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urge on Her Majesty's Government the
necessity of granting legislative
independence to Ireland in order to
enable the Irish people to make their
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affairs in harmony with the wishes
of the great majority of the population.

Seconded.
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bounty of Galway at this our first
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necessity of granting legislative
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affairs in harmony with the wishes
of the great majority of the population.
That we only regard the Local
Government, Act as an instalment of
justice to prepare our people for the
larger and more comprehensive measure
of Autonomy which is the only scheme
that will ever satisfy the hopes and
aspirations of our people and make
us a happy, prosperous and contented
nation.
Seconded — Passed.



**Ag a cruinniú tionscnaimh, a
reáchtáladh i dTeach Cúirte na Gaillimhe
ar 22 Aibreán 1899, bheartaigh
Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe í féin a
chur i ngeall do phrionsabal an Rialtais
Dúchais agus d'áitigh sí ...**

*'Do rialtas a Soilse go bhfuil sé riachtanach neamhspleáchas
reachtaíochta a dheonú d'Éirinn chun cur ar chumas mhuintir na
hÉireann a gcuid dlíthe féin a dhéanamh agus aire a thabhairt dá
ngnó féin i gcomhréir le mianta fhorhóir mór an daonra ...'*
(GC/1/1, p3)

At its inaugural meeting, held in the Galway Courthouse on 22nd April 1899, Galway County Council resolved to pledge itself to the principle of Home Rule and urged ...

'Her Majesty's government the necessity of granting legislative independence to Ireland in order to enable the Irish people make their own laws and manage their own affairs in harmony with the wishes of the great majority of the population...' (GC/1/1, p3)

That the County Council of the
County of Galway express a hope
that the Commission of National
Education now sitting in Dublin
will not separate without making
proper provision for the teaching
of the Irish Language in the National
Schools now most inadequately provided
for, and we declare ourselves in entire
sympathy with the movement for
the preservation of our language.
That this Resolution be sent
to the secretary, Commission of
National Education, Dublin.

**Chomh maith leis sin rith an Chomhairle rún
chun tacaíocht a thabhairt don Ghaeilge.
(GC/1/1, p5)**

**The Council also passed a resolution in support
of the Irish language. (GC/1/1, p5)**



Cartlann Chomhairle Contae na Gaillimhe '...cuimhne dhoiciméadach chontae na Gaillimhe a shealbhú, a chaomhnú agus a dhéanamh inrochtana'
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Mr. Dwyer Proposed
That in the County Council of the County of Galway, the Council should make a public declaration to the Council of the County of Galway, the necessity of granting legislation independent of the Government to enable the Council to do as they see fit in the management of the County Council's affairs, and that the Council should pass a resolution to that effect.



John Redmond (1856 - 1918)

I 1914 thacaigh Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe le iarrachtaí chun Óglaigh na hÉireann a shocrú, chomh maith le rith an Bhille Rialtas Dúchais...

'Go ndéanaimid lúcháir i rith an Bhille Rialtas Dúchais isteach sa dlí agus go ndéanaimid comhghairdeas le Páirtí na hÉireann agus lena cheannaire as an éacht iontach sin a bhaint amach. Go dtugaimid tacaíocht iomlán don Uas. Redmond agus é ag iarraidh go mbunófaí Briogáid Éireannach nua chun tacaíocht a thabhairt, más gá, do Chathláin na hÉireann, atá tar éis crógacht shuntasach a léiriú cheana féin....' (30 Meán Fómhair 1914, GC11/2, pp576-577).

In 1914 Galway County Council supported efforts to organise the Irish Volunteer force, and also the passing of the Home Rule Bill...

'That we rejoice in the final passage of the Home Rule Bill into Law and congratulate the Irish Party and its Leader on the achievement of their great task. That we heartily endorse Mr Redmond's appeal for the formation of a new Irish Brigade to support, if necessary, the Irish Regiments which have already given such splendid examples of their valour....' (30 September 1914, GC11/2, pp576-577).



Councillor O'Donnell proposed, Councillor Mr. M'Donagh seconded: -
That owing to the recent political events, and particularly to the attitude of the army on the Ulster question, we, the Members of the Galway County Council, consider that the time has come when every effort should be made to organise the Irish Volunteer force in every Parish in Ireland. We are convinced that such a force, wisely led by men in whom our indomitable leader Mr. John E. Redmond M.P. would have confidence, would prove to the world that the manhood of Ireland are ready to do their part in defence of their homes and their liberties, and if need be, to protect our fellow Nationalists in Ulster from insult and attack.
Passed
20 Bealtaine May 1914, GC11/2, p529

Rún Chomhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ag tagairt d'Éirí Amach na Cásca 1916, ag sonrú

'Gur mian le Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe a chur in iúl go gcáineann sí an cur isteach deireanach ag daoine mífhreagracha ar ord agus eagar na sochái áit a ndearnadh dochar millteanach do rathúnas ábhartha agus d'ionchas na hÉireann....'
'Táimid sásta gur thip ar an iarracht mheata sin, agus gur chruthaigh muintir na hÉireann sa chaoi ar iompair siad iad féin le linn na géarchéime sin go bhfuil Éire meáite ar bheith a dhéanamh de réir a bhriathar.'
Cealaithe d'aon toil, 19/06/1920 (3 Bealtaine 1916, GC11/2, pp706-707).

*Rescinded unanimously
Swirpe byae byweoll
19/6/20*

Resolution of Galway County Council referring to the Easter Rising 1916,

stating 'That the Galway County Council desires to express its condemnation of the recent disturbances of social order brought about by irresponsible persons whereby great damage has been done to the material prosperity and prospects of Ireland....'
'We rejoice that this dastardly attempt has failed, and that the people of Ireland have shown by their conduct in this crises that Ireland is determined that her word shall be carefully kept. We tender to Mr Redmond the fullest assurances of our sympathy and support in the present trying circumstances.'
Rescinded unanimously, 19/06/1920 (3 May 1916, GC11/2, pp706-707).

