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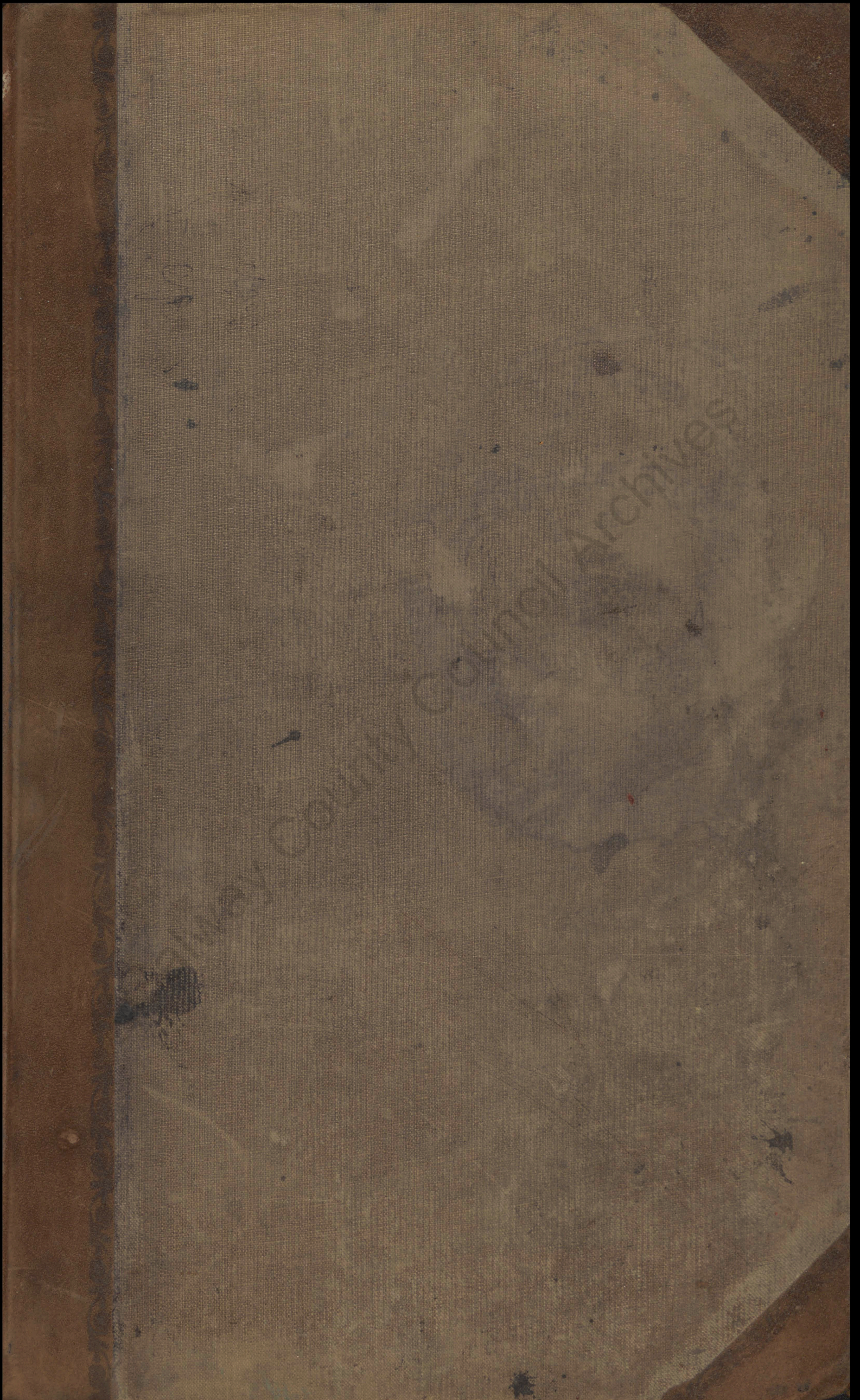
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9TH GEORGE IV., CAP. 82.

Valuation of Ratable Property £

The Weekly Meeting of the Board was held on Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup> October 1859  
day of

Present in the Chair, Francis O'Sherry

Other Members present—

John Burke, Andrew Banfield, Thomas Hyde, Patrick Moran. The Honble Peter L. Poole Esq.

The Minutes of proceedings at the last meeting were read and authenticated by the Signature of the Chairman.

The Clerk's Report on the Execution of Orders at the previous meeting was read as follows:—

That the orders were conveyed as directed.  
That the Surf Contractor supplied 3 loads of Surf during the past week.

The Clerk stated he was unable to make out Messrs Laidlaw's Contract for the repairs of the meters, but that he would make further search before next day's meeting.

That 2 ton, 13 cwt, 0 qrs & 14 lb. of each description of Coal was consumed during the past week.

The Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments was submitted, by which it appeared there had been

Lodged during the Week, - - £ 6<sup>11</sup> 19<sup>11</sup>

Paid out during the Week, - - £ 25<sup>11</sup> 9<sup>11</sup> 3

Balance remaining against the Board, £ 83<sup>11</sup> 17<sup>11</sup> 7

The Clerk's Account of Receipts and Payments was submitted, examined, and authenticated, by the Signature of the Chairman.

