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Monday the 22nd February 1841

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Ballinasloe duly convened and held, pursuant to the Act the 9th Geo 4th cap 82, at which the Earl Clancarty, Bar^{on} Warburton, James Bell, and Thomas Lancaster Esq^{rs}, Justices of the Peace presided, for the purpose of carrying said Act into execution in said town.

The order from His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for holding said meeting, and the advertisement calling the same having been read;

Rear Admiral, The Honble Wm Le Poer French moved that the inhabitants of Ballinasloe do accept said Act, for the government of said Town, and the same being seconded by Captain Robert Powell on being put from the Chair was carried unanimously.

Rear Admiral, The Honble Wm Le Poer French then moved that the Inhabitants of Ballinasloe adopt the said Act for the governance of said Town for all the purposes in said Act mentioned, and the same having been seconded by William Coolahan Esq^r M.D. on being put from the Chair was carried unanimously.

Rear Admiral The Honble Wm Le Poer French having then produced a list of Twenty-one qualified householders of said Town with a view to their being chosen Commissioners under said Act, or that the names therein should be altered or changed as to the meeting should seem best, and the same having been altered accordingly, The Rear Admiral proposed that the persons named in said list, so altered should be the first Commissioners for the said Town under said Act, which proposition having been seconded by Captain Robert Powell the following names were read from the Chair, viz.

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| 1. Rear Admiral The Honble Wm Le Poer French | 8. J. H. Graydon Esq ^r . |
| 2. William Coolahan Esq ^r M.D. | 9. Major Alexander Freer |
| 3. The Rev ^d Travers Jones | 10. A. Homan Esq ^r M.D. |
| 4. The Rev ^d Laurence Dillon | 11. James Tyrrell Esq ^r . |
| 5. Mr. H. M. Flattery | 12. Mr. Thomas Cochrane |
| 6. Mr. David Wakefield | 13. Mr. John Connolly |
| 7. Mr. John Lucan. | 14. Mr. Timothy Egan. |

- 15. James O' Loughlin Esq. M.D.
- 16. Daniel Desmond Esq.
- 17. Mr Boyd Esq.
- 18. Thomas Blackstock Esq.
- 19. J. Hood Esq.
- 20. Mr Richard Carroll.
- 21. Mr Joseph Sharp.

And the same were adopted by the meeting unanimously
 The presiding Justices of the peace the appointed Monday the first
 day of March 1841. as the day of the first meeting of the Commissioners
 the meeting to be held at Craigs Hotel, at Eleven of the clock of the
 forenoon.

And then the meeting adjourned.

*Claremont Magistrate
 Presiding*

- The Commissioners having met, the following were duly sworn -
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| The Honorable William le Poer French | Mr Timothy Egan, |
| Mr Coolahan Esq. M.D. | James O. Loughlin Esq. M.D. |
| The Reverend, Travers Jones, | Daniel Desmond Esq. |
| The Reverend, Laurence Dillon, | William Boyd Esq. |
| Mr David Wakefield | Thomas Blackstock Esq. |
| Mr John Queale | John Hood Esq. |
| Thos. St G. Graydon Esq. | Mr Richard Carroll, and |
| Major Alexander, A. Greer | Mr Joseph Sharpe. |
| A. Horne Esq. M.D. | |
| James Sypwell Esq. | |
| Thos. Cochrane Esq. | |
| Mr John Connolly | |

The Honorable William le Poer French was then chosen Chairman.

Then Mr John Brinsden was appointed as Clerk and Manager to the
 Commissioners, upon the following terms -

He (Mr John Brinsden) is to give all his time, save so much as the Commission
 by minute entered in their proceedings may permit to be otherwise allocated,
 to the business of the Commissioners, and under their directions, and
 for this he is to be paid at the rate of £80 yearly for such time as he
 shall so serve the Commissioners, together with a further sum of, at the
 rate of £20 yearly for such time as aforesaid if the Commissioners shall
 approve of his services but not otherwise; Both the above sums to be
 regulated by the funds of the Commissioners, that is to say, provided they have
 surplus funds after payment of all their engagements, then those sums are to
 be paid as aforesaid but if they have not, then the above named sums are to
 be reduced to such sum as the Commissioners have.

Then the Commissioners resolved that a sum of Two thousand pounds
 shall be borrowed and that advertisements shall be made for proposals
 for lending the same, in terms following -

Wanted by the Commissioners for the Improvement of the Town of
 Ballinasloe under the Act 9th Geo 4th cap 82, the sum of £2000
 sterling in sums not less than £500 from each proposer, proposals for
 lending the same to be directed to Mr John Brinsden of Ballinasloe
 their Clerk on or before the 20th Inst. stating the Interest required by
 the proposers for the same, The Principal to be secured upon

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the rates to be raised under said Act, upon said Town

Ballinasloe 1st March 1841 -

The said Advertisement to be inserted in the General Advertiser, the Dublin Evening Post, and The Dublin Evening Mail - twice in each paper.

The Commissioners then proceeded to define the present limits of the Town, and resolved, that the boundary on the County of Roscommon side shall be Mr. Clarke's house adjacent to the Mill, that the boundary at the side by the Fair Green extend to the house occupied by Captain Plunkett and at the side going to Garbally Gate the boundary be the house now occupied by Mr. Clapperton, and that on the side of the Canal Harbour, the boundary be the canal Messrs. Berrys and the Steam Navigation Company's Stores -

A letter having been received by the Chairman signed Thomas French proposing to become collector of Rates, ordered that the same be taken into consideration when the other proposals shall be before the Commissioners, also the same in reference to another letter from Lewis Carter, and another letter from Martin Dolan proposing to be Lamp lighter which was ordered to be taken into consideration at the same time -

Ordered that advertisements be made for proposals for cleansing and sweeping the Streets, Squares, Lanes, and Passages within the limits of the Town of Ballinasloe, including the Footways whether flagged or otherwise said proposals to be directed to Mr. John Brinsden Clerk to the Commissioners on or before noon of the 9th day of March next. Six written notices to be put up, on the Church and Chapel Gates, Post office and Police office, Market Place, and Craigs Hotel.

