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BOARD OF GUARDIAN MINUTES

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28 July 1852 – 5 January 1853

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CLIFDEN UNION.

Population in 1851.....25,389

Present Net Annual Value,.....£ 13670.11.6

STATE of the WORKHOUSE for the Week ending Saturday, the 24th day of July 1852

Number of inmates for which accommodation is provided.	No. that can be accommodated in each building.	Total No. in each building on the above date.	Able-bodied.		Aged and Infirm persons, and adult persons, above 15 years of age, but not working.		Boys and Girls above 9 and under 15 years of age.		Children above 5 and under 9 years of age.	Children above 2 and under 5 years of age.	Infants under 2 years of age.	RETURN OF SICK AND LUNATICS.		OBSERVATIONS.
			Males.	Fem.	Males.	Fem.	Boys.	Girls.				Total.	No. of Lunatics and Idiots in the above Workhouse on the above date.	
Workhouse, - - -	1344	1130												
Temporary Buildings, -	600	90												
Additional Workhouse, -														
Permanent Fever Hospital, Fever Sheds, - - -	50	20												
Total, - - -	1994	1240												
Remaining on previous Saturday, as per last Return, }			178	100	20	47	201	257	187	31	35	1346	In Workhouse Hospital, } 60	In separate Wards, } In Wards with other inmates, } Total, 80
Admitted during the Week, .			1	4	"	"	3	"	"	"	1	9	In Fever Hospital, } 20	
TOTAL,			179	104	20	47	204	257	187	31	36	1355		
Discharged during the Week, .			12	10	1	5	21	19	7	3	6	114		
Died,			"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	1		
Total Discharged and Dead, .			12	10	1	5	21	19	8	3	6	115		
REMAINING ON THE ABOVE DATE, }			167	84	19	42	203	238	129	28	30	1240		

Deaths 1

RETURN of DESTITUTE PERSONS relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists, for the last Week ended Saturday the 24th day of July authenticated and laid before the Board of Guardians at this Meeting.

RELIEF DISTRICT.	Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse under 10 Vic. c. 31, s. 1.		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, but not comprised in Sec. 1.		Total relieved out of the Workhouse.		RELIEF DISTRICT.	Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse under 10 Vic. c. 31, s. 1.		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, but not comprised in Sec. 1.		Total relieved out of the Workhouse.	
	Number of Cases relieved.	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her.	Number of Cases relieved.	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her.	Cases.	Persons.		Number of Cases relieved.	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her.	Number of Cases relieved.	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her.	Cases.	Persons.
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No. V.							No. XIII.						
No. VI.							No. XIV.						
No. VII.							No. XV.						
No. VIII.							No. XVI.						
No. IX.							No. XVII.						
Car. forward							TOTAL,						

COPY of MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on Wednesday the 28th day of July 1852

PRESENT: In the Chair, Mr. Hart, Vice Chairman.
 Other Guardians: Mr. Blake, Mr. Prior Mr. Blake Mr. Lynch,
 Mr. Scully, Mr. Baker, Mr. King, Mr. S. Dow, Mr. Joyce,
 Mr. Conroy, Mr. Morris

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Notices of Marriage between the parties hereunder named having been received from the District Registrar by the Clerk, were duly read at the Board this day in accordance with the 15th Section of the 7th V. 8th Vic., c. 81.

The Workhouse Register was produced, examined, and authenticated, from No. 1380 to No. 1388, both inclusive, by the Signature of the Chairman, and Counter-signature of the Clerk.

The Out-door Relief Register was produced, examined, and authenticated, from No. _____ to No. _____, inclusive, by the signature of the Chairman and Counter-signature of the Clerk.

The Clerk's Report on the execution of Orders previously made by the Board was read, to the following effect:—

OLD UNION CLIFDEN.

Name of Collector.	Electoral Division.	Collected and Lodged.	Uncollected.
Francis Mullen, - - -	Clifden, - - -	" " "	42 16 0
Joseph M'Donnell, - - -	Rinvyle, - - -	" " "	36 11 7
Stephen M'Donough, - - -	Roundstone, - - -	" " "	399 11
William M'Dermott, - - -	Ballindoon, - - -	" " "	355 13 6 1/2
" " "	" " "	" " "	834 3 0 1/2

Balances

*Sum of Union Advances up £ 250.10.9
Against do Rate of 80.13.2 1/2
£ 169.17.6 1/2*

The Ledger was produced by the Clerk, posted up to the last day of Meeting, with the proper Debits and Credits, as ordered on that day.

The Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments was produced, by which it appeared that there had been received during the week, - - - - - £ 200.0.0

Paid during the week, - - - - - £ 226.2.7

And that the Balance on the Account of the Guardians was, - £ 119.17.6 1/2

The Book was signed by the Chairman.

