

Monday the 7th June 1841

The Commissioners having met pursuant to adjournment present, Mr. Coolahan Esq^r. Chairman, S. O'Loughlin Esq^r, Messrs Tyrrell, Egan, Horne, Carroll, and Wakefield.

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read.

Adjourned to Friday the 11th Inst.

W. Coolahan

Tuesday 8th June 1841

As I am about to leave Ballinastoe, for some weeks, I hereby appoint Mr. J. H. Graydon to be Deputy Chairman to the Commissioners during my absence pursuant to the 28 Sec of the 9th Geo 4th cap 82.

W. Coolahan

Friday the 11th of June 1841

Messrs J. H. Graydon and A. Freer, having attended and no other Commissioners being present, a check for £25 was drawn for the Contractor, Edward Page so much having been certified by the Engineer to be due to him since the payment of the last Instalment.

Ordered, That the meeting do stand adjourned to Friday the 18th Inst.

J. H. Graydon D^y C^lrk

Friday the 18th June 1841

The Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment present, J. H. Graydon Esq^r. Chairman, Messrs Freer, Lucan, Flattery and Tyrrell

The minutes of the last days proceedings were read. Read a letter from one of the Inhabitants Mr. McKeith applying for permission to open an entrance to his underground kitchen from the Main Street

Ordered, That he be permitted so to do, provided that he fence the same round with an Iron Railing and hang a suitable Iron Gate at the head of the Flight to the satisfaction of the Commissioners.

Read a letter from Bernard Leonard asking to be allowed to tender for the providing and laying of the Gas Mains, Ordered, That he

be acquainted that the Tender has been agreed to,

The Engineer having certified that £30 are due to the Contractor Edward Page, ordered that a check be drawn for the same,

The Clerk having he wanted paper and wax for the Commissioners service, ordered, That 2 Sines of Letter paper, and 2 of Foolscap with 2 sticks of sealing wax be obtained.

The meeting then adjourned to Friday the 25th Inst.

J. H. Graydon D^y C^lrk

Friday the 25th of June 1841

The Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment present the Chairman J. H. Graydon Esq^r. Messrs Freer, Floran and Wakefield. The Chairman filled a check for £30 on the certificate of the Engineer that such work has been done, by Edward Page

A sufficient number of Commissioners not being present to constitute a board, ordered that a meeting be summoned for the 5th of July next for the purpose of reconsidering the applications for making steps in the Main Street

The meeting then adjourned.

J. H. Graydon D^y C^lrk

Monday July the 5th 1841

The Commissioners met, present The Chairman J. H. Graydon Esq^r. Messrs Freer and Wakefield.

A sufficient number of Commissioners not being in attendance to constitute a board, the meeting was adjourned to Friday the 9th Inst. at 12^o clock

The Chairman signed a check for the Contractor Edward Page for £50 on the certificate of the Engineer

J. H. Graydon D^y C^lrk

Friday the 9th July 1841

The Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment present the Chairman J. H. Graydon Esq^r. Messrs Connolly, Wakefield, Horan Egan and M. Freer.
A Letter was received from Mr. J. McKaig Dublin Castle requesting payment of an account from the Dublin Evening Mail for advertising notice of application for the Act of Parliament, ordered, that a check for £1.11.6 be filled for the same.

The Engineer certified that the Contractor for the masonry has executed work and provided materials to the amount of £23 and a check was filled for the same accordingly.

A sufficient number of Commissioners not being in attendance to constitute a board, the meeting was adjourned to Friday the 16th Inst.

J. H. Graydon Esq^r

Wednesday the 14th of July 1841

A special meeting having been called for this day, the Commissioners met pursuant thereto, present the Chairman, Messrs Graydon, Cochrane, Blackstock, Egan, Horan, M. D. Freer, Boyd, Wakefield, Desmores, & Broughlin M.D.

The proceedings of the last days meeting were read. Read a correspondence between our Engineer and Mr. Glasgow and Mr. D. Arcey relative to Lamps for lighting the Town. Resolved, that the Town shall be lighted, by lamps upon lamp posts; Let the Engineer write to Mr. Glasgow, to enquire at what price per — he will furnish plain lamp posts in all other respects corresponding with his drawing and specifications save as to the pillars not being fluted but plain round. That a Committee consisting of the Chairman, Major Freer, Doctor Coolahan, Mr. Cochrane and Mr. Blackstock be a Committee to fix and decide where lamps shall be placed. They are to take the corner of Mr. Keogh's house as a point which to start from and where one lamp post will be placed, and to distribute the others as nearly at 200 feet apart as possible with liberty however to deviate therefrom a little where public advantage induces thereto, such as, better lighting lanes, or embracing and lighting of various streets &c. There ought to be a lamp post at each extremity of the Town and the Committee will be at liberty to curtail or enlarge the stated distance of 200 feet so as to meet the extreme lamps, But the Committee

may where they see fit bring the extreme lamps within the extreme points, provided, they do not exceed 100 feet in so doing, The Committee shall also be at liberty to substitute brackets or Iron Arches for posts where found necessary.

Read a letter from Mr. W. S. Kenyan offering to supply coals at 17/- per Ton delivered in Galway let the Clerk acquaint Mr. Kenyan that the Commissioners are bound by the Act under which they act, to advertise for proposals for their supply and that they will make advertisement accordingly, and let advertisement be made accordingly for sealed Tenders by the Ton of Cannel and other Coals used in producing gas each description of Coals separate addressed to the Chairman of the Commissioners for Improving the Town of Ballinasloe and endorsed 'Tender for Coals' said Tenders to be received before 10 o'clock A.M. on Wednesday the 28th of July, The Coals to be delivered in Dublin River free on board our boats. Advertisement to be made in the North British and Dublin Advertiser, Let advertisements be also made for Tenders for carriage by the Ton of Coals by the Grand Canal to be delivered in Ballinacree Dock and from thence into the Coal store at the Gas house near said Dock. The Tenders to be addressed as above, and endorsed 'Tenders to supply coals. The proposers must undertake to receive the coals from the Importing vessels in the River and to be prepared to do so on the arrival of the Importing vessel there, and no other charge to be made save the Tonnage price the Tenders shall state, One Insertion in Dublin Advertiser.