Resolved that the Bank of Ireland be the Treasurer to the Commissioners -

A letter having been read from Mr. Charles Cooper and Mr. R. B. Phillips proposing to execute a valuation for the sum of £20 -

Resolved, That the Commissioners consider the above sum greatly too high and that the sum of Ten pounds is amply sufficient which sum is to be offered to these proposers, and the Chairman having put the said offer before these proposers accordingly, they have consented to accept the same -

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Resolved, That the following Commissioners J. H. Graydon, Willi Coolahan and Daniel Desmond Esq^r be a Committee to inspect and report upon the best site for erecting the Gasworks -

The Commissioners then adjourned to 12 o'clock to-morrow

J. H. Graydon
W. Coolahan
D. Desmond

Tuesday the 2nd of March 1841

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings having been read, The members in attendance being, The Chairman, Mr. Hood, Mr. Connolly, Messrs. Travers Jones, Major Freer, Doctor Horne, Mr. Blackstock, Mr. Tyrrel, Mr. Jos. Sharpe, Mr. Carroll, Dr. O'Loughlin, Mr. Egan, Mr. Boyd, and Doctor Coolahan - The following letters were then read, John Burke to be collector, Robert Sergeant, A. Horne for his son Patrick Dolger, all to be collectors -

Received the report of the Committee appointed yesterday to inspect and report upon the best site whereon to erect a Gas Station which was as follows -

That they consider the site of the Fair Green to be too high to be adopted, if one lower could be obtained, in as much as it would be above some of the places to be lighted, and would consequently require a pressure upon the Gas not desirable where to be avoided, and that being there would be injurious to the town, that they consider that the waste ground near the Canal Company's office which was formerly a sand pit together with a portion of the adjoining ground now held by Mr. Cochrane would be the most desirable site, if to be obtained, but if not, another portion of Mr. Cochranes ground where it lies low would be the best site provided the Canal Company, will give access to it from the Track way of the Canal,

Ordered that a letter be written by our Chairman to Lord Clancarty acquainting him of the above report, and another letter by our Clerk to the Secretary of the Canal Company, enquiring whether the Company will let or sell the Commissioners that waste plot, and if so upon

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what terms, and shewing the convenience it would be to get their Coal and Machinery &c by Water-carriage brought at once to their premises instead of importing them into the port of Galway and taking them from thence by Land-carriage -

Ordered, That the Clerk do procure 21 copies of the Act 9th Geo 4th cap 82 for the Commissioners -

Ordered, That the 51, 64, 65, 66 & 67th sections of the Act 9th Geo 4th cap 82, or such extracts therefrom as are applicable to this town and necessary for the information of its Inhabitants be printed and distributed to the Inhabitants thereof however rated, and posted in all usual places of posting notices -

The Commissioners order that one pound per month commencing on the 1st day of March Inst^e be offered to Mr. Craig for the use of his room, and the Chairman having made such offer accordingly the same was accepted by Mr. Craig -

The meeting then adjourned to 12 o'clock to-morrow.

W. P. M. H. Chairman.

Wednesday the 3rd March 1841

The Commissioners having assembled, The Chairman, Rev^d Travers Jones, Major Freer, Messrs Connolly, Carroll, Horne, Blackstock, Sharp, Boyd, and Flood being present the minutes of the last days proceedings were read -

Read a letter from Michael Worke proposing to be Lamplighter. Ordered to be taken into consideration when others upon the same subject shall be also under consideration of the Commissioners

The meeting then adjourned to 12 o'clock to-morrow

W. P. M. H. Chairman

Thursday March 4th 1841

The Commissioners having assembled, The Chairman, Messrs Flood, Freer, Horne, Carroll, Blackstock, Tyrrell, Boyd, Sloughlin, Graydon, Coolahan and Connolly, being present, the minutes of the last days proceedings were read -

The Manager put before the Commissioners the Building Plans, Elevations and Specifications of the buildings for making the Gas and boundary walls -

The Chairman read the specification, and the Commissioners agreed to postpone the further consideration of the drawings &c until the whole of the drawings are completed.

And then the meeting adjourned to 12 o'clock to-morrow.

W. P. M. H.

Friday 5th March 1841

The Commissioners having assembled, The Chairman, The Rev^d J. Jones, Messrs Flood, Freer, Horne, Coolahan, Blackstock and Boyd being present; The minutes of the last day were read.

The Chairman read the extract from the Act 9th Geo 4th cap 82 alluded to in the minutes of the 2nd Inst^e, and the same having been approved of, ordered, that it be printed and distributed as in said minute mentioned -

Read a letter from J. P. Gaynor proposing to be Valuator to under the Commissioners, Ordered, that the Clerk do acknowledge receipt of same, and inform Mr. Gaynor that the Commissioners have already appointed a Valuator & Surveyor.

Read a demand from the Dublin Evening Post office for 5/6 for advertisement made in said paper, Ordered, that the Clerk do acquaint the Editor that so soon as the rating under the Act shall be made he will be paid -

Adjourned to Tuesday next at 12 o'clock.

