town Clerk next read Report of the Finance Committee dated 12th June 1867 and which was required by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majestys Treasury same having reference to the granting of a Subsidy to the Water Works Company when after considerable discussion It was moved by Town Councillor Knaggs seconded by Town Councillor Flanagan and ordered that said Report be forwarded to the Treasury.

Water Works Subsidy – Report of Finance Comte to be sent to Treasury –

Alt. Town Councillor Cullen gave Notice that he would at the next meeting of Council move in reference to the money transferred from the credit of the Corporation to that of the Bridge Committee.

J.C. Cullens notice as to money trans ferred to Bridge Comte

Whereupon

Report sent to Treasury in reference to Water Works Subsidy

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Thursday the 1st day of August 1867 being the next Quarterly day –

Copy Report

Your Committee beg leave to report that pursuant to Resolution of the 3rd day of June 1867 they have examined into the Accounts of the Corporation and find and report that the annual expenditure of the Borough of Drogheda. Its annual income as also the Charges &c. affecting same are as follows

Expenditure for half year ending 31st August 1867

Income tax allowed tenants as per Rental		27.7.2
Rent & Taxes		224.7.10
Municipal Expenses		1.0.0
Vicar Chorals		3.4.7
Interest		
Paid Sisters of Charity 2 years to 18th February 1866	50.0.0	
" Col. Bellews bequest 6 mos to 21st do.	2.15.4	
" J.P. Cairnes on Infirmary Bond	11.10.9	
" G.H. Pentland 6 mos to 21st April	12.10.0	
" J.P. Cairnes 6 mos to 19th June	112.10.0	
" Hibernian Bank on Current a/c for half year ending 30th April	15.18.6	
	205.4.7	
Less amt allowed on Budges Loan	66.15.6	138.9.2
Law Costs as per Rental		2.11.6

Charges

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Charges

	Over
Paid John Collins Sundries for Mayoralty House	10.10.10
" J McCormick in full for Contract for Sewer in Fair St	21.14.0
" J Preston 9 mos cleaning Windows	3.0.0
" J Callaghan for One Watch Coat	1.17.0
" L Devin for Setting flags at Low Lanes	1.1.7
" J Hugent for Gas fitting for Assembly Room	3.8.0
" Treasurer's expenses to Dublin to Collect Rents	" 10.0
" Gas Company	134.17.11
" George Knaggs per a/c	18.10.8
" B. Daly do	3.4.9
" J. O'Neill do	6.16.0
" J. Farrell for Coals	2.0.0
" J. Connolly	2.14.5
" J. Slevin for painting &c Mayoralty House	50.15.0
" J Preston repairing a Grate	" 1.6
" P. O'Brien	" 5.0
" Penders Car hire with Shff to Townrath	" 4.6
" W. Harbinson repairing Crane	1.0.0
" J. Flanagan 2 Cars with Land Valuators to Townrath	" 8.0
" J Devitt for Receipt & postage stamps	1.0.0
" P. Carton posting Bills	" 10.0
" J Preston Whitewashing	1.10.0
" Wogan for repairs Mayoralty House	3.4.2
" M. Verdon twine	" 3.9
" Morrison for printing Rental & receipts	3.6.0
" Pender for Car hire with Mr. Neville	" 2.6
" Wogan for repairing roof of Tholsel	1.6.1
" J Connolly's a/c	7.2.5
" Jonis for Fair St Sewer	71.8.0
" Duffy per bill	1.11.1
" J. Collins	2.0.2

	Over	
Paid Insurance on life of Wm Campbell	8.13.6	
" Toole for Bog Wood	" 11.0	
" Gunn & Cameron for advertising	" 8.0	
" Preston Whitewashing Mayoralty House	9.0	
" Carton for posting Bills	" 7.6	
" Reilly for Lime	5.0.0	
" Devitt for postage & receipt Stamps	1.10.0	

Salaries

" Levins 6 mos Salary	15.0.0	
" Byrne 7 mos do	7.0.0	
" Devitt 6 mos Town Serjt & Court Keeper	28.0.0	
" Drumgoole 6 mos do	1.6.0	
" Dillon & Daly auditors for Year 1865	10.0.0	
" J Cogan 6 mos to 21 Augt	50.0.0	
" J Shaw do as Clerk of St Peters	2.15.4	
" Levins 1 month to 31st Augt	2.10.0	
" Treasurer ½ year to 1st May	40.0.0	
" Wm Magee do 13th June	35.0.0	191.11.4
Paving and Cleansing as per Rental		239.0.0
Watch		79.2.10

Pensions

" Jane Lyons 6 mos	2.12.0	
" F. Evans do to 25th March	5.0.0	
" F. McGauley do	10.0.0	
" Female School to 25th March	5.5.0	
" Male do do	5.5.0	
" Mary McCann 3 mos to 25th June	2.10.0	
" A. Fairtlough 6 mos to 25th June	11.10.9	
" Blue School do to 25th March	20.19.11	
" Robert Pentland Coy Infirmary ½ year do	25.0.0	
" F. McGauley 1 month to 25th Augt	1.13.4	89.16.0

Total expenditure for ½ year ending 31st Augt 1866 £ 1389.12.9

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Over £ 1587.12.9

Expenditure for half year ending 28th February 1867.

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Income tax as per Rental	123.7	
Rents & taxes per do	230.17.3	
Municipal expenses	5.11.11	
Vicar Choral	45.13.8	294.10.6

Interest

Sisters of Charity 8th August 1866	50.0.0	
J. P. Cairnes ½ year on Hospital debenture	11.11.9	
½ year. Col. Bellew's Bequest	2.15.4	
Law. Moore 1 year to 19th January 1867	5.0.0	
J. P. Cairnes to 19th Decr 1866	112.11.0	
Nil Bank for ½ years to 31st Oct 1866	24.16.2	
	258.12.3	
Less amount on Bridge Loan	23.0.11	235.11.4

Law Costs

P. J Hayne costs agst Corpn in Dean Coe's fund	36.0.0	
Gaussen & Sons Costs of loan	100.0.0	
Fee to Counsel as to Fair St House	4.4.0	140.4.11

Charges

Drogheda Gas Light to 1st May 1866	149.19.4	
Griffin Bell ringing	2.6	
McGough Comr on Sales of Crimes	1.16.0	
Carton posting bills	4.6	
Hamilton Town Clock	8.8.0	
Griffin Bell ringing	2.6	
Car hire to Townath	4.6	
Preston 6 mos Cleaning Windows	2.0.0	
Carton posting bills	3.0	
J Connolly. Market House	20.18.8	

Over £

Hammond Kerb Stones	14.6.10
McKenna painting M House	8.10.0
Finegan Kerb Stones	3.4.4
Coals per bill	1.18.0
Carriage on Chloride of Lime	5.4
Callaghan Suit of Clothes	4.18.0
Finegan Kerb Stones	1.2.0
Connolly per bill	1.7.3
McGough Comr Journeath	1.0.0
Reay flags	12.0
Connolly per bill	8.0.4
Reid 2 Tons Coals	1.18.0
Hollander Coals per Contract	18.11.3
Hughes printing 1 Year	37.1.9
Collins Sundries	2.6.8
Duffy	14.4
Finegan Kerb Stones	5.11.7
Murtagh Stones from Gaol	10.12.9
Insce public buildings	10.2.6
Devitt Stamps	4.2
Creaser for pipes	2.11.6
McKenna Glazing	2.7.4
B. Daly Sundries	2.12.0
Drogheda Gas Coy Decr 1866	154.12.0
Finegan for Kerb Stones	1.0.0
Callaghan Clothes for Devitt	5.16.0
Kane & Sons for Chloride of Lime	8.0.9
Receipt & Postage Stamps	1.0.0
2 T of Coal	1.18.0
Grey for Chloride of lime	23.0.0
Verdon for Rope for Clock	2.9.0
Hogan Slating	1.5.10

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	Over £		1389.12.9
	McDougall for printing	11.19.11	
	O'Neill Sundries	1.18.11	
	Preston Whitewashing	4.6	
	Coals for Watch House	2.3.4	
	Elliott for repairing windows of Tholsel	6.1	539.9.3
	Paving & Cleansing as per Rental		240.17.0
	Watch		75.0.0

Salaries

Devitt 6 mos Salary 25th Feb 1867	28.0.0	
Byrne Caretaker Mayoralty House	6.0.0	
McManus for Cleaning fish Market	1.6.0	
Levins 5 mos	12.10.0	
Cogan C E	25.0.0	
Treasurer	40.0.0	
Town Clerk	35.0.0	
Shaw as Clerk of St Peters	2.15.4	
Green Bellman	2.10.0	
Auditors	10.0.0	143.1.4

Pensions

	Lyons p year	2.12.0	
	Evans to 25th March	5.0.0	
dead	F McGauley	10.0.0	
	Female School	5.5.0	
	Male do	5.5.0	
	McCann 6 mos to 25th Decr	5.0.0	
	Fantlough to 25th Decr	11.10.9	
	Blue School do	21.0.0	
	R. Pentland	25.0.0	90.12.9
	Total expenditure for year ending February 1867		3188.13.10
	Annual income as per rental (including Crane)	£3238.0.0	

Charges

		rate of interest
J P. Carmes	£5000.00	4½
Lawce Moore	1200.00	4¾
Sisters of Charity	2000.00	5
County Infirmary	500.00	5
Col Bellews bequest	100.0.0	6
G H Pentland	500.00	5
McCann & Sons	100.0.0	5
	£9400.00	
Sobs unascertained costs	450.19.8	

All which we certify as our report this 12th day of June 1867.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
James Levins Mayor.
James Levins Mayor

Note. F McGauley dead

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Thursday 1st Augt 1867.

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of Considering Town Councillor Cullen's notice of motion with respect to the money transferred from the credit of the Corporation to the credit of the Bridge Committee. To receive reports and transact general business

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman Thomas Carty	T C George Knaggs
" James Mathews	" Michl Cullen
" John Chadwick	" Lawce Moore

Laytown Races, no meeting in Consequence of—

There not being a sufficient Number in attendance to Constitute a meeting adjourned to Monday the 5th August 1867 there being a regatta + races at Laytown adjourned accordingly

James Lawns Mayor

Monday 5th August 1867.

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town On this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of Considering Mr. Councillor Cullen's Notice of motion with regard to the money transferred from the Credit of the Corporation to the Credit of the Bridge Committee — To receive reports and transact General business —

Present

His Worship the Mayor.

Alderman Thomas Carty	T.C. Nicholas Leech
" John Chadwick	" Michael Cullen
" James Mathews	" Lawrence Moore
" Patrick Mathews	" Peter Verdon
T. C George Knaggs	" R. B. Daly
" J. J. Gormley	" Edwd McDonough
" J. A. Flanagan	" Thos Sunecocks

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read by the Town Clerk were signed by His Worship the Mayor —

H. Cullen's motion as to money transferred to Bridge Comte not proceeded with —

Mr. Town Councillor Cullen in pursuance of his notice of motion next moved in reference to the money transferred from the Credit of the Corporation to the Credit of the Bridge Committee but no gentleman having Seconded said motion it was not further proceeded with —

Tenders for Watering Streets referred to Paving Comte —

Tenders for sweeping Cleansing and watering the Streets read when it was on motion Town Councillor Knaggs Seconded by Mr. Town,

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Councillor Lawrence Moore referring to the Paving Committee for consideration —

Tender from Marcella Finegin for supply of broken Stones read and accepted —

It was next moved by Town Councillor Flanagan seconded by Town Councillor Lawrence Moore and unanimously Carried That we beg to express Our extreme regret that the mark of distinction known as the Badge or Chevron has not been conferred on all the Constabulary engaged in the defence of this Town on the night of the 5th of March last and we most respectfully request the Authorities to reconsider their decision in this respect and trust that every man engaged in the Service in Drogheda on that eventful night shall be rewarded with a mark of distinction as we feel convinced every one of them deserved it and that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted by Our Town Clerk to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant —

Constabulary to forward a copy of resolution to Lord Lieut. asking that Badge or Chevron, to confirmed on all men engaged at fire to Fenians rising —

The Town Clerk next read a Resolution Communication from the Lords of the Treasury enclosing a copy of a Memorial from certain Councils and Burgesses of Drogheda protesting against the Subsidy Granted to the Water Works Company Their Lordships requesting to be furnished with any observations the Town Council might wish to make thereon, when on motion of Town Councillor Fraggs seconded by Town Councillor Law.e Moore It was ordered that entire Council be Summoned in Committee to Consider said Communication and the reply to be forwarded same

Water Works subsidy — Letter from Treasury enclosing Memle from Inhabitants protesting agst

Mr. Town Councillor Cullen next moved that Contracts for Coals be advertised for

Coals ordered

Seconded by Town Councillor Lawrence Moore and ordered accordingly —

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Monday the 2nd day of September 1867.

James Lewis Mayor

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Friday 23rd Augt 1867

At a Special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned pursuant to Requisition for that purpose to attend in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town at the hour of 3 O'Clock in the afternoon on this day for the purpose of protesting against the Removal of the Military from Drogheda

Present

Alderman Thomas Carty J.P. In the Chair

Alderman.	James Mathews	J.C.	Richd Moore
"	Patrick Mathews	"	P.A. Brady
J.C.	Jas A. Hanagan	"	Michael Cullen
"	J. J Gormley	"	Lawce Moore
"	Nicholas Leech	"	Thos Simcocks
"	John O'Neile		

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor the Chair was upon motion of Town Councillor John O'Neile Seconded by Town Councillor Gormley taken by Alderman Thomas Carty J.P.

The Chairman having mentioned to the Council the Object of the Meeting — It was moved by Town Councillor Hanagan Seconded by Town Councillor O'Neile and ordered that a Memorial be forwarded from this Council to The Lord Lieutenant praying his Excellency to allow the Military to Remain in Drogheda and also expressive of Our appreciation of their good Conduct since their arrival amongst and that the Corporation Seal be affixed thereto

James Levins Mayor

Military to Remain - Memo

Monday 2nd Sept 1867

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town at the hour of Twelve O'Clock in the noon of said day for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general business —

Present

His Worship the Mayor

J.C.	John O'Neile	J.C.	James A Hanagan
"	George Knaggs	"	Edwd McDarough
"	Thos Simcocks	"	Lawce Moore
"	Michl Cullen		

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read were signed by His Worship the Mayor

Constabulary reply of Chief Secretary as to read —

A Letter from Sir Thomas A. Larcom dated 26th August 1867 in reply to a Communication from The Town Clerk enclosing a Copy Resolution from this Council passed at their meeting of the 23rd August last with reference to the Constabulary Read and ordered to be entered on Minute Book —

Military letter in reply to Memorial —

A reply from Sir Thomas A. Larcom to the Memorial of this Council Read in reference to the Removal of the Military from this Town when it was ordered that same be entered on the Minute Book of this Corporation —

Water Works Subsidy ofc to be sent Treasury —

An account shewing the Gross Annual Income and expenditure of the Borough of Drogheda for 3 years ending 31st August 1866 was submitted to the Council prepared in Compliance with a Communication from the Lords of the Treasury in

in reference to the Water Works subsidy when after some discussion as to the formation of said account It was moved by Town Councillor Flanagan seconded by Town Councillor Simcocks and ordered that a copy of said account together with the Rentals in said account referred to be forwarded to the Treasury –

Patk Reilly declared Tenant to a Cabin & yard at North Road –

The Proposal of Patrick Reilly North Road to become tenant to this Council of a Cabin and yard or garden at North Road then in his possession read and accepted at the yearly rent of £1.1.4.

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Monday the 7th October 1867.

Letter from Castle &c to Constabulary –

Copy Letter

Dublin Castle

26th August 1867.

Sir Adverting to your letter of the 10th inst and its accompanying resolution from the Drogheda Corpn I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acquaint you for their information that while the services of all the Constabulary who were on duty on the night of the 5th March have not escaped notice it has been necessary to make a general Rule granting the distinction referred to only to men actually engaged –

I am Sir

your obedt Servt

Thos A. Larcom

Town Clerk

Drogheda

Wm Magee meeting adjourned in Consequence of his death –

Monday 7th October 1867

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thlsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon of said day for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting General Business –

Present.

His Worship the Mayor

Aldeman.	J. Mathews	J.C.	J. A. Flanagan
J.C.	Lawce Moore	"	M. Cullen
"	John O'Neill	"	G Knaggs

It was moved by Mr Town Councillor Knaggs and seconded by Mr Town Councillor O'Neill that in consequence of the death of our late lamented Town Clerk William Magee Esq. and as a mark of respect for his memory the Council do adjourn its meeting to Wednesday next the 9th instant at the hour of 11 O'Clock The other Members of the Council assenting unanimously the meeting was accordingly adjourned –

Town Clerk

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Wednesday 9th Oct 1867

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of Eleven O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting General business.

Present

No attendance

Friday 1st Nov 1867

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of electing a fit and proper person to fill the office of Town Clerk for this Borough To receive reports and transact General business

His Worship the Mayor in the Chair

Alderman	Thos Carty	J.C	Edwd McDonogh
"	Jas Mathews	"	Peter Verdon
"	Patk Mathews	"	John O'Neill
"	Patk Casey	"	P. M. Brady
"	Patk Jernan	"	N. Leech
"	John Chadwick	"	I. I Gormley
J.C	Thos Simcocks	"	Patk Byrne
"	Jas McGeown	"	M. Callen
"	George Knaggs	"	Lawce Moore
		"	Jas A. Flanagan

Father Kelly meeting adjd in Consequence of his death

It was moved by Aldn J. Mathews, 2nded by JC. Knaggs that as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Revd Mr. Kelly this meeting do adjourn to Monday next at 12 O'Clock. adjourned

James Mathews Ch.

Monday 4th Novr 1867.

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of electing a fit and proper person to fill the office of Town Clerk for this Borough. To receive reports and transact General business.

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman	Thos Carty	J.C	Michael Callen
"	Jas Mathews	"	George Knaggs
"	Patk Mathews	"	John Kelly
"	Patrick Jernan	"	James McGeown
"	John Chadwick	"	Edwd McDonough
J.C	Thos Simcocks	"	Lawce Moore
"	Peter Verdon	"	Jas A Flanagan
"	John O'Neill	"	Robt B. Daly
"	I. I Gormley	"	Nicholas Leech
"	Patk Byrne	"	Patk M. Brady

Town Clerk meeting to elect —

His Worship the Mayor having stated to the meeting the object thereof namely that of appointing Town Clerk for this Borough applications for said office were read from Michael Verdon Esqre Solicitor and Messrs James Smith and James Killeen —

Mr. Verdon proposed —

It was proposed by Alderman James Mathews and Seconded by Town Councillor Patrick Byrne that Mr. Michael Verdon be appointed Town Clerk of the Borough of Drogheda —

After some considerable discussion as to the injudiciousness of Appointing a Solicitor to the Office of Town Clerk —

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Jas Killeen proposed –

It was moved by Mr. Town Councillor Flanagan and Seconded by Mr. Town Councillor Lawrence Moore that Mr. James Killeen be appointed Town Clerk for said Borough –

Jas Smith proposed –

Mr. Town Councillor Knaggs next proposed Mr. James Smith but not having been Seconded by any Gentleman of the Council, the Mayor then proceeded to take the votes as between Messrs. Michl. Verdon and James Killeen, when there appeared for Mr. Verdon ten votes and for Mr. James Killeen Eleven votes Whereupon the Mayor declared Mr. Killeen duly elected Town Clerk for the Borough of Drogheda.

Jas Killeen elected Town Clerk –

The following is an account or List of the voting at said Election

Michl. Verdon Esqre.	Mr. Jas Killeen
TC. Robt. B. Daly.	TC. Nicholas Leech
" Patk. Byrne	" Jas. A. Flanagan
Aldn. Jas Mathews	" Lawce. Moore
" Patk. Mathews	" Thomas Sinnott
" Patk. Jernan	" James Mc Geown
" John Chadwick	" John Keely
" The Mayor	" George Knaggs
TC. J. J Gormley	" Michael Cullen
" Peter Verdon	" P. M. Brady
" Edwd. Mc Donough	" John O'Neill
	Alderman, Thos. Carty J.P.

The following Gentlemen, Members of the Council were then appointed as a Committee to take an Inventory of and make the necessary arrangements in the Town Clerk's office and ordered

to report thereon Viz.t His Worship the Mayor, Aldn. Thomas Carty and Town Councillors, Cullen, O'Neill Knaggs, Flanagan and Lawrence Moore,

Applications for Office of Town Clerk.

Mr Verdon's Proposal.

Offices West Sheet
Drogheda Oct.r 31.st 1867.

To,
The Mayor Aldermen & Burgesses
of the Borough of Drogheda,
Gentlemen,

Agreeably to advertisement in the "Drogheda Argus" I beg leave to apply and hereby offer myself for the Office of Town Clerk and Clerk to the Town Comrs. of the Borough of Drogheda and will if elected discharge the duties to the best of my ability and I trust to the Satisfaction of the Corporation

I remain Gentn. Your obedt.
Michael Verdon,

Mr Smith's Proposal

Magdalene Sheet
Drogheda 31.st Oct 1867.

To,
The Mayor, Aldermen & Burgesses
of the Borough of Drogheda,
Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg leave to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Town Clerk with the duties of which office I am well acquainted. if elected by you. I shall faithfully perform those duties according to the terms of the advertisement, I can give good and Solvent Security in the required Amount –

I have the honor to be Gentn
Your obedt Servt
James Smith

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

Gentlemen,

Jas Killeen's Proposal.

In accordance with an advertisement for Town Clerk and Clerk to the Town Commissioners I hereby offer myself as a Candidate for said Offices on the terms specified by said advertisement viz. To give my personal attendance during the hours therein mentioned and to devote my best attention to the duties thereof. I have been for a period of two years conducting the entire business appertaining thereto and have therefore a perfect Knowledge of everything connected with the efficient discharge of the duties thereof If elected to the Offices above referred to I beg to name Mathew Farley of Balgatheen and James Sheridan of Termonfeckin my Sureties.

Yours obediently
Jas Killeen

31st Oct 1867.

Report of Committee dated 15th Oct 1867 as to arranging business to be done by the Deputy Town Clerk and of advertising for Town Clerk.

Your Committee beg leave to report that having regard to the preparation of the necessary lists for the purposes of the Parliamentary Revision hereby recommend that all papers including the original claims and objections be handed over to the Representatives of the late

Repot. as to Town Clerk

late Town Clerk for completion And your Committee further recommend that advertisements be inserted in the local papers for Candidates to fill the Office of Town Clerk for this Borough and that the person to be so elected shall give two Sureties in the Sum of £400. for the efficient discharge of the duties thereof And your Committee further find and recommend that no person shall be eligable for said appointment who will not undertake to devote his entire attention and give his personal attendance in said Office from 10 to 4 O'Clock each day and in all other respects comply with the requisites of the Statute —

All which we certify as Our Report
this 15th day of October 1867.
Signed on behalf of the Committee
James Levins } Mayor

Copy Advertisement for Town Clerk

Drogheda Corporation

Office of Town Clerk.

Wanted by the Corporation of Drogheda, a qualified person to act as Town Clerk and Clerk to the Town Commissioners. The Salary for discharging the duties of both Offices to be £70 per Annum Office to be Open to the public from 10 to 4 O'Clock each day (Sunday excepted) That the person so elected shall give his personal attendance during said hours and to give two Sureties to be approved of by

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by the Council in the Sum of £200 each.

Applications for above appointment to be lodged with John Moore Esq. Treasurer at his Office, Tholsel on or before the 31st day of October instant

Dated 15th October 1867.

Whereupon Meeting adjourned to Monday the 2nd day of December 1867.

James Matthews Mayor

Monday 25th November 1867

Election of Town Councillors

On this day John Chadwick Esqre J.P. Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward with Messrs James Jones Keappock and Michael Finegan Junior Assessors of said Ward – Patrick Mathews Esqre J.P. Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward with Messrs John Hughes and John Parsons Assessors of said Ward – James Matthews Esqre J.P. Senior Alderman of the St. Lawrence Gate Ward with Messrs James and Thomas Connolly Assessors of said Ward, held elections respectively in their several Wards to fill the vacancies caused by the Retirement in Rotation of two Councillors for each of said respective Wards – when Messrs James Levins of North Strand and Richard Moore of Beamore Road both of Drogheda were elected Town Councillors for the West Gate Ward – James McGeown of Trinity Street Merchant and John Kelly of William Street Merchant both of Drogheda aforesaid were elected Town Councillors for the Fair Gate Ward – Robert Bedford Daly of Lawrence Street Auctioneer and James Augustine Flanagan of same Street Mason Contractor both of Drogheda aforesaid were elected Town Councillors for the St. Lawrence Gate Ward and said elections were duly published by His Worship the Mayor pursuant to the requisites of the Statute.

Jas Levins Mayor

Jas Levins and Richd Moore – West Gate –

Jas McGeown & John Kelly – Fair Gate –

Robt B. Daly & Jas A. Flanagan – Law.ce Gate –

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Monday 2nd Decr 1867.

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said town on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of electing a Mayor for the ensuing year. To receive reports and transact general business —

Present

Alderman James Mathews. In the Chair

Alderman.	Thos Carty	T C	Patk Byrne
"	Patk Casey	"	Nicholas Leech
"	Patk Jernan	"	George Knagg's
T. C.	Jas A. Flanagan	"	P. M. Brady
"	Lawce Moore	"	John Kelly
"	Robt B. Daly	"	Thomas Greene
"	Peter Verdon	"	Michael Cullen
"	James McGeown	"	J. J. Gormley
"	Thos Simcock's	"	John O'Neill
"	Edwd McDonough	"	" " "

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor the Chair was taken by Alderman James Mathews J P.

The minutes of the 2nd September 7th October 1st and 4th November last having been read by the Town Clerk were signed by the Chairman

Thos Greene T.C. elected Mayor for ensuing Year — 1868 —

It was moved by Town Councillor O'Neill and seconded by Town Councillor Gormley that Thomas Greene Esqre T.C be elected Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the ensuing year which motion having been put from the Chair, there being no other gentleman proposed, same was unanimously carried

carried; Councillor Greene thereupon thanks for the honor conferred on him —

Water Works subsidy — refusal of Treasury to grant —

A Letter from the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury dated 27th September 1867 read referring to Memorials forwarded by the Council to that Board — For liberty to purchase the interest of Mr Nicholson in a house adjoining St Lawrence Gate — To sell interest in certain lands at Killineer to the Drogheda Water Works Company and To grant an Annuity by way of subsidy to said Water Works Company — Stating that their Lordships refused to entertain the applications made to them when upon motion of Town Councillor Flanagan seconded by Town Councillor O'Neill same was ordered to be entered on the minute Book of this Corporation —

Edwd Reilly tender for Public Cranes accepted

A Tender from Mr Edward Reilly for the public Cranes for one year from the 29th September last at a rent of £80 read when after considerable discussion same was upon motion of Town Councillor Cullen, seconded by Town Councillor Lawrence Moore accordingly accepted —

Gas a/c referred to Finance Comte —

An account from the Drogheda Gas Company dated 2nd Decr 1867, containing an account of the Summer lighting up to 1st October last amount £54-15-3, also the first instalment for Winter lighting up to 1st December inst amount £100 — and Sundries £4-4-6 amounting altogether to the sum of £158-19-9 read and referred to the Finance Committee —

The Town Clerk next submitted to the meeting several Miscellaneous Bills of Law and Equity Costs furnished him by

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Law Costs & Salary due late Town Clerk Refd. to Finance Comtee

by Joshua M. Magee Esq. Solr. the Executor of the late Mr. William Magee pursuant to the Statute and which costs amount in the aggregate to the Sum of £51/. 18.5½. as also an account for Salary due said William Magee as Town Clerk up to the 1st November 186/. amount £26.18.5. referred to Finance Committee for Consideration

Mr. Alderman Carty J.P. referring to that portion of the Letter from the Treasury department for liberty to purchase interest in house at St. Lawrence Gate, moved that the Lords of the Treasury be written to in reply as to said house exclusively which motion having been seconded by Town Councillor Cullen. It was ordered that the Town Clerk should write said Letter accordingly.

Mr Nicholsons House Lawrence Gate to write Treasury as to

It was next moved by Town Councillor Knaggs seconded by Town Councillor Cullen and Resolved that the Directors of the Dublin and Drogheda Railway Company be requested to have the gates approaching to the Station here kept Open at all Reasonable hours and a Lamp erected for the accommodation of the Public thereat, and that a Copy of this Resolution be Sent to I. P. Culverwell Esq. the Secretary of said Railway Company by the Town Clerk.

Drogheda Railway Coy requested to Keep Gates Opened - & a Lamp erected thereat -

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Wednesday the 1st January 1868

Tender of Mr. Edward Reilly for Public Cranes.

Drogheda 28th Novr 186/

To the Mayor Aldermen, and Town Councillors of the Borough of Drogheda,

Gentlemen,

Edwd Reilly tenders for Cranes

I take leave to offer for the town Cranes for One year Commencing on the 29th Sept. last, and ending the 29th September 868. £80. free of all Cess for all benefits to be derived from the Cranes and Corn Market Square and I will Comply with the terms as advertised.

Your obedt Servt. Edward Reilly

Letter from The Treasury Chambers dated 27th September 186/.

Letter from Treasury as to Water Works Subsidy -

Treasury Chambers 27th Sept 186/.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majestys Treasury to State with reference to the Memorials of the Corporation of Drogheda to this Board Viz

July 11. To Liberty to purchase the interest of Mr. Nicholson in a Certain house.

May. To see interest in Certain lands to the Water Works Company.

May. To grant Annuity to Water Works Company

And with reference to the letter of the Town Clerk to this Board of the 14th inst. That in the absence of any information as requested in the letters of this Board of May 27th June 7th and July 29th last relating to the

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reasons which induced the Town Council to fix on the amount of the Annuity to be granted to the Water Works Company and to the Award of the Arbitrator with respect to the proposed sale and of any reply to the Observations made in the Memorial against the proposal which was forwarded to you in the letter of July 15th My Lords must decline to entertain the applications which have been made to them.

I am Sir Your obedt Servt G.A. Hamilton

P.S I am directed in addition to call your attention to the letter of July 29th relative to the absence of the Corporate Seal to the Memorial of July 11th addressed by You to this Board —

"The Mayor of Drogheda —

Town Clerks Office
Drogheda 5th Dec 1857.

Letter in reply to above

Sir,

In reply to your Communication of the 24th Sept last referring to certain Memorials forwarded from the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from the Drogheda Corporation I take leave to enclose you a Copy of a Resolution passed at its meeting on the 2nd inst as to the purchase of a house at St Lawrence Gate in this Town and also enclose you a copy of said Memorial from said Corporation praying liberty to purchase same, with the Caprate annexed thereto and have to request. You will be good enough to leave same before

Their

their Lordships for their Sanction —

I am Sir, Your obedt Servt

Jas Killeen

George A Hamilton Esq.
Treasury Chambers London.

James Lewis Mayor

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Wednesday 1st January 1868

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of half past Eleven O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of Swearing in Mr. Town Councillor Greene as Mayor for the ensuing year to receive Reports & transact general business.

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman.	James Mathews	T.C.	John Kelly.
"	Patrick Mathews	"	Jas. Mc. Geown
"	Patrick Casey	"	Thos. Simcocks
"	Patrick Fernan	"	Edwd. Mc. Donough
T.C.	Peter Verdon	"	Lawce. Moore
"	John O'Neill	"	Jas. A Flanagan
"	J.J Gormley.	"	Nicholas Leech.
"	P.M. Brady	"	Patrick Byrne
"	M. Cullen	"	Robert B. Daly
"	G. Knaggs	"	Thos. Greene

The minutes of the last meeting having been read were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Reports to be entered

Reports of Committees dated 5th and 21st Decr 1867 as to passing of Accounts. Settlement of Law Costs and Salary due by this Council to the late William Magee Esq. deceased read and upon motion of Alderman James Mathews Seconded by Town Councillor O'Neill same were confirmed and ordered to be entered on the Minute Book of this Corporation.

A report of the Paving Committee dated 30th Decr 1867. read moved by Town Councillor Daly and

Report of 30th Decr 1867 adopted expunging therefrom that portion recommending the erection of a Lamp.

and seconded by Town Councillor Gormley that said report be adopted. Mr Town Councillor Flanagan objected to the adoption of that part of said report recommending the erection of a Lamp on the Dublin Road when it was further moved by Town Councillor Daly and seconded by Town Councillor Flanagan that said Report be adopted expunging therefrom the last paragraph as to the erection of said Lamp same adopted and ordered to be entered on the Minute Book of this Corporation.

Mayor Sworn

The Mayor Elect Mr. Town Councillor Thomas Greene and the gentlemen of the Council proceeded in their Robes of Office to the Crown Court and he having taken the Oath appertaining to the Office of Mayor and Justice of the Peace as also the Oath of Allegiance before James Mathews Esq. J.P afterwards returned to the Assembly Room with the other Gentlemen of the Council and took his Seat as Chairman.

Thanks to outgoing Mayor Voted

It was next moved by Mr. Town Councillor Gormley and seconded by Mr. Town Councillor O'Neill and Carried unanimously that the marked thanks of this Assembly are tendered to our respected late Mayor, Mr. Town Councillor Levins for his impartial and dignified conduct during his year of Office Mr. Town Councillor Levins thereupon returned thanks to the Assembly.

Meeting accordingly adjourned to Monday 6th January 1868. Thos Greene Mayor

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Report of Entire Council in Committee

Your Committee beg leave to report that pursuant to a Resolution passed at a meeting of Council dated 2nd Decr 1867 they have investigated into and examined the following accounts viz.t

Gas Company's a/c dated 2nd Decr 1867 amount	£58.19.9
Mr. John Hughes 4a commencing 3rd Nov 1866 & ending 3th Oct 67 amount	£30.15.3
Jas McKenna Painters amount	10.2.6
Mr. Thos Creaser	1.7.6

Your Committee find that the three first mentd accounts are in accordance with their respective Contracts and the last thereof (Mr Thos Creaser's) having been Certified by your Engineer hereby recommend same should be paid and discharged.

And your Committee further beg leave to report with reference to the several Miscellaneous Bills of Costs furnished pursuant to the Statute by the Executor of the late William Magee Esq. Solr amount £51.18.5 as also an account of Salary due him as Town Clerk amount £26.18.5 that having regard to the number of said accounts and the time required to thoroughly investigate same appointed at their said Meeting the following Gentlemen as a Committee to Sit and make a settlement with Mr Joshua M. Magee Solr Viz.t Aldn Jas Matthews J.P. Town Councillors O'Neill Knaggs Flanagan Cullen Verdon & Louce Moore.

And

And your Committee further beg to repat that as the Contract for printing Stationary &c has expired Recommend that the Town Clerk should at once invite tenders for same. printing handbills &c. to be printed in Blank and contracted for per hundred –

All which we certify as Our Repat this 5th day of December 1867.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
James Lewis Mayor.

Report of Committee appointed to arrange costs due late William Magee Esq. Solr deceased.

At a meeting of the entire Council in Committee on the 5th December instt Your Committee were appointed to Consider the several bills of Costs due late Mr Wm Magee Solr by this Council amount £51.18.5 as also a sum of £26.18.5 due said late Wm Magee as Town Clerk and directed to wait upon Mr. Joshua M. Magee his Executor for that purpose.

Your Committee therefore beg to report that after full Consideration of and investigation into said several Bills of Costs and Salary due late William Magee as aforesaid find and recommend (that exclusive of the sum of £263.6.2 credits this Council is entitled to) a sum of £190 be paid by this Council to Joshua M Magee Esq. in full discharge of all Claims and demands whatever for costs as Solicitor and Salary as Town Clerk

due

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due said late William Magee.

And Your Committee further beg to report that at said meeting said Joshua M Magee agreed to accept said sum of £195 in full discharge of all claims he is entitled to against this Council as such Executor as aforesaid.

All which we certify as our report this 21st day of December 1867.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

James Mathews ⅗ Chairman

Report of Paving Committee

Your Committee having before them for consideration the necessity of Completing the pathway leading to the Railway Station on the North side of the Dublin Road recommend that Kerb stones be at once supplied by this Council for that portion of the footpath commencing from where the Kerbing terminates Opposite St Marys Convent, and ending at the Commencement of the houses and premises known as "Carpenters buildings" all within the Borough Boundary.

Your Committee further recommend that Mr. Edward Monahan be requested to supply Gravel to repair footpaths in Parishes of St Marys and Peters and included in his different Contracts.

Your Committee further recommend that this Council should invite tenders for cutting Gravel to various parts of the town within the Boundary where required and which Contractors have agreed to

to Supply Gratuitously

Your Committee further recommend that Crossings be laid down at the following places Viz In West Street near Stockwell Lane, Lawrence Street opposite Bank of Ireland West Street opposite Simcocks Hotel and West Street opposite Lincluse Street.

Your Committee further recommend with reference to the breach ~~at~~ in the Wall at Barrack Lane and the recent proceedings taken as to same that new Summons be at once issued against all parties concerned by James J Healy Esqr Solr and that he should retain John Monroe Esqre as Counsel on behalf of this Corporation to guide him in the Conduct of said Case.

Your Committee further beg to recommend that a Lamp be erected by this Council on the Dublin Road at Corner of McCollins public House for the accommodation of the Inhabitants of this Town going to and ~~coming~~ from the Railway Station.

Rescinded Vide page 188 —

All which we certify as Our Report this 30th day of December 1867.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

George Knaggs ⅗ Chairman

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Monday 6th January 1868

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said town on this day at the hour of Twelve O'Clock at Noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general business —

Present

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman	Jas. Mathews	T C	Thos. Simcocks
"	John Chadwick	"	Nichs. Leech
"	Patk. Mathews	"	Jas. McGeown
T. C	Jas. A Flanagan	"	Michl. Cullen
"	Robt. B. Daly	"	John O'Neill
"	Lawce. Moore	"	Jas. Levins
"	Edwd. McDonough		

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read by the Town Clerk were signed by His Worship the Mayor —

Flagging West St. N. Side notice to be given for next meeting

The subject of the flagging of West St. having been brought before the Meeting by Town Councillor McDonough. It was after considerable discussion ordered that notice be given for next meeting of appointing a Committee to consider the question for the purpose of giving each member of the Council an opportunity of expressing their opinion thereon —

Accounts refd to Finance Comte

The following accounts were upon motion of Alderman Patk. Mathews referred to the Finance Committee —

Mr. John Callaghan amount £12. 12. 0
Mr John Parsons do 5. 18. 3

Mr Thos Daly — 1. 18. 6 and
Mr John Farrell — 1. 10. 0

Town Clerk to prepare a report of members attendce for year 1867 —

It was next moved by Town Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Town Councillor Leech and ordered that the Town Clerk do prepare a report of the attendance of members in ~~Committee~~ Council and Committee for the year 1867 and submit same at next meeting —

Treasurer to make list of Arrears of rent & of expenditure

Moved by Alderman Patk. Mathews that the Treasurer be directed to furnish a Statement of the Arrears of rent as also of the expenditure of this Corporation. Same to be laid before Council at next meeting for their consideration which motion having been seconded by Town Councillor Lawrence Moore was ordered accordingly —

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Saturday the 1st. Feb 1868 being the next Quarterly day.