The following Bills of Expenses, &c., incurred during the Week, were submitted, and Orders made thereon, viz:—

National Bank for Interest on Renewal of Bills for £180 & £50.	£4 <sup>17</sup> 6
Phillip Boyle for keeping Clock for one year Ending 15 <sup>th</sup> July 1859-	7 <sup>6</sup>
Firemen allowance for attendance during October Fair-	1 <sup>4</sup> 0
Firemen Wages <sup>1/4</sup> Feely <sup>12/6</sup> Higgins <sup>9/-</sup> & Dolan <sup>9/-</sup>	2 <sup>14</sup> 6
Leonard 1/2 days <sup>1/3</sup> & 4 days <sup>4/-</sup>	6 <sup>7</sup>
L. Caulfield 3 days <sup>4/-</sup> Jas. Caulfield 3 days <sup>4/-</sup>	8 <sup>0</sup>
L. Caulfield 3 1/2 days <sup>at 1/6</sup> <sup>ass hire</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>
M. Donnell Lime Mt. Craig. sand <sup>3/-</sup>	13 <sup>0</sup>
Carrriage of Parcel of Books from Dublin Brooms	2 <sup>4</sup>
	9
	£10 <sup>19</sup> 5

Ordered to be paid.

The Clerk submitted the following Bills for payment by the Board, being first certified by him:—



The following Letters were read and considered, and directions given thereon, viz:—

Read a letter from Mr Cowan of Edinburgh forwarding detailed particulars of account amounting to £48<sup>17</sup> 0, and requesting to be forwarded with an acceptance of the amount.

Ordered That Mr. Cowan's Bill be referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Harpur and Roche to examine and report upon to the Board, and that the Clerk acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Cowan's letter.

Resolved That Feely be instructed to examine the lamps in the neighbourhood of the Presbyterian Church and execute any repairs necessary complaint having been made of an escape of Gas.

Resolved That Town Sergeant Dolan be instructed to proceed by summons against any person or persons committing nuisances, and that his special attention be directed to the market place, the slaughtering of Calves and other animals in and about the Shambles - being much complained of, and any person found so offending be summoned and prosecuted.

Resolved That the Rate collector be directed to proceed forthwith for payment by those persons owing for gas, and that in case of refusal the gas be cut off, in accordance with a previous Minute of the Board and summonses issued for the recovery of all sums due.

The Clerk having brought under the consideration of the Board the state of the meters

meters at Ross and Murrays, Mr Reeves, and Dr. Sharkey, and stated that the Registry was wrongly taken.

It was ordered that the return be corrected in the case of Ross and Murray, the charge be for 100 feet of gas - for Reeves for 150 feet, and none for Dr. Sharkey - inasmuch as no gas was used by him during the month of September

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Valuation of Ratable Property £

The Weekly Meeting of the Board was held on Friday, the Fourth day of November 1859-

Present in the Chair, Francis O'Flaherty

Other Members present, —

The Hon. Robert C. French, Thomas Hyde, Patrick Home, John Clarke, Patrick Ward, Frederick A. Harpur, Robert H. Smythe.

The Minutes of proceedings at the last meeting were read and authenticated by the Signature of the Chairman.

The Clerk's Report on the Execution of Orders at the previous meeting was read as follows:—

That he conveyed the orders of the Board to the Collector and Town Sergeant.

The preceding Minutes having been read and approved of, was authenticated by the Signature of

*F. O'Flaherty* Presiding Chairman,

And Countersigned by

*M. O'Sullivan* Clerk of the Commissioners.

The Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments was submitted, by which it appeared there had been

Lodged during the Week, - - £ 13<sup>0</sup> 0

Paid out during the Week, - - £ 10<sup>0</sup> 19

Balance remaining against the Board, £ 81<sup>0</sup> 17

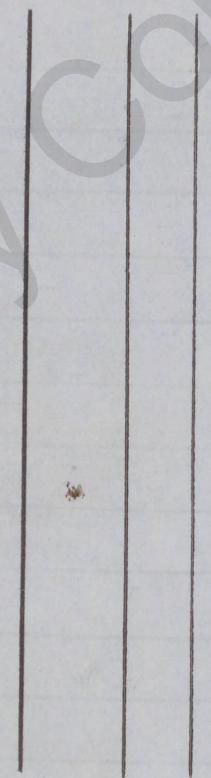
The Clerk's Account of Receipts and Payments was submitted, examined, and authenticated, by the Signature of the Chairman.

The following Bills of Expenses, &c., incurred during the Week, were submitted, and Orders made thereon, viz:—

That same be paid.

Thomas Boland & John Cane field	£ 1. 4. 0
Michael Feely	12. 6
John Higgins & Martin Boland	18. 0
Michael Leonard, Malachy and James Cane field, Labour & ass Hire	11. 7
John Ryan, Labour attending Feely	2. 4
Thomas Gill, carriage of Parcel	1. 11
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	£ 3. 10. 4

The Clerk submitted the following Bills for payment by the Board, being first certified by him:—



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The following Letters were read and considered, and directions given thereon, viz:—

The Clerk reported that 2 tons, 11 cwt 8 qrs and 14 lb of each description of Coal was issued from store during the week.

The Clerk requested instructions regarding parties indebted to the Board for Coke and also at what rate per day should be debited to persons for whom Feely worked, and whether the Gas meters which were fitted up for persons through Town should be charged for and what rate.

Ordered— That the Clerk furnish the parties with bills for any coke which may be due, and direct the collector to proceed in the collection, that private parties employing Feely be charged for his time at 4/- p. day, and that the meters be charged for monthly according to size, and scale already laid down.

The Chairman inquired why the accounts for the past year were not published, and observed that no time should be lost in their publication.

Read a letter from Mr. Anthony O'Dwyer complaining of a great nuisance existing in a passage at rear of his house, on the approach to the Church, and requesting the Commissioners would take steps to have same abated and discontinued.

Ordered— That Town Sergeant Boland attention be directed to the place complained of, and that he be directed to caution those people resident in the neighbourhood against committing Nuisances.