The Commissioners then took into consideration applications from Mr. McNeill and Pat^r Briscoe to be allowed to make approaches to their under stores by opening the Flag ways and gutting steps from the Street down. The Commissioners do not feel that they have power under the Act to comply with these requests. They fear it might endanger life however guarded by rails and doors which last might be left open, and the Act only enables them to stop up such places if already formed. Acquaint the applicants accordingly.

Adjourned to Friday the 16th at noon.

J. H. Graydon Esq^r

Friday 16th July 1841

The Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, present The Chairman, Messrs. Blackstock and Connolly. The Engineer having laid before the Commissioners a certificate shewing that Edward Page Contractor was entitled to an advance of £45. Ordered that a check be drawn for the same.

Adjourned to Wednesday the 28th July Inst. at Noon.

W. B. P. M. J.

Wednesday 28th July 1841

The Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment - present the Chairman, Messrs. Blackstock, Grayden, Greer, Hood, Connolly, Tyrrell, Cochrane, Carroll, Flattery

The Minutes of the last two days proceedings having been read - The Commissioners read proposals for Coals from James Carpenter - A. Walter - J. Nugent - W. S. Henryon - John Martin, J. Snape and W. B. Patgrave -

Resolved that Mr Martin's proposal for Scotch Canal Coal at 13/- per Ton, its quality having been vouched for by Mr W^m Henry's letter of the 23rd Inst. be accepted - The Commissioners then proceeded to open Tenders for the carriage of Coals from G. Tyrrell, J. Berry & Co. and the Steam Navigation Co. ordered that the proposal of Mr G. Tyrrell be accepted he getting reasonable notice of the time at which Boats would be wanted and the quantity ready there to be delivered, and let the Clerk write to Mr Martin stating the acceptance of his proposal, provided arrangement can be made with him so as to give Mr G. Tyrrell here sufficient notice of the arrival of the Coal Vessel and the quantity of Coal to be there delivered and enquiring what notice he can give so as to have the Boats in readiness - Read in Application from Mich^l O'Rafferty complaining of being over Rated by mistake, together with the Valuator's report thereon. Ordered that the Collector be directed not to collect from him or Mr Hynes till further orders, and let the Collector notice him and O'Rafferty to appear at our next Meeting, and

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Let the Collector also this appear before us having his Rate book with him

Read a letter from B. Reeves requesting time for payment of Rates - Ordered that the Collector do suspend collecting till further orders, and let the paper be brought forward at the next Meeting of the Board -

The Engineer having certified that E. Page Contractor for building has done work and provided materials to entitle him to a further payment of fifty five Pounds. Let a Check be drawn accordingly

The Commissioners having received the report of their Committee on placing the Lamps, having finally fixed their places, and marked them on the Plan of the Town

Adjourned to Monday 2nd August

W. B. P. M. J.

Monday 2nd August 1841

The Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, present - J. H. Graydon Esq. - W^m Coolahan Esq. - Major A. Greer. W^m Boyd Esq. - Messrs. Carroll, Lucala, Connolly, Hood & Cochrane

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read - J. H. Graydon Esq. was elected Chairman pro-tempore Rear Admiral the Hon^{ble} W^m C. Pock French was proposed Chairman for the ensuing Year and it was carried unanimously

Ordered that the Treasurer and Clerk do produce the Accounts of the Commissioners, balanced up to the 31st Ultimo at the next Meeting of the Board -

Adjourned to Monday the 9th Inst.

J. H. Graydon Esq.

Monday 9th August 1841

The Commissioners having met pursuant to adjournment, Present the Chairman - Messrs O. Soughlan M. D. Wakefeld - Greer - Tyrrell - Flattery - Blackstock - Lucale

The Minutes of last days proceedings being read the Clerk and Treasurer having both been obliged to attend the Assizes. The Accounts as ordered at last Meeting are not prepared, ordered that they be laid before the Board at its next Meeting -

Read a letter from Mr Martin to our Clerk in answer to one written by him on the 28th Ult^o pursuant to our Minute of that date, and Mr Tyrrell, one of the Commissioners, having informed us that matters between the Contractors for Coal and for Carriage have been satisfactorily arranged - Ordered that the Clerk do write to Mr Martin acquainting him that the Commissioners are ready to receive 100 Tons of the Coal contracted for, whenever sent -

Read two Invoices of Shipments by Mr Glasgow of Pipes and Machinery - Let the Clerk write to the Solicitor acquainting him thereof, and stating that we shall be required to pay the Carriage thereof almost immediately, and, of course, feel desirous that the Contract should be first executed, and that if this ~~is~~ be not quickly done, the Works themselves will be first executed

The Collector having reported that neither Mr Hynes nor Mr O. Rafferty are now at home; Ordered that he do warn them to appear at our next Meeting in manner stated in the minutes of proceedings of our last Meeting -

Read a letter from Mr Stewart to the Clerk acknowledging receipt of his letter of the 3rd Inst^o sending instructions to add the Pipes to the Contract

Adjourned to Monday the 16th August Inst^o -

W. L. P. A. M.

Meeting of Inhabitants convened. Commissioners Chosen - Comm^{rs} Lorton, Mr John Warden appointed. Clerk & Engineer - Ordered to advertise for the loan of £2000, The limits of the Loan defined - The cleaning of the Streets & the Bathrooms appointed

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The Board having met pursuant to adjournment, present the Chairman, Messrs Flattery, O. Loughlan M. D. Graydon, James Greer, Duval.

The Minutes of last days proceedings were read. The Accounts being balanced pursuant to Minutes of last days proceedings, the same are approved, and orders that the Chairman do sign the same, and that they be open to the inspection of all Rate Payers wishing to see them, and Copies thereof given, if required as the Law directs.

Read a Letter from Mr Martin Contractor for Coal, stating that he had received our order which should be forthwith complied with, and that he had arranged with Mr Tyrrell as to the Carriage of them here.

Read a Letter from our Solicitor in which he states that the Contracts is in the hands of Mr Glasgow's Solicitor and that he has written to have it expedited. Let the Clerk write to Mr Glasgow to state that Money cannot be advanced till the Contract shall be concluded.

The Collector having reported through our Clerk that Mr Hynes was still out of Town, let the Order for his Attendance and that of Mr O. Rafferty stand over to the next day's Meeting.