W. P. M. H.

Tuesday March 9th 1841

The Commissioners having met pursuant to adjournment, The Chairman The Rev. Travers Jones, Messrs. A. Freer, Horne, Carroll, Flattery, Egan and Boyd being present.

The Chairman administered the oath prescribed by the 9th Geo 4th cap 82 Sec 27 to Mr. H. M. Flattery one of the Commissioners not before sworn.

The proceedings of the last day were then read.

The Clerk having reported that he having distributed the 300 copies of the extracts from the Act, as in minutes of the 5th Inst. mentioned, same had not been found near enough, ordered that 300 more copies of same be printed, and distributed in like manner.

Proposals for cleansing the Town under the Act were then read, one from Mr. John Maher to do the same gratis, and one from Patrick Bolger to do the same paying five shillings yearly to the Commissioners.

Resolved, That the Clerk do draw out a minute of detail for forming a contract for cleansing the streets of the Town and submit same for consideration at next meeting of Commissioners.

Read a letter from the Lucens Printers requiring payment of £2.7.3 for 21 Acts 9th Geo 4th cap 82, which the Clerk had acknowledged receipt of, and informed Messrs. Giverson that they should be paid when the rates shall be received.

Read a letter from the Secretary to the Grand Canal Company acknowledging receipt of our Clerks letter relative to the site of the Gas works.

Read proposals from Richard White and B. Egan to become collectors of Rates, also from Thomas Mayhew to be Lamplighter, Ordered, as on former similar cases.

Read a letter from Mr. Robt. Mallett requesting preference in supply of Gas Machinery, Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint him, that when the Commissioners are prepared to receive such Machinery, they will advertise for tenders for supplying same, as by the 68 Sect of the 9th Geo 4th cap 82 is required.

And the Commissioners then adjourned to Tuesday the 23rd Inst. at 12 o'clock.

W. P. M. J. Chairman

Tuesday the 23rd March 1841

The Commissioners having met pursuant to adjournment present The Chairman, Messrs. O'Loughlin, Freer, Flood, Duale, Connolly, John Carroll, Blackstock, Sharp, Flattery, Wakefield, Boyd, Tyrrell, Desmond, and Coolahan, The minutes of the last day were read.

Received a letter from J. Connolly, proposing to be collector of rates, and another from Mr. Birmingham enquiring as to the Carriage of Coals &c, Let the first be taken into consideration as ordered under similar previous cases, and let the Clerk answer Mr. Birmingham by saying that Advertisements will be made for sealed tenders whenever the Commissioners shall be prepared to lay in coal, or receive other Goods by Canal conveyance.

The Chairman stated to the Commissioners that the Earl of Blancarty had directed him to offer to the Commissioners for the purpose of lighting the Town of Ballinasloe £1,000. that is to say, He would lend £700 for four years at 4 per Cent Interest but if kept longer than 4 years, then from thenceforward, to pay 5 per Cent of Interest, from the time the same shall be paid in and further the sum of £300 to pay 5 per Cent of Interest from the time the same shall be paid in.

Resolved, That the best thanks of the Commissioners be presented to his Lordship for his very liberal offer, and that a copy of this minute be sent by our Clerk to his Lordship accordingly.

Resolved, that a subscription list be opened now, and the Inhabitants of the Town be solicited to lend money in sums not less than £5 from each subscriber for the remaining £1,000. The security for all to be made upon the Rates to be raised under the Act, and that Interest at the rate of 5 per Cent be paid for the same, Said money so subscribed to be only called in as the expenditure goes on, and as the Commissioners shall direct, These several sums to be made transferable in sums not less than £5 each. When the following subscriptions were entered into, viz. Mr. Wm. Boyd £50; Doctor Wm. Coolahan £100, Mr. Tho. Cochrane £30, Mr. James Tyrrell £30, Mr. David Wakefield £20, Mr. Hugh Flattery £25, Mr. Joseph Sharpe £30, Mr. Tho. Blackstock £50, Doctor Horne £15, Mr. J. Connolly £25, Mr. John Duale £25.

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Mr. John Hood £50, Major Alexander Freer £25, Doctor Ploughlin £50
Admiral Le Poer Trench £25, Rev. Laurence Dillon £25, Mr. W. Burke
£20.

Ordered that Messrs. John Ducale, Major A. Freer, James Tyrrell
and John Connolly be a Committee to solicit subscriptions accordingly.

The Valuers under the minute of the 1st Instant were then
called in, and returned the valuation of the Town under the 35
Sec of the Act and they verified the same upon oath which the
Chairman administered to them accordingly.

Ordered that the Clerk do make advertisement as in said Act
requires, in words following, viz.

Notice

The Ratepayers of the town of Ballinasloe will please to take notice
that the sworn valuation of all premises liable to be rated under the
Act the 9th Geo 4th cap 82, will be at the house of their Clerk (lately
the Gate House of Garbally) to be inspected by them between the hours
of ten in the morning and four of the afternoon of each day, Sundays
excepted beginning on Thursday the 25th March 1841 and ending on
Monday the fifth of April both days inclusive for the purposes
in the 35 & 36 sections of said Act mentioned

Ballinasloe 23rd March 1841 John Brinsden, Clerk.

The Commissioners then appointed Alexander Stewart Esq.
Solicitor to the Board of Works to be their Solicitor provided he
will accept the same.

Ordered, that the Chairman do notify same to Mr. Stewart
and if he will accept the same that he be directed to instruct
them how best they can under the Act secure to persons
lending money to them for the purposes of the Act detailing
to him the views of the Commissioners with respect thereto.