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The Pump in the market square being  
out of repair was under consideration -

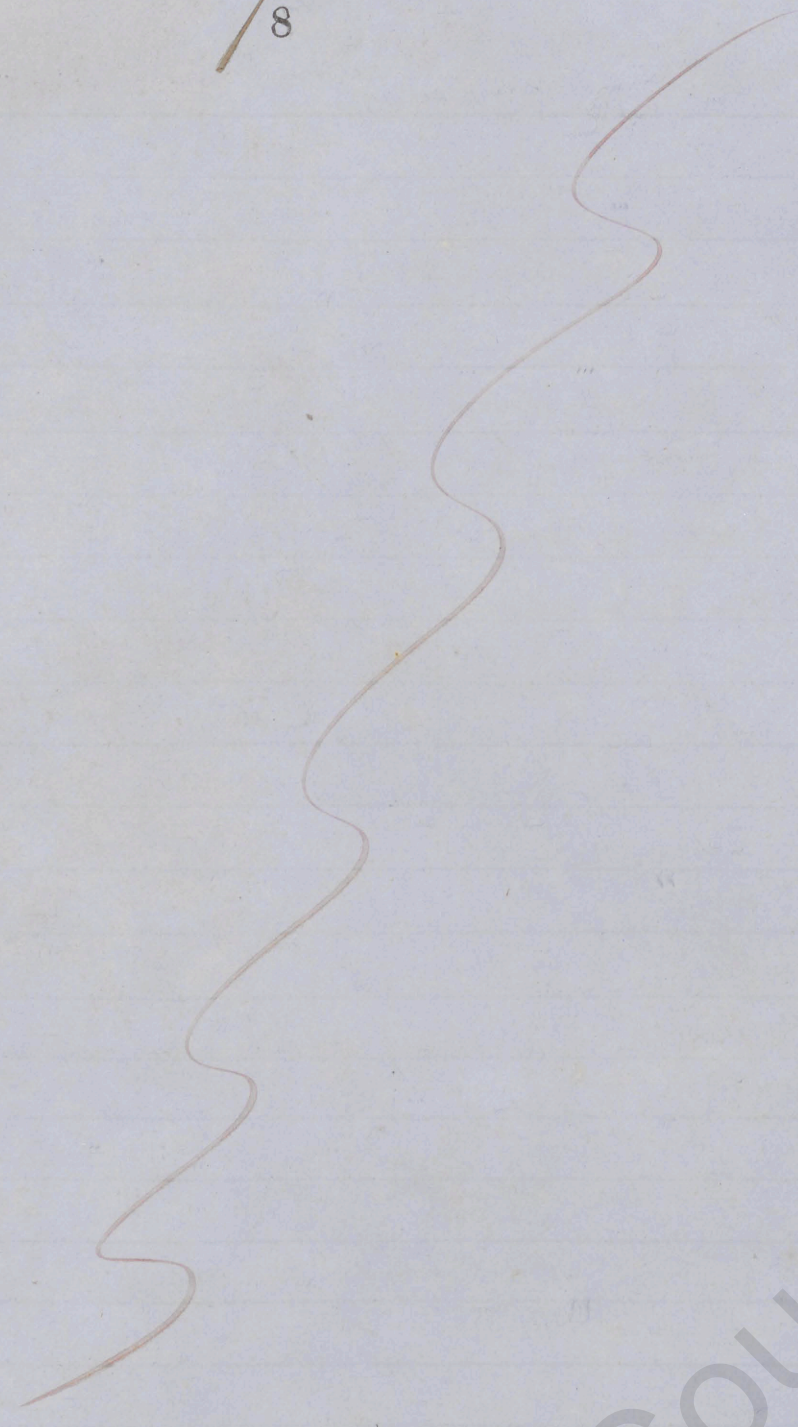
It was

Resolved - That Messrs Harper  
and Hyde be appointed a Committee, and  
requested to confer with Mr. Wilson with  
the view of devising means of putting the  
Pump in suitable - and permanent repair.

Resolved - That Feshily be directed  
to continue and clear the main Pipe leading  
to the arplum, from the point at which he  
previously stopped, and that 4 or 5 Laborers  
be employed, to open and close the ground -  
that Dolan be directed to superintend the  
men.

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The preceding Minutes having been read and approved of, was authenticated by the  
Signature of *M. M. Murray*  
Presiding Chairman,

And Countersigned by *W. S. Hill*  
Clerk of the Commissioners.

**Ballinasloe Town Improvement Commissioners.**  
9TH GEORGE IV., CAP. 82.

**Valuation of Ratable Property £**

The Weekly Meeting of the Board was held on Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup>  
day of *November* 1859-

Present in the Chair, *Francis O'Flaherty*

Other Members present, — *The Hon Robert Cooper French, Thomas  
Byde, John H Craig, Robert H Smythe, Andrew  
Banfield, John Bourke, J. A. Harpur.*

The Minutes of proceedings at the last meeting were read and authenticated by the  
Signature of the Chairman.

The Clerk's Report on the Execution of Orders at the previous meeting was read  
as follows:—

*That on examination it was found impracticable  
to raise any of the Main Pipes leading to the asylum  
but that the Pipe had been examined in one or two places  
(and found to be perfectly clear.*

*That 2 ton, 7 cwt & 1 qr. of Common and 2  
Ton 6 cwt & 1 qr. of Barrel Coal had been consumed  
during the week.*

The Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments was submitted, by which it appeared  
there had been

Lodged during the Week, - - £ 10<sup>..</sup> 7<sup>..</sup> 1.