Read a Letter from Messrs Murray, Ross and Mr Dugall relative to fittings for private Houses choosing to take Gas from us. Let the Clerk acquaint Mr Ross in answer, that the Board require references to assure them that they are competent to this peculiar branch of Work, and also that they should lay before the board, price Samples of Pipes and all other fittings either for Shops, lower stories of private houses, Stairs or sitting Rooms.

Read a Letter from Mr H. G. Daunt, requesting to be employed in furnishing Meters for private Houses, Let the Clerk write to Mr Daunt to send in his proposals in detail, each Article priced.

Read a Letter from Mr Glasgow of the 9th Inst. acquainting the Board that much of the Apparatus ordered for our Gas concern has been forwarded, and that he has sent 10 Men for putting them up, and requesting that they may be paid by us, as his Nephews,

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who came with them, may require, and the Clerk having informed our Chairman on the 13th Inst^l that Mr. Hol-Glasgow required £10 to be paid for the Subsistence of three Men, he, the Chairman, drew a Check for same, of which the Board approve -

Read another Letter from Mr. Glasgow dated the 10th Inst^l sending Invoice of Goods forwarded on that day -

As Mr. Glasgow has expressed a wish that the first thing done should be to lay the Pipes, and as these are hourly expected to arrive, let the Engineer direct Edward Page to have the necessary number of good Workmen ready to act under the direction of the Engineer, opening and closing the ground for laying the Pipes and restoring the Streets, and find all Tools necessary as the Engineer may direct, and that he will be paid for the same, three pence per running Yard when completed, with the road or Street restored to the state it is now in. And let the Engineer forthwith acquaint Mr. Diamond with the necessity for immediately laying the Pipes, and to request him to do immediately whatever is to be done at the hill by Major Green, that otherwise he will while doing it prevent the lighting of that side of the Town, including Garbally Gate and House, to the great inconvenience of the Town and to the great loss to the Trust-reposed in the Commissioners, in which case the Commissioners would be bound to seek from him the cost for re-laying the Pipes, and compensation for whatever loss they may sustain by his stoppage of the Gas -

The Engineer having laid before the Board his Certificate showing that Ed^d Page Contractor, is entitled to an advance of £50 - Let a Check be drawn accordingly.

Major Green one of our Board having informed us that Thomas Dolan is willing to undertake the cleaning of the Streets, let the Clerk acquaint Dolan with what is required of him, and, if he shall then consent to undertake it, the Board hereby appoint him as their Scavenger till the first day of August next.

Let the Clerk write to the Poorlaw Commissioners

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acquainting them that we are in progress to light the Town with Gas, and requesting to know whether it would be their pleasure to take Gas for lighting the Poor House, and if so, what number of lights they would choose to have, that the Board ask for this Information now, as their Pipes are ordered at Manchester and by extending the Mains for the Poor House while the other Mains are laying, it could be done cheaper than at any subsequent period. And let him write another similar letter to the Governors of the Lunatic Asylum, as to the establishment under their Superintendance. Let him in each letter state that the Board expect to have the Town fully lighted by the first September next. And then the Board adjourns to Monday the 23rd August Inst^l.

W. P. M.

Monday 23 August 1841

The Board having met pursuant to adjournment, present the Chairman, Messrs. Shattery, Carroll, P. Loughlan M.D. Farrell, Boyd, Moran M.D. Freer, Luah, Coolahan M.D. Connolly, Messrs. Ross & Co. not having done any thing in consequence of our minute of last days proceedings, let the Engineer give Specifications for Pipes, and the burners selected by the Board as underneath viz, Copper and Tinned from 3/8th to 3/4 of an Inch per lineal measurement Union joints T joints and Elbow joints, up to but not exceeding 3/4 of an Inch, Brass stop locks of all sizes up to 1 1/4 Inch, Burners, 20, 15 and 10 holes Argand for Pendant and Pillars, Jets, Batings and Corkspurs not exceeding 3/8 of an Inch, Scrolled and plain Pendants for Shops, plain Ornamental Pillars not exceeding 3 feet high for Shops, and plain Ornamental Metal Brackets for Shops also -

And let him make advertisement in manner done as to supply of Coal accordingly, proposals to be here by Nine O'clock Monday 6 September next.
Read Applications from Miss^{rs} Byrne and Thomas Barnett

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praying for time till October to pay their Rates - Let the Collector suspend levy till further orders -

Let the Engineer make a survey of all the ground outside the Gasometer & Walls, and submit a plan for a Residence thereon for a House for a Laboring Man and the Board will make an order thereon at their next Meeting

Let a Check be drawn to advance £10 to Mr Sherwood on Mr Glasgow's account he having required the same

Heard a letter from Laurence Bryan proposing to be fireman to the Establishment, let the letter be brought forward when the Commissioners are choosing the Firemen

The Board being satisfied with the manner in which Lewis Carter has so far discharged his duties as Collector - ordered that he being continued Collector of Rates under the Board till the first day of August 1842. provided he shall enter into security as on his first Appointment, and said Lewis Carter is hereby appointed accordingly

The Collector having expressed his apprehension that some few individuals will not pay their Rates unless forced to do so by Warrant of distress - Let the Clerk refer the Solicitor to Secⁿ 40 of the Act and request of him to send the form of Warrant that would be right for the Commissioners to adopt, making it as short as possible

Adjourned to Monday the 30 August next, here

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Galway County

Monday 30 August 1841

The Commissioners having met pursuant to adjournment present the Chairman, Mess^{rs} A. Greer, Boyd, Coolahan M. D. Home M. D. Carroll. O. Loughlan M. D. Flattery

The minutes of last days proceedings were read
Heard a letter from the Solicitor sending form of Warrant of distress Approved

Heard an Estimate of probable expenses to be incurred between the 1st August 1841 and 31 July 1842 amounting to £1571 - 2 - 3
Ordered that all premises not included in the former Valuation be valued for the Rate of the present year, and let the Valuator thereof be offered to Mr Hempster whom he shall return to Ballinacree and if acceded to by him upon moderate terms, let him make it according, making return as the Law directs, and when return shall be made in manner directed by Law, let the Valuation be again submitted for inspection as in the first Valuation made, and the Commissioners will then name a day for taking objections thereto under consideration, and let the Collector give the Rate payers notice thereof, and that a Rate for the year ended the 31 July next will then be struck, and the Collection of said Rates commence upon the first Monday after the May Fair of Ballinacree -