The Clerk having pursuant to minute of the 9th Inst. sub-
mitted to the Board, a detail for forming a contract with
the Scavenger of said Town, as follows.

The Scavenger must perfectly clean all the footways of the Town lanes
Alleys and Squares thereof every morning by sweeping the same where
sweeping will effectually remove the dirt thereon, otherwise by scraping
or washing or any or all of these means, so as to have the same

effectually done, and the dirt removed into the Streets, Lanes, Alleys
and squares aforesaid. This work he is to commence every day Sunday
excepted at Sunrise at latest, and as the footways are thus cleaning
he is to employ persons to follow those cleansing the footways in sweep-
ing the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and squares, and collecting the dirt
thereon and on every part thereof, and Carts to carry off and remove
the same clean out of said town, the whole to be completed before
noon on each day. And in default thereof, or of any part
thereof he undertakes to pay to the Commissioners, in aid of their
public funds a sum not exceeding five shillings for each
default, satisfactorily proved before them on oath.

Ordered, that the Clerk be directed to shew the said
detail of contract to Mr. P. Bolger, and to ask him
whether he will consent thereto, and if he declines, but not
otherwise, then he is to shew the same to Mr. J. Maher
and ask him the same question and he is to report his
proceedings therein to the Commissioners at their next
meeting.

The Clerk having stated that he requires the following
Articles, 2 1/2 Duire of Foolscap paper, 1 Sheet of Parchment,
1/4 hundred Duills, 1 Jar of Ink, 1 Duire of best letter paper, 1 Stick
Sealing wax, 1 Minute Book, 1 Account Book, 1 Piece of Tape, 1
Pencil, 1 Letter Book, and an Order (Cheque) Book. Ordered,
that he procure the same from Mr. French, but that at the
next meeting the Commissioners will advertize for sealed pro-
posals for supplying Stationary.

Ordered that the Board should stand adjourned to to-mor-
row at noon.

W. Le Poer Trench Chairman
John Le Poer Trench

Wednesday 24th March 1841

The Commissioners having met pursuant to adjournment, present the Chairman, Major A Freer, Messrs J. H. Graydon, Blackstock Hood, Boyd, Queale, Connolly, Sharp, Flattery, & Revd L Dillon, the minutes of the last meeting were then read;

The Committee of Collection reported that they have not finished their applications to the Inhabitants but have now to add to the names of subscribers as follows, Tho: H Graydon £20, Tho: Brown £5, James Bell £30, J. H. Craig £20.

Francis Madden £20, John Young £10, Wm. Lakey £20;

Ordered that the Committee be requested to continue their applications.

Ordered, that the Clerk do make an Alphabetical Index to the Valuation Return with the least possible delay for the purpose of facilitating inspection by the Ratepayers.

Read a letter received by the Chairman from Mr. Daniel Lyons, dated Ballinasloe 23rd of March 1841, remonstrating against the appointment of Mr. Stewart to be Solicitor to the Board and claiming that he should be appointed in his stead; Read also a statement in writing by the Clerk as follows, Mr. Lyons sent for me and said, He had heard of Mr. Stewart's appointment as Solicitor to the Commissioners, and had sent for the Clerk to the Commissioners to acquaint him that he was willing to give the Commissioners his parlor as a Meeting Room which he would have regularly swept and fires lighted, which would save one pound per month to the Inhabitants. That he would become a "Shareholder," or lender of money to the Commissioners, that he had commenced a negociation for the loan of £1000; and felt he had a right as a Townsman and Cesspayer to claim the Solicitorship in preference to a stranger, and that he thought the injustice of the town so great, that he intended writing to those Gentlemen who had opposed his appointment, on the subject and would write to the newspapers an exposition of the unfairness of the Act." John Brinsden, Clerk to the Commissioners.

Read also a rough draft of a letter from the Chairman to Mr. Stewart pursuant to their minute of yesterday, Ordered that the same be adopted and sent accordingly.

Read also a letter from Mr. W Wallace soliciting to

be appointed Solicitor to the Commissioners Ordered, that the following advertisement be inserted in the General Advertiser in the two next publications Notice to Builders.

The Commissioners for Improving the Town of Ballinasloe under the Act of the Geo 4th cap 82 will receive sealed tenders for, Building a Gas House, Boundary Wall, and Tanks according to a plan and Specification thereof to be seen at their Engineers (Mr. John Brinsden's) house near Ballinasloe who will give enquirers every necessary information, The tenders are to be directed to Mr. John Brinsden Ballinasloe and will be opened by the Commissioners on Monday the fifth day of April next at noon.

Ordered that, a hundred handbills be printed of the foregoing advertisement and distributed in the adjacent towns.

Ordered, that the Board stand adjourned to Monday the Fifth of April next.

Wm. P. M. H. Chairman

Monday 5th April 1841

The Commissioners having met pursuant to adjournment present, the Chairman Messrs Blackstock, Boyd, Coolahan, M. D. Carroll, Hood, Connolly, Freer, Tyrrell, Dillon the Revd Laurence and Egan, the proceedings of the last day were read.

The Committee of Collection reported that they have since the last day of meeting had subscribers to the fund, as follows, viz. Messrs Richard O'Brien £20 Michael Hogan £5, Richard Sharp £20, Robt. Sharpe £20, Wm. Connor £5, John George £30 and Timothy Egan £25. Ordered that the Committee be requested to continue their collection.

Read the following proposals for executing the works under the advertisement mentioned in the minutes of the 24th Ult. viz. Saml. O'Brien for £530, Peter Flynn £459, Edward Page £475, Iron work, except hanging doors, excepted.