Paid out during the Week, - - £ 3<sup>..</sup> 10<sup>..</sup> 4

Balance remaining against the Board, £ 75<sup>..</sup> 0<sup>..</sup> 3

The Clerk's Account of Receipts and Payments was submitted, examined, and authenticated, by the Signature of the Chairman.

The following Bills of Expenses, &c., incurred during the Week, were submitted, and Orders made thereon, viz.:

That Thomas Coland & John Causefield	be paid	£11.4.0
Miche <sup>r</sup> Feehily		12.6
John Higgins & Martin Dolan		18.0
Miche <sup>r</sup> Leonard for attendance on Feehily		
& cleansing the streets 3/4	3	5.4
Causefield ass Hire		5.3
Wm & J Hayes Red Lead 1/10	90	2.4
		4
		£ 37.8

The Clerk submitted the following Bills for payment by the Board, being first certified by him:—

G & B Eddington for Lamp		
Posts	3	2.4

The following Letters were read and considered, and directions given thereon, viz.:

Read a letter from Mr. Eddington of Glasgow requesting payment of £3.2.0 the cost of three Lamp Posts supplied last June by order of Mr. J. H. Barpuw.

Ordered— That a Draft for £3.2.0 be made on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Eddington.

Mr. Hyde, one of the Committee appointed to make arrangements for the repair of the Pump in the Market Square, reported that he and Mr. Barpuw conferred with Mr. Wilson, Messrs. Frost & Murray's representative in this Town, who stated, that the repairs necessary to be made would be executed for the sum of Four Pounds, and keep <sup>it</sup> in repair twelve months.

Mr. Wilson being sent for and having attended before the Board and explained the nature of the work to be executed, and at the request of the Commissioners Proposed to put the Pump in proper repair, and keep it so for two years, unless in case of wilful damage.

Resolved— That Mr. Wilson's proposal to execute the work as he has detailed be accepted and that he be requested to execute the work with as little delay as possible; and that the Clerk be directed to prepare a statement embodying Mr. Wilson's Proposal and have same signed by him.

Ordered— That the Clerk do call on Mr. Matthew Jennings relative to the presentment obtained some time ago for the repairs of the streets and Channels and other portions of the Town and ascertain what if any steps have been taken for

for the execution of the works.

Read a letter from Mr. Birmingham  
complaining of the supply of gas, and requesting  
that arrangements may be made for a better  
supply-

Ordered - That a pipe be laid down  
to convey gas to Mr. Birmingham, and also to  
Messrs. Ross and Murray.

The Bill in course of being sought  
for by the Grand Canal Co. to enable them  
to lease or sell the Grand Canal and its  
branches to the Midland Great Western Railway  
Company and the Great Southern and Western  
Railway Company jointly or to one of  
such companies separately being under the  
consideration of the Board. -

It was

Resolved - That the Hon. Robert C  
Peet Esq. be requested to bring the subject  
under the notice of Lord Clancarty, and that  
the Clerk be directed to write to the Town  
Commissioners of Athlone, Galway, and Roscommon  
and to the Boards of Guardians of Edenderry,  
Phillipstown and Tullamore, directing their  
attention to the advertisement in the Freeman's  
Journal under date the 10th instant, and request  
to be furnished with their views on the subject.

Ballinasloe Town Improvement Commissioners.

9TH GEORGE IV., CAP. 82.

Valuation of Ratable Property £

The Weekly Meeting of the Board was held on Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1859.

Present in the Chair, Francis McElberty.

Other Members present,—

The Hon Robert Law French, John Morke, Thomas Carroll, Patrick Harde, Frederick A Harpur, William Ivers, Robert Sharpe.

The Minutes of proceedings at the last meeting were read and authenticated by the Signature of the Chairman.

The Clerk's Report on the Execution of Orders at the previous meeting was read as follows:—

That the Resolution of the Board at the last meeting regarding the Canal Co., was conveyed as directed. That the Procurement obtained for the paving of the Channels thro' the Town was passed by the Grand Jury for a sum of £20.; and that Mr. Kempter informed him it was competent for the Commissioners to have the work executed, but suggested the propriety of deferring it until early in the Spring.

The Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments was submitted, by which it appeared there had been

Lodged during the Week, - - £ 14" 5" 4 4

Paid out during the Week, - - £ 8" 7" 8

Balance remaining against the Board, £ 64" 2" 7

The preceding Minutes having been read and approved of, was authenticated by the Signature of

*F. McElberty*  
Presiding Chairman,

And Countersigned by

*W. H. Moore*  
Clerk of the Commissioners.

The Clerk's Account of Receipts and Payments was submitted, examined, and authenticated, by the Signature of the Chairman.

The following Bills of Expenses, &c., incurred during the Week, were submitted, and Orders made thereon, viz.:-

That Treachily be paid	£ 12.6
Thomas Boland & John Canfield	1.4 "
John Higgins & Martin Dolan	" 18.0
Michael Leonard & John Finerty for attendance on Treachily, putting service	" 8 "
Pipes to Mess' & Gills Hotel	
Leonard & Canfield & Co Hire at market cleaning streets	" 5.6
Carriage of Boxes to Cowan for Rail	" " 10
James Murray fixing couplings	" 1.6
Harpur, Painting Cow Bar &c.	" " 9
Thomas Coffey for hire	" 9.0
James Murray for Repairing	14.3
	<hr/> 44.17.4

The Clerk submitted the following Bills for payment by the Board, being first certified by him:—

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The following Letters were read and considered, and directions given thereon, viz.:-

Read a letter from The Town Commissioners of Athlone, acknowledging resolution of the Board relative to the Canal, and stating the subject is considered important, that a special meeting has been summoned for its consideration, and that the result will be communicated.