Heard an Application from Mr C. Lawlor for time to pay the Rate due - The Board knowing that Mr Lawlor is well able to pay the Rate, will not accede to this request of which the Collector is to appraise her -

The Board adjourned to Monday the 6 September 1841 at the same place

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Monday 6th September 1841

The Board having met pursuant to adjournment present the Chairman, Mess^{rs} Graydon, Horn M. D. Tyrrell, Freer, O Loughlan M. D. Lucale

The Minutes of last days proceedings were read
The Chairman acquainted the Board that he had upon the Application of Mr Glasgow thro' Mr Sherwood drawn a Check for him for £10 - The Board approve

The Collector having laid before the Commissioners Certificate shewing that the Rate due by Mr C. Lawlor and Mr John Stames was still due, and had been by him as the Law directs, and acquiring Warrants of distress against those parties, let Warrants issue accordingly -

The Commissioners having observed that much of the Ground Spent for the River has not, even yet, been restored to good Level order, Let the Clerk acquaint the Contractor that the Board disapprove of his neglect of the conditions of his Agreement -

The Clerk having acquainted the Board that the Earl of Clancarty had lodged with the Treasurer a further sum of £300. Let a Debiture issue accordingly dated as of Yesterday, Interest 4 per Cent -

Let the Clerk write to Mr Glasgow stating the surprize of the Board at his non performance of agreement, and that they will put in force the penalty for delay as in the Contract mentioned -

Mr John Martin having made Application for payment for 100 Tons of Coal delivered in the River Liffy pursuant to agreement, and the Clerk having laid before the Board the Invoices of same in Mr Tyrrell's boats and reported that one boat load thereof had arrived, and was of good quality, let a Check in favour of Martin be drawn for £65 the price of said Coal accordingly -

Reporting to Mr O. Rafferty's application for reduction of rate and to the Valuator's Certificate thereon, ordered upon said Certificate that the Rate be reduced in conformity thereto but the Board do not feel themselves justified, in ordering

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an increase of valuation and rate upon Mr Lyons as in said Certificate of the Valuator recommended, that is for the Year gone past, ordered that the Rate do remain as stated in Rate book for that Year - But let the additional value and rate be put upon his part of said House for the present Year, when objection can be taken thereto, as in manner by Law directed

The Board opened proposals for fitments as follows - No 1. V. Laidlaw and sons Edinburgh - No 2. Roper & Co - No 3. W^m Daniel No 4. L. Youlks & Co - No 5. W^m Potts - No 6. H. Walton, No 7. Chinnor & Co
Ordered that the Clerk do make out a comparative scale of prices, and that the same together with the books and proposals be shown to any rate payer desirous of seeing same, in order that he may choose for himself therefrom -

No 3 being for Meters only - Ordered that it be notified to the Inhabitants when they can best supply themselves, or that any Inhabitants wishing to take Gas for private consumption, shall be supplied by the Commissioners with Meters upon the following terms - Viz - for not exceeding 3 burners 5^l 8^s per year exceeding 3 burners and not exceeding 4. No 3 burners 6^l 6^s - No 4 for 5 burners 7^l 6^s - exceeding 5 and not exceeding 7 burners 9^l
All exceeding 7 burners to find their own Meters -

Let Notes be printed setting forth all these circumstances relating to Meters, and fitments, and that every information will be given by our Clerk to persons applying to him,

The Clerk put before the Board a bill for advertising Amount to 4. 0. 6 - Let a Check be drawn accordingly

Let 100 forms of the Warrants, and 50 of each form of Certificate be printed -

Let a Check be drawn for £25 the Engineers Quarters Salary due thro' Mr M^r

Adjourned to Monday the 13th Inst^l at this House

W. P. O. M.

Monday 13th September 1841

The Commissioners having met pursuant to adjournment present, Chairman, Messrs Grier, Connolly, Sharpe, Horne M. D. Carroll, Graydon,

The Minutes of last days proceedings were read.

The Chairman having acquainted the Board that the Contractor for building had produced to him the Engineer Certificate for Work done and Materials furnished to the value of £25 he drew a Check for same accordingly. The Board approve

The Board having had under consideration what would be a reasonable charge to make to private individuals for Gas, ordered that the price of Gas be per 1000 cubic feet 15/-

If taken by burner. The price will be as follows

20 holed Argand burner per year £4. 4. 0 - Rating - £3. 3. 0

15 Do - - - - - Do - - - - - 3. 18. 0 - 3 Jct. - - - 3. 3. 0

10 Do - - - - - Do - - - - - 3. 12. 0 - 1 Jct. - - - 2. 10. 0

Not to those taking Gas by the burner will not be allowed to continue the Lights after Eleven O'clock P. M. penalty of ^{under} per burner per hour to be paid for, if entered upon

Resolved, that persons wishing to take Gas for less period than a year can only be allowed to do so taking it by Meter, paying for the Meter according to the scale already laid down by the Board for the year.

Ordered, that this scale be printed upon Cards and distributed, one to be sent to every House rated at £10 or upwards and let it state that demands for Gas must be made in the manner and form to be seen at our Clerks Office.

Read a proposal from Mich. Blundell to be fireman, Ordered that advertisements be made for proposals from persons wishing to be appointed Fireman and Lamplighter, the same to be decided upon at our next Meeting on the 21st Inst. at which time all former proposals to be brought forward.

M^r Sherwood having required for M^r Glasgow an advance of £6. Let a Check be drawn accordingly.

The Clerk having laid before the Board his Account of Petty Expenses commencing the 24th May and ending 11th September, both days included, and amounting to £2. 2. 7 let a Check be drawn accordingly.

Adjourned to the 20th Inst. at the Clerks House at noon.