Ordered That the Engineer do produce to the Commissioners at their next meeting a very detailed and exact estimate of all the work mentioned to be done in the Advertisement in the minutes of the 24th Ult^o; Taking care that the same shall be according to the specification, and so drawn as to cover every expense, and the Commissioners postpone till then the consideration of these proposals, In the mean time let the Engineer advertise for proposals from tradesmen for executing each description of work by measurement, giving work only said proposals to be taken into consideration at the 14th Inst^o.

The Engineer having enquired of the Board whether they would put over the Purifying house a Wooden or an Iron Roof, Ordered, that it be roofed with Iron, and let the Engineer draw a specification and Estimate of this Iron roof as also of all Iron work and Machinery that will be required preparatory to making advertisement for proposals for furnishing same and lay the same before the Board at its next meeting.

Resolved, that the Commissioners under the power given to them by the 46th Sec, of the Act 9th Geo 4th cap 82, determine to erect the building and all the machinery for lighting the Town with Gas, by borrowing money for the same, and conducting the whole making of Gas under their own superintendence, as, after much careful consideration such appears to them to be the best and most economical mode for the Interest of the Inhabitants, and that to persons lending money for said purposes they do issue debentures in form following.

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A. B of --- C --- having lent to the Commissioners appointed by the Inhabitants of the Town of Ballinasloe for the Improvement of said Town under the Act the Ninth George the Fourth Chapter eighty-two the sum of --- sterling to be expended by them in the Improvement of said Town in manner as in said Act mentioned and in no other manner whatever, the said A B, or the holder of this debenture transferred by endorsement hereon is entitled to receive the same in Four years from the date hereof together with Interest thereon at the rate of --- per centum per annum on the said principal sum of --- to be paid half yearly from the date hereof till the said principal

sum of --- shall be discharged out of the rates to be levied off of the Inhabitants of said Town pursuant to the provisions of said aforementioned Act, and also out of any profits which may arise out of any works which may be erected out of any money so borrowed.

Given at the Commissioners Board Room this --- day of --- 1841

Signed pursuant to minute of the Commissioners bearing date --- the fifth day of April 1841

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Clerk to the Commissioners -)

and the Clerk is hereby directed to have 250 of said debentures printed on parchment in duplicate, for that purpose accordingly.

There not having been any satisfactory answer received from Mr Bolger upon the statement made to him relative to cleansing the Town, Resolved that the Clerk do put the same statement before Mr J Maker for his acceptance, and report his answer to the Board at its next sitting.

Read a letter from the Secretary to the Grand Canal Company dated 27 March 1841 granting permission to make an entrance from the Canal bank into the Gas premises, upon certain conditions therein mentioned.

Ordered that the Clerk do write to the Secretary to the Grand Canal Company, thanking the Company in the name of the Commissioners for their kind intimation, and stating that the Commissioners will comply with the conditions stated by the Company.

Read a letter from Mr D. Lyons, to our Chairman dated the 31st Ult^o, together with a copy of our Chairmans answer thereto, Ordered That the Clerk do write to Mr Lyons thanking him for his kind offer of the use of his room, and acquainting him that the Commissioners when they leave their present room, think it

would be more convenient for them to assemble at their clerks room where all their books papers &c are kept.

Read a letter signed P. Clarke, requesting employment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do procure a Rate book

Adjourned to Wednesday the 11th Inst.

R. P. as A.M. Chairman

Wednesday 11th April 1841

The Commissioners having met pursuant to adjournment present, The Chairman, Messrs. Carroll, Horne, M. G. Hood, Wakefield, Freer, Blackstock, Lucate, Boyd and Shoughlin, the minutes of the last days proceedings were read

Read proposals from Hugh Mc. Manus, and Pat^h Crockett for stone cutting work under the Advertisement pursuant to minute of the 5th Inst. also, Phillip and William Dean and James Mitchell for Carpenters work, also of Thomas Mullery and William Hogarty for Masons work, Michael Donnelly for sawing. Read again the proposals for executing the whole work and it appearing to the Commissioners that Edw. Papes proposal reduced by him to £460 is on the whole the most eligible for the Commissioners to adopt. The Commissioners accept the same approved security being given.

Read the Engineers Specification of the Iron work wanted in every way for the Gas Station. Ordered that the Engineer do prepare a form of Advertisement for proposals for furnishing said work according to the Plans and Specification drawn by him, and this day under consideration and the same being approved of by our Chairman, is to be inserted in the Times English Newspaper three insertions and the Weekly Advertiser one Insertion and Sanders's two Insertions.

The Clerk reports that Mr. Mather will not undertake the cleansing of the town, Ordered, That pursuant to the Fifty ninth section of the 9th Geo 4th cap 82, the Inhabitants

be required on and after the 15th day of May next, to sweep and thoroughly clean the footway before the Front of their whole premises the same to be completed before 10 of the clock each morning, sweeping the dirt into the Channel to be taken away by the scavenger under the penalty in said Act mentioned, and the Clerk is to direct the Bellman to give notice accordingly and let the Clerk make further advertisement for proposals for cleansing the streets, lanes, and squares only, not including the footways the same to be opened on the 10th day of May next.

The Commissioners having had under consideration that part of the letter of the Grand Canal Cop^y relating to making a Quay or landing place opposite to the gate of the Gas premises and considering that to make such Quay would require a coffer dam which could only be put down, and removed at great expense, and be for the time a great interruption to the boats plying on the Canal, let the Clerk write to the secretary to the Grand Canal Company stating these circumstances and requesting that this part of their resolution may be rescinded.