Read a letter from Mrs. Enright requesting to be repaid 10/- which she advanced as a guarantee to the collector, some time ago, in accordance with the rules of the Board:-

Ordered - That the collector in whose custody the money has remained be directed to refund the amount to Mrs. Enright.

Read a letter from John Higgins, Lamp lighter requesting to be supplied with a new ladder, the present one being unfit and unsafe for use.

Ordered - That a new ladder be procured from Mr. Harpur, his allowing a sum of 2/6 for the old one.

The Clerk submitted the agreement entered into with Messrs. Ross and Murray, relative to the pump at the market square.

The Clerk reported that 2 tons, 12 cwt 0 qrs of 14 lb of Common, and 2 ton, 11 cwt, 1 qr of Canwell Coal had been issued from the store during the past week.

Read a letter from Mr. Thomas Hogan, requesting a service pipe might be laid from his kitchen where the gas meter at present stands to an office outside:-

Ordered - That Mr. Hogan be informed the

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Rules of the Board preclude his request being complied with, that he himself will have to bear the expense of any changes he may wish to effect, after the gas in the first instance having been conveyed into the Premises.

The Board having again under consideration the subject of the Grand Canal, and being informed that the Canal Company were not in a position to retain the Canal in their own possession, are of opinion the best proceedings to adopt would be to petition Parliament, praying that clauses might be introduced into any Bill which the Grand Canal Company may obtain, enabling them to dispose of the Canal to the effect that whatever Company may purchase will be compelled to keep open the Canal for Public Traffic as heretofore, for the carriage of Goods and Merchandise at rates not exceeding those charged on the Canal, previous to the leasing of it to the Railway Company by the Grand Canal Company, and that Hacks and other Boats should be allowed to Trade on the Canal as formerly, at the same rate of Tolls as hitherto charged.

Resolved That the Clerk do write again to the Town Commissioners of Athlone and forward a copy of the foregoing Minute, and also to Mr. O'Leary on the subject and that a Committee be appointed consisting of the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. French, Mr. A. Harper, and Robert H. Smythe to prepare a Draft Petition to Parliament on the subject to be submitted next day of meeting.

Mr. Robert Sharpe having brought under the consideration of the Board the great inconvenience which arises to the Private Consumers of gas from the circumstance of shutting off the gas at an hour before clear day light.

It was Ordered - That hence forward the gas be not shut off (unless in case of <sup>an</sup> emergency) before clear day light.

Ballinasloe Town Improvement Commissioners.

9TH GEORGE IV., CAP. 82.

Valuation of Ratable Property £

The Weekly Meeting of the Board was held on Friday, the *twenty fifth* day of *November* 1859—

Present in the Chair, *Francis O'Flaherty*

Other Members present, — *The Hon Robert C. Peir French Thoma, Kiple, John H Craig, Andrew Banfield, Frederick St Harper, Robert H Smythe, Robert Harper.*

The Minutes of proceedings at the last meeting were read and authenticated by the Signature of the Chairman.

The Clerk's Report on the Execution of Orders at the previous meeting was read as follows:—

*That the resolution of the Board at the last meeting was conveyed as directed.*

*That 2 Ton 19 cwt, 1 qr & 14 lb of each description of coal was issued from store during the week; that it was necessary to procure a supply of coal, both common and cannel, that the Treasurer has debited to the Commissioners Account a sum of £ 17. 1 for interest on over-drawn account to the 21st instant.*

The Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments was submitted, by which it appeared there had been

Lodged during the Week, - - £ *12. 15. 6*  
Paid out during the Week, - - £ *8. 16. 5*  
Balance remaining against the Board, £ *60. 03. 6*

The preceding Minutes having been read and approved of, was authenticated by the Signature of

*F. O'Flaherty* Presiding Chairman

And Countersigned by

*Mosnier* Clerk of the Commissioners.

The Clerk's Account of Receipts and Payments was submitted, examined, and authenticated, by the Signature of the Chairman.

The following Bills of Expenses, &c., incurred during the Week, were submitted, and Orders made thereon, viz.:-

That Michael Feehily be paid £	12	6
Thomas Dolan & John Cane field	1	4
John Higgins & Martin Dolan	18	0
Michael Leonard & Mary Cane field	11	9
James Power Broom		9
	£3	7

The Clerk submitted the following Bills for payment by the Board, being first certified by him:—

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The following Letters were read and considered, and directions given thereon, viz.:-

Letter from the Town Council of Galway relating to the Canal, and observing that a Committee was appointed to make arrangements for opposing the transfer of the Canal to the Railway Companies, and of conferring with the Ballinacloe Commissioners on the subject.

Read a letter from the Clerk of Coleraine Union, stating the Board of Guardians of that Union highly approve of the proceedings of the Commissioners in reference to the Canal, and that they will co-operate with the Commissioners in any movement having for its object the securing of the Traffic of the Canal.

Read a letter from the Clerk of the Town Improvement Commissioners of Athlone, forwarding copy of Resolution adopted at a meeting of that body relative to the Grand Canal.

Ordered- That John Higgins the Lamp-lighter be directed to examine the Burners in the Public Lamps, and report to the Board at its next meeting on their condition.

Referring to the Clerk's report,  
It was resolved - That Twenty Tons of Coal be procured from Thomas Heiter, viz. Ten Tons of Cannel, and Ten Tons of New Castle, and that the consumption of Coal to be used in the manufacture of Gas be one fourth Cannel and three fourths Common, and the result reported to the next meeting of the Board.