The Weekly Balance Sheets of the several Collectors were laid before the Board, their accuracy having been first ascertained and authenticated by the Clerk.

NEW UNION CLIFDEN.

The Lodgments made of Rates collected in the several Electoral Divisions appear to have been as follows:—

Name of each Collector.	Electoral Divisions arranged in Collectors' Districts.	Collected and Lodged.			Total.			Remaining.			Total.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Francis Mullen</i>	Clifden, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	125	11	1 1/2			
	Derrylea, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	23	12	9 1/2			
	Inishbofin, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	16	2	11			
	Silerna, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	44	0	2			
<i>Joseph M'Donnell</i>	Ballynakill, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	21	4	1 1/2			
	Cleggan, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	31	8	7			
	Cushkillary, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	18	17	9 1/2			
	Rinvyle, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	153	1	10 1/2			
<i>Pat Mullen</i>	Bunowen, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	187	2	11			
	Derrycunlagh, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	11	8	2 1/2			
	Doonloughan, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	98	6	8			
	Errislannon, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	75	0	9 1/2			
<i>Stephen M'Dono</i>	Bencorr, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	28	0	11			
	Illion, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	4	9			
	Moyrus, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	34	6	3			
Roundstone, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	201	14	5 1/2				
<i>Martin Lyden</i>	Knockboy, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	97	10	10 1/2			
	Owengowla, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	64	10	2			
Skannive, - - -	"	"	"	"	"	"	96	6	8				

NOTE.—A total is to be inserted in Red Ink at the foot of each Collector's District, as well as for the entire Union. Debit the Treasurer and Credit the several Electoral Divisions, with the respective amounts lodged.

1336 14 11 1/2

The Clerk's Account of petty Disbursements made by him since last Meeting, amounting to £ and produced and passed.

The following Books were exhibited by the Clerk, he having first ascertained the accuracy of the entries made therein by the Master of the Workhouse, and authenticated the same by his signature:

1. The Weekly Relief List and Abstract.
2. The Provision Check Accounts.
3. The Provision Receipt and Consumption Account.

By which it appeared that the Cost of Provisions and Necessaries received during the week was £ 66. 10. 11
£ s. d.

Debit Provision Account and Credit Invoice Account.

The Cost of Provisions and Necessaries consumed was 59. 0. 7

Debit Maintenance Account, and Credit Provision Account.

And the general average Cost of an Inmate for the week was 10²

Average cost in Infirmary, 1. 7

Average cost in Fever Hospital, 2. 0

The Master's estimate of Provisions and Necessaries required for the ensuing week was examined, and Orders were duly made for the several articles specified, namely:—

1450th Bread 120th Meat
10 Cwt. Oatmeal 3500th Milk 4th H
400th Milk Infirmary 80th P. Hospital
1th Tea 5th Sugar 5th Rice
8th Pepper 1th Tea 1th Meat
2th Rais. Rais. meat 100 Boxes Soap 4th H
18 Boxes Soap. Auxiliaries
5th H. Should. Combs. 15th H. Dip. Combs.
5th Soap 4th H. Starch

The following Books were also produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him, and authenticated by his Signature:—

1. The several Clothing Accounts.
2. The Medical Officers' Books.

The Out-door Relief Lists and Weekly Receipt and Expenditure Books of the several Relieving Officers were then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him, and authenticated by his Signature.

The Abstract of the Out-door Relief Lists was also produced by the Clerk, having been duly entered up by him for the last week ended Saturday, the 24 day of Aug; whereby it appeared that in that week the Total Expenditure in Out-door Relief was

In money, £ s. d.
In kind,
Total,

Credit each Relieving Officer, as per Receipt and Expenditure Book.

The requirements of each Relieving Officer for the ensuing week having been duly considered and estimated by the Board, checks on the Treasurer, and orders on Contractors, were duly signed and delivered to each of them, of the following amounts and value respectively:—

RELIEF DISTRICT.	Name of Relieving Officer.	By Check on Treasurer.		By Order on Contractors.		RELIEF DISTRICT.	Name of Relieving Officer.	By Check on Treasurer.		By Order on Contractors.	
		£	s. d.	Article and quantity.	Value. £ s. d.			£	s. d.	Article and quantity.	Value. £ s. d.
No. I.						Bt. forwd.					
No. II.						No. X.					
No. III.						No. XI.					
No. IV.						No. XII.					
No. V.						No. XIII.					
No. VI.						No. XIV.					
No. VII.						No. XV.					
No. VIII.						No. XVI.					
No. IX.						No. XVII.					
Car. forwd.						Total,					

Credit Treasurer with Checks.