The Commissioners having read an Estimate of the expenses likely to be incurred before the first of August next, pursuant to the 38th Sect of the 9th Geo 4th cap 82, amounting to Eight Hundred and forty three Pounds seven shillings and three Pence, ordered that the same be adopted.

Ordered That the Clerk do make advertisement as by the 36th section of the Act is required stating that the Commissioners will sit at their board room at their Clerks house on Monday the 10th day of May next at noon for the purpose of hearing and determining upon the appeals made against the valuation of the valuator of the premises in Ballinasloe and stating that the Commissioners will on said day receive proposals for collecting the rates to be imposed by the Commissioners under said Act, the proposers to state the per Centage amount, or amount, for collecting the one rate, which they will accept as remuneration for making such collection, and to name

two solvent sureties, who will join them in bond, in the sum of £ 250 for the due collection of the rates and payment of the same into their Treasurers hands.

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint Messrs. Cooper and Phillips of the intention of the Commissioners to sit, upon the appeals as above appointed and request their attendance to support their valuation, and to make such corrections therein as may be found necessary

Ordered that the Board stand adjourned to 11 o'clock tomorrow.

W. C. P. M. W., Chairman

Thursday the 15th April 1841 -

The Commissioners having met pursuant to adjournment present the Chairman, Messrs. Horne M.D. Hood, Luceall, Flattery, Freer, Blackstock, Boyd, Tyrrell and Carroll.

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read -

Read a letter from our Solicitor dated 27 March 1841 relative to securing lenders of Money for carrying on the Gas works.

Read a proposal from Edward Page, Tho^s. Page, and Patrick Moles undertaking to be security in the sum of £ 400 Sterling for the due execution of the work undertaken by the said Edward Page as set forth in the minutes of yesterdays proceedings.

Adjourned to Monday the 3rd of May next, at Noon at our Clerks house

W. C. P. M. W., Chairman

The Commissioners having met pursuant to adjournment present Messrs. Freer, Carroll, Blackstock, Cochrane, Horan M.D. Luceall, Flattery, Hood and Tyrrell.

Major A. Freer, was elected chairman.

The Clerk having reported he had no subject for the Commissioners consideration. The meeting adjourned to Monday the 10th Inst.

A. A. Freer Chairman

Monday the 10th May 1841

The Commissioners having met pursuant to adjournment, present the Chairman, Messrs. Freer, O'Loughlin M.D. Horan M.D. Connolly, Blackstock, Hood, Boyd, Graydon, Flattery, Egan, Coolahan, Cochrane & Desmond.

The proceedings of last days meeting was read.

The Contractor for the building having been called in was informed that he might now proceed with the work. Ordered, that the

Engineer do make a draft of Contract in this case, and submit same to the Commissioners at their next sitting, and let advances to Contractor be regulated by Certificates of the Engineer as to work done, or materials furnished.

Mr. Stevenson having preferred a complaint that his premises in Dunlo Street, were overvalued, and Mr. Phillips the Valuator having again viewed the premises, and reported that he considers the valuation as returned should stand, Ordered, accordingly, - Ordered, Thomas Blackstock Esq.

having objected that his house in Society Street was rated too high in comparison with Mr Graydons, his next door neighbour, and Mr. Graydon having been apprized of this objection, and having appeared this day, The Commissioners having considered the facts, order that the valuation on Mr. Graydons house be raised to £ 38, and that on Mr. Blackstocks be lowered to thirty three -

Read a proposal from J. H. Craig for scavenging the streets till the thirtieth of July 1842, also one from J. E. Madde.

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and another from E. Page. for the same, from Craigs Hotel to the Town limit on the County of Roscommon side, Ordered, That Mr. J. H. Craigs proposal be accepted, no payment to be made by him, or to him, -

Read a letter from the Secretary to the Grand Canal, Company, in answer to our Clerks communication relative to Building a Quay or facing the Canal with stone work, opposite the Entrance to the Gas Station, and informing the Commissioners that the Directors Engineer would wait upon the Commissioners upon the subject.

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be deferred till the Directors Engineer shall arrive -

The following letters proposing for collecting the rates having been read, viz, No 1, Richard Horan, No 2 Thomas French, No 3 Robert Adamson Jr, No 4, Lewis Carter No 5 John Korike, No 6 - Andrew Banfield, Ordered, That Lewis Carters proposal which is the lowest, and the securities being considered solvent, be accepted, and ^{that} the Clerk ^{do} direct our Solicitor to draw a bond accordingly, first ascertaining that Messrs Burke and Sharpe will join in it.,

Read proposals for erecting the Gas works, as follows, No 1, James Stephens, No 2, William Glasgow, No 3, John & Robert Mallett No 4, Henry Stohert, Ordered that the proposal of Mr. Glasgow be accepted conditionally, that is to say, there being some variance between the expressions used in our Engineers Specification, and the one annexed to the proposal, let our Engineer write to Mr. Glasgow for explanation, ^{thereon} and enquiring whether in case of not using his alterations, it will make any alteration in his estimate, but let him first submit his letter to the Chairman for approval, and let him also write to Mr. Steele of Liverpool enquiring whether Mr. Glasgow erected Gas Works there, and if he did whether they have proved quite to his satisfaction, effective, and let him enquire of Mr. Glasgow and Mr. Steele whether the spigot and socket main pipes, or pipes with turned bores are best, and let Mr. Glasgow send Estimates for both he laying the pipes, and let the Engineer give Mr. Glasgow the measurement and a full copy of the Specification -

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Ordered, That this board do stand adjourned to Noon of Thursday the 13th Inst.,

W. P. M. W.

Thursday the 13th of May 1841

The Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment present, The Chairman Messrs. Bloughlin, M.D. Horne M.D. Boyd Synell, Egan, Flood, and Carroll

The minutes of the last day having been read, The Clerk pursuant to minute of the 10th, laid before the Commissioners a draft of contract to be entered into by Edward Page, contractor, and his securities, for the Buildings at the Gas Station, which was read, Ordered that the Clerk do submit this draft to Messrs E. Page, P. Moclare, and J. Page, and if they shall be willing to enter into the same, let the Clerk engross the same on a proper stamp, and then have the same, executed by all the Contracting parties.