Ballinasloe Toton Improvement Commissioners.

9TH GEORGE IV., CAP. 82.

Valuation of Ratable Property £

The Weekly Meeting of the Board was held on Friday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dub<sup>l</sup> day of 1859-

Present in the Chair, Francis O'Flaherty

Other Members present,

The Hon Robert Carter Jenck, John Craig, Thomas Carroll, Wm. Ives, John Nowke, Robert Sharpe, Patrick Ward, Joseph Sharpe, and Frederick A. Harpur.

The Minutes of proceedings at the last meeting were read and authenticated by the Signature of the Chairman.

The Clerk's Report on the Execution of Orders at the previous meeting was read as follows:— That John Higgins Lamp lighter was instructed respecting the Burners in the Public lights.

That Messrs. Hinton & Co. forwarded the 20 Ton of Coal as ordered— and Invoices submitted viz 10 Ton of Lannel at 32/- & 10 Ton of New Castle Coals at 18/6.

That 5 Ton Common & 1 Ton 5 cwt of Lannel Coal was issued during the week.

The Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments was submitted, by which it appeared there had been

Lodged during the Week, - - £ 10" 0" 7

Paid out during the Week, - - £ 3" 7" 0

Balance remaining against the Board, £ 53" 9" 11

The preceding Minutes having been read and approved of was authenticated by the Signature of

*Francis O'Flaherty*  
Presiding Chairman,

And Countersigned by

*Thomas Nowke*  
Clerk of the Commissioners.

The Clerk's Account of Receipts and Payments was submitted, examined, and authenticated, by the Signature of the Chairman.

The following Bills of Expenses, &c. incurred during the Week, were submitted, and Orders made thereon, viz.:-

That Feely be paid	£- 12 <sup>0</sup> 6
Tho Boland & John Caulfield	1 <sup>0</sup> 4 <sup>0</sup> 0
John Higgins & Martin Dolan	18 <sup>0</sup> 5
Own Society 28 & Leonard, attendance Feely	4 <sup>0</sup> 0
Leonard Storing Coal 3 days	4 <sup>0</sup> 0
By Cleaning Streets	2 <sup>0</sup> 6
Caulfield Assize at Mariner	3 <sup>0</sup> 0
Joseph Curley for Ladders	5 <sup>0</sup> 0
Ross & Murray for Tubing & Plumbermak	5 <sup>0</sup> 1
Harper repairs of Supplements	1 <sup>0</sup> 10
Thomas Cave for glazing Lamps	4 <sup>0</sup> 4

£ 4<sup>0</sup> 4<sup>0</sup> 3

The Clerk submitted the following Bills for payment by the Board, being first certified by him.:-

John Clarke, Railway Carrier	
Freight & Delivery of 20 Tons	
of Coal	10

The following Letters were read and considered, and directions given thereon, viz.:-

The Clerk reported that the Commissioners acceptance to Mr. William Cowan's Draft for £45<sup>0</sup> 11<sup>0</sup> 10 would fall due on the 18<sup>th</sup> instant.

Read a letter from Michael Coffey of Craigh offering to supply Lime for 6 months at 1/3 p barrel.

Ordered- That Pat Mc Donnell of Poolbeg be called upon to fulfil his contract to supply Lime at One Shilling per Barrel.

Read a letter from Thomas Boland and John Caulfield Firemen, requesting an advance of Wages.-

The consideration of the application was postponed until next day of Meeting.

The Chairman having mentioned that a Public Meeting was to take place at Parsonstown on Monday next for the purpose of considering the subject of the Grand Canal, and suggested that the views of this Board on the subject, should be laid before that meeting.

It was Resolved- That the Chairman be requested to bring the subject under the notice of the meeting, and that the Clerk be directed to furnish the Chairman with a copy of the Minute by the Board at its meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> ultimo.

The Board having under Consideration the

The subject of the outstanding Rates,  
It was

Resolved - That the Hon Robert  
Letoer French be requested to bring under Lord  
Clancarty's notice the circumstance of a sum of  
£2, 3. 0 of Rates due on the Ballinacloe  
Dispensary House and Poor House of which his  
Lordship is the Landlord, with the view of his  
paying the amount inasmuch as <sup>he</sup> is liable to  
pay Poor Rates and Grand Jury Cess for those  
Premises.

That a sum of £- 4. 6 Rates assessed  
against James O'Loughlin for an unoccupied  
store in Sea Lane be allowed to remain over  
as also of 5/9 due on Houses in Sea Lane  
occupied by Gurningham and others - with  
instructions to the Collector to exert himself  
in their recovery, that a sum of 8/6 due by  
Mrs. McLaughlin be inquired into, that the  
Collector be called upon to settle for a sum  
of 4/6 charged against Mrs. Moloney, and 3/-  
charged against Michael Burke that Mrs.  
Boulger be called upon to pay a sum of  
19/12 due on a house which she now occupies  
and situate in River Street, that Mr. Reeves be  
called upon to pay a sum of 2/6 and 19/10<sup>2</sup>  
assessed against him for a house in Dumb  
Street and a house in River Street, that  
a sum of £3. 5. 6 due by William Dancy  
be allowed to remain over, it having been  
stated that no property is to be found upon  
the Premises to realize the amount, that  
Civil Bills be issued against William Keenan  
for a sum of 2/6 Rates assessed against  
him.

him, and also against John McNeill for Rates  
assessed on the Agricultural Hall which he now  
occupies.

Mr. Joseph Sharpe having brought under  
the notice of the Board the quality of the Gas  
Light during the past week, and being informed that  
Gas during the past week was manufactured from  
three Parts Common and one part Cannell, with a  
view to Economy.