Debit each Relieving Officer with Checks and Orders.

On the Report and recommendation of the Finance Committee, the following Bills having been duly examined and found to be correct, and in accordance with the several Orders, were directed to be paid, and Checks for the several amounts were duly drawn on the Treasurer, and signed, namely:—

1. Clothing Account.

	£	s.	d.
Clothing Account			
A. Smith Small ops Clothing	3	0	0

Debit Clothing Account and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as above.

	£	s.	d.
201 J. Guffin for preparing Collectors Warrants	1	6	0

2. Establishment Account.

Debit Establishment Account and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as above.

3. Workhouse Invoice Account

			£	s	d
203	J. Butler	Bread	✓	8	15 0
204	J. Bundergast	Meat	✓	"	17 0
205	D. & Thompson	Outmeal	✓	3	9 0
206	J. E. Adamson	Milk	✓	13	2 11
207	J. P. King	do	✓	1	15 7
208	J. Graham	Salt	✓	"	7 1
209	G. O. Dord	Groceries &c	✓	3	13 7
210	W. & Sabner	Meal	✓	31	10 6
211	J. Hayward	Rice & pepper	✓	"	13 3
212	F. Malarney	Lard	✓	"	10 1
213	G. Shear	do	✓	1	13 7
214	J. King	Wine	✓	"	3 0
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Debit Workhouse Invoice Account and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as above.

4. Out-door Relief Invoice Account.

Credit Treasurer and Debit Out-door Relief Invoice Account with the several sums as above.

The Clerk's Report of Vaccination was read—(this on the first Meeting in every Month.) Number of successful cases.

The Report of the Visiting Committee was read, and Orders made thereon as follows:—

The Reports of the Master and other Officers were read, and Orders made thereon as follows:—

The following Orders of the Poor Law Commissioners were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon as follows:—

The following Letters from the Poor Law Commissioners and others were read by the Clerk, and directions given to answer them respectively, to the following effect (or Orders made on them respectively as follows):—

D. L. C. Letter N^o 413482/52 - 23rd July
 Stating in reply to resolution of Board of Guardians proposing to make reductions in the salaries of some of the Union Officers that it appears to the Comrs^s that it is not advisable to interfere with the salaries of the Union officers at the present time & are recommending that the subject of the salaries of the Union Officers should be reconsidered in a few weeks.

D. L. C. Letter N^o 416652/52 - 26th July
 Stating that the Guardians in renewing their selection of Mr. P. Hay - notwithstanding the correspondence which passed in which the Comrs^s have distinctly expressed their opinion on the subject. The Guardians are open to the imputation of seriously delaying the business of the Union. The Comrs^s trust that the Guardians will not persist in this course and that they will proceed at their next meeting to make choice of some ~~qualified~~ person, other than

Mr. P. Hay to act as Valuator (as the Comrs^s are not prepared to confirm his nomination for the office.

D. L. C. Letter N^o 416652/52 - 27th July
 Acknowledging receipt of Supplemental sheet to minutes of proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Uxden Union on the 14th Inst.

Letter from Mr. Hay - 28th July
 In the effect that as he finds the rates for which demands have been obtained by the Guardians against the Sumner Estate are still in course of collection by the P. R. Collector, he would suggest the propriety of suspending the collector of rates for which claims ~~are~~ ^{are} lodged and admitted ~~with~~ ^{with} the Encumbered Estates Court, as otherwise it will be his duty to see that the money be not paid a second time, that he has offered no opposition nor will he, to the sums legally due by the Estate, neither will he offer the least delay to the payment provided the course suggested be adopted.

The following Memorial signed by the Union Officers was read.
 We the undersigned officers of the Uxden Union respectfully beg to bring under your notice the large amount of salary which is now due to us and earnestly to hope that you will adopt some means whereby at least a portion of the debt may be discharged. With few exceptions more than a year's salary is now owing to each officer of the Union and the non-payment of which places us in a position of great embarrassment. We are aware that the Union funds for some time past were barely sufficient to meet the current expenses of the tollhouse, we therefore refrained from bringing our case under your notice, but now that a new rate has been struck and in course of collection and that large arrears from

properties lately sold in the Encumbered Estates Court will shortly be available. We do hope that our claim will not be overlooked and that our present application will meet with your favorable consideration. We are induced to take this step confident that you will in this as on all other occasions ^{not to assist your opponent} strive a point, and we have further been induced to do so seeing that other Unions (Galway and Ballinrobe) have lately taken the matter as respects the payment of the Union Officers into their serious consideration and have devised means to liquidate the large arrears due, and to secure in future a more permanent payment of their salaries. We therefore pray that you will deem it fit to order the sums due to us to 25 March 1852 and make any other arrangement which may seem advisable for our future benefit, by complying with our request you will materially oblige and serve us.