Thos. Greene Mayor

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Saturday 1st February 1868.

List of Standing Committees held this day for the year ending 1st

Finance Committee

The Mayor ✓
Alderman Thos Carty ✓
" Jas Mathews ✓
Town Councillor N. Leech ✓
" G. Knaggs ✓
" Peter Verdon ✓
" J. A. Flanagan ✓
J.C. Edwd McDonagh ✓
" James McGeown ✓
" Thos Simcocks
" Lawce Moore ✓
" Michael Cullen
" John Kelly
" P. M. Brady ✓

Law Committee

The Mayor ✓
Alderman Thos Carty ✓
" Jas Mathews ✓
Town Councillor J. A. Flanagan ✓
" Lawce Moore ✓
" George Knaggs ✓
" Robt B. Daly ✓
" Patk M. Brady ✓
J.C. Jas McGeown
" John O'Neill
" J. J. Gormley
" Michl Cullen
" John Kelly
" Nichs Leech ✓
" Thos Simcock

Saturday 1st February 1868.

made out and revised at a Quarterly meeting February 1869.

Lighting Committee

The Mayor
Alderman Thos Carty
" Patk Mathews
" Patk Casey
J.C. Lawce Moore
" J. J. Gormley ✓
" Michael Cullen
J.C. P. M. Brady
" James McGeown
" Jas A Flanagan
" John Keely
" Nicholas Leech
" Thos Simcocks

Land Valuation Committee

The Mayor
Alderman John Chadwick
" Patrick Mathews
" Patrick Fernan
J.C. John O'Neill
" J. A Flanagan
" George Knaggs
J.C. Edwd McDonagh
" Lawce Moore
" Jas McGeown
" Michl Cullen
" Thos Simcocks
" P. M Brady

News Room Committee

The Mayor
Alderman John Chadwick
J.C. Jas McGeown
J.C. Edwd McDonagh
" Nichs Leech

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Paving Committee

The Mayor
Alderman J Mathews
" Pat.k Jernan
J. C. M. Cullen
" J. McGeown
" R. B. Daly
J. C. J. A Flanagan
" John O'Neill
" Law.ce Moore
" John Kelly
" Tho Simcock
" P. M. Brady

Retrenchment Committee

The Mayor
J.C. John O'Neill
" M. Cullen,
" G Knaggs
" J Simcock
J.C. J. Kelly.
" J McGeown
" P.M. Brady
" Law.ce Moore
" J A Flanagan,

Specially appointed on 1.st February 1868
at Quarterly Meeting — JK

Mechanic's Institute Committee

The Mayor &c.

Building Committee

Alderman J Chadwick
" P. Jernan
J.C. J a Flanagan,
J.C. E McDonough
" G. Knaggs
" J Moore
" M. Cullen.

Bridge Committee

Appointed by the Council at meeting of
~ 7.th July 1862 ~

The Mayor,
Alderman. P. Casey
" P. Jernan,
J.C. J A Flanagan,
" George Knaggs
J C R B Daly
" R. E. Ellis
" Ja.s McGrown
" Peter Verdon

Night Watch Committee

The Whole Council on this Committee

Thos Grimes — Mayor

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Saturday 1st February 1868.

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Boro of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of considering Town Councillor Daly's notice of Motion that Committee be appointed to consider question of flagging -

Present

His Worship the Mayor.

T.C. M. Cullen
" P.M Brady
" John Kelly,
" James McGeown
T.C. T. Simcocks
" Lawce Moore
" J. A Flanagan

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Report Law Comte as to Meme of Mrs Boylan -

A report of Law Committee dated 10th January 1868 on Memorial of a Mrs Kate Boylan read, and on motion of T.C. Flanagan Seconded by Town Councillor Cullen ordered to be entered on the Minute Books -

Report Finance Comte

A Report of the Finance Committee dated 29th January 1868 read and Confirmed

Report of attendce of Members Submitted by Town Clerk -

The Town Clerk in accordance with a Resolution dated 6th January 1868 Submitted to the Meeting a Report of the several attendances of Members of this Council both in Open Assembly and in Committee for the year 1867, and which was upon motion of Town Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Town Councillor Lawce Moore ordered to be entered on the Minute Book of this Corporation -

Treasurer submitted a/c.

The Treasurer as directed at last meeting laid before the ~~Meeting~~ Council an account of the Arrears of Rent due last November amount £900.0.0. as also an account of the expenditure for the five months ending this day and which amounted to the Sum of £1705.0.0. when after considerable discussion thereon It was moved by Town Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Town Councillor Lawce Moore and resolved that a Retrenchment Committee be appointed and that the following Gentlemen Members of the Council should Constitute Same Viz His Worship the Mayor, and Town Councillors. O'Neill, Cullen, Knagg Simcocks Kelly. McGeown, Brady & Moore and Flanagan, -

Retrenchment Comte appte

Struck out Vide page 205 -

Town Councillor Cullen opening to the Finances of the Corporation moved that the Resolution dated 2nd May 1864 as to flagging be rescinded on the grounds that the Corpn are not in a position to carry Same into effect, which motion having been Seconded by Town Councillor Lawce Moore was put from the Chair and Carried unanimously -

Standing Comtes Conformed

A List of the Standing Committees for the Year Commencing this date read and having been revised It was unanimously Resolved Same be adopted and that each Committee so appointed as aforesaid should form itself for the purpose of the various matters referred to them for their Consideration and Report

Whereupon Meeting adjourned to the first Monday in April

Thos Quinn

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Report of Law Committee as to Memorial of Mrs Kate Boylan

Your Committee pursuant to Resolution dated 6th January 1868 refering to them for their Report and consideration the Memorial of a Mrs Kate Boylan Widow praying that the annuity payable to her Sister Miss Mary McCann amount £10 might be continued to her by this Council during her life find that having regard to a Resolution already recorded on the Minute Books of this Corporation dated 27th April 1829 and which Resolution is to the following effect viz. That in future any female getting a pension from the Coporation same should cease on her marriage, Your Committee therefore beg to report that they Cannot entertain same

All which we certify as Our Report this 10th day of January 1868.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Thos Greene Chairman

Report of Finance Committee pursuant to Resolution dated 6th January 1868

Your Committee having before them for their Consideration and Report the following Accounts Viz.

Mr John Callaghan for Supplying Overcoats and hats for Watchmen and Suit for the Bellman amount	£12.12.0
Mr John Lawsons for Suit Town Sergeant & Capes for Watchmen	£5.18.3

Mr Thos Daly for Overcoat for Town Serjeant	£1.18.6
Mr John Fanelle for assisting in the preparation of Burgess Roll for the year 1868	£1.10.0

find that the three first mentioned accounts are in accordance with their respective Contracts and that the last thereof amount £1.10.0 is the usual fee allowed Mr John Fanelle by this Council for assisting the Town Clerk in the preparation of the Burgess Roll and therefore we Recommend Payment of said Accounts

All which we certify as Our Report this 29th day of January 1868

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Thos Greene Chairman

Report of Town Clerk pursuant to Resolution dated 6th January 1868. of Several attendances of members of this Council in Open Assembly and in Committee for year ending 31st Decr 1867

Pursuant to Resolution dated 6th January 1868 The Town Clerk begs leave to report that the attention of the members of this Council in Open Assembly for the year 1867 is as undermentioned

Number

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Number of Assembly Meetings for the year 1867 — Nineteen —

		no		
Alderman	Thos. Canty	10	J.C.	J Kelly 3
"	J. Chadwick	8	"	J McGeown 11
J.C.	Peter Verdon	9	"	J. Simcocks 12
"	John O'Neile	14	"	E. McDaogh 10
"	Richd Moore	6	Aldn	J. Mathews 11
"	Jas. Lewis	17	"	P. Jernan 4
"	J. J. Gormley	16	J.C.	L Moore 18
"	P. M Brady	11	"	P. Byrne 8
Alderman	P. Casey	6	"	J. A. Flanagan 16
"	P. Mathews	8	"	R B. Daly 12
J.C.	M. Cullen	16	"	N. Leech 15
"	G. Knaggs	15	"	J. Greene 4

Law Committee

Number of Meetings. Eight

	no		no
The Mayor	4	J.C. Knaggs	8
Aldn. T. Canty	1	" Daly	1
" Jernan	1	" Brady	2
" J Mathews	1	" McGeown	0
J.C. Flanagan	4	" O'Neile	6
" Verdon	3	" Gormley	2
" L Moore	8		

Finance Committee Four.

	no		no
The Mayor	3	J.C Flanagan	2
Aldn. Jernan.	0	" McDonogh	2
" Casey.	1	" McGeown	
J.C. Leech	3	" Simcocks	
" Knaggs	4	" L Moore	4
" Verdon	2		

Paving Committee. 3 times

	no		no
The Mayor		J.C. Daly	1
Aldn Casey.	1	" Flanagan	2
" Jernan		" O'Neile	3
J.C. Verdon		" R Moore	1
" Greene	1		

Lighting Committee Once

	no		no
The Mayor.	1	J.C. Gormley	
Aldn. P. Mathews		" McGeown	
" P. Casey.		" McDonogh	1
J.C. L Moore	1	" Leech	1

Clothing Committee. Twice

	no		no
Aldn. J. Mathews	1	J.C. Greene	1
J.C. Simcocks	1	" O'Neile	1
" Knaggs	1	" Flanagan	2
" Cullen	1	" L Moore	2,

All which I certify as my Report this 31st January 1868.

Jas Killeen Town Clerk

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Monday 2nd March 1868.

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thulsel of said Town on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at Noon, for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting General Business.

Present.

Thomas Greene Esq. Mayor

Aldermen. Thomas Carty — J.C Geo Knaggs
James Mathews — " Nichs Leech
Patrick Jernan — " Lawce Moore
John Chadwick — " Jas McGeown
Patrick Casey. — " J.J Goumley
Councillors. Peter Verdon — " Michl Cullen
" Edwd McDonagh — " P.M. Brady
" J.A. Flanagan

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk when a considerable discussion arose as to the legality of rescinding at the last meeting of Council a resolution dated 2nd May 1864. as to flagging.

It was moved by Town Councillor Goumley that said Resolution be reinstated on the grounds that same could not be rescinded without Notice. which motion having been put from the Chair a poll was demanded when there appeared by signing the Minutes 7. and against it 8. Whereupon it was ordered that the Resolution passed at last meeting as to the rescinding the order for flagging be struck out of Minute Book and that Original Resolution as to same should stand confirmed The

Flagging
that resolu rescinding of May 1864 be struck out & Orgl ordered to be confirmed

The following is an account a List of the voting on the foregoing Motion.

In signing Minutes.	Against.	Reasons Stated
J.C Brady	" JC Gormley	
" Cullen	" Knaggs	
" McGeown	" McDonogh	
" L Moore	" Verdon.	Informal
" Flanagan	" Casey.	
" The Mayor.	Aldn Jernan	do
Aldn Carty	" J Mathews	do
	" Chadwick	do.

Mr Nicholsons House Lawce Gate that purchase be completed

Mr. Alderman Carty mentioned to the meeting that he had received a further communication from Mr. Nicholson touching the purchase of his interest in the House adjoining St Lawrence Gate by this Council When it was moved by Town Councillor Leech Seconded by Town Councillor Brady and unanimously resolved that said purchase be at once Completed and that Captain Nicholson be paid the £50. being the amount already agreed to.

Account Gas Coy referred to Finance Comtee

An account from the Drogheda Gas Compy dated 1st January 1868 amount £104.1.1 read and on motion of Town Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Town Councillor Cullen, referred to Finance Committee.

Rental. tenders for printing of Joseph Dollard accepted

Tenders for printing the Yearly Rental of the Estate of this Corporation read. when after some discussion as to referring same to the Finance Committee for Consideration It was moved by Town Councillor Lawrence Moore and Seconded by Town Councillor Cullen that the tender of Joseph Dollard of Number fourteen Dame Street Dublin Printer and Stationer

proposing

proposing to execute same for a period of five years for the Sum of £7.18.0 per 30 copies be accepted and ordered to be inserted on the Minute Books of this Corporation.

It was next moved by Town Councillor Knaggs Seconded by Town Councillor Lawce Moore and resolved that the Engineer should prepare a Specification for the erection of Wall in Barrack Lane, and invite tenders for same, and that the Building Committee should be summoned by the Town Clerk to consider and accept of tenders for the erection thereof.

Barrack Lane Wall, Engineer to prepare Specfn

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Monday the 6th day of April 1868

Thos Greene

Copy Proposal of Joseph Dollard 14 Dame Street Dublin to print Yearly Rental.

14 Dame Street and Dame Lane
Dublin Feby 14th 1868.

Gentn I propose to supply 25 Copies of your Rental per Year for a period of five Years for the Sum of £7.18.0 for each year.

I have the honor to be
Your Most obet Servt
Joseph Dollard

To the
Honorable the Mayor
and Council
of the Corporation
of Drogheda

Monday 6th April 1868

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thulsel of said town on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of Considering Mr Town Councillor Cullen's Notice of motion that the resolution dated the 2nd May 1864 relative to flagging be rescinded also to consider Mr Town Councillor Daly's notice of motion that the Mayor and Magistrates of this Borough be requested to put the laws in force relative to Vagrancy. To receive reports and transact General business.

Present
Thomas Greene Esq.re Mayor

Alderman	James Mathews	T.C.	Jas A. Hanagan
"	John Chadwick	"	Lawrence Moore
"	Patrick Jernan	"	P. M. Brady
"	Patrick Casey	"	Richd Leech
T C	Peter Verdon	"	Thos Simcocks
"	Robt B. Daly	"	John Kelly
"	Edw. McDonagh	"	J. J. Gormley
"	George Knaggs	"	Patk Byrne
"	John O'Neill	"	Michl Cullen

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Mr Nicholsons House assignt to be perfected

Mr Town Councillor Daly referring to the negociations entered into by this Council with Mr Nicholson for the purchase of his interest in the House adjoining St Lawrence Gate moved that the Deed of Assignment should be perfected and the purchase money (£50) together with the sum of £2.2.0 Approbation fee on draft Conveyance be paid E. J. Smith Esq. Solicitor for

for Mr Nicholson which motion having been seconded by Town Councillor O'Neill was ordered accordingly – Councillors. Lawrence Moore, George Knaggs and James A. Flanagan, dissenting.

Flagging Resln as to, dated 2nd May 1864 to stand –

Mr Town Councillor Cullen in accordance with his Notice of motion moved that the Resolution dated 2nd May 1864 relative to flagging the footways be rescinded which motion having been Seconded by Town Councillor Lawrence Moore a considerable discussion arose as to same whereupon a poll was demanded when there appeared for the motion Nine, and against it Ten His Worship thereupon declared said motion lost.

The following is an account of the Voting.

For the Motion	Against motion
J. C. John O'Neill	Ald[n] J. Chadwick
" P. M. Brady.	J. C. Peter Verdon
" John Kelly.	" J. J. Gormley
Ald[n] Jas Mathews	Ald[n] P. Casey
J C Law[ce] Moore	" P. Ternan
" J. A. Flanagan	J C G. Knaggs
" Nich[s] Leech	" Thos Simcocks
His Worship the Mayor	" C. Mc Donough
J C. M. Cullen	" P. Byrne
	" R. B. Daly.

Vagrancy Act to be put in force.

Mr Town Councillor Daly in pursuance to his Notice of motion moved that the Mayor and Magistrates of the Borough should be requested by this Council to put in force the Act relative to Vagrancy which motion having been Seconded by Town Councillor Simcocks was carried unanimously.

A Letter was next read from Major Brookes Royal Barracks Dublin dated 20th March 1868 asking permission of this Council to allow the

Millmount Barracks drainage allowed into Main Sewer

drainage of the Millmount Barracks to be brought down Barrack Lane into the Main Sewer in the Bull Ring: by a nine inch pipe, and which was accordingly assented to.

Address to Prince of Wales to be prepared

A Letter was next read from the Chairman of the Town Commissioners Carlow dated 19th of March 1868 asking the Co-operation of this Council in the formation of a suitable Address to be presented to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his approaching visit to Ireland. When it was moved by Town Councillor Verdon Seconded by Town Councillor Knaggs that the Town Clerk do prepare a draft address in accordance with Suggestions contained in said Letter, unanimously agreed to.

Report Finance Comtee

A Report of the Finance Committee dated the 3rd April 1868 read and on motion of Town Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Town Councillor Lawrence Moore, confirmed and ordered to be entered on the Minute Books of this Corporation.

An account of Mr George Knaggs dated 15th March 1868 Amount £6. 13. 11½ read and same having been Certified was ordered to be paid.

Petition for an extension of Boro' Boundary –

Mr Town Councillor Cullen next moved that the Council be Summoned in Committee for the purpose of preparing a Petition to be presented to Parliament praying for an extension of the Borough boundary which motion having been Seconded by Town Councillor Knaggs was carried unanimously.

Prince of Wales Invtn as Knight of St Patrick

His Worship the Mayor Stated to the meeting that he had received a Communication from the Committee appointed to make arangements for the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Knight of St Patrick to the effect that if His

Worship

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Invitation to be present at-

Worship and the Corporation of Drogheda intimated a wish to be present at the installation in St. Patricks' Cathedral Dublin, tickets not exceeding ten in number would be placed at their disposal, and further Stated that as soon as he should receive said tickets he would call a meeting at an early date to make arrangements for deputation to attend Same.

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Friday the 1st May 1868 being the next Quarterly day.

Thos Greene }

Report of Finance Committee

Your Committee having before them for their consideration and report the following accounts viz.

Drogheda Gas Coy for Supplying Gas to Tholsel Watch House & Mayoralty Rooms up to 25th Decr 1867 and 2nd instalment of Winter lighting up to 1st Jan 1868	10-1-1
Bernard Daly's a/c Commencing 9th Jan 1867 and ending 26th March 1868	11-4-6

find that the first mentioned account is in accordance with terms of Contract and recommend payment thereof and that the account of Bernard Daly amount £11-4-6 be paid less the Sum of £1/3 deductions.

All which we certify as Our report this 3rd day of April 1868

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Thos Greene Esq Chairman

Friday 1st May 1868

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said town on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting general business.

Present.

Thomas Greene Esq. Mayor.

Alderman	Thos Carty	J.C.	John Kelly
"	John Chadwick	"	James McGeown
"	Patk Mathews	"	Thos Simcock
J.C.	John O'Neill	"	Edw. McDonough
"	Richard Moore	"	Lawce Moore
"	J.J. Gormley	"	Jas A. Flanagan
"	P.M. Brady	"	Nichs Leech
"	Michael Cullen	"	R.B. Daly
"	George Knaggs		

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Resolution as to disendowment of Established Church

Mr. J.C. Flanagan moved that a Petition be presented to Parliament from this Council praying for the disendowment of the established Church in Ireland which motion having been Seconded by J.C. Laurence Moore was after some discussion agreed to, and the following Gentlemen Members of the Council were named as a Committee to prepare and have same forwarded for presentation on Monday the 4th inst viz. Alderman Thos Carty, and Town Councillors O'Neill McDonough Leech Cullen Flanagan & Lawce Moore. J.C. George Knaggs dissenting

Mr. J.C. Flanagan next moved that a Memorial be presented to His Excellency the Lord

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Memorial for Release of Political Prisoners

Lieutenant from this Council praying that the prerogative of mercy be extended to the Prisoners at present incarcerated for political Offences which motion having been Seconded by J.C. Law.ce Moore was unanimously agreed to.

It was next upon motion of J.C. Mc Donough Seconded by J.C. Knaggs unanimously Resolved that the following Leases from this Council Viz to Richard Aldamont Smythe of Houses and premises in Fair Street and to Patrick Traynor of land at Townrath be at once perfected and Corporation Seal attached thereto.

Tenders for Supplying Broken Stones &c read. No 4 Accepted -

Four tenders for Supplying paving Stones Sand and broken Stones read and on motion of J.C Leech Seconded by J.C Jos McGeown resolved that tender of Christopher Carroll (No. 4) be accepted.

Memorial Christian Brothers for Lease & Reduction of rent - referred to Law Com.te -

A Memorial from Rev.d Mr. Larkin Superior of the Christian Brothers Drogheda praying for an extension of their Lease and a reduction of their present annual rent read when upon motion of J.C. Knaggs Seconded by J.C. Daly same referred to the Law Committee to report thereon.

Notice from Mr Courtney as to Mr Nicholsons House & Water Works Subsidy -

A Notice dated 17.th Apr.l 1868 from Mr. Patrick Courtney of West Street cautioning the Council against paying over purchase money of House adjoining St Law.ce Gate to Mr. Nicholson without the Sanction of the Lords of the Treasury as also referring to the Water Works Subsidy when after some discussion thereon It was upon motion of J.C. Law.ce Moore Seconded by J.C. Flanagan directed to be entered on the Minute Books of the Corporation.

(was next read)

A Letter from the Secretary of the Drogheda Water Works Company dated 29.th Apr.l 1868 asking payment from this Council on account of the Water supplied through the fountains to the poor of the town read, but no motion made thereon.

The following accounts were referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Messrs Hammonds a/c for flagging dated 28.th April 1868 amount £25.12.9. and

Mr James Connolly's a/c dated Nov.r 1867 Amount £11.1.6½.

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Monday 4.th May 1868

Thos Quinn

N.B. A Petition praying an extension of the Borough Boundary having been Submitted to the Meeting was upon motion of Town Councillor Cullen Seconded by J.C. Knaggs adopted and ordered to be forwarded His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

Thos Quinn

Copy Notice from Mr. Patrick Courtney of No. 115 West Street Drogheda

3 & 4 V. c 108 Sec.s 139 to 146 and under the general and other powers of the Municipal Act.

Borough of Drogheda

To The Mayor Aldermen and Councillors. Assembled Gentlemen, On my own behalf and of the Burgesses & Inhabitants of the Boro' of Drogheda I hereby give you notice not to pay any monies of the Boro' funds for a property adjoining Law.ce Gate without the Sanction of the Lords of the Treasury legally made under 3 & 4.th Vic & further to revoke the alienation of certain lands made to Water Works Coy & without the Sanction of the Lords of the Treasury also to rescind Resolution on the Minute Book of the Corp.n made previous to May 1867 purporting to grant a £400 per Annum permanently to said Water

Water Works Company and which has been refused by the Lords of the Treasury.

Signed. Patrick Courtney. Burgess
115 West Jt Drogheda

Dated 17th April 1868.

Copy Address to Prince of Wales

To His Royal Highness Albert
Edward Prince of Wales.

May it please Your Royal Highness

We the Mayor Aldermen and Councillors of the Ancient and Loyal Borough of Drogheda beg leave most respectfully to approach your Royal Highness for the purpose of expressing our heartfelt pleasure upon Your arrival in Ireland. We most Cordially and affectionately welcome you to this portion of Her Most Gracious Majesty's dominions and We can most earnestly assure Your Royal Highness that Our happiness is greatly increased by the Circumstance that Your illustrious Consort the Princess of Wales accompanies Your Royal Highness on this auspicious occasion. We unanimously hail the event as the sure harbinger of better and brighter days for our native County and We fervently trust that all Classes and denominations of the Irish people will ardently endeavour to emulate each other in affording to Your Royal Highness unequivocal manifestations of that sincere loyalty unaltered devotion and dutiful attachment which is so eminently due to Your Royal House and family.

We can further assure Your Royal Highness that we would be exceedingly happy in

common with many of Our fellow Countrymen if Your Royal Highness would be graciously pleased to establish a permanent residence in Ireland and We feel Convinced that such Royal residence would be hailed with universal satisfaction and tend to the Commercial and manufacturing prosperity of Her Most Gracious Majesty's loyal and dutiful Irish Subjects. and the more firmly Cementing that friendly Union and hearty Co operation which should exist between the people of the three Kingdoms the Subjects of the Same Illustrious and truly beloved Sovereign.

In testimony of the Sincerity of Our Sentiments We have the pleasure Of affixing Our Ancient Caporate Seal to this Our loyal and dutiful address of Welcome And devotion to Your Royal Highness And Your Amiable popular and Illustrious Consort the Princess of Wales.

Thos Greene
Mayor (Seal

Dated at the Assembly Room
Tholsel this 17th April 1868

Reply to the foregoing

Dublin Castle April 19th 1868

Sir, I have received and had the honor of laying before the Prince of Wales the address you have forwarded from the Mayor Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Drogheda.

His Royal Highness thanks them Cordially for their affectionate Welcome and for the extension

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of that welcome to the Princess.

It will be the highest gratification to their Royal Highnesses to reciprocate the Warm and Kind feelings of the Irish people and their most Anxious desire to profit by every opportunity which may be afforded them of forming a closer acquaintance with Ireland and its Inhabitants.

I have the honorable Sir Yr Obedt Servt
W. Knollys

James Killeen Esq.

Copy Petition praying for an extension of the Borough boundary of Drogheda

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To His Excellency the Marquis of Abercorn Lord Lieutenant and General Governor of Ireland

The Humble Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen & Burgesses of the Boro' of Drogheda.

Respectfully Sheweth.

That for several years your Memorialists in common with the occupiers of House property in the County of the town of Drogheda have experienced much injustice from the immoderate amount of Grand Jury Assessments arising from there being made within too limited an area.

The Annual valuation of the present restricted County of the Town is £18.675.5.0 The annual valuation of the old County of the Town is £27193 - to rectify this Anomaly of such a limited area and its unjust operation upon the occupiers of House property - Your Memorialists beg leave to suggest (as the Grand Jury of the City of the town of

of Drogheda have already suggested in Memorials to the Lord Lieutenant) that the boundaries of the old County of the town otherwise the Parliamentary boundaries for the Borough of Drogheda should become the future boundaries for Grand Jury Assessments.

From calculations that have been made it is evident that the suggested boundary for Grand Jury Assessments would not exercise any unfair Operations upon the occupiers of property outside the present restricted boundary of the County of the town now situated within its Parliamentary boundaries -

It is shewn by a Parliamentary Return of July 1867 that the present County of the town of Drogheda is assessed at the immoderate figure of 3/- to 3/5 in £1.0.0 while the average of Counties in Ireland is 1/8

It is calculated that if the area for Grand Jury Assessments were extended to that of the Parliamentary limits the amount Grand Jury Assessments would not exceed from 1/1 to 1/4 per £1.0.0.

Your Memorialists therefore pray Yr Excellcy would be pleased to direct with the view of having the present immoderate amount of Grand Jury Assessmt reduced, that the subject may be enquired into & reported upon & all necessary returns Maps & documents relating to the City of the town of Drogheda placed before the proper Govermt department for the Satisfaction of the Payers of County Cess within & without the present restricted Boundary of the County of the town.

And your Memorialists will ever pray -

Dated this 8th May 1868 at Assembly Room Tholsel Drogheda.

Thos Greene
Mayor
Drogheda

(Seal)

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Monday 4th May 1868

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general business.

Present

Thos. Green Esq. Mayor

Alderman	Thos. Canty	J.C.	Thos. Simcock
"	Patk. Casey.	"	Edw. Mc. Donogh
J.C.	John O'Neile	"	Lawce. Moore
"	Richd. Moore	"	J. A. Flanagan
"	J. J. Gormley	"	Nichs. Leech
"	M. Cullen	"	James Levins
"	George Knaggs		

The minutes of the last meeting having been read were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Thanks
Mr Gladstone for his exertions as to the disendowment of the Irish Church & to send him Copy Resolution –

It was proposed by Mr J.C. Flanagan seconded by Mr J.C. Lawce. Moore, and resolved that the marked thanks of this Council be tendered to The Right Honble Mr Gladstone M.P. for his untiring exertions on behalf of the Irish people in respect of the disendowment of the Anglican Church as at present existing in Ireland and further resolved that a Copy of this resolution with the Corporate Seal affixed thereto be forwarded him by the Town Clerk. Mr J.C. Knaggs dissenting.

A Memorial from James Kelly of the Twenties as to putting up fence or railing on his land read but no order made thereon –

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Monday the 1st June 1868. Thos Greene

Monday 1st June 1868

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said town on this day at the hour of Twelve O'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting General business.

Present

Thos. Greene Esq. Mayor.

Alderman.	Patk. Mathews	J.C.	Michl. Cullen
"	Patk. Casey.	"	John Kelly
J.C.	George Knaggs	"	Jas McGeeron
"	John O'Neile	"	Thos. Simcocks
"	James Levins	"	Lawce. Moore
"	J. J. Gormley.	"	Jas A. Flanagan
"	P. M. Brady.	"	Nicholas Leech.

The Minutes of last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Reports
read

Reports from the Finance, Law, and Retrenchment Committees read and upon Motion of Town Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Town Councillor Lawrence Moore confirmed and ordered to be inserted on the Minute Books of this Corpn.

Petition in favor of Union Rating

It was moved by Town Councillor Cullen Seconded by Town Councillor Leech and Resolved that a Petition be prepared and forwarded from this Council to Parliament in favor of Union Rating. Carried Unanimously.

Mr Town Councillor Cullen next moved that a Petition praying for at least 20 in the Number of Irish Members Should be adopted – that

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that a Copy of said Petition be forwarded the Dublin Corporation soliciting their Co-operation and requesting them to adopt a similar One, and that Lord Athlumney in the House of Lords, and The Right Honorable Chichester Fortescue in the House of Commons be requested to present said Memorial to Parliament which motion after some discussion having been seconded by Town Councillor Leech, was agreed to ~

Resolⁿ for Petⁿ in favor of an addl. member for Drogheda –

It was next moved by Town Councillor Cullen, seconded by Town Councillor Flanagan and resolved that a Petition be presented to Parliament from this Council praying for an additional member for Drogheda and that same be forwarded The Right Honorable Chichester Fortescue for presentation ~

Revd. Mr Dardis Letter from Franciscan Convent thanking Col. for respect shewn on the occasion of his funeral –

A Letter was read by the Town Clerk from the Franciscan Convent here thanking the Council for the respect shewn by them on the occasion of the funeral of The Revd. Mr Dardis and which letter was upon motion of Alderman Patrick Mathews seconded by Town Councillor John O'Neill ordered to be entered on the Minute Books of this Corporation.

Letter from Mr Gladstone in reply to Resolⁿ on Irish Church Question –

The Town Clerk read a letter from The Right Honble Mr Gladstone M.P. thanking this Council for the support they had given him in the resolution relating to the Irish Church Question ~

Report as to passage at Lawrence Gate

A Report from the Committee appointed to make arrangements with Mr St George Smith as to the opening of a passage at St Lawrence Gate read when upon motion of Town Councillor O'Neill seconded by Town Councillor Knaggs It was resolved that the Engineer should make a survey of said premises and report same at next meeting particularizing so much of said intended passage as belongs to this Corporation from that which

which Captain Smyth has consented to give and which as stated in said Report would extend to or be in a direct line with Dr Ellis's House in Lawrence Street ~

A Memorial from Patrick Branagan Francis Street read and consideration thereof deferred till after the receipt of the Engineer's report on the intended passage at St Lawrence Gate ~

Water Works Letter from Secy. as to stopping supply.

A Letter was next read from the Secretary of the Drogheda Water Works Company enclosing Copy of a Resolution passed at a Special meeting of said Company on the 14th May 1868 to the effect that if this Council refused to pay for the Water supplied them for last Twelve months and some satisfactory arrangement for the future entered into that the Water would Cease to be supplied after the 6th June 1868 – A Considerable discussion arose but no Resolution passed or motion made thereon ~

Memorial from John Callaghan for Lease –

A Memorial from Mr. John Callaghan Shop Street praying that Lease of premises in Bessexwell Lane already ordered to him should be perfected read and referred to the Law Committee for Consideration –

Mr Town Councillor Leech suggested that a Crossing should be laid from the St Marys Bridge to Mr Tighe's on the Bull Ring when upon motion of Town Councillor Cullen seconded by Town Councillor Knaggs same was referred to the Paving Committee for consideration –

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Monday the 6th July next ~

Thos Greene

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Monday 6th July 1868

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said town on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of considering Resolution passed at a Special meeting of the Drogheda Water Work Company on the 15th June 1868 To receive Reports and transact general business—

Present

James Lewins Esq. JC

JC. John O'Neile
" Richd Moore
JC. John Kelly
" Lawce Moore

There not being a Sufficient Number of Members present to form a Meeting. It was upon motion of Town Councillor O'Neile Seconded by Town Councillor Lawce Moore Resolved that said Meeting be adjourned to Monday 13th July inst

Thos Lynne Chairman

Monday 10th August 1868.

At a special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said town on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of Considering Tenders for the Sweeping Cleansing and Watering of the Town

Present

His Worship the Mayor.

Alderman James Mathews
JC. Thos Simcocks
" Richd Moore
" P.M. Brady
" Lawce Moore
JC. Michl Cullen
" Patk Byrne
" J.J. Gormley
" J.A. Flanagan
" John Kelly.

Tender of Edward Monaghan for Sweeping Cleansing and Watering the Streets for One Year from the first day of August inst. read. and on motion of Alderman James Mathews Seconded by Town Councillor Flanagan. Same accepted

Thos Lynne Chairman

Tender of Edwd Monaghan for Sweeping &c accepted—

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Monday 7th Sept 1868

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on this day at the hour of 12 O'clock at noon for the purpose of considering Letter from Michael Verdon Esq. Solr. for the Drogheda Water Works Company, To receive Reports and transact general business —

Present

Thos Greene Esq. Mayor

Alderman Thos. Carty JP.	T C John O'Neill
T C. James A Flanagan	" George Knaggs
" Michael Cullen	" J. J. Gormley
" Richard Moore	" Nichs Leech
" John Kelly	" P. M. Brady

The Minutes of the 1st June, 6th Aug and 10th August last were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Memorial of Michl Fox as to Wall at Sunday's Gate referred to Engineer —

A Memorial from Mr Michael Fox of Bolton Street Complaining of a Wall having been erected by a Mrs Callan next the Memorialists premises out Sunday's Gate and stating that same was a receptacle for nuisance and praying the removal thereof read whereupon it was moved by Town Councillor Cullen seconded by Town Councillor Leech and resolved that the Engineer do visit the place referred to in said Memorial, and if there existed a nuisance to take the necessary steps to have same abated —

The Town Clerk next stated to the meeting

meeting that a Mrs Margaret Callan tenant to the Corporation required the Counterpart of her Lease of premises without Sunday's Gate, and which Lease bears date the 2nd November 1857, when upon motion of Alderman Carty Seconded by Town Councillor O'Neill same referred to the Law Committee to report if Lease prepared in accordance with conditions of Sale and report same at next meeting of the Council —

Water Works letter from Mr Verdon, for payment of subsidy

A Letter was next read from Michael Verdon Esq. Solr. for the Drogheda Water Works Company demanding payment from this Council of the sum of £498.3.4 Costs of erecting fountains and for One year and two months subsidy and stating that in the event of some Settlement not being entered into, legal proceedings would be instituted, a considerable discussion arose, but no resolution as to same —

An account from Messrs Brennan and Costello for repairing the St Dominick's Bridge dated 7th July 1868 Amount £11.12.11 was next submitted to the meeting and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration —

Political Prisoners as to release of —

The Town Clerk next read a copy of a Resolution unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Corporation of Cork dated the 28th of August 1868 with reference to the release of the Irish political prisoners, when it was ordered that a Special meeting be convened for the purpose of considering same —

The practice as at present existing of forestallers meeting parties having Commodities for sale on market days and the consequent inconvenience

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to and exorbitant prices charged the Inhabitants by reason thereof – having been brought under the consideration of the Meeting. It was upon Motion of Town Councillor Knaggs Seconded by Town Councillor Flanagan and Resolved that the following Gentlemen Members of the Council be named as a Committee to enquire into the subject and devise means by the making of bye laws or otherwise for the proper Regulation of said Markets and for the purpose of checking such Practice Viz. His Worship the Mayor, Town Councillors O'Neill Cullen, Flanagan, Leech, Knaggs Gormley and Richard Moore.

Committee to be appointed to, and an end to forestallers –

Whereupon Meeting adjourned to Monday the 14th day of September inst.

Thos Greene

Thursday 17th Sept 1868

At a Special meeting of the Council (pursuant to Requisition) of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel this day at the hour of 12 o'c – at noon for the purpose of Considering Resolution of Cork Corporation as to the release of the Irish Political Prisoners and to direct all necessary things to be done in Relation thereto –

Present,

Thomas Greene Esq Mayor.

Alderman P. Carey. T.C. M. Cullen
T.C. Jas A Flanagan, " P.M. Brady
" R. Moore " P. Byrne,
" J. O'Neill " J. Gormley
" N. Leech,
" J McGeown,
" E. McDonough
"

His Worship the Mayor having Stated the Object of the meeting –

Political Prisoners Resolution as to –

Town Councillor Flanagan moved and Town Councillor Leech Seconded that in the Opinion of this Council the Irish political Prisoners Confined both at home, and abroad have sufficiently expiated their Offence, and that the time has arrived to throw open the Prison doors and set the Captives free which motion having been put from the Chair was unanimously Carried

Thos Greene

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Friday 25th Sept 1868.

At a Special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room Of the Thlsel on this day at the hour of 12 Of at noon for the purpose Of Confirming Letting of Public Cranes –

Present.

Thomas Greene Esq. Mayor.

Alderman T. Matthews	J.C. A. Cullen
J.C. Geo. Knaggs	" T. Byrne
" J. Gormley	" P.M. Brady
" J.A Flanagan	" J. Lewis

The various biddings having been submitted to the meeting by the Town Clerk It was upon motion of Town Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Town Councillor Brady that Mr Dominick Lynch be declared Contractor for the public Cranes and Markets for one year from the 28th September 1868 to 28th Septr 1869 at a Rent or Sum of £125 –

Biddings for Public Cranes read –

Mr Lynch being present and Assenting thereto was accordingly declared the Contractor –

Town Councillor Flanagan moved and Town Councillor Gormley Seconded that Mr Cogan and Carney the Caretaker of the Market House do make an Inventory of the various Beams Scales and Weighing Apparatus be furnished the Town Clerk before taking possession from Mr Reilly the present Contractor

Inventory in Cranes &c to be taken

Thos Greene

Monday 5th October 1868

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thlsel on this day at the hour of 12 Oclock at noon for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting general business –

Present.

Thomas Greene Esq. Mayor.

Alderman Thomas Carty	J.C. John Gormley
" Jas Mathews	" Nichs Leech.
" John Chadwick	" Patk Byrne.
J.C. Jas A. Flanagan	

The minutes of the 7th and 17th and 25th September were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

The Town Clerk States to the meeting that pursuant to Resolution dated the 25th September 1868 he made an Inventory of the Beams Scales and Weighing Apparatus in the public Cranes, and gave same over to the present Tenant Dominick Lynch –

Inventory made of Beams Weights Scales &c

Account of Mr John Hughes for printing and Stationary Amount £23.15.1 upon Motion of Alderman Carty Seconded by Town Councillor Leech referred to Finance Committee

Costs of Messrs J.K. Magee and James J. Healy Solrs referred to Law Committee for Consideration

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Monday 2nd Nov 1868

Thos Greene

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Monday 2nd November 1868

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving Reports & transacting general business —

Present

Thomas Greene Esq. Mayor.