It was ordered - That Equal quantities of  
Common and Cannell Coal be again used in the  
manufacture of gas.

Mr. Patrick Marole having mentioned that  
the government standard for testing the measurement  
of Gas was prepared - a desultory Conversation  
ensued but no order was made.

Robert French, (in the Chair)

Ballinasloe Town Improvement Commissioners.

9TH GEORGE IV., CAP. 82.

Valuation of Ratable Property £

The Weekly Meeting of the Board was held on Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, day of December 1859.

Present in the Chair, The Hon Robert Leveson Trench.

Other Members present, John Burke, J. A. Murphy, Thomas Hyde, Patrick Harde, Robert H Smyth.

The Minutes of proceedings at the last meeting were read and authenticated by the Signature of the Chairman.

The Clerk's Report on the Execution of Orders at the previous meeting was read as follows:— That William Perrin undertook to settle the balance of Rate due by him.

That 2 ton, 13 cwt, 3 qrs of each description of Coal was issued from Store during the past week..

The preceding Minutes having been read and approved of was authenticated by the Signature of

Presiding Chairman,

And Countersigned by

Clerk of the Commissioners.

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The Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments was submitted, by which it appeared there had been

Lodged during the Week, - - £ 12<sup>0</sup> 11<sup>0</sup> 7

Paid out during the Week, - - £ 14<sup>0</sup> 4<sup>0</sup> 3

Balance remaining against the Board, £ 67<sup>0</sup> 14<sup>0</sup> 2

The Clerk's Account of Receipts and Payments was submitted, examined, and authenticated, by the Signature of the Chairman.

The following Bills of Expenses, &c., incurred during the Week, were submitted, and Orders made thereon, viz.:-

That Feely be paid	£	12	6
Poland <sup>12/-</sup> Caulfield <sup>12/-</sup> Higgins <sup>9/-</sup> Dolan <sup>9/-</sup>	2	2	0
Coffey for hire 8/3 Spongs 4/-	9	3	
Pat M <sup>o</sup> Donnell Linc	5	0	
Michael Leonard Labour	5	0	
Malachy Caulfield ass <sup>o</sup> nce	6	0	
Owen Kincaid Attendance on Feely	1	0	
	£	44	0
		9	

The Clerk submitted the following Bills for payment by the Board, being first certified by him:—

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The following Letters were read and considered, and directions given thereon, viz.:-

Read a letter from Anne Higgins as to an obstruction committed by Pat Kibrey:-

The Board have no jurisdiction to interfere,

A Draft of a Petition to Parliament in reference to the Cawoll was submitted to the Board and approved of:-

Ordered that it be engrossed by the Clerk.



Valuation of Ratable Property £

The Weekly Meeting of the Board was held on Friday, the *Sixteenth* day of *December 1859*.

Present in the Chair, *Francis Flaherty*.

Other Members present, — *Dominick Burke, Thomas Hyde, Robert Sharpe Robert H Smythe, Joseph Sharpe, J. A. Harpur. and Mr. Moulton Robert P. Trench*

The Minutes of proceedings at the last meeting were read and authenticated by the Signature of the Chairman.

The Clerk's Report on the Execution of Orders at the previous meeting was read as follows:— *That 2 tons, 13 cwt, 3 qrs " of each description of Coal was issued from store during the past week.*

*That a Mr. Bourne had proposed to pay a sum of Five Pounds for the heap of Manure outside, and the heap of Siled Lime in the yard.*

*Ordered— That the Manure and Lime be sold by auction.*

The Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments was submitted, by which it appeared there had been

Lodged during the Week, - - £ *21.11.44*

Paid out during the Week, - - £ *4.0.9*

Balance remaining against the Board, £ *37.12.0*

The preceding Minutes having been read and approved of was authenticated by the Signature of

*Francis Flaherty*  
Presiding Chairman,

And Countersigned by

*Mosford*  
Clerk of the Commissioners.

The Clerk's Account of Receipts and Payments was submitted, examined, and authenticated, by the Signature of the Chairman.

The following Bills of Expenses, &c., incurred during the Week, were submitted, and Orders made thereon, viz.:

Wm Feely he paid 1 weeks wages	£ 12..6
Boland and Caulfield "	1..4..0
Higgins and Dolan "	18..0
Leonard <sup>sts</sup> & Caulfield <sup>sts</sup> - Cleansing str <sup>s</sup>	11..5
Caulfield at Manors 2 days	2..0
Ross and Murray for work & materials 1 "	3..4
Harpur Cockoil and Holdfasts	1..7
Hynes for lead	2..4
Gunn	1..0
Brooms <sup>9d</sup> Mr. Daniel for lime <sup>20/-</sup>	1..0..9
Smerty attending Feely 2 days.	2..6
£ 54 19 5	

The Clerk submitted the following Bills for payment by the Board, being first certified by him:—


The following Letters were read and considered, and directions given thereon, viz.:

Read a letter from the Clerk to the Board of Guardians of Tullamore Union stating that the Board fully approved of the Proceedings by the Town Imp<sup>t</sup> Commissioners of Ballinacloe in opposing the passing of the Canal to the Railway Companies - and that the Board of Guardians will by all means oppose the project.

The Clerk submitted a letter which he had received from Mr. William Cowan of Edinburgh pressing for payment of his account £48.17.0. The Clerk stated that an acceptance by the Board to Mr. Cowan would be due on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> instant, and that in consequence of the Financial position of the Commissioners he had <sup>written</sup> to Mr. Cowan requesting that he would renew the Bill to which he has consented, and has forwarded a Draft for both Bills with Interest included amounting to £96.0.2.