~~*irresponsible persons whereby great damage has been done to the material prosperity and prospects of Ireland, and numbers of simple uneducated peasants have been cajoled and threatened into open defiance of the law.*~~
We resent most of all the outrage upon the honour and dignity of Ireland, and the attempt which has been made to dishonour her pledge solemnly given by her responsible leader Mr. Redmond.
We rejoice that this dastardly attempt has failed, and that the people of Ireland have shown by their conduct in this crisis that Ireland is determined that her word shall be carefully kept.
We tender to Mr. Redmond the fullest assurances of our sympathy and support in the present trying circumstances.
Passed.



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W.D. Byrne Proposed
that in the County Council of the County of Galway...
making the change...
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acknowledges the authority of Dáil Éireann as the duly elected Government of the Irish people and undertakes to give full effect to all decrees duly promulgated by the said Dáil Éireann in so far as same affect this Council
That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Republican Minister for Foreign Affairs for transmission to the governments of Europe and to the President and Chairman of the Senate and House of Representatives of the USA
Passed

and
Secretary is directed to prepare thirty copies of the foregoing resolution, authenticated by the Official Seal of the Council, to be forwarded by hand to the Secretary Dáil Éireann for submission to the various foreign Governments

Meitheamh 1920 d'admhaigh Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe go foirmiúil údarás Dháil Éireann.

(GC/1/3, p231. Ag an gcrúinniú céanna chealaih an Chomhairle a rún ón 3 Bealtaine 1916 maidir le hÉirí Amach na Cásca)

In June 1920 Galway County Council formally acknowledged the authority of Dáil Éireann.

(GC/1/3, p231. At the same meeting the Council rescinded its resolution of 3rd May 1916 regarding the Easter Rising)



DÁIL ÉIREANN.

Seoladh: Uisceádas eun. Rannáid Dáil Éireann, f/c Uíge an Ára-Mhaoir, 46-Cluar.
Correspondence may be addressed to the Secretary, Dáil Éireann, c/o Mansion House, Dublin.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

June 30th 1920/

The Secretary
Galway County Council.

A Chera,

I have to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of 21st inst. No. 892 M. enclosing thirty sealed copies of the Resolution acknowledging the Authority of Dáil Éireann, which was adopted by the Galway County Council at their meeting on the 18th inst.

The necessary steps will be taken to have copies of this resolution transmitted to the Governments of Europe and to the President and Chairman of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America.

Mise le meas,

Diarmuid Ó'Heagartaigh

Rúnaíde na hAireschte.

Litr ó Dháil Éireann, f/c Teach an Ardmhéara, Baile Átha Cliath, sínithe ag Diarmuid O'Heagartaigh, ag admháil rún na Comhairle maidir lena údarás. (Comhad CG Dháil Éireann, 30 Iúil 1920).

Letter from Dáil Éireann, c/o Mansion House, Dublin, signed by Diarmuid O'Heagartaigh, acknowledging the Council's resolution regarding its authority. (GP Dáil Éireann file, 30 July 1920).

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Ar an 30 Nollaig 1921 reáchtáil Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe cruinniú speisialta chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar théarmaí an Chonartha Síochána agus bheartaigh siad é a fhaomhadh. (GC/1/3, p328)

On 30 December 1921 Galway County Council held a special meeting to consider the terms of the Peace Treaty, and resolved to approve of it. (GC/1/3, p328)

*Councillor J. Walsh proposed,
Councillor J. J. Cloherity seconded:—
That although the terms of the Peace Treaty between England and Ireland do not satisfy the aspirations of the Irish People. We are of opinion that it is the best that our Plenipotentiaries could give under the circumstances. On that account, and on that account only, we, on behalf of the People of Galway, approve of it, and we call on our Representatives on the Dail to vote for its ratification.
Passed*

...Councillor Corbett seconded:—"That we, the members of the Galway County Council strongly protest against the treatment of Irishmen in the North of Ireland."—Passed.

6672. Irish National Unity :

Councillor Layng proposed, Councillor Corbett seconded:—"That we, the members of the Galway County Council, pledge our support to the Council of Irish National Unity in its efforts to secure the termination of the partition of our country."—Passed.

6673. Votes of Condolence :

Councillor H. O'Toole proposed. Councillor Nestor seconded.

In Eanáir 1940 bheartaigh an Chomhairle gealltanas a dhéanamh chun '...tacaíocht a thabhairt don 'Council of Irish National Unity' agus é ag iarraidh deireadh a chur le deighilt na tíre'. (GC/1/5, p470)

In January 1940 the Council resolved to pledge its '...support to the Council of Irish National Unity in its effort to secure the termination of the partition of our country'. (GC/1/5, p470)

...and 120 acres & 1000s 15 perches, or thereabouts, statute measure, to the Brothers of Charity, Belmont Park, Waterford, for the sum of £5,500, plus costs of conveyance of the property to the purchasers."

7869. Partition.—It was proposed by Senator Quinn, seconded by Mr. Collins, and unanimously Resolved:—

"That the Council condemn and protest in the strongest possible manner against the action of the British Government in re-asserting its support of the Orange minority in the Six Northern Counties."

7870. Vacancies.—It was proposed by Mr. Collins, and seconded by Mr. Nestor:—

"That Mr. Patrick Sarr, Glvnsk, Ballymore, be appointed

I mBealtaine 1949 rith an Chomhairle rún maidir le deighilt. (GC/1/6, p25)

In May 1949 the Council passed a resolution regarding partition. (GC/1/6, p25)