Alderman Jas Mathews	T.C. Thos Simcocks
" Patk Teman	" J. A. Flanagan
" Patk Casey	" Jas McGeown
" Patk Mathews	" Richd Moore
T.C. Edwd McDonough	" John O'Neill
" M. Cullen	
" J. J. Gormley	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor,

Report Lighting Comte

A Report from the Lighting Committee dated 24th October 1868 was next read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes of this Corporation —

It was next upon motion of Town Councillor Flanagan seconded by Alderman Patrick Teman ordered that the lamps mentioned in the Lighting Committees report be erected —

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Tuesday 1st December 1868 —

Thos Greene

Report of Lighting Committee

We the Members of the Lighting Committee appointed to visit the new bridge at Shop Street, and St Catharine's Terrace, beg to report that we consider that two ornamental lamps same as No 19, in Messrs Smith Catalogue should be placed on the Bridge one each side and on Centre immediately over the inscription Slab We further beg to recommend that the lamp now over Mr Walsh's door, on North Quay be changed to the Telegraph office in order to assist in lighting the Bridge Quay Quay and Shop Street —

In reference to St Catherine's Terrace we beg to say that we consider a very great necessity exists for a lamp there and would advise that one should be erected at once on the West end of the Terrace —

Signed on behalf of the Lighting Committee

Thos Greene } Mayor

Drogheda
24th Oct 1868

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Tuesday 1st December 1868

At a Speciae meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the House on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at Noon for the purpose of electing a Mayor for the ensuing Year —

Present,

His Worship the Mayor,

Aldermen	Thos Canty	J.C.	Mich.l Cullen
"	John Chadwick	"	George Knaggs
"	Patk Mathews	"	John Kelly
"	Patk Casey	"	Jas McGeown
"	Jos Matthews	"	Thos Simcocks
"	Patk Leman	"	Edwd McDonogh
J.C.	Peter Verdon	"	Jos A Flanagan
"	John O'Neill	"	Wm Whitworth
"	James Lewis	"	Patk Byrne
"	J.J Gormley	"	R.B. Daly
"	Nicholas Flynn		

His Worship the Mayor having stated the object of the meeting —

It was moved by Alderman James Mathews, J.P. and seconded by Town Councillor John Kelly that Edward McDonogh Esq, J.C be elected Mayor for the ensuing year, which Motion having been put from the Chair there being no other Gentleman proposed same was unanimously carried — Whereupon Councillor McDonogh returned thanks for the honor Conferred on him

Thos Lynn Mayor,

Edwd McDonogh J.C. elect Mayor for year 1869 —

Monday 7th December 1868

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly room of the House on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving reports & transacting general business —

Present,

J.C. Knaggs	J.C. Mich.l Cullen
" Jas McGeown	" Jas A. Flanagan
" Nichs Flynn	

There not being a Sufficient Number of Members present to form a Meeting Same adjourned —

Thos Lynn Mayor,

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Monday 14th. December 1868

At an adjourned meeting of the Council duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock in the noon for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting general business

Present

Thomas Greene Esq. Mayor

J.C. Edwd. McKDonough	J.C. Jas A Flanagan
" Wm Whitewood	" Michl Cullen
" Patrick Byrne	" George Knaggs
" John O'Neill	" J.J. Gormley

The minutes of last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor -

Tender Gas Coy for erection of two new lamps on St Mary's Bridge - accepted -

A Tender from the Drogheda Gas Company dated 13th November 1868 offering to erect two new lamps on the St Marys Bridge for the sum of £7.3.6 exclusive of Glass Globes read it was on motion of Town Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Town Councillor Gormley. Accepted.

Lawee Gate survey to be made of ground -

It was next moved by Town Councillor Knaggs Seconded by Town Councillor Gormley resolved that the Engineer that make Survey of ground at Lawrence Gate as directed by Resolution dated 1st June 1868. and report same to this Council

Gas Company A/c

Account from Gas Company Amount £161.11.9 read and referred to Finance Committee

Meeting adjourned to 1st January 1869

Edward McDonough Mayor

Friday 1st. January 1869.

At a Special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of ½ p 11 O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of swearing in Town Councillor Edwd. McDonough as Mayor the ensuing year -

Present.

His Worship the Mayor.

Alderman J. Mathews	J.C. Jas McGeown
" P. Casey	" John O'Neill
" T. Mathews	" George Knaggs
J.C. Edwd. McKDonough	" Jas A Flanagan
" Robt B. Daly	" Nichs Flynn
" John Kelly	" Thos Simcocks
" Michl Cullen	" J.J. Gormley.
" Patk Byrne	

Address to Thos Greene J.C. late mayor from the Officers -

Mr. James J. Healy Solicitor on behalf of the officers of the Corporation presented His Worship with an address expressive of their regard for him for his Amiable Conduct to them during the year he filled the high and important office of Mayor of Drogheda - which having been accepted by him. he thereupon returned thanks -

Mayor Sworn

The Mayor Elect Town Councillor McDonough and the gentlemen of the Council proceeded in their robes of office to the Crown Court and he having taken the Oath appertaining to the office of Mayor and Justice of the Peace as also the Oath of allegiance before Alderman James Mathews J.P afterwards returned to the

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Assembly Room, with the other Gentlemen of the Council and took his seat as Chairman —

It was next moved by Alderman James Mathews, seconded by Town Councillor O'Neill and carried unanimously that the marked thanks of this Assembly be tendered to our respected late Mayor Mr Town Councillor Thomas Greene for his dignified and impartial Conduct during his year of Office — Mr Town Councillor Greene, having in suitable terms returned thanks

Vote of thanks to late Mayor

Meeting adjourned to Monday 1st February being next Quarterly day.

Edward McDonough

Monday 4th January 1869

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thulsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon to receive Reports and transact general business

Present

Edward McDonough Esq Mayor,

Alderman	J Mathews	J.C.	M. Cullen
J.C.	Thos Greene	"	John Kelly
"	Jas A. Flanagan	"	Jas McGeown
"	Nichs Flinn	"	John O'Neill
"	George Knaggs	"	J. J. Gormley

The minutes of the last meeting having been read were signed by His Worship the Mayor,

A Letter from Mr Michael Gargan Bull Ring offering to avail himself of the provisions of a resolution already on the Books of this Corporation as to Kerbing read when upon motion of Town Councillor Gormley seconded by Town Councillor McGeown it was resolved that the Engineer should give Mr Gargan every assistance possible and have flagging opposite his premises completed forthwith —

Michl Gargan Letter as to flagging his House on Bull Ring

It was next moved by Alderman James Mathews seconded by Town Councillor O'Neill and resolved that the Town Clerk do produce at the next meeting of the Harbour Board Lease No. 1032, made by the Corporation

Lease No. 1032 to be produced at Harbour Board

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of Drogheda to Henry Smith of certain premises at the St James Dockyard

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Monday 1st February next

Edward McDonough Mayor.

Monday 1st February 1869.

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of Settling Lists of Committees for ensuing Year. To consider J.C. Healy's Notice of Motion that a Committee of the Corporation be appointed for the purpose of inviting a Movement, whereby the Royal Agricultural Society of Ireland may be induced to hold their next Annual Show in Drogheda, To make an arrangement with Water Works Company. to receive Reports and transact general business —

Present

Edward McDonough Esq Mayor.

Ald.n Thomas Canty	J.C. Nich.s Flinn
" Pat.k Leman	" Tho.s Simcocks
" Pat.k Mathews	" Michl Cullen
" Pat.k Casey	" Jas McGeown
J.C. Robt B Healy	" Tho.s Greene
" Wm Whitworth	" John O'Neill
" J.J Gormley	" George Knaggs
" Peter Verdon	" Jas A Flanagan

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Standing Comtes revised

The List of Standing Committees for the year commencing this date was read and having been revised same was ordered to be adopted —

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The subject of arranging amicably with the Directors of the Drogheda Water Works Company having been brought before the Council for Consideration, a discussion arose as to same, no Resolution ~~made~~ or order made thereon.

Royal Agricultural Society - Comte appta to have next annual Show here -

Mr J. C. Daly in pursuance of his notice of motion moved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of inviting a movement whereby the Royal Agricultural Society of Ireland might be induced to hold their next annual Show in Drogheda which motion having been seconded by J. C. Gormley It was Resolved that the following Gentlemen members of the Council should form a Committee to Correspond with the said Society requesting them to hold their Show in Drogheda in the year 1870. Vizt *

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Tuesday 9th February 1869.

Edwd McDonough Chairman

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Mr. Patk. Mathews
Mr. Patk. Fernan
Mr. Patk. Casey
Mr. Geo. Knapp
Mr. R. B. Daly
Mr. Gormley

Tuesday 9th Feby 1869.

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'clock at noon for the purpose of considering Reply from Solicitor for the Water Works Company.

Present,

Edward McDonough Esq. Mayor

Alderman Thos Carty	J.C. Thos Greene
" P. Mathews	" John O'Neill
J.C. Wm Whitworth	" Jas McGeown
" John Kelly	" Jas A Flanagan
" Nichs Flinn	" Thos Simcocks
" J. J. Gormley	

The minutes of the last meeting having been read were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Water Works subsidy letter offering to settle demand for £200.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Michl Verdon Esq. Solicitor for the Water Works Company in Reply to a Communication from the Town Clerk, stating that this Council had expressed their willingness to give £200 to settle all matters in dispute between them when after some discussion thereon, It was moved by Alderman Patrick Mathews seconded by Councillor John Kelly and Resolved that Councillors John O'Neill, Nichs Flinn and Thomas Greene be named as a Committee to Wait upon the Water-Works Company and endeavour to

Comte named to meet Water Works thereon

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to make an amicable arangement with them, and to Report, result thereof at next meeting of the Council –

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Monday 15th Febuary 1869

Edward McDonough Chairman.

Monday 15th Febuary 1869

A an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of Considering Report of Committee appointed to arrange with Water Works Company –

Present –

Edward McDonough Esq. Mayor

Alderman Thomas Carty	M. Jas McGeown
" Patrick Mathews	" George Knaggs
" Patrick Casey	" J. A. Hanagan
" Jas Mathews	" Wm Whitworth
J. C. John O'Neill	" Nichs Flynn
" Thos Greene	" John Kelly
" Michl Cullen	" J. J. Gormley

The Minutes of last meeting were read and Signed by His Worship the Mayor –

Water Works Report as to Settlement read

The Report of the Committee appointed to make arrangements with the Water Works Company read when upon motion of J. C Gormley Seconded by Alderman James Mathews It was Resolved Same be adopted –

J. C. O'Neill next moved as an amendment Seconded by J. C. McGeown that a Sum of £200 be offered Water Work Company in full for their demand against this Corpn instead of the £300 mentioned in the Report a Poll having been demanded For Amendment Councillors Cullen, McGeown O'Neill and Alderman Carty – 4 – Members who declined Voting – Councillors Hanagan

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Knaggs and Alderman Casey.-3- Against Amendment- Councillors Grimley. Flinn Whitworth, Kelly. Greene And Alderman Patrick Mathews and James Mathews-4- His Worship declared the Amendment lost the original motion that the Repot be adopted was then put and Carried. of which Repat the following is a Copy.

Report adopted

Report

Pursuant to Resolution dated 9th. February instant we the undersigned Were appointed a Committee to meet the Directors of the Water Works Company for the purpose of Amicably Arranging with them, as to their demand against this Council, We therefore beg to Recommend that having So met the said Directors and fully Considering the matter We deem it advisable to offer a Sum of £300- in full of all demands the said Company have against this Council up to this date-

Councillor John O'Neill one of the Committee dissenting Stating that a Sum of £200 was sufficient to satisfy the demand of said Water Works Company-

All which we Certify as our Repat this 12th. day of February 1869. Nicholas Flinn J.C. Thomas Greene J.C.-

Note- The Confirmation of the above Repat to be without prejudice to any further proceedings to be had herein - 15th February 1869. Carried

Mr. Carty to get Lease 1032 on giving receipt -

Mr. Alderman Carty next made application to the Council for loan of Lease No. 1032, dated 10th. February 183[illegible] from the Corporation of Drogheda to Henry Smith of a parcel of land out St. James called the

"the Marsh" when upon motion of Alderman James Mathews Seconded by Town Councillor John O'Neill, the Town Clerk was directed to give said Lease to Mr. Alderman Carty on getting his Receipt to return same.-

Whereupon Meeting adjourned-

Edward McConagh. Chairman

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Friday 19th February 1869

At a Special meeting of the Council duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thotsel on this day at the hour of 11 O'Clock in the forenoon of said day for the purpose of preparing an address to be presented to the Lord Lieutenant

Present.

Edward McDonough Esq Mayor

Alderman Jas Mathews — J.C. Jas McGeown
J.C. R.B. Daly — " John Killey
" J.A. Flanagan — " Thos Greene
" John O'Neill — " J.J. Gormley
" Thos Simcock — " Nicho Flinn

His Worship the Mayor having Stated to the Council the object of the meeting —

Mr Alderman Mathews in an eloquent Speech moved that a Congratulatory address be presented from this Council to His Excellency Earl Spencer on his appointment to the Vicerogalty of Ireland which motion having been seconded by Your Councillor Thos Greene, was passed unanimously —

Earl Spencer address to. on his appt.t to Vicerogalty

A draft of the address was next read when upon motion of J.C. O'Neill seconded by J.C. McGown, Same was unanimously adopted

Draft address read —

It was next moved by J.C. Daly Seconded by J.C. Gormley. that the Mayor, High Sheriff the mover and Seconder of the address and as many of the Council as might Chose to take part in the presentation Should form a deputation to present the

Deput.t to present it

address — Carried unanimously —

Whereupon meeting adjourned

Edward McDonough Chairman

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Wednesday 3rd March 1869

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day for the purpose of Considering a Letter from the Lords of Treasury with regard to the Water Works to receive Reports and transact general business –

Present

Edward McDonough Esq. Mayor,

Alderman	Thos Carty	T.C. M. Cullen
T.C.	R B Daly	" Jas McGeown
"	Wm Whitworth	" Geo. Knaggs
"	John O'Neill	" J. A Flanagan
"	Thos Greene	" J. J Gormley
"	Peter Verdon	

The Minutes of the 15th and 19th of February last were read and signed by His Worship the Mayor

Water Works letter from Treasury

A Letter from the Lords of the Treasury dated 27th February 1869. in reference to the Water Works as also Copy Petition of Patrick Courtney therein referred to read. no motion thereon,

Same £300 to be paid them

It was moved by Town Councillor Whitworth Seconded by Town Councillor Gormley and resolved that a sum of £300. be paid the Water Works Company in full for all demands against this Council – Messrs Geo. Knaggs, Jas A. Flanagan and John O'Neill ~~dissenting~~ declined to vote

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It was next moved by T.C Whitworth Seconded by T.C. Greene that the Committee

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Lawce Gate passage. Comte appt.d to have same opened –

already appointed for the purpose of charing passage opened at Laurence Gate, Viz Town Councillors Verdon, Daly & Knaggs should receive tenders for the taking down of the House and erection of a Wall thereat and report at next meeting –

Sienna Convt. as to House in Shop St. –

A Letter from the Prioress of the Sienna Convent, dated 2nd March 1869. as to the House in Shop Street read. Treasurer and Town Clerk directed to enquire if Mr John Farrell of Shop Street would take same, and report at next meeting –

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned to Monday the 5th April next.

Edward McDonough Chairman

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Monday 5th April 1869

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'clock at noon. It was for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general business

Present

Edward McDonough Esq. Mayor

Alderman	Thos Carty	T. C. John O'Neill
"	John Chadwick	" Mich Cullen
"	Patrick Casey	" George Knaggs
T. C	R. B. Daly	" Nicholas Flinn
"	Patrick Byrne	" J. J. Gormley
"	Wm Whitworth	" Thos Greene
"	Jas A. Flanagan	" Peter Verdon

The minutes of the last meeting having been read was signed by the Mayor

His Worship the Mayor having informed the Council that the deputation appointed to present His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant with a Congratulatory address on his appointment to the Viceroyalty of this Country had waited upon his Excellency and had been graciously received by him whereupon it was moved by T. C. Whitworth seconded by T. C. Flanagan and resolved that a copy of the address and reply thereto be inserted on the minutes book of this Corporation, of which the following are copies

Earl Spencer, The Mayor stated address was presented –

To The Right Honorable Earl Spencer
Lord Lieutenant General and
General Governor of Ireland

Copy
Address

May it please Your Excellency

WE the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda in Council specially Assembled most respectfully approach your Excellency to offer our Congratulations on your appointment to the Viceroyalty of this Country and to express our Confidence in the ability and desire on the part of your Excellency to discharge the duties of your high office with credit to yourself and with advantage to Her Majesty's Subjects in Ireland

WE also beg to tender our Welcome to The Countess Spencer

WE heartily concur in the unanimous feeling of loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty as expressed in the numerous addresses presented to your Excellency by the Municipal and other public bodies in Ireland

WE would respectfully urge on Your Excellency notice the necessity of calling the attention of Her Majesty's Government to the importance of a Speedy Settlement of the land question: a question which WE consider of vital importance as affecting not only the Agricultural interests but the properties industry and Condition of the people of Ireland generally

With regard to the other important measures relating to this Country which will shortly demand the attention of Her Majesty's Ministers, WE feel that WE need do no more than declare our hearty approval of the publicly expressed opinions entertained by your Excellency on these questions. And WE rejoice to find in these sentiments an earnest of the wish on the part of the Government to legislate for Ireland

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in the Spirit of justice

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to express a hope that your Excellency may be induced to lend your powerful aid to the numerous petitions now being forwarded to Her Majesty calling on Her to exercise the Royal prerogative of mercy by granting an amnesty to all persons undergoing imprisonment for political offences

In Conclusion We earnestly hope that Your Excellencys period of office may be marked by the passing of laws which will contribute materially to the welfare and peaceful interests of our Countrymen and render your stay amongst us replete with agreeable associations,

In testimony of these our Sentiments We hereunto affix our Seal of office this Third day of March 1869 /nine/

Edward McDonough
Mayor of Drogheda

Present when the Corporate Seal was hereunto affixed
James Killeen
Town Clerk Drogheda

Corpl Reply

Earl Spencers - Reply -

Mr Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Drogheda

I thank you for your Congratulations on my appointment to the office of Representative of the Crown in Ireland.

I appreciate the responsibility which belongs to this high position

It is gratifying to me to receive the loyal expressions of attachment to the Queen which your address contains, and find the same feeling expressed from different parts of the Country

In Lady Spencers name I thank you for the

welcome to Ireland which you have given her

You Specially refer to the Land Question among the measures which you consider of importance to the interests of Ireland

You may be assured that whenever the Government see a prospect of securing to this question the time and attention which its importance deserves at their hands, and at the hands of Parliament they will not fail to use their best endeavours to settle it upon a satisfactory basis

In regard to the release of the Fenian prisoners Her Majesty Government have extended the clemency of the Crown to a great number of those who joined in that unfortunate conspiracy

I earnestly trust that these men will now return to their duties with a determination to respect the law and promote good order without which no Country can make material or political progress

With Confidence in the desire of the Government to do justice I look forward hopefully to the passing of legislative measures which will materially tend to promote the welfare of Ireland

I assure you that if I can in anyway contribute to this end it will be to me a source of deep gratification

Miss Clinton for reduction of rent

A Petition from Miss Catherine Clinton praying for a reduction of rent of certain premises in Dyer Street and held by her under this Council was next read when upon motion of M. Verdon, Seconded by J.C. Flynn same was referred to the Law Committee for Consideration

Water Works for payment of £300.

A Letter was next read from Mr Michael Verdon Solr for the Drogheda Water Works Company dated 5th April 1869 requesting payment of the £300, already voted by the Council and

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and stating that by so doing would save the Corporation the expense of marking Judgment for the Amount, after some discussion, It was moved by J.C Whitworth seconded by J.C. Gormley and ordered that a Check for £300 be signed and paid over to Water Works Company in full for all demands against this Council. Ik Aldermen Thomas Carty and Town Councillor O'Neill ~~dissenting~~ Ik Knaggs & McGeown dissenting Ik

Water Works £300 to be paid –

After considerable discussion in reference to the House at St Lawrence Gate and the proposed passage thereby It was moved by Town Councillor Gormley seconded by Aldermen Patrick Casey, And Resolved that the Committee already Appointed (Vizt. Town Councillors Verdon Daly and Knaggs) be empowered to make the best arrangement they could with Branagan the tenant of the House at the rere of said Gate and then to have passage Completed –

Lawce Gate passage

to be Completed

Upon motion of J.C Knaggs Seconded by J.C. O'Neill it was resolved that the Treasurer should Call on Mr Smith tenant to Certain premises Known as "Balfour's Store" to demand the possession thereof Lease of same having expired last Easter –

Balfour's Store Treasurer to demand possn

It was next moved that the ground on the Old Hill let in the year 1859 to the late Mr Thomas Connolly but which ~~he~~ is alleged he never got possession should be leased to his Son Mr Thomas Connolly of West Street for the residue of the term for which it was originally let when upon motion of J.C Cullen seconded by J.C Daly same was referred to the Law Committee to report thereon –

Connolly Thos – Comte to report as to giving him Lease of premises on Pitcher Hill

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Saturday 1st May 1869 being the next quarterly day

Edward McDonough Chairman

Saturday 1st May 1869.

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'clock noon, To receive reports and transact general business –

Present

Edward McDonough Esq. Mayor

J.C. George Knaggs J.C. Nichs Flinn

" Jas McGeown

There not being a sufficient number of members present It was upon motion of J.C Knaggs seconded by J.C McGeown, & Resolved that said meeting be adjourned to Monday next the 3rd May instant.

Adjourned meeting –

Edward McDonough Chairman

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Monday 3rd May 1869

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon, for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting general business —

Present

Edward McDonough Esq. Mayor.

Alderman Thos. Carty	J.C. Michl. Cullen
" Patk. Casey.	" Thos. Greene
J.C. Jas. A. Flanagan	" Jas McGeown
" Wm. Whitworth	" Nichs. Flinn
" R. B. Daly	" George Knaggs
" John O'Neill	" Patk. Byrne
" J. J. Gormley	

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Tenders for broken stones read (No. 1) accepted —

Five tenders for supplying off Paving Stones, Sand and broken Stones read when it was moved by J. C. Flanagan seconded by J.C. McGeown and ordered that the tender of Patk. Clarke (No. 1) be accepted —

Millmount Barracks letter to Col. to know which side of Lane drainage to be carried —

A Letter from Major Brookes of the Royal Engineers office Dublin dated 30th April 1869, read in reference to the proposed drainage of the Millmount Barracks and requesting to know which side of the Lane the Corporation would prefer the drain to be carried when it unanimously resolved that said drainage or sewer should be laid on the South side along the Houses in said Lane —

Reports

Reports from the Law, and Paving Committees dated respectively the 21st April 1869, read when upon motion of Town Councillor Gormley seconded by J.C. Whitworth, same were respectively adopted and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of this Corporation —

Jas Connolly's a/c not entertained

An account of Mr James Connolly Commencing 23rd Novr. 1868 and ending the 14th January 1869, amount £7.18.10 read when after discussion as to same, it was upon motion of J.C. Flanagan seconded by J.C. Knaggs and resolved that said account be not entertained same not being properly chargeable to this Corporation —

John Farrell for Burgess Roll a/c.

An account from Mr John Farrell for assisting in the preparation of the Burgess Roll for the year 1869 read when ~~when~~ amount £1.10.0. ordered to be paid him —

Gas Coy a/c referred

An account from the Drogheda Gas Light Company dated May 1869, amount £287.13.8 read and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration —

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Monday 7th June 1869.

Edward McDonough Chairman

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Paving Committee

Your Committee having before them the question of paving and Kerbing and having Carefully Considered Same beg to recommend that the Stone Cutter already employed by Pat^k Carney be continued at a Sum of 4/ per day in repairing and dressing the old Kerb Stones in the Various parts of the Town where same are required until further Order — All which we certify as our Report this 21 day of April 1869. Signed on behalf of the Committee Edwd McDonough Chairman —

Law Committee

Your Committee having before them for Consideration the following Matters Passage at St Laurence Gate as also the Notice Served by Mr Kenny Solr on behalf of Pat^k Brannagan dated 20 April 1869 cautioning this Co^n from proceeding further with making the proposed passage We beg to Recommend that the Committee already appointed Sh^d Arrange with Brannagan as to Compensation — as to the premises on the Pitches Hill originally let to Mr Thos Connolly, dec^d the Arrears of Rent now due thereon up to the 25th March last £5-5-0 We Recommend that the Arrears of Rent be Struck off Rental, and Mr Thos Connolly of West St Binders do get a Lease of said premises for a Term of 35 years from 25th March 1869 at the Yearly Rent of £1-15-0 as to the Memorial of Miss Cathe Clinton dated 3rd April 1869 praying for a Reduction in the Rent of certain premises held by her under this Council and situate in Dyer St We beg to say that having Considered same we Cannot Entertain the prayer of the Petition — All which we Certify as our Report this 21st April 1869 Signed on behalf of the Committee, Edwd McDonough Chairman —

Edward McDonough Chairman

Passage at St. Laurence Gate

21st June 1869

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving report of Sanitary Inspector and to take into Consideration such measures as may be suggested for the prevention of disease amongst the Inhabitants

Present

Edward McDonough Esqre Mayor

Ald^n Sa^l	Mathews	J. C.	Cullen
"	Pat^k Casey	"	Byrne
J. C.	Flanagan	"	Whitworth
"	Scraggs	"	Kelly
"	Gormley		

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed by His Worship the Mayor

It was moved by J. C. Scraggs

Seconded by J. C. Gormley

That a Committee of the Entire Council be summoned for the purpose of examining into the duties of the various offices and to report thereon

Meeting accordingly adjourned

Duties of Offices to be examined into

Edward McDonough Chairman

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Friday 23rd July 1869

At a Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda Summoned to attend in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12. O'Clock in the noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general business

Present

Edward McDonough Esqre. Mayor
Aldn. P. Mathews . . T. C. L. Moore
T. C. O'Neill . . . P. Byrne
" " Flanagan

Adjourned Meeting

There not being a sufficient number of members present to constitute a meeting Same was accordingly adjourned to Monday the 2nd of August 1869 being the next quarterly day

Edward McDonough

Monday 2nd August 1869.

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general business -

Present

Edward McDonough Esq. Mayor

Alderman James Mathews	T.C. Robt B. Daly
" John Chadwick	" John O'Neill
" Patrick Casey	" Jas. McGeown
T.C. Lawrence Moore	" George Knaggs
" James A Flanagan	" Thos. Simcocks
" John J. Gormley	" Jas. Levins
" Michl. Cullen	" Thos. Greene
" Nichs. Flinn	" Patk. Byrne

The minutes of the last meeting having been read were Signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Edwd. Monaghan tender for Sweeping - Accepted -

A Tender for the Cleansing and Watering of the Streets for the ensuing year for the sum of £200, (Ik from present Contractor Edwd Monaghan, Ik) read when after Considerable discussion thereon, Same was upon motion of Alderman James Mathews, Seconded by Town Councillor Lawrence Moore, accepted

Accounts referred

It was next moved by Town Councillor Flanagan seconded by Town Councillor Knaggs and resolved that the following accounts be referred to the Finance Committee for Consideration viz. Mr. Joseph Dollard Printer £14. 14. 0 Drogheda Argus £10. 5. 8. Mr. Michl Gargan account for flagging £6. 0. 0 Drogheda Conservative £5. 1. 8. Mr.

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Mr. Bernard Daly £4.14.0. Mr. John Collins £3.1.4 and Mr. George Knaggs £6.11.4½ –

A Report from the Finance Committee dated the 4th June 1869 Read when on motion of Town Councillor Laurence Moore seconded by Town Councillor Flanagan, same was directed to be inserted on the Minutes of the Corporation as adopted and of which the following is a

Report, Copy.

Finance Committee

Pursuant to a Resolution of the Council dated 3rd May 1869 We have examined into the Account of the Drogheda Gas Light Company Amount £287.13.9 and beg to recommend that a Sum of £11.4.10 Amount of account furnished last March be paid – the balance of said account not to be paid till same be again laid before the Council in reference to certain items therein Charged –

All which we Certify as our Report this 4th June 1869.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Edward McDonough Esq Chairman.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Monday the 6th day of September next

Thos Greene Chairman

Monday 6th Sept 1869

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Boro' of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the House on this day at the hour of 12 O'C at noon, to receive Reports and transact General business –

Present.

Edward McDonough Esq. Mayor
Thomas Greene Esq. (In Chair)

Alderman Tho Carty — J.C. L. Moore
J.C. R.B. Daly, — " M. Cullen
" John Kelly — " Gamley.
" Wm Whitworth

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor the Chair was upon motion of Alderman Carty taken by Thomas Greene Esq. J.C.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and signed by the Chairman –

Tho Butterly a/c.

An account from Mr Thomas Butterly for taking down House at and building Wall at Laurence Gate was next submitted to the Meeting, when after some discussion thereon It was moved by J.C. Daly and seconded by J.C. Whitworth that said Account be paid –

Alderman Carty moved as an Amendment and J.C. Cullen seconded that said Account be referred to the Finance Committee for Investigation and Report –

A Poll having been demanded there appeared for the Amendment Viz. Alderman Tho Carty and Town

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J. C. Cullen, for the Original motion as to payment, Sixc. viz Town Councillors Gormley, Kelly, L. Moore, Daly, Whitworth Greene &c. His Worship accordingly declared the Original motion Carried &c.

Ordered

Alderman Carty moved that he would at next meeting of the Council move that a Coronor be appointed for this Borough in the room of Dr. Ellis which motion was seconded by J.C. Michl Cullen &c.

Coronor to be appointed in the room of Dr Ellis

The letting of the Charges of the Public Cranes was next laid before the Council for Consideration, and a Report as to same read, when upon motion of J.C. Whitworth (in the absence of J.C. Flanagan) it was ordered that the Town Clerk when framing the advertisement for letting should reserve to the Corporation the right to weigh all stones and sand for metalling purposes and other materials necessary for the improvement of the Town free of Charge &c.

Public Cranes Report

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Monday 4th Octr 1869.

Edward McDonough

Chairman

Monday 13th September 1869

At a Special meeting of the Council held in the assembly Room, Tholsel at the hour of 12 of noon to receive report of No 1 Committee in reference to the Public Markets and to settle draft advertisement, also to receive report of Committee, as to the severalt sewerage out Chord Road to premises at rere of Mr Shekletons Mill

Present

Edward McDonough Esq	Mayor
Alderman P. Casey,	J.C. Richd Moore
J.C. W. Whitworth	J.C. Lawce Moore
J.C. James McGeown	J.C. Robt B Daly
J.C. Michl Cullen	J.C. George Knaggs
J.C. John Kelly	J.C. John Oneill
J.C. Thos Greene	

Report of No 1 Committee dated 10 September 1869 having been read was after some brief discussion upon motion of J.C. Daly seconded by J.C. L. Moore adopted of which the following is a copy

Drogheda Sep 10th 1869

To The Mayor Aldermen and Town Council of the Borough of Drogheda

Report

Having visited the premises outside Lawrence Gate refer'd to in the Engineers report as read to the assembly on 6th Inst. Your Committee have to report that a very dangerous and disgusting nuisance does exist. And inasmuch as the premises in question lies without the boro' boundary. Your Committee

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recommend that the Mayor shall call upon the County Surveyor of Louth to take immediate steps to abate said nuisance. WE further recommend that the attention of the Board of Guardians be called thereto

No 2 , Having carefully viewed the Law Hill - Your Committee have to report that two or three small under ground sewers, and all the surface drainage falls down this Hill, and when heavy rains come the drainage flows over the road leading to the Strand - this can only be remedied by a properly constructed sewer delivering to the Sewer on North Strand. WE therefore recommend that such a Sewer be at once constructed

(signed)
Thos Greene
John Kelly
Wm Whitworth

A further report bearing date 10 Sep 69. in reference to the Potato market having been read same was upon motion of T. C. Daly seconded by T. C. Laurence Moore adopted of which the following is a copy -

Report Having considered the Complaints made as to irregularities in Potato Market WE find that a Clause exists in a very old Act of Parliament the Spout of which was to protect the poor against fraud but has nothing whatever to do with the delivery or Sale of Potatoes by the Agriculturist in large quantities. WE have given directions that all potatoes sold in the market pay to the Crane keeper 1d per barrel of 20 Stones, and that in addition to the use of the Market, the Potatoes shall be weighed and duly marked by the Crane keeper free.

WE further recommend that all straw brought to market be sold by weight in same way (and) manner as Hay and that the Inspector of Markets or Crane keeper be ordered to Summon parties transgressing this order also that the rate for weighing butter at Market be - 1/2d under 10 lbs. 1d over 10 lbs 1 1/2d over 20 lbs (and) 2d over 40 lbs

Your Committee also recommend that the Corporation should reserve to themselves the right to weigh any materials required for use of the Town free

All which we certify as our report this 10th day of Sept 1869

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Edward McDonough / Chairman

Whereupon meeting adjourned
Edward McDonough } Chairman

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Monday 4th October 1869

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for to consider biddings for letting of Cranes to consider Alderman Carthy notice of motn that a Coronor be appointed in the room of Dr Ellis to consider Circulars from Dublin Corpn with reference to the land Question as also the National testimonial to Sir John Gray Mt to receive Reports and transact general business

Present

Edwd McDonough Esq Mayor

Alderman	P. Casey,	J.C.	J McGeown
J.C.	N. Flinn	"	P. Verdon
"	J. Gormley	"	T. Greene
"	W. Whitworth	"	M Cullen
"	L Moore	"	R B Daly
"	T. Simcocks	"	J Kelly
"	J. Oneill	"	P Byrne
"	R. Moore		

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed by His Worship the Mayor—

Tender of Edwd Reilly for Cranes accepted Lot No 1 —

Proposed Biddings for Lot No 1 Public Cranes read when Mr Edwd Reilly was declared contractor for same at the sum of £96. for one year—

Biddings for Lot No 2 of the Public Cranes also read when Mr Edwd

Edw Monaghan for Lot 12 (accepted)

Monaghan was declared the Contractor for one year for a sum of £100

Land Question Resolution as to

A Circular from the Dublin Corpn enclosing a copy Resln passed by that body in reference to the land Questn read when upon motn of J.C. Lawce Moore 2nded by J.C. Oneill It was unanimously resolved that agriculture being the chief occupation of the great majority of the population of this Kingdom it is the duty of the Govt & legislature to promote the full developemt of the agricultural interests of the Country & stimulate the energy & industry of the popln which never can be effectually done until fixity of tenure be secured for all occupiers of agricultural lands at such fair and just rents & on such other terms as may be found necessary to maintain the rights of property for the landlords & the rights of free industrial occupancy for the tenants —

Resln to be forwarded to Mr Gladstone

It was further moved by J.C. L Moore 2nded by J.C. Oneill that a copy of this Resln be forwarded to Mr Gladstone with the Corporate seal affixed thereto —

Lamp at end of Captn Heanys garden ordered

A Meml praying for the erectn of a lamp at the end wall of Captn Heanys garden North Strand Road read when upon motn of J.C. Greene 2nded by J.C. McGeown same was ordered to be forthwith erected —

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Lamp at end of Mr Collins' House Dublin Road, ordered

Mr. J.C. Daly next moved & J.C. L Moore 2nded that a new lamp be also erected at the end wall of Mr. Collins' New Houses on the Dublin Road which was also ordered.

Gas Coy proposal accepted

A proposal from the Drogheda Gas Light Coy dated 28th Septr 1869 offering to renew the Contract for the lighting of the public lamps for either 1.2 or 3 years at the rate of £3.15, per lamp per annum or £2.10. per lamp for the winter lighting from the 1st Octr to 30th April & £1.5 per lamp for the summer lighting from the 1st May to 30th Sept and the other conditions to be as heretofore. It was after some discussion moved by J.C. Daly 2nded by J.C. Cullen & resolved that 3d proposal be accepted for one year conditionally that the winter lighting should commence on 1st Septr & end on 30th April in each year.

A Meml. was read from Bernd Cunningham praying to be apptd. Porter in the Potato market but no order thereon.

Low Hill sewer tender No. 3 accepted

A Report of No. 1 Committee dated 23rd April 1869, as to the sevl. tenders for the construction of a sewer, at the Low Hill to rere of Shekletons' mill read when on motn of J.C. L Moore 2nded by J.C. McGeoron It was resolved that the tender of Jas Toole (No. 3) for the sum of £19.10 be accepted as also

that 2d Report of which the following is a copy be entered on the minutes of this Corpn.

Report of No. 1 Committee

Report

Having examined all the tenders as per specifns for sewer from Chord Road down the Low Hill to rere of Mr Shekletons we hereby recomd. that if the Corpn decide upon the specfn with 12" pipes and built tank the tender of No. 6 be accepted at £19.0.0 & if specfn for built sewer be decided upon tender No. 3 be accepted £19.10.

23 Septr 1869

Edwd McDonough

Lamps St Mary's Bridge

The subject as to the lamps on the St Mary's Bridge & the imperfect state of same having been brought before the Col it was upon motn. of J.C. Gormley 2nded by J.C. Flinn resld. that the matter be referred to the Lighting Comtd. as also to consider the propriety of having a metre to a particular lamp to be by them recommended so as to test the quantity of Gas consumed.

Coron or Aldn Carty's motn withdrawn

The questn. of apptg a Coroner according to notice of motn given by Mr Aldn Carty at meeting of 6th Septr 1869 next came before the Col. when the Town Clerk stated that he had been directed by Mr Aldn Carty to withdraw same on his behalf in the event of his (Aldn Carty) not attending said meeting whereupon it was moved by J.C. L Moore 2nded by J.C. Daly & ordered that the Town Clerk do prepare with all convenient speed in compliance with the law in such

Petn to Chancellor for removal of Dr Ellis

such cases a Petn to the Ld Chancellor praying the removal of Dr Ellis from the Office of Coronor for this Bord by reason of his long Contd absence & inability to perform the duties of said Office.

Mr John Costello apptd Coronor

Mr J.C. Gormley then moved that Mr John Costello be apptd as a fit & proper person to fulfil the duties of the Office of Coronor for Bord of Drogheda Mr J.C. Cullen Quoted sd motn which having been put from the Chair was carried unanimously

Flagging North side West St as to expenses of

His Worship the Mayor stated to the Meeting that Seval of the Inhabitants on the North side of West St were anxious to avail themselves of the Resolution already on the Books in reference to flagging & had accordingly signed a Reqn to the Col for that purpose that he had made enquiries as to the probable expense from different parties & amongst others had recd a letter from the Secy of the Dublin Corpn on the subject. It was moved by J.C. Daly Quoted by J.C. Gormley & resld that No 1 Comte be empowered to get that portion of the North side of West St flagged mentd in the requn the frontagers paying the proportion mentd in the resln dated 2nd May 1864 –

A Report of the Finance Comte dated 3rd Septr 1869 read & on Motn of J.C. Cullen

Report Finance Comte

Cullen Quoted by J.C. Lmore same confirmed the following is a copy.