The Clerk submitted Mr. Cowan's Draft at 4 months for the amount when it was

Resolved - That the Draft be accepted by the Clerk on behalf of the Commissioners, and forwarded to Mr. Cowan, with a request that he would return the Bill for £45.11.10.

Read a report from John Higgins Lamp Lighter, stating that all the Gas Burners in Public Lamps are in good order.

The Clerk submitted the Petition which he

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he had engrossed as directed - which was signed by the Chairman and the other members present, and Dolan directed to procure the signatures of the Inhabitants of the Town and that it be afterwards lodged at the Star Office for signature.

Mr. Joseph Sharpe having brought before the Board the circumstance of the Clerk having debited him with the Cost of a Meter instead of charging him as was the custom a monthly Rent for the use of it, after some desultory conversation, it was

Ordered - That a Rent of one shilling each month be charged to Mr Sharpe for the use of the meter, and that his account be credited with the Cost charged.

The Clerk brought before the Board the circumstance of Mr Harpur having got a Meter the Cost of which was £3.5.0. and of his having returned a Meter which was completely useless; and stated that no record was on the books authorizing such an exchange.

Mr Harpur having stated that such a record should have been entered on the Minutes, but inasmuch as it had not been made he would take back his own meter.

The subject of collecting the Cost of Gas consumed monthly from Lord Clancarty as from all other persons.

It was agreed that taking into consideration the large amount due by the Commissioners

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Commissioners to Lord Clancarty that his account be kept as heretofore and that he be debited with the monthly consumption of gas.

The subject of the outstanding Rates being under consideration, it was

Ordered - That a Civil Bill be issued against John McKeown as present occupier of the Agricultural Hall for a Rate of £2.0.0 made against them premises in 1857, while in occupation of Messrs Waters & Co., and that the Clerk do communicate with the Town Commissioners of Armagh, Coleraine, and Parsonstown, with the view of ascertaining how far they have proceeded in the Levying of Rates from the owners or Landlords, of Premises occupied as Dispensaries under the Medical Charities Act.

Ballinasloe Toton Improvement Commissioners.

9TH GEORGE IV., CAP. 82.

Valuation of Ratable Property £

The Weekly Meeting of the Board was held on Friday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1859.

Present in the Chair, Francis O'Leary

Other Members present, The Hon Robert Charles French, John McCraig, J. A. Keefe, Thomas Kyle, John Burke.

The Minutes of proceedings at the last meeting were read and authenticated by the Signature of the Chairman.

The Clerk's Report on the Execution of Orders at the previous meeting was read as follows:— That the orders of the Board were conveyed as directed.

That 3 tons 9 cwt, 3 qrs and 14 lb of each description of coal was issued from store during the past week, and that it would be necessary to procure a supply of coal, the last coal had from Messrs. Heiton was not good, particularly the skew-battle, which in the opinion of the Members is not adapted for the manufacture of gas in a profitable manner.

The Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments was submitted, by which it appeared there had been

Lodged during the Week, - - £ 15. 1. 0

Paid out during the Week, - - £ 5. 19. 5

Balance remaining against the Board, £ 28. 10. 5

The preceding Minutes having been read and approved of was authenticated by the Signature of

*M. Keefe*  
Presiding Chairman,

And Countersigned by

*J. Keefe*  
Clerk of the Commissioners.

The Clerk's Account of Receipts and Payments was submitted, examined, and authenticated, by the Signature of the Chairman.

The following Bills of Expenses, &c., incurred during the Week, were submitted, and Orders made thereon, viz.:

Short Feely be paid 1 Week's wages	£ 12.6
Balana and Caulfield	1. 4. 0
Higgins and Dolan	18. 0
Leonard Labors	4. 0
Caulfield, Ass Hire	2. 3
Horse Hire	3. 0
Power. Branno	9
	£ 3. 4. 6
Christmas Box to Men	1. 5. 0
	£ 4. 9. 6

The Clerk submitted the following Bills for payment by the Board, being first certified by him:—

Robert L Smyther	3	16	1
Thomas Gill, Salary	10	"	"
John Keill on account of Portage fees	5	"	"

Galway County Council

The following Letters were read and considered, and directions given thereon, viz.:

The Clerk stated Mr. McSwain sold the Manure and Soiled Lime by auction on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> instant, as directed, viz

Mr. Francis E. Madden, Large Heap of Manure	£ 7. 12. 6
Same for Ashes	5. 0
Mr. Robert Sharpe, Small Heap of Manure	2. 15. 0
Mr. Warner Barr Soiled Limes	4. 16. 0
	£ 15. 8. 6

Read a letter from John J Hamerton Solicitor "Dublin", requesting payment of £37. 11. 4 due Messrs R Laidlaw & Son of Glasgow.

The Clerk stated he had written to Mr. Hamerton Messrs Laidlaw on the subject, and submitted copies of his letters which the Board approved of.

The Clerk reported that a Bill for £55. 10. 0 passed to Messrs Heiton & Co. of Dublin for Coal would be due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January next, the Clerk further stated he had written to Messrs Heiton on the subject and submitted a copy of his letter, and reported that Messrs Heiton agreed to renew the Bill for 3 months, and to include the amount of the Invoice for the last Coal led from them.

The Board approved of the Clerk's proceeding.

Read a letter from Messrs Heiton & Co forwarding Bill <sup>at 3 months</sup> for acceptance by the Board for £81. 11. 6 amount of their account and Bill for £55. 10. 0 together with 16/6 interest on Renewal.

Resolved. That the Clerk do accept the