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The Board having met pursuant to adjournment present, The Chairman and Messrs Boyd, Cochran, New, Graydon & Douglas M. D. Carroll, Wakefield, Horan M. D. Tyrrell -

The proceedings of the last days Meeting were read Ordered that the Cards printed pursuant to last days minutes do have the following words inserted upon them - "Note Persons burning by Meter are not intended to be restricted as to hours of burning -

Resolved, That two Firemen shall be the Establishment - One to be a Man capable of drilling the Mains, and doing generally the Smiths work requisite for the establishment. That the Salary of the first Fireman be 13/- per Week, and the second one nine Shillings per Week - Also a Lamplighter at 3/6 per Week. That the principal duty of the last mentioned shall be to keep the Lamps well cleaned, light and put out the Lamps, at hours from time to time fixed by the Engineer, Under whose direction the whole three shall be placed, and they must be subordinate to him in all things - That Daniel Graham be the principal Fireman - And Lawrence Bryan be the second Fireman, And that Francis Gillespie be Lamplighter, The Engineer to call these People into work whenever the same shall be required

The Chairman having represented to the Board that the Engineer had laid before him, Certificates showing the E. Page Contractor had done work at the Gas premises amounting to £5 since last Certificate, and at laying the Mains to the Amount of £10 he drew a Check for £15 accordingly - Also that M^r Glasgow having required a further advance of £7 he drew a Check also accordingly, The Board approve -

Let the Engineer acquaint M^r Glasgow Contractor, that the Board require of him to sign the Contract, and that the Commissioners will not feel themselves justified in making payments, unless he does so -

Let the Engineer procure a Ladder fit for the Lamplighter also the necessary tools for the first Lamplighter, as the same can be best procured - The Engineer having reported to the Board that M^r Glasgow hearing of delays occasioned by the Master of the Nepal in delivering the Networks in Dublin, had

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had new Retorts cast -

Let the Engineer enquire of Mr Glasgow the price thereof delivered here and report same to the Board at its next Meeting - And let the Engineer have an experimental Meter supplied, also 1000 feet more of Dupels patent Tubing - Let the Engineer enquire the prices of Beams, Scales & Weights and Triangle, capable of weighing 5 Cwt. and report the result to the Board at its next Meeting -

Mr George Tyrrell having sent in his Bill for carriage of Coals amounting to £ 43-11s-2 and the Engineer having reported that same is correct - Let a Check be drawn for the amount accordingly

Adjourned to this day week, Monday the 27th September

W. P. M.

Thursday the 23rd September 1841

The Board having met pursuant to Special call, to consider propositions made by Messrs Batty and Cochran relative to lighting their several Establishments, present. The Chairman, Messrs Quails, Edgar, Hood, Greer, Tyrrell and O. Loughlan M. D.

The proposition of Mr Batty being that the Board should supply his Circus during his stay in this Town, with Gas by Meter, that he would acquire 72 Burners, together with 6 Lamps on Brackets, that for the use of these brackets and Lamps, he would pay the Board £5 - which £5 would also cover the use of the service pipes and burners required by him - Let the Clerk acquaint Mr Batty's Manager that the Board will agree to his proposal provided he undertakes to take the Gas in number of burners as above

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mentioned for 18 days and nights, or to pay for that number of days and nights whether used or not, the average quantity used on the first 6 days and nights -

But Mr Batty is to understand that if he prefers to continue to use Gas as aforesaid for the whole 18 days and nights, then there will not be any recourse to average, but the Charge will be by Meter throughout - And that should Mr Batty require Gas longer than 18 days and nights, he will be charged for the quantity actually used as shown by Meter, all at the Rate of 15/- for every thousand Cubic feet -

Mr Cochran's proposition is that as his Workmen would be in one House of about 300 feet from the Street Main, it would require a Main to conduct the Gas thro' it, and that, as he would take 20 lights - He considers that the laying down that Main ought to be at the expense of the Board -

The Board apprehensive of making a precedent attaching peculiarity to one of themselves greatly regret that they feel themselves precluded from entertaining Mr Cochran's proposition

Adjourned to Monday the 27th Sep^r

W. P. M.

Monday the 18th October 1841

There not having been any meeting pursuant to the last adjournment the Board have met by requisition present, the Chairman, Mess^{rs} Freer, Hood, Blackstock, Diamond, Carroll Graydon, Connolly, Cochran

The proceedings of the last day were read

The report of the Engineer dated this day was read, upon that part of it which relates to escapement of Gas from the Pipes, the Board do not think that the report states it with sufficient strength, it is to so great extent that many of the Houses have become uninhabitable thereby, and the nuisance of stench in the streets so great as to make it highly disagreeable, if not injurious to be out in them, The Board do not think any thing done to prevent this has been sufficiently done, and the evil appears to them to be daily increasing. They observe too that all the Lamps dont light.

The Engineer will call upon the Contractor, and read this Minute to him, and acquaint him that the Board hold him responsible, and that as they are threatened with Actions for the damages thus done, if lost, the amount with Costs, must be defrayed by him -

The Board approve of the expenditure of Money as per report of the Engineer - The Board having gone into an inspection of their Contract with Mr Glasgow, who has promised forthwith to rectify all leakages and other defects if any - And as when this shall be done, he (Mr Glasgow) will be entitled to receive two thirds of the amount of his Contract - Ordered that one half amount of same subscribed by the Commissioners, and Treasurer be now called in and the Clerk do make application to them severally accordingly -

Adjourned to Monday the 25th Inst^l at 11 o'clock

W. D. P. M. H.

Monday the 25th October 1841

The Board having met pursuant to adjournment, present the Chairman Mess^{rs} Freer, Graydon, Diamond, Connolly, Egan, Carroll, Hood, Horne M. D. Blackstock, Tyrrell -

The Minutes of the proceedings of last days meeting being read Mr Graydon informs the Board that the Houses of Cap^t Warburton Mr Phillips, were intolerable from escapement of Gas, that Mr Boyd had told him that Mr Craigs lower Rooms were in the same way, Mr Hood informs the Board that the escapement is great in the Bridge between Craigs Hotel and his Mill, and the escapement along the Hill of Dunto being still great, and the Chairman having informed that he brought the Engineer on Saturday into the Shop occupied by Mr Yates where the escapement was very obvious. Let the Clerk state this to the Contractor, and express the surprize and regret of the Commissioners that the inhabitants should be still so annoyed -

The Secretary reports that he made application according to last days Minutes to all the Commissioners who are subscribers for half of their subscription as therein mentioned, and that the Chairman - Mess^{rs} W^m Coolahan M. D. Graydon, Freer, Cochran, Connolly, Egan, Blackstock Hood, and the Treasurer have paid, That the Rev^d Mr Dillon Mr Lucals and Mr O'Loughlin were not at home when he called, and that Mess^{rs} Wakefield, Boyd, Tyrrell and Horne had said they would pay, Ordered that debentures be forthwith drawn for those who have paid -