Your Comte beg leave to report that they have examd the accts hereinafter mentd namely.

Mr Joseph Dollard Printer	£16.16.0
" John Hughes "	10.5.8
" Bernd Daly "	4.14.0
" Drogheda Conservative	5.1.8
" Mr John Collins	2.17.10
" Richd Flinn for new Watering Cart (per agreement)	8.. .. ..
Chloride of lime	2.4..
" Geo Knaggs a/c	6.11.4½
Drogheda Gas Light Coy bal a/c up to 1st May 1869	171.8.10
The entire of sd Sums amtg to	227.19.4

All which we certify as our report this 3rd Septr 1869

Signed on behalf of the Comte

Edwd McDonough Chairman

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Monday 1st Novr 1869 being the next Quarterly day

Edward McDonough

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1st November 1869.

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'Clock at noon to receive reports and transact general business –

Present

Edwd. McDonough Esq Mayor,

Alderman	Thos. Carty	J.C. R.B. Daly
"	Jas. Mathews	" Lawce. Moore
"	John Chadwick	" Peter Verdon
"	Patk. Casey	" Nichs. Flinn
J.C.	Jas. McGeown	" J.J. Gormley
"	Thos. Greene	" Thos. Simcocks
"	Michl. Cullen	

The minutes of the last meeting having been read were signed by His Worship the Mayor –

Mechanics Institute. the Owner for paymt. of rent –

A Letter was read from Mrs. Browne Landlady of the Mechanics Institute demanding payment of the headrent when after some considerable discussion it was resolved that a Copy of the Deed of Assignment of said premises should be procured from the Messrs. Gaussen Solicitors and that Mr. John Moore the Treasurer should try and arrange with Mrs. Browne –

Whereupon the meeting adjourned

Edward McDonough } Chairman.

12th November 1869

At a meeting of the Council duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel, on this day at the hour of ½ past 12 o'Clock in the afternoon of said day for the purpose of Confirming Report of the Council in Committee dated 8th November 1869, and to do all things necessary in relation thereto –

Present

Edward McDonough Esq Mayor,

Alderman	John Chadwick	J.C. Lawce. Moore.
"	Patk. Ternan,	" J.J. Gormley
"	Patk. Mathews	" J.A. Flanagan
J.C.	Thos. Greene	" Thos. Simcocks
"	Michl. Cullen,	" Nichs. Flinn
"	John Kelly,	
"	John O'Neill	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed by His Worship the Mayor

Report as to Engineer that he be reduced to £50 a Year –

The Town Clerk read a Report dated 8th November 1869, when after a lengthened Conversation thereon, It was upon motion of Town Councillor Gormley, Seconded by Town Councillor Lawrence Moore unanimously adopted and of which the following is a Copy

In re the Engineer and Inspector of Nuisances } Your Committee beg to recommend as follows That Mr Cogan be discontinued from the Office of Inspector of Nuisances and be retained as Engineer at a Salary of £50 per Annum, that an Inspector of

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of Nuisances be appointed at a Salary of £50 per Annum and that a Notification of your intention to elect such Officer be given by advertisement in the public papers, and that the Town Clerk do prepare such advertisement for insertion in the local and such other papers as may be approved of. All which we certify as our Report this 8th day of November 1869.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Edwd McDonough Chairman

Whereupon Meeting adjourned

Edward McDonough Chairman

Wednesday 17th November 1869.

At a meeting of the Council duly Summoned to Meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the Hour of 12 Oclock at Noon for the purpose of electing a Competent person to act as Inspector of Nuisances, to receive Report of Law Committee as to the Mechanics Institute and make Arrangements with Mr Nathaniel Jeffers as to the Rent of Certain premises on the Dublin Road.

Present,

Edward McDonough Esq. Mayor.

Alderman	Pat^k Matthews	J.C.	John O'Neill
"	Pat^k Iernan	"	R.B. Daly
J.C.	Pat^k Byrne	"	John Kelly
"	Mich^l Cullen	"	Wm Whitworth
"	Jas Lewis	"	George Knaggs
"	Thos Greene	"	Mich^s Flinn

His Worship the Mayor having stated the Object of the meeting namely that of appointing an Inspector of Nuisances directed the Town Clerk to read a Report of the Council in Committee as to same and which was unanimously adopted. the following is a Copy.

"Recommended that the consideration of the applications for Office of Inspector of Nuisances be adjourned and that Carney be appointed at an increase of Salary of £10 per Annum to act as Inspector of Nuisances in Conjunction with his present Office under the Corporation with full powers under the act. / Signed / Edwd McDonough Chairman

Pat^k Carney appointed Inspector of Nuisances at £10. a year

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Nuns Walk Sewer. Comte appointed to visit & Report –

It was next moved by Town Councillor Daly seconded by Town Councillor Flynn and Resolved, that the Corporation make a Sewer from the Public Road at Nuns Walk to Capt.n Keaney's Corner Chard Road provided the Owners of the adjoining Property undertake to make Smaller Sewer to meet the main. Carried.

On Motion of Mr. Town Councillor Cullen it was Resolved that a Committee of the Council should visit Nuns Walk and Report Condition thereof to this Council.

Meeting thereupon adjourned

Edwd McDonough Chairman

Wednesday 1st December 1869.

At a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'C at noon, for the purpose of electing a Mayor for the ensuing year.

Present.

Edw.d McDonough Esq. Mayor

Alderman	Tho.s Canty	T.C.	Tho.s Comerford
"	John Chadwick	"	J. J. Gormley
"	James Mathews	"	Nich.s Flynn
"	Pat.k Tiernan	"	George Knaggs
"	Pat.k Casey.	"	P. M. Braby.
T.C	Peter Verdon	"	Mich.l Cullen
"	J.a Hanagan	"	Nich.s Leech
"	Wm Whitworth	"	Rich.d Moore
"	R. B. Daly.	"	Law.ce Moore
"	John Kelly	"	Jas McGeown
"	Tho.s Greene		

Robt B. Daly T.C. elected Mayor for 1870 –

His Worship the Mayor having stated to the Council the object of the meeting –

It was proposed by Alderman John Chadwick & seconded by Town Councillor John Kelly, that Councillor Robert Beaford Daly be elected Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the ensuing year.

Jas A. Hanagan Proposed

Town Councillor Knaggs proposed and Town Councillor Cullen seconded that Town Councillor Hanagan be elected Mayor for the said Borough for the ensuing year.

Upon

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Upon which the Voting was taken, and the several Members present having voted viva Voce Twelve voted for Councillor Daly, and Ten for Councillor Flanagan, Whereupon the Mayor declared Councillor Daly duly elected Mayor of the Borough for the year Commencing 1st January 1870 – Councillor Daly having returned thanks to the Council's Meeting adjourned

Col. Daly elected Mayor

Edwd McDonough Chairman

The following is an Account or List of the Votings at said Election of Mayor for Year 1870 –

R. B. Daly Esq.	J. A. Flanagan Esq.
Thomas Greene	J.C. Nichs. Leech
R B Daly	" J.A Flanagan
Wm. Whitworth	" Laws. Moore
Alor. P. Jennan	" Jas. McGeown
" J Mathews	" George Knaggs
J.C Thos. Simcocks	" Mich. Cullen.
" John Kelly	Alor. Patk. Casey
" Nichs. Flynn	J.C Richd. Moore
" J. J. Gormley	" P. M. Brady
" Peter Verdon	Alor. Thos. Early.
Alr. John Chadwick	
Edwd McDonough Mayor	Edwd McDonough

Monday 6th December 1869.

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 Oclock at noon for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting general business –

Present.

Edwd McDonough Esq. Mayor.

Alderman James Mathews	J.C. J. J Gormley
J.C. Thos. Greene.	Alor. P. Casey
" Mich. Cullen	J.C. Laws. Moore
" Wm. Whitworth	" R B. Daly
" J. McGeown.	" Nichs. Leech
" George Knaggs.	

Minutes of the last meeting having been read were signed by His Worship the Mayor –

It was next unanimously Resolved that the entire Council be summoned in Committee for Monday next the 13th Decr. inst for the purpose of Considering the duties of the various Corporate Officers –

Committee to consider duties of Officers –

Mr. Town Councillor Flanagan having applied to the Council for permission to assign his interest in certain premises held by him under the Corporation. It was on motion of Town Councillor Cullen Seconded by Town Councillor Laurence Moore and Resolved that he get permission to assign property held by him under said Council and situate at

Col. Flanagan rec'd. leave to assign all property held by him under Corporation –

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Black Bush and Crooked Street in the Borough of Drogheda.

It was next moved by Town Councillor Daly seconded by Town Councillor Laurence Moore and ordered that two lamps be erected on road from Chord Burial Ground to Greenhills.

Lamps to be erected on Chord Road –

Memorial from Fishermen to abolish Fish tolls referred for consideration of Council in Committee on motion of Alderman James Mathews seconded by Town Councillor Lawce Moore.

Memorial to abolish Fish tolls –

Whereupon meeting adjourned

Edwd McDonough Chairman

Wednesday 29th December 1869.

At a public meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda held pursuant to Requisition in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 Oclock at Noon for the purpose of receiving reports of Committees as also for the purpose of acting on the Writs with reference to the removal and appointment of a Coroner.

Present

Edwd McDonough Esq. Mayor.

Alderman	Patk Mathews	TC.	Mc Cullen
"	Patk Casey	"	Lawce Moore
TC. "	Wm Whitworth	"	T. A Flanagan
"	John Kelly	"	Nichs Flinn
"	George Knaggs.	"	T. T Gormley
"	Jas McGeown	"	P. M Brady
"	Richd Moore		

Meeting for removal of – Coroner –

His Worship Stated that the meeting was convened for the purpose of receiving reports of Committees and of acting on the Writs for the removal and appointment of a Coroner.

Report confirmed except paragraphs as to removal of Bellman + Numbering of Hackney Cars

The Town Clerk read a report of the entire Council in Committee dated 13th Dec. 1869 when upon motion of TC. Flanagan seconded by TC Cullen proposed that said Report be confirmed expunging therefrom the paragraphs first recommending the removal of Thomas Greene from the office of Bellman and second recommending

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the registration & numbering of Hackney Carriages and the badging of all Public drivers and lodging Houses &c.

J. C. Knaggs next moved as an amendment, and J. C. Whitworth seconded that said Report be adopted in its entirety. His Worship having put the amendment, there appeared therefor, three - vizt Councillors, Whitworth Knaggs and Flinn, for the original motion ten vizt Councillors Flanagan Law^ce Moore, John Kelly, J. McGeown, M. Callen, Ald^n P. Matheus, Councillors R. Moore, J. J. Gormley, P. M. Brady & the Mayor. Whereupon His Worship declared said Report adopted expunging said paragraphs referring to the situation of Bellman and the interfering with the Hackney Vehicles —

Amendm^t as to report lost —

A Report of the No. 3 Committee dated 16th Decr 1869, read and same confirmed.

The Question as to the appointment of a Coronor, having come before the Council it was after some discussion thereon, upon motion of Ald^n Patrick Matheus, seconded by J. C. Richd Moore ordered that the Town Clerk should prepare an advertisement for a fit and proper person to fill the office of Coronor for the Borough of Drogheda for insertion in the local papers.

Coronor advertisem^t for

A Letter was next read from the Secretary of the Drogheda Gas Light Co^y

Letter as to lamps Chord Road

dated 17th Decr 1869, as to the erection of two lamps out the Chord Road to Green hills when same referred to the Lighting Committee.

Whereupon meeting adjourned

Edward McDonough J. Chairman

Copy Report of entire Council in Committee —

Your Committee pursuant to Resolution of Council dated 6th December 1869, having the subject of the duties of the various officers and several other matters before them for consideration beg to recommend as follows First, with reference to the appointment of Bellman, that the services of Francis Greene as such be dispensed with and that he receive a gratuity of £10, and a further sum of £2 - in lieu of the clothing he would be this year entitled to - / As to the memorial from the Fishermen of Clogherhead, Ballriggan and Skenies with reference to the tax or charge recently imposed by this Council the Committee are of opinion that the Contract entered into with Mr Edwd Reilly legally binds this Council to him under present schedule for this year, and recommend the Council not to interfere we find that out of the rent received by this Council from present tenant that there is payable

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to the head Landlord of the Market place a Sum of £60 exclusive of taxes. With reference to the removal of the Corporate Offices to the Municipality House, we are of opinion and beg to Recommend that no Change be made therein. As regards the questions relating to Lodging Houses Your Committee Recommend that the Clause of the act of Parliament requiring Registration be strictly Enforced in all Cases. On the subject of Hackney Cars we recommend that all Wheels be numbered / the Number to be Conspicuously placed / and that all Drivers be required to take out Numbered Badges. ~~With the object of facilitating the Arrangements Specified in the two last Clauses. We recommend that Mr Lewis / Mayors Secretary / be elected to undertake the Inspection of Lodging Houses and Hackney Cars and to Keep all necessary Registry Books Therein. We may State that we have had Mr Lewis before us and that he has expressed his willingness to undertake the duties named above in addition to those he at present performs as also to give every Assistance in all such matters as may be pointed out to him by the Worshipful the Mayor for the time being.~~ We recommend That John Moore Esq. be requested forthwith to Complete the Bond for due performance of duties of office of Treasurer, inasmuch as such Bond is imperatively required by your Act of Parliament. We recommend

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that a discretionary power of dismissal be granted to the Mayor for the time being enabling him to dismiss any Night Watchman who shall be found absent from his beat or loitering in a Public House unless the accused shall give such explanation of the facts as may be satisfactory to His Worship. We have had before us the subject of Public Urinals but as we found some difficulties in the way of final arrangement, thereof we have referred the matter for further discussion by the Council at large. We recommend that a proper fire proof Safe be provided for the Custody of Deeds, Leases and other Muniments of title in the Town Clerks Office, also a Grate for the Assembly Room. And We Consider both these matters much required. respecting the proposed Sewer, at "Nans Wash" we recommend that Mr Neville be requested to make a Section thereof, and report to Council, Inasmuch as we find that the Town is much infested by Strolling Vagrants whose presence is Calculated greatly to increase the burden of taxation and also in many instances a means of imparting disease we recommend that Proclamations be issued by the Mayor and Magistrates of the Borough warning all such that in future the laws provided for such Cases will be strictly enforced against them. All which we Certify to our

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Report this 13th day of December 1869
Signed on behalf of the
Committee, Robt B Daly, Chairman

Copy Report of No. 3 Committee –

Dean Cox's Bequest.

Your Committee having before them the Bill filed against the Drogheda Corporation by the Trustees of the Dean Cox's bequest recommend that pending the further investigation of the matter the Town Clerk, cause an appearance to be entered and that an abstract of all the proceedings had in reference to the Charitable trust Estates of Drogheda be made out and the entire Council summoned to consider, and do all things in relation thereto – all which we certify as our report this 16th day of December 1869
Signed on behalf of the Committee
Edwd McDonough Chairman.

Chairman

Saturday 1st January 1870

At a special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda summoned to meet in the assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of ½ p 11 O'Clock in the forenoon of said day for the purpose of swearing in Mr. Town Councillor Daly as mayor for the ensuing year –

Present.

Edwd McDonough Esq Mayor,

Alderman,	John Chadwick	J C Richd Moore
"	Patrick Ternan.	" Thos Greene
"	James Mathews	" Jas Levins
"	Patrick Casey,	" Jas McGeown
J C,	Thos Timcocks	" John Kelly,
"	R B. Daly	" George Knaggs

His Worship the Mayor, stated to the Council that they had met for the purpose of installing Mr J C. Daly as Mayor for the year 1870 –

Col. Daly Sworn in Mayor,

The Mayor Elect Councillor Daly, and the Gentlemen of the Council proceeded in their robes of Office to the Crown Court & he having taken the Oaths appertaining to the office of Mayor and Justice of the Peace, before John Chadwick Esq. JP. thereupon returned thanks –

Vote of thanks to late Mayor –

Alderman James Mathews next moved that the marked thanks of this Council be tendered to our late Mayor Town Councillor McDonough for his dignified Conduct during the year he

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discharged the duties of Chief Magistrate for this Borough which resolution having been seconded by Alderman John Chadwick was carried by acclamation —

Council McDonough thereupon returned thanks.

Meeting adjourned

Chairman

R B Daly
Mayor

Monday 3rd January 1870

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'Clock at noon to receive reports & transact general business —

Present

Edw McDonough Esq. In Chair —
Alderman John Chadwick T C M. Cullen
T C John Kelly " J. A Flanagan
" Law Moore " Thos Simcocks

There not being a sufficient number of members present to constitute a meeting ~~was~~ ~~was~~ same was upon motion of Town Councillor Kelly, seconded by Alderman John Chadwick adjourned to Monday next the 10th January inst —

Adjourned Meeting

R B Daly Chairman

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Thursday 20th January 1870

At a Meeting of No 3 Committee duly Summoned to meet in the assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of half past 1 Oclk in the afternoon for the purpose of approving of Treasurers Bond

Present
J. J. Gormley in the Chair

This entry was made here by mistake during the temporary illness of me the undersigned -
Dated 31st January 1870
Jas Killeen

Monday 10th January 1870

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 Oclock at noon for the purpose of appointing a Coroner for this Borough to receive reports and transact general business -

Present.
Robert B. Daly Esq. Mayor
Aldermen J. Chadwick — T.C. John Kelly.
T.C. Peter Verdon — " Nichs Flinn
" Edwd McDonough — " Lawce Moore
" George Knaggs — " Nichs Leech
" J. & J. Flanagan — " P.M. Bradly
" Thos Greene — " J.J. Gormley
" Michl Cullen

The minutes of the 3rd instant were read and Signed by His Worship the Mayor.

His Worship having stated the object of the meeting viz: that of appointing a fit and proper person to fill the Office of Coroner for this Borough, it was moved by Town Councillor McDonough seconded by Town Councillor Greene, that Dr John Adrien be elected Coroner for the Borough of Drogheda.

Dr Adrien proposed as Coroner,

After considerable discussion arising out of above motion It was moved by Town Councillor Cullen by way of amendment and seconded by Town Councillor Gormley that the election of Coroner be

Amendment that

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Meeting adjourn

adjourned till next Quarterly meeting (1st Feby) His Worship having put the amendment, there appeared therefor ten, viz. Town Councillors, Verdon, Lawce Moore, Cullen, Kelly Leech, Gormley, Knaggs, Brady, Flanagan and Flinn – for the motion Alderman John Chadwick and Councillors McDonough and Greene, His Worship thereupon declared said motion lost, the amendment of Councillor Cullen that appointment of

Amendmt Carried

Coronor for the Borough of Drogheda be adjourned to the 1st February next was then put from the Chair and Carried unanimously –

An Account from the Drogheda

Gas Coy a/c referred

Gas Light Company amount £164.19.3 was next submitted to the Council when upon motion of J.C. Lawce Moore seconded by J.C. Thos Greene It was resolved that a sum of £100.0.0 be paid on account the balance to be referred to the Finance Committee –

Whereupon meeting adjourned

Robt B. Daly Chairman

Tuesday 1st February 1870.

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'Clock at noon for the purpose of electing a Coronor for this Borough to receive reports and transact general business,

Present.

R. B. Daly Esq. Mayor.

Aldermen,	James Mathews	J.C. Lawce Moore
"	John Chadwick	" N. Flinn
"	Patrick Ternan	" N. Leech
J. C.	Thos Greene	" G. Knaggs
"	Edwd McDonough	" P. M. Brady
"	Michl Cullen	" J. J. Gormley
"	Jas McGeown	" J. Levins
"	J. A. Flanagan.	

Coronor meeting for

His Worship having stated to the meeting that their principal business on this occasion was the election of Coronor for the Borough in conformity with resolution of 10th January last, Town Councillor ~~Cullen~~ J. Gormley J.K. proposed and J. C. ~~Gormley~~ J. Cullen J.K. seconded the nomination of Mr. John

Mr John Costello elected

Costello to the said office – no other Candidate having been proposed His Worship declared Mr. John Costello duly elected, and proposed that as there would be another meeting of the Council on Monday the 7th Feby inst and no further business of importance

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now before them, they Should adjourn to enable Such members of the body as belonged to the Harbour Board to attend the meeting about being held there this day. adjourned Accordingly

Robert B Daly

Chairman

Monday 7th February 1870

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 Oclock at noon for the purpose of receiving Depts and transacting general business —

Present

Robert B. Daly Esq. Mayor

Aldermen	John Chadwick	J.C.	Richd Moore
"	Patk Casey.	"	Nichs Leech
J.C.	Wm Whitworth	"	Thos Smeeth
"	Thos Greene	"	P.M. Brady
"	John Kelly	"	Lawce Moore
"	Mich Cullen	"	Jas McGeown
"	J.A. Flanagan.		

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read were signed by His Worship the Mayor —

Lamps for Vienna Comt referred —

A Memorial from the Inhabitants of Chord Road praying for the erection of a Lamp at the East end of the Convent Gate Road, and referred to the Lighting Committee —

Fire Brigade the question of Refd to Comte

His Worship having stated the necessity for establishing a fire Brigade same was upon motion of Town Cl Lawrence Moore Seconded by J.C. Greene. Referred to Council in Committee for Consideration —

A Report dated 10th January 1870 was next read and on Motion of J.C. Lawce

Law^ce Moore Seconded by J.C. Cullen same Confirmed and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of this Corporation

A Report dated 20th January 1870, in reference to the Treasurers Bond read and upon Motion of J.C. Law^ce Moore Seconded by J.C. McGeown same adopted. —

Whereupon Meeting adjourned to Monday 7th March 1870

R.B. Daly Chairman

Copy Report of entire Council in Committee — "Re Dean's Case Bequest"

Your Committee having before them the Claim put forward by Mr Mayne Solr for the Trustees of this Bequest he having filed a Bill in Chancery to recover same beg to recommend that the sum of £203-1-6 be paid him under Protest for the purpose of avoiding Litigation and saving this Council of Law Costs as far as possible. At the same time we suggest that the necessary steps be forthwith taken for the purpose of discovering the heretofore application of the moneys distributed under above Bequest. And further we consider it most desirable that a Searching Enquiry be made regarding the "Commons Fund" as the Corporation and Public in the entire absence of printed or published accounts are in Complete

Complete ignorance as to the application of either of said funds. —

That having regard to the great danger of life and property which might arise in the event of fire breaking out within Your Borough we recommend that the Mayor for the time being shall be hereafter empowered on such occasions to order Supply from the Water Works Hydrants, "Re Houses in Talbot Street) We have Conferred with Mr Healy Your Solr in this matter who explained that he has taken the necessary steps in Ejectment agst Messrs Alley & Scott and that the necessity for proceeding in the Superior Courts arose from the fact that title was involved. We thought the Case might have been adjudicated by the Chairman of Quarter Sessions when Mr Healy further explained that the Chairman might have been unwilling to decide on that particular Question. We think Mr Healy in the Course he adopted entirely justified

All which we certify as Our Report this 6th January 1870 Signed on behalf of the Committee. R. B Daly Chairman —

Copy Report of No 3 Committee.

"Re Treasurers Bond"

In obedience to Your instructions we met to consider this Matter when your Town Clerk

Town Clerk presented to us a Bond on behalf of your Treasurer in the names of self. Thos Pentony of Platten Co. Meath Farmer and John Moore of Carntown in same County Farmer, Having made all due and necessary Enquiries on your behalf as regards the Solvency of said parties and their eligibility as securities for the due discharge of his duties by your Officer we recommend that they be accepted by you in such Capacity all of which we certify as our Report this 20th January 1870, Signed on behalf of the Committee, John J Gormley Chairman.

R B Daly Chairman

Monday 7th March 1870.

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said town at the hour of 12 o'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving reports & transacting general business—

Present.

Alderman Jas Mathews J.P.

J C Lawce Moore	J C John Kelly
" Nichs Leech	" Wm Whitworth
" J A Flanagan	" Richd Moore

On the motion of J C Flanagan Seconded by J C Lawce Moore Alderman J. Mathews took the Chair.

Adjourned Meeting—

The Chairman stated that in Consequence of the Meeting of the Grand Jury on this day, that the meeting should adjourn to Friday next the 11th inst at the hour of 12 o'Clock adjourned accordingly.

R B Daly Chairman

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Friday 11th March 1870

At an adjourned meeting of the Council duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O— at noon to consider notice of motion of Alderman J Mathews J P that tenant right as originally understood be extended to Ireland and to do all things necessary in relation thereto To receive Reports and transact general business.

Present,

Robt B Daly Esq. Mayor

Alderman J Mathews	P. M Brady
" P. Ternan	Nichs Flinn
J C Wm Whitworth	Lawce Moore
" Thos Greene	J A Flanagan
" Michl Cullen	Thos Simcocks
" John Kelly	
" Nichs Leech	

The minutes of the last meeting having been read were signed by His Worship the Mayor

Report

A report dated 18 February 1870 of the Entire Council in Committee having been read by the Town Clerk was upon motion of J. C. Flanagan seconded by J. C. Cullen adopted unanimously and ordered to be inserted on the minute books of this Corporation

A Report of the Law Committee relative to the Ejectment brought by this

Report to proceed agst Alley & Scott

Council against Mesrs Alley & Scott for recovery of certain premises on the old Hill, next read, upon motion of J. C. Cullen seconded by J. C. L. Moore same was adopted.

A report of the Paving Committee as to the tender of Mr James Toole Builder for flagging North side of West Street, read and same confirmed.

Land Question Aldn J Mathews motn as to

Mr. Alderman Mathews next moved pursuant to notice of motion. That whilst recognizing the honest intention of a fair settlement of the land question as put forward in the Government Bill we feel called upon to declare that the only effective remedy for the many grievances connected with the land laws must be found in a clear definition of the ancient tenant right custom of Ulster its extention to the whole country thereby giving the right of continued occupancy of his holding by the tenant together with the ownership of all improvements which he may have made purchased or inherited & his right to dispose of all his interest by sale or bequest as in the case of any other property which motion was seconded by J.C. Flanagan and carried unanimously—

Petn prepared as to above

It was next moved by J C Lawce Moore & 2nded by J C Greene that a Petn be prepared embodying the foregoing Resolution and forwarded to Thos Whitworth Esq M P. for presentation to House of Commons

Gas a/c refered –

An account from the Drogheda Gas Light Company Amount £178.7.5 Read and Referred to Finance Committee

Treasurers Bond Costs of refered –

Expenses of preparing Treasurers Bond amount £11.10 also refered to Finance Comte.

Kerbing. Peter St ref.

The Subject of Redressing the Kerbing of Peter Street having been brought before the Council by His Worship. Same was refered to the Paving Comte.

Watery Alley Chasm. ref. for repat –

In reference to the Chasm at Watery Alley and the present unprotected State of Camp Alley Same was refered to Council in Comte for Consideration

Whereupon Meeting adjourned to Monday 4th April 1870

Patrick Tennan — Chairman

Report of Council in Committee

Pursuant to Resolution of 7th day of February last calling a Committee of the whole House we sat on this day to consider and report on the matters specified hereunder –

Flagging of West Street — We recommend this work to be done by Contract, advertisements to this effect to be inserted in the local papers, and the work to be done agreeably to Specification to be prepared and lodged in Town Clerks Office for inspection of Contractors, all tenders to name the charge per

per Square yard –

Lamps St. Mary's Bridge — In this matter it having been represented to us that the lamps at present in use are unseemly and inconvenient, and also of little service as public lights, we suggest that same be removed and others be erected at edge of footpath on the Crown of the Bridge the pattern to be according to No. 1 in Smith's Catalogue as recommended by His Worship the Mayor –

North Road Sewer. Sewer North Road — A Memorial on this Subject from a Number of the Inhabitants having been

refered to us. We recommend that Messrs Cogan & Carney do Survey the Ground between Lee's Pump and Conway's Corner and State the probable expense of Constructing a Main Sewer from point to point –

Lamp Chapel Road — Refering to Memorial on this Subject We recommend that a Lamp be erected at the place named therein Viz East Pier Sienna Convent Gate –

Changes in Fish Market — We consider that the Schedule already set forth by the House and on which your Contract Lettings have been made should be strictly adhered to by His Worship the Mayor in all such Cases as may come before him for adjudication between Your Contractors and the public

Skeletons Houses Francis Street — Upon Consideration of this Subject and His

Worship the Mayor having pointed out to us the very dangerous condition of these tenements we recommend that the taking down of same be rigidly enforced on the Owner under "Town's Improvement Act" —

Fire Brigade &c — The necessity for some steps or action in such matters as evidenced by Serious injury to property on several occasions of late, induces us to bring the subject before you as worthy of your most earnest consideration and we recommend that steps be at once taken so far as may be in your power to encourage the establishment of such an institution and to ascertain the Expense of a Fire Escape —

Repairs of Certain Sheets — Inspector Carney having reported that the Footway and Waterside on South Side of Fair Street from Corner of Duke Street to Scholes Lane were in urgent want of repair, we recommend same to be executed forthwith —

Chasm Watery Hill — A Memorial from Certain inhabitants of this locality on this subject has been before us and Edw.d Monaghan the party answerable therefor having undertaken to remedy same without delay. We recommend that no further action be taken therein pending the performance of his undertaking —

Dean Coe's Fund — This matter having again come before us Consequent on our former report we now recommend that the Town Clerk do communicate with

with the "Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests" asking their Co-operation in an enquiry as to the heretofore application of said Trust funds" —

Safe, Town Clerk's office — We have examined and approve of the Safe supplied by Mr Hugh Mawbinson and recommend that his account for same Amount £22-14. be paid —

Expiring Leases — We suggest that for the information of the Council the Town Clerk and Treasurer be requested to make out a Schedule of all Leases to expire within Ten Years from the present time —

All which we certify as Our Report this 18th day of February 1870

Signed on behalf of the Committee
R B Daly. Chairman

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Report of Law Committee

Corporation v Alley & Scott — The Defendant /Scott/ having offered to give a Consent for Judgment on Condition of being forgiven Rent and Costs. your Committee deem it advisable to accept the offer and accordingly authorized Mr James J. Healy your Solicitor in this matter to accept Mr Scott's offer — All which we certify as our Report this 2nd day of March 1870 Signed On behalf of the Committee — Patrick Matthews. Chairman

Report

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Report of No. 1 /Paving/ Committee

Your Committee having before them the various tenders for flagging of North side of West Street beg to recommend that tender of James Forde /No. 3/ be accepted same being at the rate of One Shilling per Superficial yard exclusive of Material, and we further recommend that said James Forde, enter into and duly execute a Bond in the Sum of £25 for the performance of said Work according to the plan and Specification lodged with your Town Clerk -

All which we Certify as our Report this 9th day of March 1870,

Signed on behalf of the Committee

R B Daly Chairman

Chairman

Monday 4th April 1870.

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said town on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at Noon for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting General business - as also for the purpose of Considering Letter from Wm Vernon Esq.

Present

Alderman Patk Jernan J.P. In Chair

Alderman Patk Casey,		J.C.	J.A. Flanagan
"	John Chadwick	"	Edwd McKeough
"	Thos Carty	"	Mick Cullen
J.C.	Wm Whitworth	"	Nichs Flynn
"	Saw Moore	"	George Knaggs
"	Thos Greene	"	Nichs Leech,
"	Jas McGown	"	John Kelly,
"	J.J. Gormley,		

Mr. Alderman Jernan in the absence of His Worship the Mayor having taken the Chair the minutes of the last meeting were read and Signed by the Chairman -

Repat

A Report of the Entire Council in Committee dated the 29th March 1870 read when upon motion of Town Councillor Leech Seconded by Town Councillor Saw Moore same confirmed and ordered to be inserted on the minutes of this Corporation -

The following Accounts were referred to the Finance Committee for Consideration viz.

Thos

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Accounts ref.d

Thos Butterly amount £11..4..0½. Flag a/c amount £67..7. Bernard Daly amount £3..2..9. and Drogheda Conservative amount £9..2..10 ~

Lawce St Sewer referred to Paving Comte. –

A Memorial from several of the Inhabitants of Laurence Street praying the Construction of a Main Sewer read when upon motion of J. C Flanagan Seconded by J. C Leech same was referred to the Paving Committee for Consideration ~

John Morris's letter to take portion of Cornmarket as tenant referred to a Comte.

A Letter from Mr. John Morris offering to become tenant to that portion of the Cornmarket where the Fire Engine is at present Kept, when same was referred to the following Gentlemen, as a Committee to report to the Council thereon, Viz Town Councillors Gormley – Flanagan, Cullen and Lawce Moore ~

Mr. Gernon as to Certain Comns not being sent him –

The Chairman next read a letter from the Secretary of Charitable Donations Complaining of the non receipt of Certain Communications ordered to be forwarded by the Town Clerk on a former occasions that Officer explained, when upon motion of Town Councillor Leech Seconded by J C, Gormley the Town Clerk was directed to proceed to Dublin and to make the necessary enquiries as to the alleged Miscarriage of same

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned

Robert B. Daly

Copy. / Report of Council in Committee

Memorial respecting Rope Walk } Having fully considered this matter we recommend that four men be employed at this place for one week to pick and level the Roadway and that such materials as may be found necessary for the work such as stone or gravel be supplied by Contractor ~

Hughes account } We recommend payment amount £12..0..6 ~

Hammond's account } In this Case we are of opinion that the amounts Chargeable thereunder against Messrs Gargan and Reilly should be deducted therefrom and the balance paid to Messrs Hammond the tots having been first submitted to and Certified by Town Clerk ~

Reilly's account } To be paid amount £7..2..0

Patk Reilly Flag a/c } Mr Reilly to pay £2..10..0 & the balance £2.. to be paid by this Corporation –

Gas a/c } We have examined same and recommend that the amount £178..7..5 be paid ~

Curry's Hill } With reference to this matter we are of opinion that if the several parties interested will subscribe a fair proportion of the probable expense of building a protection Wall the Corporation ought also to Contribute thereto, and we recommend accordingly ~

Watery

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Watery Hill } We recommend that the usual notices under "Towns Improvement Act" be forthwith served on Messrs Monaghan & Toole the former being the person who, as far as we can learn actually caused the dangerous nuisance complained of and the latter being a Consenting party thereto.

Kerbing Peter Street } We suggest that Messrs Knaggs Gormley and Flanagan be appointed a Committee to superintend this work and that they be authorized to have same executed with all Convenient Speed and on the best terms they can make for execution of same on behalf of the Council.

Treasurer's Bond Costs } Amount Claimed £11.18.0 We are of opinion a payment of £9. would be ample and we Recommend the payment of that Sum on Mr Verdon giving a receipt in full.

All which we Certify as Our Report this 29th March 1870

Signed on behalf of the Committee

R B Daly Chairman

Chairman

Monday 2nd May 1870

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said town on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at Noon for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting general business

Present.

Robert B. Daly Esq. Mayor,

Alderman	Jas. Mathews	T.C. Jas. McGeown
"	Patk. Jernan	" Michl Callen
"	Patk. Casey.	" Thos. Simcocks
"	John Chadwick	" I. I. Gormley
T. C.	Peter Verdon	" P. M. Brady
"	Wm. Whitworth	" Nichs. Leech
"	Thos. Greene	" Richd. Moore
"	Jas A. Flanagan	" Nichs. Flynn
"	Lawce. Moore	

The minutes of the last meeting having been read by the Town Clerk were Signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Tenders for broken Stones &c read / No. 4 / accepted.

Town tenders for the supplying of following Stones, Sand, and broken Stones read when it was moved by Alderman James Mathews Seconded by T.C. McGeown and ordered that the tender of Patk Clarke / No. 4 / be accepted.

Report

Reports dated respectively the 4th and 29th April 1870 having been read were Confirmed and ordered to be entered on the minutes of this Corporation.

Town Councillor Callen next moved

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moved and Alderman James Mathews Seconded that this Council protest against the proposed inquiry into the Catholic Monastic & Conventual establishments of England and Scotland and adopt a Petn to Parliament on that subject to be forwarded to Thos Whitworth Esq. M.P for presentation to the House of Commons - The following Gentn members of the Council were upon motion of J.C Flanagan 2nd by J.C. Whitworth named as a Committee to prepare said Petn Vizt His Worship the Mayor Aldermen James Mathews - Patk Jernan & John Chadwick - and Councillors Verdon and Whitworth. and which was unanimously Carried -

Catholic Monastic enquiry - Protest agst & Petn

An Account of Mr James McKenna for Renovating dials of Town Clock, amount £9.5.0 Read and ordered to be paid -

Jas McKenna's a/c ordered

In reference to a letter from Mr Wm Gernon Secy of the Charitable Donations Bequest Commission read by His Worship the Mayor at a meeting held on the 4th Inst last in connection with the Charitable Trusts of Drogheda Complaining of the non-receipt of Certain Communications ordered to be furnished by the Town Clerk at a meeting held on the 11th March last - That Officer having again protested against the Accusation put forward in said letter and having Reiterated that those documents had been duly forwarded Alderman James Mathews Stated that he understood the Council were perfectly satisfied with the explanation given by the Town Clerk and that their approbation ought

Wm Gernon,

ought to be sufficient to set the matter at rest The Officer said it was quite so as far as he was Concerned. Alderman Mathews thereupon Suggested that the desired information should be forwarded to the Commissioners above referred to and which the Town Clerk undertook to do -

A Memorial from Several of the Inhabitants of Peter Street and its Vicinity read praying for the Removal of the present Town Pump, and stating amongst other Reasons that it was "the last Vestage of the Old Feudal Laws" in said Street and ought therefore to be altered or improved for the benefit of the traffic and inhabitants of said Street, a Considerable discussion arose on His Worship the Mayor enquiring if any Member of the Council objected to the Removal of the Town Pump. Messrs Flanagan & Cullen having Objected - the Mayor Stated he would take the Voting thereon, when there appeared

Town Pump Memorial for Removal of

For Removal of Town Pump	Against
Alderman Jernan	/ Until referred to Committee
J.C. Gormley	J.C. Richd Moore
" Smicock	" Flanagan
" Brady	" Cullen
" McGeown	/ Three /
" Greene	
" Whitworth	
" Verdon	
" Flinn	
/ Nine /	

Ordered to be removed -

His Worship without further Continuing said Voting declared the Removal of the "Town Pump"

Pump" Carried

A Letter was next read by His Worship the Mayor dated 28th April 1870 from the Under Secy Dublin Castle Stating That the Ambassador of the North German Confederation had Notified to the Earl of Clarendon that the Prussian Vice Consulship at Drogheda had been abolished

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Monday 6th June 1870

Chairman

Russian Vice Consulship Abolished here

Tho Greene

To The Noble the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament Assembled

The Petn of the Mayor Aldermen & Burgesses of the Bro. of Drogheda,

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petrs make this their strong protest agst the Committee asked for by a Member of your Noble House to enquire & Report on Monastic and Conventual establishts

That your Petrs in Common with their Co-religionists throughout these Kingdoms cannot regard the proposed enquiry in any other light but as a great and uncalled for insult the result of bigotry and intolerance and an attempt by a side wind to reintroduce religious

ascendency

That in no single instance can your Petrs learn that any support by Petn or otherwise has been given to the proposition & they ask Your Noble House to discountenance as Wholly unnecessary and only Calculated to Create and foster Feelings of discontent & annoyce among thousands of Loyal Subjects

Your Petrs therefore pray Your Noble House to take into Consn the subject Matter of this their Memo & Act therein as to Your Wisdom may Seem meet.