Read a letter from our Solicitor stating that the Contract with our collector, shall be drawn and sent down without delay.

Read a letter from Mr. Mallett offering to lower his proposal for the Gas works, ordered that the Clerk do acquaint him, that the Commissioners have decided to accept the lowest ^{proposal} before them on the 10th, being that of Mr. Glasgow, Read a letter from Wm. Curtis asking information to enable him to propose for laying Main, and fitting Lamps; acquaint him that the Commissioners having made advertisement, have concluded thereon on the 10th, pursuant thereto.,

Ordered, That the Clerk do write to the Earl of Clancarty, requesting his Lordship to lodge in the Bank of Ireland office the Three Hundred pounds which his Lordship proposed to lend the Commissioners at 5th Cent of Interest, and upon this being done let a debenture be drawn, and given to His Lordship accordingly.

Let the Clerk get from the Bank, a Bank book and check book.

Ordered, That the 31st Section of the Act shall be our guide in drawing all monies, of whatever amount, out of the Treasurers hands

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Ordered, That the Clerk do provide a rough day book, a Ledger and a fair Dr. and Cr. account book.

Ordered, That this Board do stand adjourned to Monday the 17th Inst.

W. P. O'Sullivan, Chairman

Monday 14th of May 1841

The Commissioners met according to adjournment present the Chairman and Messrs. Freer, Horne M.D., O'Loughlin M.D., Boyd, Connelly, and Egan.

The minutes of last days meeting were read.

Read a letter dated the 11th of May Inst. from Mr. Glasgow stating that he would wait upon the Commissioners on Friday next, ordered that a special meeting of the Commissioners be summoned by the Clerk for that day, stating the reasons for it.

Read a letter from Mr. Steele, Liverpool, in answer to our Clerks letter, ordered by our minute of the 10th Inst.

Ordered That the Clerk do write a similar letter to that he wrote to Mr. Steele, to Mr. Koffe Preston, read a letter from Mr. French dated May explaining as to prices of printing &c.

Adjourned to Friday the 21st May Inst.

W. P. O'Sullivan, Chairman

Friday the 21st of May 1841

The Commissioners having met pursuant to adjournment present the Chairman Messrs. W. Colahan M.D., Freer, Cochrane, Taprell, Carnell, Blackstock, Connelly, Quale, Horne M.D., Boyd Hood and Egan. The minutes of last days proceedings were read, Read a letter from Mr. Koffe in answer to one written to him pursuant to minute of the 17th.

The Board to be entered into by the Collector and his sureties having being received from our Solicitor the same was read and approved of, Ordered That the Clerk do have the same duly perfected and witnessed with the least possible delay, and that he do then direct the collector to commence his collection on the 21st of June next shewing him the clauses of the Act relating thereto, and directing him minutely to follow the same, and further giving him a written direction signed by himself (The Clerk) by order of the Commissioners, to pay the sums he shall collect into the Treasurers hands daily, and let him now give each rate payer notice of the amount he will be required to pay, and that it must be paid on the 21st of June.

The Earl of Clancarty having paid into the hands of our Treasurer the sum of £ 300 lent by him at 5 per cent of Interest, our Chairman informs the Board, that he has signed a debenture for the same, Ordered that the Clerk do enter same in a ledger account with his Lordship, and into his day-book and Dr. and Cr. Account book and into his Bank book.

Read the Clerks account of petty expences up to this day amounting to £ 2..17..9. Ordered that a check be drawn for the same.

Read the Stationers bill amounting to £ 19..11..7¹/₂. Ordered, That a check be drawn for the same, and ordered farther that the Clerk do not in future give any order for goods or work of any kind unless a previous minute shall have passed the Board for the same, and let him enter the date of such minute in his order-book, and put the order before the Board at each meeting.

Ordered, That a check be drawn for £ 3..0..0 to pay the General Advertiser, Dublin Evening Mail, and Dublin Evening Post for advertising Mr. Glasgow having waited upon the Commissioners, and proposed that he and our Engineer should together reconsider the specifica-

tion, and report progress to them, Ordered accordingly, Mr. Glasgow having further given to the Commissioners a paper writing stating the mode of payment that he would require, which mode differs from that proposed by our specification, and a second paper being the form of an undertaking to be entered into by the Commissioners for making such payments as in the first payment mentioned, and having further verbally mentioned that he would require if he engaged the work for six months that a man of his should be employed by the Commissioners at 5/6 per day to superintend the Concern, Ordered, that in these respects the Commissioners entirely abide by the specification under which the proposals were made, and the Commissioners consider that the Contract to be entered into will sufficiently detail the mode of payment, and they decline therefore to enter into any other engagement.

Ordered, that a check be drawn for £10 to pay Messrs Cooper and Phillips for valuation of the Town for Rates.

Ordered that a check be drawn for £2. to pay Mr. Craig for two months rent of the Board Room.