That the Clerk do call again upon Mess^{rs} Wakefield, Boyd, Sharpe Horne, Tyrrell, the Rev^d Mr Dillon, Lucals, Hattery and O'Loughlin and request payment,

Several of the Commissioners observing that the Lamps in the Streets or some of them frequently go out,

The Board called upon the Engineer to state why this was. Who reports that the Lamplighter has found the Lamp Cocks with the Gas stop'd after his lighting them, tho' he had not stop'd them, and D^r Horne having informed the Board that two Boys had been detected in putting the Lamps out - Ordered that the Clerk do forthwith make enquiry into the circumstance and report the result to the Chairman and act under his direction upon the occasion -

The Pump not being in order, and having long been so, let the Engineer call upon the Contractor to remedy this defect, and let him report what the Contractor does in consequence, and let

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The Engineer have the plan for Coke built as pointed out to him
The Engineer laid before the Board returns of Expenses at the Gas House, amounting to £6.9.10^p Let a Check be drawn for payment of same accordingly.

The Meter being for the information of the Engineer, The Board direct that the Engineer alone do keep possession of the Key.

The Board require the Engineer to see Mr Craig, and to report to the Board at its next Meeting what Mr Craig is to pay for additional Lights to his door.

The Engineer being interrogated, informs the Board that the Persons using Gas for private purposes, and who are desirous to burn by Meters, are not so doing owing to Mr Glasgow not allowing the Workmen to fix the Meters. The Board sent for Mr Glasgow, and having directed his attention to these matters, it appears from his explanation that some of the defects arise from the Lamps being put out after lighting without turning the Cocks. But that he will remedy the rest of the leakages forthwith. That the Cumps shall be rectified this day. And the Meters fixed without further delay.

Mr Glasgow having required payment of such Monies as he is now entitled to under the Contract. Ordered that the Engineer do make out and lay before the Chairman the necessary Certificate for that purpose, and that the Chairman be empowered to pay Mr Glasgow accordingly.

The Board having observed that the Streets are kept in greater dirt now than before they appointed Thomas Dolan as Scavenger they hereby ~~revoke~~ rescind their appointment of him as Scavenger of which the Clerk is forthwith to acquaint him, and give notice to the Inhabitants accordingly.

The Engineer having reported that the Lamplighters will not continue in the situation upon the present Wages. and the Board having considered the work he has to do, the time occupied thereby, and the breakage of the rest of his time by his employments, Resolved that the Lamplighters Wages be increased to 5^s per Week.

Adjourned to Friday the 29th at 11 O'clock

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Friday the 29th October 1841

The Board having met pursuant to adjournment, present the Chairman, Messrs Hood, Freer, Blackstock, Wakefield, Carroll, Egan, Tyrrell, Sharpe, Cochrane

The Minutes of last days proceedings having been read. Ordered that the Clerk do forthwith make application to all the subscribers to pay in one half of their subscription into the Bank, and to hand the receipts to the Clerk.

The Board place the Superintendance of the Pipes and Lamplighters under the Engineer, and upon complaint from him will investigate and where ^{absolutely} necessary, with the concurrence of the Chairman to suspend either or all of these Men till their next Meeting but for his direction in this they hold him responsible as also for the whole management of all of or belonging to the Concern.

Let the Engineer make a calculation of the probable saving that would be made by not lighting the Public Lamps on the days ~~after~~ ^{of} full Moon, and for three days before, and three days after the full Moon, and lay the same before the Board at its Meeting after the next.

The Board received a Bill for freight from the Steam Navigation Company amount to £1.7.2 referred to the Engineer.

Resolved that the Commissioners do in future attend the Board in rotation of one third each month commencing the first of November next, and that the Commissioners to attend for the said month of November, be the Chairman, W^m Colahan Esq^r M.D. The Rev^d Lawrence Dillon M^r H. M. Flattery, M^r David Wakefield M^r J. Lucan, and J. H. Graydon Esq^r, and those for the month of December next, be the Chairman, Major A. Freer. W^m Howard Esq^r James Tyrrell Esq^r M^r Thos. Cochrane, M^r John Connolly, and M^r Tim. Egan. and those for the month of January next be James O'Loughlin Esq^r M.D. D. Demmond Esq^r W^m Boyd Esq^r Thos Blackstock Esq^r John Hood Esq^r M^r Rich^d Carroll, and M^r Joseph Sharpe, and so on in monthly rotation commencing first of each month in future. Let the Clerk give notice to each Commissioner accordingly, calling their attention to the 14th Section of the Act. The Board having received the report of the Engineer relative

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To the extra burner in Mr Craig's Street door Lamp, Ordered that Mr Craig be charged for each burner thus used above one, at the rate of 3 feet of Gas per hour, and so for the time past and at the rate of 15/- for every 1000 cubic feet consumed.

The Clerk having pursuant to order in Minutes of last days proceedings, inquired for a person named Donaghoe who he was told at the Board had seen Boys putting out the Lamps, and who was said to be in Mr Cochran's employment, at Mr Cochran's, was answered by Mr Cochran that no man of that name was employed by him.

The Engineer having reported that he found the Lamplighters putting the Lamps out at an hour when they ought to be alight, the Board having made investigation, are of opinion that this may have arisen from mistake. Let the Engineer admonish the Lamplighters to be more circumspect in future.

The Board fix the price of Coke at 1/- per Hundred -
Tar at 6/- per Gallon - Ashes at 4/- per Cart load
The used Lime at the discretion of the Engineer, and
Ammonia Water at the rate of 2/6 per Hhd.

Adjourned to Monday the 1st November 1841.

W. L. P. M. W.

Monday November 1st 1841

The Board having met pursuant to adjournment, Present the Chairman, Messrs Luacle, Coolahan M. D. Green Flattery & Wakefield.

The Board adjourned to Friday the 5th November 1841.
At 12 O'clock A. M.

W. L. P. M. W.

Friday the 5th November 1841

The Board having met pursuant to adjournment, Present the Chairman, Messrs Green, Wakefield & Flattery, but Messrs Coolahan M. D. - The Revd L. Dillon, J. Luacle and J. H. Graydon Esq, not having attended nor other Commissioners in their stead, the Board were unable to transact business, of which let the Clerk by writing to each apprise them, and that the Board adjourn to Friday next the 12th November, and the Board stands adjourned accordingly.