And your Petrs as in duty bound will ever pray,

2nd June 1870 Robt Bedford Daly Mayor (Seal

Jas Killeen Town Clerk Drogheda

Drogheda

Report of Entire Council in Committee

Your Committee having before them for Consideration the desirability of appointing a properly qualified Engineer beg to Recommend as follows. That a duly Qualified Engineer be advertised for at a Salary of £130 per Annum That Mr Cogan your present Engineer be called upon to resign that the party so appointed shall pay to Mr Cogan a Sum of £30 per Annum during the pleasure of the Corporation

All which we Certify as Our Report this 4th April 1870

Signed on behalf of the Committee

R B Daly Chairman

Proposed

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Proposed by J.C. Flanagan & J.C. Cullen 2nd ed
To define in agreement that Engineer shall have but £100 – in the event of anything happening to Mr Cogan –

Drogheda Corporation
Report of Council in Committee
Friday April 29th 1870,

Your Committee having met this day to consider several matters referred. Recommend as follows –

That the accounts hereinafter named be paid viz

Butterly's a/c	to be paid less 5 per Cent amt	£11.4.½
Flagging West St	Do. Do	67.7.0
Conservative Advertising a/c	Claim £9.2.10 payment Recommended	8.10.0
Bernd Daly	To be paid	3.2.9

Sewer Lawrence Street — That the Consideration hereof be referred pending appointment of Engineer –

~~as mentd in report of 4th April inst~~ JK

Boyne Fishery — That a special meeting of Council in Committee be held at the earliest possible moment to consider and report thereon –

Re. Levins Mayor's Secy — His Worship the Mayor having called the attention of your Committee to certain official irregularities on the part of this gentleman Recommend that Mr Levins be suspended until your first meeting in June 1870.

Corporate

Corporate Property Sales to Railway — That a list of all such sales be made out and a Committee of entire Col. be summoned for an early day to consider and report –

Re, General Business — That in future a meeting of Council in Committee be summoned for the Wednesday previous to each monthly or quaterly meeting for the transaction of general business –

Re, Nunnery Inspection — With reference to the motion of Mr Newdegate on this subject, now before the House of Commons. That a special vote be taken. and a petition against same be adopted and presented to Parliament –

Dean Cox's Fund — That the Town Clerk do put himself in direct communication with Comrs of Charitable Bequests in this matter –

Lamps Fair Street — That two lamps be left lighted in Fair Street in addition to those in use there at present –

Re. R. A Smythe — That the Town Clerk do notify to agents that the rental of certain Corporation property about being sold on Petn of this gentn is incorrect –

Properties Out of Lease — That a list of all such be prepared by Town Clerk & submitted at next meeting of Council – Also a list of Arrears of Rent generally –

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Contracts } That advertisements in these matters be discontinued as we consider handbills sufficient –

All which we certify as our Report this 29th April 1870.

Signed on behalf of the Committee –

R. B. Daly } Chairman

} Chairman

Wednesday 1st June 1870

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Boro' of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on this day at the hour of 12 O'clock at noon for the purpose of receiving Reports & transacting general business –

Present.

Thos Greene Esq. / In the Chair,

Aldn Thos Carty	T.C. J. J. Gormley
" Patk Casey.	" N. Flinn
T.C. John Kelly	" J. H. Flanagan
" Wm Whitworth	" T. Simcocks
" Lawce Moore	" G. Knaggs.
" Michl Cullen,	

The minutes of last meeting having been read were signed by the Chairman –

Mr Butterly's a/c ordered to stand over –

Mr. Butterly's Account of the measurement of flagging of North side of West Street having been brought before the meeting, on motion of T.C. Knaggs, seconded by T.C. Lawce Moore ordered to stand over until entire expenses ascertained –

Arrears of Rent to be applied for –

A List of arrears of Rent was next produced, on motion of T.C. Cullen seconded by T.C. Lawce Moore, the Town Clerk was directed to apply to the parties named in said list for immediate paymt. of Rent –

Patk Levin's for increase of salary to be brought up at next meeting –

Memorial of Mr. Patk Levin's for an increase of salary read and upon the motion of Alderman Thos Carty ordered to be brought up at next meeting –

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A considerable discussion having arisen as to the Removal of the Town Pump. It was moved by Mr. Alderman Carty seconded by J.C. Cullen and Resolved. that in future no busines of whatever kind shall be brought up or considered by the Council except that stated in the Notice Paper, and that there shall be no attempt to remove any Pump, Well, or Fountain without first giving public Notice to the Corporation.

Business of Cl. to be put in notice paper -

The Town Clerk at the request of Mr Alderman Carty read two letters dated respectively the 19th Aprie and 24th May having reference to the Russian Vice Consulate.

Russian Vice Consulship - Letter

The Application of Mr Patk Rice Magdalene Street to extend the footpath along his premises - as also the Memorial of the inhabitants of King Street praying the necessity of Making a Sewer in said Street were both refered for further Consideration

Patk Rice's letter to extend footway in Magd. St. - refered -

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

R I B Daly Chairman

Copy Letter of 24th May 1870 above refered to

4 New

Russian Vice Consul.

4 New London Street
London May 24th 1870

My dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst enclosing copy of a letter from the Secretary of His Excellency The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Mayor of Drogheda Notifying the abolition of the Russian Vice Consulate there and which letter you state has been read by the Mayor at a public meeting of the Corporation. In reply I beg to say that it is with much regret I hear that unpleasant remarks have been made upon that occasion it affords me much pleasure however to have this opportunity of testifying that during the long period You have acted as Russian Vice Consul at the Port of Drogheda the Consular duties which have devolved upon you have been in all respects efficiently and satisfactorily discharged. I may also add that had it not been the intention of His Excellency the Chancellor of the North German Confederation to entirely abolish the Vice Consulate at Drogheda You would still have remained Vice Consul should you have thought fit to do so.

I am Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
H E Wilkie
Consul General & Councillor of Legation to H.M. the King of Russia

To,
J. Carty Esq
Drogheda.

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Monday 4th July 1870

At a Monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of of said Town at the hour of 12 o'Clock at noon to consider Requisition for flagging of South Side of West Street

Present.

Peter Verdon Esq. J.P. / In the Chair /

Alderman Thos. Carty	P.C. J. Kelly
" J. Mathews	" J. J. Gourley
" J. Chadwick	" C. McDonough
" P. Casey	" G. Knaggs
" P. Jernan	" N. Leech
P.C. Alderman Moore	" N. Flinn
" Thos. Greene	" J. N. Flanagan
" Wm. Whitworth	" P. M. Brady.
" R. Moore	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

A Requisition dated 3rd June 1870 signed by Certain Inhabitants of the South Side of West Sheet as to the Flagging thereof read and referred to Paving Committee for Report.

Flagging S.S. West St. agreed as to read & referred.

The consideration of the Bill of Quantities of Flagging of North side of West Sheet was also referred to the Paving Committee.

Bill of Quantities N. side read & ref.

The Memorial of Mr. Patk. Levins Mayors Secy. praying for an increase of Salary read and referred to Finance Comte. for Consideration and report.

Patk. Levins memo. ref.

Fish Tolls Memo. Abolish read & referred.

A Memorial from the Fishermen of Clogher Head, Babbuggan, and Merries praying the Council to abolish the present Fish tolls read, and referred for Report to the Council in Committee.

Peter Mathews applon to build &c.

The application of Mr. Peter Mathews of Yellowbatter for leave to erect certain Houses at Hardman's Garden having been laid before the Council Same was referred to the Building Committee for investigation and Report.

Car Owners - memo - not read & acted on

A Memorial from the Car Owners and Drivers of this Town protesting against the Numbering of their Vehicles or the Public badging of the Drivers read. No motion thereon.

Engineer to move for appointment of -

Town Councillor Whitworth next gave notice that he would at next Monthly meeting move for the appointment of a duly Qualified Engineer for the Borough of Drogheda in accordance with terms of Report dated 4th April 1870.

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Monday the 1st August 1870. being the Next Quarterly day.

R J B Daly Chairman.

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Monday 1st August 1870

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned & Met in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said Town on this day at the hour of 12 O'C at noon to consider Notice of Motion of P.C. Verdon that South side of West Street be Flagged on same terms as South side of said Street and to do all things necessary in relation thereto, also to consider notice of Motion of J.C. Whitworth that the resignation of Mr Cogan be accepted and that a Competent Engineer be sought for & appointed in his place to receive Report and Transact general Business &

Present

Robert B. Daly Esq Mayor.

Aldermen	Tho Carty	J.C.	Greene
J.C.	Peter Verdon	"	L Moore
"	Whitworth	"	M Cullen
"	Knaggs	"	J Kelly
"	Gormley		

Adjourned meeting

Mr J.C. Gormley moved and J.C. Verdon seconded that meeting be adjourned to the 8th inst in Consequence of the Laytown Regatta. Mr Aldn Carty moved as an amendment that the Business of the day be proceeded which was seconded by J.C. Knaggs a poll being demanded there appeared for the adjournment Town Councillors. Gormley. Verdon Cullen, Greene, L Moore. Whitworth

and John Kelly. / Seven / against. Aldermen Tho. Carty and J.C. Knaggs. His Worship accordingly declared the Meeting adjourned to Monday the 8th August instant.

R.B. Daly Chairman

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Monday 8th August 1870.

At an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at Noon for the purpose of Considering Notice of motion of J.C. Verdon, that South side of West Street be flagged on Same terms as North side of said Street, and to do all things necessary in Relation thereto, Also to Consider Notice of motion of JC Whitworth that the Resignation of Mr Cogan be Accepted and that a Competent Engineer be Sought for and Appointed in his place to receive Reports & transact General business -

Present,

Robert B. Daly Esq. Mayor ✓

✓	Aldeman Thos Carty	✓ J.C.	Law. Moore
✓	" Jas Mathews	✓ "	John Kelly
✓	" Pat.k Jernan	✓ "	George Knaggs
✓	" John Chadwick	✓ "	Mich.l Cullen
✓	J.C. Wm Whitworth	✓ "	J.J Gormley
✓	" Peter Verdon	✓ "	P.M Brady
✓	" J.A Flanagan	✓ "	Nich.s Flynn
✓	" Jas Levins	✓ "	Edw.d McDonough
✓	" Thos Greene	"	

Minutes of former meetings viz.t 1st June, 4th July and 1st August respectively read and signed by the Chairman -

Report from Council in Committee dated July 27th 1870. read. moved by J.C. Flanagan

Report adopted expunging therefrom as to not flagging S.s West St.

seconded by J.C. Cullen that same be received and adopted. Amendment moved by J.C. Verdon seconded by J.C. Gormley that the last paragraph in said report referring to flagging of South side of West Street be expunged therefrom and that the flagging of South side of West Street in accordance with his Notice of motion be proceeded with to the same extent as on the North side, and at the same time, a discussion having arose thereon and his Worship having put the amendment declared the same carried, when a Poll being demanded there appeared, for the Amendment Viz. Alderman Jernan Ald.r Chadwick, Ald.r Mathews, J. & Verdon, P. Quin Brady, Gormley Mc Donough Levins Whitworth. Greene. The Mayor, 12 For adopting report, Viz Ald.r Thos Carty J. & Knaggs. Flanagan. Cullen, and J.C. Moore.

His Worship thereupon declared the amendment Carried.

S.s West St. to be flagged -

Engineer's his resignation accepted

J.C. Whitworth moved that the resignation of the Engineer be accepted, and steps taken ~~at~~ to appoint a properly qualified successor to the situation, the officer alluded to having repudiated any such act on his part there being no seconder the motion fell to the ground.

Public Cranes and Market Tolls

On Suggestion of His Worship the Mayor it was ordered, that a meeting of the Council in Committee be called to consider and report for next meeting

Nuisance Abatement) His Worship next called attention to this matter and asked for an indemnity for any proceedings he might find it necessary to take in conjunction with the Board of Guardians as to the "Nuns Walk" also for some other members to be named to act with him. Moved by J.C. Verdon, seconded by J.C. Levins

That this Council will indemnify the Mayor for any proceedings taken by him in this matter, under legal advice and that the following members be appointed to act with His Worship and the Board of Guardians

Vz J.C. Kelly, Flanagan, Whitworth Cullen, Knaggs, & Leech,

Contracts Watering Cleansing &c. — For these objects 3 tenders were submitted and on motion of J.C. Cullen seconded by J.C.L. Moore

Tender No 3. Edward Monaghan was accepted as Contractor for the sum of £200, on Special Condition that in addition to the works already specified he should undertake to wash out all "Sewer traps," daily all omissions on his part to be subject of a fine of 5/- each.

These Conditions to be inserted in his Bond

His

His Worship notified that he had employed Mr Thomas Butterly to superintend the flagging work now being done, and asked for authority to recompense him for past services, and permission to retain him during the prosecution of these works. On Motion of J.C. Flinn seconded by J.C. Gormley the suggestion of His Worship was agreed to —

Arrears of Rent, Comte appointed to examine —

Extract of report (before referred to) of 27th July 1870, as to arrears of rent alleged to be due to the Corporation by Messrs Gradwell, Chadwick & Co, wherein it was recommended that a Case be submitted on behalf of the Corporation for "Counsels" Opinion as to the liability of the parties after some discussion it was moved by Aldn. Chadwick seconded by J.C. Gormley & resolved That a meeting of Council in Committee be summoned to examine as to all arrears of rent due to the Corporation and that the Town Clerk should search for all documents bearing on the matter said meeting to be held as soon as possible after the return of Mr Foley, (Solr for Mr Chadwick,) now absent —

Alderman Carty moved that Mr Macnamara Cantwell be employed as Solr. for the Corporation in the above matter he having acted as Town Clerk at the time of the sale in question the matter was allowed to stand over —

J.C.

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Mechanics' Institute Surrender to be accepted

J.C. Lawce Moore moved and J.C. Flinn seconded that this Council do accept the deed of Surrender of "Mechanics' Institute" also to the New Lease of said premises at the reduced rent of £21 and that the sum of £89.5 being for 2 years at the rent reserved in original Lease and One year at reduced rent of £21, together with the sum of £4.4 Approval fees on said documents be paid Mrs Browne or her Solicitors Carried as

Accounts Ufd.

Several accounts were presented for payment and ordered to be referred to the "Finance Committee" viz. Messrs Gatchell £1.11.0 Butterly £9.8.3½ Gas Compy £163.2. J. S Healy Solr. £10.3.11. Mr Verdon Solr. £18.7.10.

Patk Levins Meml for increase of Salary

Memorial read from Certain Inhabitants on behalf of Mr Patk Levins asking the Council to grant him an increase of salary in consideration of the additional duties lately imposed on him - referred to Committee for Consideration

Meeting adjourned

R B Daly Chairman,

Report

Copy / Report Council in Committee
27th July 1870,

Your Committee report on the several matters submitted for their consideration and specified hereunder as follows.

Memorial of Patk Levins — The subject matter hereof having been put before us namely a request from Memorialist for increase of salary in consequence of additional duties read no order

Flagging North side West St — In this matter a dispute having arisen / with reference to measurement / between Mr Butterly the Superintendent of the Contractor Mr Toole it was referred to Mr P. Dodd Surveyor to arbitrate between them in his report he certifies the sum of £32.8,5 to be due to the Contractor & we therefore recommend the payment of that amount and also that Mr Dodd be requested to apportion the amount due by each "Frontager" for flagging opposite their several premises and that on receipt of such apportionment by the Treasurer that Officer should forthwith apply to the several parties for payment

Arrears of Rent — We recommend that immediate proceedings be taken agst all parties whose names appear in the list of defaulters handed in by the Treasurer

Dockyard

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Dockyard premises — Recommended that a Case on behalf of the Corporation be Submitted for "Counsels" Opinion on the Query whether Messrs Gradwell & Chadwick are liable for the entire Rent Reserved in Original Lease of said premises —

Committee Meetings — Recommended that in future 3 days notice be given of all such Meetings as is the practice in the Case of Quarterly or Monthly Meetings of the Council.

Requisition for Flagging South Side of West Street — Recommended that no action be taken in this Matter until the Expenses already incurred for the purpose on the North side of said Street shall have been Ascertained and the Amounts due by the several "Frontages" as their Contribution thereto shall have been paid —

All which the Entry as Ours Report this 27th day of July 1870

Signed on behalf of the Committee

R B. Daly Chairman

R B Daly. Chairman.

Expunged as per Resolution dated 8th Augt 1870. vide page 330 —

Monday 5th Sept 1870.

At a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thulsel of said Town on this day at the hour of 12 Oclock at noon to receive Reports and transact general business —

Present.

R B. Daly Esq. Mayor.

Aldermen Thos Carty — J.C. John Kelly
" Patk Matthews — " N. Leech
" J Chadwick — " M. Cullen
J.C. N. Flynn — " E McDonogh
" Peter Verdon — " Geo Knaggs
" Lawce Moore

The Minutes of last Meeting were Read and Confirmed —

A Report dated the 25th August Read, Confirmed and Ordered to be inserted on the Minutes —

Entered by mistake — K. The Town Clerk next Read an Account of the Buildings for Public Cranes and Market Charges &c. &c.

Nuns Walk Sewer — His Worship the Mayor Asked for instructions how he should act with reference to the Nuisance at "Nuns Walk" the Board of Guardians will pay half the expense of Making a Sewer, provided the Corporation would pay the balance, it was ultimately agreed that the following Gentlemen Members of the Council be appointed a Committee to act with the Guardians in this Matter Viz. The Mayor, J. Cs L Moore. M. Cullen

E. McDonough, J Kelly, Leech and Knaggs.

J.C. Knaggs gave notice of motion for next meeting that when any case should arise requiring legal assistance a Solicitor be employed for that occasion only.

J.C. Knaggs notice as to employing a Solr.

J.C. Cullen next gave notice that he would at next monthly meeting move that the Town Pump be reopened for public use.

Town Pump to be reopened

The Bond for performance of Contract for watering and Cleansing the Streets was submitted to Committee for approval.

An account of Mr Thomas Butterly amount £9.8.3½ less the sum of 12/8 on the motion of J.C. Verdon seconded by J.C. Leech ordered to be paid.

Thos Butterly's a/c ordered

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Monday 3rd October 1870

Chairman

Copy / Report of Council in Committee Thursday August 25th 1870

Your Committee having had under consideration the several matters hereunder specified recommend as follows.

Public Crane & Market Charges } That the Scale of Charges under this heading

heading shall be in accordance with the revised lists thereof presented herewith dated respectively the 25th & 30th August 1870.

Lighting the town } That the Council request the Gas Company to light the Public Camps from Sept 1st to April 1st on the same terms as the present Contract.

Fire Brigade } That the Mayor be authorized to establish a Fire Brigade to be composed of the men in the employment of the "Boyne Comrs" and "The Steam Packet Coy" the Body to be exercised once a month and to be paid at the rate of Six pence per hour while so employed every man joining the Brigade to subscribe a declaration that he will attend any fire, and the payment for such attendance to be at the rate of One shilling per hour.

Levin's Memorial } No order made on this memorial.

Law Costs } That Mr Verdon be paid £15 in full discharge and that Mr Healy be requested to furnish full particulars of all costs due him by the Council to this date.

Messrs Gatchell } This account amount £1..11..0 to be paid when certified by Inspector of Weights.

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Gas Coy a/c } That £100 be paid on Account –

Mr Butterlys a/c } That same be paid less 12/8 being Charges for Mason & Labourer for 2 days at Mr Eugene Clarkes premises in West St. –

All which we certify as our Report this 25th day of Aug 1870

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Chairman

Chairman

Monday 3rd Octr 1870

At a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'Clock at noon To consider notice of motion of J.C. Knaggs relative to the appointment of a Solicitor and notice of motion from J.C. Cullen as to re opening Town Pump, and for the transaction of General business –

Present,

Robt. B. Daly Esq. Mayor

Alderman	Thos Carty	J.C. Thos Greene
"	John Chadwick	" John Kelly
"	Patk Jernan	" Jas Levins
J.C.	Peter Verdon	" Lawce Moore
"	Wm Whitworth	" Jas A. Flanagan
"	George Knaggs	" Michl Cullen
"	J. J. Gormley	" Nichs Flinn

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed –

Solicitor
Only to be appointed when reqd.

J.C. Knaggs moved pursuant to notice that a Solr be only employed as occasion should arise for his services and that the Town Clerk should not be empowered to give any instructions for legal proceedings without the order of the Council as also that the Town Clerk should make out all Bonds or other securities given to the Corporation at a nominal fee to be named by a Committee the motion was seconded by

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by J. C. Gormley when an Amendment was moved by J.C. Lawce Moore, and 2nded by Alderman Teman, that a recognized Solr be appointed. the votes being taken there appeared,

Solicitor to have a recognized Solr

For Original motion	For Amendment
J.C. Knaggs	Mess. Whitworth
" Cullen	Flanagan
" Flinn	L Moore
Alderman Carty, (four)	Teman
	Kelly
	Gormley
	Levins
	Verdon
	J Chadwick
	The Mayor (ten)

(J.C. Greene refused to vote)

His Worship accordingly declared the Amendment Carried

J.C. Cullen moved in pursuance of notice that this Council take into Consideration the advisability of erecting a drinking fountain in lieu of the Town Pump lately removed. His Worship the Mayor said he had already undertaken to do so and when a suitable place was selected, he was ready to fulfil his promise.

Drinking fountain in lieu of Town Pump

Accounts Ufd

The following accounts were presented and referred to Finance Committee.
J. Hughes Printing and Stationery £13.14.7
J. S. Healy Solr costs £10. to be paid in full. Gas Company £70.8.10 referred to Finance Committee

Mr Verdon Solicitor, Costs in re Coroner £18.10.0 to be paid in full

Nuns Walk - Sewer - Jas Collins decld Contractor

Three tenders for the making of a Sewer at Nuns Walk, read, when the tender of James Collins for this work amt £46.6.6 was accepted One half of this amt to be discharged by this Corpn as per Agreemt of Board of Guardians

Gorges Graham - Memo - Ufd -

Memorial of Gorges Graham praying the Corporation would be pleased to accept a Surrender of certain premises in William Street referred for Consideration in Committee

Letter from Mr Bernard Tumalti, proposing to submit for consideration of the Council certain propositions, whereby the value of the Corporate property might be largely increased having been read by Town Clerk, no motion thereon

J. Morris letter no motn

Also read letter from Mr J. Morris to become tenant for a portion of Corn market now occupied as receptacle for Fire Engine. No motion thereon

Dockyard Premises

The Mayor stated that Mr Verdon and himself had gone to Railway Co's office, and had seen the deeds relating to these premises, and suggested that Queries should be submitted to messrs Brassington & Geale who had made the Valuation at the time of Sale, so respecting the deductions made to

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any Grants, and the acreable Proportions in each case, and asking for a Tracing from the map of the Premises.

Solicitor recognized Solr to be apptd

J. C. L. Moore gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would move that a recognized Solicitor be appointed, and that the Council shall do all things necessary in relation thereto

Whereupon Meeting adjourned

W B Daly Chairman

Tuesday 1st November 1870

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the assembly Room of the Thosel at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon to consider Notice of motion of J C Lawrence Moore that a Recognized Solicitor be appointed by the Council and that they should do all things Necessary in relation thereto, To receive Reports and transact general business -

Present

Robt B. Daly Esq Mayor

Alderman	Thos Carty	J.C.	Lawrence Moore
"	Jas Mathews	"	Geo Knaggs
"	John Chadwick	"	Thos Greene
"	Patk Casey.	"	N. Flynn
J C.	John Keely.	"	J.J. Gormley
"	Peter Verdon	"	M. Cullen
"	Jas Levins	"	N. Leech
"	Edw. McDonough	"	J. McGeown.
"	J. A Flanagan		

The Minutes of last meeting were read by the Town Clerk and Signed By His Worship the Mayor.

Dockyard Report

A Report dated 5th Octr 1870, recommending that certain Queries respecting Dockyard premises should be Submitted to Messrs Brassington & Gale was read, and approved of. And of which the following is a copy.

In re Dockyard premises

Report of Committee in Committee dated

dated 5th October 1870 Your Committee having met by adjournment from a former date after full Consideration of this matter Now Recommend that the following Queries be Submitted to Messrs Brassington & Gale, and that they be requested to procure for your body an Extract of the Conveyance Relating to these Lands and a tracing from the Map thereof, together with a list of the names of the several parties entitled to Any deduction of Rent, and the Arrable proportion thereof in each Case,

Queries above referred to

1st Was the £164.0.5 paid by the Belfast Junction Railway Coy to the Drogheda Capn for the 2a.0r.1p being a portion of the premises leased to the late Henry Smith known as part of the lands of St. James' for the Fee of said premises?

2nd If said sum of £164.0.5 was for the Fee thereof are the parties who now represent the original Lessee entitled to deduct from the Corporation an Arrable Rent in proportion to the purchase money received by said Capn?

All which we certify as Our Report this 5th day of Octr 1870

Signed on behalf of the Committee
R B Daly Chairman –

The Town Clerk read letter dated 27th Oct 1870 from Messrs Brassington & Gale with reference to the above and stating that they had applied to the Railway Coy for permission to

Workyard to examine certain documents and Maps in their possession and had been refused, they suggested that a similar application should be made to the Railway Coy direct from the Corporation, Whereupon the Town Clerk was directed to make such Application –

Report Jubberboice

A Report was next read from Council in Committee respecting Reservoir at Jubberboice as follows. It having been reported to us by His Worship the Mayor that a serious Leakage exists at this Reservoir thereby causing the Supply at the Fountains dependent thereon, to be deficient and also that Some alteration in the level of the Supply Pipes is urgently required We Recommend that the Mayor and JC Knaggs be authorized to remedy these defects & that they be indemnified in all necessary expenses incurred by them for such purpose, all which we Certify as Our Report this 5th day of Octr 1870 Signed on behalf of the Committee R B Daly Chairman / Confirmed –

£6. to Deadman to take charge of above

It was next moved by JC Knaggs And seconded by JC Greene that a Sum of £6 a year be paid to Deadman as Watchman and Cleanser at Reservoir above referred to, when Committee Certify the proper discharge of his duty –

Fire to ascertain Cost per hour for Water in Case of –

The Question as to Supply of Water at Fires was brought up by His Worship the Mayor, when it was moved by Alderman Jas Matthews Seconded by Town Councillor Lawce Moore that the probable Cost per hour in such cases be Ascertained from

from the Water Works Coy and that T Cs Knaggs. Flinn, Greene, and Cullen do form a Committee to report thereon, also as to supply of Upper part of town and flushing Sewers

Sewer James' St Ordered that Expense of same be Ascertained –

A Memorial was next read from Inhabitants of James' Street, praying for the Construction of a Sewer from the House of Mrs Judith Curley to Graves' Lane, Ordered that the probable Expense be ascertained and the Mayor requested to have same done at lowest terms – Whereupon T.C. Flanagan

Sewer King' St. Comte to report

Called Attention to a similar want at King Street when T C's Knaggs L Moore and Flanagan were appointed a Committee to report, as to same, and James' Street –

Solicitor Mr Verdon Appointed

Pursuant to Notice T.C. Lawce Moore proposed that Mr Michl Verdon be appointed Solicitor to this Corporation which having been seconded by T.C. Leech was carried unanimously with the proviso that the Solicitor should not be authorized to take any instructions except through the Law Committee – Mr Verdon in suitable terms returned thanks to the Council for the appointment –

Whereupon Meeting adjourned to Monday the 7th Novr 1870

R B Daly Chairman

Monday 7th Novr 1870

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving Reports and transacting General business.

Present

Thos Greene Esq. (In Chair)

Alderman Thos Carty — T.C. L. Moore

T. C. Wm Whitworth — " N. Flinn

" M. Cullen

Adjourned Meeting

Moved by T.C. Lawce Moore 2nded by T.C. Flinn that meeting be adjourned to Monday the 14th Novr inst at hour of 12 O'C. noon, in consequence of there not being a sufficient number of members present to form a House. Adjourned accordingly

R B Daly Chairman

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Monday 14th November 1870

At an adjourned monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly Summoned to appear in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day, at the hour of 12. O'clock at noon of said day for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general business,

Present

Alderman	Carty	T.C.	Cullen
"	Jeman	"	Knaggs
"	Chadwick	"	Leech
"	P Mathews	"	Brady
T.C.	Whitworth	"	Gormley
"	McDonough	"	Flinn
"	Kelly	"	Simcocks
"	S. Moore		

The minutes of the 1st and 7th Nov 1870 having been read, were signed by His Worship the Mayor,

Monaghans Contract places not included a List to be made of –

His worship the Mayor stated to the Council that there were several byelanes and other places within the boundary, not included in Monaghans Contract for the sweeping and cleansing of the Streets, It was upon the motion of Aldn P. Mathews, unanimously resolved that a list of all places left out of said Contract should be furnished by the Inspector of Nuisances to the Town Clerk for the information of the Council at the next monthly meeting.

Nuns Walk Sewer.

His Worship next called the attention of the Council to the Sewer that was being constructed from the Nuns Walk, and stated that on coming to the High Road, the Contractor ascertained ~~the~~ that which he considered the Public main Sewer was a Private Sewer, for the accomodation of the houses on the Boyne Terrace. Under the Circumstances, His Worship stated, he had taken upon himself the responsibility of ordering the Sewer to be continued to the nearest main Sewer, A considerable discussion arose as to the expense entailed, in consequence thereof, when it was moved by Alderman Patk Jeman and seconded by T. C. John Kelly. That the Contractor be requested to complete said Sewer to Catherine's Hill and leave the matter of payment to be considered at the next monthly meeting of this Council,

To be contd to Catherine's Hill

Lamps to be erected out the Chord Road –

T. C. Whitworth moved and T. C. Leech seconded, That the Gas Company be requested to have erected out the Chord Road the lamps already pointed out by a Committee of this Council to them

Clerk of the Peace's a/c Submitted

The Town Clerk next submitted to the Council the Clk of the Peace's account in Connexion with the Parliamentary Revision when after a discussion, it was on the Proposition of T. C. Flinn ordered. That a sum of £28. be awarded him for his trouble in the preparation of the documents connected with the said Revision

The Town Clerk next read a letter from the Secretary of the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway Co. having

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Letter as to Dockyard

having reference to the Dockyard Premises of which the following is a copy

Dublin & Belfast Junction Railway
Office 24 Upper Gloucester Street
Dublin 5 Nov 1870

Sir/

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, I beg to inform you, that the Directors have granted the permission to inspect &c. the deeds and maps relative to the land at Drogheda, which was purchased from the Corporation, and as arranged with the Mayor and Mr Verdon. I have notified the same to Mess Brassington & Gale

I am Sir
your obt Servant
George Wm Greene

James Kieran Esq
Town Clerk Drogheda

Political Prisoners. Mayor to attend on Deputation for their release

The Mayor next stated that he had received a letter from the Mayor of Cork, dated the 12th of November 1870, in reference to the movement for the release of the Political Prisoners now so generally advocated, when on the motion of P. B. Dillon Esq it was resolved that the Mayor be requested to attend upon any deputation that might be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for above mentioned purpose, whereupon the meeting adjourned

John Kelly Chairman

Thursday 1st Decr 1870

At a Special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thole On this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at Noon for the purpose of electing a Mayor for the ensuing year.

Present,

Robt B. Daly Esq. Mayor,

Alderman	Thos Canty,	P.C.	Nichs Flynn
"	Jas Matthews	"	Michl Cullen
"	Patk Matthews	"	George Knaggs
"	Patk Tiernan	"	Jas McGeown
"	John Chadwick	"	Thos Simcocks
"	Patk Casey.	"	Edwd McElmoyle
P.C.	Peter Verdon	"	Lawce Moore
"	P. M. Brady	"	J. A Flanagan
"	Richd Moore	"	Wm Whitworth
"	Jas Lennis	"	Nichs Leech
"	J. J. Gormley.	"	Thos Greene

John Kelly P.C. elected Mayor

His Worship the Mayor having stated to the Council the Object of the meeting Viz the election of a Mayor for the year 1871. Alderman James Matthews proposed and P.C. James McGeown seconded that Town Councillor John Kelly be elected Mayor of the Borough of Drogheda for the ensuing year there being no other Gentn proposed. His Worship accordingly declared Councillor Kelly duly elected Mayor for the year 1871. Council by acclamation. Whereupon

the Meeting adjourned.

John Kelly Chairman

Monday 5th Decr 1870

At an adjourned Meeting of the Comrs of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the Hour of 12 O'Clock at Noon to receive Reports & transact General Business -

Present,

Ald" Tho Carty	J.C. Geo Knaggs
J.C. Wm Whitworth	" Nicho Moore
" J. Kelly.	" Tho Greene

Adjourned Meeting

There not being a sufficient Number present to form a Meeting Same was adjourned to Monday the 12th day of Decr inst" at 12 O'C at Noon.

John Kelly Chairman

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Monday 12th Dec 1870.

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thobel of said town on this day at the hour of 12 O'C- at noon for the purpose of Receiving Reports And trans acting general business -

Present,

John Kelly Esq. JC

Alderman Tho Canty	JC. Geo. Knaggs
JC. Wm Whitworth	" Richd Moore
" Richd Flynn	" Thos Greene

Adjourned Meeting

Meeting adjourned to Friday the 16th Decr inst at 12 O'C- in Consequence of there not being a Sufficient Number of Members present.

John Kelly Chairman

Friday 16th Dec 1870.

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thobel of said town on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of Receiving Reports & trans acting general business

Present,

Alderman Tho Canty	JC. M. Cullen
JC. Wm Whitworth	" R. Moore
" Geo. Knaggs	" Jas H. Gowan
" N. Leech	

Adjourned Meeting

Adjourned to 2nd January 1871 a Sufficient Number of members not being present to form a Meeting

John Kelly Chairman

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Monday 2nd Jany 1871

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the assembly Room of the Thobel of said Town on this day at the hour of ½ p 11 Oclock in the forenoon for the purpose of Swearing in J.C. John Kelly as Mayor for the ensuing year -

Present

Robert B. Daly Esqr Mayor,

Alderman	James Mathews	J.C.	G. Knaggs
"	~~John Chadwick~~	"	E. McDonough
"	Pat^{k} Jernan	"	Wm Whitwath
"	Pat^{k} Casey	"	J. Levins
J.C.	J Kelly (Mayor Elect)	"	R. Moore
"	J.J. Gormley	"	M. Cullen
"	Nich^{s} Flinn	"	J. McGeown
"	P.M. Baby	"	J. Greene
"	L. Moore	"	P. Verdon
"	N. Leech		

Mayor Sworn

The Mayor Elect Mr. J.C Kelley and the gentlemen of the Council proceeded in their Robes of office to the Crown Court and he having taken the Oath appertaining to the Office of Mayor and Justice of the Peace, as also, & the Oath of allegience before James Mathews Esq. J.P. afterwards returned to the Assembly Room with the other gentlemen of the Council and took his seat as Chairman -

Vote of thanks to late Mayor

It was next moved by Alderman James Mathews and seconded by Alderman Patrick Jernan and Carried unanimously that the marked thanks of this Assembly are tendered to Our respected late Mayor Mr Robert Bedford Daly for his impartial and dignified Conduct during his Year of Office, Councillor Daly in very suitable terms returned thanks to the Council -

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Monday the 9th January 1871

John Kelly Chairman

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Monday 9th January 1871

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thobel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at Noon for the purpose of Considering Letter from Messrs Brassington & Gale as to Schedule of Corporate property taken by the Belfast Junction Railway Company. To receive Reports & transact general business -

Present

John Kelly Esqre Mayor

Alderman J. Chadwick	P.C. N. Flynn
" P. Mathews	" Geo. Knaggs
" P. Casey.	" Jas. McGeown
P.C. R B. Daly.	" Michl Cullen
" Wm Whitworth	" Lawce Moore
" Nichs Leech	

The Minutes of the 14th Novr 1st 5th 12th & 16th Decr 1870 and 2nd Jany 1871 having been read were signed by His Worship the Mayor -

Reports

A Report of No 2 Committee dated 4th November 1870 read and on Motion of P.C. Cullen Seconded by P.C Lawce Moore, adopted and ordered to be entered on the Minutes of this Corporation the following is a Copy of said Report -

Report of No 2 Committee respecting several Accounts and other matters submitted

Your Committee having duly examined the several Accounts submitted

to them Report thereon as follows

Gas Coy a/c — We find it this Case that a balance of £76.0.6 is due and we recommend that same be paid and at the same time that the Company be requested to furnish particulars as to dates of lighting Watch Houses

Pollard's a/c for Stationary — We recommend payment thereof amount 16/6

Elvery's a/c — We refer this Account Amount £10.3.6 for Consideration at next Monthly Meeting

Hammond a/c — The proper Vouchers not having been presented for same we refer it to next Monthly Meeting pending production thereof -

Hughes a/c Printing &c — Amount £13.14.7. We recommend payment of £13. in full.

Clerk of Peace a/c — Amount £33.12.6 We recommend that the Town Clerk examine same and report to next Monthly Meeting what deductions (if any) should be made therein previous to lodging same with Secretary of Grand Jury.

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Graham's Memorial as to Surrender of Premises in William St. } Having Carefully Considered this Memorial we are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought not to be entertained

Mechanic's Institute } We recommend that these premises be forthwith advertised to be let Notice thereof to be given by Postings and handbills –

Barron's Holding Platten Road } We are of opinion that possession of these premises should be at Once demanded and if same be not Complied with that proceedings be taken to enforce your rights –

Old Hill Scots premises } Recommended that a Committee be appointed to examine and report thereon with all Convenient Speed

All which we Certify as Our report this 4th Novr 1870,
Signed on behalf of the Committee
John Chadwick } Chairman

Linenhall premises refr. Mr. T. C. Cullen moved & T C L. Moore seconded that the Law Committee be requested to enquire into the matter of the rent of Linenhall premises. Carried

Nuns Walk Sewer Mr Butterly's report. The Town Clerk next read a report from Mr Thomas Butterly stating that the Sewer which was being Conducted from "Nuns Walk" is nearly Complete and asking for £25 for the Contractor on account, and further stating that the entire expense of same would amount to about £45 extra after some discussion thereon it was moved by T. C. Leech and seconded by T C Whitworth and ordered that a sum of £25 be paid the Contractor on account and also that Mr Butterly do superintend the Completion of the Work –

In re Gorges Grahams Memorial } A letter was next read from Mr John Shaw respecting this matter but no action was taken thereon –

Magdn St. as to stoppage of Work – T C. Daly referred to a stoppage of Work in Magdalene Street which he stated was done without his knowledge the Town Clerk explained that he was under the impression that Mr Butterly had not been properly authorized to go on with this work and had served him with a notice to that effect

Lamps agreed to be erected Letter read from Secretary of Drogheda Gas Coy agreeing to erect lamps on the Chord Road at the request of the Council –

Drogheda Charities – The Town Clerk suggested that a Committee should be named to consider the question of the Drogheda Charities when it was resolved. That,

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That the Council should meet in Committee on an early day –

Dominick's Bridge. Comte to enquire –

Some Complaints having been made as to the Condition of Dominick's Bridge. Town Councillors Cullen L'more & McGeown were appointed a Committee to inspect & report as to what was required –

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Wednesday the 1st day of February 1871

John Kelly Chairman

Wednesday 1st Feby 1871

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thelsea on this day at the hour of 12 o'clock at Noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting General Business –

Present,

John Kelly Esq. Mayor,

Aldeman	Tho Carty	T. & L.	Moore
"	Jas Mathews	"	M. Cullen
"	Patk Casey	"	G. Skuggs
"	John Chadwick	"	W. Whitworth
J.C.	N. Flinn	"	J. A. Flanagan
"	N. Leech		

The minutes of last meeting having been read were signed by the Mayor

Standing Comtes revised

The list of Standing Committees for the year ending 1st February 1872 having been revised were signed by the Chairman,

Report adopted

A report dated 12th January 1871 ~~was~~ read and on motion of J.C. Cullen seconded by Aldeman Jas Mathews, was adopted and ordered to be entered on the minute books of the Corporation,

Same,

The next was a report of the 30 January 1871, read and on motion of T & L Moore seconded by Aldeman Casey Confirmed

A report dated the 31st

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Report adopted expunging portion as to Lamps at Courthouse -

do day of January 1871, read, when after considerable discussion as to same, it was ordered that the said report be adopted, expunging therefrom, so much thereof, as had reference to the removal of the lamps, at present in front of the Courthouse.