Ordered, that a check be drawn to pay the Queens Printers £2..7..3 for furnishing the Commissioners with 21 copies of the Act the 9th Geo 4th cap 82.

Ordered that a check be drawn for £7. to be paid to the Contractor on account, and let the Engineer give the Board a certificate to show that the Contractor has done work or provided materials to that amount and let it be signed by him and not mixed up with any other subject.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

W. L. C. Chairman

Galway County Council

The Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment present The Chairman and Messrs Flood, O'Loughlin, M.D., Freer, Hoone M.D. Blackstock, Connolly, Quale, Desmond, Coolahan M.D. Cochran, Tyrrell and Boyd.

The proceedings of last days meeting being read, The Engineer and Mr. Glasgow having reported that they have agreed upon a specification to be annexed with the several plans four in number to the Contract for the works, and the same having been submitted to the Commissioners who have approved thereof, Ordered that the Chairman do verify the same by his signature and that they be the specification and plans to be annexed to the Contract accordingly, and Mr. Glasgow having stated, that he is willing to abide by, and execute the works according to this proposal and this specification and these plans, let them be sent to our Solicitor with directions to prepare a contract accordingly, sending us a rough draft of the same for approval, before it shall be engrossed.

Read a proposal from Mr. Glasgow for furnishing and laying the main pipes. Ordered, that Advertisement be made by one insertion in the Weekly Advertiser calling for proposals for furnishing the Gas Main pipes, according to the Engineers specification, let the Clerk frame the advertisement and submit it for approval to the Chairman, and let him keep a copy of the Advertisement so made.

Ordered that the building Committee be requested to visit the Gas premises, inspect the foundation, and report their opinion to the Board, and that Mr. Cochran be one of the Committee instead of Mr. Desmond, and that said Committee be a committee to inspect the buildings as they progress, reporting to the Board upon all circumstances they may deem necessary to come before it.

Adjourned to noon on Monday the 24th Inst.

W. L. C. Chairman

Monday 24th of May 1841

The Commissioners having met pursuant to adjournment present the Chairman Messrs Flood, Boyd, Tyrrell, Freer, Quake, Egan, Coolahan M.D. Cochrane, Graydon, O'Loughlin M.D. and Wakefield

The minutes of the last day were read

The Chairman having reported, that Mr. Glasgow had declined the contract for the other works, unless he gets that for the pipes also,

Ordered, That so much of the minute of Saturday as relates to our Solicitor making a contract be suspended till further orders -

The Building Committee having reported that the foundation of the Building at the Gas Station is a bad foundation, the Chairman reported a direct different opinion given to him by Mr. Glasgow Mr. Davison, Mr. Wan and Mr. Kempster and Mr. Glasgow having waited upon the Commissioners stated that he is a Builder by profession and in the habit of carrying up large Buildings of great height and weight, as Factories, Engine Houses, &c, that he has viewed the foundation of the Buildings going on at our Gas Station and that he considers the foundation a good and sufficient foundation, and the stone work brought up, upon that foundation as good and sufficient stone work, and Mr. Davison having also waited upon the Commissioners stated that he is superintendant of the Poorhouse works, carrying on here and at Athlone, that he has viewed the foundation at the works carrying on at our Gas Station and the dry work carried up upon that foundation, and that he considers both of prime quality, Mr. Wan having also appeared before the Commissioners stated that he is conductor of the works carrying on at the Court House and Bridewell here, that he has viewed the foundation and dry work at our Gas Station and that he considers both quite good.,

The Commissioners are satisfied upon these reports that they are sufficient for the purpose.

Adjourned to Friday the 4th of June next

W. P. or J. W.

Friday 4th of June 1841

The Board having met pursuant to adjournment, present the Chairman, Messrs Boyd Cochrane, Wakefield, Connolly, Graydon and Horne, M.D.

The proceedings of the last day having been read, Read a letter from Mr. Craig requesting the Commissioners to rescind so much of their minutes as relates to his proposal for cleansing the Streets, Ordered, That the agreement entered into with Mr. Craig for cleansing the Streets be rescinded, and that the Clerk do make advertisement for proposals for doing this work under the Terms of our last minute upon the subject, but making two divisions of the Town and giving power to proposers to propose for either or both divisions of the Town, the divisions to be as follows, No. 1. From the bounds of the Town on the County of Roscommon side to the Flags of the house in which Mr. John Coolahan resides, together with all Lanes or Alleys branching off of the same, No. 2 Society Street to the bounds of the Town on that side together with the Street leading therefrom up to the Church, the Market Square, Dunlo Street, together with all Lanes or Alleys branching therefrom, Sea Lane, the Street down to the Canal Harbour and to the bounds of the Town on that side, Tenders to be sealed and addressed to the Chairman at the Board room, before 10 of the Forenoon of Friday the 11th of June Instant -

Read proposals for furnishing the Gas pipes, No. 1 Mr. Stephens, Galway No. 2. Mr. Hugh's 79 North King Street, No. 3. Courtenay and Stephens, No. 4 Mr. Glasgow, Ordered, That the proposal of Mr. Glasgow be accepted, and let the Clerk write to him accordingly and acquaint him that he is about to write to our Solicitor as ordered by our minute of the 22nd Ult^{mo} and let him write to the Solicitor accordingly -

The Engineer having certified that the Contractor Edward Page has done works to entitle him to an advance of £46, let a check be drawn for the same accordingly -

The Engineer having requested payment of the Quarters Salary due the 1st Inst., let a check be drawn for £25 accordingly

Adjourned to Monday the 7th Inst.

W. P. or J. W.