See resolution on Minutes.

The cases of provisional relief, and applications for relief were considered and decided on, as set forth in the Application and Report Books.

The number of provisional admissions to the Workhouse confirmed was - - -
 Ditto disallowed - - -
 The number of applicants admitted to the Workhouse was - - -

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The number of cases of provisional Out-door relief was - - -
 Do. do. in which relief was continued by the Guardians - - -
 The number of other applicants in the Relieving Officer's Books relieved by order of the Guardians was - - -

The number of applicants for whom relief was not ordered - - -

The Bonds and other Securities in force were laid before the Guardians by the Clerk, together with his Report thereon, as follows: (this on the second Meeting after the Annual Election in every year.)

Mr. Hart. Vice Chairman, took the Chair, and subsequently the Chairman came into the room and Mr. Hart vacated the Chair and it was taken by the Chairman E. H. Blakey.
 Proposed by Mr. Prior seconded by Mr. Archer

Resolved That Mr. F. O'Flynn be appointed Valuator of the Union Moved as an amendment by Mr. Lynch seconded by Mr. Joyce That the Board having taken into consideration the letter of the Commsrs in reply to their Minute appointing Mr. Sh. O'Driscoll as Valuator of the Union, are of opinion that they are unjustly charged with delay in forwarding the Valuation.

The Board would refer the Commsrs to the fact that not only has there been a large majority in favour of Mr. O'Driscoll on each meeting of the Guardians, and that ~~the~~ majority including the owners or representatives of the owners of the greater part of the properties of this Union, and who are naturally deeply interested in its proper valuation, but that out of Twenty four who voted on the subject since first proposed, Seventeen have chosen this Gentleman to value their own properties. The Board therefore feel that the delay would be more properly chargeable in the arbitrary opposition of the Commsrs to such a marked choice of the Board.

The Board moreover consider that the objection raised to Mr. O'Driscoll as a valuator cannot be sustained for the reason, that the valuation of the late estate of Mr. J. A. O'Kill was not appealed against for its impropriety in proof thereof the rate made was collected without difficulty, and when an objection was raised to the making of a second rate, its object was merely to apportion the rate upon the respective parties by whom it would be payable, and the Receiver on the property offered to have the apportionment made without expense to the Union if such were allowed and confirmed by the Board, but as it was suggested that it would delay the making of the rate at the time, this offer of the Receiver was rejected and for this reason his appeal was made not for an implied impropriety in the valuation. The Board therefore acquit Mr. O'Driscoll of

being the cause of the appeal having succeeded in the case. With regard to the omission of a small house in Romington it has been already thoroughly investigated by the Board and proved to their satisfaction that Mr. D. Key was in no way instrumental to the omission, but that it arose from that number having been confused with another. Other inaccuracies may have crept into the valuation which the Board cannot charge the valuator with, owing to the continual changes of tenantry and of ownership and for want of proper information and co-operation on the part of interested persons. The Board do therefore again appoint Mr. H. Key & trust that the Comptrol: will see it is for the best interest of the Union to sanction his proceeding at once with the valuation.

<p><u>For the amendment</u></p> <p>Mr. Groves Mr. Gneys Mr. Joyce Mr. Liden Mr. King Mr. Lynch Mr. Hart</p>	<p><u>For the resolution</u></p> <p>Mr. Archer Mr. Prior Mr. Blake <u>Chairman</u> 4</p>
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Ordered That Mr. Colles be directed to file a claim in the Encumbered Estates Court for the rates due on the property of Kilmoree.

Resolved That the letter from the officers of this Union relative to the payment of their salaries be placed on the Minutes, and while we acknowledge their case to be a hard one we regret that the Union funds do not enable us to afford them relief sought. The rate now in course of collection will be barely sufficient for the current expenses.

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on Monday the 4th day of August 1852.

(Signed) [Signature]
Clerk of the Union.

of the Workhouse and it is uncertain when we may receive the rates from properties sold in the Encumbered Estates Court.

We therefore earnestly hope the Poor Law Comptrol: will take the matter into their favorable consideration and make an advance to enable us to pay the officers and other debtors, many of whom we are confident will be unable to go on unless they receive at least a portion of their salaries, having no other means to depend on for their support of themselves and families and while we make this request no exertion shall be wanting on our part to procure funds to liquidate the debts now due to the Officers of the Union.

J. Martin, Secy. Hart,
Edward, Lynch

Walter J. Hart
Chairman
John Robertson
Wm. Robertson

[Signature]