Flagging S. S. West St. Ayc to stand till all ayes are furnished -

An account for flagging South side West Street, amount £67. 16. 5. submitted and upon motion of J. C. Knaggs, seconded by J. C. Cullen. It was ordered that said account, do stand over until such time as Mr Butterly do furnish, his account in full to this Council

Chesters Lane letter from Guardns as to -

A letter from the Poor Law Guardians enclosing one received by them from the Poor Law Commissioners, having ref^e to Chesters Lane read, when it was ordered that the necessary steps be taken to have the nuisance complained of in said letter abated

Dockyard Rent to be considered

Mr Alderman Carty ~~moved~~ gave notice that he would at next meeting move That the subject matter of the rent of Dockyard premises, be considered by this Council,

Duties of officers to be defined -

Councillor Whitworth moved by way of notice, that the duties of the various Officers of this Corporation be defined,

H. L. Moore moved. and H. Cullen seconded,

That the Law Committee be summoned to report as to

Arrears of rent to be applied - for -

arrears of rent, after the Town clerk had applied to the various tenants for payment of rent due, whereupon meeting adjourned to Friday 10 Feb 1871

Thos Greene Chairman

List of Standing Committees for the year ending the 1st February 1872 -

No. 1 Committee

Paving Building Watch. Lighting & Clothing

The Mayor - Aldermen - Thos Carty - Patk - Councillors - Geo. Knaggs - Michl Cullen - Lawce Moore - J. J. Gormley - Jas McGeown Thos Greene. James A. Flanagan Nichs Leech - Wm Whitworth

No. 2 Committee

Land Valuation and Finance

The Mayor - Aldermen, Jas Mathews Patk Casey - John Chadwick - Councillors Nichs Flinn Thos Simcocks - M. Cullen Jas McGeown, R B Daly - George Knaggs Jas A. Flanagan - Lawce Moore - Richd Moore - Peter Verdon -

No. 3 Committee

- Law -

The Mayor - Aldermen Thos Carty - Jas Mathews Patk Fernan - Patk Mathews - John Chadwick Councillors - R B Daly - P. Verdon - Knaggs - Flanagan L Moore. J. J. Gormley - McGeown - Brady - Cullen Flinn -

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Report of 12th January 1871

Your Committee having had under consideration the several matters hereunder specified as follows -

Parson's Account } Recommended that this Account amount £6..6..6 same being according to Contract be paid -

John Callaghans Account } That this Account amount £12-11.0 be paid same being as per Contract but we beg to state and recommend that should the Council be inclined to give Mr. Levins (Mayor's Secretary) a suit of Clothes in future a proper Order therefor should be entered on the Minute Books of this Corporation -

Drogheda Charities } In reference to this matter we recommend that the following Gentlemen do form a Committee to confer with Mr Gernon thereon Vizt His Worship The Mayor - Alderman J. Mathews - John Chadwick & Patk Jernan & Peter Verdon Esq -

Re Memorial of Gorges Graham } A Letter from Mr. John Shaw agent to Mr. Graham read dated 16th Decr. 1870 offering a sum of £120 to put certain premises in William Street in repair on condition of this Council accepting a surrender of same we beg to state we cannot entertain same -

Mr Butterly's a/c } This Account £58..19..5 for flagging of South side of West Street referred till Mr

Mr Butterly shall have furnished his account in full as against the Corporation to this date -

Monaghan's Contract } Certain places within the Borough having been omitted herefrom it was after some discussion agreed to recommend that this matter be left to The Mayor to make an arrangement with the Contractor -

Gas Cloy's a/c } That this Account amount £164..16..8 do stand over for the present -

P. J. Dodd's a/c } That same amount £2..11..9 for measuring flagging & apportioning amount due by each Frontager North side West St be paid -

All which we certify as our Report this 12th day of January 1871 -

Signed on behalf of the Committee
John Kelly Chairman

Report of Council in Committee
30th January 1871

Your Committee having had under consideration the several matters hereinafter referred to unanimously recommend as follows -

Butterlys

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Butterly's a/c } That this account for £58..17..5 for flagging South side of West St. be referred till Mr Butterly shall have furnished his a/c in full as agst the Corporation to this date –

Gas Coy's a/c } That this account amount £164..16..8 be paid less deductions mentioned in Lamp Inspector's report –

Letter from Poor Law Comrs } That the subject hereof viz.t state of Chesters Lane be referred – Messrs Cullen Flinn – L Moore & Knaggs to take such measures as they may consider necessary to remedy any Sanitary defects which may exist in this locality and that they be indemnified by the Council in any necessary expenditure for that purpose –

Monaghan's Bond } That the Town Clerk do write Contractor that the penalties for non=fulfilment hereof will be at once enforced –

Linen Hall } That the Town Clerk do Collect all documents connected with grants of this place and Summon the Law Committee to consider same –

All which we Certify as Our report,
Dated this 30th day of January 1871.
(Signed)
John Kelly
Mayor,

Report of Sub Committee appointed 30th January 1871

We the Sub Committee appointed as above having had under Consideration And Carefully examined into the several matters referred to us and hereinafter specified report as follows –

Chesters Lane } The Poor Law Guardians having forwarded a letter received by them respecting the Sanitary Condition of this locality from the Comrs of Poor Laws we visited and examined same and we find the Street is not by any means in the bad Condition represented there are a few defects in the Water tables and the roadway requires metalling in One or two places. We have directed the Paver to repair the former without delay and the Contractor to supply materials to make good any defects in the roadway with reference to the dwelling Houses here we think the Inspector of Nuisances should be again called upon to put the Sanitary laws in force at once and we are of opinion that he should have done so before this –

North Road } We beg to state that we have called the attention of the County Surveyor to the State of this locality with a View to have the proper repairs executed without delay –

Lamps

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Expunged as per Resolution dated 1st Feby 1871. Vide page 365 – JK

~~Lamps at Tholsel~~ } ~~We recommend that those now in position in West Street be removed so as to be opposite the Window at either side of the Entrance door and that a third lamp of a Similar pattern be erected in Shop Street to mark out the public Character of the Building~~

All which we Certify as our Report this 31st January 1871

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Nicks Flinn } Chairman –

John Kelly } Mayor

Friday 10th February 1871

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of One O'Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of Considering Notice of motion of Mr. Alderman Carty in reference to the Arrears of rent due on Dockyard premises also notice of motion of J C Whitworth that the duties of the Various Officers be defined To receive Reports and transact General business

Present,

– Thomas Greene Esq. JC. In the Chair –

Alderman	Thos Carty	JC.	J. Simcocks
"	Patk Jernan	"	G. Knaggs
"	John Chadwick	"	E McDonough
"	Jas Mathews	"	J A Flanagan
"	Patk Mathews	"	M. Cullen
JC.	N. Flinn	"	N. Leech
"	W. Whitworth	"	R B Daly
"	R Moore	"	Peter Verdon
"	L Moore		

The minutes of the last meeting having been read were signed by ~~His Worship the Mayor~~ JK Chairman

Dockyard Gradwell & Chadwicks rent,

Mr. Alderman Carty moved in accordance with his notice of motion ~~moved~~ that legal proceedings should be at once taken against Messrs Gradwell and Chadwick to Compel them to pay the full rent (amount £25) reserved by the

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Lease of the Dockyard premises which motion having been seconded by JC Knaggs a very lengthened discussion arose thereto, when it was moved by JC Daly and seconded by J.C Flinn by way of amendment That the Treasurer be directed to pass regular receipts to Messrs Gradwell and Chadwick less the amount setforth in the return of Messrs Brassington & Gale to whom the matter was referred by this Council, a Poll having been demanded there appeared for the resolution-two, JC. Knaggs. and Alderman Carty- for the Amendement, Ten- vizt. Alderman James Mathews and Pat^k. Iernan- and Councillors Verdon, Flinn Simcocks- Mc. Donough. Whitworth- Daly L Moore and Greene,-

Treasurer to give Messrs Gradwell & Chadwick Rect. for rent less amt named in Brassington & Gales return

Alderman Chadwick & Councillors Richd Moore & Cullen declined to vote-

Alderman P. Mathews & Councillors Flanagan & Leech left the meeting before the voting Commenced-

His Worship accordingly declared Alderman Cartys motion lost and having put the Amendment same was Carried And the Treasurer directed to pass receipts to the Messrs Gradwell and Chadwick in accordance with the terms of said Amendment- Alderman Carty protesting-

Ordered as above-

J.C Whitworth stated that he would reserve his motion in reference to the duties of the various offices until next meeting of the Council and which was assented to-

Duties of Officers motion reserved

Lamps St Marys Bridge notice of removal

Alderman Carty gave notice that he would at next meeting of the Council move that the Lamps erected on the St. Marys Bridge be removed as being an obstruction to the thoroughfare as also that the expenses of erecting same be enquired into by this Council-

John St premises held by Mr Carty ref^d to Law Com^te for report,

JC. Verdon next moved and JC. Daly seconded That the arrears of rent due on premises in John St. held by Mr Alderman Carty and all other arrears of rent due the Council be referred to the Law Committee for Consideration and Report. Carried-

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned-

John Kelly Chairman

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Monday 6th March 1871

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel of said town on this day at the hour of 12 o'Clock Noon for the purpose of considering notice of motion of J.C. Whitworth that the duties of the various Officers be defined, also notice of motion of Alderman Carty in reference to the expenses and removal of the lamps on St. Mary's Bridge to receive reports and transact general business –

Present,

John Kelly Esq. Mayor,

Alderman,	Thos Carty	J.C.	Geo. Knaggs
"	J. Chadwick	"	J. McGeown
"	P. Tiernan	"	J. Simcocks
"	J. Mathews	"	E. McDonough
J.C.	P. Verdon	"	L. Moore
"	J. J. Gormley	"	J. A. Flanagan
"	N. Flinn	"	N. Whitworth
"	M. Cullen	"	N. Leech
"	R. B. Daly	"	Thos Greene

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Dockyard
Aldn Carty's protest as to minutes being signed as

Mr. Alderman Carty protested against the minutes being signed in so far as same had reference to the Dockyard premises held by Messrs Gradwell & Chadwick –

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The Town Clerk next read a report of the Law Committee dated 2nd March 1871 which upon motion of J.C. Verdon, seconded by J.C. Lawce Moore, adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes of the Corporation the following is a copy of said report –

Report of Law Committee

John St premises Report

Your Committee having read the following Extract viz No. 613 "A Lease sealed unto Mr Edwd Brunton Currier of a House & back ground situate on the South side of St John St. in Drogheda containing in front of said Street 5f. 11. in depth on the West side 84 ft. on the East side 76 ft. 5. & in breadth on the South or rere 53 ft. 9 c bounded as per Map for the term of 61 years from Easter last (1773) at the yearly rent of £5-15-0 & £5 7/10 fine and which Lease expired at Easter 1834 We find that the rent reserved in said Lease has been paid by the Repve of Edwd Brunton up to the year 1836 as appears by Folio 45 Ledger for the year 1836 in the Custody of your Treasurer And we find that since said last mentioned year there has not been any rent paid for said premises nor have same been surrendered to the Corporation but are still held by the Repve of said Edwd Brunton the present Mr. Alderman Carty –

We therefore recommend that possn of the above mentd premises be

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be demanded from Mr. Aldn Carty that the arrears of rent be amount £180.. 8.2¼ be sought for and that the Council shall do all things necessary in relation thereto.

We further recommend that Mr. Michl Verdon your Solr. do take forthwith proceedings against all parties mentd. in the following list handed in by the Treasurer Vizt.

Christian Bros	2 yrs to 29th Sept 1870			£40.. 9.. 0
P. J. Gray	2 yrs	"	"	9.. 2.. 4
Mr Jeffers	1½ yrs	"	"	27.. 0.. 0
Repves of H. Clinton	1 yr	"	"	114.. 5.. 0
Patk Coyle	1 yr	"	"	14.. 0.. 0
Wm Gemon	1 yr	"	"	13.. 16.. 11
Repves of C. Fairtough	balce of rents		"	24.. 14.. 7

We recommend that in any proceedings necessary to be taken against Mr Jeffers he be allowed the six years back rent claimed by him from this Council.

All which we certify as our report this 2nd day of March 1871 –

Signed on behalf of the Committee –
John Kelly Jr Chairman

Duties of Officers

Mr. H. Whitworth pursuant to his notice of motion that the duties of the various Officers should be defined by the Council stated that he thought same would be better considered in Committee and accordingly moved that said matter

Duties of officers refd to Committee

should be referred to the Council in Committee for report, which motion having been seconded by J. C. L. Moore was carried unanimously.

Lamps on St Mary's Bridge motn to remove

Mr. Alderman Carty agreeable to his notice of motion moved that the lamps at present erected on the St. Mary's Bridge be removed as being a public obstruction when after a lengthened discussion said motion was seconded by J. C. Knaggs –

Amendment

Mr Alderman J. Mathews next moved by way of amendment that four lamps be erected on the St Mary's Bridge, and the two already there to be removed, and for that purpose same be referred to a Committee for report seconded by J. C. Cullen, His Worship having put the amendment, there appeared therefor four, viz – Alderman J. Mathews & Carty & Councillors Cullen & Greene. Against Thirteen – Alderman Jeman & Chadwick and Councillors – L. Moore – Daly. Whitworth McGeown – Verdon – Knaggs – Leech Flanagan Flinn – Gormley – & Simcocks – His Worship declared the amendment lost –

lost

The original resolution for the removal of the present lamps was then put from the Chair when there appeared therefor Six. Vizt Alderman J. Mathews & Carty & Councillors Cullen Greene. McDonough & Knaggs – Against Twelve Vizt. Alderman Chadwick & Jeman & Councillors – L. Moore – Daly – Whitworth

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Alderman Canty's motion lost.

McGeown - Verdon - Leech - Flanagan - Flynn - Simcocks - Gormley - His Worship accordingly declared the motion of Mr Alderman Canty - lost.

Meeting thereupon adjourned.

John Kelly Chairman

Thursday 16th March 1871

At a Special Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 Oclock at noon to Confirm Report recommending Removal of Mr Cogan C.E.

Present,

John Kelly Esq Mayor

Alderman J. Chadwick — P.C. L. Moore
" P. Fernan — " N. Flynn
P.C. Wm Whitworth — " J. Gormley
" Tho Greene

It was moved by P.C. Law. Moore seconded by P.C. Gormley, and Resolved that in Consequence of the death of a Son of the Ex Mayor, P.C. Kelly and as a mark of Sympathy for said event as also in Consequence of the unavoidable absence of Mr Cogan C.E. Meeting adjourn to Monday the 20th March 1871 at the hour of 12 Oclock

Adjourned meeting as mark of respect for death of His Worship the Mayors Son.

John Kelly Chairman

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Monday 20th March 1871

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'Clock at Noon to consider report as to removal of Mr Cogan C.E.

Present

John Kelly Esq. Mayor

Alderman	J. Chadwick	J.C.	Wm Whitworth
"	P. Fernan	"	Thos Greene
J.C. "	P. Verdon	"	Jas McGeown
"	J.J. Gormley	"	N. Leech
"	N. Flinn	"	Geo Knaggs
"	M. Cullen	"	E. McDonough

Engineers resignation accepted

Mr Cogan having sent his resignation of the Office of Borough Engineer and Surveyor, to the Council same was upon motion of J.C. Leech, seconded by J.C. Whitworth accepted.

Advertisement for Engineer

Resolved that the Council do meet in Committee on Thursday the 23rd inst to prepare advertisement for Borough Engineer

Meeting adjourned

John Kelly Chairman

Monday 3rd April 1871

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'Clock at Noon to receive reports & transact general business.

Present, The Mayor,

Alderman	John Chadwick	J.C.	M. Cullen
"	Patk Fernan	"	N. Flinn
J.C.	Peter Verdon	"	Jas Levins
"	Wm Whitworth		

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

A Report of the Law Committee dated 13th March 1871 read and on motion of J.C. Verdon 2nded by J.C. Whitworth confirmed, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes of this Corporation and of which the following is a copy.

Report

In re
E Brunton's premises
John Street

The subject matter of demanding possession of these premises and of recovering the arrears of rent due thereon as also the proposition of Mr Alderman Carty offering to assign over to this Council all the property held by him in said Street on their paying the headrent of same, having been before

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as we beg to recommend that the Town Clerk be directed to apply to Mr Aldn. Carty for a Rental of said property —

Laurence Gate

Laurence Gate } We recommend that possession of the Towers be at once taken up by Mr John Moore Your Treasurer, and that the Keys of same be retained by him until a Caretaker be Appointed by the Council. All which we Certify as our report this 13th March 1871.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
John Kelly. Chairman —

A Report of the Finance Committee dated 23rd March 1871 read and Confirmed —

Mechanics to be set up by Public Auctn.

Three tenders for the premises known as the Mechanics Institute were Opened but it was subsequently resolved on the Motion of Alderman Tiernan & Seconded by T C Levins that said premises be set up for Auction in the usual way — Carried

Whereupon Meeting adjourned.

John Kelly Chairman

Monday 17th April 1871

At a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon to Consider biddings for Mechanics Institute to receive reports and transact General business —

Present —
John Kelly Esq. Mayor —

Alderman	J. Chadwick	T.C.	Richd Moore
"	J Mathews	"	Lawce Moore
"	P. Tiernan	"	M. Cullen
"	P. Mathews	"	E McDonough
"	P. Casey	"	W. Leech
T.C.	Jas Levins	"	J.J. Gormley
"	George Knaggs	"	J.A. Flanagan
"	Thos Simcocks	"	Jas McGeown
"	Wm Whitworth —		

Mechanics Institute bidding for not submitted

Biddings for the Mechanics Institute were about being submitted when upon Motion of Alderman Jas Mathews, Seconded by T.C. Lawce Moore, meeting adjourned to Monday the 24th inst at Two O'Clock in the afternoon on which day the Council acting as "Towns Comrs" were to elect a Competent person to fill the Office of Borough Engineer —

John Kelly Chairman

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Monday 24th April 1871

At an adjourned meeting of the Council duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 2 o Clock in the Afternoon of said day to consider biddings for Mechanics Institute to receive reports &c

Present.

John Kelly Esq Mayor.

Aldn John Chadwick	J.C. J.A. Flanagan
" Patk Jeman	" R. Moore
" Jas Mathews	" J. Simcocks
" Patk Casey	" N. Leech
J.C. W. Whitworth	" N. Flinn
" M. Cullen	
" L. Moore	

Engineer Mr. John Greene apptd.

Mr. John Greene was this day appointed Engineer, Inspector of Nuisances and Registrar of Common Lodging Houses by the Council acting as Commissioners under the "Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854" subject to the approval of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant vide Towns Comrs Minute Book of above date –

Meeting further adjourned to Monday 1st May at 12 o C –

John Kelly Chairman

Monday 1st May 1871

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o Clock at noon to receive reports & transact General Business –

Present.

John Kelly Esq Mayor.

Alderman John Chadwick	J.C. Lawce Moore
" Patk Casey	" Nichs Leech
J.C. Wm Whitworth	" M. Cullen
" R.B. Daly	" N. Flinn
" Richd Moore	" J.J. Gamley
" George Knaggs	" Jas Levins

The Minutes of last meeting having been read were signed by the Chairman –

J.C. Daly's notice of motn 35 Sec of Towns Improvt act be put in force –

Mr J.C. Daly gave notice that he would at next meeting of the Council move that the 35th Section of the Towns Improvement Act, empowering the Council acting as Comrs to construct drains and Charge the Owners of the premises with the expense thereof be stringently put in force –

Tenders for broken stones &c read (No. 4) accepted –

Four tenders for the supplying of paving stones, Sand and Broken Stones read, when upon motion of J.C. Cullen 2nded by J.C. Lawce Moore, tender (No. 4) Christr Carroll accepted –

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Accounts refd

The following accounts having been submitted to the Meeting were referred to Finance Committee Vizt Gas Coy amount £296.2.8. Mr Butterly £3.13.10 – John O'Neill £4.7.11 Drogheda Conservative £13.7.0 – John Collins £1.8.8. and Mr Verdon Costs £23-0-0 –

Lamp ordered opposite Post Office

His Worship the Mayor stated next to the Meeting the necessity of having a lamp placed opposite the house where the Post Office had recently been removed to, for the Convenience of the public and suggested that the lamp on the opposite side of the Street should be removed for that purpose it was after some discussion on the motion of T.C. Daly 2nded by T.C. Simcocks ordered that the proposition of the Mayor as to the removal of the lamp to the Post Office be agreed to –

Petition for removal withdrawn

Town Councillor Flinn moved that a Petn be presented to the Post Master General to have the Post office removed to a more Central part of the Town – which was 2nded by T.C. Cullen but subsequently same was withdrawn –

Petn to be prepared for Union Rating

T.C. Cullen moved and T.C. Lawce Moore 2nded that a Petn be presented to Parliament from this Council in favor of Union Rating. Carried unanimously

Town Clerk next read a Circular from Dublin Corporation transmitting Copies Resolutions on the question of

University education

University and intermediate education – when upon motion of T.C. Gormley. 2nded by T.C. Cullen and unanimously resolved. That this Council feeling convinced that Civil and religious liberty will remain incomplete so long as educational equality be not enjoyed by all religious denominations of Her Majesty's subjects in Ireland – direct that a Petn be presented to Parliament praying that such steps may be taken to procure, for the Catholic people of Ireland perfect equality as respects educational rights – and that the Corporate seal be affixed thereto –

Petn as to

Whereupon Meeting adjourned,

John Kelly Chairman

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Monday 5th June 1871

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the assembly room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of Twelve Oclock at noon, to receive Reports and transact general Business -

Present

John Kelly Esq. Mayor.

Aldermen	J. Mathews	P.C.	Thos. Sanders
"	P. Casey	"	N. Flynn
"	P. Fernan	"	Jas. Lewins
P.C.	Robt B. Daly	"	J.A. Flanagan
"	Wm Whitworth	"	Laurence Moore
"	N. Leech	"	M. Cullen
"	J.J. Gormley	"	Peter Verdon

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed by the Chairman -

A Circular dated 23rd May 1871 as to Home Rule in Ireland read, when Mr J.C Gormley gave notice that he would at next meeting of the Council move that a Petn in favor of this important National question be forwarded to the House of Commons -

A Petition in favor of Union Rating sent Mr Whitworth on 18th May last read and ordered to be entered on the Minute Books of this Corporation -

A Draft Petn in favor of University education and ordered to be prepared at last meeting read, when it was moved by P.C. Flanagan seconded by

by J.C Cullen and resolved, that the following Gentn members of the Council do form a Committee, to amend said Petn Viz His Worship the Mayor and Councillors Flanagan Gormley - Flynn and Daly -

The Buildings for Mechanics Institute having been again submitted, the Consideration of same was further deferred till the Engineer made a Map of same and report to a Committee of the Council the Annual letting value thereof -

An account of James Collins Amounting £1. Ordered to be paid, On the Motion of Alderman J Mathews, Seconded by P.C. Daly -

The subject matter of taking up possession of the ~~Docks~~ premises known as "Balfour's Store" having Come before the Meeting it was upon Motion of P.C. Verdon, seconded by P.C. Leech and resolved that Councillors. Flynn - Lewins. Flanagan - Verdon, Daly and L Moore do form a Committee, and report to Council, as to best Steps they should take in the Matter -

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It was next moved by P.C. Flanagan, and seconded by P.C. Daly and Ordered that Construction of Sewer in Laurence Street be proceeded with -

P.C. Daly gave Notice that he would Move at next meeting of the Council that the Grand Jury be requested to take up the repairs of the Public Roads from Dublin Gate to West

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West Gate in order to relieve the Corporation Estate to that extent —

The Town Clerk stated he had written to Mr Carty in reference to a report dated 13th March last, as to Certain premises held by him in John Street but had received No reply — nor Order thereon

Alderman J. Matthews gave Notice that at next meeting he would move that Mr Greene the Engineer would be appointed Surveyor to this Corporation at a Salary of £80 per Annum —

J.C. Daly moved and H.C. Flinn seconded that the Ordnance Map of the Town on the 5 feet Scale to the Mile be procured for use of the Corp.n ordered —

H.C. Flanagan moved and H.C. Law.ce Moved 2ndly That in future there shall be three Clear days notice in writing given of the Committee Meetings — Carried —

Committee Meetings 3 clear days notice

A Letter dated 24th May 1871 from Under Secretary Dublin Castle approving of the appoint.t of Mr Greene as Surveyor & Inspector read and ordered to be inserted on the Minute Book of this Corporation —

Union Rating

To The Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgesses of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament Assembled —

The Pet.rs of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses Of the Boro.' of Drogheda,

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Pet.rs have suffered

and are at present suffering from the heavy pressure of taxation for the support Of the poor in Consequence of the manner in which the Costs of the same is distributed over the Several parts of the Union —

That this has not arisen from the support of those fairly Chargeable to them but has been Caused by the Migration into this Boro' of many persons who had resided in the Rural districts who after supporting themselves for a time by Casual Employment and Mendicancy ultimately apply for Law Relief and are Charged on the Drogheda Electoral Division —

That the present Poor Law System Operates most injuriously upon yr Pet.rs —

That the present System of Electoral division Chargeability has the effect of preventing the harmonious Actions of Boards of Guardians of occupying their time and attention unprofitably of increasing the Work of officers and Complicating the accounts which are so difficult of Comprehension that the Guardians Cannot Check them and that a System of Union Rating would produce greater harmony in the Board more attention to the wants of the paupers further economy in the distribution of the funds, considerable saving in the Expenditure and simplicity in the Accounts of the Union —

Yr Pet.rs therefore pray that Yr Honble House will take the premises into its Consideration

and relieve them from the
excessive taxation of which
they so justly Complain
And Petitioners will
pray -
John Kelly /Seal
Mayor of Drogheda

Present, when Corporate
Seal affixed
Jas Killeen
Clerk
18th May /71 -

Dublin Castle
24th May 1871

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Sir,

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to
acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the
20th inst and to request that you will
Convey to the Corporation of Drogheda acting
as Commissioners under the provisions of the
Towns Improvemt /Ireland/ Act 1854 His
Excellencys approval of the appointment of Mr.
J. J. Greene C.E. A.B. T.C.D as Surveyor,
and Inspector of that Borough at a Salary
£50 of £50 a year -

I am Sir
Your obed Servt
T.N. Burke

The Town Clerk
Drogheda

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned

John Kelly Chairman

Monday 3rd July 1871

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Boro' of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon, to consider J.C. Gormley's Motion in reference to Home Rule also Alderman J. Matthews Motion that Engineer be appointed Sword Bearer at a Salary of £30 per Annum to receive Reports and transact General Business -

Present.

John Kelly Esq. Mayor

Alderman	Patk Jermon	J.C. P.M.	Brady
"	Patk Casey	"	Nichs Leech
J.C.	J.A. Flanagan	"	Wm Whitwath
"	J.J. Gormley	"	Lawce Moore
"	Thos Simcocks	"	M. Cullen
"	Richd Moore		

J.C. Gormley in pursuance of
Notice of motion given at last meeting
Moved in a forcible speech, that a meeting
of the Council be Summoned in Committee
for Friday next the 7th inst at 11 Oclock in
the forenoon to receive a Petition in favor
of Home Rule, and that the Corporate Seal
be attached thereto and transmitted to
Thomas Whitwath Esq. M.P. for presentation
to House of Commons which Resolution having
been seconded by Town Councillor
Laurence Moore and further
supported by Town Councillors
Cullen and Flanagan was put

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put from the Chair and Carried by acclamation—

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned

John Kelly Chairman

Tuesday 1st August 1871

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Bourgh of Drogheda, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon to consider Aldn. James Mathews motion that Engineer be appointed Sword Bearer at a Salary of £80, a year, to receive reports and transact general business—

Present,

John Kelly Esq. Mayor

Alderman	Patk. Ternan	T.C. M. Cullen
"	Patk. Mathews	" J. A. Flanagan
T.C.	Wm. Whitworth	" Richd. Moore
"	Jas. Levins	" Geo. Knaggs
"	Edwd. McDonough	" Thos. Simcocks
"	Lawce. Moore	

The Minutes of the 5th June and 3rd July last were read by the Town Clerk and signed by His Worship the Mayor—

A Tender for the Watering and Cleansing of the Streets for one year from the First day of August instant, read when after some discussion thereon, it was resolved on motion of T.C. Lawce. Moore seconded by Aldn. Ternan, that Edwd. Monaghan be declared Contractor therefor at the sum of £200, he complying in all respects with the terms of the Specifications and entering into the

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necessary Bond,

It was next moved by P.C. Flanagan 2nded by P.C. Cullen and resolved that advertisem shoud be issued for and tenders Considered at the July meeting of Comcil in each year for the Watering and Cleansing of Streets and not on the 1st August as heretofore, Carried –

A repat dated the 9th June 1891 read when after some discussion in reference to supplying the Engineer with Instruments, it was moved by P.C. Law.ce Moore and Seconded by P.C. Cullen that said repat be adopted Carried and ordered to be entred on the Minutes of this Corporation of which repat the following is a Copy –

Friday 9th June 1891.

Repat of Comcil in Committee

Your Committee repat on the several matters Submitted for their Consideration & specified hereunder as follows

Gas account ℔ £296.2.8 we recommend payment in full –

John O'Neills a/c ℔ £4.7.11. paym.t in full –

Thos. Butterlys a/c ℔ £3.13.10 recommended –

Drogheda Conservative ℔ £13.7.0 – That a/c Sum of £10. be paid in full

Mr Verdons Costs ℔ £23.00. We recommend Mr Verdon should furnish his entire account against the Comcil And upon same to the Law Comtee –

Balfours Costs £2.2.5 to be paid –

Engineers Office Furniture, Instruments &c ℔ We beg to recommend that Table & Chairs for Office be supplied from the Mayoralty Rooms – as to Instruments we are of Opinion they should be procured by the Engineer at his own expense and therefore beg to recommend accordingly –

Flagging a/c ℔ We recommend that Mr Verdon be handed over list of all parties who did not pay proportion of flagging for immediate Collection –

Post Office ℔ Recommend that Draft Petition as read complaining of the Removal of, be submitted at next meeting –

We further beg to recommend that in future all small accounts shall be paid every three months when properly Vouched –

All which we certify as Our Repat this 9th day of June 1891.

Signed on behalf of Committee –

John Kelly ℔ Chairman –

A repat dated 7th July 1891. recommending a Petition to Parliament in favor of Home Rule read and on motion of P.C. Cullen 2nded by Alder Jeman it was resolved that said repat be entered on the Minutes together with the letter of Thomas Whitworth Esq M.P.

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Report of Council in Committee relative to Petition in favour of Home Rule

Acknowledged receipt of said Petition. the following are copies thereof.—

Report of Entire Councie in Committee—

Home Rule? Your Committee take leave to report that pursuant to a Resolution of Councie dated 3rd. July instant it was resolved that a Committee of the Entire Councie be summoned to prepare a Petition in favor of this matter. Your Committee having met for said purpose on this day the following Petition was taken into Consideration. and it was Recommended that it should be forwarded for presentation to the House of Commons to Sir Whitworth Esq M.P. for Drogheda and that the Corporate Seal should be attached thereto—

Petition

To The Right Honble & Honble the Knights Citizens & Commons in Parliament Assembled

The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen & Burgesses of the Boro' of Drogheda

Sheweth,

That the exhaustion of this Country by the steady outflow of emigration continues to be more & more deeply felt.

That this emigration is not the natural and healthy outflow of a superabundant and largely increasing population adventurously seeking their fortune in other Countries but the despairing flight of a people who feel that under the existing state of things as to legislation and Government they are being driven into pauperism here—

That for 20 years & upwards the population of Ireland has been steadily

declining, the class who fly the land. being those most needed at home, while they leave behind as burdens immediately & prospectively on the Poor rates those who are too old or too infirm to share their flight besides the loss of Wealth & Capital caused by this Emigration, the steady drain of Irish taxation taken to England and the Continued evils of absenteeism go on depleting this Country & increasing the heavy taxation on those who remain—

That Memorialists believe the Condition of Ireland which your Honble House two years ago, appeared to realize in some degree, & by passing of the two acts of Parliament sought in some way to Modify, would require the undivided attention of the legislature specially qualified to deal with such a state of things—

That it is impossible for your Honble House constituted as it now is to devote to this need of Irish legislation the necessary time & attention unless by allowing legislation for England & Scotland & Wales to lie by while Irish Business stopped the Way—

That even apart from this Absolute impossibility for your Honble House to accomplish the Work of legislation required from it—it is not possible for your Honble House as at present Constituted to bring to the Work of Irish legislation that intimate acquaintance with the Country which a native parliament sitting in Dublin would possess—

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That moreover the moral force and
healing powers of legislation proceeding from
such a legislature would be such as can
never be expected from legislation by a
dominant Country Over a Subject Country -

That the restoration to Ireland of the
rights of self government is in no way incompatible
with, but must be conducive to the Security
Unity Stability & power of the empire & that the
refusal to allow the nobility, gentry & people
of Ireland to manage their own domestic
affairs while such a right is freely conceded
not only to all the Colonies of British North
America, the Cape of Good Hope & New
Zealand but even to the New prosperous
& powerful Communities established by the
deposit of British Convict Population in
Australia is one to be a constant source
of just discontent in this Country and a
powerful argument with the propogandists
of disaffection - You Memorialists therefore
pray Your Hon'ble House of the present
Overpowering Pressure of Legislative
Business to restore to Ireland the
inestimable advantage of a Native
Legislature in which the domestic affairs
of this Country would be Cared
for and managed by those best able to
Understand them while an Imperial
Parliament Continues to discharge all
the duties appertaining to Imperial
interests rights and powers

And your Petitioners as in
duty bound will ever

Gratefully pray,

John Kiely (seal)

Present Hon Corporation Mayor of Drogheda,
Seal attached. 4th July 1871.

Jas Killen

All which We Certify as Our
Report this 4th day of July 1871.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
John Kiely Chairman -

The following is a Copy of Mr Whitworths
Letter Acknowledging Receipt of Petition -

Holland Park W.
Mr Jas Killen July 1871
Town Clerk.

Dear Sir -

Having only just returned from
Drogheda I have only this afternoon been
able to present the Petition from the Corporation
in favor of Home Rule - I agree thoroughly
with the Resolution then come to & shall
certainly support such a proposition
in the House of Commons when it is
brought forward - if it is in accordance
with the expressions contained in Your
Petition - the larger Question of dissolution
of the Union which many think Connected
with the present agitation for Home Rule
I shall most distinctly & positively Oppose
being interfered with as I think no
greater Calamity could occur to Ireland
than Separating her from the United
Kingdom -

Yours truly
Thos Whitworth

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A Repat dated 31st day of July 1871 as to the Flagging Accounts of South of West Street read, when it was movd by PC Knaggs 2nded by PC Cullen & Resolved that said Repat be refered back to the Comrs in Committee for the purpose of giving a detailed repat of the entire expenses connected with the flagging of both sides of said Street –

PC McDonough next moved in the absence of Alderman J Mathews that the Engineer be appointed Sword Bearer to this Corporation at a Salary of £80 a year which Motion was 2nded by PC Smiercke but after some discussion as to same it was ultimately refered to the Finance Committee for repat –

PC Flanagan stated to the meeting that he had several times called attention to the Want of Sewers in Laurence Street & James's St & that a resolution in favor of same had been long since passed when it was ordered that the Engineer should send in a repat of the probable expenses thereof & prepare Specifications therefor –

The Town Clerk next read a letter from Messrs Hodges Foster & Co dated the 26th June last stating that there was no Map of Drogheda on the five feet scale published but that a Copy of the manuscript could be obtained at a Cost of from about £15 to £25 – no order made thereon –

A letter was next read from

the Manager of the Drogheda Conservative dated 14th June, in reference to an Account for printing amounting £13 4 0 wherein he stated he could not accept of the Sum of £10 as recommended by the Finance Committee and requiring an immediate Settlement – this Account was refered back to the Committee for further Consideration –

The Town Clerk was next directed to Summon a Meeting of the Finance Committee for Friday the 4th Instant at ½ p 12 O'Clock to Consider the several matters refered

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned to Monday the 7th August next –

John Reilly Chairman

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Monday 7th August 1871.

At an adjourned monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving reports & transacting general business –

Present,

John Kelly Esq. Mayor,

Alderman	Thos Carty ✓	J.C.	Thos Simcocks ✓
"	Jas Mathews ✓	"	Nichs Flinn ✓
"	John Chadwick ✓		
"	Patrick Casey ✓	"	Nichs Leech ✓
J.C.	Wm Whitworth ✓	"	George Knaggs ✓
"	Lawce Moore ✓	"	Jas A. Flanagan ✓
"	Edwd McDonough ✓	"	Jas McGrown ✓
"	Michl Cullen ✓	"	P. M. Brady ✓

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

A Letter was next read from the Under Secretary Dublin Castle dated 5th August 1871 in reference to the arrival of a vessel in this port from Riga where Cholera is prevalent when it was resolved same should be inserted on the minutes of this Corporation, of which letter the following is a copy.

Immediate

Dublin Castle
5th August 1871

Sir – I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant relative to the expected arrival in

in the Port of Drogheda of a vessel from Riga where Cholera is prevalent and I am to acquaint you that an order in Council will be issued as soon as possible containing all necessary directions for the guidance of the Commissioners in the meantime the Collector of Customs has received instructions how to act.