W. L. P. M. W. Chairman

Friday the 12th November 1841

The Board having met pursuant to adjournment, Present the Chairman, the Revd Law Dillon, Messrs Luacle, Wakefield, Flattery, Graydon, Green, Coolahan M. D. Sharpe.

The proceedings of the Meeting of the Board of the last Board were read.

The Clerk having reported that the subscriptions of Messrs Rich Sharpe, Mr Tyrrell, Dr Horne, Mr J. Browne, Mr Craig, Mr Young, Mr Lamy, Mr Richard O'Brien, Mr Hogan, Mr Wm Conner, Mr John George, and Mr John Dickson, have not yet paid in their subscriptions, let the Clerk acquaint them severally that the Board having incurred debt on account of their becoming subscribers, it is absolutely necessary that they should pay in this instalment forthwith.

The Board direct that the Public Lamps be lighted half an hour after sunset, and put out half an hour before sunrise throughout the year except for three days before full moon, the day of full moon, and for three days after full moon, on which nights if the moon be not clouded, they need not be lighted, but if it be clouded they should. The Engineer will judge of the necessity in this respect.

The Clerk having reported that the bill for freight is correct, let a Check be drawn for the amount accordingly.

The Clerk having also laid before the Board a bill of 18/6

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for advertising in the general Advertiser, also a bill for painting and glazing amounting to 16/1 let Checks be drawn for the same -

The Board finding that the quantity of Gas necessary for the supplying the Town and private Lights is not kept up, and the Engineer having reported that it is owing to the Retorts not being kept at proper heat, Ordered that the Engineer do take measures to have the Gasometer filled, and to keep it so, or nearly so, at all times, that whenever he visits the Gas House he do inspect the state of the Retorts, and whenever and wherever, he finds neglect, that he do immediately report same to the Chairman, and afterwards to the next Meeting of the Board, And that he do visit the Gas House each Morning at 7 O'clock so as particularly to inspect the Retorts when given out of charge of one firelighter, into charge of the other -

The Board adjourned to Friday the 19th November Inst^o at Noon -

W. W. W. Chairman

Galway County Council

Friday the 19th November 1841

The Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, present Major Alexander Trew, Chairman, Dr William Coolahan Mr Thomas Cochran, Messrs Wakefield, Lucals, Blackstock,

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read - Resolved, that the Engineer do produce an Account of the Expenses incurred, the quantity of Gas made and the receipts from the commencement of the operation of the Works, And also the quantity of Coke produced from a certain quantity of Coals, by the next Meeting -

Ordered that a Desk be provided according to the Drawing shewn by the Engineer -

The Engineer have reported that he considered the time of the changing the Men, would be better to be altered -

Ordered, that the time of changing be for the future at 12 O'clock at Noon -

Ordered, That the Wages of the Men in future be regulated by the Engineer, according to the quantity of Gas made, and that he have full power to suspend any Man employed in the Station, for neglecting his duty or acting insubordinately to him in any manner untill the next Meeting of the Board, when he is to report the same to the Commissioners -

Adjourned to Friday next the 26th Inst^o

A. A. Trew -

Dputy Chairman

Friday the 26th November 1841

The Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, present
The Chairman, Major Alexander Freer, Mess^{rs} Lucale,
and Tyrrell -

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read
And from the nonattendance of the other Members of
the Commissioners the Meeting was adjourned to
Friday next the 3rd of December

A. A. Lewis Esq^r
Chairman

Friday December 3rd 1841

The Board having met pursuant to adjournment, present the
Chairman, Mess^{rs} Freer, Lucale, Wakefield, Egan, Connolly -

The Board having had under consideration a report from
the Engineer, that, of the 100 Tons of Coals laid in as a supply
for a Year, not exceeding a Month or five Weeks Coals remains
in the Store, Ordered that the Clerk do make advertisement for
a further supply of Coals, 100 Tons, The Engineer having further
reported that the produce of Gas is only 6300 feet from a Ton of
Coals, tho' the same Coals have produced near 9000 feet, and
that he can now make no more than 6300 feet, and that he
cannot account for this difference, And further that the
Escape of Gas from the Pipes is still very great, by which full
two thirds of the quantity of Gas made has been wasted and
much is still wanting, Ordered that a Special Meeting be
summoned for Monday next to take this Matter of high importance
into consideration, in order to devise the best mode of meeting
the great losses, and that a Copy of this Minute be sent forthwith
by the Clerk to each Commissioner not now present -

Adjourned to Monday the 6th December Inst^o

W. L. Lewis Esq^r Chairman

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The Board having met pursuant to adjournment, present
The Chairman, Mess^{rs} Hood, Egan, Wakefield, Connolly,
Tyrrell, Freer, Blackstock, O'Doughlan M. D. Coolahan M. D.
Moran M. D. Lucale -

The Minutes of last days proceedings were read -
Complaints having been made that there were still escapements of
Gas near the Residence of Mr McDonough near the Bank of Ireland,
near Mr Cochranes, Mr Blackstocks Society Street and near Mr Copins
The road to the Canal, a List of these is given to the Clerk and he is
forthwith to require the Contractor to staunch them, and he is to
inform the Contractor in writing that the Board will withhold
from him the expense of all the Gas wasted by Leakage of the
Pipes which is very great -

The Engineer in answer to the boards question, 'Are the Pipes
in any and in which way defective?' Answers there are many of
the 3/4 inch Pipes defective, they dont fit one another at the joints,
which he attributes to their having been turned in different Plans.

That the Pipes of 3 inches bore being properly turned fitted one
another, and being laid, have not since leaked - That he thinks
those that have been rejointed with proper Cement, will remain
permanently tight, but that some, those particularly in Society
Street, which were not so laid, he fears may not continue tight,
because the substance with which they are jointed is very brittle,
and if they sink at all, he apprehends this Cement would
break, and leakage ensue, but that if they shall be tight at
the end of three Months he would not be afterwards apprehensive
of leakage -

The Engineer being further asked 'What
Loss up to the present time, has been sustained in Gas, and what
is ~~its~~ its value, Answers, the Loss has been 276,500
Cubic feet of Gas by Leakage, and the value thereof at our
selling price £207-7-6. Being further asked, Is it your
Opinion that the Pipes will ever be perfectly and permanently
tight, Answers, I think they will all remain perfectly and
permanently tight except those in Society Street, but of those
with the present laying, I have my doubts, Being further
asked if he considers all the escapements to have been by the

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Joints, or whether some may have been by blow-holes or other defects in the pipes themselves. Answer, that he considers the whole escapement of Gas to have been from the jointing.