I am Sir
Your obedt Servt
J H Burke,

John J. F. Greene Esq CE
Borough Surveyor
Drogheda,

R. A. Smyth, Estate of

The Town Clerk stated to the meeting that the Treasurer and himself had recently been served with a Notice from the Landed Estates Court, in the matter of the Estate of Richard Altamont Smythe Esq. that a Survey of the property held under this Corporation was about being made for the purpose of preparing a Rental when upon motion of J.C. Cullen seconded by J.C. Lawce Moore ~~that~~ it was ordered that an appearance be entered in the said Court on behalf of the Council in said matter –

Water Works Co. a/c. from, referred to Finance Committee

An account from the Drogheda Water Works Company amount £12.0.0 was upon motion of J.C. Knaggs and seconded by J.C. Simcocks referred to the Finance Committee for consideration –

The Town Clerk read a letter from Thos Whitworth Esq. M.P. acknowledging receipt of Petition in favor of Home Rule and which was ordered to be entered on

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on the Minutes of this Corporation. the following is a Copy of said Letter,

Holland Park

Mr James Killeen 20th July 1871.

Town Clerk.

Dear Sir. Having only just returned from Drogheda have only this afternoon been able to present, the Petition from the Corporation in favor of Home Rule, I agree thoroughly with the Resolution then Come to, and shall Certainly Support such a proposition in the House of Commons when it is brought forward if it is in accordance with the expressions Contained in your Petition the larger question of dissolution of the Union which many think Connected with the present agitation for Home Rule I shall most distinctly & positively oppose being interfered with as I think no greater Calamity Could occur to Ireland than separating her from the United Kingdom —

Yours truly

Hugh Whitworth

Engineer appointed Sword Bearer referred to Finance Committee

Mr F.C. McDonough moved & F.C. Simcocks Seconded that the Engineer be Appointed Sword Bearer at a Salary of £80. a year, when after some discussion same was referred to finance Committee for report,

Whereupon meeting adjourned to Monday 4th Sept 1871

John Kelly } Chairman

Friday 1st Sept 1871

On this day Thomas Carty Esq. J P Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward with Messrs Patrick Reilly and Robert Clinton Assessors of said Ward held an Election to elect a Town Councillor for said Ward in the stead of Patrick M Brady Esq deceased late a Town Councillor for said Ward when John Downes of West Street in the Town of Drogheda Merchant was elected a Town Councillor of said Ward in the stead of said Patrick M Brady elected on the 25th November 1869. and said election was duly published by His Worship the Mayor, pursuant to the requisites of the Statute.

John Kelly } Chairman

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Monday 24th April 1871

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of Two O'Clock in the afternoon of said day to Consider Biddings for Mechanics Institute, to receive reports & transact general business -

Present

This entry has been made here by Mistake -

Jas Killeen

Monday 4th September 1871.

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of Considering J. C. Flinn's notice of motion that Mr. Levins Mayor's Secretary get an additional salary and to do all things necessary in relation thereto, to receive reports and transact general business

Present

John Kelly Esq Mayor,

Alderman Thos. Carty	J.C. George Knaggs
" P. Mathews	" Thos. Simcocks
J.C. J. A. Flanagan,	" Michl. Cullen
" Wm Whitworth	" N. Leech
" Lawce. Moore,	

The minutes of the last meeting having been read were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

A report dated the 21st August 1871 read when upon motion of J.C. Lawce. Moore 2nd. by J.C. Whitworth same was confirmed & ordered to be entered on the minutes of the Corpn. the following is a copy of said report.

Report of No. 2 Committee

Your Committee having before them for Consideration the subject matter of arranging for the letting of the Public Cranes & Market Charges from the 29th Septr next, beg leave to report as follows, That the Schedules annexed hereto and marked with the letters A. and B. be the Charges for the ensuing year and

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and that advertisements be issued for an early day for the Auction of said Public Markets —

Water Works A/c } This account Amount £12, for extinguishing fires we take leave to refer same back for the Consideration of the Council —

All which we certify as our Report this 21st day of August 1871 —

Signed On behalf of the Committee
John Kelly. Mayor.

Schedules

Corn & Potato Market Charges.

Stands for the Sale of Bacon,	2 " 6
Eggs & fowl dealers with Cart or Cart & Kesh	1 " 0
Do with Kesh only	3
Shrubs & forest trees	2 " 0
Thorn Quicks	" 3
Auctioneers for each sale	5 " 0
Wool Stand each pack Contg 1 Cwt & upwards	" 6
Weighing Wool, 1 Cwt & upwards	" 6
" More than 14 lbs & under 1 Cwt	" 3
" More than 4 lbs & under 14 lbs	" 2
" Other Drafts under 4 lbs	" 1
Agricultural implements each Exhibitor	" 6
Ropes Sacks & Chains for each Stand	" 3
Calves per head	" 1
Stand for Wholesale dealers in potatoes	" 6
For produce or goods stored or left in Corn Market, per Week, per ton or fractional part of Same	" 8
Cars, drays & Carts for entering Corn Market or in Fair St. or Bolton St. or if remaining during Market	1

Butter exposed for sale including Weighing under 10 lbs	½
Weighing over 10 lbs & upwards	1
For every Barrel of potatoes (the Weighing of Same being free) exposed for sale in Market	1

Fish, Hay Straw, Fruit and Delft Market Charges —

For the first Six Stones on the right side of the Market, per day each	" 2
For the first Seven Stones on the left side of same per day each,	" 2

Weighing Machine net

For every draft per Cwt	½
For every Cart, Car or dray with produce exposed for Sale (Hay Straw & Milk excepted)	1
Standing for Sale of delft or other Manufactured goods not exceeding 10 Square feet per day	" 2
Exceeding 10 Square feet & over 20 Square feet	" 4
For each Cart with herrings or other fish	" 3
Standing of any other sort upon this Market	" 1
Cattle per head per Day	" 1

4th August 1871.

Mr T. C. Flinn not being in attendance nor having sent to the Council any intimation that he wished his motion for an increase of salary to Mr Patk Levins reserved, same dropped —

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The following Accounts were referred to the Finance Committee for Consideration and report vizt Mes^rs Hammond £40. 6. 0 Thos Butterly £6. 2. 4 - Water Works £12. 0. 0 & Brassington & Gale £5. 5. 0

A Memorial was next read from several of the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Mary asking this Council to construct a Sewer from the National School House to the Main Sewer at the Corner of the Race Ring when it was moved by Y.C. Flanagan Seconded by Y.C. Knaggs and Resolved that the Engineer shall report to the next meeting the probable expense of making said Sewer.

Whereupon Meeting adjourned to Monday the 2nd October 1871.

John Kelly Chairman

Monday 18th September 1871

At a Special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thelsel on this day at the hour of 12 Oclock at noon to receive report of Committee as to Charges of Corn & Potato Market.

Present.

John Kelly Esq. Mayor.

Ald^n P. Casey
Y.C. J.A. Flanagan
" Law^ce Moore
" Richd Moore
" George Knaggs

Y.C. A. Flynn
" M. Cullen
" J. Devones
" Thos Greene

His Worship the Mayor, having stated to the Meeting the business for which they had been called together Namely to consider biddings for the public Cranes Market Charges as also a Report from the Council in Committee thereon. Y.C. Cullen moved and Y.C. Greene seconded that the following Report be adopted and entered on the Minutes -

"Our Committee having before them for consideration the biddings of the Public Cranes & Market Charges as also the tender from Mr Edward Monaghan, offering to give therefor, the sum of £120, for One year from the 28th September instant to the 28th Septr 1872 beg to recommend that said offer be accepted he Complying with the terms of the advertisement

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already issued –

All which We Certify as our Report this 18th Septr 1871 –

Signed on behalf of the Committee
John Kelly Chairman

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned

John Kelly } Chairman

Monday 2nd Octr 1871

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O C at noon to receive reports & transact general business. –

Present.

His Worship the Mayor
J C Lawl Moore

Meeting adjourned in memory of Patrick Boylan Esq

In respect to the memory of Patrick Boylan Esq formerly an Alderman of the St Laurence Gate Ward and whose interment takes place this day the meeting was adjourned to Monday the 9th Octr instant.

John Kelly } Chairman

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Monday 9th October 1871

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'C noon of said day for the purpose of receiving reports & transacting general business –

Present

John Kelly Esq Mayor –

Alderman	P. Fernan,	J.C.	Flinn
"	P. Casey,	"	Whitworth
J.C.	Flanagan	"	L. Moore,
"	Downes	"	Cullen.
"	Simcocks	"	Daly,

The Minutes of 4th & 11th September and 2nd October last, were read and signed by His Worship the Mayor –

A Report dated the 9th Oct 1871, read, when after very considerable discussion same was upon motion of J.C. Whitworth seconded by J.C. Simcocks, confirmed and ordered to be entered on the Minutes of this Corporation – J.C. Cullen, dissenting. the following is a copy of said report –

– 9th October 1871 –

Your Committee having before them for consideration and report the following accounts –

Hammonds a/c } We recommend that this account amount £40.6.0. shall upon being certified by the Engineer be paid –

Butterlips a/c } This account £6.2.4 We recommend payment thereof

less percentage –

Water Works a/c } We recommend this sum £12.0.0 be paid the Water Works Compy –

Brassington & Gale's a/c } This account £5.5.0 We recommend payment of same –

All which we certify as our report this 9th Oct 1871.

John Kelly } Chairman –

The Engineer was ordered on the motion of J.C. Lawce Moore Dnded by J.C. Cullen, to prepare specifications for the repairs of St Dominicks Bridge & the Privy at Wellington Quay – so as that tenders therefor might be considered –

An account from Mr Michl Verdon Solr £33.10.8½, was next submitted when same was on motion of J.C. Lawce Moore Dnded by J.C. Cullen referred to Finance Committee –

J.C. Downes, in a lengthened speech moved, that the following gentlemen members of this Council be appointed a Committee for the purpose of devising the best means by which the public can have potatoes weighed free of charge & that they should report, at next general meeting – Vyt J.C. Flanagan L. Moore, – Daly & His Worship the Mayor, which motion was seconded by J.C. Flanagan and unanimously agreed to –

Whereupon the meeting

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adjourned to Wednesday 1st Novr
1871.

John Kelly Chairman

Wednesday 1st of Novr 1871

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to Meet in the Assembly Room of the House on this day at the hour of 12 o'l — Noon for the purpose of receiving Reports & transacting General business

Present

His Worship the Mayor,

Aldrn	Jeman	J.C.	Moore
J.C.	Whitworth	"	Leech
"	McKeough,	"	Simcock
"	Greene	"	Downes
"	Cullen,	"	Lmoore,

Meeting adjourned to
Monday the 6th November 1871.

John Kelly Chairman

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Monday 6th November 1871

At an adjourned Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 oclock noon for the purpose of receiving Reports & transacting general business.

Present

John Kelly Esq. Mayor.

Alderman,	J. Chadwick	T.C.	J. A. Flanagan
"	P. Mathews	"	N. Flynn
T. C.	C. Moore	"	G. Knaggs
"	T. Greene	"	T. Simcocks
"	R. B. Daly	"	N. Leech
"	R. Moore		

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read by the Town Clerk were signed by his Worship the Mayor.

A Report dated the 1st of November 1871 of the entire Council in Committee was next read when it was moved by T. C. Leech and seconded by T. C. Daly that said Report be adopted and entered on the Minute books of this Corporation, when after considerable discussion thereon it was moved by T. C. Flanagan seconded by T. C. Flynn that said Report be not received, inasmuch as a Committee meeting was called for 11 oclock, A.M. on 1st Novr, that no such meeting took place, but that it appears that, members met subsequent to the general meeting of Council from which emanated a report touching matters which was not at any previous meeting referred to any Committee. Consequently such reception was irregular & illegal - A pace having been demanded

there appeared for the Amendment, Messrs Knaggs, Flanagan, Flynn, R. Moore and C. Moore (Five) against Messrs Simcocks, Leech, Daly, Greene, Chadwick, and the Mayor (Six). The amendment having been declared lost, His Worship put the original Motion namely; The confirmation of the before mentioned Report which was accordingly carried, The following is a copy thereof

"Report of Council in Committee

"The following matters having been submitted for consideration, we beg to recommend as under

"In re Finnegans, Bankrupts,

That in the event of the years rent now due the Council not being paid, an Ejectment shall be brought against the premises

Engineer and Sword bearer

"We recommend that the appointment of Town Engineer to the office Sword bearer, at a salary of £80 per annum, be inserted on your minute book.

"Mr Verdons Costs.

"We recommend that £25 be paid in full of this account (£33) Mr Verdon to give the Treasurer a cheque for amount monies received by him on your account, and the Treasurer in return to give him a cheque for the amount above named

"Sewer Pipes.

"We recommend the amount of this account £5.18.6, to be paid,

"Balfours Store.

"We recommend that the Committee already named, do treat with Mr Cairnes and Mr Smith as to the letting of these premises, and subsequently with Mr Smith as to arrears of rent now due thereon; and that said Committee be empowered to make the best terms they can with these gentlemen, on your behalf, "All

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"All which we Certify as our Report this 1st November 1871.

"John Kelly. Chairman."

Town Councillor Daly next moved that Mr Thomas. P. Cairnes be declared Tenant to the quoted "Balfours Stove" at the yearly rent of £30- when after very considerable discussion said Motion was seconded by T. C. Leech and declared carried Messrs Flynn, R. Moore, Knaggs and Hanagan dissenting.

T. C. Daly referring to the Mechanics Institute moved by way of notice that at next meeting he would ask the Council to accept the offer of Mr John Duffy for said premises, except that in the meantime a larger sum had been sent in & to do all things necessary in connexion therewith

The Town Clerk at the commencement of the Council meeting having observed that at a meeting of this Council acting as Towns Commissioners a letter from Mr Alfred. H Wynne had been ordered on the motion of T. C. Hanagan seconded by T. C. Towers to be entered on the minutes and as said letter had reference to the Commissioners under The "Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854" he wished their direction as to which Minute book same should be inserted on as he stated it had never been heretofore customary either to read or get signed any minutes of this body acting as Commissioners when it was resolved- that said letter should be inserted in the Towns Commrs Minute book-

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Friday the 1st December 1871-

Friday the 1st December 1871

At a special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'clock at noon for the purpose of electing a Mayor for the ensuing year

Present

John Kelly Esq. Chairman

Alderman	Thomas Early	T. C.	J. J. Gormley
"	J. Mathews	"	R. Moore
"	P. Toman	"	J. Towns
"	P. Mathews	"	S. Moore
"	P. Casey	"	P. Verdon
T. C.	G. Knaggs	"	E. McDonough
"	J. A Hanagan	"	R. B. Daly
"	N. Flynn	"	W. Whitworth
"	N. Leech	"	T. Simcocks
"	M. Cullen	"	J. McGeown
"	T. Greene		

Thomas Simcocks elected Mayor

His Worship the Mayor having stated to the meeting the object thereof Alderman James Mathews moved and Alderman Patrick Toman seconded That Thomas Simcocks Esquire T. C. be elected Mayor for the Borough of Drogheda for the year 1872 and until his successor should be by them appointed, there being no other Gentleman proposed His Worship declared him amidst applause unanimously elected, T. C. Simcocks in suitable terms thanked the Council for the honor they had conferred upon him - Whereupon Meeting adjourned

John Kelly Mayor

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Monday the 4th December 1871

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'clock Noon- For the purpose of considering J. C. Daly's Notice of Motion in reference to the Mechanics Institute -to receive Reports and transact general business

John Kelly Esq. Mayor

Alderman	T. Mathews	J. C.	S. Moore
"	P. Fernan	"	Wm Whitworth
J. C.	G. Knaggs	"	T. Levins
"	R. Moore	"	T. Greene
"	T. A. Flannagan	"	R. D. Daly
"	T. Smiecks	"	T. Downs
"	E. McDonough	"	P. Verdon

The Minutes of the 6th November and 1st December 1871 were read. When after some discussion it was by same were confirmed Messrs Knaggs and Flannagan objecting-

Town Councillor Daly in pursuance of Notice of Motion next moved that Mr Thomas Bellerby be declared Tenant to the premises known as the Mechanics Institute William Street together with all the other premises connected therewith a Lease of which this Corporation holds from a Mr Brown at the yearly rent of £21- Mr Mr Bellerby paying to this Council therefor a rent of £22. a year and to get a Building Lease of same which Motion having been seconded by J. C. Rich Moore was carried accordingly-

A Draft of the Lease of Balfours Store to Mr Cairns was submitted to the meeting and referred to Law Committee for consideration-

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned to Monday the 1st January 1872 being the day for swearing in J. C. Smiecks as Mayor of this Borough for the ensuing year then commencing-

John Kelly Chairman-

The following is a copy of the Plan transmitted by His Worship the the Mayor on the 12th Dec. 1871 having the Corporate Seal affixed thereto Viz:-

Royal International Fire Association

We the Lord Lieutenants, Deputy Lieutenants and High Sheriffs of Counties, Lord Provosts, Lord Mayors and Chief Magistrates of the United Kingdom humbly approach Your Majesty

For some time past the reports in circulation respecting your Majestys health have caused great public anxiety-

The very able and explanatory Letter of the Revd Norman Mc Leod has been received throughout your Majestys Dominion with entire satisfaction-

We your Majestys loyal and faithful Subjects can never cease to feel the deepest interest in all that may concern your Majestys health and happiness

It is with feelings of deep regret and not without some alarm that we have been acquainted with the sudden and unexpected illness of your illustrious son His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales-

The future we must leave to him who has hitherto specially watched over your Majesty-

We have imbounded in the faith that our Our Heavenly Father will shield your Majesty from all harm-

We your Majestys faithful and loving Subjects are

are thankful to Providence for the many years of peace and happiness We have enjoyed under your Majesty's glorious and prosperous Reign-

We have the greatest faith that ~~olving~~ during your Majesty's lifetime God will bless the Nation-

Your Majesty may feel assured that the mutual affection which has always existed between your Majesty and your Majesty's devoted subjects must strengthen the bond of Unity so requisite for the security of your Majesty's Throne, and the welfare of your people-

And when this generation shall have passed away, our Childrens Children will remember with pride the legacy bequeathed to them by your Sovereign Majesty whose name and Christian life will bequeath embellish the pages of history by a brilliant example hitherto unparalleled in the annals of British Monarchy.

We esteem it a high privilege to be permitted to repeat to your Majesty the expressions of attachment We had the honor of conveying in our Address to your Majesty on the occasion of the happy marriage of your beloved daughter her Royal the Princes Louise now Marchioness of Lorne

May the Lustre with which you have graced the Crown you now wear by the Will of Providence obtain for you an immortal wreath of Glory beyond the Grave.

James Parkinson
President
Sussex Lodge. Kensington W.

John Kelly - Mayor of Drogheda. (Seal)
12. Dec 1871

Present when Corporate Seal affixed
Jas Killeen - T. Clerk -

John Devitt - Sergeant at Mace

Monday 1st January 1872.

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of ½ past 11 O'Clock in the forenoon of said day for the purpose of swearing in J.C. Simcocks as Mayor for the year 1872.

Present,
John Kelly Esq. Mayor,

Alderman,	J. Mathews	J.C. L. Moore
"	P. Fernan,	" N. Leech
"	P. Casey,	" J.A. Flanagan
"	J. Chadwick	" J. Simcocks
J.C.	P. Verdon	" J. Downes
"	R.B. Daly	" J.J. Gormley,
"	Thos Greene	" H. Cullen,
"	J. Levins	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

The Mayor, Elect, Mr. J. C Simcocks and the Gentlemen of the Council proceeded in their robes of office to the Crown Court, and he having taken the Oath appertaining to the Office of Mayor and Justice of the Peace as also the Oath of Allegiance before, Alderman, James Mathews J.P. afterwards returned to the Assembly Room, with the other Gentn of the Council, and took his seat, as Chairman &c

It was next moved by Alderman,

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James Mathews, and Seconded by J.C. Daly. and unanimously Carried that the marked thanks of this Assembly be tendered to Our respected late Mayor John Kelly Esq. Ja his dignified and impartial Conduct during his year of Office. Councillor Kelly in Suitable terms returned thanks to the Council.

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned to Monday the 8th. January 1872

Chairman

Thos. Smeeth's Mayor

Monday 8th. January 1872

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thelsel on this day at the hour of 12 Oclock at noon to receive reports and transact general business.

Present,

Thos Smeeth Esq. Mayor

Aldermen	John Chadwick	Councillors	James Gerrard
	Patrick Casey	"	Wm. A. Flanagan
Councillors	William Wadsworth	"	Nicholas Flanin
"	John Kelly	"	John Downes
"	Thomas Greene	"	Lawrence Moore
"	Nicholas Leech	"	Michael Cullen

The minutes of the last meeting having been read were signed by His Worship the Mayor &c

A Letter from Mr Germon dated the 9th December 1871 in reference to "The Poor of St Johns and" "Commons Fund" read but no order thereon -

A Letter from Mr Verdon your Solr dated the 30th Decr 1871 read stating he had applied to Mr Healy frequently for Original Lease made to the Corpn of the Mechanic's Institute but failed to get same from him - It was upon Motion of J.C. Verdon Seconded by J. C. Flannagan and resolved - That the Town Clerk should apply peremptorily to Mr Healy for said Lease -

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The following accounts were referred to The Finance Committee for consideration viz.t – George Knaggs. £12·18·4½ Bernard Daly £4·12·1 Joseph Dollard £21·17·6 Drogheda Conservative £5·4·4 & Drogheda Argus £14·1·8 –

A long discussion having arisen as to the liability of Mr Greene C. E. to pay Mr Pat.k Carney who acted as Deputy Inspector of Nuisances the Salary at the rate of £10 a year, same was subsequently dropped on the understanding that Mr Greene & Carney should arrange between them whereupon the Meeting adjourned –

Thos. Simcock's Chairman

Thursday 1st February 1872,

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to attend at the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general business.

Present

Thomas Simcocks Esq.re Mayor,

Alderman	John Chadwick	J.C. N. Flinn
J. C	Wm. Whitworth	" J. J. Gormley
"	J. A. Flanagan	" M. Cullen
"	Lawce. Moore,	" J. McGeown,
"	John Downes	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Signed by His Worship the Mayor –

An account of Mr Bernard Daly amount £4·12·1, mentioned in the Finance Committee Report of 8th January 1872 to be paid less 10/- an item therein charged for examining St. Dominicks Bridge having been brought under the Consideration of the Council after some discussion thereon it was upon motion of J.C. Downes 2nded by J.C. McGeown ordered to be paid in full –

A letter was next read from Mr. Thomas P. Cairnes in reference to the Lease of "Balfour's Store" of which the following is a Copy.

Drogheda Brewery
24th Jany 1872

Dear Sir,

I have learned from Mr. Verdon,

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Sol.r to the Corporation that they require a Covenant to be inserted in the Lease they have undertaken to give me of "Balfour's Store" in order to depive me of a right arising under a recent Act of Parliament by which I am entitled to deduct half the County Cess from them.

I of Course Object to the insertion of any such Covenant no Condition of the Sort having been made when my offer for the holding was accepted, and I must now beg to call upon the Council to Carry out their agreement with me for the letting of these Stores as recorded in the resolution passed on this subject which was made without reference to any such Covenant

I am Sir your obt Servt.

Thos P. Cairns

Mr James Killeen Town Clerk &c.

The above letter was referred to the Law Committee for Consideration.

A List of the Standing Committees for the year ending 1st February 1873 was next upon motion of J.C. Law.ce Moore 2nded by J.C. Flinn Ordered to Stand Same as last year inserting the name of J.C. John Downes in the Stead of Patrick Brady Esq. deceased the following is a Copy Viz.

No 1 Committee

Paving Building Watch Lighting Clothing

The Mayor, Alderman Thos Cady Patk Casey. J.C. Knaggs Cullen. Law.ce Moore. Gomley McGeown Greene Flanagan Leech Whitworth Flinn.

Sanitary

No 2 Committee

Land Valuation and Finance

The Mayor, Alderman James Matthews Patk Casey, John Chadwick. J.C. Flinn. Cullen McGeown, Daly, Knaggs Flanagan, L. Moore, Verdon,

No 3 Committee

- Law -

The Mayor, Alderman, Thos. Cady, James Matthews. Patk. Tynan. Patrick Matthews and John Chadwick. J.C. Robt B. Daly. P. Verdon. G. Knaggs J.P. Flanagan L. Moore, J.J. Gomley, Jas McGeown J. Downes M. Cullen And Nich.s Flinn.

His Worship the Mayor Stated to the meeting that Mr Greene the Engineer had found it impossible to get the Contractor to Cleanse the Sheets and Sewer Traps in accordance with the terms of his Bond and wished for an Order from this Assembly directing him the Engineer to proceed against Contractor to Compel him to do so. It was after very Considerable debate Resolved that the Law Committee Should be Summoned for Tuesday next the 6th inst at 11 O'Clock Forenoon to Consider what Steps Should be taken in the Matter.

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned

Thos - Simcocks.

Chairman

Monday 5th February 1872

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel, on this day at the hour of 12 o'clock at noon for the purpose of receiving reports & transacting general business

Present

Thos Simcock's Esq Mayor,

Alderman,	John Chadwick	H. M. Cullen,
"	Patk Fernan	" T. Greene,
J.C.	P. Verdon,	" J. McGeown
"	L. Moore	" R. Moore,
"	Wm Whitworth	" J. A. Flanagan
"	J. Kelly,	" N. Flinn
"	E. McDonough	" J. Levins
"	R. B. Daly	

A report dated the 22nd of January 1872 read when after some discussion as to same was adopted, J.C. Flanagan, stating he had objected to that part of the report, having reference to the "Balfour's Store – the following is a copy of said report.

Your Committee having met to consider the undermentioned matters take leave to report as follows –

Bernd Daly's a/c } £4.12.1, we recommend payment of this a/c less 10/– a charge for inspecting St. Dominicks Bridge

George Knaggs a/c } This a/c £12.18.4 to be referred back till same certified

by your Engineer & Patk Carney,

Standing & Martens a/c } Amt £7.18.0 Sewer pipes we recommend payment less £3 0/ per Cent –

General advertiser a/c } £2.7.0 to be paid

Dollards a/c } £21.17.6, recommended to be paid –

Drogheda Conservative a/c } £5.4.4 to be paid in full,

Drogheda Argus a/c } Amt £14.1.8 this a/c referred back to be vouched and then paid

In re Lease Balfour's Store } Your Solr Mr Verdon being in attd produced draft Lease to Mr Cairnes & stated that Mr Cairnes Solr had inserted a clause binding the Capn to allow him half grand Jury and Coy Cess taxes Your Committee after careful consideration recommend that the Council will not submit to any such clause & that on their behalf a clause be inserted binding Mr Cairnes to pay all Coy & Grand Jury Cess –

Re Mechanics Institute } We recommend that pending the preparation of the Lease of

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these premes Mr Butterly get possn on his undertaking to sign Lease to pay Rent. We further recommend that Mr Steely be allowed time to get the Orig^l Lease from Mrs Browne to the Corp^n of same premes stamped —

All which we certify as our Report this 22nd January 1872

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Thos Simcocks Chairman

N. B. — J.C. Flanagan objected to take part, or vote on any recommendation embodied in this report having reference to "Balfour's Store"

22nd January 1872

Jas Killen

An a/c from Mr Jas S Healy Solr of Law Costs amt £22.1.6 submitted & on motion of J.C. Law^ce Moore 2^nded by J.C. Flanagan same were referred to Law Committee —

Sewer Law^ce St } J.C. Daly proposed & J.C. Flinn seconded that the Sewer already ordered, be proceeded with provided it accommodates all the houses at the West end of Law^ce St with sufficient drainage — J.C. Law^ce Moore moved as an amendm^t that the Engineer sh^d be in attend^ce before passing resolution but same not having been 2^nded His Worship declared the resolution carried —

A Memorial from the Inhabitants of King St praying for the Construction of a Sewer there read when upon motion of J.C. Flanagan 2^nded by Ald^n Chadwick the Engineer was directed to prepare a plan & Specif^n thereof & report probable expense at next meeting —

A report of the entire Council in Committee dated 23rd Jany 1872 read & on mot^n of J.C. Whitworth 2^nded by J.C. Leech confirmed — & of which the following is a copy,

In re St Dominick's Bridge } Your Committee having met & conferred with Mr Neville C.E. as to the ~~best~~ present condition of this Bridge & after carefully considering the matter thereof ~~take leave to~~ recommend that the Engineer take steps to have said Bridge closed from public traffic other than foot passengers & that he cause the metalling to be raised & have Bridge repaired by Ship Carpenters where required

All which we certify as our Report this 23rd Jany 1872

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Thos Simcocks Chairman

J.C. Daly next moved & J.C. Leech 2^nded that Pat^k Carney be directed to take all orders from the Engineer and execute them — whenever time permitted him gratuitously — Carney being present consented thereto and

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And further consenting to relinquish all claim to the salary of £10, as Inspector of Nuisances heretofore, allowed him.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned

Thos. Simcock's

Thursday 15th February 1872

On this day Alderman, John Chadwick, Alderman of the West Gate Ward with Patrick Reilly & Robt Clinton Esqrs Assessors of said Ward held an election in the Crown Court of the Tholsel to elect an Aldn. in the Stead of Thos Carty Esq J.P. deceased Senior Alderman of said Ward when Thos Simcocks Esq of West St Drogheda was elected as Alderman, and said election was duly published by His Worship the Mayor pursuant to the requisites of the Statute

Thos. Simcocks Mayor,

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Tuesday 27th Feby 1872

On this day an election was held before Patk Casey Esq. Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward with Messrs Jno Hughes & John Parsons Assessors thereof to elect a Town Councillor for said Ward in the stead of Thos Simcocks Esq. who resigned when Robt May of Fair St. in the Town of Drogheda merchant was elected a Town Councillor of said Ward and said election was duly published by His Worship the Mayor pursuant to the requisites of the Statute.

Thos Simcocks

Mayor.

Tuesday 20th Feby 1872

At a special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the House on this day at the hour of 2 p 12 O'Clock in the afternoon of said day, for the purpose of considering resignation of Thomas Simcocks Esq. as Town Councillor for the Fair Gate Ward as also to consider that portion of report of 6th February last having reference to the letting of "Balfour's Stores"

Present

Thos Simcocks Esq Mayor

Alderman	J. Mathews	J.C.	T. Verdon
"	J. Chadwick	"	G. Knaggs
"	P. Segrave	"	A. Flynn
J.C.	W. Whitworth	"	J.A. Flanagan
"	J. Kelly	"	R. Moore
"	L. Moore	"	J. Levins
"	J. Greene	"	E. McKeough
"	J. McGeown	"	J. Gormley
"	J. Downes		

The Circular convening the Meeting having been read, Alderman James Mathews proposed and J.C. Laurence Moore seconded that the resignation of Thos Simcocks Esq as Town Councillor of the Fair Gate Ward be accepted by the Council without payment of any fine - which motion having been

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been put from the Chair was Carried unanimously —

Balfour's Store } An Extract from Report of 6th Feby 1872 in reference to the letting of this Store read when it was moved by J.C. Whitworth 2nded by J.C. Kelly that Mr Cairnes get a Lease thereof at the yearly rent of £30 — Mr Cairnes paying all taxes including County Cess & Consenting to the usual Covenants, required by the Corpn —

J.C. Flinn moved by way of Amendmt that the Extract of above report be adopted, which having been Seconded by J.C. Gormley a Poll was demanded, when there appeared for Amendt (Six) Messrs Gormley, Flinn, Flanagan, R Moore, Knaggs & McGeown — against Aldn P. Fernan, J Mathews, J Chadwick & Cornelius Downes, Verdon, McDonough, Levins Kelly, Whitworth, Greene, L. Moore, and The Mayor (twelve) the Amendmt having been declared lost the original Motn was put and Carried —

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned —

Thos Simcocks } Chairman

Monday 4th March 1872

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet, in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 of at noon to receive reports & transact general business —

Present,

Thos Simcocks Esq. Mayor,

Alderman John Chadwick	J.C. G. Knaggs
" Patk Casey,	" N. Flinn
J.C. R B Daly,	" Robt May
" John Kelly	" N. Leech
" J. A Flanagan	" Jas McGeown
" P. Verdon	" M. Cullen
" Thos Greene	" L Moore
" R Moore,	" E. McDonough

The Minutes of the 5th & 20th February were read and Signed by the Chairman after Some discussion thereon,

The Engineer having Submitted a plan & Specification for the King Street Sewer, & from which it appeared Same would not Cost more than the Sum of £70 ~~Same~~ It was upon motion of J.C. Daly 2nded by J.C. Flinn ordered to be proceeded with —

A Report dated 6th February 1872 read when after Considerable debate was upon the Motion of J.C. Verdon 2nded by J.C. Leech Confirmed, expunging therefrom So much of said Report, as had reference to the Balfour's Store the following is a Copy of said

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report,

Report of Law Committee.

Your Committee beg to recommend as follows

Balfour's Store } That having Considered all matters in reference to Balfour's Store that same be set up to Public Auction in Conformity with the resolution already appearing on the Minute Books of this Corporation.

Expunged Vide pages 445 & 446 W

Monaghan's Bond } We beg to report in reference to application of Mr Greene to proceed in Superior Courts against Monaghan the present Contractor for the Cleansing of the Streets &c. that, We believe he has sufficient power under the Towns Improvement Act, to make the Contractor perform his duties.

All which we Certify as our report this 6th Feby 1872

Thos Simcock's Chairman

H. Flanagan - Knaggs, Flinn & R. Moore Objecting -

The Engineer next submitted plans and Sections of a new house proposed to be erected by Mr Richard Kennedy, North Quay, at the Corner of Shop St & lately occupied by the Telegraph Office, which were approved of,

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned

Thos Simcock's Chairman

Monday 1st April 1872

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O'Clock at noon for the purpose of receiving the Auditors report, on the Corporation Accounts and to transact, general business.

Present

Thomas Simcock's Esq. Mayor,

T. C. Wm Whitworth	T. C. M. Cullen
" John Kelly,	" Lawce Moore
" Thos Greene,	" Robt May
" Nichs Flinn	" E. McDonough
" George Knaggs	" John Downes.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed by His Worship the Mayor -

The Report of the Government Auditor on the Corporation Accounts and dated the 11th March 1872 was next read, and after some debate, Ordered to be inserted on the Minutes and of which report the following is a Copy.

Corporation of Drogheda } Auditors Report,

Belfast 11th March 1872.

Sir -

I have to report to you for the information of the Corporation of Drogheda that in pursuance of the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1871. I have audited the Accounts of the Corporation for the two half years ended 28th February and

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and 31st August 1871 and I found them generally Correct. The Cash receipts for the year were properly accounted for by the Treasurer. And the items forming the Expenditure were on the whole correctly receipted although I found it difficult to procure some of the Vouchers having in the Case of the Gas Account to require the attendance of a Clerk from the Gas Office to furnish Statements of the Company's Claim for the Gas Supplied to the Town. These particulars should have been forthcoming at the Audit without this necessity –

There was a balance of £295. 18. 0 due by the Corporation at 31st August, to the Hibernian Bank which Corresponds with the books of the Treasurer And appeared to be the Correct amount due to the Bank at that date, I regret the existence of this liability as I am not aware of any legal authority for the payment of interest to a Bank by a Corporation, on an Overdrawn Account. I have therefore to Caution the Bank against Charging interest on the Account hereafter as a Continuance of the practice may lead to a disallowance of the Amount so Charged, at the Audit of the Accounts –

There is what is termed an "Old balance" of £56. 3. 4 in the books of the Corporation alleged to be due by the late Treasurer and the late Solicitor. It has remained unchanged in the accounts for many years and does not appear to me to be recoverable. Should this be found to be the Case on a proper investigation, I see no reason why the Amount should not be struck out of the Accounts by a resolution of the Corporation. There is also a portion of the Arrears of Rent which has been accumulating for a great length of

of time without any prospect of recovery. And as it is a purely fictitious Asset, hopelessly irrecoverable it might be withdrawn from the Rental in like manner by Resolution –

In cases where the Corporation incur expense by endeavouring to extinguish fires such expense should be borne by the Insurance Companies which had insured the houses against fire or in Case of no insurance by the Owners of the houses –

I observed that Considerable reduction was made in the Amount of the Corporation Solicitors Bills of Cost before payment, but as a Rule I think all costs should be legally taxed. I recommend this to be done in future to enable me to pass them at the Audit, when I will require the production of the Bills themselves, as well as the Solicitor's Receipts for the Amounts paid to him –

It is most desirable that all bodies acting for the public should discharge their public duty in strict Conformity with laws with this Object in View, I would recommend that under Section 102 of 34 & 35 Vic Cap 108, a Committee should be appointed to meet weekly to examine and authorize payment of the Current Weekly Expenditure, And to investigate Other Claims that may be made for Submission to the General Body, for Approval and Payment at their next Meeting. The Proceedings of this Committee should be recorded in A Special Minute Book, and transferred to the General Minute Book Monthly. There are a great many Committees of this sort in

Connection with the Belfast Corporation, whose reports to the Council for the month of March meeting, I enclose to show the manner in which their duty is discharged and to serve as a model to the Corporation of Drogheda should they feel disposed to adopt the suggestions I have made, I also send a form of Summons used for Calling Monthly meetings by the Town Clerk of Belfast,

In order to legalize the disbursement of money by a Corporation, I consider that all its Proceedings should be conducted in Strict Conformity with Law, No individual Member, should act in his individual Capacity but in Conjunction with a Committee or the whole body met in Council, and all public acts should be entered on the minutes of the Corporation Proceedings No account passed by a Finance or other Committee other than the urgent Weekly demands of Workmen, should be paid until they have been submitted to and approved by the Corporation at a Monthly Meeting at such meetings all payments Orders Contracts entered into agreements or proceedings of any kind involving the payment of money should be entered on the Minutes, otherwise the parties Signing Cheques may be held personally responsible at the Audit of the Accounts for unauthorised expenditure –

Herewith is an Abstract of the Accounts which I furnish in Conformity with the Provisions of the Irish Local Government Act,

I trust the Corporation will receive these remarks in the Spirit in which they

have been written as my Object in making them is to place every Member of the body in a Position independent of myself while discharging the Duties of my Office,

I am Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
R Simms
Auditor,

The Mayor
of Drogheda,

The foregoing Report upon Motion of J.C. Whitworth and Dn.o by J.C. Flynn, referred to a Meeting of the Council in Committee for Consideration –

A Bill of Costs from Mr. James J Healy Sol.r Amount £22.1.6 was next Submitted and upon the Motion of J.C. Cullen Dn.o by J.C. Law.ce Moore, Ordered to be taxed in the usual way –

In reference to the Lease ordered by this Council to Mr. Cairnes of the "Balfour's Store" the Town Clerk Stated to the meeting, that Mr. Cairnes required a Resolution to be placed on the books doing away with the Covenant against Subletting previous to his executing it but no order made thereon –

A Return of Local Taxation in Ireland for 1870, by D. Mandeock was next Submitted and the portion thereof having reference to the local taxation in the town of Drogheda ~~[illegible]~~ Read when upon Motion of J.C. Cullen, Dn.o by J.C. Law.ce Moore It was resolved that a Special meeting of the Council should be convened for Tuesday next the 9th inst at the hour of 11 O'Clock in the

Joe Killeen

These two pages have been

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passed over by Mistake

James Killeen
8th April

Mayor.

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forenoon to consider said report, and to do all things necessary in relation to same,

A Memorial praying the speedy repairs of St Dominicks Bridge was next read but as the matter had been previously disposed of at a meeting of the Towns Comrs there was no motion thereon —

The following accounts were referred to the finance Committee for investigation and report,

Henry McCullen, Builder	—	£ 7.. 10.. 6
Richd Verdon, Rope Manufacturer	—	.. 8.. 2
Jas McKenna Painter	—	2.. 8.. 2
Thos Butterly Builder	—	5.. 19.. 0
Edwd McDonough		1.. 16.. 9

The following is an account of the weekly expenses, submitted at meeting commencing the 1st & ending the 28th March 1872,

1st March	Paving	—	£ 9.. 11.. 0
"	Watch	—	3.. 0.. 0
"	McCann interest	—	4.. 10.. 6
"	P. Carton	—	.. .. 2.. 0
			£ 17.. 3.. 6
8th March	Paving	—	£ 8.. 7.. 2
"	Watch	—	3.. 0.. 0
"	J. J. F. Greene	—	32.. 10.. 0
			£ 43.. 17.. 2
8th March	John Kelly Esq. Mayors Salary for 1871	—	150.. 0.. 0

Over,

15th March	Paving	—	£ 7.. 13.. 2
"	Watch	—	3.. 0.. 0
"	Smith	—	.. 10.. 0
"	A. Smythe / rent	—	1.. 7.. 8
"	J. Farrell, P. R.		19.. 9.. 6
"	R. Simms, Auditors		10.. 0.. 0
			£ 42.. 0.. 4
22nd March	Paving	—	£ 6.. 7.. 6
"	Watch	—	3.. 0.. 0
"	Devitt	—	4.. 5.. 0
"	J. Byrne	—	1.. 0.. 0
"	J. Lyons	—	1.. 6.. 0
"	M. McManus	—	.. 13.. 0
"	Revd J. Eccles	—	21.. 3.. 0
"	H. Chambers	—	2.. 6.. 2
			£ 40.. 0.. 8
28th March	Paving	—	£ 3.. 13.. 6
"	Watch	—	3.. 0.. 0
"	Income tax	—	21.. 17.. 5
"	P. Levins	—	2.. 10.. 0
			£ 31.. 0.. 11

A Deed of Assignment from Mr. Bernard Kelly to The Revd Patrick Larkin of the Patrician Schools, dated the 21st March 1872, was submitted to the Council for ~~consideration~~ their approval, when same was upon motion of J.C. Lawce Moore Qnd by J.C. Cullen referred to the Finance Committee for report,

Whereupon the meeting adjourned

Thos. Fincock's

Chairman

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Tuesday 9th April 1872.

At a Special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room, of the Tholsel on this day, at the hour of 1 Oclock in the afternoon to Consider Repat of Government Officials recommending deprivation to Drogheda its privilege as an Assize Town & County-

Present,

Tho. Simcocks Esq. Mayor,

Aldermen Pat.k Casey,	J.C. Tho. Greene,
J.C. J. A. Flanagan	" M. Cullen
" Nich.s Flanagan	" J. Kelly
" John Downes	" R.B. Daly
" George Knaggs	" L. Moore.
" Nich.s Lee.	" Jas Lewis.
" Robt May,	

His Worship the Mayor directed the Object of the Meeting to be stated to the Council which was in effect to Consider Certain Recommendations from the Government Officials Contained in the Return in Local taxation in Ireland for the year 1870 which return Suggested the abolition of Drogheda, as an Assize Town & County. and to adopt Any Measure that became necessary to defeat such an Object-

Town Councillor Daly in an eloquent Speech moved and J.C. Flanagan, seconded That the Corporation of Drogheda now duly Assembled at Special meeting do hereby express their unanimous opinion that Drogheda should continue to hold its position as an Assize

town & County And emphatically deny that any necessity has been shown for such a change as that mentioned in Mr Wandecocks Repot on the Taxation of Ireland And in proof of this we refer to the printed repat of the Board Of Superintendence appointed by the Grand Jury of Spring Assizes of this year, which motion having been put from the Chair was Carried Unanimously

It was next moved by J.C. Cullen 2nd'd by J.C. Leech that a Copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded the Lord Lieutenant for his Consideration And that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto, Carried-

J.C. Flanagan moved & J.C. Cullen 2nd'd That Mr Whitworth M.P.s letter in reference to foregoing be inserted on the minutes, of which the following is a Copy-

April 8th 1872.

Tho Simcocks Esq.

Dr Sir, Lord Hartington having only just returned from the Continent I have only at 7 P.M. been able to have an interview with him on the subject of the gaol, he has heard nothing Official about Mr Bourkes Repat being Carried into execution & Cannot therefore say Anything definite on the matter at his request I am however sending him the Copy of the proceedings at the last meeting & the gaol Committee and any other information I Can Secure so hope to be able to Change the Mind of the Govt. in Case they have decided to adopt Bourkes ideas- Please send me a Copy of the repat of tomorrow Meeting which I will also show Lord Hartington & hoping you will assume the

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meeting that I am working hard at the matter and Am also Quite prepared to take any further Steps in Carrying out their wishes that they may think advisable

Yours truly
Thos Whitworth

J.C. Flanagan gave notice of motion that he would move at next meeting that this Council do support a Bill now before Parliament to extend to Municipal Corporations in Ireland Certain Privileges -

J.C. Daly gave Notice that he would at same time move that the Counsel do petition Parliament for an Extension of the Bors boundary.

It was unanimously Resolved that a Special Meeting of the Counsel be held on the 12th inst at the hour of 11 O'Clock in the forenoon for the Consideration of the Subjects Embraced in above notices.

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned.

Thos Smiths Chairman

Friday 12th April 1872

At a Special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Thosel on this day at the hour of 11 O'Clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of Considering J.C. Flanagans notice of motion in reference to a Bill to extend Certain Municipal privileges to Ireland, as also to Consider J.C. Daly's Notice of motion in reference to petitioning Parliament for an extension of the Borough Boundary,

Present

Thomas Smiths Esq. Mayor

J.C. R.B Daly	J.C. G. Knagg
" N. Flinn	" L. Moore
" R Moore	" J.A Flanagan
" John Reely	" M. Cullen

J.C. Flanagan pursuant to notice moved the adoption of a resolution in favor of a bill now before Parliament to extend to Municipal Corporations in Ireland Certain privileges now exercised and enjoyed by Municipal Corporations in England and Scotland which motion having been Seconded by J.C. Law & Moore, and put from the Chair was declared Carried and the following Gentlemen Members of the Council were named as a Committee to draw up a Petition to be presented to Parliament by Isaac Butt Esq M.P on the Subject, Viz J.C. Flinn, Knagg L. Moore, Flanagan & The Mayor, &

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J. C. Daly next moved in eloquent terms that this Council Memorial the Executive Or Parliament for an Extension of the present Municipal Boundary, and for that purpose that same should be referred to the Board of Works to report, what Extension would be reasonable, which motion having been Qu'ded by J. C. Kelly & spoken to by J. C. Knaggs & other Members present, was put from the Chair and Carried Unanimously, and the following Gentn. were named as a Committee for the purpose of Carrying Out the Resolution of the Council J. C's. Knaggs. Kelly, Flinn Flanagan - Daly - Aldermen, J. Mathews & Chadwick and The Mayor,

The following letter in reference to the publication of the Corporate Accounts was next read,

Dublin Castle 8th April 1872

Sir

I am directed by the Chief Secretary to request that you will state for his information whether the "Abstract of the Account" as audited And reported upon by the Auditor of Accounts relating to the relief of the Poor on the 11th ultimo has been published as directed by the 18th Section of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1871 And if not that You will state the reason why the provisions of the Act, have not in this respect been complied with - I am Sir Your

Obedient Servant,

J. W. Bourke,

The Mayor of Drogheda,

J. C. Knaggs referring to the alteration Contemplated by Government in the Constitution of Grand Juries Stated he would bring the Subject again before the Council for Consideration

Whereupon the Meeting Adjourned

Thos. Thiewick's Chairman -

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Wednesday 1st May 1872.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'Clock at noon to receive Reports & transact general business.

Present

Alderman	J. Mathews	J.C.	J. Levins
"	J. Chadwick	"	L. Moore
"	P. Yeman	"	J. Kelly
J.C.	J. A. Flanagan	"	M. Cullen
"	N. Flinn	"	J. Greene
"	G. Knaggs	"	R. B. Daly
"	J. Downes	"	N. Leech

The Minutes of the 1st 9th & 12th April last read and Confirmed.

A report dated the 9th April 1872 read, moved by Alderman J. Mathews and 2nd by J.C. Kelly that same be adopted.

J.C. Flinn moved by way of amendmt. that said report be adopted expunging therefrom that part of the report relating to "Balfour's Store" which having been 2nded by J.C. Downes a Poll was demanded when there appeared for the Amendment Messrs. Flanagan, Flinn Downes and Knaggs (four) against Alderman, Yeman, Chadwick Mathews, J.C. Kelly, Levins Greene, L. Moore, M. Cullen, and the Mayor (Nine) the Amendment was accordingly declared lost, and the original Motion was then put, and Carried the following is a Copy of the report.

Tuesday 9th April 1872.

Report of Council in Committee

Government Auditors' Report } This report having been referred to us for Consideration we beg to recommend its entire adoption as also that a Committee of the Council should meet every Friday as suggested in said report to examine the weekly payments made by this Council and that all necessary steps be taken by the Council to reduce the balance now due the Hibernian Bank by them.

We take leave to recommend the propriety of the Treasurer submitting to each monthly meeting an Abstract Statement of the Corporate Accounts.

Dominick Bridge } That Engineer at once proceed with the repairs of this Bridge.

Balfour's Store } The Town Clerk having stated to us Mr Cairnes objection to the Covenant in Lease against Subletting we beg to recommend that notwithstanding the Clause in said Lease against Subletting, ~~we beg to recommend~~ Mr Cairnes be empowered to Sublet, should he so desire.

All which we Certify as Our Report.

Signed

Thos Simcocks } Chairman

A report dated 24th April 1872 read and Confirmed & of which the following is

a Copy.

Wednesday 24th April 1872

Report of Council in Committee

Your Committee take leave to report on the Matters hereunder mentd. as follows,

E Brunton's premises John St. } Your Committee having Carefully Considered their position as to the taking up possession of these premises beg to recommend that a Case be prepared on behalf Of the Corporation and Submitted to Counsel for their Guidance in the Matter —

We have Examined the following Accounts and recommend payment of same respectively —

George Knaggs a/c	—	£13. 5.
Gas a/c	—	269. 9. 8
Henry McCullen	—	7. 10. 6
Jas McKenna	—	2. 8. 2
Richard Verdon	—	0. 8. 2
Thos Butterly	—	5. 19. 0
E McDonough	—	1. 16. 9
Thos Monaghan	—	2. 10. 0
John Collins		8. 9. 10½

All which we certify as Our Report this 24th April 1872.

Signed

Thos Sincicks } Mayor

Three tenders for supplying broken stones sand, paving stones and gravel read when upon motion of J.C. Cullen 2nd ed by J.C. Downes the tender (No. 3) of John Hanratty

of Mell, was accepted —

J.C. Flanagan moved & J.C. L. Moore 2nd ed that in future all tenders for the Metalling of the Streets be Considered at the April meeting in each year Carried —

The Town Clerk read a Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Guardians of the Waterford Union in reference to the Grand Jury Question, when the Town Clerk was directed to prepare a List of all persons in Drogheda rated at £25 and upwards so that the Council might see the Number who would be deprived the privilege of being on Grand Jury panel. —

Alderman Mathews Referring to the New Grand Jury Bill moved that no Bill will be satisfactory to the people of this County that does not provide for the Cess being levied in the same manner as the poor rate which motion was seconded by J.C. Flanagan and Carried, and a copy ordered to be sent, the Chief Secretary with the Corporate Seal Affixed —

The following letter from the Chief Secretary read

Irish Office London,
20th April 1872.

Sir

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst with the enclosed Resolution of the Corporation of Drogheda, and to acquaint you for their information with reference thereto that no application

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for removal of the Assizes from that Town having been made pursuant to the provisions of the Act 13 & 14 Vic Cap 85, no such Change can be effected.

I am Sir Your Obedt Servt.
Hartington

The Town Clerk Drogheda,

The following letter was also read by the Town Clerk, received by His Worship the Mayor, from Thos Whitworth Esq. M. P.

40 Alfred Place West.

Mr Simcocks South Kensington S.W. April 18th 1872.

Dr Sir, Thanks for your letter and am glad to see my efforts in the gaol matter have met with approval, I have written Lord Hartington fully this evening on the matter & enclose you herewith Copy of same which you can make whatever use of you think fit or desirable I think however it had better not publicly appear till I can give you Lord Hartington's reply. — Yours truly
Thos Whitworth

Alderman Chadwick referring to the amount due the Hibernian Bank by this Corpn moved that same be paid off first, and that all other demands should be paid ~~be paid~~ according to the priority of dates which motion was seconded by J.C. Cullen & carried.

J.C. Cullen moved that the resolution dated the 7th February 1870, authorizing the Mayor for the time being to order a supply of Water from the

Water Works Company in cases of fire be rescinded which having been 2nded by J.C. Downes, a lengthened discussion arose thereon, but as said resolution was not put to the meeting the matter dropped.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Thos Simcocks } Chairman

Account of weekly expenses commencing 5th April & ending 26th April 1872,

5, April	Paving		£ 7.15.6
"	Watch		3.0.0
"	Simpson Rent		12.3.9
"	County Infirmary		24.7.6
"	E Monaghan		16.13.4
			£ 64.0.1
12th April	Paving		5.12.4
"	Watch		3.0.0
"	J Hughes		14.1.8
			£ 22.14.0
19th April	Paving		8.18.8
"	Watch		3.0.0
"	F. Evans		5.0.0
"	Poor St Johns		12.15.4
			£ 29.14.0
26th April	Paving		£ 15.16.8
"	Watch		3.0.0
"	Interest Poor St Johns		2.15.4
"	J Killeen		" 10.0
"	J. Devitt		4.5.0
"	J Byrne		1.0.0
"	G Knagg		13.5.0
			£ 40.12.0

Thos Simcocks } Chairman

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Monday 6th May 1872

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'clock at noon to receive reports & transact general business.

Present,

J. C. Daly — J. C. Leech
" L Moore — " Kelly

There not being a sufficient number of members present to form a meeting same adjourned to Tuesday the 14th May 1872 at the hour of One O'Clock in the afternoon of said day.

Thos. Simcock's — Chairman

Tuesday 14th May 1872.

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of One O'Clock in the afternoon of said day to transact general business.

Present,

Thos. Simcock Esq. Mayor.

Alderman, J. Chadwick — J. C. R. B. Daly
" J. Mathews — " N. Flinn
J. C. Wm. Whitworth — " N. Leech
" Thos. Greene — " R. May
" Geo. Knaggs — " L Moore
" Peter Verdon — " N. Cullen
" John Kelly

The minutes of the 1st and 6th May inst read and confirmed.

J. C. Lawce. Moore next moved that the Treasurer forthwith take up possn of the Towers of St. Lawrence Gate, ordered accordingly.

A Memorial from the Night Watchmen asking for an increase of wages read and referred to the Finance Committee

Whereupon the meeting adjourned

Peter Verdon — Chairman

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Monday 3rd June 1872

At a Monthly Meeting of the Council of the Bow of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'clock at noon to receive reports & transact General Business.

Present,

Peter Verdon Esq J.P. Chairman

Alderman P. Casey	J.C. W. Whitworth
J.C. John Kelly,	" R. Moore,
J.C. J. A. Flanagan,	" J. Levins
J.C. L. Moore	" J. J. Gormley
" N. Leech	" N. Flinn
" J. Greene,	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman —

Fire Engine } Two tenders for repairs of Fire Engine read when tender of John Monaghan amount £4.10, accepted subject to approval of Engineer —

Wm Boylans a/c } Amount £87.14.1 timber for Dominick's Bridge referred to Finance Comte —

A Memorial from the Inhabitants of Trinity Street praying the Construction of a Sewer from "Kane's Well to Mrs Duffys read — and referred to Engineer to correspond with Mr Neville thereon —

Towers Lawrence Gate } The Treasurer was directed to demand immediate

possession of these Towers —

Balfour's Store } The Corporate Seal was ordered to be affixed to the Lease of these premises to Mr Cannes —

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned,

John Chadwick } Chairman

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Monday 1st July 1872

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'Clock at noon to receive reports and transact General business –

Present

Alderman J. Chadwick in the Chair –

Alderman	J. Mathews	H. R. May	
"	P. Casey,	"	J. Kelly
T.C.	R.B. Daly	"	N. Flinn
"	W. Whitworth	"	J. Downes
"	Thos Greene,	"	L. Moore
"	R. Moore,		

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed by the Chairman –

A Lease was this day sealed unto Thomas P. Carmes Esq. J.P. of the "Balfour Store" for the term of 75 years at the yearly rent of £30.0,0 from the 1st day of May last (1872)

An account from Mr Reilly for lime amount £2.5.0 ordered to be paid –

An account for timber amount £2.11.3 ordered to be paid Mr John Martin –

Messrs Hodges Foster & Co's account for Ordnance Map of Drogheda amount £12.12.0 referred to Finance Comte,

Advertisements were ordered to be inserted in local papers for the Cleansing and Watering of the Streets from the 1st August 1872 to 1st Augt 1873 –

An account of Mr John McGough Auctioneer fees on letting of "Balfour's Store" and the "Mechanics Institute" amount £1.0,0 ordered to be paid –

Upon motion of T.C. Lawce Moore Sndd by T.C. Daly the Paving Comte were ordered to be summoned for Thursday the 4th July at 1 o'Clock in the afternoon to consider specification for Cleansing of the Streets &c –

Whereupon meeting adjourned

J. Lawce Mathews Chairman

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Thursday 1st August 1872

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'clock at noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting General business

Present,

Alderman J. Mathews H. in the Chair –

J.C. R.B. Daly	J.C. L. Moore
" Wm Whitworth	" J.A. Flanagan
" J. Kelly	" Thos Greene
" R. May	" N. Flinn
" J. Downes	

J.C. Flanagan moved & J.C. L. Moore seconded. That in the absence of His Worship – Alderman Mathews take the Chair. Carried –

The Minutes of the last Meeting were then read and signed by the Chairman

A Report of No. 1 Committee dated 24th and 26th July 1872 as to Contract for Cleansing and Watering of the Public Streets &c. read when upon motion of J.C. Lawce Moore 2nded by J.C. Thos Greene same was confirmed and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of this Corporation of which Report the following is a Copy –

Report of No. 1 Committee

Your Committee having carefully considered

the question of the Cleansing Sweeping and Watering of the Streets of the Town We recommend that the Contract shall contain a clause by which the Contractor shall be paid monthly and only on the Certificate of the Engineer – also that in the Summer months the road to the Railway as far as the Workhouse shall be kept watered in a proper manner and we have directed the Contract to be so amended – We have entered fully into the question of the advisability of the Corporation taking these Works into their own hands but after very lengthened discussion have decided upon recommending the Council to give the Contract for ensuing year to Mr Edwd Monaghan at a sum of £260 at which amount he (Mr Monaghan) undertakes to bind himself to carry out the Contract under greatly increased efficiency and strictly according to Specification –

All which we certify as our report –

Dated 24th & 26th July 1872

Signed on behalf of Committee

Thos Simcocks Chairman

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Monday the 5th Augt. 1872

Chairman

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Monday 5th August 1872

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 Oclock at noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting General business.

Present

Alderman Patk Casey in the Chair.

J.C. Wm Whitworth	J.C. Nichs Flinn
" Thos Greene	" John Downes
" John Kelly,	

There not being a Sufficient Number of Members present to form a Meeting Same adjourned to Monday next the 12th Inst at the hour of One Oclock in the afternoon.

Thos Hancock's mayor Chairman

Monday 12th Aug 1872.

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of One Oclock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving reports & transacting General business.

Present

Thos Hancock Esq. Mayor

Alderman. J. Mathews	P. Casey. H. R. Ivory
" J. Chadwick	" M. Cullen
J.C. John Kelly	" N. Flinn
" Wm Whitworth	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Signed by the Chairman

A considerable discussion having arisen as to the State of Watery Street when it was moved by J.C. Cullen 2nded by J.C. Kelly that the Town Clerk cause Notice to be served on Mr Edwd Monaghan the Owner &c to make good the Bridge and Roadway within One Month otherwise the Corporation would do so and sue him for the expenses incurred thereby

Replied by H.C. Whitworth 2nded by Alderman J. Mathews and resolved that the Engineer be empowered to order a New Hose for the Corporation Fire Engine Carried.

Account of the Weekly Payments

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read Commencing and ending
2nd day of Augt 1872.

Whereupon Meeting adjourned

Thos Simcock's Mayor Chairman

Monday 2nd Sept 1872

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsee on this day at the hour of 12 o'c at noon to receive reports & transact general business –

Present,

Thos Simcocks Esq Mayor

Alderman J Mathews	J.C. J. Kelly
" J Chadwick	" J Downes
J.C. J. Greene	" R. May
" Wm Whitworth	" Cullen
" L. Moore.	" Flanagan

The minutes of last meeting were read and Confirmed –

An account from the Drogheda Gas Coy amount £199.17. read and referred to the Finance Committee –

A letter from the Drogheda Gas Coy dated 27th Augt 1872 read in reference to the lighting of the town and of which the following is a copy,

Drogheda Gas Light Coy (Limited)
Drogheda Augt 27th 1872,

Mr James Kileen
Town Clerk Drogheda,

Dear Sir

In Consequence of the extraordinary advance in the price of Coal, iron & labour also every other Material used in the manufacture of Gas the Directors of

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this Coy are Compelled to increase the rate of lighting the public lamps to 82/6 per lamp per Annum or Say 55/- per lamp for the Winter and 27/6 per lamp for the Summer lighting for, one, two or three years from 1st Oct next, when your Contract terminates If you purpose lighting the Winter lamps on 1st prose please inform me immediately so that the lamps may be fitted up before Saturday next and at your earliest Convenience afterwards if the foregoing proposal be accepted by the Mayor and Council your prompt attention will oblige Dear Sir

Yours very truly - Wm Barker Secy.

Alderman J Mathews moved and Alderman Chadwick seconded that a meeting of the Council in Committee be summoned for Friday the 6th inst at 12 O C to consider said letter Carried -

J C Cullen next moved and J. C. Downes seconded and resolved that the Engineer be directed to apply metres to the public lamps to test the quantity of Gas Consumed - Carried

Whereupon meeting adjourned

Thos Simcocks

Chairman

Tuesday 24th Sept 1872

At a special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 O C - for the purpose of considering certain important matters in reference to the lighting of the town - also a meeting at ½ p 1 O C - on same day to consider biddings for Charges of public Cranes -

Present,

Thos Simcocks Esq Mayor

Alderman	J. Chadwick	J C	R. Moore
"	P. Casey	"	J Downes
J C	Wm Whitworth	"	R. May
"	R. B. Daly	"	J McGeown
"	J. Kelly	"	L. Moore
"	N. Flinn	"	J A Flanagan
"	Thos Greene	"	Jas Levins
"	M. Cullen	"	Peter Verdon
"	G. Knaggs	"	N. Leech
"	E. McDonough	"	

The requisition conveying the meeting having been read by the Town Clerk, and His Worship the Mayor having stated the object thereof the following letter directed as under was read

Drogheda Gas Light Co (Limited)

Drogheda, 18th Sept 1872

Messrs The Mayor, Alderman & Burgesses of Drogheda

Gentn. With reference to our letter of

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of the 27th ult. My directors will thank you to inform them if offer contained therein be accepted for the lighting extinguishing and cleansing of the public lamps - otherwise they regret to say it will not be in their power, to continue lighting the town after the first of next month - I remain Gentn. Yours respectfully, Wm Barker, Secy.

The Town Clerk next read letters from Wexford, Dundalk, and Newry relative to the charge for lighting those places, when after considerable discussion it was moved by J.C. Daly in a lengthened speech, and seconded by Alderman Chadwick, that the terms contained in the Newry letter directed to the Town Clerk be offered to the Drogheda Gas Coy for the lighting of the town and which having been put from the Chair was carried unanimously and of which letter the following is a copy

Town Commissioners of Newry
Board Room 21st Sept 1872.

Jas Killeen Esq.

Dear Sir - Yours of 6th inst should have had attention sooner, the Gas Coy here charge 49/ per lamp for the season from the 28th Augt to 28th May, the lamps are all alight one hour after sunset, and remain so till 5 o'c a.m. in Sept & Oct - 6 o'c a.m. in Novr Decr & January. 5.30 a.m in February 4.30

a.m. in March, 4. a.m. in April and 3.30 a.m in May, lamps not lighted during the four nights before full moon, the night of full moon, and the night after being six whole nights out of each month; on the second night after full moon, to remain alight to 10. o'clock and on the third & fourth nights to 11 o'c - the lamps, pillars &c are the property of the Gas Coy, they keep them in repair light & extinguish the lamps, the quantity guaranteed is 3 cubic feet per hour, The price up to this season was 42/ per lamp the number of lamps lighted is 198. we do not light at any other time except as above stated

Yours truly
Robt H. Doherty Town Clerk

"the price per 1000, heretofore was 5/ but the Gas Coy have served notice to increase the price to 5/10 from 1st Oct."

On the motion of J.C. Daly, 2nd by J.C. Lawce Moore, it was resolved that the following Gentn members of the Council do form a Committee to having the necessary arrangements on same terms as contained in above letter carried out - passed viz Flinn, Downes - Cullen & Leech & Bury - The Town Clerk next submitted to the meeting the List of Biddings for the public cranes & market charges whereby it appeared that the offer of Mr Mathew McCormon amt £110 was the highest, It was upon motion of

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of J.C. Downes & 2nd by J.C. Leech, Accepted, and said Mathew McCormon, was declared Contractor for said Cranes & Market Charges at said rent of £110, from the 28th Sept 1872 to the 28th Sept 1873, being One whole year, Carried –

Whereupon the meeting adjourned,

Thos Simcocks Chairman

Wednesday 2nd October 1872.

At a Special Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'C at noon to Consider report of Committee dated 27th Sept 1872 in reference to the lighting of the town –

Present,

Thos Simcocks Esq. Mayor,

J.C. Verdon	J.C. Downes
" Whitworth	" Leech
" Kelly	" Flinn
" L Moore	" Greene
" Flanagan	" Levins
" Cullen	" May,

The Town Clerk read report dated 27th Sept 1872, in reference to the lighting of the Town when after Considerable debate thereon – It was moved by J.C. Downes 2nd by J.C. Leech, and resolved that said report be confirmed which having been spoken to by several members of the Council was put from the Chair and Carried the following is a Copy of said report,

Report of Committee appointed at Special Meeting of Council held on 24th Sept 1872, to have lighting of the town Carried out on the same terms as set forth in letter from Town Clerk of Newry

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dated 21st Septr 1872.

Public Lighting of the town } Your Committee having carefully considered this question beg to recommend that the terms setforth in the Newry letter dated 21st Septr 1872 be adopted by the Council and are as follows the charge per lamp to be 4/- for the season from the 28th Augt, to 28th May the lamps to be lighted one hour after sun set and remain so till 5 o'c a.m. in Septr & Octr - 6 o'c a.m. in Novr, Decr & January - 5.30 o'c a.m. in Febr - 4/30 a.m. in March, 4 o'c a.m. in April and 3/30 a.m. in May.

That having regard to the fact of this Council being the owners of the public lamps and keeping them in all necessary repair the erection of which alone we estimate at a sum of £700, we recommend that so long as your body contract with the Drogheda Gas Coy they charge them at the rate of £5, per cent on said sum of £700 amount £35, or that in lieu thereof the said Gas Coy shall light the public lamps on lunar nights as heretofore -

Your Committee in all other respects recommend the same terms as that adopted by the Newry Commissioners for the lighting of the town.

Signed on behalf of

Committee this 27th Septr 1872

Nichs Flinn } Chairman

On the motion of T.C. Downes 2nded by T.C. May and ordered that the Town Clerk write the Sec.y of the Drogheda Gas Coy enclosing him copy of the foregoing report, and requesting an early reply from his Directors as to same.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned

Thos Simcocks } Chairman

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Friday 4th Octr 1872.

On this day, The Worshipful Thos Simcocks Esq. Mayor, Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward held an election under the "Ballot Act 1872" to elect a Town Councillor for said Ward in the Stead of John J Gormley Esq deceased when Thomas Brady of West St. in the County of the town of Drogheda Pawnbroker was elected a Town Councillor said Ward in the Stead of said John J Gormley deceased late a Town Councillor of said Ward elected as such on the 25th day of Novr 1871. and said election was duly published by His Worship the Mayor, pursuant to the requisites of the Statute.

Thos Simcocks } Chairman

Monday 7th Octr 1872.

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of 12 o'Clock, at noon for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting general business -

Present,

Thomas Simcocks Esq Mayor

T. C. Peter Verdon	T. C. L. Moore
" N. Leech	" T. Greene
" J. A. Flanagan	" M. Cullen
" N. Flinn	" J. McGeown
" R. Moore	" R. B. Daly
" R. May	" T. Brady
" J. Downes	" J. Kelly

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

A letter from the Secretary of the Drogheda Gas Light Company read dated 5th Octr 1872, and of which the following is a copy,

Gas Works Drogheda
Octr 5th 1872.

Dear Sir,

I have laid your enclosed report, before my Directors who have instructed me to state in reply, that they cannot recognise the claim made by the Corpn as Owners of all the Public lamps and of having kept them in all necessary

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repairs_ That the Newry terms of lighting the Public lamps seem not to be correctly estimated and which are as follows say for 149 lamps / the Number here / from the 28th August to the 28th May being 39 Weeks at 4/ per lamp is £365 deduct from these 39 weeks the Number of lunar nights 6 in each Month 54 and 3 in each month partial lighting 27 a day 14 Whole nights Making in all about 10 Weeks leaves 29 weeks actual lighting for the Sum of £365 that is £12.10.0 per Week Now your report asks this Company to give these additional 10 Weeks lighting at £12.10.0 per Week Amounting to £125_ in lieu of their Claim of £35 interest on £700 their value placed on 56 pillars and 93 Simple brackets of little Value with the lamps of Same. I am desired to state distinctly without fear of Contradiction that all necessary repairs of above at a heavy cost have been at all times borne by this Company My Directors feel quite satisfied that if the Councils had carefully gone into this Calculation which they will find correct they would not have been so unreasonable as to ask this Company to accede to the terms of their report and they desire me to say that in Justice to their Proprietors they regret being unable to recede from the terms proposed

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and which if not Confirmed they must decline lighting the Corporation Lamps on and after Tuesday next 8th inst_ I am Dear Sir Yours truly

William Baker

Sec.

James Killeen Esq.
Town Clerk Drogheda

A lengthened Conversation having ensued after the reading of the foregoing letter as to leaving the matter in dispute to arbitration it was proposed by J. C. Downes 2nd'd by J.C. Robt. May and resolved that the Town Clerk draw up a proper notice and serve it on the Gas Coy requiring them to Carry out the terms of the Newry Contract as agreed to. Carried_

The following accounts were referred to Finance Committee for Report Viz Lamprey Rendell & Co for Leather hose pipe for Fire Engine £23.8.0_ Mr Alder Thom for Ballot Box £1.10.0_ Hodges Foster & Co for Ordnance Map £12.12.0 Drogheda Conservative £2.10.6 and Drogheda Argus £1.7.6 and J. Ll. Leland for timber £4.9.2

A Memorial from Certain Inhabitants of St Marys stating the necessity of having a Sewer Constructed from Commencement of range of Buildings on Dublin Road including Convent and National Schools to Main Sewer which discharges itself

into the Matter read and referred to the Paving Committee, Engineer in meantime to report the probable expense thereof.

A Memorial from the Night Watchmen praying a Small advance in their weekly Wages read when upon Motion of J. C. Greene, Seconded by J. Leech, an advance of 2/- weekly to each Watchman was ordered.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Friday 1st Nov. 1872.

At a Quarterly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda duly Summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the House On this day at the hour of 12 Oclock at Noon for the purpose of Considering Report of Committee in reference to Contract with Drogheda Gas Coy - To receive other Reports and transact General business -

Present.

Alderman J. Mathews Chairman
Alderman Pat.k Casey. J.C. M. Cullen
" Pat.k Jordan " J. Kelly
J.C " Wm. Whitworth " L. Moore
" J. Downes " J. J. Flanagan
" Robt May " E. McDonough
" Tho.s Greene " Jos McGeown

The Minutes of last meeting having been read were Signed by the Chairman.

Three reports of Committee dated 15th 16th and 18th October 1872 in reference to the lighting of the Town Read when after Some discussion thereon, were Confirmed upon the Motion of J.C. Downes Seconded by J.C. Cullen, and Ordered to be entered On the Minutes of this Corporation and are as follows.

In re Public Lighting } Report of Committee dated 15th Oct 1872 -

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Your Committee Considering the propriety of having the Contract with the Gas Coy perfected in writing Recommend that the Town Clerk write to said Company requiring them to send in a proposal on Newry terms as agreed to and requesting an answer by Friday next the 18th inst Also requesting them to furnish all Accounts due up to the time your Council accepted the terms of the Newry Contract- All which we certify as our report this 15th day of October 1872. Signed on behalf of the Committee- Thos Simcocks Chairman

In re Public Lighting } Report of Committee dated 16th Oct 1872.

Your Committee having adjourned to this day for the purpose of meeting a Gentleman (Mr Hanna) from Belfast. with whom Committee Communicated as to the lighting of the town in the event of the Gas Coy not entering into a written Contract as agreed upon. Mr Hanna Submitted pattern of Lamps &c. to us which in the event of said Gas Coy not sending a written Contract as aforesaid we recommend the Council to approve of and take the said lighting under their own Management and Control All which we Certify as our report this 16th day of Oct 1872 Signed on behalf of the Committee-

Thos Simcocks Chairman

In re Public Lighting } Report of Committee dated 18th Oct 1872

That having Considered Letter of Gas Coy dated 18th inst in reply to letter of Town Clerk dated 15th inst requesting the Coy to enter into a formal written Contract to light the public lamps according to Newry terms and as agreed upon Recommend that the Gas Coy be at once written to by the Town Clerk requesting a proposal in writing embodying Verbatim the terms set out in the Newry Contract with the recommendation Set forth in the Committee report Confirmed at Special Meeting on the 2nd inst Namely that said Coy light the town Lamps on lunar nights or that in lieu thereof allow the Council the Sum of £35 as in said Report mentioned and at same time to state that Committee Consider their letter Vague unintelligible and unsatisfactory and altogether avoiding entering faithfully into the terms agreed upon- All which we Certify as our report this 18th day of Oct 1872 Signed on behalf of the Committee-

Thos Simcocks Chairman

The Town Clerk next read letter from Drogheda Gas Coy dated 18th Oct 1872. of which the following is a copy.

Drogheda Gas Light Co. Limited
Drogheda Oct 18th 1872

Mr James Killen Town Clerk Drogheda

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Dear Sir – Yours of 15th inst received and in reply thereto have only to state that the Directors of this Company are carrying out the lighting of the Town lamps in accordance with the terms of the Newry Gas Company as proposed and agreed to in Council on 24th Sept 1872. Yrs respp Wm Barker Secy.

It was next proposed by J.C. Downes 2nd co by J.C. McGeown, and resolved, that the Town Clerk write the Gas Coy requesting them to enter into a written contract for lighting the town on the Newry terms allowing this Council £35 as a rent for the use of the lamps and stating that in the event of their not doing so, the Corporation would take the lighting of the town into their own hands after the 1st of December next – Carried –

J.C. Whitworth gave notice that at next meeting he would move that no payment be made to Mr Edwd Monaghan the Contractor for the Cleansing of the public Streets and thorofares ~~[illegible]~~ without a special resolution of this Council –

Whereupon the meeting adjourned to Monday next the 4th Novr inst at 1 o'clock afternoon, instead of the hour named in the Summons dated 31st Oct last, (12 o'clock noon) in consequence of Petty Sessions being held on that day.

Thos Simcocks

Y Chairman

Monday 4th Novr 1872

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Borough of Drogheda, duly summoned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Tholsel on this day at the hour of One o'clock in the afternoon of said day for the purpose of receiving reports & transacting general business –

Present,

Thos Simcocks Esq Mayor

Alderman J. Mathews	J.C. W. Whitworth
" J. Chadwick	" J. Kelly
J.C. J. A. Flanagan	" J. Brady
" J. Downes	" E. McDonough
" George Knaggs	" L. Moore
" N. Leech	" J. Greene
" R. Moore	" J. McGeown

The minutes of last meeting having been read were signed by His Worship the Mayor –

J.C. Whitworths notice of motion given at last meeting in reference to the payments to be made by this Council to Mr Edward Monaghan the Contractor for the Cleansing of the public Streets and thorofares, was not proceeded with –

J.C. Downes moved and J.C. Leech seconded that the Engineer be empowered to test the quantity of Gas consumed by the lamps to which meters had been attached by order of this Council – Carried unanimously –

J.C. Downes next proposed & J.C. Leech seconded that the following Gentlemen members of the Council be appointed a

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Committee to make arrangements for lighting the town with Oil in the event of the Gas Company failing to light it with Gas on the Newry terms as agreed on by the Committee of the Corporation appointed for that purpose, Viz^t Town Councillors Leech - Flinn - Cullen Downes. May - Brady and His Worship the Mayor - Carried -

The Town Clerk was then directed to write the Gas Company requesting a Written Specific Contract detailing the Newry terms, & also agreeing to allow the Council the sum of £35 for the use of the Camps & Camp posts, on or before the 15th Novr inst^t & that in the event of their ~~not~~ doing so the Council would take the lighting of the Town into their own hands on and after the 1st Decr 1872

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned

Thos^s Simcocks Chairman

Monday 25th Novr 1872

On this day The Worshipful Thos^s Simcocks Esqr Mayor Senior Alderman of the West Gate Ward - Patrick Casey Esqr Senior Alderman of the Fair Gate Ward and Patrick Tiernan Esqr J.P. Senior Alderman of the St. Laurence Gate Ward held elections respectively in their several Wards to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement in rotation of an Alderman and two Town Councillors for each of said respective Wards, when Thos^s Simcocks of West Street Hotel Keeper was elected an Alderman, and John Downes of West Street Merchant, and John Mangan of James Street Merchant were Elected Town Councillors for the West Gate Ward - Patrick Casey of Fair St. Brewer as Alderman and Michael Cullen of West Street Baker, And George Knaggs of West Street as Town Councillors for the Fair Gate Ward, and Patrick Tiernan of Listoke Longhda Esqr J.P as an Alderman and Nicholas Leech of Quay Road Merchant and George Butterly of Laurence Street Auctioneer and Land Agent as Town Councillors for the St. Laurence Gate Ward - and said Elections were duly published pursuant to the requisites of the Statute -

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