Let the Clerk send a copy of these Minutes so far as the Contractor is concerned to him, and acquaint him that the Board must hold him responsible accordingly.

Read a letter from the Clerk and Engineer of date the 4th Inst^r tendering his resignation.

Ordered that the Clerk do lay before the Board, at their next Meeting a Statement of the liabilities of the Board, and all their present means of meeting them.

Mr Phillips having laid before the Board further valuation of new Houses in the Town, Let them be entered on the Rate book, and the correction made by him in the premises lately occupied by Mr Hynes and Mr Rafferty, also inserted in the rate book, and let advertisement be made for complainants to come in under the terms of the Act, in manner as at the first valuation.

Adjourned to Noon on Friday the 10th December 1841

W. C. O'Connell

Galway County

Friday the 10th of December 1841

The Board having met pursuant to adjournment, present the Chairman, Messrs Graydon, Sharpe, Connolly, Tyrrell, Egan, Horne M. D.

The Minutes of last days proceedings were read. Received a bill of Cloths due to J. Egan for cleaning Lamps amounting 2/8^{rs} - Ordered that the same be paid.

Complaints having been made by Mr Graydon that his House, and Mr Blackstocks House are greatly infected by smell of escaped Gas, and from Miss Asher and Mr James Coolahan to the same purpose - Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Contractor thereof and direct him to have what is necessary done.

Read a letter from Mr Sherwood requiring payment of balance due to Mr Glasgow £. 70 -

Received a Letter from J. E. Madden proposing to Scavenge the Town from Craig Hotel to the bounds of the Town on the County of Monaghan side. Let this be brought forward when Scavenging the whole Town is under consideration.

Ordered that all outstanding subscriptions be now called on by the Clerk, and debentures issued for the same, and that Mr Glasgows balance now due be paid out the first proceeds therefrom.

Let advertisement be forthwith made in Saunders, News-Paper for 50 Tons of Coals usually used in making Gas, proposals to be directed to the Chairman and to be here on Thursday next.

Let letters be also written to Mr Henry Ballina, and Mr Martin Dublin to enquire what they will supply Coal for such as was last laid in.

Adjourned to Friday the 17th December 1841.

W. C. O'Connell Chairman

Friday the 17th December 1841

The Board having met pursuant to adjournment, present the Chairman, Mess^{rs} Boyd, Sharpe, Freer, Graydon, Coolehen M.D. Tyrrell, Connolly, Wakefield.

The Minutes of the last days proceedings having been read - Read proposals to supply Coals from Carad Morris, Clarke & Frankland G. Snape, John Martin and Robert Mory. Ordered that a letter be written to Mess^{rs} Clarke & Frankland acquainting them that the Commissioners do not wish to take more Coal at present than 50 Tons, first because of the time of the Year, and secondly because they would be desirous to prove the Coals before they take a larger quantity, That if they will send that quantity forthwith into the Liffey, and deliver it their into our boats, that we will take that quantity at their proposal, And in any case to write by return of Post to say what they will do, and in case they do not consent to this proposal, then let the Chairman proceed to treat with Mess^{rs} Carad Morris -

The Board having learned that one of their Members D^r Horne has given out that he had taken the opinion of Council upon the Construction of the Act the 9th G. 4. Cap 82 or part thereof, in consequence of which D^r O'Loughlin has been deterred from making his subscription -

Let the Clerk write to D^r Horne to request of him to lay said Opinion together with the case put to Council before the Commissioners at their next Meeting which will be at Noon on Friday the 24th Inst.

The Engineer having made complaint of the Lamp Lighter not performing his duty as ordered by him. Let the Engineer and Lamp-lighter attend the Chairman at his House at 10 O'clock of the forenoon of to Morrow, and let the Chairman then investigate the matter, and Act as may be necessary -

The Engineer having further complained that M^r Potts of Birmingham has not sent the Articles written for, but has sent others not ordered, and which do not answer, Let him write to M^r Potts stating the discrepancies fully, and requiring what was ordered, and stating that those things not ordered will not be paid for, but be disposed of as he may direct -

Let the Engineer write to M^r Glasgow stating that the Pump is not constructed as ordered, and that it does not work requiring him to complete it according to his contract

Adjourned to Friday the 24th Inst. Noon -

W^m Boyd

Monday the 3rd January 1842

The Board did not meet pursuant to the above adjournment

The Board pursuant to the Law, present the Chairman Mess^{rs} Graydon, Connolly, Sharpe, Boyd, O'Loughlin M.D. Diamond, Hood, Egan, Carroll, Tyrrell, Freer, Blackstock, Cochran,

The Minutes of the last days proceedings were read Received an opinion sent to the Board by D^r Horne in consequence of the application made to him pursuant to the minute of the last days proceedings, which opinion is signed J. D. Clancy, and dated 21 December 1841 being three days subsequent to the date of said Minute of the 17th and which opinion the Commissioners do not consider to be at all upon the subject to which said -

Minute alludes -

Let the Clerk make advertisement in the Dublin Advertiser, and the North British Advertiser, one insertion in each for a Person fully competent, to conduct the Gas Manufactory in Ballinacree. He will be required to set the Retorts, repair all Iron Work appertaining to the Gas Establishment, tap the Mains for private fittings or public lights where wanted, erect fittings and conduct the whole Establishment, and do all other things in his line that shall be found necessary -

Let his proposal state the terms upon which he will undertake the Work by the Year, and give assurance for Character, Ability, and conduct. He will be found in sufficient lodging till the Board are enabled to erect a residence upon the Premises for him -

Refer M^r Harley, and M^r Watson to this advertisement in answer to their applications.

M^r Boyd reports that the fitter was employed two full days in repairing the fittings sent by M^r Potts, before they could be put into use for his house, which cost 15/- And M^r Egan reports that the fittings designed for his House cannot be used till repaired, and that Cook for that purpose must be procured. Let the required Tools be got accordingly and the price thereof together with the cost above alluded to, and Harley's Wages while repairing the fittings for M^r Egan's house, be all charged against M^r Potts, and let the Clerk send a copy of this Minute to M^r Potts, and